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April 16

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whose volunteer work
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UJA CAMPAIGN STRETCHES FOR THE BIG FINISH

"I'll tell you that the first \$100,000 is a lot easier to raise than the final \$100,000."

So says men's campaign co-chair Lester Krames. Krames and fellow co-chair Paul Roth had set an unofficial goal for themselves of one million dollars. According to Roth "that goal is still within reach."

"If we are successful in reaching all the donors who pledged last year, even if their gifts remain flat, we will be right at the one million mark. Since the campaign is experiencing an overall increase of 14% on a card for card basis, we believe we have a realistic chance at breaking the 'magic barrier.'"

The key to success remains the ability of the many volunteer

Join Us At **Imagine**, Canada's Young Leadership Conference
April 4 - 6 in Montreal



Pictured Above: Stan Block, Sima Gozlan, Yves Apel, Luba Apel, David Direnfeld, Susan Waxman, Lisa Morris, Cindy Potechin, Steve Collins, Debbie Sheinbaum and Larry Kahn. For more information

canvassers to contact each and every one of their donors. UJA Federation president, Dr. Bonnie

Loewith, praised the campaign leadership for their creative approach to organizing this year's

campaign.

"The new approach, that of asking volunteers

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Israel Bashing at McMaster Runs Rampant

by
Wendy Schneider

Jewish students at McMaster, already feeling stressed from coping with increasing anti-Israel activity on campus are feeling the effects of two recent events that had Israel's treatment of Palestinians as a central focus.

The first meeting, sponsored by the Hamilton Palestinian community, featured Dr. Eng. Baker Abdel Munem, head of the General Delegation of Palestine in Canada. A large turnout of McMaster Jewish students were joined by several members of the Hamilton Jewish community, who had been notified in advance of the talk.

The theme of the event was the plight of the Palestinian people and the "ruthless and inhumane conduct of the Israeli army." Presented as non-negotiable demands were Israel's handing over East Jerusalem as a capital for a future Palestinian state and the right of return for all Palestinian refugees dating

from 1948.

Calling Palestinians "a peaceful people" who "strongly want to see peace prevailing in the area", Abdel Munem's responses to written questions by Jewish members of the audience were, for the most part, evasive.

When JNF emissary, Effie Zussman, protested that his entire question had not been read, the PLO representative invited him to come up to the podium to elaborate. Zussman asked the speaker if,

"it was not a fact that time after time Israelis offered Palestinians negotiations and compromises" and asked him to comment on the antisemitic invective preached in mosques around the world.

Abdel Munem responded by denying that Israel had offered any compromises and claiming that, before the occupation, "there were no problems between Muslims, Christians and Jews." In reference to antisemitic vitriol, he said he wasn't

aware of any and, if this thing did occur, "good Muslims" would oppose it.

The following week an event organized by the Labour Studies Students' Association was held at the Student Centre.

Speaking on the theme of "Debunking Myths about the Israel-Palestinian conflict", were Leila Khaled Mouammar and Jaggi Singh, who played a key role in the September 9

riot at Concordia University that prevented Benjamin Netanyahu from speaking, and Max Silverman, a Jewish student from a Toronto based group called Jewish Youth Against the Occupation.

The Jewish presence was larger than the week before, consisting of strong representation from both McMaster Jewish students

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NEW APPLICATIONS TO THE UJA FEDERATION BUDGET & ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

The community is hereby notified that new beneficiary applications for funding must first come to the UJA Federation executive for approval. If so deemed worthy, the application will be brought before the board for approval. If the new beneficiary agency is approved by the board of directors, the Budget and Allocations Committee will be so notified to hear a submission for funds. For the fiscal year July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, applications must be submitted by **MARCH 31, 2003** to the UJA Federation office to the attention of Gerry Fisher.

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on

Sunday, March 2

5:00 - 8:00 pm at the JCC

Something good will be provided for supper, followed by an orientation workshop on "UJA around the world" - plus "important communications skills" to make your telethon experience more successful. Our guest resource person is Jonathan Miller, international "raconteur" and UJA canvasser to the Hollywood stars.

*Please note that participation in this telethon can provide up to **three hours credit towards your volunteer requirement.** This is great way to help Israel and the Jewish community. Remember – it will be more fun if you bring a friend. Please RSVP by Wednesday, February 26th. to 905-648-0605 x 306, or by e-mail cnuscauja@on.aibn.com.*

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Mazel Tov

MINNA LOEWITH - 80th Birthday - Chuck & Bea Matchen, Louise, Oded, Tamar, Naomi & Ilana Klinghoffer, Bella & Henry Muller, Sari Ackerman, Dorothy Rosenthal, Sol & Sylvia Jacobs, Hellen Yellin, Cissie & Louis Morris, JSS & Friends, Goldie Robbins. RABBI ISRAEL & GLORIA SILVERMAN - on the birth of your grand-daughter - Louise, Oded Tamar, Naomi & Ilana Klinghoffer. RABBI ISRAEL & GLORIA SILVERMAN - your new home - Louise, Oded, Tamar, Naomi & Ilana Klinghoffer. DIANE KRISZENFELD - birth of grandson - Michele & Charles Schneider & boys JASON OHAYON - Happy Birthday - Rebecca & Avi & Moishe Tzvi Shapiro. ZALMAN GOLDMAN - Happy Birthday - Rebecca & Avi & Moishe Tzvi Shapiro. MARY & MORLEY KATZ - 60th Wedding Anniversary - Jack & Barbara Katz & family, Rose Cowitz & family. LESTER KRAMES - Special Birthday - Allen & Flora Rams. EVA & ELLIOTT RAPHAEL - birth of grandson - Joy Foster. MORGAN ROSENBERG - your Bat Mitzvah - Chuck & Bea Matchen. HARVEY BROWNSTONE - on your award and your outstanding contribution to our legal system - Carol & Lester Krames.

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Mazel Tov

JEFF RABB - on your two honours and all the good deeds you do - Corinne Travis. HARVIN & RACHEL PITCH - Mazel Tov on the marriage of Samuel & Kara - Corinne Travis. HOWARD & FLORA GREEN - on the birth of your triplet grandchildren - Corinne Travis. HY & SKIPPY CAPLAN - on your new home and your grandson's Bar Mitzvah - Corinne Travis. DOLLY COHEN

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MCMASTER JEWISH STUDENTS

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THELMA RUSONIK - Trish, Alan, Ayelet, Noam & Yonah Eppel. Mother of ED & SIMONE ROTSTEIN -

THE EDUCATION ENDOWMENT

Mazel Tov

HOWARD & MARLENE EISENBERG - birth of daughter - Allen & Flora Rams. GEORGE CZUTRIN - on upcoming election as president of the AFCC - Allen & Flora Rams

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Club Med Day

The newly renovated YM-YWHA Montreal Jewish Community Centre is ready for us! Spend Sunday afternoon working out or enjoying the health center. For those a little more daring, the Imagine team has created a day full of fun, action,

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UJA Federation

UJA ENTERS FINAL STRETCH

to work within a very limited and defined job description made it possible for more donors to be reached, more quickly than in previous years. That approach is what led to the campaign "spike" right at the beginning. That intensity is now leveling off. It is now critical for canvassers to complete their jobs without further delay."

