



THE BULLETIN

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Rabbi Claudio's First T'filin and T'filah Service



The 58th Annual B'nai Brith Silver Plate Dinner

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 5:30, TCU Place

Tickets: \$200 (955-3563 or dl.katzman@sasktel.net)

by David Katzman, Dinner Chairman

B'nai Brith was founded on New York City's Lower East Side on October 13, 1843, by 12 recent German Jewish immigrants led by Henry Jones, primarily to address issues of blatant prejudice. In Saskatoon, we have a proud history of supporting important organizations that primarily serve youth; the U of S Student Health Centre, the Preschool Foundation, the Children's Hospital, Raise a Reader, the Care and Share Holiday Lunch and our own BBYO (high school), Hillel (post-secondary). We also make a significant donation to CAI. This year, we are pleased to announce a \$25 000 commitment to the Ronald McDonald House expansion, which serves the families of children receiving medical care in city hospitals.

Please support our Dinner. We would like to see 900 gentlemen at our event and hope that every community member will invite friends and colleagues to this opportunity for a memorable night of fine dining and great camaraderie. Facing intense popular demand, Dr. Steven Goluboff has once again agreed to return to the podium as our MC. Our Silent and Live Auctions, organized by Ron Gitlin, are exceptional because many of our own congregants are kind enough to provide items and you are asked to contact Ron now with your contributions 374-6330. Thank you to Ticket Chair Arnie Shaw, The We're Proud of You Display, Steven Simpson and Audio Visual presentation, Bryce Sasko.

Celebrate SHABBAT!



Come and join us every month for a special Kabbalat Shabbat:

For adults:

Musical Kabbalat Shabbat at the synagogue led by Rabbi Claudio and Ari, our sheliach.

For children:

Children service with games, stories and activities, led by our shlichah Tamar and Rosy Jodorkovsky.

Once a month – Friday 6:00pm
(See calendar for specific dates).

Join us for the festival!

10:00 Am -
Children's
Activity Fair,
Community
Book Fair &
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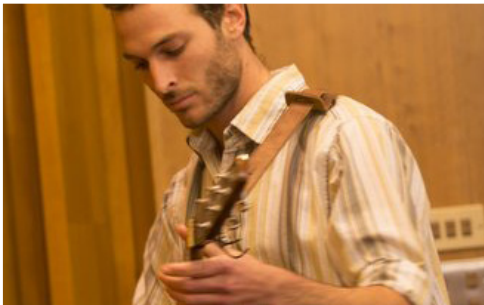
by Heather Fenyes

The Shabbat between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, often given to reflection and introspection, had extra special significance for Congregation Agudas Israel Synagogue members. This Shabbat was dedicated to the installation of our new Rabbi Claudio Jodorkovsky. The Shabbat services and the instillation were made more meaningful with the addition of honored guests. Rabbi Steven

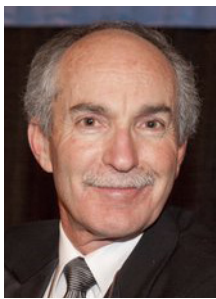
Wernick, CEO of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, joined us from New York, and Harold Jacobsohn, JTS board member came from Boca Raton, Florida.

The weekend was filled with Shabbat learning, singing, meaning and prayer. Saturday night, was the official instillation. President Marsha Scharfstein welcomed over 150 in attendance, including clergy from

other faiths, MLA's, friends and congregants. Harold Jacobsohn shared a warm Colombian, JTS welcome. Rabbi Wernick delivered an address, and "installed" Rabbi Claudio with humor, (some construction tools), and importance. Rabbi Claudio replied to the crowd with a brilliant, poignant, address. All in attendance felt the promise and hope of a bright new beginning.



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Editorial

by Steven Goluboff

If our congregation has any faults, it may be that we have too much on the go. But miraculously, it appears that many of our members respond with a positive attitude about the choices on the menu. We have just completed the usually chaotic and busy fall season with the High Holy Days and of course, the installation of our new Rabbi Claudio. In only a few months, we can see the impact he and his wife Rosy have had on the community. One only has to read the words of Rabbi Steven Wernick, the CEO of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism in this issue of the Bulletin to recognize how an outsider views Rabbi Claudio and his congregation. We are fortunate to have a Rabbi with a deep commitment to Judaism, a sense of flexibility in understanding our diverse and rich past, and a vision for the future which may allow any one of us to grow intellectually, religiously, spiritually and socially. The impression he

has made extends from the very young, the young adults and those of us who have been around so long that we thought there was nothing new under the sun we could warm to. From adult study, Bar and Bat Mitzvot rejuvenation to a monthly Sunday morning T'filah and T'filin service, we recognize the richness that is ours for the asking. This is also the time of Tzedakah as we embark on three fund raising programs that benefit this community and the State of Israel. Rabbi Claudio challenges us as a congregation to face our responsibility to assist the needs of those less fortunate. The concept of *Tikkum Olam* – *heal the world* is really what these campaigns are all about. The 58th B'nai Brith Silver Plate Dinner, not only supports the local Jewish community but is a respected and major player in Saskatoon in responding to its community needs. Amongst other recipients of our work, we will begin a three year commitment to the expansion of The Ronald McDonald House. The United Jewish Campaign as every one knows supports Jews

in need and in crisis in Israel and enclaves around the world where Jews still live, such as the former Soviet Union, and provides funding for immensely successful Shlichim program. Hadassah's Youth Aliyah campaign helps the challenges of poor Jews and Arabs in the State of Israel. Please consider all of these admirable opportunities to participate in *Tikkum Olam*. Our new Shlichim, Avi and Tamar bring new enthusiasm and new ideas. They continue the successful Israel movie experience in the Breakfast Club, offer classes in Hebrew and participate in outreach to help many understand and learn about the State of Israel. They have initiated a new section of the Bulletin (page 19), with pearls and stories about Israel. As is the reality of life's passages, we mourn the loss of one of our most senior and valued members of the Congregation, Dr. Louis Horlick, while at the same time we share the joy with former Shlichim, Yael and Yishay who have brought a new baby girl into their lives.



Divrei Harav – Rabbi Claudio's Message

by Rabbi Claudio Jodorkovsky

Dear friends:

The Yamim Noraim (the High Holy Days) are over and after that intense experience of introspection and personal growth, the

wisdom of the Hebrew calendar gives us a whole month without any celebration in order to start planning and accomplish all what we proposed for ourselves during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

But for us in Agudas Israel, these days after the Yamim Noraim and Sukkoth have been a very busy time working on how to improve, in this new year, the activities that we already develop in the community and also thinking about new ones and future programs for our congregation. And taking on account that task, I would like to reflect on the passage in Pirkei Avot (1:2) that says "Al shloshe devarim haolam omed: Al hatorah, veal haavoda veal gemilut chasadim - " – "The world stands upon three things: On Torah (study), Worship (prayer) and acts of loving-kindness".

This statement of our sages expresses the vision about the ideals that should guide a Jew during his life. We study our sacred

Jewish texts, enhanced with the wisdom of many others sources, in order to permanently challenge ourselves with new meaning and understanding so that we can grow and be better human beings. We pray to become close to the presence of God, looking for transcending the mundane of our daily life and trying to understand the purpose of our life. And finally, as Jews we understand that knowledge and faith have a meaning only if we apply them to improve our society, seeking justice and helping those who need us.

As a Rabbi I always have thought that a Jewish Community should follow that same path and be a place where we study, pray together and prepare ourselves for working "outside" in Tikkun Olam (helping to improve the world). Starting from that vision, I want

to share with you some new ideas, activities and projects that we already started to put in practice, and others that will be coming, which in conjunction with the ones that Agudas Israel traditionally offers, will give us several opportunities for participating and exploring our Jewish tradition.

First of all, we have been working on improving the experience of t'filah (prayer) and for that purpose I have started to lead the religious services not from the pulpit but down the stairs, close to the congregation. Additionally, we have moved forward the panels that divide the synagogue from the auditorium so we can have a more intimate sense of com-

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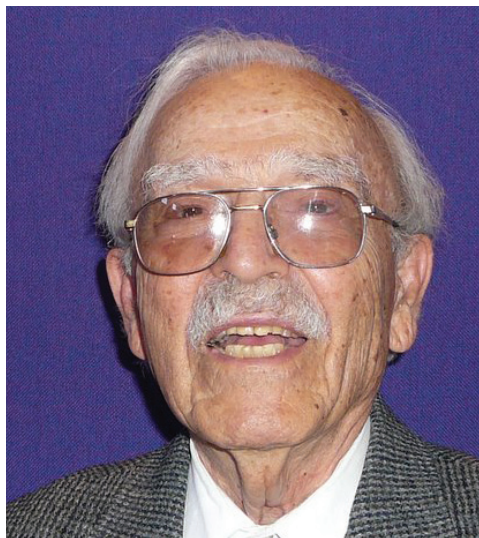
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Lou Horlick

December 2, 1921 - October 23, 2012



Louis Horlick, OC, SOM, MD, FRCPC
Born December 2, 1921 in Montreal, Quebec, died October 23, 2012 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Mourned by his wife Ruth, four sons and their wives, Jonathan (Kathi), Andrew (Anne), Allan and Simon (Margo) and eight grandchildren, Sarah, Leah, Nicholas, Sam, Simon, Jay, Zoe and Abby. On October 7, 2012, he and Ruth celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. His parents, Sophie Katz and Phillip Horlick, separately emigrated from Poland and Russia to New York City to escape religious persecution and make a new life. They met working in the NYC garment district sweat shops, married, and in 1910 immigrated to Montreal, Quebec. Louis was the fourth of seven siblings, predeceased by Jacob, David, Sam, Miriam and Sarah. He is survived by his sister Ruth Krashinsky. In Montreal, Louis attended Devonshire Public School, Baron Byng High School and, through scholarships and the assistance of his siblings, McGill University. He graduated in medicine from McGill in 1945 receiving the Holmes Gold Medal for the highest standing over four years of studies. Louis interned at the Montreal General Hospital, spent two years as a fellow in the Cardiovascular Institute at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago where he began his career in medical research in the area of experimental atherosclerosis. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the American College of Physicians in 1952. Louis completed his training in internal medicine and cardiology at McGill receiving an MSc. and Diploma in Internal Medicine (Experimental Medicine) in 1953.

