

# Hamilton Jewish News

SERVING HAMILTON WENTWORTH & AREA

SEPTEMBER 2002 VOL 17:1

TISHREI 5763

## Dates to Remember

### ROSH HASHANA

Saturday, September 8  
Sunday, September 9

### YOM KIPPUR

Monday, September 16

### SUKKOT

September 21-28

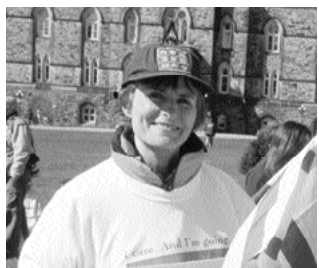
### SIMCHAT TORAH

Sunday, September 29

## Inside

## Why I Love Hamilton

First in a series of articles from recently and not so recently arrived community members about why they love this community.



Read Julia Kollek's "Why I Love Hamilton" story on page 5.

\*\*\*

- Hamilton Jewish Film Festival coming this fall... see p8
- Jewish Studies one step closer at McMaster...see p9
- Rabbi Morton Green Tribute Dinner coming in October... See p8

and much, much

## Index

UJA/Federation . . . . . p1-6  
 Jewish Social Services . .p7  
 Midrasha . . . . . p8  
 Local Events . . . . . p9  
 JCC Pages . . . . . p10,11  
 Special Mentschen . . . .p13  
 Israel Experience . . . . .p14  
 Arts . . . . . p15  
 Organizations . . . . . p16-19

## We're Building A New Jewish Future For Hamilton and Deepening Our Ties to Israel

### UJA Federation Announces Plans for 2003 Campaign Launch

UJA Federation of Hamilton is working hard in preparation of the launch of the UJA 2003 Campaign. The official launch will take place on Wednesday, October 2nd, 8:00pm at the Adas Israel Synagogue.

The general campaign opening event will be addressed by Yuli Edelstein, a major force in the Prisoner of Zion/Refusenik movement and now Israel's Minister of Absorption. The event will also be addressed by Harvey Wolfe, former President of United Israel Appeal of Canada and currently the Chair of the World Board of Governors of the Jewish Agency for Israel – the most significant Jewish lay leadership role in the world.

UJA Federation president Dr. Bonnie Loewith is delighted to announce that the UJA 2003 men's campaign will be co-chaired by Lester



Community children at this year's Lag Ba'Omer festivities at the JCC

Krames and Paul Roth. The women's campaign will be co-chaired by Beth Bandler and Lannie Goldberg. According to Loewith, "this year's

campaign leadership team brings a blend of experience, creativity and motivation that will really make a difference." Because of the extreme

situation, the 2002 UJA campaign was very much focused on Israel needs. Along with the annual campaign that raised

cont'd on p6

## Growing the Jewish Community

BY WENDY SCHNEIDER

Increasing Hamilton's Jewish population has been widely recognized as essential if the breadth and depth of programs and services to which Jewish Hamiltonians are accustomed are to be sustained.

For the last two years a small group of community members have been talking about the need to embark on a focused and sustained effort to bring Jewish families to Hamilton. Last spring the committee received seed money from Federation's Budget and Allocations Committee. The funds will be used to hire a grant writer to seek out sources of funding that will allow for the creation of a full time staff person who's job will entail

researching the job market for employment opportunities for newcomers and coordinating an all-out effort to attract Jewish families to the community.

### We Need Your Help

If you have a passion for this community with a strong desire to see it grow, we invite you to share your ideas, concerns and time with us so that we can develop a far-reaching strategic plan that will ensure our success.

We welcome your suggestions for a name and logo for the initiative and invite you to sit on one of the following committees.

### Recruitment Committee

This committee will develop strategies on how to target commuters in the

Greater Toronto and South Western Ontario area who are most likely to consider a move to Hamilton. It will also strategize on how to approach businesses and interest groups who would share an interest in seeing the Jewish community grow and develop a plan on how best to promote Hamilton in the area. If you'd like to be a part of this committee please call Terry Bennett at 905-627-0505.

### Retention Committee

This committee will develop a detailed plan that will lay out the guidelines to ensure that newcomers, the unaffiliated and established residents be subject to a welcoming environment. Its focus will also include recruiting local families to host

newcoming families and cultivating undergraduate, graduate students and those who are doing their medical residency here. To join this committee please call David Steinberg at 905-525-3195 or Danna Horwood at 905-524-0336.

### Marketing Campaign

The committee is inviting community members to contribute suggestions for a name for this initiative. The name Grow Hamilton, has already been chosen by the City of Hamilton for another endeavour and many other ideas have been suggested, including ProHamilton and Welcome To Hamilton.

Once a name is chosen, we will need a logo and invite community members of all ages to

*The board & staff of UJA Federation wishes you a Happy & Healthy New Year  
uc,f, vcuy vbak*

## UJA Federation

Hamilton Jewish News  
POB 7258  
1030 Lower Lions Club  
Rd., Ancaster, Ontario L9G  
3N6

The Hamilton Jewish  
News is published 6 times  
a year by Hamilton Jewish  
News Inc. and  
Shadowpress

PUBLISHER:  
Shadowpress

EDITOR:  
Wendy Schneider

MANAGING EDITOR:  
Gerald Fisher

TELEPHONE:  
(905) 628-0058

FAX:  
(905) 627-7099

EMAIL:  
wendy.schneider@  
sympatico.ca

CIRCULATION  
2,000

### Canadian Publications

#### EDITORIAL POLICY

The HJN invites members of the community to contribute letters, articles or guest editorials. Written submissions and advertisements must be forwarded by the deadline indicated in each issue. This newspaper reserves the right to edit, condense or reject any contribution for brevity or legal purposes.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEXT EDITION OF THE HJN IS WEDNESDAY**

#### Mail Product Sales UJA/FEDERATION OF HAMILTON

PRESIDENT  
Bonnie Loewith

PAST PRESIDENT  
Harvey Waxman

#### UJA CAMPAIGN CHAIR

Lester Krames and Paul  
Roth

#### UJA WOMEN'S DIVISION CO-CHAIRS

Beth Bandler and Lanie  
Goldberg

#### BOARD MEMBERS

Yves Apel, Beth Bandler,  
Howard Brown, Janis  
Criger, Judah Denburg,  
Vivienne Epstein, Naomi  
Eisenberg, Mark Gould,  
Moshe Green, Cheryl  
Greenbaum, Fajgi Itkin,  
Julia Kollek, Lester  
Krames, Agi Meinhard,  
Jay Morris, Sandy Morris,  
Nadia Rosa, Paul Roth,

## From the Director's Desk



Gerald Fisher

I trust everyone has been enjoying the summer.

I had a conversation this week with someone who has been a leader in our community for many years. With his own special candor he described his view of

the role of the Federation. He believed Federation did provide a mechanism for unity in the community. He acknowledged that it was valuable. He was even able to put a monetary value on it. But, in his view, it was "pocket change" - important enough to keep, but not the vehicle able to meet the community's real needs. In his view, real needs are "growth and development," challenges he didn't believe the Federation could address. I understand how he feels. I am hoping we will accomplish enough in the new year to can change his mind.

For the record, this week marks my one-year anniversary in Hamilton. For the most part, it seems to have gone by very quickly. At the same time, it feels like a great deal has happened - more than should easily fit into twelve months. It further seems that before I have had an opportunity to assimilate this experience, we are already rushing quickly into a new series of events of equal or greater intensity.

I was hoping that my first year would be a quiet little learning curve about my new community, its working culture, its leadership and its potential. I was particularly curious about how well the community's working apparatus resembled the conceptual framework of what federations do and how they do it. It has been a learning curve, but I wouldn't describe it as quiet.

So, one year and one Israel Emergency Campaign later, we have taken some significant steps toward restructuring the Federation's decision-making apparatus. We have committed ourselves to working within the framework of the by-laws. We are putting a campaign leadership structure and plan in place. We have established a definition and apparatus for community planning. We are reviewing our allocations protocols. We are working to develop a community-wide data base, are developing a realistic set of action priorities. It appears that we are now better prepared to begin the real work - "growth and development".

Of course, I am still often asked questions such as, "What does Federation actually do?", "You run the JCC, right?" Every time the question is asked, I see it as an opportunity to encourage involvement, to enhance the generosity of a donor, to share my enthusiasm about the kind of Jewish community we can build in Hamilton... if we only had the credibility ... and the resources to do so.

I am not kidding myself. I know this isn't close to being over. But I would like to believe that during the past year, we have taken important steps to establish credibility, sufficient enough to pique the interest of those who can bring the required vision, leadership and resources to the community table.

Unity in the Jewish community is obviously a good thing. It is not easy to realize. Federation works hard in its leadership role to bring our various interests together. But it is not the entire agenda. Our agenda really is "growth and development".

This year's campaign theme is - We're

UJA Federation of Hamilton seeks an experienced grant writer on a part-time contractual basis to investigate and secure sources of funding to support the Initiative to Grow Hamilton's Jewish Community the focus of which is on recruitment of newcomers to the Hamilton Jewish community and retention of youth and young adults.

Please send your resumé c/o Wendy Schneider, UJA Federation of Hamilton, at wendy.schneider@sympatico.ca. Deadline for submission is September 30, 2002.

On behalf of UJA Federation we thank our volunteer canvassers and staff. Thanks to your efforts we were able to allocate more funds to our local agencies and

## UNITED JEWISH APPEAL CAMPAIGN 2002 \$949,553 ALLOCATED

### Jewish Federation Administration

Community Website, Leadership Development, Community  
\$136,573 Central Community Resource Centre, Public  
Relations Spokesbody for Community, Anti-Semitism  
Watchbody/Community Security, Community  
Demographics, Holocaust Education Projects, Israel  
Experience Student Scholarships, March of the Living/  
Anguish To Hope, Adult Missions

Community Contingency 21,448

United Jewish Appeal Campaign 8,500

Campaign meeting expenses, campaign events  
promotional materials, special projects

Administration 117,622  
Salaries, rent, equipment rentals

### Jewish Social Services

Administration 55,600  
Direct Relief 47,000

### Jewish Education

Hamilton Hebrew Academy  
& Kehila Jewish Community Day School  
118,800\*

\*based on enrollment and hours of Jewish Education

Beth Jacob Religious School	19,000	
Temple Anshe Sholom Religious School	24,000	
Special Needs	1,000	
Midrasha High School	22,000	
McMaster Jewish Students Association	14,000	

### Jewish Community Centre

132,000  
Camp Kadimah • Community-Wide Cultural Programming:  
Yom Hashoah, Yom Ha'atzmaut, Purim Carnival, etc. Recreational  
Programming • Youth Leadership Development Adult Jewish  
Education

### Community Services

Hamilton Jewish News  
13,100  
Kashrut Services 13,200  
Legacy Endowment Fund 6,000

UJA Federations Canada 45,710

#### Budget & Allocations Committee 2002:

Louise Rotman, Beth Bandler, William Halpren, David  
Horwood, Bonnie Loewith, Paul Roth, Mark Scholes, Cele  
Steinberg,

## Why I Love Hamilton



Julia Kollek moved to Hamilton 13 years ago from London, England. She and her husband Daniel have two children.

Living in a big city sounds exciting: there's so much to offer culturally, so many people, so much to do, so many opportunities from which I benefited as a child and as an adult. In a big city people are submerged in anonymity. You can move in crowds, shop, work, live and travel (suffocatingly slowly) constantly surrounded by complete strangers.

In a place with so many people, socialising was a struggle. As a teenager, the vastness of the city sat on my doorstep. Even though our synagogue was 10 minutes' walk from our house, my best friend Debbie, who was also Jewish, lived the other side of London. To see her I had to walk 20 minutes to a station, take an hour-and-a-half train ride (changing three times) then walk another half-hour to her home.

Moving to Hamilton was a culture shock from which I happily recovered. Just about everything here was different for me, and I love it. This is the best place to bring up a family. There is still so much on offer, but it's all close by - 15 minutes, half an hour at the most: workplace, meetings, synagogue, JCC, school, stores, libraries, theatre, movies and the countryside in which to relax.

The most important personal link I made was to Jewish life. For the first time I met people committed to our community and to making a difference. Whatever their viewpoint, they cared enough to be passionate and involved - building a community to pass down.

Three generations ago my family lived in small communities in Eastern Europe. Like them I am setting down roots, seeing familiar faces wherever I go and most importantly, making the kind of close friendships

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE

## UJA Campaign 2003 Opening Gala Campaign Event

### We Rise Above the Terror Why Israel Will Be Stronger

Guest speaker

#### Yuli Edelstein

former Prisoner of Zion  
Israel Minister of Absorption

Yuli Edelstein spent three years in the notorious Soviet Gulag, and, when finally freed, emigrated to Israel with his family in July 1987. One of the founders and leaders of the political party, Yisrael ba-Aliya, he was appointed Deputy Minister in March 2001, with full Ministerial responsibilities for the Immigrant Absorption Ministry.



also appearing

#### Harvey Wolfe

Chair, World Board of Governors, Jewish Agency



Wednesday, October 2, 2002

Adas Israel Congregation • 8:00 pm

Free of Charge  
Refreshments  
Kashrut observed

UJA FEDERATION

Building A New Jewish Future  
For Hamilton  
and deepening  
our ties to Israel

UJA FEDERATION  
CAMPAIGN 2003



## UJA Federation

## Community Planning Committee Explores Directions for the

BY GERALD FISHER,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UJA FEDERATION

It seems as if everyone in town has concerns about the future of our Jewish community. Is our population shrinking? Can we continue to deliver education services the way we are doing it now? Do the Federation allocation decisions reflect current and future priorities? Answers to these and many other important issues may soon be forthcoming.

