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AGM hosts senior JAFI official

Maxyne Finkelstein to speak on the topic "Does Israel really need our money?"

The Hamilton Jewish community is invited to attend UJA Federation's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, May 26th, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm at the Jewish Community Centre. This AGM marks 75 years of incorporation, a theme that will be a thread throughout community activities during the coming year.

Another theme emanating from the meeting is the ongoing challenge of building an inclusive Jewish community. At last year's AGM, incoming UJA Federation President Dr. Larry Levin made a commitment to do more to ensure that "our Federation is a place where everyone can feel that their voices are being heard." Among other matters, Dr. Levin's report to the community will deliver an honest assessment of how far we have come in meeting that commitment and how far we can go in the next year to do even more.

The event's keynote speaker will be Maxyne Finkelstein, CEO of the North American Office of JAFI, the Jewish Agency for Israel. JAFI, the global NGO of the world Jewish community, is our global



North American CEO of JAFI (the Jewish Agency for Israel) Maxyne Finkelstein will give the keynote address at UJA Federation's Annual General Meeting on May 26.

are being raised about whether Diaspora financial support is as urgently needed in Israel as it once was. In view of the increasingly difficult challenge in supporting local Jewish needs, these are valid concerns. Finkelstein will directly address these and related matters in her presentation entitled "Does Israel Really Need our Money?"

The AGM will also be the

Award. Established by UJA Federation in 2007, in keeping with its namesake, this award is presented to a veteran volunteer who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in multiple venues. This year the award will be presented to Dr. Nadia Rosa for her groundbreaking work in Holocaust education.

The AGM will also serve as a venue to honor some of our community's younger members. Special attention is being given this year to student and faculty activists at McMaster University. Both Federation-supported student groups, the Jewish Students Association and Israel on Campus will receive letters of commendation for their courageous and successful efforts at promoting a balanced view of Israel in such a difficult climate. McMaster's Jewish Faculty Association will be the inaugural recipient of UJA Federation's Public Service Award for its unwavering support to Jewish students during the now annual assault known as Israel Apartheid Week.

UJA Federation president Larry Levin said that "This year's AGM will serve as an opportunity for our community to celebrate its accomplishments, honor its current and future leaders, learn more about our relationship to Israel and focus on future challenges. It's a lot to accomplish in 90 minutes but it will be well worth the time invested. I hope that everyone, not only our stakeholders in our beneficiary agencies, but everyone will make the effort to join us."

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partner in building the Jewish State through rescue and relief, immigration, training, education and social services. JAFI is also the instrument that partners with the Israeli government for the rescue of Jews in danger. In recent times, it was JAFI that moved one million Russians, 100,000 Ethiopians and so many others out of harm's way and to the safety of the State of Israel.

JAFI is the recipient of all UJA dollars raised for Israel in Hamilton, in Canada and around the globe. Given the remarkable recent development of Israel's economy, important questions

venue for the presentation of the second annual Shem Tov Awards. UJA Federation Human Resources Development Chair Vivienne Epstein told the HJN that her committee created this award to "provide an opportunity for any Jewish organization in Hamilton to publicly honor a volunteer of their own choosing. The initiative was very well received last year and we hope this will quickly turn into a much anticipated, annual Hamilton community tradition."

As well, the occasion will serve as venue for the presentation of the third annual Cece Schreiber

Telling their stories



Hamilton Jewish Federation's Holocaust Education Committee held its 12th annual Student Symposium on the Holocaust, Confronting the Past for the Sake of the Future on May 4, 2010 at Mohawk College. Pictured above are our dedicated Holocaust survivors who shared their personal testimonies with over 900 students. Front Row: Emmy Weisz, Betty Laron, Ed Carter-Edwards, Helene Goldflus, Frank Junger, Ernie Mason, Vera Barany; Back Row: Pinchus Gutter, Nadia Rosa, Max Eisen, Nate Leipziger. Missing are Elizabeth Albano and Ora Markstein.

Photo courtesy of the Junger Family

UJA Campaign Slightly Ahead of Last Year

With a few pledges still outstanding, the UJA 2010 campaign is coming to a close. The campaign has finished ahead of last year's total, but still a little less than its goal of a 5% overall increase. UJA Federation Executive Director Gerald Fisher told the HJN that the overall result was typical of small community campaigns across North America.

Looking ahead, most of this year's campaign leadership team is returning. UJA Federation President Dr. Larry Levin is delighted that Lisa Morris and Danna Horwood have agreed to return as Co-Chairs of the UJA 2011 Campaign. According to Levin, "We are blessed with two extremely creative, committed and capable young leaders who have risen to the challenge of ensuring a bright Jewish future in Hamilton, in Israel and around the world. We are fortunate to welcome them back to the leadership team."

Please join us at the 75th Anniversary of UJA Federation of Hamilton's

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, May 26, 2010

7:30 pm

at the **Jewish Community Centre**

Keynote Speaker

Maxyne Finkelstein

C.E.O. Jewish Agency for Israel, North America

will speak on the topic

Does Israel Really Need Our Money?

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Ontario Holocaust survivors honoured



Hamilton's Ora Markstein (second row, second from the left) was among 18 Ontario Holocaust survivors honoured by Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty on April 27, for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the province of Ontario. All honorees were recognized for having endowed the province with their many successful endeavours in family life, culture, business, community affairs and/or politics. They also demonstrated a commitment to Holocaust education, passing the torch of remembrance to future generations. Markstein, who has been featured in an earlier editions of the Hamilton Jewish News, was born in Rakospalota, Hungary, in 1924. She survived Auschwitz and Bergen Belsen, became sick with typhoid and was near death. Ten days after the war, Ora and her husband barely scraped together a prayer quorum amongst her town's survivors, and were married. The couple left Hungary in 1946 on an illegal transport headed to Germany. Today she is an artist and sculptor whose work has been displayed around the world. For more than twenty years she has been involved in Holocaust education with various schools in her region. Ora's artwork had one of the largest attendances at the Hamilton Art Museum.

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PRESIDENT'S report

DR. LARRY LEVIN, PRESIDENT,
 UJA FEDERATION OF HAMILTON

It has been just a year since my installation as President of UJA Federation of Hamilton. At that time I identified several priority areas, and made commitments to address them during my tenure.



Jewish Education

Supporting Jewish Education and Jewish Identity initiatives is one of four overarching Federation priorities.

At the time of my installation, I announced that an initiative was underway to establish a new, Hamilton Jewish Middle School. I am delighted to report that the new middle school has been operational for a year, and looks forward to welcoming children from both HHA, Kehila, and indeed all Jewish children, into grade 6 and 7 in September 2010.

This achievement was possible because of the willingness of educators and families at both our day schools to work together to achieve this communal goal.

Federation's role in this matter was one of facilitation, and encouragement. I am hoping that with ongoing support from UJA Federation, the Hamilton Jewish Middle School will continue to grow, stabilize and become a symbol of what we can achieve when we all work together.

Being a More Inclusive Community

I made a commitment at the beginning of my presidency to reach out to all of the many voices within our community. Some of whom felt that they were not being heard at the UJA Federation table. I have met personally with many leaders in our community, including our pulpit rabbis, Israeli advocates, with organizational presidents, and with lay and professional leaders of our national agencies

Reaching Out to Others

My goal is not only to develop the Jewish community as a more inclusive infrastructure, but to also ensure that the organized Jewish community has an opportunity to play its rightful part in the broader mosaic of faith and cultural diversity in Hamilton.

In that regard, I have met with leaders of other faith and cultural groups. As you might imagine, there are serious gulfs between us on certain issues, but I came away with a genuine sense that our community is well respected and that the climate for inter-group cooperation remains healthy.

Although my first order of business always remains the strengthening of our Jewish community, I am hoping that we will also take advantage of opportunities to cultivate friendships and useful relationships beyond the Jewish community.

Goals for Next Year

In addition to continuing the work on the issues noted earlier, there are others that I hope to engage during the 2nd year of my presidency. Here are a few of them.

Strengthening our JCC

Our JCC through its Board and staff has made great strides during the past few years in delivering exciting community programs, and an outstanding Camp Kadimah. Nevertheless, the future of our JCC is facing significant challenges.

Chronic underfunding of operations limits the growth and development necessary to ensure that the JCC remains at the forefront of organized Jewish life. The lack of funds for capital improvements prevents us from developing the existing facility into one that would better suit our community.

The future direction for JCC has been studied and discussed for several years. I am hoping the time for action has now come, and that UJA Federation will play a leading partnership role with JCC to work towards developing a governing structure, facility, and programming that will best meet the needs of our community today and in the future.

