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OUR
COMMUNITY
RESPONSE TO
HUNGER IN
THE FSU**

**SUNDAY
JUNE 3
(RAIN or SHINE!)**

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for important
information

**LET MY
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In hundreds of towns and cities throughout the former Soviet Union elderly Jews are going hungry. Last year the Hamilton Jewish community raised \$12,000 to provide 4,075 meals to needy elderly Jews in Kiev. This year our goal is \$15,000. Please help us make a world where no Jew ever knows hunger...where no Jew is without food. Participate in this year's Walk & Bike to Kiev.

UJA Federation hires new Executive Director

UJA Federation of Hamilton has hired a new executive director. Gerald Fisher, 52, comes with a long history of involvement in Jewish communal work.

Born and raised in the United States, Fisher has been in Canada since pursuing graduate studies in social work at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

He served as Executive Director of the B'nai Brith Hillel Foundation of Metropolitan Toronto, National Director of Community Services for the Canada-Israel Committee and spent 16 years at UJA Federation of Greater Toronto in a variety of capacities, including director of community development, director of human resources development and as a senior planning associate.

Fisher's most recent position has been as executive director of the Jewish Federation of Great Manchester in New Hampshire, a community with a Jewish population similar in size to that of Hamilton's. Fisher will be moving to the Hamilton area over the next few months together with his wife, Anna-Rae Fishman.

In a conversation with the HJN, Mr. Fisher outlined his vision of what he sees as the challenges facing the Hamilton Jewish Community and what he hopes to bring to the table.

In your capacity as Executive Director of UJA Federation, what do you see as the major challenges that our community is facing?

I know that the community wants to address the challenge of securing its financial future. Jewish philanthropies are facing a huge challenge – that of making the transition between generations of philanthropists.

Over the next few years, in excess of 6 billion dollars will be transferred, nation-wide, from one generation to another. Unlike the generation of entrepreneurs that developed this resource, the receiving generation generally lacks the personal memory of the



Gerald Fisher

Holocaust, the establishment of the State of Israel, or any sense of exclusion because of their Jewish identity that likely affected their parents. These were the motivating factors behind the creation of the most successful fundraising initiatives in the history of the world.

Additionally, our emerging generation of young Jewish leaders is being courted, as never before, by an ever-growing range of choices of venue for their non-profit involvement. Every one of the cultural, social and political organizations that never reached out to our parents' generation is now competing for the attention of our young people and the choices are understandably attractive.

Our ability to sustain the community's financial future will depend, in large measure, on our success in first identifying these new philanthropists and then motivating them to recognize the same fundamental obligations and opportunities that motivated the generosity of their parents.

I believe that our community, like every Jewish community, must find creative and compassionate strategies to address the challenges of diminishing patterns of affiliation. Every succeeding generation grows a little further away from the more traditional affiliation patterns of our parents and grandparents. This includes both institutional affiliation as well as philanthropic affiliation.

In a world that often seems driven by the secularization of all aspects of life, we are challenged

to develop meaningful Jewish identities, spiritual, cultural and social that embrace and nurture the needs of young families. This is especially acute in an age of unprecedented levels of inter-marriage.

I believe that our community, like many Jewish communities, needs to take bold steps to ensure that the State, people and land of Israel remain as deeply motivating forces within our personal and collective consciousness. Some people argue that you can maintain a powerful and complete Jewish identity even while Israel slips out of sight. I disagree. The continuity of small groups of non-Zionist, fervently orthodox Jews notwithstanding, I believe that erosion of concern for and identification with Israel is a "soul-breaking" phenomenon that goes right to the heart of the struggle for a meaningful Jewish life in the Diaspora.

How do you propose to meet this challenge?

I continue to believe that the most powerful, most dynamic, most valuable resources to address these issues are already right within our midst – our Jewish volunteers.

My first priority will be to ensure that our organizational framework is a helpful tool and not an obstruction to allowing our volunteer leaders to accomplish their goals. If the framework isn't right, we are not going to build anything. My second priority is to ensure that the people already committed to the system are involved in the places that maximize their potential for success and for a sense of real personal accomplishment.

At the same time, I am hoping to cultivate a new generation of local leadership that can articulate a genuine

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A phone call to Kiev reveals poignant discovery

It recently came to the attention of Walk/Bike to Kiev co-chairs Lester Krames and Susan Roth that a relative of a community member is a beneficiary of our community's fundraising efforts. Ilya Melamed, who himself immigrated from the FSU several years ago, found out this information only last Pesach during a phone call he placed to his uncle in Kiev. The following, in his own words, is Ilya's story:

A day before Pesach I called my uncle to wish him a happy holiday and find out how he is doing. I live in Dundas and he lives in the city of my birth, Kiev. My uncle Mark Melamed is a 75 year-old pensioner, a veteran of the Second World War when he fought the Germans for four long years. Following the war, he worked as a bus driver for the City of Kiev until his retirement. He and his wife are now living on their government pension, but they are not able to survive on this income and my uncle has been forced to work as a security guard at night in order to supplement their income.

During our conversation he mentioned that he receives food and medical help from Jewish agencies. I mentioned our Walk to Kiev 2001 and his exact words to me were "God bless the Jews. Without their help we would not survive." He then asked me, "Please tell the Hamilton Jewish community that Mark Melamed thanks them from the bottom of his heart."

This will be the third year that the Jewish Community of Hamilton has sent funds raised by the Walkathon to the Jews in Kiev. The funds that you raise provide food, clothing, social support and medical help. Every year my family has participated in this event but until that particular phone call I never knew that my own uncle is a recipient of that help.

UJA Federation

MCMASTER JEWISH STUDENTS

BY
JUDY SCHWARTZ

The Jewish Community Centre of Hamilton and the McMaster Jewish Student Association (JSA) combined forces to produce a wonderful evening recently. The JSA hosted a delegation of 32 young student leaders from Shomron (Samaria) for a get-together and dinner.

The 32 youth from 17 settlements were carefully selected to represent the diversity of the region, from religious to secular, right and left. They have come together to work for a common goal - to create a new spark of Zionism in the world Jewish community. This is the first official delegation supported by the Israeli Ministry of Education, the Shomron Regional Council and the Toronto Board of Jewish Education. We in Hamilton should feel proud of the turnout by our

young people and our university students, who came out for the evening to welcome this delegation to our community. Within a short time, the room was abuzz with serious discussions about the problems facing Israel and how a small Jewish community like ours should respond. Participants also enjoyed a good game of basketball in the JCC bubble. The barbecue was a huge success, eliciting comments that this was the best food they had eaten since coming to Canada.

The evening ended with a program that explained that what one reads in the newspapers does not necessarily give a true picture of what is really happening in Israel. There was an exchange of emails and phone numbers and all went home very satisfied at the success of the evening.

Greetings from Kfar Sava, Israel

The Frohlich family now reside in Kfar Sava which is in central Israel east of Raanana. We were living in Efrat in the Jerusalem area prior to our coming to Hamilton. In December, our family was blessed with a beautiful new addition - Leora Sarah, a sweet and calm baby.

We think often and fondly of our two years in Hamilton and the many fine people we were privileged to get to know. We enjoyed the community and our work in education. If anyone from the community is planning a visit to Israel we would be thrilled to hear from you or, even better, to host you in our home. Our email address is frohlich@barak-online.net, our mailing address or

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This action-packed, excitement filled mission will feature 2 days in and around Kiev and 7 days in Israel.

- **DELUXE ACCOMODATIONS** at the Inbal or Sheraton in Jerusalem
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Israel Trip Features:

- Meet with top government officials
- Visit archaeological sites
- Northern border of Israel including Metulla
- Visit Or Yehuda
- The Shalom Hartman Institute
- Tour of Jerusalem
- Yad Vashem
- Israeli Supreme Court
- Military base visit and debriefing

Kiev trip features:

- Visit Soup Kitchen and Warm Home
- Vist JDC Hesed centre
- Learn about JAFI initiatives
- Kiev city tour
- Memorial service at Babi Yar

October 21-31, 2001

Trip includes airfare, transfers, hotels, all meals and admissions to sites of interest

Cost: \$3400 from Toronto (single supplement extra)

Tax Receiptable

Minimum UJA Gift: \$1500 per person or \$2500 per couple

For futher information, contact:
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Special Occasions

SCOTT ADLER & LAURA BENZACON - on engagement - Carol & Lester Krames. HAROLD & JOANNE POMERANTZ - birth of grand-daughter - Harvey & Shelley Waxman, Edythe Rochkin. ELAINE & ELLIOT SAUDER - 35TH Wedding Anniversary - Pat & Stan Dermer, Phyllis Disenhouse. DIANE KRISZENFELD - marriage of Alison to Darryl - Charles & Michele Schneider and family. STEVE DELMAN - special birthday - Janet & Moe Blajchman. TERRY & JERRY BENNETT - Bar Mitzvah of son, Jordan - Mary & Morris Dubin

