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“Electrifying” Speaker To Open UJA Campaign Launch

by
Wendy Schneider

The keynote speaker at this year's UJA campaign launch is probably unknown to all but the handful of Hamiltonians who have had the opportunity to hear her electrifying and inspiring speeches, but they are doing everything they can to let other members of the community know that Ellen Cannon's Hamilton engagement is not to be missed.

An observant Jew and renowned national lecturer, Ellen Cannon holds a Ph.D. in Political Science and Public Policy from the University of Massachusetts and has been a political analyst for over 25 years. When she isn't teaching at Northeastern Illinois and Roosevelt Universities, her highly regarded political commentaries can be heard at lectures across the country.

She has been a guest on CBS, MSNBC, CNN and NPR and has been published in Crains Chicago Business.

Nationally recognized as an inspirational and informative speaker, Dr. Cannon is on the cutting edge of political analysis and effectively educates and motivates audiences across the country about Israel. Anne Mandell, who was deeply impressed by Cannon's appearance at a Lion of Judah event in Florida last year, is a major sponsor of her Hamilton engagement.

“When I first heard Ellen Cannon speak in Palm Beach, she said, I had never heard of her before. She was an absolute fountain of information. The thing that impressed me was her first-hand experience and that she was able to pass on information that has never been publicized, even in the Jewish



Ellen Cannon

enthusiasm and leadership in a manner that commands your attention.”

In Hamilton, Cannon will speak on “The Critical Issues Facing World Jewry in the 21st Century – Meeting the Challenges”. During a recent interview with the HJN, in which she gave a brief outline of what her speech will entail, she said that in a world where delegitimization of Israel is rampant and in which “our enemies do not gravitate towards any form of rational negotiation”, Jews around the world need to bring a message to their respective governments that global terrorism and anti-Semitism threaten all of Western civilization. Furthermore, our energies need to be directed towards building alliances and engaging in mass communication,

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media. Her talk was very timely and very informative.”

Elaine Levine heard Cannon speak at “Imagine”, a national young leadership conference held two years ago in Montreal.

“Ellen Cannon is the most dynamic, passionate and inspiring speaker I have listened to. She shares her knowledge,

Campaign Leaders Set Sights on \$1,000,000 Goal

UJA Federation President Leslie Lasky recently announced that the official launch of the 2005 UJA campaign will be held on Sunday, October 3, 10:30 am at the new facility at Shalom Village.

“I am delighted to inform the community that our UJA opening event will feature international affairs consultant and CNN analyst Dr. Ellen Cannon as our keynote speaker.” (see page 3)

The event will also serve as the Hamilton Jewish community's “official” welcome to recently arrived Temple Anshe Sholom spiritual leader Rabbi Phil Cohen. As an expression of the community's support for the United Jewish Appeal Campaign, the event is being co-sponsored by Adas Israel Congregation, Beth Jacob Synagogue and Temple Anshe Sholom.

In a unique development, this UJA event is also co-sponsored by State of Israel Bonds and The Jewish National Fund. JNF President Hilton Silberg explained that

“We all share in the commitment to build and maintain a strong and healthy Jewish community in Hamilton. A successful Hamilton UJA campaign is vital to securing a

Jewish future for our community and for our children.”

Ted Goldberg, Senior Account Executive with State of Israel Bonds concurred.

“All of us have a stake in the success of UJA. No Jewish community can aspire to a successful future without a strong UJA campaign.”

Dr. Larry Levin, recently appointed chair of the UJA 2005 Men's Campaign, expressed his gratitude for the strong expression of solidarity with UJA. He feels there are several important messages here that our community must internalize:

“A strong UJA campaign is the single most effective tool we have to secure our Jewish future. Every congregation and every agency has a vital stake in its success.”

UJA Federation President Lasky was particularly moved by the willingness of JNF and Bonds to come on board.

“UJA, JNF and Bonds share a unique role in standing shoulder to shoulder in supporting the people, land and economic development of the State of Israel. It says something wonderful about our Jewish community for this unique partnership to come together in support of United

Jewish Appeal. We each have different roles to play in the way we support Israel. For Bonds, it's a great investment. JNF is dedicating to providing a livable environment for Israelis. UJA

keeps the sacred promise to support the people themselves, through immigration and absorption, social services, education and meeting other

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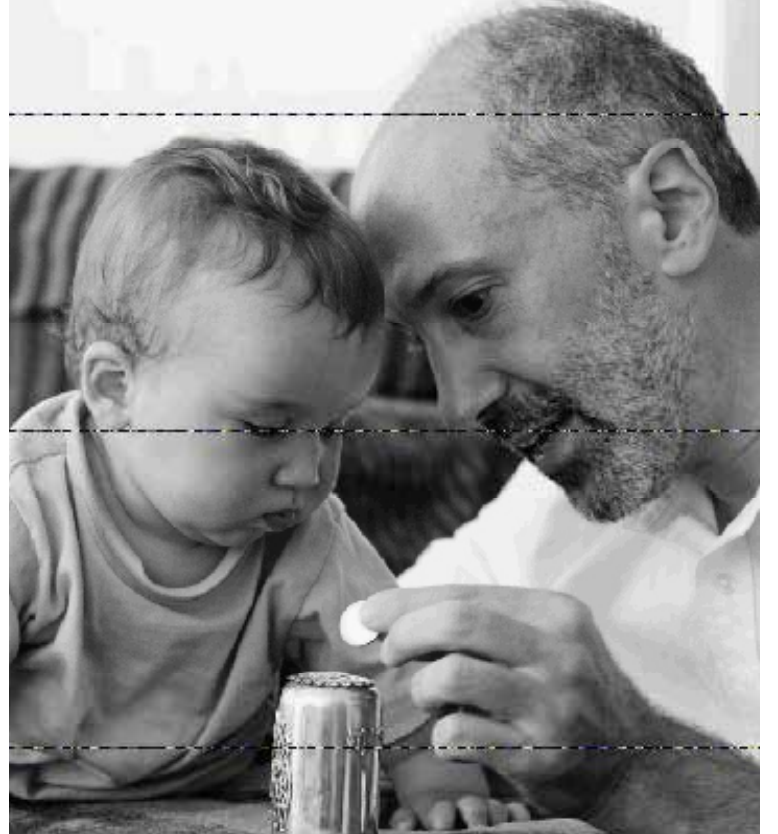
We now have 21 registrants and counting. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to show solidarity with Israel and with the Hamilton community.

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New Federation President announces Key Leadership Positions
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...and much, much more.

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Your Federation Board at Work

UJA Federation of Hamilton has an ongoing commitment to provide transparency in its governance and decision making. UJA Federation also has an ongoing commitment to assist the community in better understanding the agency's role and function. As part of the effort to fulfill these commitments, The Hamilton Jewish News publishes a précis / anecdotes from meetings of the UJA Federation Board of Directors. Here's the latest.

New Members

Welcomes were extended to Dr. Lawrence Hart and Jo-Ann Pomerantz to their first board meeting. Lawrence re-joins the board in his capacity as chair of our local CIJA initiative (Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy). Lawrence also serves as national chair of the Small Communities Committee of CIC (Canada Israel Committee). Jo-Ann joins the Board as the recently appointed Co-Chair of the UJA 2005 Women's Campaign

D'var Torah

Lester Krames provided the D'var Torah, referencing that the Torah begins and ends with descriptions of acts of "Chessed". He appropriately challenged the board to provide leadership for all of us in committing acts of Chessed.

Financial Briefing

Treasurer Willy Steen C.A. provided the financial report. Accounts Receivable are down by approximately \$100,000 from last year. This puts significantly more pressure on the UJA campaign to raise the level of giving. Otherwise, our allocations may be reduced in future years. We require \$80,000/month in cash received is our break-even point to meet our monthly allocations. If we are unable to bring in at least that amount, each and every month, we put ourselves at risk. We must encourage more extensive use of VISA and ensure that cash collections are actively pursued on a year-round basis, not just in the summer.

Jewish Social Services and JCC Inter-fund Balances

The Treasurer referenced the long-standing issue of historic balances receivable in the inter-fund accounts for both Jewish Social Services and the JCC. The "inter-fund" is a computer-generated bookkeeping mechanism that allowed for the electronic transfer of funds between UJA, Federation, JSS and JCC when the four entities were all managed under one governance structure. Despite the change in structure to create an independent JSS and an independent JCC, the bookkeeping mechanisms were never changed, leading to some long standing confusion. The intent is to get these "receivables" off the Federation books, either by writing them off altogether, or by transferring them to a more appropriate placement within the current book keeping system.

UIA Rebate

UIA (United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc.) is the mechanism that transfers our locally raised UJA dollars to Israel. All federated communities, including Hamilton, are assessed an annual fee to support these services. The fee structure is developed on a formula, based on size of UJA campaign and size of population. As a result of the analysis of the recent census data, the new calculation results in a lower financial obligation to UIA this year. Our total UIA allocation was \$211,000. Their total request is now \$194,915. This leaves us with a positive balance of \$16,085. The question to the board is what to do with this "windfall". The matter had been previously discussed by the UJA Federation Executive Committee. A number of suggestions were considered regarding the disposition of this money, including schools, the Global Crisis Campaign, UIA Overseas needs etc. The discussion also focused on the fact that the budget line for community contingency was dangerously low. Moved by Lester Krames and seconded by Larry Levin to re-allocate the \$16,085 UIA rebate to our local contingency fund. Motion passed.

UJA Campaign Briefing

Larry Levin reported on the planning to date for the October 3rd Campaign Opening Event. The event will serve as a "Community-Wide Welcome" to Rabbi Phil Cohen, with the participation of both Rabbi Daniel Green and Rabbi Mark Biller. Keynote speaker will be CNN analyst Dr. Ellen Cannon. All three congregations, as well as Israel Bonds and JNF has agreed to co-sponsor that event, making it the first true community wide event in a long time. Bonds and JNF will contribute toward program costs.

Community Relations

David Somer, VO for Community Relations, provided an update on his visit to the Hamilton Mosque. David reported that the delivery of the \$10,000 check went very well. We were very graciously received and our support for this initiative was genuinely appreciated.