Strengthening our UJA and Endowment Functions

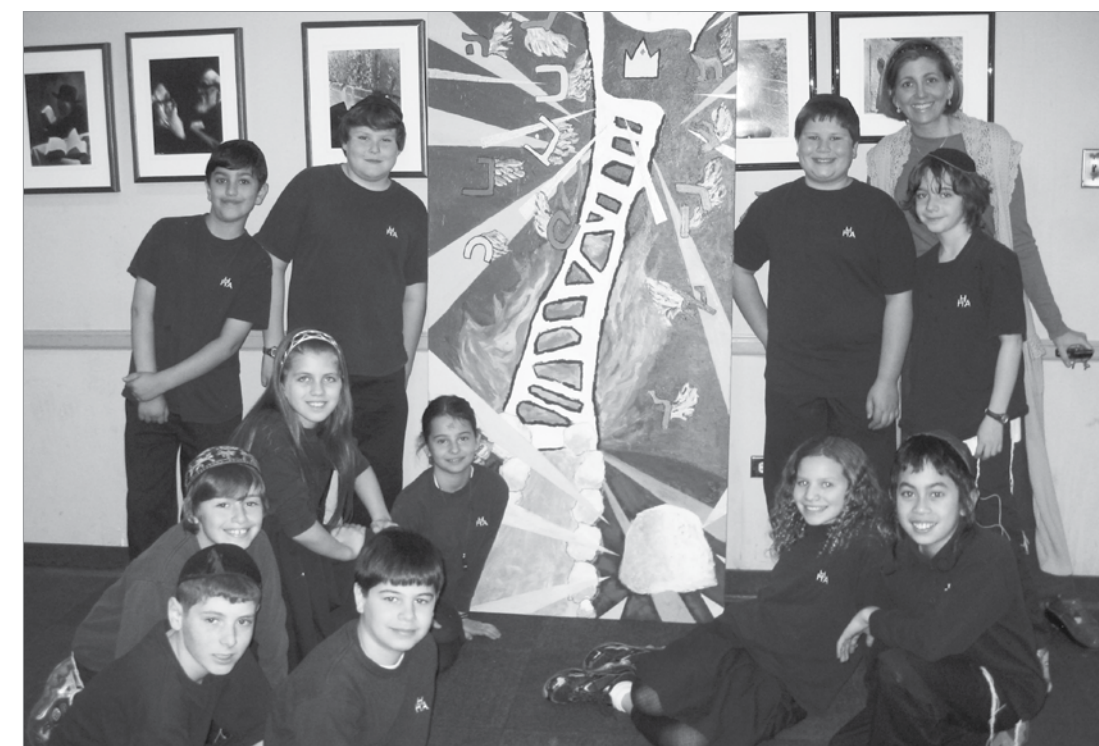
The driving engine to meet the needs of our community at home and abroad, is our ability to raise the dollars needed to support them.

While our community demographics have changed dramatically in the past ten years, our campaign strategy has not changed, and needs enhancement. We require more volunteers who are better organized and trained, with more effective support from our beneficiaries. I am very proud of the work of our UJA Campaign team, and I am confident that the 2011 campaign will be the best yet.

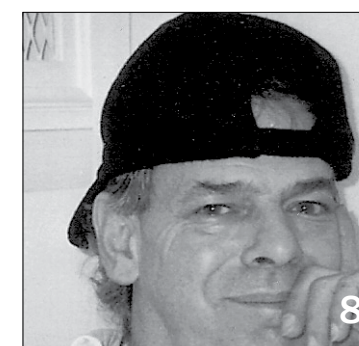
Proud

There are, of course, many other issues that need to be addressed. Being President is exciting and very rewarding. I am very proud of what we have accomplished this year, and look forward to working with our Board and staff, in partnership with all the other wonderful volunteers and groups across our community, to continue building a strong Jewish future for Hamilton.

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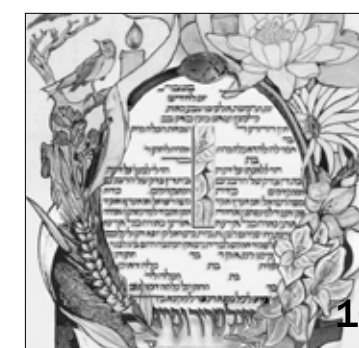


HHA PAINTING ON DISPLAY
 Chava Dena Glaser (the art teacher) and the Grade 5 class at the HHA with their painting of Jacob's ladder as part of a Hamilton community wide project that will be displayed at the Art Gallery of Hamilton in July and August and then be displayed full time at the Stuart Memorial Church as part of its 175 anniversary celebrations. Hope you get a chance to see it in real life. It's fabulous! There is a press release / Hamilton Spector party tonight at columbia international college. It's very exciting for our Jewish community to be involved in such a prestigious project!



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Finding common ground

Lay leaders grapple with troubling demographic statistics

WENDY SCHNEIDER

Putting aside differences and working together to increase the Jewish population of Hamilton should be this community's top priority. This was the consensus reached by a group of lay leaders in late April, in a discussion on the implications of troubling demographic data recently published by UJA Federation Canada. The leaders had come together for one of a series of meetings under the auspices of the Lay Leadership Forum, a Federation-sponsored initiative that provides a vehicle for Jewish community leaders to grapple with issues affecting their respective institutions and organizations.

Among those assembled that evening were guest facilitator Allan Reitzes from UJA Federation of Toronto and representatives from Kehila, the Hamilton Hebrew Academy, Chabad, Shalom Village, the Jewish Community Centre, Beth Jacob, Temple Anshe Sholom, Jewish Social Services, and Federation. They had come to receive guidance in developing a strategy that would begin to address how best to respond to projections of a declining Jewish population.

Those projections include particularly disturbing data that points to a decline in our community's wage-earning population

and an increase in single parent families and the working poor. At risk is the future viability of our synagogues, social service agencies and a UJA Campaign that provides funding for Jewish education and Jewish Social Services. An additional concern is the political implications of a Jewish community whose numbers are on the decrease in comparison with many other ethnic groups whose populations are increasing.

Participants reached a consensus early in the evening that the most effective way to face the challenges ahead was to put aside individual agendas and act as one entity, with a focus on growing the Jewish community. What followed was an animated discussion about the richness and diversity of services that exist in the Hamilton Jewish community and the need to develop a communication strategy that will get that message out to potential newcomers.

Federation President, Larry Levin, was pleased by the meeting's outcome: "Growing our Jewish community by attracting new families needs our urgent attention. When we work cooperatively we can do amazing things."

Nadia Rosa receives CeCe Schreiber Award

Long time community activist Dr. Nadia Rosa has been selected to receive the 2010 CeCe Schreiber Award. The most prestigious volunteer recognition in the Hamilton Jewish Community, this award is presented to senior level volunteers who have demonstrated their devotion to the community by providing leadership in multiple venues and in multiple roles.



Dr. Rosa is the founding chair of Hamilton's Holocaust Education Committee. Under her leadership, Hamilton has emerged as the cutting edge force in Holocaust Education in Canada. Nadia was responsible for the creation of the annual Holocaust Student Seminar as well as for Hamilton's participation in the bi-annual Asper Program and March of the Living. Nadia has also served as a founder of the Hamilton Yom Hashoah Committee.

In addition, Dr. Rosa has served as a member of the Canadian Jewish Congress National Holocaust Education Council. She has also served for many years in multiple roles with the Beth Tikvah Foundation and as President of National Women's ORT. Commenting on the decision to recognize Dr. Rosa, UJA Federation President Dr. Larry Levin said "Nadia's life journey, from Czech Holocaust survivor to McMaster University Geneticist is a wonderful example of the resiliency of the human spirit. Nadia's leadership builds community capacity, encourages and empowers others. Her life is a wonderful inspiration for others."

March of the Living 2010

The March of the Living 2010, Coast to Coast experience has been one that I will never forget. Our group experienced many low points while going to the concentration camps and witnessing the devastating events of the Holocaust. Although being exposed to these things brought up deep emotions and many tears, it brought our Hamilton group and the Coast to Coast group closer, allowing everyone to



Pictured above are the 2010 March of the Living participants (from left to right) Rebecca Harris, Dana Kriszenfeld, Josh Malka, Cindy Kam (Chaperone) Daniel Fisher-Jhrard and Sam Bader.

feel comfortable with one another and not be afraid to turn to someone for support. The March itself was a powerful event where 10,000 Jewish youth joined together to march between Auschwitz and Birkenau on Holocaust Memorial Day. We met many people from all over the world, including South Africa, Panama, Australia and France. After an emotional week in Poland we traveled to Israel, where everyone's sadness was transformed to happiness. We enjoyed staying on a kibbutz, having breakfast with IDF soldiers, relaxing in the Dead Sea and touring around this amazing country. We also had the privilege of being in Israel on their Memorial Day for fallen soldiers and Israel Independence day. We all have both sad and happy memories from our experience and the journey was life changing and very rewarding.

Rebecca Harris

Parliamentarians against Anti-Semitism

On Sunday, May 2nd, the Hamilton Jewish Community hosted a fund raising breakfast in support of the Canadian Parliamentary Coalition to Combat Anti-Semitism. Over \$10,000 was raised to support a planned November 2010 conference on anti-Semitism in Canada. This non governmental, parliamentary initiative was launched following the International Parliamentary Conference that took place London in February 2009. The committee



Pictured above, from left to right, Monte Levy, Mario Silva, David Sweet, Larry Levin and Rabbi Daniel Green.

is chaired by Liberal MP Mario Silva. Local Conservative MP David Sweet is an active member of the committee, as is Liberal MP Irwin Cotler. The committee was launched with members from all parties included. The "Bloc" has since resigned. The committee's function is to accept depositions from Canadian groups and individuals with insight into the growing phenomenon of the new anti-Semitism.

Temple visits Shechafim School

Israel tour visits school for disabled children supported by our community

STEVE ARNOLD

It's hard to remember sometimes that there are real flesh-and-blood accomplishments at the end of the blizzard of fundraising appeals the Jewish community faces every year.

Members of Temple Anshe Sholom saw some of those accomplishments during our Israel tour in March when we visited the Shechafim Regional Rehabilitation School - the northern Israel school for profoundly disabled children that draws a major part of its support from Hamilton Jews.

Established 26 years ago, the school serves a population of 43 children suffering heart-breaking mental and physical handicaps.

