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## Record number attend Asper Washington trip

WENDY SCHNEIDER,  
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On Sunday, May 27, 57 students from diverse backgrounds and schools in the Hamilton area will assemble at Temple Anshe Sholom for a graduation ceremony marking an experience they have all shared. As part of the ceremony each student will receive a Memorandum For Personal Responsibility that will serve as a contract between them and their consciences and a reminder that they have a personal responsibility towards the world community.

The students will have recently returned from a life-changing experience: A trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., made possible through a partnership between the Hamilton Jewish Federation and the Asper Foundation Human Rights and Holocaust Studies Program. David Asper, Executive Vice President of CanWest Global Communications Corp. and Chairman of the National Post, will be on hand, representing the Asper family to present each student with their Memorandum.

The Asper Foundation Human Rights and Holocaust Studies Program was founded in 1997 in Winnipeg. Conceived as a program to promote tolerance and sensitize Canadian high school students to the consequences of racism, in 2000 it became a national initiative inclusive of students from diverse backgrounds. The Canadian Museum for Human Rights, scheduled to open in 2010 in Winnipeg, was inspired and motivated by the extraordinary impact of The Asper

Foundation Human Rights and Holocaust Studies Program

Hamilton's Jewish community has participated in the bi-annual program since 2001. In 2005, for the first time, four students from Hamilton's Black community participated in the trip. This year, a record 57 students took part in the program, 40 of whom were recruited by the community's Asper Foundation chair, Madeleine Levy and UJA Federation staff member, Elaine Levine, from the Hamilton Wentworth Public and Catholic school boards and from Hamilton-based SISO, Settlement and Integration Services Organization.

The total cost for this ambitious program was \$68,000. However, through the generosity of the Asper Foundation, Hamilton Jewish Federation, Erwin Jacobs Jacob's Endowment Fund, Paratus Investor's Corporation, RBC Foundation, ScotiaBank, TD Canada Trust, BMO Bank of Montreal, Hamilton Wentworth District School Board, Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board, SISO and Effort Trust this program was made possible.

To ensure that this vital program has the financial resources to continue to reach out to Hamilton's students in the future, the funds raised from the Perlasca Tribute, organized by Ms. Levy and philanthropist Mary Romeo, as part of FestItalia (an astonishing \$48,000) was placed in a UJA Federation managed endowment fund, whose sole purpose is to ensure the participation of children from outside the Jewish community.

Ms. Levy had no difficulty convincing both the Hamilton Wentworth District Public and Catholic School Boards to help with recruitment. "They saw it as an extraordinary opportunity for anti-racism, human rights and Holocaust education", she said. This program is all about transformation. They believed in this program so strongly, that six teachers from the Public and Catholic school boards were selected to be chaperones on the trip.

While other Canadian communities focused their recruitment efforts on one particular school, we were more interested in issues of equity and access and a broad spectrum of school representation.

The response from the students was overwhelming and eighteen area high schools par-



Pictured above is most of the Hamilton delegation of 68 who participated in the Asper Foundation Human Rights and Holocaust Studies trip to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. in early May

## UJA Campaign results

Dollars available for allocation down from previous years

GERALD FISHER

Despite record-setting results, the total dollars available for allocation to local agencies with be down in the coming year.

Looking at the combined results of the UJA 2007 regular and Israel Emergency Campaigns, it is clear that our community raised more total dollars than in any previous year in our history. Nevertheless, there will be less available for allocation in the coming year.

In this difficult year, several major donors chose to put their greater emphasis on the Israel Emergency Campaign while decreasing their support locally. Several other corporate accounts, for various reasons, were just unable to support the local campaign at the level they had in previous years. As a result, this year's UJA campaign will close slightly over \$1 Million and the Israel Emergency Campaign will close a bit over \$500,000.

The exact dollar amount available for allocation will be determined following the last few transactions related to transfer of appreciated stocks and the recovery of costs related to the Israel Emer-

gency Campaign. Due to the reduced amount available for allocation, all the local beneficiary agencies were informed and asked to plan for the coming year with a likely reduction in UJA dollars.

The allocation process itself recognizes the vital importance of the work done by our local agencies and is looking for every way to minimize the impact this temporary shortfall will have on local service providers. The community needs to appreciate that a shortfall in the UJA campaign may mean fewer dollars available for Jewish Social Services Emergency Relief, fewer dollars to support local immigrant aid, fewer dollars available to meet the growing needs of Hamilton Hebrew Academy, Kehila, Beth Jacob and Temple afternoon schools and Midrasha Hebrew High. Other local programs affected include JCC, Holocaust Education Committee, Israel Advocacy and Community Development.

Also affected is our ability to meet our national responsibilities. United Israel Appeal, CIJA, Canada Israel Committee, the National Jewish Campus Life initiative, Birth-

right and Jewish Immigrant Aid do tremendous work on behalf of our community. We have always understood our commitment to pay our fair share of national collective responsibility as sacred. This year, we will need to adjust to the reality a reduced campaign presents to us.

Over the past five years, our community has delivered a steady result of campaign growth. Campaign leadership recognizes that this year's result is an anomaly, created primarily by the Emergency Campaign. Looking forward to 2008, there is every indication that our community will regain its campaign momentum and continue to deliver the resources required to ensure a vibrant Jewish life in Hamilton.

Your support of the local UJA Campaign is vital to continuing the wonderful work and traditions of our Hamilton Jewish community. Your support of Israel in its time of need has been outstanding.

We can all be very proud of Hamilton's contribution to Jewish life abroad and at home. We must now focus on our local needs to ensure our responsibilities at home can be met over the coming years.

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ticipated in the program with the most ethnically diverse group of students that ever participated in the program.

Hamilton's delegation, the total number of which including chaperones, was 68, was part of a 250-student Eastern Canada delegation from Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, Nepean, Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal and Windsor.

As preparation for the Washington trip, students were required to participate in 18 hours of educational sessions on Human Rights and Holocaust education and devote 16 hours of their community service hours toward a program in the area of social justice. Among the most moving aspects of the sessions here in Hamilton, according to Ms. Levy, were presentations by a member of the Japanese Canadian community who had been interned in a Canadian concentration camp during WWII, a Rwandan genocide survivor and a Holocaust survivor from Hamilton.

On behalf of all the chaperones, Madeleine and Elaine reflect on how the students em-

braced the mandate of this program with respect and sensitivity beyond our expectations. "To see how these students changed from the day they first walked into the classroom to the time they boarded the bus to return to Hamilton has been truly inspirational and a life-changing experience for all. It gives us a great sense of hope for the future that these students took this journey together, bonded as a group and now are committed to stand up and stand firm for global rights and freedoms."

The graduation provides the students, on one hand, closure to the formal part of the program, and on the other hand, the sense that they are now beginning a new life of greater understanding and tolerance

The entire community is welcome to attend the graduation ceremony, which will take place on **Sunday, May 27 at 7:00 pm** at Temple Anshe Sholom. Please join us as we recognize these outstanding young men and women. Photos and student reflections will be posted on our website shortly, at [www.jewishhamilton.org](http://www.jewishhamilton.org).

## Federation President sees bright future

### Envisions "vibrant community with a great future"

WENDY SCHNEIDER



Dr. David Somer

On May 27, Dr. David Somer, a former president of both the Hamilton Academy of Dentistry and the Ontario Dental Association, will be formally installed as President at UJA Federation's Annual General Meeting.

Somer, who has been acting president for the last several months, took some time recently to outline his vision for the community and discuss some of the challenges facing Federation in the coming year.

Eager to convey his admiration for the community he now oversees, Somer opened the interview by applauding Hamilton's Jewish community "for their unprecedented generosity over the last year, both in the Annual and the Emergency Campaigns. There was an emergency situation [last summer] and the community

responded amazingly well and should be proud of themselves for what they accomplished."

Asked about his motivations for taking on this leadership role, Somer acknowledged that it had never been his ambition to become president. The very act of stepping up to the highest leadership position in the community has been empowering, however and Dr. Somer, describing himself as having "vision and energy", makes it clear that he is up to the task. Elaborating on that vision, Somer said that he would like to involve more members of the community in Federation and JCC activities. He also hopes to continue the changes already in place at Federation that will see its board become more efficient and dynamic, by a tightened up committee structure.