CIJA

Lawrence Hart reported that in the month prior to the recent election, members of our community arranged to meet with eight of the nine candidates in the three ridings of interest to us. This was the best organized and most effective pre-election activity taken locally in many years. The intent of the meetings was to introduce the organized Jewish community to each candidate, educate the candidates about issues of importance to us and begin to build a relationship that will provide us access as required. Lawrence stressed the need to follow-up with both the election winners and losers. Appropriate thank you letters were sent to everyone who met with us and congratulatory letters have been sent to the winners. A meeting will be called soon to

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Special Occasion

NAOMI METTER - Special Birthday - Adele, Amiram, Danielle and Adam Zur. BERNARD BAUM - 90th Birthday - Gwen & Harvey Schwab. SYD SHUMACHER - 80th Birthday - Goldie Robbins. MICHAEL & FAENG - 40th Wedding Anniversary - Barb & Jack Katz and family. MAGDA MULLER - Special Birthday - Gloria Silverman LARRY & JAY ROSENBERG - New Home - Helen & Paul Hanover. BILL & GERRI GOLDBERG - Andrew's Bar Mitzvah - Paul & Helen Hanover. AARON SHIFFMAN - Mazel Tov on your recognition - Natalie Strub. EVE FINKELSTEIN - Mazel Tov on your recognition from Jewish Social Services - Fran & David Hoffman, Evelyn Albert, Sylvia Livingston.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

In Memory

GARY FRYDMAN - Moura & Bernard Wolpert, Charles & Michele Schneider, Holocaust Education Committee.

MIDRASHA

Special Occasion

ISAAC DORON GREENBERG - Bar Mitzvah - Dora Fischer & Hertzell Gerstein and family.

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In Memory

HELEN MENDELSON - Corinne Travis

Special Occasion

CORINNE TRAVIS - Happy Birthday - Gwen & Harvey Schwab. AL & MARILYN FOREMAN - 50th Wedding Anniversary - Corinne Travis. LEO & ISABEL STRUB - Happy Anniversary - Corinne Travis. GORDON RUBIN - 90th Birthday - Corinne Travis. NICOLE & SCHMUEL GELLAR - Bar Mitzvah of Ravi - Corinne Travis. ROBERTA & WALTER ZWEIFLER - Marriage of son David to Sarah - Corinne Travis

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UJA Federation

Federation President Announces Key Leadership Appointments

In 2002 UJA Federation adopted the slogan "We're building a new Jewish future for Hamilton." The commitment to do just that has been amply demonstrated by the appointment of several individuals to key leadership positions. UJA Federation president, Leslie Lasky, revealed the changes at the UJA Federation August board meeting.

Dr. Larry Levin will serve as chair of the UJA 2005 Men's Campaign, succeeding co-chairs Drs. Paul Roth and Lester Krames. Lasky praised the outgoing co-chairs for their two years of profound dedication to the community and the campaign.

"Paul and Lester provided the vision and leadership that led us to two of the best organized and most successful campaigns we have ever conducted, including our first million dollar campaign in many years. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and hard work. They have left a legacy that will serve as a wonderful challenge to their successors."

Levin paid homage to his predecessors, acknowledging all the positive changes they have brought to the campaign.

"Paul and Lester have provided a template and strategy framework that works well. It is my intention to continue to build on the foundation they have created and hopefully bring the UJA campaign to even greater success. The future of our Jewish community and our children depend on it"

Another new addition to the UJA 2005 campaign leadership is Jo-Ann Pomerantz who will

join Louise Klinghoffer as co-chair of the Women's Campaign. According to Lasky,

"Jo-Ann brings a wealth of organizational experience to our efforts. Her knowledge of the community, coupled with her leadership skills will strengthen this important component of our Financial Resources Development efforts."

Jo-Ann is one half of the community's new "power couple". Joining Jo-Ann in the leadership group is her husband Harold Pomerantz, who now assumes the chair of the UJA Federation Public Affairs Committee. Harold succeeds outgoing and founding chair, Dr. Lawrence Hart. Hart, recognized as one of Canada's most ardent and articulate Israel advocates is completely comfortable with the new appointment. Says Hart, "Anyone who reads the Hamilton Spectator, or any of the national newspapers, will recognize Harold's name as one of the most consistent, rational, well-versed and strategic voices for Israel in the media. The community will be exceptionally well served by this appointment."

Another key appointment to the leadership team is Howard Brown, who succeeds Dr. Judah Denburg as chair of the UJA Federation Community Planning Committee. UJA President, Lasky, has charged Brown and his committee with the mandate to bring significant changes to the operational structure of the agency. Says Lasky,

"We can allow the future

to just unfold on us, or we can take the initiative to create the Jewish future we want for our community. I have every confidence that Howard will bring the vision and leadership required to steer us toward the future we really want."

In accepting the appointment, Brown acknowledged the gravitas of the mandate.

"The role of the Federation is changing and the Community Planning Committee will play a key role in determining what those changes can be. We have assembled an extremely talented group of individuals and I am personally excited to be a part of a team that has the potential to make

a significant difference within the Hamilton Jewish community."

Lasky has also announced the appointment of Willy Steen C.A. as UJA Federation treasurer. Lasky has also made a formal and public commitment to ensure that the business of the Federation is conducted with the effectiveness and transparency that every community member and every donor is entitled to expect. Says Lasky, "Along with his much valued professional experience, Willy brings a sense of urgency and commitment to the portfolio that inspires my total confidence. As a result of his efforts, we will be a better organization."

In reviewing the scope of

the changes in UJA Federation leadership positions, Lasky expressed his thanks to everyone who has come on board. "I am grateful for the dedication and commitment of everyone who has stepped up to partner with me and the UJA Federation staff. The success of the community and my success as the president are interdependent with the success of all the wonderful volunteers who are joining the leadership team. I have every confidence that working together, we ensure a brighter future for our community."

You are cordially invited to the
UJA Campaign 2005 Opening Gala Campaign Event
Join us as the Community Welcomes
Temple Anshe Sholom's Rabbi Phil Cohen

Sunday, October 3, 2004 at 10:30 am
Goldie's Place at Shalom Village Too
60/70 Macklin Street North, Hamilton

Featuring keynote speaker

Dr. Ellen Cannon

who will speak on

"The Critical Issues Facing
World Jewry in the 21st Century
...Meeting the Challenges"

Welcoming remarks by

Rabbi Mark Biller & Rabbi Daniel Green



Couvert \$10.00 includes a light brunch

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"An electrifying and dynamic speaker who will leave you better informed and deeply inspired."

Ellen S. Cannon, Ph.D. is a Professor of Political Science at Northeastern Illinois University and a public policy analyst and consultant who advises major corporations on policy issues. She is a frequent commentator in the media, having appeared on CNN, CNBC, National Public Radio and numerous national and local television and radio programs.

Her articles and comments have appeared in major newspapers and magazines as well, including USA Today, The Washington Times, Chicago Sun Times, and Crain's Chicago Business.

Dr. Cannon is currently Vice President of the American Jewish Congress, Midwest Region. She is a faculty member of the Wexner Heritage Foundation and a lecturer on the Steinhardt Internship Program. From 1988 to 1994, Dr. Cannon was a commissioner for Jewish Women's Equality of the American Jewish Congress, Midwest Region. Ellen is a recipient of the Esther Award for Jewish Women's Leadership from Shalva (an organization that combats domestic violence). As a national political analyst she is on the cutting edge in analyzing political issues and explaining how they impact on the Jewish community and Israel.

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Anne Mandell

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Adas Israel Congregation

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Temple Anshe Sholom

Jewish National Fund

State of Israel Bonds

An Interview with Federation president, Leslie Lasky

Since his induction as president of UJA Federation last spring, Les Lasky has spent the last several weeks acquainting himself with the myriad of issues that make up the ongoing Federation agenda. Lasky brings to the position a wealth of community experience, that include holding the positions of president of Beth Jacob Synagogue and Shalom Village, vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, vice chair of the UJA campaign, director of United Way of Hamilton Burlington, and treasurer of the YMCA's Building Tomorrow campaign. In the following interview, he outlines his vision for the next two year term.

What do you hope to accomplish during your tenure.

I would like the Federation to become more transparent. We need to be more proactive in telling the community what we do and help them to understand how their contributions to the UJA are used locally and in Israel. I believe that if community members had a better understanding of what Federation does and how it operates, they would more easily identify with our objectives and be more supportive, either through participation in



Les Lasky

committees or through more generous giving through the UJA.

How do you intend to accomplish that?

One of the initiatives we've started will be to present a precis of our board's meetings in the Hamilton Jewish News, so that people will have an understanding of what we talk about and what decisions are made.

What do you bring to this position?

A spirit of cooperation and a long history of community involvement. I've worked in organizations that have been beneficiaries of Federation and independent of Federation and

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UJA CAMPAIGN 2005: FOR OUR CHILDREN

Securing Our Jewish Future



Welcome To Hamilton!



UJA Federation's Welcome Wagon Committee
Danna Horwood, Cindy Kam,
Nicole Feldman and Deborah Frankel

GroHamilton's Welcome Wagon committee met for its fifth consecutive year this summer to create beautiful baskets for the 36 Jewish families who have moved to Hamilton during the last year. The gift baskets, enhanced by generous donations from local merchants, the new Jewish Hamilton brochure (available at the Federation office) and information from community synagogues, schools and organizations, were handed out to newcomers at the welcome barbeque held on August 29. If you are new to Hamilton or know of someone who is please notify Ellen Resnick, GroHamilton chair at 905.628.4804 or Wendy Schneider 905.628.0058 so that we can welcome them warmly. To all our donors and to the Welcome Wagon and GroHamilton volunteers, we wish you a very Happy New Year.

Ellen Resnick, GroHamilton Chair
Danna Horwood, Welcome Wagon Chair

GroHamilton thanks this year's Welcome Wagon sponsors for their generous support

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Hamilton Hebrew Academy
Jewish National Fund
Kehila Community Day School
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So Low Sales
Strubs Pickles
Westdale Delicatessen
Wendy's Yoga Studio
Zoe's Spa

UJA Federation's GroHamilton Committee Hosts 2nd Annual Welcome Barbeque

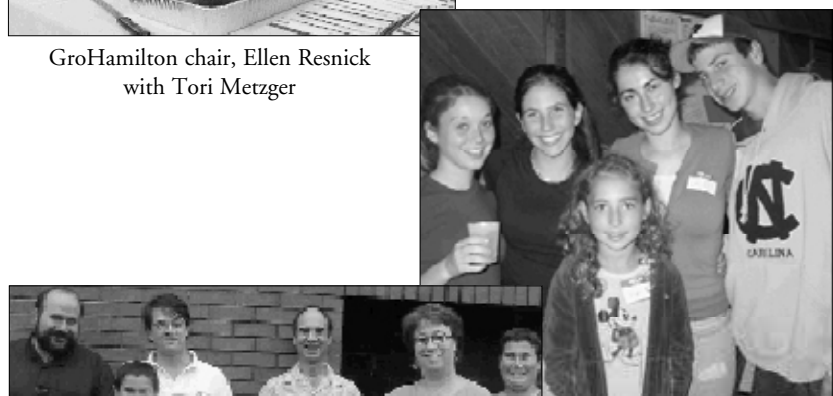
Over 100 people, most of them newcomers to the community, attended the 2nd annual Welcome To Hamilton Barbeque on August 29. The new families enjoyed the warm reception and the opportunity to become acquainted with other newcomers and representatives from community organizations. The barbeque is an annual event organized by UJA Federation's GroHamilton committee. If you are new to Hamilton's Jewish community and require information about community services, please call or email Wendy Schneider at 905-628-0058 (wendy.schneider@sympatico.ca) so we can put you on our mailing list and keep you informed of upcoming community events.