Louis' goal was to work in academic medicine, and in 1954 he joined the staff of the Department of Medicine of the College of

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FROM OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

The Mission Statement of Congregation Agudas Israel

Congregation Agudas Israel is a spiritual, religious, educational and social home committed to deepening the quality of Jewish life in Saskatoon and district. We are an evolving link in the historical traditions of the Jewish people. We are a progressive, democratic and sensitive congregation responding to the widest spectrum of Jewish thought and practice.

Written at the 2002 Kallah by the members of Congregation Agudas Israel

MAZEL TOV AND CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Leona Wasserman on the birth of a grandson, Noah Levi, on August 26th, a son to Paula Wasserman and Adam Rosenfeld of Calgary.

Jordana Jacobson who placed 1st in the Masters Bikini Category at the Canadian Bodybuilding Federation National Championships.

Mayah Holtslander, daughter of Franci and Gord, who won the M. J. Coldwell Prize in Canadian Affairs, in recognition of her achievement in courses relating to Canadian history, literature, economic affairs and government. Mayah is in her 4th year Honours English program at the U. of S.

Dr. Louis and Ruth Horlick on the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on October 9th.



Yael Cohen and Yishay Lerman, former Shlichim, on the birth of a daughter Maya Lerman in Israel.

Matthew Rosenberg, Los Angeles California architect, who won second place in an international design competition for a site on Staten Island, New York. Matthew received his award in New York City October 25th, 2012. The competition attracted 250 submissions from 39 countries. Further information about the competition can be found at <http://landartgenerator.org/competition.html>.

Leah Rosenberg, San Francisco, who was among the top finishers in the 2012 Healdsburg, California marathon, her first full marathon.

Hazzan Neil Schwartz who received an Honorary Doctorate of Music from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City on October 29th. This honour reflects his accomplishments and contributions during the 32 years of his career as a clergyperson, Jewish educator, and Chaplain.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Matthew Feldman: Originally from Calgary, Alberta my maternal heritage has deep roots in Saskatchewan. Grandson of Arnold and Claire Golumbia and son of their middle daughter Carol, I am very happy to be part of the Jewish community here in Saskatoon and at Congregation Agudas Israel, specifically. In 2009 I obtained my Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alberta and after spending four months overseas volunteering in Israel and Bolivia, I applied and was accepted to the Master's of Public Health Program here at the University of Saskatchewan in 2010. My mother and the rest of the Golumbia family were excited to find out that I was moving to Saskatoon – a city they cherish deeply and still speak of often. Currently, I am working as the Infant Mortality Youth Project Coordinator with the Saskatchewan Prevention Institute, a provincial non-profit organization aiming to "reduce the occurrence of disabling conditions in children." In addition, I am completing my applications to medical schools around the world (Canada, Israel, Ireland and the Caribbean) which I hope to hear back from in the new year. Although having already been actively involved in the Jewish community in such roles as Jewish Student's Association President, Silver Spoon and Silver Plate Dinner volunteer, the opportunity to be recognized as a member of Congregation Agudas Israel is something I am very proud of. A congregation that holds special meaning for me and my family, I look forward to working together in building and maintaining a strong community for the future.

Fernande Levy. Fernande has returned from Montreal to join her children and grandchildren living in Saskatoon.

Alexander, Leonid, and Tatyana Arav, who have moved to Saskatoon from Israel and previously from the former Soviet Union.

GET WELL WISHES TO:

Ian Buckwold and Janet Erikson

CONDOLENCES TO:

Ron Waldman and family upon the death of his brother Gerald Waldman of Toronto, formerly a member of Congregation Agudas Israel.

Ruth Horlick and family on the death of Dr. Louis Horlick.

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Person to Person

by Marsha Scharfstein, President, CAI

"I believe that one of the most important things to learn in life is that you can make a difference in your community no matter who you are or where you live."

- Rosalynn Carter



From her Rosh Hashanah Speech 2012

Remember going on a road trip with your kids? Inevitably you are faced with the question, "Are we there yet?"

This is the question we also ask ourselves at this introspective time of year. Am I the person I want to be? Do I react to difficult situations with an appropriate amount of compassion? Do I have balance in my personal and business life? Do I count for something?

As a community we must also ask these questions... Are we there yet? Our mission statement says the following:

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This mission statement might say the things we strive to be, but do we do them? Do we walk the walk or just talk the talk?

There have been so many changes in our community this past few months and there are more changes to come... We have a new Rabbi, who I know will challenge us to question many of the things we do just because that is what we have always done. He brings new opportunities to learn and explore our Judaism if we just step up to the table.

The shlichim program, that we have been participating in for the past 12 years, is another amazing example of Judaism at work. I know it is a mixed blessing to have new couples join us every year or two. We just get to love a couple, get to know how they

work and get used to the programming they bring, when it is time for them to go home. It is like having a friend, or child, or grandchild move away. It is hard. But then, a couple of weeks later, another couple arrives...with new energy, new ideas for programming, new opportunities for us to learn about Israel and the cycle starts again. Our new shlichim, Ari and Tamar, are exploding with enthusiasm and I already enjoy working with them. I encourage everyone to enrich their own lives by interacting in their programs.

Our new Board of Trustees is ready to get to work. We have several new and young members and I know they will shake up the proceedings a bit. We have to be open to new ideas, no matter how comfortable we are with the status quo. That is a good thing... although not an easy thing! It is always easier to stay with what we know...what has worked before. The trick is to realize when change is necessary...when it isn't working anymore...when just a bit of a tweek is all that is needed and when a big change is required.

Agudas Israel has historically been able to face those times of change. We have 100 years of history behind us, and I expect at least another 100 years ahead of us. We have survived and thrived because our leaders have had foresight into what the next step needed to be, while at the same time preserving the important essence of who we are. They have given us a strong financial foundation that must be protected, as well as a strong Jewish foundation that, while protecting, must also be able to evolve.

We have faced several years of declining membership, while keeping the community intact. I believe we have turned a corner. We are not just hanging on anymore. We are growing, and in order to continue to grow we

have to be relevant to our members. We have to be the place that is home. Saskatoon is growing also. If you believe the statistics, we will have 500,000 people by 2030. Some of those new people will be Jewish, and we have to be ready to welcome them into our family.

The work ahead of us is not diminishing... it is increasing. We rely on our volunteers for almost everything...to not only run the Gift Shop, the Ritual Committee, the House committee, to name but a few...but they must also provide more than 50% of the funds that are needed to keep the doors open in this building. Silver Plate Dinner, Silver Spoon Dinner, the UIA campaign...all are not just extras...they are essential. The people who tirelessly work to make these fundraisers a success, must be thanked...not just publicly (which is now), but also individually. Thank you Linda Shaw, Heather Fenyes and committee, David and Randy Katzman and committee, Steven Goluboff and committee. Your efforts are extraordinary, appreciated and essential. Please continue...

In the larger communities of Saskatoon and Canada, there are new challenges that we will have to deal with. The growing anti-Israel sentiments are worrisome, but we will face them as we have tried to face all difficulties...with compassion, justice and honesty.

Can you feel the energy in this building? I can! I can feel the excitement of starting new classes with Rabbi Claudio. I can feel the anticipation of what new programs Ari and Tamar will start. twelve students are studying in our Hebrew School. There are endless possibilities to get involved in Sisterhood, B'nai Brith, Regional Boards, Interfaith Dialogue...what are you interested in?? We have a place for you. This is an exciting time in our community...new year, new Rabbi, new shlichim, new President, new growth, new opportunities. Please join us in deciding what direction we will take in the coming years. Your voice is important, and your participation is vital.

In answer to the original question..."Are we there yet?".... no, we are not! And I hope we never get to the place where we think we are. That will be when we start to move backwards. The objective of reaching "there" is a moving target and we have to be always willing to move with it.

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Installation of Rabbi Jodorkovsky

by Rabbi Steven Wernick

CEO - United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, New York City

ky at Congregation Agudas Israel Synagogue in Saskatoon, Canada.

The appointment of Rabbi Claudio, as he is known, was big news -- not only for the Jews of this Western Canadian city... but also for the local community. In addition to local Jewish dignitaries, we were joined by members of the Provincial and local governments, clergy of all faiths and local civic leaders over the course of the weekend. The occasion of a Rabbi's installation was deemed important enough to celebrate on a wide scale. I was moved and impressed by the outpouring of support and media attention inspired by Rabbi Claudio's appointment.

Of course, Rabbi Claudio deserves every bit of the star treatment he received. Born in Santiago, Chile in 1974, he was ordained at the Latin American Rabbinical Seminary of the Conservative movement.

Rabbi Claudio comes from a congregation in Bogota, Columbia before joining Congregation Agudas Israel.

