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Martin Luther King
Commemoration
Stewart Memorial
Church 2-4:30 pm

SATURDAY, JAN 21
The Syrian Bride
Beth Jacob Synagogue
7:00 pm

FRIDAY, JAN 27
INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF
HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE
Art Gallery of Hamilton
12:55 pm - 2:00 pm

SUNDAY JAN 29
Putting the Golden
Rule into Action
Temple Anshe Sholom
2:00-4.30 pm

THURSDAY, FEB 9
Kehila Day School
Open House
215 Cline Ave N
6:00 - 7:30pm

SUNDAY, FEB 12
Silent Auction &
Mediterranean
Dinner
Adas Israel
6:30 pm

THURS, MARCH 6
Temple Anshe Sholom
presents
Oklahoma
Theatre Aquarius
Silent Auction
6:30 p.m.
Curtain 8:00 p.m.

SAT MARCH 25
Musician in Residence
Noam Katz
8:00 pm
Temple Anshe Sholom

UJA Campaign Results Are Promising

It sounded like a recipe for a community disaster. The UJA 2006 Campaign started late out of deference to the Shalom Village Auction and because of the late High Holy Days calendar. Since September, the UJA Federation staff and office have been seriously disrupted because of ongoing issues with the JCC building.

Nevertheless, the UJA 2006 Campaign report tabled at the January 5th UJA Federation Board meeting indicated that pledge totals are actually slightly up from the same date last year. The report did, however, indicate that the total number of pledges received was down from the same date last year. The data is especially interesting since last year's campaign closed with a record total of over \$1million.

UJA Federation executive director, Gerald Fisher, feels there is reason for genuine optimism for the final campaign result. Fisher said

"what was disrupted in the fall was our office's ability to generate and distribute information to our volunteer canvassers. As a result, the total number of pledges is down by 60 compared to the same time last year. One area that has been seriously affected has been the

campaign's telethon divisions.

They are usually near completion by this time, but this year, we are just beginning to address them."

When asked to explain the

higher total pledge levels, he went on to explain that

"We believe that the community's generous response can be attributed to the message that has been

consistently delivered through the HJN, the Email Newsletter, the web site and the locally developed campaign brochure. It is a special tribute to the

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Legacy Endowment Fund receives \$48,000



Madeleine Levy receives \$48,000 cheque from Festitalia. This is Federation's share of the proceeds of the wonderfully successful Perlasca event of last September. The money will be directed to the Legacy Endowment Fund for the specific purpose of supporting Hamilton high school students participation in the Asper Program for Human Rights and Holocaust Education. Pictured above are, (l to r) Kevin Smith, President and CEO, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, Connie Smith, Master of Ceremonies, Mayor Larry Di Ianni, Robert Donelson, President, St. Joseph's Healthcare Foundation, Matthew Moccio, Festitalia, Frank Salvatori, Festitalia, Leslie Lasky, President, Hamilton Jewish Federation, Madeleine Levy, Hamilton Jewish Federation, Mary Romeo, Chair, Festitalia, and The Honourable Lincoln Alexander, Honourary Chair, Festitalia. For more information about the Legacy Endowment Fund, see page 3.

JCC and Federation Come Together To Address JCC Future

Wilf Gerofsky's articles in the December 22nd issue of the Canadian Jewish News have certainly stimulated a lot of local comment. However, Mr. Gerofsky's piece on the Hamilton JCC missed a significant and newsworthy aspect which we would like to bring to the attention of the Hamilton Jewish News readership.

The "leaky roof" has certainly engaged our community in a debate about the future of the JCC facility- a debate which has been ongoing in our community since the JCC operation was moved to the current location over 18 years ago. This debate is not news.

What is news is the willingness of both Federation and JCC leadership to continue in the development of a fully collaborative process which we hope will lead to an overall business plan for the community. That plan will speak to:

- . Services and programs the community really wants and will support
- . Organizational structures required to deliver those services and programs
- . Viability of the current JCC facility

Because of the critical circumstances we face right now, issues related to the JCC and the JCC building may attract a lot of the early attention. However our intention is to go beyond issues which are JCC specific. Our intention, over time, is to bring the same energy for renewal and change to our social services and education beneficiaries as well.

Although initiatives of this nature are fairly common in the organized Jewish Community elsewhere, they are new and exciting developments in Hamilton. Working in conjunction with professional consultants from UJC and JCCA, we believe we have the leadership and determination to address all these issues in very substantial ways.

Perhaps the most valuable result of this process has been the heightened levels of mutual understanding and cooperation reached between JCC and UJA Federation of Hamilton. This relationship had been left to diminish for far too long. What may have started out as a story about a leaky roof has been transformed into a story about a community making a commitment to redesign itself, in true partnership, to address the needs of a future that has every reason to be successful.

The net result will be a business plan that will allow us to provide the services our community needs and will support in the most efficient possible way. It will also determine the future of the JCC building... an issue of very long standing. It is our expectation that direct result of the plan... and the planning process... will be a renewed commitment to building a new Jewish future for Hamilton.

We want a future in which community needs are met creatively, in which everyone will have a greater stake in our success and in which we can all take a justifiable measure of community pride. We can't predict the future, but we believe we are going in a good direction.

Your comments are appreciated and can be forwarded to gfisheruja@on.aibn.com.

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From the
Executive Director

JCC Issues Push Planning Process Into Focus



Gerald Fisher

Everyone is well aware of the issues
the community faces regarding the JCC
facility, programs and financial health. If you didn't read
about them in the last issue of the HJN, you heard about
them at synagogue, or at the weekly card game, or have now
read about them in the national edition of the Canadian
Jewish News. The questions we face are "What are going to
do about them?" and "Who is going to do it?"

As difficult as these issues may seem to us, the fact is
that we are not the first, or only community to face these,
or similar issues. A template exists to address them. A
community framework does - or should exist to address them.
In normative Jewish communal operations that framework
would be the Federation Community Planning Committee.

"Community Planning" is one of the four basic functions
of any Federation. The other three - in case you are curious
are: Financial Resources Development, Human Resources
Development, Allocations and Accountability.

The Community Planning process is intended to serve
as a framework for Federation to work in partnership with
its beneficiary agencies in review of existing programs and
services and planning on the most effective way to meet
future community needs. In most communities, the planning
function is considered to be as vital as the fundraising
function.

Although only recently developed, the Hamilton
community's planning function has completed several
important projects, notably the "Vision Document" and the
"Education Planning Report." The community now faces
serious and complex "planning" issues related to the future of
the JCC. Will we be successful in addressing them?

The newly formed "Collaboration Committee" of
Federation and JCC leadership, supported by Federation's
Community Planning Committee and professional
consultants will conduct a broad based consultation with
various community stake holders to address three basic issues:

1. What are the programs and services the community
really wants and will support
2. What is the best organizational framework to deliver
them
3. What is the future viability of the JCC facility

Our success will depend on several key issues; competent
volunteer and professional leadership, intelligent design and
commitment to see the issue through to the end. Perhaps
the most vital factor in determining our success may be the
level of trust and real partnership that Federation and JCC
leadership can find in each other to do the right thing in the
community interest.

The reality is that the relationship between these two
organizations has not been a smooth one for a very long
time. Whatever the historic reasons for that, it must change
now if the community interest is going to be intelligently
and meaningfully served. Planning is rarely done well in a
crisis... and is never done well in an atmosphere of mistrust.
However, those are two realities that to one degree or
another, we are going to have to address and overcome if the
community interest is to be served in our quest to renew or
redesign the JCC function.