GroHamilton chair, Ellen Resnick
with Tori Metzger



Newcomers, Elliot Biro
and Dina Schwartz



Volunteers
Allison Mackenzie,
Tanya Schneider,
Shari Levine,
Lauren Levine,
& Lenny Loewith



The chefs: Charles Kravetsky, Teddy Kravetsky, David
Horwood, Brian Kirsh, Ethan Rogers,
Leia Ger Rogers and David Kravetsky



The JCC was filled to overflowing with new families to Hamilton.

UJA Federation

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN 2004

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On behalf of UJA Federation we thank our volunteer canvassers and staff. Thanks to your efforts we were able to allocate more funds to our local agencies and to Israel.

<u>Jewish Federation Administration</u>	\$129,866
Community Website, Leadership Development, Community Governance, Central Community Resource Centre, Public Relations Spokesbody for Community, Anti-Semitism Watchbody/Community Security, Community Demographics, Holocaust Education Projects, Israel Experience Student Scholarships, March of the Living, Adult Missions	
<u>United Jewish Appeal</u>	
Campaign	8,900
Campaign meeting expenses, campaign events promotional materials, special projects	
Administration	129,388
Salaries, rent, equipment rentals	
<u>Jewish Social Services</u>	
Administration	61,000
Direct Relief	49,000
<u>Jewish Education</u>	
Hamilton Hebrew Academy & Kehila Jewish Community Day School	141,000
Beth Jacob Religious School	10,000
Temple Anshe Sholom Religious School	26,000
Midrasha High School	25,228
McMaster Jewish Students Association	16,000
<u>Community Services</u>	
<u>Jewish Community Centre</u>	115,000
Camp Kadimah • Community-Wide Cultural Programming: Yom Hashoah Yom Ha'atzmaut, Purim Carnival, etc. Recreational Programming Youth Leadership Development Adult Jewish Education	
<u>Hamilton Jewish News</u>	14,000
<u>Kashrut Services</u>	13,200
<u>Legacy Endowment Fund</u>	6,180
<u>National Collective Responsibility</u>	
UJA Federations Canada	73,965
Birthright Israel	6,108
<u>Overseas</u>	
United Israel Appeal (Overseas)	120,950
Global Crisis Campaign	30,000
<u>Community Contingency</u>	22,215
TOTAL ALLOCATIONS 2004	\$998,000

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The Ralph Travis Israel Experience Fund was established in 1996 by the Travis family in memory of their beloved husband and father, Ralph, who passed away in 1995. The fund provides annual scholarships to worthy Hamilton area students participating in official Israel Experience programs. Since its inception, 14 area students have received \$500 scholarships. After a two year hiatus, the fund's major event, An Evening at the Races, is back. To support this worthy cause, see details below. For more information about when to apply for next year's grants, contact Christine Nusca at Federation at 905-648-0605, ext 306. John Levy and Mark Scholes (pictured right), together with Glen Watts and Cuppy Katz, sit on the Ralph Travis Israel Experience Fund committee



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McMaster Jewish Students Association

The McMaster Jewish Students Association (JSA) is happy to announce that the office will be open to all students attending McMaster University and Mohawk College following the summer hiatus. There will be an Open House for new students and their families from both campuses on Monday September 6th at the JSA office from noon to 3:00 pm.

The JSA, whose mandate is to provide social, educational and cultural programming to Jewish students in post-secondary institutions, receives funding from both the Hamilton Jewish Federation and UJA Federations Canada. The on-campus office, which includes a student lounge, provides Thursday lunches and snacks on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The office staff and student executive provide a warm and encompassing environment, that includes shabbat dinners, weekly lunches, education, Israel programming and guest speakers. The JSA is also the headquarters for Canada Israel Experience Birthright free trips to Israel. Over 70,000 participants from all over the world have already experienced a trip of a lifetime. If you are Jewish, have never been to Israel on a peer trip and

are between the ages of 18 and 26, please note that registration for the winter trips will start on September 22, 2004. Log on to israelforfree.com and sign up for the most wonderful and truly moving experience that you can imagine. For more information, please call the JSA office at 905-522-7215

Our fantastic executive slate for this year includes, Brandon deSilva, president; Jessica Wasserman, vice-president; Nadine Dostrovsky and Alana Kayfetz, social chairs; Mariel Heller and Lily Kline, social action chairs; Hayley Erdman and Mariel Heller, cultural chairs; Lina Ostrovsky and Jordan Wronzberg, Israel advocacy chairs; Avi Ben Zvi, public relations; Ruth Moses, webmaster; and Sarah Cuneo and Naomi Shuman, interfaith chairs.

JSA director, Judy Schwartz, is always available to the students for all and any concerns that they may be experiencing. The JSA office is located in the Commons Building, Room B103 at McMaster University. For more information call 905-522-7215.

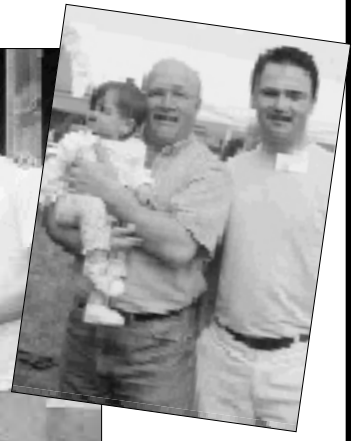
UJA Walkathon raises over \$10,000 for Israel & Local Needs

Last spring's UJA Federation Walkathon broke new ground by raising funds for bursary support for local Jewish education, as well as for the Israel Crisis Management Centre, which provides crisis intervention and long-term emotional and financial support to Israeli new immigrant victims of terror.

Over \$10,000 was raised through both corporate sponsors and local walkers. Co-Chairs Yves Apel and Michael Glogauer are indebted to their hard-working committee, that included, Luba Apel, Deborah Glogauer, past co-chairs, Jill Gaffe and Andrea Molot, Cindy Kam and Marli Bennett, as well as to members of Hamilton's own 'A Touch of Klez', who delighted the crowd with klezmer music.



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Jewish Social Services

by Carol Krames,
director Hamilton Jewish Social Services

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Our community is attracting many new families and we do our best to welcome them warmly. One of our newest families, arriving this month, have been blessed with quadruplets, who are turning two years old this fall. As you can imagine they will need lots of support. Their most immediate need is for cribs, as well as baby clothes, (over size 2, suitable for 3 girls and one boy) strollers, toys, games. If you would like to help with time or donations please email caroljss@hotmail.com.

JSS Theatre Club News

This has been a fun summer for the Hamilton JSS Theatre Club. Three buses, carrying 134 people went to see The Producers in July. While the play received mixed reviews from our group, everyone enjoyed the outing and the beautiful weather. In August, we went to see Hairspray, a really enjoyable show with lots of good values. On October 20, we have tickets to see Mamma Mia at the Royal Alex in Toronto. For more information call Carol or Bea at 905-648-0605 (326)

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UJA Federation

Local CIJA Group Leads Pre-Election Lobbying Effort

The impact of the newly formed Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy (CIJA) was made obvious during the recent federal election. Working within a strategy framework provided by CIJA, the Hamilton Jewish community played a very active role in bringing our concerns to the attention of every candidate in every political party.

"This was the most well organized and effective lobbying initiative ever undertaken by our community" said Dr. Lawrence Hart. Dr. Hart was referring to a series of pre-election meetings held between local Jewish community leaders and the candidates running in the federal ridings of Hamilton Centre, Hamilton East - Stony Creek and Ancaster - Dundas - Flamborough - Westdale.

Dr. Hart, who serves as National Chair of the Community

Relations Committee of the Canada Israel Committee (CIC) led the initiative. Other participants included Jeff Levy, Harold Pomerantz, Ron Berenbaum, Gary Gerofsky, Dr. David Somer, Evelyn Silver, Dr. Lorne Finkelstein, Milt Lewis and Rabbi Mark Biller.

Dr. David Somer, Vice President for Community Relations for UJA Federation of Hamilton explained the impetus for this higher level of involvement.

"Individuals in our Jewish community have always been involved in the political process. In times of urgency they have generally been helpful when called on to provide access, or deliver a message to an MP or minister and we urge those individuals to continue their efforts. However, the political landscape has changed dramatically over the years. We

need to have a relationship with all parties and all candidates. It was incumbent upon us to deliver a cohesive message and CIJA provided a framework we could build upon utilizing our own local resources."

Gerald Fisher, UJA Federation executive director concurred.

"Every interest group in Canada has taken the time and made the investment to be better organized and more effective in delivering their message to Ottawa with greater consistency and greater frequency than we have.

That is especially true of some groups who are diametrically opposed to the Jewish interest. We cannot ignore this."

Harold Pomerantz, Chair of the UJA Federation Public Affairs Committee went on to say that "the changing demographics in the country require us to recognize that 'business as usual' is just no longer adequate. "If we don't make the commitment and take the time and do the homework required to get an effective pro-Israel message across to Ottawa, you can be sure that the other side will take every advantage of that vacuum and effectively deliver a message that can have disastrous consequences for us."

The meetings were conducted with the intention of imparting three important messages: 1. The Jewish community is now organized and prepared to play an appropriate and ongoing role in the political process. 2. The Jewish community is a repository of important and reliable information that can help to inform elected officials on matters of both local and international concern. 3. We intend to establish and sustain a dialogue with members of all parties, whether or not they are in the government.

The Jewish community delegations were well received by all the candidates and their staffs. Although the agenda was formal and prepared in advance, in some cases these meetings seemed like meetings between

old friends... but not always.

One of the more interesting and successful encounters in the process was the meeting held with the three local NDP candidates. Although there is a historic relationship between the NDP and the Canadian Jewish community, that relationship has been seriously strained since the retirement of former leader Ed Broadbent. The relationship hit rock bottom during the tenure of Svend Robinson as NDP Foreign Affairs critic; his unrelenting and uninformed hostility toward Israel and especially his antics in Jenin following the violence in 2002.

