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Tale of Jewish war heroes aims to instil 'sense of pride' in entire community

Documentary filmmaker and philanthropist **Nancy Spielberg** will be in Ottawa, September 18, to speak at the **Jewish Federation of Ottawa's Annual Campaign Kickoff**. She recently spoke with the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin about growing up with older brother **Steven Spielberg**, and about her film, "Above and Beyond." **Michael Arenau** reports.

She's the younger sister of one of Hollywood's most important movie directors, but Nancy Spielberg has significant credentials of her own in the documentary film industry.

Spielberg was a consultant for the Academy Award winning documentary, "Chernobyl Heart," and was executive producer for the TV documentary series, "Elusive Justice: The Search for Nazi War Criminals."

After "Elusive Justice," Spielberg was considering her next project when she received an email from a stranger that contained the stories of what would become her acclaimed 2014 documentary, "Above and Beyond."

"Above and Beyond" tells the virtually unknown tale of a group of American Second World War pilots who volunteered to fight for Israel in the 1948 War of Independence.

Spielberg will be the keynote speaker at the Jewish Federation of Ottawa's Annual

Campaign Kickoff, Sunday, September 18, 7 pm, at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre. She plans to discuss her film-making, philanthropy, the evolution of her Jewish identity, and what it was like growing up with Steven Spielberg, her iconic brother.

A dessert reception and optional screening of "Above and Beyond" will follow Spielberg's keynote address.

Spielberg said she fell "head over heels" when she first read the stories of the American pilots who fought for Israel.

"I really wanted to honour these guys while they were still alive," she said. "That was a critical part because we're losing all of our [Holocaust] survivors and all of our Second World War vets, so we're scurrying to grab their stories because if we don't, they're gone. From there, I just decided that I would put all my energy, time and effort into this and it just took off."

Spielberg said she also made the film to showcase Jewish resistance and tell a

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Nancy Spielberg's film, "Above and Beyond," tells the story of American Second World War pilots who volunteered to fly for Israel in the 1948 War of Independence.

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Kickoff: 'Above and Beyond' required viewing for Israeli air force

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story in which Jews were heroes instead of victims, hoping people would emerge from the theatre with "a sense of pride."

While Spielberg is proud of the film – which has been met with widespread acclaim from critics and film festival attendees – she's disappointed that it didn't find an audience in Europe.

"The European market shut me out," she said, noting it was impossible "to sell a film about Jews and Israel during Operation Protective Edge when anti-Israel sentiment was really high."

She said her brother Steven – whom she affectionately refers to as "Stevie" – is one of the film's biggest fans.

Nancy Spielberg reminisced about growing up with Steven in Arizona, where he would often recruit her and her two sisters to operate the cameras and the lighting and occasionally act in his childhood film projects of family camping and fishing trips. In 1964, when 17-year-old Steven made "Firelight," a low budget science fiction movie, she played one of the leading roles.

While many Jews in Hollywood keep relatively silent about Judaism, the



Pilots Lou Lenart, Gideon Lichtman and Modi Alon, who fought in Israel's War of Independence, are among the pilots whose story Nancy Spielberg tells in the film, "Above and Beyond." PLAYMOUNT PRODUCTIONS

Spielbergs have been an exception, often creating films that shine a light on their heritage. Spielberg attributes this to their upbringing.

"We grew up in a very anti-Semitic community, so ... that made us realize something was different about us. We grew up to embrace those differences and find a place where we felt comfortable," Spielberg said.

Since its release two years ago, "Above and Beyond" has become required viewing for all Israeli air force personnel, and the film continues to be shown at Jewish community events throughout North America. Spielberg plans to develop a feature film based on the documentary in the coming years.

The Annual Campaign Kickoff – on Sunday, September 18 – has adopted a new format this year with two events: a family concert featuring Judy and David at 3 pm in the Ottawa Jewish Community School gym, and the evening event with Spielberg at 7 pm. Tickets for the family concert are \$10 per household.

Tickets for the evening event are \$10 (individual) or \$20 (household) and are available at www.jewishottawa.com.

For more information, contact Rena Garshowitz at 613-798-4696, ext. 241 or rgarshowitz@jewishottawa.com.



Judy and David, seen in a scene from their TV show, "JiggilJump," perform a family concert, Sunday, September 18, 3 pm, at the OJCS gym during the Jewish Federation of Ottawa Annual Campaign Kickoff. There will be snacks.

Correction

In an article about the V'Hadarta P'Nei Zaken program, which pairs Hillel Lodge residents with Grade 4 Ottawa Jewish Community School students (August 22), the name of Hillel Lodge resident Jack Stupp was misspelled. The Bulletin regrets the error.

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Torah Day School of Ottawa opens its doors

BY MICHAEL AARENAU

The new Torah Day School of Ottawa – which merges the school communities of two former Orthodox day schools: Torah Academy of Ottawa and Rambam Day School – has launched its inaugural school year.

According to Evan Green, co-chair of the Torah Day School board, the new school's curriculum will combine solid secular education – offering enriched French and a music program – with a strong Judaic education.

“The goal is that every student coming out of this school will have the ability to get into any Yeshiva or any high school of their choice,” he said. “That’s the excellence we’re striving for at Torah Day School of Ottawa.”

Rabbi Eleazar Durden has been appointed principal and head of Judaic studies at the school, while the vice-principal and head of secular studies is

Sharon Holzschereer.

Rabbi Durden, originally from New Zealand, has a master's degree in educational leadership and comes to Torah Day School after serving at several schools, most recently the Vancouver Hebrew Academy.

Rabbi Durden said students attending the school can expect to develop a strong understanding of Judaism, ranging from the very basics in the early years to a deeper more text-based understanding in the later years.

Rabbi Durden also stressed the importance of “role model leadership,” a value he will be bringing to his role as principal. According to Rabbi Durden, when you embody positive character traits and lead by example, the benefits trickle down to both the teachers and the students.

Holzschereer, who has a master's of education degree, said she's excited to spearhead the curriculum for the school's

general studies, and will focus heavily on further developing the science and mathematics programs.

“We’re going to be trying out a few new small programs this year, and I hope that students and parents alike will see the benefits,” she said.

While Green is happy to finally have the new school up and running, he stressed the importance of community support, saying that the school has the power to attract Orthodox families who are considering a move to Ottawa.

“When Jewish families consider moving to a city, they look for Jewish infrastructure. This new school has the power to be an anchor for the community and serve as a starting point for families who are considering calling Ottawa their home,” he said.

For more information about Torah Day School of Ottawa visit www.torahday.ca or contact the school at office@torahday.ca or 613-274-0110.



Rabbi Eleazar Durden, principal of Torah Day School of Ottawa, says students at the Orthodox school will develop a strong understanding of Judaism.

Israeli children traumatized by war and terrorism enjoy a month of respite in Canada

BY MICHAEL AARENAU

The sound of laughter and Hebrew songs filled the air when 40 Israeli boys and girls, aged 12 and 13, got off their bus and eagerly ran into the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC) during their day of touring and activities in Ottawa, August 17.

While you wouldn't have known it from their beaming smiles, these kids had all experienced great tragedy either through losing a close relative in a terror attack or having a soldier in their family who was injured or killed during Operation Protective Edge. Their month-long vacation in Canada was arranged by the Israeli Victims of War Association (IVOW)

and their day in Ottawa was co-ordinated by the Vered Israel Cultural Education Program.

The group had already spent more than three weeks in Montreal, and in the Laurentians at the Y Country Camp and Camp B'nai Brith of Montreal. After their day in Ottawa, they visited Toronto and returned to Montreal for more activities before heading home to Israel.

“When we were contacted by IVOW to host them in Ottawa, our excitement was through the roof,” said Ella Dagan, manager of the Vered Israel Culture Education Program. “To bring in kids who have experienced something so tragic, and to make them feel safe and at home, is what

we're all about.”

Richard Dermer, co-president of IVOW, said that the month of respite in Canada gave the kids a chance to feel free and safe from harm.

“They live such a different life in Israel where everyone's always conscious of what's going on around them. Here in Canada, they love it because they feel completely free,” he said.

Dermer says that the parents are amazed at how different their kids are when they return home.

“I've seen some of these kids really grow here, and to watch it happen is really incredible. This truly is a life-changing experience for them,” he said.

In Ottawa, the group visited Parliament Hill, the Aviation and Space Museum, and the Israeli Embassy where they learned about the strong friendship Canada shares with Israel. At the SJCC, they played basketball in the gym, swam in the outdoor pool, and ate a pasta dinner at Babi's.

Moria Gangte, a 12-year-old from Kiryat Arba, thought Parliament Hill was beautiful and said she couldn't wait to come back to Canada where she particularly enjoyed water-skiing for the first time at Camp B'nai Brith of Montreal.

Eliyah Cohen, a 13-year-old from Gush Etzion, also said he couldn't wait to return.

“From the minute I saw Canada, I loved it here. I love Canada,” he said.



