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## Adventure Israel trip provides a lifetime of memories

By Sandra Zagon  
and Sarah Beutel  
Adventure Israel

The elderly Palestinian man walked into the clinic's waiting room lovingly carrying his grandson wrapped in a baby blanket. Dr. Livia Kapusta, the pediatric cardiologist who was giving our group a tour of the Wolfson Medical Center in Holon, on the outskirts of Tel Aviv, rushed to the man and warmly embraced him and the boy. She explained how the child, who lives in Gaza, was recovering after a successful cardiac surgery performed by surgeons from Save a Child's Heart (SACH).

This was our first stop in a 12-day cross-country trip as part of Adventure Israel 2013. The incident jumps to mind for its emotional impact and was emblematic of the connections and insights we would gain.

Last fall, Kapusta visited Ottawa and spoke about SACH when she gave the keynote address at the annual *Choices* event presented by the Jewish Federation of Ottawa Women's Campaign. The Israeli organization



A happy group of Ottawa paddlers shares a moment before one of its races at the Dragon Boat Israel Festival, May 9-10, on Lake Kinneret. (Photo: Yaron Eini)

provides urgently needed pediatric heart surgery and follow-up care for needy children from developing countries.

Now, seeing Kapusta at work, our group was overwhelmed in

admiration for what the medical team does daily with limited resources and in the face of daunting logistics.

This year's Adventure Israel trip took place April 29 to May 11

and there were 17 adventurers – most from Ottawa, but also from Vancouver, Boston, and even as far away as Denmark.

While it was the first visit to Israel for two in the group, for most

it was a happy return to a beloved country.

Yet, there was one particularly poignant moment that made us all feel the magic of arriving in Israel.

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## Project launched to record the testimonies of Holocaust survivors during March of the Living

By Louise Rachlis

"You don't need to ask them many questions. You just need to say, 'Tell me your story.'"

The "them" Evan Zelikovitz refers to are "the amazing Holocaust survivors" who take part in the annual March of the Living,

an educational program that brings high school students to Poland to learn about the Holocaust. The program climaxes with the actual March from Auschwitz to Birkenau on Yom HaShoah and then moves on to Israel and the joyous Yom Ha'Atzmaut celebrations there.

Zelikovitz is chairing a new March of the Living Digital Archive Project, a long-term initiative to preserve Holocaust survivors' testimonies taken on location during the March. He became involved with the March as one of the adult chaperons who took 16 Ottawa students on the March in

2012. It was an experience that cemented his desire to want to do more in the area of Holocaust education.

He returned to Poland on this year's March to take the video testimony of the 17 Canadian survivors travelling on the March.

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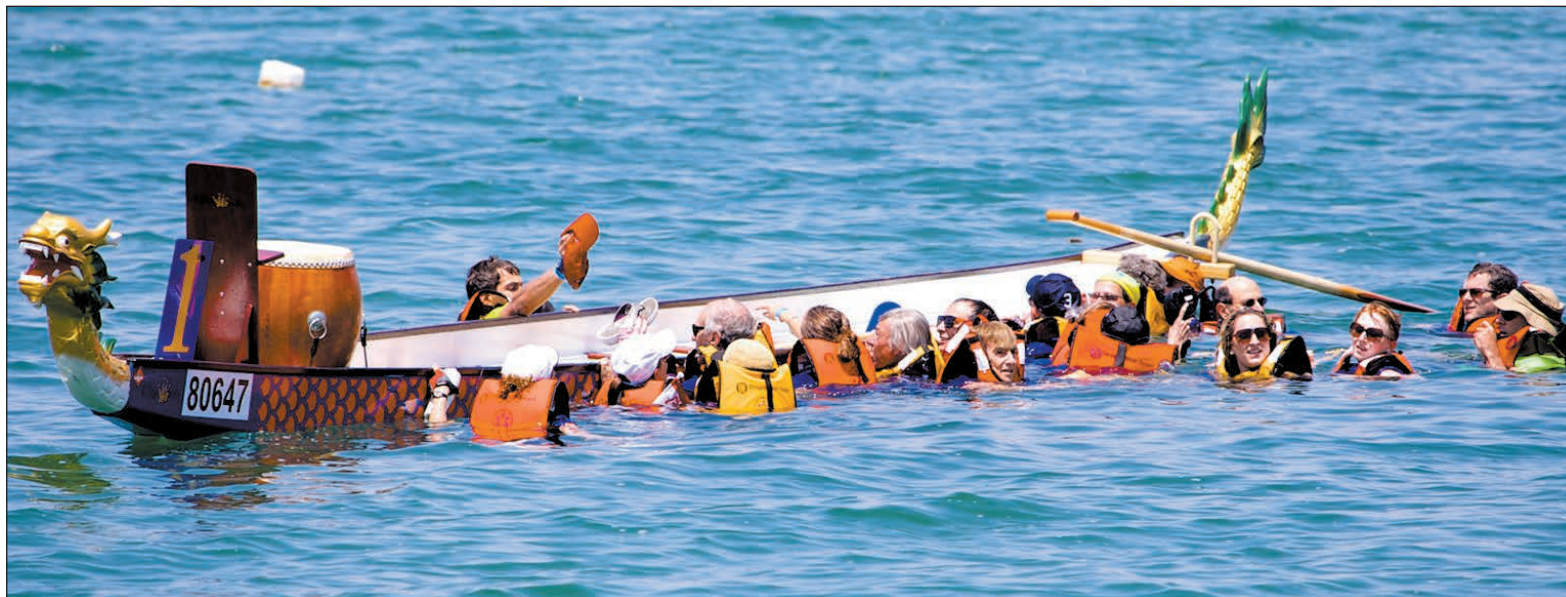
# Despite spill, Dragon Boat Israel Festival triumphs

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As our tour bus made the very literal ascent into Jerusalem, our tour guide, Karl Walters, who was not only personable, humorous and a marvel of knowledge, but a wonderful singer, began singing “Yerushalayim Shel Zahav (Jerusalem of Gold).” As the ancient city grew around us, we opened a bottle of wine and recited the *Shehecheyanu*. Yes, we all felt truly blessed to be in Israel.

There were many such memorable moments in a trip that took us from the centre of the country, to the south, north, west, east and back again. From a powerfully spiritual pre-Shabbat visit to the Western Wall, to witnessing the wind-swept silent beauty of the Negev Desert where ibexes walked past our hotel, the experiences were varied and awe-inspiring.

We explored centuries-old excavated caves around Beit Guvrin in the south; we rappelled off cliffs into the Ramon Crater; we visited markets in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Akko and Tsfat; we swam in the Mediterranean; we visited various kibbutzim; we



Ottawa's *L'Chaim on the Mayim* dragon boat team “in the mayim,” May 10, at the Dragon Boat Israel Festival on Lake Kinneret.

(Photo: Dan Greenberg)

biked along the Tel Aviv coastal promenade; and most of us ended the adventure by dragon boating on Lake Kinneret.

Near the end of our trip, it was clear how closely we had all bonded. The Ottawa dragon boaters even practised for the race, mock paddling in unison, in the restaurant of our Jerusalem hotel.

Indeed, the Dragon Boat Israel Festival provided a wonderful

way to finish our adventure on a high note. As many as 900 people took part, while about 1,000 enthusiastic spectators cheered us on.

The event raised more than \$40,000 for two Israeli charities: Kav Hazinuk, a leadership development program, and Warm Homes, which provides day centres for at-risk teenage girls.

Dragon Boat Israel didn't

come without drama as one of our Ottawa teams, *L'Chaim on the Mayim*, capsized its dragon boat, spilling the illustrious paddlers into the water. Dripping wet, but safe and sound, the group kept smiling. Among them, Barbara Crook, despite her mishap, went on to sing “Hatikvah” at the conclusion of the festival. Her emotive singing of Israel's national anthem left even

those who didn't fall in the water with goosebumps.

The reception dinner that evening at Hamat Gader also held some special moments as we danced the hora with hundreds of joyful people.

The trip, filled with a lifetime of memories, was a fabulous way to experience Israel. For anyone yet to experience it, all we can add is: Adventure Israel 2014!

# Survivors' stories come to life in front of mesmerized students

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He recorded their stories “in the very concentration camps and ghettos and villages where they witnessed and suffered the worst atrocities that one can imagine.”

The Digital Archive Project, Zelikovitz said, “is about watching the survivors' stories come to life in front of hundreds of mesmerized Jewish students.”

Zelikovitz and videographer Katka Reszke, a Polish Jewish documentary filmmaker living in New York, interviewed survivors in locations throughout Poland.

They went from survivor to survivor, to the places that were important to them

– where they lived, where they were stripped of all dignity, where their family and friends were murdered.

The survivors were interviewed one-on-one, sometimes in the company of their children or grandchildren, who came with them on the March.

“We wanted to capture the emotions of the survivors as they spoke to the students or stood arm-in-arm beside their children or grandchildren in a Nazi death camp, as many explained that this was the very place where their own mother and father and siblings were taken from them, never to be seen again,” Zelikovitz said.



Evan Zelikovitz (left) and Holocaust survivor Robbie Waisman during the 2012 March of the Living.

“It doesn't get any more real than that.”

One of the survivors Zelikovitz spent time with

was 90-year-old Joe Mandel of Toronto. Mandel had never spoken to his own children about the Holo-



Robbie Waisman, at age 14, in 1945.

caust until two years ago, when he went on the March and started to open up.

“I spent a lot of time tak-

ing Joe's testimony with his daughter sitting next to him. She hadn't heard such stories before.”

Zelikovitz notes the March isn't just about sadness and remembering the Jewish people's tragic past.

“I've got video of Joe singing Yiddish songs in an old synagogue, dancing together with other survivors, with hundreds of Canadian students dancing with them. That's what makes this project so important.”

Zelikovitz described the survivors as “true heroes” with “passion for life.” Despite the cold, unpleasant weather and long days, and the difficulty of reliving the most horrible parts of their lives, “no one ever heard the survivors complain. They just want to tell their story.”

Some of the survivors have been on the March more than a dozen times. Nate Leipziger of Toronto has been on the March with all of his grandchildren, the latest his ninth.

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## Correction

An article (“Committed to volunteerism,” May 20) incorrectly referred to Stacey Segal, 34, as “the youngest-ever recipient of the Freiman Family Young Leadership Award.”

In 2000, Leiba Krantzberg received the award at age 32.

The *Bulletin* regrets the error.

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# Meet Eden Attias, Israel's defence attaché in Ottawa

By Michael Regenstreif

When Defence Minister Peter McKay met with Ehud Barak, then Israel's defence minister, in November 2010 at the Halifax International Security Forum, the ministers – whose countries enjoy a very close diplomatic relationship – decided to work together to bring defence relations between Canada and

Israel to a new, higher level.

A year later, when Barak returned to the 2011 forum, he was accompanied by Brigadier-General (Res.) Eden Attias, newly appointed as Israel's first Ministry of Defence attaché in Canada.

A month later, Attias and his family were living in Ottawa, where he established his office at the Embassy of Israel. Since then, he's been hard at work exploring and establishing areas of collaboration between Israel and Canada on defence matters.

In a conversation with the *Bulletin* at the Embassy, Attias spoke about his role in conducting "military diplomacy" on behalf of Israel with Canadian defence officials and with the military.

"We're looking for the places where both sides have an interest in sharing knowledge," Attias said about military-to-military discussions that take place.

As examples, Attias said Israel was interested in learning about Canada's participa-



Brigadier General (Res.) Eden Attias, Israel's defence attaché in Canada, on the ice.

tion in the Libya campaign, while Canada was interested in Israel's experiences in fighting terrorism.

