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UJA Campaign Opening sets the tone for emphasis on local needs and support for Israel

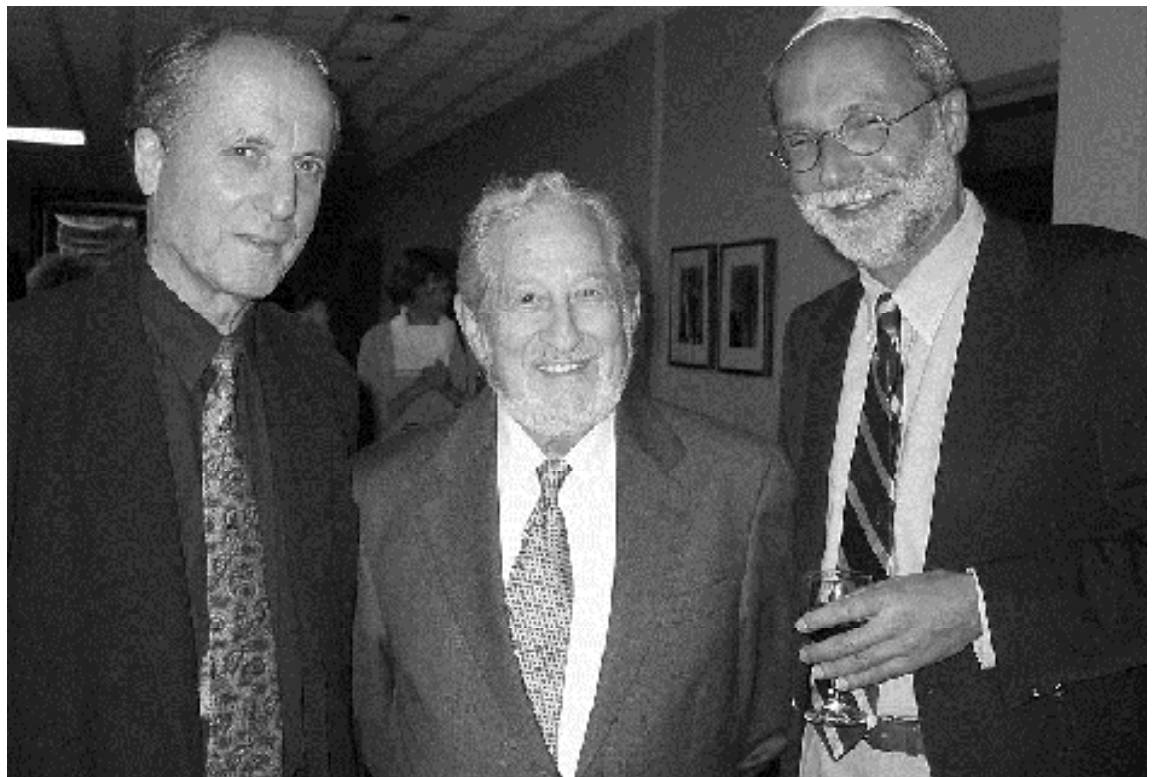
BY WENDY SCHNEIDER

Community members came out in large numbers to the UJA Campaign 2003 opening on October 2 which honoured Rabbi Morton Green and long time Jewish communal worker, Dolly Cohen, and featured keynote speaker, former Canadian ambassador to Israel, Norman Spector.

The evening was emceed by Dr. Lester Krames, co-chair of UJA Campaign 2003, who eloquently articulated UJA Federation's 2003 campaign theme "Building a New Jewish Future For Hamilton and Deepening Our Ties to Israel" by enumerating the many areas both locally and overseas that flourish through UJA funding.

Speaking on behalf of UJA Federation, Carol Krames, director of Hamilton Jewish Social Services, lauded Dolly Cohen for 40 years of Jewish communal service. Harvey Wolfe, world chairman, Board of Trustees of Keren Hayesod praised Rabbi Green for demonstrating unprecedented motivational leadership by helping Hamilton raise \$500,000 for the Israel Emergency Campaign. Mr Wolfe also emphasized the importance of continuing to support local community initiatives, Israel and Jews in need around the world.

The honour of introducing keynote speaker, Dr. Norman Spector was given to Carly Shiner, president of the McMaster Jewish Students Association (JSA). Ms Shiner prefaced her introduction with warm words of thanks to UJA Federation, for funding JSA programs, which are giving Jewish students the support and knowledge that are



Former Canadian Ambassador to Israel, Dr. Norman Spector, (far right) was the keynote speaker at the UJA Campaign opening on October 2. He is pictured here with JNF emissary, Effie Zussman and

necessary to combat anti-Israel propaganda on campus.

Dr. Norman Spector, a former Canadian ambassador to Israel and regular columnist for The Globe and Mail, spoke at length, his remarks interspersed with

personal observances and reminiscences of Yitzhak Rabin and the signing of the Oslo Accords. Despite its ultimate failure, Dr. Spector defended Rabin's decision to support Oslo's stage by stage negotiated settlement but said that neither Shimon Peres nor

Yossi Beilin had the courage to tell Israelis the truth about the price they would have to pay for peace.

After the Oslo Accords were signed, however, it became clear that Israel

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UJA 2003 Campaign off to a quick start

One third of the way to a million dollar campaign

Thanks to the hard work of Campaign co-chairs Lester Krames, Paul Roth, Lanie Goldberg and Beth Bandler, the UJA 2003 Campaign has taken off with a very positive start.

UJA Federation President Bonnie Loewith expressed her gratitude to the campaign leadership team for their extra effort in getting the campaign off the ground. "Everyone has been focused and really committed to helping get the campaign organized and launched. The results are already apparent."

UJA Federation executive director, Gerald Fisher, also praised the campaign team for bringing new energy and new ideas to the table. "Canvasser recruitment, the early distribution of cards and especially the two nights of volunteer training have really made a difference."

Men's Campaign co-chairs Lester Krames and Paul Roth totally reorganized their approach to volunteer recruitment and card distribution. According to Paul Roth, "We have developed an approach where canvassers, captains and division chairs are responsible for only five people. Because the volunteer jobs are much better defined and far more manageable than in the past, volunteer recruitment was also much easier."

Krames also focused on the timing and length of the campaign. "Our campaign plan creates the opportunity to close the campaign within a six-week period. If we are successful in this, it will truly be a successful milestone for the Federation and for our community."

Fisher noted a new initiative that he feels is significant. "The Campaign team organized several sessions of canvasser education with one of the most effective trainers in North America. Jonathan Miller's two training sessions brought in over 40 campaign volunteers, plus members of the UJA Federation Board of Directors. Their motivation, their technique and their commitment to get the job done without delay will all be strengthened by what they learned in their training sessions."

President Loewith added that "One of the strongest assets we have this year is the emergence of a UJA Advisory Board led by Stan Tick, one of our community's most respected leaders. Comprised of several successful and experienced former UJA Chairs, they have made themselves available to provide support and mentorship to

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From the Director's Desk



Gerald Fisher

Why Are We So Alone?

To read the newspaper or watch the television, you get the impression that the world is unduly fixated on Israel. Sometimes the world truly is unduly fixated on Israel – but only sometimes. I, on the other hand, am fixated on Israel all the time. I couldn't say if that's healthy, but I know that at least I am not alone. Many of you reading this share my unrelenting concern for Israel and all matters relating to it. In that sense, we are not alone because we have each other. The question I am asking is why, as a community, do we seem to be so alone in our concern for Israeli lives?

I was especially taken aback by a recent Hamilton Spectator article signed by Sharon Boase. The article was a kind of "interview" with Reverend Mark Lewis, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. Reverend Lewis had recently returned from a trip to the West Bank, Jordan and Lebanon. He used the article to share his impressions and to express his empathy for the Palestinian people who in his words, "suffer the worst oppression imaginable".

The article repeats many of the commonly held misconceptions about the current conflict. It ascribes no responsibility for the ongoing violence to the Palestinians. It describes, in a truly bizarre way, an encounter at an Israeli checkpoint. He infers that an Israeli patrol was about to open fire on a group of Arab children, but the Israelis fled when he stepped out of his car and the soldiers saw his purple prayer shawl. He went on to refer to the democratically elected government of Israel as Sharon's "military regime". He chastised Arafat because suicide bombings worked against the Palestinian perception abroad... although not because they were wrong.

Enraged, I called the journalist whose name appears on the piece to ask if she thought she had a responsibility to challenge any of Lewis' assertions. Apparently not, but she certainly took umbrage with my raising the question.

My point is that after reading the article in the Spectator I had this chilling feeling of being utterly isolated and a sense of a growing "conspiracy" against Israel, against Jews and against our humanity.

Unresolvable conflicts with the journalist aside, I am wondering what to do about Reverend Lewis' misperceptions of our struggle. We could and did contact the Israeli consulate to urge them to respond to the slander against Israel's democratically elected government...and they did. We urged members of our Public Affairs Committee to write letters to the Editor... and they did. But something is missing. Why does it appear that in Hamilton, the only people on earth who are sensitive to these issues are Jews?

I know that in many other communities, the loudest voices in support of Israel come from organized, mainstream Christians. The keynote speaker at the 2001 Israel Solidarity Rally in New Hampshire was the Catholic Archbishop. The keynote speaker at the 2001 Yom Ha'Atzmut rally in Boston, Mass., organized through the Israel Consul General's office was the executive director of the Office of the Cardinal. Several prominent members of the Protestant clergy joined him on the dais.

