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A Ray Of Hope In Dark Times

by Dan and Lee Vardi

Hi everyone.

We are experiencing very troubled and tense times in Israel, in which being here, so far away feels surreal. For those of you who are not informed, during the past few weeks Israel is suffering from a Palestinian uprising that expresses itself through spontaneous and continuous terror attacks on Israeli citizens inside the big Israeli cities. Individual Palestinians, all of them under 30 and most of them even under 20 years old travel from the West Bank into Israeli territory in order to stab, shoot or run over Israelis.

These attacks create fear and panic in the Israeli street, and increase hostility between Jews and Arabs in Israel, regardless of their nationality. A Jewish guy stabbed another man for being Arab, only to discover he was actually Jewish. Two Arabs, while going to work in construction were suspected of being on their way to attack Jews .These days walking in the street with a screwdriver is evidence enough, and a big scale chase after them paralyzed half of Tel Aviv, while they were at work, not aware of the situation. These are just two examples of the atmosphere in the Israeli street where everyone suspects everyone, racist demonstrations and extreme comments by politicians on both sides make reading the news frustrating and depressing.

We decided to try and show you a different perspective about things that take place in Israel, and try to show you, and remind ourselves, that there are different voices and actions in Israel, and even through these rough times you can still find hopeful, optimistic and inspiring stories. This is the story of the "Galilee Bilingual School", a unique joint school for Jews and Arabs in the north of Israel.

The Galilee Bilingual School

The Galilee Bilingual School, located in the Misgav Region, was one of the two original schools that "Hand In Hand" opened in 1998 with 25 kindergarten students. By 2013-14, the school had grown to 171 students from kindergarten through 9th grade. Two Arab towns and 28 small Jewish communities feed the Galilee School, located in the rural area of Kibbutz Eshbal, next to the Arab town of Sakhnin. Although the region is not without its political tensions, the school plays an essential part in strengthening bonds of understanding and dialogue in the community. Hand in Hand's shared community activities in the Galilee revolve around the bilingual school with the goals of strengthening the school community, attracting new Jewish and Arab residents to enroll in the school, as well as increasing the number of people from the broader community who participate in shared community activities.

In addition to social action activities, there are ongoing and one-time community building activities. Ongoing activities include study sessions for parents where during the breaks everyone socializes and gets to know one another; after school activities for children held both inside the school and in other locations such as basketball and a weekly theater workshop for students from the school. Together with collaborating local non-profit organizations, the

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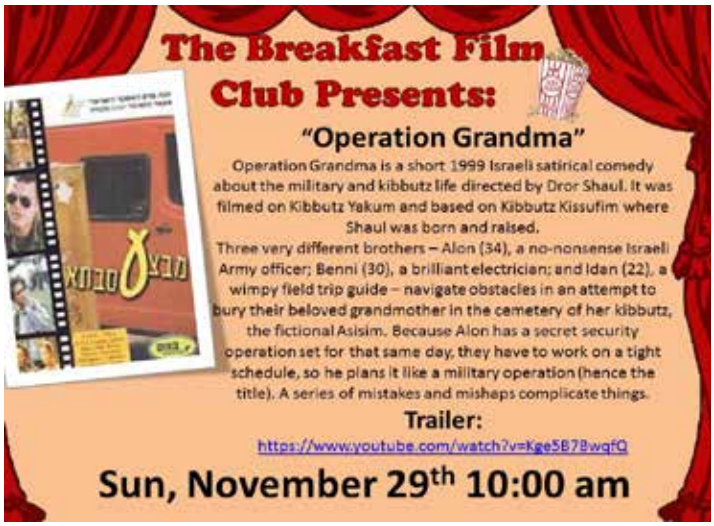

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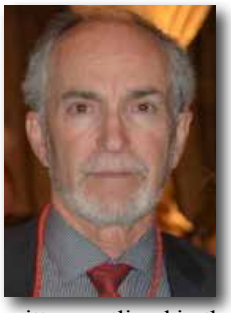

Editorial

by Steven Goluboff

Congregation Agudas Israel is entering a new phase of its history with a new President and Board and the creation of a Long Term Planning Committee, outlined in the President's article. The committee had its first introductory meeting ably chaired by Grant Scharfstein, trying to delineate what exactly we are planning for the future. There is no question that balancing the physical challenges of a 60 year old building with the needs and programming expectations of our members will be a daunting task. The entire community will be tapped for ideas and resources and Rabbi Claudio will be integral in helping us come forward with a cogent plan for future generations. This will entail hard work and patience to ensure we do more than just theorize and talk. Within the next year or more, the committee will make recommendations to the Board for implementation.