In truth, regardless of any specifics, the responsibility for
maintaining cordial working relationships between Federation
and its beneficiaries is a Federation function. It doesn't
happen if our contact is limited to a once a year argument at
the allocations table. It can happen if federation is an honest
broker and real partner with all its beneficiaries in the process
of considering the future and how we can assist our agencies
in best meeting future challenges.

The mantra I hear more often these days is that "This
started with a leaky roof...but it doesn't end there" has a ring
of real truth. We could all do without the crisis but since it's
here anyhow, let's do our best to turn it into a new paradigm
of understanding and cooperation for the benefit of the whole
Jewish community.

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January 27 is the First Annual International
Day of Commemoration to Honour Holocaust
Victims

Auschwitz: The Nazis & 'The Final Solution'
Airs on History Television, January 25-27

PROGRAMMING NOTICE

Over one million people were victims of the atrocities at
Auschwitz. In recognition of the first International Day of
Commemoration to Honour Holocaust Victims (January
27, as designated by the United Nations), History Television
takes viewers back through the gates of time with the network
premiere of Auschwitz: The Nazis & 'The Final Solution'.
Two back-to-back hour-long episodes air nightly January
25-27, beginning at 8 p.m. ET.

This engrossing six-part series is an in-depth exploration of
the infamous Auschwitz Death Camp and the mentality of its
creators. From Surprise Beginnings to Liberation & Revenge,
each episode reveals the inner workings of the Auschwitz camps.
The result is the surprising story of the birth of Auschwitz, and
the Nazi policy of mass extermination.

To recreate this history, writer Laurence Rees and his team
interviewed over 100 eyewitnesses, including former Nazi
soldiers who speak on record for the first time. Their accounts
are brought to life through the use of archived footage,
recreations of crucial moments, and computer reconstructions
of newly discovered building plans.

"This series is unprecedented in its scope and through
research and archives, offers rare glimpses into the horrors of
Auschwitz," said Cindy Witten, Vice President of Content,
History Television.

In 1979, UNESCO added Auschwitz to its list of
World Heritage Sites. This, along with the United Nations
commemoration, is testament to the fact that more than half a
century later, the stories of Auschwitz have not been forgotten.
An enthralling look at Auschwitz and the people responsible for
it, Auschwitz: The Nazis & 'The Final Solution' is a revealing
and moving series about those who suffered in the place the
Nazis wanted to hide from the world forever.

For more information, please visit www.historytelevision.ca

UJA Federation

Campaign Results Promising

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Campaign Leadership, to our volunteer canvassers and to Wendy Schneider and Christine Nusca of the UJA Federation staff who designed the campaign materials."

The campaign goal for 2006 is \$1.1M. The result currently totals \$850,000, representing an increase of app. 9% over the same totals last year. When the campaign data is analyzed, it reveals that many of our community's major philanthropists have yet to make their campaign commitments. According to Fisher "This indicates that there is still significant room for growth before the campaign closes. This is another reflection of the late

campaign start. Many of our major donors are 'snow birds' and left for the south before we could contact them. We have every reason to expect that their support for the community will continue. It just means that it will be recorded a few weeks later than normal."

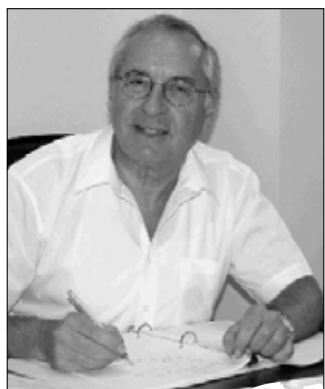
Fisher thanked all of the volunteer canvassers for their dedication and asked that all canvassers to complete their assignments and give the results to the office as quickly as possible.

Legacy Endowment Fund To Be Managed by Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto



A formal signing recently took place of an agreement transferring both the corpus and management responsibility for UJA Federation of Hamilton's Legacy Endowment Fund to the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto. In so doing, UJA Federation of Hamilton believes that it has provided the required security and confidence that our endowment fund will be the best managed in Canada. Pictured above (seated from left to right) - Ted Sokolsky, President, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, Les Lasky, President, UJA Federation of Hamilton. Standing (L. to R.) - Elizabeth Wolfe, Gerry Fisher, Carol Kassel, Vice President, Planned Giving and Endowments, Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto, Maxyne Finkelstein, Executive Vice President, UJA Federations Canada

UJA Federation Welcomes DOV HARRIS



UJA Federation of Hamilton seeks a **Part Time Programming Staff Person**

with responsibilities for volunteer recruitment leadership development, and support for UJA programs such as the Walkathon and GroHamilton.

Send your resume and inquiries to Gerald Fisher, executive director at gfisheruja@on.aibn.com



The Adas Israel Congregation announces a **MEMORIAL SERVICE** in honour of **REBBETZIN ESTHER EISENSTEIN A"RH** Sunday, January 22 at 11:00 am at the synagogue.

WE WANT TO GET YOU TO ISRAEL THIS YEAR!

UJA Federation is pleased to announce the availability of ISRAEL EXPERIENCE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS for recognized high school and university level programs. These funds have been made available through The Ralph Travis Israel Experience Fund and UJA Federation. Scholarships are available up to a maximum of \$500 and are subject to a number of criteria, outlined on the application form.



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Beneficiary Agencies

Hamilton Jewish Social Services Relocates to Dundas

by Susan Roth,
Chair, Hamilton JSS

Jewish Social Services is a multi-service social welfare agency. Our services include counselling, relief, crisis management, workshop, a kosher food bank, and seniors programming. For the last eleven years, Jewish Social Services was located at the JCC. This definitely had some nice advantages from an administrative point of view. We were close to the Federation office and staff could enjoy working together and sharing common facilities such as phones and photocopier. We at Jewish Social Services want to thank the JCC for eleven good years of hospitality in their facility.

This past summer brought some difficult times to the JCC. There were water leakage problems and mould developed making it impossible to house programs or have staff continue to work there. We temporarily moved our workshop to the Yeshiva and the Chai choir to Shalom Village. Our staff worked out of their homes. The JSS board of directors started to look very seriously at long term planning and realized that our community needs were changing.

Two important demographic trends have seriously affected our agency. One is our aging community. In the 2001 census data, for example, 19% of the Jewish population was shown to be 65 years and older, compared to 10% in 1970. This trend is expected to continue rising. Additionally, poverty rates in



our community are increasing at an alarming rate. The poor comprise 17% of the total Jewish population of Hamilton. This figure is steadily rising and represents the highest poverty rate of any Jewish community in the country. As such, we need to make sure that our Jewish Social Services can adequately service the needs of the changing face of our community. The current JCC building did not meet this criteria and as such we started to search for a site that would serve the community well.

Our current location has very few stairs and we are planning on making it fully accessible in the near future. We are located on a public bus line which makes us very consumer friendly. We have facilities to run our hot lunch program.

We are very pleased to announce that programming at

our new location, 30 King St E. in Dundas will commence in mid-January. Computer classes, Chai choir practices, the sheltered workshop program, ESL classes and the Kosher food bank will all be fully operational beginning in mid-January. The best news is bus 52 stops right outside our door!

We look forward to enhancing our programs to better serve the community. Presently the board is tossing around ideas, such as having a drop-in centre once a week or offering bridge or Pilates classes for seniors or holding sessions on aging gracefully? We'd love to hear your feedback so please call us at 905-627-9922.

We look forward to seeing you at our new location.