Local NDP leader David Christoferson took the time to be well briefed before the meeting. He appreciated the reasons why our community has been so vexed by the party and made assurances that he was prepared to work hard to re-establish some of the good will that has been lost.

Several members of the community delegation felt that this may have been the most useful of all the meetings.

Going forward, Dr. Hart reported to the UJA Federation

Board of Directors that the initiative was well worth the effort... but only if the community is prepared to make the commitment to sustain this higher level of organization and follow up appropriately. Although the follow-up strategy is still evolving, it will surely include more staff - to - staff contact between UJA Federation and the local MP's, periodic meetings with MPs in their constituency offices and perhaps a visit to Ottawa as well.

In any case, it appears that the Jewish community has successfully begun a process of change in the local political culture; a change that opens the door for meaningful relationships and useful dialogue with our elected officials.

Fisher has several years of experience working with the New England office of AIPAC (America Israel Public Affairs Committee). AIPAC, the Israel lobby group in the U.S.A. is considered to be a very effective role model for Jewish political activists around the world.

Interview with Les Lasky

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I believe I offer a very broad perspective that's not rooted to one viewpoint.

You took on the position of president last spring. Has the learning curve been very challenging?

The learning curve has been exceptionally steep. Having been out of Federation work for some time, there was a great deal on which to become current on.

Can you speak about some of the challenges facing Federation at this time?

Our biggest challenge is to increase our campaign revenue. We need to encourage responsible giving, in order to have funds available to reinvest in our community, to develop volunteers through programs like Genesis, and to send our community leadership to conferences, where they can learn new ideas, gain insights and network with other Jews from medium sized communities.

The McMaster Jewish Student Association is facing increased student enrollment and these students are coming to campus at younger ages. The Federation believes it's important that there be a welcoming presence on campus to help these students socialize and learn and become knowledgeable on

current issues so that they can express themselves cogently in discussions with non-Jews about Jewish and Israeli interests.

The JCC has long been an important part of the Jewish community and as our demographics change, the services delivered through the JCC need to be examined in order to allow it to continue to play a role in our community, which may or may not mirror that which historically has been the case.

Jewish Social Services provides an important function to the members of our community who are economically or developmentally disadvantaged. We need to ensure that the service delivery provided by the JSS continues to meet their needs.

Another priority is to work with the Jewish schools to help them understand the recently published education report and to use it as a first step in bringing some type of coordination to the delivery of education in the Jewish community.

Lastly, Federation will build bridges and liaise with other Jewish organizations, as together we prepare a plan for our community that needs to be comprehensive, inclusive and continues the tradition which Hamilton has made itself proud.

Campaign Leaders Set Goal

vital needs."

Campaign leaders Larry Levin, Louise Klinghoffer and Jo-Ann Pomerantz are committed to bringing the campaign back over the \$1M threshold.

"We hope to strengthen the support of our existing donors, while continuing to expand the donor base", said Levin.

UJA Federation executive director, Gerald Fisher, added,

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"In a sense, this is a 'make or break campaign'. I am confident that as more people fully realize what's at stake, they will open their hearts and generously support the only campaign that supports the entire community".

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Israel Experience

Community Teens Return on a "High" From Their Israel Experience

by
Naomi & Tamar Klinghoffer

On June 2nd, 2004, we carried our rather large suitcases to Pearson Airport. Along with 40 other young adults who we met there, we began our adventure to Israel. Through Canada Israel Experience, and the Birthright program, we were given a free trip to Israel, funded by the Israeli Government, private philanthropists, and local Jewish communities. Following Birthright, we planned to stay in Israel with Livnot U'Lehibanot, a volunteer program based in Jerusalem.

On Birthright, we spent our first Shabbat in Jerusalem with 1000 other Canadian Birthright participants. As we sat on the steps of the Southern wall and watched the sun set over the city, we felt a connection to Israel and with our fellow Canadians. At this point, we began to realize the importance of bringing young Jews together in Israel. This was reinforced a few days later at the Mega Event, an evening spent with 7000 other Birthright participants from around the world. There was tremendous energy and a feeling of unity as we sang Israeli songs, and listened to speakers and performers. We ended

the evening singing Ha'tikvah together. At this point, we realized that we were part of a very important project.

It was hard to believe how intense our birthright trip was. When we were warned in advance that we wouldn't sleep we were not aware of the accuracy of that statement. Our days were packed, and by the end of the day, what we had done that morning seemed like it had happened ages ago. One of our favourite 24 hour periods began with an evening spent in the desert, in a Bedouin tent. We were served a delicious Bedouin meal, learned about Bedouin lifestyles, participated in drum circles, and went for a midnight walk in the desert. At 3:45 am, we packed our bags and hiked up Masada to watch the sunrise. After watching the beautiful sunrise, we walked through the ruins and learned about the history of Masada. We took a scenic and challenging route down the mountain and shortly after we headed off to Ein Gedi. At this beautiful oasis in the desert, we enjoyed a refreshing swim in the waterfall. After lunch, we covered ourselves in mud and floated in the Dead Sea. Like this one, each day was filled with challenging, interesting and

exciting adventures.

We were very grateful for our Birthright gift and wanted to give back to Israel. Livnot U'Lehibanot gave us the opportunity to help out the country as well as experience living in Jerusalem. We lived in a hostel and participated in many volunteer projects such as painting and repairing homes, assembling care packages for soldiers, and helping out at a soup kitchen. These projects were done to assist new immigrants, victims of terror and disabled citizens of Israel. Upon completing our volunteer project of the day, we had the remainder of the afternoon to explore Jerusalem. We went to Ben Yehudah street, visited Migdal David, the biblical zoo, the Israel museum, and enjoyed the delicious foods at the shuk.

The atmosphere at Livnot was warm and welcoming. Volunteers from many different countries and backgrounds participated, including volunteers from England, Poland, and a Danish Christians for Israel organization. This led to many interesting and thought provoking discussions.

On each part of our trip, we experienced Israel in a very different way. Birthright allowed



Seen here, housepainting in Gilo, local teens, (from l to r) Rebecca Starkman, Tamar Klinghoffer, Becca Schneider and Naomi Klinghoffer volunteer with Livnot U'lehibanot in Jerusalem.

us to learn about the history of the country in a very secure and sheltered environment. This enabled us to see the diversity of Israel and gave us the opportunity to visit many significant sites. Livnot allowed us to have a better understanding of what it is like to live in Israel. Being independent, we became familiar with Jerusalem, we were responsible for our own safety, and we had the opportunity to

interact with Israelis.

We are very grateful to have had the opportunity to spend 5 weeks in the holy land. We were able to form a much closer connection with so much of our history that we had only heard about before. We hope to have the opportunity to go back one day and help the country grow and develop.

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by Amy Back

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Local Events

Jewish Gospel Singer Headlines Temple Fundraiser

by
Barry Bender

B'yachad / Together is the theme of Temple Anshe Sholom's upcoming Torah Renewal fundraising concert occurring in the Temple's sanctuary on Monday October 25th at 7:45 pm. Joshua Nelson, renowned African-American Jewish gospel singer, will present a gala concert of Jewish music with the energy and spirit of gospel, blues and jazz, or – as he terms it – "Hebrew Soul".

Nelson, who is a Grammy award nominee, is a gospel singer in the tradition of Mahalia Jackson, a Hebrew teacher, composer, Torah chanter, and the musical embodiment of cultural harmony. His audiences have included the President of Israel, the Prime Minister of Sweden and President Bill Clinton and he has toured in Scandinavia, Europe, Canada and Israel.

The title of one of his CDs is "Hebrew Soul". A documentary film about him, "Keep on Walking", was recently screened at the Hamilton Jewish Film Festival. Joshua Nelson also has a web site, www.joshuanelson.com. Joshua Nelson will also present a gospel singing workshop at Centenary United Church on Sunday October 24th at 3:30 pm.

Proceeds from these events will go toward the repair and maintenance of Temple Anshe Sholom's torahs. As well, a portion will initiate the Stewart Memorial Church Disability Access Fund, which has as its goal the installation of an elevator to assist elderly and physically-challenged congregants.

Temple Anshe Sholom

possesses seven torah scrolls including one on indefinite loan from a congregant family. Five of these are in need of restoration due to their age and regular wear and tear, which cause split seams and cracked and / or faded letters.

Repairs to a torah scroll must be made by a specially trained scribe, called a sofer stam. The repair work must be done meticulously by hand, using special ink and quills. This is a very time-consuming and expensive process.

Rabbi Avraham Kubayov of Toronto, a well known sofer stam, has been engaged by the Temple to perform the torah restoration work. In commenting upon this project, Rabbi Kubayov said, "When you restore a torah, you bring it back to life."

Individuals from all three main branches of Hamilton's Jewish community are involved in the organization and have contributed generously to the event and a lead event sponsorship was received from the UJA Federation of Hamilton.

Endorsements for this event, particularly for the interfaith, cross-cultural aspects of the gospel singing workshop, have been received from Mayor Di Ianni's office, Strengthening Hamilton's Community Initiative, Hamilton's Interfaith Group, Ontario Workers' Arts and Heritage Centre, as well as from the Community Relations office of Hamilton Police Services.

Generous sponsorships-in-kind for the sponsors' reception have also been received from Fortinos, Room for Dessert, Crown Bench Estate Winery, Suzy's Cooking and Savvy

Behind the Scenes, among others. Honorary co-chairs of this event are the Hon. Lincoln M. Alexander and Rabbi Emeritus Bernard Baskin.

The event also includes important educational components. Jewish and Black students will present their response to the various themes and messages of the event through a joint artistic display. Artefacts and story boards on the history of the Jewish and Black communities in Hamilton will also be presented throughout the Temple lobbies and at the reception. Another highlight will be Rabbi Kubayov's slide show depicting torah making and torah repair.

Sponsorships for the event are still available. Sponsors receive two preferred-seating tickets to the concert, admission to a gala reception, free admission to the gospel singing workshop, and a tax receipt. As well, all sponsors will be honoured with a listing in the program booklet and by participating in a special torah rededication service.

There will be advertising available in the event booklet that will enable merchants and professionals to reach a valuable and diverse readership.

The concert promises to be a memorable, once-in-a-lifetime, event. Not to be missed!

For reserved seating tickets and sponsorship information for this unique event call Lillian Hinkley in the Temple office at 905-528-0121.

"It takes a congregation to complete a Torah, a Torah to complete a congregation."

Hadassah Bazaar Returns!

