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Rabbi Menachem Blum (centre) cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the Ottawa Torah Centre Chabad's new synagogue building in Barrhaven. With him (from left) are Israeli Ambassador Rafael Barak, Nepean-Carleton MP Pierre Poilievre, Dina Blum and the Blum children. PHOTO: MIKE CARROCCETTO

'As you give you receive'

Annual Campaign kicks off with message of philanthropy, community

BY MONIQUE ELLIOT

"People here really do care about others and, when you pull together as a community, you can do amazing things," said ice cream icon Jerry Greenfield as he mingled with the large crowd sampling three of Ben & Jerry's popular flavours in the lobby of CentrepoinTE Theatre.

"People are incredibly warm, welcoming, hospitable, gracious, and I was overwhelmed with the reception I got," he said after his entertaining and inspiring address at the Jewish Federation of Ottawa's 2015 Annual Campaign Kickoff event, September 14.

Discussing how charitable giving can be integrated into all aspects of life, Greenfield had the crowd laughing along as he told stories about how he and his childhood best friend Ben Cohen, co-founded the Vermont-based ice cream company that incorporated their "hippie" values into the business world, making philanthropy a high priority.

The ice cream team started giving back early, after founding the company in 1978 and working through the inevitable growing pains of small business entrepreneurship. Their increasing popularity made them realize they were "bursting at the seams" and needed a new manufacturing See Kickoff on page 2

'Impossible dream' realized

Ottawa Torah Centre Chabad building city's first new synagogue in decades

BY MONIQUE ELLIOT

The sky darkened early and it started to rain, but that didn't stop hundreds of congregants and well-wishers from filling the new Ottawa Torah Centre Chabad (OTC) synagogue building at 111 Lamplighters

Drive in Barrhaven to standing-room-only capacity during its grand opening ceremony, September 15.

"The impossible dream has become a dynamic reality," said Rabbi Menachem Blum, executive director of OTC.

Rabbi Blum cut the ribbon to the new,

12,000 square-foot, \$4.5 million multi-purpose facility indoors to enthusiastic and encouraging applause from the crowd, an occasion he said was 17 years in the making.

The grand opening was an opportunity to "commemorate, celebrate and dedicate our new home," said Perry Medicoff, the event's master of ceremonies, who participated in the building's ground-breaking just 16 months ago.

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Kickoff: ‘Participation is ageless and gender neutral’

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plant where all supplies and ingredients could be stored.

Instead of pursuing venture capital funding, as most small-businesses do, Greenfield and Cohen established a precedent-setting public stock offering in Vermont, allowing their customers to “get a scoop of the action.”

“We were looking for our neighbours: people who had been supporting us.”

As the business began to grow, Greenfield said he and Cohen were concerned their company was becoming “just another cog in the economic machine” and took steps to redirect that path. Ben & Jerry’s earmarks 7.5 per cent of its pre-tax profits to support a variety of charitable causes – the average among American corporations being 1.5 per cent. The company also has 14 partnership shops that work with at-risk youth and supports Fair Trade-certified vanilla, cocoa and coffee beans.

“As you give, you receive,” he said, explaining that the principles they established have been maintained in the years since Ben & Jerry’s was bought by Unilever, the multinational food company. Cohen and Greenfield have stayed on at Ben & Jerry’s as brand ambassadors.

Kickoff Co-chairs Gillie Vered and Susan Viner Vered hosted the event and expressed their deep thanks to Ottawa’s Jewish community for its continued support of the Annual Campaign and for special appeals such as the Israel Crisis Fund, which raised \$200,000 during Israel’s Operation Protective Edge this past summer.

“The Jewish community of Ottawa needs your support,” Viner Vered said. “We need your participation, your spirit and your talent, your creativity, and, for those who can, your financial contribution. Participation is ageless and gender neutral.”

Annual Campaign Co-chairs Leiba Krantzberg and Jeffrey Miller echoed that sentiment: “Community is real in the Jewish people ... a community committed to enriching lives,” Krantzberg said.

There were several testimonials from people whose lives have been greatly impacted by programs and agencies



Ben & Jerry’s co-founder Jerry Greenfield (seated centre) with (from left) Jewish Federation of Ottawa Chair Steven Kimmel, Federation President and CEO Andrea Freedman, Annual Campaign Co-chairs Jeffrey Miller and Leiba Krantzberg and Kickoff Co-chairs Gillie Vered and Susan Viner Vered.

funded by the Annual Campaign.

John Molot spoke about his daughter Samantha (Sam), a Tamir client, with both developmental and physical disabilities.

Molot described Tamir as a “well-organized, vibrant community” and considers it to be “one of the community’s most valued agencies because of the organization’s dedication to assisting people with developmental disabilities.

“Tamir helps their clients realize their full potential,” he said.

Sam is now heavily involved with Tamir programming, but Molot said he truly saw the powerful impact the organization had on her life when her mother passed away. Sam refused to move from the couch when it came time to move to a respite housing and daily care program. A Tamir staff member arrived and chatted with her.

“It was like watching an ice cube melt suddenly away,” Molot said.

“For Sam and our entire family, Tamir

has been a lifeline and a true blessing,” he added.

Shelby Levine spoke of the impact the Social Action Mission to Israel had on her life when she was part of a group of young adults from Ottawa who travelled to Metula in Northern Israel last winter to help repair a youth centre.

“The space was originally dirty, dark and honestly completely unpleasant. With a lot of elbow grease, we made into a bright, clean and interactive space for the teenagers of Metula,” Levine said.

“It has definitely been one of the most meaningful trips I have ever been on,” she said of the trip that combined regional development and creating a living bridge, *Gesher Chai*, further connecting the emerging generation to Israel and its people.

Jared Greenberg, accompanied by his wife, Jennifer, brought home the idea of creating a lasting connection to Judaism

for the future, when he spoke of their decision to enrol their three young children at the Ottawa Jewish Community School (OJCS).

Despite “two very good public schools” close to their home in Barrhaven, the Greenbergs wanted their children to be able to thrive in a safe environment both academically and socially, and to be able to “develop a strong sense of Jewish identity.”

Greenberg said they decided on OJCS after doing their “due diligence” and visiting some schools.

The Greenberg children have also attended summer day camp and participated in the After Care program at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

“That turned out to be a few of the best decisions we ever made in terms of programming, excellent staff and the friendships that were started,” he said.

Sophie Kohn Kaminsky of AJA (Active Jewish Adults) 50+ capped off the testimonials about programs subsidized or funded by the Annual Campaign as she spoke of the social networking and programming offered by AJA 50+.

“Simply put, AJA 50+ provides many opportunities to develop new friendships, social connections and ways to keep healthy and active in mind, body and spirit,” she said of the impact AJA 50+ has on its 400 members.

Other participants in the kickoff event included the OJCS Choir, which led the singing of “O Canada” and “Hatikvah,” and violinists Dahlia Bercovitch and Shelly Cao, who played a selection of three peace songs.

As well, the 2015 Annual Campaign video highlighting several Federation-funded programs was shown.

After Greenfield’s address, attendees proceeded to the ice cream party in the theatre lobby where they sampled scoops of Phish Food, Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough and Salted Caramel. Many stopped to take photos with Greenfield, who would not shake people’s hands.

“I’m a hugger,” he boomed, as each person waiting to chat was enveloped in a bear hug.

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Gyllenhaal plays Israeli-born philanthropist in CBC-TV's *The Honourable Woman*

BY NAOMI PFEFFERMAN
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In the opening moments of *The Honourable Woman*, an eight-part series that premiered September 29 on CBC-TV, the young Nessa Stein looks on as an assassin plunges sharp tongs into her father's neck, splattering her face with blood.

The action then fast-forwards to the same room in London, 29 years later, where the now-35-year-old Nessa (Maggie Gyllenhaal), a powerful businesswoman and philanthropist, tells a gathered audience that her murdered father was "first and foremost, a great son of Israel." A Holocaust survivor who lost his entire family to the Nazis, he had arrived in England as a refugee in 1939 and, as an adult, went on to become a wealthy Zionist gunrunner, providing tanks and munitions to the fledgling Jewish state.