JSS PROGRAMS OPEN TO ALL

Our programs will continue and our computer course for beginners, has room for new students. This course is designed for people who are now ready to take the plunge and learn how to E mail, surf the net and do microsoft word. We go glow, in fact the first class is learning to make friends with your computer mouse, by playing solitaire. If you are interested please call Carol Krames at 905-627-9922 If you know computers and would like to be a volunteer we can use your help.

Kosher Food Bank

Our Food Bank is in need of kosher cookies, crackers, tuna, instant coffee, toiletries, canned fruit. Food can be dropped off at our new location, or at the three shuls or the Hamilton Kosher Butcher Shop. This year the number of Food Bank users is up from last

year. It is important that when people come to the Food Bank they do not feel that they are taking our last drop of food, but see that the shelves are full and inviting. If you would like to make a financial donation, a full tax receipt is available.

Are you having a Bar or Bat Mitzvah? Give us a call and we can tell you how to make a Food Bank Center piece, and teach your child about helping their community. Call us at 905-627-9922 or email Carol_Krames@eudoramail.com.

The Chai Choir

Our Chai Choir which meets every Tuesday 9:30 to 11:30 am is always looking for people who love to sing. They not only have fun singing, but now go to nursing homes and community events to spread music to everyone.

Jewish Social Services Wish List

- floor lamps
- two end table
- two table lamps
- a sofa
- comfortable living room chairs
- framed artwork with a Jewish theme
- a portable air conditioner
- winter coats for both adults and children, in excellent condition
- stylish clothing in excellent condition
- volunteers who enjoy sorting and folding clothes

To honour a family member or friend, or the memory of a loved one, the JSS is seeking donations to allow us to put mezuzot on our many doors. For \$250 you can donate a mezuzza and have a plaque that commemorates the donation. For more information please call Carol Krames at 905-627-9922 or email Carol_Krames@Eudoramail.com.

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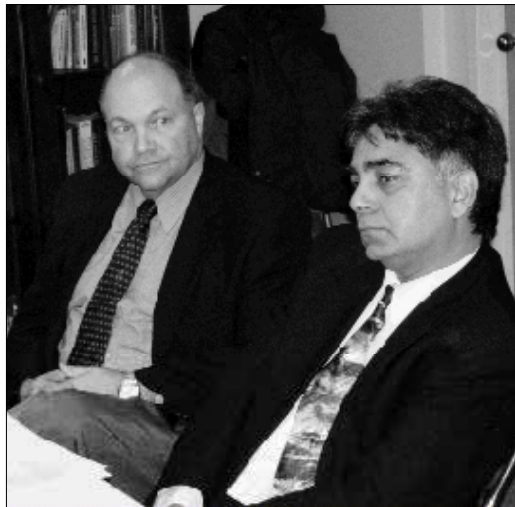
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Local Events

Community Leaders Meet With Local Candidates

During the two weeks leading up to the Federal Election on January 23, 2006, community leaders met with candidates from all three provincial parties. The meetings were organized by UJA Federation in accordance to guidelines laid out by CIJA (the Canadian Council for Israel and Jewish Advocacy) which is dedicated to communicating the concerns and voicing the interests of the Canadian Jewish community. Pictured here are Liberal candidates Russ Powers and Javid Mirza at a meeting held at the JCC.



January 27 marks International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust

On November 1, 2005 in a resolution co-sponsored by 104 member states, the United Nations General Assembly designated this day, January 27th, as International Day of Commemoration to honour the victims of the Holocaust. In a statement by his spokesman welcoming the resolution, Secretary-General Kofi Annan called the 'International Day of Commemoration to honour the victims of the Holocaust,' an important reminder of the universal lessons of the Holocaust, "a unique evil which cannot simply be consigned to the past and forgotten."

This U.N. Resolution is the first ever to be presented by the Government of Israel. The fact that it was co-sponsored by 104 member states, including several Arab countries makes it a truly unique moment in history.

On January 27, 2006, at 12:55 pm the United Nations Association in Canada (Hamilton Branch), The City of Hamilton, The Hamilton

Jewish Federation, the Hamilton Interfaith Group, the Hamilton Culture of Peace Network and Strengthening Hamilton Community Initiative invite you to attend the First Annual United Nations International Holocaust Remembrance Day.

Madeleine Levy, representing the Hamilton Inter-Faith Group was deeply moved by the immediate willingness of every participating group to get on board.

"Perhaps for the first time, a significant collectivity of non-Jewish groups is coming together to plan and deliver a dignified Holocaust Commemoration event. That it is in response to an Israeli sponsored U.N. initiative makes our local efforts all the more important."

UJA Federation executive director, Gerald Fisher, urged the Jewish community to make the time and attend the event.

"I have seen the preliminary program and it is deeply moving. We need to be present out of our

recognition of the historic nature of the event itself. We also need to demonstrate our respect to the different organizations that have planned the event including the City of Hamilton, which has modified its agenda for the day so that local dignitaries can participate. They have also invited every Holocaust survivor they can identify. They shouldn't be there without a significant presence from the Jewish community."

Another interesting aspect to this event is that the Hamilton Public School Board has agreed to institute a moment of silence, throughout the school system as its expression of participation in the U.N. sponsored program.

The program on January 27th will commence at 12:55 pm and should last until 2:00 pm. It will take place in the Glass Pavilion at the Art Gallery of Hamilton, 123 King Street West, Hamilton.

You are cordially invited to
**HAMILTON'S COMMEMORATION OF
 THE
 1ST UNITED NATIONS-DESIGNATED
 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
 HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE**

Friday, January 27, 2006 at 12:55 pm
 Program to run approximately 60 minutes

The Art Gallery of Hamilton
 The Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Pavilion
 123 King Street West

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- Hamilton Police Service
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- Hamilton Wentworth District School Board.

**Celebrate Tu Bi'Shevat
 By Planting Trees!**

On Sunday, February 5th and during the week, volunteers will be calling homes in Hamilton, Dundas, Ancaster and Burlington asking people to plant trees for Tu Bi'Shevat

You can be part of this national initiative by purchasing trees to be planted by thousands of school children in Israel, in honour of a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or just because it is Tu Bi'Shevat.

Among the thousands of trees that will be planted this year, are Olive trees. Olive trees produce fruit for many, many years and this means jobs and income for Israelis.

**Plant your olive trees this year!!
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Community

Out Of The Cold rewarding for both volunteers and recipients

by
Wendy Schneider

Community activists have been known to bemoan the perennial challenge of finding volunteers for their respective projects, yet there is one exception: the Tuesday night Out of the Cold program, can claim a surplus of committed and long time volunteers throughout its six year history. The seeds of Jewish community involvement in Out of the Cold, a six night a week program that provides warm, home-cooked meals and sleeping accommodations for the hungry and the homeless, were planted just over six years ago when Gloria Silverman came across an article in the Spectator about the program and its founder, Sister Carole Ann Guay. Mrs. Silverman, who had been previously involved with the North End breakfast program and was looking to become involved in another project, immediately saw possibilities for Jewish



Pictured above are Out of the Cold volunteers: From left to right: Arlene Finkel, Cindy Richter, Marcia Halpren, Pat Morgenstern, Shirley Hutton, and Shirley Silberg.

involvement on a grand scale. Two months spent volunteering with the program was all the preparation she needed before taking on the mammoth task

of creating a group of dedicated people in the Jewish community who would be available on a weekly basis to staff this project.

With characteristic energy

and efficiency, Mrs. Silverman raised the funds (a total of \$6,000 per year), found the volunteers, located a venue at the James Street Baptist Church and

launched the Tuesday night Out of the Cold program. Six years later, the program is still thriving, with many of its volunteers dating back to its first days. Furthermore, the original group of Jewish volunteers (including students from McMaster's Jewish Student Association) has expanded to include an ethnically mixed group of Mac students and people from the general community.