After a ten-year hiatus, the Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar is returning. It will be held on Monday, November 8, 2004, at 440 King Street West, the old CHCH Studio, across the street from Gilbert's Men Shop. The hours will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The convenors, Jill Gaffe and Dr. Deb Sheinbaum, enthusiastically took on the job of revitalization of the Bazaar, remembering their mother's involvement in the Toronto Bazaars over the years. Members of Aviva Chapter are working hard to collect clothing, Baby Stuff, Treasures, Books, CDs, Video Games, Sporting good, etc.

Volunteers are needed to set up on Sunday all day (or as many hours you can give) and

work on Monday. We also need people who can come in the evening to help pack up leftovers (hopefully, very little) and help with the cleanup. Men are welcome to come and help us at any time! Please call Jill Gaffe (905) 546-0953, Deb Sheinbaum (905) 572-9391 or the Hadassah-WIZO office at (905) 522-5537 to volunteer or for pick-up of items.

We use the funds raised to support education, medical and social service projects both here and in Israel. Please support this very worthy project.

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JWI Weekend focuses on Violence Against Women

A weekend for women in Niagara Falls, October 22 to 24, sponsored by Jewish Women International of Canada, will focus on the issue of violence against women.


Titled "The Voice of Women..One Voice Many Choices", the weekend will feature talks on domestic violence and women's human rights and issues.

A keynote speaker is Amy Robbins Ellison, a cardiac anesthesiologist and a survivor


of domestic abuse. Also on the program is educator Channa Sargon, who will discuss the achievements of Jewish women in history. There will also be women-do self defence workshops.

The weekend is open to women of all ages and will be held at the Renaissance Fallsview Hotel. The cost is \$395, based on double occupancy. For information call 416-630-9313 or go to www.jwicanada.com


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Hamilton Delegation Brings Home 17 Medals from Maccabi Youth Games

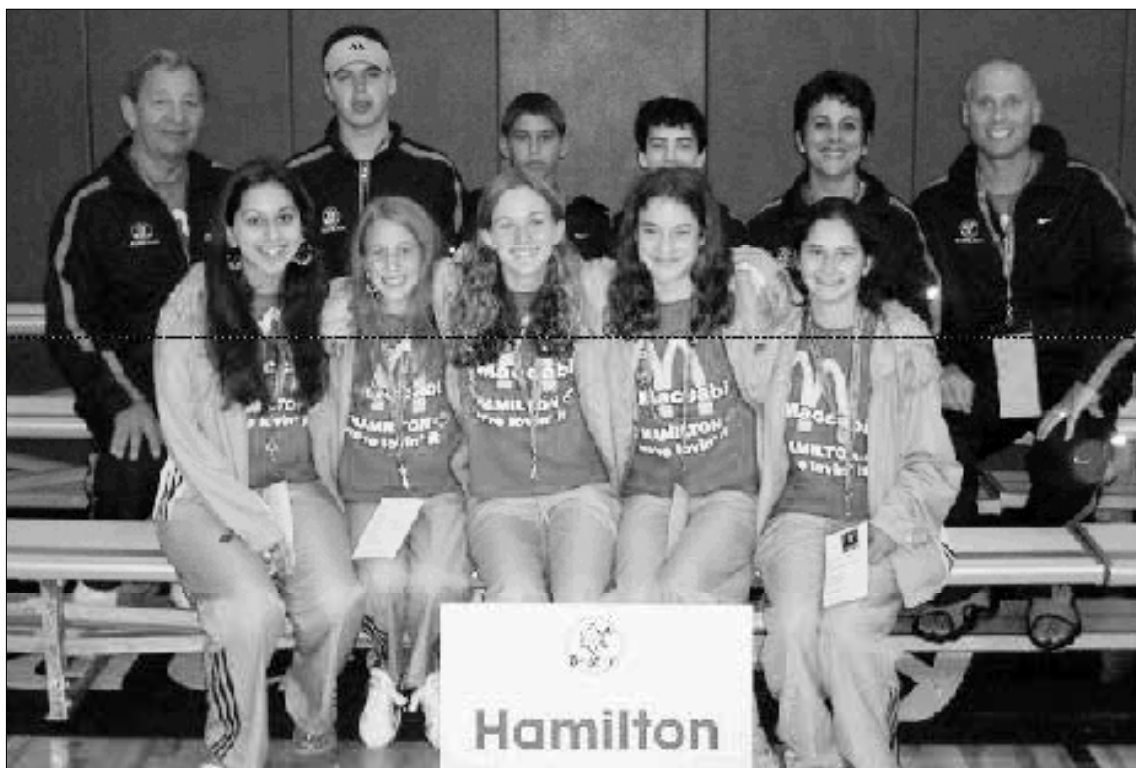
by
Allen Harris

The athletes, coaches and parents who made the journey to Boston for the J.C.C. Maccabi Games will long remember the week of August 15-20, 2004. It wasn't just the athletes and coaches that took part – From the very beginning the parents and siblings became involved in what has become the largest event of its kind in the world.

Max Martin and Melissa Woolfson, both present to support their sisters in the Games, joined our athletes in the Olympic style opening ceremonies and proudly carried the Hamilton banner into the Fleet Center to the roar from over 13,000 cheering supporters.

Over 1700 athletes took part in this year's Games. There were 41 delegations from across the United States, Canada, Israel, Australia, Great Britain, Venezuela and Poland.

Your Hamilton JCC had a small but very successful group of seven athletes. Our delegation returned with a total of 17 medals. On a per capita basis we were without doubt the most successful delegation at the Games. Bess Martin became our largest winner in the 22-year history of the Maccabi Games with a total of 6 medals. She teamed with Ashlee Woolfson in a dance duet that won two Gold and one silver medal and then took part in track and field, winning two more Gold and one more Silver. Also in the dance competition Yael Hart won Gold in the senior girls, Ashlee Woolfson won another silver in the tap competition and Masha Barsky won Silver in



The Hamilton Maccabi Games Delegation:
Front row (l to r) Yael Hart, Ashlee Woolfson, Bess Martin, Masha Barsky, Jen Gilbert;
Back Row (l to r) Allen Harris, Adam Dembe, Richard Gorrin, Simcha Walfish, Sharon Hart, David Bromstein

the student-choreographed jazz division. Masha then followed Bess' example and took part in track and field winning gold and bronze medals

Our table tennis players did very well against extremely high competition. Jennifer Gilbert brought home one Gold, one Silver and two Bronze medals and Simcha Walfish won a bronze in the boys' doubles event. Our total was completed on the final day when Richard Gorrin won a Bronze medal in track and field. Richard also competed in the tennis tournament putting on a great performance against 230 other players.

However, the Maccabi Games are about more than athletics. They are about, friendship, Judaism, socializing and caring and sharing. Wednesday afternoon all athletic events were halted and everybody gathered at Gillett Stadium, home of the New England Patriots for a rally and party. Anouk Spitzer, daughter of the Israeli coach murdered at the 1972 Munich Olympics, addressed the group. The purpose of the rally was to put pressure on the International Olympic Committee to recognize the Munich attack with a minute's silence prior to every Olympic games.

Israel and Maccabi World Union have tried unsuccessfully for 32 years to have the IOC honour their request. Maybe our kids will help to make a difference.

Our dance coach, Sharon Hart, was a tremendous help. Not only did she look after and coach our dancers, she gave her time to supervise numerous kids, making sure they were all on the correct buses following the evening activities. David Bromstein, a 17-year veteran of the Games, spent most of his time covering every event we were involved in, including attending a 6:00 a.m. meeting. David also made

a huge sacrifice. Knowing we would be short of luggage space, he volunteered to leave his golf clubs at home. Adam Dembe, in his second year as a junior coach was a huge asset. Hopefully he will stay involved in future years.

To Sharon, David and Adam, a huge "Thank you". You know how much you are appreciated.

Next year the Games are in Richmond VA. and already plans are underway for our participation. If you would like to be part of our delegation contact the JCC now, it's not too soon.

Of course all this would never be possible without the help of our sponsors. Year after year they support our kids and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts. Their names are listed below. Please thank them the next time you talk to one of them and be sure to use their products or services whenever possible. They helped us, let us help them.

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...and all the kind people who, during the year, have donated to the Maccabi Games fund at the JCC.

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THE JCC HUMANITARIAN YOUTH AWARDS

The JCC Humanitarian Youth Awards were held last spring at City Hall in memory of JCC youth leader Max Rotman. Honouring leadership and volunteerism performed by local high school youth, this year 80 area teens were heralded for many hours of devotion to all ages in need of service. Throughout the city schools, hospitals, recreation centres and seniors' and nursing homes depend on teens giving their time, whether by assisting professionals or one-to-one assistance, or creating new efforts in easing others' problems. Chair Howard Katz, JCC President Aubrey Friedman and JCC former President Larry Szpirglas congratulated these amazing people who contribute so greatly to community. Sunni Genesco was the key speaker to the 80 teens. Those who give time to the JCC were Adam Brown, Sasha Katz, Valerie Klassen, Ilana Klinghoffer, Leah Mauer, Evan Schneider, Michael Shkolnik, Deborah Winter. Special thanks to Aaron Lax, who welcomed the families of these wonderful leaders in their own right.

In Honour Of Those Lost in the Shoah

In honour of those lost in the Shoah, Janus is creating busts from Images of loved ones lost in the Holocaust. These individuals will be included in the larger sculptural installation "Marrow Fragments" dedicated to those lost to mass violence. Presently 150 busts have been created towards this project. These busts will be displayed in a permanent exhibit at the Jewish Community Centre and used each year during the Yom Hashoa Service. Please send a clear picture Of your lost loved One To (not originals!) with a self addressed stamped envelope to Janus140 York Street, Eden Mills Ontario, N0B 1P0



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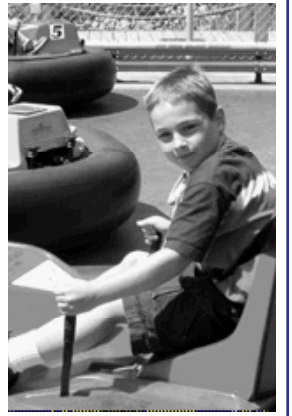
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Upcoming Events

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Special Mentschen

Doctor's efforts help create goodwill between Jewish and Muslim Communities

by
Wendy Schneider

Earlier this summer, Federation conducted a fundraising campaign to help with medical expenses for the care of Djamshid Djan Popal, the young Afghan boy who had been flown to Ottawa for treatment of a severe heart condition. The email campaign succeeded in raising \$10,000 within a few short weeks, and on the day that David Somer, Federation Vice President of Community Relations, handed a cheque from the Hamilton Jewish Federation to the Hamilton Muslim Association on the child's behalf, representatives from both the local and national media were present.

The events that led up to

that unusual occasion were relayed to the HJN recently by local cardiologist, Dr. Lorne Finkelstein, who played a central role in the drama.