These members of the Christian clergy are not renegades. They have no secret plan to convert us. They and the institutions they represent have reasoned opinions that are supportive of Israel and of us. They are prepared to stand up with us, once sensitized to the nature of our struggle. In my view, the single strongest response to Rev. Lewis' article should have come from fellow Christian clergy. We didn't know of anyone we could call. Why not?

With all due respect, my guess is that most people, regardless of their viewpoints, do not react as viscerally to these kinds of provocations as we do. They haven't walked in our shoes. They don't perceive the dangers we perceive. But if we take the time to sensitize them to our experience and concerns, we may be surprised at the result.

I think we are mature enough and self confident enough as a community to hold our heads high and seek out natural allies where we can find them. If we do more of it, it will blunt the voices of people like Rev. Lewis. To do less damages our ability to advocate fully

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Special Occasion

JACK BROWN & MIRIAM CHASON - New home – Chuck & Bea Matchen. YAEL & MICHAEL KEEGEL – birth of baby – Schweitzer Family. SUSAN ROTH – Special Birthday – Ron, Loretta, Reid and Ross Vender, Christine & Ron Nusca and family, Bob & Barb Raphael and family. JESSE ENNIS – Mazel Tov on being chosen as valedictorian at Highland Secondary. SARI RICHTER – Graduating from grade 8 – Janet, Gerald, Benji, Talia & Jonathan Asa. HANNA STRUB – Graduating from grade 8 - Janet, Gerald, Benji, Talia & Jonathan Asa. SAMATHA RICHTER – Gradating from grade 6 - Janet, Gerald, Benji, Talia

RALPH TRAVIS ISRAEL EXPERIENCE

In Memory Of

BARRY NETKIN – Corinne Travis, Phil & Daphne Leon. David Rabb & Family – memory of sister Ethel – Corinne Travis, Bunny Morris. SAUL BUCHALTER – Corinne Travis, Gladys Dubo. SAM TAYLOR – Corinne Travis, Phil & Daphne Leon. ROSE SWAYE – Phil & Daphne Leon, Corinne Travis. FLORENCE LASKY – Phil & Daphne Leon. THELMA RUSONIK – Corinne Travis, Shep Kaplan & family – loss of daughter, Karen – Gladys Dubo. BILL POLLACK - Corinne Travis. Cathy Nichols – memory of father Bob – Corinne Travis. Sandra Freedhoff – memory of husband – Corinne Travis

Special Occasion

DOLLY COHEN – Mazel Tov on your retirement – Corinne Travis. SUZY & SHELDON GUREVITZ – engagement of son Cory to Jackie Glazier – Corinne Travis. SANDY MORRIS –

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In Memory Of

SAM TAYLOR – Jack & Claire Mandel. RIVKA HARRIS – Gerald Fisher & Anna Rae Fishman, David & Cele Steinberg.

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Thank You

SARI ACKERMAN, HINDA LEVINE, NANCY SULLIVAN – thank

MCMASTER JEWISH STUDENTS

In Memory Of

THELMA RUSONIK – Trish, Alan, Ayelet, Noam & Yonah Eppel. Ed Rotstein – memory of mother - Trish, Alan, Ayelet,

THE EDUCATION ENDOWMENT

In Memory Of

THELMA RUSONIK – Allen & Flora Rams. SAUL BUCHALTER – Allen & Flora Rams. JACK AARON – Allen & Flora Rams. ZITA SCHWARCZ – Allen & Flora Rams

Special Occasions

SAM SILBERG – Special Birthday – Allen & Flora Rams. JEROME & ROCHELLE ZWICKER – engagement of daughter Stephanie to Darren Slavens – Allen & Flora Rams. WILLIAM & EVA MORRIS – Mazel Tov on the marriage of your son Jay to Lisa Sipos-Kocsis – Allen & Flora Rams. MICHELLE YELLIN –

UJA Campaign 2003 Opening Focuses on A Strong Local Community and A Strong Israel

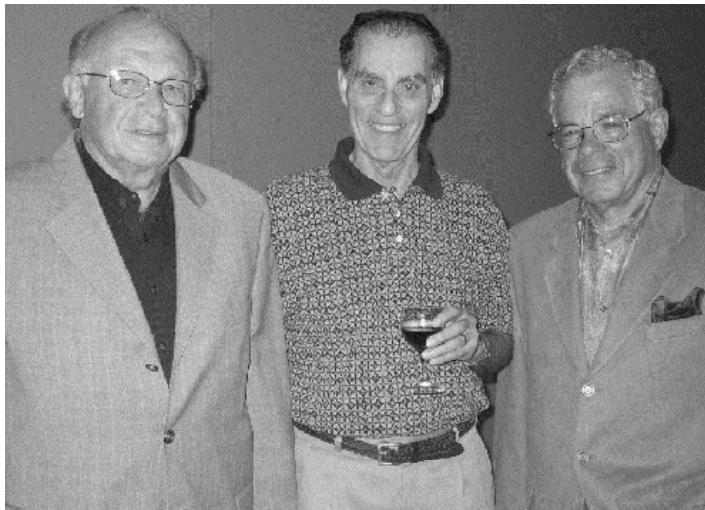
Approximately 240 community members attended the UJA Campaign 2003 opening at the Adas Israel on October 2 to hear former Canadian ambassador to Israel, Norman Spector, give an analysis of the current crisis in the Middle East. The evening was emceed by Dr. Lester Krames, co-chair with Dr. Paul Roth of UJA Campaign 2003 who introduced this year's campaign theme of "Building a New Jewish Future for Hamilton and strengthening our ties to Israel." Also on the evening's agenda were presentations to Dolly Cohen and Rabbi Morton Green. Mrs. Cohen recently retired from a 13-year stint as administrative assistant at Federation but has worked in Jewish communal work for the last 40 years. Rabbi Morton Green was honoured for his role in raising local funds for the Israel Emergency Campaign.



Harvey Wolfe, world chairman, board of trustees, Keren HaYesod, makes a presentation to Rabbi Morton Green for his leadership role in raising in local funds for the Israel Emergency Campaign.



Dr. Lester Krames and Dr. Paul Roth, co-chairs of UJA Federation Campaign 2003 Men's Division and Lanie Goldberg, co-chair with Beth Bandler of Women's



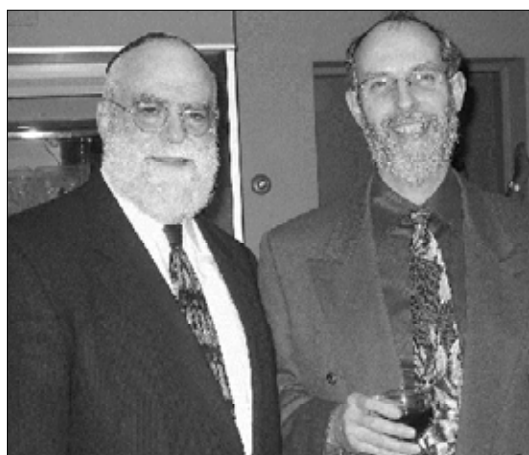
Morris Gold, Bill Halpren and Bernie Katz



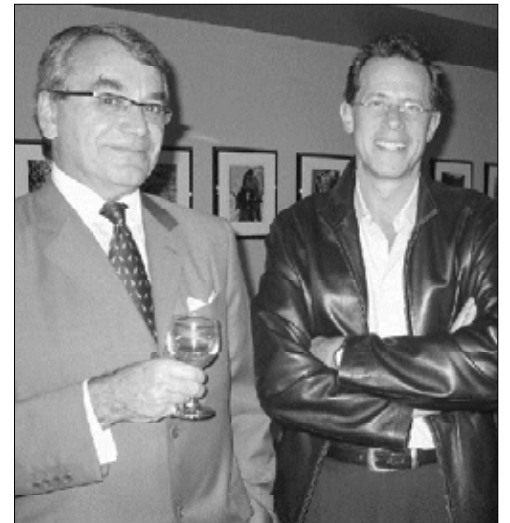
Dolly Cohen, shown here with Carol Krames, director of Hamilton Jewish Social Services, was honoured for 40 years of Jewish communal service.



Dolly Cohen with friends



Lester Krames with Larry Levin



Tom Weisz with Mark Gould



Former Ambassador Norman Spector and Susan Denburg



Sasha Weisz, Amy McLean, Susan Denburg and Jackie

UJA Federation

UJA Federation to participate in Asper Foundation's Holocaust Program

UJA Federation plans spring Washington trip for teens

As an expression of its ongoing commitment to Holocaust Education and Remembrance, UJA Federation of Hamilton announces that it will, once again, participate in the Asper Foundation Holocaust and Human Rights Studies Program.

Directed at high school students in grades 9, 10 and 11, the program includes three major components:

1. All chosen participants are required to take an 18-hour education program on the Holocaust and human rights. The curriculum for the educational component of the program was developed specifically by Holocaust and human rights educators for The

Asper Foundation.

2. After the educational component is completed, students then participate in a trip to Washington, D.C., spending several days at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and other important monuments relating to freedom and human rights.

3. Students are required to volunteer in their communities on public projects of their choosing when they return.

Tentative dates for the Washington trip are May 18th – 21, 2003. The bulk of the costs of the experience are borne by UJA Federation of Hamilton and The Asper Foundation. Students' share of the cost will be approximately

\$350, depending on enrollment.