A group of 12- and 13-year-old Israelis affected by war and/or terrorism gather in front of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, August 17, during their month-long visit to Canada.

Riders set to help Hillel Lodge in annual Biking for Bubbies event

BY MICHAEL AARENAU

Bicycle riders from the Jewish community will assemble at Hillel Lodge on Sunday, September 25, 9 am, for the eighth annual Biking for Bubbies fundraiser in support of the Lodge. The riders will travel a 54-km route that will take them across the Ottawa River into Quebec and back again while having great fun and raising much-needed funds.

Among those taking part are Hillel Lodge residents Beverly-Ann Black, Andy Grosz and Morris Shapiro, who are participating on their exercise bikes at the Lodge.

Through their specialized exercise regimes and physiotherapy, the three residents have been keeping track of their mileage throughout the year, and will continue to do so up until the day of the fundraiser.

This is the sixth year that Shapiro has participated in Biking for Bubbies and the 93-year-old remains passionate and enthusiastic about the event.

“Last year, I rode 364 miles,” Shapiro

said proudly.

Shapiro rides his exercise bike for 20 minutes each day and says he averages about one mile each time. Due to some complications with his heart earlier this year, his doctor told him to take it easier than usual, but Shapiro predicts he’ll reach 200 miles by the day of the fundraiser. Over the years, Shapiro has raised several thousand dollars for Hillel Lodge.

“I’d like to donate money, but I haven’t got the money to donate. So I do this to help out the Lodge and show my appreciation for the work they do,” he said.

Mitch Miller, director of fundraising at the Hillel Lodge Long-Term Care Foundation, said the goal this year is to raise \$70,000.

“At the Lodge, we want to provide the best quality care possible, and the proceeds from Biking for Bubbies helps to ensure that we provide that care to our residents,” Miller said. “Every dollar raised is earmarked for priority needs.”

Visit <https://www.hillel-ltc.com> or call 613-728-3990 to register to ride in Biking for Bubbies or to make a donation in support of any of the riders taking part.



Morris Shapiro on his exercise bike at Hillel Lodge adds another mile to his goal in the Biking for Bubbies fundraiser.

MICHAEL AARENAU



Participants in last year’s Biking for Bubbies fundraiser in support of Hillel Lodge gather in front of the Lodge, September 20, 2015.

ISSIE SCAROWSKY

Eminent journalist J.J. Goldberg

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A cautionary tale: BDS tears apart the Green Party

On August 7, the Green Party of Canada voted at its national convention to endorse boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) measures against segments of Israel's economy and society. BDS advocates were quick to claim victory, citing the Greens as the first Canadian political party of any significance to support BDS.

Not so fast.

In the wake of the vote, party leader Elizabeth May immediately declared she was "devastated" by the decision and "disappointed that the membership has adopted a policy in favour of a movement that I believe to be polarizing, ineffective, and unhelpful in the quest for peace and security for the peoples of the Middle East."

May added that, "as is the right of any member, I will continue to express personal opposition to BDS" – a breath-taking statement to hear from a party leader, particularly when the leader is the party's sole voice in Parliament.

In the weeks that followed, May openly mused to the media about how this entire episode was causing her to rethink her future in the Green Party. In an interview with CBC Radio, May talked about the possibility of walking away from the party: "I would say, as of this minute, I think I'd have real difficulties going not just to an election but through the next month. There are a lot of issues I want to be talking about with Canadians, and this isn't one of them."

And May wasn't alone. The leader of the B.C. Green Party, Andrew Weaver, issued a scathing statement disavowing the federal party's decision.

"This is not a policy that I or the B.C. Green Party supports," said Weaver. "I think the Green Party of Canada needs to take a careful look at their policy process and ask themselves how a policy that goes against Green Party values could have been allowed on the floor of a convention."

Various Green candidates likewise condemned the decision.

"I'm in a state of disbelief ... I don't agree with it, I don't like having that over me going into [the next] election," said Jean-Luc Cooke, the Green Party candidate in Ottawa-area riding of Nepean in the 2015 election.

Richard Zurawski, the candidate in Halifax West, said the BDS policy is "destructive for the party ... Every country has its issues. When we specifically single out Israelis, I worry about the buzzwords and subtext and code language, which is anti-Semitic."

A party torn apart. A leader willing to quit. Controversial headlines eclipsing anything else the party intended to highlight coming out of convention. Is this what a BDS victory looks like?

The fight against BDS revolves around

STEVE MCDONALD, CIJA GUEST COLUMN

While May has since declared she will stay on as leader, every Green voter should be outraged that BDS activists ... nearly pushed the Greens' only voice in Parliament out of the party.

psychology much more than economics. Israel's economy is strong, with trade and ties growing despite calls for BDS. But on the psychological level, BDS activities have the potential to poison attitudes toward Israel among civil society organizations and to demoralize the Jewish community. On both levels, BDS proponents failed when it comes to the Green Party.

While May has since declared she will stay on as leader, every Green voter should be outraged that BDS activists – in using the party to promote their own marginal agenda – nearly pushed the Greens' only voice in Parliament out of the party.

If anything, this initiative has exposed the toxic nature of BDS to those it intended to seduce. As Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) Chair David Cape wrote, "Once again, BDS has proven bitterly and publicly divisive for political parties that contemplate endorsing it. In this case, BDS has sown resentment among Greens and comes at a great cost for anti-Israel activists."

And, when it comes to the morale of the Jewish community, this issue has mobilized thousands of Jewish Canadians across the political spectrum (including former Green Party members) to speak out and condemn the party's hostility toward Israel. In a matter of weeks, CIJA galvanized some 7,500 Canadians to email the Green Party's leadership to express their opposition to this initiative. Without question, our united efforts had an impact with Elizabeth May openly admitting BDS is "very clearly a polarizing movement that leaves most of the Jewish community in Canada feeling that it is anti-Semitic."

Hopefully, this will spur May and other Greens to take the steps needed to annul the BDS policy, and regain control of the party's direction from those behind this hateful agenda.

Steve McDonald is deputy director, communications and public affairs, at the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs – the advocacy agent of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa and Jewish Federations of Canada-UIA.



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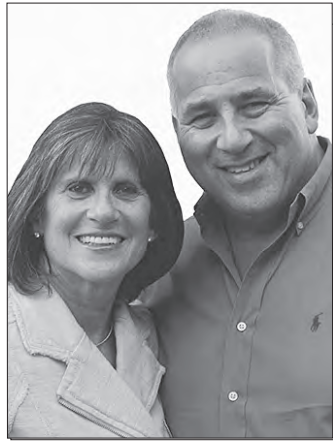
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**FEDERATION
REPORT**



**MICHAEL POLOWIN
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It is our honour and privilege to be the co-chairs of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa Annual Campaign for 2017. This campaign is not about Federation, it is not about agencies, but instead is about all of us, our community, our kehillah. As chairs, we are here today, and to the end of the campaign, to help, to push, to prod and to remind everyone, that it is a blessing to live in a place like Ottawa, and a community like ours.

Both of us grew up here, and have benefited from what our community has to offer. Our educations, our summers, our faith, our recreation and our culture

Annual campaign 'is about all of us, our community, our kehillah'

have all been fashioned by the community built by the generations that came before us. Our parents, our grandparents, and the multitude of those with whom we have no familial connection who built this community, provided us with the opportunity to grow up Jewishly in this city, to live Jewishly, and to raise our children Jewishly.

There is a lesson in this. The Torah was given to our people by God, but it is every generation that sustains it, and passes it along to our children. Our community was given to us by those people, each of whom left their old countries, and came to Ottawa to build a life for themselves and their children. When they needed a mikvah, they came together and built it; when they needed shuls, they came together and built them; community centres, schools, summer camps, agencies to help the less-privileged, the differently-abled, those who lacked for food, the elderly, these were all built by those who came together to

*We must recognize
that indeed, it is
Our Community.
Our Responsibility.
Our Future.*

create both the bricks and mortar of a community, and also put the human resources in place to make our community work for the people living in it.

Those builders, both at the beginning and as the Ottawa Jewish community grew and matured, were giants. At the beginning especially, they often had nothing – but were determined to live as Jews in this new country. They knew that what they were doing was their responsibility, because if they didn't do it, no one would do it for them. They knew it was a community that they were building for themselves in the present, and for their children and grandchildren and all future generations.

So how does that apply today? As our community has prospered, there has developed a tendency to think that others will look after things. As organized institutions have developed, too often we think that those institutions will take care of our communal needs. But at the end of the day, it remains up to us to make sure that the human resources are there; that we give of our time to help make the trains run on time. And it remains up to us to provide the financial resources, the fuel to run those trains.

Whether you take advantage of all the community has to offer or not, as a people we have always known the need to make sure it is there for others, and for us. None of us know what decision or need is around the corner, and even if you never use it, as a people, we must make sure it is there for others who do.

As young people when we come of age, we all learn that we must no longer depend on our parents to do for us. As a community, we must learn that we can no longer depend solely on institutions and our largest philanthropists to ensure that our community exists for us today, and for our children tomorrow. Maintaining and building community is truly a lifetime commitment we all must make.