At the level of the two defence ministries, Attias said discussions are more formalized and based on a memo of understanding between Israel and Canada, which, he explained, "is a standard agree-

ment that friends or allies have" when they decide to pursue relations at that level.

Israel, he said, has exchanged defence attachés with about 30 countries around the world. Prior to his appointment, Israel's defence attaché in Washington was the only one in North America.

Attias served as an Israeli Air Force officer for more than 28 years, most recently serving as commander of one of Israel's largest air bases before moving to the defence ministry and his appointment in Ottawa. A pilot with more than 6,000 hours in the air, he remains an active member of the reserve forces and returns to duty when needed.

Attias noted that the appointment of a brigadier-general as Israel's first defence attaché in Canada indicates the importance Israel has placed on developing its defence relationship with Canada as Israeli defence attachés are usually at the rank of colonel.

Attias said he's enjoying being part of the community of defence attachés in Ottawa and has even learned to skate – something he'd never done before arriving here – so he can play for the *Lame Ducks*, the hockey team comprising defence attachés from various countries posted to Ottawa. They practise weekly in hockey season and face off in games two or three times

per year against a team of Canadian general/flag officers – including General Thomas Lawson, Canada's chief of defence staff. Governor General David Johnston referees the games, when his schedule allows.

Hockey, said Attias, "is a great game. I'm into it with all my heart."

In addition to fostering a spirit of camaraderie among the defence attaché community, the games, he said, help facilitate the attachés' working relationships with Canada's top officers.

Although he usually wears business attire for his day-to-day activities in Ottawa, Attias is occasionally seen in uniform at ceremonial events such as international receptions, or Yom Hazikaron and Remembrance Day – or on a trip back to Israel to host Canada's chief of defence staff there.

Attias said he and his family have received a warm welcome in Ottawa from the diplomatic, military and Jewish communities and, despite the harsh winters, are enjoying their time here.

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## Talking with Ottawa Jewish community leaders

Roslyn Kimmel:

# More than four decades of community work

By Benita Siemiatycki

*Editor's note: Throughout 2013, the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin is speaking with a number of longtime community leaders about some of their leadership accomplishments and about challenges the community faces now and will face in the future.*

It's a memory that still stirs emotion in Roslyn Kimmel. She was about 10 when she learned her grandparents were providing room and board to a young man, a stranger to the family. In fact, he was a displaced Holocaust survivor receiving much-needed help to get back on his feet.

He went on to become a chartered accountant and Roslyn said the example set by her grandparents left an impression on her, even as a child. She knew that, if she could, she would devote her life to helping others in order to make her community a better place in which to live.

After she married Arnie Kimmel in 1969, Roslyn flung herself into volunteering and never looked back.

Shortly after their marriage, Roslyn and Arnie joined a couples group initiated by Hy Hochberg, then executive director of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vaad Ha'ir, whose goal was to encourage young people to take on leadership roles in the community. That inspired Roslyn to join Hadassah-WIZO's Henrietta Wise Chapter. It was there, she said, that her leadership skills were honed under the guidance of more senior mentors, and where she made many long-standing friends.

Over the years, Roslyn chaired the boards of Talmud Torah Afternoon School and Akiva School, which her two children attended; sat on the boards of the Jewish Community Centre and Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation; chaired the



Roslyn Kimmel

Women's Division of UJA; chaired the event to mark the 36th anniversary of Women's Division; introduced the Young Women's Leadership Program to Ottawa; and chaired the 1991 UJA Campaign during Operation Exodus.

In 1993, Roslyn was honoured by the State of Israel Bonds and, in 2009, was recognized as one of 75 community leaders at the Jewish Federation of Ottawa's 75th anniversary celebration. She is proud some of the other honourees were graduates of the Young Women's Leadership Program.

Roslyn's commitment is not limited to the Jewish community.

On a trip to France, she and Arnie witnessed cyclists raising money for charity. With Arnie being CEO of Quickie Conve-

nience Stores, they put their heads together and came up with *Le Tour de Quickie*.

Over seven years, with Roslyn in charge, the cycling event raised \$2.5 million for CHEO.

"It was my experience through Jewish organizations that taught me how to run an event like that," she said.

She also sat as a trustee on the boards of CHEO and the Royal Ottawa Hospital.

Roslyn would like to see the Jewish community work hard at retaining young people who come to Ottawa for school or work experience to help ensure we remain a vibrant and growing community.

She also sees the new vitality at Camp B'nai Brith as boding well for the future and is very optimistic about Andrea Freedman having taken the helm of the Federation. Roslyn said it is an opportunity to build a bridge between younger and older generations.

However, Roslyn is concerned younger Jews are not committing to the Jewish community to the extent earlier generations did and points to dropping enrol-

ment at the Ottawa Jewish Community School and lower rates of synagogue membership.

"A community that loses its day school loses its Jewishness and its continuity. We can't let it go," she said.

Roslyn would also like to see more priority put on the upkeep of our buildings and some planning for a facility for people who need assisted living, but are not at the stage of needing a nursing home like Hillel Lodge.

Roslyn gives credit to Arnie for supporting her work, and offering advice as needed. She also feels she and Arnie have been role models to their children, Lisa and Michael, who live in Toronto.

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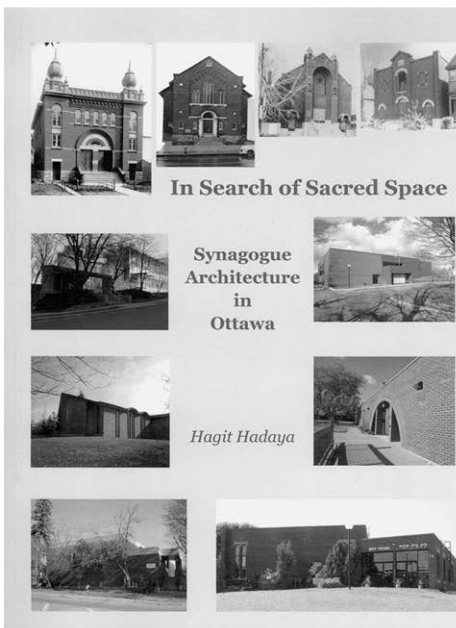
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# Years of dedicated work lead to creation of National Holocaust Monument in Ottawa

Although I am originally from Montreal, I've been proud to call Ottawa home for the past 25 years. In addition to being a warm and dynamic community in which to raise a family, Jewish Ottawa is often at the centre of events with profound implications for all of Canadian Jewry. Time and again, I have discovered in my work at the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) that our national projects find their natural home here in Ottawa – the most recent example being Canada's new National Holocaust Monument.

In April, the federal government announced the monument will be built in downtown Ottawa next to the Canadian War Museum, a fitting memorial to the evil against which Canadian troops fought in the Second World War. Once completed, Canada will no longer be the only Allied nation without a national Holocaust memorial – an achievement stemming from unanimous support in Parliament and years of groundwork by some dedicated colleagues in Ottawa's Jewish community and here at CIJA.

At the same time, we have launched programming to convey the experience of the Holocaust in terms that are customized and compelling to key non-Jewish audiences. For example, working with the Truth and



## Federation Report

Shimon Fogel  
CIJA

Reconciliation Commission, CIJA recently brought together Holocaust survivors and members of Canada's First Nations, including residential school survivors, in a thought-provoking discussion on what we can learn today from a history of loss and suffering.

Indeed, events around the world, particularly in Europe, only confirm the urgent need to convey the lessons of the Shoah to the next generation. At the 14th Plenary Assembly of the World Jewish Congress, in which CIJA is honoured to serve as Canada's representative, our delegates heard alarming accounts of the rise of far right nationalist movements in Hungary, Greece, Ukraine and elsewhere. Feeding off social and economic anxieties, politicians peddling the rhetoric of classical anti-Semitism have met with a troubling degree of popular support. For this reason, along with the sadden-

ing decline in the number of Shoah survivors, CIJA has made a priority of supporting global efforts to strengthen Holocaust education.

In addition to our work promoting the international fundraising effort to preserve Auschwitz-Birkenau, to which Canada responded with a \$400,000 contribution, CIJA is an active member of the Advisory Council of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), which represents the joint efforts of experts and governments from 31 countries. That Canada is serving as IHRA chair this year speaks to the global prominence of Canada's Jewish community – and our country as a whole – on this crucial issue.

Here in Ottawa, we have recently seen symbolic, but important, momentum on an issue of deep importance to our Sephardi and Mizrahi communities. In May, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs began a study on the plight of Jewish refugees from Arab countries in the years after the founding of the State of Israel. CIJA and its predecessor organizations have for years called for Canadian foreign policy on the Middle East to state that any resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict must also address the traumatic experience

of more than 800,000 Jews who fled Arab countries post-1948. Just as Canada's current policy calls for a solution to the issue of Palestinian refugees, it is a matter of fundamental justice that Israel's historic absorption of masses of Jewish refugees is taken into consideration. That MPs from all parties have shown sympathy for the experience of Jewish refugees, and a willingness to explore amendments to Canadian foreign policy, demonstrates the strong, non-partisan support for Israel we see on Parliament Hill.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not extend a warm welcome back to the federation system to Andrea Freedman, new CEO of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa. During her years of service to the federation system in both Montreal and Toronto, Andrea participated in – among other activities – an intensive Israel advocacy leadership-training program. In addition to the vast expertise she brings to the Ottawa community, we look forward to working with her in the knowledge that she has a keen appreciation and understanding of advocacy issues in Canada.

For more information about our advocacy agenda and programs, visit [cija.ca](http://cija.ca) or contact Judy Zelikovitz at 613-234-8271.

## Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose

The well-known French adage, "the more things change, the more they remain the same," can be applicable to our own Jewish community in Ottawa. Dwindling school enrolments and declining shul memberships in certain segments of our community speak to issues that have plagued us for years. The recent census figures demonstrating a shrinking Jewish population in Ottawa serve as a *kol koray*, a voice that must be heard.

The answer to these issues is not to build new structures, but to construct models that will be meaningful and effective in attracting young families to move to and affiliate with our community.

We have to address the needs of these young families who find it difficult for various reasons to connect with the establishment community. For example, the demographic time bomb of dwindling school enrolments in many of our schools cannot be ignored or wished away. There has to be some type of vision and plan to reach out to these parents that will attract, rather than detract.

If I could dream, I would envision benefactors in Ottawa who, through their largesse and contributions, create a structure whereby each child desirous of Jewish educational opportunities, be it in a day school or supplementary school, would be the recipient of a type of stipend or subvention per year enabling him or her to



## From the pulpit

Rabbi Howard  
Finkelstein  
Beit Tikvah

afford the costs of education.

If I could dream, I would envision parents committing themselves to send their children to local Jewish schools and not sending them out of town, as currently occurs in certain segments of our community. The exodus of these students has served as the death knell for some of our local institutions. The net result of this exodus also is that these young people will not return to Ottawa, diminishing hope that our community will grow.

If I could dream, I would envision a program where prospective families could affiliate with synagogue, school and the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (JCC) at an all-encompassing discounted fee. At present, this arrangement is applicable to synagogue and Soloway JCC membership. Does this arrangement include schools?

There is a necessity for all institutions in our community committed to Jewish continuity and perpetuity to go through a process of a *din vevcheshbon*, an accounting and a

reckoning. Federation plays a very important role in this process, and should take an active role in not only facilitating discussion but also working to recommend and implement solutions that will ensure our community does not dwindle in population and affiliation, but continue to grow. There are no easy answers and no facile solutions to our community's problems. But the questions we have to ask ourselves are: What will our

community look like in 25 years? Will our schools and shuls be strong? Will our community institutions be vibrant?