"We have a very active committee working with the Jewish Student Association at McMaster to help make them feel less vulnerable on campus to verbal attacks on themselves and on Israel. He also spoke with admiration about the Federation's Public Affairs Committee, which plans to meet in the next month or so with the new mayor of Hamilton and the new editor of the Hamilton Spectator. "We are planning to participate in community-wide

events as much as possible to show Hamilton we're a vibrant community that contributes to the vitality of the city in which we live.

Many of the challenges facing Federation are the same as those that previous generations of Federation presidents have grappled with: Raising enough funds to sustain Jewish life in the community.

"A lot of local agencies are dependent on the generosity of Hamilton Jews to sustain their operations, including the Day and Afternoon schools, Jewish Social Services, the JCC, to mention a few. These things are absolutely necessary to our community and the only way we can provide what's needed is through our fundraising abilities."

Another challenge is the cultivation of the human resources needed to implement positive action.

"Our children don't tend to stay in our community. This presents a huge challenge. We're a small Federation with limited fundraising capabilities and a limited pool of volunteers. I'd like to expand that pool of volunteers and to make it more a activist Jewish community to live in." But Somer was quick to praise community programs such as Camp Kadimah and the Walkathon, whose success is testimony to strong leadership coming from younger members of the community.

Asked about the future of the JCC, he said, "We spent a lot of time [in discussion] over the last year or two."

Currently a collaborative committee made up of representatives from both the JCC and Federation are working on options in response to the recent community survey regarding the community's desire to support a JCC. The committee, said Dr. Somer, is "hard at work." "We have a commitment to our Board that a solution will be found that will have the best interests of the Hamilton Jewish community in mind by June 30."

Somer summarized his views with the following statement: "The Hamilton Jewish community has a long and distinguished history of charitable giving and community service. I would like to be able to build upon that base and expand it to be more inclusive. I would also like to see more collaboration with the other local Jewish agencies including the synagogues. We have already taken several steps in that direction and these efforts will be continued and expanded. Lastly, this is not really about me personally. We have a strong and committed Board, a dedicated executive director in the person of Gerry Fisher, talented and hard-working staff at the Federation, but mostly a vibrant Jewish community which has a great future and believes in the spirit of Tikkun Olam – Heal the World."

## Decision on JCC Imminent

GERALD FISHER

After twenty months of meetings, deliberations, studies and consultations, the future of the Hamilton JCC will be determined before June 30th.

What's at stake is not whether or not there will be a JCC in Hamilton. According to UJA Federation President David Somer "There will always be an important function for JCC to perform in the provision of much needed programs and services. The issues for discussion are primarily around the future of the current venue and the possible integration of the agencies."

The community study recently completed by consultants from United Jewish Communities (UJC) and the Jewish Community Centers Association (JCCA) revealed significant support for the general concept of a JCC with its own independent venue. However, from a future planning perspective, there was less of a consensus around several key points including:

- the future viability of the current site
- the willingness of the philanthropic community to support either the re-development of the current site or the purchase of a new facility.
- the willingness of the community to support a re-invigorated JCC with more memberships, fundraising and program support.

At this point, the joint JCC – Federation Collaborative Committee has narrowed the field down to two options for our community:

1. A total redevelopment of the existing site, including replacement of the current tennis bubble with a permanent structure for offices and better program and meeting space.
2. A decision to exit the current facility, eliminate existing liabilities, integrate the two agency staffs, work from leased office space and focus on strengthening programming until sufficient financial support for a new facility is secured.

Option #1 will require major fundraising support. Option #2 will be complicated to implement and will also have significant associated costs. Details supporting both options are currently being developed and will be presented to the Collaborative Committee by month's end.

Whichever option is pursued, neither can be quickly implemented. However, what is important is that a decision will have been made after a full consultation with stakeholders. The community, at long last, will know where it is going on this important matter.

You are cordially invited to the  
UJA Federation of Hamilton's  
**Asper Foundation  
Human Right and Holocaust  
Studies Program  
Student Graduation**

This is a celebration of community initiative in bringing a shared multi-cultural, school board wide supported collaboration of students, studying human rights and Holocaust education together.

**Sunday, May 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.**

Temple Anshe Sholom  
215 Cline Avenue North Hamilton

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**David Asper**

Executive Vice-President  
CanWest Global Communications Corporation  
Chairman, National Post

UJA Federation Annual General Meeting  
will be held prior at 6:15 p.m.  
Refreshments following program  
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### Special Mentschen

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## Federation Welcomes...

UJA Federation of Hamilton is delighted to welcome Kristine Stolar to our staff. Kristine will be serve as Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director.

Born in Ottawa, raised in Burlington, Kristine and her husband, Mario Stolar, have three children.

Kristine has had an extensive career with the government of Ontario, Ministry of Community and Social Services, where she helped administer programs for the disabled community.

Kristine is looking forward to becoming more active in the jewish community while helping the UJA/Federation towards achieving its goals.

"I'm excited to be part of a team where ideas, experience and knowledge are openly shared and built upon", she said about her new position.



Kristine Stolar

## 5,000 Jewish youth on work and study programs in Israel



PHOTO BY ISRAEL SUN

Some 5,000 Jewish youth from all over the world currently participating in study and work programs in Israel participated in a gala event in Jerusalem Thursday, May 10, launching Jerusalem's celebration events of the 40th year of its reunification and celebrating the third year of MASA - Israel Journey, which organized the event. To encourage students to study in Israel, MASA provides automatic grants ranging from \$2,000 to \$4,500 for people under thirty working or studying in Israel for at least 5 months, through the generous support of United Jewish Communities/the Federations of North America and Keren Hayesod-UJA.

## ERRATA:

In the last issue of the Hamilton Jewish News, an article on funding for Jewish Day Schools was mistakenly attributed to Wendy Schneider. In actual fact, the article was written by Jonathan L. H. Schwartz, Education Policy Advisor for Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region.

# UJA Walkathon 2007

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2007

# WALKATHON

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The Walkathon committee congratulates Omer Pinthus, age 9, from Kehila Jewish Community Day School for his winning design of the Walkathon T-Shirt Design Contest.

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**Registration: 9:45 a.m. at the JCC**  
**Walk begins: 10:15 a.m.**  
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## NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION

The first 30 youth and first 20 adults to register for the walk at [www.jewishhamilton.org](http://www.jewishhamilton.org) will receive a free Walkathon t-shirt.

**NEW ROUTE:** can be viewed at our website!

**Walk PROUD, Walk STRONG,**  
**Walk TOGETHER as a community**  
Funds raised will go to support the Northern Israel Recovery process and local UJA beneficiaries.

**Don't miss out on this fun filled day with your FAMILY!**



Walkathon 2007 Co-Chairs:  
Rachel Aleman and Yael Livingston

Check website [www.jewishhamilton.org](http://www.jewishhamilton.org) for regular updates on the walk.  
Volunteers are needed - call Elaine Levine at 905-627-9933  
For sponsorship information call Christine Nusca at 905-648-0605 ext. 306

# Commitment to dialogue remains strong

Past year brings a mix of successes and challenges for Jewish/Arab/Muslim Dialogue Committee

LORNE FINKELSTEIN, M.D.

Hamilton Arab, Muslim, & Jewish Dialogue Committee: Year end summary

Almost one year ago the second Israel-Lebanon war seriously challenged the Dialogue Committee's relations, despite the committee's initial successes.

The committee, formed after the horrible Police Board public hearing, has followed these principles to guide our communities' relations:

1) Middle East events must not be allowed to impact on relations between Hamilton's Muslim, Arab, and Jewish citizens.

2) We would not discuss Middle East politics or attempt to alter other's political beliefs.

3) We would work with Hamilton media to promote voices of 'reason' to publicly 'drown out' those voices of hate.

At a pro-Lebanese rally at City Hall last summer, the newly-elected president of the Muslim Association of Hamilton, Mr. Ejaz Butt, added his voice of stri-

dency against Israel and Jews to some of the other vitriolic speakers there. Although he is not a member of the Dialogue Committee, his organization did violate our committee's principles. The Muslim and Arab Dialogue Committee members distanced themselves from Mr. Butt's involvement and comments, and Mr. Butt did not respond to requests to meet with leaders of Hamilton Jewish Federation.

Most of Hamilton's media ignored the rally, fulfilling our goal of marginalizing those who promote hate. An editorial in Hamilton Community newspapers blasted those speakers who provoked hate, and then positively referenced the Dialogue Committee as the example of how our local communities should relate.