During the past few months, there have been several significant changes in the organizational structure of UJA Federation of Hamilton. Perhaps none is more significant than the establishment of a standing committee on community planning. Long-term Federation board member Dr. Judah Denburg now serves as community planning chair. Joining Judah on the community planning committee are Dr. Nick Kates, Dr. David Streiner, Vivienne Epstein, Sam Soifer and Howard Brown. Each brings a valuable asset to this Federation enterprise from their

professional life and senior volunteer experience.

Generically speaking, the community planning role is to "keep its finger on the pulse" of the Hamilton Jewish community. Once more fully developed, its role will be to identify emerging community needs on a priority basis and recommend programs and policies to the Federation board of directors. One of its key functions will be to identify future priorities for UJA Federation funding.

## Demography

One key tool to accomplish these objectives is research. During the coming few months, the community planning committee will launch several important research projects. The first project is to establish a community-wide data base. At the moment, there is no reliable information about the size, age, affiliation patterns or geographic distribution of our community. Without a baseline of information, it is very

difficult to identify the changes or trends that might impact on the delivery of programs and services, or ultimately on future program funding and development. This project will help all community agencies and institutions to better serve their members.

## Growing the Community

Despite the often heard concern that "our community is shrinking" the Hamilton area is a very desirable place to live and raise a Jewish family. For several years, a group of community volunteers has wanted to take the initiative in marketing the benefits of living in Hamilton to young families who might otherwise be moving into north Toronto. Now well placed within the community planning committee, the Grow Jewish Hamilton committee has received seed money to initiate its project.

## Allocations Review

One of the primary challenges this (and every) Federation faces is ensuring that each dollar raised through the UJA

campaign is allocated to support programs and services that are truly vital and that genuinely accomplish their objectives. Every member of the community is entitled to know that there is a system of accountability that protects the integrity of their philanthropy.

Toward that end, an allocations review committee has been mandated to establish new allocation policy and procedures. Chaired by UJA Federation board member, Marty Strub, this initiative will investigate and recommend clear guidelines and meaningful policy frameworks for the allocation of UJA dollars. The committee hopes to have its results implemented in the spring of 2003.

## Education Planning

Any straw poll of community priorities will identify Jewish education as a major concern in Hamilton. For a community of its size, Hamilton provides an impressive range of education options for both children and adults. Nevertheless, questions about whether education



Judah Denburg

services to children are being delivered cost efficiently, meet standards of excellence and reflect changing demography and needs are heard more often.

The UJA Federation board has recently empowered the community planning committee to establish an Education Planning Committee to investigate and make recommendations on these and other related education issues.

## Community Forum

The community planning agenda will go beyond establishing committees and presenting reports. It will also provide the community with opportunities to learn, to share perspectives and work together to improve our service delivery network. One example of this is the upcoming session planned with professional demographers.

United Israel Appeal of Canada, our national umbrella agency, has engaged a group of professional demographers at McGill University to review the data from the recent census. The intent is to identify demographic

## The Young Leadership Israel Advocacy Initiative

is a select group of young adults from across Canada providing the tools, materials, and political connections in order to develop one's skills in the area of Israel advocacy that will feature:

- \* Monthly Conference Calls built around an advocacy curriculum
- \* Information to engage participants into the political parties as observers or members and the tools to navigate the party systems.
- \* A three day visit to Ottawa in November 2002 for a retreat focusing on advocacy skill building, Israel education, and meetings with government officials.
- \* Each participant in this initiative will be assigned an official in order to create a relationship with them on a variety of issues over a significant period of time.
- \* In the summer of 2003, these officials will be invited to accompany this group on a political mission to Israel.



# “What’s

The answer's a mouse click away... Can't wait for the six o'clock news? Looking for Jewish oriented news stories? Get daily updates 7 days a week on Jewish news from Israel and around the world.

[www.jewishhamilton.com](http://www.jewishhamilton.com)

Everything Jewish.  
A mouse click away.



## Elaine's Kosher Cuisine

Elaine Kotur  
905-561-5510



## Arctic Experience McNaught Gallery



"Mother and Child"  
Serpentine sculpture  
by Kelly Qimripik, Cape Dorset

**Inuit Sculpture**  
Direct from Cape Dorset artists  
Largest collection in the region  
Collector quality work at  
favourable prices

**Canadian paintings**  
Landscape  
Nature and Wildlife  
Contemporary Realism

Alan Bateman · Chris Wallace  
Heather Pate · Michael Dumas  
Lucille Forsyth · Greg Nordoff  
and paintings from private collections

**Gallery Services**  
Professional Fine art a raisal  
for insurance, donation, estate, resale  
Custom framing  
Restoration of paintings and  
sculpture

- Unique and Affordable Gifts •
- Exceptional quality collection by professional artists •
- Over 20 years expert advice and personal service •

by Marvin and Lorraine Cohen, and Janet McNaught

Open 10 am - 6 pm, o Saturday;  
Other hours by appointment

Located in the quaint James Street South shopping district,  
with free parking behind the gallery

[www.arcticexperience.com](http://www.arcticexperience.com)

191 James Street South, Hamilton, L8P 3A8  
(905) 522-9443 or (905) 522-7773 Toll free 1-888-412-7609

**UJA Federation**

# Israel Emergency Campaign Meets the Challenge!

UJA Federation of Hamilton is proud to announce that its recently completed Israel Emergency Campaign was very successful. According to UJA Federation president Bonnie Loewith, "The campaign was conducted over an eight-week period and raised over \$475,000 in pledges. Of that amount, we have collected close to \$450,000. Every dollar collected has already been transferred to Israel. We expect the balance to be in by the end of August."

Loewith paid special tribute to Rabbi Morton Green, Tom Weisz and Lorne Richter for their exemplary leadership during this difficult period. "Many people contributed

to the campaign's success, but these three leaders in particular brought people together, articulated the message and set the standard which led to our community's success. We are deeply grateful for their assistance and hope it will extend into the UJA 2003 campaign as well."

According to Rabbi Morton Green, "Israel represents the heart and soul of our people throughout the world. Medinat Yisrael, the Jewish State, is not only the cohesive force that unites the Jewish people, Israel is our shield, our protector. We are no longer helpless nor hapless. G-d has given us the power to protect ourselves. Jewish blood



UJA Federation President Bonnie Loewith

can no longer be spilled without consequences and we should not feel apologetic in defending ourselves against our enemies."

UJA Federation executive director, Gerald Fisher, described the campaign's success as a true community effort. "The cooperation received from our philanthropic leadership, from our Jewish institutions and from the volunteer community has been unprecedented during my tenure. The success of this campaign is an expression of both our community's profound love of Israel and our community's capability to come together and respond quickly to a genuine crisis. It is a very impressive achievement."

The Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI) established a goal of \$300 million dollars from North American Federations, \$30 million of which was expected from Canada. Proceeds from the campaign will be allocated to support a variety of projects in the areas of direct assistance to the victims of terrorism, enhancement of security in public areas, economic assistance to families facing long term unemployment as a result of the violence. (see box)

According to Dr. Lester Krames, one of the

## Proposed Allocations from Israel Emergency Campaign Funds from all of Canada \*

Based on an initial estimate of \$4 million available for allocation (based on Canadian funds) The following distribution is recommended based on the initial formula. Full reporting will be provided through the UIAFC office in Jerusalem. Further detail is available to communities and donors as required.

1. Civilian Guard (Jerusalem) (7.5%)  
\$300,000
2. Protecting Children (25%)  
\$1,000,000  
The funds are for fencing vulnerable pre-schools (primarily in Kiryat Shmona), as well as refurbishing and supplying bomb shelters which are used in emergencies and on a daily basis.
3. Civilian Security (15%)  
\$600,000
4. Health Care (20%)  
\$800,000
  - a) A counselling program to assist parents in coping with children during the sheltered times has been requested. The coordinator, Professor Mooti Lahad, will work with families in the region to provide parents with coping skills during times the families are sheltered. All settlements along the Northern border will benefit from these workshops.
  - b) The Sieff Government Hospital in Tzefat has requested assistance in building a Trauma Unit. The Hospital's core region covers the Golan Heights, the Upper and Eastern Galilee - approximately 9% of Israel. The hospital is particularly important as it is close to the border of Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. The full amount required is US \$1,200,000. The funds available from Canada can make a significant contribution towards this need.
5. Camps/After School Programming (10%)  
\$485,000 It is recommended the funding be directed at three specific initiatives:
  - a) Magen David Adom Summer Training for Teens \$300,000
  - b) After School Programming for Northern area schools \$100,000
  - c) Canada Centre Day Camp for 100 children and youth from the Confrontation Line region. \$85,000
6. Funds for Victims of Terror  
JAFI (Jewish Agency For Israel): (10%)  
\$400,000  
An important need the fund has identified is providing scholarships for victims of terror, siblings of victims and orphans of victims. These funds would be applied to guaranteeing support for post secondary education.

### An Insider's Look at the Business of UJA Federation

The Board of Directors of UJA Federation of Hamilton wants the community to be better informed about the work of the Federation. Toward that end, the UJA Federation Board has requested that Hamilton Jewish News publish the decisions taken by the Board in its ongoing effort to build a new Jewish future for Hamilton and deepen our commitment to Israel.

Meeting of June 26th, 2002

#### Resignation

The president accepted the resignation from the Board of Dr. Nadia Rosa. Dr. Rosa will continue to serve as Chair of the Holocaust Remembrance and Education Committee.

#### Allocations Recommendations

The Board approved the recommendations of the Allocations Committee for the allocation of \$959,553, in support of a variety of local, national and overseas beneficiary agencies. ( Details of the allocation recommendations can be found on Page \_ of this issue. )

#### Allocations Process Review

The Board approved a motion to create an "Allocations Review" Committee. Chaired by Board member Marty Strub, and working in coordination with the Community Planning Committee, the Review Committee is mandated to provide recommendations to the Board on how we can strengthen the allocation procedure. The recommendations are expected to support the Board's efforts to identify greater efficiencies, ensure fiduciary accountability and develop a more complete sense of partnership with its beneficiary agencies.

#### Israel Emergency Campaign

At June 26th, 2002, the Israel Emergency Campaign had received \$465,000 in pledges. \$388,000 has been collected and transferred through United Israel Appeal to the Jewish Agency. The funds are to be used strictly in the areas of Relief to Victims of Terror; Strengthening Security in Public Areas and Financial Assistance to Those Left Unemployed by the Violence.

#### UJA Walkathon

The June 2nd Walkathon netted \$17, 327. As per the decision of the Walkathon Committee, the entire proceeds of the event have been transferred to Magen David Adom of Canada for the purchase of an ambulance in the name of the Hamilton Jewish Community. This is the first time in the history of Magen David Adom that they have received this kind of support from a local Federation.... for which they have been extremely grateful. The Walkathon



## CORPORATE & INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE & FINANCIAL PLANNING

Expertise In Making complex financial matters simple.

LIFE & DISABILITY • RRIF & LIF • COMPLICATED ESTATES • MUTUAL FUNDS

(905) 525-7074



**Alec Bukhman**  
M.Sc., P.Eng., CFP  
CLU, ChFC, CFSB  
Top of the Table MDRT



**Leu Bukhman**  
B.A., M.Sc. (Econ.)  
Member - MDRT

## UJA Federation

# UJA Federation launches 2003 Campaign

cont'd from

\$892,000 for local and overseas needs, UJA Federation raised an additional \$560,000 specifically for Israel through the "Now and Forever" and "Israel Emergency" campaigns.

This year's campaign theme "We're Building a New Jewish Future for Hamilton and Deepening our Ties To Israel" is an explicit statement of the new campaign goal. The leadership intends to

maintain the high level of support that Hamilton UJA has always provided to Israel and overseas needs while placing particular emphasis on the need for renewal of our local infrastructure.

UJA Federation executive director, Gerald Fisher, explained the campaign theme by saying that "in normal situations and especially during the past two years, our Hamilton community has been asked to stand up for

Israel financially, politically, in public advocacy and in many other ways. We have done so admirably and will continue to do whatever is necessary to secure a strong Israel, at peace with its neighbors.

In addition, we also recognize our fundamental obligations to not only sustain, but to renew the infrastructure and institutions of our local community. That requires a major input of dollars

and it is our job to raise the required funds that ensure a strong, vital Jewish community in Hamilton."

During the past eleven months, the Hamilton Jewish community has raised significant philanthropic dollars for Israel through the UJA Israel Emergency Campaign, the UJA Now and Forever Campaign and the JNF Negev Dinner. Additional dollars for Israel have been provided through various investment products of the Israel Bonds Campaign.

When asked how all this extra activity might affect the UJA 2003 campaign, co-chair Paul Roth responded by saying "All of this effort has been to protect vital Jewish interests. We truly believe that the Hamilton community appreciates that along with our UJA Israel and overseas obligations, we are equally obligated to provide the vital resources that sustain and renew our local community institutions."

Co-chair Lester Krames shared his partner's concern over the possibility of donor fatigue. He explained by saying "UJA is uniquely constructed to service both local and Israel/

overseas needs. Much like having two children, we don't support one at the expense of the other. Likewise, the wonderful outpouring of support for Israel through the recent emergency campaigns does not lessen our obligation to local needs. We are equally obligated to support both to the best of our ability."

Not surprisingly, the UJA women's campaign is well organized and ready to go. According to co-chair Lanie Goldberg, "We have just about completed recruitment for our divisional leaders. Captains and canvassers are in place. Canvasser materials are being organized and we will be ready to go".

In her second year as a co-chair for the women's campaign, Federation board member Beth Bandler also served on the Federation budget and allocations committee.

