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Ottawa community marks Yom HaShoah with solemn commemoration

Remembrance was the theme, May 3, as hundreds gathered at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre for the community commemoration of Yom HaShoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day. **Louise Rachlis** reports.

We know that whilst we cannot bring the dead back to life, we can ensure their memories live on and that their deaths were not in vain. And so, on this Yom HaShoah, we commit ourselves to one simple act: Yizkor, Remember?

Those words, from a prayer written by Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, were read by Allan Shefrin near the beginning of Ottawa's Yom HaShoah commemoration.

"Remembering is not only the responsibility of survivors and their relatives, but the duty and obligation of everyone in the worldwide Jewish community and beyond," said Debbie Halton-Weiss, chair of the Shoah Committee of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, which presented the commemoration in collaboration with the Azrieli Foundation.

"History must not only be studied, but experienced, and Yom HaShoah is a time to do that," said Israeli Ambassador Rafael Barak, who brought greetings on behalf of the Jewish state.

Keynote speaker Robbie Waisman, 84, shared his experiences as one of the 426 teenagers liberated from the Buchenwald concentration camp on April 11, 1945.

Waisman described being liberated by Leon Bass, a 19-year-old African American soldier from the United States. Waisman said he thought Bass was an angel because he'd never seen a black man before.

Bass died a few months ago, and Waisman said he misses him. After both being silent for decades, "We travelled together to tell our story."

Waisman described how "after emerging from the abyss, questions bombarded me." His life was shattered, and he wondered, "How will I recapture feelings so I can cry again and laugh again? ... We existed for the moment and every effort was made to survive. We had to relearn how to be human again."

In his early life, he was "spoiled and loved," and he still cherishes those memories. "The power of memory provided the template to lead a caring life."

Waisman quoted author Elie Wiesel, another of the "boys from Buchenwald," who said: "The Nazis did the killing. The Jews did the dying. The world was indifferent."

"It was left to us to serve as a reminder of what can happen and is still happen-



Holocaust survivors (from left) Elly Bollegraaf, Raoul Korngold, Elena Keen, Tova Clark, Agnes Klein, and Jessica Fiksel gather after lighting six memorial candles at the Yom HaShoah commemoration, May 3. (Nestor Hobe is missing from the photo.)

ing again. We have a responsibility to ensure it doesn't happen again to anyone," added Waisman.

Waisman believes the young people of today will work diligently for a better world.

"When I speak at schools, I see hope in their faces," he said.

"What you're doing tonight gives me hope for humanity," he said of the Yom HaShoah commemoration. "This evening, you are following the long-held Jewish concept of 'from generation to generation, L'dor va'dor.' It gives me hope. I am very proud of you."

Waisman was introduced by Shira Benlolo and Cody Miller, Ottawa students who formed a special relationship with him when he accompanied their group on the March of the Living in 2012.

The event also included a video presentation by students who participated in March of the Living last year in which they gave their impressions of their life-changing experience.

"Eleven Ottawa students are presently in Poland participating in this year's March," noted Halton-Weiss. "We are enormously proud of the students who

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The lessons of Nuremberg: Stand up to hate, and remember hate's victims

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Yom HaShoah arrived this year on the eve of two historic anniversaries: the 80th anniversary of the coming into effect of the Nuremberg Race Laws, which served as prologue and precursor to the Holocaust, and the 70th anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials, which served as the foundation for the development of contemporary international human rights and humanitarian law.

This historic juncture was the theme of an international legal symposium on May 3 at Jagiellonian University in Krakow. It was followed the next day by the March of the Living, when some 10,000 young people and survivors marched in remembrance and solidarity from the gates of Auschwitz to Birkenau.

We must ask ourselves two questions: What have we learned? What must we do?

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REMEMBRANCE

The first lesson is the importance of *zachor* (remembrance) of the victims defamed, demonized and dehumanized as prologue and justification for genocide, so that the mass murder of six million Jews, and of millions of non-Jews, is not a matter of abstract statistics.

THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PREVENT STATE-SANCTIONED INCITEMENT TO HATE AND GENOCIDE

The Holocaust succeeded not only because of the industry of death – of which the crematoria are a cruel reminder – but because of the Nazis' state-sanctioned



Irwin Cotler

ideology of hate. Genocide starts with teaching contempt for, and demonizing, the other. As the Supreme Court of Canada affirmed, "The Holocaust did not begin in

the gas chambers – it began with words."

THE RESPONSIBILITY TO COMBAT OLD/NEW ANTI-SEMITISM

Anti-Semitism is the oldest and most enduring of hatreds and the most lethal. If the Holocaust is a metaphor for radical evil, anti-Semitism is a metaphor for radical hatred.

From 1941 to 1944, 1.3 million people were murdered at Auschwitz – of whom, 1.1 million were Jews – recalling Elie Wiesel's dictum that "the Holocaust was a war against the Jews in which not all victims were Jews, but all Jews were victims."

Jews died at Auschwitz because of anti-Semitism, but anti-Semitism did not die there. As we have learned only too tragically, while it begins with Jews, it

doesn't end with Jews.

THE RESPONSIBILITY TO REPUDIATE FALSE WITNESS

The Holocaust denial movement – the cutting edge of anti-Semitism old and new – is not just an assault on Jewish memory in its accusation that the Holocaust is a hoax, and the Jews fabricated the hoax. Rather, it constitutes an international criminal conspiracy to cover up the worst crimes in history. The Holocaust denial movement whitewashes the crimes of the Nazis, as it excoriates the "crimes" of the Jews. And now, in an inversion of the Holocaust, Israel is labelled as a genocidal state and the Jews are smeared as the new Nazis.

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Members of the tribunal presiding over the Nuremberg war crimes trials in 1946.

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Yom HaShoah: Remembering is the responsibility of all

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take part in this challenging, and, as you heard, life-altering experience."

Perhaps the most poignant moments of the evening came as Holocaust survivors – Elly Bollegraaf, Tova Clark, Jessica Fiksel, Nester Hobe, sisters Agnes Klein and Elena Keen, and Raoul Korngold, assisted by students of Temple Israel Religious School – lit the six memorial candles, each representing one million Jews murdered during the Holocaust.

The evening began with the March on the Colours by members of the Ottawa

Post, Jewish War Veterans of Canada and veterans of the Israel Defense Forces, and the singing of "O Canada" and "Hatikvah," led by the Ottawa Jewish Community School Choir.

The evening concluded solemnly with "Kel Maleh Rachamim," a remembrance prayer for the soul of the departed led by Cantor Pinchas Levinson and "Kaddish," led by Cantor Moshe Kraus.

The national Holocaust Remembrance ceremony took place May 5 at the Canadian War Museum. A report will be published in the May 30 edition of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin.



(From left) Shoah Committee Chair Debbie Halton-Weiss, keynote speaker Robbie Waisman, Jewish Federation of Ottawa President and CEO Andrea Freedman, and Israeli Ambassador Rafael Barak gather at the Yom HaShoah commemoration, May 3.

HOWARD SANDLER

Dutch family honoured in Ottawa for heroic efforts during the Holocaust

Among the events marking Yom HaShoah this year in Ottawa was a special reception, May 4, honouring the Makkinje family of Bussum, a suburb just east of Amsterdam in the Netherlands, for its efforts in sheltering the Veffter family from almost certain death during the Holocaust. **Ian Chodikoff** reports.

When the Nazi persecution of Dutch Jews intensified in 1942, flower shop owners Sara and Jonas Veffter, and their six young children, needed a place to hide.

Finding a place of refuge proved difficult, until Rachel, the second oldest of the Veffter children, eventually found them safe haven at her friend Annie Makkinje's house in Bussum. Annie's parents, Jetske and Gerrit Makkinje, agreed to hide all eight members of the Veffter family in their home.

The Veffters spent nearly three years in an upper-level room – just 11-foot by 12-foot – sealed off from the outside world, living in constant fear of being

discovered by neighbours or of being betrayed by passersby. With the help of the Dutch underground, rations, books and medical assistance helped sustain the family.

Following the liberation of the Netherlands in 1945 – largely by the First Canadian Army – Jonas Veffter spent time in the Canadian military hospital in Bussum where he was tended to by Martin Stern, a 21-year-old Canadian soldier.

Martin Stern was invited for Yom Kippur to the Veffter home, where he met Rachel Veffter, whom he later married.

Through Martin Stern, all eight members of the Veffter family moved to Toronto, where the parents opened a flower shop. The Sterns eventually sponsored another 50 members of the extended Veffter family to begin new lives in Canada.

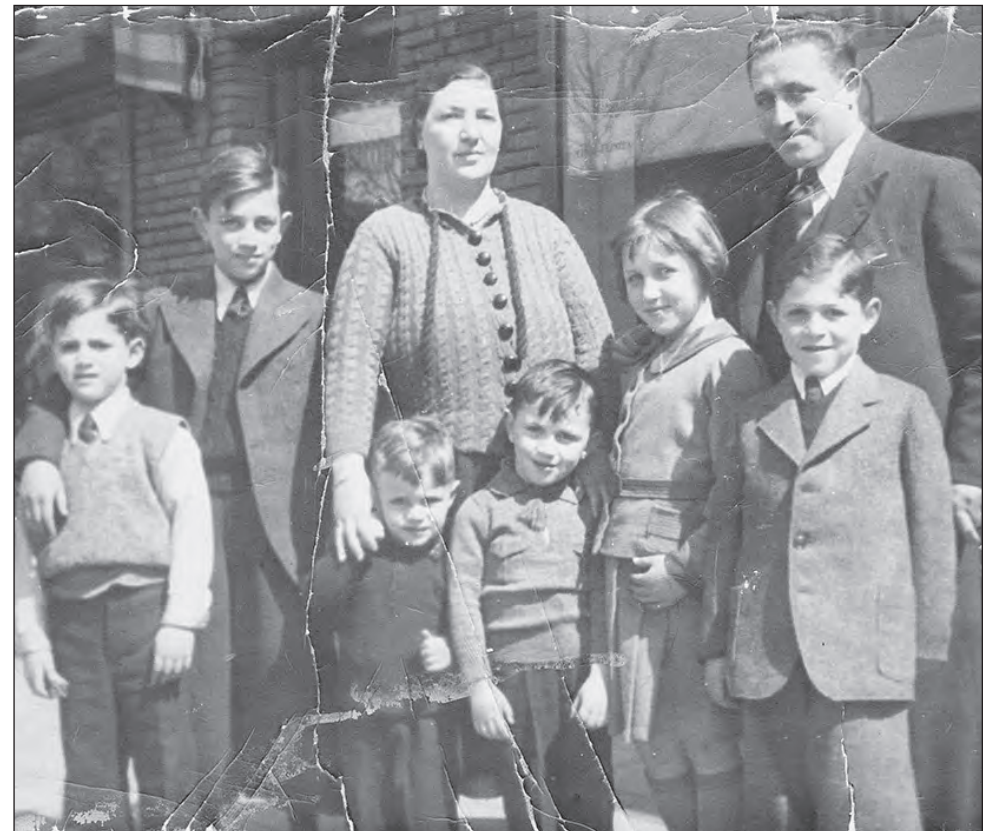
The reception in Ottawa – attended by Ambassador Rafael Barak of Israel and Ambassador Cees Kole of the Netherlands – recognized the great sacrifice of the Makkinje family in hiding the Veffter family from the Nazis.

The event was an important opportunity for members of the Veffter family to gather together – many for the first time – to express their deep gratitude to the Makkinje family.