Our committee subsequently continued the planning for the Pearl/Ahmed event. Almost 800 people filled Hamilton Place in November, thanks to the generous financial sponsorship from many Hamilton businesses and indi-

viduals. The Hamilton Spectator, a major contributor, also provided free advertising and logistical support. The highlight was the multi-faith choir, comprised of elementary school children from Hamilton's Muslim, Jewish, and Arab communities, led by Laura Wolfson and accompanied by the volunteer services of the Hamilton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

The Dialogue Committee sponsored the second "Joint Executives" meeting in March, 2006, hoping that if the leaders of our sponsoring organizations could become comfortable with each other, it would improve relations and the enhance willingness to work together, even if another Middle East crisis should occur. Future meetings will be planned.

Prior to that "Joint Executives" meeting, Mr. Butt and his vice-president requested a meeting with Gerry Fisher, David Somer, and me. They finally acknowledged that their statements at the City Hall rally were hurtful, and incorrect. They apologized and

'promised' this would not happen again. We informed them that we have engaged other Muslim groups, with the help of our new committee member, SISO's Executive Director, Morteza Jafarpour.

Our committee has also reached out to the leaders of McMaster's Muslim and Jewish Student Associations, hoping to help them with some of the problems they each confront on campus. We have offered to meet with organizations when university resumes in the fall.

On May 14, our committee met with the Spectator's new editor-in-chief, David Estok, along with Howard Elliott, executive-editor. Mr. Estok was knowledgeable and supportive of the Dialogue Committee's activities. He promised to continue his predecessor's, Dana Robbins, support of our committee.

We were honoured that following negative publicity about racist acts against a McMaster University professor, Dr. Peter George, McMaster University

president, invited the Dialogue Committee members to meet with him "to support the University's desire to work together to promote inclusion and respect".

We met with Dr. George and four of his associates immediately after the Spectator meeting. They requested our committee's input to help promote tolerance, anti-racism, and to assist the moderate campus Jewish and Muslim student groups. We discussed several concepts to promote inter-faith dialogue and inclusion, while marginalizing those groups which promote hate, and they will meet with us again to continue planning.

Regardless of our divergent political views, the Dialogue Committee members and their supporting organizations will continue to promote harmonious relations between our communities regardless of Middle East politics.

Sadly, a few members of the Jewish community who consistently oppose the Dialogue Committee, attempted to have Fed-

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### Attention Hungarian Survivors

There is financial assistance for Hungarian Survivors born before May 1945, whose income for a single person is below \$23,483 or \$31,487 for a couple. Assets should not exceed \$23,000 for a single person or \$34,500 for a couple ( THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE A CAR OR A PRIMARY RESIDENCE.) Eligibility is based on financial need and war time circumstances and location. The maximum amount anyone can receive in a twelve month period is \$2,900. These funds do not apply to anyone from St. Petersburg or Moscow. For more information contact Benita Goldin at the Cummings Centre in Montreal, at 1-514-342-1234 ex 3096 or email benita@cummingscentre.org. If you would like an application mailed to you call Carol Krames 905-627-9922.

### JSS Theatre Club

The summer of 2007 includes six outstanding trips (all trips include orchestra seating at matinees and transportation)

#### Schedule of Shows

**Tuesday, June 5:** To Kill a Mockingbird at Stratford. Cost \$52; **Thursday, June 28:** Camelot at the Hummingbird Theatre in Toronto. Cost \$69. **Wednesday, July 4:** Patsy Cline – A musical at Port Dover. Cost \$42. **Wednesday, August 8:** Circus Soleil Avai: The World's greatest acrobats and Russia's rarest horses at Niagara Falls, Ontario. Cost \$78. **Thursday, September 6:** Mac and Mabel at Niagara on the Lake; Cost \$57; **Thursday, October 18:** Oklahoma at Stratford; Cost \$52.

## Remembering those we lost

Yom HaShoah Committee establishes Holocaust Memorial Project

WENDY SCHNEIDER

At this year's Yom HaShoah commemoration, community members filing into the Beth Jacob foyer encountered something unexpected: a display made up of six narrow banners, inscribed with the names of murdered family members of Hamilton's Holocaust survivors. The display, two years in the planning by Federation's Yom HaShoah Committee, is called The Hamilton and Area Memorial Project.

"We wanted to have a permanent display so people could see the names of their loved ones and allow family members to stand next to a memorial, light a candle and say a prayer," said Gilda Ennis, a member of the committee.

In coming up with a design concept, committee members were faced with a number of challenges, including the need for the exhibit to be mobile. "Because the Yom HaShoah

commemoration takes place on a rotating basis at each of the community's synagogues," said Ennis, "we had to think of a way to have a permanent memorial that would at the same time be portable."

The solution came to Ennis in a fortuitous way.

"I had seen these beautiful tall banners displayed at a medical conference at McMaster University. The media was perfect for our idea. It was portable and easy to store because it rolls up into its own canister, she said.

Using banners would also allow the memorial to be displayed at other educational events, as needed.

Over the last two years, the committee put a call out to Hamilton area survivors to submit names of family members who perished in the Shoah. It also ran a small fundraising campaign, hoping to raise sufficient funds to see the project through

to completion. With funding commitments from a number of sources in place, a local graphic designer by the name of Michael Teglas was commissioned to create six banners, one for each of the six million who were lost. Each banner is inscribed with a list of names as well as with an image of the sculpture that lies at the entrance of the JCC. The sculpture, entitled "Hope from Tragedy", was sculpted in 1967 by artist and McMaster professor George Wallace. Its image, appearing in bold colour on the first banner, becomes progressively more translucent on the banners that follow, serving as a powerful metaphor for the annihilation of the six million.

"Most of the people who died in the Shoah didn't have a headstone or a grave", said Ennis, in further elaboration, adding,

"The memorial serves as a headstone to give honour



Community members pause to view the memorial

to those who died and at the same time give respect to those who survived. We are making the commitment to take action and be vigilant of other peoples' plights and stand up and protect the rights of all mankind."

On the evening of this year's Yom HaShoah commemoration, people were literally stopped in their tracks by the beauty and drama of the banners. Committee members stood by proudly. Their hope is that through this beautiful memorial community members will be left with an important message. "We must continue to

educate the world and ourselves and to consider what role we have in this world", said Ennis.

"Our role is to act responsibly, be proactive and do things to help both Jews and non-Jews so that that memorial has an importance beyond just remembering the names."

In acknowledgement that many names were left off the banner lists, the Yom Ha Shoah committee has commissioned a seventh banner. Community members with more names to add are asked to contact Gilda Ennis at 905-628-4684.

## Student seminar on Holocaust

Annual student seminar attended by unprecedented 950

ELAINE LEVINE

The Holocaust Education Committee of UJA Federation presented its 9th annual Student Seminar on Holocaust Education on Tuesday, May 1st at Mohawk College in front of an unprecedented 950 people. This is the first time in the history of the program that every high school in both the Public and Catholic boards participated. Three schools outside the Hamilton-Wentworth boards were also represented.

For the second consecutive year, Aaron Orkin, a McMaster graduate student, was the keynote speaker. An experienced student of Holocaust Studies, Orkin impressed his young audience with the depth of his knowledge and passion about the subject. Following the presentation, students were divided into smaller groups, where they heard testimony from one of 17 survivors.

Student feedback, said UJA Federation coordinator, Elaine Levine, stressed the need for the program to continue.

Typical of feedback was the following statement. "Thank you, we cannot get this education from a textbook. I will be sure to tell future generations I spoke to a Holocaust Survivor".

Event chair, Suzanne Goldflus feels that Holocaust Education is crucial today as it is hard for many of our youth to grasp the severity of the events that led up to the Holocaust and the aftermath left behind.

"I felt honored to have been given the opportunity



Pictured above are some of the survivors who shared their painful memories at the Holocaust student seminar held at Mohawk College.

of chairing the event and was greatly touched by the reactions of the students at the completion of the symposium. I feel we made a great impact on the 950 students in attendance and can't wait for next year's event!"