All applicants will be required to submit an original essay as part of the application process. The application deadline is January 10th, 2003.

Program applications are available by contacting the UJA Federation of Hamilton office at 905-648-0605 ext. 306 or e-mail: gfisheruja@on.aibn.com.

The Asper Foundation Holocaust and Human Rights Studies Program is one of the foundation's major initiatives. This education program for Canadian high school students on the Holocaust and human rights, which started four years ago in Winnipeg, Canada, is now

THANK YOU HAMILTON!

It is with great pleasure and profound gratitude that I learned of the leadership and generous support that the Hamilton Jewish Community has demonstrated in the recent Israel Emergency Campaign. The generosity of the Hamilton Jewish Community will allow us to serve truly critical needs such as:

1. providing direct support to the victims of terrorism
2. providing enhanced security around schools and other public areas
3. addressing the crushing economic impact of over two years of violence

At this critical time for Israel, the mobilization of world Jewry is more important than ever. I am sure that together, we will continue to bring Jews home to Israel, work to save the next generation, strengthen the State of Israel and continue to build warm relations between Israel and world Jewry.

Thank you again for your wonderful support and generosity.

Sallai Meridor
Chairman,

Sari Ackerman, Janet Aizenstat, Sol Algranti, Yves Apel, Joshua Bach, Morley Balinson, Scott Balinson, David Banks, Rabbi Bernard Baskin, Max Beer, Barry Bender, Norman Bennett, Rick Black, Joseph Braun, Beth Bromberg-Barwin, Howard Brown, Davida Buchalter, Sophie Buchalter, Tish Byrne, Marvin Caplan, Lawrence Cohen, Mark D. Cohen, Marvin Cohen, Saul Cohen, Sylvia Cohen, Stephen Collins, Mark Cornfield, Joyce Dain, Judah Denburg, Susan Denburg, David Dubrofsky, Barbara Dulberg, Roman Einhorn, Rabbi William Eisenstein, Melvyn Enkin, Jeff Ennis, Alan Eppel, Raefie Epstein, Hanna Faulkner, Albert Feldman, Allan Feldman, Irwin Feurestein, Eve Finkelstein, Gerald Fisher, Anna-Rae Fishman, Marilyn Foreman, Joy Foster, Mosche Freedman, Karl Freeman, Zoltan Fried, Aubrey Friedman, Bea Friedman, Gary Frydman, Gail Fuller, Paul Gaffe, Sheldon Gains, Marlene Gelber, Reva Gerofsky, Hertzell Gerstein, Bernard Glass, Morris Gold, Jeremy Goldberg, Joel Goldberg, Sigmund Goldberg, William Goldberg, Yaacov Goldberg, Minna Goodman, Susan Goodman, Allen & Milli Gould Family Foundation, Rabbi Daniel Green, Rabbi Morton Green, Cheryl Greenbaum, Bruce Greenberg, Nancy Greenspoon, Rick Grossman, Magda Guzner, Hynda Halpren, William Halpren, Paul Hanover, Dinah Hanutin, Sharon Hart, Bob Hemberger, David Horwood, Hotz & Sons Company, Fred Houston, Fajgi Itkin, Margaret Jacobs, Jadee Meat Products Ltd, Gabriel Jeremias, Jewish Social Services Workshop, Monty Kaminer, Kirk Kaplansky, Vladimir Karan, Meyer Karon, Bernard Katz, Brian Katz, Clarence Katz, Howard Katz, Jack Katz, Mary Katz, Sylvia Katz, Dennis Kavalsky, Harry Kelman, Charles Kirk Ruth Kirshenblatt, Victor Klein, Oded Klinghoffer, Daniel Kollek, Julia Kollek, Kurt Krakauer, Donna Krakofsky, Lester Krames, Anne Krieger, Leslie Lasky, Claire Latner, Sally Lax, Frank Lebow, Art Lesser, Larry Levin, Irving Levine, Mark Levine, Michael Levine, Mitch Levine, Leo Levita, Doreen Levitt, Sheila Levitt, Cheryl Levitt-Orkin, Daniel Levy, Jack Levy, John Levy, Mark Levy, Richard Levy, Jordan Livingston, Bonnie Loewith, Carl Loewith, Minna Loewith, Eva Lonn, Maccabees Branc 343, Anthony MacFarlane, David Magder, Jack Magder, Ann Mandell, Ora Markstein, Bea Matchen, Stephanie McLean, Virginia Mendes da Costa, Judy Mintz, Maurice Mishkel, Michael Molot, Patricia Morden, Moishe Morgenstern, Jay Morris, Lisa Morris, Lynda Morris, Randy Morris, Sandy Morris, William Morris, Bella Muller, Alex Ovrutsky, Larry Paikin, Parkdale International, Leah Polishchuk, Harold Pomerantz, Fred Posner, Leon Price, Allen Rams, Rep-Pharm, Lorne Richter, Heather Ritter, Goldie Robbins, Lorne Rochweg, Nadia Rosa, Barry Rosen, Jack Rosen, Peter Rosenbaum, Ray Rosenberg, Jay Rosenblatt, Arthur Rosenblood, Freda Rosenfeld, Donald Rosenthal, Lewis Ross, Paul Roth, Susan Roth, Ed Rotstein, Frank Samuels, Cecil Saperson, Karen Saperson, Genia Satovsky, Ben Sauder, Hanna Schayer, Matt Schmerling, Lorry Schneider, Michelle Schneider, Stewart Schneider, Wendy Schneider, Mark Scholes, Herb Schreiber, Charles Schure, Molly Ann Schwarcz, Zita Schwarcz, Judy Schwartz, Michael Schweitzer, Ena Segall, Eden Sehayek, Sandy Seigel, Rochelle Sender, Frank Shapiro, Shannon Shapiro, Ben Shekter, Mikhail Sher, Michael Sherman, Aaron Shiffman, Jack Shinehoft, Leonid Shkolnik, William Shragge, Hilton Silberg, Albert Silver, Gloria Silverman, Harriette Smurlick, Sam Soifer, David Somer, Nancy Somer, Anita Spenser, Mary Martha Starkman, Jay State, Cele Steinberg, David Steinberg, Marion Sternback, Jeaninne Sternberg, David Streiner, Strub Brothers Limited, Marie Sutin, Gerald Swaye, Sheldon Swaye, Michael Taylor, Tegs Tools & Machinery, Temple Anshe Sholom Religious School, Stan Tick, Patricia Tolkin Eppel, Bernard Trossman, Arnold Tuchow, Henry Vine, Henry Wajstaus, Stuart Waldenberg, Ed Waldes, Barry Walfish, Marilyn Wasserman, Marvin Wasserman, Michael Waxman, Shelley Waxman, Georg Weisz, Weisz Family Foundation, Danna Horwood, Naomi Winer, Gail Wolfe, Marcelo Wolff, Adele Wolpert-Zur, Morris Wright, Allen Wynperle, Adrian Yaffe, Phil Yanover, Sam Yanover, Wanda Zajbel, Edward Zaltz, Helen A. Zeplovitz, Rabbi Irwin Zeplovitz, Andrea Zians, Irving Zucker, Jeffery Zucker

UJA Federation Public Affairs Committee
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invite you to a public discussion with

Mordechai Ben Dat
Editor, Canadian Jewish News



speaking on

**"Is the Canadian Media
Fair to Israel?"**

**Sunday, November 10th, 2002 at 11:00 am
Temple Anshe Sholom**

RSVP's appreciated by Wednesday, Nov. 6th to 905-648-0605
Free of charge Refreshments provided
Kashrut observed No solicitations

TO ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WITH UJA NOTICE OF A CALL TO A GENERAL MEETING OF UJA FEDERATION OF HAMILTON

A General Meeting of UJA Federation of Hamilton is called for
Thursday, November 28th, 2002
7:30 pm at the JCC,
1030 Lower Lions Club Rd., Ancaster, Ontario.

**The purpose of the meeting is to consider an
amendment to the agency By-Law as follows**

NOTICE OF MOTION

*Take notice that, at a general meeting of the Hamilton Jewish
Federation called for Thursday, November 28th, 2002 the
following will be moved:*

**1. That the By-Laws of the Hamilton Jewish
Federation be amended to change the month of the
Annual General Meeting from November in any
given year, to May in any given year.**

RSVP's required to 905-648-0605, ext 306

*Joy Foster, Beatrice Matchen, Michelle Schneider, Dr. Bonnie Loewith,
Michael Feldman, Elaine Levine, Dr. David Streiner,
Dr. Agi Meinhard, Marty Strub, Mark Scholes, A.R. Fishman, Jay State,
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HAMILTON'S JEWISH LEADERSHIP

Mission Statement

The purpose of Genesis is to develop leaders with vision and commitment who can effectively serve the Greater Hamilton Jewish community. Genesis will give participants opportunities to enhance their community knowledge and their leadership skills so that they can effect positive community change.

Goals

- To provide leaders with a practical understanding of issues and opportunities facing the Jewish community of Greater Hamilton.
- To provide opportunities for interaction and exchange of ideas.
- To enhance leadership participation and commitment to the community.
- To identify potential and existing leaders and to help them prepare for voluntary leadership in the community.