It is no small wonder that our rabbis commented in describing wisdom, "One who is wise is one who can anticipate the future."

We in the Ottawa Jewish community have to confront the future at the present time. Otherwise, our best years will be in the past.



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# Our community will miss Ambassador Miriam Ziv

Ambassador Miriam Ziv has been a familiar figure in Ottawa's Jewish community since she arrived here almost five years ago as Israel's chief diplomat in Canada.

Despite a demanding schedule in Ottawa and across the country, she frequently attended and participated in all manner of events in our community. And, under her tenure, the Embassy of Israel increased its partnerships with the community and collaborated on many events, such as this month's Israeli Film Festival.

Indeed, as outgoing Jewish Federation of Ottawa Chair Debbie Halton-Weiss noted at the Federation's annual general meeting on June 5, the ambassador has been very much a part of the community since her arrival in 2008.

The ambassador's term in Canada, which was extended by one year, is scheduled to end this summer – although, as I write on June 7, the exact date of her departure has not been announced, nor the name of her successor – and she will leave Ottawa. As Debbie said, she will be missed by the Jewish community.

By all means of measurement, Ambassador Ziv's tenure in Canada must be seen as a great success. Relations between Israel and Canada have grown closer, and Canada is one of Israel's staunchest allies on the world stage.

She will certainly be missed on Parliament Hill. At a parliamentary reception on



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**Michael Regenstreif**

June 4, many cabinet members, MPs from all parties, senators, ambassadors from other countries, and other dignitaries and community leaders turned out to bid her a fond and very friendly farewell.

Senate Speaker Noel A. Kinsella, who hosted the reception with Senator Linda Frum, spoke about the impact the ambassador has had on the Hill and noted she was the only non-Canadian included on the list of the "25 most important people in Ottawa" published late last year by *Maclean's* magazine.

Ambassador Ziv has always been a good friend to the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* and we, too, will miss her.

## Census figures

In his *From the Pulpit* column on the opposite page, Rabbi Howard Finkelstein mentions that recently released census figures indicate Ottawa's Jewish population has seen a decline in recent years.

While a cursory glance at the raw census numbers would seem to indicate that, we do not yet have the deep statistical analysis that examines overlap and diver-

gence in census responses to questions of Jewish identification by religion and Jewish identification by ethnicity.

It is this essential analysis that we actually rely on to determine the real Jewish population and to make projections for the future.

Frankly, though, relying on this particular census may be fraught with problems given that responses to the detailed, long questionnaire in 2011 were voluntary. In previous censuses, responses were mandatory and thus had a negligible non-response rate. This time around, Statistics Canada reports a global non-response rate of 21.8 per cent.

In my editor's column of August 16, 2010, I noted the Canadian census had always enjoyed a reputation for the reliability of its data. "However, thanks to a surprising order handed down this summer from Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative cabinet, the reliability of the census data to be gathered in May 2011 may be in doubt."

As I further noted in that column, almost three years ago, "Social scientists and statisticians have uniformly condemned the Government's action and raised serious doubts about the reliability of the data if answering the long-form questions becomes optional. Munir Sheikh, the head of Statistics Canada resigned in protest to the move."

There were almost universal calls from editorialists and columnists from across

the country, and from all manner of organizations that rely on accurate census data, that the decision to eliminate the mandatory nature of the detailed forms be reversed.

But the Harper Government refused to change its decision, and we are now left with attempting to interpret detailed questions to which nearly a quarter of those asked did not respond.

However, I should also mention that, no matter what deeper analysis of the census figures ultimately shows, and no matter the flaws in the census methodology, Rabbi Finkelstein addresses serious challenges being faced by our community and his suggestions are important and worthy of consideration.

## Coverage to come

We endeavour to cover news-making events in the community in as timely a manner as possible – but, sometimes, deadline and publication schedules don't co-operate.

Several events, including the Jewish Federation of Ottawa's annual general meeting, which I briefly referred to in the above item about Ambassador Ziv, and the *Am Echad Walk/Run for Jewish Education in Ottawa*, took place too late in the production cycle for this issue to be included, or even after we went to print.

Watch for coverage of them in our July issue.

# Israel's 'sights and sounds are like nowhere else'

There is something amazing about visiting Israel. It is hard to put into words, but I am going to try. My deadline for this issue of the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* was just one day after spending most of the month of May in the Holy Land. What a month! What a visit!

I won't be the first to say there is nothing like arriving in Jerusalem just before Shabbat. To hear the horn and see the city close down is remarkable. It is like pressing a button and seeing everything suddenly stop. To have that first supper, a Shabbat supper with family and friends, soothes the jet lag. The struggle to stay awake diminished by the beauty of the table and the people around it.

To walk the streets of Jerusalem on Shabbat, as so many of you know, is like a walk in another world, a world of tranquility with few cars, no honking horns, no buses, and very little commerce. Peacefulness is when you are in the downtown of a fair sized city and you can actually hear yourself think.

Saturday night after Shabbat was the first time I saw the new light rail train snake its way through the city. What a magnificent sight to see it pass in front of



**Jason Moscovitz**

the walls of the Old City: the ancient and the modern up against each other. On previous visits, I had only seen the mess the light rail construction was making. The delays had become part of local folklore. The beautiful end result makes the dirt, the dust and the delays all worthwhile.

Like many people, I spend a lot of time in the Old City on my visits. I walk through the Jewish Quarter, the Christian, as well as the Arab Quarter and I am always amazed at how the world walks through those narrow passages – literally, people from every corner of the world. The sights and sounds are like nowhere else.

Some sights are hard to figure out. I was told the best deal for a vacation cell phone was just inside the Damascus Gate. I got there, but couldn't get the propri-

etor's attention. Here is this Palestinian merchant chatting with an Israeli soldier, and I just stood there and watched them continue their casual conversation. They both gave me the impression I was intruding.

I finally had to speak over the soldier to tell the merchant I wanted to buy a cell phone. When he showed me the model he knew I was looking for, the soldier told me it was the best phone for the money. So I guess they both sold me the cell phone. As I left, they resumed their conversation, their body language seemingly so friendly.

During my visit, I spent time on my way to the Golan Heights at the Dragon Boat Festival on Lake Kinneret and met several Ottawa people who were there. Unfortunately, an Ottawa team was disqualified when its boat capsized near the finish line. Over exuberance for sure!

The Golan was breathtaking. The scenery being a combination of so many different looks it really is difficult to describe.

For example, from our host's backyard, you could see the Kinneret as if it were right in front of you despite being about

30 km away. Distances in the Golan mean nothing because of the heights and the vantage points.

Talk about close. We were less than 30 minutes from the Syrian border and the terrible civil war raging there. While Israel's attack on Syrian munitions sites was the lead story in the Canadian media, our hosts never raised the subject. We didn't either. It seemed surreal, but, then again, it is a way of life for them and they don't talk about it.

The beach in Tel Aviv was the jewel it always is, while a few days later, floating on an almost 40 degree day in the Dead Sea was unforgettable. The Herod exhibit at the Israel Museum was outstanding.

It was my fifth visit to Israel and by far the best. How could it not have been?

On May 17, our daughter Emmanuelle was married in an outdoor wedding in the Judean Hills. It was picturesque. The weather was a perfect 25 degrees. Family and friends came from Canada, France, the United States and Australia. The music, the dancing and the food were all perfect.

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# A 10-year window to record testimonies on March of the Living

(Continued from page 2)

“They feel a responsibility to teach our young generation so they keep on coming back,” said Zelikovitz.

One of the video testimonies Zelikovitz took this year was from Sidney Zoltak of Montreal, who was born in a village in Poland where more than 99 per cent of the 7,000 Jewish residents were sent to their deaths at Treblinka.

Zoltak, a hidden child for almost two years, was one of the few to survive. The man who saved Zoltak’s life – a Righteous Among the Nations – is still alive, and his son came to Treblinka during the March to hear Zoltak give his emotional testimony as 100 students listened quietly.

“The only place I can have a class reunion is in this place – in this death camp,” says Zoltak in the video noting all of his childhood friends died there.

After Zoltak finishes his

story and recites the Mourner’s Kaddish, he is greeted with hugs and kisses from the emotional students.

“This,” said Zelikovitz, “is why I’m doing this.”

When Robbie Waisman of Vancouver was on the March with the Ottawa group in 2012, they went to Skarszysko, the village in Poland he is from. It was the first time he’d been back.

Waisman, who had been liberated from Buchenwald, was one of the “Boys from Buchenwald,” along with author Elie Wiesel and Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, the former Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Israel.

“We arrive in Skarszysko and Robbie is clearly nervous and emotional. There were 150 students walking with him as Robbie led us to his apartment building that was made part of the ghetto of his village,” said Zelikovitz.

“The woman who lives in Robbie’s old apartment

let him go inside. It took a while, but his memories began to rush back, and we have it all on video. Robbie came home to let his mother know that her baby survived. It was one of many truly magical moments.”

With even child survivors of the Holocaust now in their senior years, Zelikovitz points to an approximately 10-year window to record testimonies on the March.

“We have a responsibility to ensure their memories, which have formed such an important part of our people’s and all of humanity’s history, must remain in a form that can be communicated to the next generation and the generation after that.”

Zelikovitz says he worries about what will happen when these amazing survivors are gone.

“We need to make sure that the world never forgets what happened during the Shoah, and the March of the

Living has the unique ability to keep this part of our history alive in an unforgettable way ...

“It’s a responsibility I’m committed to and it’s important that Canadians become aware of this project and its importance.”

Once completed, the Digital Archive Project will create an interactive website where people can learn about the Holocaust through hours of compelling video material from the March of the Living. The interactive nature of the site will allow for exchange of information, data and dialogue for future generations.

March of the Living Canada is funded by Jewish Federations of Canada – UIA and various local federations, including the Jewish Federation of Ottawa.

For more information or to assist the Digital Archive Project financially, Zelikovitz can be contacted at [zelikovitz@rogers.com](mailto:zelikovitz@rogers.com).



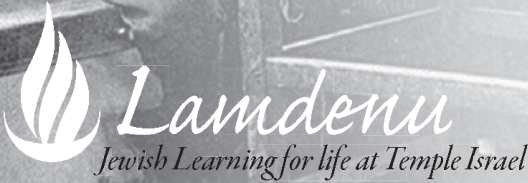
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In June, my wife Margo and I, along with Lynda and her husband Alex, are attending the JNF World Leadership Conference in Jerusalem. We will have a unique, first-hand look at JNF accomplishments, learn from JNF experts, and network with country leaders to learn how they engage their communities. I have not been to Israel in almost 30 years and expect to be overwhelmed with the dramatic changes since my last visit. I am looking forward to this trip and to reporting back to you on our return.

### JNF Ottawa Blue Sky Breakfast, July 17 at the Rideau Club

Meanwhile, we are busy planning a pilot summer event breakfast with Gluskin Sheff's leading economist and strategist, David Rosenberg, including a Q&A session moderated by well-known journalist Craig Oliver. Funds raised will be directed to the Sderot Water Reservoir to celebrate the UN's 2013 International Year of Water Co-operation and to highlight JNF's work in water management. At the time of writing, we are 65 per cent sold out and expect a full house by July 17.

### JNF Ottawa Negev Dinner, October 29 at the Chateau Laurier

Plans for our Negev Dinner are underway. We are very pleased to announce that **Dr. Robert Roberts**, President and CEO of the University of Ottawa Heart Institute, will be our Honouree. Dr. Roberts is well known around the world for his scientific achievements and for bringing the Heart Institute into the world arena. More details will be unveiled over the summer, so stay tuned.