The 100 year old Congregation Agudas Israel is a kehilla whose influence extends far beyond its physical dimensions. The appointment of a full time rabbi was not only a milestone for the community but a vote of confidence and investment in its future vitality. According to all the estimates and

demographic projections, Saskatoon is poised for rapid growth, expected to double its population in the next 15-20 years, from 250,000 to half a million people. The leadership of Agudas Israel is fully anticipating -- and supporting -- that growth.

The membership of Agudas Israel is about 110 member families. The leadership of Agudas Israel, in installing a new full time Rabbi, is clearly planning ahead and investing in their future.

The Shabbat I spent with this very special kehilla was sweet on so many levels. First, the personal. Being at the synagogue over Shabbat enabled me to reconnect with a dear old friend -- Heather Fenyes -- the immediate Past President and an active member of the kehilla.

For a small synagogue, Agudas Israel has made a big mark. For a small shul, you cannot believe all the activities that take place under its roof. The place is hopping with life and enthusiasm and passion.

While we reminisced, I was introduced to the pillars of the community who welcomed me like I, too, was a member of the family. I was also able to meet Harold Jacobsohn, a family friend of the Fenyes and Sharfe families from Florida and a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Theological Seminary, who is a native of Colombia. He made the trip just to participate in the festivities. It was his friendships and his network that provided information from Columbia which validated the kehilla's choice in Rabbi Claudio.

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Israel has earned the distinction of being the central Jewish address of Saskatoon. They are involved in reconciliation and dialogue with other faith groups. They are financially secure.

Agudas Israel is truly a model kehilla, living the dream of being engaged and connected to Conservative Judaism. And while the hiring of a full-time rabbi is a stretch for them financially, it is also an investment in tomorrow. That's what they are doing. Rabbi Claudio is the right person for them. A dynamic personality, he wants to be in a small community and he wants to build relationships. His intelligence is as great as his menschlichkeit.

His appointment marks a great and successful shidduch for Agudas Israel.

I took away so many valuable lessons from my Shabbat in Saskatoon... about what makes a successful kehilla, about how to exist in harmony with the surrounding community, about how to invest in the future, about how to build successful interpersonal relationships.

Heading into Yom Kippur I was reminded of a lesson we all know internally, but which bears repetition because we sometimes forget.

Success is about engagement.

If we want to grow a vibrant community for today and for tomorrow, our message should be not about membership but engagement.

At United Synagogue, we are about relationships, not numbers.

If Yom Kippur was a time of reflection and heshbon hanefesh and reflecting on what one needs to do to grow in years ahead, let us draw inspiration from Congregation Agudas Israel Synagogue in Saskatoon.

In other words, let's not beat our breasts in despair this Yom Kippur, but raise our voices together in song... and celebration.

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From a Yom Kippur Message from our Shlichim

by *Tamir and Ari*

It's been almost a month since we arrived, and we are experiencing a strange mixture of feelings - on the one hand, having learned so much, met so many people and acquired a variety of new experiences, it seems as though we've already been through a great deal, and that to any outsider, we could easily take off as Saskatonians. On the other, this *is* our first formal introduction to the community of Agudas Israel at large. Even though we've been through a lot since our arrival, it does still feel like we are at the very beginning of a long journey, and that there is yet so much ahead of us.

A few months ago, when we were still walking around in sandals at Tel Aviv, our supervisor at the Jewish Agency called to inform us that another location was added to our range of potential Shlichut destinations - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Unable to pronounce it at the time, we quickly resorted to Google to help us look into the matter, only to find out two alarming facts: the nearest place we *had* heard of was farther away than triple the entire length of Israel, and that the average high on July 31st is 25.8 degrees Celsius - a lower temperature than what we had our air conditioning set for at the time. Moving to a place that has a lower temperature on the hottest day of the year, than that which we would use as air conditioning, made us wonder if we

were making a wise choice.

It was not easy getting used to the idea. But eventually, after hearing what our supervisor in Israel had to say, along with Ido and Ayelet, and a few members of the community, our other potential options were no match. We were excited at the concept of being part of a community as opposed to being considered employees, hired by it. We were interested in experiencing the practice of Judaism outside of Israel. We wanted to ski. But mostly, we just felt it was right.

Since we first arrived in Saskatoon we have been trying to acquire an in-depth understanding of the community. Being welcomed with such kindness and warmth into people's homes made us feel as if we have been made part of a family, and now have to make up for lots of unknown family history. We found ourselves asking people at every meal and event for their perspective on different community matters, reading many past Bulletins and sermons out of the late Rabbi Pavey's book - 'Kol Kore Ba'midbar', and searching the internet for any useful information. Our devoted team of supervisors responded in puzzled looks when we requested to see the community's charter and perhaps join a board meeting. Apparently, these are not common requests.

This is a vibrant community, with striking



disproportion to its size. Both of us have good basis for comparison. We were both participants in different Mechinot - a gap year program for leadership development, which is essentially a small community which shares studies and volunteer work. Taking part in countless sessions of different planning-committees and group dynamics discussions, we do in fact understand the reason for not craving to participate in a board meeting.

We have also both lived in the very small community of Kibbutz Yahel, near Eilat. Tamar, for a period of time, after being discharged from the army, and Ari, for his entire childhood. We know there are many challenges to overcome in order to maintain a lively and healthy communal atmosphere. Perhaps one of the biggest challenges is the constant tension between tradition and innovation. This is a challenge we have already been facing,

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From the New Shlichim's Mom

by *Irit, (Tamar's mother, who also loves Ari like a son).*

September 2012,

A few minutes ago I've finished folding the laundry Tamar & Ari left after their departure to Saskatoon three days ago (seems like much longer...). During that "dutiful chore" I was lost in thoughts. I recalled the first time Tamar had told us about an idea, that eventually led to their landing in Saskatoon together.

You'll get to know them. When we heard about that initial idea I thought to myself, 'well it's a small seed but it will ripen into actions soon enough'. The rest is known to you all, It is the beginning of their new assignment.

Behind the scenes...

From a parent's point of view it's complicated to let the kids (as grown up as they may be) to fly away, both literally and figuratively. As a (Jewish) mom I wanted Tamar to finish college; on the other hand this mission is important and will change their lives. College will be here waiting for her when she comes back. It's much more meaningful now that they share this experience, as a couple and as individuals.

That's all on a rational level, the emotional

side churns: they must stay at home, they're so cute, so smart (an objective mom) it's so much fun having them for Friday dinners, holiday dinners, birthday parties, trips, they shall stay under our wings. Of course eventually "Mature logic" chimes and tells us to let them go. That's the right course of things.

Along the way, Tamar and Ari had to go through lots of interviews, paper work, meetings and tests. We were there to listen and share the stories, always with that small string in the heart, but with full belief and embrace.

Seeing them packing boxes turned thoughts into reality, they are packing, they will be leaving soon.

A wedding (Tamar's sister got married a week ago), squeezed lots of events together but happy events are always welcome. A few farewell parties and gifts later and here we are facing a new "era"; enjoying e-mails, waiting for skype conversations and updating the family when new pictures or information from Saskatoon reaches our laptops..

We, Tamar's parents, plan on visiting at the end of November so we'll have time to

meet you and tell a bit about ourselves and our family. As you probably know we do miss them but we are very proud of their choice.

We wish you all Shana Tova and a happy new year.

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I Shall Not Hate - Izzeldim Abuelaish

by Bob Sass

A founding member of the Fellowship for Reconciliation and Peace (FRAP)

During the afternoon of Sept. 22, Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, a Palestinian obstetrician and gynecologist from Gaza, spoke to a Muslim, Jewish, Christian, and Hindu audience at the Jewish Community Centre of the deaths of his three daughters, niece and a severely wounded brother by an Israeli tank shelling of his home in 2009. This type of killing has become known as "collateral damage."

Collateral damage is a term used where the victims of war are disposable because they stand in the way of bombers or tanks or are in the vicinity of professional armies. It is an example of the military tactics of striking and killing at a distance.

Civilian casualties of war are rarely counted. They are a side effect, as are shattered villages, as are crops and workshops burnt, and millions of people who become refugees. Meanwhile, soldiers merely go about doing their job in the most professional manner. Thus, one partakes in killing but doesn't feel like a killer.



Speaking at the Synagogue, St. Thomas More College, and at Word on the Street, Abuelaish said his mission is to unmask and tame the "wild beast" threatening humanity. Society no longer pretends to be a shield against the chaos of the modern state and the language of the battlefield. The existing "floating responsibility" and ethical and moral deskilling where no one is responsible for their actions transforms flesh and blood human beings into nobodies. His repeated emphasis on "responsibility" is to chase away contingency in an irrational world where security has gone haywire and is responsible for his unbearable grief.

His message is that responsibility is what individuals must take seriously for their

own sakes and for the sake of others. This is what is required to live the good life. Abuelaish is making a statement about ethical tranquilization and "modernity". When the 20th century Jewish philosopher Derrida was asked to define "modernity," he simply said: "Auschwitz."

Abuelaish was born in Jabalia refugee camp, one of nine children. In 1991 he became the first Palestinian doctor to practice in an Israeli hospital. After receiving his medical certificate from Cairo University (1981), he went on to study at the University of London and then complete a Masters in Public Health from Harvard University.