Get Well Wishes

RABBI SENDLER - Carol & Lester Krames. MARY ROSEN - Jewish Social Services Chai Choir. LEA DIX - Jeff & Gilda Ennis. LORE JACOBS - Jewish Social Services Chai Choir. DR. JACOBS - Janet & Moe Blajchman. LILY GREENWALD - Bea & Chuck

RALPH TRAVIS ISRAEL EXPERIENCE FUND

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Purchase of 10 Tribute cards @ \$100: Irma Perelgut

In Memory Of

ANNE GOLDSTEIN - Phil & Daphne Leon. ARNOLD LIEBERMAN - Bonnie & Bob Otto,
Special Occasions
HAROLD & JOANNE POMERANTZ - birth of grandchild, Ashira - Corinne Travis. MURRAY & TISHELLE ADELMAN - granddaughter Leah Miriam's Bar Mitzvah - Corinne Travis. DR. GEOFF OUTERBRIDGE - received your degree - Corinne Travis. GLADYS DUBO - birth of granddaughter Lily - Corrine Travis, Sigmund ed Goldberg. GLADYS DUBO - birthday wishes - Corinne Traivs. BONNIE & BOB OTTO - engagement of son Aaron to Orly - Corinne Travis. MARK & JONI RICHARDSON - Bar Mitzvah of son, Jonathan - Corinne Travis. MEL & DIDI DULBERG - grandson's Bar Mitzvah - Corinne Travis. MEL & DIDI DULBERG - 50TH Wedding Anniversary - Corinne Travis.

KIEV HUNGER FUND

In Memory Of

DAVID FELDMAN - Susan & Paul Roth. Mother of STEPHANIE MCLEAN - Susan & Paul Roth.

Special Occasions

LENA & MURRAY ROTHBERG - welcome to the community - Jack & Claire Mandel.

SHEILA FREEDMAN MCMASTER JEWISH STUDENTS FUND

In Memory Of

MINN TISHLER - Amy Freedman & JonArno Lawson.
FELDMAN FAMILY - Amy Freedman & JonArno Lawson.

TEEF (THE EDUCATION

In Memory Of

JENNY SCHMERLING - Allen & Flora Rams. DAVID FELDMAN - Allen & Flora Rams. ARNOLD LIEBERMAN - Bonnie & Bob Otto.

Special Occasions

LEO & ISABEL STRUB, ARNIE & LILA STRUB - Hanna's Bat Mitzvah - Allen & Flora Rams. JAY & FLORA ROSENBLATT - birth of granddaughter - Gabrielle - Paul, Susan, Leah, Jay & Jordan Roth. RICHARD & ARLENE LEIBTAG - Aily's Bat Mitzvah - Flora & Allen Rams. ARTHUR & MARGARET WEISZ - grandson Benjamin's Bar Mitzvah - Flora & Allen Rams. GERALD & JANET ASA - Benjamin's Bar Mitzvah - Allen & Flora Rams. ALLEN RAMS - being honoured by the State of Israel

Join us at UJA FEDERATION'S

WALK & BIKE TO KIEV*

OUR COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO HUNGER IN THE FSU

SUNDAY, JUNE 3 (RAIN or SHINE!)

* Bikers, aged 17 and over, Minimum



THE BIKERS: Raefie Epstein, Abe Szpirglas, Paul Roth, Ed Zaltz, Ed Rotstein, Cam Keyhan & Gina Szpirglas

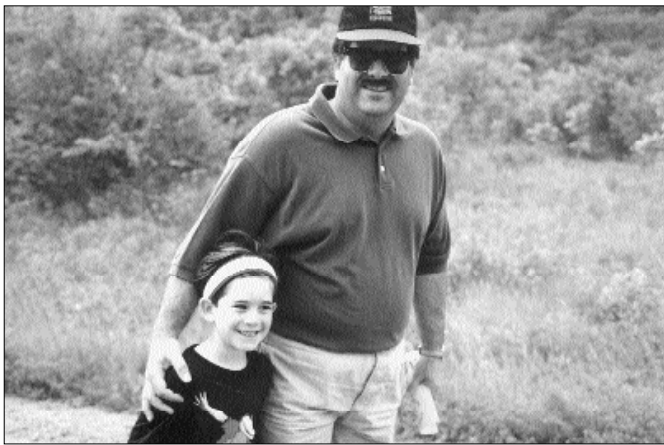
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration at JCC: 9:00 am
 Bikers leave: 9:30 pm
 Walkers leave: 10:00 am
 Lunch and Games to follow.

New This year!!

TEEN BIKE-A-THON

Open to teens 13 - 16 years old (Minimum Donation: \$36)
 Call Co-Chairs Rebecca Starkman at 905.



WALKERS from an earlier time: Jeff & Lauren Mark



Join Teen Bikers: Marli Bennett, Becca Schneider, Rebecca Starkman and Tanya Schneider

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 Walkathon 2001 Co-Chairs: Susan Roth and Lester Krames
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UJA Federation



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YAD



Postcards From Connect@



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At United Israel Appeal Federations Canada's (UIAFC) fourth national young leadership conference held at the Chateau Laurier hotel in Ottawa over 200 my peers connected politically, spiritually, intellectually and socially, enjoying the energy of connectedness and a shared commitment to the Jewish community.

Following Kabbalat Shabbat services on Friday night, celebrated with dance and song, we heard from Professor Shulamit Reinharz of Brandeis University, who set the agenda by speaking about her vision of what special qualities Jewish leaders should embody. It is a demanding list - including knowing a little Hebrew, being able to give a d'var Torah, giving your children Hebrew names, and being philanthropic.

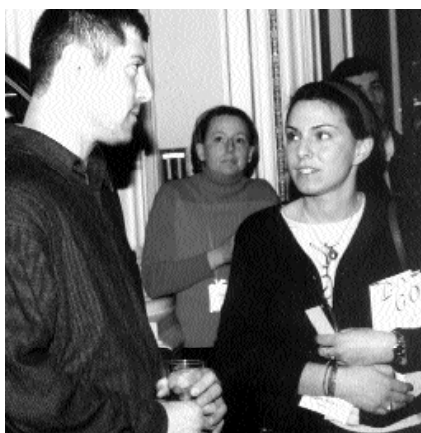
Saturday was a full day, beginning with optional shabbat services, followed by small group seminars on a wide variety of topics. I attended a session on the frighteningly high incidences of young Jewish youth being lured into Messianic Judaism. A presentation that afternoon by Jason Moscovitz of the CBC, which touched on the Canadian media's approach to the Middle East conflict, precipitated some heated debate. Many felt that he was unwilling to acknowledge that the media must take responsibility for presenting images that often give is a distorted and one-sided view of the conflict.

We also heard from Chaim Divon, the Israeli ambassador to Canada, Ezra Levant, the communications director of the Alliance Party and Rob Ritter, executive director of the Canada Israel Committee. Their panel discussion focused on the importance of political activism, in all its manifestations.

A Torah study session was among the most enjoyable and educational of the sessions. Participants in small groups were presented with modern case studies relating to issues in medical ethics, and asked to give their opinion about how best to tackle these difficult dilemmas by referring to ancient and modern Jewish sources. Discussions were lively and heated - do you or do you not give a child who is dying of cancer antibiotics to combat an infection that would prolong her life, even though she may be comatose?

The day ended with a terrific party, complete with band and DJ. We all danced into the wee hours of the morning. Sunday's events included an address by Carole Solomon of United Jewish Communities (UJC), the national organization overseeing all of the Jewish Federations of North America, on the value of community and an awards luncheon, where a number of individuals across Canada were recognized for making an impact in their communities in the area of young leadership development. Among the recipients was Wendy Schneider. Rabbi Niles Goldstein was the closing speaker, giving an interesting perspective on relationships, technology and Jewish identity.

The breadth of the program was wide, covering all aspects of secular and theological viewpoints. Certainly our intellects were stimulated and interests piqued. There was a connection at Ottawa so I can proudly say that the weekend achieved its goals.



Lisa Kocsis chats with keynote speaker, Rabbi Niles Goldstein

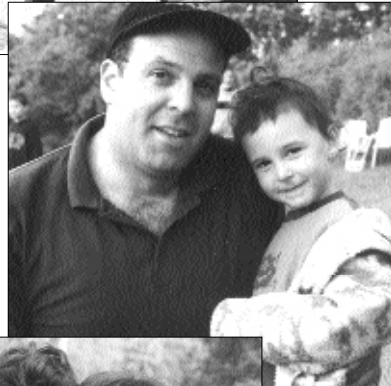
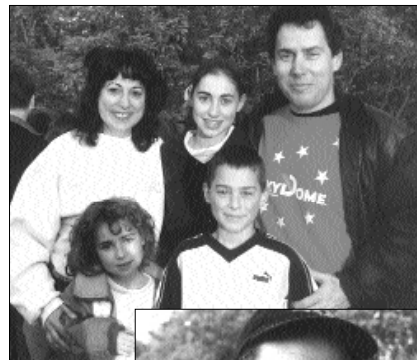


Debbie Sheinbaum thanks United Jewish Communities' Carole Solomon



Wendy Schneider, Carolyn Molot, Frank Samuels and Lisa Morris at the Ottawa airport.