Although the strategy may be new for the men's campaign, it has been standard procedure for the women's campaign for several years. Women's campaign co-chairs, Beth Bandler and Lannie Goldberg, are pleased to announce that the women's campaign is running an overall increase of 13% and is now close to completion.

UJA Federation executive director, Gerald Fisher, praised the community for its outpouring of generosity over the past eighteen months. Fisher noted that,

"Since my arrival, the Hamilton community has

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successfully conducted its 2002 annual campaign, a second line campaign for Israel needs, a major Israel Emergency Campaign, the Shalom Village capital campaign, Rabbi Mordechai Green's tribute dinner, the Magen David Adom campaign and several initiatives related to the 150th anniversary of Temple Anshe Sholom. These are remarkable achievements for a community of this size. A successful conclusion to the 2003 UJA Campaign will be a crowning achievement for a community that so fully manifests its commitment to Israel as well as its own creative development."

Fisher emphasized the need for volunteer canvassers to complete their assignments.

"Part of the culture I inherited was a tradition of campaigns that never seem to end. I want this campaign to close on a high note and provide the community with a genuine reason to celebrate its success.

Midrasha Students speak their minds...

by Andrea Zians, director
Midrasha High School

Is North American Jewry in Trouble? The National Jewish Population Survey found the following statistics: 5.2 million Jews live in the US compared to 5.5 million a decade ago. The median age of the Jewish people surveyed rose from 37 to 41 fueling concern that the faith is not being passed down to the younger generation. 52% of Jews marry outside the faith. Researchers found Jews are having fewer children than needed to keep the population base stable.

Midrasha asked four students the following question: Based upon this data, do you think that North American Jewry is in trouble and what single factor do you think can reverse these statistics?

Nikki Goldberg (grade 9, Hebrew Program): "Yes, as Jews become less and less involved in their communities they don't pass it down to their descendants, and they don't pass on the importance of being part of a community and protecting our customs and traditions."

Which factor do you think can reverse these statistics?

"Probably parents. They can pass it on to their kids, and can send them to Jewish schools where they can learn about their Judaism."



Midrasha students (from left to right) Josh Goldberg, Alyssa Barrs and Shoshana Walfish

Ben Rotstein (grade 12, World Religions): "I think its definitely cause for concern when a population shrinks, because most populations tend to grow. One of the problems may be that the Jewish community is not as strong as it was ten years ago. Maybe younger Jews don't feel as connected to their Jewish community as they did before, so maybe they're marrying outside the faith and assimilating. Maybe it's not quite a crisis, but could lead to problems down the line. Right now it's a small drop. We definitely want to look at this further to avoid it going further."

Which factor do you think can reverse these statistics?

"Probably how the people who took the census defined 'Who is a Jew?' 'Who Qualifies?'"
Ilana Klinghoffer (grade

10, Hebrew Program, Topics 4 Teens, and World Religions): "Before I heard these statistics and other things in my life I wouldn't have said that there's a crisis, but after hearing these statistics I'd say there is one. I would probably say the main factor would be influences on younger people. It seems to be easier not to go out and practice Judaism because of all of the influences on teenagers, like going to a mall on Saturday. It seems easier to live the life style of the average American. It's more convenient."

Which factor do you think can reverse these statistics?

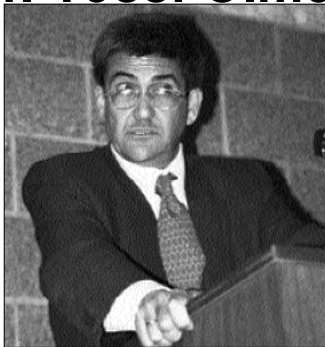
"Probably educating people when they are younger because then it's engraved in their minds – the values, that should be important to them as a Jew"
Eva Bach (grade 11, Topics 4 Teens): "I think it

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Jewish Social Services

Ten Facts About the JSS

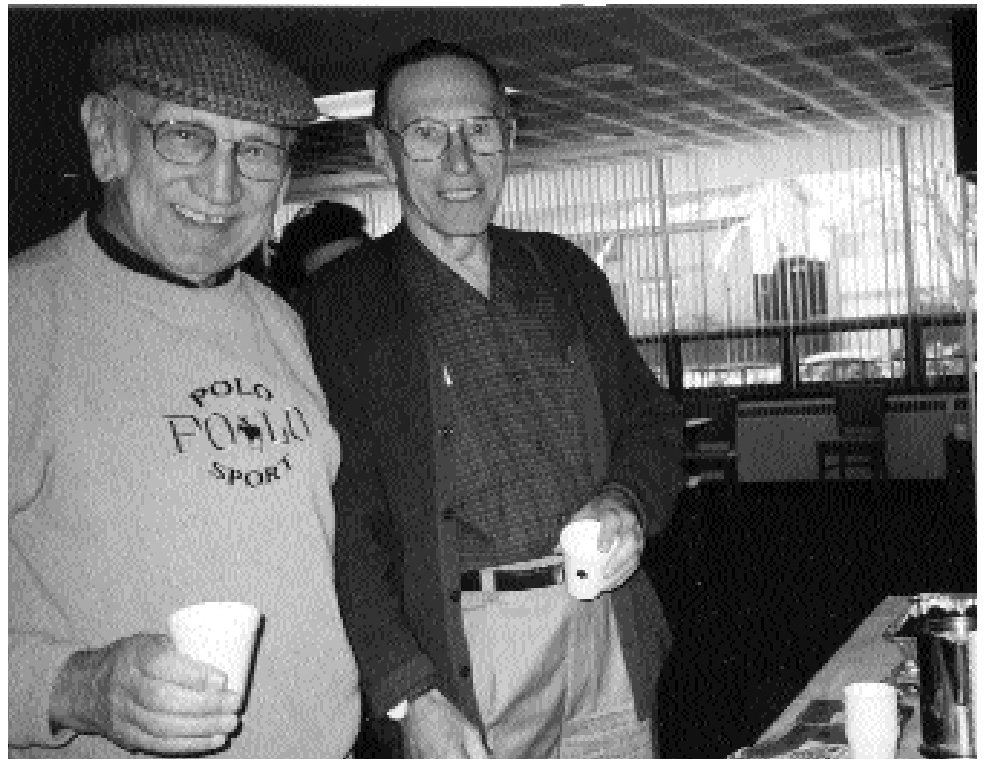
1. JSS is available for crisis intervention. We are always there to help.
2. JSS administers a Hebrew Free Loan of up to \$1,000 as long as there is a guarantor.
3. The JSS offers community information. We are often the first place people will call or visit when they need information on the Jewish or greater Hamilton community.
4. The JSS services the needs of the elderly, often helping children from other cities look after their elderly parents who still live in Hamilton. Our caseworker, Bea Matchen visits seniors in the hospital, and in their homes.
5. JSS helps resettle newcomers from all over the world.
6. JSS is a beneficiary agency of the United Jewish Appeal. Your UJA dollar helps our community's poor.
7. JSS has an active board of directors, headed by chair, Jack Leon and including board members Mel Freedman, Nick Kates, Howard Katz, Flora Rams, Susan Roth and Kevin Shuman. Each board member is committed to the JSS mandate: "Helping people in the spirit of Jewish values and traditions."
8. JSS has a full range of services for the adult community. There is a theatre club that takes trips to all the latest shows, a Chai Choir that meets every Tuesday morning at the JCC, luncheons, holiday celebrations and ceramics.
9. JSS has a day program for seniors that meet four days a week, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. They do packaging jobs, learn the computer attend, English as a Second Language classes, and literacy classes. They earn extra money while getting out of the house and meeting people.
10. JSS administers the collection of funds, food,

