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## Leadership torch passed at Federation AGM

By Michael Regenstreif

The Jewish Federation of Ottawa had a busy agenda for its annual general meeting, June 5, at the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building. Debbie Halton-Weiss ended her two-year term as Federation chair and Steven Kimmel began his two-year stint in the position. Andrea Freedman spoke to her first AGM as Federation president and CEO, Israeli Ambassador Miriam Ziv said farewell to Ottawa's Jewish community as she prepares to end her term as Israel's chief diplomat in Canada, and the three major community service awards were presented.

Halton-Weiss said she was "truly honoured and humbled" to have served as chair. "It has probably been the most challenging and rewarding two years of my life."

Looking back at some of the Federation's accomplishments during her tenure, Halton-Weiss called particular attention to the openOttawa initiative and its follow-up aimed at engaging Ottawa's young Jewish adults in the community and at bringing the emerging generation into leadership positions.

"It is truly a success story of which we should all be very proud," she said.

She also mentioned successful efforts to engage major stakeholders in the community and to attract the highest calibre of lay and professional leadership.

Kimmel, in his inaugural address as Federation chair, spoke about the Federation as "community."

"Without community, we are separate and apart, weak and fighting," he said. "With community, we are able to dialogue more easily, work together to achieve common goals and come together when there are tragedies or crises to deal with."

Kimmel said all donors to the Federation

need to feel engaged and appreciated, and special attention needs to be paid to providing ongoing communication to donors and agencies in a timely manner; ensuring transparency so "that community members understand the process and outcome" of decisions made by the Federation Board and staff; providing accountability to donors and agency partners so that funds are "allocated in a fair process, ensuring that we are meeting the needs our partner agencies based on the dollars we have available to be distributed"; and ensuring ongoing dialogue with past leaders to gain from their experience and insight.

Kimmel also said ensuring the future of Jewish education in Ottawa remains the community's biggest challenge and noted the success of the recent fundraising campaign to secure the future of the Ottawa Jewish Community School.

"This proves that we as a community are indeed committed to ensuring that Jewish education in Ottawa is a priority," he said.

"The Federation must continue to ensure that every Jewish child has the opportunity to receive a Jewish education," Kimmel added.

Freedman stressed improved customer service and building stronger relationships in her first AGM speech as Federation president and CEO.

"I firmly believe in the concept of a servant leader, and the Federation is here to serve the needs of all members of the Jewish community, all of our donors and each and every Jewish organization. The Federation is a convener – we can and should bring people and organizations together," she said. "We need to focus on our common interests and our common agendas. We need to look for synergies and we need to work on the behalf of the entire community, together."

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Debbie Halton-Weiss, outgoing chair of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, receives a book of bound copies of the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* published during her tenure from incoming Chair Steven Kimmel, at the Federation AGM, June 5. (Photo: Peter Waiser)

## Campaign kickoff to feature actor Joshua Malina

By Ilana Belfer

When actor Joshua Malina comes to town next month to launch the Jewish Federation of Ottawa's Annual Campaign, he's asking the audience to grant him two points: that he's made it in Hollywood, and that he's a mensch.

"Neither of which is entirely clear or established," he said, laughing, in a telephone interview with the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* from Los Angeles.

"How to make it in Hollywood and re-

main a mensch," is the title of Malina's keynote speech, a talk he's given to Jewish communities across North America, and he brings to the National Arts Centre on Sunday, August 25 at 7 pm.

On the question of whether he's made it in the entertainment industry, his credits speak for themselves.

After earning his bachelor's degree in theatre studies at Yale University, Malina went on to star as Jeremy Goodwin in

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# Outstanding volunteers honoured at Federation AGM

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Freedman spoke about the changing nature of philanthropy and announced the creation of the Centre for Jewish Philanthropy, a partnership of the Federation and the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation, a new concept to match the aspirations of donors with needs in the community.

“We will have holistic, year-round conversations with donors and understand what is important to them. We are working with our core agencies to bring new and exciting projects to donors for consideration that will strengthen the community. Giving should be meaningful, it should be impactful and donors should be able to understand and measure the effect of their gift,” she said.

Echoing Kimmel’s point on transparency, Freedman said the Federation is developing “key performance indicators” and promised to report to the community on “what has worked and [what has] worked less well” at the 2014 AGM.

“Quite simply, our goal is to build a strong, welcoming and inclusive Jewish community comprised of caring, committed, educated, active and engaged Jews of all ages,” Freedman added.

With her term as Israeli ambassador to Canada scheduled to end this summer, Ziv said bidding farewell to the Jewish community was “a bittersweet moment.” She called attention to the deep friendship developed between Canada and Israel – between governments and between communities.

“The strength of our bilateral relations is thanks, in part, to the support of Jewish communities such as yours. I commend the Federation for unique projects, such as Dragon Boat Israel, which connect Canadians to Israel,” she said.

The Jewish community’s annual awards for volunteerism and leadership were presented during the AGM.

A.J. Freiman presented the



**Henry Molot (right) accepts the Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award on behalf of Maureen Molot from Robert Greenberg.**  
(Photo: Peter Waiser)

Freiman Family Young Leadership Award, which recognizes exceptional service and leadership by someone under age 40, to Stacey Segal.

Segal also received the Lawrence Greenberg Young Leadership Development Award, which allows her to attend the General Assembly of the Jewish Federations of North America (GA) in Jerusalem in November. Young leadership award recipients from Jewish communities throughout North America will be honoured at the GA.

“There is no better feeling in the world than knowing you’re helping someone else,” said Segal in accepting her awards. “I can’t imagine my life without volunteerism.”

The Shem Tov Community Volunteer Award, which recognizes outstanding volunteer service over many years, was presented to Ruth Aaron by Ric Davey of the *Ottawa Citizen*.

“Imagine being honoured for something you love to do,” said Aaron, whose busy and still active

career as a tireless volunteer stretches back over more than 60 years. “You get more than you give.”

Maureen Molot, who could not attend the AGM due to a commitment away from Ottawa, was the recipient of the Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award, the highest tribute the Ottawa Jewish community bestows on an individual for exceptional service over many years.

Molot, the first woman to serve as president of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vaad Ha’Ir (now the Jewish Federation of Ottawa) spoke to the AGM via pre-recorded video.

“Where is our community heading?” asked Molot, who described some of the community’s current challenges, such as Jewish education, fundraising and the anti-Israel atmosphere on university campuses, as “daunting.”

However, noted Molot, most of the same issues have confronted and been met by past leaders, and she expressed confidence in the



**Stacey Segal receives the Freiman Family Young Leadership Award from A.J. Freiman.**  
(Photo: Peter Waiser)



**Ruth Aaron receives the Shem Tov Community Volunteer Award from Ric Davey.**  
(Photo: Peter Waiser)

community’s current crop of leaders to do the same.

“This is a great community and we have much to be proud of,”

she added.

Henry Molot accepted the award on his wife’s behalf from Robert Greenberg.



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# Strong year highlighted at Foundation AGM

## George Joseph Cooper Scholarship awarded

By Michael Regenstreif and Ilana Belfer

Lynne Oreck-Wener succeeded Richard Roth as chair of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation (OJCF) at its annual general meeting, June 13, at the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building.

Looking back at his tenure, Roth pointed to several significant accomplishments including greatly increased collaboration with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa – Federation and OJCF now share a president and CEO in Andrea Freedman – as well as increases in women’s philanthropy and legacy giving.

Roth also pointed to suc-

cessful OJCF events, such as the annual power breakfast introduced in 2011.

In her first remarks as OJCF chair, Oreck-Wener also spoke about legacy giving and women’s philanthropy and called attention to the Centre for Jewish Philanthropy. She recalled that she and her husband had their wills rewritten in 1996 to include a philanthropic legacy.

Oreck-Wener said the OJCF and the Centre for Jewish Philanthropy would work with donors of all ages and financial capacity.

Freedman also spoke about the Centre for Jewish Philanthropy.

“Our aim is to become the destination of choice for any philanthropist wishing to strengthen Ottawa’s Jewish community and contribute to the welfare of Israel and world Jewry,” she said.

Freedman also noted the OJCF enjoyed “a very strong year” and now includes 832



Student Michael Kent (left) receives the George Joseph Cooper Scholarship from Steve Lesh, chair of the Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation scholarship committee, at the OJCF AGM, June 13.

(Photo: Howard Sandler)

managed funds with assets of almost \$43 million.

One such fund is the George Joseph Cooper Scholarship Fund, left as a bequest by George Cooper on his death in 2004. The scholarship was presented to 2013 recipient Michael Kent at the AGM.

Valued this year at \$12,850, the award recognizes a member of the Ottawa Jewish community between the ages of 18 and 30 “who has displayed leadership qualities, academic excellence, and an interest in the Jewish community,” and must be used for formal edu-

cation or an apprenticeship in the artistic, literary or social sciences.

“I didn’t realize how many things I was doing until I actually started putting the list together,” Kent said.

The 26-year-old is a soon-to-be graduate from the University of Ottawa’s Master of Religious Studies program.

“For me, it has really been a Jewish Studies degree; just one didn’t exist at Ottawa U. The courses are all theory based and you can write about whatever religion you want,” he said. His master’s thesis, for instance, is titled, “The Social Construction of Meaning at Kotel Ottawa.”

After receiving his bachelor’s degree, also in religion, Kent went on to study at yeshivas in Israel for two-and-a-half years. He returned with more knowledge than ever, and a desire to offer it up to the community in various ways, but especially by teaching.

Kent has taught classes at Beth Shalom, led discussion groups for Hillel Ottawa, and he has even filled in for uOttawa professors as a guest lecturer on Jewish topics. He teaches “Introduction to Anthropology, Sociology

and Psychology” weekly at NCSY’s Torah High and he’s their go-to substitute for all other courses, including Jewish ethics, philosophy and leadership.

Kent is also a certified mashgiach. Instead of getting a typical student job as a dishwasher or stocking shelves – his initial plan – he switched gears after hearing of a shortage at the Vaad HaKashrut, where he worked until becoming a teaching assistant at the university. He now serves as a volunteer mashgiach at community events.

Despite his full plate, it’s hard to spot any grade less than an A on Kent’s transcript, many accompanied by a plus sign.

“When something is important in your life, it can very quickly shift away from being considered work or volunteering,” he explained.

In September, Kent will begin a second master’s degree program: Information Studies at uOttawa, which trains future librarians, archivists and museum curators.

“The scholarship means that, instead of having to take a job flipping burgers next year so I can buy textbooks, I can keep up with all these different activities.”

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## Talking with Ottawa Jewish community leaders

Stephen Greenberg:

# Building the campus his proudest accomplishment

By Benita Siemiatycki

**Editor's note:** This year, 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.

A phone call was all it took. Back in 1982, a young Stephen Greenberg took a call from Hy Hochberg, then the executive vice-president of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa/Vaad Ha'Ir. He was asking if Stephen would be willing to lend a hand and chair the Young Business and Professional, University and High School Division of the UJA campaign. Without hesitation, Stephen said yes, and thus began his second career, as a volunteer in Ottawa's Jewish community.

He still credits a simple phone call as a great recruitment tool.

"It wasn't about me. I was only 29 or 30," said Stephen. "As the community has done for many years, and still does to a certain extent, it identifies younger people who have the capacity to make a commitment, and then, rather than waiting for them to step up and ask, 'Is there anything I can do?' we were actively sought out."



Stephen Greenberg

Stephen chaired that division for two years and then became chair of the UJA campaign. But he feels his most significant contribution, and the one of which he is most proud, was his role on the Vaad's Community Development Commission.

As Stephen explained, in the 1980s, it was becoming evident the Jewish Community Centre on Chapel Street needed an overhaul. With many Centretown families moving west, the board made a major decision: the JCC had to relocate. But where? They had a vision for an entire campus housing different agencies, including a school, and Hillel Lodge, which also was looking to move from its Sandy Hill location. They needed a large parcel of land and considered where many

in the Jewish community were moving. Finally, the Ottawa Catholic School Board was disposing of a small building on Kerr Avenue. Purchasing that property would give the Vaad sufficient land to construct a multi-purpose campus, including a school already on site.

Stephen led an adept team of community planners and funders in the creation of the current Jewish Community Campus. Conception to completion took 12 years and Stephen was involved the entire way, first as co-chair with Bernie Dolansky, and then as chair.

"It was a huge undertaking," he explained. "Not just from a financial perspective, but from a community politics perspective. Everybody had an idea. Not just whether Hillel Lodge or the JCC should be first to be built, but also what activities should take precedence and space within the JCC."

With the campus built, Stephen turned his attention to other volunteer pursuits. Over the years, he chaired the United Way and Ottawa Hospital campaigns, a renovation campaign for Congregation Machzikei Hadas, and sat on the Soloway Jewish Community Centre and Ottawa Boys and Girls Club boards.

Ottawa's Jewish community is now very different from what it was when he was growing up. The influx of Chabad centres means outreach is stronger, a great addition to the community, he said. He sees a strong

sense of connection to the Jewish community among middle-aged and older generations, but is concerned it doesn't exist in the younger generation. While Stephen and many of his peers spent years volunteering in the Jewish community before lending their expertise to secular organizations, he sees the reverse happening now, with many young Jews offering their time to non-Jewish organizations at the expense of Jewish organizations that need them. The challenge, he believes, is to convince people to give – whether in time or money – more "Jewishly." He believes the community must make volunteer jobs in the community more meaningful to young Jews.