Although Rachel Veffter Stern passed away several years ago, her husband Martin Stern, now 93, was able to attend the ceremony. Their son, Dr. Hartley Stern, CEO of the Canadian Medical Protective Association and vice-chair of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, was the driving force behind the event.

Hartley Stern's desire to initiate the event came from a long-term personal "mission" to thank the Makkinje family, whose heroic efforts have remained largely unrecognized for more than 70 years. His sister went to the Netherlands to invite the Makkinje family to Ottawa.

"I wanted to do more than just say 'thank you' to the Makkinjes. I wanted my children and my children's children to understand and remember [the Holocaust] through a personal connection," explained Hartley Stern, who first



Sara and Jonas Veffter, in front of their flower shop in Bussum before the Second World War, with their six children.

visited the Makkinje house with his wife in 1981.

The Makkinje family was represented in Ottawa by Jan Makkinje, the younger brother of Rachel Veffter's friend Annie Makkinje, and by Gerda Betzema, Annie's daughter.

With the Dutch tulips blooming in Canada's capital, giving thanks to the Makkinje family in Ottawa on Yom

HaShoah held tremendous significance. It was a day to not only commemorate the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust, but also an opportunity to recognize the heroic actions of families like the Makkinjes.

Their story teaches us about sacrifice, survival through hardship – and the importance of gratitude.

With files from Ariel Vered.



Rachel Veffter Stern and Martin Stern on their wedding day outside the synagogue in Bussum.



The Veffter family flower shop in Bussum with the word "Jood" scrawled on the front window.

Hundreds of high school students learn about the Holocaust from survivor

Holocaust survivor and author **Felicia Carmelly** spoke to 1,400 Ottawa-area high school students about her experiences before, during and after the Second World War. **Louise Rachlis** reports.

Finding shelter with a Jewish Ukrainian family of five after a long and brutal death march, 10-year-old Felicia Steigman and her parents crammed in with other deportees to make an additional 18 more people living together in two rooms.

To accommodate everyone sleeping in the cramped little hut in the Shargorod ghetto, the men located some old wooden boards and built a makeshift second floor.

Soon they all became infested with bedbugs. "What are you so upset about?" asked the grandmother of the Ukrainian family. "This is a sign that you are alive."

With her long silver hair piled on her head, Felicia (Steigman) Carmelly sipped from a water bottle and told spellbound high school students that and other stories about how she survived before,

during and after the Second World War. That "temporary" shelter lasted three years, she said.

The Toronto resident was addressing 700 Ottawa-area high school students, April 12, at Algonquin College Commons Theatre as part of Holocaust remembrance and education activities organized by the Azrieli Foundation and Shoah (Holocaust) Committee of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa.

Carmelly, author of "Across the Rivers of Memory," published last year as part of the Azrieli Foundation Holocaust Survivors Memoirs Program, spoke to a second group of high school students on April 13. All of the students attending the events received a copy of the book.

"The purpose of this event is to teach the next generation so that we don't make the mistakes of the past," said

Shoah Committee Chair Debbie Halton-Weiss.

Carmelly was born in Vatra Dornei, Romania, in 1931. Her early life was pleasant until anti-Semitism in Romania began to escalate. She described the anti-Semitic rules that bombarded Jews daily.

"It wasn't just that we had to wear the yellow star; the rules about wearing it were changed every day, just to harass people," she said.

She and her parents arrived in Transnistria, a part of occupied Ukraine under Romanian administration, in 1941. She survived, together with her parents, maternal grandmother and a few other relatives, but 36 members of her family, including her paternal grandparents, perished.

In an interview with the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin before her presentation to the high school students gathered at Algonquin College, Carmelly described how hard it was for survivors with little social and psychological support in the years following the Holocaust. The term for post-traumatic stress disorder, PTSD, had not yet been developed.

"I don't feel guilty I survived," she said. "I feel guilty so many passed away."

In 1959, Carmelly and her family emigrated from communist Romania to Israel. Three years later, they immigrated



Holocaust survivor and author Felicia Carmelly speaks to Ottawa-area high school students about her experiences, April 12, at Algonquin College.

to Montreal, where she spent 10 years, and earned her master's degree in social work. She moved to Toronto in 1972.

She founded the Toronto-based Transnistria Survivors' Association in
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Carmelly: 'Important these stories not be forgotten'

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1994 and published the anthology "Shattered! 50 Years of Silence: History and Voices of the Tragedy in Romania and Transnistria" in 1997.

During the question and answer period following Carmelly's talk, a teacher asked what his students should know before visiting Auschwitz next year.

"Building a better world for all people is in your hands," she said. "You have a responsibility."

Before her talk, Carmelly said the message she wanted to convey to the students was that "no matter what your difficulties are in life, if you persist, and put your heart and soul into it, you can do it."

She said she couldn't even speak English when she first enrolled at McGill University but studied with a pile of dictionaries beside her.

"I also had very good local friends, played Scrabble and watched television." When her English was a little better, she taught English as a second language to new immigrants. "I had chutzpah."

Carmelly said she often thinks about what her life would have been like if not for the Holocaust.

"I wouldn't have been a person with

such ambition and drive. I became that because of so many obstacles in my path," she said.

Elin Beaumont of the Azrieli Foundation thanked the students and teachers for attending the event.

"It's important that these stories not be forgotten," she said.

Beaumont showed photos and described events of the Holocaust, telling the students "it may seem difficult to connect with the Holocaust because it is so far away and so long ago." But then she showed them the front page of a Quebec newspaper from the 1930s with an anti-Semitic headline and asked them to guess where it was from.

"One person can actually make a difference," said Beaumont. "Reading, hearing and listening to these people ... I want you to share these stories and to pass on to others what you have witnessed today."

"On behalf of those who cannot speak," Carmelly told the students, "I say it's not what you stand for; it's what you stand up for that's important."

Visit www.azrielifoundation.org for more information about the Azrieli Foundation and its Holocaust Survivors Memoir Program.



Speaker and author Felicia Carmelly (right) with Debbie Halton-Weiss, chair of the Shoah Committee of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa (left) and Elin Beaumont of the Azrieli Foundation, April 13, at Algonquin College.

Notice of Annual General Meeting



The Jewish Federation of Ottawa will hold its 82nd Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Social Hall of the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building. The entire Jewish community of Ottawa is invited to attend.

The Nominating Committee proposes that the following individuals be elected to serve a term of two (2) years as members of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, serving to June 2018:

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The Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa thanks the following directors who will be completing their terms in June 2016:

Jennifer Kardash
Mike Shahin

Section 11.22 of the by-laws states that "At least thirty (30) days before the annual general meeting, the board of directors shall send

the Nominating Committee report to each Full Member and invite each Full Member to provide the President and Chief Executive Officer, at least fourteen (14) days before the annual meeting, the name of any additional candidates which he/she wishes to nominate, together with a letter of support from five (5) other Full Members of the Corporation and a statement by the candidate of interest and qualifications."

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P2G encourages our partners in the Upper Galilee to work together

from programs here, and then move to the ‘State of Tel Aviv,’” says Itzik Turgeman of the Rashi Foundation, which works with youth in peripheral regions of Israel. “The key is to create opportunities so they can stay in this region.”

The Jewish federations of Montreal and Toronto each have their own partnership regions. Ottawa is one of six federations in the Coast-to-Coast Partnership, which also includes Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg and Atlantic Canada.

Part of the money we raise in our Jewish Federation of Ottawa Annual Campaign goes towards projects and programs in the Upper Galilee, which includes the cities of Kiryat Shmona and Metulla, as well as dozens of *moshavim* (agricultural communities) and *kibbutzim*.

P2G chairs from Canada meet twice a year – in Canada in the spring and in Israel in the fall – with mayors, lay leaders and professionals from our partnership region.

There’s no shortage of excitement when we visit P2G initiatives in Israel. In Yesud HaMa’ala, a *moshav* of 540 families in the Hula Valley, for example, elementary school students design and build their own gardens.

“I couldn’t have anticipated such amazing results – the work ethic and the dedication are remarkable,” says Amit Sheam, the young computer science teacher who came up with the idea.

The kids aren’t just nurturing the flowers and vegetables, they’re studying such issues as which plants attract butterflies, which have medicinal properties, and how to grow heirloom plants. And the community is raising money for a greenhouse where more agricultural experiments can be conducted.

The ruins of an ancient synagogue lay a few hundred metres from the school, so students can literally get their hands dirty, digging for artifacts.

At Emek HaHula Regional High School in Kibbutz Kfar Blum, students participate in national and international robotics competitions, including the annual FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) International Robotics Competition near Tel Aviv.

The team’s unprecedented third-place finish this year was the culmination of two months of intensive work by more than 35 students and six teachers, who prefer to be called “mentors.” Besides scientific and technological skills, the students learn teamwork, problem-solving and even fundraising – they had to raise almost \$16,000 CAD of the \$34,000 budget.

P2G’s benefits to the region go far beyond funding, school twinning and student exchange programs. The process has encouraged our Israeli partners to work together on projects that benefit the entire region, rather than fighting for pet projects limited to one specific area. And the mayors have a united front when they meet with their counterparts from elsewhere in the north.

The Ottawa contingent of the Jewish Women’s Renaissance Project will be spending a day in our P2G region in November. On your next trip to Israel, consider heading north to visit P2G projects and see what you have helped to build.

Robots for international competitions. Gardens and greenhouses to explore scientific questions. Archaeological digs for elementary school students.

These and many other innovative initiatives are generating much-deserved excitement in our Partnership 2Gether (P2G) region in the Upper Galilee.

The aim of these educational and social initiatives is not just to give young people in the north of Israel the best training for the future, but to find ways for them to create that future without leaving the north.

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The Jewish community and the Jewish home

synagogue experience, Jewish schooling, Jewish summer camps and the like. These are experiences that allow us to connect with our local and global Jewish community.

The second component, the Jewish home, is where a family experiences Judaism together, where Jewish values are strengthened and where a strong Jewish identity is fostered. Although both components are essential, the Jewish home has always been the primary source where the Jewish family was fortified and where our connection to and enthusiasm for Judaism was nurtured.

It is in the home where parents instruct their children on how to keep kosher. It is in the home where parents teach children to kiss the mezuzah, recite blessings, place coins in a charity box and pass on Jewish tradition and values. It is in the home where families take one day out of each week to celebrate Shabbat together. It is in the home where Jewish holidays like Passover are celebrated. Whereas the focal point of many religions is their places of worship, the heartbeat of Judaism is in the home.

Many will tell you that the secret to Jewish survival is what happens in the Jewish home. Judaism holds the Jewish home and the purity of the Jewish family

in great esteem, even greater than that of the place of worship. An illustration of this in Jewish law can be seen from the precedence that building of a *mikvah* (ritual bath) has over maintaining a synagogue. A community of limited financial resources is required to sell its synagogue building or Torah scroll in order to raise funds to build a mikvah. While the synagogue represents the community, the mikvah is a symbol of the family and the Jewish home.

The discussion continues as to whether synagogues are doing enough to attract young families and provide experiences for parents and their children on Shabbat morning. However, allow me to suggest that, along with the community component, we need to call attention to the Jewish home component. Doing something different in the home as a family on Friday night or Saturday in honour of Shabbat will have a lasting impact on the children. While it is true that a shul has to be more than just a place of worship, it is also true that the home has to be more than just the place in which we live. Let us bring the Jewish home and family spirit of Passover with us into the rest of the year. Let us allow our homes be permeated with Jewish experiences. For the Jewish home is where a strong Jewish identity is formed.

