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A lesson learned



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by BARB BABIJ,
CEO, Hamilton Jewish Federation

A group of students gathered at the JCC one eve,
To learn about the HJF, then share what they perceive.

Michaela, Ethan and Addi, Israel and Aaron too,
With Mitchell and Daniel, to a total of seven it grew.

And so that evening we asked them, a question most unfunny,
If you only had \$200 bucks, how would you spend your money?

Based on our four pillars, Jewish identity rocked,
46 per cent of the money, to all the schools it flocked.

For the vulnerable there was compassion, worthy causes indeed,
28 per cent of the money would go to those in need.

Community, too, was cared for, lest they be negligent,
To this pillar they allocated, a tad over 18 per cent.

And perhaps there is some small reason, in light of the study PEW,
That the dollars that went to Israel, as a percent of the total were few.

Now our study was not scientific, our sample admittedly small,
And we had only 20 minutes to allocate it all.

But children learn from their elders, there's certainly room for debate,
From a PEW strategic perspective, how we might best operate.

The study resulted in questions, with implications for all,
We now have a short open window, so please let's not drop the ball.

Federation launches Matching Gift program

DUNDAS COUPLE HOPE THEIR \$40,000 DONATION
WILL INSPIRE OTHERS TO DIG DEEPER

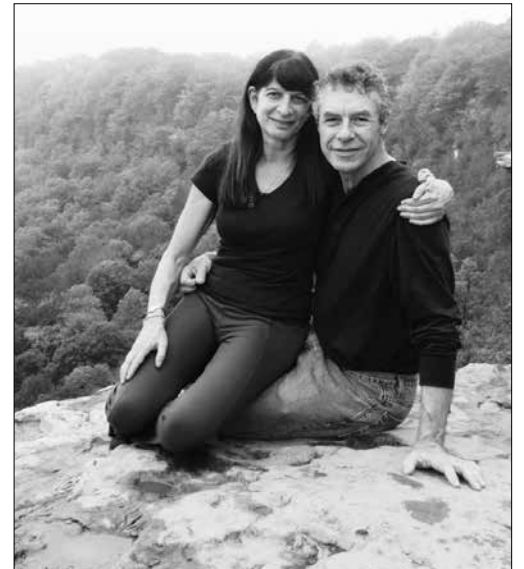
This year's Community Campaign got a boost with a \$40,000 challenge gift by Lawrence Yanover and Frances Cohen in honour of his parents, Paul Hanover and Helen Yanover, and their long-term commitment to the Hamilton Jewish community. The gesture was meant to inspire others to step up to higher levels of giving.

by WENDY SCHNEIDER, the Hamilton Jewish News

It's not something this community is accustomed to seeing: That a professional couple in their late 50s would make a significant financial gift to the Community Campaign flies in the face of the current wisdom that says today's Jewish professionals are not likely to donate to the Campaign at the same level of yesterday's entrepreneurs. Below, Yanover, a pediatric dentist, born and raised in Hamilton, explains how he and his wife, Frances Cohen, a primary school teacher originally from Montreal, arrived at their decision.

You've been a big supporter of other causes, such as the Dundas Valley School of Art. Why did you choose to support Federation's Community Campaign in such a significant way?

When you look at communities like Mississauga and Oakville and compare them to Hamilton that has multiple synagogues, day schools, a ritual bath and a kosher butcher shop, you have to realize that we have a remarkable community. I believe that every aspect of our Hamilton Jewish community is touched by the Federation and that's why I made the donation to the Federation. Yves (Apel) defined where he wanted the campaign to be, and since I'm on the campaign cabinet, I bought in to what he was saying because I'm a believer in the Federation. I've been active in the Federation for many years, and I thought his goals were attainable and that it was time to step forward, I had the ability to do it and now was the right time. We all come across those situations in our lives when we ask ourselves, 'if not now when? If not me, then who?' Thankfully, I have a successful



Lawrence Yanover and Frances Cohen
Photo courtesy of Lawrence Yanover

profession and I have the ability to make these donations.

How did you come to choose to donate through a matching gift program?

We wanted to move the community up a notch and this was a way of providing a leadership donation that would hopefully inspire others to make a bigger commitment to the Federation. We're hoping to have a snowball affect with this, because I believe that there are a lot of people in our community who have the resources to be more generous to our Hamilton Jewish Federation.

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Perspectives on Jewish life

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CARL DE LEON, PRESIDENT,
HAMILTON JEWISH FEDERATION

Anyone who counts him or herself as a member of the Hamilton Jewish community, has almost certainly been involved with, touched by, or benefitted from one or more beneficiary agencies that are supported by Federation's Community Campaign. It's no exaggeration to say that Federation touches every aspect and individual in our community in one way, shape or form.



Federation, however, is much more than just a fundraising organization. We are equally focused on ensuring our community's long-term sustainability and vibrancy. To that end, we are engaged in a process of marrying a clear vision of what kind of community we ultimately want to be with an achievable strategy that will help get us there. Part of this process will certainly involve rethinking and resetting priorities, better managing our resources and establishing clearer mandates for what kind of infrastructure this community will require, going forward.

The recent PEW report has sparked much discussion in the Jewish world in North America. Its key finding that younger Jews are not only less connected to, but are also less interested in, Jewish life is indicative of the challenge before us in Hamilton. How to engage this demographic has the potential to direct one piece of our strategy of creating a vibrant and sustainable Jewish community.

There is no doubt in my mind that the desire to see our community grow and improve is universally felt by all of us who have made Hamilton our home. The first step is to count yourself as one of those who want to engage in creating long-term solutions.

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LIBRARY EXHIBIT

More than 150 community members and elected officials attended the opening reception of Israel: Helping to Heal the World, a photography exhibit on display at the downtown branch of the Hamilton Public Library during the month of October. The library hosted the exhibit, which showcased the humanitarian work of Israeli NGO IsraAid and Save A Child's Heart, as a goodwill gesture to Federation, after members of its Public Relations Committee communicated their strong objection its earlier hosting of a controversial exhibit of drawings allegedly drawn by Palestinian children and accompanying text that depicted Israel in a very negative light. In her letter about the exhibit to the Canadian Jewish News, Judy Zelikovitz from the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs wrote, "The Hamilton Jewish Federation and its public relations committee undertook a strategic response to the exhibit by pointing out its dubious content... ensuring the venue adopted a policy that prevents future exhibits from misusing its premises, and taking the opportunity to share Israel's positive achievements in a way that resonates with average Canadians (who care very little about the Middle East conflict). PICTURED ABOVE: Hamilton Jewish Federation Public Relations Committee chair, Lorne Finkelstein, addresses the crowd. Photo by Paul Roth



**Lion of Judah Project
Megemeria School of Jewelry**



Marilyn Foreman, Rhoda Katz, Barbara Paikin and Molly Kumer at the Lion of Judah event. Photo by Wendy Schneider

The Lion of Judah Division recently held three successful events featuring the exquisite 24 karat gold jewelry collection from the Megemeria School of Jewelry.

Thank you to Michele Finkelstein for starting the ball rolling with a Lions event, to Rita Richter for hosting a very elegant lunch open to the community, and to Danna Horwood for completing the circle with an informal "girlfriends" event at her home.

This project was chosen by the Lion of Judah Division because it was a double mitzvah. Not only will the proceeds from the sales at these events be directed to a local organization, but purchasing this jewelry from the Megemeria School of Jewelry in Jerusalem helps to educate and transform the lives of Ethiopian and other immigrants, enabling them to become proud and contributing citizens of Israel.

A special thank you to Barb Paikin and Shirley Molot for bringing this project to the Hamilton Lion of Judah Division, and to all the Lions who made it such a success.

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A (hypothetical) conversation between a volunteer canvasser and someone like you



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Where does my money go?

Your gift to the Community Campaign in partnership with Federation's beneficiary agencies, covers all of Jewish Hamilton through these four broad areas:

Caring for the Vulnerable

We take responsibility for improving the lives of the poor, unemployed, elderly, abused, immigrants in need and many others (e.g. Jewish Social Services and Beth Tikvah).

Building Jewish Identity and Education

We fund the community's day and supplementary schools, Camp Kadimah and the JCC.

Standing with Israel and the Jewish World

Federation is Jewish Hamilton's most important partner with the people of Israel (absorption and integration of new immigrants; transforming the lives of disadvantaged youth and entire populations living in Israel's peripheral communities). The Federation movement is also the Global 911 for Jews in need in Israel, the former Soviet Union and around the world.

Leading Jewish and Israel Advocacy

Our national partner, CIJA, has developed the single most effective Jewish and Israel advocacy organization in the country, at federal, provincial and local levels.

Why can't I designate my gift to a specific agency or program?

The strength of Jewish Hamilton is achieved through our collective efforts through agencies and programs across Hamilton, Israel and the Jewish world. Designation ultimately results in less support for the diverse Federation supported agencies and programs that make Hamilton such a remarkable community. Federation's Budget and Allocations Committee spends weeks reviewing and assessing the needs of our agencies and our allocations process balances due diligence and fairness with tikun olam.

Why are you asking for an increase?

Last year our campaign fell short of its goal by \$80,000, which meant that our beneficiary agencies received less than they required to carry out their work. We've determined that the actual

need in our community requires raising over \$2,000,000 per year. If each of us felt that making this community thrive was our personal responsibility then the possibilities of what we can create in Jewish Hamilton are limitless.

How much of the funds raised go towards overhead?

Our overheads are more modest than other fundraising organizations and the actual costs of raising money are in the 10 to 12 per cent range. It's also important to remember that the staff who work on the campaign also work on many other important community activities and events.