Thank you to the Holocaust Education Committee (HEC) for their ongoing support. Special thanks to committee and community volunteers that helped on the day to make the program an outstanding success:

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Schulman, Sharon Woolfson, Lila Strub, Ilana Klinghoffer, Yolaine Saabas, Sarah List and Shayna List. The Holocaust Education Committee's mission statement reads as follows: "Our aim is to teach tolerance and understanding as well as to perpetuate the memory of the Holocaust for future generations, and to ensure that the lessons of the Holocaust will never be forgotten."

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## Opinion

### Dialogue with Muslims has Divided Our Community

DR. LAWRENCE HART

By way of several columns in previous issues of this newspaper, we have been updated on the progress of the 'dialogue' between the leadership of the Hamilton Jewish Federation and leaders of various Muslim and Arab groups in Hamilton. Such articles have reflected a uniformly positive spin on a process that has, in fact, been extremely troubling to many members of the grassroots Jewish community.

Given the recognized diversity of the Jews of Hamilton, it is regrettable that opposing viewpoints on the nature of the dialogue have been repeatedly ignored. Instead of accommodating different opinions and building consensus, as would be expected with most other issues that significantly affect our community, the proponents of the current initiative have sought at every turn to demean and marginalize anyone who challenges the constructs of the dialogue and the objectives that are driving it.

A case in point is contained in the April issue of the HJN (Dialogue with Muslims Ongoing) where, in the context of the anti-Israel rally that took place last August, there is reference to "comments allegedly made by certain Muslim leaders and others at a summer, pro-Lebanese rally held at City Hall". The writer then goes on to comment that "as a result, a concerted effort was made by some members of the Jewish community to terminate the dialogue altogether. Additionally, efforts were made by those same few in our community to cancel the very successful November program with Dr. Judea Pearl and Dr. Akbar Ahmed that had been planned by the Dialogue Committee".

Firstly, there was nothing alleged about the comments. Members of both the Jewish and non-Jewish community who attended the event recorded exactly what was said and there is videotaped footage that supports their testimony. To therefore cast doubt on the truthfulness of what was reported (by inserting the word allegedly) is unseemly.

Secondly, it is important to provide context to the accusations, heard repeatedly since the dialogue began, that some members of our community wished to see the dialogue terminated and the Pearl/Ahmed program abandoned. These assertions have no foundation whatsoever and have never been articulated, at least not at the Federation level, either be-

fore or after the City Hall incident occurred. And I suspect that within the community at large there is also overwhelming support for the concept of dialogue between ourselves and other faith groups.

There is disagreement, however, on how this specific dialogue has been conducted; and, more particularly, there have been very serious concerns over the Dialogue Committee's choice of partners. Aside from the hatefest at City Hall, there have been a number of other instances where certain partners to the dialogue have expressed bad faith towards our community. However, the City Hall incident was perhaps the most blatant of these.

To have then gone ahead with the Pearl/Ahmed program with such partners as co-sponsors was perceived as giving them undeserved public validation at a time when we were still suffering the aftershocks of the war on Israel's northern border. It was seen by many in our community as nothing less than appeasement.

The Pearl/Ahmed debate was constructive and enlightening. That it should have taken place was not an issue. What were issues were (a) its timing and (b) the implications for proceeding with partners who had so recently demonstrated overt hostility towards our community.

The dialogue between our Federation leadership and Muslim/Arab groups in Hamilton is ongoing, we're told. A call for a moratorium on the process, pending an open discussion by balanced representation from Federation and the Jewish community at large regarding the objectives and conditions for further deliberations, has gone unheeded.

Consequently, what should have been an open and inclusive experience in nurturing interfaith relationships has degenerated into divisiveness and bitterness.

Recognizing that there is a problem and implementing a mechanism for setting things right should be an absolute priority for the incoming Federation Board. There is no rationale for continuing a discourse with those who apparently despise the Zionists among us and who would very likely rejoice at the elimination of the State of Israel.

Dialogue is good. But for it to succeed we need to ensure that our partners are as respectful of our interests as we are of theirs. Sadly, recent history has not proven this to be so.

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eration withdraw its support for the Pearl/Ahmed event, and then asked some of our clergy and other individuals to boycott the evening. I have been required to attend several Board and/or Executive meetings this year alone to respond to their repeated complaints, and each time after lengthy debates Federation elected officials have voted to support the Dialogue Committee activities. While these few detractors' distortions about the committee persist, our activities have received approval from so many in our community, and from the media and the president of McMaster University.

Roy Green, always support-

ive, invited our members to appear on one of his last CHML radio shows for one hour.

Dana Robbins, in his November farewell editorial before leaving as the Spectator's Editor-in-Chief, wrote about the Pearl/Ahmed event: "Earlier this month, I had the privilege of moderating an event at Hamilton Place organized by a remarkable group, the Hamilton Arab, Muslim and Jewish Dialogue Committee."

Dr. Akbar Ahmed's comments to the Hamilton audience best summarized the Dialogue Committee's goals: Dialogue leads to respect. Respect leads to friendship. Friendship allows discussion of sensitive topics.

**Members of the Dialogue Committee:**

- Lorne Finkelstein – Hamilton Jewish Federation representative
- Ali Cheaib – President, Hamilton Council of Canadian Arabs
- Javid Mirza – Past President – Muslim Association of Hamilton
- Hussein Hamdani – Vice Chair, National Association of Spiritual Revival
- Harold Pomerantz – Board member, and Chair, Public Affairs Committee, Hamilton Jewish Federation
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**A Response from UJA Federation**

*The Hamilton Jewish News and the UJA Federation of Hamilton welcome divergent viewpoints from members of our community. This issue of HJN includes an update on activities undertaken by the Arab, Muslim, Jewish Dialogue Committee; an initiative supported by UJA Federation, as well as an opinion piece on the same subject, contributed by Dr. Lawrence Hart.*

*The matter of UJA Federation participation in the dialogue has received an extraordinary amount of attention. Contrary to Dr. Hart's assertion of being ignored, the matter has been repeatedly discussed. Both Dr. Hart and Dr. Finkelstein have taken opportunities to present their views with the Public Affairs Committee, the Federation Executive Committee and the Federation Board of Directors. In each case, Federation leadership has voted to continue support of the program. It is distressing that this matter has taken up so much of the agenda of our community's leadership. At some point, we all have to make peace with decisions with which we don't agree. This issue in reality is only a very small part of the vital role played by the Federation in support of our local Jewish community.*

*Dr. Hart's use of the phrase "Zionists among us" implies that those whose opinions are not in agreement with his are not lovers and supporters of Israel. This is patently untrue and demeaning.*

*The Board of Directors of the UJA Federation of Hamilton strives to make the best policy decisions based on all the evidence it receives. It is always open to divergent opinions as evidenced by the publication of the article by Dr. Hart.*

David J Somer, Acting President, UJA Federation of Hamilton

**CJC primed for positive change**

WENDY LAMPERT

Canadian Jewish Congress' 28th Plenary Assembly will be held June 17 in Ottawa, and it's a day that will be full of excitement and positive change.

CJC is thriving, with elections expected for three key national leadership positions and the top position in Ontario Region. Delegates will also be voting on an important bylaw that, if passed, will significantly modernize the organization's governance. And on the same day, CJC will honour three very special people who have dedicated themselves to improving the world.

Two talented and experienced Jewish community leaders are vying for the top spot to replace Ed Morgan as National President. Former Federation CJA President Sylvain Abitbol of Montreal is the choice of the CJC Nominations Committee. Also standing for election is the current Chair of CJC's Religious and

Inter-religious Affairs Committee, Ottawa Rabbi Reuven Bulka. The Nominations Committee also put forward past CJC Ontario Region Officer and long-time UJA Federation of Greater Toronto Board Member Jack Mintz for the proposed position of Vice-President, while current CJC Pacific Region Chair Mark Weintraub, who also heads up the CJC National Darfur Committee, will stand for election for the same position. There's also a three-way race for the proposed position of Secretary-Treasurer, between Hershel Sahian and Harold Brief, both CJC Ontario Region officers, and Elizabeth Wolfe, who sits on the President's Advisory Committee of CJC and is the Nominations Committee designate.

This is the first time since 1995 there has been a contest for the national leadership positions at CJC, and the large field of candidates demonstrates the com-

mitment to Canadian Jewry felt by so many in our community.

In Ontario Region, there is also a race for the top seat – Igor Ellyn and Frank Bialystok are vying for the position of Ontario Region Chair, to replace Joel Richler. Both Ellyn and Bialystok have a long history with CJC Ontario Region, having served as officers and in various other capacities.