We must recognize that indeed, it is Our Community. Our Responsibility. Our Future. Please help us maintain what we have today, and build for tomorrow.

**FROM THE
PULPIT**



**RABBI ARI GALANDAUER
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A rabbi passed by a Macdonald's and was shocked to see a congregant sitting in the restaurant eating lunch. The rabbi stood there watching and formulated a rebuke. When the congregant came out the rabbi confronted him.

"Why were you eating in this place? Don't you know it's not kosher! And to top it off, you saw me standing outside watching while you munched away without a care in the world!"

The congregant smiled and replied, "I figured that if you were standing and watching, then it was under rabbinic supervision!"

We are entering the Jewish month of Elul, the pre-season to the High Holiday season. For the Jewish people, it is a time

The High Holidays are not a 'spectator sport'

of great self-introspection when we take stock of the previous year and try to fashion a plan for growth and change in the New Year. It is a time to reconnect with family and friends, to mend relationships and build new ones as we prepare to stand before God on the holiest of days.

There are some, however, who do not fully understand or appreciate the opportunities that Judaism in general affords us, and what the High Holiday season in particular, has to offer. With the recent Olympics, permit me the following imagery:

For some reason, there's an impression that Judaism is a spectator sport, and this is often seen during the High Holidays, when clergy and synagogue staff are busy preparing for the big events, while the average person simply purchases tickets to come and watch. Like the Olympics, we'll judge the rabbi's sermons, the cantor's liturgical compositions, and how the synagogue performed over the High Holidays. We'll go home either satisfied or looking for a new synagogue. That's it. The real growth potential available through the High Holiday experience is totally lost.

I will never forget the time I served as an assistant cantor on Rosh Hashanah. Before the blowing of the shofar, the rabbi

reviewed the rules associated with it. He mentioned that, from the first sound of the shofar until the last blast, it is prohibited to make idle chatter. As when doing any mitzvah, one must complete the mitzvah without interruption.

After the rabbi finished, the shofar was blown and the Torah scrolls were being returned to the ark. As the procession made its way back to the ark, scrolls first, then the rabbi, the cantor and myself, a congregant wished the rabbi "Shana Tova" and the rabbi only responded with a nod of his head, not verbally, as he could not.

The congregant was insulted. How dare the rabbi not respond to his greeting? Fortunately, his seatmate calmed him down, reminding him, "Fool! Don't you remember what the rabbi just said in his review of the shofar rules? Clergy are not allowed to talk until the last blast of the shofar!"

The High Holidays, like the rest of Judaism, is not just for rabbis, cantors and synagogue staff. It's a gift to all members of the Jewish nation to treasure and actively use. This year, let's not just show up with our tickets, let's use the month of Elul to train, so that we can get in the game and be active players in the High Holiday games.

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FROM THE EDITOR



MICHAEL REGENSTREIF

Tell your MP how important it is to prohibit genetic discrimination in Canada

This is a matter that should be of serious concern to all Canadians. As Cape points out, when we are without a law protecting us from genetic discrimination, there is nothing to prevent such bodies as insurance companies, employers (and potential employers) from demanding individuals take genetic tests and disclose private information to them.

“This poses serious problems when it comes to finding or keeping a job, advancing in a career, or buying insurance,” Cape notes.

And this is a matter that is specifically of concern to the Jewish community as there are a number of genetic diseases that are much more prevalent among Ashkenazi Jews than in the general population. These include Gaucher disease, cystic fibrosis, Tay-Sachs disease, familial dysautonomia, and Canavan disease.

A genetic condition that runs in my own family is hereditary angioedema – a condition that can cause swelling, sometimes very painful swelling – in

almost any part of the body at almost any time. My great-grandmother, grandfather and father all had it and there was a 50 per cent chance that I would have it. Luckily, I don't. But one of my brothers does, as do a number of my cousins.

As well, I know many Jewish individuals who suffer from Crohn's disease, for which Ashkenazi Jews have a higher genetic disposition than the general population.

And there is a too-long list of other genetic diseases – some of them, like hereditary angioedema, that are quite rare – affecting Ashkenazi Jews in much higher proportions than other communities.

Genetic testing can help individuals at risk for these diseases manage their health. However, without a law protecting them from the types of genetic discrimination I've mentioned, many people are afraid that being tested and testing positive would put their livelihood or ability to be insured at risk. So too many people avoid being tested at all

and don't receive the help or knowledge they need.

It is unacceptable that Canada remains the only G7 country that has not yet enacted protection from genetic discrimination. Visit www.cija.ca/action-alerts/help-end-gd/ to learn more about this issue and on how to contact your MP and let them know how important it is that Bill S-201 be passed as soon as possible.

THANK YOU, MICHAEL

By the time you read this, Michael Aarenau will be finishing up his three-month internship at the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and heading back to his classes at Carleton University.

Michael did excellent work for us over the summer writing articles on a wide range of topics from interviews with upcoming speakers at community events, to breaking news stories and heartwarming human interest stories. He even rose to the occasion and learned to play Pokémon Go so that he could write about how the phenomenon has affected Jewish community institutions.

Several more of Michael's articles are scheduled to run in our September 26 Rosh Hashanah edition, and his voice will continue to be heard in the Bulletin as our “Campus Life” columnist for this coming school year.

Thanks, Michael, for a job well done.

IDEAS AND IMPRESSIONS



JASON MOSCOVITZ

Olympics: ‘At what price and at whose expense?’

Separatist fever was also running high. Discontent over immigrants going to English instead of French schools was fuelling violent demonstrations in Montreal and suburbs. It was during those tumultuous years when everybody sensed chaos and instability closing in that the mayor of Montreal was having his Olympic facilities built.

While hell was burning, Drapeau dreamed of beautiful grandiose things. To him, no expense needed to be spared for works of art, and his Olympic Stadium was going to be like no other in the world. The final cost bloated to more than a billion dollars. It cost more than any other stadium in the world before and since.

So many years, and so many additional hundreds of millions of dollars in maintenance costs later, the stadium sits virtually empty. It's leaning tower looms over the east end of Montreal as if to remind everyone of Montreal's ill-fated attempt to build its own Eiffel Tower.

Then, and now, it is hard to conceive of spending so much on a two-week sporting event. How misguided and irresponsible could politicians have been?

Forty years later, people are raising

many of the same questions after last month's games in Rio. The athleticism was first class, no question about that, but the spending, the infrastructure necessary, is beyond comprehension.

Brazil and its people have so many more important basic needs, which lost out to the lustre of hosting a beautifully appointed, if imperfect, Olympiad. The International Olympic Committee, comprising aristocratic snobs, sets the specifications and the hosting countries have to comply. The surprising thing is that so many countries continue to line up to compete for the privilege of spending oodles of money on a short-term sporting event rather than on long-term investments in the health and education of their own people.

The Olympic ideal of international brotherhood and sisterhood was shown to be lip service when Hitler was permitted to host the games in 1936. The slaughter of 11 Israeli athletes at the Munich games in 1972 was another revealing moment of human insensitivity, especially when the games in Munich continued as if nothing had happened.

I had a chance as a reporter in Montreal

to see first-hand what the Olympics were about, and my memories have left me a contrarian-for-life. Politicians seeking glory is how it starts. And, while it may end with Olympic glory for elite athletes, any thinking person has to ask at what price and at whose expense?

I remember being in Olympic Stadium for the opening ceremonies of the Montreal Games. Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip were there, as were our political leaders, and, while everyone already knew the story of scandalous overspending that was part of the Montreal Olympic experience in that summer of 1976, everyone pretended they didn't know a thing. It was like a moment the lights went out in everyone's brain.

The games proceeded without incident, but, when they were over and all the bills came in, it was much worse than anyone had imagined. What the commissions of inquiry unravelled was shameful.

Forty years later, it would be nice to think that some good was served by hosting the 1976 Olympics in Canada, but not a single thing comes to mind. And the nightmarish aftershocks keep on as Montreal's infrequently used Olympic Stadium still bleeds money to keep it standing.

As a lasting monument to stupidity, the cost of tearing down the stadium would be in the \$500 million range. But, with Quebec-style cost overruns, it might cost another billion or so.

When the Olympic Games ended in Rio last month, I reflected on this being the 40th anniversary year of the Summer Olympics in Montreal. What first came to mind was how those Olympics were not supposed to have had a deficit. Montreal mayor Jean Drapeau said a man was more likely to have a baby. I think he was almost as crazy and as delusional as Donald Trump.

1976 was a reckoning period in Quebec. Social unrest ruled in the '70s as even policemen and firemen (there were no women on either force then) went on strike. The police and firemen won and, today, governments struggle to pay the cost-of-living adjusted guaranteed pensions the strikers fought for.