Session Topics

- Establishing purpose and connection
- Understanding Self: Identifying Your Personal Values
- Tzedakah & Tikkun Olam: How Jewish Texts Inform Our Values and Commitment to Community
- How to Influence, Persuade, Engage & Mobilize Others in an Organization
- Taking Leadership against Racism & Anti-semitism in Canada today: The Challenges that face us
- Differing Leadership Styles: Which One is Yours?
- Tackling Community Challenges: How to Move People from Fragmentation to Common Ground
- The Inner Workings of Hamilton's Jewish Community
- Understanding the Challenges Faced by Federations Interactive Session On the Budget & Allocations Process

Session Leaders

Maxyne Finkelstein, Executive Vice President UIA Federations Canada
Rabbi Benjamin Hecht, founding director, NISHMA (www.NISHMA.org)
Ginny Levine, president, Acuity Options, Consulting services and on-site Workshops, Management Consulting
Elaine Levine, Genesis graduate
Dr. Agnes Meinhard, associate professor and director of the Centre for Voluntary Sector Studies at Ryerson Polytechnic University
Dr. Karen Mock, executive director of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation.
Linda Moore, Navigator & Chief Imagination Officer, The Neufeld Group; strategist, advisor, coach, futurist, published author and entrepreneur.
Shelle Rose Charvet, President of Success Strategies/ Stratégies de réussite, a small international training company, and author of the bestseller Words That Change Minds.
Lorry Schneider, executive and personal life coach

Meeting Dates

Sunday, Jan 19, 2003, 12 noon to 4:30 pm
 Tuesday, Feb 11, 7:30 pm
 Tuesday, March 25, 7:30 pm
 Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 pm
 Tuesday, May 13, 7:30 pm
 Tuesday, June 16, 7:30 pm
 Tuesday, September 14, 7:30 pm
 Tuesday, October 21, 7:30 pm
 Tuesday, November 18, 7:30 pm
 Sunday, December 14, 12 noon to 4:30 pm



2001 Genesis Participants: (from l to r) Rina Rodak, Naomi Eisenberg, Barry Bender, Aubrey Freidman, Elaine Levine, Lisa Morris, Yves Apel

Testimonials about Genesis

"I saw that modern Jewish Communities need young leaders, and that Hamilton of the next thirty-four years stands to benefit handsomely from contributions of my fellow Genesis participants. I found that Genesis was as much about participant interaction and fostering opinions as it was about encouraging active involvement within our community."

Yves Apel

"Genesis was a wonderful learning experience to nurture the leadership skills we all have within us. It provided useful tools to cultivate the roots within me that lay dormant. This course was a fabulous way to go out of my comfort zone and work on personal development within a supportive group. The friendships built along the way were the icing on the cake."

Elaine Levine

"Genesis meant meeting others committed to developing their leadership skills and contributing to the Jewish community of Hamilton. We shared our experiences, learned from knowledgeable professionals, and developed ourselves as leaders – so that we can go out into the community knowing we have allies among our Genesis colleagues. I believe all participants are stronger, more self-aware and more knowledgeable and therefore more capable of making their best possible contribution to the Jewish community with pride and confidence."

Barry Bender

Cost:

\$250 for the entire program

Find Out More

Genesis Orientation Evening
 Tuesday, November 5, 7:30 pm
 in the foyer of **Beth Jacob Synagogue**
 375 Aberdeen Avenue, Hamilton
 Refreshments Served

To Register Contact:

Wendy Schneider at 905-628-0058
 Email: wendy.schneider@sympatico.ca

Jewish Social Services

Jewish Social Services hosts Sukkah Party



Every year Carol and Lester Krames host a Succah party for the Jewish Social Services Workshop. A tasty lunch is served by Helen Schlotter who has been a volunteer at JSS for 15 years. This year the weather was beautiful and the succah was so full people were even sitting outside. As the group made a L'Chaim we all prayed that we could

Free Loan Associations can thrive in smaller

BY CAROL KRAMES,
DIRECTOR, JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES

I recently had the opportunity to represent Hamilton at the 21st conference of the International Association of Hebrew Free Loans. The mission of the Hebrew Free Loan Association is to lend money, interest-free, to needy and responsible individuals who are unable to obtain loans through conventional sources.

Hebrew Free Loans were established a hundred years ago to help Jewish immigrants adjust to North American life when there was no place else to turn. It was always made clear that money was in the form of a loan and not a grant.

Today, loans are usually

guaranteed by two, responsible individuals and are slowly repaid over a few years. Loans are given for debt consolidation, adoptions, small business, education, computer equipment, Jewish life-cycle needs, medical or dental expenses.

Fort Worth, which has a Jewish population of 5,000, similar in size to

Hamilton's, has a hundred-year-old Hebrew Free Loan Association with \$300,000 in assets. Hamilton's Free Loan Association, which has been in existence for 20 years, has considerably less, and it is clear that there is much to be done in order to make our Free Loan Association as viable as others in communities our size.



Elaine's Kosher Cuisine

Elaine Kotur
905-561-5510

WHAT'S NEW AT JSS

Calling all Artists!

Every four years the Jewish Social Services organizes a community talent night. This talent night will be on Saturday, February 22, 2003 at 8:00 pm at the Adas Israel Synagogue. The show will feature some of the amazing talent that lives in Hamilton. We will also have a display of art work, with a silent auction to buy some of the work. Four years ago everyone had an amazing time and we know it will happen again. If you would like to participate please contact Carol Krames at ckramesjss@on.aibn.com or Leon Karan at lkaran@sympatico.ca. So come and join us at the Hamilton Talent Olympics. Give yourself a chance to mingle with all our artists. All profits will be donated to the Hamilton Kosher Food Bank.

Theatre Club

The Jewish Social Services Theatre Club is on the move. We are going to all the latest shows and having a great time. Call or email your address to ckramesjss@on.aibn.com

Chai Choir

The Chai Choir now has a beautiful new electronic piano that was purchased because of the generous donation of Irving Zucker. This piano will help the choir with their practice and performance.



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Great JCC Happenings!

Ancient Traditions
Solving Today's Challenges

An interactive 4-week program with Faigie Itkin, co-director of Chabad Lubavitch, Hamilton and a long time Educator

Topics to be discussed:

- Loving Jewishly
- What about Me!

(Self-esteem and personal growth)

- The "Sandwich" Generation
- A time to mourn and a time to be consoled

Tuesdays, 8:00 - 9:00 pm,
November 5, 12, 19, 26, 2002

\$18 JCC Members \$36 Non JCC Members
Pre-registration required.

CHOCOLATE MAKING FOR
HANUKKAH

Decorate chocolates and create
your own special gift package for
that special person

Sunday, November 24, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Instructor: Suzanne Goldflus Age: 6 - 12 years
JCC Members \$20 / Non Members \$30

Crash course in

Hebrew Reading and language

Instructor: Avi Shapiro

Level 2 Hebrew reading

Date: Tuesdays, November 26, 2002 (5
weeks)

Time: 7:30 ~ 9:00 pm

Fee: JCC Member No Charge Non JCC Member \$25
Pre Registration Required.

Camp Horef 2002/03

December 23, 24, 27,30, 31, 2002
and January 2, 3, 2003

Ages: 3 - 10 years (toilet-trained)

(Turned 3 years by December 15, 2002)

Time: 9:00 - 3:00 pm

Members: \$15 a day or \$65 for 5 days or \$85 for 7 days
Non Members: \$25 a day or \$115 for 5 days
or \$155 for 7 days

Bring a dairy lunch, snowsuit, boots, hat and gloves
and be prepared to have lots of fun!

Counsellors wanted for Winter Camp.
Call or send your resume to Michele

Yom HaShoah

Planning is underway for the annual Yom
HaShoah commemoration. If you have any
additional names to be added to the
remembrance recording please call Michele
Schneider at 905-648-0605 by no later than
January 31, 2003

It's all happening at the Jewish Community Centre
1030 Lower Lions Club Road, P.O. Ancaster, Ontario L9G 3N6
905 648-0605 Fax 905 648-8388
Email: Hamiltonjcc1@cogeco.ca

PRE-SCHOOL
"DROP OFF"

Drop off your child
(aged 3 to 5 yrs) at the
JCC and they will be kept
busy by instructor
Suzanne Goldflus with
crafts, story-time and
many other fun activities.

Tuesdays and/or Thursdays
9:00 to 12:00 noon or 1:00 to
4:00 pm and/or Fridays 9:00 to
12:00 noon Nov 5 to Dec 20,
(7 weeks)

Fee: JCC Members: \$105 Non
JCC Members: \$135

The JCC is delighted to
announce that Camp
Kadimah/Gadna will once
again be directed by Matt
Szipirglas who says: "If you
send your children
anywhere this summer,
make sure you include a
least 1 or more weeks at
Camp Kadimah/Gadna
because it's fun, it's safe, it's
cool!"



You will meet other Jewish children, strengthen your
community, make life-long friends, share values and
support the JCC.

If you are 16 years and up why don't you

JCC Sports Programs

Full Body Work Out

Workout will include the use of resistance tubing, hand weights, stability balls and mat work
exercises (Pilates) Focus on strengthening the core, stability, balance, agility and functional
training with Susan Cocks

Fall Session: Tuesdays 7:30 - 8:30 pm, November 5 - December 17
and/or Fridays 9:30 - 10:30 am November 1 - December 20

Light'n up

Susan Cocks is a certified personal trainer, a certified fitness consultant, instructor of fitness,
first aid and CPR and a Canadian Body Wise Consultant. She will promote longevity by guiding
you through a physical activity program in the JCC Weight Room to help you reach your goals
and teach you to exercise properly. Sue has worked in the health and fitness industry for many
years and has been employed by the JCC for 3 years.