"Our students face every challenge imaginable," explained David Rose, chair of the Friends of Shechafim Committee. "We are a school of last resort. Every other educational framework in the entire area has said they can't handle them."

The school's 43 students, aged 6-21, are drawn from the entire area around the town of Kiryat Shemona. Its facilities are open to all, regardless of religion; a fact the school's staff believes may do much to promote peace in the troubled region.

"Our students are a microcosm of the entire area," David said.

Students suffer a heart-breaking range of physical and mental handicaps. Principal Shay Adler notes 90 per cent are in diapers constantly and all require many different kinds of stimulation.

Shechafim's needs are almost endless, including everything from basic school materials to complicated devices designed to let seriously disabled children stand and get even that small amount of freedom in their lives. Many mobility devices have to



Rabbi Cohen, Ishay Adler and David Rose with the quilt presented to the Shechafim School by the Anshe Sholom Tour. The quilt was made by Hamilton children.

Photo by Steve Arnold

be imported at costs ranging up to 25,000 NIS (about \$7,000 Cdn).

That's why support from Canada has been so important to the school.

"Canada has been helping us for many years in very, very important ways," Adler said. "We give our students as much love and

attention as is humanly possible."

In addition to money, Hamilton has also helped decorate the somewhat dilapidated school buildings, first with the magnificent mosaic in 2008 created by Laura Wolfson, and this year with a hand-made quilt produced by many of our own students.

Report Hate Crimes!

There is a growing climate of concern around the increasing number of anti Semitic incidents in general and particularly in the Hamilton School system.

We can help.

UJA Federation has an excellent working relationship with the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board and with the Hate Crimes Unit of Hamilton Police Services. They are on our side and yours. If you, your child, or someone you know has been the victim of bullying, or any kind of anti-Semitic harassment, at school, in the workplace, or on the street, you must report it. Don't say it doesn't matter. Don't be afraid.

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UJA Federation of Hamilton Public Affairs Committee

HAMILTON JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES

Bereavement Course

Hamilton Jewish Social Services is pleased to offer a course to help people cope with bereavement called **10 Valuable Weeks™**. This 10-week non-denominational program will begin on Tuesday May 11, 2010 and will run from 10 am until 12 noon weekly. Each week a different aspect of grief will be looked at that will help you find meaningful ways to symbolize the loss of a loved one and move forward with your life's journey.

Melissa Axler is a Certified Grief and Pastoral Counsellor and the Director of Beneficial Living & Wellness. This professionally lead program is designed to assist those individuals who are actively grieving a recent loss or feel they would benefit with some help for a loss that happened some time ago. Melissa holds a diploma in Early Childhood Education; a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Abnormal Psychology, a Masters in Theological Studies and is currently completing her PhD in Grief and Bereavement. Her certificate in Thanatology qualifies Melissa as a specialist in the area of death, dying, grief and bereavement. Melissa has also been certified through the American Academy of Grief Counselling, a certifying body within the American Institute of Health Care Professionals.

Melissa can be reached by email at Melissa@beneficial-living.com or by phone at 905 467-0418. This program will be held at the Hamilton Jewish Social Services office 30 King St. East in Dundas. Space is limited to 12 participants. The cost is \$175 for the full ten weeks. For registration and or more information contact Carol Krames 905-6278-9922 ex21 or carolkramesjss@hotmail.com.

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Kasbrut Observed

- YAD encourages all our supporters to attend this year's UJA Walk for Israel on June 6th at Bayfront Park Come on out and help raise funds for Jewish Social Services and the Jewish Agency's Net@ project.
- The Leadership Development Program is 66% completed and is a huge success. Watch for details about the next program beginning this fall.
- Join YAD Hamilton on Facebook or at www.yadhamilton.org
- We have a delegation of eight attending "Pump Up The Volume" the National Young Leadership Retreat in Calgary, Alberta on May 14 - 16, 2010.
- There are openings on our event planning committee. If you are interested email elevine@jewishhamilton.org Visit yadhamilton.org often for updates!

Have a great summer!

newsflash

UJA Federation President Larry Levin is pleased to announce that Jeff Shinehoft has



accepted an appointment to serve on the Hamilton Media Advisory Council. The Council serves as a community "watchdog," advising local media on issues related to racism and sensitivity to local faith and cultural groups. Shinehoft, a local attorney, is a member of the Federation Public Affairs Committee and is a graduate of the Canada Israel Committee Advocacy Training Program.

The 2nd annual

Adas Israel Synagogue recipient Misha (Mike) Goldenberg

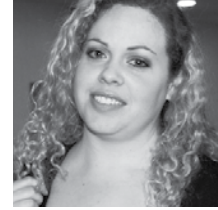


Misha is a caring and kind-hearted volunteer who is always there when needed. He goes out of his way to assist, and is cheerfully willing to take on incredible responsibilities to make the Adas Israel a special place! For the past two years, Misha has been one of the backbones of the Adas Israel's monthly United Shabbat complimentary luncheons. As an inspirational part of a great team, Misha gives an average of 40 hours per month for this event alone!

His energy, commitment and extraordinary culinary skills help to make United Shabbat the incredible success it is! In addition to volunteering at the Adas on a regular basis, he also volunteers for Social Services and Hamilton Hebrew High (Midrasha). His commitment to the Hamilton Jewish Community is exemplary and we know that future generations will be inspired by his generous example. **Misha responds:** "When I came to Hamilton in 1980 everyone was so helpful to me, my family and my mother. I always wanted to give back and now that I am retired I have time to volunteer and it is my pleasure."

Shem Tov Awards

Beth Jacob Synagogue recipient Yael Reznick DeMarco



Some things are just meant to be. Volunteers were busily preparing for Beth Jacob's annual Chanukah dinner when Yael Reznick DeMarco walked in and asked if we had any need for more volunteers. She was whisked away and put to work before she could change her mind: We were a synagogue in need of an administrative ace and she was an Israeli girl wonder in need of a shul.

It was the start of a beautiful friendship. Yael is this lovely combination of Israeli spunkiness and Canadian affability. She's smart and funny and processed of an infinite amount of patience. Her range of knowledge extends from computer software application to public relations to event organizing. But her most valued and valuable qualification is her sense of loyalty and commitment to the Jewish community on whose collective behalf she has laboured long and hard. She has been a gift to the Beth Jacob and it is our distinct pleasure to nominate her for the Shem Tov Award. She would be a most exemplary recipient. **Yael responds:** "Firstly, I want people to understand that I did not see it as volunteer 'work' - for me it was fun and it was all about creating relationships with so many wonderful people. Secondly, I believe that the best way to get through rough times is by concentrating on helping others. When they smile you smile... and I have been smiling all along working with members of this community."

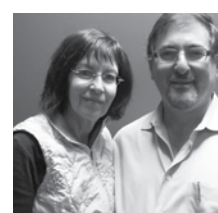
Hamilton Hebrew Academy recipient Jill Gaffe



As an active and involved parent in her children's lives, Jill Gaffe takes great pride in the Hamilton Hebrew Academy. Whether it's cooking hot lunches, reading with the children in the younger grades, or driving carpool to the citywide sports competitions, Jill is always a reliable partner in all school activities. Jill is a member of the education committee and is always eager to step up to the plate for leadership positions within the PTA and other projects. We are extremely proud to honour Jill with a Shem Tov award as she is not only a role model to her children but an inspiration to our current parent body. Jill sets an example for all that raising children is a most important job that requires active participation. We are honoured to have such a great Jewish leader in our school and in the Jewish Community at large. **Jill responds:** "By volunteering in my community, I am hoping to set the same positive example for my children that my mother set for me. I feel that it is important to volunteer at the HHA as it is an integral part of our community at large and is currently the cornerstone of my children's education and development."

JCC nominees Rick and Wendy Black
For many years Rick and Wendy Black have provided the children of our Jewish Community with the opportunity to express themselves and to further develop their public speaking by offering them a chance to participate in the Morris Black Public Speaking Contest. This contest encourages the children of our community to grow into leaders. We are extremely grateful for their continuous participation, for choosing the JCC to be a partner in this event and for the continuing opportunity to do so in the future. Rick and Wendy respond: "A wonderful heritage has been given to us, forsake it not," are words that Morris Black alav hashalom wrote in his will. What better way to honour his memory than to be involved with our Jewish community and ensure it's future success.

JNF nominee Sasha Weisz



Sasha has been a long time volunteer with JNF and has been involved in many Negev Dinners over the years. She regularly organizes our telethons and has volunteered with our Dinner arrangements as well. Working behind the scenes, she is always making sure that our Dinners always attain a high level of quality and interest. **Sasha responds:** JNF has always been important to our family. I enjoy working on the Negev Dinners and it's an honour for me to be able to help. Volunteering is very important in our community and it's a value that we hope we've passed on to our children.

Jewish Social Services recipient Jack Leon



Jack Leon, a past president of Hamilton Jewish Social Services, has volunteered for the agency for many years. Currently he volunteers as a job counsellor, offering support and strategies for those looking for a job and coping with being unemployed. Jack, a guidance counsellor at Mohawk college for over 30 years, offers his wealth of experience to help people learn about retraining programs. He also offers relaxation therapy at our meetings and meets with our clients on an individual basis to help them cope with their own unique circumstances. Thanks to Jack's efforts an average of one person a month is finding employment through our agency. Our agency is proud to have Jack as a member.