After the deaths of his daughters and niece, he completed his book, *I Shall Not Hate*. He rejected living a life of hating, but chose to give meaning to the inexplicable, unimaginable, terrifying images that will always haunt him. He was called by his deep Muslim faith in God to create a foundation to provide young women with higher education to enable them to play an influential role in enriching the quality of life for all throughout the Middle East. This inspiring action was to keep alive the memory of his daughters. He created Daughters of Life Foundation (www.daughtersforlife.org). For him, it is what God planned and his way of saying to his daughters: "Rest in peace!"

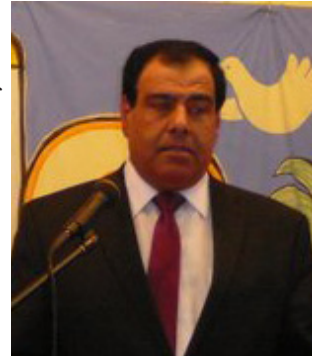
The playwright Ionesco stated: "I feel that every message of despair is the statement of a situation from which everyone must really try to find a way out."



Dr. Abuelaish continuously refers to, but reaffirms the other's inferiority. The Lutheran theologian Paul Ricoeur reminds us that the temptation to unify the true by violence has come not only from the political sphere but the clerical as well. Jews cannot erase the memory of the Inquisition and the Holocaust perhaps

still for another thousand years.

Abuelaish embraces the Prophetic Tradition as he travels around the world on behalf of his foundation. The Prophetic Tradition is a tradition of peacemakers beginning with Amos in his opposition to slavery, Jeremiah, Jesus, Pope John XXIII, Eugene V. Debs, Martin Luther King Jr., and Nelson Mandela. Their message reveals the hidden hypocrisies of both the political and religious spheres, as well as the hypocrisy of today's intellectuals who have become tail-gaters of the rich and powerful. Abuelaish pleads for us to act for the sake of humanity now and for the survival of the natural and social world.



The sponsors for Abuelaish's visit to Saskatoon included, Congregation Agudas Israel, the Fellowship for Reconciliation and Peace (FRAP), the Saskatoon Peace Coalition (SPC), the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC), the United Nations, Saskatoon Chapter (UN), and St. Thomas More College. Over \$10,000 was raised and presented to Abuelaish for the Daughters for Life Foundation.

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by Linda Shaw,

For years, I've started this Hadassah-WIZO News page with the same header about our being Canada's leading Jewish women's philanthropic organization. That claim is even more true today. Canadian Hadassah-WIZO is celebrating its **95th Anniversary** this year. CHW members are women, leaders and philanthropists. We excel at fundraising. We need to because we support amazing and essential **healthcare, education and social services projects in Israel and in Canada.** We enhance lives! That's pretty powerful stuff!

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I'll be mailing out the CHW Annual Campaign material this week, including an envelope you can use to mail back your donation or bring it with you to the **Annual Campaign Launch Luncheon** at the **Chanukah Fair on Sunday, December 2nd**. The theme of this year's campaign is "Circle of Hope – Give Hope with CHW – It starts with YOU!" I invite you to take that to heart and give generously to the Children, Healthcare Projects and Women's Programs supported by Canadian

Hadassah-WIZO.

We held our **Sarah Goldenberg Chapter Opening Meeting** at Marsha Scharfstein's, Thursday, Oct. 18th as a joint CHW / Sisterhood event. It was a fun (and tasty) way to start the year's activities off for both organizations (especially since it's mostly the same women in both). Jennifer Scharfstein was heading back to Israel the very next morning. She took time from, her packing to speak to the group about her "cultural adjustments" studying there and about her plans to make Aliyah when she returns this time. Her sense of humour and vivaciousness will surely help her there. We wish her every success back in Israel.

So women of Saskatoon.....Get involved. Give generously and Give Hope.

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A group of us has been meeting regularly, first under the leadership of Rabbi Roger Pavey, then Dr. Louis Horlick. Rabbi Claudio is interested in continuing this discussion group.

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Torah Comment

by Dale Sands

it is the first letter of the word Brachah. God wanted his world to be a blessing. The letter Aleph was chosen to start the Ten Commandments with the word Anochi.

The sad story of Rabbi ben Teradion who was burned while wrapped in a Torah scroll and his statement to his students that he could see the letters flying off the page gives us another good example of how the Torah is different from other documents. There are some mornings when I look at the scroll and think that if I meditated long enough the ages would roll back. This is not as strange as it sounds. David alludes to remembering ancient years in Psalm 77 vs. 6.

The Torah was used as guide by King David in his role as judge in Israel. Sources say he would only sleep three or four hours and be up at midnight to study Torah. In this way his judgments would be righteous and fair as possible.

This past celebration of Simchat Torah when the scroll was rolled out, it struck me

that when it is all laid out in front of your eyes there is something about it that is hard to put into words. It could be majestic, mystical and powerful. I can easily see the letters flying off the page. To look at the cantillation marks I think of some Zohar teaching that talks about God putting each mark on the

Torah himself. This reminds me of some midrash that says God also dons Tefillin and a Tallit. To have an allegorical picture of the Creator of the Universe does make me feel close to God. The act of dancing with the Torah is also designed to bring us closer to God as well.

Not only does looking at the Torah and dancing with it make me joyful but so does having access to all of the sources of teaching we use. It will be ten years next May since I have come home and I am looking forward to this new year.

Editor's Note: Dale Sands is a member of CAI and a regular at the Shabbat morning services.

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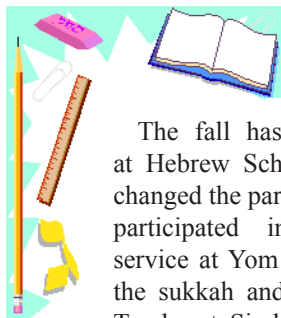
I have been meaning to say this for a while especially after having an Aliyah to the Torah

When I look at the Torah as it is being read there is a feeling of familiarity from a long time ago. I realize that is what was missing all those years of wandering in the religious desert.

The Torah is like no other document. The Kabbalists say the universe was created with the Torah. I have read the Midrash several times that tells the story of all of the letters of the Alef-Bet coming before God, vying to be the first letter to start the Torah. Of course each had its faults due to words they start like judgment and sin. God chose the Bet because

Hebrew School

by Marsha Scharfstein, Principal



The fall has been very busy at Hebrew School. The children changed the parochet on the bima, participated in the Havdalah service at Yom Kippur decorated the sukkah and danced with the Torahs at Simhat Torah. We are just now settling into a routine of regular classes and Hebrew lessons.

Ari and Tamar have also settled in nicely as our new teachers. Tamar has responsibility for the Senior Class and Ari for the Junior Class. The children already love them... especially when Ari plays his guitar!

Hanukkah comes fairly early this year and the Activity Fair will be Dec 2 beginning with the craft at 10 am. We will also be having a Hanukkah Party at Hebrew School on Dec 19, the last day of classes for the

year. This will be lots of fun, crafts, singing, latkes, dreidels, and more food! Siblings and future students are welcome to attend.

January 18, 2013 at 6 pm will be the Hebrew School 100 and Sisterhood Shabbat Family Dinner. Past and present Hebrew School students will be leading services, so if you will be in attendance and would like to participate, please let me know.

Every Monday from 1-3 pm we are working on scrapbooking photos from the past. This will be in the boardroom at the Center if anyone wants to join us...we have a lot of photos to do. Also, if you have any photos from when you or your children were in Hebrew School, I would love to get copies of them. I can scan them into my computer, so I will not damage your originals. Please let me know.



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Human Rights and the Practicing Jew

by Simonne Horwitz

“Justice Justice you shall pursue” (Deuteronomy 16:20)

At a delightful community Shabbat dinner at Beit Emmanuel, my South African shul, a conversation began about what it means to be a ‘practicing Jew’. The question, at that moment, referred to prominent anti-apartheid activist Albie Sachs; but it has much broader implications for Jewish identity and how, we as Jews interact with the world around us. Justice Sachs’ grandparents immigrated to South Africa from Lithuania and his parents were part of the large Litvak Jewish community in the country. The issue of Sachs’ Jewish heritage was not in dispute; the question revolved around the word ‘practicing’. Around our Shabbat table, just as in the broader Jewish community, there were clearly differing views of what ‘practicing’ meant in this context. Did one need to be a ‘shul goer’ to be a practicing Jew, or phrased another way does one have to take part in outwardly recognisable Jewish rituals to be a ‘practicing Jew’? Or can one be a practicing Jew by living by the core tenants of Judaism by seeking justice and by working for Tikkun Olam?

In Deuteronomy, as cited above, the Torah exhorts the Israelites to pursue justice. Elsewhere in the Torah there are similar encouragements to seek out justice. In Proverbs 21:2 we are told: “To do what is right and just is more desired by the Lord than sacrifice”, here sacrifice can be seen as a ritual observance. These teachings suggest that in many ways it is justice rather than ritual that can be seen as a core Jewish value and working for social justice as a fundamental part of Jewish life. Many commentators have argued about what ‘justice’ means in this context. Rabbi Sidney Schwarz, in his book *Judaism and Justice* (2006) sees justice as part of what he calls the Sinai Impulse. This impulse is that “Jews are bound by a national

covenant to a higher calling and an altruistic sense of moral responsibility towards all humankind”. Given that, could we not say that someone who lives by these principals can be seen as a practicing Jew?