\$85 per session (8 weeks) Wednesdays: Beginning November from 10:30 - 11:30 am
JCC SPORTS MEMBERS ONLY!

**If you are interested in taking private training sessions with Sue Cocks or
in an evening session, call the JCC to make arrangements**

**JCC FITNESS ROOM INCLUDES: 2 Treadmills, 2 Stationary bikes, 1 Stair climber, 1
Rowing machine, Universal gym, Free Weights, Exercise Balls, Personal Trainer on
request, Use of weight room only for 16 years and older**

Basketball LEAGUE The Tradition Continues!

Age: 16 years and up with Harvey Waxman; Wednesdays 7:00 - 10:00 pm. Starting October
16, 2002 in the JCC Gym (Call JCC for more information) Fee: \$107 (GST included) JCC
SPORTS MEMBER ONLY! Payment required at the start of the season

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Mazel Tov

ARCHIE & RIZA LIEBERMAN (Beth's engagement) - Abe & Gina Szipirglas MATTHEW OGUS &
RINA RODAK (birth of a son) - JCC Board of Directors & Staff ARTHUR & ESTHER
ROSENBLOND (birth of a granddaughter) - Claire & Lou Latner.

Best Wishes

MR. & MRS. ANDY LOVENHEIM (Happy & Healthy New Year) - Esther & Art Rosenblond.
HAROLD ROCHWERG (Happy Birthday) - Harry & Barbara Laskin

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Hamilton Jewish Film Festival

The 3rd Annual Hamilton Jewish Film Festival is just around the corner. Tickets are now available through the JCC, the local synagogues as well as various individual ticket sellers.

The format for this year's Festival is expanded in all respects. Most importantly it is now a production of the Jewish Community Center of Hamilton better reflecting its community wide appeal and support. This year the Festival is receiving substantial sponsorship support from various community organizations and businesses including the Art Gallery of Hamilton, Temple Anshe Sholom, The JCC, Strubs Pickles, Apotex, Inc. Novopharm, Pharma Science, Classic Care Pharmacy, Judy Caplan/Caldwell Banker Elite Realty, Product Art Inc. and numerous individuals. The Festival will take place over 4 days in the following locations: Wednesday, November 13 at the Adas Israel Synagogue at 7:00 pm; Thursday, November 14 at the Adas Israel Synagogue at 7:00 pm, followed by a reception; Sunday November 17, Temple Anshe Sholom, beginning at 10:30 am, and Monday, November 18, 7:30 pm at the Westdale Theatre, discussion/talk to follow.

A number of films have been finalized for screening while others are still being decided on. The following are the known films for each day:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Village of Idiots, CDN, animated, winner of 2 Gemini awards, and NFB production. Charming short about life in Helm Broken Mirrors, USA, University Prof discovers after his mother dies that his family used to be Jewish. A poignant short that raises some interesting questions. Short introduction/talk by MISTER JEWISH VIDEO Larry Anklewicz.

Into the Arms of Strangers, 1999 Academy Award Winner, Best Documentary. An unbelievably moving and powerful film about the evacuation of Jewish Children from Germany to Britain just prior to the outbreak of the 2nd world war.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Almonds & Raisins CDN, animated short traces the Jewish family from shtetl to suburbia in a lyrical, whimsical manner.

The Worst Jewish Football Team, U.K., A charming look at an Orthodox soccer team that never manages to win a single game but still has a great time losing.

Divided We Fall, CZECH, A suspenseful, intimate look at a Czech couple caught in Nazi occupied Prague. A well acted, engaging story of betrayal, collaboration, and redemption.

RECEPTION following Thursday night's screenings at the Adas Israel Congregation

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Mr. Death, USA, Feature Length. A shocking documentary about the US execution business and how the man charged with keeping the systems current lands in the lap of Canadian Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel and attempts to assist with his rewriting of history.

Brother Daniel, ISRAELI, 2001. Feature Length, captivating story about the man who challenged the definition of who is a Jew in the eyes of the State of Israel. The court decision has affected all who wish to live in Israel.

Dancing on My Mother's Grave: 11 min. CDN, HAMILTON, short, child reminisces about the meaning of a mother/child relationship that had been torn apart in a previous time.

Partisan Stories: USA, Gripping documentary about the partisans who fought the Nazis throughout Eastern Europe as told through the words of 10 surviving Partisans.

Gross Deutchland, USA, 25 min. 2002, CDN PREMIER, US adults re-enact the Battle of the Bulge every year from the German perspective in full sympathy with the Nazis. This film will make you scratch your head and wonder.

Emma Goldman, CDN, Feature Length. She was the world's # 1 Anarchist and public enemy # 1 to the US government. She travelled and spoke all over the world and landed up living her last decade in Toronto in a midtown flat carrying on far flung relationships with lovers and leaders. If it wasn't true you wouldn't believe she really existed.

Stories of Women who immigrated to Israel in the early years of the 20th Century. Israeli, 60 min.,

JCC Maccabi Games A Great Success!

BY ALLEN HARRIS

The 20th anniversary of the JCC Maccabi Games will be remembered as an outstanding success, both for our local athletes and for the incredible people of Springfield, Massachusetts. From the arrival orientation to the tearful "good-byes" every day was a memorable and enjoyable experience. It all started at the opening ceremonies. Our own Alyssa Barrs was chosen to be on the main stage and to hold the Canadian flag during the singing of our national anthem. We then took part in a moving tribute to the Israeli athletes slain at the Munich Olympics and a special memorial to the people who perished in the September 11th terrorist attack.



Carmel Jacob, Allen Harris, Ethan Zohn (winner of Survivor: Africa), Alyssa Barrs. Adam Zur and David

Then came an unprecedented scene. Over 6000 spectators and almost 1000 athletes went wild at the announcement that the Maccabi flame was about to be lit by Ethan Zohn, winner of the CBS series "Survivor Africa". An even louder roar greeted Ethan, himself a former Maccabi athlete, as he entered the arena carrying the Maccabi torch. To paraphrase a line from the Seder service, "had that been all that happened", Dayenu. However, later that evening this incredible young man also met with the athletes, talked with them, posed for photographs and signed autographs. An evening none of us will ever forget.

Athletically our kids did tremendously well. Our small delegation of just nine athletes brought home a total of 16 medals. Hero of our team was 13-year-old table tennis player, Jennifer Gilbert, who collected 4 medals (3 Gold and 1 Silver, including the girls singles title). Our table tennis players dominated the tournament, all six of them winning medals. Lenny Loewith took the silver in the boys' singles along with 2 bronze medals in doubles. Danielle Zur and Alyssa Barrs each won 1 silver and 2 bronze. Carmel Jacob and Adam Dembe each collected 1 gold and 2 bronze medals.

Our golfers, under the watchful eye of coach, David Bromstein, also made their mark, with Jason Gilbert winning a bronze medal the final day, he shot a the gold medal.



Back Row, r - l: David Bromstein, Michael Gainfort, Lenny Loewith, Adam Dembe, Jay Gilbert, Allen Harris. Front Row, r-l: Jen Gilbert, Carmel Jacob, Richard Gorrin, Danielle Zur, Alyssa Barrs.

early in the week and then on magnificent one over par to take Michael Gainfort added a silver medal to complete our total.

We were all very proud of Richard Gorrin, who played in what is arguably the toughest individual sport at the Games - tennis. Competing against 120 players, Richard reached the round of 16 before losing to the eventual tournament winner. A great performance!

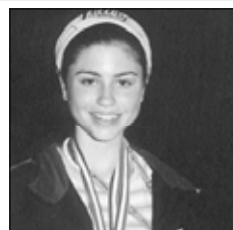
Wednesday afternoon saw the athletes and coaches take time out from the competition to

take part in a Day of Caring/Day of

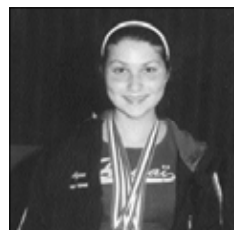
Sharing program. A walkathon in aid for the Shriners Hospital raised almost \$20,000 and our athletes came through big time, raising a total of \$873. which was the highest amount per capital of any delegation.

We are already making plans for the 2003 Maccabi Games. Watch for future announcements and be sure to check the website www.jccmaccabi.org for all available information.

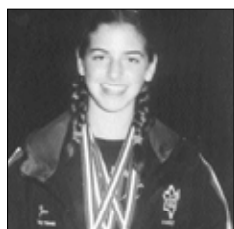
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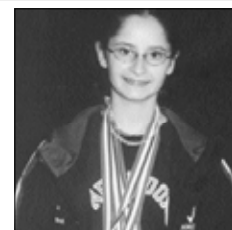
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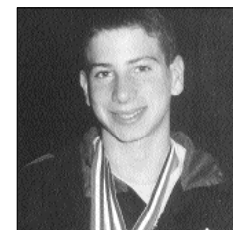
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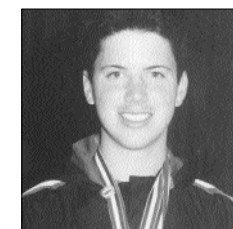
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Learn to play one of the fastest indoor sports in the world! Register now so that next year your photo may be here as a medal winner at the Maccabi Games. Come and meet our boys and girls who won medals playing table tennis at this year's Maccabi Games in

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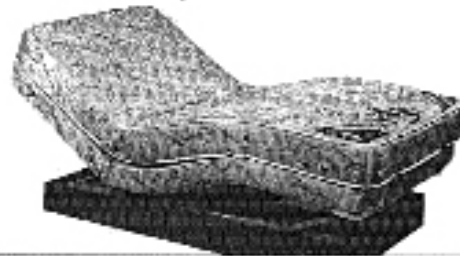
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Cantor inspires congregants with new melodies and old world

BY WENDY SCHNEIDER

Congregants at this year's High Holiday services at Beth Jacob were treated to the impressive vocal talents of the synagogue's new cantor, Shneur Bielak, whose warm and engaging personality is charming young and old alike.