Temple Anshe Sholom recipient Norm Weddum



Whenever there is a job to do at Temple Anshe Sholom, Norm Weddum is there to help. Norm is one of those rare individuals that we are so fortunate to have in our community. Norm is a life long member of Temple, who joined the Board of Trustees in 1992 and became its President serving from 1999 to 2001. Norm has been House Chair since 2004 keeping Temple running smoothly and has conducted fundraising bingos each week for the last 17 years, yet for the most Norm part works quietly behind the scenes in so many aspects of Temple life. As if that were not already enough Norm serves as one of the Ushers during High Holidays and many other services. Norm's enthusiasm for volunteering has also led to others in his family becoming active volunteers as well. Norm continues to be a regular and active participant at monthly Board meetings, always offering his views and insights on a variety of Temple issues. Somehow he also finds the time and energy to attend services on a regular basis. Norm is such an inspiration to many of us and is an incredible asset to our community.

UJA Federation recipient Raefie Epstein



Over the years, Dr. Raefie Epstein has been one of the quiet strengths on Hamilton's UJA Annual Campaign. Our campaign is a volunteer driven enterprise. Raefie's leadership as co-chair of the UJA Medical Division as well as his valued participation as a member of the UJA Campaign Cabinet has greatly contributed to the steady growth of our fundraising efforts in this area. His always pleasant demeanor and sense of responsibility have made him so much fun to work with and are traits greatly appreciated in the organization. **Raefie responds:** My involvement with the Hamilton Jewish Community has been enriched by the multiple opportunities for volunteering. These activities have enabled my ongoing participation in the community and facilitated a real sense of belonging for myself and family since moving to Hamilton in 1981. The opportunity to network and develop relationships with the UJA team and community members has been very rewarding.

The Shem Tov Award was created to honour the "good name" of the volunteers who have made such wonderful contributions to the efforts of our community organizations. UJA Federation is honoured to recognize these dedicated community volunteers.



Kehila recipient David Shore

David Shore has been a very committed and consistent volunteer for Kehila Jewish Community Day School. As a behind the scenes guy, he has demonstrated his commitment over and over again during the past 5 years. David has volunteered his time and expertise to the Kehila JCDS board of directors both as a member at large and as the Chair of the Board. He has helped to build a foundation at Kehila, bringing forward what is important for us to focus on, helping to structure our Board of Directors as well as our meetings to be efficient and effective. He has always made himself available to staff and parents when asked to participate in every aspect of school life. David has worked tirelessly on the conception, development and the communication tools for the Hamilton Jewish Middle School. He is a strong communicator and takes great pride in his work. David has a long term vision for Kehila and in his term as chair he wants to realize as much of his lofty vision for our school and for our Hamilton Jewish Community. David's commitment to his school and his community is simply amazing and he will spend countless hours working through a set of agreements as long as it is a clear path to Shalom Babayit - Peace in our Community with choices and growing possibilities for the future. David responds: "Volunteering for Kehila represents a central part of my life. We all live in a community and without each person doing their best to support that community, there is no community. So, by supporting Kehila, I am in essence supporting myself, my family, and all of the things that I hold dear."

Na'amat recipient Simone Rotstein



Simone Rotstein has been a member of Na'amat for close to thirty years. In fact, she was one of the founding members of the Nitsan chapter. Her contributions to the group's growth and fundraising efforts have always been infused with her tremendous energy and, most of all, modesty. Not one to focus attention on herself, Simone has, over the years, been a driving force behind the major events the group has undertaken. She was the creative force behind our Women's Seder and the 'Women of Inspiration' event. Simone has taken on key roles in the running of our group, including the co-presidency, and now sits on the Na'amat Canada national board. A teacher by profession, Simone, in her calm and patient manner, moves the people around her to act in a sharing and collegial manner. This is the key to her success - involving and energizing anyone who joins with her to make Na'amat a success. Friends are moved to reciprocate her loyalty. This is her influence and this is why we honour her and how she has earned our respect. **Simone responds:** "As well as fulfilling my connection to Israel, Na'amat, over the years, has provided wonderful, creative times and loyal, understanding friends. I am indebted to the organization for so many of the positive influences in my life."

Shalom Village recipient Leon Price



Leon Price is the quintessential volunteer - dedicated to doing what we need, allergic to need for ego stroking activities, a symbol in life and action of our mission to honour our fathers and our mothers, a pure joy to be around - and we at Shalom Village are fortunate life long recipients of his good humour, his good sense and his love. Board member, fund raiser, personal volunteer, staff cheerleader, sage advisor, mensch - he does them all with aplomb. Grateful for all he is, Shalom Village nominates Leon Price as our worthy nominee for the Shem Tov Award. **Leon responds:** "Of course I am all these things and more - I do all of this because it is important - love you"

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STEVEN BROCK



The late Benny and Ferne Mintz

Every stone has a story

The tragic story of Benny and Ferne Mintz

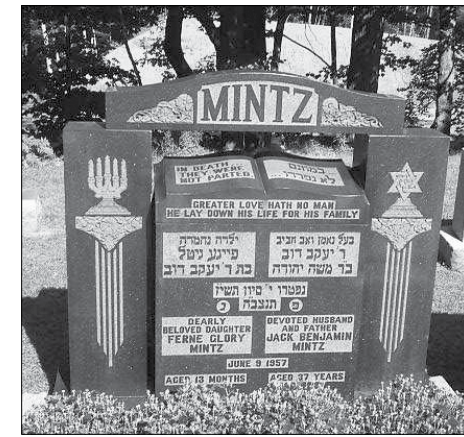
One of the initiatives the Jewish Genealogical Society of Hamilton and Area has undertaken over the past few years is to photograph, translate, and index each and every matzaveh (tombstone) in the five Jewish cemeteries in the Hamilton area. The purpose of this is to contribute this data to a worldwide database of Jewish burial data.

However, as I walked with my camera upon rows and rows of graves, recording the cold data that each stone contains, I couldn't help but think that every person buried within had an individual life with hopes, dreams, achievements, setbacks, happiness, sadness, joy and tragedy. Each person had their own unique story.

Although most gravestones do not give any sense of the lives that had been lived, every now and then you come across a stone that just piques your curiosity. At the Beth Jacob Cemetery, there is a double grave stone that caught my attention for two reasons. Primarily, the surname was Mintz, which was my maternal grandmother's name. The second thing that

sparked my interest was that unlike most double stones that memorialize a husband and wife, this was for a father and his infant daughter.

This 1957 grave contained 37 year old Jack Benjamin Mintz and 13 month old Ferne Glory Mintz. The inscription on the stone was equally intriguing: Greater Love Hath No Man He Lay Down His Life For His Family. From that moment I was hooked and I knew



Spectator newspaper. What I found was a heartbreaking tale of heroism that captivated the Jewish community all those years ago. Ten year old Jack (nicknamed Benny) Mintz came with his parents, his brother Max, and two sisters to Toronto from his native Poland in 1930. At the outbreak

that I had to find out the story behind the stone.

This was easily accomplished with a trip to the public library and delving into the 50 plus year old microfilmed archives of the Hamilton

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of war in 1939, Benny enlisted in the army and served with the Canadian Infantry. Upon being discharged, he worked in a munitions factory, and later operated a cigar store with Max.

After about three years, Benny and Max moved west to Hamilton where they opened the "Chicken Roost", a popular family restaurant. Benny married Mildred Netkin, and the newlyweds moved into a comfortable Westdale bungalow at 79 Westwood Street. In 1954 the Mintz's were blessed with a son, Mark, and in 1956, they welcomed a daughter, Ferne.

On the night of June 8, 1957, Benny and Mildred were out visiting relatives. Three year old Mark and 13 month old Ferne were home safely in the care of their live-in babysitter, Amelia Selmayer. Upon arriving back home at about 3 am, Mildred thought she smelled smoke. Benny checked the house but could not find the source of the smell. Before heading off to bed, he shut down the furnace, just to be safe.

At 4:00 am, Benny and Mildred were awakened by 18-year old Amelia, who alerted them of a fire.

A short circuit in an electric heater used to warm her basement bedroom had set the wall ablaze. The fire quickly travelled up the heating ducts to the main floor living room where the carpets and drapes were quickly consumed. The smoke in the basement was so thick, that Amelia was unable to make her way up the stairs. She was forced to escape through a window, and then ran back in through the front door to alert the Mintz's.

By that point the smoke from the raging inferno was so thick on the main floor, that Mildred and Amelia escaped by smashing through the bedroom window, while Benny ran to get the children. Grabbing Mark, he handed the toddler to Mildred through

the broken window. Racing back into the flames, to save Ferne, Benny likely became blinded and disoriented by the thick smoke, and took a wrong turn into a closet instead of into her bedroom.

Firemen arrived on the scene and immediately began a search for Benny and Ferne. Even with their masks on, the dense, choking smoke made it nearly impossible for the rescuers to get into the house and search for father and daughter. They eventually found Benny on the floor inside the closet next to Ferne's room, and the baby still inside her crib. Despite intense efforts to revive them, neither survived.

More than 800 people packed Beth Jacob Synagogue for Benny and Ferne's funeral, with another 200 forced to stand outside. In his eulogy, Rabbi Abraham Simon pointed out that in light of this tragedy, "everyday we live, should be considered a gift from God". Their grave at the Snake Road cemetery is a testament of a parent's love for his children, and the ultimate sacrifice we all hope that we are never called upon to make.