Bylaw 67, the proposed bylaw change that has been endorsed by CJC's national officers, will also be voted on at the Plenary. The bylaw will enhance the governance and structure of Canadian Jewish Congress to create more clarity and make it more accountable and effective. Bylaw 67 proposes to streamline the organization's structure, harmonize national and regional objectives and activities and broad-

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# The Jewish Community Centre

## Upcoming Programs

**Ben Meyer Memorial Lecture**  
**Thursday, May 31, 2007**

Guest Speaker: Stanley Diamond

### **Medical & Genetic Family History: the Role of the Genealogist**

Stanley Diamond was born in Montreal and was educated at McGill University. He is founder and President of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Montreal and has published many articles on genealogical research. In 2002 Mr. Diamond was awarded a Life Time Achievement Award by the International Association Of Jewish Genealogical Societies. He will use his own family to illustrate the importance of documenting family medical and genetic history, which may be needed in a medical crisis.

**Dinner 6:30pm, Lecture 8pm – at the JCC**  
**Buffet dinner prepared by Gwen Gordon, \$10/adult,**  
Supervised by the Va'ad Ha Kashrut  
Lecture and dessert courtesy of  
the Herb and CeCe Schreiber Family Foundation.  
Please RSVP by Monday, May 28, 2007 at 905-648-0605

### **Barry Foster Memorial Golf Tournament** (formerly JCC/Beth Tikvah Foundation Golf Tournament)

**Thursday, June 21**

**Beverly Golf and Country Club, Copetown**  
Contributions support the JCC, Beth Tikvah Foundation,  
St. Joseph's Foundation for CCU and Inner City Youth Hockey.  
All-inclusive fee of \$225

You'll receive free driving range privileges and golf club demos,  
pre-tournament barbecue at 11:30a.m., free putting contest starts  
at 11:30 a.m., tee-off is 12:30 p.m. sharp, shotgun start,  
post tournament dinner and awards. Call the JCC at 905-648-0605.

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Please fax resumes directly to the JCC at 905-648-8388  
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Jewish Community Centre of Hamilton & Area

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## Were you there?



### **YOM HAATZMAUT**

On Tuesday April 24, the Hamilton Jewish community gathered at the JCC to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's 59th year of Independence. The room was filled with Israeli flags, Israeli music and most importantly, Israeli food. Joel Feldman, JCC President, began the night by welcoming everyone to this joyous celebration. Before the official celebration began, we took a moment of silence praying for the safe return of the Israeli soldiers that have been missing in action and kidnapped by terrorist organizations such as Hamas and Hezbollah this past summer. Students from Jewish community schools then astounded the audience with their talents as they marched in proudly waving Israeli flags and lead the national anthems. The choir sang Israeli songs and the students amazed everyone with their extraordinary Israeli dancing skills. Guests enjoyed bourekas and falafel with humus while children played games provided by the Jewish National Fund. The dance floor was quite the scene with adults and children dancing up a storm. The event truly honoured the state of Israel through the music, dancing, games, food and the fun had by all in attendance.

### **BIDDY BASKETBALL**

Biddy Basketball concluded on Wednesday May 2, 2007 with the participants challenging their parents in skills and a basketball game. Despite everybody having a fabulous time, the Biddy Basketball players put the parents to shame. Afterwards, the parents and players enjoyed a pizza party to conclude the session.

### **TENNIS**

The JCC Ladies A team started the season by winning their first tennis match of the Hamilton District Ladies A League against Stoney Creek. Fifteen ladies are involved in the league and play Wednesday mornings throughout May and June. This has turned into more than a tennis game, it has also become a social event for the ladies to congregate afterward with refreshments.

### **A Message from JCC President, Joel Feldman**

I have a vision of a Jewish Community Centre that is active, exciting and is supported by the Community. I have a vision of a JCC, where all ages gather for interesting programs, sports, education and to socialize. I have a vision of a time when the community stops debating the existence of a JCC, and starts debating about how we can develop a community centre that we can all be proud of. I have a vision of a beautiful building, with meeting rooms, classrooms, an updated workout centre and change rooms and where people have parties and events. I have a vision of a time when we can make use of the scenic grounds around the JCC for a baseball diamond, soccer field or whatever else the community deems important.



I have been accused of being over zealous and not listening to what those in the community are saying. I am determined, passionate and willing to fight for what I believe in. I am listening to what the community is saying through the focus groups, the survey and what they are saying to me in person. I am heartened to hear that the consultants have clearly stated that the overwhelming majority of those in our community believe in the importance of a JCC. This gives me hope and motivation. However, I also hear the negative comments about this is Hamilton and how we in Hamilton cannot have a beautiful and vibrant JCC. There is doubt that we could develop a JCC in our community that will be supported through membership and fundraising. I do not agree with this. I think we have a strong Jewish community in Hamilton. What we lack in numbers, we make up in drive and determination. I believe if we want something bad enough, we can achieve it. These negative comments give me concern and even greater motivation.

These comments drive me to clearly convey the potential of a JCC and to rally the community to stand up and say that they feel a JCC is a vital and an integral part of strong Jewish community. The alternative is clear. However, I will not give up my vision without doing all I can. I do know that we cannot maintain the status quo. The community has clearly stated that the current facility, in its current state, is not meeting its desires and needs.

The Board of Directors of the JCC and the Federation, have formed a Collaborative Committee. This committee has been given a mandate to come up with alternatives for the JCC. Once the alternatives are clearly developed and a comprehensive business plan is formed, they will be brought to the community. Ultimately, it will be the community that decides what the future of the JCC will be.

I would like to encourage more feedback. I have shared with you my vision and what the JCC means to my family and to me. I would like to hear about what a JCC means to you. Please send letters and testimonials to my attention at the JCC.

I think this is an exciting time in the history of the JCC in Hamilton. The future is now. We have an opportunity to decide what our community will look like for our children, grandchildren and for generations to come. This will form part of our legacy.

## Aaron Shiffman Feted

On April 22 the Hamilton Jewish community united in a sold-out tribute to Mr. Aaron Shiffman. The dinner was a fundraiser for the Hamilton Hebrew Academy, and was hosted at the Adas Israel Synagogue with over 500 in attendance. Dignitaries included Federal Member of Parliament Mr. David Sweet. The gala affair celebrated Mr. Shiffman's many contributions over the last 30 years, as well as the 45th anniversary of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy. A multimedia review of Mr. Shiffman's contributions to Hamilton's Jewish community included not only his role in the successful development of the Academy and the Synagogue, but also the Burial Society, the Grand Order of Israel, and Shalom Village. His various contributions highlighted the extraordinary energy of a man who is widely respected and admired in the community.



Josh Strub and Aaron Shiffman

The role of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy as a uniting force in the history of the community was noted by everyone who looked back on its history and Mr. Shiffman's work in de-

veloping it. The Academy has always prided itself as being the place where any Jewish child in Hamilton could obtain a high quality Jewish education, regardless of family income or affiliation. A video presentation of the Academy's first graduating class of 1968 looking back on their formative years at the Academy was shown. The crucial impact of those early years on the eventual success of those graduates was clearly evident.

"He feels that Jewish education is a right and not a privilege," Rabbi Mordechai Green said of Mr. Shiffman. He added

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## David's Story

MICHAEL KEMENY

A few years ago, while I was waiting anxiously at the start line for the "Around the Bay race" to begin, I recognized David Morris, the son of my lunch partner, Neil, and his wife Lynda, in the crowd.

What struck me was that David was wearing the most simple clothing and shoes, in contrast to most of the other runners who had up to date running gear.

When I checked the results on the internet after the race was completed, I saw that David had an excellent time. I sent David an e-mail congratulating him for completing the race and doing so well.

Well, David continued his training and running in races and his uncle, Bill Morris, joined up as a big supporter of David's success. David's times continued to get faster.

At lunch, in the fall of 2006, Bill and Neil told me that David had run in a half marathon run in Toronto the previous weekend. They did not know what his time was.

I checked the October 14, 2006 Toronto Marathon site on the internet and I could not find David's name on the Half Marathon list anywhere, contrary to what I had been told. When I couldn't find David's name on the Half Marathon list on the computer, I decided to check the Marathon list to see if there were names that I might recognize.