One of our assets and opportunities, said Stephen, is the camaraderie and respect that exists among religious spectrums, from haredi to Reform and everything in between, and he credits Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Congregation Machzikei Hadas for encouraging dialogue and co-operation.



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# ‘We intend to place a renewed energy and focus on making involvement easier and more satisfying’

In my opening address as chair of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, I identified the priorities for my term. Among them were customer service, transparency, accountability, accessibility to Jewish education and the creation of the Centre for Jewish Philanthropy.

Recently, Federation staff and members of the Board of Directors participated in a one-day retreat, designed to engage us in discussions and formulate action plans to meet some of these priorities.

Customer service was one of the topics both the staff and leadership of the Federation spent a lot of time reviewing. Donors and volunteers have a plethora of choices of where to devote both their financial resources and their time.

We intend to place a renewed energy and focus on making involvement easier and more satisfying. This includes expedient response times and removing barriers that make involvement more difficult. As part of this initiative, Federation President and CEO Andrea Freedman is in the process of sending out more than 2,000 emails (200 per week) to random constituents in the



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Steven Kimmel  
Chair

community, asking for feedback in regard to Federation performance. This process will help us understand where we can improve, and I am hopeful you will see a positive change going forward.

We are working diligently to ensure that decisions made by the Board of Directors and staff are totally transparent. We can't always consult all the stakeholders, but we can make sure that community members understand the process and the outcome.

In a partnership between the Federation and Ottawa Jewish Community Foundation (OJCF), we are developing the Centre for Jewish Philanthropy, which is a virtual new concept that will match donors' philanthropic aspirations with needs in the community. We will have one-on-one, year-round con-

versations with donors to understand what is important to them. We are working with our core agencies to identify new, exciting and much-needed projects that will strengthen the community for donors to consider supporting.

While this will take time, we anticipate implementing the process as a pilot project with a small group of top donors this fall. We are still discussing this proposed change with the Federation Board and the OJCF Board and will be better able to articulate the exact plans shortly.

Over the past few weeks, I've had the honour of attending many of our partner agencies' AGMs. I was so impressed by the work each of these agencies is doing and the vital services they provide to our community.

At the graduation ceremony for the Ottawa Jewish Community School's Grade 8 class, I told the graduates that, while I don't actually remember much from my own Hillel Academy Grade 8 graduation ceremony, which was held in the same Agudath Israel sanctuary in 1970, the strong Jewish values I learned at Hillel

Academy remain with me today.

While the importance of Jewish education to the strength of a community cannot be debated, maintaining a viable school system is increasingly difficult. We will continue to work with all schools to explore options that will make sending children to a Jewish school a realistic and affordable alternative.

One of my unstated goals is to see more members of Ottawa's Jewish community become involved, and I recently heard this statement: "The main reason people don't give to campaigns or volunteer is because they are not asked!"

This demonstrates to me that we need to reach out more. Federation and our partner agencies struggle with fundraising and recruiting of volunteers, so I am officially asking everyone to consider supporting the Federation or one of our partner agencies either financially or by volunteering. You can make a difference.

Your feedback is important to me, so please feel free to contact me at [skimmel@westboroflooring.com](mailto:skimmel@westboroflooring.com).

Am Yisrael Chai, B'Shalom!

## Taking full advantage of the gift of Shabbat

As a Jewish community in the 21st century, we continue to wonder how we ensure the continuity of our Jewish community and how we keep Jews connected and guarantee the next generation will follow.

I suggest that promoting the observance and celebration of Shabbat is one way to ensure tomorrow's Jews will have a strong connection to their Jewish identity and traditions, to God, to their Jewish family, and to their Jewish community. As Ahad Ha'am once wrote, "More than Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews."

My suggestion comes following an observation made by my daughter who is spending part of the summer with her grandparents in a Jewish neighbourhood in New York.

"You really feel that it's Shabbat here. The stores are closed and families are walking together to shul or to their Shabbat meal. It feels so Jewish," she said after celebrating Shabbat in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn.

Though Shabbat is one of our commandments, it is singled out by God as a gift that He gave us. The Talmud states (Shabbat 10b): "God said to Moses, 'I have a precious gift called Shabbat and I desire to give it to the Jewish people.'" One may look at Shabbat as just another chore that we need to perform. God wants us to recognize that Shabbat is a gift and to delight in this weekly uplifting experience.

The most central component of Shabbat



## From the pulpit

Rabbi Menachem Blum  
OTC Chabad

is that it is a day when we refrain from work. It is a day of rest. On a humanistic level, a day of rest is very helpful in maintaining physical health and preventing mental burnout. A day of rest will enhance the quality of the work we do. Additionally, a day of rest frees us from the burdens of work and regular routine. Especially in today's day and age, a day of rest gives us the time needed for things that are important to us, such as family and spiritual pursuit.

As former U.S. senator Joe Lieberman wrote in *The Gift of Rest: Rediscovering the Beauty of the Sabbath*, "The lives of most people these days are connected 24/7 to the BlackBerry, iPad, and cell phones. One of the most important things I would encourage people to do would be to turn off all their electronics for a day or part of one.

"Let people experience what a liberation it is. Another thing would be to have a family meal and dress it up and make it as important and special as [observant Jews] try to do every Friday night and Saturday. The third thing, which is even a little more

explicitly religious, is to follow the tradition we have of blessing our children. It has a lot of meaning, for the children, to tell them how important they are to us, and for us, to tell us what a blessing our children are."

On a deeper level, Shabbat allows us to transcend ourselves and connect to God by emulating Him. We observe Shabbat as a commemorative sign to remember that God created the world in six days and He rested on the seventh. An effective commemoration involves some distinctive

practice that serves as a reminder of an event and, in some way, echoes the original event that is being recalled. By working for six days and resting from work and refraining from so many common activities on the seventh, we actually reenact the story of creation and thereby bring a Godly consciousness into our lives.

Shabbat is a gift in so many ways and we cannot afford to sell Shabbat short of its true worth. Let's take advantage of its full worth as this gift has more value than we may have imagined!

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# Academic collaborations and the arts are ways to find solutions

In my May 20 column, I noted that Stephen Hawking, the renowned British physicist, cancelled his participation in the Israeli Presidential Conference and endorsed the anti-Israel BDS (boycott, divestment, sanctions) movement.

In the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians, BDS tactics are counter-productive to a search for peace and the achievement of the two-state solution. The BDS movement is aimed at the delegitimization of Israel and only serves to harden attitudes and drive the parties further apart.

Hawking's was probably the highest profile endorsement the BDS movement has had since rock artist Elvis Costello cancelled a concert in Israel three years ago.

In fact, when I read Hawking's announcement that he was cancelling his June trip to Israel, I was reminded of Costello's announcement in 2010. Neither Hawking nor Costello had strong enough convictions that they rejected their invitations to go to Israel. Hawking, who has been to Israel several times before, had accepted Israeli President Shimon Peres' invitation to the conference months before. Likewise, Costello had accepted the booking to play two concerts in Israel. But both cited implicit or explicit pressure to cancel their trips to Israel.

When Costello caved to that pressure, he said "merely having your name added



## Editor

Michael Regenstreif

to a concert schedule may be interpreted as a political act that resonates more than anything that might be sung," suggesting that performing in Israel might be interpreted as support for current Israeli government policy.

That's a ridiculous leap of logic. If Costello wanted to advocate for peace, he should have gone to Israel and done that.

Virtually every major artist who accepts a booking in Israel faces the same pressure Costello did. Many of them, though, reject it. Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen, Paul Simon, Barbra Streisand, Madonna, Lady Gaga, Justin Bieber and Diana Krall – who is married to Costello – are just a few of the artists who have since stood up to the BDS movement and performed in Israel.

Likewise, many academics have rejected the pressure Hawking caved in to. This month, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, which represents 97 institutions of higher learning in this country, signed a major agreement with the Association of University Heads of Israel to "work together in order to facilitate,

promote and support international research collaboration between Israeli and Canadian universities."

Academic collaborations and the arts are ways forward to finding solutions.

### Rabbi Bulka honoured

A hearty Mazel Tov to Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka, whose legendary volunteerism and leadership, in our community and beyond, was recognized in a June 28 announcement from the Governor General's office that he had been named a member of the Order of Canada "for his dedicated service to the community, notably in promoting interfaith dialogue, health and humanitarian causes."

As Jewish Federation of Ottawa Chair Steven Kimmel noted, "Rabbi Bulka's enormous dedication, enthusiasm and hard work, not only as rabbi of Congregation Machzikei Hadas, but also on behalf of the entire Ottawa Jewish community, Canada and Israel, have been tremendous. This special recognition is much deserved."

### KlezKanada

Another hearty Mazel Tov is due to KlezKanada, my favourite annual Jewish cultural event, which is celebrating its Chai anniversary from August 19 to 25.

Founded in 1996, KlezKanada is a wonderful, week-long celebration of Jewish culture that takes place every August at (Montreal's) Camp B'nai Brith

in the Laurentians near Ste. Agathe, about a two-hour drive from Ottawa.

Every year, hundreds of people of all ages attend KlezKanada in order to learn from a faculty composed of some of the best klezmer musicians in the world. Over the years, KlezKanada has expanded from its original vision to include many other forms of Jewish music as well as other Jewish cultural pursuits such as dance, theatre, visual arts, poetry, and film.

One of KlezKanada's biggest success stories is Ottawa/Chelsea favourite son Josh Dolgin, who began performing Jewish music after attending KlezKanada. Known professionally as SoCalled, Dolgin is now one of the world's leading lights in Jewish music and is widely acclaimed for his highly original fusion of klezmer, funk and hip-hop music. The SoCalled Band will be headlining the KlezKanada *Groyser* concert on the evening of Wednesday, August 21, an event that is open to the public.

I've attended several of the *Groyser* concerts in past years, and they are always a marvellous celebration of Jewish music. There are dinner-concert and concert-only tickets available.

Although most attend KlezKanada for the full week, this year, day passes are available for certain days.

Visit [klezkanada.org](http://klezkanada.org) for more information on KlezKanada and the possible ways you can participate.

# The leadership candidate who got away

It was a long time ago, on one of my first days in the press gallery of the Quebec National Assembly, that I learned my first lesson about politics.

As that first question period began, a veteran reporter, much older than me, leaned over and whispered, "Jason, do you know what everyone sitting down there has in common, regardless of what side of the house they are sitting on?"

Before I could even think about an answer, he said, "They all think they should be leaders of their party."

As the years rolled on, I often remembered that lesson, recalling each time how true it actually is.

Take the lowest-ranked backbenchers for a drink and, by the second round, they are telling you how they think they have, or should have, a shot at the leadership. That is why, when there's a leadership contest, there are always so many people running and investing a lot of money, all believing this is their time – the time everyone will realize how great he or she is.

The exception to this rule was the recent Liberal leadership race. Although there were still many people running, it



Jason Moscovitz

actually turned out to be a story about who didn't run.

You will recall MP and former astronaut Marc Garneau was in the race, but left when he realized it would amount to a kamikaze mission against the heavily favoured Justin Trudeau. Garneau was seen as the next best candidate in the race. He had the smarts, the life experience and so much to offer – but he didn't have a chance to win.

Then there were those who never got as far as Garneau.

When Bob Rae left politics last month, the stories written about his departure were clear evidence, once again, that the best candidate stood aside rather than attempt to stop the Trudeau landslide. Rae was poised and ready 18 months ago when Trudeau was saying he was not interested in the leadership because he

wanted to spend time with his young family. Rae, the party's interim leader, got a lot of credit for bringing the Liberals back to respectability after the electoral thrashing in 2011. He was a gifted politician who opted to step aside in good time rather than be a landslide loser. His calculation was correct.

Another really interesting potential leadership candidate just plain got away.

You have to wonder if, somewhere in London, England, Mark Carney sometimes wonders, "What if?" What if he had had the guts to take on Trudeau?

Carney is now the governor of the Bank of England. Until the end of May, he was the governor of the Bank of Canada. It was no secret he was talking to the Liberals about a possible leadership run – so his days at the Bank of Canada were effectively over.

While it can be argued that Garneau was no Trudeau, and that Rae had a lot of baggage to carry on his shoulders, there is no doubt Carney would have been a first-rate candidate.

He had the education and lots of hands-on governmental experience – domestic, as well as international. After being a star at the Finance Department for

years, he was appointed to the prestigious job of governor of the Bank of Canada. The surprise is that he got as far with the Liberals as he did. You sort of have to wonder what in the world he was thinking.

Well, he was thinking about whether he could be prime minister and you have to question what his candidacy would have been like against Trudeau. Carney is a charming, handsome, middle-aged man, and we have already established his experience as a bonafide economic and public policy thinker.

Would a Carney versus Trudeau leadership race have demonstrated, on economic and government policies, that Carney was far better positioned to bring the party forward in the next election?

But, then again, last winter it looked like Stephen Harper would be there for quite a while still and that the Liberals were electing a leader for the election after the next one. In that rear view mirror, Trudeau looked so good.

Today, everything looks so different and you have to wonder what Carney thinks about Harper's terrible spring, and what might have been had he had the fight in him to take on a front runner.

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### Sucharov's dilemmas

I read Mira Sucharov's column on "Dilemmas of Jewish parenting during our neighbours' holidays" (*Values, Ethics, Community*, June 17) with compassion for the angst that comes with the many choices of our modern world.