We recently celebrated Passover when we gathered in our homes with family and friends to remember the story of our Exodus from Egypt and read the Haggadah at the seder table. Haggadah means “the telling” based on the verse, “You shall tell your son on that day (Exodus 13:8). With its reading, we fulfil the biblical obligation of relating the Exodus story to our children. Passover is a holiday that truly revolves around the Jewish home, the Jewish family, and the duty of parents to pass on our history, culture and tradition to the next generation.

Jewish life comprises two components: the Jewish community and the Jewish home.

Jewish community life includes the

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FROM THE EDITOR



MICHAEL REGENSTREIF

In memory of my father, Al Regenstreif – 1926-2016

I inherited some things from my father. My sense of humour, my love of reading, my appreciation of politics, and culture, especially Jewish culture, all came directly from my dad. What I didn't really begin to understand, until these last few years, was that my love for music must have come through him, too.

In the last few years, he began to sing around the house, almost all the time, and I was astounded at how many different songs, and how many different kinds of songs, he knew and remembered from so long ago.

My father spent most of his working life in service to the Jewish community. He had a distinguished career working for such organizations as State of Israel Bonds, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Canadian Friends of Bar Ilan University, and, most particularly, the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, where he spent the last 19 years of his career as executive director of the hospital's foundation before retiring in 1997 at age 71.

During his time at the Jewish General, he managed a capital campaign in 1984 and '85 that raised \$27 million – then the largest single capital campaign in the history of Canada's Jewish community.

Partly because he was proud of anything I've done over the years, and partly because of his own history in service to the Jewish community, my father felt a great deal of pride to see me working in Jewish community journalism.

And I've felt so honoured over the years I've been editing the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin that he always proudly sent my columns around to so many friends and relatives.

My parents got married in 1948, when my mother was just 20 years old and my father 22. They started out in Montreal and moved to Calgary, where my brothers and I were born in the 1950s.

In the 1960s, we also lived in Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary again, and Vancouver again, before the family moved back to Montreal in 1968. Through it all, my parents were always

there for each other, and for me and my brothers, always so supportive of whatever endeavours we've pursued over the years.

The last few years have presented some very difficult health challenges for my parents.

My father lost a kidney about 10 years ago. Then, about four years ago, his other kidney failed, forcing him onto dialysis at the hospital for four or five hours at a time, three times a week. And, in the past couple of years, it became harder and harder for him to walk very much. But, still determined to get around, he got himself an electric scooter.

Also, about a year ago, my mother had a stroke, from which, thank God, she's recovered remarkably well and with remarkable determination. But, with me and Sylvie in Ottawa and my brother Ian in Toronto, the day-to-day responsibility for helping my parents was taken up by my brother Arthur, the only one of us still in Montreal.

I can't begin to express our appreciation for how wonderful Arthur has been and for everything he's done for my parents – and continues to do for my mother.

We're going to miss my father always, but we take great comfort in the love we shared and in the memories that will remain with us forever.

My father, Albert Regenstreif – better known as Al, or, to some, as Boomie – passed away in Montreal on April 14, less than two months before he would have turned 90.

My father was a special guy – loving, supportive, funny, always there for me, my brothers, my mother, and for so many others.

I'm very grateful that my father lived such a long life, so full of vitality until the very end. I feel very lucky that he was in my life for such a long time. His own father, my grandfather, died in 1937 when my dad was just 11 years old. So I got to spend more than 50 years longer with my father in my life than he had with his father.

IDEAS AND IMPRESSIONS



JASON MOSCOVITZ

Just how low can the U.S. election campaign go?

people watch him on TV because they can't imagine what he might say next. And therein is the fuse that lit up the primary race for the U.S. presidency.

A primary election debate normally draws an audience of about three million people. At its high point, one of the recent Republican debates drew 23 million. Like true theatre, pure entertainment is about people sitting on the edge of their seats not knowing what to expect.

Like a school yard fight, there is no doubt Trump started it, and the result was the pious atmosphere. For cable news networks, big money and big audiences are the dream of TV executives who hold their noses as politics is transformed into a spectacle that is ruled by the economics of how profitable outrage can be.

In the British parliamentary system, upon which so many democracies are based, the words "liar" and "lies" are outlawed by the rules of debate in parliament. For centuries, it has been considered rude, undignified and terribly insulting to state that an opponent is a liar, or that he or she told a lie. Well, so much for that.

In this American election race, calling an opponent a "liar" has become so

common there is not the slightest speck of shock value left. It will be interesting to see how far it goes. Our neighbours have entered a new political world where anything goes, leaving them wondering just how low it can go.

When traditions, good and bad, are swallowed up by change, there are always brief periods of sadness. Nostalgic reflections are part of the mourning process. But, remarkably quickly, it becomes business as usual as the new reality replaces the old.

And while this huge sea change has occurred in the United States, it will not necessarily end there. We are fortunate in Canada. Our election campaign last fall was just winding down as Donald Trump was winding up, but you can sense in other Western capitals that the rules of engagement in the political world may very well be turning to a harsher reality. Just look at today's world of hyper-connectivity with reality TV daring to go further and further.

It used to be reassuring to think leaders could oppose each other while respecting the rules of the game, as well as each other. While voters always knew in their hearts that real life wasn't like that, at

least they knew people in the public eye made an effort to set a higher standard for society to strive for.

In a utopian way, it was good to see political leaders lead the way in terms of proper codes of public discourse and decorum. For many, for so long, it actually provided examples of leadership qualities Americans were comfortable with. The problem was it was never authentic. Making it seem so was, and remains, the art of politics.

There is an indisputable truth about politics. Politics are about human beings trying to beat each other – and history tells us most political losers carry grudges forever. Within political parties, the interpersonal competition is ferocious. One's opponents, it was once said, are one's opponents, while people in one's own party are the enemy.

Openly bringing politics to its baseline of human frailties like jealousy, greed and ego is a remarkable change, and abandoning political correctness means an unavoidable public display of ugliness. There is no middle ground.

How is it going to swing back to a more sane and subtle political environment? There is hope the American campaign will become more "presidential" now that Trump is the presumptive Republican nominee. No doubt, however, the dykes have been sprung open.

Canadians can only hope the spillover is contained.

There was never a time Canadians were this interested in an American election process, or, as they say, an American election cycle, which goes full steam for 18 exhausting months. Even people who never thought much about politics find themselves watching this one.

This American election cycle turned the usually predictable, stiff collared series of debates and speeches into a full blown vaudeville act. So often, commentators said, a new low in outrage was reached and Americans can now only hope the worst is behind them.

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Ontario Jewish Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the vital role that Jewish Canadians have played, and continue to play, in communities across our province.

Please accept my sincere best wishes for a memorable and inspiring celebration.

Kathleen Wynne, Premier

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Cotler: Survivors of the Holocaust are true heroes of humanity

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THE DANGER OF INDIFFERENCE AND INACTION IN THE FACE OF MASS ATROCITY

Holocaust crimes resulted not only from state-sanctioned incitement to hatred and genocide, but from crimes of indifference and from conspiracies of silence – from the international community as bystander.

What makes the Holocaust, and more recently, the Rwandan genocide, so unspeakable, is not only the horror of the genocide itself, but that these genocides were preventable.

Indifference and inaction always means coming down on the side of the victimizer, never on the side of the victim. In the face of evil, indifference is acquiescence, if not complicity in evil itself.

THE RESPONSIBILITY TO BRING WAR CRIMINALS TO JUSTICE

If the last century was the age of atrocity, it was also the age of impunity. Few of the perpetrators – despite the Nuremberg Trials – were brought to justice.

Just as there must be no sanctuary for hate, no refuge for bigotry, there must be no base or sanctuary for these enemies of humankind. Impunity only emboldens and encourages the war criminals and war crimes.

THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER

The Holocaust was made possible not only because of the “bureaucratization of genocide,” as described by Robert Lifton and personified by Adolf Eichmann – but because of the “trahison des clerics,” the complicity of the elites, including physicians, church leaders, judges, lawyers, engineers, architects and educators.

It is our responsibility, then, to speak truth to power, to hold power accountable to truth.

THE RESPONSIBILITY TO INTERVENE

It is revealing, as Henry Friedlander pointed out in his work “The Origins of Nazi Genocide,” that the first group targeted for killing was the Jewish disabled.

It is our responsibility to give voice to the voiceless and

to empower the powerless, be they the disabled, poor, elderly, women victimized by violence or vulnerable children – the most vulnerable of the vulnerable.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF RESCUE

Remembrance and tribute must be paid to the rescuers, the Righteous Among the Nations, like Raoul Wallenberg, who demonstrated that one person with the compassion to care and the courage to act can confront evil, resist and transform history. Tragically, the man who saved so many was not himself saved by those who could have. We have a responsibility to help discover the fate of this great hero of the Holocaust, whom the United Nations called the greatest humanitarian of the 20th century. (The Raoul Wallenberg International Roundtable, to be held May 20-21 at Budapest's Holocaust Memorial Centre, will attempt to do just that.)

THE RESPONSIBILITY TO REMEMBER THE SURVIVORS

We must always remember – and celebrate – the survivors of the Holocaust, the true heroes of humanity. They witnessed and endured the worst of inhumanity, but somehow found, in the depths of their own humanity, the courage to go on, to rebuild their lives as they helped build our communities.

Together with them, we must remember – and pledge – that never again will we be indifferent to incitement and hate; never again will we be silent in the face of evil; never again will we indulge racism and anti-Semitism; never again will we ignore the plight of the vulnerable, and never again will we be indifferent in the face of mass atrocity and impunity.

We will speak up – and act – against racism, against hate, against anti-Semitism, against mass atrocity, against injustice, and against the crime of crimes whose name we should shudder to mention: genocide.

Irwin Cotler is a former minister of justice and attorney general of Canada and was a member of Parliament from 1999 to 2015. He is professor emeritus of law at McGill University and founding chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights.





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Historic challenge rooted in hope and in Ottawa

According to sources quoted in Wikipedia, in the summer of 1927, then-JNF president Mendel Ussishkin travelled to Ottawa from Israel and stayed with Ottawa's iconic businessman, philanthropist and vocal advocate for a Jewish homeland, A.J. Freiman, then president of the Canadian Zionist Organization, a post he held for 25 years. Ussishkin presented a challenge to Freiman: Would he demonstrate his support for a Jewish homeland by helping to raise funds for Emek Hefher, a key Biblical site also known as the Plain of Sharon?

As documented by biographer Bernard Figler in "Lillian and Archie Freiman: Biographies," Freiman was very passionate about the creation of a Jewish homeland and said in 1922, "Today we have that very opportunity our fathers and forefathers prayed for, for nigh 2,000 years. Whereas they lived with the hope of return to our Homeland as a mirage, an ideal, we live with the return as a fact to be accomplished - if we only will it. Consider then what a magnificent privilege is ours today."

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Having the will translated to considerable fundraising. Even though, according to Figler's book, Ussishkin's proposition almost propelled Freiman to resign from his presidency, he proposed the motion that was accepted at the 21st Zionist Convention in Winnipeg. The cost of \$1,000,000 was not an easy goal to accomplish. According to David Azrieli in "Rekindling the Torch," his book on Canadian Zionism, Canadian Jews had only contributed \$25,000 a year towards the Jewish National Fund in previous years.

With the ensuing Depression of 1929, it would take 10 years to pay down the cost of the land purchase. The history of the purchase is documented in "Canada's Jews: A People's Journey," by Gerald Tulchinsky, a professor emeritus of History at Queen's University.