Community Spirit & fireworks light up Lag Ba'Omer festivities



More than 150 excited children and parents waited anxiously around the heart-warming bonfire at the JCC's "Fire Pit" for the first firework explosions. They were not disappointed! The culmination of a community wide event, organized by YAD (the Young Adult Division) of UJA Federation the Ancaster night sky was soon ablaze with stars, streaks of light and ear-shattering multi-coloured rainbows of dazzling, blinding light as the community gathered to celebrate Lag B'Omer in style.

Brainchild of Dr. Jason Ohayon, the idea for an outdoor picnic, bonfire, barbecue and fireworks display was carried through to its successful conclusion by Frank Samuels and his team of excellent volunteers.

Samuels said that he and his team had managed to create an evening of unity, with participation at the event coming from all three synagogues and across all ages in the community.

"We are much stronger when we work together," explained Samuels who was grateful that each religious group had sponsored an equal amount of money to ensure that, as one unit, the community was able to work together and enjoy the evening together.

Samuels paid tribute to all of his committee members and thanked every member of the community who added to the enjoyment by creating a ruach (spirit) that was echoed in the finger-strumming tunes that Kim Gardner drew from his melodious guitar.

"I hope that this will develop into an even more successful annual event," said Samuels and he invites any community members to give their suggestions to facilitate next year's function, which is already set for the afternoon of Lag B'Omer, Tuesday 30 May 2002!

UJA Federation Legacy

Spring 2000



Wendy Schneider

The Need Is Great. Funds are

For the last several weeks a group of 12 devoted community members have been meeting on a number of occasions. Sitting around a table in a JCC board room, they listen with open hearts and curious minds as, one by one, representatives of our community agencies come to ask for funding for their respective causes. These individuals make up UJA Federation's Budget and Allocation Committee. Some have served

on the committee in the past; others are newcomers. Those that are new are getting their first real glimpse at how great the needs are and feeling the full weight of how critical the decisions they make over the next few weeks as to how to distribute funds raised by Hamilton's UJA campaign are to the future of the community. Their only direction, given to them by committee chair, Louise Rotman, is that they base their decisions on whether the agency fulfills any of UJA Federation's three guiding principles, which are

- Strengthening Jewish identity
- Assisting the needy and vulnerable
- Rescuing Jews in distress

Their task is not an easy one. The realities of a stagnant campaign dictate that there are never enough funds to take care of all the needs. Difficult choices must be made. Disappointment is inevitable.

Let's take a moment to imagine that we are a fly on the wall at one of these meetings and listen in on some of the proceedings.

On this particular evening, Jewish Social Services has come to ask for funding that will enable it to provide emergency relief payments for people in trouble, to supplement the meager incomes of our community's poor and to run programs for the elderly and developmentally challenged.

The community schools, including Beth Jacob School, the Hamilton Hebrew Academy, Midrasha High School, Temple Anshe Sholom Religious School, Kehila Jewish Community School and a special needs program are out in full force tonight. The true costs associated with teachers' salaries, books and supplies, and extra-curricular activities, to name just a few, are much greater than reflected in any of these school's tuition fees. Making Jewish education accessible to all is a fundamental value shared by the schools and Federation. They know they will receive their supplement. The question remains, how much is available this year?

The JCC has come this evening to seek funding for a multitude of programs for children and families, including Camp Kadimah, community-wide events, outreach programs to the unaffiliated, teen leadership development and youth employment opportunities.

The YAD initiative, only two years old, seeks continued funding towards fulfilling its mandate of encouraging a new generation to take ownership of their Jewish community by participating in and creating the kinds of programs and institutions that speak to their needs.

There are many more agencies that will plead their causes over the next few weeks, but space does not allow for a profile of them all. Try to imagine, if you will, what our community would look like if even one of these agencies were to fall by the wayside.

If the UJA annual campaign simply took care of the needs of our local community, one might say, dayenu. But the Federation system (and it is a huge system, representing 189 Jewish federations, 400 independent communities and 700,000 people across North America), is driven by the value of Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh l'zeh. As Jews, we are responsible for each other, no matter which part of the planet we occupy. So a significant percentage of the funds raised by our annual campaign are sent to the Jewish Agency in Israel, which uses those funds wherever the need is greatest, whether in Israel, to help with the absorption and integration of new immigrants, or overseas to help facilitate the aliyah of thousands of Jews in beleaguered communities in the FSU.

The importance of UJA Federation's Legacy Endowment Fund cannot be overemphasized. Who will provide for all of these critical needs when the present generation of top donors is no longer with us?

I hope you will give this question some serious thought and consider a gift to the Legacy Endowment Fund. Feel free to call me, anytime, at 905-628-0058.

We Can Help Your Child Get To Israel This Year!

The UJA Federation is pleased to announce the availability of the

2001 Israel Experience Scholarships through the

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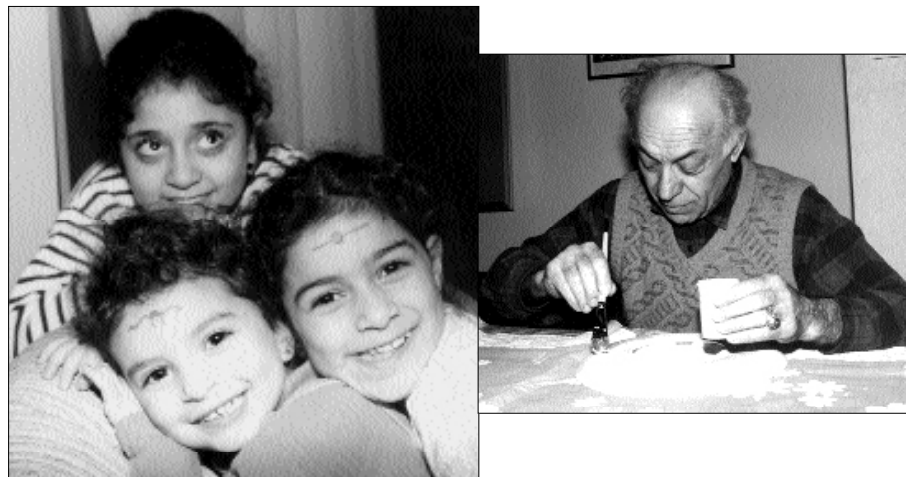
Deadline for applications May 31, 2001

The UJA Federation thanks Corinne Travis for providing partnership monies through the RALPH TRAVIS ENDOWMENT FUND. We thank her for making a distinctive difference in enhancing the Jewish education of our children.

To learn more about making a difference through the UJA Federation's

Legacy Endowment Fund, please call Wendy Schneider at 905-628-0058

Create a legacy ... a gift that lasts forever



What if my mother requires perpetual care?
What if our community can no longer support Jewish day schools?

What if worldwide Jewry relies on us even more to help secure our survival?

If I choose to help my community,
who will provide for my family?

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UJA Federation of Hamilton
Legacy Endowment Fund
Building the foundation for our future



Jewish Social

The Kosher Food Bank is collecting air miles!

The Hamilton Kosher Food Bank is collecting air miles but we are not going anywhere. For every \$25 voucher (redeemed from air miles) that is donated to the Food Bank a full receipt will be given to the donor. This is a win-win situation for everyone. The donor gets a receipt for air miles, and the Food Bank has vouchers to give their recipients to get fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Food Bank has been very busy over Passover and Purim. We were able to help over 70 families with Passover vouchers and food. We want to thank the Hamilton Jewish Veterans- "The Maccabees" for their very generous donation of all the Passover products

that we needed. A special thank you to Morris Smurlick who not only bought and delivered the food, but managed to get the best prices available.

We are happy to report that people who use the food bank use it to get them through an emergency or a difficult time. Most people eventually find that they no longer need our help. However every time we close one case another client comes forward. Our clients include single-parent families, single adults, seniors, immigrants, two-parent families and any one who is in trouble and needs our help. Unfortunately in today's fast-paced society we never know who will be in trouble. When a family needs two salaries to survive and

one person is laid off this can spell trouble. We are here to make sure that there is food and help for the children and families.

Our shelves are always in need of food, donations of instant coffee, tuna fish, oil, rice, cookies, crackers gefilte fish, grape juice and cereals. (all kosher symbols are acceptable)

Unfortunately Air Miles will be more difficult to redeem for air travel in Canada. The program has become too popular and the airlines cannot service all the people who want to use their air miles for travel. This is an opportunity to use your air miles to help needy families and receive a receipt.

Theatre Club

"We are saving a seat for you!"

Wednesday, June 20; FOSSE, Pantages Theatre in Toronto. \$88. Bus departs 10:30 am

Monday, July 9; JOAN RIVERS & DON RICKLES at the Hummingbird Centre, Toronto. \$90. Bus departs at 4:30 pm for Harbourfront. Show begins at 8pm.