### Sefer Bar and Bat Mitzvah

Mazel Tov to the following bar/bat mitzvah who have been inscribed in the JNF's Honour Book in Jerusalem: **Adam Hadad**, by his loving parents, Wendy and Yigal Hadad; **Hannah Ferreira Goldstein**, by her loving parents, Celia and Lorne Goldstein; **Zachary Antonio Goldstein**, by his loving parents, Celia and Lorne Goldstein; **Amanda Robyn McCarthy**, by her loving parents, Ellen and Stuart McCarthy; **Jacob Kendall McKean**, by his loving grandparents, Bryna and Ilan Rumstein; **Maya Ilana Ruckenstein**, by her loving parents, Sue Potechin, Mark Kamins, and Allan Ruckenstein.

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(From left) Laurie Gordon, Larry Hartman, Steve Gordon, Sheila Hartman, Robert Greenberg, Rabbi Menachem M. Blum, Jerry Corush, Mark Shabinsky, Jenny Shinder, Jason Shinder, Dina Blum, Roslyn Kimmel and Arnie Kimmel at the OTC groundbreaking ceremony, May 12.

## OTC breaks ground on new building

By Diane Koven  
for OTC Chabad

After 16 years in Barhaven, and moves from the basement of the home of Ottawa Torah Centre Chabad (OTC) founders Rabbi Menachem M. Blum and his wife, Dina, to a storefront and then to a portable building on the site of their 1.4-acre lot on Lamplighters Drive, politicians, dignitaries, donors and the new building's architect Barry Hobin were on hand, May 12, for the groundbreaking ceremony as shovels went into the ground where soon a shul will stand.

The new shul building will be used for more than just prayer services. It will also be a multi-purpose facility for educational and social programs and will include offices and a library.

"More than anything, OTC programs and events have given us a deep understanding of Judaism, through history and meaning of religious customs and rituals. That has helped us better understand ourselves and our roles as Jews," said Perry Medicoff, who spoke at the ceremony about how OTC has benefited him and his family over the past 15 years.

Through the generosity of several major donors, sufficient funds have been raised to begin construction of what will be a \$4 million building. The fundraising

campaign, though, is far from over.

"Our community is blessed with generous individuals who have embraced OTC's outreach initiatives and appreciate the role OTC plays in ensuring a bright

Jewish future for our community," said Rabbi Blum.

"Since the groundbreaking celebration we have seen steady donation activity through our website and I am confident we will raise the remaining \$1 million to

reach our goal very soon."

Construction will begin this summer, and OTC has set up a special campaign website at [OTCvision.org](http://OTCvision.org) where people can read more about the campaign and donate online.

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# Ottawa author to discuss her book on local synagogue architecture

By Maxine Miska  
Soloway JCC

In her new book, *In Search of Sacred Space: Synagogue Architecture in Ottawa*, Hagit Hadaya traces the construction of Ottawa's synagogue buildings from 1904 to the present. Hadaya's architectural history also touches on the growth and expansion of Ottawa's Jewish community and the transformation of synagogue building styles from old world to modernism.

Hadaya will give an illustrated author talk for the Greenberg Families Library on Tuesday, June 25, 7:30 pm, at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (JCC).

As Hadaya points out in the book, "Any room can function as a synagogue if it has a Torah in it. It is the sanctity of the Torah and the quorum of 10 which constitute the synagogue in the most fundamental sense,

rather than the building," and early-20th century Ottawa congregations, all Orthodox in that era, began by meeting in homes until they had enough members to build a house of worship.

Ottawa's first synagogues, small structures based on Eastern European models, were built in Lower-town. The first, Adath Jeshurun at 375 King Edward Avenue, was built in 1904. Like other synagogues of that time – Agudath Achim (1912), the first Machzikei Hadas building (1926) and B'nai Jacob (1931) – it had a main entrance on the street with steps up to the sanctuary, a bimah in the centre of the hall, the ark facing east and a wrap-around balcony for women. The exterior of these buildings featured ornamentation such as Moorish turrets or onion domes reminiscent of Eastern Europe. Those who may not have personally experienced

the older synagogues in Ottawa might have visited the Jewish Community Memorial Chapel for funeral services when the Ottawa Chevra Kadish took over the Adath Jeshurun building in 1956.

Ottawa's Jewish community began to change in the postwar era. Holocaust survivors arrived, soldiers returned, the economy and the population surged. New congregations formed and a new modernist style of synagogue was built: expansive and blocky with minimal exterior symbolism to decode. The new buildings, such as Beth Shalom and Agudath Israel were multi-purpose with classrooms, social halls and, in the case of Beth Shalom, the Jewish Community Centre. The variety of denominations also increased. Temple Israel purchased the building of the former B'nai Jacob Congregation on James

Street in 1971. After a fire destroyed the property, the congregation built its present structure on Prince of Wales Drive.

While buildings are rooted in the ground, the sacred accoutrements of Jewish worship, which are modelled after the biblical tabernacle, are movable. So physical structures have been built and discarded according to the needs of the community while ritual objects and ornamentation have found new homes. The circular stained glass window from Adath Jeshurun was incorporated into the new Beth Shalom building when that congregation was formed by the merger of Adath Jeshurun and Agudath Achim. Another stained glass window from that building was moved to the new Jewish Community Memorial Chapel on Cuba Street. Paintings of zodiac signs from the original



Author Hagit Hadaya will speak June 25 at the Soloway JCC.

Machzikei Hadas on King Edward Street now grace the lobby of the Soloway JCC. The ark from the Beth Jeshurun and, subsequently, the Jewish Community Memorial Chapel now resides at Beit Tikvah. An ark from the small chapel at Agudath Israel, which was originally from a congrega-

tion in Brockville, now belongs to Adath Shalom and, tabernacle-like, is moved to the Soloway JCC for High Holiday and bar and bat mitzvah services.

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The certificate was presented to Naemark at her Ottawa home on May 22.

## Rambam Day School introduces new French program for the fall

By Shannon McIntyre  
Rambam Day School

Continuing with the goal of creating a superior Judaic educational environment, Rambam Day School has introduced a new French immersion program.

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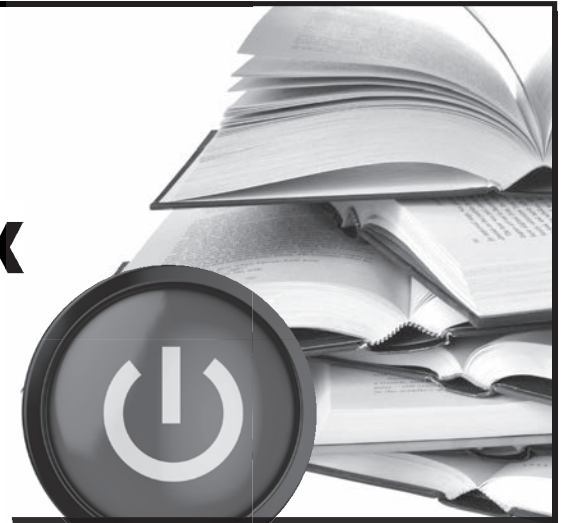
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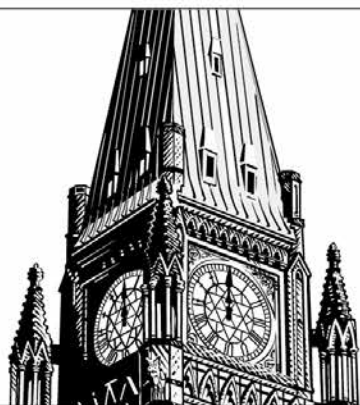
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"For 30 years, Vera Gara has spoken with students and adults about her experiences as a Holocaust survivor. She courageously retells her story to remind her audiences of the value of our civic and human rights. She was also instrumental in the establishment of the Raoul Wallenberg Park, in Ottawa, and has volunteered at the Ottawa Hospital for many years," reads the award citation.

Floralove Katz also received the Governor General's Caring Canadian Award.

"For nearly 25 years, Floralove Katz has shared her talents in support of causes in her community. In particular, she has supported art therapy and making culture accessible through engagement with the YMCA, the City of Ottawa, CHEO and Temple Israel," reads the award citation.

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**At the Cappies**

The Ottawa Jewish Community School's production of *You Can't Take It with You* by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman received several Cappies nominations.

Seen here at Canada's Capital Cappies Gala, June 2, at the National Arts Centre are (from left) Raphael Sandler, nominated in the creativity category for his directing; Yona Steinman, nominated as best comic actor in a play; teacher Cynthia Bates; and Itzy Kamil, nominated as lead actor in a play.

Itzy Kamil was also nominated as top male critic in the Cappies program.

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## Rabbi Charles Popky to lead High Holy Day Services at Adath Shalom

By Sylvia Greenspoon  
Adath Shalom

The members of Adath Shalom synagogue are pleased to welcome Rabbi Charles Popky back as guest rabbi for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur this year.

And Alison Popky, an experienced early childhood education teacher, is again designing a High Holiday youth program. A snack and drink will be provided mid-morning for all children.

The Popkys' involvement with Adath Shalom has grown over the past year. The rabbi has led several study sessions on the history and structure of prayer. He was guest speaker at the congregation's Leah Schnitzer Shabbaton on the question, "Are Judaism and Democracy Compatible?" as well as a second session on personal integrity. Recently, members of the congregation shared in the preparation of a festive Kiddush in honour of Noa Popky's pre-bat mitzvah celebration.

Adath Shalom holds weekly Shabbat services in the Ottawa Jewish Community School chapel at 9:45 am. The congregation and its guests move to the Soloway Jewish Community Centre for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

High Holiday (Tishrei) membership may be applied toward a full membership. Families with children enrolled in a Jewish school are given a 50 per cent discount on their year-



Rabbi Charles and Alison Popky return to Adath Shalom to lead High Holiday services and the youth program.

ly membership fee. There is no charge for university students.

If you are seeking a close-knit family atmosphere in a Conservative, egalitarian service at which all individuals can make a difference, Adath Shalom is the place for you.

Members of the lay-led congregation take turns chanting different portions of the service and *aliyot* and other honours are given to those in attendance. The monthly youth program includes songs, prayers, games and special surprises.

Visit [adath-shalom.ca](http://adath-shalom.ca) or call 613-829-6990 for more information.

## Genizah: Long-time custom being fulfilled in Ottawa

By Jonathan Freedman  
Jewish Memorial Gardens

In the seventh century BCE, King Josiah recorded the first finding of a genizah item, a Torah scroll buried in the wall of the Temple.

Jews customarily bury genizah items: Torah scrolls, used prayer shawls and other religious items, and any book or document that uses the real spelling of God's name.

This mitzvah, the 66th negative mitzvah, is based on Deuteronomy 12:4, and expanded upon in Talmud Shabbat 115a, and other sources.

The synagogues in our city follow the ancient tradition and have a designated area where genizah material is collected and stored pending burial.

These areas, given sufficient time, can become a treasure trove of our heritage. Such was the famous Cairo Genizah, which was first discovered in 1753 and again in 1864. In 1896, some of its contents were brought to Rabbi Solomon Schechter, who then led an expedition to Cairo where many unique documents, including unknown poems of Rabbi Yehuda Halevy and papers of the Rambam, were found.

Today, this treasure is being digitized by the Friedberg Genizah Project and others.

While hoping we are not burying any treasures, Jewish Memorial Gardens (JMG) is assisting the synagogues and the community in keeping this tradition alive by burying the genizah accumulated at the synagogues.

On Tuesday, July 9, the synagogues will transfer their genizah to the JMG location in Osgoode, where our executive director, Shelley Fiennes, will oversee their burial.