After the fire, Max continued to run the Chicken Roost until it closed in 1986. Mildred had been pregnant at the time of the fire, gave birth to a healthy boy, who she named Ben. She was eventually remarried to prominent businessman Allen H. Gould and opened Milli Fashions for Women on Main Street, which she still runs with Mark and Ben. But that is a whole other story.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Hamilton & Area (JGSH) meets monthly at Temple Anshe Sholom, 215 Cline Avenue North, Hamilton. We begin with our Meet & Greet at 7:30 pm, followed by a guest speaker.

Please check our website, www.jgsh.org or contact Hazel Boon at 905-524-3345.

Maxyne Finkelstein has served since 2006 as the CEO of the Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI), North America. This position serves as the senior JAFI professional in North America and is responsible for financial resource development, representation to Federations and coordination of services. The Jewish Agency for Israel operates as the largest global non governmental organization serving the Jewish people. Maxyne Finkelstein brings more than 25 years of experience in the field of Jewish communal service to her current position. She previously served as the Executive Vice President (CEO) of UJA Federations Canada from July 2000. UJA Federations Canada is the national organization serving as the central address for the Federations and Regional Jewish communities of Canada. The major programs and services of this national organization relate to financial resource development, strengthening connections to Israel, focusing on the next generation, advocacy for the Jewish people and Israel. During her mandate the organization realized an increase in financial and service capacity of over one hundred and fifty percent.



About Maxyne Finkelstein

Please join us at the 75th Anniversary of UJA Federation of Hamilton's Annual General Meeting Wednesday, May 26, 2010 @ 7:30 pm Jewish Community Centre 1030 Lower Lions Club Road, Ancaster

Keynote Speaker **Maxyne Finkelstein** C.E.O. Jewish Agency for Israel, North America speaking on the topic **Does Israel Really Need Our Money?**

Building an Inclusive Jewish Community

Camp Kadimah News

Summer 2010

CAMP DIRECTOR: RINARODAK



After an eight year hiatus, Rina is proud to be back as the Director of Camp Kadimah. Along with her own 3 Kadimah campers, Rina brings with her a wealth of programming experience and a life-long love for summer camp. A former Camp Ramahnik, it is her goal to create a safe, fun, and educational environment that the campers will remember into their adulthood. Having spent many a year as a participant and/or staff for USY, Birthright, Ramah, Kadimah, and as a classroom teacher, Rina appreciates the influence summer camp can have on the growth and maturation of individual and community identity - her goal is to infuse a love for Judaism, Israel, Community, and plain old fashioned summer fun into the JCC's youth; the campers and the staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR: NOMI CUNEO



Nomi is going into her third year of Sociology at McMaster University and hopes to pursue a career helping those less privileged. Once she is finished her university education, she hopes to travel to third world countries to help children who are living in poverty. This is Nomi's sixth consecutive summer working at Camp Kadimah and throughout the years, she's never been more excited as the summer approaches. Even though she is a Kadimah veteran, she's excited to bring her new ideas an experience to the table. Nomi is most looking forward to greeting the smiling campers every morning this summer.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: ARIELLE STRUB



Hi! I'm Arielle Strub. I have been a part of the Jewish camp experience all my life - I was a Kadima camper myself back in the day. I am currently enrolled at McGill University in the Physical and Health education program. Last year I was selected to attend a Jewish counselor leadership program where I developed Jewish programs for campers and staff to be implemented all over North America. I am looking forward to contributing to making this summer a great experience with new and fun Jewish programs as well as keeping an energized and safe atmosphere. See you all soon!

SPONSOR SOME SUNSHINE

Help send a camper to Camp Kadimah this summer

Every summer the JCC provides camperships to many children whose families are financially unable to manage the cost of day camp. For many of these children, attending day camp provides them with contact to the Jewish Community during the summer. Your support of providing a week of camp valued at \$200.00 or a Corporate Sponsorship will allow us to continue and expand this proud and important tradition of helping children in our community. To help please contact the JCC at 905-648-0605 or send a cheque to the JCC at PO Box 81203 Ancaster Ontario L9G 4X1. On behalf of our campers, we thank you!

JCC Events Spring 2010



Morris Black Public Speaking Contest, Yom HaShoah, Yom Ha'atzmaut, Lag Ba'Omer

Max Rotman Humanitarian Youth Awards

Thursday, June 3, 2010 @ 7:00 pm



Temple Anshe Sholom, 215 Cline Ave. N.
Guest Speaker: Canadian Olympic Athlete



Barry Foster Remembered

STEPHEN FOSTER



My late brother Barry touched the lives of many people in our community through his work at Beth Jacob Synagogue, the B'nai Brith Sports Night Dinner, serving breakfast to needy children and his hockey capacities for the various leagues in which he played. Barry was a true volunteer, never asking for anything in return and never asking anyone to do something he wouldn't do himself. Each June we honour his memory with the Barry Foster Memorial Golf Tournament at the Beverley Golf and Country Club, where he was a member for many years. This tournament raises funds for the JCC, Beth Tikvah House, St Joseph's Hospital Cardiac Care Unit the Hamilton Minor Hockey Low Income Fund to help young kids play hockey who could not otherwise afford it. We ask the community to support this event by participating as a player, being a hole sponsor or donating to a fund that is set up at the JCC. Charitable receipts will be provided. My daughter Michelle is the co-chair for this event and listening to her talk about her Uncle Barry always brings tears to my eyes. It is with this thought in mind that I ask you to support this tournament - whether it be \$18 or whatever you can afford. We want Barry's name to be remembered for generations to come and we can only do this by continuing the work that he started. Barry's charity work was endless and his kindness touched many people - both older and younger - as he always had that smile on his face. I thank you and I appreciate all the help you have given so far in remembering Barry Foster. Please call the JCC at 905-648-0605 for information about the tournament and donations.



Camp Kadimah

Weekly Sessions from July 5 until August 27

Camp Open House

Tuesday, June 1, 2010 @ 5:30pm

Contact the JCC to receive your registration package and camp flyer or visit our website at

www.jcchamilton.com



The entire community is invited to attend the

Barry Foster Memorial Golf Tournament



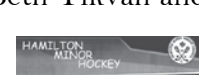
Thursday, June 17th, 2010 at the Beverly Golf & Country Club

Spaces are still available for players, donations and sponsorships. Call the JCC at 905-648-0605.

Beneficiaries include the Jewish Community Centre of Hamilton, Beth Tikvah and St. Joseph's Healthcare Foundation



Beth Tikvah (House of Hope)



UJA Walk for Israel

helping those in need at home ... and in our homeland

Sunday, June 6
@Bayfront Trail

Registration: 10:15am
@Shalom Village
Walk begins @11:00am
(rain or shine)



Help us meet our fundraising goal of \$20,000 to be distributed...

Locally - enabling Jewish Social Services to help meet the needs of our community's most vulnerable.

and in Israel - through supporting the Jewish Agency's NET@project that trains high risk youth for high-tech positions and helps bridge Israel's Digital Divide.

Newcomers to Hamilton since January '09 and families with children born in '10 are invited to visit the Shalom Hamilton Shalom Baby table

Post Walk festivities at Coronation Park

Israeli dancing, music, games, food. Bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy OR Kosher pizza will be available to buy.

For every \$18 raised receive a draw ticket for a chance to win...

- an ipod Touch,
- Best Buy Gift Certificates
- or a 22" Norco Trail Bike

For more information and sponsor sheets visit www.jewishhamilton.org

Volunteers needed!
Call 905-648-0605 to volunteer



WALKATHON COMMITTEE
Alma Arguello-Yellin, Charles Kravetsky
Leah Mauer & Yael Resnick-DeMarco

Traditional artform goes high tech

Israeli artist's re-worked original designs reach a global market

WENDY SCHNEIDER

It all began with a wedding invitation. Tali Rubinfeld, the granddaughter of Ancaster residents, Henry and Bella Muller, had commissioned Israeli artist, architect and ketuba-designer Tami Cleitman to design her wedding invitation. Rubinfeld was so pleased with the results that she asked Cleitman if she could purchase one of two limited edition lithographed Ketubot the artist had created 25 years earlier. However, Rubinfeld preferred to write her own text rather than using the text written in the printed Ketuba. To solve the problem, Cleitman made a high-resolution digital scan of the original artwork, thus producing an editable computer file that she could then alter according to Tali's wishes.

"From here it was only a short leap of the imagination to a dynamic revival of the many Ketubot I had designed in the early 1980's", said Cleitman, who spoke with the HJN from Givat Shmuel near Tel Aviv in a recent interview.

Tami Cleitman's Canadian connections date back to 1976 when she spent a summer at Camp Solelim and met her husband-to-be, Gary Blackstien, of Niagara Falls, Ontario. Tami and Gary were married after a second summer spent together at Solelim and subsequently settled in Toronto, where Tami completed a degree in architecture University of Toronto. In 1987 the couple, now parents of a little boy, made aliyah to Israel.

Cleitman first began designing ketubot during her years in

Toronto, but moved away from it upon her return to Israel. Her experience with Tali, however, suddenly opened up exciting new possibilities. More than twenty years since her first foray into the traditional art form of Ketubot, Tami decided to return to her works of art and make them available to a wider public.

Through an Internet site that she painstakingly created, a couple (or their friends and/or relatives) anywhere in the world can order a custom-tailored ketuba at an affordable price.

"The combined experience of putting together and ordering the ketuba is a wonderful way to begin the partnership of marriage", said Cleitman. "A ketuba received from the rabbi at the time of the marriage is a very mundane document, which is usually not highly valued but stuffed away in a drawer and forgotten. However, when the couple invests time and thought together in ordering an artistic Ketuba, it will remain an object of intense sentimental value. It will be framed and displayed in

the home as a permanent symbol of the relationship whose establishment it symbolizes."