Monday, July 18; THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER at the Festival Theatre Niagara on the lake. \$56. Bus departs at 10:30 am

Wednesday, August 8; THE FULL MONTY at the Elgin Theatre, Toronto. The award winning funny and heartfelt movie that has been made into a musical about unemployed male workers who are very creative in getting a new job. \$76; Bus departs at 10:30 am

Wednesday, August 22; SOPHIE TUCKER-THE LAST OF THE RED HOT MOMMAS at the Lighthouse Theatre in Port Dover. Legendary entertainer Sophie tells us her story about always being able to hold her audience. A great script with great songs. This theatre has been renovated and now has an elevator. \$32; Bus departs at 10:30 am.

Thursday, September 26; INHERIT THE WIND, Festival Theatre at Niagara on the Lake. \$56. Bus departs at 10:30 am.

Monday, October 15; MANDY PATINKIN IN CONCERT. An evening show at the Hummingbird Centre in Toronto. \$90. Bus departs at 4:00 pm

Tuesday, October 18; JASPER STATION IN THEATRE ON THE GRANDE in Elora - A Musical. \$34. Bus departs at 10:30 am

Tuesday, Nov 6; SUNSHINE BOYS at the Sanderson Theatre in Brantford. \$52; Bus departs at 10:30 AM.

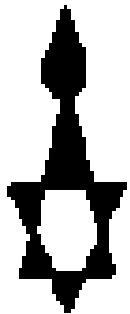
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Jewish Holocaust Survivors May Be Entitled To Compensation From A New Fund

Individuals who performed slave or forced labor under the Nazi regime may be eligible for payment from the Foundation "Remembrance, Responsibility and the Future." In accordance with the German legislation, eligibility for "slave labor" and "forced labor" is as follows:

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The Claims Conference is administering this program for the benefit of Jewish Holocaust survivors in this country. Heirs of laborers who died until after February 16, 1999 may be eligible for this fund.

The deadline is August 11, 2001. If you think you may be eligible, please obtain an application form by calling:

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Local Events

Beth Tikvah celebrates 10th

BY
WENDY SCHNEIDER

Beth Tikvah, one of the Jewish community's most admired agencies, is celebrating its tenth anniversary this year. The residence for adults with developmental disabilities, an integral part of the fabric of the Hamilton Jewish community, came about, largely through the efforts of Stan Tick, who spent four years of intensive lobbying of community supporters and government ministries for funding. Ten years ago there was no place in Hamilton for where Jewish adults with developmental disabilities could find a culturally-sensitive and warm environment that embraced their background and made them feel part of mainstream Jewish community. Toronto's Reena Foundation was the closest facility of this nature and, for many families, uprooting their family members to another city was not an acceptable option.

Today Beth Tikvah is widely regarded as a model facility that other residences throughout the city seek to emulate. Its success, says Tick, is due to its committed staff (most of whom have been there for the entire ten years) and its board of directors, "a brilliant group of professionals who bring a tremendous love and dedication to the project".

The residence, located at 61 Arkell Street in Westdale, offers a 24-hour supervised environment to its six residents, with four full-time and six part-time counsellors who provide emotional support, oversee household affairs, arrange for medical and dental appointments and act as advocates. More than anything, Beth Tikvah is a family. Five of its residents



The Beth Tikvah Family: Bernie Tick, Theodore Tick, Bruce Binnie,

have been together since the beginning. Immersed as it is in Jewish culture, its two non-Jewish clients have attained a high level of comfort with Jewish customs and are accepted as equal members of the family.

To mark its tenth anniversary Beth Tikvah's board is expanding their circle of supporters through the creation of The Friends of Beth Tikvah, a vehicle by which members of the community can make donations. Although the agency receives funding from the Ministries of Social Services and Housing, the annual JCC/Beth Tikvah Skiathon and Golf Tournament, it still operates with a \$40,000 deficit. Its outreach program, for example, which provides a link to services and the Jewish community to non-residents, does not qualify for government funding. Today's funding realities make it possible for Beth Tikvah staff to work with only two outreach clients, although the need is much greater.

In addition to funding, Beth Tikvah welcomes volunteer commitments.

The residence is in need of new furniture and appliances, as well as maintenance services such

Support from Diaspora Community "critical" says Israeli Military Attaché

BY
WENDY SCHNEIDER

Israel needs the support of a strong and united Diaspora community during these difficult and trying times. This was the main message delivered by Major General Ze'ev Livne, Israel's military attaché to Washington and Ottawa to a gathering of community members at the Adas Israel Synagogue on April 18. Major General Livne's appearance was arranged through the Jewish National Fund as the inaugural lecture in the Morris Lax Memorial Lecture Series, a tribute to the late Morris Lax by his daughter, Rose.

In his introductory remarks JNF emissary Effie Zussman said the event was held in order to raise awareness in the Hamilton Jewish community of the critical issues facing Israel today. In addition to the dangerous fallout

JNF Negev dinner honours Cuppy and

Elaine and Cuppy Katz will be this year's Negev Dinner honorees. The couple is being honoured for a lifetime of volunteer activity both within and outside of the Jewish community and in recognition of excellence in communal leadership and their dedication to the State of Israel.



Elaine and Cuppy Katz

Proceeds from the 2001 Negev Dinner will go towards the development of the Ne'ot Tamarim Reservoir, located south of the Dead Sea in the Sedom Plain. Shortage of water is the most crucial environmental problem facing Israel today. It is aggravated by the deteriorating quality of

existing water resources that are now overused. The reservoir is vital in order to capture floodwaters before they flow unused into the Dead Sea.

Entertainment at the dinner, which will be held at the Adas Israel Synagogue on Wednesday, June 6 at 5:30 pm, will be provided



From left to right, Effie Zussman, Rose Lax, Major General Ze'ev Livne, Tiki Zussman and Sharon Marcovitz Hart

precipitated by the events following the failed Camp David peace talks, Israel is also facing a crisis of equally grave consequences: a severe scarcity of water resources. In response, the JNF has taken up the challenge by directing its resources towards building huge reservoirs to offset the effects of years of draught and abuse of this precious resource.

In his remarks Major General Livne gave an overview of the three major military threats facing Israel today. The most visible of these, terrorism, has changed its face since the outbreak of the current Intifada. In the past, Hamas and the Hezbollah constituted the main terrorist threat, but today, most terrorist activity is being conducted

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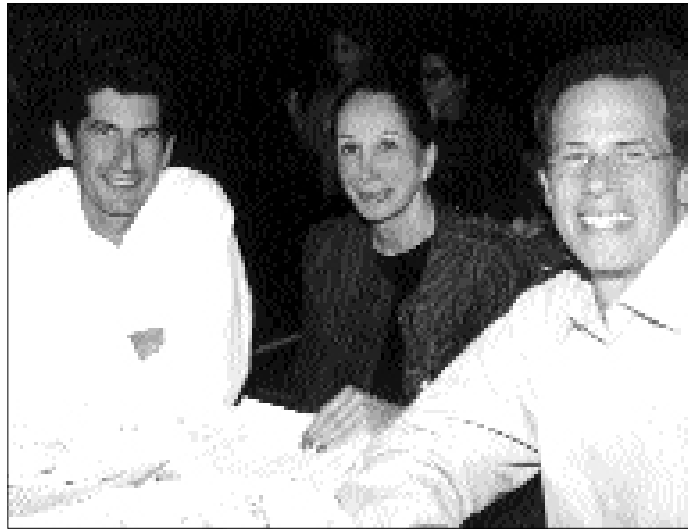
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There was a need....They

During Yom Ha'atzmaut festivities Joy Foster, speaking on behalf of the JCC Board of Directors, acknowledged the important recent contributions made by many generous donors towards this community facility:

"As with any large nonprofit facility, the volunteers make the wheels turn. Throughout the year the volunteers and staff strive to provide programming for the community ranging from cultural and educational to recreational. Volunteers brought about the exciting move, more than 10 yrs ago to this location. An inspirational campaign was conducted and the many people who responded were thanked and duly honoured.

During Larry Szpirglas's presidency, it became clear that there was an urgent need for roof repairs



Milli Gould, with her sons Mark & Ben representing the Allen & Milli Gould Family Foundation were honoured together with the other generous contributors to the new gymnasium and debt retirement funds.

and a new bubble to house the JCC gymnasium. Our board members realized that if the roof went unrepaired and a new bubble/gymnasium not purchased, revenue would have come to a halt. Larry spearheaded a small committee to reduce the debt and retire the mortgage. Howard Brown,

during his presidency, continued the effort. These donations were the mainstay of the JCC at a crucial time.

As you entered tonight, I hope that you noticed the beautiful plaque above the door placed there to especially thank the Allen and Milli Gould Family Foundation for not only

Hope you didn't miss these Great JCC Happenings!