Leon Bronstein, a JMG board member, is co-ordinating the genizah transfers with the synagogues. So far, Congregation Agudath Israel, Congregation Beth Shalom and Temple Israel have notified Leon of their participation.

If you have a personal quantity of material at home, contact your synagogue and bring it there before July 1. If your own synagogue is not participating, it can be dropped off at a participating synagogue. A personal quantity would fit in a 25 litre receptacle (the size of an indoor room-size recycling box).

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# Panelists discuss adolescent growth and development

By Alex Baker

With the warm evening backdrop of children playing in CentrepoinTE Park across the street, and the rapidly approaching summer vacation on their minds, about 30 Jewish parents gathered at the NCSY Centre, May 30, for a panel discussion called “Youth & Their Family – Growth & Development.”

The panelists were Dr. Simon Davidson, chief of psychiatric and mental health services at CHEO; Dr. Jacob Kaiserman, a psychotherapist specializing in adolescent therapy; and Bram Bregman, executive director of NCSY Ottawa.

In light of recent high-profile teen suicides in Ottawa and the growing awareness of mental health issues in Canada, Bregman said there was interest in the community to have this discussion – not only to give parents insight into raising mentally healthy children, but how to incorporate Jewish identity into increasingly confusing young lives.

Before delving into the complicated subject of building Jewish identity, Davidson set the stage with the topic of developing independence among youth.

“The best strategy for parenting adolescents is to negotiate and compromise – there’s no place for an autocratic style of parenting,” he said. “It’s important to selec-



(From left) Dr. Simon Davidson, Dr. Jacob Kaiserman and Bram Bregman discuss issues surrounding adolescents and identity, May 30, at the NCSY Centre.

tively put your foot down, but we’re all trained really well to catch our kids doing things wrong. For every time you catch your kid doing something wrong, catch them four times doing something right.”

Davidson spoke about the state of the mental health system in Canada, and said family doctors, as well as parents, have a role to play.

“It’s equally important to talk to your kids about their mental health as their physical health,” he said. “The system fails when 95 per cent of family physicians won’t ask about children’s mental health. Their parents have to ask them to do it.”

Kaiserman also discussed mental health, and themes of emotional intelligence and empathy.

“There are pitfalls and side paths that adolescents take while they’re on the road to developing their identity, and these can be distressing for parents,” he said.

“The important thing to keep in mind when you’re wringing your hands about your child’s development is that kids tend to grow up to be a lot like their parents. They get their external appearance from peers, but values and beliefs come from family – their ethics and morals.”

Demonstrating just how far parenting has come in the

21st century, both Kaiserman and Davidson discussed such parenting techniques as role reversal, empathy and the growth that can come from conflict.

“Conflict doesn’t have to be damaging,” said Kaiserman. “If you understand where they’re coming from, it leads to dialogue and conversation and makes them more likely to come to you the next time something goes wrong. Empathy is extremely important.”

He cautioned parents to avoid the overbearing, one-way styles of their parents or grandparents. When one par-

panel shifted to Bregman’s topic of spiritual growth and engaging Jewish youth.

“Kids don’t want to be guilty into anything,” he said. “It’s better to have no Jewish experience than a negative Jewish experience.”

Bregman believes Jewish identity comes from three aspects of life: personal meaning, experiences with friends, and family rituals.

“If kids see Judaism in the home and it’s positive and brings passion, we can show them how important it is, how it forges our value system and adds meaning to our lives,” he said.

“They may look bored at Shabbat dinner, but they always come and tell me, ‘I can’t wait for Shabbat, my mom makes the best chicken.’”



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# OJCS names Ganon teacher as student recruiter

By Sara-Lynne Levine  
Ottawa Jewish  
Community School

The Ottawa Jewish Community School (OJCS) has announced Andréa Black will be our new student recruiter. As our recruiter, she will be the primary point of contact for new families. She will visit local schools, establishing relationships with feeder

schools and community partners and meeting with potential families to share the great things happening at OJCS.

OJCS welcomes students at multiple entry points, including all-day kindergarten, Grade 4, Grade 6, and at the high school level. Black will meet with potential families and students of all ages.

Born and raised in Ottawa, Black was an elementary school student at Hillel Academy and moved on to graduate from the Canterbury High School arts program.

She earned her bachelor of arts in psychology and English from the University of Ottawa, and her bachelor of education from Queen's University.

She was a camper and staff member at Camp B'nai Brith of Ottawa and has an extensive knowledge of Ottawa's Jewish community, the arts community and various educational institutions and organizations.

For the past six years, Black has been a head teacher in the junior kinder-

garten at Ganon Preschool and, for the past year, held the position of Judaic program co-ordinator.

She also has an extensive background in the performing arts and has performed and volunteered with various companies throughout Ottawa, including JCC TheatreWorks and the Orpheus Musical Theatre Society.

Black brings to OJCS a strong belief in Jewish education, a passion for our Jewish community and a great working relationship with parents and families.

For more information about OJCS or to book a private tour, contact Sara-Lynne Levine at [sl.levine@theojcs.ca](mailto:sl.levine@theojcs.ca) or 613-722-0020.



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## Economist David Rosenberg to speak at JNF Blue Sky Breakfast

By Lynda Taller-Wakter  
Jewish National Fund

Ottawa native David Rosenberg will be the keynote speaker when the Jewish National Fund of Ottawa presents our first Blue Sky Breakfast on Wednesday, July 17, 7:30 am, at the Rideau Club.

Rosenberg is chief economist and strategist at Gluskin Sheff + Associates, a wealth management firm in Toronto, and is internationally recognized for his accurate economic projections.

The author of *Breakfast with Dave*, a daily distillation of economic and market insights, Rosenberg will share his views on the economy.

"The economy may be weak, but central bankers are flexing their muscles and driving markets high-

er," said Rosenberg.

Prior to joining Gluskin Sheff in 2009, Rosenberg was chief North American economist at Bank of America-Merrill Lynch in New York for seven years and was consistently ranked in the Institutional Investor All-Star Analyst rankings. Rosenberg was the only economist recognized for his accurate projections in *Fortune* magazine's "Best and Worst of Wall Street 2011," and was ranked most accurate forecaster for 2011 by MSNBC.

Veteran journalist Craig Oliver of CTV News will moderate a brief question period following Rosenberg's presentation.

In recognition of the United Nations International Year of Water Co-operation, funds raised by the Israeli Blue Sky Breakfast

will be directed to JNF's Sderot Recycled Water Reservoir.

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For more information, or to purchase tickets to the Blue Sky Breakfast, contact JNF Ottawa at 613-798-2411 or [ottawa@jnf.ca](mailto:ottawa@jnf.ca).



Economist David Rosenberg returns to his hometown to speak at JNF Ottawa's Blue Sky Breakfast, July 17, at the Rideau Club.

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# Conference explores traditions of Jewish philanthropy

By Diane Koven

In the world of philanthropy, there is a two-step process by which donations are solicited. The first is to convince people of the need to give, and the second involves the details of the gift.

“With Jewish people, there is no need for number one; giving is in our DNA,” declared Stephen Savitsky, chair of the board of the Orthodox Union, in his keynote address at the Jewish Philanthropy Conference, June 3, at the Centurion Centre.

The conference, co-chaired by the mother-daughter team of Linda and Jessica Kerzner, was hosted by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) as part of the Inclusive Giving Project. The third conference in the *Diversity to Inclusion* series, its aim was to provide fundraising professionals and volunteers with an insight into the philanthropic and cultural traditions of the Jewish community.

Savitsky explained the importance in Judaism of giving: daily giving, as well as giving to mark occasions both happy and sad; to honour the memories of loved ones, and to contribute to special projects. For Jews, he said, giving is not a



Linda (left) and Jessica Kerzner, co-chairs of the Jewish Philanthropy Conference held June 3 at the Centurion Centre.

(Photo: Michael Regenstreif)

choice, but an obligation, and we are brought up in the tradition of giving.

A panel of local Jewish philanthropists, moderated by Maureen Molot, discussed their own experiences with philanthropy, in terms of both giving money and giving time. Sam Firestone, Mark Klyman, Lawrence Soloway and Norman Zagerman all described how they had come to their personal place in

the fundraising cycle, as well as their thoughts about the future.

Soloway recalled learning from his parents both to give and to fundraise and credited the “UJA boot camp” for helping develop his ability to ask others for money. The skills he and the other panelists learned there have carried over into their philanthropic endeavours in the wider community, where each is involved in other causes as well.

Participants were able to attend one of the afternoon breakout sessions: “The Next Generation of Jewish Philanthropy,” with Linda and Jessica Kerzner; “Connection and Philanthropy” with Barbara Farber; or “Big Town vs. Small Town Jewish Philanthropy” with Moishe Smith.

Farber said that, when approaching a member of an ethnic group, it is imperative to “know your audience.” As examples of how to succeed in fundraising in the Jewish community, she noted one “should not approach a Jewish person on a Friday night or Saturday ... [and] if meetings are held on Rosh Hashanah, you won’t be respected.” She said fundraisers need to be aware and knowledgeable of the customs and traditions of those they are asking for money.

A non-profit leadership panel, moderated by Andrea Freedman, president and CEO of the Jewish

Federation of Ottawa, explored the feelings behind philanthropic decisions. Panelists Moishe Smith, Debbie Halton-Weiss, Chuck Merovitz, Jeffrey Miller and Fred Seller described how their involvement in the local Jewish community was intertwined with their involvement in Jewish philanthropy.

“I look at it as an obligation no different from paying taxes, said Seller in explaining his outlook on giving. “I look at giving and asking as an additional tax. We have to pay for the services we value.”

“The number one reason that people don’t give is that they are not asked,” said Merovitz.

Justin Poy, chair of the AFP Chinese Philanthropy Conference, gave the conference’s closing address.

“I love the fact that we are talking about diversity, but, at the end of the day, this is all about inclusion,” he said.

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Guest column

# Studying Talmud, one page per day

By Rabbi Yonah Burr  
Kollel of Ottawa

The Talmud contains the entire gamut of Jewish life. From ritual law to civil law, and from settling monetary disputes to philosophy and lore, it's all there. Originally, the Talmud was taught orally and transmitted from teacher to student until exile and persecution necessitated its being committed to writing out of fear of its being forgotten.

The Talmud used to be accessible only to select scholars and was mainly studied in yeshivas. However, with the ever rising popularity of the *Daf Yomi* (page per day) system of study, it has become much more accessible.

The idea of Jews in all parts of the world studying the same *daf* each day, with the goal of completing the entire Talmud, was put forth at the First World Congress of the Agudath Israel in Vienna on August 16, 1923 by Rabbi Meir Shapiro, then

rav of Sanok, Poland, and later dean of Yeshivas Chachmei Lublin.

Rabbi Shapiro offered two distinct objectives for the system: to study tractates not ordinarily studied in yeshivas, and to unite the Jewish people through Torah learning.

"What a great thing! A Jew travels by boat and takes tractate *Berachot* under his arm. He travels for 15 days from Eretz Yisrael to America, and each day he learns the *daf*. When he arrives in America, he enters a study hall in New York and finds Jews learning the very same *daf* that he studied on that day, and he gladly joins them.

"Another Jew leaves the States and travels to Brazil or Japan, and he first goes to the synagogue, where he finds everyone learning the same *daf* that he himself learned that day. Could there be greater unity of hearts than this?" declared Rabbi Shapiro at the Agudath Israel World Congress.



Rabbi Yonah Burr teaches his daily Talmud class at the Kollel of Ottawa.

dath Israel World Congress.

Indeed, this study program has united us across the globe, as well as across time.