Last spring, an article appeared in The Spectator that featured a story about the efforts of Javid Mirza, President of the Muslim Association of Hamilton, to bring an ailing Afghan child to Hamilton for treatment. Dr. Finkelstein and Mr. Mirza are colleagues who serve together on the Strengthening Hamilton's Community Initiative Committee, a group created by the Mayor to develop strategies to enhance safety, acceptance and harmony among Hamilton residents.

Finkelstein offered his assistance and Mr. Mirza



Dr. Lorne Finkelstein

gracefully accepted it. Finkelstein began by making an initial call to Mirza and Saddique Khan, the child's Pakistani-Canadian benefactors to inform them that although advanced pediatric cardiology services were not available in Hamilton, he could guide them towards finding appropriate medical treatment for the child elsewhere. Finkelstein then proceeded to make calls to Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children and to his friends Mindy (nee Hoffman, formerly

of Hamilton) and Yacov Sarel in Jerusalem, in order to have them investigate the possibility of the child being treated in Israel. Within 12 hours, Finkelstein was in contact with the pediatric cardiology department at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital. When Finkelstein spoke with the Vice Director, he was told that Israeli hospitals routinely handle cases such as these and they would be prepared to do it. Coincidentally, Yacov Sarel's Swedish brother-in-law was stationed with the U.N. in Kabul, and offered advice regarding possible transportation for the young boy. Within 24 hours, Finkelstein had made all of the arrangements for the boy to be investigated and treated in Israel.

Saddique Khan then arranged a conference call with Finkelstein and Dr. Americo Rodrigues, the Canadian Forces' physician in Kabul, who advised against having the boy treated in Israel, for fear that he might suffer reprisals from Taliban forces upon his return.

After the decision had been made to bring the child to Canada, fundraising efforts by Hamilton's Muslim community began in earnest. The Spectator, The Globe and Mail and the Canadian Press picked up the story, widely quoting Dr. Finkelstein and repeatedly asking him what the Hamilton Jewish community was prepared to do for the child. It was then that Finkelstein suggested to Federation executive director, Gerry Fisher, that a fundraising drive be initiated on the child's behalf. Agreeing that the situation provided an ideal bridge building opportunity between the local Jewish and Muslim communities, Fisher initiated the email campaign. Of the \$10,000 raised, half of that money was donated by a non-Jewish patient of Finkelstein's who agreed to make the donation through the Federation.

Finkelstein, himself, was gratified. He had spearheaded a campaign that highlighted the cooperative efforts between the Jewish and Muslim communities of Hamilton. Finkelstein says, "If we want to have more positive press about Jews in our community, we have to be out there showing we are community minded...We can't just demand [positive coverage about Israel] from the media. We also have to give something back."



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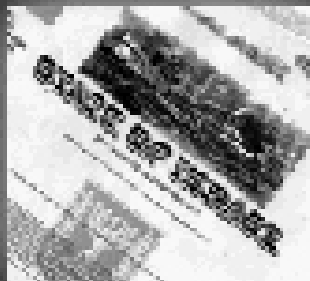
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Special Mentschen

Temple Welcomes New Rabbi

by
Wendy Schneider

Temple Anshe Sholom's new rabbi, Rabbi Phil Cohen, has an interesting mix of skills and interests. An avid biker, author, educator, university professor who holds a PhD in Jewish philosophy, Rabbi Cohen, whose most recent posting was associate rabbi at Temple Beth Am in Abington, Pennsylvania, is looking forward to becoming actively involved in all facets of Hamilton's Jewish community.

The Hamilton posting was a position he actively pursued, the rabbi explained in a recent interview with the HJN, because of his belief that the possibilities of making an impact in a small and intimate community with readily accessible resources are much greater than in a larger city.

One of his primary goals is to make the Temple as "Jewishly busy" as possible. His vision is to "explode" its adult education program, by developing a programmatic approach with graduated levels of courses, that will appeal to a broad spectrum of interests, be they intellectual, spiritual or eclectic courses, that will provide mature students with a well-rounded Jewish education.

The rabbi also intends to promote leadership development, more congregational involvement and outreach to the unaffiliated.

"We need to see who's out there," he said, "find out how we can serve them and how they can be part of us."

He also hopes to move the congregation towards "egalitarianism in the deepest sense of the word", where interactive discussions will often take the place of a rabbinical sermon and where the services will include communal singing



Rabbi Phil Cohen

"and a sense that the songs belong to everyone and not just the people on the bimah."

Somehow, in the midst of all this, the rabbi hopes to find time to finish a book on Jewish responses to bio-ethical problems.

Another of the rabbi's dreams is to bring a Hamilton team to participate in the annual 300-mile Israel Environmental Bike Ride from Jerusalem to Eilat sponsored by the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies.

Rabbi Cohen is married to Beth Gamburg. They have two daughters, Elisheva, 21, who is currently enrolled in The List College, a joint program between the Jewish Theological Seminary and Columbia University, and Talia, 17, a grade 11 student. A strong Israel advocate, he has been there six times in the last two years.

This year's UJA Campaign launch, scheduled to take place on Sunday, October 3, will be an opportunity for the community to welcome Rabbi Cohen to town. To RSVP call the UJA Federation office at 905-648-0605, ext. 304 or 306.

Kehila Welcomes New Principal

Kehila School is excited to welcome Ariel Zaltzman as its newest principal. A native of Israel, Zaltzman, his wife, Leah, and their children, Stav and Sol, arrive here via Youngstown, Ohio, where the couple spent the last three years teaching at the community day school. Zaltzman holds a Masters degree in Special Education and a Bachelors in sociology, anthropology and education from the University of Haifa. His wife, Leah, holds a Bachelors in Education.

Youngstown and Hamilton seem to have something in common, said Zaltzman, in their industrial character, close proximity to larger centers and the size of their Jewish communities. The school in which the Zaltzmans taught was also small – with only 50 students, and they look forward to bringing their experience to bear here in Hamilton.

Zaltzman is delighted with the various aspects of Kehila: a strong and supportive board and parent body, a warm and family-like atmosphere and the fact that most of the staff speak both Hebrew and English, which lends itself to a truly integrative experience for the student body.

His goals are to strengthen the school, create a strong bond among its students towards Israel and maintain the school's excellent standards in both its secular and Judaic studies.



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The HJN congratulates Dr. Lorne Finkelstein, who was recently awarded the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Hamilton Academy of Medicine. As chair of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine's Public Relations Committee under the Peterson and Rae governments, Finkelstein initiated a number of media events and public forums in response to government policies that reduced patients' access to health services and called into question the integrity of Ontario physicians. During his subsequent term as president of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine and a board member of the Ontario Medical Association, he continued to advocate for Ontario physicians, activities which ultimately helped to restore public faith in physicians.

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Local Events

Whom Do You Recognize?

This photograph, discovered in the Ontario Jewish Archives located at the Lipa Green Building in Toronto, will be included in a social history of Hamilton's Jewish community. Many of those pictured were (and are) well known public figures in the community. Help us by sending in the names of those you recognize to wendy.schneider@sympatico.ca. The names of those pictured will be published in the next issue of the HJN.

TEMPLE ANSHE SHOLOM INSTALLATION WEEKEND

Erev Shabbat Service & Installation of Board of Trustees

Friday, October 1, 2004 at 8:15 pm
All Welcome

A Celebration with Israeli Sizzle
featuring Israeli Entertainer Dafna Zur

Saturday, October 2, 2004

7:30 pm Welcome 7:50 pm Havdalah

Price per person \$25 (includes Israeli delicacies, beer, wine and entertainment) RSVP by Monday, September 27 to the Temple office 905-528-0121 or email: office@anshesholom.ca

UJA Campaign 2005 Opening Gala Campaign Event

Join us as the Community Welcomes Temple Anshe Sholom's Rabbi Phil Cohen
Sunday, October 3, 2004 at 10:30 am at Goldie's Place at Shalom Village Too
Keynote speaker: Dr. Ellen Cannon

Installation of Rabbi Philip M. Cohen, Ph.D.

Sunday, October 3, 2004 at 2:00 pm

Officiating: Rabbi Lance Sussman, Senior Rabbi, Temple Keneset Israel, Elkins Park, PA.
Reception to Follow All Welcome

Social History of Hamilton's Jewish Community in the Making

"It is not everyone that can boast of so many activities as can Hamilton. For the size of its Jewish population, in comparison with other communities, the service rendered successfully through these organizations is unique." This quote, written by Arthur D. Hart in 1926, in his history of the Jews in Canada, is as true today as it was then. It is no news to Hamiltonians that Hamilton Jewry can rightfully boast of an illustrious history and fortunately, the community still includes numerous individuals, either born or raised in Hamilton in the 1920s and 1930s, whose memories remain sharp. They are the repositories of the community's social history. With this in mind

Wendy Schneider and Billy Shaffir, professor of sociology at McMaster University, began working together last spring on a social history of Hamilton's Jewish community.

The idea of a social history of Hamilton is not new. Members of the Genesis Leadership program had a similar vision when they conducted an interview with Helen Yellin as a first step in a community project. Shalom Village plans to "recreate" York Street, the centre of Jewish life in the city in the 30s and 40s, in the tunnel that separates the original residence from Shalom Village Too. But until now, there had never been a focused effort to create such a project.

Schneider and Shaffir have conducted interviews

with numerous members of the community, and plan to conduct many more, with the intention of producing a documentary film on the social history of the Jewish community in Hamilton. "The documentary, said Shaffir, will trace the organization of Jewish life in the city and will eventually include excerpts from conversations, as well as clips from site visits to local Jewish cemeteries, institutions, and areas of the city where Jews once lived." Ideas surrounding the project are in their infancy. The materials to be included will derive not only from videotaped conversations with members of the community but additional resources including photographs from private collections, artifacts reflecting the community history retained by the synagogues and other institutions, and materials available from the local press and city archives.

The success of the project will ultimately depend on whether Schneider and Shaffir succeed in raising the funds necessary to see the project to completion. But both believe that the ultimate beneficiaries of the finished work will be future generations of Hamilton Jewry whose understanding of their community will be enhanced immeasurably by such a documentary, which, they believe, can become a benchmark for similar works of Jewish communities in Canada.