The Out of the Cold crew is made up of groups of individuals who shop, cook, serve, clean up, set out mats for those who sleep over, maintain security, cook breakfast the following morning and prepare lunch for the following day. The program begins at 4:00 pm when guests arrive and receive a bowl of hot soup and buns. At 5:15 pm they are served a full course meal, including salad, a main course, vegetables and dessert. After dinner, mats, blankets and pillows are put out for those wishing to spend the night. At 6:00 am the following morning more volunteers arrive to prepare and serve a nutritious breakfast and distribute a bagged lunch to hold clients over until the following evening's Out of the Cold program begins. The Tuesday night program regularly receives just over 100 guests, with the overflow being directed to a neighbouring church.

Last month, after six rewarding years of service, Mrs. Silverman handed over the reins of leadership to Cindy Richter who has stepped up to become coordinator of the program.

"We were incredibly lucky that Cindy understood the value of the Jewish community being part of this enterprise," Mrs. Silverman said about the transition, adding, "We could have found a coordinator from a church but then it would have lost its Jewish flavour."

The "Jewish flavour" was the result of Mrs. Silverman's custom of communicating to both guests and volunteers that the Tuesday night Out of the Cold is very much a Jewish project. She would make a point of serving appropriate Jewish foods during Channukah or Purim, mention the fact that a particular donation had come in from a bar or bat mitzvah celebration and regularly give an inspirational "drash" (short talk) based on the Torah portion. Now Mrs. Richter has taken over that role, spending many hours enriching her own understanding of Jewish sources and communicating her knowledge in her own inimitable fashion. Knowing that for many of the guests this is their first contact with Jews, it's been especially gratifying to both women to create a very meaningful and positive connection.

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Out of the Cold

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The secret behind the program's success in attracting and maintaining its large volunteer base is readily apparent. At 11:00 am on any given Tuesday morning the sounds of laughter and sparkle of satisfaction in the eyes of the cooking crew point to the rewards of begin part of a dedicated team of volunteers who are thoroughly enjoying what they are doing. The same can be said of those working the five o'clock shift, who kibitz with each other minutes before stepping into the dining room to serve up a delicious and wholesome meal to grateful recipients.

Community involvement in Out of the Cold is extensive, with participation from every synagogue and school. Temple Anshe Sholom promotes the program as a mitzvah project for bar and bat mitzvah students. Hamilton Hebrew Academy students became involved this year by asking different grades on an alternating basis to pack extra brown bag lunches for guests who spend the night.

Cindy Richter, for whom the coordinator's role is a full-time position, can't say enough about how much she is given in return.

"Every week I find inspiration and meaning as to why I'm doing this", she said, adding, "I'm always touched by each of the volunteers, and more importantly, by the guests."

Among the guests are entire families, single parents and a few who identify as Jews.

"In many cases, explained Mrs. Silverman,

"these are people who had good jobs and for whatever trick

of fate, lost them and are trying very hard to get back on their feet."

Mrs. Richter recounts a recent incident that speaks to the impact of the program on both volunteers and guests. During her dinner rounds one evening, when she was greeting guests and asking if they needed something extra to protect them from the cold, a woman, who had already taken a pair of socks and a hat, asked if there were any mittens. Cindy replied that there weren't but that she'd make sure to bring them the following week. In that moment, one volunteer who had overheard the conversation took off her gloves and gave them to Cindy.

"Everybody just stood in awe. I took them to the woman, who said 'They're still warm.' Then she hugged me. Our volunteers are amazing. They come once, see what it means to do what they're doing and keep coming back."

Mrs. Richter gives much of the credit for her leadership skills to her mentor.

"Gloria's made a real connection with these people," recounting how the first time Mrs. Silverman didn't come out everyone was asking for her. But her influence remains in the small rituals that she created and that Mrs. Richter continues as she tells her volunteers as they gather around in a circle just before dinner, "Look what you're doing. You're helping the world."

The Naked Archaeologist

Mondays, 9:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. ET, 30 mins.
Repeats Tuesdays, 10:30 p.m. ET

In VisionTV's The Naked Archaeologist, two-time Emmy Award winning producer and director Simcha Jacobovici plunges fearlessly into the heart of this scholarly storm, offering his own irreverent take on the fascinating field of Biblical archaeology.

February highlights include an eye-opening look at one of the most emotionally and culturally charged questions of all: who actually wrote the Bible?

This original VisionTV signature series airs on Mondays at 9:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. ET, and repeats on Tuesdays at 10:30 p.m. ET.

Quick-witted and occasionally contentious, Jacobovici strives to make ancient history accessible, seeking out extraordinary new finds from the Middle East and trading quips and queries with some of the leading international scholars in the field.

Advertising Feature

The Gold Crowned Owl

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Steve and Greg at times chuckle over some of the scenarios that they have faced in the past year. Numerous times after collecting, the debtor has turned client asking for their collection assistance. In looking back Steve attributes this to his professional ability to solve problems and his Hungarian charm. The reason why the two owners work so well together is because of the age difference - one is in his fifties and one is in his early thirties (we will let you decide who is who).

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The Jewish Community Centre Pages

PLEASE NOTE: ALL PROGRAMS ARE BACK AT THE JCC

Sunday Programs

Come and schmooze with your family and friends, while your children will be entertained through a variety of supervised organized programming ranging from arts and crafts, supervised sports and storytelling. The "Sunday Funday" is from January 15, 2006 to March 5, 2006

Storytime With Maggie Mariasin

Introduce your children to the delights and wonders that reading has to offer
Classes for 1 1/2 - 3 year olds run from 11:00 am to 11:45 am
Classes for 3 1/2 - 5 year olds run from 12:00 pm to 12:45 pm

Arts & Crafts With Michelle Rodak

Bring your kids and/or grandkids and let their creativity run wild!
Special Activities for Jewish Festivals & holidays
Classes from 11am-11:45am for 2 to 4 year olds and 12pm-12:45pm for 5 and 6 year olds

Supervised Sports

Let the kids run off their energy while you enjoy a pleasant brunch with friends and family; Various games and sports available for children of all ages 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Children under 18 months need to be supervised by one guardian ; Pay one fee and enrol your children in as many of the above programs you wish.

Fee Schedule

For 8 weeks of programs you pay:

Families with 1 child - \$15 members, \$25 non-members
Families with 2 children - \$20 members, \$35 non-members
Families with 3 children - \$25 members, \$40 non-members
Families with 4 children - \$30 members, \$45 non-members
Families with 5 children - \$35 members, \$50 non-members
Weekly fee: JCC Members \$4.00/child, Non-Members \$5.00/child

Sunday Brunch by Westdale Deli

10:00 am - 1:00 pm at the JCC

Teen Programs

TEEN COMPUTER TOURNAMENT

Every Thursday night from 7pm to 9pm the JCC will host a Starcraft/Warcraft computer game tournament. Our resident computer expert, Game Master Adam Richter, will facilitate the tournament. The tournament will run for an eight week period starting Thursday January 19, 2006. Free for members, \$5 for non-members. Register with JCC Reception at 905-648-0605 ext 300. Suitable for ages 14-17. There is a maximum of 12 participants so register soon.

TEEN CASINO NIGHT

The JCC is hosting its annual TEEN CASINO NIGHT on Saturday February 11, 2006 7pm - 9:30pm for youth in grades 6 - 9. Casino games such as the ever popular Texas Hold 'Em, Black Jack and many more will be ready to play with poker chips and all. The program is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Please note participants will receive play money at the beginning of the evening which they will be able to use for an auction at the end of the night.