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Anne-Marie Phal to be honoured as Righteous Among the Nations

BY FLORALOVE KATZ

During the Holocaust, four of my very young cousins, were “hidden children” in France. Entraide temporaire concealed two small siblings, Rachel and Jacques Schmelz, in Cheilly-lès-Maranges with two different Christian families. Two other small children, Mali and Jacque Schmelz, were hidden by the Œuvre de secours aux enfants in a Christian orphanage.

On September 18, in Cheilly-lès-Maranges, Yad Vashem will confer the Righteous Among the Nations medal, posthumously, on Anne-Marie Phal, the French Christian woman who raised my beloved cousin Rachel after her parents were deported from Anderlecht, Belgium to Auschwitz.

Sadly, Rachel died last year, before I received confirmation of the success of extensive research and efforts to secure the award for Phal.

It was more than two years after the end of the Second World War that my maternal grandparents, Rose Schmelz and David Gottlieb, finally tracked down Rachel and Jacques and undertook the painstakingly difficult arrangements with the French government to eventually bring the children to Montreal.

From his arrival as a young teen, Jacques thrived in Canada. But, to add to our family’s endless grief, this magnificent young man was murdered at 30 years of age during a robbery at his new grocery store.

Rachel eventually left for Israel at age 16 where she worked on Kibbutz Ein Hashofet. She became an El Al flight attendant and later moved to Germany with her husband and in-laws (also Holocaust survivors), where she taught Hebrew and Jewish studies.

It is vital that we endeavour to honour those like Anne-Marie Phal who, at peril to her own life, saved the life of my cousin Rachel.

To date, Yad Vashem has been able to identify the names of 4.5 million (of the six million) Jews murdered in the Holocaust. It is urgent that we dedicate ourselves to finding and forwarding to the Yad Vashem central database, the names of the remaining 1.5 million who were lost, so that they, too, will be remembered.

It is also critical that Holocaust education, remem-



Jacques and Rachel Schmelz in Anderlecht, Belgium, circa 1942, before they became “hidden children” in France.

brance and research continue so that anti-Semitism in its every pernicious form, and all bullying, hate and genocide may, hopefully, disappear from our world.

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Christians, Muslims, Druze and Jews work together: *Clean Up* participants include schoolchildren, soldiers, students, youth movements, green activists, pensioners and, of course, regular citizens personally interested in the project, and they are from all sectors of Israeli society – Jewish, Muslim, Druze, Christian and so on. The President of Israel, along with foreign diplomats posted to Israel, also take part in the cleaning efforts.

Teaching the 3Rs: recycle, reuse, respect: Spearheaded by KKL-JNF, the day focuses on many different topics, including: recycling, tree planting, environmental education, desalination, water resource preservation and long-term projects that help protect the environment.

Special emphasis is made, as noted, on waste separation, and this is a good time to clarify its importance. Every day, we dispose of huge amounts of trash. (Israeli homes generate 5 million tons of solid waste per year and this quantity increases by 5 per cent a year.) Waste that is not separated is dumped, which increases environmental pollution, since these dumps cover vast areas.

On this day, KKL-JNF distributes information materials, biodegradable bags, gloves and special *Cleanup Day* shirts and hats to those taking part. Diverse groups of youngsters and adults in communities around Israel are encouraged to take part in hands-on activities to clean KKL-JNF sites, while the educational and informational aspects of the project highlight the importance of cleanliness and respect for the environment as expressed in both Jewish and universal sources.

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BY MICHAEL AARENAU

On the shores of the St. Lawrence River, the bees at Red House Honey, an artisanal honey farm and apiary, are hard at work producing the honey that has been a staple for so many Rosh Hashanah tables.

For the third consecutive year, Red House Honey is offering a line of raw kosher honey that is certified under the supervision of the Ottawa Vaad HaKashrut.

Leslie Smith, the owner of Red House Honey, is passionate about her products and says kosher certification is another aspect of Red House Honey that makes it unique, noting particularly that she believes kashrut falls in line with her business' commitment to quality.

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Smith also said the kosher certification has been a way to reach out to Ottawa's Jewish community. Red House Honey had a presence at Limmud Ottawa last November and has become a fixture at some of Ottawa's synagogues.

Smith said that, when she first contacted Rabbi Levy Teitlebaum of the Ottawa Vaad HaKashrut, he was more than enthusiastic about providing certification to a line of her honey products.

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New fitness mentoring program at SJCC

BY PAMELA ROSENBERG
SOLOWAY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

A new fitness mentoring program, beginning this fall at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC), gives members an opportunity to learn more about the best exercises to keep in tip-top physical and mental shape.

Scientific studies have shown the benefits of exercise in slowing effects of aging such as loss of muscle and bone strength, plus it improves cognitive function and memory. The new mentoring program, Exercise for Life, offers SJCC members a collection of articles to peruse on exercise, aging and health, and the opportunity to speak confidentially with a fitness professional about the best exercises for them.

The goal of the program, made possible through a grant from the Ontario

Ministry of Sports and Recreation, is to encourage members to exercise, and to help educate and mentor them on what they need to do in order to improve their overall health.

“We believe that enhancing the maintenance of cognitive health through exercise is a strong inducement for seniors to engage in life-long physical activity. Indeed, older adults fear cognitive decline, and we wish to address this concern to increase their participation in physical activity,” said SJCC Assistant Executive Director Maxine Miska.

While this new program does not replace personal training, it will provide participants with advice tailored to them specifically on the importance of exercise for cognitive and physical health and teach them which Fitness Centre machines they would benefit from the most.

“We take into account specific goals, exercise preferences, current condition, health requirements and lifestyle in a non-judgmental atmosphere” said SJCC Health and Wellness Director Carla Gencher. “We are looking to help people succeed on their path to healthy daily living.”

In addition to funding the new mentoring program, the grant will allow the Fitness Centre to purchase new equipment such as body bars, which are most effective for resistance training with older adults.

Wellness is part of the mission of the SJCC. Through programs such as this and life-long learning programs like the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning, the SJCC provides a place for retired adults to stay physically and mentally active.

For more information on Exercise for



“We are looking to help people succeed on their path to healthy daily living,” says SJCC Health and Wellness Director Carla Gencher.

Life, or to book a consultation, contact Carla Gencher at 613-798-9818, ext. 278 or cgencher@jccottawa.com.

300 Orthodox rabbis urge reporting of child sex abuse

(JTA) – Three hundred Orthodox rabbis have signed a proclamation urging those suspecting child sex abuse to notify secular authorities and calling on Jewish institutions to take preventative measures to prevent abuse.

The letter, which was released August

25 and signed by rabbis from the United States, Canada, Israel and Europe, recognizes that Orthodox communities “could have responded in more responsible and sensitive ways to help victims and to hold perpetrators accountable.” It also condemns attempts to ignore or

silence abuse victims and witnesses.

Ottawa-based rabbis who signed the proclamation include Rabbi Reuven Bulka, rabbi emeritus of Congregation Machzikei Hadas, Rabbi Howard Finkelstein of Congregation Beit Tikvah and Rabbi Ari Galandauer of Young Israel of Ottawa.

Those suspecting sexual abuse do not need to seek rabbinic approval before

contacting civil authorities, the proclamation states.

“We condemn attempts to ignore allegations of child sexual abuse. These efforts are harmful, contrary to Jewish law, and immoral,” it said. “The reporting of reasonable suspicions of all forms of child abuse and neglect directly and promptly to the civil authorities is a

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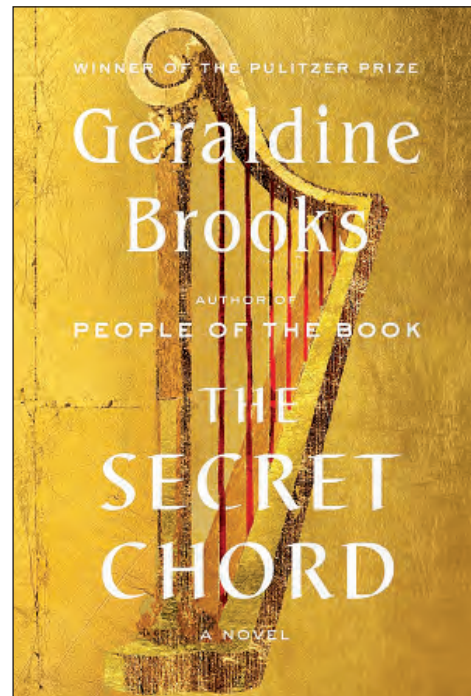
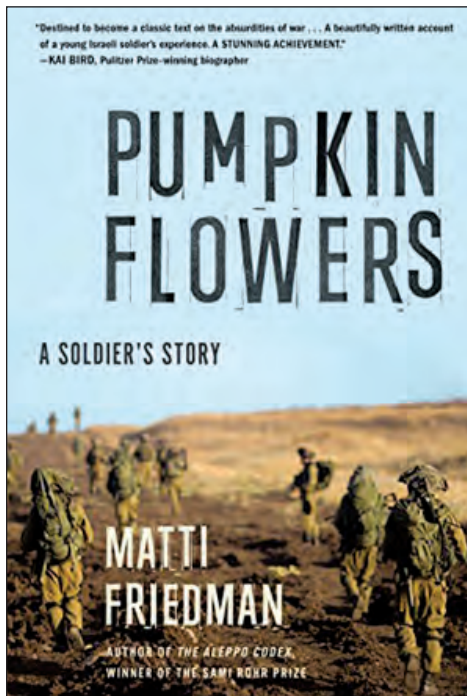
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Books and Bagels at Temple Israel

BY ANNE ALPER
FOR TEMPLE ISRAEL

Temple Israel's Books and Bagels program continues this fall with reviews by two popular presenters.