"The possibilities of what we can create in Jewish Hamilton are limitless."

I don't always agree with Israel's current government or its policies.

Federation proceeds support the people of Israel, not the government. Our allocations to Israel are designated for social welfare, education and assistance for new immigrants, regardless of the Israeli political party holding office.

I just recently gave to Federation.

Federation wrapped up its 2013 Annual Campaign in the spring and payment is due in December 2013. We're currently in the midst of the 2014 Campaign.

I already make a donation to another Jewish organization.

A gift to another Jewish organization is an important investment and complementary to a Federation gift. However, we are the only organization that focuses on the entire community. Federation addresses the key challenges facing Jewish Hamilton, Israel and world Jewry.

What else can I do to help the community?

We need volunteers to help us make up to five calls to community members on behalf of the Community Campaign. We are also looking for volunteers to share their skills with our beneficiary agencies. Please contact the Federation office at 905-648-0605 if you'd like to double your impact.

CAMPAIGN MESSAGE

YVES APEL,
COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN CHAIR

As the leaves begin turning golden and red, the phones in Jewish homes and businesses begin to ring with familiar calls from volunteers calling on behalf of the Community Campaign. This year our canvassers are making a concerted effort to reach out to donors in a different way: by meeting for coffee and having a Jewish conversation.



You will hear how Federation extends a hand to those in need of food, housing, or employment counselling and to those who can't afford to pay full tuition for their children to have a Jewish education or a Jewish summer camp experience. You will hear how Federation-funded agencies and programs fight anti-Israel activity and anti-Semitism, advocate for social justice and Jewish students on campus, and engage in outreach.

In total, Federation supports more than 25 programs and organizations in our community. The goal we have set for ourselves is to raise \$1.2 million this year and an additional \$1.4 million the next, for a total of \$2.6 million over a two-year period. Our campaign strategy is three-fold: to engage our long-time donors in meaningful conversations about the essential services funded by our Community Campaign; to reach out to new donors – there are many in our community who have never made a gift to the Campaign; and finally, to ask donors to consider doubling their impact by increasing their investment in the community and by setting aside a few hours to make a small number of canvassing calls themselves.

We've had some early successes! Most notably, Lawrence Yanover has stepped up and made a \$40,000 challenge gift, in honour of his parents. He will match all new gifts as well as all increases in gifts from donors who did not increase their gifts last year, up to \$40,000. Through this gift, we hope to motivate those who have not increased their gift recently, to do so now.

When you get the call from one of our Community Campaign volunteers, please take the time to meet for coffee and have a Jewish conversation. And, above all, please, say "yes" to doubling your impact. On behalf of the Campaign Cabinet and the Hamilton Jewish Federation, I thank you.

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to those of you whom I was unable to reach personally.

Your commitment to last year's campaigns helped to:

- provide families with Shabbat dinner
- provide our youth with Jewish education
- ensure our community's future
- and stand proudly with Israel and the Jewish world

*Lisa Morris, Chair
Thank You Telethon Committee*

David and I would like to especially thank our new donors (you know who you are) who stepped up to the plate for the first time. Thank you for understanding the partnership Hamilton Jewish Federation has with our community and Israel.

*David Loewith and Lisa Morris
Co-chairs of New Donor Development.*

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Matching gift program

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How did your family's long history in Hamilton inform this decision? I was in the Adas Israel one day when Rabbi Morton Green showed me my grandfather's name on a monument. He told me that my grandfather was one of the big donors to the city's orthodox shul and I couldn't believe it. My grandfather sold fruit door to door to support eight kids and he did not lead a wealthy life, and yet, he made a significant commitment to this community. My father, too, has made financial as well as many other types of commitments to the community. My parents taught me that charity was an important part of what you have to do as a person. I'm of a certain generation that's seen what this community can do and what it once was. And I believe that it can be that again.

Were there any other factors at play in making this decision? I work with poor people all the time, as does Fran, so we're both very sensitive to the fact that there's a lot of need out there. There's a recent study that came out that shows the wealthier people are, the less of a likelihood

We live well, many of us, and we have to step up to help others that aren't as fortunate.

Lawrence Yanover

that they will come into contact with the less fortunate. Unless you choose to work with those communities, you don't see what the needs are. Fran and I decided that we have enough of all the things that we want and that it was important to help others in more difficult situations. I think that 30 or 40 years ago, more people dug deeper. And I'm not seeing so much of people doing that anymore and it bothers me. We are a remarkable community, but (to maintain that) each of us has to look into ourselves and say, 'are we able to help to move this forward?' I know there are those who have the resources but haven't asked themselves that question yet. Charity's just not on their radar. It's sad because there's a lot of need out there... and I've seen how giving people a hand up has made a world of difference. The key thing is to actually stop for a moment and ask, 'what resources do I have and how can I make those resources help other people?' We live well, many of us, and we have to step up to help others that aren't as fortunate.

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SHABBADOO

Night of 1,000 Shabbat dinners

ELAINE LEVINE

On Oct. 4, young singles, couples and families across the country opened their homes to celebrate Shabbat with friends and guests, who were placed at their homes. Ninety people (including hosts) participated in the first event coordinated by the National Young Leadership (NYL) Committee. Calgary's NYL compiled the Shabbat Bencher and D'var Torah, which enabled everyone to share a similar experience.

Local Shabbadoo chair, Chana Snadzman Griver, said just days before the event: "This is an important event to me because we have such a thriving, dedicated and active young community. I really value all of the relationships I have throughout the entire Jewish community and it was wonderful to see that new and seasoned community members were coming together. I look forward to hearing and experiencing how community members have opened up their homes,



The Griver family were among those who hosted Shabbat dinners in honour of Shabbadoo. Photo courtesy of the Griver Family

opened up their hearts and hopefully made new connections and possible new friendships! We are a stronger community when we are together." The feedback after the event was great! Some of the hosts have already said they are on board if we do it again! New friendships began and existing connections were deepened. The Young Adult Division of Federations across the country

provide the opportunity for 22 - 45 year olds to connect through special events, provide leadership opportunities (NYL) and empower people to live generously by giving some of their time, skills and resources. To suggest an event or find out more about YAD, contact Elaine Levine at 905-627-9922 Ext. 24 or email elevine@jewishhamilton.org.

Antisemitism on campus

ACTIVIST BELIEVES JEWISH STUDENTS ARE VULNERABLE TO ACADEMIC INTIMIDATION

Story and photo by WENDY SCHNEIDER, the Hamilton Jewish News

Tammi Rossman-Benjamin is on a crusade to educate members of the Jewish community about how difficult it is on some campuses across North America, for Jewish students who identify with Israel. A lecturer in the Jewish Studies department at the University of Southern California (USC) Santa Cruz, Rossman-Benjamin spoke at McMaster University on Oct. 29 at a talk sponsored by Hamilton's Never Again Group and the Progressive Muslims Institute Canada. The Hamilton Jewish News conducted a phone interview with Rossman-Benjamin prior to her coming to Hamilton, excerpts of which appear below.

Can you give an overview of what you see as antisemitism on university campuses?

There are three different layers of antisemitic activity that are problematic for Jewish students on campuses. The first is when Muslim and pro-Palestinian student groups host speakers and events that are not only anti-Israel but often move into the realm of antisemitic content. A second layer is when the university denies that there's a hostile environment for Jewish students in a way that shows a double standard. The third layer is an orchestrated campaign on the part of many student and faculty groups to actually suppress and attack the character of anyone who speaks out against the problem of campus antisemitism.

Is there any instance where someone could be very critical of Israeli policy but not be, in your view, an antisemite. Absolutely, but the bottom line for me is whether or not they're trying to destroy or eliminate the Jewish state. There are problems in Israeli society. But when those things get used as a way of harming and battering the Jewish state out of proportion to what's happening in every other country around it in terms of human rights, that's anti-Semitism. Were Mizrahi Jews discriminated against? Absolutely, they were. Are Ethiopian Jews discriminated against? Absolutely, they are. Are Arabs treated differently than Jewish Israelis? Yes, they are. Is that right? No it's not right. Do you need to fix it? Yes, and there are a lot of wonderful groups that are working on fixing those things... We've got to fix our problems, but to tell me that Israel's the most racist country in the world?

How do you respond to those who believe that the State of Israel should never have come into existence?

I would ask them, do they believe in the right of Panama to exist? Or Pakistan to exist? The right of Jordan to exist? The right of Iraq or India to exist? Take any nation state and ask if they have a right to exist. Why is Israel the only country in the world that doesn't have a right to exist?

Why did you get so involved in the issue of antisemitism on campuses?

The single biggest event that motivated me was an academic conference that took place at my university in 2007 called Alternative Histories Within and Beyond Zionism that was sponsored by the history, politics, sociology and anthropology departments. The whole of it from beginning to end was a call for the elimination of the Jewish state. All of the speakers and the woman who put the conference together were Jewish.

"What is antisemitism? Trying to destroy the Jewish state. That's what it is."

How do you explain the phenomenon of Jewish faculty being at the forefront of anti-Israel activity in academia?

I think that they're doing what they think they need to do to protect themselves. I worry about what's happening in the field of Jewish studies. Twenty-five per cent of the (faculty from) the Jewish studies program at Berkeley have affiliated themselves with an anti-Zionist position that advocates working towards eliminating the Jewish state. Now these are professors. They're Jewish. Our enemies understand that the most damaging thing that they can throw at us is (through) our fellow Jews who condemn us... and the way they're doing it is to say that Zionism has nothing to do with Judaism. But Israel is a



Tammi Rossman Benjamin at McMaster

core Jewish issue. You harm the Jewish state and there's no Jew on the planet who's safe anymore, so of course we care what happens to Israel, but for whatever reason some Jews think that it's ok to continue to aid and abet the people who are trying to destroy Israel. And that's what it comes down to. What is antisemitism? Trying to destroy the Jewish state. That's what it is.