IDF Choir and Band to Perform in Hamilton



Friends of the Israel Defense Force, in cooperation with One Israel Fund in Canada, are presenting the IDF Choir and Band in Hamilton on Thursday October 21 at the Adas Israel Synagogue at 7:30 pm. The choir is made up of privates, corporals and sergeants of the IDF. They perform almost daily before their fellow soldiers, wherever they may be on the front lines, giving them some joy and much needed respite from the ongoing battles in defense of the people and the land of Israel. The choir sings traditional and modern Jewish and Israeli songs. All proceeds will go to mobile libraries and synagogues for the Israeli army. These libraries and synagogues are inside armoured vehicles that follow the soldiers to the front lines. This is our opportunity to show our support and appreciation for the brave soldiers of the IDF. Admission is \$20. Tickets from Adas Israel (905) 528-0039.



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The Arts

Book Review

Still Life with Bombers: Israel in the Age of Terrorism

by David Horowitz

Reviewed by Zack Somer

After a brief hiatus, Jerusalem Report editor, David Horowitz, has returned in triumphant fashion with another account of the chaos, tragedy and tranquility that have come to be part of the ordinary life of those living in Israel. In the recently published, *Still Life With Bombers: Israel in the Age of Terrorism*, Horowitz has made a dramatic shift from his stance in *A Little Too Close to God: The Thrills and Panic of a Life in Israel*, a pre-Intifadah account of life in Israel published in 2000.

Still Life With Bombers is a personal chronicle of the mind-numbing hardships faced by Israelis over the last three and a half years. The book documents the daily reality of Israel's citizens, who must cope, not only with the constant threat of Palestinian terrorism, but also with the rising tensions caused by the growing rift between the nation's opposing political and ideological camps. The book includes a recounting of Arafat's flat-out rejection of the of Barak government's generous offering in 2000 at the Camp David and Taba negotiations, which would have given the Palestinians 96 percent of disputed territory in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. He succeeds in capturing the ensuing shock and disappointment felt by the Israeli electorate, who, after years of anticipating a lasting peace accord, responded to Arafat's unwillingness to

compromise and the ensuing breakdown in negotiations, by placing their support behind a hawkish leader who promised to restore national security.

In a world that is so often plagued with radical thought, Horowitz remains grounded in moderate ideals and emerges as a truly unique voice. An outspoken critic of Sharon and many of his policies, most notably the expansion of settlements and the continued occupation of the West Bank, Horowitz nevertheless makes it clear that he has lost confidence in the willingness of Arafat and the Palestinian Authority to compromise in good faith. And, *While Still Life with Bombers* reflects an obvious shift to the right for Horowitz, his distinctive brand of Zionism, coupled with a heartfelt desire to peacefully co-exist alongside those, who for centuries have rejected a Jewish presence in the Middle East, is unrivalled by anyone in the academic world.

The book's humorous blend of journalistic passion, mixed with first-hand accounts of the turbulence that Horowitz has faced as a British emigrant trying to raise three children amidst the turmoil that now plagues the world's holiest piece of real-estate, makes for a spellbinding read from cover to cover.

McMaster Lecture Series Brings Home Judith Baskin

by
Alan Mendelson

From its foundation in 1960, McMaster University's Department of Religious Studies has been an essential part of the university, seeking to promote understanding through the universal experience of religion. The Department has experts in Eastern and Western religions and has prided itself on teaching Judaism on a par and in dialogue with the other great religions of the world.

Over the past years, a number of committed individuals have

established an endowed fund to provide an annual lecture in Jewish Studies at McMaster. In 2002, the community heard Dr. Reuven Firestone, a professor of Medieval Jewish and Islamic Studies at Hebrew Union College (Los Angeles). Last year's speaker was Dr. Michael Marrus, a professor of Holocaust Studies at the University of Toronto. This year, the Department of Religious Studies is particularly pleased to welcome Dr. Judith Baskin, daughter of Rabbi Bernard and Marjorie Baskin, and a professor of Humanities

and the Director of the Program in Jewish Studies at the University of Oregon. She is also the current president of the Association for Jewish Studies. On November 4, 2004, Dr. Baskin will speak at McMaster on the subject of Jewish martyrdom narratives. She will demonstrate, as Dr. Firestone did, that medieval material comes alive and is relevant to contemporary religious dialogues. For further information, please call 905-525-9140, ext. 24567.

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Guest Speaker for 2004:

Dr. Judith R. Baskin

Dying for God:

Piety and Gender in Jewish Medieval Martyrdom Narratives

Thursday, November 4, 2004 8:00 pm

Great Hall at the University Club at McMaster University

Judith Baskin is Knight Professor of Humanities and Director of the Program in Jewish Studies at the University of Oregon. She is the current president of the Association for Jewish Studies and the author of numerous publications, such as *Midrashic Women: Formulations of the Feminine in Rabbinic Literature* and *Jewish Women in Historical Perspective*. Dr. Baskin will discuss medieval accounts of Christian attacks on Jewish communities during the First Crusade. This lecture will address the paradox of women being extolled as models of piety under stress, while being separated from communal participation in Jewish tradition.

This annual event has been generously supported by the Herb and CeCe Schreiber Family Foundation, McMaster University Faculty of Social Sciences, and the Friends of the Jewish Studies Lecture Fund

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Over 500 people were in attendance at the JNF's Negev Dinner Gala honouring Joseph and Cheryl Greenbaum. In addition, Albert Berns and Aaron Shiffman were each presented with the Ot Sherut Mitsuyan ... or service excellence award for their community involvement with Chevra Kadisha, at their respective synagogues and at Shalom Village. The keynote speaker was Jonathan Kay, editorial columnist for the National Post. His presentation stressed the need to for Israel to be vigilant and steadfast in dealing with terror.

Joe and Cheryl asked that the proceeds of the evening be earmarked to "Developing the Negev", a project to populate the Negev, critical to Israel's future growth and to transform it into a home fit for people to live. JNF's role is to prepare the land to encourage Jews to settle in this sparsely populated area.



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Hilton Silberg and Rabbi Green presenting certificate to Aaron Shiffman



Hilton, Rabbi Baskin presenting certificate to Albert Berns

Community gathers to celebrate the opening of "Shalom Village Too"

The atmosphere was festive as hundreds of community members assembled at the gala opening of Shalom Village Too on August 31. Campaign co-chairs, Arthur Weisz and Michael Taylor (pictured right) participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony. The event also provided an opportunity to honour those who made generous donations to the campaign, some of whom are pictured below.



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Hamilton's Jewish Genealogical Society

It's been a busy summer for the Jewish Genealogical Society Hamilton and area. Our plan was to keep the momentum going and we think we've done that," said Hazel Boon, VP of the organization. In July we arranged an orientation session at the Family History Centre for an eager group of the Society's members. The goal was to gain an understanding of how to order research films and use the fiche and film equipment. Our thanks to Barry Spinner for arranging the visit, and to Joan who is the location's head librarian for guiding us so skilfully through the evening.

At the group's most recent meeting on August 10th, professional genealogist Glen Eker explained how to access

local Hamilton resources that can be used to trace ancestors who resided here in days gone by. I'm sure that none of the 20+ who attended realized the wealth of sources that exist this close to home. After Glen's talk we retired to our smaller Special Interest Groups (SIGs) for individual guidance in our research. We were again blessed with baked goods donated by Hilda and Moishe Gold which went nicely with the coffee provided by the JCC.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 13th as we move to Temple Anshe Sholom, 215 Cline Avenue North, Hamilton. The Temple is just off King Street and is convenient to a number of bus routes. We are pleased to have as our

speaker Mr. Henry Wellisch, a past president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada (Toronto) from 1993 to 1998. For 24 years, the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS) has held a yearly conference. This year's conference was held in Jerusalem, a magical place on its own, and Henry was there for the festivities. He's been to roughly 10 conferences in all (this was his second in Israel) which has given him a wonderful perspective from which to mould his presentation for us. This is a presentation that should have a wide appeal in our community.

For further information please email HamiltonJewishGen@canada.com.

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education and enrichment to those populations most likely to become recruitment centres for terrorism.

Cannon said that Jews in the 21st century are living in a world in which their enemies – Islamic fundamentalism and "new forms of mass media in which the delegitimization of Israel is the cornerstone of their domestic politics – do not gravitate toward any form of rational negotiation." Unlike an earlier time, when literacy was linked to opening people to rational discourse, today, the major source of information among impoverished populations of the Middle East is Al Jazeera, where the main message is one of hate and hostility to Israel and the Western world.

Despite this grim assessment, Cannon refuses to give in to despair and her major intention is always to leave her audience feeling empowered. Although it is her belief that anti-Semitism is a permanent phenomenon, she nevertheless believes that when economies are healthy, people are less likely to engage in terror.

"The worst thing to do is sit on your hands and say we can't do anything about this..."

things we prided ourselves in democracy must now be carefully reexamined. – and know that there is no quick fix."

Canadian Jews must become involved in their local communities and in Ottawa and "make Canadians understand that anti-Semitism is a major vehicle not only to destroy Israel, but to discredit the West."

Cannon, who has spoken before Canadian audiences on a number of occasions, is a big fan of Canadian Jewry. She speaks of the "Canadian myth" that she had always heard, that Canada is just 25 years behind where American Jews are. "It's absolutely not true," she said, Canadian Jews have a different culture of steadfastness and collective memory. You guys get it and your link to Israel is intrinsic to who you are. Not so in America. It's a privilege to be in your presence."

Ellen Cannon will speak at the UJA Campaign Launch on Sunday, October 3rd at 10:30 am in Goldie's Place at Shalom Village.

'Touch of Klez' Still Going Strong

Believe it or not, Touch of Klez, Hamilton's favourite klezmer band is quickly approaching its second birthday! To celebrate the event, the band is putting together an afternoon show that will take place at the Burlington Art Centre on Sunday October 3rd, 2004 at 3pm. Doors open at 2:15pm.

Ron Richter, keyboard player and business manager for the band speaks excitedly about the show:

"Over the past couple of years the band has really grown musically. Therefore, we want to showcase a few of the different ensembles within the band as well as the larger ensemble."

Jonathan Feldman, sax player and composer adds,

"The approach will give the show a wider range of musical colours."

So, what can we expect? Charlotte Price, violinist, answers first,

"duos, trios, a quartet, and of course, the whole ensemble." David Ludwin, clarinetist, adds one word only, "fun!"

An interesting note: the show is being opened up to the general public as well as to the Jewish community because the band feels that music is the international language of peace and that klezmer music is a "wonderful musical representation of life's bittersweet beauty".

The band has been very busy

for the last few months. At time of writing, the band is preparing for Shuk In The Park on August 29th in Toronto, Shalom Village in Hamilton on August 31st, as well as the Free Times Café – also in Toronto – on September 5th. Weddings, birthdays, and Bar Mitzvahs were also on the board this past summer.