Skating with the Hamilton Bulldogs Hockey Team is only one of the great prizes to be won.

BABYSITTING

This Canadian Red Cross Society course will teach you the basic skills needed to take care of children, from changing diapers to problem solving, handling emergencies, and keeping them happy and content. For students 11 years and older. This eight week program begins January 26, 2006 with a minimum of 6 participants to a maximum of 10 participants. The cost is \$35 for JCC members and \$55 for non-members

POWER KICK BOXING

Clara Klein is a certified black belt in Tae Kwon Do with over 10 years of martial arts experience. This specially designed program combines elements of Tae Kwon Do, kick boxing and close combat self defense techniques to offer an educational, confidence-boosting and challenging workout suitable for all levels of fitness. The program begins Thursday January 26, 2006 for eight weeks, and is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members per class.

CAMP KADIMAH WINTER CAMP



The Hamilton Bulldogs' mascot, "Bruiser" high fiving campers

Everyone must be wondering why the JCC is quieter this winter. The reason is because Winter Camp took place at the Hamilton Hebrew Academy this year! Almost 70 campers participated in amazing daily activities such as swimming at Dalewood pool, gymnastics, karate, and tennis. Campers also had fun making beautiful art projects and playing computers in the JCC sponsored high-tech computer room. On Fridays we enjoyed delicious hot dogs for lunch made by our committed parent volunteers, Cindy Kam and Cindy Smyth, as well as popcorn and a movie. Everyone dressed up on Thursday for Pirate day, and took part in a camp-wide hunt for the missing Chanukiah. Good job to all the campers who found the treasures! During lunch on Fridays, we were also treated to a weekly parsha story from Rabbi Tahover. The LITs had an exciting week planning our pirate day activities and learning about team work. Winter camp counselors: Nomi Cuneo, Ilana Klinghoffer, Sarah Pytko-Jones, Jason Hosiassohn, Daniel Hosiassohn, Gili Hershkowitz, Sarie Chaimovitz, Sari Meyerson, Kenny Mariasin, Danny Shuster, Lisa Friedland, Adele Morris, Tamar Klinghoffer and Maggie Mariasin our fabulous Camp Kadimah Winter Camp Director. Thank you to all of the counselors and volunteers who made winter camp safe, fun and amazing for all campers! We look forward to camp returning to the JCC for summer 2006. There are fabulous new programs so keep an eye out for our Camp Kadimah flyer in the next couple of weeks. See you all at camp this summer!!! Special thanks to Camping Services chair, Cindy Kam and all the volunteers who helped out.



Friday hotdog lunch

jcc tribute cards

In Memory Of

PAT PEEBLES: JCC Board of Directors & Staff. ESTHER ROSENBLOND: Trudi Sher, JCC Board of Directors, Larry & Fern Szpirglas, Rochelle Waxman, Harvey & Shelley Waxman. MAURICE WOLPERT: Harvey & Shelley Waxman PHIL YANOVER: Mark Waxman & family, JCC Board of Directors Father of VERA CHAIMOVITZ: Aubrey & Shelley Friedmand & families. FATHER OF GOLDBLATT/COOPER FAMILIES: Barbara Laskin Mother of SMURLICK FAMILY: Rochelle Waxman

Mazal Tov

EDIE FELDMAN (Jay & Sherry's wedding): Shelley & Harvey Waxman. LORNE FINKELSTEIN (Gallery of Distinction): Barbara Laskin

Best Wishes

HEATHER RITTER (Thinking of you): Rochelle Waxman. JOAN SILVERMAN (special birthday): Rochelle Waxman, Barbara Laskin. STAN TICK (speedy recovery): Mel & Pearl Enkin. David Levy (speedy recovery): Mel & Pearl Enkin. CELE STEINBERG (speedy

jcc youth maccabi games fund

Mazal Tov

ALLEN & MAUREEN HARRIS (birth of granddaughter): David & Melanie Bromstein, Alex & Susan Gilbert & family

In Memory Of

DANNY KAHN: David & Melanie Bromstein. PHILIP YANOVER: Allen & Maureen

For more details on any program or potential future programs please call Annie Shinehoft Program Coordinator, at 905-648-0605 ext. 308.

THE JCC WELCOMES ANNIE SHINEHOFT

The JCC Board of Directors is pleased to welcome Annie Shinehoft as the JCC's Program Coordinator. She recently joined the Hamilton community after getting married in Toronto. Annie's background in Jewish communal services, as the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization City Director for the Lake Ontario Region, Greater Toronto Area Council and a degree in Religious Studies from York University will help her in her new position at the JCC. Please feel free to contact Annie at 905-648-0605 ext. 308 for information regarding programming, to volunteer, and/or to offer suggestions for program development. We are all very excited to have Annie as part of the JCC staff.



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Maggie Mariasin & crew at Sunday Brunch & Fun Day

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Co-ordinated by long time volunteer Allen Harris. If you will be between the ages of 13 and 16 at that time and would like to be part of the Hamilton team, plan to attend a meeting at the JCC

Sunday, February 12 at 3:30 pm

JCC President's Message

Having the privilege of holding the position of JCC President for about 16 months, it has become evident that our community has a wealth of talent and resources to draw upon to take us into the new millennium. It is encouraging to see the number of young families who have great vision and a sincere desire to see our community grow and prosper. Through our camps and other programs, it is encouraging that a JCC has a special and unique place in the community, and that Howard Eisenberg in my opinion, a vital JCC is a must for our community. It is essential that those who support the JCC do so with a membership. Our institution must have active community membership to survive. It is not enough to say I took my kid to the Purim Carnival. Besides, membership has its privileges, with all due respect to Groucho Marx.

Because of recent concerns raised with respect to the health of our facility, there has now begun some discussion in some circles as to the viability of our facility in the long term. It can be stated that our building is completely safe for use. We have repaired and remediated our immediate areas of concern. The air quality in the building has been professionally tested and has been declared safe for use. Our programming in the facility will resume this month, in earnest.

The JCC and the Federation have entered into a consultative process which will involve many community stakeholders in the next several months. We shall be looking at many questions, including what the community wants its service agencies to deliver. Of course this will involve a discussion of the JCC. However, we must remain mindful of the fact that we are a small community. In my view, our resources are too limited to expend without proper community planning. There is an attitude among too many agencies that as long as we protect our turf, the heck with what happens to you. Our community is too small to survive and grow with this mindset. Where we do plan and work in concert, we are almost always blessed with success. I cite Yom Ha'atzmaut and Yom HaShoah as two examples where we all work together with great results. This must be done more regularly.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the hard work of our staff and advisor during these difficult times. Laura, Brent, Rojer, Wilma and Larry have worked tirelessly in difficult circumstances, and through their hard work, have managed to sustain us. I'd like to welcome our new program coordinator, Annie Shinehoft, to our staff; we all look forward to her contribution.

I would ask anyone in the community who has an idea that may better our community, and how we do business, to call me at 905-527-7981. Shalom and prosperity to all of you in 2006.

JCC Facility Passes Inspection

by Larry Szpirglas

Trow Associates, the consulting firm hired by the JCC to assess indoor mould problems has concluded that the building has no abnormal mould conditions. This conclusion was reached after clearance air tests were conducted by Trow in three specific areas which had been identified by the consultants in their initial investigations as requiring remediation. These areas included the Arts and Crafts room, the kids computer room, and the northwest squash court.