A traditional Jew who feels at home in a conservative synagogue, Cantor Bielak has the gift of making people feel completely accepted, no matter what their level of observance or frequency of synagogue attendance.

Cantor Bielak's love for hazzanut began early in his life. At the age of 12 he was walking three or four hours to other shuls to hear different hazzanim sing. At 16, in response to the Council of Hazzanim telling him that he was too young to study formally, he found his own musical mentors among Toronto hazzanim. Six months into Yeshiva University's cantorial program he dropped out, preferring to learn one-on-one than from the purely academic approach through books and tapes.

During a trial shabbat Cantor Bielak spent at Beth Jacob auditioning for the position, he felt an instant connection to the sanctuary, the synagogue, and to the city. Shortly after, he made his decision to take the position.



Cantor Shneur Bielak

The cantor's energy and enthusiasm have already had a marked affect on the synagogue. Among the innovations either instituted or being considered since his arrival are: breakfast and coffee served three times a week after morning minyan, special monthly shabbat services on Rosh Chodesh, featuring the children's and adult choir, regular seudah shlishit congregational meals between mincha and ma'ariv on shabbat afternoons and a gala cantorial concert planned for December.

Cantor Bielak's ambition for the synagogue is nothing less than seeing it return to its former glory. It doesn't concern him whether people are there are for coming, as long as they come.

"It's like throwing yourself into a pool. First you're going to hate it: the chlorine, the water, you

Former Hamiltonian finds healing in fostering understanding between Jews and Arabs

BY WENDY SCHNEIDER

Among the relatively large community of former Hamiltonians residing in Jerusalem is Rhona Seidelman, whose parents Bill and Micheline Seidelman, raised their three daughters in Hamilton before moving to Toronto in the 1980s. All three daughters are now living in Israel.

During a visit in the area last month, Ms. Seidelman spoke with the Hamilton Jewish News about an innovative folklore project with which she is involved in Jerusalem.

The project, created by the Jerusalem-based Center For Creativity and Education in Cultural Heritage, sends trained staff into Jewish and Arab schools in the Jerusalem area where they work with children on topics related to culture and folklore. The transmission of each child's home culture is achieved through a variety of home-based assignments designed to strengthen bonds between children and their families.

Every six weeks Jewish and Arab children come together for joint activities that include the participation of parents and grandparents, each group of children



Rhona Seidelman, facilitating interaction between Jewish and Arab

alternating in hosting the other.

Surprisingly enough the current hostilities have had very little impact on the program's effectiveness. Ms. Seidelman, who has been involved with the project for over a year, finds that both the children and adults are able to put politics aside and interact with each other on a human level. When Simon Lichman, the Center's director, drives into the Arab village, for instance, the following scene awaits him:

"As we drive in, everybody in the street starts waving and calling out 'Simon, Simon'. As soon as we near the school yard, the kids gather around the car yelling Simon's

name and helping us carry things into the school."

Indeed, Ms. Seidelman has found that her work in the village has had a therapeutic affect.

"With all the bombings, there is a sense of anger and hatred. You see groups of Palestinians and Arabs on the news and you feel that they all hate you and you hate them."

But on encountering her acquaintances in the village, her perspective shifts.

"It's easy to hate when you're not dealing with human individuals, with people with personalities, quirks, and neuroses, just like yours... We (the staff) see so many similarities rather than differences - Similarities we can rejoice in rather than focus on what separates us."

Ms. Seidelman acknowledges that for both Israelis and Diaspora Jews, the daily barrage of negative news reports can lead to feeling of hopelessness and despair, but her involvement with the project allows her to feel that in one small corner of the region, people are talking and sharing.

"I'm not in this to fix the

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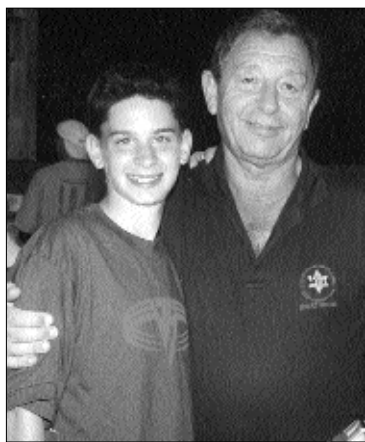
One man's personal passion drives hugely successful community program

BY
PHYLLIS SHRAGGE

Allen Harris admits his commitment as leader of the Hamilton delegation to the JCC Maccabi Games is nothing short of a passion. It's a passion he thrives on. His devotion to the annual athletic competition is constant and determined. From the early stages of planning, to the initial drive to recruit participants in November, through the year of meetings and phone calls, culminating with the weeklong event in August, he lives and breathes the JCC Maccabi Games.

Mr. Harris loves the administrative role he plays, but most of all, he loves the kids. He is thrilled when the young Hamilton athletes get medals, but he is equally pleased when they do their best. He believes that the JCC Maccabi Games provide the opportunity of a lifetime for Jewish teenagers.

"I would encourage every young teenager in town to get involved," he said in an interview. "We never discourage anyone. If kids want to go, for the most part, they are welcome. It's a great experience for them, not just from an athletic point of view, but also from a Jewish point of view. Taking part in the sport is not all that matters. They meet other young athletes from all over the world. And they meet kids from



Allen Harris, with David Waxman, a former Maccabi Youth Game their own city whom they had never met, even though they might live only two blocks away.

"The JCC Maccabi Games is the largest event of its kind. There is no greater gathering of Jewish youth in the world. This August there were about 7,000 participants. That's bigger than the Winter Olympics, which involves about 2,400 athletes," he said.

Nine Hamilton teenagers participated in the 2002 Games. The largest Hamilton delegation in the twenty-year history of the event has been 14 athletes. As rule, tryouts are not necessary, unless a large number want to compete in the same sport. "The athlete has to be competent to some degree in order to enjoy the experience. We wouldn't want someone to embarrass himself on the tennis court," he said.

JCC Maccabi Games is an international athletic competition that has been held in August in cities

across North America since 1982. The event originally was held at one location but it has grown to such an extent that by 2002, five cities hosted the Games over a three-week span. Unfortunately, only three host cities will be available for 2003, so the number of athletes will have to be reduced.

In the spirit of the Olympics, the JCC Maccabi Games begin with a parade of delegations into an arena filled with cheering family members, friends and coaches. The lighting of the JCC Maccabi flame signals that the Games have begun. To the delight of the athletes, professional soccer player, Ethan Zohn, winner of the Survivor Africa television show, lit the 2002 flame in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The young athletes compete a variety of sports, including table tennis. "The Hamilton team kind of dominated the whole table tennis competition in Springfield. We got 13 medals," he said.

Participants in the JCC Maccabi Games enjoy many activities during the week, such as evening social events, trips to amusement parks and barbecues. All athletes participate in the Day of Caring/Day of Sharing Program, involving them in community service projects.

Hamilton has participated in the Games

Lives Remembered SAM TAYLOR

Born May 24, 1916 in Hamilton; Died September 13, 2002

Our father was born here in Hamilton during the rages of WWI. At that time, his parents ran a pool hall on Sherman Avenue and already, when he was only one month old, it was time to take him to work. His mother Rifka placed him on a shelf just below the cash register. He often quipped that the reason he became an accountant was because his earliest memory was the sound of the cash register ringing in his ear.

He lost his father Max just shy of his 9th birthday—a life-changing event that happened only a few years before the cataclysm of the Depression. In many ways it explains so much about what made Sammy run. It made him run to survive, it made him run to achieve and it taught him early on the importance of family, humility and empathy with others.

At 18 he was playing in a band at the Palais Royal on the Lakeshore in Toronto. It was a full time gig and he juggled rehearsals into the wee hours with finishing his grade 13. Times were hard financially that year and his mother had lost the family home. On more than one occasion, he carried his string bass from the corner of University and Dundas, where he was living, to the band shell on the Lakeshore Boulevard, so that more money could be sent home.

In five short years, he saved enough to buy back the same house on Proctor Boulevard they had lost and then with his mother burned the mortgage twelve years later. He was always there for his brothers and sister Dorothy and made sure that his half sister Jeanette was well taken care of in her senior years in California.

Being a husband and father was his life's work and there was never a time when we didn't know that we were monumentally important to him. We can't even begin to speak about the love affair he had with our mother.

A family friend remarked on the closeness between father and son and coined the phrase "the brothers Taylor" and greeted them with the same whenever he saw them together. He was the only father, even with his full schedule, that came to all of the high school basketball games—even just to watch his son sit on the bench.

He came to every recital, every play, kept every news clipping. And it was selfless. He came to take Mike to dinner at University standing quietly on the sidelines watching a touch football game. When Mike noticed him, he excused himself to greet him with a customary hug. Dad's eyes teared and when asked if anything was wrong, he said simply "you just made me feel like a million bucks". It was a natural gesture — one that always felt so natural to give.