"Being involved in the funds allocation process has heightened my understanding of the need for additional dollars to maintain and strengthen local community institutions. I am pleased with all the renewed interest in local needs and the expressions of support from canvassers. I look

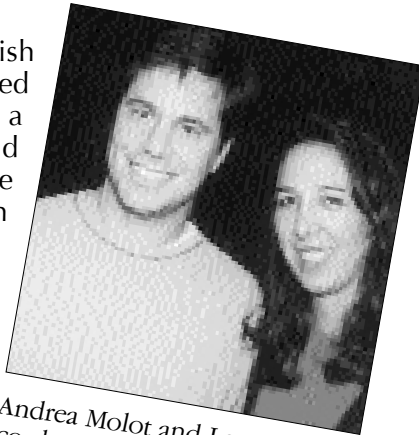
## Hamilton Walk-a-thon raises \$17,300

Thanks to the support of the Hamilton Jewish community last spring's community Walkathon raised \$17,321 for Canadian Magen David Adom. In a precedent-setting gesture, co-chairs Lorne Gaffe and Andrea Molot turned over all funds raised by the Walkathon to the Hamilton chapter of Canadian Magen David Adom to assist them in raising enough funds to purchase an ambulance for Israel.

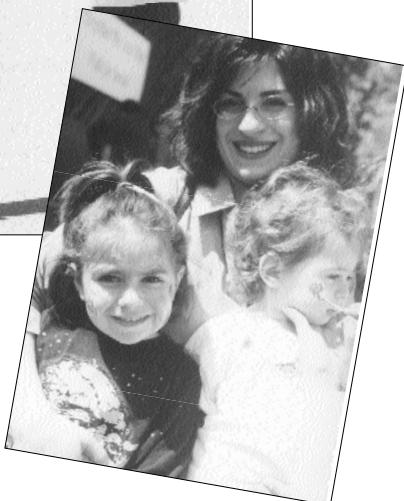
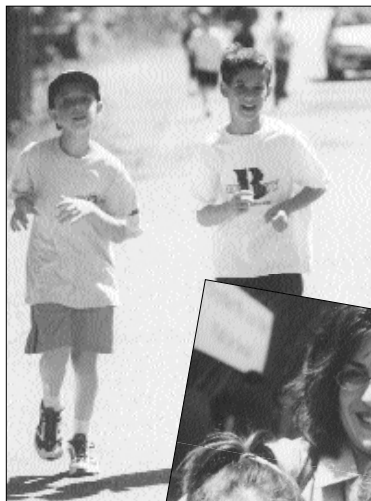
"We were very interested in community building by getting people from different generations, backgrounds and organizations to work together", said Lorne.

"In a small community like ours where there are so many organizations raising funds for Israel," added, "it felt wonderful to be able to work together to raise money for a common goal... for Israel. It was also very gratifying for us to see community members of all ages and affiliations come out to support Israel during these critical times"

In keeping with the co-chairs' goals, this year's Walkathon committee was comprised of community members from across the generations and political spectrum. Their vision and dedication paid off in spades. The turnout at this year's Walkathon was one of the biggest in recent years and the net amount raised was the highest ever.



Andrea Molot and Lorne Gaffe, co-chairs UJA Walkathon 2002



### AMBULANCE CAMPAIGN 2002 CANADIAN MAGEN DAVID ADOM

Many people must be thanked for their outstanding contribution, whether with financial assistance or by calling for donations or participating in UJA Federation's Walkathon. Please accept my sincerest thanks for the outstanding in put of the Federation and Federation staff in assisting the committee of the June 2 Walkathon with their time and effort. It is gratifying to see community organizations helping each other during Israel's difficult days.

Unfortunately, our campaign is still short of the \$81,500 needed to purchase the ambulance. If you have not yet contributed, please call me at 905-529-4824. All credit cards are accepted and all-occasion cards can also be ordered. Donations are payable to C.M.D.A. and can be mailed to Hilda C. Rosen, 27 Haddon Avenue South, Hamilton, L8S 1X5

With sincerest thanks for your continued support. Together Hamilton and area will most certainly purchase an ambulance.

Hilda C. Rosen, Chair, Canadian Magen David Adom, Hamilton & Area

## Rumours of the Jewish Community of Hamilton's impending death have been grossly exaggerated.

The Hamilton Jewish Community is very much alive and about to become even more so... with your help. Be part of UJA Federation's initiative to grow our Jewish community.

### Recruitment

### Retention

### Renewal

Be a part of it.

UJA FEDERATION  
CAMPAIGN 2003



**Jewish Social**

**JSS's Chair Choir in Performance**



The Hamilton Jewish Social Services Choir performed at the new Queens Garden Senior home on July 9. Under the direction of Leon Karan they sang 30 Yiddish and English songs to an audience of both Jewish and non Jewish residents. The choir meets at the JCC every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30. There is no charge for membership. If you enjoy singing and being with people call Goldie Robbins at 905-

**Hebrew Free Loan**

The highest form of charity is to help someone help themselves. Hamilton Jewish Social Services has operated a Hebrew Free Loan society for the past 22 years. Up to \$1,000 will be given to people who qualify with one guarantor. Over the years the loans have been given for debt consolidation, for employment and business opportunities, to purchase clothing for work, for emergency trips to see sick family members in Israel and in the FSU, and for many other needs. As times evolve so must our loan association evolve.

The Hebrew Free Loan Association would like to offer the community a chance to partake in this wonderful mitzvah. We would like to

- raise the maximum amount of the loan to \$1,500
- Have two people sign as guarantors for the loans
- Start payment one month after the loan is authorized
- offer community members opportunities to join the association on a yearly basis at a minimum cost of \$25 (tax receiptable)

For more information call  
Carol Krames 905-648-0606 (325)

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ Postal Code _____ Phone Number _____ E Mail _____ Amount of Donation _____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 or more _____ Please make checks payable to Hebrew Free Loan
---

**LUNCH & LEARN with JSS**

The Jewish Social Services is starting a weekly program on Tuesdays at 11:30 AM at the Jewish Community Centre. Every week we will have a delicious, Kosher dairy lunch followed by a discussion group with a moderator. The group will decide from the available topics what they would like to learn. The moderator will help guide the group and give everyone who wants the opportunity to speak.

If you are interested and would like more information please call Carol Krames 905-648-0605 (325) to register.

**Helpful Advice From Jewish Social Services**

**On Choosing a Long Term Care Centre**

Long Term care centres, also known as nursing homes or homes for the aged, can be privately owned or operated by city or a charity as non profit. In either case, the ministry pays the centre for the programs and services, while the residents are responsible for paying for the accommodations.

When looking for a facility for a loved ones, the following guidelines might be helpful.

1. Is the home in a convenient location for visiting?
2. Is the home clean and well maintained?
3. Does the family have input in the care of the resident?
4. Are the personal belongings of the resident locked up and safe?
5. Are personal belongings (furniture) allowed?
6. Ask for references from

family members of other residents.

7. Will the religious and cultural needs of the resident be met by the facility?

All applications to a Long-Term Care Centre must be made through the Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) There, an assessment of the individual's needs is undertaken to determine eligibility.

Feel free to call us at Jewish Social Services (905-648-0605-325 or 326) for any help we can give you in making these very important decisions.

**Update on Claims Conference**

Since 1951 the Conference on Jewish Material claims Against Germany has negotiated and distributed payments to survivors. As a result the number of approved cases has grown from 25,000 to 53,000 cases. As a result people can

apply for funds if they meet the following criteria.

- In a labour or concentration camp for at least six months
- Incarcerated for at least six months in a camp for Jewish Hostages
- served for at least six months in forced military labour battalions
- Imprisoned for at least eighteen months in a ghetto
- In hiding for at least eighteen months under inhumane conditions without access to the outside world
- Living under false identity for at least eighteen months

Application forms and further information can be obtained at the Jewish Social Services 905-648-0605 (325) or the Claims conference-Article 2 Fund 535 Eight Avenue, 8th Floor New York, NY.10018



**L'Shanah Tovah**

In celebration of  
Rosh Hashannah,  
Catherine Samuel Ballet School wishes  
you and your family  
a new year full of sweetness,  
good health  
and good fortune.



1140 King Street West, Westdale • 905.525.9358



**CAMP GESHER**

**HABONIM DROR ZIONIST YOUTH  
MOVEMENT RESIDENTIAL CAMP**

wishes you and your family

*a Happy & Healthy New Year*

**Come & Join Our Family**

(416) 633-2511

1(877)-4GESHER

[www.campgesher.com](http://www.campgesher.com)



## Midrasha

## Your Children Are Your Best Investment

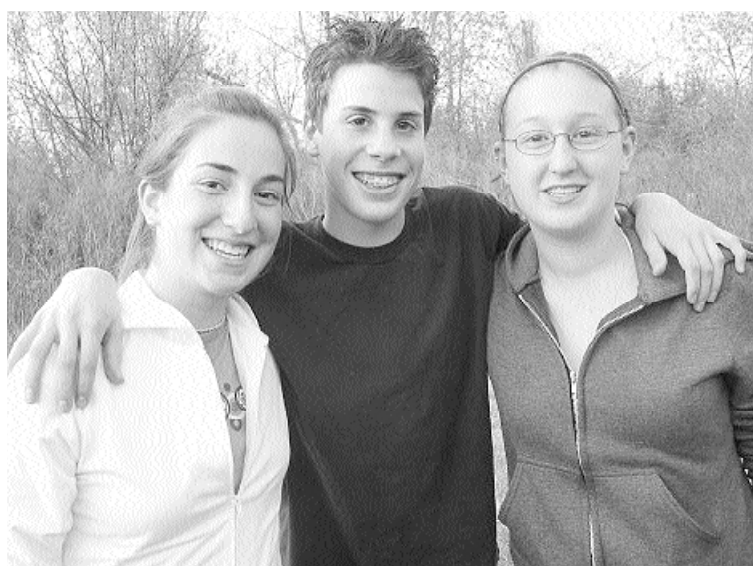
BY  
ANDREA ZIANS  
DIRECTOR, MIDRASHA HIGH

Rabbi Tachlifah taught: All of a man's earnings during the year to come are determined during the period of Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur, save the expenses for the Sabbath and the festivals and the tuition fees spent on teaching the children Torah. These expenses are not determined in advance, so that if one spends more on these things, more is given to him, and if less is given to him (Talmud Bavli, Betzah 16a).

Many of you have already been informed of the fact that Midrasha's Hebrew course will no longer be free. For the first time since we have run our High School program we must charge tuition. We at Midrasha understand that this decision will require a financial sacrifice from our student body and their parents.

We are entering the days of judgment. A time when our year is mapped out and decided for us. The ominous "Who shall live and who shall die", from the u'netaneh tokef, hangs over our head, especially as we think of recent world events.

In actuality, it's not just life and death that hangs in the balance. Everything we take for granted is determined at this point in time. The amount of money we will make, our health, and our comfort level are all decreed. As



Sari Meyerson, Jordan Bennett and Mia Hershkowitz at the community Lag Ba'Omer festivities

scary as this sounds we need to remind ourselves that we play a role in determining the kind of year which we will be handed.

G-d gives us the ability to spend the beginning of the year in introspection. We enter Rosh Hashanah having determined what our Jewish priorities will be. We contemplate where and for whom we will invest our time, energy, and money. Based upon our decisions, commitments, and concrete action plan, G-d determines what kind of year we will have.

A friend of mine who recently had his first baby was one day making small talk with his rabbi. My friend opened the conversation with something which concerns all new parents. He had just begun to realize the cost of raising a child. He surmised the best way to meet this challenge was to begin to build his portfolio.

He turned to the rabbi hoping for advice on mutual funds. "Rabbi, do you have any good tips on what I should invest in?" Without missing a beat the rabbi told him that his new child was the best place to make his investment.

Sending our sons/daughters to Midrasha is an amazing opportunity. Within the Hamilton community we have the option of sending our children to a program where they can socialize with Jewish peers, learn the Hebrew language, study Jewish history and philosophy, and develop Jewish values. Midrasha affords our high school students the opportunity to grow in their Judaism.

But the opportunity to do all these things for our children does come with a price tag. The above section of the Talmud teaches us that this investment will be

## Midrasha High School

UJA Federation is delighted to announce that the Midrasha, the community's after school accredited high school program will have an outstanding professional team at its helm. Principal Andrea Zians will be assisted by Clareta Schoenberg.



Midrasha principal, Andrea

Midrasha is an after school accredited high school program geared towards providing continuing Jewish education to Hamilton teens. Students who attend Midrasha High School receive Ontario Ministry high school credits. Midrasha offers courses in the following; Hebrew, Jewish philosophy, Jewish History / Jewish text, and contemporary issues. Many of our students use the extra Ministry credits towards their requirements for their high school diploma. This means that some of the extra courses taken with Midrasha can be used at the student's public school as a spare. Midrasha grades also appear on the student's academic transcripts and count in the grade point average. Some students will use Midrasha credits to fast track and graduate from high school earlier.

Aside from the academic benefits there are other important benefits as well. Midrasha offers our students the opportunity to meet with their Jewish friends in a Jewish setting. It enables our students to continue to develop and grow with their Judaism as they grow into adulthood. As we are a community school, we reflect our diversity into the courses and

Midrasha High School  
Courses 2002-2003

**Jewish History and Judaic Text**, (accredited, no prerequisites). Tuesdays, 5:30-8:30 PM at the Jewish Community Centre, tuition \$800.

**World Religions** (accredited, prerequisite - intermediate social science). Tuesdays, 5:30-8:30 PM at the Jewish Community Centre, tuition \$800.

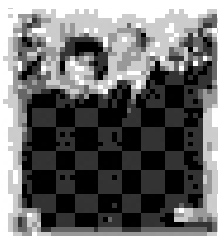
**Modern Hebrew; Level I (Introduction)**, (Adults welcome) Mondays, 5:30-8:30 PM at the Jewish Community Centre, (accredited; no prerequisites). Teacher will be Mrs. Ilana Barbut, tuition to be announced.

**Modern Hebrew; Levels II, III, IV.** Wednesdays, 5:30-8:30 PM at the Jewish Community Centre, (accredited, Hebrew level I required, or Hamilton Hebrew Academy graduates enter Level II). Teacher will be Mrs. Ilana Barbut, tuition to be announced.