"The Hope of Reunion - The Pain of Realization" was the theme for this year's YOM HASHOAH memorial service on April 19 at the Beth Jacob Synagogue. Community members told their stories of their or their parents/grandparents special reunions after the Holocaust. Thank you to Celia Berlin, Yom HaShoah program chair for over 10 years, for all her hard work and creativity in bringing this program to the community and to the Yom HaShoah Committee chaired by Gary Frydman, and including Jack Freedman, Sid Leon, Irene Albert, Anita Bernstein, Leia Ger Rogers, Gilda Ennis, Anne Barrs. A Special thanks to Bobby Richter for adding additional names to the recording, to Neil Mandel, FM Page and Sons, Marcia Cohen and to Lorne Gaffe, Hamilton Store Fixtures for their donations.

On the night of Saturday May 5 the JCC buzzed with a variety teens for a "SHUL IN". Thanks to Michael and Samantha Berlin Bromstein, and Rina Rodak for organising and supervising this night's sleepover, holding all types of activities, beginning the night with a Havdallah service.

On Sunday, May 6, the JCC hosted a 3-ON-3 YOUTH BASKETBALL. 38 teams, 150 youth played basketball and enjoyed a day full of fun and competition. Thanks to Howard Katz for his annual commitment to this program, his hard work with scheduling and co-ordinating contributed to a successful day. Thanks to all the parents and monitors that helped make the day such a success. Thank you to Gerald Asa - Effort Trust, Strub Brothers, Putting Edge Corporation, Lakeland Go-Karts, Lazer Mania, Hamilton Bulldogs, Hamilton Region Conservation Authority for their donation of prizes to this wonderful fundraiser for the JCC. To all the teams, well done and great sportsmanship.

Many people attended the BEN MEYER MEMORIAL LECTURE, Monday, May 7, by Rabbi Perry Cohen on "Judaism and Christianity Yesterday....today.... tomorrow". Thanks to the Herb and CeCe Schreiber Family Foundation, Alan Mendelson, McMaster University along with the Jewish Community Centre of Hamilton & Area for making this program happen.

Yasher Koach to Frank Samuels for organising a Lag B'omer celebration, May 13, contacting all three synagogues and having secured their contributions. The YAD division of UJA Federation helped organize the event, serving up a picnic, bonfire, BBQ and professional fireworks display. The JCC Board and Staff are pleased that this group has taken avail of this valuable community institution and it is hoped

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It is hard to believe but almost 20 years have passed since the first North American Maccabi Youth Games were held in Memphis. At that time our JCC sent a soccer team trained and managed by Jerry Bromstein to compete in what is now the largest event of its kind in the world. Our boys came home with the silver medal, losing a heartbreaker in a penalty shootout with Mexico.

We are still competing every year and bringing home the medals. The JCC Association in New York is compiling a database of former athletes and have asked us to contact as many as possible to join the Maccabi Games Alumni.

Many of our former Maccabi athletes are still in Hamilton and we need you to come forward and help build the database. Log on to the website at www.jccmaccabi.org, click on "alumni" and follow the direction to register. If you do not have access to the internet please call me at 905-648-2671 and I will make arrangements to input the data.

Allen Harris

Yom Ha'atzmaut at the JCC



Yesher Koach to **Moishe Chaimovitz** for his 7th year chairing the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebrations for the Hamilton Jewish Community. His dedication to this program and to Israel is always an inspiration. Thank you to **Dorina Chaimovitz** for baking the delicious cakes and to the committee and all the volunteers for their dedication and hard work: **Allen and Flora Rams, Effie and Tiki Zussman, Louise Algranti, Sam Soifer, Ida Shuman, Norma Wright, Racheli Chaimovitz, Nancy Somer, Milli Somer, Sylvia Klein, Shirley and Irving Levine, Amir Kirat, Manny Rams, Aily Leibtag, Noah Leibtag, Arlene Leibtag, Charles and Evan Schneider and Brandon Banner.** Special thanks to the Sponsors & Donors: **Moishe & Dorina Chaimovitz and family, Mike and Vera Chaimovitz and family, Allen and Flora Rams and Family, Ron & Angi Sabbag & Family - R & R Jewellers, Moishe and Francine Lindenbaum and Family, Effie and Tiki Zussman, Dr. Frank and Rita Shapiro, Harvey and Shelley Waxman, Joy Foster, STRUBS.**

Don't Miss these Upcoming JCC Events

JAZZ NITE

June 10, 2001 at the JCC 7:30pm
Enjoy the music played by our community teens from Highland High School organised by Daryn Epstein.

JCC/BETH TIKVAH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 21 at the Beverley Golf Club
If you're not a PLAYER, please be a SPONSOR or a DONOR. Call Larry Szpirglas or the JCC.

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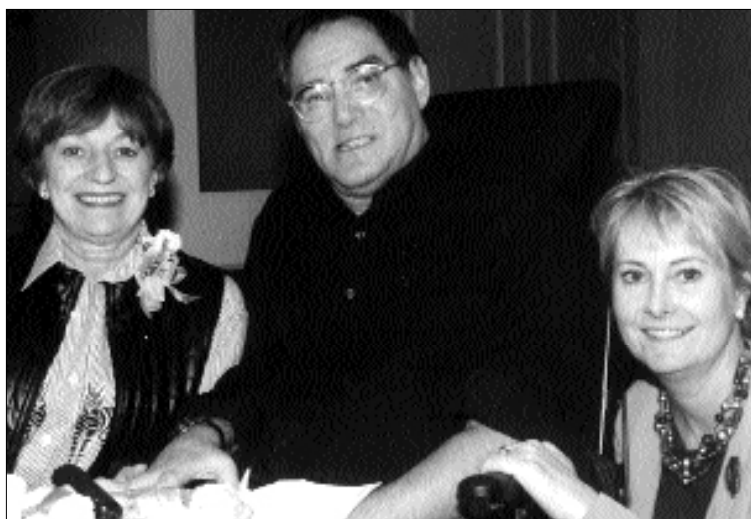
BY
WENDY SCHNEIDER

Al and Lorraine Kudlats know something many of us have yet to discover. Five years ago their lives were unalterably changed, when, at the age of 59, Al suffered a stroke. A month later he woke from a coma to discover that he had lost all feeling in his left side.

Devastated, the family made the difficult decision to find a long-term care facility for their father and husband. Al spent the first four years following his stroke at McMaster and Chedoke Hospital. A year ago, he found a second home when a bed became available at Shalom Village's nursing home.

Given their circumstances one might think that the Kudlats would feel bitter. But the fact is, despite the cards they've been dealt, the couple is thankful. Thankful for the home that Al's found at Shalom Village, thankful that he is able come home on weekends and thankful, most of all, that he's alive. In fact, says Lorraine, they count their blessings.

Al is the first to admit that living in an institution is not ideal, but Shalom Village's warm and caring



Lorraine and Al Kudlats received a night out at their favourite restaurant. They are pictured here with B.K. Beville of the

staff, superior facilities, excellent food and rehabilitative services are all compensatory factors. Frequent visits from friends, the constant presence of his wife and his treasured weekends at home surrounded by his children and grandchildren sustain him.

When Al feels down, Lorraine reminds him of friends and acquaintances they have lost. She tells him how grateful she feels that he's here and able to enjoy his family. As for herself, "I enjoy every day," she says. Since her husband's stroke she's changed her entire attitude. She tells friends not to put off vacation plans and often feels like

telling people to wake up and smell the roses.

A little while ago Al was given an opportunity that did much to lift his spirits when P.K. Beville, a world-renowned speaker on care for seniors, came to Shalom Village to speak on challenges facing long term care providers. Ms. Beville runs a charitable foundation called the Second Wind Foundation, which makes dreams come true for seniors.

"She was very impressed that at Shalom Village we do the everyday things that make peoples lives more meaningful," said Pat Morden, Shalom Village CEO.

"It was our chance to have Al make a dream come true for himself and

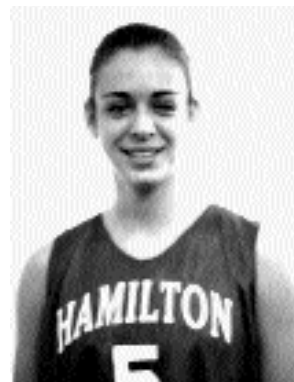
Hamilton student plays for Team Canada at Israel Maccabiah

BY
MARK EISENBERG

This summer Team Canada's delegation of over 300 athletes and coaches will join with almost 6000 others from over 50 countries to represent Canada at the 16th Maccabiah Games in Israel. From July 16th-26th Canada's elite Jewish athletes will compete in a large variety of sports in their attempt to return to Canada wearing gold.

Since it's inception, Maccabi Canada has sent thousands of Jewish youngsters and young adults to the Maccabiah Games. Many have gone on to play prominent roles and make significant contributions to their respective communities. Indeed, the ultimate goal of The Maccabiah Games is to develop leaders who are motivated and are able to take the intensity, commitment and excellence they displayed in the sports arena and demonstrate these exceptional characteristics in their careers and vocations.

This year Canada will expand it's participaton by including a Junior Girl's basketball team (ages 14-16)



Shauna Eisenberg

for the first time. The experience that our Junior girls from across the country will derive by their participation in Israel this summer will be invaluable as they mature and move into the women's level. Shauna Eisenberg of Hamilton will be a member of our 2001 Canadian team. Presently in Grade 10 at Westdale High, she plays on the Westdale senior team.