Returning to the example that sparked this discussion, Albie Sachs has had a long history of human rights activism. As a law student he took part in a number of anti-apartheid campaigns and was present at the historic Congress of the People in 1955. As a practitioner he defended those who were standing trial for violations of the ruling party’s draconian laws of racial oppression. In response he faced police raids, banning orders and detention without trial. His anti-apartheid activism also cost him the sight in one eye and the loss of his right arm when the South African security police placed a bomb in his car in Maputo, Mozambique, where he was lecturing. This did not stop his activism: in exile the 1980s, as part of an ANC constitutional drafting team in the early 1990s and then for 15 years as a Judge on the then newly established Constitutional Court. During his years at the court Sachs continued to fight for justice for all – most notably people living with HIV/AIDS and for the legalization of same-sex marriage.

This, in brief, is what we know about Albie Sachs. We do not, however, know about his participation in Jewish ritual, his shul attendance (or lack thereof) or whether he fasts on Yom Kippur or not. But how do we weigh practices? Does taking part in rituals or attending shul automatically make one ‘a practicing Jew’ or can one be a ‘practicing Jew’ if one lives by one of the core principles of Judaism?

We can see a similar set of questions if we look at the fight for pluralism in Israel, or even in the South African Jewish community where there is a cavernous and often hostile divide between Orthodox and Reform/Progressive/Conservative Jewry. An Ultra-orthodox relative of mine suggested that it was better not to be Jewish at all than to practice

Judaism the way I, as a Reform/Conservative Jew, do. To this relative, as to many, there is only one way to be a practicing Jew: this way prevents women from praying aloud at the Kotel or choosing to wear a Tallit or to ride at the front of a public bus which travels along certain lines in Israel. Where Rabbis use Halacha as a justification for racist and xenophobic actions as we are seeing in Israel today (see also a 2011 publication by the Israel Religions Action Center, E. Hurvitz, L. Bechor and Rabbi A. Lisitsa, “Love the Stranger as Yourself? Racism in the Name of Halacha”). Can the oppression of others, by gender, race or form of worship ever be the way to practice Judaism?

Of course ritual is important, it binds us to an age old tradition of our people. Kavanah is important as is praying in community, therefore attending Shul is important. However, if we use these and only these factors to mark who is a practicing Jew and who is not we limit the definition to those who practice in a very specific way. IRAC’s Anat Hoffman and the groups she helped to create such as the Women of the Wall and the Freedom Riders are practicing Jews. They are practicing Judaism as they fight for equality and rights of the minorities in Israel. Albie Sachs and other anti-apartheid leaders who have Jewish ancestors such as Helen Suzman, Nadine Gordimer and Arthur Chaskalson might attend Shul, might fast on Yom Kippur and might follow the rituals of our tradition. If they do they are practicing Jews, but if they don’t they are still practicing Jews in the sense that they live their lives according to one of the core Jewish values: to seek what is right and pursue justice. There is more than one way to be a practicing Jew – just as there is more than one way to pray.

Editor’s Note: Simonne Horwitz is a member of the Board of Trustees and a Professor of History at the University of Saskatchewan.

Report From Leonard Landa Chapter, BBYO

by Max Waldman

We are very excited for the upcoming year of BBYO. Big things are on the way to Leonard Landa #5211. To start off, we have two new members joining us to go along with our two new shlichim. What an outstanding way to start off a new year in BBYO. This year will be filled with programs, many of them used to show our new members what BBYO is about and how by joining BBYO

you become a much more confident, engaged, and well experienced Jewish teen. The life long friendships made on the way are just the cherry on top. This year outside of city programming our chapter’s members are encouraged to go to the Regional conventions to meet more Jewish teens from our Region North West Canada and to gain life long skills and friendships. But to make things more

exciting, this year we have a convention which will be held in Saskatoon, the Biennial Inter Regional Kallah. This convention is based predominantly around Judaism and it’s importance and will be coordinated by all the members of Leonard Landa. There will be lots of work to do but also lots of fun to be had.

Reflections as an Israeli: Edwards School of Business Trip to Israel & Jordan

by Anna Mosolov

In the month of May I was given an amazing opportunity to go on a trip to my home country and to explore it from a completely different perspective. I was part of a brand new course called *Mining & Entrepreneurship in Israel and Jordan – An International Tour*. Sixteen students from the Edwards School of Business, three local business leaders, and two professors- Dean and Associate Dean, toured Israel and Jordan together for 10 days.

The purpose of the trip was to explore and sense the culture of innovation and the entrepreneurship in Israel and in Jordan. As part of the trip we toured in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa. An integral part of the trip was the Potash industry in Israel and its relation to Saskatchewan. During the trip we visited the Dead Sea region and the potash manufacturing facilities there. Prior to our trip we read “*Start-up Nation- the Story of Israel Economic Miracle*” by Dan Senor and Saul Singer, to get a grasp of Israel’s true uniqueness. The trip was very interactive and technological; we were encouraged to write daily blogs about our experience, upload pictures and videos by utilizing Social Media platforms like Twitter and WordPress.

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In term of my personal experience as an Israeli, it is the greatest honor to see how foreigners fall in love with my country. For me the most memorable intake was to sense the passion, interest and real desire of my classmates, to learn and know more about Israel in all aspects. Meeting so many inspirational business people and successful entrepreneurs, pushed me forward and encouraged me to think differently about failure and risk.

The individual who influenced me the most was Savta (grandma) Gamila, a Druze woman who started a million dollar “soap empire” in a small Druze Town north of Israel. She fought so many cultural and gender based obstacles, to be able to do what she really loves. Another insightful experience was the 36 hours we spent in Amman, Jordan. I was overwhelmed by the status of women in Jordan, since I have always thought women in Arab counties are oppressed and treated as second class citizens. It was amazing to see empowered women sitting in coffee shops, and gossiping and chatting about their day.

While my classmates were away from their families for 10 days, I finally got to see my parents and little brother. My family followed us around all over and spent every single free



Dean Daphne Taras and Anna

moment with me; they were excited to meet everyone and to hear about our jam-packed days of touring, presentations and absolutely delicious Israeli/Jordanian food!

At the end of the trip I had to say goodbye. Saying goodbye to your family is not an easy task, especially when you know you will not get to see them for another year at least. I always feel like there is a hole in my heart when I leave. I was so scared of this goodbye, but the thing that cheered me up the most was the 15 new friendships I have gained

Thank you for all the sponsors and people that made this trip happen. It was an unforgettable experience that impacted my life in countless ways and has led me to re-think the meaning of words like courage, passion and creativity.

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The New Hillel

by Daniel Katzman, Hillel President



Hello again from Hillel, formerly known as JSA. I hope you all had a great summer and are enjoying the weather. Hillel

has just recently resumed its activities on and off campus. With the election of the board members and the very hasty installations, our chapter has got off to a roaring start. Daniel Katzman was elected as President, Sarina Gersher was installed as Vice-President, David Hilger returned as Treasurer, Anna Mosolov joined in at Secretary and Matthew Feldman

graciously stayed on as Member At Large. With this competent board, and our extremely energetic and charismatic Shlichim Ari and Tamar, this year promises to be very exciting.

Soccer is starting soon and interest is high. While I can't promise many wins I can definitely promise good entertainment. There are a great many players returning from last year along with a smattering of non-Jewish players, just so we are not accused of stacking our line up. We hope to improve on our record from last year, but also strive to keep goals realistic.

Last week Hillel enjoyed their yearly Hukkah in the Sukkah. It was extremely well attended and a good way for many of the returning members to reconnect, as well as

meet a few new faces. There were about 15 members who enjoyed pizza, pop, Hukkah and good times.

With only a few programs completed it looks like this chapter is in a very good position to make the most of this year. We have been receiving a lot of guidance about programming protocols and organization. I won't name any names, but already Heather X has done a great deal to guide us and help us with CIJA funding. The Shlichim have also proved themselves invaluable in their ability to understand what this chapter wants and help us obtain it. I am very excited to see what this chapter can do, and I hope you are too.



From Our Tel Aviv Desk

A Short insight on the upcoming Israeli Elections

by Lior Bachar - (former Shlichut)

As you all might well be aware of, Israel during High Holidays isn't very effective. We're all exhausted from the summer heat, endured for 2-3 months, from running around with the kids as they struggle finding what to do - the summer holiday is way too long...So, after we've eaten Apple and Honey, dovened for forgiveness, said our "slichot" and had our friends and family in the Sukka - we're ready for some boring months of routine. Well, almost. As I always say, it's never boring around here. It seems that just as we were given a few more breaths until the threats regarding Iran step up even more, we found ourselves at the kickoff of an election campaign.

Although the current government in office has managed to maintain the best stability record than any other in the last few decades, PM Netanyahu and his cabinet will not complete a full term once again. Whether one backs Netanyahu's policies or not, whether the reasons for calling on early elections are justified - as an average citizen

I think we should lament the fact that our political system cannot maintain an elected Knesset and Government for a full term. It seems that the system, and those who serve in it (our politicians) simply cannot stand disagreement; and they care too much about their careers, more than they do for their responsibilities as public servants and elected officials. Sad, but that's the way it is, at least for now.

On one hand, these coming elections have a very likely known conclusion, that is Netanyahu, heading the Likud right-wing party, will most probably form the next government. There is a high probability that his coalition partners will remain the same: "Israel Beiteynu", Mr. Lieberman's party and "Shas", the orthodox-sepharadi party. Both these parties have a common un-democratic system in which the Head of the party rules, decides who is on his list of to-be MK's, that is the public's representatives, where on the list each of them is placed, and so on.

In "Israel Beiteynu's" case, Mr. Lieberman

is well known for his powerful grip and control over what his party looks like. His record during this last term, as Minister of Exterior affairs, has been highly criticized

as one that has damaged Israel's relations and image. Just a small example of how he is viewed externally, we can see in his absence in U.S.-Israel relations. He has been almost completely left out of touch with the country's most intimate, powerful and important ally. One must wonder why. Is this the best representative Israeli's deserve?