Through this system, the

entire Talmud is completed approximately every seven-and-a-half years and is currently in its 13th cycle. That is almost 100 years of national learning that has spanned continents, wars and generations. The completion of the last cycle was celebrated by hundreds of thousands of Jews, a true celebration of the survival of our nation, our heritage and our Torah.

Ottawans can be proud to know we are part of this. Every day, men of various backgrounds and professions gather to get their daily dose of Talmud study. It is truly inspiring to see their dedication and commitment to study and personal growth. I have had the

privilege of delivering the class for some time now and consistently feel I am gaining much more than I am giving. It is truly exciting getting together every day to study, and the feeling of camaraderie between us grows daily.

The word *daf*, which means 'page' or 'folio,' can also mean a 'board,' and there is an interesting story recorded in the Talmud, *Yeabamot 121*:

*Rabban Gamliel said, "I was once travelling on a boat when I saw another boat that had broken apart. I was distressed over the fate of the great scholar Rabbi Akiva, who had been aboard. When I reached dry land, I was greeted by none*

*other than Rabbi Akiva himself! I said to him, 'My son, who pulled you up?' He said, 'I came across a board (daf) from the boat and I grabbed it. I bowed my head towards every wave that went over me.'"*

This story can be understood homiletically. The era in which Rabbi Akiva lived is considered to have been one of the most difficult in the history of the Jewish people. Nevertheless, Rabbi Akiva succeeded in teaching Torah at unprecedented levels due to his unwavering dedication to study through thick and thin. This is the secret to our survival and, through this, we are a link to our past and our future!

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Guest column

# HaBayit shel Benji: A home away from home for lone soldiers

By Jane  
and Martin Gordon  
for HaBayit shel Benji

As part-time residents of Israel, one of our greatest excitements this year was the opening of HaBayit shel Benji in Ra'anana and our being able to volunteer once or twice a week in this much-needed facility.

HaBayit shel Benji opened in February and provides a warm home for 50 IDF lone combat soldiers chosen by the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). It will soon include a comprehensive guidance centre that will help up to 1,000 lone soldiers annually in their transition from the army to civilian life and work in Israel.

Lone soldiers, as defined by the IDF, are those doing their compulsory military service and are disconnected

from their families because they are new immigrants and their families are abroad, or they have lost their families, or they come from very low socio-economic backgrounds and their families cannot offer them a bed or a home.

Our job is to work at the information desk or in the kitchen and provide a friendly ear and emotional support to the soldiers we are helping. We love what we do.

HaBayit shel Benji is named for the late Benji Hillman, who was born in London, England in 1979. He was a major and company commander in the IDF's elite Egoz Unit, the same unit our son, Benjamin, served in as a lone soldier for three years. Hillman was killed in action on July 20, 2006 at the beginning of the Second Lebanon

War, only three weeks after marrying his long-time girlfriend, Ayala.

Hillman was an outstanding leader who cared deeply about the soldiers under his command, in particular lone soldiers like our son. He often stayed on base on weekends to keep them company if he knew they didn't have somewhere to go. To honour his memory, Hillman's family and friends continued his legacy of care and dedication for the well-being of lone combat soldiers by establishing the Benji Hillman Foundation and raising \$3.5 million to build and establish a home for lone soldiers.

The life of a lone combat soldier is very difficult. We know this because we witnessed the experiences of our son whose three years of ser-



HaBayit shel Benji, a new home for lone soldiers in Ra'anana, Israel.

vice were before we became part-time residents of Israel. Approximately every second weekend, and on some festivals, he was released for a day or two from his base. While his friends rushed off to be welcomed and fussed over by their families, he and the other lone soldiers were left on their own, often feeling isolated, lonely and uncared for. In his case, he stayed at first on a kibbutz

and later a shared apartment. Exhausted and in need of a hug, he had to fend for himself making meals, doing laundry, etc.

The residents of HaBayit shel Benji have it much better. With a full-time manager, a house cleaner, house mother and volunteers to make meals and do the laundry, the house provides 50 lone soldiers with all those things our son so badly needed. It truly

is a home away from home. Our son is a member of the board.

HaBayit shel Benji is still in need of ongoing financial support, most specifically for the establishment and running costs of the guidance centre. Visit [benjihillman.org](http://benjihillman.org) for more information or to make a donation.

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Bride Diana Rachlis signs the wedding registrar's book at Temple Israel as Rabbi Steven Garten and groom Daniel Harvey look on, April 14. (Photo: Robin Chernick)

## First interfaith wedding ceremony at Temple Israel

The marriage of Diana Rachlis and Daniel Harvey on April 14 was the first interfaith wedding ceremony to take place at Temple Israel.

Temple Israel established a task force on interfaith marriage in 2011. After a year-long study, the task force concluded the practice would provide the opportunity that might otherwise be lost for a mixed faith couple to maintain Jewish values in their home and for their children to be given a

Jewish identity and education.

Temple Israel adopted the practice in spring 2012, giving clergy the option to perform a mixed marriage.

Rabbi Steven Garten established a set of protocols that couples must follow prior to the wedding to confirm they are familiar and comfortable with Jewish traditions and to affirm their intent to support Jewish values. Since then, Rabbi Garten has officiated at two interfaith weddings.



## Agudath Israel at Tulipathon

Agudath Israel Congregation members, seen here with Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi, participated in the Multifaith Housing Initiative's Tulipathon, May 5, to raise funds and awareness in support of affordable housing in Ottawa.



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# Conference highlights strategies for visionary congregations

By Sharon Letovsky  
for Agudath Israel

On April 14, religious and lay leaders from 11 Conservative congregations in Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton and St. Catharines, Ontario, and Buffalo, New York, gathered in Toronto to work together, learn and share. Rabbi Barry Schlesinger and I attended on behalf of Agudath Israel Congregation. This was the seventh such conference, expertly led by Kathy Elias of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ).

USCJ has developed a wide variety of training materials to help religious communities seeking relevance, meaning and purpose in the 21st century, which are based on the book, *Sacred Strategies: Transforming Synagogues from Functional to Visionary* by Isa Aron, Steven M. Cohen, Lawrence A. Hoffman and Ari Y. Kelman.

The book distinguishes between functional and visionary congregations. Functional congregations are characterized by consumerism, segmentation and passivity. There is a sense of meaningless resistance to change and non-reflective leadership.

Visionary congregations, on the other hand, strive to transform their members into life-long, year-round, thoroughly committed and practising Jews. The distinction between functional and visionary is not black and white, but, rather, represents a

continuum of evolution.

Elias walked participants through the six characteristics of visionary congregations. She paused after each one so participants could discuss, with members of different congregations, how they could bring that element home.

The first characteristic of visionary congregations is *sacred purpose*. This is a shared vision that informs all aspects of the congregation. Most groups found this an area in which their congregations could use some attention. One congregation was a shining example, as it had just been through such a process. The congregants found that their strong, shared vision not only underpinned all of their activities, but also led to the second characteristic, *holistic ethos*.

*Holistic ethos* means that all parts of the shul work in partnership with one another, so the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. There is collaboration among all partners: staff, board, various committees, general membership, youth, etc. Different congregations had different challenges in this area, with one or various partners or committees marching to the beat of their own drum.

The third characteristic, *participatory culture*, involves engagement across demographics. Successful shuls created activities to engage all age brackets in a variety of activities. One example was Empty Nesters First Shabbat, organized by families whose children were off to

college. They celebrated together their first Shabbat without the kids.

*Meaningful Engagement*, the fourth characteristic, is about offering repeated experiences that infuse members' lives with meaning. Elias talked about multiple pathways to engagement. She used the term "cineplex" to describe a variety of observances going on simultaneously. These might include nature walks with meditation, study groups, etc. This suggestion met with the most discussion and even opposition from some attendees. Many worried about the dilution of prayer. "If you want nature," said one rabbi, "join the Sierra Club."

*Innovative disposition* is the fifth visionary characteristic. The shul leadership has to be open to new ideas and see possible failure as an opportunity for growth. Many saw this as both an opportunity and a challenge.

The final characteristic is *reflective leadership*. Visionary congregations frequently discuss alignment to their mission, use data to evaluate their impact, and readjust. They constantly look at what is possible.

Being visionary means the congregation is always growing, evolving and becoming more relevant to people's lives. All agreed the first characteristic, *sacred purpose*, is the key that opens the door to start this process.

Rabbi Schlesinger and I left the conference energized and enthusiastic about what we learned – both from Elias, and from the religious and lay leaders from various congregations. We look forward to working with our Agudath Israel welcoming committee to begin implementing some of these wonderful strategies.



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# Dilemmas of Jewish parenting during our neighbours' holidays

With summer approaching, I'm taking some time to reflect on the rest of the year, including most of the holiday celebrations that pilot the secular calendar. One of my biggest conundrums came this year at Easter. As a child, I recall Easter as a time when drugstore candy was even more plentiful than ever – oversized jellybeans came in pretty pastels and Cadbury issued its sweet and sticky Easter cream egg. Other than the chance to dip my finger into the societal sugar jar, Easter didn't hold any emotional significance for me.

My kids have recently become acutely aware of being a non-Easter-celebrating family. This year, they pleaded tearfully for me and my husband to orchestrate an Easter egg hunt for them at home. By way of declining, our first thought was to take the kids out into the community. After a trip to the Experimental Farm for their holiday scavenger hunt, our kids were still aware that there was more to be had.

"It's not the same as having your parents hide the candy in your own house," they lamented.

At these moments, my thoughts turn to Daniel Gordis' excellent book, *Becoming a Jewish Parent*. He emphasizes the key to instilling a healthy Jewish identity is to present Jewish life as a coherent whole. Purim is Purim, not a Jewish Halloween. Chanukah is Chanukah, not a Jewish Christmas. This approach makes sense to me on many levels. But, when it comes to facing a tearful Jewish child on Easter morning, I am reminded that children don't always experience life holistically. They frequently focus on the here and now.

A good enough solution came that afternoon when a chance encounter in the neighbourhood led to an invitation for our kids to join a friend to hunt for chocolate at his home. Our kids have experienced the warmth that comes when they have an opportunity to invite a non-Jewish friend over for Shabbat dinner, so I was pleased they could accompany their friends to chase chocolate eggs.

Still, it seems that twice a year, at Christmas and at Easter, I'm faced anew with the dilemma of Jewish parenting. It doesn't help that some teachers at my kids' public school have been incorporating holiday-specific activities in the classroom. One of my kids was given "extra playtime" the morning the rest of the class wrote letters to Santa. On another occasion, my kid was included in the papier-mâché egg-making activity, but told to pick another type of egg to create other than an Easter egg. Not a bad compromise. But, still, why bring a religious holiday into the secular classroom? My kid chose to make a dinosaur egg. The other Jewish classmate chose a snail.

On these occasions, I admit I'm torn. Maybe it does help my goal of instilling Jewish identity when my kids are given one more reason to realize being Jewish means being part of a separate and unique collective identity. A significant part of being Jewish means being part of a *people* who have travelled through history together. This is a chance to have that point driven home.

At the same time, I fear the type of Jewish identity that is

centred primarily on what we, as Jews, *don't* do. Negative identities can be powerful in instilling group cohesion. But they can also prove to be empty of content when the holder of that identity later seeks deeper spiritual, ethnic or political meaning.

All this leads me to wonder whether, as Canadian Jews, we should throw in the towel. The vast majority of us already celebrate Halloween. Most of us do something to mark Valentine's Day. And, as a child of the 1980s, I have fond memories of sipping Shamrock Shakes when St. Patrick's Day rolled around. In the U.S, Jews almost universally celebrate Thanksgiving.