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Jewish Social Service Programs Are For You!



Feed the Family or Pay The Rent?

The year 2002 was full of surprises. No matter how many people we anticipate will require our services, there are always more requests for assistance than what we expect.

The Jewish poor in our community is generally an invisible minority, that defies stereotypes and includes single parent families, families who work but cannot make enough money to manage, seniors with either no pension or such a small pension that they are unable to manage, those on

disability pensions, welfare, and the unemployed. Many families are living from paycheck to paycheck and those for whom a paycheck has stopped arriving are in serious trouble. When people lose their income a reverse pyramid effect takes place as everything starts to break down, including the family unit.

Thanks to the United Jewish Appeal allocation Jewish Social Services has been able to help our clients get through a crisis. Thanks to community support, we are able

The JSS Theatre Club on the Move

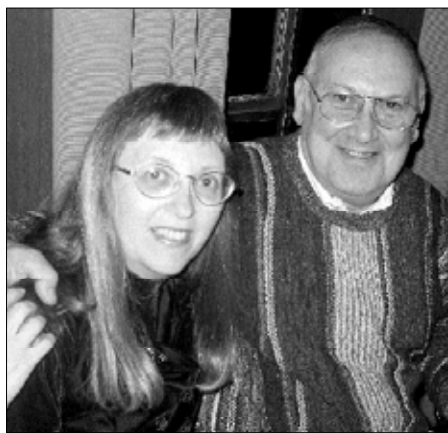
Join the JSS Theatre Club this coming spring and summer for the following outstanding performances:

- The King and I at Stratford on Tuesday, June 10 Cost is \$79 for bus and show.
- Gigi at Stratford on Tuesday, October 7. Cost is \$55.
- The 20th Century on Tuesday, July 8 at the Royal George Theatre, Niagara-on-the Lake. A Tony Award musical about a fast talking Broadway Producer who tries to trick his ex-lover, now a famous Hollywood star into appearing in his next play. Cost is \$70.
- Happy End on August 28 at the Royal George Theatre, Niagara on the Lake. Cost is \$70 for the bus and show. a musical that takes place in Chicago in 1919 when a Salvation Army lady falls for an underworld gangster.
- The Four Aces on Thursday, May 22-Since 1950 The Four Aces have been internationally acclaimed as a vocal quartet. Cost is \$45
- A Day Trip to Port Dover and Harbourfront in Toronto.

On The Town

In continuing our focus on the Hamilton Jewish Community and all it has to offer we are pleased to feature another article in our "Why We Love Hamilton" series as well as a glimpse of community members out and about since the last issue of the Hamilton Jewish News.

Beth Jacob's Klezmer Night and Yiddish Song Fest were festive community events



Aaron Shiffman and Vicky Bach



Romy Samuels with her children ...



Ramona Abraham dances up a storm at Beth Jacob's Klezmer concert

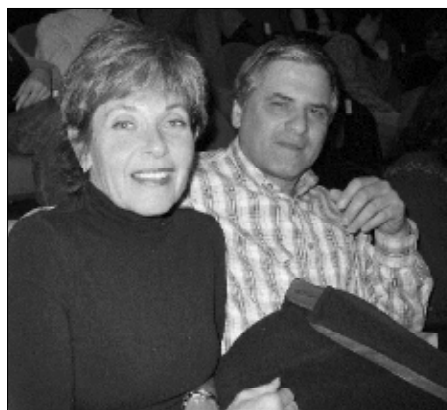


Cantor Shmuel Bielak with Marvin Rosenshein and Lenka at the Beth Jacob

Kehila's Screening of "Undying Love" attracted a large crowd



Howard and Tzvia Lipton with Lil Blum



Francine and Moshe Lindenbaum



Diane Sandler and Bill Nisker



Rabbi Bernard and Marjorie Baskin



Nick Kates and Jan Hastie



Debbie Sheinbaum, Sharon Woolfson and Karen

Why We Chose Hamilton

by Andrea and Marc Schwartz

Last December, our family lived in Waltham, Massachusetts. In December of 2001, Marc was offered a transfer to the Sapient Canada office in Toronto. The following is an accounting of how we chose Hamilton.

Our priority was Jewish education. Of course there are many wonderful Jewish Schools in Toronto (where Marc grew up), but the class sizes are very large, often bigger than public schools. For our children, we wanted smaller class sizes, and public schools were not an option.

Hamilton (where Andrea grew up) started to look like an obvious choice. There were two Jewish schools, both with small class sizes. We decided that we would seriously consider a move to Hamilton, where both schools met our requirement for small class sizes, even if we did not know which one we would enrol in.

We made a pro/con list for Hamilton and Toronto so that we would be able to see on paper which was the best choice for us. Marc learned that he could easily commute on the GO train from Burlington, and that the timing of his commute would be about the same as most places north of Finch in Toronto. As a bonus, he could sleep, read or work on the train, with only a quick 15 minute drive from Burlington to home. On the home front, everything from real estate to car insurance was less expensive in Hamilton, creating a much higher standard of living for us. As one person pointed out, Westdale Village has the same atmosphere as Forest Hill Village, but real people can afford to live there, and only rarely does traffic come to a standstill!

We bought a house in the Meadowlands of Ancaster. It is an amazing neighbourhood, with beautiful architecture and lovely neighbours. When we turn left on to Southcote Road, we are in the country within a block, and when we turn right, we have all the amenities of a city! It's the same in Dundas and many other areas of Hamilton.

There are many conservation lands in Hamilton. This past summer, we spent a great deal of time enjoying places like Webster's Falls, the Dundas Valley Conservation Area, the conservation area on Old Ancaster Road, Christie Beach, Princess Point, the Royal Botanical Gardens, Dundas Park and others too numerous to list here. It is amazing how motivated we are to utilize these parks when we don't have to do anything to get there!