"Shas" on its part, is dominated by the high profile and high prestige Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. As respectful as we should all be to figures of Yosef's dignity and rank, there is something rather uncomfortable in the fact that religious figure's without professional background have such a considerable say in

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Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, when it became a full four year degree granting institution. He had the privilege of teaching the first group of students to graduate in medicine from the U of S. Louis established the Division of Cardiology and its laboratories and developed a research program in atherosclerosis. From 1968 to 1974 he was Professor and Head of the Department of Medicine. He was a highly skilled clinician and treated patients from throughout Saskatchewan over the course of his 50+ years of medical practise at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon. He became Emeritus Professor in 1989 and continued to work in cardiology until earlier this year. He published more than 60 papers in scientific journals and gave many papers at scientific meetings in his area of research, cholesterol and atherosclerosis. He was recognized internationally for his research. Louis wrote and edited 3 books dealing with the history of the UofS College of Medicine and the Royal University Hospital. The first, *Medical College to Community Resource: Saskatchewan's Medical School, 1978-1998*, added to the history of the first 50 years (1926-1978) of the medical college written by Louis' medical colleague Dr. D.

J. Buchan in *Greenhouse to Medical Centre*. The 2nd, *They Built Better Than They Knew: Saskatchewan's Royal University Hospital, 1995-1992* appeared under Louis' name. The third, *J. Wendell Macleod, Saskatchewan's Red Dean*, was a biography of the man who played a critical role in establishing both the new College of Medicine and the University Hospital.

Louis had the honour and privilege to be involved in many of the important institutions which make up Canadian medicine. Recognized for his scholarship and contributions to Canadian Medical research, Louis was the recipient of many awards, including: National Health Scientist Award 1975; National Volunteer Award 1988; Saskatchewan Order of Merit 1991; James Graham Award, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada 1991; Annual Achievement Award, Canadian Cardiovascular Society 1992; Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada Award of Scientific Merit 1994; and Officer of the Order of Canada 1995.

Louis was immensely proud of the Royal University Hospital, the UofS, and especially the College of Medicine where he trained hundreds of physicians who practise throughout

Canada. Louis loved teaching medicine and took much satisfaction in the success of U of S medical graduates. He and Ruth embraced Saskatoon as their new home in 1954 and Saskatchewan provided them with many opportunities for which they remain grateful. Together they made many contributions to the cultural life in Saskatoon. A lover of music, he supported the Saskatoon Symphony and sang in the University Chorus. As a long-time volunteer with the Saskatchewan Heart and Stroke Foundation and with their support, Louis Horlick was instrumental in persuading the City of Saskatoon to establish a 9-1-1 emergency system that is relied on every day by over 240,000 Saskatonians.

Louis was a valued member of Congregation Agudas Israel, serving on its Board of Trustees for many years and until his death, he was an integral part of Shabbat morning services, the Lunch and Learn sessions and the Chairman of the Congregation's Senior's group. Lou was the driving force for the publication of the book *Kol Kore Bamidbar*, an anthology of the writing of Rabbi Roger Pavey.



Harchivi Versus Hachrivi Growth Versus Destruction

By Daniel Stern, Campaign Director and
Director of Regional Community Services, United Israel Appeal Federations Canada — ULA

This fall marks the 215th anniversary of the death of one of Judaism's greatest scholars. Rabbi Elijah the Gaon of Vilna, Lithuania was an unrivaled student and teacher of Torah and Talmud. He was also one of the early 19th century advocates of Aliya, predating Herzl's push for Zionism and putting him very much in the minority for his era and very much ahead of his time.

The Vilna Gaon's Zionism stemmed from his belief in *Harchivi*, a concept of inspiring Jews to settle and expand throughout Israel. This idea was central to his belief that the Jewish people should be active in hastening

their own redemption. The opposing choice to this growth is *Hachrivi*, destruction and withdrawal. You are either moving forward or moving backwards.

On October 24th the congregation hosted Avi Melamed, a strategic intelligence analyst who spoke in detail about events in the Arab world and Middle East. This is an amazing moment in history, one in which Muslims in the region are fighting for the rights and responsibilities of self-governance against forces that would literally kill them rather than cede power. As chaotic, troubling and dangerous as these developments are, we hope that the balance of *Harchivi* and *Hachrivi*

leads towards greater stability and freedom in the region.

Saskatoon is experiencing tremendous growth. The synagogue has entered a moment in time in which its leadership is taking steps to ensure a vibrant future- a new rabbi, a new Shlichim couple. The UJA campaign needs the same type of support, the same leadership, the same effort. Together we can all encourage *Harchivi* in our own community, for it is our responsibility to actively bring about our own destiny. Thank you for supporting this year's campaign.

Tel Aviv Desk.. from page 13

Israel's policies on issues such as economics, finance, health and security. Not that all other politicians do, but they're subject to public elections...Furthermore, an old-new face has rejoined "Shas", Ariele Derry, 13 years after being sentenced, almost two of them spent behind bars - charged on bribery. Although a person who has paid his debt and sentence is liable - and by all means should be encouraged - to start a new life, there should be high set of standards regarding formerly convicted public servants, especially if they're going back to the place where their crime was committed (the Knesset/Government).

The other major parties are "Kadima", Labor and the new-born "Yesh Atid" ("There is a future"). Kadima, the center party that Ariel Sharon formed six years ago, seems to be disintegrating. Somewhat of a constant pattern of center parties in Israeli politics - they have a short life span. After former PM Olmert's term as head of Kadima ended, the internal struggle between Zipi Livni and Shaul Mofaz left the party deeply damaged. Some polls predict a real landslide of votes for them.

The Labor party has been gaining quite a bit of momentum - partly due to Kadima's failure - headed by the energetic, former journalist, MK Shelly Yahimovitz. What remains to be seen, and is one of the most interesting probabilities, is whether she will "swallow a few frogs" and join a Netanyahu government. Her social policies seem far fetched from the liberal PM but she hasn't ruled out such an outcome as of yet.

Last but not least, the newborn star of Israeli politics, Yair Lapid. Son of former

MK the late Tommy Lapid, an extravagant anti-orthodox politician himself, Yair is a very well known and widely sympathized journalist who decided to cross the lines. Just a few months ago, the young good looking Lapid was the presenter of the major Friday night TV news bulletin in channel 2. He also wrote a weekend column in Yediot Ahronot, the major Israeli newspaper (excluding the Sheldon Adelson-backed free newspaper "Israel Hayom"). Lapid knows how to talk - and write - and seems to bring some refreshing winds of change. Unfortunately, the history of such parties in Israel teaches us that they have a very short life expectancy. They usually make it through one or two terms and dim away.

As for the main issues, economics and social welfare still have a high priority on the debate. Last years summer demonstrations regarding the high price of living, inequality and social injustice are felt and discussed by all. It remains to be seen, though, whether these issues will lead the polls or will give way to the usual topic that has lead most elections in the last decades - Security.

It's hard to say whether what seemed to be a "postponement" of Netanyahu and Barak's threats to strike Iran this fall - as understood by the PM's speech in the UN - will allow for Israeli's to concentrate on the more down-to-earth issues (the price and quality of bread, health, education, etc.). Or will the average citizen go to the polls worried about whom should lead the country if a crisis with Iran should escalate to war?

One last note. Another interesting debate that is taking place in the media, every now and then, is the question of who

donates and backs (financially) the Israeli politicians in their campaigns. Quite a few high profile donors are American Jews who are either personally acquainted or ideologically identify with some of our top leaders. Netanyahu is a good (or, is it good...?) example, with a high percentage of his financial backing being such, at least as published by the media. The question at hand of course is whether a person living abroad (most probably not a citizen) - as close to and as empathetic as might be, as Zionist and as connected to Jewish roots and values - should be so influential in internal affairs and policies that mostly affect Israelis living here.

After all, as the Jewish State, Israel defines itself as the state of the Jewish *People* ("Am") - regardless of where they live, what citizenship they have, their personal ties and affections. Not only is this the most basic fact regarding the foundation of the state of Israel, it is written in the declaration of independence (as close as possible to a constitutional base we have). It has also been painfully proven, throughout the last decades, by the targeting of Jews by terrorists all around the globe (just a few months ago, in Toulouse) - and by Israel's obligation for their safety. As much as possible, that is. The rescue from Entebbe in '76 served as an example.

Having said all that, there still is a question at hand. How much can outside money influence internal decisions, that sometime have the lives of citizens at stake. An open issue for discussion...

and will continue to come across as Shlichim. We are lucky enough though, to be facing it alongside a new Rabbi. We could not have asked for better circumstances for our arrival. Having Claudio and Rosy as companions on our first holiday experience in Saskatoon was very reassuring. Naturally, we went through every holiday meal together, wherever we were told we were going. Not to mention the tipping on the process of acquiring a Canadian license, and the shared apprehension over the rapidly approaching winter. Their children, Amiel and Yoel, have strong resemblance to Israeli children - in a good way! - and we look forward to having them over; they remind us of home.

The times of the High Holidays are both exciting and difficult. Aside for the individual challenge they pose, they also force a lot of contemplation regarding our relationships, with our friends, co-workers and family. For us, the hardest thing this year was celebrating without our loved ones in Israel. It is so true how you don't know what you've got until you suddenly have to make do without it. These last few weeks have taught us how easy it is to take for granted the important things in life, and how vital it is to take the time to reevaluate and re-appreciate the people you love.