In addition to the thrill of international competition, this summer many athletes will experience Israel for the first time, making meaningful new friendships and learning about their Jewish heritage. As hosts to the world, Israel makes the Maccabiah Games an unforgettable experience, from the fantastic Olympic style opening ceremonies in Jerusalem to the history and

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• Congratulations to Rachel Loewith who was recently named Ancaster's Youth Volunteer of the Year, which includes a \$500 bursary towards her post secondary studies. Rachel has done extensive volunteering, including organizing a blood-donor clinic and raising more than \$5,000 for the Brain Injury Unit at Chedoke Hospital. She is president of her youth group at Temple Anshe Sholom, planning and delivering monthly programs for 35

children and has participated in the JCC's Tzedakah Tzentrepiece project, prepared food baskets for the Kosher Food Bank.

• Mazel Tov to Rachel's brother, Lenny Loewith, who is serving as a page this summer at Queen's Park.

• Nesiya Tova to Andrea Molot and Lorne Gaffe who are taking part in a national young leadership mission to Kiev this month to see first-hand the work of the Jewish

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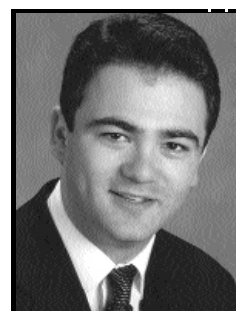
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Pesach on top of the world in Katmandu, Nepal

BY
YTZCHOK ITKIN

Growing up in Hamilton, never in my wildest dreams did I imagine the Pesach that I experienced this year.

Two months ago, I was asked to join of a group of rabbinical students that would travel to Nepal to lead the 14th annual "seder on the top of the world", the largest seder in the world, sponsored by Chabad-Lubavitch.

Together with my friend Hershey Novak of Los Angeles I was to lead the seder for English speakers, a first for Nepal. A few weeks later, after much frenzied preparation we were off. After 30 hours of flying, and lugging some 500 kilograms of luggage, we arrived. After waiting in a long line for a visa, we were finally allowed into Katmandu, the capital of Nepal. Greeted by the local

Chabad Rabbi, we loaded all our paraphernalia into a truck for a cow-dodging, pothole-avoiding trip to the local Chabad House.

At the Chabad house we found a whirlwind of activity. As volunteers peeled and chopped vegetables, people were constantly arriving to inquire about the seder and other functions. Standing calmly and directing this plethora of bustle was the Local Chabad Shaliach, Rabbi Chezki Lifshitz.

Just two days before Pesach a container of food that had been sent specifically for this occasion from Israel finally arrived. After three months of wandering, including getting lost in an Egyptian port for 3 weeks (they always do manage to get into the Pesach story), countless delays in overland transport, the

threat of national strikes and countless other obstacles it was here. Well...almost. When the truck wasn't able to maneuver through the narrow two-way alleys of the Thamel district, where the Chabad House is located, some 30 volunteers began loading pickup truck after pickup truck with a ton of Matzo, 2000 bottles of wine, an equal amount of grape juice, hundreds of boxes of non-perishable food items and other assorted items.

Things were further complicated when Maoist rebels called a general strike and forbade any motor vehicle traffic on Friday, erev Shabbat and the last full day for Pesach preparations. Soon a parade of pedal-driven rickshaws were transporting containers of food to the hotel.

Shabbat morning we awoke expecting a little bit of calm before the seder, but we were in for a slight surprise. Overnight there had been a power blackout in the hotel and the hotel's refrigerator was no longer functioning. Fortunately there was no shortage of volunteers, and at the conclusion of Shabbat, hundreds were waiting at the hotel to help recreate part of the festival meal. By the advertised time for the Seder the work was just about finished and all but a few of the volunteers joined the throngs of people being seated for the Seder.

The largest hall in the hotel, the prestigious Yak and Yeti, which is in fact the largest hall in the entire country, was set for the seder. Gleaming tables of white, set up in long rows, some 50 settings at each side, filled the hall.

More than 1500 Israeli and other tourists, members of the local Jewish community, international volunteers and others quickly filled the two halls. People from all backgrounds and countries, from left-wing, secular Israelis, to Jews from Buddhist monasteries, a New Zealander attending his first seder and even some from Ancaster, celebrated, ate and sang the night away.

Following an address by the Israeli Ambassador to Nepal – who had assisted by providing technical assistance and security – we were led in the Mah Nishtana by one of the only Nepal-born Jews in attendance – a seven-year-old boy, who had learned the liturgy in the local Chabad-run Hebrew school.

The celebration stretched late into the

A friend in need answers the

BY
WENDY SCHNEIDER

Thanks to Hilda Rosen Israel now has one more ambulance available to assist its citizens who have been injured.

It all began with a phone call she received the day after Yom Kippur from Hamilton's former JNF emissary, Dubi Deckel. The intifada had just broken out and he sounded distressed. When Rosen asked him if there was anything she could do he told her that ambulances were desperately needed.

Hilda put a call in to Canadian Magen David Adom, for whom the Hamilton Supporters of Israel, an organization founded by the late Morris Lax, purchased a blood mobile during her term as president. She was told the



The ambulance that Hamilton supporters bought for Israel

cost of an ambulance was \$71,000 in Canadian funds. Undaunted, she paid a visit to her friend Margo Rethazy, who wrote her a cheque for \$25,000 on the spot. Fortified by such an auspicious start, she immediately began calling people she knew to tell her story. She received

tremendous support from a number of family friends and acquaintances who would call her every few days and see how she was doing with her fund raising efforts. Within three weeks she had, singlehandedly, raised \$60,000.

The ambulance, which is emblazoned with

Seeing Things?



No, you're not seeing things. That is Lester and Carol Krames standing next to former US President, Bill Clinton. Lester, Carol and Miriam Spinner are active in an organization called Democrats Abroad. Since they worked during the last US election getting people (democrats) to register and vote, they were invited, along with a group of 6 other people, to greet Clinton at the Hamilton airport on May 2 prior to his speaking engagement with the fundraiser organized by Morgan Firestone for St. Joseph's Healthcare Foundation.

The following is Lester's account of that exciting afternoon:

"We arrived at 3:30 as we were told but then found out that his plane would not be landing until 5:00. There was a general excitement in the waiting lounge. We were surrounded by RCMP, the OPP, the Hamilton Police and the Secret Service.

Clinton was so relaxed and friendly. We got to speak to him pose for pictures and get autographs. I was truly impressed by his manner and the way he worked the small crowd. After he finished talking to us he went over to a small group of airport employees who were watching what was going on and he spoke to them, shook hands and posed with them."

When Miriam Spinner asked for an autograph

Hamilton ORT remembers
RUTH GOLDBERG SILVERT

Ruth was always interested in the philosophy of the work of ORT, and after she passed away, ORT was one of the organizations she included in her bequest. Ruth was a long-time resident of Hamilton, daughter of Archie and Bessie Goldberg. In addition to being active in ORT, she was a member of Temple Anshe Sholom and Hadassah-WIZO. After her retirement from Toronto Hydro, she became a dedicated volunteer in the gerontology department of St. Joseph's Hospital. She was an enthusiastic photographer, especially in rainy weather. She will be missed by friends at Shalom Village an ORT. ORT is very grateful for her thoughtful generosity.

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Israel News

'Show solidarity with Israel not by hating Palestinians': Israeli

Excerpts from the Remarks of Rabbi Michael Melchior, Israel Minister of Diaspora Relations, to United Jewish Communities Federation Leadership Washington, D.C., April 22,

Where are we today compared to where we were 60 years ago? Despite all the trouble and crisis, we are in a very different position because of one thing: the State of Israel. There would be no Jewish people today, no Jewish peoplehood, no Jewish community work and no Jewish education if we didn't have the State of Israel. Since the Six-Day War, we have had, in Israel two major dreams. One dream, which was very strong just after the Six-Day War, was the dream of Eretz Yisrael Shleimah, that we have, again, the whole country. There was a homecoming to a united Jerusalem, to Hebron and other cities that were part of ancient Israel and where Jews have lived throughout our whole history. We came back to these places and we now have the natural borders between the Mediterranean and the Jordan River. This was the dream for many Israelis on all sides of the political spectrum. That dream still exists as a dream but cannot be more than a dream today. Consider the demographic developments: today we have between nine and nine and a half million people living between the Mediterranean and the Jordan River of which, if we include Israeli Arabs, 45% percent are not Jewish. This means that we have to decide very clearly

if we want Israel to be Jewish and to be democratic. There is no way, in spite of what some people still say in the extreme right wing in Israel, after what has happened during the last ten years and how this has developed, there is no way today that we can have both a Jewish and a democratic Israel and keep Eretz Yisrael as a part of our political system. The other great dream – which started together with the Six-Day War and was strengthened with the visit of Sadat in November 1977 and the whole peace process that started after that – the other great dream was that, finally, the Jewish people would have peace along our borders. We would have our own state with our own, recognized borders, with our own capital like other normal nations. And we would have peace with all our neighbors. There was this belief that it's possible, especially after the peace with Egypt and after the Oslo Accord and the peace with Jordan. You can say that what has happened over the last half year has put an existential question mark to the possibility of fulfilling this dream in any near future.