Difficult decisions made by earlier generations were often based on a lack of resources: not enough food to eat or wood for the stove, no money for shoes, and nothing left to pay the Hebrew teacher. Growing up in countries with overt anti-Semitism, the invitation to join an Easter egg hunt would have never been offered. Raising children in those years would have required frequent use of "we can't," "we don't," or simply "no."

Today, Jews in wealthy and welcoming democratic countries live lives of abundance with a plethora of choices. We are blessed to be able to give our children almost everything they desire: food and clothing, education and travel, and entertainment beyond the scope of anything anyone could have imagined. We can easily respond with "we can," "we do," or simply "yes."

Used in a reasonable way, a simple "no" is not the traumatic childhood experience one might expect. Every good parent uses rules and limits in raising children. "No cookies before dinner." "No movies after 9 pm on a weeknight." "We don't bite." Rules and limits allow our children to practise self-discipline. Self-discipline leads to self-respect. They learn to defer gratification, to prioritize and to choose what is most appropriate, important or necessary in any given situation.

When we say "no" to Christmas trees and Easter eggs, we are teaching our children to value and prioritize their Jewish identity. We can encourage them to invest in making the most of the pleasures and excitement of Jewish holiday celebrations. Judaism gives our kids a framework of values. It also provides a mechanism through which to transmit those values, which we call Jewish practice or mitzvot. Giving and facilitating should not be the only tools in our tool box. To become healthy, productive adults and strongly committed Jews, kids need structure and limits in addition to pleasure and fun.

We raised five children in Ottawa. Since we keep kosher and are Sabbath-observant, our kids grew up with firm limits and frequent use of the "no" word. Our kids turned out to be warm, fun and engaging adults with strong Jewish identities, a clear sense of right and wrong, and the self-discipline to forgo certain pleasures because of the importance of a higher value.

With the Soloway JCC recently having considered opening on Shabbat, this might be a good time for our community to revisit the value of limits, deferred gratification and self-control.

Lauren Shaps

### Sucharov's dilemmas (2)

Mira Sucharov's column concerning the Christian holiday dilemma her child faces in public school ironically serves as a strong supportive point for Jewish day school education.

Rabbi Howard Finkelstein

## Hillel Lodge is 'constantly being inspected'

By Ilana Belfer

Despite recent media reports that only two of Ottawa's 25 nursing homes have received comprehensive inspections in the past three years, Hillel Lodge has not gone unsupervised, and remains committed to safety and security, said director Stephen Schneiderman.

Schneiderman said such reports are "overstated" and "misrepresentative," and therefore can tarnish the image of respectable facilities.

On June 10, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care announced a plan to hire 100 new inspectors to address the shortage of resident-quality audits – the most thorough of the Ministry's inspections – on a provincial scale.

While the government may not have enough inspectors to properly implement the system it created under the Long-Term Care Homes Act, which mandated annual inspections of each home, Schneiderman explained long-term care facilities like the Lodge are held accountable to a host of regulatory bodies on a regular basis, outside the Ministry of Health.

For instance, Public Health checks on food quarterly and the Ministry of Labour generally checks on health and safety once per year. There are also board reports, a financial management committee and annual audit, fire alarm and elevator examinations, and self-directed health and safety inspections. As a Jewish home, the Lodge is also inspected by the Vaad

HaKashrut, said Schneiderman.

Additionally, Hillel Lodge has been accredited since 1987. Accreditation is a voluntary review every three years by Accreditation Canada, a non-governmental organization, which compares its clients to national standards of care.

"We're constantly being inspected, and we welcome being inspected," Schneiderman said.

Hillel Lodge has not received an exhaustive inspection, Schneiderman said, because the Ministry is tending to priorities, and Hillel Lodge is not a home of concern.

"They don't have to tell us to protect the people who live here, because we want to protect the people who live here. Does anybody check that we do that? All the time," he said.

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### Love for Israel is the common thread at JNF Conference

As I write this column, we are winding down from attending the KKL-JNF World Leadership Conference in Israel. Friday evening began with a special Shabbat dinner with some of the delegates from KKL-JNF around the world. Saturday started with a walking tour of the Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem where I had the opportunity to recite the Kaddish at the Kotel.

On Sunday, we toured the Galilee and visited many diverse projects that JNF Canada supports. We visited Ramat David, the northernmost IDF air force base in Israel, responsible for protecting the entire northern region. JNF builds visitor gathering spots for air force members and their families to congregate. Each one has a special dedication spot to recognize the donor.

That evening in Akko, Israeli Tourism Minister Uzi Landau presented us with the trends and challenges in tourism in Israel. We also heard from Christine Melnick, minister of immigration and multiculturalism for Manitoba, who described the partnership between the province of Manitoba and JNF. The partnership includes more than 30 projects involving water management. Even though Manitoba has 110,000 lakes and Israel only two, the co-operation in knowledge exchange is unique and a model for the rest of Canada. Melnick spoke of her vision to share tourism opportunities with JNF as well, focusing on the migration paths of birds in Israel and Manitoba.

When the conference came to a close at a farewell dinner at Yad Kennedy, a JNF America forest on the outskirts of Jerusalem, I danced the hora with all of the JNF delegates, united in our work for Israel.

After the conference, I arranged to have a personal tour of Mount Carmel and witnessed first-hand the destruction and devastation caused by the fires. I was moved by the monument honouring members of the IDF who perished in the fire and amazed at the regrowth of trees with the support and donations from our community and others during Tu Bi'Shevat Telethons.

### 2013 Pulitzer Prize recipient Bret Stephens keynote speaker at Negev Dinner

JNF Ottawa's Negev Dinner planning is well underway. Dr. Robert Roberts, president and CEO of the Ottawa Heart Institute, is our distinguished honoree. The dinner chair is Lawrence Weinstein and the guest speaker will be Bret Stephens, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for the Wall Street Journal.

### Inscriptions

Mazel Tov to the following who have been inscribed in *JNF's Honour Book* in Jerusalem: **David Aaron Khazzam**, by his parents, Marie Carmen Berlie and Charles Khazzam; **Alexander Henry Dean Moss**, by his parents, Katherine and William Moss; **Neilah Patricia Shapiro**, by her great-nana Bess Swedlove. **Neilah Shapiro** was also inscribed in *JNF's Golden Book* by grandparents, Jack and Carol-Sue Shapiro and Howard Smolkin and Annice Kronick. **Ben Shapiro** was inscribed in *JNF's Sefer Hayalet* by his parents, Nikki and Michael Shapiro.

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# 'Yeshiva boy' turned Hollywood actor still lives 'meaningful Jewish life'

(Continued from page 1)

Aaron Sorkin's critically acclaimed television series *Sports Night*, and later co-starred as Will Bailey in Sorkin's multi-E Emmy-winning *The West Wing*.

His film credits include roles in *A View from the Top* with Gwyneth Paltrow and Mike Meyers, *In the Line of Fire* with Clint Eastwood, and *Bulworth* with Warren Beatty and Halle Berry.

He currently co-stars in ABC's hit drama *Scandal* as attorney David Rosen.

But it was only in questioning his own celebrity that Malina came to be the mensch he is – or, at least, came to be known publicly as one, when, in 2001, the Jewish Federation of Los Angeles invited him to sit on the celebrity dais of a pro-Israel rally.

"What surprised me was that there really weren't any celebrities," Malina recalled.

"It was one of those things where I'm, like, 'I'm the best they could do? This is not a good sign – we're in Hollywood.'"

When the L.A. federation staff explained that stars wouldn't attach their names to anything Israel-related, even a rally supporting Israel's basic right to exist, Malina said he was "disappointed" and "appalled."

That's when he started

speaking to federations and campus Hillels. He also appeared in a video aimed at Jewish high school students to prepare them for anti-Israel climates on college campuses, and in the Jewish Federations of North America's "Live Generously" campaign.

"As a yeshiva boy, I think I'm uniquely suited to this kind of thing," said Malina, who grew up in New Rochelle, New York, in what he described as a "beautiful, loving, Jewish household." He attended an Orthodox yeshiva day school for eight years.

Although public support for Israel does mean getting into a lot of arguments, and encountering the occasional Israel-basher on *Twitter*, Malina said maintaining a "meaningful Jewish life" is very important to him, as both an actor and a parent to his two kids aged 11 and 15. And that is exactly what he plans to discuss on his visit to Ottawa.

"I lie awake at night thinking, 'Am I doing a good job? Am I doing enough?'" he said.

The Campaign Kickoff committee believes so.

"We thought Joshua Malina represented the best of what the Jewish Federation of Ottawa stands for," said



Actor Joshua Malina will speak at the Annual Campaign Kickoff, August 25, at the National Arts Centre.

event co-chair Nathan Smith.

And the feeling is mutual. "I see where the money goes [and] I really dig it," said Malina, pointing to Jewish camps, preschools and programs.

"It's just everything the Jewish community has to do if it's going to sustain ... Taking care of our own and

reaching out to Israel."

Tickets for the Annual Campaign Kickoff are \$20 and \$15 (students), and are available at the NAC box office or through [ticketmaster.ca](http://ticketmaster.ca).

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Charles H. Hulse Public School teacher Patrick Mascoe with Grade 6 students from Hulse and the Ottawa Jewish Community School during their Day of Cultural Understanding, June 11.

## Hulse and OJCS students meet for annual Day of Cultural Understanding

By Sophia Mirzayee  
Carleton University student

Grade 6 students from Charles. H. Hulse Public School, which serves a predominantly Muslim population, spent the day, June 11, getting to know their counterparts from the Ottawa Jewish Community School (OJCS) in their ninth annual Day of Cultural Understanding.

The students had been in touch with each other as pen pals over the course of the year before the OJCS students made the crosstown trip to spend the day at Hulse.

Patrick Mascoe, a Grade 6 teacher at Hulse, created the program nine years ago after overhearing anti-Semitic comments expressed by some of his students – most of whom had never even met a Jewish person.

From throwing volleyballs back and forth, to racing to reach the opposite end of the gym, to piecing together fragments of a story, the students spent the morning immersed in high energy activities.

“The activities have a much greater purpose behind them,” said one of Mascoe’s co-op students, explaining the activities were about using everyone’s strengths to reach a common goal. It didn’t matter that they came from different schools, backgrounds or religions. Working together to achieve their goals was the objective.

There was also some less structured time when the pen pals had opportunities to chat and get to know each other better. As the sound of many conversations – from discussions of favourite videogames, to gushing over celebrities – filled the room, students from very different backgrounds found common ground.

“In all honestly, we don’t have that much in common, but that doesn’t mean we can’t get along,” said one student. “Actually, we get along really well, and I have learned a lot of new things from my pen pal.”

Beyond getting to know students from other backgrounds, the Day of Cultural Understanding has also always been about understanding the ultimate consequences of racism and hatred with Holocaust survivor David Shentow sharing lessons from his ordeal under the Nazis during the Second World War.

“I have a hard time talking about my experiences. It brings back unwanted memories, and I know, tonight, I will have nightmares,” said Shentow.

But that didn’t stop him from speaking to the Grade 6 Hulse and OJCS students, as he has annually since the program began.

“It’s more important to me that these kids know what happened because then they also become witnesses to the tragedy and can learn from the mistakes made in the past,” he said.

Rose Shentow said she is grateful Mascoe takes the time to share her husband’s story.

“His program stands as a testament to the difference that can be made when students are educated about hate,” she said.

As the afternoon ended and the students said their goodbyes, it was clear this was a day no one would soon forget. Many students said they hoped to reunite with their pen pals again.

*Sophia Mirzayee participated in the Day of Cultural Understanding as a Grade 6 student at Charles H. Hulse Public School in 2006.*

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Guest Column

# SJCC to remain closed on Shabbat and Jewish holy days

## Childcare, pool hours to be extended

By Bob Wener and Barry Sohn  
Soloway Jewish Community Centre

We're writing to share with the community a recent decision made by the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC) Board of Directors.

We have been engaged in a strategic process of renewal to enhance member benefits and increase accessibility and connection to the Jewish community and the Centre specifically. After a year-long process of exploring the possibility of extending the operating hours of the SJCC to include Shabbat hours and hours on some Jewish holidays, the Board has decided to keep the Centre closed on Shabbat and Jewish holidays.

The Board further decided to extend Friday hours to 5:30 pm for the sole purpose of providing after-school child care. This decision re-

sponds to the evolving needs of working parents, gives us an opportunity to promote our *Just 4 Kids* afterschool program as a five-day-per-week program, and helps families at the Ottawa Jewish Community School and other area schools who previously had to leave work or make arrangements for their children as early as 2 pm on Fridays.

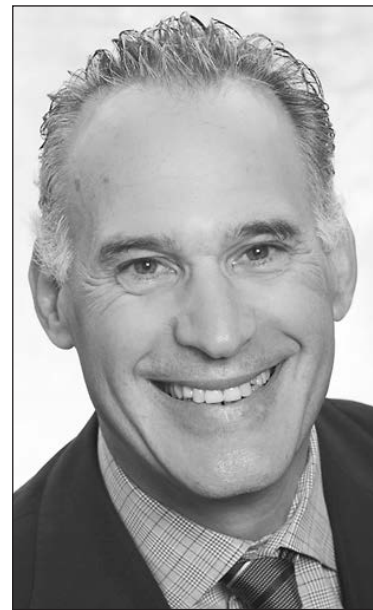
The Board also decided that, beginning in 2014, the Centre's outdoor pool will be open on Saturday afternoons from 1 until 7 pm to better serve members and demonstrate an additional benefit to membership. The SJCC building will remain closed on these Saturdays, and on extended Fridays, all other SJCC facilities will close in accordance with Shabbat.