**Topics 4 Teens (Modern Jewish Issues for Teenagers)** Select Sunday evenings, 7:00-8:00 PM for grades 9-10, and 8:00-9:00 PM for grades 11-OAC. Not for Credit, twelve sessions. Teacher Mrs. Andrea Zians, tuition \$300.

For more information or to register, call Andrea Zians at 905-308-7647.

Join us...



*The Adas Israel Congregation  
of Hamilton*

*is very proud to invite you to a*

*Gala Testimonial Dinner*

*to honour the  
leadership of*

*Rabbi Mordechai*

*&*

*Sylvia Green*

*during forty-five years  
of dedication to our community*

*Sunday, October 20, 2002 at 6:30 pm*

*15 Chesvan 5763*

*Adas Israel Synagogue  
125 Gline Avenue South  
Hamilton, Ontario*

*Black Tie Welcome*

*R.S.V.P.  
\$180/person*

## Local Events

## Jewish Studies at Mac gets a boost with new lecture series

BY  
ALAN MENDELSON

Many members of the Jewish community are aware that McMaster University grew out of educational work initiated by Baptists in central Canada as early as the 1830s. What some people may not fully appreciate is that since 1957 McMaster has been a non-denominational University. From its foundation in 1960, the Department of Religious Studies has been an essential part of the University, seeking to promote understanding through the universal experience of religion. The Department has experts in Eastern and Western religions and has prided itself on teaching Judaism on a par and in dialogue with the other great religions of the world.

In the past few years, Jewish Studies at McMaster has gained more and more prominence. In 1996, the Department of Religious Studies hosted the very popular exhibit from the Israel Antiquities

Authority, "Newly Discovered Family Tombs in the Kidron Valley", the only display of this exhibit in Canada. Several thousand people visited this exhibit which, the Department thought, was a very appropriate way to celebrate the 3000th anniversary of the founding of Jerusalem.

In 1997 an interdisciplinary minor in Jewish Studies was introduced at McMaster. It is open to undergraduate students in all faculties. It stresses the learning of Hebrew and draws on courses with Jewish themes from Religious Studies, Anthropology, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, and Social Work.

In 2000, the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University in conjunction with the Freeman Family Foundation designated McMaster as a recipient of a bursary fund for students. From that time, three McMaster students have had the opportunity of studying at Hebrew University. The

Department of Religious Studies administers this program and looks forward to sending many more students to Jerusalem in the future.

Just this year, the University made a new tenure-track appointment in Modern Jewish Studies. The new appointee is Dr. Dana Hollander who received her Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Hollander's area of expertise is the Jewish experience since Emancipation, with special emphasis on the German-speaking world and philosophers such as Buber, Rosenzweig, and Levinas.

Over the past years, a number of committed individuals have established an endowed fund to provide an annual lecture in Jewish Studies at McMaster. This fall, the Department of Religious Studies will present the first of these lectures. This year's guest speaker is Dr. Reuven Firestone, Professor of Medieval Jewish and Islamic Studies at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. Dr.

McMaster University's  
Department of Religious Studies  
presents the first in a series of public lectures in

## JEWISH STUDIES

Guest Speaker for 2002:

### DR. REUVEN FIRESTONE

Reuven Firestone received his rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College in 1982 and his Ph.D. in Arabic and Islamic Studies from New York University in 1988. He is the author of *Jihad: The Origin of Holy War in Islam* and *Children of Abraham: An Introduction to Judaism for Muslims*. At present he is a professor of Medieval Jewish and Islamic Studies at Hebrew Union College (Los Angeles).

Dr. Firestone will be speaking on **DIVINE AUTHORITY AND MASS VIOLENCE: HOLY WAR IN JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY, AND ISLAM**

**October 17, 2002 at 8:00 pm**  
**McMaster University Student Centre,**  
**3rd Floor**

Light refreshments will be served after the lecture (parking before 7:45 pm, \$3.50; after 7:45 pm, free)

This inaugural event has been generously supported by the Herb and CeCe Schreiber Family Foundation, McMaster University Faculty of Social Sciences, and For further information, please call (905) 525-9140, ext. 24567, or email us at [dickshe@mcmaster.ca](mailto:dickshe@mcmaster.ca)

The Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) ...consistently releases translations of published Arabic media and Arabic broadcasting. These translations provide shocking evidence of the continuing glorification of Martyrdom and overt anti-Semitism.

What you will hear will open your eyes to the depth of the problem of media bias and how it influences entire populations to hate Israel and the Western

State of Israel Bonds presents

# AN INSIDER'S VIEW OF TERRORISM

**SPECIAL BRIEFING**

## YIGAL CARMON

President, Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI)  
Special Advisor on Terrorism to Prime Ministers Shamir and Rabin

**Wednesday, September 11, 2002**  
**8:00 PM**

Adas Israel Synagogue, 125 Cline Avenue South

Dessert to follow  
Couvert: \$15 Students: No charge

with B'nai Brith Canada and Hadar-Morris Lax Centre.



[www.israelbonds.net](http://www.israelbonds.net)

**For tickets and info call 905-528-8639**  
Fax: 905-528-8630 [hamilton@israelbonds.net](mailto:hamilton@israelbonds.net)

# Great JCC Happenings!

JCC to co-sponsor

## Hamilton Jewish Film Festival

The 3rd Annual Hamilton Jewish Film Festival is in full swing. Films are being short listed, venues are solidified and sponsorships and ticket sales are beginning to gather steam.

A very early glimpse into the some of the many fabulous films that will be shown are as follows:

**TREMBLING BEFORE G-D;** This film is the HOTTEST film currently on the documentary film circuit in North America. It offers a glimpse into the lives of Orthodox gay and lesbian Jews living in New York and Israel.

**The Worst Football Team in the World:** A charming look at a British Day school soccer team that loses every game in their season but has a great time doing it.

**Brother Daniel:** Who is A Jew in the land of Israel. Converted Jew, Israeli Citizen, Holocaust hero/survivor, Brother Daniel tells a fascinating story that has had an impact on us all.

**Divided We Fall:** A powerful drama set in war torn Czechoslovakia

about collaboration, betrayal, heroism and the need to stay united.

The program is filling out and it looks like there will probably be 12 - 15 films.

Ticket prices have been VALUE priced and are available on an individual night basis with the reception sold separately or a FESTIVAL PASS, INCLUDING the RECEPTION is available for \$36.00.

By arrangement with the Art Gallery of Hamilton the organizers of the festival have the first opportunity to sell tickets before they are offered to the AGH's general membership.

We are confident that many films will be sold out through the efforts of the AGH and its many film devotees. Don't miss the opportunity to fully participate in this year's festival. Don't be disappointed by not speaking to the JCC to order your tickets.

The 3rd Annual Hamilton Jewish Film Festival is BIGGER, BOLDER and fully a part of the Hamilton Jewish Community. With sponsorship from the

Herb and CeCe Schreiber Family Foundation  
The Jewish Community Centre  
McMaster University Department of Religious Studies  
invite you to a

### Ben Meyer Memorial Lecture On Conversion: Adopting the Faith of (Some of) My Fathers

by

**Rhoda E. Hassmann**

Rhoda Hassmann is Professor of Sociology at McMaster University. Her area of academic research is international human rights, and she teaches courses in comparative genocide studies. In 1999, she changed her last name back from Howard, the name her father adopted in 1947, to Hassmann, the name of her father's Jewish family. She is now in the process of converting to Judaism

**Monday, October 7, 8:00pm at the JCC**

## Jews In The Lotus by Rabbi Michael Skobac

**Tuesday, October 15, 2002 7:30pm**

Each year, thousands of young Israelis and Western Jews travel to the Far East on a quest for enlightenment. In North America, it has been reported that one fourth of those practicing Buddhism come from a Jewish background. Why do so many Jewish people seek spiritual nourishment in foreign pastures? With his recent journey to run Passover Seders in India as a backdrop, Rabbi Michael Skobac (Jews for Judaism) explores why Eastern spiritual practices attract Jewish people, and how mindfulness and meditation are an essential part of the Jewish tradition.

JCC Members \$; Non-Members \$10

## Fall Programs

**Pre School "Drop Off"  
Free Play in the Bubble  
Become a Certified  
Babysitter  
Table Tennis  
Rhythmic Toning  
Full Body Work Out  
Basketball League  
Tennis**

**(JCC FALL/WINTER BROCHURE  
NOW AVAILABLE)**

## New This Year

### Ancient Traditions Solving Today's Challenges

An interactive 4 week program with Fajgie 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 - 9:00pm**

**October 8, October 22, October 29, November 5, 2002**

Fee: \$18 JCC Members \$36 Non JCC Members Pre-registration required

### Crash Course in Hebrew Reading

Read Hebrew Canada. Designed for people with little or no background in Hebrew, this course concentrates on teaching the Hebrew alphabet and reading skills. In only 6 weeks participants learn to read Hebrew and it is the ideal way to learn how to follow Synagogue services, to be more involved in your children's Jewish education, or simply to enhance your own ties to Judaism.

**Tuesdays, October 8 - November 12, 7:30 - 9:00pm**

Fee: JCC Members No Charge JCC Non Members \$25  
Watch for details for Level 2

**JCC TENNIS PROFESSIONAL FRANCES CRITCHLY HAS TAUGHT TENNIS FOR 26 YEARS AND IS A LEVEL III COACH. FRANCES' CURRENT NATIONAL RANKING IS NO. 2 IN CANADA. SHE CURRENTLY IS THE SINGLES AND DOUBLES SENIOR PROVINCIAL CHAMPION.**

## JCC TRIBUTE CARDS

Mazel Tov

ESTHER ALEXANDER - Rochelle Waxman. HAROLD & JOANNE POMERANTZ - Rochelle Waxman. SANDRA FRIMERMANN - Jerry & Lynda Bromstein. DEBRA FRIMERMANN - Jerry & Lynda Bromstein. RABBI EISENSTEIN - JCC Board of Directors and Staff. LEO & ISABELLE STRUB - Harry & Barbara Laskin. JOEL & NICOLE FELDMAN - Harry & Barbara Laskin. SANDRA FELDMAN - David & Norma Wright. MICKEY & ROSLYN SOLE - David & Norma Wright. ROBERT & MARILYN WASSERMAN - David & Norma Wright. BARB BODNER - JCC Board of Directors and Staff. MICHAEL & SAMANTHA BERLIN BROMSTEIN - JCC Board of Directors and Staff. CELIA BERLIN - JCC Board of Directors and Staff. RAEFIE EPSTEIN - Howie, Shelly Brown & Family.

Thank You

OFFICER GERRY SHULIST - JCC Board of Directors and Staff. MARNIE & LARRY PAIKIN - FOR A GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION TO THE BARRY FOSTER MEMORIAL KIDS SPORTS & CAMPSHIP AT THE JCC FUND.

Speedy Recovery

SARA ROCHWERG - Harry & Barbara Laskin. NADIA ROSA - JCC Board of Directors and Staff. BEA MATCHEN - JCC Board of Directors and Staff. ERYN GAINS - JCC Board of Directors

**HAMILTON  
JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL  
2002  
BIGGER, BOLDER  
&  
STRONGER THAN EVER**

4 DAYS OF PROGRAMMING  
OVER 12 FABULOUS FILMS  
GALA RECEPTION  
DISCUSSION GROUPS/LECTURES

Wed. November 13, 7:30 pm, Adas Israel  
Thur. November 14, 7:00 pm, Adas Israel  
Gala Reception following Thursday screenings  
Sun. November 17, Temple Anshe Shalom  
various times throughout day,  
Mon. November 18, 7:00 pm Westdale Theatre,  
discussion group following

**Tickets are \$8.00 per day (includes all films shown on that day)  
Gala Reception \$10.00  
VALUE PRICED FESTIVAL PASS,  
INCLUDES ALL FILMS & RECEPTION: \$36.00**

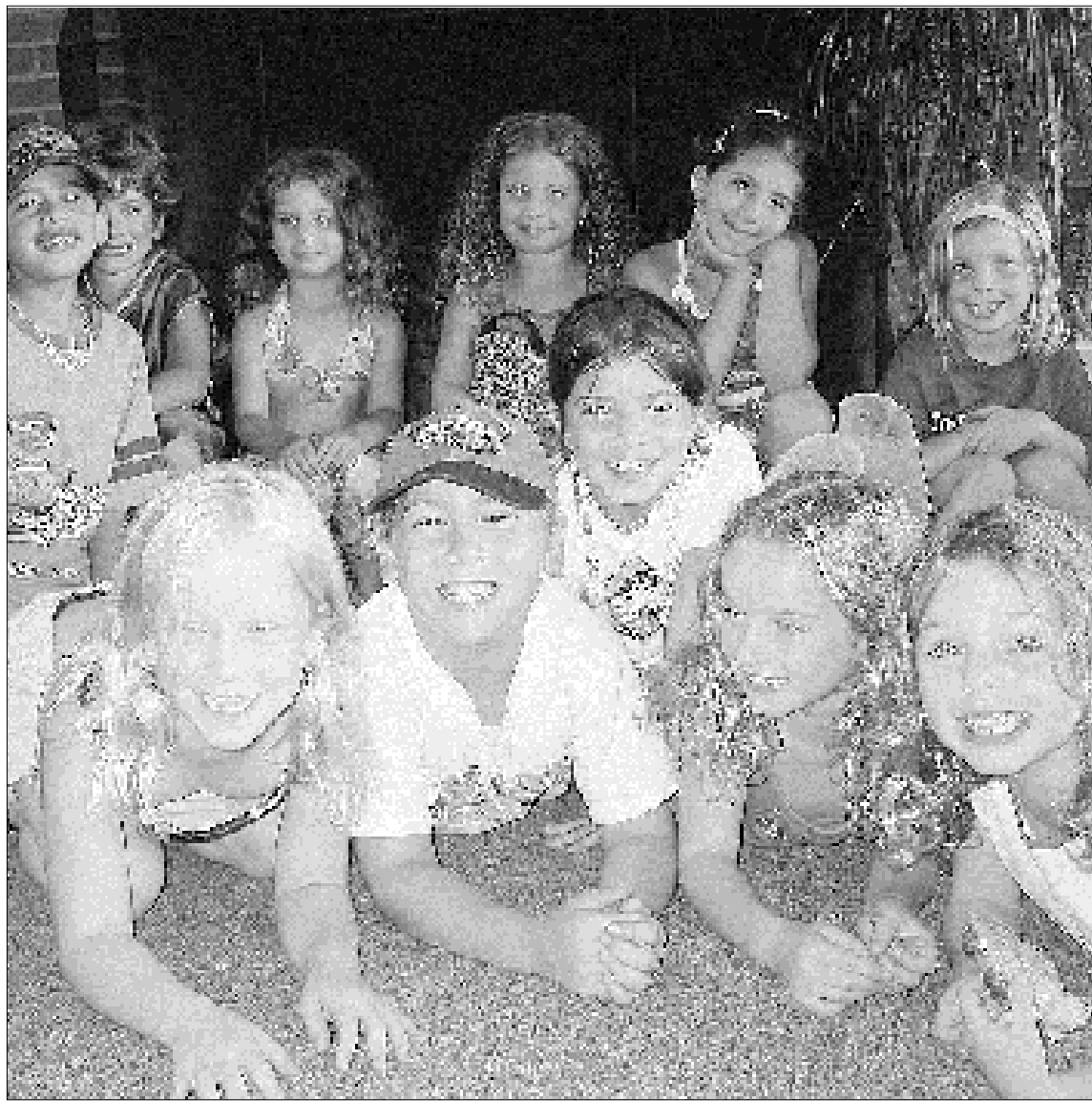
Tickets are limited. By arrangement with our co-sponsors The Art Gallery of Hamilton, Festival organizers will have the first opportunity to sell tickets before they are made available to the AGH's general membership. Contact the JCC for Tickets.