Why is anti-Israel sentiment so prevalent in academia?

What we have now in the humanities and social sciences are people who are using their university positions to promote their political agendas. I don't mind when you're looking at something as a scholar, but when someone not only uses the podium to promote their political activism, but uses their religion to give them legitimacy to promote their political activism at university, that doesn't belong on a campus.

What's been the personal cost to you on taking such a strong stand on this issue?

It's been pretty serious. I've been branded a racist and Islamaphobe because of some comments I made about the student groups that have been harassing and intimidating Jewish students.

What, in your background contributed to your becoming so passionate about this issue?

I feel passionate about this issue. For 20 years I was a Jewish educator and I founded a synagogue. These issues are very near and dear

to my heart. My husband's Israeli.

What exactly are you advocating?

I see this as a Jewish communal issue. We're a very fractured community in a lot of ways and we have different approaches to crises and to problems. And I am somebody who believes you need to approach things head on. You can't deny them and you can't wish them away and you can't have sort of a "Shat! Shit! Everything's going to be fine. Just keep your head down."

I'm asking the Jewish community to come together and to be outraged about what's happening and to demand that universities do their due diligence, and keep Jewish students safe.

A MAC STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Alon Coret was among a small group of students at Rossman-Benjamin's lecture. While the third year student said he found her descriptions of what goes on at USC and other campuses, "I felt like it was far worse than anything that's ever happened at McMaster."

The exception, he said, would be during Israel Apartheid Week (IAW), which he described as "a very toxic environment and very unpleasant for Jewish students." Still, he called IAW "an isolated event... because otherwise throughout the year there's pretty much nothing else anti-Israel happening unless things in the Middle East take a turn."

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Ontario Senior Achievement Awards

Rochelle Waxman honoured at Queen's Park

33 years of volunteering at Shalom Village recognized with prestigious award



Rochelle Waxman holds her Senior Achievement Award with the Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario (right), and the Honourable Mario Sergio, Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs (left).

Rochelle Waxman's dedication to Shalom Village was recognized at Queen's Park with an Ontario Senior Achievement Award on October 21st. At a special ceremony in the office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Rochelle was one of only 21 recipients of this prestigious award chosen from eligible candidates across the entire province.

Province's highest honour The Senior Achievement Awards — the province's highest honour for seniors over 65 — recognize seniors who have made an outstanding contribution to their community through voluntary or professional activities. Recognizing the valuable contributions Ontario's seniors make is part of the Ontario's Action

Plan for Seniors, and supports the government's efforts to build a successful, compassionate and united province where everyone has the opportunity to connect, contribute and enjoy a high quality of life.

Make a difference

"All the seniors honoured today have invested their lives, energy and talents to make a difference in their communities.

I am pleased to present them with the Senior Achievement Award," said the Honourable David C. Onley, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, in his opening remarks at the ceremony.

Active from the beginning

Rochelle has played an active role at Shalom Village from its very beginnings. Three of her sisters have lived at Shalom Village.

Rochelle started out making welcome baskets for our first residents, and has never looked back. Since then she has done many things, including answering phones, sitting on the committee to review waiting lists, and sitting on the Shalom Village Board of Directors.

The Corner Store

The two projects she is best known for are *The Corner Store* and *The Ladies Auxiliary Tea*. *The Corner Store* gift shop is managed by Rochelle and her dedicated team of volunteers. All money raised goes toward staff education at Shalom Village,

and many of our team members have benefited from educational opportunities provided by the program. Rochelle puts in many hours selecting unique merchandise, arranging displays, and managing the day-to-day operation of the store. If you haven't seen the wonderful array of items available at *The Corner Store*, you owe it to yourself to stop by and check it out.

Ladies Auxiliary Tea

Rochelle co-founded *The Shalom Village Ladies Auxiliary Tea* more than 30 years ago. It has since become a popular summer social event that has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years. Items funded by the Tea include a new piano, Passover dishes, updates to the resident lounge, a Snoezelen room, and special Hi-Low electric beds for our LTC residents.

Made a huge difference

Rochelle's dedicated service has made a huge difference to the quality of life experienced by Shalom Village residents.

"We are so blessed to have Rochelle as a volunteer," says CEO Jeanette O'Leary.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Rochelle from all our friends at Shalom Village for this well-deserved honour. We are proud of you!



Zoo-fari at Shalom - We had a few exotic visitors at Shalom Village recently. In the photo at left, Mabel admires a Kinkajou, also known as a Honey Bear. At right, Kaye is delighted with her new feathered friend.



Thank you

Grateful thanks to the families of **Jean O'Brien, Doreen Levitt, Vera Mysko, and Margaret Jacobs** for requesting donations to Shalom Village in lieu of flowers.

Memorial donations support the *Possibilities Fund* at Shalom Village, making many special programs and services possible for our residents.



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Jack Leon crosses the finish line at last year's Hannukah Hustle accompanied by Club Head Coach Greg Almas.

2013 Hamilton Spectator Readers' Choice Awards

Spec readers vote Shalom Village tops in two categories



Thank you to the Hamilton Spectator readers who voted to recognize Shalom Village in two categories in the 2013 Readers Choice Awards.

Readers' Choice Awards are selected based on votes from community members.



Shalom Village won a Gold award in the Best Nursing Home/Long term Care Centre category and a Diamond Award in the Retirement Home / Community category.

Hustle for healthy living

The 12th Annual Hannukah Hustle

Serious runners and elderly Shalom Village residents shared the road at the 12th Annual Hannukah Hustle on November 17. Funds raised support *The Club Fitness Centre* at Shalom Village.

"You can still have fun"

"It shows you can still have fun living in long term care" says Shalom Village CEO Jeanette O'Leary.

Quality of Life

The Club Fitness Centre at Shalom Village offers personalized fitness programs for people over the age of 70. Participants find that their quality of life improves and their level of independence increases through active living.

Jack's journey

Jack Leon works out regularly at The

Club, but last year he wasn't sure he could manage the 1km walk.

"The one-to-one support helped me build strength and confidence," said Jack, who beamed with pride as he crossed the finish line.

Details online

Press deadlines prevented us from including results and photos from this year's race, but you can visit us at shalomvillage.ca for details of this inspiring event.

It's not too late to help!

If you would like to make a donation to this year's Hannukah Hustle, please call Kathleen at 905-529-1613 ext. 264, or email kathleen@shalomvillage.ca

Making possibilities possible

Local News

Beth Tikvah prepares to meet changing needs



MPP Ted McMeekin (left) and Stan Tick listen to proceedings during Beth Tikvah's AGM. Photo by David MacCoy, Special to the HJN

FRANK SIMKEVITZ

On Sept. 23, about 40 people attended the Annual General Meeting of the Beth Tikvah Foundation of Hamilton. It was an auspicious occasion in that the JCC lounge was filled with board members, interested parties, representatives from the Ministry of Community and Social Services, Beth Tikvah residents and staff. And, honouring us with his presence was the Minister of Community and Social Services, our local MPP, the Honourable Ted McMeekin.

Barb Babij, CEO of the Hamilton Jewish Federation warmly welcomed everyone and pledged their ongoing support for Beth Tikvah. Sandy Keshen, acting executive director and CEO of Reena remarked that operationally, Beth Tikvah is well positioned to meet the needs of the people in their care. The financial report presented by Tim Galvin of the accounting firm of Hoecht Galvin Kai painted a positive financial picture for the organization.

The highlight of the proceedings was the keynote remarks by MPP Ted McMeekin. He began by talking a bit about his background and the fact that he was a social worker early in his career and certainly could relate to the work being done by the Beth Tikvah Foundation. He talked about traveling the province this past summer and listening to 'stories' from people in

many communities. He suggested that is how we learn — by listening to stories. These 'stories' sometimes help form the basis of policy. McMeekin shared some of his own thoughts about how his ministry could be more responsive to the needs of Ontarians but he added that these were his thoughts and not government policy and that he would attempt to turn them into reality. McMeekin praised the efforts of the Beth Tikvah Foundation and encouraged the audience to support the work being done by the organization.

Beth Tikvah Foundation's role is changing to meet changing needs and will spend more on outreach into the Jewish communities of Hamilton and surrounding areas. The organization will explore the need for residential respite for young adults who are currently living at home with their parents. With the knowledge that there are a number of Jewish families in our area who have children with developmental delays, the Beth Tikvah Foundation will create after school and weekend programming to help the children and their families.

The evening ended with refreshments and a great deal of discussion. For more information about the Beth Tikvah Foundation of Hamilton, visit www.bethtikvah-hamilton.org.

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The Beth Tikvah Foundation is looking for an Executive Director - Permanent part-time

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Primary responsibilities:

- Collaborate with the Board of Directors and provide leadership in all matters related to strategy and governance
- Represent and advocate for the organization, its beliefs and programs in the broader community and in the developmental services sector specifically
- Ensure the culture promotes a caring environment where clients can develop spiritually and feel connected to the Jewish culture and community
- Oversee the creation of an operational and fiscal plan that aligns with the strategic direction.
- Oversee the effective day-to-day operation of the organization.
- Foster strong partnerships within the Jewish Community, government and other stakeholders.
- Primary spokesperson and ambassador for Beth Tikvah

The successful candidate will have the following background:

- A university degree in a related field, e.g. human services, social work.
- Minimum 5 years demonstrated record of success at an intermediate to senior level.