To my surprise, I found a



David Morris

name: "David Morris." He was 44th out of 1118 men and 500 women. What was more significant- his time was faster than the Boston Marathon qualifying time by 15 minutes. Those of us who are runners understand that it is the dream of most serious runners to qualify and participate in the Boston Marathon.

The wheels started working, and arrangements were made for David to go to Boston. David went with his brother Henry.

On April 16, 2007, David braved the worst weather the 111 year old Boston marathon ever had. Notwithstanding that the rain and wind were overwhelming and he lacked the experience in the extreme weather, David completed the race in the top half of the field. While David was not completely satisfied

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## Kehila Jewish Community Day School



Kehila would like to extend to the community an offer to come out and learn more about the school. Kehila is a board-run school, which affords each individual in the community the opportunity to participate in our governance and planning. There are many other ways for you to become involved in Kehila. Come play a game of chess with our students during our weekly chess club, or lend a hand during hot lunches. Something as simple as dropping in on our morning T'filot activities in the Temple sanctuary would be great. If you are interested in being involved in educating the next Jewish Generation, we can find a way for you to help. Please contact us.

## Top 10 Reasons Why I Love Hamilton Hebrew High

1. Chance to be with old Jewish friends and meet new ones, (I know you think you'll stay in touch...but this way you're sure to see them once a week)
2. Get extra high school credits. You can have spares in senior years and it's a great average booster for your final transcripts!
3. Celebrate the holidays (you might otherwise not) – Sukkot party, Tu Bishvat get together, make doughnuts and latkes for Chanukah, Tashlich, Shabbat dinners, Purim Party (my teacher served home made hamentashen!), and more
4. Retreat Weekends to New York City, Washington D.C., Whistler - wherever you choose to go, it counts as course hours
5. Teen Lounge: Ppool, dome hockey, air hockey, pinball, X-box
6. Great Events: Backstage passes to Matisyahu concerts, Hebrew films, speakers on subjects such as the media and Israeli politics, Israeli folk music.
7. The Midrahsa "Canteen" - kosher pizza, hummus, babaganoush and pita, granola bars, chips, pretzels, chocolate bars, all kinds of drinks, and most important, all kinds of schmoozing
8. Volunteer opportunities (it'll make getting your 40 hours both easier and more rewarding!), and info about community events
9. Keep up your Hebrew (use it or lose it!) and/or be exposed to different perspectives on Judaism and/or learn about Jewish ethics and apply it to controversial modern issues
10. Flexible – class times/tests rearranged to fit school and extra curricular schedules. At H.H.H. your teachers and administrators are amazing. They're there to provide you with the opportunity to learn about and love your culture. They care about you as an individual and make every effort to make it a positive experience that works for you.

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### 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Shalom Village Ladies Auxiliary Tea July 12<sup>th</sup>

The Shalom Village Ladies Auxiliary Tea is a highlight of the social season with wonderful food and refreshments served in elegant surroundings.

In the 26 years since the first

fundraising tea many thousands of dollars have been raised for Shalom Village. Proceeds from past teas have gone towards purchasing mechanical lifts, blanket warmers, a large screen TV, Passover dishes, spa renovations, outfitting our Snoezelen room and many other projects.



Tickets are \$20 and are available at Shalom Village or by calling (905) 529-1613 ext. 231.

Why not join *The Chai Circle of Support*? Tables for 5 are available in a special VIP area in Samuel's Bistro for \$500.00 per table. Invitations will be sent to your 4 guests and cards will be placed with each setting with your personal message and small gift - a great way to thank your colleagues, recognize accomplishments and celebrate great friends!

## Award for Shalom Village Web Site

The Shalom Village web site was presented with an Award of Merit at the Pinnacle Awards hosted by the Canadian Public Relations Society on March 29th.



"The web site is very comprehensive and easy to navigate," according to the judges' comments. "Care was taken to properly research and reflect its audience's needs in the finished product."

In the photo above Carleen Carroll, President, CPRS-Hamilton, presents the award to Shalom Village's Bob Deans.

You can visit the Shalom Village web site at [www.shalomvillage.on.ca](http://www.shalomvillage.on.ca).

## Shalom Village Bubbies reach out to African counterparts

Shalom Village residents have launched a fund-raising project to help support grandmothers in Africa who are left to raise their grandchildren after they are orphaned by AIDS.

They have created a *Bubbies to Grandmothers* journal to raise money for the Stephen Lewis Foundation. The journal, which can also be used as a notebook, features words of wisdom from our Bubbies on each page. Shalom Village student Emily DiSante conceived the project and G.S. Wark Ltd. covered the production costs. Artist-in-residence Jim Kennelly provided the original art for the cover.



as ten to fifteen in one household.

In the photo above Minna Loewith, reads her words of wisdom at the book launch celebration on May 1 at Shalom Village.

*Bubbies to Grandmothers* journals are only \$10. They are available at Bubbi Bessie's Café and the Corner Store at Shalom Village or by calling Emily at (905) 529-1613 X 233 or e-mail to [emily@shalomvillage.on.ca](mailto:emily@shalomvillage.on.ca).

## Shalom Village Tribute Cards

Thank you to the following people for sending Shalom Village Tribute Cards to acknowledge life's milestones

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## Beth Jacob Synagogue Synagogue introduces She'arim Program

KAREN SELSBERG



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In addition to these fundamentals, we encourage students

to find their own path to Judaism through our elective program, Chuggim. Students who are enrolled in the She'arim program automatically participate in this innovative and hands-on program. Children in the general Hamilton Jewish community are also invited to participate. These classes cater to each child's strengths by giving them a chance to participate in something meaningful. Elective include Visual Arts (e.g., sculpture or painting), Performing Arts (e.g., dance or drama), and Music, to name a few.

As we rebuild, we hope to touch many young lives, and connect them to their Jewish past, present and future. They will be together in a Jewish atmosphere, celebrating being Jewish, and learning what it means to Jewish...each child in his or her own way.

If She'arim sounds like the right program for you, please join us at an Information Night on **Wednesday, June 13 at 7:30 pm.**

If you are interested in attending, or if you have any questions, please call Education Director, Karen Selsberg at 522-1351, ext 18 or email: [Shearim@bethjacobsynagogue.ca](mailto:Shearim@bethjacobsynagogue.ca)

## "Mishuggena Warriors" Your Jewish Community Leaders!

LAURA WOLFSON

Imagine an entire team of Jewish community leaders, and only one person gets to shout orders... On Sunday, August 19th, as part of Hamilton Port Authority's Port Days, professional and lay leaders from each of Hamilton Jewish community organizations will be participating together in a DRAGON BOAT RACE! Our team of 25 paddlers, under the leadership of Team Captain Pat Morden and Team Manager Laura Wolfson, will be called the Mishuggena Warriors and we will be paddling our hearts out together to raise money for much-needed capital purchases for Jewish Social Services. JSS prefers to use whatever funds it has to support needy families in our community, and yet they need office equipment and a security system to run their office. So when we call you to sponsor us, please give us your support. And come out to cheer for us on August 19th! The Mishuggena Warriors team so far includes Rabbi Jordan Cohen and Dan Selsberg, as well as Wendy Schneider, Karen Selsberg, Gerry Fisher, Christine Nusca, Elaine Levine, Charles Kravetsky, Laura Wolfson, Mark Levitt, and there will be more!

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that "we all have the responsibility to support Jewish education, and the Hamilton Hebrew Academy is really the institution that embraces all the Jews of our community. Every Jewish child has a place at the Hamilton Hebrew Academy. The awareness of that responsibility to Am Israel is something that comes very natural to Aaron."

"I learned so much just sitting in an office next to him," was how Rabbi Daniel Green recalled the influence Mr. Shiffman had on him in recent years since returning to Hamilton. "He's able to make people feel so much at ease. He's a wonderful person to get advice from."

In the video presentation, the ever humble Mr. Shiffman gave credit to God for guiding him through his many accomplishments, and acknowledged the strong role his grandparents had in forming his faith. He also paid tribute to his late wife, Sheila. His greatest accomplishments as far as he saw it were his children. "The hope for my children and grandchildren is they should continue in the ways of their forefathers - charitable, kind, learned. If the resurrection of the dead were to happen today, they should be able to relate to their ancestors without a moment's hesitation."

The funds raised during the event will help maintain the Hamilton Hebrew Academy's bursary fund and its role as the educational institution that serves the entire community. Good luck to Mr. Shiffman in his continuing contributions to the whole Hamilton Jewish community!