SPONSORED BY THE JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE OF HAMILTON,  
Co-Sponsored by THE ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON and TEMPLE ANSHE SHALOM

# CAMP KADIMAH & CAMP GADNA AT THE JCC



Camp Kadimah and Camp Gadna flourished this past summer under the directorship of Matt Szpirglas, a drama major at Guelph University and a source of fun and leadership for kids, 3 years to high school leaders-in-training. Matt and the counsellors shared a terrific season and gave all of our youth a time to remember.



## Attention Holocaust Survivors and 2nd Generation of the Hamilton & Area Community

As part of the Yom HaShoah Memorial Service we are requesting photo,s of families (those who perished in the Shoah) to be displayed during the name reading service. These photo,s should be made into slides, only 2 per family, and handed in to the Jewish Community Centre, 1030 Lower Lions Club Road, Ancaster, Attention Michele, by no later than February 27, 2003 These slides are non returnable and will be used each year for the Memorial Service. If you have any names that you would like to add to the recitation of names, please also submit those by February 27, 2003

## BINGO THANK YOU'S

Jonathan Fleisch,  
Virginia Mendes da Costa  
Robert Murdoch, Eric and  
Jodie Waxman  
Mark Gould

Instructor needed for  
Babysitting course.  
Please send resume or  
call for interview.

Michele Schneider at  
905 648-0605 Ext. 310

## JCC-Beth Tikvah Golf Tournament Partners for 7 years



## JCC/Beth Tikvah Foundation 7th Annual Golf Tournament

was a great success thanks to:

### Sponsors

Annual B'nai Brith Sports Dinner, Ark-Tech Electrical, Awards Window Inc., Ben-Met Steel & Metal Marvin Rosenshein, Beth Tikvah Foundation Board of Directors, Beth Tikvah Participants and Staff, Burlington Paving Co. Ltd., Canadian Tire Centre Mall, Castellano Real Estate Inc, Corkery Trucking Inc., Data Results Ltd., Davies Howe Partners, Eastgate Ford, Effort Trust, Firan Corporation, The Farley Group Creative Space Solutions, The Fowler-Pearce Partnership, Mark Gould, Harvey Katz Law Office, Snajdman Family, JCC Board of Directors, Kenwal Canada Inc./S.M.G. Trading, Mason Chiropractic & Rehabilitation, J.A. McEdwards Insurance Brokers Ltd., David Miller CPGA Head Professional, William Morris Law Offices, Namasco Inc., National Computer Professionals, Nova Steel Ltd, Parkdale International, Pepsi, Queenston Chevrolet Oldsmobile, Smye Mackesy Barristers & Solicitors, Stanley M. Tick & Associates, Titan Sales, Turkstra Lumber, Venture Steel Inc, Vine and Partners LLP, Vine and Williams Inc., Vineland Estates

### Prize Donors

Annual B'nai Brith Sports Dinner, Robert P. Beres CFP, Chans, Cuppy Katz & H. William Jewellery, Glen Watts, David Miller, Beverly Golf Pro, Drive-Star Shuttle Systems, Mel Enkin, Ferrell Building Supplies, FM Page & Sons, Glow Metal Trading Inc, Home Trust Company, Insurance Financial Services, Jeff Scott, Sheldon & Wendy Frank, Mortgage Intelligence, Peepers Int., Pentalist Systems, Pepsi, Rod Goodes Golf Shop, Royal Bank, Sherman Mens Wear, So-Low Sales, Stanley Tools, Strub Brothers Limited, David Sugar, The Hughes Family, Tim Hortons - 50 Dundurn, The Score, Triple M Metal, Westbrook of Ancaster, Posner Metals, Diversified Polymers, Frank's Glass, Ron Berenbaum, Thomas Gillan Chartered Accountants, Bob Siegel

### JCC/Beth Tikvah 7th Annual Golf Tournament Committee

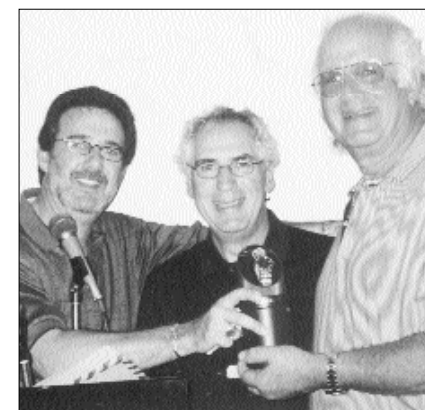
Sheldon Frank, Larry Szpirglas & Stan Tick Stephen Foster, Ira Greenspoon, Wendy Frank, Martin Levy, Fern Szpirglas, David Walman

### Volunteers

Sondrea Dressler, Pearl Enkin, Joel Feldman, Michele Finkelstein, Marilyn Foreman, Betty Foster, Bert Frankel, Sol Frankel, JCC President - Aubrey Friedman, Rosalie Gaffe, Marlene Gains, Doreen Goldblatt, Dottie Mason, Hynda Halpren, Paul Hanover, Allen Harris, Maureen Harris, Esther Levy, Brenda Richter, Sandy Silver, Elizabeth Tick

### A Special Thanks to:

Larry Goldblatt for creative design & signs



This past June, saw the 7th Annual Golf Tournament produced by volunteers of The Jewish Community Centre and Beth Tikvah Foundation. Our JCC has been established in Hamilton for over 100 years providing educational and recreational programs. The Beth Tikvah Foundation is a charitable Trust funding this city's group home specializing in caring for aging adults with developmental disabilities. The co-ordinators for the past 7 years who have been motivating both peers and sponsors are Stan Tick, Larry Szpirglas and Sheldon Frank. Their constant devotion to these valuable institutions and our Community as a whole are inspirations to their committee (and the writer, JCC administrator Joy Foster). Beth Tikvah staff golf in the tournament (at their own expense, of course) and JCC Michele Schneider, with Joy, heads up the registration table through to the Silent Auction at the close of evening. Highlights of the day are Beth Tikvah residents handing out water to 120 golfers and enjoying the camaraderie; and Sandy Silver enthusiastically selling mulligan tickets at the BBQ lunch. The event this year grew again and netted results of \$10,000 for each organization.

Advertisement

**"Just have a little something but let it be amazing...."**

**Room for Dessert**

Ogilvie Street in the heart of Dundas (Next to the Library)  
 Summer Hours: Monday to Saturday: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm;  
 Sundays 12:00 to 9:00pm

Room for Dessert, Dundas's newest culinary sensation, has only been open a few months, but word has traveled fast that the desserts and ice cream offered up at this quaint and welcoming store are among the finest this area has seen for a long time. Room for Dessert is owned by Alanna and Farley Minuk, who originally hail from Montreal and Winnipeg. When Farley's company transferred him to Oakville two years ago, the couple fell in love with Dundas, and moved here with their three children.

Alanna is the creative genius behind the delectable offerings at Room for Dessert. Although her management skills were honed at George Brown College where she majored in culinary management, her exceptional baking skills are a natural gift. Her passion is evident by the choice of only the finest and freshest ingredients and the attention to detail in a spectacular array of tempting offerings in her display window, including fresh fruit tarts, chocolate raspberry tarts, fresh baked pies, muffins, cookies and cakes. The store also offers up a fresh daily supply of home made ice cream, Gryfes bagels, specialty bread and fresh coffee.

It is not only quality desserts that are offered up at Room for Dessert. Exceptional customer service is equally evident. Fresh samples of cakes and cookies are always on the counter and the courteous staff encourage customers to sample the home made ice-cream. Alanna herself takes time to greet customers and to personally customize each order that comes in.

Room for Dessert will also cater your special event and no order is too small. "If you want six croissants, we'll make six croissants. If you want 12 bagels set aside, we'll put them aside for you.", says Alanna. The new Fall line-up will also include edible food and cookie arrangements, frozen yogurt, eggless and sugar-free products and cappuccino to cater to their



Room for Dessert owner Alanna Minuk

growing morning crowd.

Calorie Counters can find some consolation in Room for Dessert's large offering of small, six-inch cakes. " My philosophy about the little cakes is that you can go home, have this little cake for dessert and not be saddled down with a huge cake that you're picking at for the rest of the week", said Alanna. And besides, she added, "if you're going to have something, you just have a little something – but let it be amazing"

Room for Dessert is happy to accept your Rosh Hashana gift basket and dessert order.


**room for dessert**  
 - baked originals - specialty ice cream - catering -  
 alanna minuk  
 8 ogilvie street, dundas, ont. L9N 2S2  
 tel: 905-627-7875 / fax: 905-627-3029  
 email: minuk@roomfordessert.ca

**Chez Bonbon**  
 Ann Decor Inc.  
 Featuring Six Galleries under one roof.  
 Representing many well-known Canadian and International artists. Also unique furniture, lamps, mirrors, jewellery, tapestries, glass, pottery and more.  
 - Complimentary gift wrapping.  
 1008 King Street West, Hamilton  
 905-525-7290

**Bob Hemberger**  
**FINE CATERING**  
 Corporate & Special Events  
**KOSHER CATERING**  
 BAR & BAT MITZVAHS  
 WEDDINGS  
 ANNIVERSARIES  
 Innsville: 643-1244  
 Residence: 383-0294  


CELEBRATING 70 WON'DILL'FUL YEARS

MY CLOUDY BRINE MEANS FRESH DELI TASTE



WE'RE KOSHER COR 87

**STRUB'S**


**FRESH DELI PICKLED PRODUCTS**  
 COLD BARREL CURED AND PACKED

1929 **STRUB'S** 1999

**STRUB BROTHERS LTD.**  
 100 ROY BOULEVARD, BRANTFORD, ONTARIO N3R 7K2  
 1-800-38-STRUB

**Day School**

- Specializing in Children with Learning Issues
- Primary / Junior Grades Available
- Basic Skill Development
- Direct Instruction
- Educational Consultations
- 10 Students Per Class

VISIT OUR FACILITIES BEFORE YOU CHOOSE AN OPTION

**521-1333**  
 111/11 Main Street West

## Special Mentschen

## Driving with Dennis Ross

BY  
LORNE FINKELSTEIN

On a hot Sunday afternoon a tall, casually dressed man emerged from the arrival hall at Toronto airport, arriving from Washington. This was the man to whom President Clinton gave the honorary title of "Ambassador" in tribute for his work as Clinton's special Middle East envoy. Ambassador Dennis Ross was coming to Hamilton as the special guest speaker at the Negev Dinner that evening. Both Alex Kepecs (co-chair of the 2002 Negev dinner, along with his wife, Gayle) and I greeted him, and from the moment we began the ride home, we were mesmerized by his personal insights about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Ambassador Ross began by talking about the aftermath of the failed Camp David peace talks in July, 2000. He believed that the Palestinian negotiators sincerely tried to offer counter proposals to the Israeli plans. However, true to his character, Arafat would never commit to any plan. While he never rejected any concept, he always found areas of concerns despite being told these were Israel's final positions. Arafat, at a subsequent White House meeting with Clinton and Ross, tried to alter the definition of the boundaries and significance of the Western Wall. He tried to convince Clinton that there never was a



Lorne and Michele Finkelstein with Dennis Ross

Jewish temple on that site. When Clinton asked Ross about Arafat's comments Ambassador Ross became apoplectic at Arafat's attempt to negate Jewish history. Clinton then sternly told Arafat that time was running out for his agreeing to a settlement. Clinton's term was close to expiration, and Barak's elections were pending. Clinton warned Arafat that if he rejected these offers, he should not expect to restart future negotiations at the same point after the U.S. and Israeli elections. Arafat ignored this plea.

Mr. Ross expressed his profound disappointment at the Palestinian actions since Camp David. He doesn't believe Arafat will ever lead his people to peace with Israel, and that new leadership must be found. He pointed out that Arafat's personal history has always been that of violence, both in Jordan and then in Beirut.