What does that mean? That if we give up, as Barak offered it, practically 100% of what was taken in the Six-Day War, that even then we can't achieve our dream. That if we give up all the Arab parts of Jerusalem, make deep compromises in the Old City on the Temple Mount – even then we cannot get there. And all of this would

have given the Palestinians a full possibility to create their own future, to have their own state, to get their dignity, their freedom, without us having to govern them or they having to govern us, with a clear border between us and a hope for building a future, together, between the State of Israel and the Palestinian state, which was to be created. The Palestinians rejected that. I don't know why, but they rejected it. The bottom line was that they were not ready to sign a document that said, 'This

We know for sure, that after a certain amount of time has passed, we will be back around the negotiating tables... How many of our youngsters have to

is the end of the conflict.' Instead, they turned back to the situation before '93.

Starting the 28th of September, last year, the Palestinians, with this new Intifada, turned around everything that was the basis of the peace process started in Oslo. Their response was not only 'We cannot accept the proposals,' their response was clearly violence. In essence they are saying, 'We can only achieve what we can't get through

negotiation through violence.'

How many suicide bombers do we have to have, how many nights do we have to hear the shootings in Jerusalem to fulfill that? Do we have to go back to a role we don't want to be in? We abhor that role of being the occupiers in Judea, Sumaria and Gaza, going in and destroying houses and trees and all of this business. We don't want to be there. The second they stop, there is no more violence. Everybody knows that.

We know for sure, that after a certain amount of time has passed, we will be back around the negotiating tables. We will talk about exactly the same program that was put forth at Camp David. How many of our youngsters have to be killed before we get back to that point? It's madness! Crazy! Why?

Believe me, the Palestinians are suffering terribly. Their standard of living has gone down to an unbelievable level. Nearly 60% of them do not have work. They have no hope, they have no future, they have no dignity. Family fathers come back to houses with eight to ten children. They have nothing to feed their children with. They're living in misery and then they have to have the answers for the reactions to all the bombs they're setting, for all the hatred that is created. Who wants this? Still, we have to live with it. We don't have any other alternative. We will try again and again and again to stretch out our hands, to try to see if there is a partner.

I know that polls have come out indicating that it's much easier to tell how bad the Arabs are and the Palestinians are than to tell how good the Israelis are. But that won't lead us anywhere. Yes, we have to explain the Israeli position. But you have to show your solidarity with Israel not by hating the Palestinians, because we're stuck with them. We have to live with them. We have no other choice. There will be no peace, no security for us if there is no peace and security for them. There is no other way.

To understand the current situation in its complexity we must ask ourselves the existential question 'Do we want to be a part of this?' Some people might want to leave it, to close themselves

out from being a Jew – and some can do that. But for those of us who want to be Jewish, we have to be a part of this question mark.

It's much easier to say 'Let's give them hell.' And then what? We have another thousand suicide bombers, another ten thousand? One of the challenges I want to place in front of you is something new we are dealing with in Israel: the situation between the Jews and the Arabs living inside Israel. Maybe we cannot have a peace with our neighbors. Maybe we're doomed to live another five years or ten years or 20 years without that peace agreement. But if we can't have peace and development inside the borders of Israel, then we're really on a road which might lead us to full disaster. In Israel today, 20% of our population is Arab, and it's a growing population. Last year, of the children born in Israel, 31% were Arabs. That is not including the Arabs in Jerusalem – another 230,000. It's not including Arabs who would be included in a future settlement inside the blocks of settlement – another 130,000. It's also not including a very big number of non-Jews we have in Israel today, foreign workers and so on, who pose a totally different problem, a growing problem, by the way, that may also explode during the coming years. Israel today has the largest number of foreign workers of any Western democracy. These are people we have to live with. I challenge you to become a part of this. If you want to be a part of it, you can build it together with us. It's possible to do this.

The reaction from North American Jewry has been 'Well, we send money for good things.' It's been important for Israel that this has been the way you've reacted. It's still important – and it's also not enough. It's not enough because the conflict is different. It's not a conflict where we, in the same way, need financial support from North American Jewry, although we always need it. We have many good things, thanks to you. So today, the giving has to be appropriate. It has to be something where your people will feel that they're connected with the crisis, that they're answering some need generated by



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Pat Morden

I heard it through the Shalom Village Grapevine

Man plans and G-d laughs.

Promise me I'll never have open heart surgery; promise me I'll be rich and famous; promise me I'll never be sad, angry, lonely or afraid. Promises we may ask, even wish for, yet none of us are foolish enough to actually expect anyone to make them happen. Yet, a promise in a similar vein, "Promise me you will never put me in a nursing home" leaves daughters, sons, husbands and wives sleepless, guilt-ridden and overwhelmed.

What we can promise, is that we will help each other make the best decisions possible with the cards we are dealt. We can pledge to try to be there for one another, to share fears and pain, make plans to keep loneliness and grief at bay. We can work together to ensure that if a nursing home is the answer to our promise, we make sure it is the very best.

Our promise at Shalom Village is "to honour our fathers and mothers". Together with our residents, families, volunteers, staff, and our community we are working diligently every day to keep this promise. It is the rare family that does not depend upon Shalom Village to help them meet the promises made to someone they know or love. We, like you, know how hard it is to make promises come true. However, we know from experience that learning from the lessons of those who have traveled this road before can help. We will share with you in each issue of the Hamilton Jewish News lessons learned, our plans and also answer questions frequently asked of our staff as we work each day to keep our promises.

Many of you have heard that Shalom Village is expanding. We are indeed in negotiations with the Conseil scolaire public (the French School Board) to purchase the vacant school land next door to Shalom Village. At this point we are unsure as to when the sale will be

Shalom Village Honours Its



Chava and Mary Martha Starkman



Pat Morden presents award to Rabbi Itkin



Chani Sendler and children

Residents and staff at Shalom Village joined together to thank our dedicated volunteers for the over 12,000 hours of service they give annually to Shalom Village at a luncheon gala. Dan McLean was on hand too, adding his praises for the outstanding effort made by the Shalom Village Volunteers. Volunteers give of their time, selves and financially to all areas of resident life at Shalom. They can be seen helping residents enjoy their rides on the MilliMobile, answering phones, preparing special treats, visiting, arranging flowers, staffing the Corner Store gift shop and in innumerable other areas. Volunteers contribute to over 60% of the recreational and social programs at Shalom Village. Each and every volunteer at Shalom Village is important to us, their efforts contributing to making our residents and their families feel 'at home' at Shalom. This year's S.H.A.L.O.M. Volunteer award winners were

- S for spreading sunshine - **Chani Sendler and her young family**
- H for honourable role model - **Miriam Davidson and Minna Loewith**
- A for Admirable Approaches to Volunteering - **Chandra Dolly**
- L for loves learning - **Toby Snajdman**
- O for outstanding overall - **JoAnn Pomerantz**
- M for Mensch - **Rabbi Itkin**

Junior Volunteer of the Year was Hava Starkman; **Sid Bell** was honoured with the Board of Directors Special Recognition Award and **Jordan Livingston** with the Sheila Burman Award. The volunteers in turn thanked Shalom's Co-ordinator of Volunteers, **Barbara Abraham** for all her work to make them feel 'at home' at Shalom.

Shalom Village is proud of its volunteers and all they give to our community. Thank you and congratulations to you all.



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Mother and Daughter Team Heads Up State of Israel Bonds Women's

Israel Bonds is pleased to announce that Amy McLean and Nancy Katz have agreed to serve as co-chairs, Hamilton Women's division for the 2001/2002 campaigns.

Amy served on the board of the directors of the Hamilton Jewish Community Centre for the year 2000 and on the Hamilton Hebrew Academy P.T.A. executive as treasurer for the years 1999-2000. She is also a lifetime member of Hamilton's ORT.

Amy is a registered nurse, employed full-time in the emergency department at McMaster Hospital and is employed on an on-call basis with the Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence team for Hamilton.

For the past four years,



Amy McLean

she has played basketball in the JCC basketball league and she ran the New York Marathon in 1999.

She is the mother of Tia and married to David.

Nancy is past president of Adas Israel Sisterhood, past president of ORT and past vice president and current board member of the JCC. She has also served as co-chair of the UJA Walkathon and has been actively involved with State of Israel Bonds,

serving as co-chair with Gayle Kepecs in 1999/2000. Nancy is a representative of the School Council at Dundas District Middle School and Highland Secondary School Councils and a past parent advisor for the



Nancy Katz

Province of Ontario in connection with the new curriculum.