There is less traffic, resulting in more time living our lives rather than driving it. Most shopping in Hamilton has ample parking, and fewer crowds. Hamilton also has an amazing recreation department, including many family friendly parks, splash pads, recreational programmes, a great JCC, and a Jewish community with three synagogues, two day schools, two afternoon/Sunday Schools, and a wealth of Jewish organizations including youth groups, B'nai Brith, Hadassah- WIZO, Naamat, JNF, Federation, Jewish Social Services, and the Beth Tikvah House.

The three synagogues in Hamilton ensure a spiritual home for everyone, regardless of how they observe. With the added attraction of its museums and art galleries Hamilton was really starting to look like the place for us.

A great aspect of living in Hamilton, is that the community is small and intimate. On arriving here we received many invitations and were warmly received at Beth Jacob, Hamilton Kosher, and in the community at large. We felt like we had walked into a ready-made social life, something which had never happened in our moves to Toronto or the Boston area. Hamilton is small enough that people notice when there are newcomers. Hamilton is large enough to have amenities in the Jewish community, but small enough that when one volunteers, one sees the impact.

There is a saying, that "There is power in numbers." When we look at the power of the Hamilton Jewish community that raised enough money to buy not just one, but two new ambulances for Magen David Adom, we are in awe and are very glad that we are a part of such an exciting and dynamic community!

This article is another in the series entitled "Why I Love Hamilton". To make a submission, email your article to Wendy Schneider at wendy.schneider@sympatico.ca

Local Events

Rampant Israel bashing on Campus cont'd from p1

and members of the local community. Most of those interviewed after the presentations acknowledged that Mouammar and Singh were very effective at presenting their perspectives, but were less impressed with Silverman, whose historical overview of the conflict contained a number of erroneous claims.

Brandon DeSilva, vice president of the McMaster Jewish Students Association, was troubled, but not surprised by the meeting's tone. Objecting to Singh's use of



JNF emissary, Effie Zussman, asking a pointed question of PLO representative at McMaster event

similar kinds of tactics are increasingly seen around campus where inflaming images of "babies with bullets in their heads" are being distributed.

DeSilva also observed that at no time during these public events, is Arafat's name mentioned. And when a Jewish student brings it up, no one is willing to get into the topic of Palestinian Authority corruption or Arafat's incompetence.

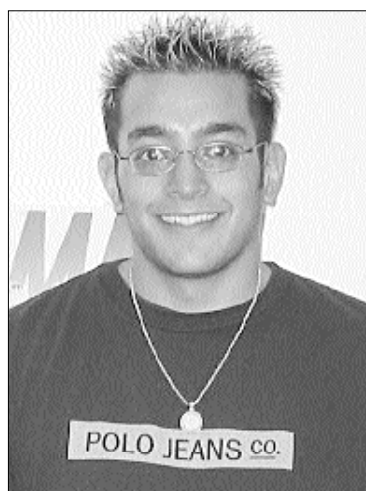
What most concerns DeSilva, however, is seeing the impact of a Jewish student coming out publicly against Israel had on friends he had encouraged to attend the meeting.

"When someone on the fence hears someone speaking out against their

own people they wonder how can that be wrong", he said.

Following the meeting heated discussions among groups of Jewish and Palestinian students took place in the hallway outside the meeting room. DeSilva said that McMaster Jewish Student Association director, Judy Schwartz, seemed to be making headway in her attempts to explain the Israeli perspective to a couple of Muslim students, whose "take on history is really skewed", before they were joined by others and the tone turned confrontational.

DeSilva was not surprised by the abrupt change, knowing from his own experiences that real dialog is possible only in



Brandon deSilva

inflammatory imagery when describing his experiences during a recent trip to the West Bank and Gaza, he called it, "a cheap shot", designed "to appeal to people's raw emotions" and said that

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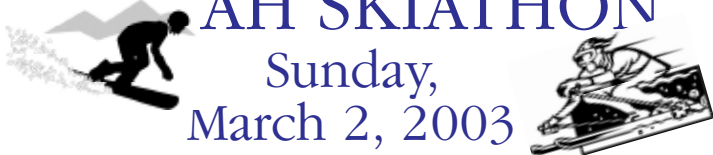
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Programs Resume After Mould Remediation at JCC Completed

by Aubrey Friedman,
president JCC

A Town Hall Meeting was organized by JCC President Aubrey Friedman, and held at the JCC this past December 17, 2002. Attending the meeting to answer questions was the Provincial Physician of the Ministry of Labour, Dr. Leon Genesove and Dr. David Muir, an expert in the field of mould and the environment. Other officials, including representatives of the Hamilton Health Department, were also present. Dr. Genesove explained the different

moulds in our environment and their seasonal growth. Those attending the Town Hall Meeting learned that the JCC roof was repaired, resolving the ingressive water problem and resulting in a dry facility. With the roof repairs completed, mould that had been detected in specific areas in the JCC building could then be removed. This JCC mould remediation is complete.

Volunteers and staff of Hamilton Jewish Federation, Jewish Social Services and the JCC are all pleased to be back at their usual weekly programs and work in the

JCC building. Midrasha students are once again attending classes at the JCC. The JSS choir and workshop participants have settled into their usual routine and the Hamilton Jewish Federation staff and volunteers are busy with their portfolios as well as with the United Jewish Appeal campaign. JCC volunteers and staff are also gearing up for the busy seasonal programming to come: JCC/Beth Tikvah Skiathon, Purim Carnival, April Casino Nite, Yom Ha Shoah, Yom Ha Atzmaut and Camp Kadimah/

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WEEK VIII - Spinach Quiche with Mushrooms and Cheese, Zucchini Bread

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Date and Time: Sundays 1 - 3:00 pm, Feb 16 - April 13 (8 weeks)

(No class March 16 - Purim Carnival)

All are Welcome to Attend the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Jewish Community Centre of Hamilton & Area and
The Hamilton Jewish Communal Projects to be held on

Thursday, February 20, 2003 at 7:30 pm

Presentation by Sharon Hart of

The Barry Foster Volunteer of the Year Award to



long-time table tennis volunteer coach and
Youth Maccabi Games coordinator

Reception and Presentation at 1030 Lower Lions Club Road, Ancaster

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Miss Congeniality



Jen Gilbert received the Marshal Shapiro Memorial award from Mrs. Pat Shapiro at a recent meeting of the 2002 Maccabi Games Athletes. The award is made annually and the competing athletes select the winner. Jen, who also excelled athletically, winning three gold and 1 silver medal, is the first girl to win this prestigious award. We congratulate Jen, a very worthy winner. Proud parents are Alex and Susan Gilbert.

DECEMBER FUN AT THE JCC!