He feels it's the Palestinian people who must decide

their own future. However, the Americans must consistently warn the Palestinians that failure to stop the violence and move forward with appropriate leadership and meaningful discussions will lead to removal of any American political and financial assistance. Peace will only be attained, according to Ross, when Palestinians realize that their current actions are self-defeating.

Ross said that while he was visiting Jerusalem a few months ago he refused Arafat's requests to meet or talk with him. Months before President Bush declared Arafat's irrelevance, Ross had concluded that Arafat will never lead his people to peace with Israel. While he believes that the principles of Camp David will ultimately become the framework for a settlement, he feels that day will have to wait for a new generation probably.

Over 600 people attended Hamilton's third largest Negev dinner, which

## Former community professional publishes book on Jewish films

BY  
WENDY SCHNEIDER

Bill Stern is a name anyone over a certain age in this community will immediately recognize. Director of Council of Jewish Organizations (CJO) for eleven years during the 1950s and 1960s, Bill's warm and caring personality and his devotion to the community made him a much-loved and respected figure. The position involved running the JCC, overseeing fundraising, the annual campaign, Jewish Social Services and interfaith activities. But Bill made the job look easy and always had time for everyone.

"I loved every second", he said about his years here. "There's something about Hamilton - the closeness in times of joy and sadness, how people come together, and I miss Hamilton something awful." Bill lives in Toronto now, but he still travels regularly to Hamilton to



Bill Stern

visit his son, Hershel.

At 80+ years of age, Bill shows no signs of slowing down. He has spent the last few years writing a book about a lifelong passion: Jewish film. You Don't Have To Be Jewish, A Commentary on Selective Jewish Content Films, will be launched this coming November at Toronto's Jewish Book Fair. It would be hard to imagine someone better positioned to write such a book for Bill, who himself owns an extensive collection of Jewish films that numbers in the

hundreds, has spent a lifetime studying the subject.

"There is something about Yiddish and Jewish content films that is invariably haunting, informative, traumatic, humorous, romantic and satirical", Bill writes in the book's introduction. What follows is the author's recounting of his infatuation with Yiddish theatre while growing up in Toronto in the late 1920s. His father would take him to see live Yiddish theatre every Friday night, featuring a who's who of Yiddish legends.

Bill hopes that his book will be an important resource for Jewish cultural understanding and expand readers' familiarity with Jewish values. In addition to reviewing a wide range of films broken down into Canadian Jewish content, Yiddish films, Israeli films, Jewish content films and films based on Holocaust experience, the book also

## Lives Remembered

## DR. JOSEPH JACOBS

Born September 1917; Died May 28, 2001

Shavuos 2001 was a sad time in our household. Our festive holiday was marred by the passing of a good friend, mentor, educator, and our family pediatrician, Dr. Joe Jacobs. Dr. Jacobs was in his 80s when he suddenly passed away. He was a very special doctor who had made a very big impact upon our lives.

Our family used to joke that Dr. Jacobs not only had patients but that he also had chassidim (followers). I admit that I was a chasid of Dr. Jacobs. I constantly sought his advice on all aspects of parenting. We considered him a partner in raising our children. His advice was always sound, and practical. Sometimes it was even downright funny. Even now, after his passing, my husband and I still ask ourselves, "What would Dr. Jacobs have told us to do?" His philosophies, tidbits, and medical advice still guide us today.

We truly felt that Dr. Jacobs loved our children. He used to shep nachas from their accomplishments. He loved seeing them in shule, and listening to their stories. He got to know each of my children as unique people and his style of interaction changed depending upon their needs.

He was always accessible to us. He took phone calls at all times, and always made house calls. One time I called him over very late at night with a concern about my son. After he arrived and assessed the situation he assured us that everything was okay. I felt embarrassed for having bothered him so late in the evening. When I apologized for disturbing him for something which turned out not to be an emergency, he laughed and told me not to be silly, because who wanted an emergency?

Many times I would rush a child over to his house on shabbos. He never sent us away or made us feel badly. If anything he and his wife, Margaret, used to insist that it was of utmost

importance to take care of his patients whenever they needed him.

One shabbos morning, one of my friends awoke to find her whole house sick with what she suspected to be strep. She stood outside on her front porch and waited for Dr. Jacobs to walk by on his way to shule. He came in, swabbed everyone's throats (he always had them in his pocket), and had the results for her by the end of shabbos. All of her children were on anti-biotics by Sunday morning. We used to kid around that Dr. Jacobs saw more patients on Westwood during shabbos than any other day of the week.

I used to think that Dr. Jacobs gave us the extra time and attention because we had known him for so many years. I thought he gave us special consideration because we prayed in the same synagogue, lived in the same neighborhood, and had the same friends. I soon discovered from talking to his patients in the waiting room that Dr. Jacobs was accessible, made house calls, and gave himself whole heartedly to all of his all his patients. In fact, he was known for being accessible to anyone and everyone who needed him. If he was needed he was there, irregardless of the weather, his vacation time, or his own health. Nothing prevented him from attending



Dr. Joseph Jacobs

## MOTOPHOTO Image Centre

Reinhard Purfurst

UNIVERSITY PLAZA  
119 Osler Drive, Unit #7  
Dundas, Ontario L9H  
6X4

REKLA PHOTO LIMITED  
Tel: (519) 821-3936  
Cell: (519) 831-2858  
Fax: (519) 821-8349  
rpurfurst@netscape.net

## Israel Experience

## Yes, This is A Good Time to Visit Israel

BY  
Yael Greenberg-Livingston.

It has been eleven years since Alan and I visited Israel. This year we both felt a strong yearning to visit our Israeli relatives and to reconnect with the land. We also felt strongly about taking our daughters Mira, age 11 and Tamar, age 9, with us on our trip. However, when we told friends and family that we were planning a family vacation in Israel, their reaction was less than positive. "Why", they wondered, "would we want to expose ourselves and our precious children to a potentially life-threatening situation? Have we not been watching the news reports covering the nonstop violence and bloodshed taking place 'over there' this year? Haven't we heard that Israelis don't go out anymore? Are we not concerned that our children will be traumatized and turned-off by the presence of armed security guards and soldiers everywhere?" And finally, "If you insist on going, you will be so restricted in terms of where you go and how you get there, you'll have a terrible time. So stay home"

Well, I am happy to report that we just returned from a very fascinating and adventurous three weeks in Israel, where we travelled extensively along the Mediterranean coast, in the Galil, in the Negev Desert and the Dead Sea.

While it is true that one has to be more selective when planning a trip to Israel these days, based on



Mira and Tamar Livingston play with one of the many Lions of Judah placed all over Jerusalem

our experiences, we can say that, even given the current situation, now is a great time to visit.

Our first few days were spent relaxing and getting oriented at my cousins' ultra-modern home in a ritzy suburb of Caesarea, a ten-minute drive from the ancient Roman ruins and Crusader fortress. Feeling a bit nervous, we were grateful to have our Israeli relative accompany us to this remarkable archaeological site.

After being dragged off to museums and historical sites, the girls wanted to go shopping. This was not as worrisome as people here believe. Of course, most stores in or near major cities have a guard at the door who checks your bags, and some of them also have metal detectors. The girls accepted the fact that this is the Israeli way of life now, and seemed to enjoy themselves. By the second week, we were all feeling a lot more relaxed as we drove up to Tsfat in our rented car. (A great way to travel – just ask the Israelis which routes to take.) We stayed at a bed and breakfast overlooking the city and

the lush greenery of the hills of the Galil. We took late-night walks through the winding narrow streets of Tsfat and felt entirely safe.

The next leg of our journey was to the Beersheva area in the Negev Desert. The desert is quiet and hauntingly beautiful and the climate is more pleasant than you'd expect. Our highlight there was our visit to the Ramon Crater, and Sde Boker–Ben Gurion's Kibbutz. Israelis are seeking the peacefulness of the desert more and more now.

We also greatly enjoyed visiting friends and family in the south, including Kibbutz Beit Qama, where I was born. Our children were especially happy visiting cousins their age in Be'ersheva, on Alan's side. Jerusalem was the culmination of our trip, and the most exciting for the children. They kept asking when we would be seeing the Kotel. The security at our holiest site was thorough yet almost invisible.

We were most amazed and enthralled by the progress on the archeology,

## Volunteering in Israel

Last April, the Zaltz family were part of a Hamilton Jewish contingent that traveled to Ottawa for a huge solidarity rally in support of Israel. During the bus ride back from Ottawa, Mila was reading a flyer distributed by UJA Federation that mentioned Sar-El, an international organization actively involved in recruiting people from all over the world to volunteer in Israel.

Unsure of how she could be useful without a working knowledge of Hebrew, Mila volunteered to work on a military base. On May 22 she landed in Israel and was escorted to the tziyud, a large equipment base 30 minutes from Tel Aviv. After being fitted for an Israeli army uniform, Mila was assigned to laundry duty, where she sorted and folded clothes. The work was repetitive and somewhat tedious but this was more than offset by the dynamic group Mila was a part of. The group consisted of a total of about 50 people, mostly from Australia. There were also people from the United States, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and Brazil. The work involved folding laundry, cleaning grease off machinery, painting buildings, etc. Other groups from Eastern Europe, Russia and France worked in different areas



Mila Zaltz with friend

of the base.

The volunteers were not allowed to stay on the base during the weekend. Mila took the opportunity by spending weekends with close friends in Ashkelon and Rishon LeZion. These were the days of suicide bombings and there were two such incidents during Mila's stay. After the Rishon LeZion incident Mila visited the site and was surprised to see life going on as if nothing had happened. The old people were still sitting around in the park playing chess, domino and cards, the young were getting married and going about their business. The only indication of the tragedy was the presence of numerous flowers left on the ground at the site of the blast. She did, however, find that the nightlife that she remembered from past trips virtually non-existent, the boutiques and restaurants empty.

In speaking with

## WANTED TO BUY

A used piano for the JCC Chai choir. must be in excellent condition, please contact **Hilda Rosen 905-529-4824** or **Goldie Robbins 905-529-1787**

 **ScotiaMcLeod**

THE  
**FOWLER - PEARCE**  
PARTNERSHIP

PRIVATE CLIENT INVESTMENT COUNSEL  
COMPLETE INVESTMENT PLANNING & RETIREMENT SERVICES

Proud Sponsor of [www.jewishhamilton.org](http://www.jewishhamilton.org)

Dwight A. Fowler  
Director

Scott Thomson

Jenny Pearce

Shane Fowler

Tel: (905) 570-7965

Toll Free: 1-800-461-5842

Fax: (905) 570-7989

**ROYAL**  
Manufacturing Quality Sleep Products since 1967  
**MATTRESS MFG. CO.**

**Factory Direct Savings on:**  
Mattresses - Futons - Adjustable Beds - Bunk Beds - Iron Beds - & more



BURLINGTON 5041 Fairview St. 905-639-7881	HAMILTON 640 Queenston Rd. 905-560-0075	HAMILTON 1065 Upper James 905-388-4534
---	---	--

Locations also in London, Cambridge and London

## Arts

## Jewish Literary Festival A Huge Success

"The Celebration of Jewish Writers and Writing, held at Temple Anshe Sholom in May, exceeded all our expectations," say festival organizers, Ellen Jaffe and Lil Blume. "Our community is now more familiar with excellent Canadian Jewish writers, many of them from Hamilton and nearby."

Friday evening, May 24, began with a creative service featuring Malca Litovitz, Jane Enkin, Judah Denburg, and Claire Ridker reading poems interwoven into the service by Rabbi Z. Zeplovitz. Rabbi Z. emphasized the importance of the writer as a teacher to the community. At least 60 people gathered after the service to hear readings by the above writers as well as Ron Ruskin, Ellen Jaffe, JJ Steinfeld, and Karen Shenfeld. They delighted the audience with stories and poetry about parents, grandparents, and growing up Jewish in the Twentieth Century.

Saturday's events began with a panel discussion on "Identity and the Jewish Writer" featuring Len Blum, JJ Steinfeld, Nora Gold, and Ken Sherman, moderated by Allan Gould. At least 100 people enjoyed

the discussion. Len commented on how reading and rereading the Torah affected his screenwriting. The audience was moved by JJ's opening statement, "Hitler was my first teacher. Auschwitz was my first classroom." We hope that an excerpt of this powerful discussion will be published in the next issue of Parchment: A Journal of Contemporary Canadian Jewish Writing.

"One way our expectations were exceeded," comments Lil, "was the excellent and enthusiastic attendance at our workshop sessions. We had hoped to have at least 5-8 people at our discussion and creative writing sessions; however, many of the sessions had 15 and some had over 20. Jewish and non-Jewish participants came from as far away as Toronto, London, and Welland."

The festival featured three sessions of workshops with five concurrent workshops in each. People found it hard to choose among the range of subjects which included Emergency Storytelling, Poetry and Psychiatry, On Being a Leonard Cohen Fan, The Effect of the Holocaust on



Jewish Literary Festival co-convenor, Lil Blume

Photo by David Lord

Creativity, and many others.

Saturday evening featured 12 poets, fiction writers, and storytellers hosted by Jamaican-Canadian poet, Klyde Broox. Humourist Allan Gould and musicians Michael and Tzporah Moon entertained between sets of readings. Rabbi Zeplovitz conducted a moving Havdallah ceremony as part of the

## Medical series filmed at Mac based on community values learned in Hamilton

BY  
JONTHAN FELDMAN

Hamilton-born film maker Ira Levy is breaking new ground in reality-based television with Med Students, a thirteen part half hour dramatic documentary series that takes place at McMaster University Medical School that provides a behind-the-scenes look at the real life challenges faced by medical students and residents on their journey to becoming doctors. Each episode follows three students as they find themselves in new situations in the hospital and are challenged to learn and grow.

Levy says that those who have seen the show have found it "intriguing." Its good ratings, he said, are because "it is



Ira Levy

fascinating, emotional, and compassionate and examines the lives of people who have the courage, determination, and skill to pursue such a demanding and stressful profession as medicine." While both Levy's father and brother are medical practitioners, he has chosen storytelling as his medium for learning about medicine.