We undertook this project to more fully reflect the diversity of the community and the Centre's mandate of inclusiveness. We

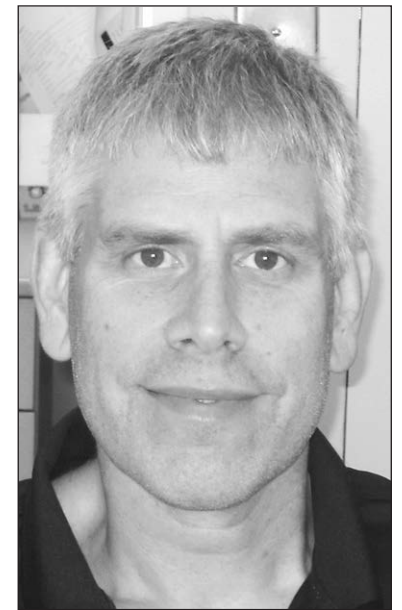
hoped to attract new members, including Jewish individuals and families who are looking for a place to spend Shabbat and holidays in a Jewish environment and for whom the SJCC can be instrumental in maintaining and developing a Jewish identity. Ultimately, after much thoughtful and respectful discussion, the Board unanimously decided to maintain the Centre's current policy of being closed on Shabbat and holidays.

We considered many factors in coming to this decision. Financial dynamics, programmatic opportunities, trends in JCCs in North America as provided by our umbrella organization, Jewish Community Centres of North America, the opinions of local community leaders and clergy, and the opinions of our members and the broader Jewish community through an online survey.

We learned quite a bit through



Bob Wener



Barry Sohn

our fact-finding phase. We now know that ours is the only JCC in Canada that is completely closed on Shabbat. We also learned that nearly 90 per cent of all JCCs in North America open at some point on Shabbat and many of the holidays.

Our Board believes we have struck a fair balance among the different perspectives we heard. We are extremely gratified that our process was thoughtful, respectful and open in considering all views on the issue. We are always open to hearing from our members and

from the community to understand needs and ways to best serve our community. We will continue to focus our attention on making the SJCC a vibrant, welcoming, and sustainable hub for Ottawa's Jewish community.

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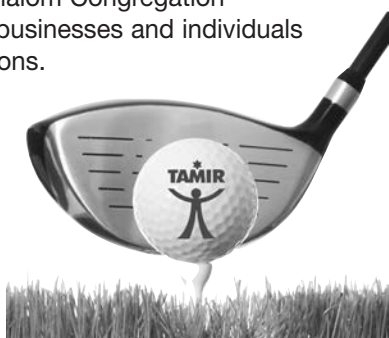
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(From left) Lily Penso, Jackie Holzman and Christine Kessler at the launch event of the Tamir Bequest Society, June 13.

## Planning for the future: Tamir launches bequest society

By Josh Finn  
for Tamir

The Tamir Bequest Society was launched, June 13, with a fireside chat event with former Ottawa mayor Jacquelin Holzman. In 1980, Holzman was instrumental in Tamir’s creation.

Holzman, who served as an Ottawa city councillor for nine years and was mayor from 1991 to 1997, spoke about the challenge of representing constituents with diverse views on issues ranging from shopping centre expansions, to rapid transit, to selling live animals in the ByWard Market.

She also detailed some memorable moments from her time in office, including an incident when the mayoral chain was accidentally left on top of her car and ended up on a Queensway onramp (it was later recovered).

In addition to her political accomplishments, Holzman has always supported and advocated for people with disabilities, which she continues to do to this day. Prior to seeking elected office, Holzman worked at the city’s social planning council. In 1980, she was approached by Lily Penso, who was seeking help for adults living with developmental disabilities, including her son, Michael.

Holzman already had experience work-

ing on such issues as building accessible housing and, after a few phone calls, a blizzard and a chance meeting in Toronto, Holzman and the City of Ottawa helped to secure the necessary funding for Tamir’s very first home. The rest, as they say, is history.

Holzman said Penso’s actions prove “one person can make a difference,” and added that all the members of the Tamir Bequest Society are making a difference. Holzman also revealed she has changed her will to include Tamir.

“Don’t take it with you when you go!” she said.

Norm Ferkin, father of Tamir resident Vicky, said the Tamir Bequest Society is an important endeavour.

“Parents of children without disabilities must make provisions for their future for things like university,” said Ferkin. “We who have children that cannot take advantage of these opportunities must make provisions for our children’s future by providing financial means to support them. This is the beginning of the future of Tamir’s financial security.”

Alan Sobel and Paul Finn inaugurated the Tamir Bequest Society last September by reaching out to family members about including Tamir as part of their estate planning. To date, close to \$250,000 has already been allocated and the campaign will continue to expand.

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# Agudath Israel encourages women with special Shabbat

By Sharon Letovsky  
for Agudath Israel

Last summer, Agudath Israel became a fully egalitarian congregation by taking the final step of including women in the minyan. However, many people attending services noticed there were still very few women on the bimah. When the honours ushers were asked why, they said many women declined the honours when offered. The question was: were they just shy, or did they, perhaps, not know what to do?

Agudath Israel's Rabbi Barry Schlesinger tackled that challenge. The rabbi believes shuls should have significant lay participation and thinks that clergy can empower the community by teaching them to take on more responsibilities outside the boardroom.

Wanting to develop educational programs for all ages, Rabbi Schlesinger suggested the *Let's Do Shabbat* program, in which various elements of the community would take responsibility for leading an entire Shabbat. Agudath had already had a youth-led Shabbat and, on June 7 and 8, held a Kol Isha Shabbat led by women.

"An empowered community,"

said the rabbi, increases attendance and encourages people to take greater ownership of their own synagogue."

Four key women – Faye Goldman, Margo Silverman, Cheryl Calof and Pearl Jacobson – formed the team that turned the Kol Isha dream into reality. They itemized the more than 40 roles to be filled and sought volunteers.

Although many women in our shul have had fine religious educations, playing catch-up as an adult has been a challenge for others. With the help of Rabbi Schlesinger, Cantor Jeremy Burko and the Internet, many women studied daily for a couple of months. Some said it was the most challenging thing they had ever done, but the support and encouragement of both clergy and the organizers kept them going.

Cally Kardash led Mincha on Friday night and served as gabbai on Saturday morning.

"The subtle pressure from the Kol Isha committee rewarded me with an enriching experience that put meaning for me into the Mincha service. I would never have done it on my own," Kardash said. "Mincha will always be more meaningful for me from now on."

Some moments were quite touching. When Susie Wiseman lifted the Torah high above her head for Hagba, everyone wanted to cheer! When a young woman who had never been on the bimah was asked to go up and open the ark, we thought she would faint. Another woman, who was used to being on the bimah, took her by the arm, led her up the stairs and opened the ark with her. We could see by the young woman's face that the experience was very special for her.

But what did some of the men think about all this?

"It was great. I always thought women should take more part in the

service," said Norm Potechin.

"Friday night was very special. With three women doing the services, it was very, very special. It was warm and intimate," said Jeff Taylor. "As they built from strength to strength, we could see camaraderie being built and it moved us all."

"It proves that women in this community are capable of leading services as well as our men are," said Allen Abramson. "And with the help of clergy, they did a fantastic job."

"One would have expected it to feel different, but it didn't. It felt very normal and natural, as if it had

always been that way. It encourages us all," said Neil Tolson.

"Kol Isha was a groundbreaking Shabbat for Agudath Israel," said Howard Levine, the congregation's president.

"While women had been given the right to daven as *shlichat tzibbur* a few years ago, it required a planned event such as this to push women out of their comfort zones, and to learn new skills.

"All of us at Agudath Israel are very proud of all of the accomplishments of each participant and look forward to other occasions when we can hear the female voice in leadership roles."

## Canadian Jewish News to keep printing

(JTA) – The *Canadian Jewish News* (CJN) will keep publishing, said Donald Carr, the paper's president.

In late April, the newspaper announced it would cease publication after 53 years, citing revenue shortfalls. The June 20 issue was to have been its last.

The paper's offices will move to a new location in Toronto this summer, Carr said.

"That, combined with other ad-

justments we need to make to our operations, dictate that we pause after the current issue and resume publishing with the August 1 edition," he said.

The paper hired an outside adviser, Robert Attala, a former publisher of the *National Post*.

The CJN "will need new subscribers, and existing subscribers will be asked to accept a higher subscription rate immediately," Carr said.

The paper's announcement that it would close shocked many in Canada's 375,000-strong Jewish community and triggered a public outcry.

The mass firings announced in April were rescinded, but cuts were made to the 50-member staff. Three longtime reporters in the Toronto office were cut, as were some positions in advertising and production in the Toronto and Montreal offices.

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# Hundreds walk and run in support of Ottawa's Jewish schools

By Mitch Miller  
Walkathon co-chair

Our community's annual walkathon, the Am Echad Walk/Run for Jewish Education in Ottawa, was a huge success again this year.

On Sunday, June 9, in its third year as the only kosher race in Ottawa, almost 500 people came out to run, walk, cheer, volunteer and show their support for Jewish education in our nation's capital. The event is organized by parents of Ottawa Jewish Community School (OJCS) for the benefit of all the Jewish schools in the community. All participants designated which Jewish school in Ottawa their fundraising efforts would support and every dollar they raised went to that school.

When asked what the goals were for this year, my co-chair, Julie Ross, and I agreed on the top two goals. First, it is a community event, and we need to look constantly for ways to include everyone who believes in Jewish education. Indeed, every Jewish school recognized by the Jewish Federation of Ottawa was welcomed and encouraged to participate.

Julie and her team set up the Ferguslea Family Fun Zone in a way that would invite participants to mingle and meet fellow community members. The community brunch was the only kosher post-run nosh in Ottawa where everyone felt like both a world class runner and an expert on Judaic studies. The



Enthusiastic students, along with parents, grandparents, dogs, and other supporters race to raise money for their Jewish school in the Am Echad Walk/Run for Jewish Education in Ottawa, June 9. (Photo: Howard Sandler)

community goal was not only met, but exceeded. The smiling faces on all the boys and girls, young and young at heart, teachers and students were wonderful to experience.

Our other goal was and continues to be fundraising to invest in our community's future. Studies show that children who receive a Jewish education are more likely to lead Jewish lives. It's no secret that our Jewish schools require funds to meet their goals, and I am very proud to report all the schools that participated did raise funds. What they put in to it, they got out of it.

Both goals were met and we'll set higher goals for next year. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 8, 2014. See you at start line!



Successful runners cross the finish line at the Am Echad Walk/Run for Jewish Education in Ottawa, June 9. (Photo: Howard Sandler)

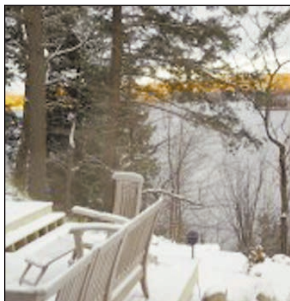
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A group of disabled Israeli veterans from the Beit Halochem centres visit the Ottawa Jewish Community School, June 12.

## Group of disabled IDF veterans visits Ottawa

By Ilana Belfer

A group of 10 disabled Israeli veterans visited Ottawa from June 11 to 13.

Every year, Beit Halochem Canada brings a group of disabled Israel Defense Forces (IDF) veterans to Canada to raise awareness about the organization and form bonds with the communities that host them. Through the efforts of Ruth Aaron, our nation's capital has been a stop on their tour for more than 25 years.

Beit Halochem is a network of six recreation and rehabilitation centres – plus another under construction – situated across Israel.

The facilities are dedicated to providing injured veterans with individualized medical care and various types of therapy, as well as offer sport-related activities and social programs.

The Ottawa visit, organized by Hana Brownstein and Irit Guttman, included tours of the city by bus and by boat, a stop in the ByWard Market, and dinner hosted by David Smith of Creative Kosher Catering at his home. The veterans also received gift bags from community-owned business-

es, Irving Rivers and the Albert Street Shoppers Drug Mart.

On June 12, they met with students at Ottawa Jewish Community School to answer questions and play a friendly game of basketball.

“Watching this group of vivacious men with their zest for life, as they joke, poke fun at one another and laugh out loud, one can hardly believe that the lives of each of them tragically changed in a split second,” said volunteer Ricky Grebler.

Grebler said the veterans were impressed and touched deeply by the love, genuine caring and determination to help they encountered in Ottawa.

The Beit Halochem centres are a function of the Zahal Disabled Veterans Organization (ZDVO), which was created in 1949 after Israel's War of Independence left more than 6,000 soldiers disabled. Today, ZDVO serves more than 50,000 disabled Israelis, both veterans and civilians disabled by terrorist attacks.

Beit Halochem Canada supports the centres and aids Israel's disabled veterans. Visit [beithalochem.ca](http://beithalochem.ca) for more information.

## Rabbi Lew to speak at JYL Shabbaton

By Mendy Loewenthal  
Jewish Youth Library

The Jewish Youth Library will welcome renowned educator Rabbi Shmuel Lew to Ottawa to talk about bringing harmony in our lives and marriages. Rabbi Lew is the director of education of Chabad Lubavitch UK, and has counselled thousands of couples.