The Talmud acknowledges an essential factor regarding love in its unique compilation called Pirkei Avot - chapters of the fathers: "הבהא הלטב רבד לטב - רבדב היוולת איהש הבהא לכ", "מלועל הלטב הנאי - רבדב היוולת הניאשו". Any love which is dependent on something, when that 'something' ceases, the love ceases. Any love which is not dependent on anything will never cease. We all enjoy unconditional love from and towards someone, and that, we should never take for granted. This is something we got to think of a lot these past few weeks.

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank Marsha, Grant, Harold and Lisa for being such committed and supportive supervisors. Heather and the family and June for making us so welcome in their homes. And to anyone else who has put an effort into making us feel welcome and at home. The list would be too long to fit here.

We would also like to use this platform to invite you all to visit us at our home or office. You are welcome whenever suits you, to get better acquainted, to share some ideas or just to try some of Tamar's baking.

We are positive there is a wonderful year ahead of us. We sincerely hope for your cooperation in finding the balance between tradition and innovation within Agudas Israel. We hope to help foster original and interesting new ways to celebrate Judaism and the love for Israel. We know we will find partners to collaborate with, friends to appreciate with and a big family to be part of.

munity during the services.

In regard to Kabbalat Shabbat services I am very happy to share with you that we will be having a musical 6:00 pm Kabbalat Shabbat once a month followed by a pot-luck. The same day there will be a children's service led by Tamar (our Shlichah) and Rosy (my beloved wife), and children will join the adults for the last part of the service, saying Kiddush and Hamotzi. When there is no musical Kabbalat Shabbat and no pot-luck, service will be at 7:00pm (not at 8:00 pm as in the past).

Finally, men and women will have the opportunity to put on t'filin together, Sunday morning once a month. Following the prayer, participants can join with the Breakfast Club.

Talking about learning opportunities, we are already studying every Saturday for about 30-45 minutes after the Shacharit service, discussing different topics related to the weekly Parsha. The traditional Lunch and Learn program will continue, incorporating the ideas and contributions of all who want to participate (See ad about coming meeting). Additionally, our Shlichim are already giving Hebrew lessons for beginners and more advanced students.

Finally, we will be opening an Adult's

Bat and Bar Mitzvah program to everyone who didn't have the opportunity to have a celebration as a child, and also for those who celebrated it but want to explore their Jewish identity now as adults. By the end of the program, a ceremony will be organized which is optional for those who participated (please see the additional ad in the Bulletin).

In addition to those activities and programs, I would like to start thinking about a social project in which we participate as a community giving our contribution to help with some of the problems that affect our society. We live in a city which is growing faster and social challenges will also grow. As Jews, we have the obligation to assume as ours the problems of our fellows.

I want to invite you to talk and share with me your ideas and opinions about other programs or activities in which you would like to participate or be involved. I will be happy to receive you in my office or visit you at your home or office.

B'bracha,
Rabbi Claudio

Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah program

I am glad to share with you that we will be starting an **Adult Bar and Bat Mitzvah program** for all of you who didn't have a ceremony when you were children and also for all who celebrated his or her Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and want to study Judaism now as adults.

The duration of the program will be one year and will conclude with a collective Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremony which is optional for the participants. Classes will be held every two weeks and we will be studying and discussing different topics about Jewish history, traditions, beliefs and current topics. We will learn also about the Siddur (prayerbook) and synagogue skills as Torah reading and Tefila (prayer).

If you are interested we will have an
**Introductory Meeting on
Wednesday, November the 7th at 7:00pm
at the Centre**

At the meeting we will speak about the best day for the classes and also we will talk about which subjects are more interesting for you to study and explore during the program.

If you have any question or comments please don't hesitate to contact me.

L'shalom!
Rabbi Claudio

Yahrtzeits

November 2/3

Peter Brook
Celia Reznick
Rose Davidner
Michla Volansky
Frank Shwartz
Bella Mondrus
Nechi Shore
Mania Winocour
Jack Avol
Liba Newman
Sarah Pollock
Baby Brook
Esther Davidner
Lily Swartz
Richard Ruskin

November 9/10

Bertholt Wormann
Geraldine Jaffe
Laurie Feldman
Nathan Buller
Rudolph Altschul
Samuel Sugarman
Reva Applebaum
Molly Grobman
Sam Fromson
Harry Zhivotovsky
Jack Weitzman
Vinn Silverman
Katie Claman
Allen Gonor
Louise Gumprich

November 16/17

Samuel Claman
Zlotta Lertzman
Adolf Lehrer
Moishe Gross
Harry Minovitz
Jack Sugarman
Julie Sarblut
Sam Goodman
Frank Miller
Eleanor Segal
Louis M. Levy
Sarah Hock
Harold Pavey
Isadore Richman
Samuel Laimon
Abraham Chorsky
Joseph Katz
Wolf Bodovsky
Alexander Fayerman
Anette Sternberg
Miriam Pavey
Dorothy Steiger
Ytzchak Solsberg
Isaac Fogel
Ethel Nulman
Mayer Padolsky
Halevi Polatnic

Heshvan 17/18

Nov 2 (17)
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Nov 6 (21)*
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Nov 7 (22)*
Nov 7 (22)*
Nov 8 (23)*

Heshvan 24/25

Nov 9 (24)*
Nov 10 (25)
Nov 10 (25)
Nov 11 (26)*
Nov 11 (26)*
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Nov 12 (27)
Nov 13 (28)*
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Nov 15 (Kislev 1)
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Kislev 2/3

Nov 16 (2)
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Nov 21 (7)
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November 23/24

Rebecca Butler
Samuel Friedman
Sarah Sharzer
Richard Blum
Harry Friedman
Zelda Cachis
Joseph Segal
Ella Springman
Isaac Goldenberg
Philip Golumbia
Grisha Gersher
Sally Kaz
Bessie Waiser
Malke Hamir
Eli Shapero
Annie Sklar
Bernie Fingard
Aida Soiffer
Beatrice Hatklin
Nathan Shaffer
Tanya Flikshteyn
Ben Shore
David Teplinsky
Mary-Ida Davidner

Nov 30 / Dec 1

Morris Lubin
Yehudith Broudy
Jacob Neumann
Anna T. Blank
Rebecca Green
Mary Bender
Samuel Lifshin
Alex Blum
Chaim Kolominsky
Fannie Kahan
Podhorcer

December 7/8

Joseph Brant
Reisie Korber
Gertrude Goffman
Sara Korzen
Isaac Lubin
David MacKay
Michael Goorovitch
Freda Aaron

December 14/15

Alex Gimpel
Rena Levitsky
Haim Kilominsky
Chaje Goldenbrg
Edith Caplan
Marvin Aarons
Susanna Hillman
Tom Kovish
Hyman Arlinsky
Martha Blum
Nathan Kornfeld
Charles Vickar
Helen Levson
Doris Mazer

Kislev 9/10

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Kislev 23/24

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Israel Katzman
Leopold Edison
Labe Katzman
Joseph Donen
Velle Bernstein

December 21/22

Annie Handelman
Lil Gitlin
Ida Gamm
Arthur Singer
Julie Singer
Moses Filer
Michael Davidner
Mary Davidner
Solomon Shaw
Syd Gelmon
Baby Trager
Jacob Trager
Arnold Golumbia
Joseph Caplan
Morris Ames
Estelle Brans Gladstone
Idelle Greenberg

December 28/29

Anne Goldstein
Sadie O'fallon
Leon Dragushan
Anne Shore
Joe Schachter
Fanny Miller
Jerry Brown
Gertrude Bricker
Harry Spector
S.B. Levin
Minnie Cramer
Tsilav Gutner
Essie Flikshteyn
Sarah Goldenberg
Harry Buckwold
Sarah Epstein
Irvin Nisenholt
Samuel Wiss
Samuel Meyers
Mordechai Avivi
Margret Cohen

January 4/5

Jacob Laimon
Fanny Landa
Esther Pentol
Clara Milavsky
Dr. Morris Claman
Faige Bernbaum
David Avol
Avraham Abelevsky
George Meyer
Irving Schulman
Charlotte Fine
Solomon Katzman
Bessie Trager

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Tevet 8/9

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Biography of the Month: Edmond de Rothschild

by Stan Schroeder

In the last issue I wrote about **Eliezer Ben-Yehuda**, whose pioneering work with Hebrew in the latter 19th and early 20th centuries led the revival of the Hebrew language and a nationalistic culture for Jews in Palestine. The man most responsible for financing the Zionist movement during that period was **Baron Edmond James de Rothschild**.

The Rothschild family goes back to the 16th century in Frankfurt, Germany. In the next century **Mendel Rothschild** was rabbi of Bamberg and rabbi of Worms. The first Rothschild of any prominence was one **Amschel Moses Rothschild**, a small merchant and money-changer at Frankfort-on-the-Main; but the founder of the house was his son **Mayer Amschel Rothschild**, born in that city in 1743. He became acquainted with the crown prince, and by the end of the 18th century he single-handedly handled large quantities of gold brokerage.

Meanwhile his brother, **Nathan Mayer**, moved to England establishing the British branch of the family. Soon after the youngest brother, **James**, moved to Paris and the family and business became prominent in France. It was there that **Edmond James** was born August 19, 1845, the youngest of three brothers.