Each session takes place on Sunday mornings and begins with a bagel breakfast at 9:30 am, followed by a book review and discussion. All sessions are held at Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive, and pre-registration is not required. There is no charge, but a voluntary donation to cover the cost of breakfast is appreciated.

Everyone is welcome. Mark the following dates on your calendar!

September 18 – Rabbi Steven Garten, rabbi emeritus at Temple Israel, will review *Pumpkin Flowers: A Soldier's Story* by Canadian-Israeli author Matti Friedman.

The book describes the experiences of Israeli soldiers, including the author, who served at the fortified border emplacement nicknamed "Pumpkin" and were charged with preventing guerrilla incur-

sions from Southern Lebanon between 1994 and 2000. Friedman notes the soldiers found themselves "in a forgotten little corner of a forgotten little war, but one that has nonetheless reverberated with quiet force in our lives." In the final section of the book, he writes of his travels as a Canadian tourist to the former combat zone and what he encountered.

December 4 – Angus Smith, who says he loves nothing more than a good Jewish story, will review *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks.

The book chronicles the life of King David, from obscurity to fame, from shepherd to soldier, from hero to traitor, and from beloved king to murderer and despot. Brooks presents well-known episodes from David's life in new contexts and describes other aspects that have not been given much attention by others. We see David through the eyes of those who love him and fear him, including his wives and his son Solomon.

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Young Israeli hockey player dreams of his national team – not the NHL

BY MITCH MILLER
CANADA ISRAEL HOCKEY SCHOOL

The Canada Israel Hockey School (CIHS) continues to inspire young Israelis to love the game of hockey. But, for Amit Vinegrad, his passion for Canada's sport might just be genetic.

Amit's grandfather, Boris Mindel, played hockey at the highest levels in Russia before making aliyah to Israel. When NHL Hall of Fame coach Roger Neilson visited Israel in the 1990s to tour the Holy Land and run hockey camps for Israeli youth, Boris was one of Roger's Israeli coaches and the two developed a strong friendship.

Jump ahead almost two decades and Amit, Boris' 14-year-old grandson, was in Ottawa in July attending an Ottawa Senators summer hockey camp.

Amit lives in Katzrin, a small town in

the Golan Heights with a population of almost 7,000 and the closest hockey arena is at the Canada Centre in Metula (which is in Ottawa's Partnership 2Gether region of the Northern Galilee), almost an hour away. Amit will proudly tell you, though, that, when his Saba Boris is driving, the travel time is significantly less, which is helpful because Amit is on the ice three or four times per week.

Amit has previously travelled on CIHS trips to Winnipeg, Washington, Calgary and Vancouver, but this trip to Ottawa was his first without his teammates. It was his first trip without Hebrew-speaking coaches and his first hockey experience as the only Israeli on the ice.

For one week in July, Amit was the unofficial Israeli ambassador for all of the players, parents and coaches at the Sens hockey camp. He performed well on the ice. As one of his coaches told CTV, "He

has a lot a raw talent and a passion to absorb everything the coaches are teaching him. He fits in very well."

Where Amit really showed his maturity was off the ice. He wasn't shy talking about living in Israel, bomb shelters, hockey, and just about any topic his teammates wanted to discuss. They were shocked to learn that he plays with Arab youth in the hockey school and that as a Jewish Israeli he can speak and read Arabic in addition to Hebrew and English. Many were shocked to learn that Jews and Arabs do get along together in Israel despite that not being what is portrayed on the news.

In Ottawa, Amit had toured Roger Neilson House, the pediatric palliative care facility at CHEO (which his grandfather Boris visited during a trip to Ottawa almost a decade ago), Parliament Hill, and the Canadian Tire Centre, home of the Ottawa Senators. He also worked out at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre and visited Hockey Life, a hockey store where he could have spent days as



Amit Vinegrad, a 14-year-old Israeli hockey star, poses for his "official" portrait at the Ottawa Senators summer hockey camp.

there are no hockey stores in Israel.

When CTV's Matt Skube interviewed Amit, the young player made it clear that his goal is not to play in the NHL, but to stay in Israel and play for Israel's national hockey team.



Israeli hockey player Amit Vinegrad pauses during a tour of Parliament Hill while he was in town to attend an Ottawa Senators summer hockey camp.

Dr. Nadav Berkovitz to speak at CHW opening meeting

BY UNA FOLKSON SINGH
FOR CHW OTTAWA CENTRE

The opening meeting of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO (CHW) Ottawa Centre for 2016-2017 will be held Tuesday, September 20, 7:15 pm, at the home of Gina Grant, 3 Southern Hills Court. Both CHW members and non-members are welcome to attend.

The event will begin with a presentation by Dr. Nadav Berkovitz, an interventional neuroradiologist at the Marla Dan Stroke and Interventional Radiology Institute of the Assaf Harofeh Medical Center in Israel. He will speak about how new technologies sponsored by CHW are helping to prevent lifelong disabilities in

stroke victims. Berkovitz is currently in Ottawa for additional fellowship training at the Ottawa Hospital.

After the presentation, there will be a short business meeting, followed by the installation of the new CHW Ottawa Centre executive and the presentation of chapter and Ottawa Centre awards.

The event will conclude with a dessert reception. There is no couvert, but donations will be accepted, and raffle tickets will be sold for a variety of door prizes.

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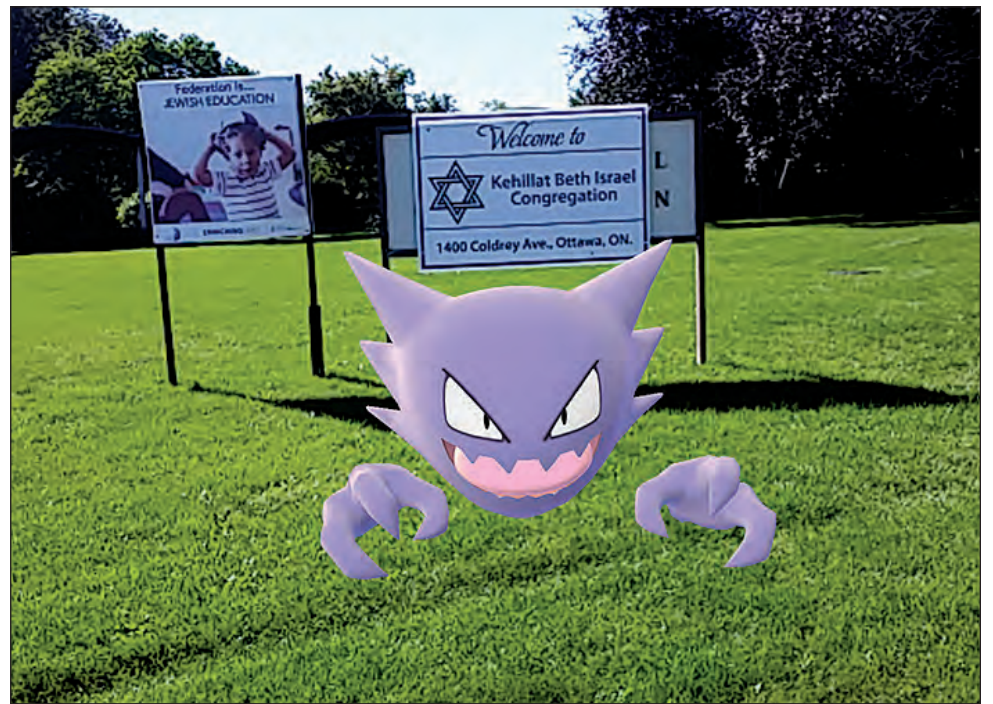
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Michael Arenau captured this Pokémon Go image of “Haunter” on the grounds of Kehillat Beth Israel, a Poké Stop.

Pokémon Go characters turning up at community institutions

BY MICHAEL AARENAU

Since launching in Canada on July 17, Pokémon Go seems to have taken over Ottawa. Countless people have been roaming the city, their eyes glued to their smartphones, hoping to “catch ‘em all.”

Pokémon Go is a mobile app that's rooted in augmented reality, a technology that superimposes computer-generated images into the real world, and seeks to get users to travel to real-world locations in the hopes of finding Pokémon, with the goal of evolving them and leveling them up to make them as strong as possible. The app is based on the video game and animated TV series, Pokémon that came out 20 years ago and took the millennial world by storm.