Having eventually inherited his business empire, Nessa, along with her brother, Ephra, now believes that "the greatest threat to Israel is not politics, but poverty." So the siblings have transformed their father's business into a charitable foundation that, after months of negotiations with the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority, plans to bring broadband Internet to the

West Bank.

But the Palestinian who was awarded the contract to lay the cable is murdered in a killing made to look like a suicide; Nessa's efforts to introduce a talented Palestinian violinist at the Royal Academy of Music ends in the kidnapping of her nephew from the concert hall; Mossad and British secret service spooks lurk everywhere; and Nessa fears for her life as she suffers flashbacks to her kidnapping and incarceration in what appears to be a Gaza prison some years earlier.

In a telephone interview from New York, the frank Gyllenhaal said she was "terrified" when writer-director Hugo Blick approached her to star in the series spotlighting the Israeli-Palestinian conflict through the lens of Nessa's family.

"There are moments in watching the series when I know that viewers will say, 'Oh, they're absolutely pro-Israeli, or pro-Palestinian.' But, to those people, I would say: 'Watch it all. It really does end up somewhere very special,'" she said. "I have my own thoughts on a solution to the conflict, but I don't want to share them because the piece says something that I can deeply stand behind."

Gyllenhaal, 36, was drawn to *The Honourable Woman* for the chance to play a complex character whose calm veneer

is unravelling amid the murky world of Middle East politics and her family's painful past. She is not only haunted by the death of her father but also by the murder of his entire family.

"Nessa inherited the tragedy of the Holocaust from her father, and so much of the conflict in the Middle East has to do with the inheritance of that pain," Gyllenhaal said. "She has a visceral knowledge of that kind of fear, and thus she is not someone who is trusting at all."

Nessa is further isolated as an Israeli-born Jew who frequents the circles of the British elite. Gyllenhaal said she came to understand that kind of subtle marginalization while she was in Britain to shoot the series.

"In America, there's no social difference between Jews and non-Jews," she said. "But, in England, I would have conversations in which people would talk about Jewishness and how that might affect how people speak and behave. I guess I was particularly sensitive to that because I'm Jewish, even though I don't have a Jewish name and nobody would ever know."

Playing Nessa Stein, she said, is her most overtly Jewish role to date, and she felt strongly that a Jewish actress should



Maggie Gyllenhaal says she felt strongly a Jewish actress should play Nessa Stein.

portray the character.

Even so, on the third day of shooting, Gyllenhaal found herself crying in her trailer, worried that she couldn't carry the series on her shoulders.

"But then I realized that kind of sentiment was exactly what Nessa was feeling," she said. "It's, 'How can I handle this, will I fall apart, and can I manage this massive, very important endeavour?'"

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Calling all Jewish hockey moms to rise up, raise consciousness

I'm a Jewish hockey mom and I'm sure there must be others out there, like me, hiding in the shadows with stories to tell.

Ladies, it's time to rise up, confront our fears, raise our consciousness – and, maybe, burn an elbow pad or two!

While hockey seemed like a natural activity for a boy in Ottawa, I got nothing but raised eyebrows and terrified looks from my Jewish friends. Clearly, I was on my own.

The first step was to get the equipment, and I congratulated myself on finding some used equipment and five-dollar skates at a garage sale.

At first, my husband took my son to practices and games and I had some nice one-on-one time with my other son.

But, then my turn came to take him.

I had to get 18 – yes, *chai*, there must be some significance there – pieces of equipment onto one kid. I thought it would be better to get the equipment on at home, so I could take the two hours needed without getting weird looks from other parents.

There are many wondrous accoutrements for hockey, including special nylon shorts with an inside pocket for a hard plastic jock cup thingy (perhaps a bit more spacious than required), shin pads,

SHARON CLARK
GUEST COLUMN

long striped footless socks that attach to the Velcro on the nylon shorts, a big pair of padded shorts that goes over all that, shoulder pads, elbow pads, a jersey, neck guard, gloves, and a helmet with a mouth guard.

Into the car we go, hopefully to the right arena. There are 35 arenas in the Ottawa area, some nicer than others. Our local arena is not so nice. But, as IKEA says, "any space can be beautiful," so my ambition is to redecorate it one day.

There are several dressing rooms at any arena, all equally smelly. Most hockey parents seem to know magically which one to go to. I use the trial-and-error approach until I find some parents who seem to recognize me.

The athletic hockey dads squat in front of their sons to tie their skates, politely looking away as I struggle.

I leave the dressing room and wait until the last minute before heading into the cold arena.

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(Above) Hundreds of congregants and well-wishers fill the new OTC synagogue to capacity at the building's grand opening, September 15.



(Right) Rabbi Menachem Blum prepares to welcome guests to the grand opening of the new OTC building, Ottawa's first new synagogue in decades.

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OTC: 'A blessing' and 'an awesome responsibility'

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Medicoff recounted how Rabbi Blum and his wife, Dina, created the foundation of the centre by reaching out to families when they arrived in Ottawa with the vision of building up local infrastructure.

"What Rabbi and Dina [Blum] did, was they went out person by person, family by family, and introduced Ottawa Torah Centre to the community. And that is the foundation on which we are standing today," Medicoff said.

The Blums organized Jewish programming first out of their townhouse basement, and now more than 100 families make use of the OTC's services, including Chabad Hebrew School, adult education courses, and Shabbat and holiday services.

Noah Horovitz, 14, who has been involved with OTC programming for the past decade, thanked the Blums for helping him to develop a strong sense of confidence in himself.

The occasion marked the first time a new synagogue has been built in Ottawa in 30 years said Mayor Jim Watson, who announced that Rabbi Blum would be a 2014 recipient of the Mayor's City Builder Award at Ottawa City Council on October 8.

"We are fortunate to have, in Ottawa, such a strong and growing Jewish community as we see here tonight," Watson said.

"I know this represents a very special time for your beautiful and bright community," said Israeli Ambassador Rafael Barak. "Tonight represents yet another beginning for the collective Ottawa community."

"We are humbled beyond words by this blessing and this awesome responsibility," Rabbi Blum said.

With the newly opened building, Rabbi Blum said this achievement only pushes them to do more in the community.

"We remain focused on how much more we can accomplish," Rabbi Blum said.

"So as joyous and as glorious as this day may be, let it not only serve as a celebration for how far we have

come, but also as a communal recognition of where we have yet to go."

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Federation system brings individuals and communities together to help one another

in place, including such Jewish needs as kosher food, belonging to Jewish community organizations, having access to affordable housing.

We are committed to ensuring that we offer children, youth and young adults formal and experiential Jewish educational opportunities that develop a strong Jewish identity and a connection to Israel. We do this by offering financial assistance and providing an array of experiences through schools, synagogues, youth groups, summer camps and Israel experience programs, which engage our younger community members with Judaism and with Israel.

At the national level, we are committed to ensuring that everyone has a seat at the table, irrespective of whether they are from a Jewish community of 200,000 with well-developed infrastructure or a Jewish community of 2,000. We provide a forum for collective thought and activity and enable communities who need support to participate in a network that offers strength and connectivity.

At the international level, we are

engaged with Israel and with communities worldwide where Jews are living in distress. Our work is not limited by geography.

This past summer, we experienced conflict and distress on multiple fronts. Operation Protective Edge took an enormous toll on all Israelis, most particularly those in southern communities. While we know Israelis are a strong and resilient people, we also know the impact of terror, loss and trauma does not necessarily stop with a cease-fire. Our work to assist does not end when the troops come home. In many cases, it is just beginning.

At the same time, we were also concerned with a deteriorating situation in Ukraine, which placed Jews in significant difficulty. Meanwhile, in France, and elsewhere in Europe, we saw an increase of anti-Semitic incidents.