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and we often find it difficult to find someone truly qualified to talk about harmony and enriching our lives. Meeting a truly inspiring speaker like Rabbi Lew is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

The Shabbaton with Rabbi Lew will take place from Friday, July 26 to Sunday, July 28 at the CUPE building at 1505 Carling Avenue. Visit [JYLOfOttawa.org](http://JYLOfOttawa.org) or call 613-729-7712 for more information and reservations.

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## Susan Katz is named chair of CFHU Ottawa Chapter

By Diane Koven  
for CFHU

After five years as chair of the Ottawa Chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (CFHU), Myrna Barwin is passing the torch to Susan Katz.

Katz, a retired public service executive, spent much of her career in cultural policy, later serving as director of

legislation and policy for National Parks at Parks Canada. She is an active community volunteer, particularly with the Kosher Food Bank, and has served on the executive and board of directors of Agudath Israel Congregation.

After participating in one of CFHU's popular *Best of Hebrew U* programs about five years ago, Katz became interested in the organization

and began volunteering. Now, with Barwin's decision to step down as chair, Katz agreed to accept the position.

"Having been a public servant all my working life, I am looking at this challenge through a bureaucrat's eyes," said Katz. "The Ottawa Chapter has had an informal structure up to now. We will need to create a more formal board structure, if we are to build on the work that Myrna Barwin has done, especially with regard to the new partnership between the University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine and the Hebrew University's Institute for Medical Research Israel-Canada (IMRIC) and the fundraising that such a partnership requires. It will also allow us to build our profile within the community."

Barwin has worked diligently to build and expand the partnership between IMRIC and various institutions in Ottawa. This has included a joint public lecture with researchers from IMRIC and the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, and a joint fundraiser with the Ottawa Hospital Foundation and Prostate Cancer Canada.

"Our main goal," said Barwin, "and what I consider our best achievement, was to establish a joint research initiative with IMRIC and the Faculty of Medicine at uOttawa."

A memorandum of understanding was recently signed by Dr. Jacques Bradweijn, dean of medicine at uOttawa, and Professor Haya Lorberboum-Galski, the IMRIC chair, for a joint research initiative.

"Three teams of researchers, with members from each organization, have been chosen and have em-

barked on joint research projects with an objective this will lead to a joint scientific conference either in Canada or in Israel," added Barwin.

During her term in office, Barwin's priority has been advocacy.

"Publicity about Israel tends to be negative and if, through our programs and otherwise, we can show that there is another side, CFHU has achieved one of its objectives," she said.

Barwin cited the success of CFHU's *Best of Hebrew U* programs and the annual Passover Lunch, which brings speakers to Ottawa, as mechanisms through which more and more people have learned about the "other side" of Israel.

Katz hopes to build and expand upon the work that has been done over the past few years.

"By 'expand upon,' I mean both our programming and our base of support. Ultimately, it's about bringing the excellence of Hebrew U to a broad audience and supporting its scholarship through initiatives like IMRIC in a very tangible way," she said.

Barwin plans to remain involved with CFHU and the IMRIC partnership with the University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine.

"The partnership ... would never have happened without Myrna," said Shelli Kimmel, director of the Ottawa Chapter of CFHU. "Her perseverance and determination to see it come to fruition were crucial. I am delighted Myrna will stay involved and am very much looking forward to working with Susan in growing the chapter and moving into new areas."



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# Dina Blum receives award for excellence in Jewish education

By Ilana Belfer

Dina Blum of the Ottawa Torah Centre (OTC) Chabad Hebrew School is Ottawa's 2013 recipient of the Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education. She is the first supplementary school teacher in the community to receive the award.

The Grinspoon-Steinhardt awards, a collaboration of JESNA (Jewish Education Service of North America) and local Jewish communities, are designed to acknowledge and support teachers who demonstrate exceptional achievement, serve as role models and have made a commitment to the field of Jewish education. The Jewish Federation of Ottawa has participated in the program since 2005.

"I was very surprised, very humbled, honoured, and I feel like I have a responsibility to teach people about our Jewish heritage," said Blum, who was presented with the award at the Chabad Hebrew School's end-of-year ceremony, June 16.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, Blum began by working at summer camps, eventually earning a teaching degree from the Associated



Teacher Dina Blum of the Chabad Hebrew School is presented with the Grinspoon-Steinhardt Award for Excellence in Jewish Education by Jeff Bradshaw, planning director of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, June 16.

Beth Rivkah Schools' division of higher learning and becoming a certified life coach. Over 20 years,

she has taught students ranging from preschool to Grade 8.

"Their first experiences of

Judaism should be positive, as opposed to just knowing what they're not allowed to do. Our history and culture is so rich and beautiful, and I love to impart that to children," said Blum, who has five kids of her own.

A positive first experience leads to "taking on" aspects of Judaism later in life, she said.

Since moving to Ottawa in the 1990s, Blum has taught at various local supplementary and day schools, including École Maimonides and Ottawa Modern Jewish School.

But it was primarily Blum's influence on the success and rapid growth of Chabad Hebrew School that led OTC board member Steve Gordon to submit her nomination for the award. Since its establishment seven years ago, the school has grown from six students to more than 80.

"I have such a passion," Blum said, "We just focused on 'this has to happen,' and it did."

Believing in what she does and living what she teaches, she said, are the secrets to her success. Others have noticed her hands-on approach. For example, she added a cooking element to the Jewish

holiday curriculum.

Her Israel curriculum is based on canvas maps that students paint each week as they learn about different regions, causing the creations to "come alive" with each city's background and history, and culminating in a permanent reminder of the students' connection to Israel, Gordon explained in his nomination submission.

"She is infectious and impressive, leaving students and colleagues with inspiration," he noted.

The award comes with a cash prize of \$1,000 invested by the local community and an additional \$1,000 for professional development from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and the Steinhardt Foundation for Jewish Life.

Although Blum hasn't yet decided exactly what she'll do with the money, she said it will be used to focus on enhancing the supplementary school experience.

"For many reasons, people are looking for supplementary Jewish education, and I feel it's an opportunity to help ... cater to the needs of different people," she said. "If you can make an impact in a short time, it's still valuable."

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Taylor Kurta (right) plays music with campers at Camp B'nai Brith of Ottawa.

## CBB music counsellor on the road to performing and recording career

By Ilana Belfer

Singer-songwriter Taylor Kurta just won \$25,000, a mentorship with the Tragically Hip's Gord Sinclair, a performance on the Canada's Walk of Fame Red Carpet, the chance to meet music industry VIPs, and more.

But she's put it all on hold for the summer as she attends to another priority: her job as head of music at Camp B'nai Brith of Ottawa (CBB).

"That's really important to me, especially because I want to go into music therapy," said Kurta, who dreams of working at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children one day.

The 20-year-old from Thornhill found out she was the recipient of the inaugural Canada's Walk of Fame "RBC emerging artist mentorship prize" on June 19.

By the time camp began on June 30, her name had been mentioned by media outlets across Canada, including the *Globe and Mail*, and she'd performed for music executives at a Walk of Fame inductee press conference.

With the experience and expertise she brings to CBB comes a new approach.

"I had the worst stage fright ever. It was horrible. So I really had to work through that," she said, noting she does exercises, such as hand squeezing and visualization. Kurta said she has added stage performance techniques to the camp curriculum.

"It's not just for music; it's for life in general," she said.

In addition to the Walk of Fame prize, Kurta's credits include an EP recorded with MuchMusic Video Award-winning band the Midway State. In April, she graduated from Seneca College's Independent Music Production Program, where she learned music recording, business and performance.

"We learned how to produce sounds," she explained, which seems to come in

handy at camp.

In the past, music as a CBB activity has centred on splitting into small groups for musical instrument lessons. Kurta, however, doesn't believe you can force kids to learn how to play. Instead, she said fostering campers' love of music through games and activities is more likely to spark their desire to learn.

This summer, she's trying to give campers more options – from working with bongos in a drum circle one day, to rustling leaves the next.

"They may want to bang on a tree trunk to give the campers who are playing guitar or singing a beat that will lead the song. They may want to sit at a computer and learn how to mix songs ... blending it all together. We're not going to spend all summer sitting in a circle singing old camp songs," she said. "I want to show them you can find music in a forest just as easily as in a record store."

This is Kurta's fourth summer at CBB since she started as a Pathfinder in 2008. As a camper, she performed at talent shows and jammed with friends, but it was only while taking two summers off camp – in 2010 and 2011 – to focus on her music career that things took off.

"As soon as I started playing an instrument, that's when the style of my voice came through, which I didn't even really know I had," she said.

Kurta, who is completely self-taught, describes her style as acoustic-pop-country.

After camp, Kurta is looking forward to performing at a festival at Dundas Square in downtown Toronto in September and recording an EP with the 30 hours of studio time she won.

And, if she gains some fans in her campers and co-staff this summer, they can look forward to that EP, too.

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# OJCS graduates: 'We're like one big family'

By Sara-Lynne Levine  
Ottawa Jewish  
Community School

For the Ottawa Jewish Community School (OJCS) graduating class of 2013, leaving is bittersweet.

"I'll miss the camaraderie the students share with one another. We're like one big family," said Avidani Aarenau, one of 10 graduates and the student council president this past year.

While they leave with mixed emotions, almost all students agree their OJCS education has prepared them for whatever the future has in store.

"It's prepared me to take on whatever the world brings my way, while keeping a Jewish identity and staying active in my community," said Aarenau, who will attend Carleton University in the fall to study political science and policy management.

"Our graduates are in demand," said OJCS Principal Sheldon Friedman. "Our students are academically strong, community-minded



The 2013 OJCS graduating class: (from left, front) Hannah Kraitberg, Sheera Kraitberg, Charlotte Hamburg, Jasmine Segal, Ronni Seller (rear) Itzy Kamil, Alex Sarna, Avidani Aarenau, Raphael Sandler, Joshua Gordon.

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and are the type of students universities are looking for.

"Proof is the more than \$250,000 in scholarships offered

to our 10 students, including several students with many scholarship offers. Our students have their pick of

where they want to attend," added Friedman.

Raphael Sandler appreciates the many chances he had to join in things he might not

have participated in at a larger school.

"OJCS gave me the opportunity to participate and sometimes be a leader in

many groups and clubs," said Sandler, who directed the OJCS theatre production of *You Can't Take it With You*, and was nominated for a Cappie Award. He will attend Concordia University in Montreal in the fall to study film production.

Ronni Seller will attend McGill University in Montreal this fall and said she'll miss her friends at OJCS.

"I enjoyed how close everyone was, since our class was small," she said.

Alex Sarna agrees. He'll miss the small classes, "which made student life feel more like family." Sarna said he will also miss the school's Jewish environment.

OJCS also helps students go places. Charlotte Hamburg won a scholarship to study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

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The Popky family (from left to right): Ruqayyah, Alison, Aliza, Rabbi Charles and Noa.

services, but also for various Friday night services, Shabbatons and study sessions throughout the coming year.

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– Cynthia Powell  
Adath Shalom Congregation

# Israel's Tzofim Friendship Caravan to perform at SJCC

By Pamela Rosenberg  
Soloway JCC

Ten Israeli teenagers will soon roll into Ottawa to perform their action-packed show of singing, dancing and interactive fun with a message of peace for all generations.

The Tzofim Friendship Caravan – five girls and five boys, along with two leaders from all across Israel – is now on tour in North America and will be at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (JCC) on Sunday, July 28 for a 7 pm show. Admission is free of charge.

“The Tzofim performed in Ottawa several years ago, and families came out to enjoy these charismatic, talented performers,” said Soloway JCC Assistant Executive Director Maxine Miska. “Their repertoire appeals to all ages and brings the vitality of Israeli life into our community.”

To be part of the Caravan, the teens go through a highly competitive selection process. They are chosen based on their maturity, fluency in English and performance skills. They also must have a strong desire to share their love of Israel with audiences around the world. Over the past 40 years, the Tzofim Friendship Caravan has



The Tzofim Friendship Caravan travels the world with its upbeat show of Israeli singing, dancing and interactive fun.

travelled to North America, China, Ukraine and the United Kingdom – including performances during the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

The teens tour from city to city by van, lugging all of their own equipment, costumes and instruments in a trailer behind them and

boarding with families in the communities they visit.

“It’s a great opportunity for families to get to know these Israeli

teens, learn about their life in Israel and their experiences as part of the Caravan,” said Vered Israel Program Manager Penni Namer. “Many families who have hosted have stayed in touch and built lasting relationships with the kids.”

While in Ottawa, in addition to their Sunday evening show, the Caravan will spend part of Monday, July 29 with campers at JCC Summer Camps. The day kicks off with a Tzofim Friendship Caravan show, followed by a workshop where the kids will learn about Israel and Israeli music.