The members of TOK are: Michael Glogauer (bass), Murray Adelman (drums), Ron Richter (piano), Alan Livingston (guitar), Jordan Abraham (accordion), Jonathan Feldman (alto sax), Rick Black (soprano sax), David

Ludwin (clarinet, tambourine), Charlotte Price (violin).

Tickets for the October 3rd show are \$10 per person in advance or \$12 at the door. Tickets may be purchased in advance as of September 6th from any of the band members or by calling 905-522-7322 or via email: touchofklez@studioj.org. The band hopes that all of you are able to attend its second birthday party.

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Struck by sudden debilitating illness, Shalom Village is a steadying resource to families. We have walked these sometimes grueling roads with many and are continually expanding our skill in helping and healing. Our added size means our response is timely and effective. Space is still available in our Long Term Care for those wanting to move home to Shalom Village. In addition, as always our staff are available on the phone and in person to help you in your decision making, listening, detailing the resources available at Shalom Village and throughout the community, aiding you in finding a comfortable personal solution. Our knowledge and skill in palliative care and dementia care are without rival in this community as consistently acknowledged by our professional colleagues and the people to whom we provide care.

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Maimonides College, in conjunction with Adas Israel Congregation, is proud to announce the launch of the Maimonides Institute for Continued Jewish Education in Hamilton. The goal is to provide the Hamilton community with a platform to pursue Jewish studies in a rigorous and rewarding environment. The fall catalogue will include a series of six-week courses that will meet one evening per week. Throughout the fall semester, courses will be offered in most major areas of Jewish thought. Topics will include: Jewish philosophy, Jewish law, Jewish history, Hebrew Ulpan, Talmud, Jewish fundamentals, contemporary Jewish living, Jewish ethics, and parasha.

Simultaneously, the program will introduce the Crossroads Lecture Series that will deal with "hot topics" discussing how Judaism confronts modernity.

Mark your calendar during September for the Pre-holiday Lecture Series (prior to Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and Sukkot). The series will offer three distinct tracks: a philosophical approach with Dr. Michael Kigel, a Talmudic approach with Rabbi Aaron Selevan, and an exploration of the fundamental principles with Rabbi Daniel Green.

In the near future, the institute will be offering the following six-week courses that will commence on the

following dates:

Σ Who is God? with Dr. Michael Kigel – an analysis of Maimonides' Guide to the Perplexed. (Mondays 7pm - begins Oct. 11) -

Σ Shabbtai Tzvi & Other False Messiahs, with Dr. Rina Bassier - exploring Messianism throughout Jewish history (Mondays 8:15pm – begins Oct.18)

Talmudic Thought with Rabbi Aaron Selevan (Mondays 8pm - begins Oct. 11)

Hebrew Ulpan Basic & Intermediate with Nesya Richter. Wednesdays evenings. Please call for details – registration required.

Practical Ethics with Dr. Michael Kigel readings from the works of Rabbi Yisrael Meir Kagan in his treatise Chafetz Chayim. (Wednesdays 7pm – begins Oct. 20)

Jewish Prayer with Rabbi Daniel Green - the origins, philosophy, and structure of the Siddur (Wednesdays 7pm - begins Oct. 20) -

Σ Weekly Parasha with Rabbi Aaron Selevan (Wednesdays 8pm – begins Oct. 14)

Σ Contemporary Jewish Law with Rabbi Aaron Selevan (Sundays 8am)

All are welcome! No prerequisite knowledge necessary. For any further questions please call the Adas at 905.528.0039 or visit our website at www.adasisrael.ca.

Sunday Morning Breakfast Programs at Beth Jacob

The Programming Committee is pleased to announce that in the Fall and Winter Beth Jacob Synagogue will again be hosting a series of Sunday morning Prayer, Breakfast and Study Sessions.

The first in the series will be on Sunday, November 7th, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. after morning minyan. We are proud to announce that our opening speaker will be the well known organizational psychologist and Human Resources Management Consultant, Dr. Harvey Silver. Dr. Silver is an accomplished seminar leader and speaker and has over thirty years of experience in helping people promote and practice better "mental health" in the workplace and in their personal lives. Harvey has consulted with over one third of the Financial Post's "One-Hundred Best Companies to Work for in Canada" and was selected by

Maclean's Magazine as one of the top Human Resources consultants in Canada. At the study session, Dr. Harvey Silver's theme will be "How to psychologically bulletproof yourself".

Our second speaker, on Sunday, November 28th, 2004, will be our own, and no less famous, Judge David Steinberg. Drawing on his own first hand experience as a senior judge on the bench of the Hamilton Unified Court, David Steinberg will talk on "Egalitarianism in the Law. How the Ontario Law relating to women has changed over the past thirty years."

Please mark these dates on your calendars and plan to join us for morning minyan, a delicious breakfast and interesting speakers. There will be a cover charge of \$5.00 per person.

Hamilton Hebrew Academy

Numerous research studies have shown that regular breaks in the school day are important for student in-class attention and memory, and provide important opportunities for social development. Concerns about increasing rates of childhood obesity and inactivity, and a focus on the role of physical activity in school in supporting learning, have led to interest in promoting greater opportunity for physical activity for children over the course of the school day. In response to the need to maximize recess opportunities for physical activity, the Hamilton Hebrew Academy's excellent physical education programme has been complemented by a renewed focus on structure and active play at recess times. In keeping with the Active Recess programme promoted by the Hamilton Public Health Department, the Academy developed an active recess focus over the 2003/2004 school year. Hopscotch and four square courts were painted on the tarmac and an outdoor enclosure to house sports equipment was built. Recesses took on new life as students

eagerly learned new games and engaged in basketball, skipping, wall ball games, hopscotch, four square, running games, baseball, and activity on the climbing equipment. Increased playground supervision and the enthusiastic support of staff for the active recess initiative has also provided guidance for students in the social skills development that goes hand in hand with recess time. Recesses have also been further enhanced by the ongoing intramural sports programme during morning and lunch recesses that provides students with the opportunity to play team sports in the gymnasium. The 2003/2004 student council used funds raised in its spring HHA mini basketball sale to purchase high quality outdoor balls and skipping ropes to enhance the supply of recess equipment. Their contribution will be tremendously enjoyed this fall as the active recess initiative resumes and continues to develop.

The active recess initiative and intramural sports programme at the Academy have gone a long way in addressing

the recommendation of the Canadian Fitness and Lifestyle Research Institute that daily physical activity for children be promoted. Recesses are busy and vibrant at the HHA and provide students with daily opportunities to exercise and play with structure and guidance.

Recess is not all that will be hopping at the HHA this fall. Students will be busy at work in the school's newly renovated media centre. The library has been transformed into a media centre with internet research, computer work stations, student work areas for independent and group activities, and the reconfigured print collection. Further building of the computer and print collections will be focal at the school this year. The Academy staff has been eagerly preparing for an exciting school year that promises to be one of active learning and new field trip initiatives. The Hamilton Hebrew Academy is off to a great start for the 2004/2005 school year!

Na'amat Welcomes New Members

The Hamilton Na'amat chapter, known as Nitsan, had another very successful year of activities in 2003-2004. Nitsan holds monthly meetings, each time well attended by over 25 members. These meetings focus on stimulating and interesting topics. We ended our monthly meetings in June with a potluck dinner, which was delicious and enjoyable!

Na'amat is a worldwide women's organization that seeks to assist in the advancement of the status of women and children in the family, the work place and in the community both in Israel and here in Canada. Na'amat Canada has been active in Israel, supporting day care centers for young children, schooling for troubled teenagers and facilities for abused women. We are also involved in the communities where we live, supporting women and children in need.

Last May, we again successfully staged our major fundraiser, our Nineteenth Annual Celebrity Author's Luncheon, featuring well-known Canadian writer and broadcaster, Eleanor Wachtel. This was an incredible event, a great success, wholeheartedly supported and enjoyed by the Hamilton community. For our Twentieth Annual Author's Luncheon in the spring of 2005, we expect M.G. Vassanji, winner of the 2004 Giller Prize, to be our author and plans are already under way for that event. We are also planning a second fundraiser for this fall. A committee has been struck to plan an evening of music and literature with author Richard Wright. This is a new venture for Nitsan, but we are confident that our dedicated volunteers will work efficiently

and with lots of good humour to make this event another pleasurable affair.

We have been putting in a lot of effort over the summer months to plan for the coming year. A programming committee has planned a stimulating, educational and entertaining list of speakers and activities for our monthly meetings starting in September. The topics include, Jenin - Massacring Truth; Jews & Hollywood; Bioethics & Judaism; Changes in Family Law, Jewish Genealogy; Democratic Options In Israel; Women & Business; Assimilation.

We look forward to our activities over the next few months with the same enthusiasm with which we ended in June, and remain proud of our group's energy, talent, and commitment to our sisters and Na'amat programs in Israel. If you would like to be part of our Na'amat chapter or receive information about our meetings and events, please contact our membership person Adele Wolpert-Zur at 905 628-0370 or Simone Rotstein at 905 527-7125. We would love to have you join us.

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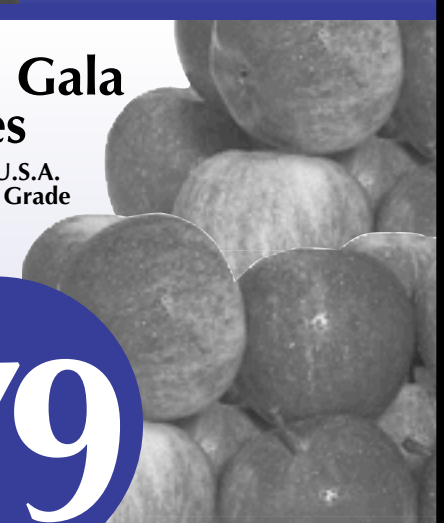
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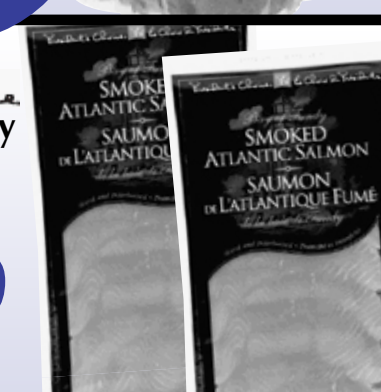
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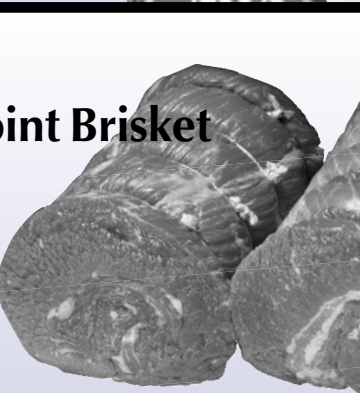
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