- Strong familiarity with the Jewish community, culture and values.
- Background in developmental services sector, an asset.
- Governance experience in a non-profit organization and working with a volunteer board.
- Understanding of public policy and an ability to navigate government organizations
- Financial management and budgeting skills.
- Strong network and ability to partner with other agencies

The successful candidate will be a high energy leader who will have superior interpersonal and communication skills; demonstrates compassion and genuinely values people.

This is an outstanding opportunity to lead the organization to new levels of excellence. We offer a competitive salary and benefit package, based on your qualifications. If your skills and experience match the requirements of this position, please forward your resume and cover letter by e-mail to: info@bethtikvahhamilton.org

Applications will be held in strict confidence. Only those candidates qualifying for an interview will be contacted.

A voice preserved

HAMILTON'S ONE-TIME YIDDISH NEWSPAPER MOVEABLE TYPE FINDS A PERMANENT HOME

by BEN SHRAGGE, special to The Hamilton Jewish News

The Hebrew type used to print Hamilton's only Yiddish-language newspaper will be displayed at the University of Toronto's Massey Library.

The late Henry Balinson, a typesetter, journalist, labour activist, editor and owner of International Press Printers, published the Yiddische Shtime de Hamiltoner ("Jewish Voice of Hamilton") monthly from the early 1930s to the 1940s.

His son, Morley, and daughter-in-law, Joan, who arranged the donation, have worked to preserve Henry's print legacy and the world of movable type it represents.

Balinson, who emigrated from Odessa, Ukraine, in 1911, was the heart and soul of the Jewish Voice of Hamilton. He wrote, reported, typeset by hand, ordered the cuts of the photographs, recruited advertisers and arranged for printing and distribution.

When asked if Balinson was religiously Orthodox, Conservative or Reform, Morley replied, "Labour." Balinson was co-founder of the Hamilton chapter of the Arbeiter Ring, a Jewish socialist organization, and a card-carrying member of the typographer's union. Yet he still knew enough about religion to argue Talmud in Hebrew with the local Polish priest.

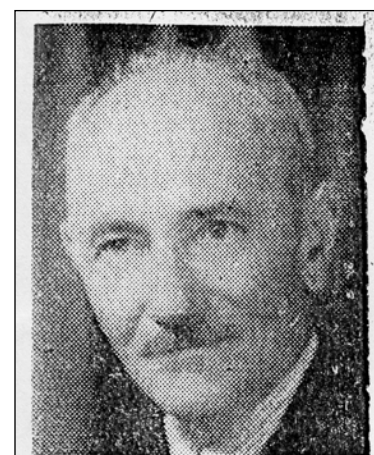
Morley recalls the paper going out to about 700 of the 1000 Jewish families in '30s and '40s Hamilton, at the price of a dollar a year.

Each issue included Balinson's signature column, Mein Shpatsir iber Hamilton ("My Stroll around Hamilton"), which provides a panoramic window into the Hamilton Jewish community of the time.

One "stroll" takes Balinson to Beth Jacob synagogue, where he asks "our Great God to put an end to the war," but is disappointed that "the rabbi was giving his sermon to empty seats." In an ageless complaint, Balinson asks "Where are you, Hamilton Jews? What are you so busy with?"

Balinson witnesses a congregant shouting at the rabbi at Ohev Zedeck Hess Street Shul. He plays cards and bridge at the Arbeiter Ring. He argues with the principal at the Talmud Torah school. He reports on a fatal car accident involving members of the Grand Order of Israel (a fraternal lodge).

He attends a meeting at Adas Israel synagogue, where a new set of officers is elected, followed by schnapps. Finally, Henry signs off with "Have a good year, and let us live to see the downfall of Germany, Italy and Japan. Then we will sing and dance."



H. R. BALINSON

Funeral services were held yesterday here for Henry R. Balinson, for 50 years owner of International Press Printers and former publisher of The Jewish Voice of Hamilton. Mr. Balinson died suddenly on Saturday at the age of 73 in St. Joseph's Hospital. Shiva was held at 246 King Street West and burial was in Beth Jacob Cemetery.

Henry Balinson's obituary



An advertisement from the Yiddische Shtime de Hamiltoner

Domestic reporting was the paper's focus, but the Jewish Voice of Hamilton did its part in rallying the community against Hitler.

In a 1935 issue, one of the paper's occasional English-language pages features a call for boycotting the German Olympics, and that "the participation by any Canadian athlete in the Olympic Games in Germany should forever remain a blot on his name, a discredit to his team, a challenge of disapproval of Olympic Ideals in Canada!"

Jewish Hamiltonians' dismay at fascism is also reflected in domestic

political appeals, for which the paper provided a platform.

In a 1937 election issue, one candidate's ad proclaims, "If you don't want a Hitler in Canada, vote O'Hanley!" More cogently, a Conservative Party supporter argues that "chaos in Government in turn produces a new political system—usually a Dictatorship, and always under such a system the Jews have suffered greatly, as witness the situation in Germany," so Jews should avoid voting for "new and untried parties" like the Stephansites, Social Credit or CCF (precursor to today's NDP).

As antisemitic persecution mounted, the paper's call to action loudened accordingly. Joan notes "there was a very significant issue about fundraising for the war through the Red Cross," which promoted a rally held at the Royal Connaught hotel.

The war hit close to home when Balinson's son, Alexander, a Royal Canadian Air Force flight sergeant, lost his life over Malta in 1945.

Driven to despair, Balinson published an emotional front-page eulogy, lamenting that "since the time of Adam and Eve, a brother has killed a brother." By eulogy's end, Balinson vows to "break off my ties with the world."

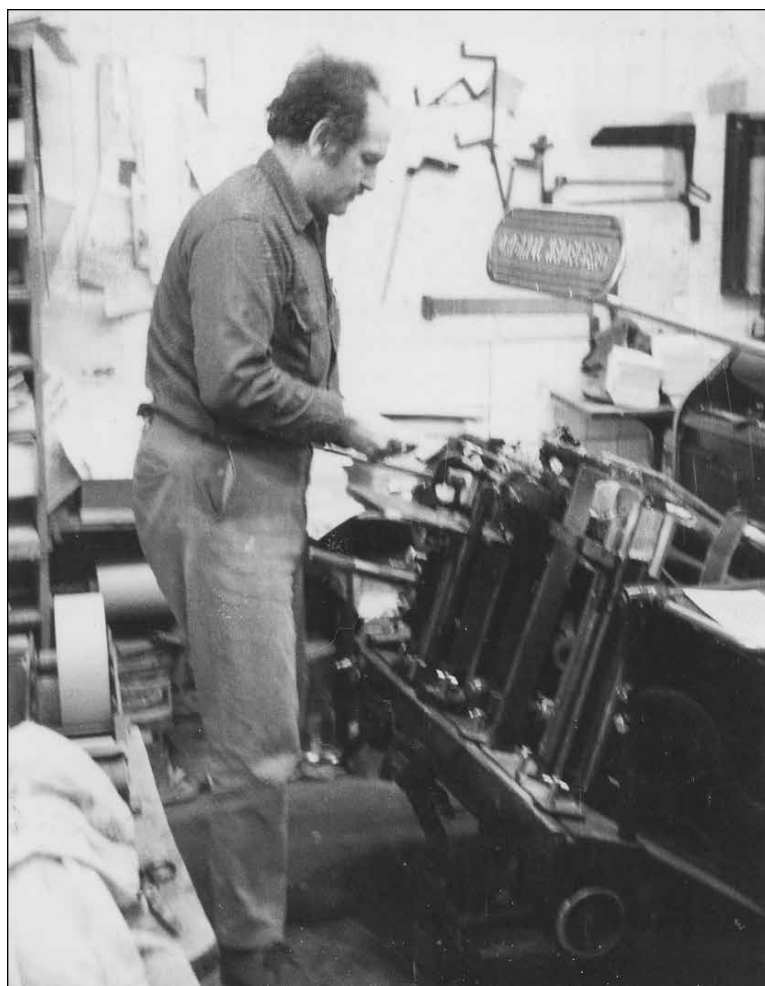
He was true to his word, as Balinson quit publishing the paper soon after. "I really think he had no heart to continue," Joan said.

Henry died of a stomach hemorrhage at age 75 in 1961, and Morley inherited the print business.

In addition to preserving the Jewish Voice of Hamilton's legacy through the Massey Library exhibit, Joan expressed a larger desire to "preserve this whole industry of movable type that started with Gutenberg." She noted a decline in appreciation for the art and craft of quality printing, of the kind in which Balinson and her husband specialized.

Yet there is some turnaround. Members of Hamilton's arts community, like Mixed Media's Dave Kuric, who helped to scan old issues, are interested in print as an art form.

The Jewish Voice of Hamilton is part of Hamilton's Jewish history, but Joan and Morley hope the art and appreciation of the skill of printing will be part of Hamilton's future as well.



Morley Balinson inspects a print job on a Heidelberg Platen Press at his family business International Press circa 1970s. Photo courtesy of the Balinson Family

Mein Shpatsir iber Hamilton (My stroll around Hamilton)

I walk and walk, and come to Bais Yaacov to ask our great God to put an end to the war. If that was possible, I would have the pleasure of seeing my son back. I have already lost one son. I hoped that the shul would be full to bursting out the doors, but the shul was empty. The rabbi was giving his sermon to empty seats ... Where are you, Hamilton Jews? What are you so busy with?