# The United Nations' questionable relevance and legitimacy

Last month, Iran assumed the chair of the UN Conference on Disarmament and I couldn't write this column without a picture of the Iranian regime's representative to this Geneva-based body. The Iranian regime seems to have a revolting sense of humour and irony. I'm sure most of you now feel much safer with Mohsen Naziri Asi on the job.

While a high-profile position, the chairmanship is largely ceremonial. Judging by past experience, Iran will certainly leverage this bit of ceremony fully to rally against Israel and, potentially, the United States.

While both the United States and Canada have condemned Iran's election to the chairmanship, Iranian spokesman Alireza Miryousefi asserted, "During its presidency, the Islamic Republic of Iran would focus on promoting the goals and objectives of the Conference on Disarmament through according the highest priority to nuclear disarmament and the total elimination of nuclear arsenals of the nuclear-weapon states in an irreversible, transparent and internationally verifiable manner."

The communication skills and spins of the Iranians are beyond anything we could produce.

Since I have your attention, here are a couple of other choice examples of UN relevance and legitimacy.

On May 22, during the annual assembly of the UN's World Health Organization (WHO), the agency adopted a resolution criticizing Israel, with Syria protesting "inhuman Israeli practices" that target "the health of Syrian citizens." The 66th World Health Assembly adopted a resolution addressing "Health conditions in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem, and in the occupied Syrian Golan," criticizing Israel and demanding all sorts of unreasonable demands. Interestingly, there was no mention of the Syrian regime's slaughter of thousands of innocent Syrians. And, if you are wondering, WHO "is responsible for providing leadership on global health matters, shaping the health research agenda, setting norms and standards, articulating evidence-based policy options, providing technical support to countries and monitoring and assessing health trends."

And, in April, the government of Qatar put forward a motion to relocate the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) from Montreal, where it has been located since its inception 69 years ago, to Doha. This is a clear shot across the bow of Canada's foreign policy on Israel and displeasure with UN. Qatar had planned to spend millions to build a lavish headquarter in Doha. ICAO is a UN organization that is well entrenched in Montreal and host to hundreds of diplomats from around the world. Quebec and the federal government worked with the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) and the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) to secure their needs



## Values, Ethics, Community

Mira Sucharov

Will the day come when, in addition to the rich calendar that is the Jewish holiday cycle, Canadian Jews will simply adopt the secular manifestations – chocolate eggs, the Easter bunny, Santa, ornaments and stockings – of our neighbours' holidays? Perhaps. But, like jumping into a cold lake at the start of a Canadian summer, I won't be the first to do it.

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## World Affairs

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and agreement. Neither ITF nor ITUC were interested in seeing any of their members moving to work in an autocratic country such as Qatar with a poor track record for unions and worker rights. In mid-May, Qatar withdrew its offer, after the Americans and Europeans communicated their displeasure with the proposal.

This is the price Canada pays for not having cozied up to countries like Iran, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and the rest. Imagine how many other governments would have altered the course of their foreign policy to appease the Arab world. Canada and the U.S., meanwhile, are sitting out the month-long conference, while Iran holds the chair.

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# It's no coincidence that Israel knows how to celebrate life with intense passion

Stratford, ON – You probably wouldn't be shocked if I told you that the Stratford Shakespeare Festival's new production of *Fiddler on the Roof* made me think of Israel and the Jewish experience.

After all, the perennially popular musical is a joyous celebration of Jewish shtetl life in the early 1900s, with a darker edge that addresses issues of anti-Semitism, displacement and assimilation.

But you might raise an eyebrow if I added that the festival's production of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* also made me think of Israel. It surprised me, too.

These two plays were the first of eight productions staged during the festival's opening week. *Fiddler* is a complete triumph, with a stellar cast, brilliant direction by Donna Feore and such vibrant song and dance numbers that even the usually staid blue-chip and blue-rinse audience was hooting and hollering on opening night.

*Romeo*, though, is disappointing, a combination of unfortunate casting and British director Tim Carroll's insistence on "original practices" – trying to simulate an outdoor performance during Shakespeare's time through such measures as keeping the lights ablaze onstage and in the auditorium and paying meticulous detail to costumes and custom, such as when to tip a hat, bow or pull a sword.

Alas, this adds nothing to the flat production, and is too often distracting.

But even the best production of *Romeo and Juliet* is hard for contemporary North American audiences, who must believe in a world of true love at first sight, a world where mere teenagers are capable of making life-changing and life-threatening decisions.

The latter is what made me think of Israel. Of course, there's also the feud between the Montagu and Capulet families, which leads to the deaths of their best and brightest youth, but I'll leave it to literature and cinema to explore Israeli-Palestinian versions of the tragic love story.

But the play's concept of teenagers making life and death decisions might not be so foreign to Israelis. Their kids join the army at 18, therefore growing up a heck of a lot faster than their North American peers.

"Children put on wings and fly to the army," as David Broza wrote in his seminal song, "Yihieh Tov."

And even before they get to the army, seeing friends and

acquaintances maimed and murdered in terror attacks robs these kids of their innocence in a big hurry.

I remember an Israeli friend telling me his kids had been to more funerals by their late teens and early-20s than he had attended in his entire lifetime.

I also recall *The Letters of Jonathan Netanyahu*, in which the young writer expressed frustration at the relative immaturity of his American peers when his father's work took the family to the United States.

"On me, on us, the young men of Israel, rests the duty of keeping our country safe," he wrote to his parents before his 23rd birthday in March 1969. "This is a heavy responsibility, which matures us early ... I believe in myself, in my country and in my future."

The philosopher-soldier was killed at age 30 while rescuing hostages during Operation Entebbe in 1976. It would be 20/20 hindsight to suggest that he knew his life would be cut short. But it's clear from his letters that he lived with remarkable passion and intensity, something that has always struck me about Israeli youth in particular and Israelis in general.

Just before my first trip to Israel in May 2003, three Israeli civilians were killed and 50 were wounded in a suicide bombing at Mike's Place in Tel Aviv. But the bar reopened six days later for a memorial service on Yom Hazikaron and was back in business for the start of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, that evening.

I would argue that no country mourns it dead more intensely and respectfully than does Israel. But it's no coincidence that a country that has seen so many of its young people cut down before their time also knows how to celebrate life with intense passion, acutely aware it can be taken away in an instant.

And that brings us back to *Fiddler on the Roof*.

The Jewish families of the fictional village of Anatevka celebrate their simchas with great intensity – check out [tinyurl.com/mkls9sx](http://tinyurl.com/mkls9sx) to see the breathtaking bottle-dance sequence from the wedding scene in the Stratford production – but they're always aware that persecution and pogroms are closing in on their world. Indeed, the joyous wedding is marred by a display of such violence.

The milkman-philosopher Tevye – played by the wonderful Scott Wentworth – talks to God and questions his beliefs and values as traditions crumble around him.

But, when the Jews are expelled from the only home they've known, we take comfort in knowing that Yente the Matchmaker will set up shop in Jerusalem, while Tevye and his family will bring their beliefs, values and traditions to America.



## My Israel

Barbara Crook

They will continue to know war and persecution. But their descendants will see the creation of a Jewish state, where they will still celebrate young love – perhaps even Shakespeare's star-crossed variety – which often feels like the only constant in an uncertain world.

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# A 'dense and breathless recounting' of Leonard Cohen's life

*I'm Your Man: The Life of Leonard Cohen*

By Sylvie Simmons  
Ecco/HarperCollins  
570 pages

In *I'm Your Man: The Life of Leonard Cohen*, Sylvie Simmons, a San-Francisco-based music journalist, provides a dense and breathless recounting of the life of the poet, novelist and songwriter who earns high literary honours as easily as he fills concert venues.

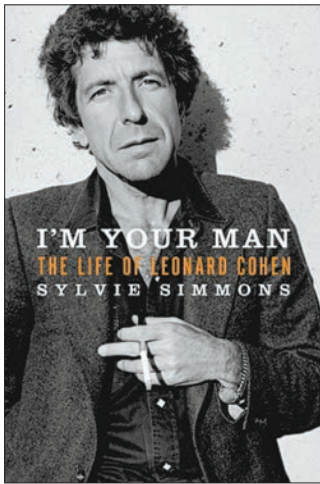
Although missing, to my taste, a more coherent analysis that would serve to provide deeper and broader context to Cohen's life and work, the book is richly detailed and readable, tracing his privileged upbringing in Montreal's Westmount neighbourhood, to his continued songwriting and vigorous touring into his twilight years.

Cohen was born in 1934 to a distinguished Montreal Jewish family. His grandfather and great-grandfather both served terms as president of Shaar Hashomayim, the city's largest congregation, and his grandfather, Lyon Cohen, served for 15 years as founding president of Canadian Jewish Congress, a fact mentioned in the book only obliquely. Cohen's father died when he was just nine, leaving him, in the whispered words of his uncle, as the "man of the house."

Cohen's Jewish identity shadows the narrative. The 1973 Yom Kippur War saw him travel to Israel, planning to enlist.

"I've never disguised the fact that I'm Jewish and in any crisis in Israel I would be there," Cohen said in 1974. Once there, he was assigned to entertain the troops.

In 2009, his Tel Aviv concert became embroiled in controversy when proponents of the cultural boycott of Israel demanded he cancel the event. Cohen responded by scheduling



## Book Review

Mira  
Sucharov

a second concert in Ramallah. But the Palestinian organizers pulled out and Cohen donated \$2 million in proceeds from the Tel Aviv concert to Israeli and Palestinian peace charities.

Although Cohen famously said, "My reputation as a ladies' man was a joke that caused me to laugh bitterly through the 10,000 nights I spent alone," Simmons's biography paints a different picture. Cohen had many short and some longer relationships, one of which yielded two children, Adam and Lorca, to whom he remains close. Cohen's story is one of both seeking intimacy and fleeing from it.

The biography takes us through his times in Montreal, Greece, New York, Tennessee, India and Los Angeles and from well-appointed homes to dark motel rooms, hilltop villas, a cabin in the woods and a monastery, as he transforms from poet to novelist to pop star. He did too many drugs, perhaps, in his prime, and has long battled depression.

In Simmons's account, Cohen appears both serious and playful, just as he seems to emanate both prose and poetry: "I want you to think seriously before you answer this," Cohen tells Simmons. "Would you like a scoop of ice cream in your coffee?"

Many of us will no doubt remember when Cohen first entered our lives. For me, it was through his disembodied song

lyrics as my high school guitar class learned to strum and sing his famous song, "Suzanne," and, soon after, through his 1988 album, *I'm Your Man*.

From Simmons's account, I learned that Suzanne of the song was a friend, not a lover, and the river in the lyrics refers to the St. Lawrence. After drinking Constant Comment, a tea flavoured with orange rind – "She feeds you tea and oranges," a wonderful if prosaic glimpse into the song's background – they had spent the afternoon walking along Montreal's harbour.

When *I'm Your Man* was released, the voice of the then-53-year-old Cohen had deepened to the rich baritone with which contemporary audiences are now familiar. His songs and lyrics were certainly much deeper, more sophisticated, even if unusually more accessible than the steady diet of 1980s pop music to which my generation was accustomed. But his music has clearly had a lasting impact on both old and young. While I recall the rock-heavy tribute album, *I'm Your Fan* as an important part of the soundtrack to my undergraduate days at McGill, Simmons points out the unusual number of tributes that Cohen's work has inspired.

Five years at a Zen monastery, followed by the discovery that his longtime manager and confidante had bilked him of millions, led Cohen to tour again. Simmons's account of the legal wrangling surrounding the missing monies is both thick with plot and altogether human.