The Jewish Community Centre was proud to sponsor Shabbat at Shalom Village on December 14. Many thanks to our volunteers who helped make this day special. Misha Apel, Jonathan and Gwen Fleisch, Joy Foster, Aubrey Friedman, Susan, Lucas, Reid and Sydney Waxman.



Michael Woolfson and Josh Kahn

Thank you to Temple Anshe Sholom Youth Group for using the JCC to host their sleepover on Saturday, December 14 and to Temple Anshe Sholom's Junior Youth Group for including the JCC in a 3-on-3 Basketball tournament held at the JCC on December 15. Fun was had by all and \$98 was raised to be sent to a charitable fund in Israel.

The sound of children having fun at Winter Camp during the December vacation delighted JCC members and staff. All sorts of activities took place such as games, arts and crafts, sports, dress up and the most popular activity - campers showing off their dancing skills. Thank you Eryn Gains and Ashlee Woolfson for volunteering their time at Winter Camp.

Volunteer Snow Shovellers: The JCC staff was extremely grateful to those who said Yes! and came out to shovel snow on December 25 from around the gymnasium bubble. Thanks to Jonathan and Craig Fleisch, Yaacov, Lee and Ori Haripko, Jeremy Kemeny, Larry, Matt and Jonathan Szpirglas and Harvey and David Waxman. Their volunteer spirit is amazing!

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Shalom Village



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Thoughts about Irving Zucker

by Peter George,
president, McMaster University

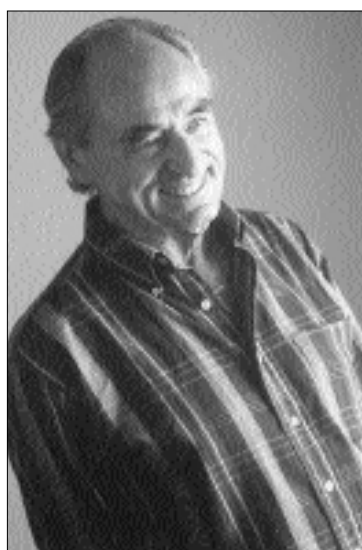
I am so honoured to have been asked by Irving's family to say a few words about him on this day. I think we are all a little in shock that someone so vital, so full of life, with so much still to give and to enjoy, should be taken from us so suddenly. I can tell myself that he was 82, and that that big heart of his had shown signs of weakening before – but Irving was one of those men you just thought would go on forever. He was so alive, so interested in everyone that he met, so full of new ideas, and so curious about the world – that he lit up the room when he entered. Everything was more fun when Irving was there.

I admired so much about him. A self-made man, he gave himself the education he wished he'd had, ending up a true Renaissance Man – knowledgeable about the arts, fascinated by the sciences, politically astute, incredibly successful in business, and a man of deep religious faith. There was no part of our human nature that Irving did not strive to develop. He showed great enthusiasm for every person that he met – and asked about

you – who you were, how you were, what you were interested in, what were your passions in life. From the Governor General to the man on the street, he greeted everyone with the same genuine, friendly interest.

Irving was a good and engaging friend. I want to emphasize the word engaging: there was nothing passive about Irving; he was a man of great energy, boundless enthusiasm, and deep passions. In no particular order, he believed in work, the arts, education, volunteerism, family, Hamilton and Canada, and he gave so generously in support of all of them.

Like so many of you, I saw Irving frequently. He would often come over to my office for a coffee, or invite me to his home for a glass of wine. And we would talk – about many things – the University of course, his work on the Canada Council, his Citizenship hearings and the great joy and pride of new Canadians, about his feelings of responsibility to share his good fortune with others by enriching the community's artistic and cultural life. His energy and enthusiasm were contagious, and he would often say: "Come



Irving Zucker

with me. I want to show you something," or "I've got an idea. What do you think about..." and off we would go on a tour of his house, or of his creative, often challenging ideas about his latest project or enthusiasm. He was the true embodiment of generosity – always believing that his good fortune gave him both the privilege and the responsibility of giving something back to his community. He glowed with satisfaction when he was helping others. He truly delighted in his ability to make this community a better place – and he was a delight to us as well. Hamilton will not be the same without him.

Most recently, he asked me whether we would

Lives Remembered

IRVING ZUCKER

Born May 15, 1920; Died December 22, 2002

"Death has taken from us a life which was precious-death cannot take from us the love that we knew. It was woven into the tapestry of our lives"
Rabbi Bernard Baskin

It is arduous work to write about one's deceased parent, especially when the love is so deep and the loss so recent. However, I am grateful to be offered the chance to do so, for every opportunity to honor my father is a gift to me. And I can hear Dad saying, "It's not hard to do it if you just do it." I think, actually, that that quote says much about him. It's not that he didn't have anxieties and reservations like the rest of us, it's just that, for the most part, he took action in the face of them.

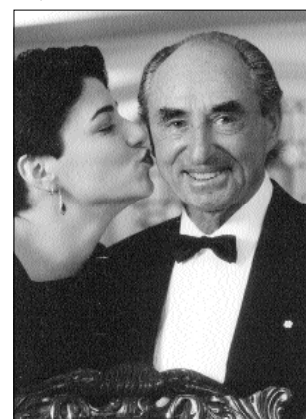
Much has been written on my father's philanthropy and accomplishments; they are vast and impressive. Not to take away from them, for they spoke volumes of who he was. Nevertheless, to myself and my brothers, Martin and David, he was first and foremost our father: the person we went to for advice, encouragement, and validation; the person who was always there for us, no matter what. He was one of those people who had the gift of making others feel safe and secure; that everything was going to be alright as long as he was there to turn to. His compassion and generosity were a given. His enthusiasm and optimism were infectious. One could easily come to depend upon his strength, nurturance, and protection.

But now he is gone, and I find myself looking to his life to give direction to mine. I exhume my memories; conversations we had, times we shared together. But mostly, I focus on his admirable qualities for inspiration. And they are numerous.

Certainly Dad's charitable nature comes foremost to mind, given his many and varied philanthropic pursuits. But his beneficence was not limited to the public arena. I am amazed to find out now how many individuals Dad had quietly helped out in his lifetime; people whose lives have been changed because of it. And his bigheartedness extended beyond material expression. He was such a warm, demonstrative person. Quite literally, every phone conversation or voice mail he left me was punctuated by "I love you." I used to keep many of his messages, and would periodically take a leap of faith and erase them all, believing that there would surely be more to come. Unfortunately, I did that very shortly before he became ill, and only have the last one he left, this past November 28th: "Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear Suzy, I really love you! Signed, Dad."

He was so friendly and outgoing, to everybody. "Annette," he'd say to the woman with the name tag behind the counter at the coffee shop, "I like your necklace!" And to the parents at the next table with the toddler, "Nice kid!" His playfulness and charm were irresistible. He had an inquisitive mind, and loved to talk to all kinds of people, treating them with respect, and without judgment: "The good Lord made us all, Suzy." I never heard my father speak ill of anyone, ever. He was so loyal too, never repeating the confidences of others.