Closer to home, the historic activities of the early Zionist organizations is also in Library and Archives Canada, with the archival report prepared by Ottawa's Lawrence Tapper.

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Scottish Jews featured in photo exhibit at Soloway JCC

BY MAXINE MISKA
SOLOWAY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

An official Jewish tartan, weaving symbolic colours of Judaism into the Scottish rubric of tartan design, was unveiled in Scotland in March. Perhaps this tartan is a perfect representation of Scottish Jews: a clan distinct, but part of the fabric of life in Scotland.

Ottawa's Jewish community now has the opportunity for an intimate glimpse of Jewish life in Scotland through an exhibition of black and white photographs, "Scots Jews: Identity, Belonging and the Future," at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC) from May 15 until June 10 (a vernissage was scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 4 pm).

Documentary photographer Judah Passow spent 2013 photographing Scotland's Jewish community, travelling across the country producing a portrait that captures the complexity and diversity of contemporary Scottish Jewish life.

As stated in the exhibition text, "There have been Jews in Scotland since at least the 17th century, coming initially in ones and twos to study at Scotland's famed universities and then in increasing numbers through the 19th and into the 20th centuries as persecution in Eastern Europe made Jewish life increasingly precarious. While maintaining its particular traditions, the Jewish community prided itself in the way it quickly became immersed in Scottish society. The religious, educational and welfare institutions established were expressions of communal confidence - and confidence in Scotland. Jews had arrived in a land that uniquely for Europe had no history of state-sanctioned anti-Semitism."

Passow, a London-based photographer, has won four World Press Photo awards for his coverage of conflict in the Middle East. His photographs have been published in leading British newspapers including the Guardian, the Observer, the Times and Sunday Times, the Daily and Sunday Telegraph and the Independent. He has contributed regularly to Time, Newsweek and the New York Times. His book, "Shattered Dreams," looking back at 25 years of his coverage of Israel's conflict with the Palestinians, was published in 2008.



Guests wait for the bride and groom to leave the historic Garnethill synagogue in Glasgow at the end of an Orthodox wedding ceremony. JUDAH PASSOW

"Judah Passow has an extraordinary ability to distil complex situations into powerfully loaded images that are deceptively simple to look at. His signature black-and-white technique has cut-glass clarity and beauty with a sensual quality that seduces the viewer to engage with even the grimmest reality," notes photography critic Steve Mayes in "Witness: The World's Greatest News Photographers" by Reuel Golden.

This exhibition has been mounted at 92Y in New York City, Miles Nadel JCC in Toronto, JCCs in Poland and various sites in Scotland. It is co-sponsored in Ottawa by Temple Israel and the SJCC. The exhibition can be viewed during SJCC hours of operation.

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Popular Israeli café chain opens first Ottawa location

BY BENITA BAKER

Two months after opening its doors to the public at Lansdowne Park, *aroma espresso bar*, the popular Israeli café chain, hosted a grand opening celebration, April 17, for its first Ottawa location.

More than 1,000 people attended the daylong festivities, which included live entertainment, promotions, contests

and a ribbon-cutting ceremony presided over by Deputy Head of Mission Shlomit Sufa of the Embassy of Israel in Ottawa.

“Israel is a multicultural country where east meets west and the sounds, sights and savours of the world come together,” said Sufa. “With a diverse menu that includes items such as bourekas from Turkey and shakshouka from Morocco, *aroma* exemplifies the eclectic flavours of Israel. It is a pleasure to welcome *aroma* to Canada’s national capital, and I hope the people of Canada, one of the world’s most multicultural societies, will enjoy a little taste of Israel’s diversity.”

Considered the Starbucks or Tim Hortons of Israel, *aroma* was founded in 1994. In addition to Israel, the chain now has more than 165 locations around the world. The first Canadian location opened in Toronto in 2007.

The Lansdowne franchise is being run by Alasdair Grant, 32. He describes *aroma* as distinctive because it combines a health-focused menu with excellent coffee.

“The best coffee shops don’t have good food and the best cafés don’t have good coffee,” said Grant. “*aroma* offers both. Our food is fresh, simple, affordable, delicious, locally sourced and made to order. Our coffee, roasted in Israel, is better than what you will find



Alasdair Grant of *aroma espresso bar* and Deputy Head of Mission Shlomit Sufa of the Embassy of Israel cut the ribbon at the grand opening of *aroma*’s first Ottawa location at Lansdowne Park, April 17.

anywhere else.”

aroma’s Canadian origins stem from a homesick Israeli studying at the University of Toronto. Anat Davidzon missed the coffeehouses she frequented at home and approached *aroma*’s Israeli owners about expanding into Canada.

From the outset, *aroma* has incorporated social responsibility as one of its fundamental corporate values. In addition to employing workers with special needs, it supports local charities, non-profit organizations and community events, and actively solicits requests for sponsorships or donations by providing application forms on its web site.

Grant said almost three years of planning went into opening the

Lansdowne Park location, but it was more than worth it. Ottawans have embraced the bright and airy espresso bar, with its lively modern décor, high ceilings, cozy red chairs and nutritious food.

“Ottawa is a health-conscious city, and we are a health-focused restaurant committed to fresh, wholesome ingredients, quality coffee and great service,” said Grant. “I am proud to be part of the Ottawa community, especially here at Lansdowne Park.”

Grant plans an outdoor patio that will take advantage of the café’s prime corner location. It will undoubtedly become a popular people-watching spot on summer days. A liquor licence is also on Grant’s to-do list.



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Smuggled out of ghetto, newly discovered photo trove turns out to be family of famous Jewish scholars from Montreal

BY URIEL HEILMAN

(JTA) – When documentary photographer Richard Schofield stumbled upon a trove of unidentified prewar photographs in September 2013 in the storage room of the Sugihara House museum in Kaunas, Lithuania, he knew he had found something special.

The photos, dating from about 1910 through 1940, were from a Lithuanian Jewish family's album that had been smuggled out of the city's wartime Jewish ghetto and entrusted to a non-Jewish Lithuanian family for safekeeping. But nobody knew what had happened to the people in the pictures. Presumably they had not survived the war to reclaim their photos.

Touched by the images and intrigued to learn what had happened to their subjects, Schofield set about trying to identify them. He scanned the 112 photos, set up a Facebook page to showcase them and commissioned a piece of music to accompany an exhibition of the photographs that would mark the 75th anniversary of the ghetto in Kaunas, then known as Kovno.

"People started helping us with the translations of the writings on the photographs, and some things started to become clear," said Schofield, the founder of the International Centre of Litvak Photography.

"We worked out that the woman in many of the photographs was called Anna (or Anushka). There were some strong musical connections in the family. We could see other things, too. I was really falling in love with these pictures."

Then, in late March, by a twist of serendipity, a non-Jewish archivist who worked at the Jewish museum in the Lithuanian capital city of Vilnius noticed something: After clicking through the photographs and doing a bit of sleuthing,

Saule Valiunaite realized that one of the photos appeared in a Holocaust documentary film made in 1999.

It turns out the photos weren't of some obscure Jewish family but that of two of North America's best-known Yiddish scholars: Ruth Wisse of Harvard University (formerly of McGill University) and her brother David Roskies of the Jewish Theological Seminary. Roskies had written a memoir about his family, "Yiddishlands," in 2008. A third sibling, Eva Roskies Raby, is a former director of Montreal's Jewish Public Library.

The album Schofield had found belonged to Anushka Warshawski, the siblings' aunt, who had perished during the Holocaust, in October 1943, along with the rest of her family.

"Saule got in touch with us and sure enough there is our aunt's album," said Wisse, who appears in one of the photos. "Many of these pictures are not only familiar to us but are the same ones as

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COURTESY OF RICHARD SCHOFIELD

After a documentary photographer stumbled upon Anushka Warshawski's photo album, it took some sleuthing to figure out who she was.

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Photos: 'A huge piece of the puzzle' falls into place

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those in our mother's album that she brought over in 1940. We grew up with these photographs."

Of Anushka's 10 siblings, only two survived the war. One had immigrated to America decades before the Holocaust. The other was Wisse and Roskies' mother, Masha, who fled Czernowitz (then part of Romania) for Montreal in 1940. For her children, who grew up on their mother's stories of life before the war, the album's discovery offered some tantalizing new details about family members they had been hearing about their whole lives.

"When I saw these pictures, it felt like a huge piece of the puzzle had fallen into place," Roskies told JTA in an interview from Jerusalem, where he is spending a semester teaching at Hebrew University.

"It was a huge family, and they all died," Roskies said. "My mother dedicated the rest of her life to keeping the memory of that family alive. She told stories about them three times a day, at breakfast, lunch and dinner. My mother believed that history ended in 1940, that everything important ended the moment she left Europe.

"These stories were like her Bible, they were the reference point for her whole subsequent life. We were constantly reminded of these people we never met and would never meet. They became our surrogate family."

The newly discovered album confirms the special bond between his mother and Anushka, Roskies said. The two sisters (half-sisters, actually, since Masha was born to her mother's second husband) corresponded and sent photos back and forth during the years after they married and lived apart – Anushka in Kovno and Masha in Vilna and then Czernowitz. They reunited only once during those years, in Czernowitz in 1938. After that, they never saw each other again.

"Just as my mother was religiously saving these pictures of Anushka and her other sisters and their children, Anushka was doing the exact same thing in Kovno," said Roskies, the Sol and Evelyn Henkind chair in Yiddish literature and culture at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

In one picture, there's a young Ruth Wisse (then Roskies), probably age four, bundled up against the snow and venturing forth on ice skates. Ruth was one of two children Masha had in Czernowitz before the war; she had two more in Montreal. David Roskies, now 68, is the youngest. Wisse, recently retired from Harvard as its Martin Peretz professor of Yiddish literature and professor of comparative literature, now lives in New York.



COURTESY OF RICHARD SCHOFIELD

Yiddish scholar Ruth Wisse, here probably age 4, appearing in her Aunt Anushka's photo album.

In another photograph is Nyonya, Masha's favourite brother, in his Red Army uniform from the First World War. He died in the influenza epidemic of 1918. Some photographs feature Anushka with her second husband at a lumberyard, suggesting that may have been the source of his considerable wealth, according to Roskies. There are also quite a few photos of Anushka's first husband, with whom she had a child who later disappeared into the Soviet gulag, and shots of Anushka at an orphanage where she may have worked.

Still fresh in the discovery stage, Masha's three surviving children – Roskies in Jerusalem, Wisse in New York and Raby in Montreal – are trying to piece together many essential details about the photographs.

Schofield, who is still recovering from the shock of the discovery, is raising money for a piece of music he's calling the "Kaunas Requiem" that he hopes to stage at an installation in September to mark the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Kaunas/Kovno Ghetto. He's not yet sure how he'll incorporate the new information about the photographs.

"When I found the photographs, I thought it would be nice to put names to faces. I never really thought about what I would do if that happened," said

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Anushka Warshawski (centre) smuggled her photo album out of the Kovno ghetto shortly before its liquidation and her death in 1943.

COURTESY OF RICHARD SCHOFIELD

Photos: Anushka wanted Masha's family to have album

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Schofield, a non-Jewish native of Britain who has been living in Lithuania for the past 15 years and says he is endlessly fascinated by the vanished Jewish past of his adopted city. "It's all pretty incredible, really. It's been a bit of a roller coaster."

He credits Valiunaite, who works as a historian in the Department of Righteous Gentiles at the Vilna Gaon Jewish State Museum, with putting the pieces together.