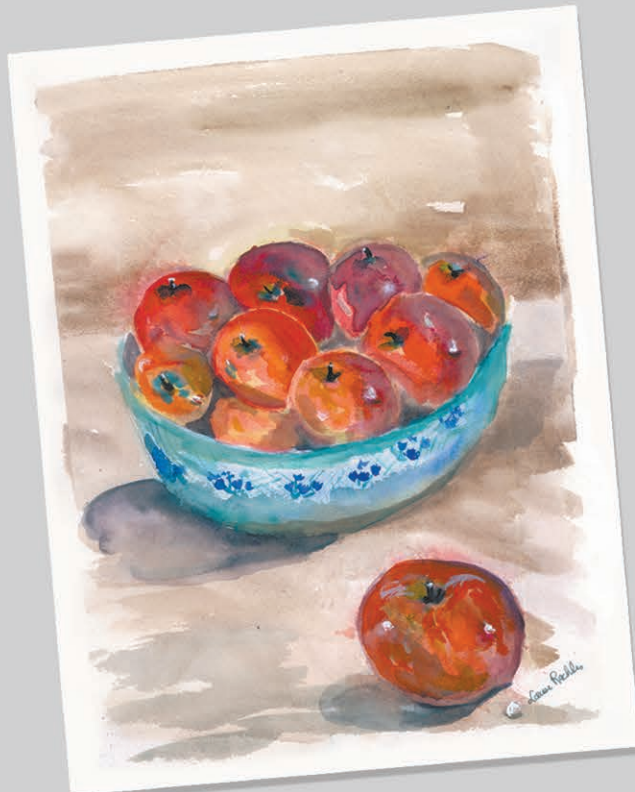
“The kids are going to love the high energy show and it’s a fun way to bring some Israeli culture to our campers,” said JCC Day Camp Director Lauren Lee.

Tzofim, the Israeli boy and girl scouts movement, includes more than 60,000 children and teens and is the only non-political and non-sectarian youth movement in Israel. Each summer, four different versions of the Tzofim Friendship Caravan hit the road to bring their uplifting show to appreciative communities.

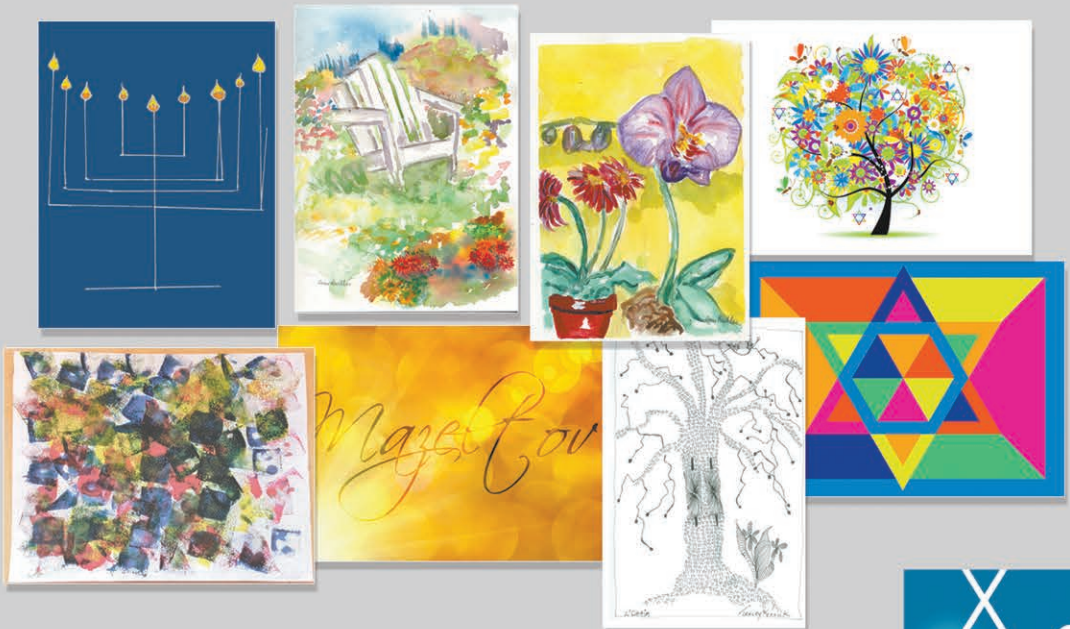
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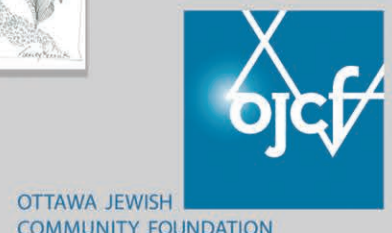


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Sarah and Malka Gerber want their son, Lior, to be familiar with the Jewish community, and also to feel OK with having two mothers.

## Keshet, an organization for Ottawa's GLBT Jews

By Mihal Zada  
Keshet

For Sarah and Malka Gerber, being gay is not about politics. It's part of who they are, just like being Jewish. The pair met at Trent University and married in a Jewish ceremony in 2010.

As they planned for their first child, making connections with the GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered) community became a priority.

"We really want to have a connection to the gay community because we want him to be able to see families that resemble his: people that look like his two mommies," said Sarah.

The couple attended a gay parenting group, but didn't feel connected.

"We really realized that we define ourselves, both individually and collectively, as Jewish first and gay second," she explained.

That's where Keshet came in.

The Hebrew word for rainbow, Keshet is an Ottawa-based group that welcomes GLBT members of the Jewish community to participate in social events and religious ceremonies and feel free to be themselves.

For Sarah and Malka, Keshet was perfect. They have already participated in a couple of events with their son, Lior. They will continue to participate as he grows.

"Belonging is so important. Gay people are not as marginalized as they used to be and neither are Jews. But it's still important," said Sarah. "It's not just about tolerance.

"It's about having a place in the world. It's about having a family, even if that family is

made up of friends.

Keshet is a member-run group. Anyone may participate, organize events or simply follow along online. The group was originally formed by a group of university students who gathered at the intersection of their Jewish and GLBT identities.

Anna Maranta says the group has a vital role to play in a community that has only recently started to open its eyes and arms to its GLBT members.

As a rabbinical student, Maranta seeks to understand the people she serves and their identities. As a student of spiritual texts she seeks to find herself, to relate to the language and stories in the Torah as a lesbian, a woman and an egalitarian.

Maranta organized the Glebe Minyan in 2011, a Jewish Renewal community welcoming of all identities.

"It's only been recently that other rabbinical leaders in this community have been open to having openly lesbian and gay and other queer folk in their congregations," said Maranta.

There has been progress. Last year, several leaders from Conservative synagogues marched with Keshet at Capital Pride and this year organizers hope to welcome them back along with any other supporters wishing to show their solidarity.

Capital Pride takes place Sunday, August 25, 1 pm. For more information on participating with Keshet at Capital Pride, contact me at [mihal@mihalzada.com](mailto:mihal@mihalzada.com).

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## Torah Academy proud of its graduating class

By Rabbi  
**Yisroel Goldbaum**  
**Torah Academy of Ottawa**

Four students – Esther Manya Burr, Rochel Clinton, Rosie Woolf and Estie Yarmush – have completed their elementary school education and graduated from the Torah Academy of Ottawa, setting their sights on bright futures.

At their June 17 graduation ceremony, each demonstrated why Torah Academy is so proud of them. The ceremony was student-focused with the graduates doing a wonderful job!

As three of the four graduates completed their entire grade school education at Torah Academy, their strong performance highlighted to parents and assembled guests the high quality of education Torah Academy provides.

Rochel and Esti served as masters of ceremony and Esti opened the student segment of the evening with an insightful D'var Torah. As is customary at Torah Academy, speeches were presented by a different graduate in each of the three languages studied in school. Rochel spoke with poise and confidence in French, Esther Manya wrote her Hebrew speech on her own, and the theme of appreciation in Rosie's English was appropriately relevant to the occasion.

The graduates were hon-



**Torah Academy of Ottawa graduates: (from left) Esther Manya Burr, Esti Yarmush, Rosie Woolf and Rochel Clinton.**

oured by the attendance of Rabbi Yehuda Simes, who addressed the graduates and inspired all who were present with the idea that one's education is worthwhile only to the extent it helps one develop the refined character traits that ought to epitomize an educated Jew.

The evening also included presentations and remarks from Rabbi Zischa Shaps, executive director of Torah Academy, and Rabbi Yisroel Goldbaum, the principal.

Torah Academy is a beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, and Linda Kerzner, Federation vice-chair, brought greetings from the Federation. Tzvi Gross led the singing of "O Canada" and "Hatikvah."

While the graduates will

now go their separate ways, they will each share the unique and priceless treasure of a high-quality Jewish and general studies education as they prepare for their next steps in life. The assembled

guests and relatives at the graduation were certainly convinced that each of these students has what it takes to use the tools she acquired at Torah Academy for a lifetime of future success.

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# University of Haifa and uOttawa collaborate on law course

By Ilana Belfer

Most comparative law courses don't include a tour of the Old City in Jerusalem, or a field trip to Real Sports Bar in the ByWard Market during the Stanley Cup playoffs. But a new joint initiative of the University of Ottawa and the University of Haifa saw law students from both universities spending time doing just that.

The intensive credit course, "Global Technology Law and Policy," ran with 10 Canadian students and 10 Israeli students from April 29 to May 13. Half the course took place here in Ottawa while the other half took place in Haifa. Each student received a \$2,500 grant from the Gerald Schwartz and Heather Reisman Foundation to cover travel and accommodation costs.

"Canada and Israel have some real similarities [and] common issues, especially in the area of technology law – things like privacy and copyright," said uOttawa Professor Michael Geist, a Canada Research Chair in Internet and E-Commerce Law, who led the course along with Haifa Professor Tal Zarsky. "This provided a true real world opportunity that you don't often get in a law school environment."

Comparative law and technology law are areas of emphasis at both universities, said Geist.

Throughout the nearly three-week period, students met with policy leaders, po-



Canadian and Israeli law students taking part in a joint University of Ottawa and University of Haifa course visit the Western Wall in Jerusalem, May 11.

litical leaders and academics in both countries, sometimes resulting in direct mirroring. For example, students met with Chantal Bernier, the assistant privacy commissioner of Canada, and then with the Israeli equivalent of a privacy commissioner, Amit Ashkenazi of the Israeli Law and Information Technology Authority.

They also met with Supreme Court justices in both countries: Justice Neal Hendel in Israel and Justice Rosalie Abella in Canada, the latter an encounter Geist described as particularly meaningful.

"It was just the students, the professors and Justice Abella, and we were literally sitting alone right in the Court and she was recounting stories of her father's journey to Canada and then

her journey to the Supreme Court of Canada," he said. "Her parents are Holocaust survivors, and she was born in a displaced persons camp in Germany after the war ... [so it] made for quite an emotional discussion."

Amidst the classes, guest speakers and site visits, there was also the chance for cultural exchange through extracurricular activities and mixed group work, which was one of the program's non-academic aims.

"The press isn't always fair when it addresses Israel," Zarsky said. "It was important for us that people come and see things up close and make up their own minds."

Most of the Canadian students who participated had never been to Israel and most were not Jewish. As a Turkish Muslim, uOttawa student

Erkan Ates had some reservations about taking the course.

"I was nervous," he said. "It's hard not to get influenced by the community you're living in. You hear all these stories on the news and from people around you."

Although Ates' father told him to hide his Turkish roots while in Israel due to ten-

sions between Israel and Turkey, he said he quickly let loose once he noticed commonalities, not only between Canada and Israel, but also between Israel and Turkey that went beyond the baklava he spotted at an Israeli bakery.

"When I first came back, I told my friends that most of them have misconceptions,"

he said. "Once you're there, you realize that Israelis are people [and] they just want to get on with their lives ... I always believed the State of Israel has a right to exist, but now I believe that the existence should be with no alienation in the region or in the world."

Ates said he keeps in touch with the Israeli students via Facebook and email and hopes to visit them on a return trip to Israel.

Beyond forging social and professional student-to-student connections, building a bridge between the two universities was also significant for Geist as a Jewish academic, he said, in light of academic boycotts against Israel.

"To be countering that with more aggressive, proactive attempts to create links with academic counterparts ... is an important thing to do," he said.

With a pledge of continued support from the funders, the program is set to continue next year.

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# A supplementary school parent's frustrations and dreams

In the report of the Grants and Evaluation Committee on School Funding 2013-2014 from the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, my eyes were drawn to the rapidly changing enrolment numbers. Among the supplementary schools, on average, and relative to program grades offered, Sunday-only programs – owing largely to the Chabad Hebrew School's dramatic rise – are able to attract and sustain enrolment better than the more intensive programs, with the enrolment of the most intensive supplementary school falling steadily.

Much of these enrolment patterns, no doubt, have to do with changing preferences and circumstances among parents. With many families now boasting two working parents, transportation to an afterschool Hebrew program can be a challenge (although one program offers a taxi service to help address this need). Add to this the competing pulls of sports,

drama, music and art, the idea that a bar or bat mitzvah can just as easily be celebrated via a trip to Israel rather than in one's shul, and afternoon Hebrew school can be a tough sell. Many of these points are discussed by Jackie Luffman on her blog, [ottawashtel.wordpress.com](http://ottawashtel.wordpress.com).

Yet, at the same time, Jewish day school enrolment, a model that allows keeping weekends and afterschool hours free for other activities, is also on the decline in Ottawa, particularly among non-Orthodox families.

As a supplementary school parent, I will share some frustrations and dreams.

First, I struggle with wanting to keep synagogue attendance on Shabbat morning as a regular part of my family's rhythm – not every week, necessarily, but not never, either. But it is a scheduling conundrum. With Hebrew school on



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Sunday mornings (as well as on some weekdays), most Saturday mornings my family members are looking to engage other parts of their minds and bodies. Committing to Hebrew school also means leaving less time for kids' activities, so keeping 9 am to 2 pm every Saturday free of extra-curricular lessons is therefore an added challenge. Shabbat morning shul attendance need not be an all-or-nothing proposition, of course, but that is not the case with extra-curricular activities as one doesn't generally attend one's swim, dance or piano lessons only sometimes.