Dad had the capacity to enjoy the simple things in life: a nice walk on a sunny day, a hot bowl of soup, watching the animals at the bird feeders in his backyard. He truly loved life, and had far more energy than most people half his age. He always stayed interested in life and its possibilities, coming up with new business ideas, new plans, and new



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CHAPLAINCY NURSE POSITION CREATED AT SHALOM VILLAGE

By
Wendy Schneider

Long-time Shalom Village staff member, Vicky Bach, has recently benefited from the leading edge institution's latest of a long tradition of innovations. A Director of Resident Services, Bach has taken on the additional role of Chaplaincy Nurse, a position that was created specifically for her. When Shalom Village's previous chaplain resigned some time ago, the position remained unfilled for a number of months until Shalom Village CEO, Pat Morden, offered Bach, who has a nursing degree and is currently working on her Master's of Clinical Health Sciences (Nursing) the opportunity to step into what appeared to be a perfect match.

The new position allows Bach to formalize work she has already been doing. Throughout her years at Shalom Village, along with members of the Pastoral Care Committee and the mashgiah, she has facilitated pre-Shabbat and Jewish holiday programs. She sings traditional songs with residents and supervises holiday related activities to ensure that the traditions are followed. She has also taken on the role of educator, teaching other staff members about the Jewish holidays and counseling staff members during difficult periods. Recently she facilitated, along with other community spiritual leaders, a Circle of Healing for staff and volunteers. Using water as a symbol of renewal and healing, Bach created a ritual where participants could dip their hands in the water and have an opportunity to share a story relating to their work at Shalom Village.

"We certainly have lots of stories at Shalom Village and I felt very honoured that they were willing to take the risk and share reminiscences about residents that they had loved and remembered. There were a lot of tears shed that day." The ceremony concluded with another staff member leading the group in singing I will Remember You by Sarah McLaughlin.

The role of Chaplaincy Nurse, said Bach, "certainly allows me to do quite a bit of spiritual work and help people find meaning in their daily lives at Shalom Village." She now works with residents of both the



Vicky Bach

nursing home and the apartments, accompanying physicians on their rounds, and meeting with family members of residents who have made the transition from apartment to nursing home or from private homes to the apartments. She also briefs the staff with relevant information learned from those meetings.

"It's a hard transition for everyone", she said, adding "It's usually the right transition that hopefully comes at the right time but moving is never easy, not for anyone."

A role Bach takes very seriously is her involvement in "end of life" care. As part of Shalom Village's team of health care workers engaged in the process, she will sit with residents in their final weeks and attempt to help them feel more comfortable. She does this by, what she calls, "presencing" which she defines as "the ability to enter into a person's space with your full being and honestly receive what they have to tell you."

"A lot of existential questions are asked at this time which there aren't easy answers to. I try to help people work through these issues." And even when a person will not say very much at all, she added, just sitting with them can be an act of enormous comfort and support.

Asked how her own grappling with issues of death and dying prepared her for her new position, Bach referred to the grieving process she went through during the period leading up to her father's

Hamilton's Jewish Community profiled on locally produced TV

By
Wendy Schneider

A Christian television network is not where one would expect to find high quality Jewish content programming. But the Sunday night lineup on local television station CTS (Crossroads Television Systems, located in Burlington Sunday nights at 10:00 p.m. and 10:30pm on Channel 36, Cable 9 Toronto)) offers up an intriguing mix of scholarly debate on Israel, Jewish texts, and a series that profiles the Adas Israel community. Airing at 9:00 pm is Israel Today, hosted by Professor Howard Adelman of York University with frequent appearances by Louis Greenspan, professor emeritus at McMaster University.

Israel Today is followed by Passages (10:00 pm), a program that features rabbis and scholars in heated debate over a biblical passage. Following Passages at 10:30 pm is Messages, which comprises two parts: The Eizenshtetl Chain, (Eizenshtetl is Yiddish for "steeltown") which profiles the Adas Israel community and my soul is thirsty for You, 15 minutes of programming provided by Chabad Lubavitch which features original footage of the Lubavitcher Rebbe's sermons followed by local Chabad rabbis elaborating on the themes of the rebbe's talk.

Dr. Michael Kigel, who produces both Passages and Messages, often finds himself explaining how it came about that a Christian television station offers Jewish programming. It stems, he said, from a ruling by the CRTC (Canadian Radio Television Commission) that requires Canadian television stations to be multi-cultural.

The segment that is causing the most



Michael Kigel, at his home office

excitement around town is The Eizenshtetl Chain, which was conceived as a way to portray Hamilton as a place where Torah Judaism is thriving. Operating something like a chain letter, the program is set up whereby one individual sends a videotaped message to a recipient. The sender quotes a verse from biblical or rabbinic literature and explains to the recipient why he or she felt inspired to do so. The recipient, in turn, is videotaped while viewing the message, and asked to respond to the recognition. The sender is then asked to elaborate on the verse's meaning to demonstrate his or her grasp of the quoted verse.

The following week the recipient switches roles, choosing someone he or she wishes to recognize and so it continues, for a total of 26 segments.

Kigel has derived tremendous personal satisfaction from the series. "What I particularly like about the show", he said, "is that there are no rabbis involved and that there are ordinary Jews who can talk about Torah. To me that's important."

Kigel's editing skills make it clear that the real "star" of The Eizenshtetl Chain is the Torah itself, with the individuals who appear on the show providing a vehicle through which its message can be taught and

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Special Menschen

Making a positive difference drives career and volunteer work

By
Wendy Schneider

"We're looking for someone to chair our annual fund raising event and we were hoping you would agree to step up this year" Sound familiar? This is how most charitable organizations approach community members when searching (often desperately) for volunteers.

But a new volunteer paradigm has emerged in recent years that has the individual - as opposed to the task - as its starting point. This paradigm begins with the assumption that a fulfilled volunteer is the person who is: a) engaged in an activity in which he or she possesses a certain level of skill and b) loving what they are doing. It means creating the project around the volunteer, or, when that's not possible, putting the time and effort into finding the right person for the task.

This community can boast hundreds of examples of happy community members engaged in what they find meaningful volunteer activities. Shelle Rose Charvet is a case in point. Although her roles as keynote speaker, author and president of Success Strategies, an international training company which helps companies and organizations develop better communication skills, keep her extremely busy, Rose Charvet's volunteer work is an essential part of her life.

Rose Charvet's best-selling book, Words That



Shelle Rose Charvet

Change Minds, which teaches people how to identify motivation triggers, has become a classic in executive coaching circles. And her schedule is packed with speaking engagements, including in France (she is bilingual) and other locations in Europe. Helping people solve difficult communication problems is obviously something that charitable organizations would see as

enormously valuable. Rose Charvet has also found that she is much in demand as a volunteer. Two organizations that have benefited from her generosity of spirit are Temple Anshe Sholom and Camp Trillium.