And I continue my walk. I come to Hess Street Shul. The shul where everyone davens. Rich, poor, Polish, Litvish, all assorted Jews daven in harmony. Just as the Rav is going to do his sermon, an insolent man makes a scene and screams that the rabbi should not speak. Who is he? Why does he yell more than others? Does he pay more than the other members? Do we not have respect for the rabbi and the other plain Jews? Does he own a big store and think he is all Hamilton? Does he think he has the right to disturb when people have come to thank God for the Yom Tov and he is disturbing the small audience. It is not the first time he has disturbed Rabbi Levine. This must be stopped. Rabbi Levine gets insulted by unruly people even though he gives to all charities as well as the insolent screamer...

And I walk on. I look in the community building, where they are trying to raise \$38,000 and they actually didn't call me, but a newspaper man has a lot of nerve, so when they throw him out the door, he crawls back in a window, and if they latch the door, he climbs down the chimney like Santa Claus. I was there not in body, but in soul. Although great diplomats like at 54 Vine Street cannot stop such souls, they tried, but it didn't happen because with the \$38,000, they will provide us with this world's pleasures and the pleasures of the world to come ...

And I stroll on. Now I come into Adas Israel Shul. And you ask me, how do I come to Adas Israel Shul, and I will tell you. The president, Mr. Sam Katz, has invited me. If you think I am sorry, you are wrong. Firstly, they had a learned chazan, Mr. Saul Shapiro. His Hebrew is decorated with pearls. He is a musical genius, his trope he can recite with closed eyes. His davening is a heartfelt Yiddish groan. He speaks clear words, pay attention he says to him. Maybe you would like to give us a break? And guess what he answers him, "I have forgiven according to your wish". I was at their election meeting, and if you think I didn't get pleasure, you are mistaken. The meeting was conducted in fine order. The president, Mr. Sam Katz, finished his talk. The vice-president, Mr. Pesach Reit, helped the president with his work, and the treasurer, Mr. P. Magder, matched dollar-for-dollar and the shul won to have such a fine set of "honourable people". They did not want to take on another term, so a new set of officers was elected. Mr. Netkin became president, a man with a lot of pep. Vice-president, Mr. Lychter; treasurer Mr. Rotman. And for secretary, our famous war correspondent, Mr. Palter. Hall manager, Mr. Henry Waxman. At the end, we drank a schnapps ...

What happened in the Ferguson Avenue Shul I don't know, but God is good. After this newspaper, there will be another newspaper, and we will tell you all the details what had happened there.

Have a good year, and let us live to see the downfall of Germany, Italy and Japan. Then we will sing and dance.

From the May, 1943 issue of the Yiddische Shtime de Hamiltoner translated from the Yiddish by Shavey (Sheila) Tisbler.



The Berlin Bromstein Family: Samantha Berlin and Mike Bromstein with Reese (l) and Regan (r).

Happy in Hamilton

Story and photos by WENDY SCHNEIDER, the Hamilton Jewish News

MEET LONG-TIME HAMILTONIANS THE BERLIN-BROMSTEINS

The cast: Mike (44), Samantha (41), Reese (13) and Regan (11), plus two maltese poodles and six cats.

In Hamilton: Born in England, Samantha moved to Dundas at the age of 9. Mike was born and raised in Dundas.

Occupations: Mike works in sales and marketing in the apartment industry. Samantha is a teacher at Temple Playhouse.

Jewish Education: The girls, students at Sir William Osler public school in Dundas, attend Temple Anshe Sholom religious school twice a week. Mike: "Laura (Wolfson) and Paula (Baruch) do an excellent job and the kids really feel that they're cared about."

Community Life: The Berlin Bromsteins are active members at Temple Anshe Sholom (TAS). Samantha: "Our shul is really precious to us. My kids have been there since in utero, and I spend more time at that shul more than at home sometimes." In the early years of their marriage they were TAS's youth group advisors and the coordinators of Generation Aleph, a

young adult group. They do their best to attend JCC events, but their attendance has dropped off now that their children are a little older. Samantha: "When your kids are young it's exciting going to the JCC because all the pre-school kids get to see each other, but when they're older, they're not as interested."

Community Wish List: *Relocating the JCC*—Mike: "I definitely would love to see the JCC located in a more appropriate spot, so that more people use it."

Volunteer commitment: Over a 10-week period in the Fall of 2012, Samantha volunteered her time for the Temple fundraiser, "What a Girl Wants." "You drop the kids off for Hebrew school and you go fold clothes for two hours."

Do you see a thriving community in the future? Mike: "It's hard to get people to fill positions because our generation is extremely busy, but if there are things the Temple needs help with, we're there. As the kids get older we'll start doing more."

Two families — one with roots in Hamilton, the other newly-arrived — share their insights on how to improve a community they care deeply about.



The Vaturi Family: Baila and Avi Vaturi with their children Esmeralda (left), Moshe (right) and twins Rachel and Yonah.

MEET THE VATURIS, IN HAMILTON SINCE SEPT. 2012

The cast: Avi (33), Baila (31), Esmeralda (9), Moshe (7), Rachel (2) and Yonah (2)

In Hamilton: The Vaturis moved to Hamilton in Sept. 2012 from London, Ontario. Originally from Toronto, the Vaturis lived in London for three years while Avi was attending law school at Western University (he commuted to Toronto during his first year.) Their plans to move back to Toronto changed as a result of the recruitment efforts of Rabbi Daniel Green.

Community Wish List: *Better housing options* — Avi: "Because the Westdale area is so coveted, we're competing with landlords who rent out to students. I could be servicing a very large mortgage for the rent I'm paying right now." *A kosher restaurant* — Avi: "I think there is a nice amount of people who really would love one."

Jewish Education: The Vaturi children attend the Hamilton Hebrew Academy.

What they like about Hamilton: *Bubbi Bessie's at Shalom Village* — Baila: "It's our place to go for lunch. Avi goes at least twice a week." *Living in a small community* — Baila: "I love, love, love the small town mentality. In Toronto you're put into a social setting where it's 'this is where you belong and this is where you stay,' and you really don't look outside your box ... None of that exists here." Avi: "Because the Adas is the only orthodox shul in the city ... by default you're surrounded by a bunch of diverse people that in Toronto you wouldn't be exposed to."

Shabbat at the Adas — Avi: "Our friends from London came here for one Shabbat and fell in love. It was (a combination of) Yaakov Morel's davening, seeing how the community interacted on the street and how everyone in shul was so warm to each other. It was something they wanted to be a part of."

The JCC and Camp Kadimah — "We love the JCC events. My kids aren't lacking because we're not in Toronto."

Relocating the JCC and Federation offices — Baila: In London, the JCC and the Federation offices were connected to the day school ... and the JCC was part of our daily lives. If Hamilton's JCC was in a better location, all the kids could come to the JCC for after-school programs. I also think that Federation would have a (more familiar) face.

Their perspective on how to grow the community: Baila: "Hamilton is like a hidden gem, and people don't know how much of a vibrant community exists here. If we hadn't been recruited, Hamilton wouldn't even have been on our radar. We would have gone straight from London back to Toronto because in our minds that's where we had to be."

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Giving as good as he gets

Generous in spirit is how clients describe hair salon owner Albert Snow

Story and photo by WENDY SCHNEIDER, The Hamilton Jewish News

Hair salon owner Albert Snow was out of town when two of his long-time clients passed away. The news hit him hard. He had known the women – both members of the Jewish community – for decades and felt their loss deeply, but when your business is all about making people feel good about themselves, loss is unavoidable.

If there is such a thing as a Jewish soul, then Snow, a non-Jew, is in possession of it. That growing up on Ottawa Street North his best friend was Jewish, that, as an adolescent, he spent countless hours at the JCC on Delaware Avenue, that over 50 years in the industry, a large percentage of his clientele is Jewish, may count for some of it, but it's the way Snow conducts his business, treats his staff and gives back to the community that long-time clients point to as why they think of him as an honorary member of the tribe.

When Snow turned 70 last summer, the staff at Albert Snow Hair Design Group sent out an email inviting clients to stop by at an open house they had organized in his honour. Among the dozens of clients who came bearing notes, small gifts and well wishes were Hanna Schayer, Marnie Paikin, Esther Simpson and Carolyn Rosenthal. While Dolly Cohen was not among them, she may as well have been. She and Simpson take enormous pride in being clients of Snow for 50 years. The others claim a 30 to 40 year relationship. If Snow's skill as one of Hamilton's leading stylists was what first brought them, what kept them coming has been the banter,



Westdale hair salon owner, Albert Snow

"It's got to be about the community you're in and the world that you inhabit and that's who Al is."

Hanna Schayer

easy intimacy and pure delight of spending an hour in his chair.

The hairdresser/client relationship invites intimacy. "Hairdressing is one of the few businesses where people touch you," Snow told the HJN. "A doctor and a hairdresser touch you. And I think that

sometimes you get vulnerability with people just because of that."

Carolyn Rosenthal agrees that there's an inevitability to a hairdresser "living through a lot of your life with you", when seeing the same person every four weeks over a 40-year period.

"Al's good with people and he gets you talking," she said, "but he is extremely discreet and I've always been confident that he hears a lot from a lot of people who know one another and he never reveals that he knows anything about any of your friends."

For Marnie Paikin, seeing Snow was a family affair. She was bringing her sons, Jeff and Steve long before it was fashionable for boys and men to frequent a women's hair salon.