Even if extra-curricular scheduling isn't the problem, my instinct tells me that many, if not most, supplementary school families who take their kids to Hebrew school on Sundays have little desire to focus their Saturday mornings around shul.

A couple of years ago, I was on a committee tasked with developing a *shul school* at my synagogue – one that would have avoided the Sunday morning crunch in favour of in-shul experiential learning on Shabbat mornings. For an array of reasons, the project was not launched, but certainly the landscape is ripe for this kind of experiential learning.

Relatedly, I look at other models with great interest. Consider the Jewish Journey Project (JJP), conceived by Rabbi Joy Levitt, head of the Jewish Community Center of Manhattan. Billed for students in Grades 3 to 7, it's a model that accounts for varying interests and builds in inherent flexibility. The website describes JJP applicants as coming "to understand that Jewish learning takes place in many settings, not just the traditional classroom. JJP is a living classroom, a network of museums, community centres, synagogues, theatres, art galleries, parks, gardens, and your family's home."

While New York City has many more Jewish resources than Ottawa, we should realize how rich our own resources are relative to how much they are being used by the average Jewish child here: everything from exploring the Ottawa Jewish Archives, to visiting Hillel Lodge, to attending Jewish music concerts, to mounting Hebrew plays, to witnessing an array of life-cycle events, to engaging in Jewishly infused eco-gardening, to attending synagogues, many of which struggle to fill their sanctuaries with youth on a regular basis.

My second concern relates to Hebrew. I have yet to be convinced that any of our local supplementary schools are necessarily committed to imparting Hebrew as a dynamic, living language. I have seen first-hand the incredible effects of being exposed to French for just a couple of hours daily in our city's French immersion kindergarten programs. Do any of our supplementary schools use Hebrew as a working language in the classroom?

Finally, I am concerned about the social splintering and wasting of resources that necessarily occurs due to there being five Jewish supplementary schools in Ottawa at the elementary level. With enrolment at some schools being as low as one or two students in a given grade, I urge our community to consider amalgamation. The kind of shared resources, economies of scale and overall social capital that could be generated by merging two, three or even all five supplementary schools could be tremendous.

Now I pass the baton to you, my fellow Jewish community members.

Mira Sucharov, an associate professor of political science at Carleton University, blogs at [Haaretz.com](http://Haaretz.com).

## Middle East gamesmanship in Iran, Egypt and Turkey

Recent weeks have been witness to some major events in the Middle East. The Iranian election saw the replacement of the reviled President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad with a *moderate*, the Egyptian people rose up demanding the resignation of democratically elected President Mohammed Morsi, and Turkish secularists continued their protests and demands for Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's resignation.

Reading the tea leaves, the Internet chatter and locals on the street, there is a distinct possibility the Iranians, in particular Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and the Revolutionary Guard, were attempting to change the channel through sleight of hand or bait-and-switch in the presidential election. Consequently, and through the election of Hassan Rohani, Iran may improve on its foreign policy and international relations without having to admit that it needed a moderate president to front its policy.

The regime, the Guard and Ayatollah Khamenei were promoting Saeed Jalili, a hardline conservative, and all reports during the campaign indicated he was the front-runner. Coming in from the side, though, Rohani won by a large margin. Knowing that Iranian elections are highly controlled and have a history of being rigged, this can hardly be an accident.

One could speculate this election was really about changing the channel and electing a so-called moderate who can soften the sanctions and let the Guard's multi-billion (if not trillion) dollar industrial empire restore itself. Such restoration will have a positive impact on the local economy since it would also be boosted by further private sector investment, and trade would be enhanced by the removal of sanctions.

With Rohani's election success, one can be certain this charade will continue in a traditional good cop/bad cop mode in which Ayatollah Khamenei will play the bad cop.

This may all be brilliant strategy that further proves the sophistication of this regime's strategic planning and exe-



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cution, which remains undeterred by Western efforts to reign in its global impact. Iranians showed up in large numbers to vote for a so-called moderate. Given the choice between Jalili and Rohani, the choice of the people on the street was predictable. Can you say "wolf in sheep's clothing"?

Now on to the Egyptian disenchantment with President Mohamed Morsi of the Muslim Brotherhood, who was on his way to creating a theocracy. Egyptians, as a secular people, saw the new constitution and additional presidential powers, which set off debates even within his own government, as the death of secularism and democracy in Egypt.

The Egyptian health ministry reported that clashes in Cairo between democracy protesters and supporters of Morsi – mainly Muslim Brotherhood supporters – left seven protesters dead on July 2.

Siding with the protesters, the Egyptian army gave Morsi a 48-hour deadline to create a cohesive team, including members of the protest leadership, to address key concerns raised by millions of Egyptians, and then unseated him on July 3 after he dug in his heels.

And Egypt was not the only country in the Middle East that has had trouble with a democratically elected Islamist government. The Turkish government's response to the secularist protests demanding Erdoğan's resignation was to blame the protests on foreign conspirators and encourage their Islamist supporters to hit the streets and oppose the protesters demanding changes in Turkey's corrupted and Islamist agenda.

These events seem to be critical cracks in the blueprint that was promoted as the moderate Islamist model for the Middle East and as an inspiration for the Sunni Islamist movements across the Arab world. Time will tell whether the Islamist-inspired democracy models will become more of a stepping stone to future secular democracies or go totally the other way and lead to autocracies like the Iranian governments or Hamas, which controls Gaza.

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# The truth about the peace process

Gee, I wish I'd written that.

That was my response to Barry Rubin's column, "It's Time to Tell the Truth About the 'Peace Process.'"

The June 27 column by the director of the Global Research in International Affairs Centre and a professor at the Interdisciplinary Center in Israel is a must-read for anyone wanting to cut through the spin about the latest U.S.-brokered attempts to bring about meaningful negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

It should also be required reading for U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and his team of negotiators. But that would mean giving up their illusions and delusions about the real obstacles to peace.

Rubin challenges the version of the situation that is widely accepted by most Western countries – excluding Canada, whose leaders have wisely stayed away from the Obama/Kerry Kool-Aid – and debunks every myth of this stale and often ridiculous narrative.

His bottom line is that wishful thinking won't bring about a viable two-state solution, which he believes is decades away.

I'm not going to try to paraphrase his strong and systematic arguments – you can read the column at [tinyurl.com/kxlroz2](http://tinyurl.com/kxlroz2) – but will grab the opportunity to explore some of the myths and the facts he documents.

Rubin summarizes the "official version" of the peace process as follows: The Palestinians are ready for serious compromises to attain an independent state, which will then live peacefully beside Israel. The two-state solution isn't happening because of misunderstanding by both sides, and because of "the hardline opponents who dominate Israel's ruling coalition," as described in a *Huffington Post* article ("Bill Clinton: Israel Must Make Peace To Survive," June 17).

Israel is behaving foolishly because its survival depends on peace (presumably at any cost). The real obstacles to peace are Jewish settlements.

And, if anyone in Israel dares to question the peace process or its implementation, or presents well-documented examples of past and present behaviour by Palestinian leaders, it must mean Israel doesn't want peace.

Note this accepted version of *reality* neglects to mention the power of Hamas, which controls or is supported by half the Palestinian population, and makes no bones about its desire to wipe Israel off the map.

Nor does it admit that the supposedly *moderate* regime of Mahmoud Abbas is sending the same messages to its people, albeit less blatantly. The Palestinian Authority squanders money that could be used for peace education on multifaceted educational and media campaigns that reject Israel's right to exist, glorifies terror and terrorists and teaches children to hate Jews.

Palestinian Media Watch ([palwatch.org](http://palwatch.org)) has documented a new broadcast on official Palestinian Authority television – controlled by the office of Mahmoud Abbas – in which two 10-year-old girls recite a poem that describes Jews as "evil of creation ... barbaric monkeys and cursed pigs."

The poem adds that Jews have no right to Jerusalem because they are "filth" and "impure." So much for hopes for a shared Jerusalem.

Even if the phantom peace deal were signed tomorrow, it would take a decade or more to deprogram the generation of kids raised with this message of hatred broadcast July 3 during Kerry's visit to the region.

The perceived wisdom about the peace process also fails to mention the tremendous concessions Israel has made to bring about peace, including the forced evacuation of all its settlements in Gaza in 2005. Indeed, world leaders and most Western media still describe Gaza as "occupied."

The failure of the Gaza withdrawal to bring about peace – it actually paved the way for the rise of Hamas – is just one

of many facts that derail the argument that settlements are the main obstacles to the peace process.

And Rubin offers another intriguing take on the issue of Israeli settlements.

"If the Palestinians were so discomfited by construction on settlements, they would logically want to *accelerate* the peacemaking process," he argues, citing warnings to Yasir Arafat by King Hussein of Jordan in 1984 to get cracking on a peace deal before the settlements expanded.

"If settlements are gobbling up the land, perhaps to the point of no return, shouldn't the Palestinians demand negotiations immediately instead of refusing to talk for a dozen years and setting countless preconditions that seem to become more demanding as any previous ones are met?" he writes, referring to the way Abbas conveniently moves the goal posts every time Israel comes close to meeting the Palestinian Authority's latest preconditions for resuming talks.

To argue the current U.S. and Quartet strategy is based on wishful thinking and ignorance – possibly willful ignorance – does not make one hardline or anti-peace. It's recognition of reality – even though it's not politically correct to say so.

## Dinner with Polish nobility

Many of us who do genealogical research eventually end up travelling to the areas our ancestors once lived. Invariably, there is something on such a trip that stands out. For me, it was a special evening in Warsaw that happened as part of my two-week trip to Austria, Poland and Ukraine in April.

Several years ago, I learned that Grzymalow, where my father was born, like many towns in Galicia, was owned by Polish magnate landowners. For the century until the Second World War, it was the Pininski family who owned the town. They owned vast tracts of fertile land farmed by the local residents, many of them Jewish, as well as Jewish-managed businesses such as taverns and mills.

On this trip, I travelled with Geshet Galicia President Pamela Weisberger, whose grandfather, Samuel Grunhaut, worked on the Pininski estate in the early 1900s. Several years ago, Pamela discovered Count Peter Pininski, the great-grandson of one of the last landowners, lives in Warsaw and she exchanged a few emails with him. While planning the trip, she suggested we try to meet him to see what information he might have. Would he have photographs that might show the Jews of the town, or possibly have a book of land records that could be useful to those researching Grzymalow? Pamela wrote to him and was delighted when he immediately replied. Not only was he interested in meeting us, he insisted on inviting us to dinner at his home.

Peter is a fascinating man. His late father left Poland at the beginning of the Second World War and moved to England where he served in that country's army. Peter was brought up there but moved to Poland as a young adult to explore his roots. He is a historian, genealogist and author descended from Polish nobility on his father's side, and has traced his roots back to Bonnie Prince Charlie on his mother's side.

We were met by Peter in the long driveway in front of his home. He escorted us inside, and Pamela and I were both immediately impressed with the beautiful museum-like surroundings. The walls were adorned with portraits of his ancestors, and the shelves were filled with books and artifacts dating back to 19th century Europe. The wine began to flow, and we were treated to a delicious multi-course meal he prepared.

As great as the food and drink were, they did not compare to Peter's stories. He told us about the many characters in his family tree, the marriages and relationships, and what each of those illustrious relatives had accomplished as part of this noble Galician family. They were known not only for their



## My Israel

Barbara Crook

While I'm abandoning political correctness, one thing that strikes me as particularly dangerous about Kerry leading the U.S. efforts to restart the peace process is his well-documented reputation for indecisiveness.

*Newsweek* reporters who had unprecedented access to Kerry and his staff during his 2004 presidential campaign reported after the election that his constant flip-flopping and his insistence on seeking advice on issues already settled prompted his staff to confiscate his cell phone.

Trusting the Israeli-Palestinian question to someone who bases decisions on the last person he talked to is dangerous enough. To then arm that person with preconceptions and misconceptions that bear little resemblance to reality guarantees failure.

And that's the truth about the peace process.



## Connecting the branches

John Diener

wealth, but for their contributions to the arts, education, philanthropy and the military. We saw albums and memorabilia displaying our town, including pictures of the family's castle that was destroyed during the Soviet occupation.

One story was especially memorable. In the early days of the Second World War, when the Soviet army invaded Grzymalow, they were not interested in harming the Jews, as the Germans would do two years later. Instead, they were intent on taking property from the rich Polish aristocrats. They stormed the Pininski castle in Grymalow and gave Peter's uncle Mieczyslaw and his family only a few minutes to gather their possessions and leave. The Pininskis went into hiding, assisted by their close friend and business manager, a Jew named Szymon Kaufman. Kaufman smuggled them out of Grzymalow and hid them in his apartment in Lviv.

Two years later, the tables were turned. The Nazis were in Lviv rounding up the Jews and transporting them to the Belzec extermination camp. Mieczyslaw went to the authorities and used his position to gain permission for Kaufman, his wife and two children to live on one of his properties. This arrangement would only be temporary. Kaufman and his wife eventually were arrested and presumably transported to their deaths. Fearing for the lives of the children, Mieczyslaw took them from Lviv and brought them to his villa on the Adriatic Sea. In 1944, the Pininskis were betrayed and the Nazis executed Mieczyslaw. Peter believes the Kaufman children survived and may be still alive in their 80s. The story has haunted Peter for years, and he asked if we, as genealogists, would help him discover the fate of the two Kaufman children. We will try.