Levy's deep interest in film and television had its origins when he was involved in production at Westdale High School, where he shot his first Super-8 mm film. He studied film at York University, the University of Toronto and at the London International Film School.

From the beginning his interest has been in good storytelling. He says that it is also essential to have "a sense of community in your projects" and credits the experience of growing up in Hamilton for giving him an appreciation for community and compassion for humanity.

Levy claims that having

## WESTDALE



ILONA FELDMAN  
DESIGN CONSULTANT

4 FORSYTH AVENUE NORTH  
HAMILTON ONTARIO L8S 4E1  
TEL (905) 525-5660  
FAX (905) 525-0936  
imfdes@interlynx.net

"Defining design for changing times"

JUDY MARSALLS

REAL ESTATE LTD.



Sarit Zalter  
Sales Representative

*Wishing my clients  
and all of the community a*

**Shana  
IOVA**



986 King Street West,  
Hamilton, Ontario L8S 1L1

Bus: 522-3300  
Fax: 522-8985

Group Home & Auto  
Insurance

*Wishing You*

*A Happy & A Healthy New Year*

Call for A Comparison  
Quote: 1-800-734-6362



**B'NAI  
BRITH  
CANADA**

Administered by Phil Leon Insurance  
Insured By Allianz Insurance Company of

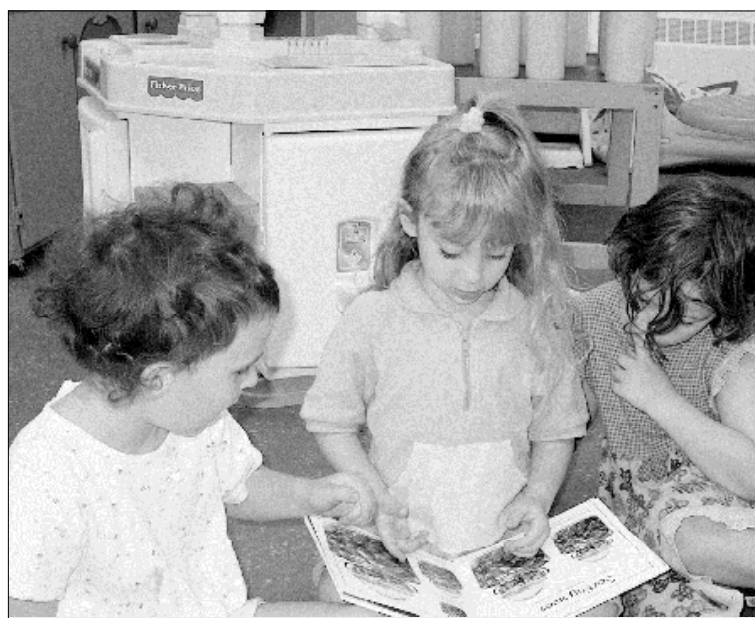
## Organizations

## A Beautiful Day Just Got Better

BY  
LESTER KRAMES

This summer there are exciting changes taking place at the Hamilton Hebrew Academy. The most obvious and easiest change to recognize is the result of a major renovation project that began as soon as classes ended last spring. After classes ended this fall, floors were ripped up bathrooms retiled and walls stripped. When the children return this fall they will be welcomed to a new and fresh learning environment. Colors and design were carefully chosen in consultation with designers and architects specializing in educational settings to foster within each child a love of learning and excitement for life.

Other changes involve major updating of curriculum and the introduction of new programmes. The grade seven classroom has been designed to provide the integration of computer-assisted learning in the classroom. The computers in the grade seven-class room will not replace the teacher but will provide an invaluable resource to supplement material learned in the traditional classroom setting. Students will have classroom access to a bank



Preschool children at play at the HHA

of computers to allow them to examine in detail topics presented in class. Students will be given the opportunity to engage in self-directed learning.

The newest curriculum change will take place in the pre-school. The academy is offering a traditional morning pre-school and an integrated afternoon Montessori programme. The morning programme will follow the traditional Hebrew and religious programme, while the afternoon will incorporate integrated math, science, language, motor development, art, music and movement. A strong emphasis is placed on providing each child with an appreciation for Jewish life, Jewish

holidays, and the Hebrew language. In addition, our children experience instruction in drama as well as lessons in French.

The Montessori environment provides rich spoken language, through conversations, stories and poetry. To further reading development students will be given opportunities to explore the function of words and the structure of sentences.

Practical life exercises instill care for self, for others, and for the environment. Activities include many of the tasks children see as part of the daily routine. Through these and other activities, children develop muscular coordination, enabling movement and the exploration of their surroundings.

Geography, biology, botany, zoology, art and music are presented as extensions of the sensorial and language activities. In addition, children learn about other cultures. This allows their innate respect and admiration to flourish and engenders a sense of solidarity with the global human family. Experiences with nature in conjunction with the materials in the environment inspire a reverence for all life.

Our comprehensive art and music programmes give children every opportunity to enjoy a

## This Rosh Hashana...

support  
Israel by  
sending a  
Na'amat  
Israeli  
food  
basket!

Susan Roth and Wendy Schneider,  
co-presidents, Nitsan Chapter, Na'amat

Over the summer, several women from Nitsan Chapter of Na'amat have been busy creating very beautiful baskets full of unique and delicious Israeli products. The baskets feature gourmet, Kosher goods such as Barbet jam, Elite Chocolate, Canaan olive oil, and many more scrumptious goodies. All the proceeds from the project will be going to support Na'amat's social services in Israel, that have been overtaxed given the very grave economic and emotional situation there right now. At the cost of only \$40, these baskets are a tremendous buy and will make lovely hostess gifts for Rosh Hashana or Sukkot. To order your basket, call Michele Ronen at 905-628-1680 (ronenmichele@hotmail.com) or Louise Algranti at 905-628-4079 (algra@sympatico.ca) We will accept cheque, cash or Visa and will deliver locally. Reserve your basket now - Quantities are limited.

Nitsan Chapter of Na'amat would like to extend its most sincere thanks to the following businesses that generously supported our Israeli Food Basket Project: Kofman and

## Have you been to

## in the past year?

- What did you experience?
- What is the real Israel? Is it the Israel we see on the nightly news – terrorized, paralyzed and inert? Or is it an Israel we don't hear about?
- We invite you to share your experience. We are looking for people who made the trip to Israel within the past year. Your experience could be part of a special Israel Bonds Women's Division event, which will take place on October 27, 2002.
- Your earliest response will help us create a unique and meaningful program for our event.
- Please write a brief overview of the reason for your visit to Israel, how you felt when you were there, any amazing experiences you had and any advice you would give to others who may be skeptical of traveling to Israel. Please indicate if you have photos or video footage that you could share.
- We look forward to hearing from you!
- Please direct your responses to Nancy Somer at Israel Bonds. Fax: 905-528-8630  
Email: hamilton@israelbonds.net



Freedom 55 Financial

Helping you Achieve Your Financial Goals.

Freedom 55 Financial offers the following products from a range of financial companies:

- Individual life insurance
- Individual disability insurance
- Individual health and dental insurance
  - Business insurance
  - Segregated funds, RRSPs
  - Group insurance
- Mortgages

Alex Ovrutsky - Financial Security Advisor

• VIDEOS • PLAYMOBIL • STEIFF • LAMAZE • LOOT BAGS • GUND • TY •

**WOW!**  
**Thomas & Friends**  
Check out our great selection & prices!

**TREASURE ISLAND TOYS**

SAN RIO • PUZZLES • THOMAS • GAMES

GROOVY GIRLS • AND SO MUCH MORE

UNIVERSITY PLAZA • DUNDAS • 627-8909

• BOOKS • PUZZLES • NOVELTIES • ARTS&CRAFTS • LEGO • BRIO • AUDIO •

## Organizations

### New Principal at Kehila



Kehila's new year begins with welcoming a new principal. Carol Desoer, Kehila's head teacher last year, brings a career of teaching and vice-principal's experience predominantly from the public school system. Ms Desoer has also taught in high schools and adult education.

Plans are already in place to take integration of the Jewish and Ministry of Education curricula to a higher degree. This will include a siddur and t'fillot that reflects the community nature of Kehila. Kehila students surpassed provincial academic achievement levels last year. The high standard of excellence

### Jewish Haiku

After the warm rain  
the sweet smell of camellias.  
Did you wipe your feet?

Today I am a man.  
Tomorrow I will return  
to the seventh grade.

Testing the warm milk  
on her wrist, she sighs softly.  
But her son is forty.

The sparkling blue sea  
reminds me to wait an hour  
after my sandwich.

A lovely nose ring --  
excuse me while I put my  
head in the oven.

Like a bonsai tree,  
your terrible posture at  
my dinner table.

The sparrow brings home  
too many worms for her young.  
"Force yourself," she chirps.

Is one Nobel Prize  
so much to ask from a child  
after all I've done?

Source: the Internet

### Negev Dinner Exceeds Expectations!

Jewish National Fund emissary, Effie Zussman, was delighted by the success and large community turnout at last spring's Negev dinner, which honored Sharon and Lawrence Hart and featured former U.S. ambassador Dennis Ross. The high point of the evening, said Zussman was Dennis Ross's keynote address. Ross, who spoke for over an hour without notes, gave a personal perspective on Yasser Arafat and how the events unfolded at Camp David. He also took questions from the floor. Other dignitaries included M.P. Stan Keyes, M.P.P. Cam



Lawrence and Sharon Hart with Dennis Ross and Judy Feld Carr

Jackson, Dr. Peter George, president, McMaster University and Mayor Bob Wade who's remarks demonstrated strong

support for the State of Israel. Financially, Zussman said, this was the second most successful dinner in JNF history in

### Chabad Happenings - Fall 2002

The new year is once again underway at the Chabad-Lubavitch Student Centre providing a home away from home for all students, regardless of affiliation. In addition to providing special Friday night and holiday dinners, educational programs and counseling, the Student Centre will be adding some new features this year.

A twice weekly lunch and learn program is planned. This will simultaneously provide students with food for the body as well as the soul. The well utilized Ralph Travis Memorial Library has been augmented with new books. We will be providing a weekly lunch and learn program at the University of Waterloo for the fall Semester.

For the Holiday of Sukkot, a large Sukka will be constructed at the Chabad-Lubavitch Student Centre. We will kick off the Sukkot celebrations with a Sukka raising party using student volunteers from McMaster.

A special textual series titled "Women in Text" will explore the contribution of Jewish women from ancient to modern times in molding our people. The three part Series "Women in Judaism" returns. This mini series gives an overview and explores issues relating to Women in Judaism. Individual study programs are always provided.

All of this in addition to the general programs provided to the Jewish community. As in past years, holiday services

such as Shofar blowing and the opportunity to say the blessings over the four kinds will be offered to shut ins and the residence of Shalom Village.

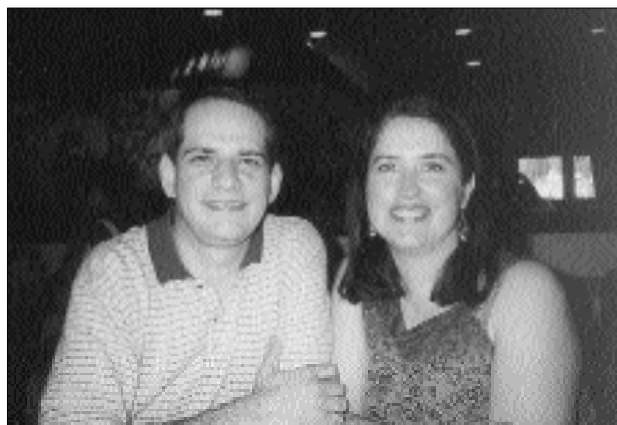
The Shofar Factory returns and the immensely successful and popular Sukka mobile will once again make its rounds.

#### Women's Torah Study

The year marks the twenty first year of Chabad's Woman's Torah study class. This class meets on Monday nights at various homes throughout the city during the fall, winter and spring. The class attracts people of different ages and backgrounds who all add their unique perspective and ideas to the topics being discussed.