Simmons's book indeed gives us a generously fashioned scoop of Cohen, who we discover to be eloquent, spiritual, gracious, funny, self-deprecating and humble. In recent years, Ottawa audiences have twice been privy to his highly polished but heartfelt tributes to his fans, as he skips onto the stage and drops to his knees at studied intervals. Word has it that, on a Friday night, he retreats backstage following an intense concert performance to light Shabbat candles. In moments great and simple, he does feel like our man, his words and music having been seared into our collective consciousness.

## 'Find a mentor or role model you can learn from and emulate'

On April 10, more than 10,000 Oprah Winfrey worshippers flocked to Scotiabank Place to hear the iconic talk show host deliver a motivational talk. After virtually welcoming her into their homes for more than a quarter-century, many of these star struck devotees – the vast majority of them women – were giddy with excitement at the prospect of being in the same physical space as this famous, influential, self-made billionaire. They arrived clutching their expensive tickets and hopeful the queen of daytime TV would divulge priceless, life-altering secrets for happiness and success.

I hadn't planned on attending Oprah's *Live Your Best Life* tour as I already feel as though I am living my "best life." However, when a last minute opportunity knocked at my door with Oprah tickets for next to nothing, curiosity got the better of me.

With all her wealth, Oprah has unlimited access to the best of everything, from personal trainers to personal chefs, several of whom she's touted and made famous on her talk show. But Oprah has struggled with obesity and yo-yo dieting for most of her adult life. She's openly discussed her shortcomings on TV and, sadly, they've been fodder for the tabloids.

Oprah explained to her fans that famous people like her are just like us regular folks – they have personal problems and difficulties, too.

She recounted how she was a "poor, coloured girl" growing up in a single parent home in segregated Mississippi in the 1950s and '60s. Her grandmother's dream was for little Oprah to someday work as a maid for a nice white family.

But, even as a child, Oprah had much bigger dreams. Through persistence and a positive attitude, Oprah rose above the din of poverty, racism, sexism and sexual abuse to excel far beyond her wildest dreams.

Oprah is a dynamic, well-polished speaker. Although her success is so extreme that it may initially seem impossible to relate to her – her honest storytelling provided a glimpse into her humanity.

Oprah talked about the role of self-esteem in achieving your dreams – whatever they may be. She believes you must have a clear vision and live a purposeful life. She emphasized taking small steps to move closer to your vision. Even for those of us who already have a vision and are working towards it, the evening was a good refresher.

I think we each evolve and have different visions at different points in our lives and for different areas of our lives. For example, one of my visions is to motivate as many people as possible to get fit. Personal training and writing this column are two of the four pillars of my vision. Motivational speaking is the third pillar. I recently delivered a motivational talk about fitness to a women's group. I plan on doing more of that. The fourth pillar is to publish a book I've written about transformation. I have no desire to become famous like Oprah. I just want to spread my message and help others. But, if you like, you can call me "Gloprah."

On May 18, I attended another motivational talk, *Maximize Your Life*, presented at the NAC by personal trainer Jillian Michaels, star of TV's *The Biggest Loser*. The petite, fit-as-a-fiddle dynamo with a tough-as-nails TV persona



## Focus on Fitness

Gloria  
Schwartz

seemed a very genuine and down-to-earth in person. Like Oprah, Jillian had to overcome her own share of hardships. Despite a privileged upbringing, Jillian suffered from low self-esteem and adolescent obesity, which she conquered with the help of therapy and one of my favourite forms of exercise – kickboxing.

So what nuggets of wisdom did Jillian impart? For starters, be willing to take risks and make sacrifices to move forward. "We are all equally deserving" and "you need to believe in yourself," she declared.

"I know you *can* do it, but I don't know if you *will* do it. That's up to you," Jillian told her audience.

She stressed the importance of making mindful choices and considering the consequences. You must make an emotional connection to your goals by understanding the *why* behind them. Then you can work towards them with passion.

I suggest that if you're not achieving your fitness goals, instead of repeating the same unsuccessful behaviours, find a mentor or role model you can learn from and emulate. They're all around you. When you're ready for true change, you'll recognize and benefit from them. They may not be famous like Oprah or Jillian, but they can be just as inspiring and helpful. In fact, one of them may be right in front of your eyes.

Gloria Schwartz is a certified personal trainer at the Soloway JCC.

# Secrets of a lazy hostess

One of the magnificent benefits of aging is the maturity and wisdom that usually accompanies it. Or so I like to tell myself as I peer into my magnifying makeup mirror and spot a wrinkle over my left eyebrow I could swear was not there last week.

This new-found wisdom creeps into almost all aspects of my life. I am fortunate to be able to spend most of the summer at our cottage, and we love to have friends and family visit us there. When we first started doing this, I spent most of the week planning menus and shopping for the weekend guests. Each weekend, I made something new and exciting.

But then I got older and smarter! Now, every summer, I come up with one basic menu and serve it every weekend. The produce changes, depending on what's in season that week, but all other menu elements remain pretty static. There are different guests every weekend, so the only one who complains is my husband, but I can deal with that.

I love to concoct a signature cocktail to serve when everyone arrives. It's just a little more festive than a glass of wine or beer. I became very excited as I was flipping through *Bon Appetit* and came across a recipe for Pineapple Mint Mojitos. Pineapple is the international symbol for hospitality, so this feels like just the right drink to welcome all my friends and family.

Until recently, I was not really a mojito fan. My husband used to accuse me of sucking all the joy out of his love of mojitos by telling him how much sugar was in them. But that nasty habit came to an abrupt halt last December when we were on holiday and were served an entire pitcher of mojitos. I had my very own Dr. Seuss moment and discovered that, "Saaaay, I do like mojitos!" I could only imagine how much I would like a mojito with pineapple in it.

The pineapple adds a delicious tropical fragrant sweetness. It is a creative and delicious variation on the classic cocktail. I like to serve it in a tall glass with a festive straw. Pier One has some really cute fruit straws.

I love to serve this with something salty. Of course you could just open a bag of nuts or chips, but, if you are looking for something delicious and healthier to create, try making your own baked sweet potato chips. Unless you are really skilled with a knife, a mandolin comes in handy for these. They need to be sliced at least 1/8 of an inch thin. I like to slice them lengthwise, so that they look like planks, instead of rounds. Brushed with a bit of olive oil, then sprinkled with some sea salt, and perhaps a bit of chipotle chili powder, they look quite impressive standing at attention in a small glass vase or jar.



## Made with Love

Cindy Feingold

### Baked Sweet Potato Chips

- 2 large sweet potatoes
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Kosher or sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon chipotle chili powder (optional)

Preheat oven to 250 F. Scrub sweet potatoes under running water. It is not necessary to peel them.

Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside.

Using a mandolin, slice sweet potatoes lengthwise into thin slices, about 1/8-inch thick.

Place sweet potatoes in a large bowl and toss well with olive oil, salt and chili powder.

Lay sweet potatoes out in a single layer on the parchment lined baking sheets.

Bake for 45 minutes. Flip the slices over and bake for a further 45 minutes. The sweet potatoes will seem leathery at this point, and not crispy. Do not be concerned, they will become crispy once cooled.

Let cool and store in an airtight container. They will keep for about 2 weeks.



### Pineapple Mint Mojito

The Mercer Kitchen in New York City created this recipe. It was published in the May 2013 issue of *Bon Appetit*.

Serves 8

#### Pineapple-mint purée

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup (packed) fresh mint leaves
- 1/4 pineapple, peeled, cored, cut into 1-inch pieces (about 1 1/2 cups)

#### Assembly

- 1/4 pineapple, peeled, cored, cut into 1-inch pieces (about 1 1/2 cups)
- 4 limes, each cut into 8 wedges, divided
- 1/2 cup (packed) fresh mint leaves
- 2 cups light rum
- Club soda (for serving)

Bring sugar and water to a boil in a small saucepan, stirring to dissolve sugar. Remove from heat, add mint, and let cool completely.

Meanwhile, place pineapple in a blender and purée until smooth.

Strain mint syrup through a fine-mesh sieve into pineapple purée and pulse to combine. Transfer to a jar, cover, and chill. This will keep for 3 days in the fridge.

For each cocktail, muddle 2 pieces of pineapple, 3 lime wedges, and 1 tablespoon mint leaves in a cocktail shaker until lightly crushed.

Add 2 ounces rum and 2 ounces pineapple-mint purée to cocktail shaker, fill with ice, cover and shake until outside of shaker is frosty, about 30 seconds.

Pour drink into a highball glass (do not strain) and top off with club soda. Garnish with a lime wedge and serve with a straw.



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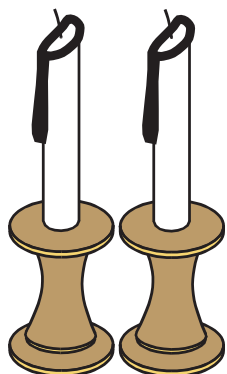
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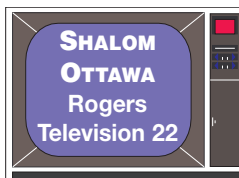
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#### TUESDAY, JUNE 18

**Tamir Annual General Meeting** Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 6:30 pm. Info: 613-725-3519, ext. 104.

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 23

**Farewell to Rabbi Arnie and Chevy Fine:** Open House to bid farewell to the Fines, who are moving to Israel, Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 3 pm. Info: finefarewell2013@gmail.com.



**Shalom Ottawa** community TV program on Rogers 22, 12:00 pm. (Repeats Monday, June 24 and Friday, June 28 at 6:00 pm.)

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 25

**"In Search of Sacred Space: Synagogue Architecture in Ottawa,"** Greenberg Families Library presents an author talk with architectural historian Hagit Hadaya, 7:30 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 245.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 27

**"But Hope is Longer: Navigating the Country of Breast Cancer"** Greenberg Families Library presents an author talk with Tamara Levine, 2:00 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 245.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 7 to SATURDAY, JULY 13

**JET Jewish Educational Extravaganza Open the Book,** with special guests Dov Ber Cohen and Miriam Gettinger, mornings at Hillel Lodge and evenings at SJCC, Shabbaton at Beit Tikvah. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 247.

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

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#### MONDAY, JULY 22

**Jewish Federation of Ottawa Annual Golf Tournament,** Rideau View Golf and Country Club, 11:00 am to 9:00 pm. Info: 613-798-4696, ext. 241.

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**2014 Jewish Federation of Ottawa Campaign Kickoff,** with keynote speaker Joshua Malina, National Arts Centre, 07:00 pm. Info: 613-798-4696, ext. 241.

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Jewish Ottawa InfoCentre. Organizations which would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should send the information to InfoCentre coordinator Benita Siemiatycki via e-mail at [bsiemiatycki@jewishottawa.com](mailto:bsiemiatycki@jewishottawa.com) or fax at 613-798-4695. She can also be reached by telephone at 613-798-4644. Accurate details must be provided and all events must be open to the Jewish public.

## Condolences

Condolences are extended to the families of:

Judith Blank	Lynn Mallay, Burlington, ON (daughter of Kayla and the late Alvin Mallay)
Fay Cohen	Jacob (Yasha) Misutshin
Bella Davidson	Rachel Schupan
Sophy Ginsberg (née Chuwen)	Fabian David Stern
Gordon Allan Laing, (husband of Susan Schneider)	Estelle Yasskin (née Rosenbloom)

*May their memory be a blessing always.*

The CONDOLENCE COLUMN is offered as a public service to the community. There is no charge.

For a listing in this column, please call 613-798-4696, ext. 274.

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## BULLETIN DEADLINES

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