Most of the ketubot which appear on Cleitman's website are modified reproductions of her original handmade ketubot, adapted in order to make digitally printable copies of the originals.

"The nice thing about the site", said Cleitman, "is that you can go into it and design your ketuba from beginning to end." Cleitman will prepare the ketuba according to couple's specifications and ship it anywhere in the world. The website, a work of art in itself, is both user-friendly and fun. Cleitman's ketubot can be viewed at www.ketuba-creations.com.



A ketuba creation by Tami Cleitman

Running for change

Julia Kollek seeks seat on City Council

WENDY SCHNEIDER

It's been many years since a member of the Jewish community sat on Hamilton's City Council but Julia Kollek hopes that will change following municipal elections next October 25. Kollek has been a resident of Dundas since immigrating here from England 20 years ago.

A journalist by profession and social activist at heart, Kollek has made a name for herself as a passionate advocate for change who does not hesitate to challenge the status quo. When her children were young, Kollek spearheaded a movement that eventually led to the establishment of a second Jewish community day school, Kehila. More recently, she has championed environmental causes, working with Environment Hamilton to help local institutions such as the Jewish Community Centre reduce greenhouse gases. Among her proudest achievements is her role in helping to prevent a school field across the street from a Dundas high school from being turned into a parking lot.

Kollek is also involved in bringing together faith-based groups to collaborate on poverty-related issues such as empowering low income families to cook healthy meals for themselves and reducing their expenditures by making their institutions more energy efficient.

Kollek, who is self-employed, has a particular interest in supporting small businesses. "The city tends to focus on industrial plants by offering silver bullet solutions. But the backbone of our



Julia Kollek

community is small businesses," she said, pointing to an initiative in London, Ontario, where the city provided self-employed and small business owners with a communal office space to use for a variety of purposes. She already has a space in mind and, would, if elected, set the wheels in motion for a similar venture here.

"The main thing I feel strongly about is improving the quality of life for everybody. If you have a talent and you're able to share with someone that could go along way in making life better for everyone in Hamilton," said Kollek.

Kollek believes that her Jewish background has unquestionably been a factor in shaping her social conscience and she hopes her underlying message of making the world a better place will strike a resonant chord in the community. For more information about Julia Kollek and her candidacy, visit www.juliakollek.ca.

Giving back a family tradition

Jeff Paikin credits family role models for his philanthropic activities

WENDY SCHNEIDER

The downtown offices of New Horizon Homes are bright and welcoming, not unlike the personality of company president, Jeff Paikin. The HJN had come calling, in response to learning that Paikin had recently received an award from the Rotary Clubs of Greater Hamilton.

The Paul Harris Fellowship Award is one of the highest honours that Rotary bestows and at this year's Awards Dinner, held at the Michelangelo Banquet Centre before an audience of 350, Paikin and three other non-Rotarians were honoured "for their outstanding contributions, exemplifying the highest ideal in Rotary in placing 'Service above Self.'"

Paikin's philanthropic activities are many and varied. Best known in the Jewish community as the long-time chair of the annual B'nai Brith Sports Dinner, Paikin is also a passionate advocate and fundraiser for City Kidz, the Children's Aid Society, Theatre Aquarius, Hillfield-Strathallan College and SEAL, an organization that represents the country's independent schools and the city's young athletes.

The conversation quickly veered from the subject at hand to the subject's parents, whom Paikin credits for passing on what he jokingly calls "the birth defect" which drives his volunteer activities. Larry and Marnie Paikin were, in their day, passionate supporters of civic causes and the arts scene in Hamilton. Marnie



Jeff Paikin in his downtown Hamilton office

Paikin, whom her son calls a "poster child for giving her time for others," is both a past Negev Dinner honouree and a member of the Order of Canada. Larry Paikin, who has and continues to devote countless hours in a variety of volunteer positions, is also a past Negev Dinner honouree.

The most successful volunteer experiences are those in which volunteers feel a deep connection to the cause and Paikin's chosen causes mirror the things about which he feels passionately. Less obvious is his strong belief about the importance of Jewish volunteerism in the community at large.

"I think there's a perception that Jews only support their own community. And I think that's a big mistake."

The B'nai Brith Sports Dinner, which regularly attracts an audience of 1000 and raises tens of thousands of dollars, serves as a perfect template for Paikin's win-win approach to life. The event has a Jewish name and Jewish organizers and the beneficiaries include both Jewish and non-Jewish causes.

Paikin beams with pride when describing how his daughter, Natasha, a Grade 9 student, has completed the required 40 high school volunteer hours within her first year of high school.

"She gets it," he said. "You've got to give a little back."

It's clear that Paikin "gets it" too, when he articulated what volunteers everywhere know to be true. "In some ways it's the most selfish thing you can do because it feels so good."

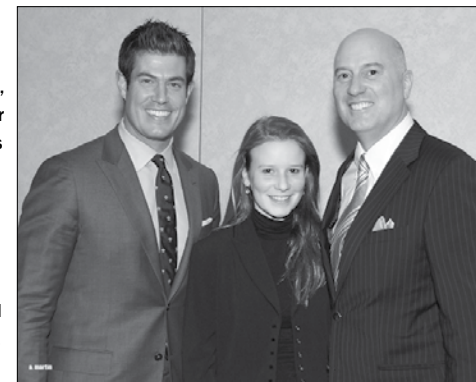
Honourable Mentschen

Congratulations to Vivienne Epstein for receiving a 2010 SAGE (Service Awards for Geriatric Excellence) in recognition of exemplary service and outstanding contributions to the health, independence and quality of life of seniors. Epstein, a speech-language pathologist with Community Rehab, was recognized for starting Supportive Conversation Groups in Hamilton for clients with Aphasia, a communication problem, usually resulting from a stroke or injury affecting the language areas of the brain. Of 44 nominees in the Individual Category, Epstein was among two who received the award.



Congratulations to Beverley Abramson, whose book, OFF WE GO! was recently chosen by the Toronto Public Library as one of the top ten books for reading readiness. Earning international and domestic accolades, it is published by Tundra Books. Abramson is a native of Hamilton and now living in Toronto. (Thanks to mother, Sylvia Katz for the heads up!) OFF WE GO! is available at Adas Israel Synagogue, Temple Anshe Shalom, Silvanas Hair Aesthetics- 767 King St. West, and through Sylvia Katz at 43 Bond St. South. The cost of the book is \$10.

Congratulations to the organizers of this year's B'nai Brith Sports Dinner, which raised \$70,000 for a number of local causes both within and beyond the Jewish community. Pictured here are head table guest Jesse Palmer, famous for his role on The Bachelor and Natasha and Jeff Paikin.



Congratulations to Na'amat Hamilton on the occasion of its 25th Celebrity Author Luncheon. Tickets to this year's event, that featured author Lawrence Hill, was sold out a month in advance. Pictured here are Na'amat Co-president, Dora Fischer, Author Luncheon convener, Adele Wolpert Zur and Lawrence Hill.



McMaster University Library and the Department of Religious Studies co-hosted a lecture by Irwin Cotler in early March on Contemporary Anti-Semitism. Cotler's claim that we are witnessing a new and escalating global, virulent and lethal anti-Semitism, struck a resonant chord among the audience. Pictured above, (l to r) are McMaster University Provost and Vice-President, Ilene Busch Vishniac, Monte Levy, Madeleine Levy, McMaster President Peter George, Irwin Cotler, Federation president Dr. Larry Levin, Dr. Alain Goldschlager, Sasha Weisz and Tom Weisz.

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Israel tour reveals a land of contrasts

Tour participants grapple with dilemma of reconciling Israel's security with Judaism's core beliefs.

STEVE ARNOLD

It looks like the wall of a prison, and for many residents of East Jerusalem it is exactly that.

For a country founded on the vision of opportunity and benefit for all citizens, the "security barrier" separating Jewish and Palestinian residents of the world's holiest city is like an ugly scar on the land.

Without it, however, even its opponents admit they would feel less safe in their homes.

In a land of contrasts, the barrier presents a sharp contrast between the high ideals of Israel and its political reality. Members of the Anshe Sholom tour were given a close, personal look at that contrast under the guidance of leaders from Rabbis for Human Rights who took us into Silwan and the contentious neighbourhood of Sheikh Jarah during a congregational tour of Israel in March.

Rabbi Michael Schwartz, director of development for the human rights group, captured the ambivalent feeling of many Israelis about the barrier, taking the Hamilton group first to the site of a 2004 terror attack that killed eight Israelis on a municipal bus, and then to the ugly gray stone barrier many feel has helped reduce such attacks. (To be fair, he added, there's no direct correlation between the wall and the decrease in fear. There have also been moves on the political front that have helped stabilize the situation.)

"Terrorist attacks were going on left and right at the time. People were afraid," he said. "On a personal level I feel more secure with the barrier."

That feeling of security, however, comes at some cost to the soul of the country whose

Declaration of Independence promises "The land will be developed for the benefit of all its inhabitants" and respect for the religion and customs of all citizens.

"This barrier is a thin line that forces you to be on one side or the other," he said. "For a lot of people this wall has a tremendous impact on their livelihood, their health care and their freedom of movement."

Simply separating people isn't really a path to peace – and for Schwartz that path must be found.

"The only way to make peace is to really make peace," he said. "Every act of violence is like a tear in the universe. You can sew it up, but it's never whole cloth again."