Our evening of conversation continued until almost 2 am. We reluctantly returned to our hotel only after promising Peter we would stay at his home on our next trip to Warsaw and hear more stories about the town the three of us have in common.

# Secrets for long life from my nonagenarian father

My father recently turned 90.

“What’s your secret for living a long and healthy life?” I asked.

Without hesitation, he replied, “Well, I didn’t have much stress in my life.”

I was surprised by his answer. After all, most of his family had been killed at Auschwitz. He was a forced labourer and nearly died before being liberated. He arrived in Montreal as a young, orphaned man with nothing but hope for a better life. He spent decades working a physically demanding and tedious factory job. He earned a small salary, had a family to support and no relatives to provide a financial safety net. He denied himself many material things in order to save money for his children’s education and a nest egg for his much younger wife. And, just after he retired at age 69, his wife – my mother – died of cancer. How could he believe he didn’t have a stressful life?

It’s not necessarily the stressors we face, but how we interpret and cope with them. My father has always had a very positive attitude. He’s an optimist who sees the glass half-full no matter what life deals him. When my son once asked him how he can still believe in God after all he’d been through, my father expressed a deep sense of gratitude for having survived, for having had a good life in “the best country in the world,” for having been married for 36 years, and for his children and grandchildren of whom he is very proud.

Unfortunately, so many of us get angry, resentful and anxious over relatively frivolous things. The real danger with chronic stress is that it can manifest as physical and mental health issues which, in turn, can lead to debilitating disorders, even premature death.

Something you may find unusual about my father, given that I’m a personal trainer, is that he’s never set foot in a gym. So, how does someone who never jogged on a treadmill, never bench-pressed and never grapevined to disco music stay in shape?

His secret was living a physically demanding life out of necessity. Unlike sedentary people who hit the gym to get in some physical activity, my father’s job as a dress cutter entailed standing all day and lifting heavy bundles of fabric. He was, unknowingly, ahead of his time as recent studies have indicated that long periods of sitting are detrimental to our health and that we should stand as much as possible throughout the day.

Furthermore, my father walked almost everywhere. He only learned how to drive when he was 55. When he could finally afford to pay cash for his first car – he didn’t want the stress of buying anything on credit – he considered it a luxury and only used it on weekends. He continued to walk or use public transportation the rest of the time.

“What other secret for long life can you share, Daddy?”

“I take one day at a time. I try not to worry. And, at my age, I don’t buy green bananas,” he replied.

We both laughed. My father always had a sense of humour. Laughter truly is the best medicine.

“I never smoked, drank or gambled,” he added.

And he was never interested in junk food. Having been raised in Czechoslovakia during the Depression and having nearly starved during the Second World War, he had an appreciation for whole foods such as meat, vegetables and fruit.

When my father found out in his 50s that he had elevated cholesterol, he didn’t ignore it. He diligently watched what he ate and cut out unhealthy fat. I remember he would bring a piece of low-fat cheese and margarine to the Hebrew Sick Benefits Society breakfast meetings because he didn’t want to eat the fatty cheese and butter that was put

out for members and their families.

You’d think a man who stood on his feet all week would want to rest on his day off. Not my father. Every Sunday, he stood at the Jewish cemetery for hours and collected money for Israeli soldiers. This continued for five decades. My father truly was the last man standing in the cemetery, for he outlived the other members.

As my father has demonstrated, several key factors contribute to long life: a positive attitude, effective coping mechanisms for dealing with stress, gratitude, a sense of purpose, being physically active and eating right. It also

## A pressing collection of challenges and prescriptions for Jewish life

*Jewish Megatrends: Charting the Course  
of the American Jewish Future*

By Rabbi Sidney Schwarz

Jewish Lights Publishing

256 pages

Despite its grandiose title, *Jewish Megatrends: Charting the Course of the American Jewish Future* has the potential to generate much-needed conversation within the North American Jewish community about where Jewish life is headed.

Rabbi Sidney Schwarz, founding rabbi of Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation in Bethesda, Maryland, and founder of PANIM: The Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values, structures the book around an opening and closing essay of his own, which bookend contributions from 14 other Jewish communal professionals who represent the pinnacle of their respective areas of Jewish life: education, synagogues, social justice, JCCs, federations, interfaith dialogue, Hillel-campus, the challenges and opportunities of Orthodoxy, arts and culture, food and the environment, and the Israel experience (via Birthright-Taglit). And, while the book is decidedly American-centric, nearly everything is highly applicable to the Canadian context.

Rabbi Schwarz’s opening argument centres on the fault line of what he calls a tribal versus covenantal experience of Judaism. He argues that, in contrast to their parents and grandparents, today’s millennials – those born between 1982 and 2000 – are largely abandoning a view of Judaism that prized group solidarity and Jewish continuity for its own sake in favour of a more universal view of the world. This “covenantal Judaism,” as Rabbi Schwarz calls it, seeks to harness Jewish values and ethics to better the world. He is careful, despite the terminology, to stress “theology has little to do with it” and proposes advancing four values: wisdom, social justice, community, and lives of sacred purpose.

Schwarz’s formulation parallels the particularist/universalist divide that has galvanized the Jewish blogosphere over the past few years.

While the volume has many valuable contributions worth noting, I’ll focus on three in this review.

Rabbi Sharon Brous – notable for being named number one on the list of “America’s top rabbis for 2013” by the *Daily Beast* – writes about her experience founding IKAR, an Los Angeles-based spiritual community dedicated to social justice. She tells a story of alienation followed by regeneration among the Jewish community she serves. She stresses authenticity, creativity and experimentation leading “to a broadening of moral concern and moral action.”

Rabbi Jill Jacobs, executive director of T’ruah: The Rab-



## Focus on Fitness

Gloria  
Schwartz

doesn’t hurt to have good genes and help from above.

I jokingly told my father that I’ll be asking him for more secrets for long life when he turns 100.

“Well, I hope I’ll be around,” he nonchalantly responded.

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

## Book Review

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binic Call for Human Rights, notes that “the interest among young Jews in social justice responds to the ‘Why be Jewish?’ question.” But Rabbi Jacobs is careful to warn that social justice should not be presented as a gimmick to bring young people to Judaism. Instead, she advocates a “three-way conversation” between “Jewish text and tradition, contemporary social policy, and the experiences of real people.” Her chapter is quite focused on the U.S. public policy realm, but could certainly be extrapolated to policy issues around the world. (Canadian consumers of imported tomatoes would also benefit from knowing about her social activism on behalf of Florida-based tomato pickers.)

Rabbi Joy Levitt, executive director of the Jewish Community Center (JCC) in Manhattan, presents a provocative view of new directions enabled by JCCs and fittingly titles her chapter “Not just a gym and a pool.” She relays how she spearheaded an innovation in Jewish supplementary education called the Jewish Journey Project, whereby children in Grades 3 to 7 are able to tailor a program of Jewish study, cultural activities and community service to their own interests. She also helped create a space for community programming on Shabbat afternoons at her JCC. She stresses the importance of conceiving of client-based interactions as boiling down to one question clients are frequently asking implicitly: “Do you care about me?”

While most of the contributors embrace Rabbi Schwarz’s formulation, there are some authors who question whether catering to this perception of millennial preferences risks undermining the importance of tribal identity to a robust Jewish future. Missing from the book is a robust discussion of Jewish summer camp. And, while the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is mentioned in passing, the issue of Palestinian human rights could be discussed more directly, particularly when Schwarz acknowledges the need to “honor and uphold the rights” of Israel’s Palestinian/Arab minority, and particularly in light of the book’s focus on social justice.

Of the many books I’ve reviewed for the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* over the past five years, *Jewish Megatrends* is among the most pressing collection of challenges and prescriptions for Jewish life. It is the kind of book our community should visit, revisit and reflect upon, privately and publicly, in light of our own ongoing organizational practices. There is much to be gained.

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# Summertime farro salad and delusion

I wish this were the column in which I told you how much I have always hated quinoa; that is, until I tried *this* salad. Then I would go on to swear that even if, you too, are a quinoa hater, this one recipe will change all that and you may now join the righteous and good quinoa lovers of the world. But, sadly, this is not the case.

I have tried Quinoa Risotto with Mushrooms and Thyme, Quinoa Chick Pea Spinach Salad with Smoked Paprika Dressing, and Black Bean and Tomato Quinoa. I have tried it boiled, steamed, toasted, roasted, braised and pilaf style. I do believe I have given it a fair shake and I just don't like it. It just tastes like a toxic combination of sand and gravel to me. I can't deal with those tiny grains. They just mush all together in my mouth. There is no chew to them.

Attempting to get me to come over to the *dark side*, an acquaintance told me about an amazing quinoa dish her daughter-in-law made.

Quinoa is sautéed in garlic and butter and then simmered in whipping cream. Then spoonfuls of the quinoa are wrapped into little parcels using beet leaves. They go into the oven, get covered with more cream and some fresh dill. I smiled at her and nodded, while managing to refrain from responding, "If you sautéed cardboard in garlic butter and then simmered it in whipping cream, it would probably taste delicious too."

The first time I tried quinoa, no one told me that Mother Nature, in all her infinite wisdom, created a bitter coating of saponins over each grain so that the birds would not eat it all up. It needs to be rinsed before cooking. Apparently I am not on Mother Nature's mailing list, so we ended up having to throw dinner in the garbage that night.

I really do want to like quinoa. It has been called a *su-*



## Made with Love

Cindy Feingold

*perfood*, given its incredibly high nutritional value. It is a source of complete protein, a good source of fibre, phosphorous, magnesium, iron and calcium. I just can't stand it, so I do the next best thing to eating it. I choose a different grain to substitute in all those salads and delude myself into thinking that it has just as much nutritional value as quinoa. Hey, it works for me. I am excellent at deluding myself about all kinds of things.

Lately, my grain of choice has been farro. Farro, for those of you not familiar with it, is a grain, derived from emmer wheat. Emmer is one of the world's oldest wheats. It is often confused with spelt, which is a completely different grain. Farro has a mild nutty flavour and remains chewy once cooked. You could also substitute barley, wheat berries or even, dare I say it, quinoa. Hey, I won't judge.

This gorgeous salad is the creation of Eric Vellend, food editor at *Canadian House and Home* magazine. I adore the hefty chew that farro brings to this dish. The sugar snap peas, barely blanched, add sweetness and crunch. The radishes and green onion add a balancing bitterness and sharp bite to the nutty farro. Mint and lemon add the final notes of freshness.

### Summertime Farro Salad

Serves 6

This recipe was originally published in the June 2013 issue of *Canadian House and Home*.

#### Farro

- 1 1/2 cups farro, rinsed
- 1 small onion, peeled
- 1 stalk celery, halved
- 1 small carrot, peeled
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

#### Salad

- 3/4 pound sugar snap peas, strings removed
- 1 bunch radishes, trimmed, cut into thin slices or wedges
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh mint
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- Zest of half a lemon
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- Salt and pepper, to taste

To cook farro, place all ingredients in a medium pot. Pour in enough water to cover by about 3 inches. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce to a simmer. Cook until al dente, about 20-25 minutes. Drain. Transfer farro and vegetables to a baking sheet to cool. Discard vegetables and bay leaf.

Prepare a medium-sized bowl of ice water. Set aside. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add sugar snap peas to boiling water. Cook for 1 minute. Drain and immediately plunge into ice water. Cool sugar snap peas, drain and dry them on some kitchen towels. Cut sugar snap peas into 1-inch pieces.

In a large mixing bowl, combine farro, sugar snaps, radishes, green onion, mint, olive oil, lemon juice and lemon zest. Mix well. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

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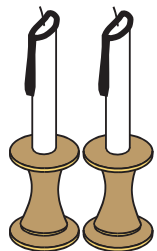
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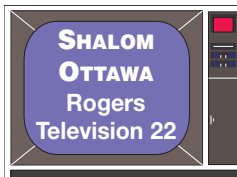
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### TUESDAY, JULY 23

**Screening of *Sholem Aleichem – Laughing in the Darkness***: Part of the film series by the Greenberg Families Library, this documentary introduces us to the famous Yiddish author and his impact on Yiddish literature, 1:00 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 245.

### SUNDAY, JULY 28



**Shalom Ottawa** community TV show on Rogers 22, 12:00 pm. (Repeats July 29 and August 2 at 6:00 pm.)

**Tzofim Friendship Caravan**: free event, sponsored by the Soloway JCC and the Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program, features Israeli culture, music, dance and a message of peace, 7:00 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 243.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

**Screening of *Orchestra of Exiles***: Part of the film series by the Greenberg Families Library, this documentary features Bronislaw Huberman,

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### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

**2014 Jewish Federation of Ottawa Annual Campaign Kickoff** featuring Joshua Malina, star of *West Wing*, *Sports Night* and *Scandal*. National Arts Centre, 53 Elgin Street, 7:00 pm. Info: 613-798-4696, ext. 241.

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Erev Rosh Hashanah

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 & FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Rosh Hashanah



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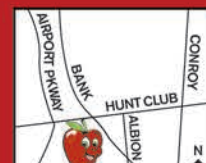
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