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with his Boston marathon time, it was a tremendous accomplishment for a member of our community to compete in and complete the Boston Marathon.

He has qualified to run again next year and he hopes to improve his result.

What is even more remarkable about this sports story is that David has a disability. Life has not been easy.

He has Aspergers Syndrome which causes difficulties in social and communication skills. It has affected his ability to obtain and maintain employment. David is now 38 years old. While he lives independently in a townhouse, he is fortunate to have the assistance of Woodview Manor, a supported independent living program for high functioning individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Currently David gives presentations about Aspergers Syndrome to groups in the area. He now has his amazing running accomplishment as proof of how important the Woodview Manor program has been to him.

His goal is to help Woodview Manor become known. David would like contributions to be made for the Woodview Manor program in order that there will be more supported programming and living space for people with Aspergers Syndrome. The Woodview Manor telephone number is 905 575 7355

We are proud of David. Whatever difficulties he has had in the past and what he may have in the future, he is a Boston Marathoner from the Hamilton Jewish community.

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## Jewish Genealogical Society

STEVEN BROCK

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Hamilton and Area (JGSH) is pleased to announce that we will be closing our 2006/2007 season by hosting two of the biggest names in genealogical research today.

On Thursday, May 31st, the JGSH along with, the Herb and CeCe Schreiber Family Foundation and the Jewish Community Centre of Hamilton are proud to present Stanley Diamond as part of the Ben Meyer Memorial Lecture series.

Mr. Diamond will speak on the topic of Medical & Genetic Family History; the Role of the Genealogist. Stanley is the founder and president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Montreal. He is the Executive Director of Jewish Records Indexing – Poland. This award winning international project has led to the creation of an Internet-searchable index of all surviving Jewish vital records of Poland. In addition, he has authored many articles on genealogical research, and in 2002 was the recipient of the IAJGS (International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies)

Lifetime Achievement Award.

Over the past several years, Stanley has taken his genealogy research to a new level. By identifying the potentially fatal Beta Thalassemia genetic trait in Ashkenazi Jewish families, he has married his ancestral explorations to this important ground breaking medical research. He is the Genealogist member of the genetic research project team spearheaded by McGill University Montreal Children's Hospital and Hebrew University Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem. We are very honoured to have him educate us on as to why we should all be documenting medical histories within our families. More information on this project can be found at [www.diamondgen.org](http://www.diamondgen.org).

Mr. Diamond's lecture will be held at the Jewish Community Centre of Hamilton, and will be preceded by a heart-healthy buffet dinner prepared by Gwen Gordon (Supervised by the Va'ad Ha Kashrut). All wishing to attend are asked to RSVP by Monday, May 28, 2007 to the JCC at 905-648-0605. There is a \$10 charge per adult for the dinner. We then close our lecture

season with a special Sunday afternoon session on June 10th which will be held at Anshe Shalom. In this joint meeting with both the Jewish Genealogical Societies of Toronto & Buffalo, we are pleased to host Dr. Stephen P Morse, whose work on the Ellis Island immigrant databases, has become world renowned. Like Mr. Diamond, he is also a recipient the IAJGS Lifetime Achievement Award. A Professor of Electrical Engineering by trade, over the years, Dr. Morse has developed vast array of web-based searching aids providing incredible and innovative tools for the genealogist. Earlier this year, he created his One-Step search pages for the 1851 to 1911 Censuses of Canada, the U.S./Canada Border Crossing Records, and the 1841 to 1901 British Census. We are grateful to have him walk us through this amazing research tool.

For more information about the JGSH please contact Hazel Boon directly at [president@jgsh.org](mailto:president@jgsh.org) or by phone at 905-524-3345. We look forward to seeing you.

## Second Seder at the Adas

AMY KATZ MARTIN

"Can I just stay home?" "No one's going to be there!" "We already had it last night!" This was what I heard as my family and I left for the Second Seder at the Adas Israel Synagogue. I thought to myself, Ma Nishtana Ha Layla Ha Zeh... why should this night be any different? I anticipated the constant bickering and grudging participation. I wondered why I was forcing us to sit through the same lengthy Passover ceremony which had bored me to tears in this same place so many years ago.

As soon as the evening services ended we found our place cards and sat down at our designated Katz family table in the Waxman social hall. To my surprise,

the room was full to its capacity. To the kids' surprise, many of their friends were there too. The children sat in the middle of the adult tables, which were arranged in a square around the perimeter of the room. Like the table arrangement, the children were the main focus of the evening.

Each guest introduced themselves. I later learned that this was one of my son's favourite parts of the night. It was interesting to meet people from various backgrounds. They came from all over; young and old, new immigrants and fourth generation Hamiltonians such as my children. We quickly completed the first steps of the Seder, and everyone was given a turn to lead. People read from the Haggadah in both English and Hebrew while others translated into their native tongue, which included Russian, Yiddish, and French to name a few. We learnt about and took part in the customs of different Jewish cultures. My sisters loved being blessed with a Seder plate brushed over their heads.

The big surprise came when the Passover story began. Everyone put down their Haggadot and watched in awe as Pharaoh, also known as Dr. Ohayon, waltzed in, followed by a pleading Moshe, (a.k.a. Rabbi Tachover). Rabbi Amar led a group of children in singing as Pharaoh experienced each of the plagues that were inflicted

upon the Egyptians. The children excitedly caught stuffed frogs, plastic sunglasses, gummy locusts, marshmallow hail, etc. My eldest daughter actually screamed as Pharaoh shocked the audience with a life-like snake.

By the time the presentation was over and we finished the components of the Seder leading up to the Shulchan Orech, the meal, it was well past eleven o'clock. Nonetheless, the children did not complain once and remained attentive the entire time. After the delicious chicken soup with matzo balls was served, we lost some of the adult representatives of my family. However, those who remained for the rest of the meal were glad they did. Keeping in mind how difficult it is to feed so many people so quickly, everything tasted hot and delicious. There was plenty of assistance with the serving and clearing from those who still had energy, (not me!), and the meal went by smoothly.

There was lively singing to conclude the Seder, and together we cried earnestly "Lishana Ha BaAh Bi Yerushalayim", next year in Jerusalem. When I gathered what was left of my family to leave I realized that someone was missing. I reentered the hall and found my son Jake, his arms intertwined with the Rabbis and others, dancing. Now I know what made this second Seder night different from all the others!



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would lead to the creation of a national board of between 28 and 35 members. These members will include the CJC regional chairs, the key national leadership positions, and would also have geographic representation from across Canada. This board, whose term would last two years, would then name officers. The board's executive committee would deal with ongoing day-to-day management of CJC. Adoption of the new bylaw would also mean the Plenary would be held every two years, rather than triennially.

This new bylaw represents an important opportunity for CJC to eliminate complexities in its structure, encourage broad representation and enhance renewal among its leadership. At the same time, CJC's regions will continue to exercise autonomy, within the framework of national objectives, for their own regional boards.

One of the key elements of any CJC Plenary is the opportunity to pay tribute to a few very special people whose work in the Jewish community and in the greater world inspires us all. This year's recipient of the Samuel Bronfman Medal, presented to a person who has rendered distinguished service to Canadian Jewish Congress and the Jewish community, is Rose Wolfe.

## Chabad Lubavitch

Chabad programs both on campus and in the community continue despite the untimely passing of Rabbi Itkin who is missed by all. Over two hundred children from both the Hamilton Hebrew Academy and Kehilla Day School had the opportunity to make their own Matzah prior to the holiday. The Social Hall of the Adas Israel Synagogue was turned into a Matzah factory. Donning bakers caps and moving from station to station, the children from nursery age through grade eight ground the wheat, rolled out the dough, shaped the Matzah, put holes in it to let the air escape and then watched as the Matzah was baked. Four Chabad representatives guided the children through this interactive program. The Model Matzah Factory is an interactive program presented by Chabad worldwide and was once again brought to

## Songs of Leonard Cohen

If you feel sentenced to twenty years of boredom and need to experience musical heaven, don't miss what is sure to be the sell-out, transformative event of the year – some of Leonard Cohen's most ethereal songs.