Through a network of international partners such as the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) and the Jewish Agency for Israel, our Federation system ensures that services

and programs are in place to help. For those too frail to leave their homes, it means meal and medication deliveries and daily visits from *chesed* workers from the JDC. For those who have the capacity and desire to move, it means accelerated preparation for aliyah to Israel and assistance with resettlement in Israel provided by the Jewish Agency.

The mission of the Federation is very simple. It serves as the vehicle through which we connect to all of these concerns.

The genius of the Federation system is that it does it all. The local network of agencies, schools and synagogues, the national and international network of agents and partners – all of their work embodies the key principle of caring for each other. The system allows for a coherent and integrated approach based on a thorough understanding of needs. It allows for dialogue and debate that includes representation from many community sectors. And it fosters connections among individuals and communities for the single purpose of caring and strengthening each other.

During the High Holiday season, let us continue to work together transforming lives, providing for the ordinary and the extraordinary, and let us pray for a sweet healthy year for our families and communities and peace for Israel.

Linda Kislowicz is CEO of Jewish Federations of Canada – UIA.

One of the fundamental values, in fact the very core of the Federation system, is the principle *Kol yisrael arevim zeh b'zeh* (we are here for one another). We care for one another.

This value resonates as loudly today as ever, reminding us of our responsibility and obligation as Jews to care for each other – at home in our local community, in Canada where not all Jewish communities can sustain themselves independently, and in Israel and overseas, where Jews may be in need.

At the local level, we are concerned with protecting and caring for the vulnerable members of our community, for the poor, the elderly, the disabled. We ensure that a basic standard of living is

FROM THE
PULPIT



RABBI ELIZABETH BOLTON
OR HANESHAMAH

The *sukkah* is a powerful bridge between the absolute solemnity of *Yom Kippur* and absolute joy of *Sukkot*

Jonah, “found a place east of the city. He made a booth (*sukkah*) there and sat under it in the shade, until he should see what happened to the city” (Jonah 4:5). Although a *sukkah* is typically associated with peace, shelter and God’s beneficence, Jonah turns the true image of the *sukkah* on its head. It is as if Jonah is lying in wait for war, destruction and malevolence.

Dissatisfied and even angry with the mercy God has shown to the Ninevites, Jonah waits to prove he is right – that his aggrieved attitude will prevail, and God will destroy the Ninevites. One who should be rejoicing in God’s mercy becomes embittered.

How fitting it is then that, at the conclusion of *Yom Kippur*, we are commanded to build a different kind of *sukkah*. The *sukkah* we build is one that repudiates Jonah’s pessimism in human nature. It is a *sukkah* that stands for peace, faith, shelter and optimism.

Liturgy itself conveys such an image. In the evening service and the bedtime *Shema*, we read, “Spread over us the

shelter (*sukkah*) of Your peace.” The booth we build on *Sukkot* mirrors the heavenly *sukkah* God spreads over us. It is an expression of sanctity, security, and hope in our future.

In the Haftarah of *Yom Kippur*, Isaiah’s words propel us toward *tikkun olam*, the repair of a broken world. Building the *sukkah* becomes Israel’s *tikkun* (apology) for Jonah’s acrimonious desire.

So it makes sense that we go right from reading the story of Jonah to building our *sukkot*! We want to build a shelter of peace, and not sustain the image of a shelter of destructive impulses.

The *sukkah* is a powerful bridge between the absolute solemnity of *Yom Kippur* and absolute joy of *Sukkot*. *Vesamachta bechagecha ... vehatiya akh Sameach*, you shall rejoice in your festival and be truly joy filled (Deuteronomy 16:14-15); a season of joy – *zeman simchatenu*.

May our booths be shelters of peace, and may we sit in them in much joy. *Chag Sukkot akh Sameach*.

On *Yom Kippur*, we heard about the building of a *sukkah*, yet it is nothing like the *sukkot* we build for this week’s festival of *Sukkot*.

Yes, we get the sense that the booth Jonah put up is a shaky shelter, an impermanent one, built hastily. The structures we build for the festival are also impermanent, built hastily. Even if one observes the custom of beginning to build directly after *Yom Kippur* (well, perhaps, directly after that first bite of break-fast bagel), it’s still a quick-up, quick-down project.

But, are the shelters we build, and the shelter Jonah built, the same thing?

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Survey shows Ottawa's Jewish community is aging

and the results paint a fascinating picture that help us to understand some of the problems we face as a community and challenges we'll have to meet in years to come.

Some results were surprising. After decades of double-digit percentage growth that far outstripped the overall growth of Canada's national Jewish community, Ottawa's Jewish community grew by just 2.8 per cent from 2001 to 2011 (compared to national growth of 4.7 per cent). As of 2011, the Jewish population of Ottawa was estimated to be 14,005 people, up from 13,630 in 2001.

And, while the size of the community grew, one of the most important demographic groups declined as the number of children aged 14 and younger fell to 2,255 in 2011 from 2,725 in 2001. There were almost 500 fewer children in the community in 2011 than a decade earlier.

In part, this helps to explain the trend of declining enrolment at Ottawa's Jewish day and supplementary schools in recent years. While our schools and the community have already taken many innovative steps to ensure the long-term viability and educational enhancement of our Jewish schools, we will need to continue

to be innovative and creative to bring ever greater proportions of our children to Jewish day and supplementary schools.

The real growth in Ottawa's Jewish community – and it was as significant as the decline in the number of children – was among the middle-aged, those between 45 and 64, and among seniors, aged 65 and over.

The good news in those numbers is that middle-aged adults – the baby-boom generation – are at the peak of their earning years and, for many, their children are grown and independent. Therefore, many in this age group are well-positioned to help the community through increased charitable giving and by having more time to devote to volunteerism.

And that trend continues into the senior age group. With more and more of us remaining vigorous and healthy as we get older, the volunteer corps – upon which the community relies – becomes stronger and even more vital.

But, clearly, ours is an aging community and that trend is likely to continue. This indicates a need to focus greater attention in programming and services on older members of the community as we move forward.

One of the most interesting areas of the survey pertains to intermarriage. Ottawa's intermarriage rate was at 39.9 per cent in 2011, up from 32 per cent in 2001. More strikingly, the intermarriage rate for couples under age 30 was 53.8 per cent. The survey also indicates that, while 28.6 per cent of young children in intermarried families are being raised Jewishly, 52.5 per cent are being raised with no religious affiliation.

This shows there is much potential for outreach to ensure the unaffiliated feel welcome in the Jewish community – and that there will be potential for enrolment growth in our Jewish schools as the unaffiliated begin to feel there is a place for them in the community.

It should also be noted that, as of 2011, Jews made up only 1.2 per cent of Ottawa's overall population. Ethnically, this compares to the city's growing Arab community, which comprised 4.4 per cent of the city's population.

Finally, while any rate of poverty is unacceptable and needs to be addressed, there is a relatively low rate of poverty in Ottawa's Jewish community at just 8.9 per cent. This is the lowest rate of poverty for all Canadian Jewish communities and compares favourably to the 13.5 per cent poverty rate overall in Ottawa.

Kislowicz's presentation was based on the first findings of the 2011 National Household Survey. There will be more to come.

Linda Kislowicz, CEO of Jewish Federations of Canada – UIA (JFC-UIA), was in Ottawa, September 17, to address a members meeting of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa at which she presented an initial demographic analysis of the 2011 National Household Survey as it pertains to Ottawa's Jewish community.

The voluntary National Household Survey replaced the obligatory long-form Canadian Census that was conducted every 10 years, most recently in 2001. Because the 2011 survey used a different methodology – which many social scientists believe is less reliable – the data may not be as accurate as what we used to get from the long-form census.

Still, Kislowicz noted, the data from the survey is reliable enough that it can be interpreted with relative confidence

IDEAS AND IMPRESSIONS



JASON MOSCOVITZ

Does Justin Trudeau have what it takes to be prime minister?

when a much younger Justin Trudeau eulogized his father at Notre Dame Cathedral. Other than maybe his first name and the fact he was Pierre Trudeau's son, no one in the country knew who he was. But then there was that eulogy, which was, in one word, phenomenal.