While Pokémon randomly spawn throughout the city, major landmarks of varying significance, like parks, transit stations and statues, have become Poké Stops and Pokémon Gyms, where users of the app can pick up items and battle other “Pokémon trainers.”

As a result of this phenomenon, you may have noticed an influx of young people around various synagogues and community institutions. But, don't get too excited, they are most likely just out to capture Pokémon. For example, Congregation Machzikei Hadas and Congregation Kehillat Beth Israel are Poké Stops and the statue outside the Soloway Jewish Community Centre (SJCC) serves as a gym.

How are these institutions reacting to the fad? Aside from some initial confu-

sion as to why so many strangers were loitering outside their buildings, there has been very little impact, said Mory Macleod, office manager at Congregation Machzikei Hadas.

Patrice Berdowski, SJCC membership director, echoed Macleod's sentiments and added she liked the thought of so many people coming to the SJCC – but that it was also a hassle for security during the app's peak days.

As Pokémon can spawn literally anywhere and major landmarks tend to be either Poké Stops or gyms, this has resulted in the widespread use of the app at inappropriate places. Yad Vashem and the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum have both established policies banning the use of the app on their premises after spotting many visitors playing Pokémon Go on their grounds.

Ottawa Jewish community member Noam Stulberg, a fourth year student of cognitive science at York University, is an avid Pokémon Go player and says he was drawn to it both for nostalgic and fitness reasons.

“As I was a massive fan of Pokémon in my childhood, it was a logical step for me to try out Pokémon Go as soon as I could get my hands on it,” he said. “If I'm planning on going for a walk, I turn the game on and play while I'm walking. I've always been an active guy, but, especially when the game first came out, it got me out of the house even more. It's a great companion to a nice bike ride.”

With more than 100 million downloads worldwide, the Pokémon Go fad probably won't end any time soon.



Sophie Kohn Kaminsky and Arnold Finkelstein of AJA 50+ will speak at “Engaging with Aging,” a national conference being held in Montreal, September 18-20.

AJA 50+ reps to speak at national Jewish conference on aging

BY MAURICE KLEIN
FOR AJA 50+

Like many others, as retirement approached, I found myself concerned. How would I fill my time after working in government for 38 years in high pressure work settings? Would I continue to be stimulated by current events, politics and religion? Where would I meet new people and be challenged by new ideas? Where would I find opportunities to volunteer?

The answer for me was Active Jewish Adults (AJA) 50+, a grassroots, non-profit, volunteer-driven organization that provides programming for the active 50-plus population. With almost 400 members, AJA 50+ provides a range of cultural, recreational, social and educational programs designed to meet the needs of mature adults in the Ottawa Jewish community.

So it comes as no surprise that Sophie Kohn Kaminsky and Arnold Finkelstein of AJA 50+ will be among the speakers at “Engaging with Aging,” a national Jewish conference on aging, being held September

18 to 20 in Montreal. The conference, sponsored by the Jewish Federations of Canada – UIA, will see professionals and lay leaders from across Canada gather to collaborate with colleagues on topics related to improving the lives of Jewish seniors.

Sophie, the current AJA 50+ president, and Arnold, a past president, have created a presentation called “Hidden in Plain Sight,” which raises the issue of active, healthy seniors being rarely targeted by community organizations as an identifiable group with specific needs and wants. They will discuss how AJA 50+ offers opportunities for this segment of the Jewish population to develop new friendships, social connections and ways to keep healthy and active in mind, body and spirit. Finally, they will present a number of recommended best practices for building a sustainable grassroots organization.

Visit <https://www.jewishcanada.org/ewa> to register for the conference or for more information.

Visit <http://aja50plus.ca/> for more information on AJA 50+.

Abuse: Rabbis urge measures to prevent incidents, help victims

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requirement of Jewish law.”

The letter strongly condemns ostracizing victims of sexual abuse and calls upon synagogues and schools to set up policies to prevent sex abuse, including carefully screening new employees, raising awareness of the issue, and teaching children about sexual development and safety.

The proclamation draws upon the biblical precept not to “stand by while your fellow’s blood is being spilled” (Leviticus 19:16). One of the signatories likened sexual abuse to murder.

“Every sexual abuser is a potential murderer,” said Rabbi Hershel Billet of Young Israel of Woodmere. “They destroy the souls of their victims and at times cause the death of their victims.”

The signatories include members of the Orthodox Union, Rabbinical Council of America and Yeshiva University.

In August 2015, more than 100 haredi Orthodox rabbis and teachers signed a proclamation obligating Jews to report suspected child sex abuse to the authorities, citing the same verse from Leviticus.

The Ottawa Jewish Bulletin contributed to this report.

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Josh Dolgin concert to launch Temple Israel's 50th anniversary year celebrations

BY LOUISE RACHLIS
FOR TEMPLE ISRAEL

Even as preschooler, Josh Dolgin would notice when the music at Temple Israel services was out of tune.

Dolgin, 39, is now a popular musician who performs around the world. Also known as "Socalled," he's a two-time Juno Award nominee who has worked internationally with such artists as Yitzhak Perlman, Frank London, Theodore Bikel and many others. He will be back in Ottawa on Saturday, October 15, 7:30 pm, for a special concert to launch Temple Israel's 50th anniversary year celebrations.

"My earliest musical memories are from religious services," said Dolgin, who now lives in Montreal. He remembers learning his bar mitzvah portion and "doing a good job."

"It's a brilliant cultural move to get children up before a crowd, writing a speech and learning to sing," he said. "It's a cool cultural move for the Jewish people."

Dolgin was delighted when he discovered old recordings of Yiddish music.

"I thought, 'why didn't we hear that in

our Temple, the way the great cantors used to sing.' That was one of my realizations about my own culture: the softening of East European music. I liked the real thing," he said.

Dolgin frequently returns to his Jewish roots to look for melodic inspiration.

"Nobody really cares about it, so I feel a duty to preserve it," he said.

Dolgin is putting together a special program for the Temple Israel concert.

"It's way more traditional; basically me with a string quartet."

The concert promises to be a special evening for all who appreciate Jewish music and Yiddish culture.

Pat Dunphy and Margot Montgomery, co-chairs of Temple Israel's 50th Anniversary Steering Group, are thrilled that Dolgin will be returning to Temple. His parents, A.C. and Marc Dolgin, are active Temple members and known to many in the community.

The event takes place at Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Drive. Doors open at 6:30 pm and there will be a cash bar. Guests will have the opportunity to meet the artists and share a nosh at the complimentary dessert reception after the show.

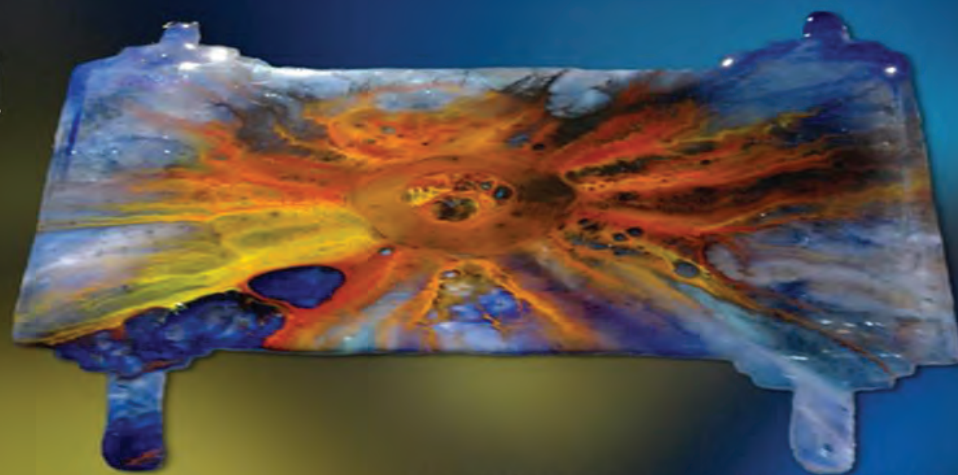


Josh Dolgin (a.k.a. Socalled) performing at Montreal's Folk Festival on the Canal, June 19.

Early Bird tickets at \$25 are available until October 5. Regular tickets at \$30 will then be available until Friday, October 14 at noon at <http://tinyurl.com/hpdekn3>. Tickets will also be available at the door

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‘Chosen family, a concept that can strengthen and support Jewish continuity’

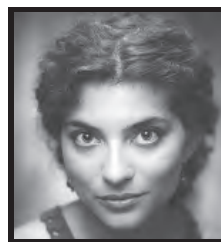
I am writing this column during Pride Week in Ottawa and I am thinking about family and families.

Queer circles speak about the importance of “chosen family” because LGBTQ people often need to reach beyond their birth or adopted families for support and belonging. And certainly non-queer people with troubled families or estranged filial relationships also depend on friends and community for support.