"I used to get my hair cut by a guy named Angelo on the mountain," wrote TVO journalist, Steve Paikin, in an email to the HJN. "He'd sit you in the chair, get out the razor, and two minutes later, having got my buzz cut, I'd be done. Then my mom brought me to Albert's... You walk in and you're greeted by this guy who looked like a mixture of a flower-child of the '60s and a rock star. Long hair, bell-bottom jeans... It was a long way from Angelo's."

While keeping up to date with the latest trends in the industry is still very important to Snow, what really defines him is his unwavering commitment to being in relationships, whether it's with his staff, his clients or his community. "I look at the staff as a family, and I worry about them in the sense of making them succeed," said Snow. And just as children reflect the values instilled in them by their parents, Snow's staff are universally seen as exhibiting the same professionalism, courtesy and respect modeled to them so well by their employer.

"It's important to us to make people feel better," said Snow, "but that has to come from something inside you... We're not just there

to make a living and have a successful business. It's much more than that to us."

The genuine regard, professionalism and courtesy exhibited by both Snow and his staff, is, according to Esther Simpson, the secret to client loyalty.

"There are very few businesses that operate the way Albert Snow's does," she said. "The staff are genuine, they're interested in you, they give you their full service... That's why they have their clients for 50 years like me."

Eleven years ago Snow heard about a group of students, staff and faculty known as the McMaster Student Outreach Collaborative, who were doing outreach with Hamilton's homeless. The desire to help their cause in a meaningful, impactful way motivated him to design a fundraiser where he, his staff, and hairstylists from across the city could do what they did best as a way of giving back to community. The annual Albert Snow Cut-A-Thon, that has raised \$80,000 over 11 years, is the best example of tikkun olam: bringing financial benefit to its recipients, but equally important, providing those who donate their time with a sense of purpose and meaning.

Hanna Schayer says that it's Snow's desire to engage with the world and make it a better place that makes him "fundamentally Jewish."

"We really emphasize it in our own traditions that it's not just about you, and that if it's just about you it's really not about much. It's got to be about you and it's got to be about the community you're in and the world that you inhabit and that's who Al is."



Ora Markstein with her medallion depicting Raoul Wallenberg Photo by Wendy Schneider

RAOUL WALLENBERG MEDALLIONS FIND A HOME IN HAMILTON

WENDY SCHNEIDER

Local sculptor Ora Markstein has gifted two medallions in the image of Raoul Wallenberg to Hamilton synagogues to honour the memory of the Swedish diplomat responsible for saving thousands of Hungarian Jews in Second World War Budapest. Markstein created the original medallion in 1988 for a medal competition in Finland. She later donated it to a Polish museum. Markstein decided to have the medal recast last January, after reading an article in the Hamilton Jewish News about a Holocaust Education Committee program in which local survivor Ernie Mason shared his experience of having been saved by Wallenberg.

Markstein said she has always been deeply troubled by the fate that befell Wallenberg in 1945, when he literally vanished into

into the Soviet penal system.

The publicity around last year's commemoration of Raoul Wallenberg Day brought those feelings to the surface.

"I felt I had to do something. (He was) such a wonderful human being, which is really rare."

The medallions are now in the possession of Temple Anshe Sholom, where Markstein is a member, and the new Rose and Phil Rosenshein Museum at Beth Jacob.

"I wanted to donate this medallion to the Jewish community here because the children won't know anything about Wallenberg," said Markstein, who hopes that the medals being displayed with accompanying explanatory plaques will "at least to keep his memory alive."

HONOURABLE MENTSCHEN

Congratulations to Barry Yellin and Michele Foster for being included among the Business Link Media Group's annual 40 Under Forty Business Achievement Award Winners.

Kol HaKavod to Rochelle Waxman, for being recognized by Queen's Park as one of the top 20 senior volunteers

throughout Ontario, for 30 years of volunteering at Shalom Village.

Mazal Tov to Frank Junger, for being one of 10 Holocaust survivors recently honoured by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem and Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne "for their immeasurable contributions to Ontario."

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The Express prides itself on its reputation for serving the very best authentic Italian food.

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Lives Remembered Ben Shekter

Born in Hamilton, Ontario on Aug. 6, 1915; Died on July 4, 2013 in Toronto.

On Thursday July 4, 2013 our father, Benjamin B. Shekter passed away one month short of his 98th birthday. It was the end of a generation of Shekters who were all born and raised in their beloved city of Hamilton.

Ben, a first generation Hamiltonian, the third child of James and Lillian Shekter was an activist, a lawyer, a musician, an advocate, a brother, son, father, grandfather, uncle, husband of 65 years to his beloved wife Dorothy, and most importantly our dad.

Dad was many things to many people. To Dorothy, herself a pioneering woman of the Jewish community in Hamilton, he was her rock; to his father, he was an incredible person who stepped in to help when his business, the Shekter hotel on James North went under. He was a wonderful brother and brother-in-law who helped establish Floor-Tex also on James Street North. He supported his brother Jack who decided, later in life, to go to medical school, and became a highly-respected family physician in the city.

Ben was also committed to the Hamilton Jewish community and the City of Hamilton. He wanted to ensure that there would be services and supports available to Hamilton's Jewish community, while at the same time making Hamilton a vibrant city that people would want to live and work in.

When Hamilton was looking at developing and creating the Jewish Community Centre on Delaware, Ben spent countless hours working on the design, meeting with the architect and going over plans, going to Toronto to see the Toronto Y and getting the community involved. As president of Hamilton Jewish Federation he was keen on seeing families engaged in the use of the building. The Centre hosted the first Jewish Cubs and Brownies. Camp Kadimah was based there during the summers, where his wife Dorothy volunteered as Camp Director.

Not long after, because Jews at the time were not allowed to play golf at some of Hamilton's leading golf clubs, Ben, along with a few others, decided that Hamilton should have its own Jewish golf club. The birth of the Beverly Golf and Country Club was in many ways, his fifth child. Again Ben spent countless hours finding the right farmland, going over the many sets of plans until the right one was chosen, and promoting the club within the Jewish community. They needed members to make this financially work. Because there were few golfers in Hamilton's Jewish community (Ben himself was a non-golfer), Ben 'sold' the club as a country club where members could bring their young families. He insisted on installing a pool, encouraged the teenagers to pick up golf, and later built the tennis courts. The Beverly was born in 1957.

Ben was president of the club several times. His proudest moments however, were taking both old and new members around the golf course to see the many trees he had planted (based on an arrangement he reached with the Ontario government to purchase 10,000 saplings at 10 cents each). His picture still stands in the front lobby of the new club house in tribute to him and the other co-founders who had the vision almost 60 years ago.

Almost two decades later, Ben became involved with his third major project, the development and design of Shalom Village. Motivated by the lack of Jewish services and accommodation for Hamilton's Jewish elderly, and his experience with his own father, Ben was committed to establishing a Jewish seniors' residence and nursing home in Hamilton. Again, as he had done with the other projects, he spent countless hours to ensure that Shalom Village would become the world-class facility that it is today. As its first president Ben could not have been prouder of opening day, or of the basement that now houses the Synagogue and other great services. That basement almost did not happen.

Between these projects, and his leadership roles, Ben was also active in the downtown Businessman's Association, was a board member of Hamilton Place, and participated in many other ad hoc initiatives whenever he was concerned about an issue. One such issue was the location of McMaster's future medical school. His concerns were many including the closure of a key main east-west artery (King Street), and the destruction of the Royal Botanical Garden's Sunken Gardens. Unfortunately he lost that battle and although the medical school and later the hospital would become world renowned, the traffic issues and the destruction of the gardens are issues the city continues to deal with today.

Ben was always intent on doing the right thing even if it meant challenging the status quo – which he did throughout his life. His ethics were impeccable and his business sense was amazing. But most importantly, it was his passion and love of family, the Jewish community and the city that drove him.

He will be missed but his story and the fruits of his labours shall live on.

Mark, Richard, Lorie and Rhona Shekter



Ben Shekter and Dorothy (Taylor) Shekter, August 30 1942.
 Photo courtesy of Lorie Shekter-Wolfson



ABOVE: Roasting hot dogs over an open fire.
 LEFT: Temple educator Laura Wolfson organizes an egg race.
 BOTTOM: Feeding baby cows at the Loewith farm.
 RIGHT: Hayride leaves the barn.



Photos by Carl Cuneo, Special to the HJN



AJNF Sukkot



JNF celebrated Sukkot this year at two separate locations – in Hamilton and in London.

The Hamilton event was held at the Loewith family farm in Lynden and about 130 people came out from Hamilton, Burlington, Oakville, Toronto, Waterdown, and beyond! This year's event was co-sponsored by Temple Anshe Sholom, Beth Jacob Congregation and Adas Israel. Despite the cool, cloudy weather, it was a wonderful event with a warm community feeling.

There were games organized by Laura Wolfson and music and singing provided by Paula Baruch, both of Temple Anshe Sholom. People even danced the horah to some of Paula's Israeli folk songs and sang along! Fay Schmerling and Sharon Markowski of Beth Jacob organized crafts for the children to create and hang in the sukkah – no matter what else was happening, crafts went on all afternoon long! Everyone enjoyed roasting hotdogs and marshmallows over the bonfire, the hayride to the barns to see

the cows and baby calves, having the opportunity to watch the cows being milked. Proudly, all of the technology used in the Loewith dairy operation is Israeli. We even had a special appearance by Rabbi Rosenfeld and his home-made sukkah mobile, who offered people the option of shaking the lulav and etrog in the sukkah.