Drawing from some of Leonard Cohen's best-loved material, this show is a unique collaboration between the theatrical and classical. Musical innovators, Blue Engine have drawn wide ranging audiences with their programs, ranging from music by Elvis Costello, women composers such as Fanny Mendelssohn and

Ms. Wolfe's roles as a long-standing Chair of the Ontario Region Community Relations Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Past President of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, and Chancellor of the University of Toronto demonstrate her life-long commitment to the Jewish community and to the wider Canadian society.

The Saul Hayes Human Rights Award, offered in honour of distinguished service to the cause of human rights, will be presented to Ottawa lawyer Richard Warman, who has been an important leader in the fight against hate on the Internet. The Alan Rose Award for International Human Dignity, given for commitment to and achievements in the defense and promotion of human rights and freedoms, will be given to Cpl. Tamar Freeman, a medic in the Canadian armed forces who spent six months on tour in Afghanistan caring for both soldiers and local Afghans.

The CJC 28th Plenary Assembly is sure to be an exciting day during which Jews from across Canada will come together to celebrate achievements, elect new leadership and make positive change for our community.

*Wendy Lampert is the Canadian Jewish Congress, National Director of Communications.*

Hamilton this year by Fajgi Itkin.

Chabad ended its very successful term on Campus with a "farewell to seniors" Friday night dinner that was very well attended. The returning students commented how they are looking forward to joining Chabad once again in the autumn when they will be able to nourish not only their body with delicious home cooked meals on Friday night but also their minds.

A special note: In the last issue of the Hamilton Jewish News an article appeared about the very successful yearly on campus Friday night dinner known as "Shabbat 100". Inadvertently a very important co-sponsor and partner was omitted. A very big thank you to the Jewish Students Association for co-sponsoring this wonderful event together with Chabad.

Lucie Vellere, and composers who perished during the Holocaust.

On Sunday, September 9, the ensemble travels to Hamilton for a gala performance in support of Mitochondrial Disease Research at the McMaster University Medical Centre. The evening includes delicious cocktails, a silent auction, a multi-course dinner menu with wine. Tickets are \$75.00 each. To reserve, contact Carmens Box Office at 905-387-0007 or [boxoffice@carmens.com](mailto:boxoffice@carmens.com).

## Visiting scholar in Jewish Studies

Schreiber Foundation funds scholar at McMaster

EILEEN SCHULLER

The Department of Religious Studies at McMaster University is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Aaron Hughes as Herb and CeCe Schreiber Visiting Scholar in Jewish Studies for the coming academic year.

This visiting professorship has been made possible thanks to a gift from the Herb and CeCe Schreiber family. This purpose of the gift was to bring a leading scholar to McMaster who would "contribute to Jewish Studies at McMaster as well as to the public understanding of Judaism" through teaching, public lectures and other activities in the university and the Hamilton community.

Aaron Hughes is an Associate Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Calgary. He is an expert in Jewish thought and philosophy in the medieval and early modern periods and has also worked extensively in medieval Islamic philosophy. His 2004 book, *The Texture of the Divine: Imagination in Medieval Islamic and Jewish Thought*, brings imagination, ritual, poetics and aesthetics to the study of Jewish philosophy. *Jewish Philosophy A-Z* (2005) is a general introduction to the field written for undergraduates and interested non-academics. A third book is about to appear on *The Art of Dialogue in Jewish Philosophy*; it examines the role of dialogue in the works of Jehuda Halevi, Isaac Abravanel, Moses Mendelssohn and Martin Buber.

Dr. Hughes is currently

working on a new project that will explore the concept of metaphor in Jewish philosophy. Dr. Hughes is a very popular teacher at the University of Calgary where he has received the Student Union Teaching Award. He has also been very active in promoting Jewish-Muslim dialogue in Western Canada.

Dr. Hughes will be in residence at McMaster during the January-April academic term. On the undergraduate level, he will teach "Introduction to Jewish Mysticism" (Religious Studies 3GG3). This course will explore the historical development, textual traditions and key figures

associated with Jewish mystical or esoteric traditions, including Kabbalah and Hasidism. At the graduate level, Professor Hughes will co-teach a seminar on prophecy and revelation in Jewish philosophy. There will be many opportunities for students, faculty and community members to welcome Professor Hughes and benefit from his expertise, including public lectures and discussion groups featuring text-based explorations of Jewish traditions. For details regarding Professor Hughes's stay, please contact: The Department of Religious Studies, 905 525-9140, #24567, [dickshe@mcmaster.ca](mailto:dickshe@mcmaster.ca).

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# On becoming a Jew by Choice

STEVE ARNOLD



There is a moment every Friday night when I catch a glimpse of holiness.

It comes after those few minutes of silent prayer. My mind is quiet, cleared of all the petty troubles that fill it the rest of the week. For those seconds I can think only of the many ways my life has been blessed.

Security, home, food, dear friends and a loving family. All the things that make life worth living.

After those too-brief moments Laura's voice floats across the sanctuary, soft, low and sweet. She sings Oseh Shalom and the feeling of peace that floods over me can move me to tears.

I've been asked many times over the last year why I made the decision to become a Jew. Those 108 words come as close as any I've ever written to explaining why.

My Jewish journey started over 30 years ago when I first attended a service at Temple Anshe Sholom. I knew then there was something about this faith, the foundation from which both Christianity and Islam drew their inspiration, that spoke directly to my heart.

In those days, however, I couldn't express those feelings. Perhaps Rabbi Baskin understood that and, in the kind way for which he is known, he deflected my requests to be converted. After two years I was distracted by the things that fill the minds of young men — the search for a job, a wife, a home, a purpose.

The fact my heart was open to such a message wasn't because I'd been raised in a religious environment. I was christened in the United Church in 1954, not because my parents had any great reservoir of faith, but mostly because that's what parents did in those days. Between that baptism and our wedding in the same church 22 years later, my religious education was confined to the daily Scripture readings then

conducted in public schools, Baptist vacation Bible schools where the Christian message was embedded in ventriloquist acts and puppet plays and very periodic attendance at United Church services. For a brief period we were also sent to a Pentecostal church but found the mass hysteria of people speaking in tongues and writhing on the floor in spiritual ecstasy deeply frightening.

Despite my doubts about Christianity, my longing for religious expression and connection prompted me to volunteer my soul for salvation at two revival meetings as a teenager. While I thought my heart was open, the message of Christian redemption left me cold.

And so it was for the next three decades. I found a career I like, a job that has brought some recognition and a degree of security. I fell in love and we've made a comfortable home. The old religious urge, however, was never completely silent. Every time I drove into Westdale I would cast a glance toward The Temple and feel a pang of longing.

Early in 2006 as I neared the age of 52, however, the need for some form of faith expression bubbled back to the surface of my mind. There was no "burning bush" incident — I reached a time in life when, with my parents in increasingly frail health, some high school classmates already dead and no children to ensure my future, the idea of my own mortality became suddenly stark.

Where many men respond to that realization by buying a sports car and being foolish with women young enough to be their daughters, my thoughts turned inward. I started with very basic questions about what I believe about man and faith and God and then started to try to fit those ideas into some religious context.

God, I decided, exists not as the "divine overseer" placing black marks against my name in a Book of Judgement, but as a spark of divinity within each of us. If that idea is true, then there is no need for a messiah figure to intercede for me. There is also no need for the ponderous dogma which weighs down most of Christianity.

From this most basic conclusion I sought a faith stripped of dogma, a faith founded on the concept of a direct personal relationship with the di-

vine. This thinking brought me again to Reform Judaism.

Libraries have been filled by more learned minds than mine struggling to explain this, but while millions have found comfort in the Christian idea of salvation through Jesus, my soul cries for a more personal connection and a salvation earned through action in this world. That path, I believe, is defined by the Torah.

Translating those ideas into lived experience, of course, has meant some trouble. I have had

to wrestle with a sense of separation from the rituals of my youth. I felt this most keenly in December — first at the funeral of my wife's Big Sister where, during the singing of Amazing Grace, I was struck by the knowledge I had severed myself from that old source of comfort.

The feeling was reinforced Christmas Eve when the rest of my wife's family sang "Oh Holy Night" and I could only sit there, hands folded, head bowed.

Still to be faced, is the question of how to make an interfaith marriage work.

As troubling as those questions may be, they are nothing compared to the sense of peace my decision to choose Judaism has brought me. That sense is reinforced very week when Laura's sweet voice washes over my mind again and I realize Shabbat as returned.

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