During the Rio Olympics, American gymnastics phenom Simone Biles had to defend her parents when they were “outed” as her biological grandparents and therefore, according to some, not her “real parents,” even though they raised her. Why the frenzy? Adoptive parents, step-parents, half-siblings, blended families – all are legitimate. And, so, too, can our friendships be as valuable as our familial ties.

Family is an important Jewish value. Indeed, marriage, parenting and creating a nurturing Jewish home are core mitzvot in our world. “Be fruitful and multiply” is the first mitzvah articulated in the Torah. In traditional circles, “families” usually include a Jewish man and a Jewish woman who raise children in a Jewish home.

But, how do you negotiate these values if you are gay, or queer, or trans; if you don’t want to be or cannot be married; if you choose not to have or cannot have children; or if you are in love with a non-Jewish person? Can you still create a Jewish family when it looks different than the one described above? These questions are complex, but it seems urgent to make a case for alternative Jewish family structures, and to show my



SARAH WAISVISZ
DISPATCHES
FROM THE
DIASPORA

support for the concept of chosen family, a concept that can strengthen and support Jewish continuity.

The traditional view contends that making a Jewish family and a Jewish home is one small action against anti-Semitism and bigotry in our time, and some Jewish communities encourage parents to have large families in order to bolster the Jewish population decimated in the Holocaust. It seems to me, then, that all Jewish families, no matter their configuration, should be valued as part of that initiative, as part of strengthening Jewish legacy.

While I am not qualified to comment on Halachah or the family practices of traditional Jews, I do feel qualified to argue in favour of love and community, as, indeed, each of us is. In a previous column I wrote about “radical love,” and here I want to extend the idea to a more focused question of family, rather than partnership.

What do I mean by “chosen family”?

A “chosen family” is an extended network that involves bonds deeper than a normal network of acquaintances or colleagues. Members of your chosen family can come from any aspect of your life, including

from work, although a meaningful bond is then forged. Members of your chosen family can include family friends, neighbours, best friends, children and spouses of your best friends, kindred spirits, artistic collaborators, housemates, professional colleagues, synagogue members, etc.

Members of your chosen family nurture you and support you when you are blue, know something about your core and essence, and make you feel you have come home when you are in their presence. These are the people in your life who you love and who love you, no matter the lack of filial connection, and no matter geographical distance or time between visits. These are relationships that matter. This is community.

My blood relatives live, and have always lived, abroad. I adore them, but we rarely see each other. So I am grateful to have a vibrant, robust and supportive chosen family in North America, one that I work hard to nurture and support reciprocally. I want to “be there” for my chosen family just as I know they will “be there” for me. If I were to have a child, these people would be the aunts, uncles, cousins and siblings my child would know best. And that would be fine with me, because each member of this wild and unwieldy Jewish and non-Jewish motley crew exemplifies the Jewish family values our tradition holds dear: loving kindness, generosity, social justice, moral ethics, community and family.

In honour of Ottawa Pride, and in honour of the loving chosen families who hold us up, I dedicate this column to my friends in Congregation Or Haneshamah who opened their hearts to me and continue to teach me about love.

Solitude: An often overlooked component of wellness

Solitude is often misconstrued as loneliness, sadness or social isolation. On the contrary, solitude, according to www.merriam-webster.com, is “a state or situation in which you are alone, usually because you want to be.”

I spend considerable amounts of time at my cottage each summer. My husband commutes to and from work each day. In recent years, my sons have been away for most of the summer, at camp or working in the city. My cottage neighbours are in the city most weekdays. So, it’s just me and my two dachshunds most days. I don’t usually get bored. I read, write, kayak and run. If I want to visit with friends, it’s just a short drive back to Ottawa. Much of the time, I savour the tranquility of country living and value my alone time.

On a typical day, if the weather co-operates, I lie on a chaise lounge on my dock, gazing into the distance, appreciating the gentle ripples sweeping from one side of the lake to the other. Lily pads dot the shoreline, their white and yellow flowers opened to the midday sun, as I, too, welcome the warmth of the sun on my face.

I breathe deeply, fully aware of the sounds of my own breath. I feel very calm and my heart beats slower than in the city, because my universe seems calm. All the noise of day-to-day life has been brushed aside. No to-do lists, no schedules, no demands from anyone.

The atrocities going on in the world used to seem distant and infrequent, but have become closer to home with a frequency that makes me very anxious. But, at the cottage, I turn off the news and tune it out. It feels good not to think about such things.

When I’m at the lake, surrounded by the woods, I



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FOCUS ON
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don’t need to work actively on relaxation with meditation. The great blue heron glides gracefully overhead. A woodpecker scurries up a tree, its pecking reminds me of a timpani. A beaver swims past my dock, oblivious to my quiet presence. For now, the pressures of life have been cast away, like a stone that’s been skipped across the water and has sunk to the bottom of the lake.

Solitude can make an excellent companion. While many studies focus on the positive impacts of social connections (family, friends, clubs, places of worship) on health and longevity, the health benefits of solitude are often overlooked. According to Sherrie Bourg Carter in *Psychology Today*, there are many benefits of spending time alone. Being removed from distractions gives you an opportunity to clear your mind and learn more about yourself and what you want in your relationships with others. It improves your concentration, creativity and problem solving.

<http://tinyurl.com/qhtx56m>

There’s no specific dosage or required venue for solitude. For some people, a few minutes wherever they can be found is sufficient. A walk by yourself during a lunchbreak or a self-imposed time out from your

bickering children can be enough to decompress.

Solitude is not just for adults. A study of Grade 5 through 9 students found that, while those who spent 25 to 45 per cent of their non-class time alone did not necessarily feel happier during their alone time, they had more positive emotions during the rest of the week-long study compared to participants who did not have alone time.

The author of the study suggests that, for Grade 7 through 9 students, there’s a rebound or positive after-effect from the alone time and an intermediate amount of alone time has a constructive role that complements social experience.

<http://tinyurl.com/gosglxa>

At the lake, I re-read *The Second Journey: The Road Back to Yourself* by Joan Anderson. In the story, the author’s friend asks Joan, “You toss around amazing nuggets of wisdom, but are you living your message?” The author admits she’s not living the kind of meaningful life she advises others to live. She’s overworked and stressed out. The pursuit of success has led her to exhaustion.

Later, she tells her friends she’s made some decisions “just for me.” She’s “getting rid of clutter – people, activities, and responsibilities ... If I’m not fully engaged and feeling good about it, then it goes.”

Her statement resonated with me. I feel as though I’m living my “second journey” – a stage in mid-life that allows me more freedom.

I hear the loons calling. Perhaps they’re beckoning me to join them in the lake. No one’s around to consult, so I jump in.

'Few in the modern world would be able to function without Israeli inventions'

Supporters of Israel can wish many things upon the members of the Green Party and others who support the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel.

We should really be wishing them good health.

After all, many of the medical treatments we take for granted, as well as cutting-edge research that could ultimately lead to cures for certain cancers, are the work of Israeli doctors and scientists.

Would Israel's foes put principles ahead of lifesaving treatments for themselves or their families? Or do they choose to ignore what the "occupying power," as the Green Party categorizes Israel, has done for science, technology and medicine?

It must be the latter. As countless other sages have pointed out, few in the modern world would be able to function without Israeli inventions.

All you have to do is Google "Israeli inventions, BDS," and you'll see page after page of lists of Israeli innovations that have changed the way we live our lives. The Intel processor chip, the Disk-On-Key (USB memory stick), the PillCam (a pill-sized camera used for gastrointestinal endoscopy), micro-irrigation and, of course, the cherry tomato are just a few of these.

And there are some entertaining videos on the issue. One of my favourites is "If You Want to Boycott Israel." <http://tinyurl.com/hzh8grb>

Alas, pointing out Israeli innovations and achievements does little to change the minds of those determined to demonize Israel. Indeed, these foes see this kind of promotion as a way for Zionists to avoid the discussion of such issues as settlements, borders and Palestinian independence.

Israel's advocates are better off educating themselves on these issues so that they can back up their pro-Israel arguments with facts about the conflict and the stalled peace process.

But it's always worthwhile to keep abreast of the latest health and science news from Israel, especially when it affects someone in your life.

Let's take skin cancer. Until five years ago, Israel had the dubious distinction of ranking third in the world (behind Australia and New Zealand) in terms of



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incidence of skin cancer and mortality from the disease.

But, because of an aggressive public awareness campaign and technological advances, Israel has dropped to 20th in the world in terms of incidence, and 13th (for men) and 20th (for women) in mortality.

"Take, track, treat" is the slogan for DermaCompare (www.dermacompare.com), an FDA-approved app developed by Israel's Emerald Medical Applications. It's a cloud-based Total Body Photography (TBP) system that allows individuals or doctors to photograph the skin and then track changes in moles every year.

DermaCompare's tracking uses highly detailed imaging technology, originally developed by the Israeli Air Force and Israeli Intelligence, which is faster,

more accessible and more accurate than manual diagnosis.

Early detection is a key factor in survival rates for malignant melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. So this Israeli-developed app could be a game-changer in the way this disease is diagnosed.