He was street smart, funny, a lover of people with a deep need to connect. And he had chutzpah and moxie in spades. At 15 years he was already earning his keep by playing tuba at tea dances. A dance band had a job for the summer near Sarnia but Sam was told that for the new sound of swing they needed someone who played double bass not the outdated tuba. "Sure I play string bass". That afternoon he went to his high school music teacher and asked to borrow the school's bass for the summer. He bought a book to learn the fingering and chords and in the ensuing three days he taught himself to play. He went on the road and a career was launched.

Almost 20 years later he showed his chutzpah again and proposed to our mother after only 4 days. Within a week he was in New York with only \$10 in his pocket to meet his future in-laws. This unknown from Canada arrived wearing a wedding ring no less—the one his father had worn. When our grandpa Julius was finally able to get over that he asked our father about his prospects. "So you're an accountant. Do you work for someone or have your own firm?" Dad answered with typical panache. "I don't have any money now, but I know where I am going". What a salesman.

He chose his friends wisely—people of character and depth. We often thought he did so to show us by example whom to emulate. Dad had wonderful friends and a gift for friendship. He was blessed.

A non-Jewish friend once asked Mike to explain what



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Rabbi's story sparks student's imagination

BY
WENDY SCHNEIDER

Samara Strub, 11 years of age, had always been enchanted by a particular story that Rabbi Zev Eisenstein, of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy would often tell his students. In the story an aging father summons his three sons, telling them that whoever can fill a barn with one thing would inherit all of his wealth. Two of the sons attempt to fill the barn with riches but the third son won his father's favour by lighting a single candle, whose light illuminated the entire barn.

The image of the illuminating power of a single flame stayed with



Samara Strub

her, so much so, that on the day she was watching YTV when the station announced its fairy tale contest, the rabbi's story popped into her mind. Unfazed by the fact that contest requirements ruled that the story had to include the presence of a

princess and the Golden Jubilee 50-cent coin, Samara sat down, adapted the story to meet the requirements, making her own magic.

The aging father was transformed into a princess seeking a suitable mate. The light of the candle was transformed into the light reflected by the Jubilee coin. The basic structure of the original story remained unchanged.

After submitting her story last spring, she promptly forgot all about it, until her mother, Lila, received the good news while she was at summer camp.

Next, came a flurry of emails from YTV advising her of how her story was going to be made into a

Found Treasures
FANNY DAVINE

BY MINNA LOEWITH

How privileged I am to listen to the memories of the residents of Shalom Village. I have the chance to hear them speak about their beloved parents and grandparents, their emigration from the old country and their hopes for a better life for their families. I try, to the best of my ability, to put their words down on paper for their children and their children's children.

My first contact with Shalom Village was when my own parents had to give up their home and move there. I started to volunteer when they passed away. One day I got the idea to write about these elderly people to preserve their memories and their precious legacy.

Fanny Davine is one of the ladies I have written about. Fanny was born 84 years ago on the second night of Pesach at her grandparent's home. Fanny's father was a typesetter for a newspaper. Her mother worked very hard looking after Fanny and her two siblings and working in a sweatshop making dolls' clothes. Although they were not well off, Fanny said they had something that money can't buy - a happy home.

Fanny was a very good student who had a love for learning. At school everyone referred to her as the "Girl with the Smile". She and her first husband were married June in 1936 and had a child, Robert. After 27 years, however, she decided to leave the marriage and moved to Montreal, where she didn't know a soul. She was hired by the Israel Bond Office and proceeded to work there for 25 years. Fanny recalled one particularly memorable occasion during this period of her life:

"At this time the Italian Airline had started a direct flight from Rome to Tel Aviv. I approached the head of the airline in Montreal and suggested that I get enough ladies at the next Bond drive and organize a draw, the first prize being a return flight to Israel. 900 ladies came to the luncheon, which was at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel." Everyone at the Bonds office and at the Airline office was so impressed that Fanny was given a first class ticket to Tel Aviv, including an all expenses paid visit to Florence, the Isle of Capri, Naples, Rome and Venice.

Fanny's first date with her husband, Ben Davine, was prearranged by a friend. When she didn't receive the expected call for a second date, she called him herself. They decided to move to Hamilton when she learned about an opening at the Israel Bonds office here.

Fanny's assigned territory was Southern Ontario,



Fanny Davine with Minna

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Putting the "Simcha" Back in Simchat

BY
RABBI MARK BILLER

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One was reminded what the holiday is really about - bodies and minds filled with gratitude and joy, and in fact thrilled with the prospect of a world into which Torah and Jewish beliefs have been introduced; so grateful to G-d, in fact, that dancing and parading are the only appropriate responses!!

And dance we did. And sing we did. And sway we did. And feed our children chocolate, we did. Our

children tied our laces together on the Bimah when we weren't looking. They brought silly hats and made us wear them. They charged about in groups, full of pranks - but G-d bless them, that's THEIR job on simchat Torah.

Chuck Matchen and Fay Schmerling were honored with special Aliyot to signify the reading of the end and then the beginning of the Torah scroll. Both were carried on chairs, accompanied by singing and dancing, with a Chuppah made of a Tallit held over them!!

All of the synagogue's children were called up for their own Aliyah, led by the Rabbi, while a Chuppah was held over them too.

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Temple Celebrates 150th Anniversary

Temple Anshe Sholom is the oldest reform synagogue in Canada having been incorporated under the laws of Upper Canada long before Confederation. The Temple is currently celebrating its 150th anniversary and six events have been planned to take place over the next nine months..

The first event has already taken place. It was a fifty year service which was held on September 27th, 2002, using the

siddur and music in use at the Temple in 1952. Names of 133 people, who have been members for 50 years or more, have been inscribed in the Golden Book which is on display in the Temple's upper foyer.

The next event is a Gala Dinner to be held at the Temple on November 2, 2002. Tickets are \$118.00 each and a tax receipt in the amount of \$ 75.00 will be given for each ticket. A time capsule which was put into the cornerstone

will be opened during the dinner and more information will be put into it. Any suggestions that you may have would be welcome. Entertainment will be by the The Comedy Improv Group of Toronto. It promises to be a wonderful evening. Three additional events will be held in 2003. They are as follows: a 100 year service to be held on February 7, 2003 ; a renewal of vows for all couples married at the Temple will take place on April 6, 2003 ; May

Temple Youth Group in for an exciting year

BY
LAURIE FAINER

When I was in grade six at Temple Anshe Sholom, I had a Hebrew school teacher who had the foresight to recognize that our congregation was in desperate need of a junior youth group. His vision was to organize a group of promising young Jewish leaders who would have more interaction with young Jews then just on Sundays - as most of us attended secular public schools our contact with other Jewish children was at a minimum. The group was comprised of grade six, seven, and eight

students. Most of us were already friends so we "jumped" at the opportunity to spend more time together. Our enthusiasm for Jewish interaction helped to ensure the success of our group. In fact, it helped encourage my desires to be a Rabbi and ultimately go on an Israel exchange.

Three years ago, while I was completing my co-op with Rabbi Zeplovitz I was asked to lead TASCC, the junior youth group at Temple Anshe Sholom. I found planning programs for grades six, seven and eight to be exciting and rewarding. Over the past

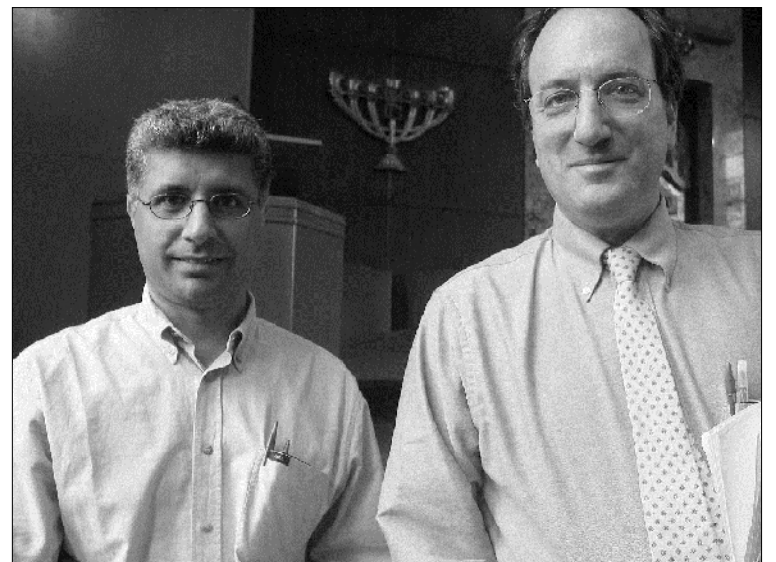
few years our youth group has blossomed and has grown substantially. Not only will this year's schedule be filled with such staple events as laser tag and go-karting we will also be completing more social action programs such as our Shabbat baskets for the elderly. This will be an on-going project where we assemble and distribute baskets of our own freshly baked challah, candles, and an ornate keepsake to give to those who may not be able to venture out for these items alone or who have not experienced Shabbat in years. As well, we will be holding two

Program demonstrates dialog between Jews and Arabs

BY
WENDY SCHNEIDER

Temple Anshe Sholom hosted a scholar-in-residence weekend last month, featuring Professor Tzvi Adelman, an Israeli of American origins and Professor Muhammed Abu Samra, a Palestinian Israeli, who co-teach a course on Jewish and Islamic texts in the Bedouin program at Achva College in Israel. The visiting professors gave three academically oriented presentations, and attempted, not always successfully, to avoid political controversy.