Valiunaite says she figured out the connection to Roskies by finding a match between a sanatorium resort that appeared in the photographs and Lithuanian records showing the resort was owned by the Warshawski family. She later discovered that Anushka had something of a musical career – a detail mentioned in Roskies' book and in a 45-minute documentary film from 1999 called "Daughter of Vilna: The Life in Song of Masha Roskies." The final proof was a photo in the film that matched one found in the trove.

Valiunaite contacted Wisse and Roskies immediately, about six weeks ago.

"They're quite famous, so it's easy to find them," Valiunaite said.

The fact that Anushka went to the trouble of smuggling the album out of the Kovno ghetto speaks volumes, Roskies said. By the time of the ghetto's liquidation, in 1943, it must have been clear to the Jews who remained that they, too, soon would be headed to their deaths, Roskies surmises.

"Why would Anushka care about a photo album if she was going to die?" Roskies asked. "She knew Masha had escaped to Canada and survived. What must have been going through Anushka's head was: 'We reached the end of the line. The ghettos are being depleted. I want Masha to have this album, so I have to find a way of getting it to her.'"

Though Masha died in 1999 at 93, Roskies says the photos' discovery is still a homecoming.

"If we hadn't been raised from childhood morning, noon and night on these stories, they would just be photographs, fading pictures," Roskies said. "But it's not like looking at artifacts. We know who these people were; their disappointments, their lives, their aspirations and the extremely complicated lives they all lived. And now this album is being reunited with the family Anushka wanted to have it."

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Israeli forward Idan Vered joins Ottawa Fury FC

BY LOUISE RACHLIS

Two weeks after arriving in Ottawa, Israeli soccer player Idan Vered, a forward, was practising in the snow and getting used to his new team, the Ottawa Fury FC of the North American Soccer League.

Vered was signed in March to add offensive depth to the squad. The Fury FC plays its home games at TD Place stadium at Lansdowne Park.

“He’s a dynamic forward, he’s quick and he can score goals,” said Fury FC head coach Paul Dalglish. “We’ve kind of got away from that target forward style of play and we try to have a system with three dynamic forwards, and he’s going to be a really good complement to our team.”

Vered, 27, played on Israeli teams – including Hakoah Amidar Ramat Gan, Beitar Jerusalem and Maccabi Haifa – before playing last year in Serbia for Red Star Belgrade in the Serbian SuperLiga. He is a graduate of Maccabi Tel Aviv’s youth academy.

The 10 months Vered spent in Serbia were not happy. The Serbian team didn’t pay its players their salaries and still owes them money.

“What doesn’t kill you makes you stronger,” he said, noting how happy he is to be in Ottawa following that



Israeli soccer player Idan Vered of the Ottawa Fury FC on the field during a practice.

experience.

The five-foot-nine striker doesn’t mind the pressure to score goals.

“I play with a lot of pressure, and I like it. In Israel and Serbia, the fans liked me,

because I gave 200 per cent,” he said, adding that he’s looking forward to hearing the fans chants and cheers.

“Soccer in the U.S. and Canada is getting better and better,” he said, “and I want to be part of it. It’s important for me to play. When the coach talked to my agent, I was very happy.”

Ottawa opened the 2016 season on April 3 in New York, a rematch of last November’s NASL Championship Final, and Fury FC hosted the expansion Miami FC in their home opener at TD Place on April 30.

Vered played 30 minutes in the first game in New York, “and now I’m getting better and better. I need a few weeks to get in shape, and then I’ll play more and



Ottawa Fury FC forward Idan Vered poses with team mascot “Sparky” at TD Place.

more and more.” He’s also getting used to playing on artificial turf. “It’s my second time. It goes faster. After a few weeks, it will be OK.”

Vered said Manchester United and Barcelona are his favourite teams and named retired French soccer star Zinedine Zidane, and basketball legend Michael Jordan as his idols.

“I took the number 23 because of Jordan,” he said.

Vered’s girlfriend, May Ziv, is in Ottawa with him, and he says the couple looks forward to being part of Ottawa’s Jewish community.



Israeli soccer player Idan Vered (centre) has joined the Ottawa Fury FC. With him are his agent Itamar Keinan (left), an Israeli based in Dallas, Texas, and Fury FC head coach Paul Dalglish.



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Debbie Scharf and Sharon Sholzberg-Gray to be honoured at JET's Jewish Unity Live

BY CAROLYN BICKERTON LITHWICK AND ALEX LITHWICK FOR JET

Debbie Scharf and Sharon Sholzberg-Gray are the honourees this year at JET's annual Jewish Unity Live celebration on Monday, May 30 at Centrepointe Theatre, 101 Centrepointe Drive.

Originally from Montreal, Scharf has been a member of the JET board since 2008 and currently serves as board chair. She and her husband Jeff seem to make it all work with careers and three children, ages seven, five and three. JET has benefitted immensely from Debbie's strategic guidance and financial stewardship.

Sholzberg-Gray is well known as the wife of the late Herb Gray. A member of Parliament for four decades, he was Canada's first Jewish cabinet minister, serving in a variety of portfolios, including as deputy prime minister.

Trained as a lawyer, Sholzberg-Gray worked for many years as a health association CEO and health system spokesperson. Now retired, she writes, speaks and serves on voluntary boards. A mother of two and grandmother of nine, she is pleased to be associated with JET.

"JET has contributed so much to our community, and I have benefitted greatly from the wisdom imparted by Lauren Shaps in her weekly Bible Basics classes," said Sholzberg-Gray.

Entertainment at Jewish Unity Live will be provided by the group Six13.

Six13 brings its unprecedented style of Jewish music to the stage, with songs ranging from hip-hop dance tracks to rock anthems. The New York City-based group sounds like a full band – while using nothing but their voices. They are driven

by a mission to connect Jews around the globe with their heritage through music, fuelled by thumping beatbox, intricate arrangements, and soulful harmonies. Six13 has become a phenomenon with more than five million views on YouTube, numerous TV appearances, and award-winning albums. They are among the top Jewish music artists on iTunes and have received awards from the musical organizations Harmony Sweepstakes and Contemporary A Cappella Society of America.

Attendees can enjoy a delicious dairy dinner before the show at 6:30 pm. The show will begin at 7:30 and will be followed by a gala dessert reception.



Six13 brings their Jewish a cappella songs to JET's annual Jewish Unity Live event, May 30, at Centrepointe Theatre.

Tickets are \$54 (show and gala dessert reception) and \$80 (dairy dinner, show and gala dessert reception). For more

information or tickets to Jewish Unity Live, contact JET at info@jetottawa.com or 613-695-4800.

Sima Goel to speak about her escape from Iran

BY LEAH COHEN AND GLADYS ZARECKI FOR EMUNAH OTTAWA

The Khomeini Revolution put an abrupt end to the peaceful lives Jews experienced in Shiraz, Iran, living side-by-side with Muslims and Baha'i.

Sima Goel, then just 13, became a target of Iran's new Islamic regime when she spontaneously defended a Baha'i classmate against a schoolyard bully. That episode triggered events that would eventually take her far from her beloved Shiraz.

At 16, her name appeared on a government blacklist and Goel was obliged to go into hiding and, by 17, she was forced to flee across the desert, accompanied by smugglers, into Pakistan.

After her harrowing escape and long wait in Pakistan, Goel arrived in Montreal where she pursued her education, developed her career as a chiropractor, and

nurtured her family, all while treasuring her freedom to live as a Jew in Canada.

Goel told her story in a book, "Fleeing the Hijab: A Jewish Woman's Escape from Iran," which was reviewed by Oliver Javanpour in the March 9, 2015 edition of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin. The book's forward was written by Rabbi Reuven Bulka.

Goel will speak in Ottawa at a joint program presented by Congregation Machzikei Hadas and Emunah Canada, Rachel Kizell Chapter, on Sunday, June 5, 7:30 pm, at Machzikei Hadas, 2310 Virginia Drive. Refreshments will be served.

Admission is \$20, and both women and men are welcome to attend. Funds raised from this event will support Neve Michael's Children Village in Pardes Chana, Israel.

RSVP to Rivka Kraus at 613-241-5613 or Marsha Kaiserman at marsha.kaiserman@rogers.com.



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Sima Goel, "Fleeing the Hijab: A Jewish Woman's Escape from Iran," will tell her story, June 5, at Congregation Machzikei Hadas

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AJA 50+ to hold Trivia Night fundraiser

BY FRED TABACHNICK
FOR AJA 50+

Do you know what the acronym AJA stands for? That won't be one of the questions at the annual AJA 50+ Trivia Night fundraiser!

AJA (Active Jewish Adults) 50+ is a volunteer organization run by seniors. Our purpose is to meet the needs of the 50+ population in Ottawa by providing a range of cultural, health, recreational, social and educational programs. All programs are suggested and organized by the members and are open to all in the 50-plus age bracket. More than 110 programs are offered annually and programs run 52 weeks a year.

AJA 50+ holds two major fundraisers a year, one each in the fall and spring. The

entire community is invited to start warming up the brain cells in anticipation of the annual Trivia Night fundraiser.

Trivia Night is a tremendously enjoyable event with people working in teams to answer questions (topics include music, movies, current affairs, etc.) with much laughter, mouth-watering desserts, a silent auction and the opportunity to do a good deed – all for \$25 per person. Rabbi Steve Garten, the MC, is guaranteed to keep the quiz nimble and fun!

Trivia Night will be held Sunday, June 5, 6:30 pm at Temple Israel. To register, call Flo Morgan at 613-224-8286 or email execdir@aja50plus.ca.

Visit www.aja50plus.ca for more information about AJA 50+.



Participants enjoy a previous edition of the annual AJA 50+ Trivia Night fundraiser.

Ewashko Singers to present concert of Jewish music

BY ELLIE GLANTZ
EWASHKO SINGERS

The Ewashko Singers, with special guest artists pianist Evelyn Greenberg and cellist Paul Marleyn, will present "L'Dor Vador: Jewish Music from generation to generation" on Sunday, May 29, 3 pm, St. Joseph's Church, 174 Wilbrod Street.

The Ewashko Singers, a flexible vocal ensemble of core and associate singers, now in our sixth official season, performs a broad range of culturally significant works with a commitment to present these works to the greater Ottawa audience and beyond.

Over the history of the Jewish people, music has played an integral part of our lives. From its historical musical beginnings, Jewish music has evolved over

generations and maintained its significant place in daily life. Listening actively and singing Jewish music is a joy and very much a part of the worship service. In the liturgy, we are mandated to listen, not just to the words but also to the melodies. This concert will demonstrate the emotional and intellectual power of Judaism's profound musical message and its effectiveness in life and worship.

The program for L'dor Vador – including compositions by Salmone Rossi, Carlo Grossi, Louis Lewandowski, Joseph Rumshinsky, as well as Canadian composers Srul Irving Glick, Brian Bessner, Ben Steinberg and Stephen Glass – will allow the Ewashko Singers to present some of Judaism's finest compositions. This varied selection of early and baroque compositions, music from the era of the

great European cantors of the 19th and 20th centuries, choral favourites from both the Sabbath and High Holy Day repertoires, provide a rare glimpse into the evolution of Jewish musical heritage over millennia.

This is an opportunity to share these melodies and sacred texts with Jews and

non-Jews alike. Hearing and appreciating this music can be a bridge to understanding a greater shared and evolutionary heritage.