Some of the material

*Shana Tova*  
from Jay & Janice



**In A Snap**  
IMAGE CENTER

- ◆ High Quality Film Developing
- ◆ Camera Sales ◆ Great Selection of Film, Albums, Frames and Lots More

844 King Street West, Hamilton  
52A-SNAP (905) 522-7627  
www.inasnap.com

Compliments of the Richters



350 Parkdale Avenue North, Hamilton, Ontario L8H 5Y3  
Hamilton 905-547-3211 Toronto 416-777-2892 Fax 905-547-8286



702 King St. East, Hamilton, Ontario L8M 1A3  
Tel: 905-522-2486 Fax: 905-522-5002

## Shalom Village



## SHALOM VILLAGE TRIBUTE CARDS

### In Memory Of:

STAN WEDDUM: Joe & Joy Rochweg. ALAN MANDELL: Henry & Donna Vine. ELIZABETH SCHWARTZ: Harold & Sarah Rochweg. NAIMAN PULVER: Barry Walfish & Adele Reinhartz & Family, Lou & Sophie Berenbaum, Freda & Seymour Rosenfeld, Naomi Winer & Selma Masters, Ada & Elmer Farkas. GARY MICHAELS: Norma & David Wright. JOE LASKIN: Board of Directors and Staff of Shalom Village, Joan Silverman, Al & Ruby Berns, Natalie Strub, Noah Torno, Bess & Irv Dulberg, Bessie Goldblatt, Norma & David Wright, Syd an & Jean Brown, Henry & Donna Vine, Mel & Dorothy Cohen, Esther Ovsey, Ruth & Harry Hotz, Lotti & David Redner, Les & Leah Lowinger, Frank & Bobbie Lebow, Reube & Mary Levy, Dottie & Ernie Mason, Joe & Joy Rochweg, David & Sheila Burman, Mel & Didie Dulberg, Mates Cohen, Blanche & Norm Levitt, Yetta Levy, Ray Rosenberg, Dorothy Adler, Date, Abe, Sara, Danielle & Erin Cohen, Edie Feldman, Freda & Seymour Rosenfeld, Colleen Clementi & Sue Walsh, Cissie & Louis Morris, Les & Gail Wolfe, Les & Gloria Roefe. SARAH RUBIN: Bessie Goldblatt. STEVEN POLLACK: David & Sheila Burman, Barbara & Izzie Abraham. HAROLD FENWICK: Ann & Ron Barrs. Father of RON KAPLAN: Henry, Barbara & Daliah Szechtman. DAVID STORRAR BETHUNE: Beverly Sobel, Adam, Marcia, Samantha & Noah, Barry, Barb, Jordan, Mara & Brandis. CARLTON SMITH: Board of Directors and Staff of Shalom Village. JOYCE BUDD: Anita Smurlick. SELMA ROTMAN: Anita Smurlick. Father of DR. PATRICIA TURNER: Lotti & David Redner. Mother of DR. ALLAN EPEL: Gary & Ieta Waxman & Family. Father of JEANETTE POLLACK: Board of Directors and Staff of Shalom Village, Minna Loewith, Muriel Stolman. JACK AARON: Gerri & Larry Bromberg, Fanny & Ben Davine, Selma & Phil Masters, Naomi Winer. GERTRUDE HARPER: Robert J. Henderson, Barbara & Jack Katz, Marilyn Sturtevant, Board of Directors and Staff of Shalom Village, Sonia & Sid Shumacher, Barb Abraham & Brigitte Bonas, Dick & Doris Popper, Joan Silverman, Dave & Helen Hanis. NORMA KAZDAN: Didie & Mel Dulberg, Barbara & Jack Katz & Family, Sari & Abe Mandel. ALEXANDER KIRK: Didie & Mel Dulberg: ARCHIE LEVINE: Marina Saridadakis. LYNDA LEVIN: Esther Alexander. CECIL FORGHT: Anita Smurlick. LEON, brother-in-law of BIRDIE SMURLICK: Sylvia Lieberman. Father of ARTHUR RABINOVITCH: Heather & Len Ritter & Family. ZITA SCHWARCZ: Board of Directors and Staff of Shalom Village, Norma & David Wright, Minna Loewith, Ron & Miriam Davidson, Edna Smith, Glenn Alan Mallory, Barbara Abraham, Myron & Claire Ridker, Sadie Levy, Harold & JoAnn Pomerantz, Miriam Lebow, Audrey & Erwin Goldberg, Irene & Ken Ockenden, Colin Mercer, Dick & Doris Popper, Bella & Henry Muller, Enid Aaron, Myrna Dolovitch, Saul & Sylvia Jacobs. Brother-in-law OF CELE STEINBERG: Susan Honig & Family. MINNIE ZEIDENBERG: Enid Aaron. ELIZABETH OBLINSKI: Myrna Dolovitch. BILL POLLACK: Jack & Barbara Katz & Family, Mel & Didie Dulberg

### Get Well

SARAH ROCHWERG: Mel & Didie Dulberg, Jack & Barbara Katz & Family, Pat Morden & Kathleen Thomas. REVA GEROFISKY: Freda & Seymour Rosenfeld, Jack & Barbara Katz & Family, Didie & Mel Dulberg, Jack & Rose Rotstein. ELMER FARKAS: Pat Morden, Board of Directors and Staff of Shalom Village, Helen & Paul Hanover. MURRAY ADELMAN: Jack & Barbara Katz & Family, Mel & Didie Dulberg, Ruth & David Magder, Dottie & Ernie Mason. MORRIS WAXMAN: Jack & Barbara Katz & Family. AL FOREMAN: Leah & Les Lowinger, David & Ruth Magder, Mel & Didie Dulberg, Sharon & Frances Leuchter, Dottie & Ernie Mason, Rose & Phil Rosenshein. SOPHIE STEINBERG: Rose Swaye & Family. TIKA LEVY: Natalie Strub. ROSE LAX: Pat Morden, Board of Directors and Staff of Shalom Village, Staff and Participants of "Goldie's Place". BILL BINNY: Minna Loewith. BEN MATCHEN: Joe & Joy Rochweg. LEE GINSBERG: Joe & Joy Rochweg.

### Thank You

For helping with the Shabbat Service: JEROME & MAUREEN BERGART, ENID AARON, LES LASKY, MARK COHEN, BARRY & NORMA BENDER,



Pat Morden

## Yes ... We've Begun!

"Welcome Home to Shalom Village" will soon be words that will warm the hearts and lives of 100 more people when Shalom Village Too opens its doors. On a recent visit to

Shalom Village by Philip Hasson, the new Deputy Minister of Health, he noted that being "at home at Shalom was evident throughout" the organization. Shalom Village has evolved as a result of tremendous community vision, commitment and support. Responding to the long standing commandment to honour our fathers and mothers, our community took leadership to develop and maintain a supportive environment for our frail elderly. Today we are recognized through our University affiliation and in the minds and hearts of both the professional and general community as a quality organization with a dedication to excellence in health care, partnered with the provision of a meaningful living experience for those who make Shalom Village home on a permanent or respite basis.

As the community needs have changed, so have we. We have added nursing home care as more and more of our elderly needed this, as well as the Club, Goldies Place, Kosher Meals on Wheels, more apartments, and a research and education centre that helps us continue our leading edge programs.

Our success is based on the generous support of the community and our ability to "be there" when you needed us. This has become a valued assumption for many. In the ten years since our last major expansion, our community has continued to age and as a result more and more people are turning to the care and services of Shalom Village. Our strategic response to this growing demand was to proceed with a significant expansion, based on your need for us to continue to provide our services in a timely way - even today increasing numbers of our Jewish elderly are having to live in other nursing homes and retirement facilities due to shortages at Shalom Village.

To meet these needs we need your help. We need you as volunteers and as donors. This is especially

A Happy & Healthy New Year  
from

**Albert Snow**  
HAIR DESIGN GROUP

1036 King Street West  
Westdale Village

905-525-0831

Introducing the  
**VUE**

- Available with 4 cyl and 6 cyl Engines
- Available with Front Wheel Drive and All Wheel Drive
- ON STAR Satellite Communication System Option
- Electronic Power Steering
- Saturn's Famous Space Frame Construction with Dent & Rust Resistant Vertical Panels

Prices starting from \$22,395 plus tax

**SATURN**  
OF HAMILTON EAST

A RICHTER COMPANY



## Shalom Village

# Drum Circle gives residents a way to connect and communicate

BY  
PHYLLIS SHRAGGE

Locked in his own prison of dementia, the elderly man had no way of expressing his emotions or communicating with others until one magical drum circle session at Shalom Village.

The session was winding down. It had been a typical drum circle during which the participants had been energized by the tribal beat they had created. Suddenly the man, who was sitting with three other residents, broke through his self-imposed barrier and for the time being, at least, became a vital member of a jazz quartet.

"It was a wonderful moment," Lori Schindel Martin, director of Shalom Village's Ruth Sherman Centre for Education and Research, said during a group interview.

"This particular resident, who no longer speaks and for all intents and purposes, is mute, used the drum circle to connect with other people. The other three residents were much more cognitively intact. There was no other

vehicle by which this particular person would be included in a group activity with them and really feel like a true participant. They became aware that they were connected in some fashion; they were acknowledging each other in terms of the rhythms they were matching."

"This man is severely cognitively impaired, but it was fascinating to watch him suddenly glance up and 'get it.' It was like a light going on. He understood that the facilitator was doing something different from a rhythm perspective. Her rhythm included a rest. His rhythm tends to be very primitive. He looked up, he saw what she was doing and he lifted his stick up into the air and he started to match her rhythm. It was very powerful."

The drum circle project, which was introduced at Shalom Village about a year ago, should be judged on the experience of the participant "in the moment," Mrs. Schindel Martin said.

"We've been able to demonstrate that



A Drum Circle session at Shalom Village

drumming gives the residents a way to connect with each other in a very profound emotional plane.

Empowerment and maximizing strengths and leadership have been observed. We noticed among residents in the day program that there are several who would not typically have an opportunity to lead their peers. In the drumming circle, they are very aware that they are in charge of the flow, the rhythm, the pattern, the speed and the loudness. As well, there are several residents in the nursing home who don't have the capacity to lead except when they are in the drum circle."

Even though drumming may not have a long-lasting impact on residents with dementia in terms of lowering their levels of agitation or improving their cognitive ability, the merits of the project are significant in terms of promoting relationships between residents and enhancing their remaining

strengths, she said.

"In other activities, residents are afraid to take a chance, take a risk, particularly if they are cognitively impaired because they have a sense that they might make a social mistake. In this activity, people who are very progressed in a dementia can succeed. It doesn't take any planning to touch the surface of the drum."

Regardless of which of the three groups are participating in a drum circle at Shalom Village, the nursing home residents, people in the Alzheimers unit, or members of Goldie's Place, a community care and outreach program for the elderly, there is a moment of incredible energy and connection among the participants, Mrs. Schindel Martin said.

"There is a resonance... something about the feeling in the room that becomes tribal. It's very spiritual and physical at the same time."

Shelley Waxman,

director of Goldie's Place, used the word "earthy" to describe the mood in the drum sessions.

"It is very satisfying to observe these people afterwards. You see by their body language and the smiles on their faces that there has been a connection."

The forty-five minute drum circles at Goldie's Place usually involve about 15 to 20 participants. "The sessions vary, depending on the personalities of the people," Mrs. Waxman said. "It's a positive experience for all."

Bridget Bonas, community centre manager (nursing home programs), said,

"Everybody can participate. You don't need a lot of skill. Everybody in the group is recognized. Part of the goal is to have fun, part is to release tension... Drumming circles should be standard in other facilities. There are so many people who are left out during other activities."

## Put a Smile on Your Dog's Face!

Classes are offered Monday through Saturday - mornings, afternoons and evenings. New sessions start every month. Our award-winning Flamborough facility includes 2 air-conditioned training halls, spacious viewing area and friendly, knowledgeable, professional dog trainers. Visitors are always welcome!



**McCANN**  
PROFESSIONAL  
DOG TRAINERS

**905-659-1888**

TOLL-FREE 1-888-681-7877

Ask about our Full Money-Back Offer!

[www.McCannDogs.com](http://www.McCannDogs.com)

## 2002 Dodge Caravan

Caravan



Limited Time Offer  
0% Financing up to 48 months

BAY KING



1655 Upper James  
Hamilton Ontario L9B

David Richter  
President

Telephone: 905-383-7700  
Fax: 905-383-4834  
WEBSITE: [www.autonet.ca/bayking](http://www.autonet.ca/bayking)

Let Fortinos help you

# Celebrate Your New Year!



September 1-14

Frozen Norwegian SMOKED SALMON 500g pk. **14.99**



**BILLY BEE or MAISON HONEY** 500 g



Menorah or Hechal Yohrtzef CANDLE TINS **.39**



Western Creamery SOUR CREAM 500 g **1.49**

Ungar's GEFILTE FISH Frozen **4.99**



Western Creamery CREAM CHEESE **1.99**



Fresh Whole WHITE FISH 5.49/kg **2.49** lb.



Strub's ORIGINAL DILL PICKLES 1.5 L **3.99**

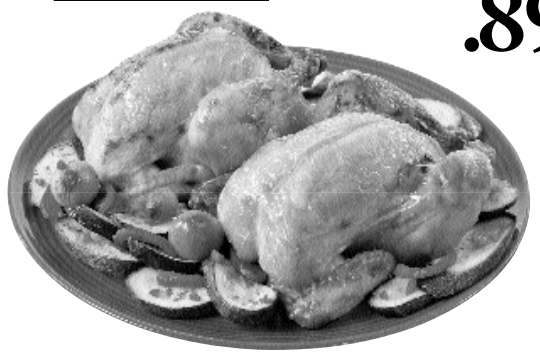


**KEDEM GRAPE JUICE** 1.5 L bottle



Strub's YOM TOV HORSERADISH 375 mL **2.29**

Large NAVEL ORANGES Product of South Africa 1.96/kg **.89** lb.

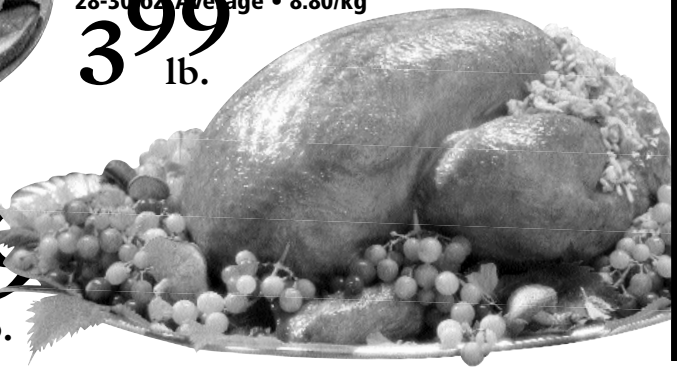


Chai • Kosher Fresh or Frozen Grade 'A' CORNISH HENS 28-30 oz. Average • 8.80/kg **3.99** lb.



EXTRA FANCY GRADE NEW CROP ROYAL GALA APPLES Product of Washington 2.84/kg **1.29** lb.

Chai • Kosher Fresh or Frozen Grade 'A' TURKEYS 10-16 lb. Average • 4.39/kg **1.99** lb.



# FORTINOS

Your Supermarket with a Heart!

Prices Effective Sunday, September 1 Through Saturday September 14, 2002. We reserve the right to limit quantities.

ABOVE SPECIALS AVAILABLE ONLY AT FORTINOS DUNDURN 50 Dundurn St., Hamilton