Trow also provided a statement November 30th, at the Annual General Meeting of the Jewish Community Centre advising that they had not identified "indoor mould conditions that would require closure of the facility". This statement was provided in response to rumors which had been circulating about the condition of the facility. Trow's assessment had been consistent from their initial report presented to JCC leadership October 20th, and has been further supported by the results of the clearance air tests which were conducted by Trow Associates following the remediation of the three areas noted in their initial investigations.

As a result, all JCC activity and programs will be held at the Lower Lions Club road location beginning January '06. While a few programs had been moved from the facility during the investigation, many activities continued to be offered at the facility during the study and remediation process.

The JCC leadership expresses its appreciation to Les Lasky, President and Gerry Fisher, executive director of the Hamilton Jewish Federation for their advise and support throughout this occurrence, to Rabbi Daniel Green, spiritual leader of the Adas Israel Congregation and Rivka Shaffir principal of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy for facilitating the JCC's use of their facilities for outreach programming, and to the Kehila Day School Board of Directors and Ariel Zaltzman its principal, for their continued support of the JCC facilities. Kehila Day School utilizes the JCC facility for programming on Fridays. It recommended its use of the JCC facility following remediation of the affected areas.

The JCC leadership is hopeful that all members of the community will continue to support the JCC by participating in programs and most importantly, in renewing or becoming members. Membership revenue represents a significant part of the JCC budget second only to the UJA allocation. Without this kind of support, the ability to provide programs and facilities is greatly diminished.

Please consult the JCC pages in this issue of the Hamilton Jewish News for information regarding winter session programs and activities and membership.

The JCC webpage www.jewishcommunitycentre.com should be up and running any day and all pertinent information related to programs and services will be available online.

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Jewish Geneological Society

One of the goals pursued by the Jewish Geneological Society - Hamilton & Area in choosing speakers and topics for this season was to increase their members' knowledge of specific research techniques while also addressing some of the broader bases of knowledge needed to gain a more rounded picture of our families.

Ted White tackled both areas when he spoke about Victorian Censuses in England and Wales at the December meeting. We had a glimpse of life in the England of bygone days while learning about the use of censuses in general and English censuses in particular. It seems that even those with no English ancestry felt that they learned a great deal.

In January Dr. Malgorzata Nowaczyk offered a presentation on Genetics and Genealogy. Dr. Nowaczyk is becoming well known in Hamilton for her genealogical pursuits and was one subject of a Hamilton Spectator article in January. We now have a better understanding of this subject which could be of great importance to some in their search for family ties.

Our next meeting will be held on February 15th. We welcome Dr. Louis Greenspan whose topic will be Hasidic Rabbinic Dynasties. Dr. Greenspan is Professor Emeritus, Religious Studies at McMaster University where he taught courses related to Modern Jewish History.

One can say that Rabbinic genealogy transcends geographic areas, vast time periods in Jewish history and designations such as Ashkenazi or Sephardic. For most Ashkenazi Jews, surnames are a relatively recent invention -- less than 200 years old. This is not so true for Rabbinical families where some surnames date back to the 15th century. Examples of rabbinical surnames being researched by our members are Bloch and Horowitz. The Hasidic movement was originated in Eastern Europe. It eventually

became the way of life of the majority of Jews in Ukraine, Galicia, and central Poland with sizable groups of followers in Belarus-Lithuania and Hungary. In a few generations it developed into a network of dynasties each centred around a particular Tzaddik or Rebbe, each vying for supremacy. Dr. Greenspan will show us how these various dynastic battles related to family life at a time when the Jewish world was in continuous upheaval.

On March 22nd we welcome Ms. Audrei Schell whose topic will be Preserving Your Documents.

Ms. Schell is the Book and Paper Conservator at Hamilton's McMaster University.

All genealogists gather documents, pictures, newspaper clippings, etc. over time. These documents are precious to us because they tell stories of our families and usually can't be replaced. In order to safeguard our documents we need to know what conditions or other factors might cause them harm so that we can them make decisions as to how they can be safely stored. Ms. Schell will explain how to protect our precious documents from damage which could come from light, humidity and temperature as well as giving us guidance for safely storing these treasured items.

All meetings of the JGS - Hamilton & Area are held at Temple Anshe Sholom, 215 Cline Avenue North, Hamilton. We begin at 7:30 with "Meet & Greet" followed by the evening's speaker. The fee for non-members wishing to attend is \$5 which will be applied when joining in the same membership year.

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Lives Remembered
PHIL YANOVER

Born in Hamilton December 24, 1933; Died November 29, 2005

Hamilton's Jewish medical community recently lost one of its well beloved family practitioners. Phil Yanover, who passed away after 47 years of practice, was a unique personality in many ways, but even more interestingly, was a very typical community-oriented volunteer. I recall vividly his energetic activity at the time of the Yom Kippur war, when he was president of the Council of Jewish Organizations. He also served as chair of the Jewish Social Services.

Until Phil Yanover started kindergarten he spoke only Yiddish. This attribute stayed with him to the end of his days. Many a patient was free to relate symptoms in Yiddish.

Phil grew up in what was in his day, a Jewish ghetto, in downtown Hamilton surrounding York Street. It was Phil's job to assist his father in selling fruit and produce. He subsequently branched out as a purveyor of ice cream from a truck. This job eventually paid his way through medical school at Queen's University in Kingston. Queens was home for six years, much of it spent at Hillel House.

Forty-seven years ago, now married to Sandra, Phil opened practice in Hamilton. This was followed by the birth of their three sons, the source of much pride. Although there were many areas of pleasure in family practice, Phil especially enjoyed the operating room where he assisted and found great satisfaction. This matched his delight in fixing, restoring, and replacing all manner of household objects.

Recreation and friendship were found in a unique bridge association. A group of friends decided on a weekly bridge evening for Dr. Jack Shekter during his last days of illness. Sadly Jack was to attend only a few. Phil and the rest continued weekly for the following 14 years.

One of the highlights of Phil's life was the entry of his eldest son, David, into practice with him. I can attest to the joy a father can find in working with his son and Phil found it in spades.

Our rabbis tell us that we ought not to look upon death solely as a loss, but should look on the joys, achievements and memories of the deceased.

Phil Yanover had a remarkably successful life in marriage, career, family and community. Let us not mourn but share him in memory. As a friend of long standing I hope to follow the advice of our rabbis. The myriad hours of bridge with Phil Yanover will keep recurring in my memory. As my frequent bridge partner, he pardoned my mistakes with an airy wave of the hand. Would that all my other mistakes be treated so kindly.

Dr. Frank Shapiro

Though I am now a grown man, I can't help but think how much of my life and my self is defined as Dr Yanover's son. From my earliest recollections I have seen the world through the eyes of a little boy living in my father's world. No matter where I went then or now I am sure to encounter someone who delights in knowing that I am Dr. Yanover's son. What a wonderful community my father created and what a wonderful place for me to grow up and learn.

He was truly old school. He made house calls, gave patients their flu-shot himself and did so many things with a personal touch that seem unheard of in our now hurried computerized world. My father's corporate logo was an old black leather medical bag worn soft by dedication and love of his patients.

Paul Yanover

Last week my father told me that young men think they are indomitable. Well my father was the indomitable one, right up to his last days. Every morning of his life he sprang out of bed full of energy, ready to make his contribution to his community, his family and his friends. He was truly selfless, and there was nothing too large that others could ask of him or that he would ask of himself, especially for his family.