It was so good, people referenced it afterward as one of the best speeches in Canadian oratorical history. The CBC had it readily available on its website for many years, university professors used it as a teaching tool when demonstrating to young people the pinnacle of being able to communicate.

I have made mention before how a very cynical colleague at the CBC remarked to me that day that Justin Trudeau had just launched his leadership campaign. I told him he was too cynical. It turns out he was just smarter than me.

According to *Maclean's* magazine, Trudeau planned every word and gesture of that speech with his closest confidant, who now, by no accident, is his chief of staff. They had a lot to work with.

Trudeau once taught drama at a

private school in British Columbia. His role that day would have done central casting proud. He could not have been more on top of his theatrical game.

He has to have come a long way since that eulogy. After all, he is knocking on the door to be the next prime minister. He has led in the polls for 18 consecutive months. The election is a year from now, if not sooner. What is it I don't get?

I have always admired Brian Mulroney as a politician who could, in another life, have been a first-rate political analyst and commentator. He sees things in a prescient way, and his analytical judgment is so often stunningly accurate.

When Trudeau first became leader of the Liberal Party, Mulroney told an interviewer no one should underestimate him. He saw all the potential for Trudeau to win. Now, with the next election that much closer, Mulroney went even further in an interview last month, when he said Trudeau could do well in the next election just on the issue that he is not Stephen Harper.

No, he is not Harper, and he doesn't wear the scars of being prime minister for

almost 10 years. The promotion of "change" is always to the advantage of the challenger. As Mulroney so rightfully pointed out, he and the Progressive Conservatives were the change to the Liberals in 1984, just as Jean Chrétien and the Liberals were a change from the Tories in 1993.

So, does Justin Trudeau just have to show up?

I have heard it said many times by Conservative supporters that Trudeau may not pass the true test of the tape in an election campaign, and particularly in the debates. They point out he is known to have made some incredible gaffes since assuming the leadership and, chances are, under pressure, he could make too many election campaign mistakes to overcome. Somehow, I think those are desperate people clinging to a last hope.

I have covered election campaigns in which "change" meant everything. The clamouring for change, once it is engaged, is very hard to stop.

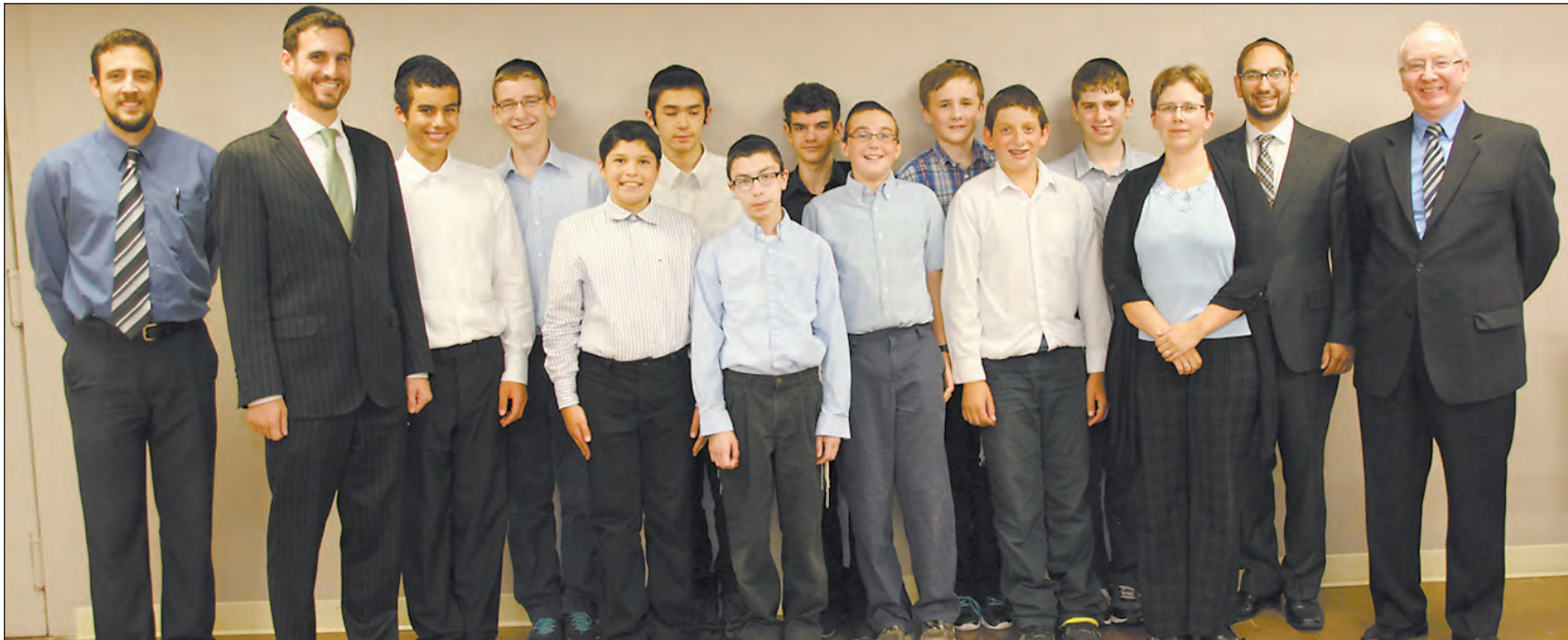
As for Trudeau, he may be just the right person at the right moment in history to win the election in 2015. And, if he does, we can only wish him well. There is always lots of room in politics to surprise.

We'll see if Justin Trudeau has what it takes to be prime minister.

I wonder. Is it finally time to take Justin Trudeau seriously? To say I haven't until now would be an understatement. I just don't see him as the prime minister. I don't see the experience, I don't see the intellectual depth, and I don't see a person who truly understands how the world works – let alone how the economy of the country works.

What I see is an extremely good looking man who had a famous political father. And, unfortunately for me, and, perhaps, some other Canadians, I still can't get my head around how all this started.

It was in Montreal in October 2000,



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Professor Johnathan Calof facilitated a dialogue to find out what's in it for Ottawa. Attendees wondered if Ottawa could have an R&D office in the region. Would a student- or professor-exchange work? Is a business/learning trip possible to import more knowledge? Are EMBA students interested in doing a business consulting project in Israel? Is there an opportunity to export Canadian technology developments in solar energy storage? How do we learn more about Israel's agri-tech innovation and help domestic producers? How do we figure out how to commercialize R&D in a collaborative venture? To get a better ROI on start-up investments, can industry and investors influence the provincial government to offer 20 per cent tax credits as in Quebec and British Columbia?



Professor Jonathan Calof (right) thanks Mayor Udi Gat for his presentation to JNF and Telfer Executive MBA, August 20.

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Sukkot Feature

What can we learn from the rich symbolism of Sukkot?

BY RABBI ANDREW SACKS
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There are more spiritually resonant symbols associated with the Festival of Sukkot than with any other major Jewish holiday. On Yom Kippur, the only visual marker is the special clothing many wear as symbols of *teshuvah*. On Passover, the redemptive symbol of matzo is joined by the visual and performative symbolism of the seder. Shavuot has almost no visible reminders of the holiday other than the special liturgy.

But Sukkot offers the four species (lulav, etrog, willows and myrtle), each with their own multi-layered significance, as well as the sukkah itself, a symbolically powerful stage that encourages those celebrating the holiday to open their hearts, their minds and their homes to a transformative experience of the divine. During the seven days of Sukkot, observant Jews live – or at least eat their meals – surrounded by the walls of a fragile hut with a roof covered in branches sparse enough to allow glimpses of the heavens and an expanded field of vision.

As the weather begins to cool, Jews go outside to a structure far from the comfort and reassurance of the bricks, mortar, steel and concrete that normally shelter them, literally and figuratively, from directly engaging with the outside world. During the rest of the year, even when Jews leave their homes to join together as a community, they usually gather in synagogues for prayer and study, in schools for learning and training, and in Jewish community centres for fun, leisure and public programs.