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'If better security can make a difference, I'll be first in line'

Radical Islam isn't going away any time soon. Neither is Islamist terrorism. So what are Western countries to do in this scary world in the meantime?

Let's start with improving security – especially at airports and train stations – and increasing co-ordination among intelligence gatherers.

In the aftermath of the Brussels attacks, we're learning that European authorities downplayed, ignored or failed to report signs that ISIS was aggressively recruiting foreigners and preparing for international terrorism.

In one of her excellent articles after the Brussels attacks, Rukmini Callimachi of the New York Times wrote about a 23-year-old French citizen named Ibrahim Boudina. <http://tinyurl.com/jz478en>

On his way back to France from Syria in January 2014, Greek police caught Boudina with 1,500 euros and a document called, "How to Make Artisanal Bombs in the Name of Allah."

Because there was no warrant for his arrest in Europe, however, the Greek authorities released him. He was arrested by French police five weeks later, along with 600 grams of the peroxide explosive TATP.

It took two more years for French authorities to learn that Boudina may have been the first European citizen to travel to Syria with the specific aim of joining ISIS. But, according to Callimachi, those details were buried in French paperwork.

Hindsight is 20/20, of course.

But the details emerging from the Brussels attacks should wake up Western countries to the need to share intelligence, as well as best practices for what information, clues and paper trails they should be seeking.

And then there's airport security. If you've ever flown out of Israel's Ben-Gurion Airport, you know that the security screening and behaviour profiling actually start a couple of km from the terminal, when your car or taxi enters the checkpoint at the entrance to the airport grounds.

Armed guards look at you and your vehicle and sometimes ask a few questions. Some cars are pulled



BARBARA CROOK
MY ISRAEL

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aside and searched.

Once inside the terminal, you can't go anywhere near the check-in counter until you've been interviewed by a security agent who asks at least a dozen questions about you, your trip and what's in your luggage.

These agents – many of whom look barely old enough to drive – have been trained to ask variations of the same questions to find inconsistencies. They also look for physical tics, hesitations or other physical cues that indicate deception.

El Al has similar screening for its departures anywhere it flies.

Is there racial profiling? Undoubtedly. But it's not just targeting Arabs.

As a WASP by birth with the colouring to match, I've had more than my fair share of interrogations during at

least 60 departures from Ben-Gurion.

My profile – Jew by choice, married woman travelling without her husband for short trips several times a year – often sets off alarm bells. Ironically, it was even worse when I started to speak good Hebrew. Why would someone start to learn Hebrew at age 47?

I was once pulled aside for more than an hour while my computer mouse was sent to a separate building for further security screening.

But I always remind myself that this kind of screening averted a terrorist attack in 1986, when El Al security agents detained a pregnant Irish woman travelling from London to Tel Aviv with an unusually heavy bag. It turned out she was unknowingly carrying explosives planted by her Jordanian fiancé.

Of course, Israel spends a disproportionate amount of its national budget on security of every kind.

Compulsory military or national service also provides training and workers for these profiling positions.

It might be unrealistic to expect European and North American airports to replicate such extensive screening practices. But they should certainly be studying and adapting elements of Israel's model, especially the behaviour profiling.

It has also been reported that one of the Brussels suicide bombers had worked at the airport until 2012, and knew the layout like the back of his hand.

So airport security really has to start with the hiring process.

And why do we not have tighter security at railway stations? I love the fact that I can arrive 15 minutes before my train and board immediately. But, as the Brussels attacks proved, trains and subways are also potential terrorist targets.

It's a sign of our times that the best way ordinary citizens can fight Islamist terror is to be delayed, inconvenienced and profiled even more than we have been since 9/11.

But the enemy is ruthless, and the attacks are getting closer to home. If better security can make a difference, I'll be first in line.

Because Google says so, that's why

In the past year, I've probably roasted cauliflower more than two dozen times.

But, if you asked me right now how I do it, I wouldn't be able to tell you. I have to look up the recipe online every single time.

I have a theory that the information refuses to stick in my brain because I know I don't need it to – that's what Google is for.

The search engine handles about 100 billion queries every month – basically the same number of times my daughter asks me "why" between 6 and 7 am on an average morning.

And, just like I never accept the first answer Google serves up as the right one, so, too, does my child never seem to accept the first answer to her questions. They are always followed by another query, another demand.

Parenting is constantly being bombarded by questions. Not just the ones she's always asking, but the ones I'm always asking myself.

Some are basic: Is she hungry? Warm enough? What do you mean she is up at 4 am again?

Some are existential: When you haven't washed your hair in three days or done your own laundry in ages and ask yourself how, exactly, this became your life?

And then some are the questions you never contemplated needing to ask at all: How do you teach kids to



STEPHANIE SHEFRIN
EMERGING GEN

blow their nose?

Of all the various things I was expecting to need to teach my child – reading, riding a bike, using the toilet, blowing her nose was never one I thought about. It seems like a simple enough concept: Blow. Your. Nose. But, it's turning out to be one of those life skills that is taking a bit of time to master.

Of course, I could Google it. I'm sure I'd find half a dozen methods I could use to teach her: photos of celebrity babies getting their noses blown, a list called "this baby just blew her nose and you won't believe what happens next," and probably, if I looked long enough, a piece of expensive baby gear that is just the thing to tackle the task.

The Internet takes the village required to raise a child and turns it into a metropolis.

The advice on teething or fever or first foods no longer

just comes from your mother or the neighbour that has already raised six kids, but also from the celebrity doulas and hilarious mommy bloggers and Facebook groups.

There are a lot of positives in that. The isolation of the early days of parenting a newborn can be eased immensely by the simple ability to go online any time of day or night – especially night – and find a community of people going through the same thing you are.

The web gives us more options, more choices, more points of view upon which to draw as we decide on everything from discipline strategies to raising healthy eaters to coming up with crafts for a rainy morning.

But, as I watch my daughter navigate the world, I can't help but wonder if something is being lost in society's shift towards always being able to count on the Internet to answer our questions and guide our decision-making.

Young children learn through observation, through asking the people they know and trust questions, and learning from those answers. They learn through experimentation, experience. They don't search "how to grow up" online.

If I spent less time online, and more time learning like I did as a child, would I know more?

I admit it can be maddening sometimes to try and see the world a toddler's way.

But I have to say, when I do, the lessons of those few minutes always stay with me in a way all those Google searches don't.

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OJCF Annual General Meeting Wednesday, June 8th, 2016

Call to Order: 7:30 pm
with Desserts and Light Refreshments

Zelikovitz Family Social Hall of The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building
21 Nadolny Sachs Private

Any two members of the Corporation may nominate additional directors at any time up to seven days prior (June 1st, 2016) to the meeting so long as such nominations are made in writing and deposited with the Secretary of the Foundation (info@ojcf.ca).

Successful candidates will serve a three-year term from June 2016 to June 2019. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

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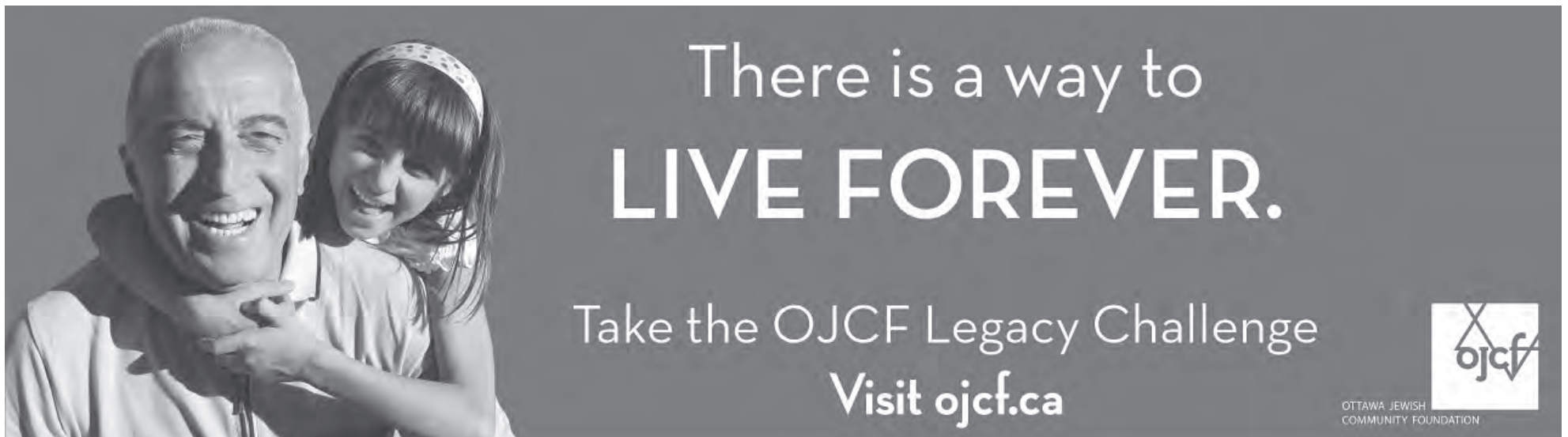
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Sheva brachot for radical love

In our tradition, a wedding ceremony includes the “seven blessings” or “wedding blessings,” known in Hebrew as the “*Sheva Brachot*.”

1. I recently attended a beautiful wedding in Brooklyn. It was a traditional Jewish wedding in many ways with the signing of the ketubah, a separate tisch for the bride and groom, dangerous lifting of people in chairs, a rowdy hora played by a punk band that lasted for 10 minutes, and delicious brisket. The chuppah under which the couple was married belonged to the bride’s zaidye, who couldn’t be there in person.

2. The officiating rabbi spoke about the couple’s commitment to *shalom bayit*, peace of the home, and to making their home a refuge. As the rabbi spoke of the bride and groom’s own social justice work in the aim of *tikkun olam*, repair of the world, I began to wonder about whether or not the act of loving, the commitment to love and care for another or several others, could itself be a contribution and action of labour towards repairing our broken, fragile world. Might deciding to love and actively being loving to others be the work of *tikkun olam*? My friends made a commitment to each other, and we witnessed the ritual ceremony that sanctified this commitment. As a congregation we held them and witnessed their intention to work together and stand with each other: to be teammates.

3. Perhaps love and marriage is not as traditional as we think it is. I wonder if this act of commitment is radical in and of itself. What is love in the 21st century? What is the marker of healthy, respectable partnerships, committed family or household units, no matter how they are composed or function? Is it radical to decide to hold each



SARAH WAISVISZ
DISPATCHES
FROM THE
DIASPORA

*I wrote seven blessings for my friends
on the occasion of their marriage,
but I add this piece as well to the litany
of blessings, hopes and prayers
I want to shower upon them,
and upon all of us, as a tiny action of
radical love for our fragile, fractured world.*

other up and face the world together, to commit to the ongoing effort of “working on it” over time? Is this a radical act in the aim of repairing the world?

4. Love. Is it all we need? Maybe. Because how much more loving and kind could we be to each other, if we all felt beloved, if we never felt alone and always felt safe? What kind of a world would be possible?

5. I am not simply speaking of romantic love here. I witnessed that wedding ceremony in the company of friends I consider my soulmates. Our friendship, now spanning 16 years, has defied the challenges of time, distance and life. It has defied the odds. But this friendship is a work of the heart and a labour of love. I do not

take this friendship for granted; it has not always been easy to be loving towards each other. We have worked for it, and we will have to continue to work for it, if we want the friendship to survive and continue to nurture us. I think this kind of friendship is also an act of radical love. It is also an act of resilience and an offering of hope.