Thank you so very much to all of the people who made the event a success – those mentioned above along with Jeff Laskey and Zavi Wolman who built the sukkah again this year, Rebecca and Noah Katz, who helped to set up and take everything down at the end, Carl Cuneo for being our official photographer, Hanna Schayer for her wonderful organizational skills, Rebecca Shapiro and Shainie Rosenfeld. Thank you as well to Linda Silvert for being in charge of the food area and keeping it organized and flowing smoothly, and to Neil Silvert for his warm words of welcome and his words of wisdom about the connections between Sukkot and JNF.

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Sunday, Nov. 17 @ 9 a.m.
The Hannukah Hustle
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Monday, Dec. 2 @ 5:30 p.m.
Kehila Chanukah Celebration
215 Cline Ave. N.
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Thursday, Dec. 12
Jewish Social Services Trip
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Sunday, Jan. 19 @ 1-4 p.m.
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PROGRAMS

Mitzvah Mission Youth Organization

For students in Grades 6-8 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the JCC
MMYO is an educational and fun program that brings our children under one roof to get to know one another, learn together and perform mitzvot together.

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Session 4: March 1, 18, 25, April 1, 8 and 29
Cost: members \$42 Non Members \$54 or drop in for \$10

Winter Camp

Dec. 30 and 31, Jan. 2 and 3
For more information please contact Laura

JCC Brunch

Jan. 26 at 11 a.m.



LEFT: The Katz Family learns Torah on a family bike ride along the Mountain Brow. RIGHT: The Sniderman Family signed up to participate in the international Torah Stitch by Stitch project. Photos courtesy of Mende Katz and Martin Sniderman.

TEMPLE ANSHE SHOLOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

LAURA WOLFSON

Our tradition teaches us that there are shiv'im panim la-Torah, or 70 Faces of Torah. What does this mean? There are many valid ways of understanding each part of the Torah – some more literal and some more profound – but all are valid. This year in religious school we have challenged our students, teachers and parents to bring the stories and lessons of Torah to light in 70 ways (some bold and creative, some quiet and meditative, some athletically challenging, but all designed for families and groups to do together!) Learning verses of Torah while hiking up the Chedoke Steps, making play-dough sculptures, baking for guests, and going on a kosher detectives grocery hunt, are just a few examples of ways that our families are engaging in this fun and exciting challenge. On the first day of Hebrew school families were given the opportunity to “shop” for a project that they would like to do together. They signed up for their chosen projects, collected their instruction kits, and took them home to choose a convenient

time for the whole family to do the project. Teachers also “shopped” for Torah projects for their classes. In January we will have a siyyum for the 70 Torah Projects Challenge, with all the projects displayed for others to see what each family did and what they learned. Some families have already asked for a second Torah project, because they had so much fun learning Torah with their first project!

Our religious school students will join with the entire Temple family for a wonderful Chanukah celebration on the last night of Chanukah (Dec. 6 at 6 p.m.) There will be a musical play, a student choir singing Chanukah songs, latkes, crafts and games, music, and a congregation-wide original menorah design contest. Students and families will enter their own original hand-made menorahs, made from a wide variety of materials and there will be specific criteria for the judges. The entire community is welcome to attend – for more information see www.anshesholom.ca.

BETH JACOB HEBREW SCHOOL



Hailey Rossignol collects litter at Beulah Park. Photo by Jason Leizer

We have had a really special beginning at Beth Jacob's Keshar Family Education program. Our Wednesday after-school program has been sailing through our new extended program; every week, our children now have an opportunity to eat dinner together, in addition to enjoying a wider range of arts, cooking and community activities. Of special note has been the addition of our robust (and adorable) kindergarten class and our robust (and very grown up) Grades 7-9 class taught by Rabbi Selsberg.

Our family programs have included High Holiday services with David Gershon (who dazzled, entertained and encouraged families to reach deep into the meaning of the new year) as well as another successful and meaningful visit to the Beth Jacob cemetery. Our Chanukah kickoff festivities will take place on Nov. 27.

Our Tikun Olam project this year is our adoption of Beulah Park. This City of Hamilton program has given us the privilege of both caring for and enjoying our community park with regular clean-ups and visits. Our October visit brought out a big crowd to rake, scrub and sing. If you'd like more information about Beth Jacob's Keshar educational program, please contact education director Milena Romalis at 905-522-1351.

Chevra Club seeks new members

MANNY FINE

“How can I commit? My dear grandson might drop by!” “If the weather is ok, I might be able to go.” “Today I feel like hell; tomorrow I might feel better; how I will feel on Sunday is anyone's guess.”

These are a few of the popular responses that seniors give when they are called about attending a Chevra Club program. Some are much more creative, such as “If I am still living, I will make an appearance” or “My walker needs a major tune-up. If my children look after getting the tune-up done, then I will be there.”

The Chevra Club was created under the auspices of Hamilton Jewish Social Services several years ago, when the Saturday Niters, a club that offered lovely socials and adventurous trips folded.

Chevra Club membership is comprised of former Saturday Niters augmented by other seniors seeking the camaraderie of a club where they can socialize, get to better know others in the community and generally enrich their lives. Monthly programs are varied, consisting of card and games afternoons, guest speakers, skits and shows by the members, discussion sessions, video presentations, summer picnics, meals and trips to shows.

The club executive, however, senses the need for a transfusion to add a little bit of “energy”. If you are interested in participating, please contact either Manny Fine at 905-679-1797, mfine25@gmail.com, or Alan White at 905-679-2155, awhiteauthor@quickclick.net.

KEHILA JCDS



Skyping with Gabe Hafter, an 11-year-old student at Desert Torah Academy who has Treacher-Collins Syndrome, was a highlight of Kehila's study of R.J. Palacio's book 'Wonder.' Photo by Michele Schneider, Special to the HJN

RINA RODAK

For their first novel study of the year, grades 3, 4 and 5 read ‘Wonder’ by R.J. Palacio. The book, read orally during secular studies, is just one part of Kehila's ongoing Torah Values curriculum that incorporates both a social skills and restorative justice component.

Auggie Pullman, the book's main character, was born with a crano-facial abnormality caused by Treacher-Collins Syndrome. He refuses to describe himself to the reader because, he explains, regardless of the visual we might have after hearing the description, the reality of it is worse. This opened the door to classroom discussions about being created in Hashem's image and about what it means to say someone is not or does not look “normal.”

Auggie believes that our deeds are our monuments and that everyone deserves a standing ovation at least once in their lives. Kehila's students unpacked these statements, pondered the value of deeds versus motives and reflected upon the importance of being recognized for your work.

During art class, the students sketched their own interpretations of what Auggie might look like

based on descriptions provided by peripheral characters in the book. In drama, they role played to learn and practice how to stand up to bullies and show kindness even in difficult situations.

A highlight for the class was Skyping with Gabe Hafter, an 11-year-old student at Las Vegas's Desert Torah Academy, who has Treacher-Collins Syndrome, and who attends Jewish Day School, overnight camp and loves his iPad, sports, or reading just like them! Both Gabe and the class enjoyed this exercise immensely.

One Kehila parent said, “our son's retelling of his classroom experience gave our family the opportunity to use Auggie's character to discuss peer pressure, moral values, and self-acceptance.” Mr. Browne, Auggie's classroom teacher, shares one precept per month with his students in the same way that Kehila adopts a specific Torah value monthly – we love his September precept: “If you are ever in a position to choose between being right and being kind, choose kind.” It is precisely the goal of Kehila's Torah values curriculum to teach each student to “choose kind.”

HAMILTON JEWISH SOCIAL SERVICES

Six ways to donate to the K kosher Food Bank without spending any money

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3. For your child's Bar or Bat Mitzvah consider making your centrepieces out of food that can be donated to the K kosher Food Bank. You provide the food; we provide the donation cards.
4. For birthday parties, showers, or any other simcha, ask your guests to bring a food item for the K kosher Food Bank in lieu of gifts.
5. Contact friends and family and do your own mini-food drive.
6. If you like to bake, the JSS would appreciate your baking (on-site) for the food bank preferably on Monday through Thursday mornings.

Other Ways to Donate

- Become a member of the JSS Chicken Club for a minimum donation of \$25 a month, ensuring that a family receives two kosher chickens each month.
- Send a JSS tribute card to mark a simcha or a loss. Minimum donation is \$10.

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HAMILTON HEBREW ACADEMY



The iCare wall of inspiration at the HHA. Photo courtesy of the HHA

It has been an amazing and inspiring beginning to our year at the HHA. In addition to the various educational advancements at the school, under the direction of our new administration, the year has begun on a fresh note with a new schoolwide initiative: iCare. A healthy school environment is fostered by the social atmosphere that permeates the hallways. While the HHA has recently been enhanced by physical upgrades in all the corridors, bathrooms and classrooms, the change in culture is even more palpable than the shining facilities.

iCare is a schoolwide program that instills the value of caring for each other. iCare fosters a monthly theme with integrated activities and course work. As soon as a child, parent, or community member enters the building the theme is prominently displayed at the entrance with various visuals and inspirational quotes.

The project was launched in the month of Tishrei with the theme of Myself. In order to enhance the world around us, change must start from within. The following theme, Family, will have classes researching family roots and working on projects that focus on the importance of the family unit.

Each subsequent month will develop a progression of themes that will result in a ripple effect of caring around our school, our homes, our community, our country, our homeland & the world at large.

To watch first-hand the great initiatives of iCare and other school activities visit www.hamiltonhebrewacademy.ca, where you can view hundreds of pictures, videos and essays. Even better, we hope you come and visit us at our home and see how our students and staff at the HHA truly do care.

HAMILTON HEBREW HIGH

Often we take for granted that everyone in the community knows about the amazing courses and programs at Midrasha / Hamilton Hebrew High (Hcubed).