Michael Yanover

My father spent 47 years of his life building a career that defined him. His hobby was being a doctor. It just so happened that this was also his job. He delivered the babies of the babies he had delivered. He knew the cycle of life. His greatest and best treatment was a prescription for a joke, but he also had advice that would get to the heart of the matter. He understood life's ironies, joys and sorrows. He knew that humour eased our burdens and relaxed us all. My father was a hard worker through thick and thin. He still tended to his patients at St. Olga's Nursing Home as recently as a week ago, doing what he loved to the end. My father gave of himself to his patients, to his friends, to his community and to his family. He was our brave hero and he will be missed.

David Yanover



Chabad meets the challenges of Jews on campus

by
Fajgi Itkin

Recently there has been much discussion about the unique challenges facing young Jewish men and women on campuses worldwide. Confronting them are external challenges, such as antisemitism, as well as the internal ones, such as assimilation and intermarriage.

In Hamilton, this past spring, Professor Alan Dershowitz of Harvard University related to this very issue during his keynote speech at the Negev Dinner. More recently, at the International Chabad Shluchim Conference held in New York City – at which more than 2500 representatives attended – Professor Dershowitz spoke of his great admiration of the work that Chabad does in meeting this very critical challenge on campuses throughout the world. He used his own personal experiences with Chabad at the prestigious Harvard University to underline his respect and appreciation for Chabad's work.

At first, he said, that when he was told that Chabad was thinking of coming to Harvard he was very skeptical. But he soon realized that Chabad is open and non-judgmental. He went on to say that one of the things he learned from Chabad is how to emphasize the points of agreement rather than points of disagreement; how to look at the positive.

Besides saying that Chabad's presence on college campuses today is absolutely crucial and



The Chabad Centre

that we cannot rest until there is Chabad on every major college campus in the world, he commented on one of Chabad's secrets of success. "Chabad taught us how to have Judaism without the "oy" but with the joy".

In Canada, Chabad is currently on campus at McGill, Concordia, Dalhousie, Western, and McMaster. Many of us know about Chabad House on campus through our children who attend school away from home. But those outside of Hamilton have come to appreciate what Chabad has to offer here at McMaster University.

The Chabad Centre, located at 177 Sterling Street just three houses from campus, has been open for the past ten years. The centre provides a "home away from home" for all Jewish students regardless of affiliation. The house offers a spacious and comfortable lounge, a large dining area and a library. There are classes offered, counseling is available and of course Friday

night Shabbat dinners where students can relax and eat in a comfortable family setting enjoying the warmth of Shabbat together with other Jewish students. At Chabad "every Jew is Family".

In addition to these regular Friday night dinners, which have been well attended, and offer students the opportunity to not only savour the delicious five-course dinner but to enjoy each others company and connect with old friends as well as establish new friendships, there will be Shabbat 100. On Friday, February 10, 2006, there will be a Shabbat dinner for 100 students in Wentworth Hall on the McMaster campus. It is open to all college age students. To RSVP or learn more about Chabad at McMaster, email chabadatmcmaster@gmail.com or call Rabbi Zalman or Fajgi Itkin 905-529-7458 or visit www.chabad.edu.

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Noam Katz coming to Anshe Sholom

Noam Katz, a fresh voice in contemporary Jewish music, has brought his unique sound, high-flying energy and soulful melodies to audiences across North America and Israel. A skilled musician and Jewish educator, Noam touches people of all ages. Noam Katz is a songleader, musician, shaliach tzibur (prayer leader), teacher, and actor. He has brought his high-flying energy, musicianship and enthusiasm to groups ranging in age from 3 to 90 (and everything in between). Regardless of the age or setting, Noam is dedicated to creating strong Jewish communities through the unifying power of music.

During the summer of 2005, Noam toured the Union for Reform Judaism summer camps, bringing his enthusiasm, humor, and innovative programs to hundreds of reform Jewish youth. Previously, Noam served as the Music Director at the URJ Kutz and Eisner Camps. Over 5000 leaders of the Reform Movement have

seen Noam in concert at their Biennial Convention. Noam also performed for 1500 Jewish youth at the NFTY Convention and served as the soloist for Temple Isaiah in Lexington, MA. Currently, Noam is a student in the rabbinic program at Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion.

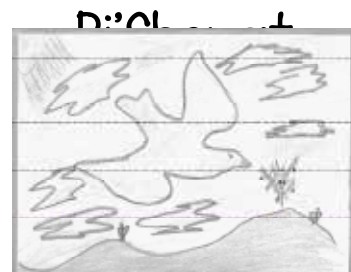
Noam's debut album, RAKIA, consists of 12 original Hebrew and English melodies ideal for Shabbat, Havdalah, and spirited song sessions. The songs on RAKIA breathe new life into timeless Jewish texts and focus on themes of social justice, creation, and thanksgiving. After spending several months living and volunteering with the Abayudaya Jews of Uganda, Noam has released a new album of African Jewish music this past summer. Included in this album is his African-inspired version of "Am Yisrael Chai." This infectious melody has quickly spread to camps and congregations throughout the country.

In addition to his solo work,

Noam recorded and performed with Peri Smilow and the Freedom Music Project, a gospel choir of young Jewish and African-American singers from the Boston area. This extraordinary cross-cultural experience led to performances at CAJE 25 and the 2001 URJ Biennial Convention. These experiences have inspired Noam to embark on exciting musical journeys and solidified his commitment to create strong Jewish and interfaith communities using the common language and unifying power of music.

Noam will be musician-in-residence at Temple Anshe Sholom the weekend of March 24th to 26th. The weekend's events will include his participation in Friday night services, a special workshop for children in the religious school, a Saturday night concert that will be open to the public, and a special performance at Shalom Village. For more information, please contact the Temple office at 905-528-0121.

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Community

HHA Hoyas Win Volleyball Championship 6th Straight Season

By
Mary Martha Starkman

The Hamilton Hebrew Academy just added two more sports championships to its collection. Setting a record for the Hamilton-Wentworth Middle School Athletic Association, all four HHA volleyball teams made it to the finals - for the second straight year. Congratulations to the Junior and Senior Girls teams for playing in the championship game and to the Junior and Senior Boys for winning the championship.

In addition to the championship wins in the Hamilton-Wentworth Middle School Athletic Association, the Senior Boys Volleyball team won all three



The "Hoyas", (from l to r) Joshua Strub, Jordan Yanover, Eli Strub, Adam Zur, Principal, Rivka Shaffir, Vice Principal Mary Martha Starkman, Joshua Friedland, Jesse Feldman and Jonathan Asa.

2005 tournaments that they competed in during the 2005 season: the R.A. Riddel Tournament, the Hillpark Invitational Tournament, and the Templemead Tournament.

These wins were possible due to the enlistment of two female grade eight students, Hava Starkman and Tova Lavin, who were given special privileges to compete on the Senior Boys team resulting from injuries in the starting lineup.

All our teams displayed tremendous team spirit and skill throughout the series of highly competitive games with teams from schools across the city. The players trained hard over the course of the season and honed their skills in a full series of games.

Mr. Albie O'Hanian, the Academy physical education teacher, coaches the junior and senior level teams in track and field, cross country, volleyball, and basketball. Over the course of the school year, students in grades 5 to 8 have the

formative opportunity of being team members and competing against students from across Hamilton-Wentworth.

As well as competing in the public school leagues, all Academy students, preschool through Grade 8, experience an exceptional physical education programme. Daily intramural sports include: badminton, volleyball, newcombball, basketball, soccer, floor hockey, broomball and bordenball.

Over the past eight years, the HHA athletic programme has accumulated 17 championships, in various competitions, banners often competing against schools ten times the size. The 2005-2006 Senior and Junior Boys Volleyball Championship pennants will join the prominent pennant display in our gym as a reminder of our exceptional sports achievement.