And then there's treatment. One of my friends with malignant melanoma is taking part in a clinical trial of an immunotherapy cancer drug called Keytruda, which is also used to treat a specific type of lung cancer.

It's part of a class of drugs called checkpoint inhibitors, which allow the T-cells of the body's immune system to go into overdrive to attack cancer cells. Keytruda doesn't work for all patients, but, when it works, the improvement is quick and dramatic.

Just ask former U.S. president Jimmy Carter, who credits the drug with "curing" his malignant melanoma. My friend's trial is investigating whether Keytruda can prevent the recurrence of melanoma in high-risk patients who have had successful surgery.

And, guess what? Keytruda was developed jointly by researchers in the U.S. and Israel.

What the BDS movement fails to recognize is that science, technology and medicine no longer have physical or geographical barriers.

That doesn't just mean that Israeli researchers and doctors are collaborating with their peers around the world. It means that Israeli doctors are treating non-Israeli patients, including Palestinians, who don't have access to state-of-the-art treatments.

And such Israeli organizations as Save a Child's Heart (www.saveachildsheart.com), about which I've written in the past, train medical personnel in developing countries in life-saving techniques and treatments.

Learning and sharing information about Israeli breakthroughs in medicine and technology isn't likely to convince die-hard BDS supporters to change their views.

But, the next time you run into someone with an open mind, who is truly curious about the aspects of Israel that don't make the news, ask them if they've checked their moles lately.

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The horrors of Mengele's experiments on twins at Auschwitz

Mischling

By Affinity Konar
Random House Canada
240 pages

Affinity Konar's novel *Mischling* – "Mischling" was the term used by the Nazis to indicate a person of mixed Aryan and Jewish ancestry – is about 12-year-old twin girls selected at Auschwitz by Dr. Josef Mengele to be part of his diabolical experiments. The story is narrated alternately by each of the twins, Pearl and Stasha Zamorski, who look very similar, but have somewhat different characters.

As *Mischlinge* in "Mengele's zoo" of experimented-upon children, Pearl and Stasha are, at least at first, given slightly better treatment than other prisoners and are somewhat protected from the usual threats of the camp.

But, the twins are also treated to courses of torture, cruel suffering and abominable experiments until the point that Mengele seems to focus on giving them different types of suffering to endure.

As the story progresses, it is this fixation on differentiating the twins that seems to dominate Mengele's rationale for all that he is doing. Which one is the stronger? Which one will die first? That is his procedure with all of the twins and triplets "under his care" and that they are *Mischlinge*, seems, after all, not to matter.

Stasha is the twin who begins the tale, even though she was born second. Her narration is full of emotion, imagination and rapid movement. Pearl, the twin born first, narrates second. She is more logical, measured and systematic. Much of her narration is taken from her diary.

At one point as the twins talk, they come to see Pearl as keeping the memory of the past, the knowledge of



what has preceded and what is of value, while Stasha takes responsibility for speaking of the present and the future.

Stasha holds within her the memory of her sister, and of her father, as well as the memory of what Mengele did to them. This gives her a mission. After she miraculously survives a death march and Auschwitz is liberated, she sets out with a boy, Feliks, whose twin was lost during the experiments, on a trek through Poland on a hopeless quest to find Mengele and kill him. As they proceed, it is clear their plan is more fantasy than practical, but they eventually come face to face with their past in the Warsaw Zoo. They both admit to each other they had been living in a fantasy world.

Pearl, kept and systematically starved and broken in a cage in darkness, is reduced to a pile of flesh and bone with little memory of herself or anyone else, just that she is missing something valuable. Otherwise she lives passively in the present, her legs crippled by Mengele. She is rescued, along with many of the remaining children, by tough survivors of the camp who managed to avoid the gas chambers by being "useful" to the guards or to Mengele, even while they secretly found

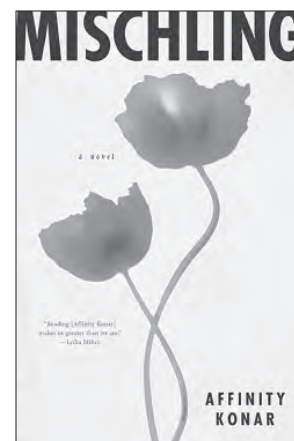
ways occasionally to help the victims.

The story is filled with the pain, suffering and death of children and of some who try to help them. Because all is filtered through the individual perspectives of the twins who alternately pass through hope, despair and hope again, everything that occurs, that allows them to live, feels miraculous. Stasha and Feliks, for example, escape harrowing threats only to meet further dangers from which they are saved again by chance. They are quick and resourceful, but also extremely lucky.

Pearl is kept alive both through luck and the determination of others, and is restored to a semblance of normality (walking with crutches). A plan is hatched to smuggle some of the children to Palestine in coffins, loaded on a truck to be driven down through Italy for embarkation. Again Pearl is somehow saved and the truck returns to the Red Cross in Warsaw, where Stasha and Pearl meet again in extraordinarily lucky circumstances.

Affinity Konar's writing is exquisite, but the suffering and death are difficult to take, especially after the liberation of Auschwitz, when so many still die from various causes brought about by chance encounters, infections and weather.

And, yet, some do survive. Was it their character and adaptability, their drive and reason for going on? Or was there a "guiding hand" in determining their fate and whose hand was it? And why did Mengele also survive and escape justice? These are the questions we are left to answer as we all have to wrestle with the evil of the Holocaust and what it means for humanity.



Adult Educational and Cultural Programs

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With Professor Natalia Vessalova

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Wednesdays 9:45 am–11:45 am
With Nick Milne, University of Ottawa

The World of Popular Theatre – From the Greeks to Grease

September 22–November 3
Thursdays 12:30 pm–2:00 pm
With actor/playwright Pierre Brault

Haftarah Step-by-Step

September 22–November 3
Thursdays 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
With Barbara Okun

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Women's Torah Study with Rabbi Deborah Zuker: Join Rabbi Deborah Zuker in her home for Torah study, 7 pm.
RSVP/Info: Rabbi Deborah Zuker, deborahzucker@gmail.com

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Ottawa Modern Jewish School (OMJS) Registration: OMJS is located on the lower level of the SJCC, 8 am.
Info: Justin Shulman, 613-866-5861, justin.shulman@me.com

KBI Kids Kickoff Party:

Kehillat Beth Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey Ave., 2 pm.
Info: Emily Anzarouth, youth@kehillatbethisrael.com

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Book Talk with Rubin Friedman: "Nazis and Jews, Cats, Sex and Golf - and Other Bits from My Brain," 1:30 pm.
Info: Roslyn Wollock, 613-798-9818, ext 254, rwollock@jccottawa.com

Book discussion with author Adam Dodek: "In Search of the Ethical Lawyer, Stories from the Canadian Legal Profession," 7:30 pm.
Info: Maxine Miska, 613-798-9818, ext., 263, mmiska@jccottawa.com

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Malca Pass Library Book Group Meeting: Mina Cohn will review "The Hilltop" by Assaf Gavron. Kehillat Beth Israel, 1400 Coldrey Ave., 7:30 pm.
Info: Maureen Kaell, 613-224-8649, mkaell@rogers.com

Na'amat Canada Ottawa 2017 Opener: Speaker Rabbi Deborah Zuker. Light refreshments will be served, 7:30 pm.
Info: Ilana Albert-Novick, 613-884-2662, ilanov@rogers.com

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Canadian Friends of Peace Now presents J.J. Goldberg: The journalist will speak on right-left tensions within Israel. There will also be a Q&A session, 7:30 pm.
Info/RSVP: Gabriella Goliger, goliger@rogers.com

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Community Gourmet Shabbat Dinner: "The Great Rabbinic Kibbitz," tales from Rabbi Bulka's 50 years in the rabbinate. Machzikei Hadas, 2310 Virginia Dr., 7:30 pm.
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Books and Bagels: Rabbi Steven Garten will review "Pumpkinflowers: A Soldier's Story of a Forgotten War" by Matti Friedman. Bagels, 9:30 am; review, 10 am. Temple Israel, 1301 Prince of Wales Dr. 9:30 am.
Info: Shayla Mindell, 613-594-4556, shaylamindell@rogers.com

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Info/RSVP: Ella Dagan, edagan@jccottawa.com

Annual Campaign Kickoff:

Keynote speaker: Nancy Spielberg, 7 pm. An afternoon concert features children's music duo Judy and David, 3 pm.
Info: Rena Garshowitz, 613-798-4696, ext. 241, rgarshowitz@jewishottawa.com

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Info: Roslyn Wollock, 613-798-9818, ext 254, rwollock@jccottawa.com

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Info: Dina Blum, 613-843-7770, dina@theotc.org

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

PJ Library Parents' Night Out 2.0: Test your critical thinking. Escape Manor, 982 Wellington St. W., 8:30 pm.
Info: Ariel Fainer, 613-798-4696, ext. 240, afainer@jewishottawa.com

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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