Unlike his brothers, he was not interested in the family banking business, but instead had a keen interest in the humanities and the arts. He started his collection of Egyptian antiquities at the age of five. He grew up in the world of the Second Republic and the Second Empire and was a soldier ("Garde Nationale") in the first Franco-Prussian War. In 1877, he married his cousin **Adelheid**, the daughter of **Wilhelm Karl Rothschild** of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, and they had three children.

Following the riots in Russia against the Jewish community in 1891-1892, he took part in the actions of the French committee assisting with their migration. His interest in Eretz

and donated over five million pounds for other settlements. Hired clerks and specialists oversaw the use of his donations, while the Baron himself also visited Eretz Yisrael several times. During this time of the First Aliyah he became known as "**Founding Father of the Yishuv** (Jewish community)."

During his five visits to Eretz Israel, he expressed his convictions:

1. The Land of Israel will be a safe haven for Jews, and his mission in life was to build that home for the Jewish people.
2. The Jews of Israel should choose professions that will ensure their long-term sustainability – agriculture, and in later years, industry.
3. The settlers must live in light of the history of the Jewish people, always remembering to sustain the legacy and continuity of their forefathers.
4. The community must place great emphasis on education and Jewish culture, which will ensure the future success of the people and endurance of the Jewish spirit.
5. The new society must be built on those basic values of Judaism – 'respect thy father and thy mother and 'love thy neighbor' – the sacred principles of family and community.

By 1914, Rothschild was able to visit ex-

British army and was among the recruiters for the Jewish battalions in the *yishuv*.

In 1923, James took the helm of the newly organized **Palestine Jewish Colonization Association**. By 1925, the Rothschild name had become synonymous with settlement activity that included cultural, spiritual, and political features.

Being a fastidious and systematic person, Baron Rothschild also realized that for a community to thrive, it must invest in its education, community, and culture. As such, he became a staunch advocate of a strong education system, and a most excited supporter of the new settlement's first University, the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1925.

The Baron died in his chateau in Paris in 1934, his wife a year later. Their remains were brought to Ramat HaNadiv near Zikhron Ya'akov in 1954. **David Ben Gurion** eulogized Rothschild as "the builder of the Jewish settlement in the renewed homeland in our day."

Editors Note: Stan Schroeder is the Editor of Congregation Shir Ami's "Shir Notes" in Los Angeles which also won a Gold Medal for "Bulletins." He writes biographies of famous Jews and has offered to share them with us.



Yisrael already began during the 1880's when the first settlements established by Zionists were in severe financial difficulties threatening their continued existence. During 1883 - 1889, Baron de Rothschild covered all the expenses of **Rishon LeZion** (First to Zion), **Zikhron Ya'akov**, and **Rosh Pinna**,

panded settlements as well as a number of his major and minor investments. He was also growing closer to the Zionist Organization. This cooperation increased during World War I as preparations were made for the **Balfour Declaration**. Toward the end of the war, his son, **James**, arrived in Eretz Yisrael with the



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Yisrael in a Nutshell

Israeli lacrosse team headed to world championship

Israel's new national men's lacrosse team just got word that it has earned membership in the Federation of International Lacrosse — and a chance to compete in the 2014 World Lacrosse Championship, to be held in Denver — by virtue of its eighth-place finish in the European championships last June.

The team was only two weeks old at the time of that tournament, pulled together from the best male players in an Israeli lacrosse program for men and women founded 18 months previously by Scott Neiss, the 27-year-old former deputy commissioner of the North American Lacrosse League. Neiss moved to Israel after being inspired by a Birthright trip.

Recommended

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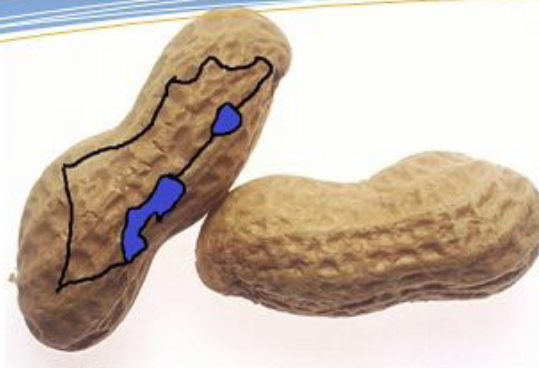
<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org>

The Jewish Virtual Library contains a gigantic collection of articles and information regarding Judaism and Israel

Clip -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FlcxEDv-Ir0&feature=related>

In case you're already longing for the next Rosh Hashana - the famous "Dip Your Apple" video.



Quote of the month -

"Let me tell you something that we Israelis have against Moses. He took us 40 years through the desert in order to bring us to the one spot in the Middle East that has no oil!"

Golda Meir

3 Israeli universities make world's Top 100

Three Israeli universities have made the top 100 in the world according to a list by the Shanghai Jiao Tong University ranking, including the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Technion, and Weizmann Institute.

This is the first time ever that this many Israeli post-secondary institutes have ranked so high.



The Hebrew U of Jerusalem

Hebrew U received the highest score ever out of any university in the Jewish state, placing 53rd on the list. The Technion in Haifa placed 78th, while the Weizmann Institute ranked no. 93.

In addition, Tel Aviv University made the list's top 150 while Bar Ilan and Ben Gurion University could both be found in the top 400.

The list is conducted annually by researchers at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China, and it is considered the most reliable of all university rankings world-wide. The list includes the top 500 universities from among more than 1,000 universities evaluated around the world.

Harvard University ranked first overall, as it has each year since the list began in 2003. It was followed by Stanford, MIT, Berkley and the UK's University of Cambridge.

The rankings were also narrowed down to specific fields, giving Israel even more recognition.

In mathematics, Hebrew U ranked 16th, Tel Aviv University in 30th and the Technion in the top 74.

In computer sciences, the Weizmann Institute placed 12th, the Technion in 15th.

Druze professor appointed ambassador to New Zealand

Foreign Minister of Israel has appointed a Druze Hebrew Literature Professor as Israel's ambassador to New Zealand.



Naim Araidi is the first member of the Druze community to be appointed as an ambassador in a political appointment.

Iron Dome engineers donate award to resilience center

The eight inventors behind the anti-rocket Iron Dome system were recently awarded the prestigious Israel Defense Prize for 2012. Instead of splitting the prize money, the engineers donated it to the Shaar HaNegev Regional Council Resilience Center.



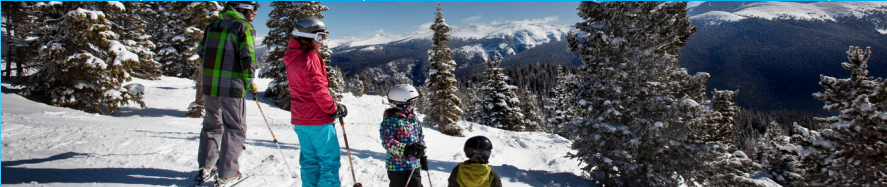

Iron Dome is the world's first operational system that can intercept short-range rockets. It took three years to develop. The system became operational in 2011 and has an 80 percent success rate.







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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Heshvan 16	2 Heshvan 17	3 Heshvan 18 Vayera *Marsha Scharfstein
4 Heshvan 19 T'filah - 9:15 am Breakfast Club See you for a warm breakfast and a movie 10 am	5 Heshvan 20 Lunch & Learn - 12 noon Hebrew for adults lessons 6:30 pm - CAI Center Boardroom	6 Heshvan 21 Israeli Folk Dancing CAI Centre - 8 pm	7 Heshvan 22 Adult Bar & Bat Mitzvah Program Introductory Meeting 7 pm - CAI Center Boardroom	8 Heshvan 23	9 Heshvan 24 6 pm Service with Potluck dinner *Harold Shiffman	10 Heshvan 25 Chaye Sarah Young Adults Get Together 8 pm *Simmons Horwitz
11 Heshvan 26	12 Heshvan 27 OFFICE CLOSED	13 Heshvan 28 Israeli Folk Dancing 8 pm	14 Heshvan 29 Silver Plate Dinner	15 Kislev 1	16 Kislev 2	17 Kislev 3 Toldot *Heather Fenyes
18 Kislev 4	19 Kislev 5	20 Kislev 6 Israeli Folk Dancing CAI Centre - 8 pm	21 Kislev 7	22 Kislev 8	23 Kislev 9 7 pm Service *Randy Katzman	24 Kislev 10 Vayetze *Jose Andres
25 Kislev 11	26 Kislev 12 Hebrew for adults lessons 6:30 pm - CAI Center Boardroom	27 Kislev 13 Israeli Folk Dancing CAI Centre - 8 pm	28 Kislev 14 Board Meeting 7 pm	29 Kislev 15	30 Kislev 16	

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						1 Kislev 17 Vayishlach *Harold Shiffman
2 Kislev 18 Book Fair  Hannukah Activity Fair 10 am CHW Campaign Lunch	3 Kislev 19	4 Kislev 20 Israeli Folk Dancing CAI Centre - 8 pm	5 Kislev 21	6 Kislev 22	7 Kislev 23 6 pm Service with Potluck Dinner *Perry Jacobson	8 Kislev 24 Vayeshev EREV HANUKKAH *Michael Gertler
9 Kislev 25	10 Kislev 26 Hebrew for adults lessons 6:30 pm - CAI Center Boardroom	11 Kislev 27 Israeli Folk Dancing CAI Centre - 8 pm	12 Kislev 28 Hebrew School Hanukkah Party 4:15 pm 	13 Kislev 29	14 Tevet 1 Rosh Chodesh HANUKKAH 	15 Tevet 2 Miketz HANUKKAH Young Adults Get Together 8 pm *Grant Scharfstein
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*Bema Roster