In addition to our many athletic achievements at the middle school level, we are proud of the numerous athletic accomplishments of our past students at the high school level. A great number of HHA alumni, both male and female, have gone on to become members of their respective high school teams, taking part in games across the region. For more information about our school, preschool please call 905.528.0330 or visit us on the web at hamiltonhebrewacademy.org.



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Kehila Jewish Community School

Kehila has had a very exciting time since we returned from celebrating the high holidays in the month of Tishrei. The Usborn book fair, held for the first time at Kehila, was enormously successful, with exciting books for all ages. Thank you to the PTA!

During the month of Kislev, the Kehila Choir prepared for the Annual Chanukah party by preparing songs in Hebrew, English and French. Students also prepared plays, and a Chanukah Rap. After outstanding performances by the students, we lit together more than 25 Chanukiyot. Parents, Grandparents and friends ate delicious refreshments including soufganiyot. Thank You for the staff, parents, friends and of course our wonderful students for creating this lovely evening.

A new Shabbat program has been created at Kehila. Every Friday, a guest from a Hamilton Synagogue, or a Community Educator is invited to Kehila to share a d'var torah with Kehila students. The program is open for all children and parents in the community, just call the office to let us know that you will be coming.

Thank you to Cantor Ben Sharpe who has begun teaching Kehila students about Torah reading. In addition



The Kehila choir performing at the Chanukah party

to reading torah, he will be teaching students about Torah calligraphy and the notes used to chant the torah. This program is pre Bar/Bat Mitzvah program.

Kehila students and parents are proud to have the opportunity to represent the Hamilton Jewish Community at the Zimriya (the word comes from the Hebrew word - Zemer - song), to be held in Toronto. The event is presented by the Board of Jewish Education. Our choir will perform five Jewish/Israeli songs including "light a candle for hope", "Od avinu Chai".

Registration for next year has already started. Do not miss a great opportunity to come to our open house on February the 9th at 6:00pm at the school (see the ad below).

The annual Avigail project will take place on February the 23rd at 6:15pm at the school. This year the themes are linked to celebration of the 7th year at Kehila. Come join us for this evening and see our students teaching and performing about the 7 Hakafot before Jericho walls collapsed, The 7 wells, 7 candles holders in the Menorah (the symbol of Israel) and more.

For more information about the Kehila Jewish Community Day School and it's programmes, please contact Principal Ariel Zaltzman at 905/529-7725 or e-mail to: principal@kehilaschool.ca

Beth Jacob Screens Multiple Award Winning Israeli Film

Beth Jacob Synagogue invites the entire community to a screening of the multiple award winning Israeli film, "The Syrian Bride" on Saturday, January 21 at 7:00 pm at 375 Aberdeen Avenue in Hamilton. "The Syrian Bride" tells the story of Mona, a Druze bride, and her family from the village of Majdal Shams in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights as they prepare for Mona's wedding.

Mona's wedding day is the saddest day of her life. She knows that once she crosses the border between Israel and Syria to marry Syrian TV star Tallel, she will never be allowed back to her beloved family in Majdal Shams, the largest Druze village in the Golan Heights, occupied by Israel since 1967. The Syrian Bride is about physical, mental and emotional borders and the will to cross them. A story about a family trying to cope with its ability to draw boundaries and deal with them - focusing on Mona's sister Amal, a modern woman trapped in a tradition and culture she wants to break out of. Once you cross the border there is no way back and at the end of a long day, the family, the government and military officials and all those gathered on both sides of the border find themselves facing an uncertain future, trapped in No-Man's land between Israel and Syria.



Scene from the movie, "The Syrian Bride"

Eran Riklis, director of the poly-lingual feature-length drama which has won more awards abroad than any previous Israeli film, co-wrote the film with Palestinian scriptwriter Suha Arraf. The result of this professional union is a film that crisscrosses the boundary between subversive optimism and painful pessimism, without ever resolving the contradiction.

The screening will be followed by a discussion facilitated by Beth Jacob's rabbinic intern, Julia Andelman and an elegant dessert reception, catered by Susan Walman. The evening is sponsored by State of Israel Bonds with all proceeds going towards the purchase of an Israel Bond in the name of Beth Jacob Synagogue. Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased by calling Shirley Silberg at 905-628-4792, Wendy Schneider at 905.628-0058 or the synagogue office at 905-522-1351.

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B'nai Brith Sports Celebrity Dinner Coming in February

by Brent Clifford and Michelle Foster

The 2006 B'nai Brith Sports Celebrity Dinner is Hamilton's most anticipated annual charitable fundraising event. For 55 years, we've been bringing the best in sports entertainment to Hamilton, and raising funds for many worthy local charities. This year we are honouring NHL Hall of Famer and Hamilton native, Harry Howell. As the first time the B'nai Brith Dinner is honouring one individual, Harry will be joined at the head table by Emile "The Cat" Francis, Brantford native Pat Hickey, Andy Bathgate, Lou Fontinato, Ric Nattress, Rod Seiling, Brad Park and Bulldogs Coach Don Lever, who played along with Hickey on the 1978 World Championship Team.

The 2006 B'nai Brith Sports Celebrity Dinner is proud to say that in our 55 year history, over \$2,000,000 has been raised for worthwhile causes improving our community. The proceeds raised by this event have allowed us to make significant contributions over the years to many worthwhile local charities. This year we have committed funds for Mac Kids, Children's Aid Society, United Way Burlington, JCC, Hamilton Spectator Summer Camp Fund, Freeman House, Mohawk College, McMaster University Rangers' Alumni Scholarship, Danny Howell Scholarship Fund at Waterdown High School, and Wellwood House.

The B'nai Brith Sports Celebrity Dinner started from humble beginnings in

the basement of the Jewish Community Centre on Delaware Avenue. Tickets were \$5 per person, and the wives of those on the committee prepared the meal. The first year, Jackie Robinson was the keynote speaker, followed by an exhaustive list of a literal Who's Who in Sports over the next 54 years.

With its growth came venue changes. The basement of the JCC led to the Adas Israel Synagogue, then to the banquet room in the old Holiday Inn (now the Ramada) on King Street, where over 600 guests could be accommodated. Since it opened in the early 1980's, the Hamilton Convention Center has been home to this prestigious event. The Annual B'nai Brith Sports Celebrity Dinner is now the largest annual event in the Hamilton Convention Center, with over 1200 guests annually.

The dinner has always raised funds for the betterment of our community and recognized young athletes. With the support of the Hamilton Spectator, the dinner originally honoured the Hamilton High School Football Champions, and has expanded to now honour the Hamilton and Burlington Male and Female High School Athletes-of-the-Year.

As the next generation of the dinner organizing committee, we are in the fortunate position of learning from a group of professionals who consistently create a top quality event, and will be tasked with maintaining that high level of quality for years to come. The B'nai Brith Sports Celebrity Dinner creates

a special bond with those involved in it, which explains why several families have multiple generations working on the dinner. Our decision to become part of the organizing committee was not based entirely on family, but also our desire to become closer with the community where we live.

The dinner provides us with an opportunity to interact with people and organizations as we collectively work to give back to the community we all share. We are excited to be part of a strong heritage, and look forward to carrying the tradition into the future.

The 2006 B'nai Brith Sports

Celebrity Dinner will take place on Monday February 6, at the Hamilton Convention Centre. The reception begins at 6:00pm and dinner begins at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$125 each, and available by calling Laura at 905-777-0000 ext 10.

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