In the dusty, rubble strewn neighbourhood of Sheikh Jarah, a Palestinian man named Mohammed and his family showed the Anshe Sholom tourists part of the cost of the continued strike in eastern Jerusalem.

With the help of Rabbi Yecial Greiman, field director of Rabbis for Human Rights, Mohammed explained his family has lived in the neighbourhood as far back as the time of Ottoman Empire, but extremist Jewish settlers who have moved onto the street threaten their home today.

Sheikh Jarah has been a large Palestinian neighbourhood before the War of Independence. It was also the site of a large Palestinian refugee camp. The camp was closed after the war and the houses in Jews in the neighbourhood were given to Palestinians.

Since 1967 the Israeli right has been trying to make it a Jewish enclave. The courts have been removing Palestinians and



The Israel security fence runs like an ugly scar across the landscape of the Holy Land, yet many Israelis say they feel safer because of it, and terrorist attacks in Jerusalem have decreased since it was built. Photo by Steve Arnold

returning houses to Jews, a move Mohammed and his family are trying to fight through those same courts.

All of these problems, Schwartz said, pose real religious dilemmas for Jews who believe in Israel.

"We have to ask, are we living up to the Torah and where are we failing?" he said. "To many people in the world, what Israel does is what Judaism does."

Wouldn't the world's view of Judaism and Israel be improved, Schwartz asks, if we were seen to be living by the Torah's injunction to not oppress others because we were once slaves in Egypt?

"If Israel could answer the problem of peace, could that lead to a situation of world redemption?" he asked. "The only reason to live in Israel is the feeling you are working toward that redemption."

The contrast of a people whose core belief is in human redemption and freedom building a stone,

That connection is constantly reinforced – standing in Caesarea in the Roman hippodrome where Rabbi Akiva was executed; standing in the hall in Tel Aviv where the modern State of Israel was declared into being on May 14, 1948; in the new museum dedicated to the Palmach, the strike force of young men and woman who fought Israel's early battles and made it possible for a people to seize control of their own destiny after 2,000 years of homelessness.

Time in Israel also reinforces the cost of maintaining that destiny and why security is never far from the consciousness of Israelis. Signs of that obsession with defense are everywhere – ordinary citizens walking through a tourist attraction on a Saturday afternoon with pistols stuck in their belts, tour groups escorted by armed guards wherever they go; dozens of young soldiers walking the streets everyday with automatic weapons slung over their shoulders; road side memorials to vehicles destroyed in the country's War of Independence.

You see it everywhere, from the cheap souvenir stand in front of the tomb of the Rambam in Tiberias to the begging cups shoved in your face outside the historic synagogues of Safed and the frequent appeals of the Orthodox for money outside the Kotel.

Some spiritual experiences are still free, however. That first sight of Jerusalem, perhaps from the Mount of Olives, always stirs the spirit. Once past the Haredi beggars, the feeling of connection from the Wall, or from the steps of the Temple in the archeological park remains strong. Putting your hands on something that has withstood 2000 years of Jewish history is a clear and immediate connection to our past.

If the history of Israel speaks to anything, it's a willingness to do anything possible to help its neighbours as an expression of Jewish values – but to never allow those neighbours to threaten the country's right to exist.

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Shalom Village pilot site for province-wide quality initiative Residents First — Advancing Quality in Ontario Long Term Care

The team at Shalom Village has a new tool to help in their efforts to make life meaningful for residents of our home. Shalom Village has been recruited by the HNH LHM to participate in a province-wide initiative aimed at making Ontario's quality of resident care the best in all of Canada.

"This is a great opportunity for our front-line staff to be involved in an innovative quality improvement project," said Executive Coach Pat Ostapchuk, who is leading the Shalom Village Quality Improvement Team. "It will also help us continue to provide the best possible care for our residents."

The Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network (HNHB LHM) plans, funds and integrates the local health system. The HNH LHM is one of four LHINs participating in Residents First – a five-year provincial initiative developed by the Ontario Health Quality Council (OHQC).

In the first year, Shalom Village is one of approximately 100 homes across four provincial regions (LHINs) that will come together to learn how to bring the science of quality improvement to the front line of resident care.

The team recently attended a two day

learning collaborative in Grimsby. Further training will focus on three areas:

- Leadership training - assisting organizations to build the infrastructure necessary to drive performance improvement
- Facilitator training - to develop in-house knowledge and expertise to act as a coach to quality improvement teams
- Staff team development - teams within each home who will work with teams from other homes as a part of a LHIN-based learning collaborative

The Shalom Village Quality Improvement Team subsequently divided into three smaller multidisciplinary groups, each focusing on one of the following topic areas:

- Emergency department avoidance
- Consistency of resident to staff assignment
- Falls prevention

Other teams participating in the project will look at pressure ulcer prevention and continence care.

"We are excited to be a part of this project," said Pat.

Stay tuned for more information!



The Shalom Village Quality Improvement Team

From left, back row: Patricia Smalling, Katelyn Charlton, Elizabeth Niewczas, Pat Ostapchuk and Melissa Cummins. Middle row: Shelley Waxman, Burgette Culley, Berniece Faulkner, Sally Rakas and Sandra Hamilton. Seated: Thea Em, Teresa Yeung and Amber Higson. Camera shy: Michelle Draper, Mona Hussein, Colleen Clementi and Jeanette O'Leary

Coming soon

- May is Occupational Health & Safety Month
- Wake up the Gardens May 27th 2010
- 29th Annual Ladies Auxiliary Chai Tea July 8th 2010
- 9th Annual Hannukah Hustle November 21st 2010



Norma Cooper, left, and Annette Wunder celebrated their 100th birthdays at Shalom Village recently. Congratulations to both!



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Funds raised by card sales help us make possibilities possible at Shalom Village. Many of the wonderful things that make home at Shalom special would not be possible without your support.

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Grateful thanks to the families of Louis Latner, Millie Albert, Dorothy Shekter, Elmer Farkas, Gloria Robins, Elizabeth Burton, Claire Latner, Ruth Snider and Audrey Evans for requesting donations to Shalom Village in lieu of flowers. Memorial donations are earmarked for palliative care at Shalom Village. This thoughtful gesture will help other families as they face many challenges at the end of life.

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It's tea time!

Tea lovers will soon be making their way to Shalom Village to enjoy big hats, little sandwiches and fabulous desserts!

Please join us at the 29th Annual Shalom Village Ladies Auxiliary Tea on Thursday July 8, 2010 at one o'clock in Goldie's Place at Shalom Village.

The proceeds from this year's tea will once again go towards purchasing power assisted beds for our residents.

Volunteer ticket sellers will soon be hitting the phones. To learn more about tickets, corporate sponsorship opportunities, or to donate a door prize call (905)529-1613 ext. 264.

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Joan Silverman, left, and Sarah Fleming are both long-time Shalom Village volunteers. They are shown here in the volunteer-run Corner Store where funds raised support staff education.

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ADAS ISRAEL CONGREGATION

AMY KATZ

What a pleasant surprise having attended "Noah, the Musical" on Sunday May 9th, a performance put on by the children and volunteers from our own Hebrew Village Sunday School and the greater Hamilton Jewish Community. The unexpected talent of all of the hidden "little" gems in our community surpassed all of my expectations. From the quality of the costumes and set design, to the music, the acting, dancing and singing, it left me with a smile on my face and tears in my eyes. I was moved to see this wonderful group of children and volunteers coming together as a cohesive unit from varied backgrounds and schools, as a result of Hebrew Village Sunday school's loving & nurturing environment. It was evident to me that this was not a fly by night operation but a professional and well thought out project.



Rabbi Golan Amar, Hadas Greenberg, Kyia Asper & costume designer Sara Goldberg with part of the cast from Noah the Musical

My friend Lila compared it to a Broadway Musical experience and could not get over that it was actually a children's Sunday school production. It was amazing to see over 300 people swarm the audience. I brought my mother & sister along on Mother's Day and much to their amazement; they enjoyed the show immensely and can't stop praising it. My mom said

to me while wiping her tears after the finale, "What an inspiration! Those little children lifted my spirits to a whole new level! Thank you for bringing me." My sister, Judy, who has been involved in numerous children's productions in Toronto, said she had never seen a production so well done by such young talent and she commented that there was quite an awesome degree of strong talent in all areas.

Numerous people from out of town thought the play should be taken on the road and wished it could be performed in Toronto as well. When I complimented Rita Kopyto on her son Emanuel's job

well done in the lead of Noah, she replied, "We are proud of him and the entire cast - they are all our children in a way so we can all share the pride."

Rabbi Amar is already working on next year's production for the dramatic arts programme and I am certain that it will be astounding, although an extremely hard act to follow.

Due to popular demand, a second show of Noah The Musical will take place on June 9th @ 2:00pm. Tickets are \$18. Seniors & Students are \$10. Call 905-528-0039 or e-mail hebrewvillage@adasisrael.ca for tickets.

MIDRASHA HAMILTON HEBREW HIGH

This year Hamilton Hebrew High (Midrasha) commemorated Yom Hazikaron and celebrated Yom Haatzmaut in Yaakov and Shira Morel's backyard. The emotional and thought-provoking ceremony had many of the students in tears, and encouraged a great sense of pride in our Jewish state. Reflecting on the evening, Adam Strub said that the most meaningful part was hearing the stories of the lost soldiers, and civilian victims of terrorist attacks. Yael Algranti noted that the Morels' hospitality made everyone feel welcome.

Dog' which taught me to search more deeply into the stories I hear every day."