In all of these communal institutions, as in our own homes, solid walls provide structure and safety, boundaries and reassurance. Those inside are protected from the outside elements and from those not like themselves, able to feel safe with their own kind. Seeking community and shelter within, these communal structures may keep out those who, the people inside feel may pose a danger – those with whom they feel less comfortable.

Yet the Zohar, the central text of Jewish mysticism,



The four species – lulav, etrog, willows and myrtle – have multi-layered significance during Sukkot.

suggests that it is not those structures built on strong foundations, however grand and however beautiful, that call to the Divine. Rather, it is the frail and unstable building – the sukkah – that generates such energy the divine presence manifests itself in these small booths along with the souls of Judaism's righteous ancestors.

During Sukkot, the Zohar tells us, the souls of seven historic leaders of Israel (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Aaron, Joseph and David) leave the heavens to visit with the Jewish people (Zohar: Emor 103-A). Called the

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Sukkot: The sukkah is a sign to open one's heart to the stranger, the other

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ushpizin, the Aramaic word for "guests," observant Jews welcome a different guest each day as they begin their Sukkot meal.

Today, many also welcome female guests from the Jewish tradition: Sarah, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Abigail, Huldah and Esther. While having its roots in some classic sources, this is a sign for many women of a greater inclusivity in Jewish ritual as the tradition continues to evolve. Women who were once outsiders are now invited in, and women who were once forgotten or cast aside are remembered.

The sukkah is a sign to open one's hearts at this season. Just as its roof opens to the sky, so too may those celebrating Sukkot be open to the stranger, the *other*, and the guest who they do not see every day in their synagogues, in their JCCs, and in their homes. On the High Holidays, many synagogues may require tickets to enter the building. Most JCCs require membership or charge entry for many events and programs. But all are welcome into the sukkah.

The sukkah invites the Jewish community to effect change in the way it treats all people. This may include those to whom Jewish institutions may be blind – singles, gays, lesbians, transgender people, the unengaged, the elderly, newcomers and the marginalized (as well as a whole host of other community members with special needs). These "outsiders" may already be in synagogues, quiet and in the back but, on Sukkot, Jews are commanded to welcome them as guests. Those on the outside are invited inside and welcomed to join the community in sisterhood and fellowship.

There are other times when Jews may feel as though they welcome others into their institutions. On Passover, tradition demands that all who are hungry be invited to a Passover table. But, while observing the seder ritual, most stay in the comfort of their homes. The door may be opened to welcome the presence of Elijah, but only for a brief moment.

On Sukkot, living quarters themselves become open, ready to receive guests, both invited and unexpected. The sukkah reminds Jews of their collective and individual vulnerability – no walls, no guards, and also no High

Holiday tickets to collect, nothing regulating the gates of entry and access. As one may see out to the stars, so too can anyone see in.

Sukkot reminds us that our structures and institutions need to be opened up. Only when those in the community open their homes, even temporarily, to those outside – only then can they draw near to God and receive the sacred gift of the presence of the *ushpizin*. And only when welcoming the outsider into our lives can we return to the everyday of permanent structures, concrete, brick and walls, with a new love and respect for all humanity.

The Midrash (Vayikra Rabbah 30:12) teaches that each of the four species represents a different type of Jew.

The lulav has taste but no smell, symbolizing those who know the traditions of Judaism but do not practise them. The myrtle (*hadass*) has a good smell but no taste, symbolizing those who do good deeds but do not have knowledge of Judaism. The willow (*aravah*) has neither taste nor smell, symbolizing those who never study Torah and never carry out good deeds. The etrog has both a good taste and a good smell, symbolizing those who know the traditions of Judaism and apply them in their lives.

The mitzvah of Sukkot is only fulfilled when all four are held together. Then, and only then, are all Jews one people. Each compensates for the other. The community can know that it is strong. It is one.

Another Midrashic interpretation (Vayikra Rabbah 30:14) sees each of the four species as representing a different part of the body. The lulav is the spine. The etrog represents the heart. The willow is the lips. And the myrtle, the eyes. Only when they work in unison, can a body function. Metaphorically, then, only when people speak out, feel for and see those they may often overlook, do they appreciate the ability of the back (the spine and the centre of a person) to stand strong.

As Jews sit in the sukkah, whether it is the sukkah at their congregation with fellow congregants, at the JCC with neighbours, or at home or with friends and relatives, may all feel renewed by God's presence, sheltering and blessing us and our newly invited guests.

Rabbi Andrew Sacks is the director of the Conservative Movement's Rabbinical Assembly of Israel.

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Correction

The caption to a photo on page 40 of the September 22 issue identified the pictured children as students at Temple Israel Religious School. In fact, several are students of Ottawa Talmud Torah Afternoon School.



Sharon Clark, seen with son Adam Scheinberg, says she's sure there are more Jewish hockey moms with stories to tell.

Mom: Hockey-playing sons give mom a chance to kvell

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Where to sit? Surely it doesn't matter. But, three years into being a hockey mom, I finally learned there is a specified place to sit: opposite your kid's team bench. Oh!

The game begins and seems to be going well. But all the kids look the same, and the puck is too small and too fast-moving to see.

Apparently a goal is scored. After a few minutes, I figure out which team scored.

By the second period, I can tell which kid is my son, and, by the third period, I can almost see the puck.

I start to realize that our team is winning, and join in the cheers.

Four years and a bar mitzvah later, and now, with two kids playing hockey, I have a full-length down coat, a thermos for hot chocolate, and a Mexican blanket I bring to all games to sit on.

My kids now put on their own equipment and know which arena to go to.

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Secular Israelis outside the Cinema City theatre in Jerusalem demonstrate in favour of allowing movie theatres to open on Shabbat, February 25, 2014. PHOTO: YONATAN SINDEL/FLASH90

Most Israelis favour greater religion-state separation, new study shows

BY BEN SALES

TEL AVIV (JTA) – During the past 18 months, the governing coalition in Israel has passed legislation to extend the nation’s mandatory conscription to the haredi Orthodox – a group currently exempted from military service – and Knesset leaders have advanced bills that would allow for civil unions and ease restrictions on Jewish conversions.

But a new study shows that the majority of Israeli electorate remains unhappy with the amount of religious influence on Israeli life and law.

The annual report, released September 22 by Hiddush – a five-year-old organization that lobbies the Knesset to promote religious freedom – revealed that 61 per cent of Israelis support increased religion-state separation and 78 per cent are dissatisfied with the government’s actions on religion-and-state issues.

Specifically, two-thirds of Israelis back legalizing civil marriage, up from 61 per cent in 2010. And 64 per cent of Israelis support recognizing Conservative and Reform conversions, a slight rise from the 60 per cent in 2010.

On both issues, no less than 100 per cent of haredim polled supported Israel’s longstanding policies in which the Orthodox Chief Rabbinate maintains control over Jewish marriages and recognizes only Orthodox conversions. Still, one-third of haredi respondents joined the 71 per cent of Israelis who disapproved of the Chief Rabbinate.

“For haredim who think Israel should be a theocracy, it’s described as a government of destruction,” said Hiddush CEO Rabbi Uri Regev.

“On the other side, [those favouring religion-state separation feel] the government has never really been attentive,” said Rabbi Regev.

The Knesset’s largest party, the centrist Yesh Atid, pushed through a law this year to include haredim in Israel’s mandatory draft. The mandate doesn’t go into effect for another three years, and 61 per cent of Israelis – including 98 per cent of haredim themselves – don’t believe haredi Jews ultimately will be drafted.

The passage of the draft law this year came amid rising haredi-secular tensions, which culminated with at least 300,000 haredim taking to the streets of Jerusalem in mass protest in March. According to the Hiddush poll, 68 per cent of Israelis viewed haredi-secular tensions as one of the worst internal conflicts in Israel.

“Last year was characterized by a lack of communication between the sectors,” Aharon Kravitz, a haredi journalist and activist, told JTA. “People talked about the haredim. Nobody talked with the haredim. There’s a lack of understanding, and that influences public opinion.”