6. In her performance poem “What’s Next,” the Canadian-Jamaican artist D’bi Young wrote of her desire to learn to love courageously, relentlessly and with integrity, despite the past experiences that so often teach us otherwise: “Yes, in all cases, fear has been my worst enemy. Were fear not here, I would kiss you, and feed you food from my mouth, and I would stop you from aching, and share a smile, and I would wait with you by the roadside for a while. Were fear not here, I would give name to these unnamed spaces of accountability, our responsibility to each other ... and we would both shine brilliantly! But who amongst us carry those safe secrets of loving?”

7. As mentioned, in our tradition, a wedding ceremony includes the “seven blessings” or “wedding blessings,” known in Hebrew as the “*Sheva Brachot*.” These are traditionally chanted in Hebrew and form the liturgical moment where the power of love is expressed and where celebration for that love is encouraged. The words of the blessings are from the Talmud, and they begin with a Kiddush over wine and conclude with a blessing that honours the gladness and joy of the community of friends and family who are witnessing the ceremony.

I wrote seven blessings for my friends on the occasion of their marriage, but I add this piece as well to the litany of blessings, hopes and prayers I want to shower upon them, and upon all of us, as a tiny action of radical love for our fragile, fractured world.

Eliminate constipation with lifestyle changes

Constipation may be a taboo topic, but it’s an important one. Constipation is a common digestive complaint. Many people suffer from it in silence and don’t know what to do about it. It can cause various issues such as bloating, irritability, hemorrhoids, anal fissures and weight gain. While many studies have linked chronic constipation with an increased risk of colorectal cancer, a meta-analysis that included 250,000 participants from 1966 to 2011 concluded that there’s no link. If you’re over 50, or have a family history of colorectal cancer, ask your doctor when and how you should be screened.

<http://alturl.com/zdse5>

Constipation occurs when waste moves too slowly through the digestive tract. A healthy adult should easily and comfortably pass a solid, firm bowel movement at least three times per week and as often as one to three times per day. Signs of constipation include going less than three times per week, straining, having small, dry, hard stools and feelings of incomplete evacuation.

It’s not unusual to be occasionally constipated such as when you’re on vacation – perhaps due to a change in diet, sporadic access to bathrooms or uncomfortable surroundings. If you’re chronically constipated, your first step should be to see your doctor to rule out underlying medical causes. According to the Mayo Clinic, causes may include pregnancy, diabetes, neurological problems such as Parkinson’s disease or multiple sclerosis, certain cancers, an underactive thyroid, problems with pelvic muscles and bowel obstructions. Make sure your doctor knows about any medications and supplements you’re taking. Certain medications such as water pills and pain killers and supplements such as iron and calcium can cause constipation. Extended use of over-the-counter laxatives can exacerbate



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bate constipation. Some psychological conditions such as depression and stress can cause constipation.

Once medical reasons for your chronic constipation are ruled out, you can begin to implement lifestyle modifications. Inactivity and poor eating habits are not conducive to a healthy digestive system.

When you exercise, food travels through your body more quickly, the amount of water absorbed from the stool into your body decreases and the contractions of the colon’s muscles increase. All of this leads to faster gastric emptying. Thirty minutes of daily mild-to-moderate intensity aerobic exercise, all at once or spread out throughout the day, can play a protective role against constipation.

Walking is an excellent form of exercise and can relieve constipation. So is dancing, rebounding (jumping on a trampoline) or lower-impact activities such as swimming. The higher impact of running encourages gastric motility but can trigger the urgent need to evacuate at inconvenient times. If you’re taking up outdoor running, you may want to plan routes that include accessible washrooms. Some endurance runners find that running causes cramps and diarrhea; therefore, running may not be the best exercise for everyone.

Although yoga is not aerobic, some poses may be helpful. Try the down-facing hero’s pose: Lie on your

back, bring your knees towards your chest and touch your forehead to your knees. Hold for thirty seconds. Another one is child’s pose: Kneel on a mat with knees wide apart. Rest your forehead on the mat with arms extended forward on the mat. Yoga is excellent for stress reduction which can alleviate constipation.

Did you know that excrement is made up of 75 per cent water? When you’re dehydrated, your stool is dry and harder to pass. Drinking more water can help with constipation. Caffeine is a stimulant and can cause colon contractions which help move waste. However caffeine is also a diuretic (as is alcohol) and can cause dehydration and worsen constipation.

It’s advisable to eat fewer processed and fatty foods and more roughage – such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains or other foods high in fibre. Grandma knew what she was doing when she ate prunes.

Probiotics are the beneficial bacteria available in supplements and found in cultured foods such as yogurt. A meta-analysis of 14 studies on the effectiveness of probiotics versus a placebo on constipation found that on average, probiotics increased the number of weekly bowel movements by 1.3 and helped soften stools. However, more studies are needed to determine the most effective type and dosage of probiotic.

<http://tinyurl.com/h75ebrc>

Colon cleanses are products you purchase and drink to empty your colon. These products are medically unnecessary and often come with anecdotal, scientifically-unproven claims such as they remove toxins. These products can have unwanted side-effects and are potentially unsafe for people with certain medical conditions.

Follow my common-sense strategies and your constipation should work out in the end.

A tale told by a 500-year-old Yiddish-speaking parrot

Yiddish for Pirates

By Gary Barwin
Random House Canada
343 pages

Hamilton-based author Gary Barwin's *Yiddish for Pirates* is a novel that combines epic adventure, mystery and survival, drawing on the history of the Jewish people, particularly of Sephardim, at the end of the 15th century when Christopher Columbus sailed the ocean blue.

While the book's language and rhetoric is laced with vulgar Yiddishisms, typical of naughty yeshiva bokhers, Barwin also draws on structures from English and other literatures, including a direct lift of Fyodor Dostoevsky's story of "The Grand Inquisitor" in *The Brothers Karamazov* (which Barwin acknowledges at the end of the book). There are references to William Shakespeare's *The Tempest* and *Macbeth*, as well as the retelling of modern Jewish jokes and a few citations of Talmudic passages, all with the purpose of revealing a "Yiddish take" on them that is self-deprecating, ironic and sardonic.

Yiddish for Pirates is the picaresque adventure of Moishe, a Yiddish-speaking 14-year-old from Lithuania. Moishe is enchanted by his father's mysterious book of maps and sets out to see the world. What he finds, though, is the reality of Jews in the 15th century: oppression, exploitation, torture, the Inquisition and expulsion from Spain in 1492. His story follows a constant pattern of opportunity, betrayal and danger, hope for redemption and episodes in which he barely survives, having lost his possessions, his love and his connection to the past, only to find new adventures and new connections where the pattern is repeated.

After his first ship is attacked by Genoese privateers,

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Moishe meets Columbus who believes in his own importance. The two, along with an African grey parrot, are survivors when their ships collide and sink during the encounter. The parrot, of course, acquires the name of Aaron as he is multilingual. His Yiddish, Spanish and Portuguese help the boy find his way in the world.

In Portugal and Spain, the parrot and the Yiddish bokher get involved in failed plots to save the books of the Jewish community and to bring Sephardic Jews, including Sara, the girl who is supposedly the boy's true love, to safety.

Eventually, Columbus brings the young man and his parrot to the New World aboard the Santa Maria where they discover some of the Jews they had saved in Spain and begin to understand the Spaniards' cruelty to "Los Indios" whom they do not even consider to be human.

Our two heroes soon find themselves in charge of a pirate ship full of conversos, Indios and former "Ethiophe" slaves raiding Spanish ships with more reversals of fortune and surprise twists. In one of those adventures, they become aware of the real meaning of Moishe's father's book and other such books and maps they had come across: the location and directions

to the Fountain of Youth.

Here's the rub. The narrator of all this is the parrot, who introduces himself at the beginning as living in the Shalom Home for the Aged, a Jewish old folks home in Florida, a "farkakteh" environment filled with "alter kakers". He invites his listener to "bench your fat little oysgepasheter Cape Horn tuches down on that chair and listen to my beaking." Given that Barwin is the son of South African-born parents, I must assume that the author is the one being addressed by the parrot in the introduction.

Yiddish for Pirates is "a masseh vos dertsaylt unz a papugeh, fil mit rohsh un vilde mishigas, un vos maynt (a tale told by a parrot, full of sound and fury and signifying)."

The structure resembles "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" and "Moby Dick," amazing and awful sea adventures told in the voice of a lone survivor. The parrot is the lone survivor who, while escaping the collapsing cave of the Fountain of Youth, was splashed by its water and has now lived for more than 500 years.

That Barwin is aiming for something grand can be seen in the book's section names, which are the five elements of Greek tradition (in keeping with "Rabbi" Plato), giving a mystic structure to the events of the world. The final section, "Quintessence," goes beyond the world into the purely mythical. The parrot is, as he says, "all words," the repository of an oral tradition, which he has now given to us through Barwin. It is a compendium of Yiddish story, suffering, survival, jokes, mystery and awe – with attitude.

Yiddish for Pirates will be launched in Ottawa on Thursday, May 19, 7 pm, at Library and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington Street.



15TH ANNUAL SPORTS BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

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11:00 am – 12:30 pm

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Submit your nominations to
Selection Committee:
jbraun@jccottawa.com
by May 29, 2016

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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LOU HONIGMAN AWARD: Presented to a local Jewish athlete who, on account of his/her perseverance, courage, ability and strength of character, distinguishes him or herself in a local sporting activity over a significant **period of time**.

NOAH CANTOR MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC AWARD: Presented to a male and a female student for outstanding athletic achievement during the past school year (**grade 7 & 8**).

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BUILDERS CATEGORY: Individuals that have demonstrated sustained effort in **coaching** or **administration** of sports or athletics within the Ottawa Jewish Community.



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In Memory of:

Issie Brass by Ruth and Irving Aaron

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In Memory of:

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Chafica Sourani by Marilyn Adler
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Barbara Rubens by Marilyn Adler

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In Honour of:

Martin and Joanne Freeman Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter Eva by Henry and Maureen Molot

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Rabbi Reuven and Joyce Tradbucks Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter Gili by Henry and Maureen Molot

Carole and Bernie Starkman Mazel Tov on the birth of your 4th granddaughter by Henry and Maureen Molot

Allan and Linda Zysblat Mazel Tov on Naomi's engagement and on Daniel's selection as a Yale International Fellow by Henry and Maureen Molot

Pearl Jacobson Mazel Tov on your engagement by Henry and Maureen Molot

Angus Affleck Mazel Tov on the completion of your studies by Julia Gluck, Ted and Jess Overton

In Memory of:

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In Memory of:

Barbara Greenberg by Elissa and Avi Iny

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In Memory of:

Barbara Greenberg by Sol and Estelle Gunner

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In Honour of:

Sol and Estelle Gunner Mazel Tov on the engagement of your son, Michael by Cally and Sid Kardash, Joy, Seymour, Jess, David and Jared Mender, Sharon, David, Ryan, Yoni, Jaye and Brody Appotive and Ingrid Levitz

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Eric Goldberg by Margo and David Kardish

In Honour of:

Barry and Marcia Cantor Mazel Tov on the birth of your first granddaughter, Charli Noa by Sheryl, Harvey, Mallory and Ryan Kardish

Brian Greenberg Happy special Birthday by Margo and David Kardish

Alan and Alyce Baker Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter by Margo and David Kardish

Joan and Russell Kronick Family Fund

In Memory of:

Barbara Greenberg by Russell and Joan Kronick

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In Memory of:

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In Memory of:

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In Honour of:

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In Memory of:

Elie Hamburg by Linda and Stan Shiff

Harold and Lillian Shoihet Memorial Fund

In Honour of:

Maury MacLeod Wishing you a happy and healthy birthday by David and Jessica Shoihet

Monica and Alvin Stein Family Fund

In Memory of:

Barbara Greenberg by Monica and Alvin Stein and family

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In Honour of:

Harvey Slipacoff In appreciation by Laya and Ted Jacobsen

Barbara and Alec Okun A special Chag Sameach by Laya and Ted Jacobsen

In Observance of the Yahrzeit of:

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In Memory of:

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Eric Weiner and Arlene Godfrey Family Fund

In Memory of:

Dina David by Carol Gradus

Toby and Joel Yan Family Fund

In Memory of:

Barbara Greenberg by Toby and Joel Yan

In Honour of:

Fran Klodawsky Mazel Tov on receiving the Jan Munk Award from the AAG by Toby and Joel Yan

Linda and Gary Steinberg Mazel Tov on the birth of your new grandson by Toby and Joel Yan

Carole and Norman Zagerman Family Fund

In Memory of:

Barbara Greenberg by Carole and Norman Zagerman

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Facilities Program

R'Fuah Shlema:

Gina Camel-Toueg wishing you a speedy recovery by Joy Bodnoff

Feeding Program

In Memory of:

Barbara Greenberg by Sharon and David Appotive and family, Joy and Seymour Mender and family, Dee and Yale Gaffen, Linda and Alan Gilbert, Cheryl and Gert Leyton and Anne Steinberg

Rita Rumanek by Miriam and Michael Leber and family

Issie Brass by Carol and Laurie Pascoe
Barbara Rubens by Irma Sachs

In Honour of:

Miriam and Victor Rabinovitch Congratulation on the marriage of your son Simon to Ruoping Chen by Esther and David Kwavnick

Dan and Jane Pearlman In honour of the birth of your granddaughter by Esther and David Kwavnick

Marcia and Barry Cantor Mazel Tov on the birth of your granddaughter by Carol and Laurie Pascoe

Laurel Rom Mazel Tov on the safe arrival of your beautiful son, Jude Oliver by Carol Gradus

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Evelyn Lief Mazel Tov on your special Birthday by Barbara and Steve Levinson

R'Fuah Shlema:

Bonnie Waterhouse by Cheryl and Gert Leyton and Mimi

Recreation Program

In Memory of:

Issie Brass by Roslyn Wollock, Hy Cooper and family

Barbara Greenberg by Roslyn Wollock, Hy Cooper and family, Lynn Greenblatt and Ellie Kamil

*******Therapeutics Program**

In Memory of:

Barbara Greenberg by Sam and Ellen Gelman, Anne and Joe Kraskin, Dodie and Cyril Teplinski and Joanna Abrams

Technology / Staff Training Program

In Memory of:

Rita Rumanek by Susie and Mark Adler

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Issie Brass by Golda and Ned Steinman

Elie Hamburg by Golda and Ned Steinman

Abraham Tarasofsky by the residents, staff and Boards of the Lodge and LTC Foundation, Violet and Ben Segal, Marcia and Dick Zuker and David and Esther Kwavnick

Alan Rackow by Cynthia Cowan and family

Chafica Sourani by the residents, staff and Boards of the Lodge and LTC Foundation, Cheryl Leyton, Manny Glimcher, Mimi Leyton, Clemy Srour and Gert Leyton and Betty Steinmetz

Layah Weinstock by Joanna and Ira Abrams

Barbara Rubens by the residents, staff and Boards of the Lodge and LTC Foundation, the Division of Cardiac Surgery at the Ottawa Heart Institute.

Helene Siegel by the residents, staff and Boards of the Lodge and LTC Foundation

IN HONOUR OF:

Ruth and Dale Fyman by Yvonne and Yehuda Azuelos

Brian Greenberg Best wishes on your special Birthday by Barbara Greenberg and Barry Bokhaut and Barry and Zahava Farber

Vera Gara Wishing you a Happy Passover by Brenda and Stephen Saslove

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THE JOSEPH AND INEZ ZELIKOVITZ LONG TERM CARE CENTRE, 10 NADOLNY SACHS PRIVATE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2016 - 7:00 pm
Members of the Lodge and Community, Residents, Families, Staff and Volunteers are welcome to attend

BUSINESS AGENDA

Annual General Meeting

- Adoption of Annual General Meeting minutes – May 27 2015
- Business Arising – from previous AGM, May 27, 2015
- Greetings from the Jewish Federation of Ottawa – L. Kerzner
- Greetings from the Long-Term Care Foundation – M. Miller
- Amendments to the Bylaws – S. Saslove
- Approval of actions taken by the 2015/2016 Board

- Treasurer's Report – E. Adler
- Appointment of the Auditors 2016
- Appointment of the Signatories 2016/2017
- Thank you to Outgoing Board Members – S. Saslove
- Report of the Nominating Committee – R. Kronick
- Election of incoming Board 2016/2017
- Election of Officers 2016/2017

- Award winners 2015/2016 – R. Kronick
- Thank you to Long Service Staff – S. Schneiderman
- Medical Director's Report – Dr. D. Levine
- Executive Director's Report – S. Schneiderman
- Report of the President – S. Saslove
- Thank you to Outgoing President – Dr. I. Kreisman

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2016/2017

<u>NOMINATIONS</u>	<u>COMMENCING NEW TERM</u>	<u>COMPLETING TERM</u>	
Jim Farrow	Elayne Adler (2)	Stephen Saslove (2)	Carl Raskin (1)
Joel Diener	Jack Cramer (2)	Issie Scarowsky (2)	Dr. Arlene Rosenbloom (1)
	Heather Evenchick (2)	Rosalie Schwartz (2)	OUTGOING MEMBERS
	Golda Feig Steinman (2)	Adina Libin (1)	Esther Kwavnick
			Russell Kronick
			Linda Signer

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- Family Council Representative - TBD
- Long-Term Care Foundation Representative - Russell Kronick

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Jeff Miller	M. Sidney Green z"l
Ingrid Levitz	Theodore Metrick z"l
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Morris Kimmel z"l	Dr. M. Ralph Berke z"l
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Shlomo Mayman	Samuel Berger z"l
Irving Greenberg z"l	Judge J.C. Horwitz z"l
Noreen Bosloy	Dora Lithwick z"l
Dr. Irwin Pencer	

FURTHER NOMINATIONS: Additional nominations may be made by any member in good standing of the Corporation. Such nominations may be made at any time up to fifteen (15) days prior to the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting, by mailing the same to the above address, attention: Stephen Schneiderman. **All such nominations must be in writing and signed by the nominee and by at least twenty (20) members in good standing of the Corporation.** There will be proposed changes to the existing By-laws of the Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged, otherwise known as the Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge at the 61st Annual Meeting, Wednesday, May 25, 2016. To request a copy of the summarized amendments and/or the revised By-law document, please call the Lodge at 728-3900. The notice of the AGM will also appear on www.hillel-ltc.com.

2015/2016 AWARD WINNERS:

Outstanding Service Award – OJCS – V'Hadarta P'nei Zaken • **Thelma Steinman Direct Service Award** – Barbara Levinson • **Shalom Perel President's Award of Merit** – David Appotive

Refreshments to Follow

WHAT'S GOING ON | May 16 to 29, 2016

FOR MORE CALENDAR LISTINGS, VISIT WWW.OTTAWAJEWISHBULLETIN.COM/EVENTS AND WWW.JEWISHOTTAWA.COM/COMMUNITY-CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MAY 17

CHW health event: Come and hear how Canadian Hadassah-WIZO (CHW) helps give stroke patients hope for full, disability-free recovery. Dessert reception. The Chamber, Ben Franklin Place, 101 Centerpointe Dr., 7 pm.
Info: Marilyn Schwartz, 613-828-4488, marilyn_sch1970@yahoo.ca

Malca Pass Library Book Discussion Group Meeting: "The Buried Giant" by Kazuo Ishiguro will be reviewed by Deborah Saginur. Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Ave., 7:30 pm.
Info: Maureen Kaell, 613-224-8649, mkaell@rogers.com

Countering Richard Dawkin's book, "The God Delusion": Join Professor Steven Praver as he counters the polemic posited by Dawkins that God in the Hebrew Bible is one of the most horrible creations in all of literature, 7:30 pm.
Info: Roslyn Wollock, 613-798-9818, ext. 254, rwollock@jccottawa.com

TUESDAY, MAY 24

Federation Members' Meeting: Stay informed on key issues affecting Ottawa's Jewish community, by ensuring you are up to date on the Federation's key deliverables, priorities and outcomes. Featuring an update by the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, the Federation's

advocacy partner. See jewishottawa.com for full meeting agenda. Open to the public, 7 pm.
Info: Alecia Laliberte, 613-798-4696, ext. 236, alaliberte@jewishottawa.com

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Hillel Lodge Annual General Meeting: Members of the Lodge and community, residents, families, staff and volunteers are welcome to attend. Hillel Lodge, 10 Nadolny Sachs Pvt, 7 pm.
Info: Cindy Cherry, 613-728-3900, ext 122, cindyc@hillel-ltc.com

SUNDAY, MAY 29

High Tea at Machzikei Hadas: Join the Sisterhood of Mazikei Hadas for High Tea and lively classical music. Machzikei Hadas Congregation, 2310 Virginia Dr., 2 pm. Reservations strongly advised (613-521-9700).
Info: Carol Kershman, 613-726-2999, carolkershman@gmail.com

COMING SOON

MONDAY, MAY 30

JET Jewish Unity Live: Join JET in honouring Debbie Scharf and Sharon Sholzberg-Gray. Light dinner and refreshments; musical entertainment by Six13; gala dessert reception from Babi's. Centrepointe Studio Theatre, 101 Centrepointe Dr., 6:30 pm.
Info: 613-695-4800, info@jetottawa.com

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

Workshop for Agencies' Staff, Board and Volunteers: A professional development workshop: Communication Planning for Non-Profits, with Heather Badenoch of Village PR. Pre-registration required, 6 pm.
Info/Pre-register: Sarah Beutel, 613-798-4696, ext. 253, sbeutel@jewishottawa.com

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

Am Echad Walkathon for Jewish Education: Walk/run, make friends, have fun, and raise funds for Jewish Education in Ottawa, 3 pm.
Register: www.amechadwalkrun.com
Info: Jeremy Miller, 613-722-0020, g.miller@theoics.ca

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

82nd Annual General Meeting of the JFO: The Federation's AGM is open to the public. Learn about important business updates and the community award presentations, 7 pm.
Info: Alicia Laliberte, 613-798-4696, ext. 236, alaliberte@jewishottawa.com

CANDLE LIGHTING BEFORE

MAY 20	8:12 PM	JUNE 3	8:26 PM
MAY 27	8:19 PM	JUNE 10	8:30 PM

BULLETIN DEADLINES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1	FOR JUNE 20
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6	FOR JULY 25

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:

Elliott Raymond Besner

Yoseph Yitzchok Gourarie, New York (brother of Esti Fogel)

Sally Sarah Levine-Stoller

Ann Caroline Matyas

Abraham Paritzky, Winnipeg (father of Ron Paritzky)

The Honourable Madam Justice Heidi Susan Levenson Polowin

Alan Rackow

Albert Regenstreif, Montreal (father of Michael Regenstreif)

Avrum L. (A.L.) Smith

Laura Zahava Sobel

Abraham Tarasofsky

May their memory be a blessing always.

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