Nancy is married to Howard, chair of UJA Men's Division and the

Kehila's Green



Last fall the Kehila students began a garden project by planting over 100 perennial bulbs. These included croci, tulips, daffordils and hyacinths. They made a garden plan by taking into consideration the heights and blooming times of the various plants. During the last month the children have been checking their garden for signs of growth. They have predicted how many new bulbs will sprout weekly and have graphed their observations. At the end of April the students were very excited to see the first mult-coloured blooms of the crocus bulbs, a positive sign that spring had finally arrived. Now the challenging part of gardening begins as the children look forward to watering, weeding and



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passion for Judaism and the Jewish agenda and who respect the role of Federation leadership. I know this work has already begun and I am pleased to see that the local Young Leadership Program is making such a positive impact.

We need to do a better job of articulating the specific and unique role and function of the Federation to the Jewish Community. We can talk to ourselves all day long

about the Federation's overarching themes of Rescue and Relief, Assisting the Vulnerable, Strengthening Jewish Identity and the programs we support to address them. But unless we find a way to get that message out to a new generation of people – and in a language that they find compelling – the effort will be self defeating.

We need to ensure that involvement in the Jewish

Na'amat laughs it up with Lynn



Hamilton Na'amat members Rivka Shaffir, Deena Sacks, Ilene Haripko, Adele Wolpert Zur, Jan Hastie, Laura Mestelman, Louise Algranti, Michele Ronen, Yael Greenberg Livingston, Ronit Gafni and Susan Roth, enjoy a moment of mirth with comic strip author, Lynn Johnston, at, yet another, sell-out Na'amat celebrity author luncheon.

Local members participate in Na'amat national leadership



From left to right, Naomi Eisenberg, Na'amat Canada executive director, Vivienne Reisler, and national president Marilyn Myers and Shelley Marks

Recently Shelley Marks and Naomi Eisenberg of Na'amat Hamilton's Club Amit joined 30 other women from across Canada at the Freda Sohmer Na'amat Leadership Seminar in Calgary where they learned about the important work done by Na'amat in Israel and Canada. Small group work and seminars comprised the bulk of the weekend, capped by a hilarious evening of group presentations. The weekend strengthened the resolve of

HAMILTON HEBREW ACADEMY

Life and learning at the Hamilton Hebrew Academy have been intertwined as the school year speeds by. Our pupils have participated in a number of various activities across a kaleidoscopic picture of a full and rounded school life.

Our grades one, two, and three, under the guidance of their teachers organized a highly successful Spring Sale. The children's arts and crafts were on display and available for sale. Our grade one students used the opportunity to practice the art of store-keeping, having to work out the complications of giving change, in quarters, from one dollar!

The ever-popular Maccabiah, our school colour war focussed on the mitzvot of Purim - Matanot L'evyonim,



Hanna and Eli Strub take part in the bean hunt at the

Mishloach Manot, Seudah and Megillah. Students dressed in orange, red, black and green clothes roamed the hallways chanting their theme songs and cheers at the top of their voices for a fun filled week of sporting competitions, informal learning and plenty of noise. The grade eights excelled in the leadership roles that the Maccabiah created and we all learned about the importance of

co-operation and teamwork.

On Yom Ha'atzmaut, our grade eights and sevens led the school in an exciting simulation game where our pupils had to hide and make their way through the underground tunnels of our darkened school. Protected by Palestinian passports and ever wary of the British customs officials, they searched for access to the Holy Land. Once in Israel, each grade presented a song, poem or dramatic presentation in celebration of Israel's 53rd anniversary. Felafel, pitas and other Israeli food was the order of the day and every pupil was able to participate in this school wide activity.

Our grade sixes and sevens took part in the 50th anniversary of the Kiwanis Festival at McMaster University in May, and both classes came

Support from Diaspora

by the Tanzim, Force 17 and the young Fatah movement, all mainstream Palestinian organizations.

While Israel's intelligence gathering ability allows it to take pre-emptive action when necessary, it has, for the most part, been ineffective at preventing suicide bombing attacks, he admitted.

The second threat, that of conventional war, comes from a possible coalition between Syria and Iraq or Iran. While the absence of unity in the Arab world makes this less of an immediate concern, it is critical that Israel maintains its military superiority.

The third threat, that of non-conventional biological and chemical warfare from rogue countries such as Iraq is a very real concern. In response, Israel continues to rely heavily on the assistance she receives from the United States in

developing deterrent capabilities.

During a brief question period Livne acknowledged that Israel appears to be losing the public relations war and wondered how anyone

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Director of Conference of Presidents of
Major American Jewish Organizations
Co-Chairs: David Horwood & Marty Strub

Monday, November 4, 2001

Women's Division Luncheon/
Fashion Show featuring Fashions
From Israel

Co-Chairs: Nancy Katz & Amy McLean
Watch for further details and invitation

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Upcoming Events

■ SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE, PRE-SHAVUOT JOINT PROGRAM BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE & TEMPLE ANSHE SHOLOM, with Rabbi Ben Hollander. From Jerusalem to Sinai... and back. Friday, May 25, 8:15pm at Temple Anshe Sholom, Jerusalem: Possibilities for Peace - A Biblical to Modern Perspective. Sat, May 26 at 7:15pm; The Ten Commandments - Do They Still Matter? at Beth Jacob Synagogue; Sunday, May 27 at 9:00 am at Beth Jacob Synagogue: A Holy Nation at Sinai! What does it Mean Now? Register at 905-522-1351.

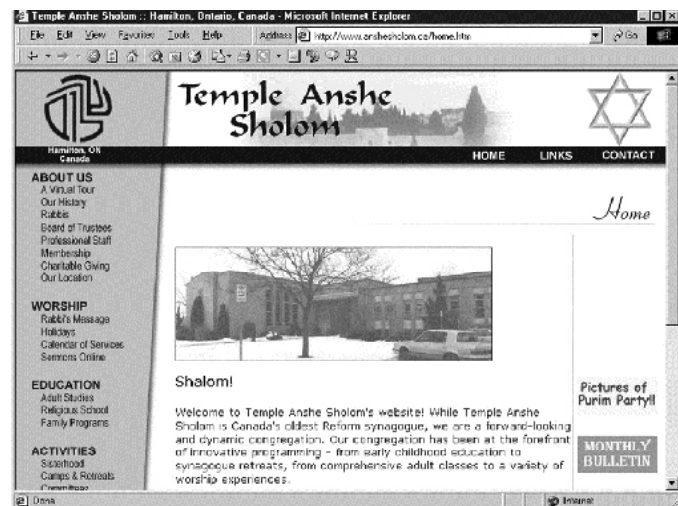
■ BETH JACOB JUDAICA SHOP LOBBY SALE; Sunday, May 27, 10-12:00 pm. 20 - 50% off books for all ages, , cremonial objects, kippot, holiday gift wrap, etc.

■ Monday June 11: INTO THE ARMS OF STRANGERS: STORIES OF THE KINDERTRANSPORT at the Westdale Cinema at 8:00pm. Nine months prior to World War II Britain conducted an extraordinary rescue mission, opening its

doors to over 10,000 Jewish and other children from Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia. These children were taken into foster homes and hostels in Britain, expecting eventually to be reunited with their parents. The majority of them never saw their families again. This documentary feature tells the story of this remarkable rescue operation and its dramatic impact on the lives of the children who were saved. From the writer and director of the Academy Award-winning film "The Long Way Home". "Especially moving and effective. A polished piece of work that convincingly builds its involving story. Gripping. A memorable experience." - Kenneth Turan/Los Angeles Times

■ THE 10TH ANNUAL CANADIAN/AMERICAN HAVURAH WEEKEND SHABBATON. Friday, June 8 - Sun, June 10 at Canterbury Hills. Share a dynamic Jewish weekend of study, Jewish renewal and spiritual growth incorporating both tradition and innovation. The Shabbaton is open to all backgrounds, affiliations, ages, levels of Jewish

TEMPLE ANSHE SHOLOM WEB-SITE UP AND RUNNING



Temple Anshe Sholom invites the community to visit their new dynamic website at www.anshesholom.ca. Among the highlights are the Temple's monthly bulletin, a calendar of events and services, up to date information about what is happening in the lives of its members, pictures from shul events, downloadable versions of the Temple's Funeral Practices and current Adult education brochures, e-mail addresses for the Temple staff, links to Jewish resources, and recent sermons delivered by Rabbi Zeplovitz and Rabbi

Community Calendar

■ MONDAY, MAY 28 & TUESDAY, MAY 29TH Shavuot

Academy Graduation, 6pm.

■ SUNDAY, JUNE 3 UJA/FEDERATION COMMUNITY WALKATHON (see page 3)

■ MONDAY, SEPT 10 State of Israel Bonds, 50th anniversary celebration. Call 905-528-8639.

■ WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 JNF Negev Dinner, Adas Israel Synagogue. Call 905-527-5516.

■ TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, SEPT 18 & 19, ROSH HASHANA

■ SUNDAY, JUNE 10 JCC Jazz Concert, 7:30 pm.

■ THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, YOM KIPPUR.

■ THURSDAY, JUNE 14 Hamilton Hebrew

The Community Calendar contains a more complete listing of organizational meetings and events. To list yours, or check for timing conflicts, please call Chris

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