There was agreement with the haredim on at least one point: A majority of Israelis, including four-fifths of haredim, backed affirmative action to place haredim in government jobs.

As in previous years, the poll also found that Israelis have bridged a once-stark religious-secular divide. Among the 800 total respondents, 49 per cent identified as secular, 17 per cent as traditional-not-so-religious, 13 per cent as traditional-religious, 12 per cent as religious and 9 per cent as haredi.

Panel discusses media, social media, coverage of Israel

BY LOUISE RACHLIS

The often polarizing effect of social media during the recent Gaza conflict was a lively topic during a panel discussion about media coverage of Israel.

“There is so much information, but we’re not building bridges, we’re yelling at each other,” said panelist Lisa Goldman, a founding editor of the Tel Aviv-based *+972 Magazine*, an online publication staffed by volunteers. “During this past war there was a violence to the discourse I hadn’t seen before.”

Goldman, who is originally from Vancouver and now works in New York as director of the Israel-Palestine Initiative at the New America Foundation, was one of four participants in the panel discussion presented by the New Israel Fund of Canada, September 15, at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

The other participants were moderator Joseph Rosen, a professor at Dawson College in Montreal and author of “The Israel Taboo,” a widely discussed article published in the January/February 2014 issue of *The Walrus* magazine; J.J. Goldberg, editor-at-large of the *Jewish Daily Forward* in New York; and Michael Regenstreif, editor of the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin*.



(From left) Moderator Joseph Rosen asks panelists J.J. Goldberg, Lisa Goldman and Michael Regenstreif to discuss their publications’ approach to writing about Israel.

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“The question of bias continues to rage. Different media outlets appeal to different groups and don’t cross paths. People read the media they agree with,” said Rosen in his introduction, adding that “explosions of anger silence real conversation.”

Each of the panelists explained the editorial philosophies of their publications or columns.

As a community newspaper, Regenstreif explained the *Bulletin* subscribes to “a big tent kind of philosophy” within a Zionist framework that allows for a diversity of opinions on the left-to-right spectrum from its regular columnists and community contributors.

The *Bulletin* draws the line, he said, at giving voice to groups or individuals who

advocate against the existence of the State of Israel and support such tactics as the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement.

Goldman said *+972 Magazine* was established in 2010 by a group of working journalists in Israel who “were really concerned about the path the Israeli government was taking.” They make an effort to recruit writers from the Palestinian community and no writers are paid.

“I’m regarded now as a nutty radical because I’m the voice of the Israel military,” said Goldberg of his *Forward* column and blog. I don’t write anything your average head of the Mossad wouldn’t agree with ... I want to tell people what they don’t know already. That’s the most important thing.”

Goldberg said the criticism and pressure he receives comes primarily from readers rather than advertisers. “Stuff that doesn’t make you proud to be Jewish, they don’t want to hear it.”

On the question of social media, Regenstreif said he sees both individuals and organizations using it to post links to articles that reinforce what they believe in. “Everyone is preaching to their own constituencies.”

Goldberg said social media scares him because, “When everyone becomes their own reporter, there are no reporters.”



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Beth Shalom concert to benefit Canadian Magen David Adom

BY DONNA STRAUSS
FOR CANADIAN MAGEN DAVID ADOM

Mark your calendars and plan to attend a free concert on October 27 when the Tamir Neshama and Beth Shalom Choirs team up to benefit Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel (CMDA).

Under the direction of Cantor Daniel Benlolo, the evening promises to deliver beautiful and inspirational sounds, and an opportunity to give to a worthy cause. The guest speaker will be CMDA national youth co-ordinator and paramedic Daniel Amzallag.

With the loss of life in Israel this past summer and the continuing stress caused by the conflict, the people of Israel need our support. Voluntary donations at the concert will help CMDA provide essential medical equipment and supplies for all Israeli citizens. Magen David Adom is on the ground every day giving help in so many crucial and lifesaving ways, providing emergency, ambulance and blood services, as well as disaster relief.

The enthusiastic men and women of the Tamir Neshama Choir love to perform as a way of giving back to the community, which continues to give them so much encouragement and generosity. Their extensive repertoire and varied sounds derive from liturgical and



Cantor Daniel Benlolo performs with the Tamir Neshama Choir.

Israeli selections, Broadway musicals and popular songs. The choir sings in Hebrew, Yiddish and English, and has performed locally as well as to standing ovations in Montreal, Florida and Israel.

Equally passionate and well received, the talented members of the Beth Shalom Choir are looking forward to entertaining you with a medley of

popular songs. There will be more than a hint of nostalgia as the choir and its guest artists perform in what are now the final days of their beloved downtown synagogue building.

This will be one of the community's final opportunities to enjoy the majestic sanctuary at Beth Shalom. Let our voices inspire you to support CMDA.

The concert takes place Monday, October 27, 7 pm, at Congregation Beth Shalom, 115 Chapel Street.

All are welcome. Contact Cantor Benlolo at chazzan@bethshalom.ca to reserve tickets.

Visit www.cmdai.org for more information on the important work of Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel.

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Calling all terrorists: The global marketing strategy of Al-Qaeda & ISIS

By Dr. Anat Hochberg-Marom, PhD in Political Science
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How does a terrorist organization market itself on the internet and in the international media? How does it frame its vision, ideology, goals as well as militant messages?

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Appeal of deadly promise must not be underestimated

Roses are red, violets are blue, IS is coming to a town near you.”

So read a recent post by jihadist Abu Turaab, who uses his social media savvy and excellent English as international propaganda and recruitment tools for the Sunni terrorist organization Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS, ISIL or IS).

ISIS was responsible for the videotaped beheadings of American journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff (Sotloff was also an Israeli citizen) and British aid worker David Haines. It's also claimed responsibility for barbaric terror attacks and mass executions that have killed thousands of civilians in Syria and Iraq.

It has indeed come to a town near us. Abu Turaab is the *nom de guerre* of Canadian citizen Mohammed Ali, 23, who left Toronto in April to join ISIS in Syria. He is but one of an estimated 12,000 young men from 74 countries who have flocked to the Middle East to wage global jihad.

His *Twitter* page and other online postings cheer ISIS atrocities, eulogize dead terrorists and try to coax others to join him in Syria.

“You’ll never kill the desire, nor the love the believers have for jihad and fighting to raise the word of Allah the highest,” he posted in August.

ISIS recruit Moner Mohammed Abu-Salha of Vero Beach, Florida, was believed to have been the first American suicide bomber in Syria.

“We are coming for you, mark my words,” he said in a farewell video recorded before his May suicide mission. “You think you’ve won? You have never won.”

One slick recruitment video for ISIS features a 20-year-old identified as a British medical student, exhorting the glories of martyrdom. And the executioner of Foley,



Sotloff and Haines is a British national nicknamed “Jihadi John.”

ISIS is not just planning overseas attacks. At time of writing, the Australian government had just foiled a plot by homegrown terrorists, recruited by ISIS, to snatch an Australian civilian, record the beheading of the victim and drape his or her body with the ISIS flag.

What motivates young Muslim men like Abu Turaab, Abu-Salha and others to want to return to the dark ages?

It's essential to realize that the beliefs and aims of ISIS are not new. Since 2000, more than 1,250 Israeli civilians have died at the hands of Islamist terrorists and suicide bombers who were convinced by Hamas and Palestinian Authority political and religious leaders that killing infidels – especially Jews – is a fast track to heaven, and that dying as a martyr for Allah nets 72 virgins in paradise.

ISIS is delivering the same messages, albeit with highly sophisticated propaganda tools and expert use of social media – including its own *Twitter* app that enables its messages to go viral.

ISIS recruitment videos and its online magazine *Dabiq* – published in several European languages including English – promise disenfranchised young men action, adventure, a sense of belonging and a connection to a

higher cause. They emphasize the purity of the ISIS vision of Islam, and the glory of holy war.

“When you fight over there, it's like being in a trance,” Can, 27, a former ISIS fighter from Turkey, told the *New York Times*.