Sara Hosiassohn said: "I have learned a lot about my Jewish faith, culture, and especially about myself. I get to keep in touch with all my Jewish friends, which I think is really important. The programs are really fun and I always have a good time. In the media class, I learned about the portrayal of Israel by the media. I discovered that the media is not always accurate, and I have to be aware of its bias. Midrasha has taught me many things, which I will remember for the rest of my life."

Jake Martin expressed the opinion of the whole group, that Midrasha is the best opportunity to get an incredible Jewish education, keep in touch with Jewish friends from all backgrounds and

get Ontario credits all at the same time. The teachers, he said, teach great life lessons. He also felt that Midrasha strengthened his Jewish faith.

The staff at HHH Midrasha are gratified by the overwhelmingly positive feedback. They encourage other students to "get the credit they deserve" next year. For more information, visit www.hhhmidrasha.ca or contact Yaakov Morel at 905-512-1960, or by e-mail at yaakov@hhhmidrasha.ca.



Above, Midrasha students Tamar Livingston, Sarah Hosiassohn, Dagny Collins, Lauren Schoenberg, and Rachel Rodin celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut in the Morel's backyard.

HAMILTON HEBREW ACADEMY

ANDREA LEVY

I was intrigued when I learned that the Hamilton Hebrew Academy is having a Gala Tribute Dinner to honour the memory of the fallen Hamilton Jewish soldiers from all wars, the members of the Canadian Forces that liberated Europe, and both the surviving and deceased Jewish War Veterans of Hamilton. Hamilton Hebrew Academy educational programs about the History of Jewish war heroes in Hamilton highlighted a need for organizers to collect and record an amazing amount of data.

My parents taught me that Remembrance Day was important to us both as Canadians, and as family members of those who served in armed conflicts. Now that I too am a mother, I have tried to instill in my children that same sense of connection and gratitude. We always look forward to seeing our cousin Morley Balinson or Aunt Goldie Robbins selling poppies at Fortinos for Remembrance Day. Every time we pass the plaque in the JCC that commemorates Hamilton's fallen, we pause to remember. Remembrance Day does not come only once a year for us.

At the Gala, an environmentally friendly memorial garden and memorial wall will be dedicated

to honour these great men & women who have taught our children that there was sacrifice involved in our freedom to be. This memorial will be located at the entrance to the school and will serve as a daily reminder to our children and future generations. This inspirational garden will enable students and community members to be reminded of, and take pride in, their country and heritage. This project will be a historic, attraction for Hamilton and the surrounding regions.

To me, it is fitting that we pay this tribute. Funds raised will benefit the Hamilton Hebrew Academy, a school for children whose survival in this world, and freedom to be Jewish, was won by the heroes that we will honour at the Gala. Students and veterans will stand side by side to pass the torch, so to say. Preparation for this event has been an incredible learning experience that my children, family and community will remember for years to come.

I encourage the whole community to get involved with the research for this project. If you have any information on any of the fallen soldiers, veterans or deceased veterans from Hamilton, please e-mail tribute@jewishfuture.ca

HAMILTON JEWISH MIDDLE SCHOOL

STUDENTS FROM THE HJMS GRADE 6 CLASS

The HJMS grade six students were extremely excited to share their enthusiasm for the new Jewish middle school with the Hamilton Jewish News. When asked to write about his HJMS experience, Jared Gaffe said, "I really like the HJMS. Going to school there is a lot of fun. We learn a lot too. Instead of only learning Judaic studies out of books, Rabbi Morel teaches us how all the lessons in the Torah relate to living life in the Jewish culture. In the source based track, Rabbi Amar teaches Jewish living according to the laws of the Torah, mishnah and gemara. The good thing about having two streams is that you can choose HOW to learn Torah. You get to choose to learn it however it appeals to you. If you decide to come to the HJMS, you will have amazing teachers and great friends no matter what. I guarantee you will not be disappointed!"

Avi Lavin said he likes HJMS because he feels safe and part of one big happy family. He feels the teachers are so kind and helpful and mentioned, "not only do we learn a lot in all subjects but I really enjoy competing for city championships in different sports with Mr. O." His sister Chaya said that what she likes most about the HJMS is that everyone is friends and everyone is accepted for who they are. When asked to expand on that, she said "We all practice Judaism differently but we are all Jewish and are proud of it. The HJMS is very welcoming to new people that come to the school too."

All the students were eager to share their feelings about the school but since this article has limited space you can read all of the comments that students wrote on the HJMS website at www.hjms.ca.

BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE

The torn-apart facade, the inconveniences of construction, and the lack of a room covered in deep brown corkboard can mean only one thing: Beth Jacob's congregants and supporters are finally enjoying the success of the "Shul Within A Shul" campaign. Construction of the shul's new sanctuary is now well underway with an expected completion date of August 30, 2010.



Beth Jacob's new "Shul within the shul"

When the jackhammers go quiet and the dust settles, the shul will have a completely new look: with a new entrance off of its Cottage Street parking lot that leads into a light-filled foyer and beyond: a beautiful new sanctuary with a seating capacity of nearly 200. Highlights of the project include wall tiles made of Jerusalem stone, wood paneling and, most significantly, an elevator that will make the entire building fully accessible. The new "shul within a shul" will give the synagogue a brand new multi-use space for its daily and weekly services and is a culmination of the hard work and dedication of its staff, lay leadership and large

core of devoted volunteers over the last several years. Upon entering the building, congregants and visitors are invariably caught up in a spirit of optimism and excitement as the shul dons a new look to match its evolving journey as a vibrant and welcoming fully egalitarian Conservative synagogue.

While Beth Jacob will open its doors to the community at an inaugural weekend next October, you can get a glimpse of our "work in progress" at a major fundraiser to be held at the shul on Thursday, June 24. Beth Jacob's

Big Night will feature comedian Mark Schiff (who regularly opens for Jerry Seinfeld) and fabulous silent auction. Tickets are \$100 for a chance to win a trip for two to the destination of your choice and two admissions for the Big Night. (up to a value of \$5000 - only 300 tickets sold) Admission to Big Night only is \$36. For tickets call the Beth Jacob office at 905-522-1351. Come see what all the excitement's about! Come for services; come for a visit. Come to our Big Night! We'd love to see you.

KEHILA JEWISH COMMUNITY DAY SCHOOL

Kehila's curriculum integrates Judaic and secular studies with the arts program. Art is not studied apart from the rest of the curriculum, but rather complement the students' other subjects, enhancing the curriculum as an alternate means of learning acquisition and individual expression. Kehila has three teachers in the arts - Janus McBride is a widely acclaimed artist who teaches visual arts, Jessie Ann Bradshaw is the music teacher, and Paula Baruch teaches drama.



Janus McBride helps Erika Apel and Yisrael Price complete an art project related to their Lag B'Omer studies

Principal Leia Ger-Rogers says, "The arts are languages that most people speak." Familiarity with this language is a component of education. Kehila students participate in creative work and use music, drama, and visual art to bring their academic subjects to life in fresh ways. The integration of the arts with other subjects is based on the belief that arts-based learning encourages greater academic achievement. If the students learn about the Egyptian pyramids through studying their mathematical qualities and historical significance, they will also use painting or drawing to create images of the pyramids and transform them into symbols that can express types of meaning not available in the other means of study. Doing so stimulates and trains the creative and interpretive aspects of the mind. Just as the world around us is revealed in certain ways by science, so is that world revealed in other ways through music, dance, architecture, literature, and visual art.

Jewish tradition is rich in the artistic representation of the principles and beliefs and history that are fundamental to Jewish identity. Especially the ancient and medieval Jewish traditions are revealed through the arts. Ms. Ger-Rogers says, "The arts may well be the most telling imprints of any civilization. In this sense they are living histories

of eras and peoples, and records and revelations of the human spirit." While the holidays usually convey the stories of Jewish history and the textual traditions convey the interpretation of that history, Kehila students also turn to the arts because the "living history" they embody presents students with a more creative and vibrant representation of their past.

Are you a Veteran - or do you know one?

The Hamilton Hebrew Academy will honour the sacrifice and dedication of the Jewish War Veterans and Fallen Soldiers of Hamilton at a Gala Tribute Dinner, The Triumph of Spirit, on Monday, June 7, 2010. The evening will also pay tribute to the Holocaust liberators of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Canadian Jewish soldiers battled not only for freedom and liberty, but also for Jewish survival. Our soldiers fought for Canada, our values, and a Jewish future. The Gala Tribute will support our Jewish future by educating our children about their heritage and the supreme cost of freedom. To achieve this aim, the Hamilton Hebrew Academy will be establishing the Veterans' Garden and Memorial Wall, etched with the names of the fallen Jewish soldiers and all the War Veterans from our community. As our children enter their school building, they will see the names of these great men and women. These names will include grandparents, family members, and even namesakes of these children, who at times paid the ultimate sacrifice for values and ideals greater than themselves.

We are striving to ensure that all our Veterans are remembered and included. Our long-term objective is to compile an archive of names, and a historical chronicle of their wartime narratives. Please review the listings below of all the fallen Jewish soldiers and Jewish War Veterans from Hamilton who served in World War II, and share with us any additional information that you may have.

Join us as we launch this most important project, binding our past to our future. To participate in this historic Gala Tribute, or to share any information, please contact us by email at tribute@jewishfuture.ca, or by phoning 905-528-0039, or at the website www.jewishfuture.ca.

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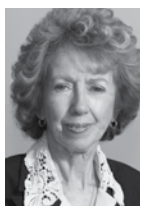
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