When Rose Charvet, who grew up in Burlington moved back to the Hamilton area with two young sons after a long hiatus, she sought out a synagogue and a community with whose philosophy she felt she could be in alignment. The synagogue was Hamilton's reform temple and she soon immersed herself in all aspects of the community. When she was asked to work with the board on how to accomplish their goals without getting bogged down in disagreements, she was happy to

contribute. This led to a request to lead several workshops with the synagogue's religious school teachers on how to keep children motivated. When one of the Temple's committees found themselves in a stalemate regarding whether or not to make changes, Rose Charvet helped realign the team around what was important to everybody and got them back on track so they could make decisions.

Asked what moves her to devote so much of her time, she said, "I'm part of the community. They needed help and I have the skills to do that."

But the Jewish community is not the only beneficiary of Rose Charvet's volunteer commitments. After her son completed his treatment for non Hodgkins lymphoma several years ago, she gave back by giving several

Today, we mourn as one.

A message from Jewish National Fund worldwide



It is impossible to comprehend the void created as the best and the brightest – all seven Columbia astronauts – were chosen and then taken from us. But a clear message was etched into our consciousness by the explosion in the sky: We are one. It was in this spirit, "to emphasize the unity of the people of Israel and the Jewish community abroad," that astronaut Ilan Ramon went into space. He took with him a Torah scroll that survived the Holocaust, copy of a drawing by Petr Ginz, a 14-year-old who perished in Auschwitz, and the dedication to conduct research for the benefit of all mankind.

We, too, must dedicate ourselves to Ilan's mission. There is no better way to honor his extraordinary achievements and exceptional potential than by fulfilling the one request he made of us as he circled the Earth: Plant a tree in Israel during the coming year." It was Ilan's dream, and a wish shared by Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, to see 14-million seedlings in Israel growing skyward.

On behalf of Jewish National Fund's contributors and offices around the world, we honor the memory of astronauts Michael Anderson, David Brown, Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Clark, Rick Husband, William McCool and Ilan Ramon by bringing life to our planet and planting trees in the land of Israel.

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Jewish National Fund

The Jewish National Fund and Negev Dinner chair, Tom Weisz are delighted to announce that McMaster University president, Dr. Peter George will be Hamilton's 2003 Negev-Dinner honouree. The evening's keynote speaker will be former Premier of Ontario, Bob Rae and the event will be held at the Hamilton Convention Center, on June 15.

JNF emissary, Effie Zussman, said he is heartened by the friendship and support shown to

Israel during these difficult days shown by Dr. George and Bob Rae and Ontario Premier, Ernie Eves, will be Windsor's Negev Dinner honouree.

Before his tragic death, Ilan Ramon called on every Jew in the world to plant a tree in the land of Israel during the coming year.

With the tragic deaths of Ilan and his fellow astronauts, Ilan's wish to see the land of Israel blooming with millions of new trees, forests so thick that one could see them

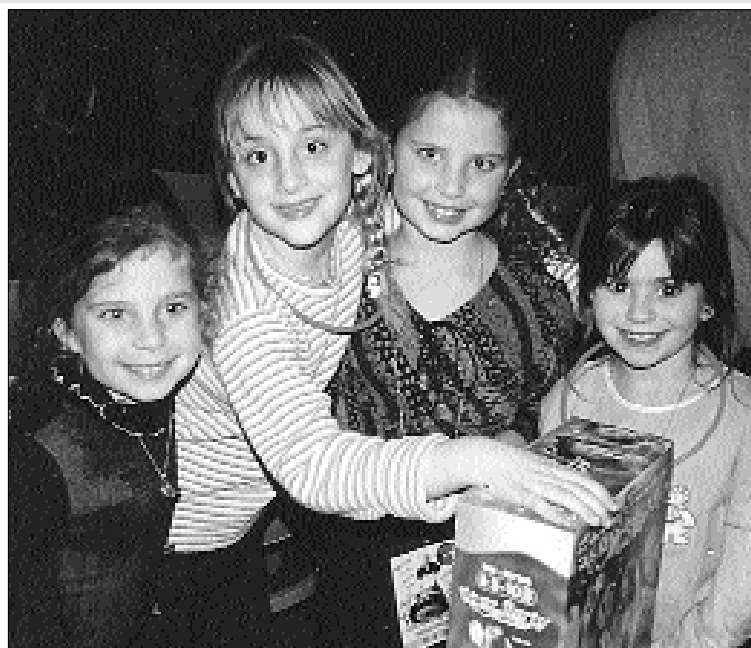
The Hamilton Hebrew Academy

'Be cool, be good, be Jewish' was the message Lenny Solomon and his Shlock Rockers brought to the Hamilton community this past week. The Hamilton Hebrew Academy brought the Jewish rock group to Hamilton in order to facilitate Jewish learning in a fun, informal and exciting setting. The evening was widely supported by the entire Hamilton Jewish community.

Shlock Rock is a band that parodies rock music for the purpose of entertaining and instilling Jewish pride and awareness in today's youth. The Netkin Auditorium pumped up the volume to the familiar beat of rock, hip hop, and rap.

While all the music was familiar to the crowd, the lyrics were about Judaism and were often funny and uplifting. While the band is most popular for its shtick they also played some selections from their original work. They played two hits that made the top ten on Israeli radio.

The evening was organised by Jocelyn Katz,



Jordanna Katz, Talya Ohayon, Amanda Katz and Kayli Green enjoying the Shlock Rock Concert

Claretta Schoenberg, and Andrea Zians. The event kicked off with a silent auction, hot dogs, pop, chips, cookies and glow sticks for the concert. Hamilton Hebrew Academy graduates, came out representing Midrasha High School. They helped at the food stations, and sold glow sticks, videos and CD's. Afterwards they stuck around enjoyed the unique form of rock and roll. Jewish National Fund and State of Israel Bonds helped sponsor the evening and were present

as well.

Parents, teachers, children, Mac students, grandparents, aunts, uncles and even rabbis and rebbetzins all got into the mood of the evening. Children of all ages swarmed the foot of the stage and danced the night away as the Shlock Rock band belted out great Jewish music. Anyone who worries that there are not enough children in Hamilton just needed to be there that night to see the mass of minute bodies bopping and rocking

Beth Jacob's "A Touch of Klez" Rocks

by
Evelyn Silver

On Saturday evening, November 30, Beth Jacob Synagogue rocked the night away to the music Hamilton's Newest Klezmer Band "Touch of Klez". The bandmembers include Charlotte Pricen (Violin), Murray Adelman (drums), Alan Livingston (guitar), Rick Black (soprano sax), Michael Glogauer (bass), Ron Richter (piano), Jordan Abarham (accordion) and Jonathan Feldman (alto sax), with guest vocalists Rabbi Mark Biller and Olga made music that



Jonathan Feldman, Rick Black and Charlotte Price, some of the members of Beth Jacob's "A Touch of Klez"

had the capacity crowd singing, dancing, clapping and shouting for more. It

was a warm and frailch evening and wonderful to see the community in one place together with family and friends enjoying good company, good music and good refreshments. Babies and seniors danced together to this new group, formed only in August, that is as talented and professional as many on the scene today. Kol hakoved to Larry Rosenberg and his committee for planning and running this evening and may we look forward to hosting many such events in the future.