“Everyone shouts, ‘God is the greatest,’ which gives you divine strength to kill the enemy without being fazed by blood or splattered guts,” he said.

Amaranth Amarasingam, a post-doctoral fellow at Dalhousie University, is part of a team researching Canadian foreign fighters in Syria.

He has observed that Abu Turaab's posts target “hypocrites” – what jihadists call fellow Muslims they accuse of compromising their faith to fit into Western society.

“This belief and rhetoric is quite prevalent amongst most of the Canadian youth who have left to fight in Iraq and Syria – the idea that living in Canada forces Muslims to sacrifice a part of themselves,” he told the *National Post*. In his 1941 book *Escape from Freedom*, Erich Fromm argued that those who find democratic freedoms frightening and overwhelming are often drawn to authoritarian regimes that promise order, pride and certainty.

Just as Nazi propaganda restored the national pride of Germans in the 1930s and promised a return to world dominance, ISIS presents an apocalyptic vision in which its form of Islam – as barbaric as it seems to outsiders – will rule the world.

“A day will come,” promised an article in the Ramadan edition of *Dabiq*, “when the Muslim will walk everywhere as a master, having honour, being revered, with his head raised high and his dignity preserved.”

We must not underestimate the seductive appeal of that deadly promise.

It's our turn to give back say Emerging Generation Campaign co-chairs

To say the emerging generation is a complex demographic is a strong understatement, and the co-chairs for Emerging Generation division of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa's Annual Campaign say they intend to tap into its potential this year.

The Federation defines the emerging gen as young adults, aged 18 to 45.

That is essentially where the definition ends, and it is understandable, as the age group now amalgamates two vastly different, yet equally powerful generations.

The emerging gen combines the tail end of Generation X (those born between approximately 1966 and 1971) and Generation Y (also known as Millennials), many of whom are the children of the baby boomers.

According to 2011 census data, Gen X made up only about eight per cent of the population, relatively small compared to Millennials, who made up 27 per cent of the population, creating a now somewhat “bottom-heavy” emerging gen in 2014.

These are the individuals who will be – or who already are – taking care of Generation Z, also known as the Internet generation, so-called because they were born around 1993, after the invention of the Internet, according to Statistics Canada. Even more complicated, some of those youngsters are already members of the emerging gen, as those born in 1993 are now 21 years old.

Creating a relationship between first-year university students and those who may be responsible for a gaggle of preschoolers creates a unique challenge when attempting to engage a group with potentially different priorities, but Emerging Generation division Co-chairs Adam Aronson and Arielle Kreisman said they are confident the emerging generation will continue to be committed to com-



munity and give to generations past, present and future.

The co-chairs, both born and raised in Ottawa, said they have benefited from the many programs made possible through Federation funding.

Aronson, 32, attended Hillel Academy and Camp B'nai Brith, and played floor hockey at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC) among other sports programs and activities.

An accountant at Ginsberg, Gluzman Fage & Levitz, he said that, after a childhood of community involvement, he realizes he has a responsibility to create a positive, welcoming and safe environment for future generations.

“I was involved in all of these things as a kid, but I never supported any of it. It was always my parents and that generation, and so now it's my turn,” he said. “If we're going to have the next generation being involved, and they're going to go to all these camps and everything, it's going to have to be us who does that. We have a lot of young families here, and it's their kids who are going.”

Kreisman, 24, also said she knows first-hand how important it is to invest in future generations. A recent graduate of the University of Ottawa teaching program, she has spent the past year supply teaching at private schools such as the Ottawa Jewish Community School and Turnbull School, and as an emergency occasional teacher

for the public Ottawa Carleton District School Board.

She has spent the past five years working at SJCC summer day camps and volunteers as an annual campaign canvasser.

“For me, what's most important at this point in my life is my career and trying to get my foot in the door,” she said. “But, you know, coming [to the SJCC] every day and to see these kids around the school ... makes me happy.”

The co-chairs said they also see their eight-year age gap as beneficial to the campaign.

“I think that was the idea,” Aronson said. “I'd be a little on the older end, and Arielle would be a little on the younger end, so that we'd reach more people that way.”

The challenge this year, the co-chairs said, is to engage the unaffiliated emerging generation in the community, which is best achieved through word-of-mouth, events and programming. Aronson said he got even more involved with the Emerging Gen after seeing an advertisement for the Social Action Mission and travelling to northern Israel this past winter.

The emerging generation has shown itself to be a multi-faceted group, both transforming the Ottawa Jewish community and repeating history at the same time.

Therein is its power. Aronson and Kreisman said their campaign goal is to increase emerging generation donations by 30 per cent this year, adding they believe it is possible.

The co-chairs said there is much to look forward to this year, including events like the Emerging Gen pre-party held at the Annual Campaign Kickoff, applying for the Emerging Gen grant, and the next Social Action Mission.

“There's plenty of stuff they can do. There's plenty of things to get involved in,” Aronson said.

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Character education important at Ottawa Jewish Community School

BY SARA-LYNNE LEVINE
OTTAWA JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

According to Thomas Lickona, author of *Educating for Character: How Our Schools Can Teach Respect and Responsibility*, character education is “the deliberate effort to help people understand, care about, and act upon core ethical values.

“When we think about the kind of character we want for our children, it’s clear that we want them to be able to judge what is right, care deeply about what is right, and then do what they believe to be right – even in the face of pressure from without and temptation from within.”

Each month, the Ottawa Jewish Community School (OJCS) brings a different character education trait to light. We encourage our students to model that trait or behaviour as part of being a good citizen and part of our dynamic learning communities. Qualities include respect, responsibility, acceptance, empathy,

leadership and perseverance.

“Implementing character education programs reflect and uphold our Jewish beliefs, values and ideals,” said OJCS Head of School Marlene Wolinsky.

“We are developing a new generation of Jewish leaders, and character education is an important piece in fostering Jewish continuity, instilling Jewish identity and developing strong and caring Jewish leaders.”

While learning to be a *mensch* is something all parents hope for their children, at OJCS it is an integral part of our curriculum.

Our students are receiving an excellent education within an engaging Judaic and trilingual environment. Our monthly assemblies address different character traits throughout the year and our new trilingual certificates will recognize our students.

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Let's put the 'Hebrew' back in Hebrew school

With the High Holidays, as well as the new school year, upon us, I'd like to take the opportunity to offer a single wish for Jewish community life in Ottawa. It's quite specific and straightforward but, I believe, far-reaching.

I hope and wish that our community's supplementary school teachers would speak Hebrew to the students. In other words, I'd like to see us put the Hebrew back in Hebrew school.

Having experienced more than one supplementary school via my own kids, this column is not meant to impugn any particular school, but rather is meant to capture a troubling dynamic I've witnessed in more than one place, and with more than one teacher.

For example, seldom have I heard the teachers say the simplest of Hebrew phrases – such as “*boker tov* (good morning)” – to the kids when greeting them. As I picked up my kids recently, I puzzled over why the teacher was asking the students to put the chairs on the tables in English when Hebrew would work beautifully for a simple command involving two common nouns.

Some months ago, I approached one school director about my concern, citing the city's very successful French immersion program as a model. (Recall that, until recently in Ottawa, kindergarten classes were only a couple of hours per day, showing that even direct application of spoken French in a limited time can have profound results.)

The director's response was that, for French immersion schools, French is akin to a religion. Here, on the other hand, the director explained, “We are in the business of teaching kids how to be Jews.”

I've been mulling over the distinction since then. Is



Hebrew language acquisition conceptually distinct from “teaching kids to be Jews”?

Now, admittedly, I'm one of the more passionate Hebrew-philes there is, having elected to speak only Hebrew to my kids since they were infants. I realize not everyone shares my obsession for Hebrew and Israeli sitcoms, music and news.

I decided to tackle that director's implication. I started by thinking about the one Hebrew word that virtually everyone living in a North American city knows. By dint of the craze around Christmas, probably the first Hebrew word children learn – even before *shalom*, *ima* or *Shabbat* – is *Chanukah*.