During a Sunday morning presentation on martyrdom in Judaism. and in Islam Professor Adelman asserted that there have been occurrences in Jewish history where the glorification of martyrdom as a religious or political act has taken place. Using the mass suicide at Massada as a focal point, Professor Adelman analyzed the ways in which the actions taken at Massada have been perceived through different periods in Jewish



Temple Scholars-in-residence Muhammed Abu Samra and Tzvi

history, including modern times. It wasn't until the late nineteenth century, he said, that Massada became a symbol of modern Zionism, its image of a tiny and besieged minority that was prepared to brave dangers against insurmountable odds.

Over the last number of years, according to Professor Adelman, the Massada myth has lost its hold on the Israeli psyche and no longer has the same power as in the past.

Professor Abu Samra's main assertion was that martyrdom is a marginal

concept in Islam and that its prevalence in Palestinian society is a reflection of the growing despair felt by Palestinians in the face of land confiscations, destruction of Palestinian homes and a general feeling of despair. The suicide bomber, he said, should be regarded as a "sad, hopeless figure who doesn't believe in the morality of a world that doesn't acknowledge of his pain."

Asked what he had hoped to achieve by bringing in what was clearly a controversial

Organizations

Kehila Jewish Community Day School

BY
ANITA GRANAT

Imagine the joy on your child's face when they proudly bring home something they have created at school. Kehila Jewish Community Day School's Art Programme is unique as it is much more than art. It is a living expression of Kehila's commitment to a thorough Judaic curriculum and Tikun Olam.

The children experience the wonderment of our heritage through the use of a variety of media starting in Senior Kindergarten and continuing through the grades. Children explore ancient and modern traditions and their own interpretations of the world around them.

Kehila's professional art teachers, Tzvia Lipton and Janus McBride, stimulate and encourage the children to express their unique creativity in a non-competitive manner. As a community, Kehila's students demonstrate that high caliber art instruction is truly integral to all aspects of the schools programming.

Both teachers work at an age appropriate level. Janus working with the earlier grades explores self-expression through mask making and explores the



Kehila art teacher, Tzvia Lipton, with her students

environment through the creation of habitats. Mrs. Lipton incorporates multiculturalism into her classes. Last Purim the children made graggers shaped like First Nation turtle rattles.

The integration of Judaica and Art is seen in a variety of ways. Last Pesach each child created a section of a mural portraying the story that further brought the holiday to life at our community seder. On Yom Hashoah, the children located the countries from which Jews were taken and drew corresponding maps. A pioneering lesson became a geometry unit with quilt making designs and patterns.

Art at Kehila

encompasses a variety of techniques. Tzvia Lipton is a professionally trained local artist who has had exhibits and continues to upgrade her passion for art. In addition to fundamental techniques, Mrs. Lipton encourages the children to experiment. "There are no mistakes in art", she states. "Art is like life, an on-going process, like our children, always changing and evolving".

Janus McBride is also a well known local artist and new to Kehila. With a degree in Fine Arts from McMaster University and years of teaching at the Dundas Valley School of Art and the Burlington Cultural Centre, she brings a wealth of experience. Her personal philosophy is

Hamilton Hebrew Academy Open House

The Hamilton Hebrew Academy held its annual Open House evening recently and by all accounts the event rated as a huge success. In his welcoming address, Mr Frank Samuels, Principal, said that the HHA had been blessed with ten new teachers and that there was a new spirit of enthusiasm that pervaded every square inch of the completely renovated school. Mr Samuels introduced Mr Martin Halpern, the chairperson of the school's Education Committee to the audience and he acknowledged the work that Mr Halpern and his committee had done in helping to identify and hire the new staff members. Mr Samuels also introduced the chairperson of the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Mrs Lila Strub, and thanked her for the wonderful spread that she had arranged.

Mr Samuels went on to talk about the challenges facing today's parents and teachers and he assured the parent body that the Hamilton Hebrew Academy wants and demands exactly what its parent body wants and

demands; the best possible Jewish and secular education for each of the children who attend the school.

After his initial address, the parents attended talks by each of the teachers in which the curriculum for each subject and grade was discussed. It was a novel experience for many of the parents to sit in their children's desks and experience, albeit in limited form, some of what their children experience every day.

At the delicious tea that was served throughout the evening, one of the grade four parents was heard to remark that for the first

time she understood exactly what her son was talking about when he mentioned the different modes of learning and teaching that were being used in his classroom. She had seen the silhouette pictures that the Grade Four teacher and his class had made and had been told that they show symbolically that each member of the class is different and important in the way that he or she weaves into the tapestry of learning that occurs in the room. "It made so much sense to me while I was sitting in the room, looking at what my child had made, and hearing about

Canadian Magen David Adom Hamilton Chapter

Hamilton should be very proud that it has raised the funds to purchase two ambulances! Edna Miller bought an ambulance by herself in loving memory of her parents and her brother. The Jewish community of Hamilton, with the help of UJA Federation purchased a second ambulance. Full details will be available in the next issue of the Hamilton Jewish News

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State of Israel Bonds MEMRI evening smashes language



A recent Israel Bonds event featuring Yigal Carmon, President of the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) was a tremendous success. Over 300 guests were shown a riveting audio-visual "unmasking" of Arab media, which is "usually obscured in the West by severe language barriers," said Carmon. Carmon, a former special advisor on terrorism to Prime Ministers Shamir and Rabin, presented a gripping overview of how world-wide anti-Semitism is propelled by an often virulently anti-Israeli Arabic and Islamic media. The event was co-sponsored by Rose Lax - Hadar The Morris Lax

Anne Mandel to be honoured at Israel Bonds kick-off in Boca

Anne Mandel, a lifelong Israel advocate and supporter of Jewish causes, will be honoured at the 2003 Israel Bonds kick-off in Boca Raton, Florida.

Mandel is part of a VIP group that will be saluted for "exemplary leadership and devotion to the Israeli people."

"We are delighted that Anne will be recognized in such distinguished company," noted Nancy Somer, the Executive Director of Israel Bonds in Hamilton. "The event will also feature noted American and Israeli



Anne Mandell

personalities, which will add to the glamour and prestige of the evening."

The event will take place at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, Boca Raton Florida, on Sunday evening, February 2,

KEHILA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kehila Jewish Community Day School is proud to announce its **Second Annual Scholastic holiday bookfair**. As a result of last year's enthusiasm, Kehila will be offering an even larger array of toys, books, novelties, and holiday items at or below retail prices! Choose from a huge selection of novels, picture books, workbooks, French books and much, much more! The fair will be located in Temple Anshe Sholom, and will run between **Tuesday October 22 - Monday October 28**. Don't miss out on this opportunity to stock up on Hannukah gifts - Scholastic accepts Visa, Mastercard, personal cheques, and, of course, cash! And any items out of stock can be re-ordered, and will arrive the following week, well before Hannukah! Mark your calendars - Kehila looks forward to seeing you there! For more information, please contact Deborah at Kehila at **905-529-7725**.

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The Simon Wiesenthal Center of Los Angeles announces the release of Digital Hate 2002, a CD-ROM compilation of more than 200 Internet hate sites that feature animated hate games, online enrolment for suicide bombers, Neo-Nazi online identity theft, etc. For more information call (416) 864-9735

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Community Events

☐ **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 at 3:30 pm:** **Bill Stern**, author of *You Don't Have to be Jewish* - a film buff's commentary on a selection of 'Jewish' films will present at the Leah Posluns Theatre, Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., Toronto. With special guests, folk singer Jerry Gray, author Morley Torgov and film critic Gerald Pratley. Tickets \$5 416.636-1880, ext 368.

☐ **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 7 at 8:15 PM at the Adas Israel Congregation.** **Four Cantors In Concert;** featuring **The National Academy Orchestra, Boris Brott, conductor; Cantor Israel Rand, Cantor A. Eliezer Kirschblum, Cantor Yaakov Motzen, Cantor Eric Moses and The Adath Israel Choir;** From the traditional Halleluyahm, Sim Shalom and Lo Teda A Fiddler on the Roof Medley and a Yiddish Medley, these four cantors, along with Brott and the National Academy Orchestra will touch the heart, and bring you to your feet! Tickets \$27/\$23 (Srs./Stu.) Call 905.525.SONG (7664) for yours!

☐ **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AT 8:00 PM, Beth Jacob Chapel.** The first Beth Jacob Library Lecture of the 5763 season will feature **Vivian Kaplan**, author of the recently published memoir, **Ten Green Bottles**. The book relates the story of the flight in 1939 of Nini Karpel, the author's mother, and her family from Nazi Austria to Shanghai, in war-torn China, where the author herself was born after the War. It is a story of survival, courage and hope. \$5 couvert.

☐ **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, at 11:00 am at Temple Anshe Sholom Breakfast Club.** **Dr. Judith Baskin**, Director of The Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies; Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Oregon, will be speaking on her new book, **"Midrashic Women- Formations of the Feminine in Rabbinic Literature"** which was recently published by the Brandeis University Press. She will show that rabbinic Judaism, a tradition formed by men for a male community, deeply valued the essential contributions of wives and mothers while also consciously constructing women as other and lesser than men.

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