A Touch of Klez will be headlining the Beth

Na'amat twins its Women's Seder with Day Care Centres in Israel



Children at a Na'amat day care centre

This coming spring Na'amat Hamilton will once again conduct a Women's Seder for the enjoyment and enrichment of the women of our community. In its commitment to making sure that no Israeli child is left out of holiday celebrations, we have decided to twin our seder with seders held at Na'amat day care centres in Israel, where disadvantaged families come with their children to enjoy a holiday meal. To make a donation to the Na'amat Women's Seder Twinning Project please fill out the form below and fax it to 905-627-7099 or mail it to 39 Whitton Road, Hamilton, L8S 4C6. Tax receipts will be issued.

The Na'amat Hamilton Women's Seder committee promises a richly meaningful evening that will feature a haggadah composed especially for the occasion, the singing of both traditional and contemporary songs and delicious food.

The seder will be held on Sunday, March 30 at 77 Governors Road in Dundas. Tickets for the seder are available for the cost of \$20. In addition our guests will be asked to make a donation of the same amount towards the twinning project. For more information call Simone Rotstein at 905-527-7125.

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Temple Members enjoy 'Winter Wonderland' Retreat at Camp George

by
Davida Buchalter

On Friday, January 10th, a group of brave souls ranging in age from babies to bubblies headed north up highway 400 in below freezing temperatures to attend a retreat hosted by Temple Anshe Sholom at Camp George in Parry Sound. The theme for this weekend was Passover on Ice. For those who had never attended a retreat weekend, it was a delightful surprise. For those who had previously attended, it was a must to return for a weekend of fun, friendship, community living, and study.

For those of you who have never been to Camp George before, it is a magical location just outside of Parry Sound. The facilities are wonderful. The camp boasts a wonderful kitchen staff and even its own pastry chef. This is a place where no one loses weight!

Everyone was welcomed to a beautiful Shabbat dinner followed by services and



Who are these people and why are they smiling?

then a great get to know you welcoming session lead by Norma Jack and Barry Bender. Saturday was flew by as Rabbi Z's group session enlightened us with creative ways on how to turn your Seder into something really special for everyone. Of course, we can't forget the kids snow sculpture, cross country skiing, tobogganning,

snow shoeing and ice skating on Maple Lake. Did you see Susan Waxman go zooming down those hills on the GT - I think she's ready for the Olympic bobsledding team, along with Yves Apel, David and Adam Bender on snowboards! Saturday night's program showcased the creativity in all of us as

Elaine Levine and Davida Buchalter got the group going with Yiddish Balderdash and Hagaddah Karaoke. A moment to remember was their very own version of Sonny and Cher as Rabbi Z and Laura Wolfson sang their karaoke version of "I've got you babe" hand in hand, before a crowd of wild weekenders.

Our fearless song leader Miriam Turner worked magic with the younger kids creating Pesach songs of a Grammy caliber. Who could forget Alycia Fridkin's kids programs, as well as those of Julie Dembe. Rhonda Dahan was a real trooper leading the kids on a scavenger hunt. As they crossed the frozen lake I wonder how many of them realized that they were walking on water! Of course, we cannot forget the beauty and wonder of Havdalah. As we sat around the indoor fire pit in the darkened dining room, where the only light provided was that of the Havdalah candles, we shared an incredible service that seemed magically mystical and truly stirred up incredible emotion. How special we all felt, as we were all connected by this spiritually magical moment. Of course, what's a fire pit without a marshmallow roast and sing song. It was a perfect way to say good

Kehila Jewish Community Day School

BY
ANITA GRANAT

Kehila Jewish Community Day School is pleased to welcome two talented teachers to our staff this year. In keeping with our mission of excellence in education both Linda Geva and Sima Gozlan have brought with them a dedication to teaching, a love of children and an unparalleled caliber of expertise, both in general studies and Judaica.

Linda Geva is originally from South Africa and emigrated to Israel. She relocated to Canada with her husband and two daughters this past August to join Kehila. Linda has an extensive background in teaching that involves a very hands-on behavioral approach. She states that "by focusing on the positive,

children are able to recognize negative behavior and its impact on them and their classmates. Linda states that teaching is much more than "chalk on a chalkboard". Each child is unique and that is the key that helps them grow and learn from each other.

Sima Gozlan, an Israeli native has taught in California prior to coming to Kehila. What she enjoys the most is the small classroom size and the eagerness of the children who all want to learn. She felt a connection to the children and to the community right from the start. Both Linda and Sima cited the parents' involvement in their children's education as one of the most unique aspects of Kehila Jewish

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BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE

Talmud Circle: Sunday, Feb 16 at 7:30 pm.
Wednesday, Feb 19 & 26 at 4:00 pm/ Sundays,
March 2, 9 & 16 at 7:30 pm. Wednesdays, March 5,
12 & 19 at 4:00 pm.
Masquerade Purim Ball Dinner & Dance, Saturday,
March 8 at 7:30 pm at Beth Jacob Synagogue.

ADAS ISRAEL SYNAGOGUE

Shabbat: Defining Rest & Relaxation. A 3 week crash course on the 39 Melachot: Wednesdays, February 5, 19 & 26 at 8:00 pm with Rabbi Daniel Green at the Yeshiva of Hamilton, 235 Bowman St. Hamilton. Dinner & A Movie: Saturday, March 1. Check www.jewishhamilton.org for details.

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Wednesday, March 12 at 8:00 pm: The Mordechai-Esther-Achashverosh triangle in Midrash & Exegesis with Dr. Barry Walfish. Dr. Walfish is the Judaica specialist at the University of Toronto Library, a faculty member of the Centre for the Study of Religion at the University of Toronto.

KEHILA JEWISH COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL

Kehila Jewish Day School invites you to a Big Book Sale at the Burlington Arts Centre, 1333 Lakeshore Rd, on Sunday, March 23, 10:30 am - 4:00 pm. Silent Auction and open sale of collectible and other books, including a small selection of early 1900s first editions, cookery, children's, photography, travel, cinema, fiction, reference, science, gardening, art, architecture autobiographies, biographies, self-help. CASH ONLY. To donate books call Julia Kollek at 905-627-7177 before March 7th. A tax receipt will be issued for the value of the books.

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