For those that may not know, Hcubed is a Federation funded program that is registered with the Ontario Ministry of Education. It offers high school credit courses in various areas of Jewish thought. Our classes this year have enjoyed large enrolments. Hcubed also spearheads vibrant programs that include a Toronto Raptors game, a retreat weekend to New York City, great holiday programs and opportunities for community service hours.

In addition, Hcubed will host Friday night dinners on the following dates: Dec 13, Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 28, May 2, and Jun 13.

Enjoy, socialize, be inspired and learn about Judaism while earning a credit. Check out our website for more info www.hcubed.ca.

CANADIAN MAGEN DAVID ADOM

HILDA ROSEN

Once again, I have accepted the volunteer position of Ambassador for MDA Israel "to help save lives." Your tax-deductible donation will help me buy Hamilton's fourth Scooter.

I am asking you to take a minute out of your busy schedule to donate to CMDA. If you wish to pay with credit card, please call our Montreal office toll-free: 1-800-731-2848. All payments, whether made through Toronto or Montreal will be credited to Hamilton.

If you are planning a trip to Israel, please plan a visit to one of MDA's Stations located throughout



A Magen David Adom scooter

Israel. You must make all arrangements through our Montreal office prior to your trip. It is an exciting tour so please plan ahead and enjoy. All occasion cards may be ordered through myself at 905-529-4824 or through our Montreal office.

BETH JACOB SYNAGOGUE



Paul Hanover and his wife, Helen, at the Stars of Beth Jacob exhibit. Photo by Lawrence Yanover, Special to the HJN

MELINDA RICHTER

There's a new museum in town. The Rose and Phil Rosenshein Museum at Beth Jacob is located in the synagogue's small chapel, converted into an exhibition space last June following the discovery of the long-lost Jacob Goldblatt stained glass window from the original Hunter Street Shul. The space is now being dedicated as a museum in recognition of a lifetime of remarkable volunteer service to Beth Jacob congregation and the Hamilton Jewish Community by Phil Rosenshein, lovingly encouraged by his wife Rose.

The museum's mandate is to explore the history of the Jewish community in Hamilton with special attention to Beth Jacob Synagogue and its members, past and present. Through a series of rotating exhibits the museum hopes to promote appreciation of the synagogue's heritage and encourage the preservation of related objects and stories.

The museum's inaugural exhibit, Stars of Beth Jacob, opened on Nov. 3. Stars of Beth Jacob features stories, photographs, video and memorabilia from some of Beth Jacob Synagogue's most famous members, including Ken Soble, Paul Hanover, Molly Beube, Caissie Levy and Eugene Levy.

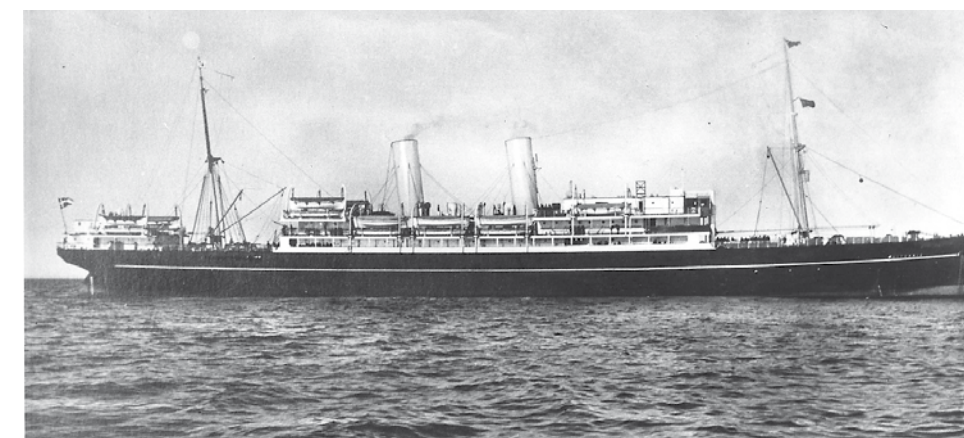
Among the videos that make up part of

the exhibit, is an interview with Ken Soble's daughter, Marlene Landa. Soble, who died in 1966, was the visionary owner of CHML and CHCH-TV.

"A lot of good things fell into (my father's) life ... because of having done nice things for others," she said, pointing to her father's giving a ride to Jane Gray "the First Lady of Radio" when her car broke down. She rewarded the kindness with a tour of the studio and a gig on her show, The Jane Gray Players. Soon Soble was hosting The Ken Soble Amateur Hour, and forming his own production company. In 1936 Soble was hired as manager of CHML and moved to Hamilton. Within a few years he bought the radio station. While many remember Soble for his visionary leadership at CHML and later at CHCH-TV, Landa talks about how his philanthropy and commitment to people made him such a respected Hamiltonian and beloved member of the Jewish community.

If you have an object or photograph that you would like to donate to the museum's growing collection, please contact curator, Melinda Richter, at museum@bethjacobsynagogue.ca or call the synagogue's office: 905 522 1351.

JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



The Lituania of the The Baltic American Steamship Line, 1915 Photo courtesy of the Bangsbo Museum

Many of us have heard stories about how and when our ancestors arrived in Canada. Jewish immigration to this country literally exploded from the time of the invention of the steam-powered ocean liner in the mid-1800s until the start of the Second World War, with more than 200,000 people arriving on our shores in less than 90 years. But how much do you actually know about their often arduous journey to find a better life in the new world? On Jan. 8, 2014, The Jewish Genealogical Society of Hamilton and Area (JGSH) is pleased to take us along on a journey of rediscovery. Join long-standing

member Steven Brock as he presents his entertaining and informative account of the history of Jewish immigration to Canada with a special emphasis on the ocean liners that brought our ancestors from Europe. Doors open at Temple Anshe Shalom at 7:30 p.m., with his presentation beginning at 8:00.

The JGSH meets monthly at Temple Anshe Shalom, 215 Cline Ave. N., Hamilton. Please check out www.jgsh.org or contact Hazel Boon at 905-524-3345 or email jgshamilton@gmail.com for more information.

TEMPLE ANSHE SHOLOM

RABBI JORDAN COHEN

This coming year Temple Anshe Shalom is taking to the road, making a number of sacred pilgrimages to learn, expand our horizons and enrich ourselves as individuals and as a community. Trips near and far, we hope everyone will take advantage of these opportunities and join us for what will surely be some remarkable journeys.

Our plans include a bus excursion to visit the ROM's highly acclaimed exhibit, Mesopotamia: Inventing Our World in November. Mesopotamia was the birthplace of both biblical and rabbinic Judaism. Our day trip to Mesopotamia will include a guided tour of the exhibit, a special lecture about Judaism and Mesopotamia, transportation and lunch.

During the weekend of February 7-9, we will be travelling to Orillia for a Shabbat retreat at the beautiful Fern Resort. Our past TAS retreats have been wonderful events, full of fun and inspiring programs, bringing together our members of all ages in a beautiful setting to celebrate a very special Shabbat. This year's retreat will include a full program of joyful alternative services,

and meaningful programs for all ages, singing, learning and excitement, in addition to some wonderful winter recreational activities.

Lastly, in mid-October, 2014, we will embark on our next Congregational Tour of Israel. This trip will be an entirely new experience from the last, focusing on southern Israel, including Eilat and a side-trip to Petra. Led by Rabbi Cohen and Paula Baruch, this special tour will be highlighted by unique opportunities such as a Tasting Tour of Tel Aviv, a Tikkun Olam experience, dialogue with some of Israel's social, economic and political innovators, a walk through the new Rabin Center, explorations of the Arava desert, and a visit to the exquisite ancient Nabatean City of Petra, situated in southern Jordan. Of course, there will be lots of time in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Eilat to relax, wander and enjoy. Throughout the year leading up to the tour we have planned numerous programs to prepare and learn in advance. Everyone is welcome to join us for these wonderful travel opportunities.

ADAS ISRAEL



Chana Griver, Ariel Schwartz and Joy Zians at T.W.O.'s challah baking night.

Photo courtesy of Adas Israel

The word "two" is most often associated with the second numerical digit. On a deeper level it represents the human need for companionship. It is also the acronym for the newly created Adas caring committee, "Together With Others."

The group, spearheaded by Joy Zians, was established in memory of the recently deceased Shirley Yaffe a'h. A remarkable woman in our community with a tremendous capacity for bestowing goodness.

The project began organically with a group of women, of varying religious backgrounds and ages, who gathered once a week to pray for those in our community facing major health challenges.

The group then responded with action in addition to the prayers and sensitivities fosters at the home-based groups. Projects

have included baking Shabbat challas together in the Adas kitchen to share with others around the community. Greater initiative and coordination with visiting those in respite care as well as heightened support for organizations like Shalom Village and the Hamilton Kosher Food Bank.

The premise and mission of the group is to work organically and collaboratively to meet the diverse needs of those in our community. Through the power of prayer and acts of loving kindness, not only does TWO enrich our community but it ennobles those who are engaged in its initiatives.

To be added to the TWO mailing list, or for more information, please contact Joy Zians at t.w.o@adasisrael.ca.

Hold the Date March 23, 2014 for Community-Wide Special Needs Conference

With the support of Beth Tikvah, Kehila, HHA, the JCC, Jewish Social Services, as well as other community partners, the Federation is sponsoring a community-wide conference on Sunday, March 23, 2014 at 2 p.m. focusing on families with special needs children. The goal of the conference is two-fold: to identify the range of needs in the community and to provide relevant information to parents.



Happy Chanukah

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