Now, most everyone knows that Chanukah is the name of the Jewish holiday commemorating the Maccabees' victory over the Syrian-Greeks. But, how many of us actually know the literal meaning of the word?

Here's a further challenge: I would wager that knowing the literal meaning of the word “Chanukah” provides key links to three seemingly unrelated things: a) better recall of the meaning of the holiday; b) an understanding of the causes of the First Intifada; and c) a deeper conceptualization of the entire relationship between Jewish identity and education.

So, here goes. Chanukah is the Hebrew word for dedication or inauguration. Knowing this would help kids remember that central to the holiday was the rededication of the Second Temple, and would render intelligible the *chanukat hamizbayach* phrase in the popular holiday song whose Hebrew words often register in kids' minds as gibberish, unless they are schooled in the language.

Chanukat bayit is also the Hebrew phrase for house-warming. A bit of modern Israeli political history reveals that Ariel Sharon's provocative Muslim Quarter house-warming party in December 1987, during Chanukah, is understood by many political observers to have helped fuel the first Palestinian Intifada. (Perhaps his house-warming party was meant to be a word play on the festival of lights, falling as it was at the same time. Perhaps not, but it also serves as a useful memory mnemonic for students of Israeli politics.)

Finally, all Hebrew words derive from a three letter root. The root of Chanukah is the same as the root for *chinuch* (education) and for *chanich* (camper, initiate). In other words, in a beautiful piece of poetic connection, understanding Hebrew can be seen to be an early step of being initiated into the Jewish people in a meaningful way.

In any event, the idea of education in Jewish life – whether formal, through school, or informal, through camps and youth groups – is meant to remind kids they are joining something much larger than themselves.

And that can only be helped by being regularly exposed to the rich and eternally clever language of our people.

Mira Sucharov is an associate professor of political science at Carleton University.

Can you really get fit and healthy by laughing?

When the woman who made me laugh for more than 30 years suddenly passed away, I felt sad. As a teenager, I stayed up late to watch Joan Rivers guest host the *Tonight Show*. Her brand of humour was edgy, witty and sometimes shocking – even offensive to some. Yes, it was my kind of humour! I'd laugh so hard, I'd have tears streaming down my face and my stomach would hurt.

They say “laughter is the best medicine,” so I decided to find out if there's any science to substantiate the notion that laughter is good for us.

Does laughter improve health markers? Studies suggest that a good belly laugh can provide some of the health benefits associated with exercise: improved cholesterol and blood pressure, decreased stress hormones and a strengthened immune system. Laughter may also improve sleep and memory.

Does laughter provide cardiorespiratory benefits? While a chuckle doesn't provide measurable health benefits, hard laughter leads to an increase in heart rate, respiratory rate and oxygen consumption. Unfortunately, you can't get the health benefits from laughing that you get from aerobic exercise, such as cycling or running. You'd have to sustain a high intensity of laughter for a prolonged period of time (“Humor and Laughter May Influence Health,” Mary Payne Bennett and Cecile Lengacher, *Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine*, 2008).

For example, you'd have to laugh 100 times to get the aerobic equivalence of 10 minutes on a rowing machine or 15 minutes on a stationary bike (“Towards Optimal Health: The Experts Discuss Therapeutic Humor,” Jodi R. Godfrey, *Journal of Women's Health*, June 2004).



Does laughter strengthen muscles? Laughter engages the abdominal muscles, but you won't get six-pack abs by laughing. Laughter may not strengthen muscles, but it does relax them. A hearty laugh relieves muscular tension and may relax the muscles for up to 45 minutes. According to the Mayo Clinic, laughter can ease pain because it causes the body to produce natural pain killers. <http://tinyurl.com/pfzj7cs>

Does laughter burn calories? A 2005 study at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine found that laughing for 15 minutes per day burns 10 to 40 calories (depending on an individual's weight and the intensity of the laughter). That may seem trivial, but it can add up to a weight loss of about four pounds per year, just from laughing! And that's no joke. <http://tinyurl.com/laughter-calories>

Does laughter reduce stress? Laughter is a natural coping mechanism for stressful events. Laughter boosts the immune system. Next time you feel a cold coming on, watch a funny movie. Personally, I think laughter is like vitamin C supplements: If you get a cold and take vitamin C, the cold will be gone in a week. If you don't take vitamin C, the cold will last a full seven days. Even if laughing doesn't ward off your cold, at least you'll have fun.

Does laughter impact disease? Research on humour, physiological and psychological well-being and health outcomes suggests that, while there is evidence to support a connection between sense of humour and self-reported physical well-being, it's difficult to determine whether humour and laughter have any real impact on disease. While watching funny videos may help cancer patients feel better psychologically, more research is needed to determine whether there's any impact on the disease itself.

One study found that laughter positively affects post-meal blood glucose levels in Type 2 diabetics. The authors suggest that diabetics should seek daily opportunities for laughter (“The Effects of Laughter on Post-Prandial Glucose Levels and Gene Expression in Type 2 Diabetic Patients,” Takashi Hayashi and Kazuo Murakami, *Life Sciences*, July 29, 2009).

You can add laughter into your life by socializing with funny people, reading joke books and watching humorous films and TV shows. Just like you may have to try different types of sports or exercise until you find what you enjoy, you may have to experiment with different types of humour until you find what makes you laugh. Google “laughter yoga” and practise a contagious form of laughter without a funny stimulus.

Have you heard the joke about the doctor who advised her patient to stop smoking, drinking, eating junk food and staying up late? “Will I live longer?” asked the patient. “No,” replied the doctor. “But it will sure feel longer.” There, you just burned 10 calories!

Gloria Schwartz is a personal trainer at the Soloway JCC and the author of Personal Best: Train Your Brain and Transform Your Body for Life.



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Info: Dawn Paterson 613-798-4696 ext. 272, dpaterson@jewishottawa.com

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Shabbat in the Sukkah at the Glebe Minyan:
Bring new socks, T-shirts or underwear, plus a vegetarian contribution to share. Black bean chilli, challah, apple cider and treats provided.
The Glebe Minyan, 64 Powell Avenue, 5 to 9 pm.
Info: Anna Maranta, 613-867-5505, glebeminyan@gmail.com

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Pancake Breakfast in the Sukkah: Morning and holiday services in the Community Sukkah at the SJCC. Pancake breakfast to follow, 7:30 to 9:30 am
Info: anita@bethshalom.ca

Malca Pass Library Book Discussion Group:
"A Guide for the Perplexed" by Dara Horn will be reviewed by Sophie Kohn-Kaminsky.
Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 7:30 to 9 pm.
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Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Avenue, 10:30 am to 12 pm.
Info: Malachai Handler, 613-513-9910, youth@agudathisrael.net

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

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Hillel Lodge, 10 Nadolny Sachs Private, 2 to 4 pm.
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Ottawa Jewish Community School AGM:
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Info: Ellie Kamil, 613-722-0020, e.kamil@theojcs.ca

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

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The Glebe Minyan, 91A Fourth Avenue, 6 to 9 pm.
Info: Anna Maranta, 613-867-5505, glebeminyan@gmail.com

CANDLE LIGHTING BEFORE

SUKKOT FIRST DAY		SHEMINI ATZERET	
OCTOBER 8	6:12 PM	OCTOBER 15	5:57 PM
SUKKOT SECOND DAY		SIMCHAT TORAH	
OCTOBER 9	AFTER 7:10 PM	OCTOBER 16	AFTER 6:58 PM
OCTOBER 10	6:06 PM	OCTOBER 17	5:53 PM
		OCTOBER 24	5:42 PM

BULLETIN DEADLINES

OCTOBER 22 FOR NOVEMBER 10

UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE AT THE JOSEPH AND ROSE AGES FAMILY BUILDING, 21 NADOLNY SACHS PRIVATE

CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to the families of:

Elizabeth (Croft) Blais

Fern Cohen

Dennis Walter Jacuk

Norman Polowin

Albert Shahin, Montreal
(father of Mike Shahin)

May their memory
be a blessing always.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: AMBASSADOR

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