But as we plan for the more distant future, we as always have immediate needs and events. This Bulletin is full of exciting and engaging opportunities, many created by our new Shlichim. I encourage you to pick and choose what interests you, from incredibly high calibre Israel cinema, to study groups and social activities. November brings to our community two of the three most important fund raising events, the B'nai Brith Silver Plate Dinner and the Annual Saskatoon Campaign, both of which allow our community to sustain itself, remembering that dues only bring in 29% of our budget. UIA is not only about supporting the needs in Israel. It also ensures the Shlichim program that benefits our Hebrew School children, young adults, and seniors. We welcome the interest that our National Chair of UIA , Julia Reitman has taken in our small community, attesting to the fact that this is a national campaign, recognizing the unique needs of small Jewish communities. Patsy Landa reminds us of the support our campaign gives to a small program in central Israel to help poor and disadvantaged children, a very tangible example of what our contributions can do. B'nai Brith has a high profile in the Saskatoon community as it continues its philosophy of helping youth oriented programs. We hope that every Jewish male in our congregation makes an attempt to attend this important event.

Finally, I would like you to focus on Rabbi Claudio's words in this issue. He alludes to the need of all of us to become a welcoming and friendly community. We can only grow and thrive by opening our doors to all comers and engage them in the same exciting experiences we have to offer.

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

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• **Milla Shiffman**, daughter of Harold and Lisa on the celebration of her Bat Mitzvah on October 10th 1015.

• **Dr. Steven and Leila Goluboff** on the wedding of their daughter Shaina, to Adam Hnatyshyn, son of David and Elaine, on October 17th, 2015.

• **Mayah Holtslander**, daughter of Franci and Gordon Holtslander for obtaining her CERTESL (certificate in teaching English as a second language). Mayah is an instructor in the LINC (Language instruction for newcomers to Canada) program at Saskatchewan Polytechnic.

• **Abby Holtslander**, daughter of Franci and Gordon Holtslander for being a recipient of the Marian Evans Younger Scholarship at the University of Saskatchewan for continuing students. This scholarship was awarded to Abby for her excellent academic achievement, demonstrated leadership qualities, participation in student and community organizations and interest in service and contributions to society. This year Abby is active as Vice President of Academic Affairs of ASSU (Arts and Sciences Student Union) and Director of Internal Affairs for WIL (Women in the Legislature).

•**Joel Bernbaum and Heather Morrison** on the birth of a son, Judah Dennis Bernbaum on September 7.

• **Jim and Jan Scharfstein** on the marriage of their daughter Stephanie to Shawn Hitchcock on October 25th, 2015.

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• **Jamie and Brett Holderness** on the death of their child, Briar.

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Thursday, December 17th, 7:00 pm

Subject to be announced during November`s meeting.

Congregation Agudas Israel

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From the President

by Harold Shiffman, President, CAI

In the field of health psychology, there has been significant research on stress and how it may affect one's health. Of particular interest is the difference between big stressors such as job loss, or the birth of a child compared to the little day-to-day pressures, and which are more harmful?

The Jewish month of Tishri is full of big stressful events: Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah. Throughout this month, we may feel the stress of visiting family, arranging work schedules to make it to services, or perhaps even the stress of introspection at seeing the mistakes you wish to avoid during the upcoming year. Recently, my daughter completed her Bat Mitzvah, (and without boasting, I think she did a fabulous job), capping off one of the busiest months of Tishri in recent memory.

As Tishri melts away into Cheshvan, it's time for me to focus on being President of Congregation Agudas Israel. I know it is cliché, but as President I will definitely have big shoes to fill, and with a wall full of amazing Past-Presidents in our boardroom, there are big expectations. That said, the world is a different place and Jewish lives don't revolve around synagogue as they once did (for better or for worse, depending on your perspective).

By the time you read this, you may have already heard about the Future Planning Task Force created by the Board of Trustees whose mandate is to examine the synagogue's long-term plans for revenue generation and space renewal (building, ritual and cemetery space). Although we are not currently in a financial crisis, the world around us is changing and our current model of dues for membership cannot sustain our operation (only 29% of our operating budget is supported by member's dues), and a year or two of poorly attended Silver Plate/Spoon Dinners could leave us reeling. In addition, our building will be sixty years old soon and the amount of deferred maintenance has become an issue. Our washrooms, sanctuary, auditorium, library, etcetera, all have their own unique issues that need to be addressed.

With all of these pressures, you would assume, then, that I must be one of the most "stressed-out" people in the community; but I thus far have managed to remain calm. The biggest reason is that I have a team of dedicated board members who are willing to stand up to these challenges with me. Each member of the board brings their own unique background, their own distinct skills, and a tenacity to do good work for this community.

To my board members: Thank you! Over the coming months we will have our challenges, both internal and external, but with your dedication and support, we will see success.

Divrei Harav – Rabbi Claudio's Message

Are We A Welcoming Community?

by Rabbi Claudio Jodorkovsky

I have always felt sad for Sukkot; it's such a beautiful holiday but because it comes just a few days after Yom Kippur it never gets the attention it deserves. Yet Sukkot is so important that the Rabbis called her "HeChag"- "THE holiday". That's why in this edition of the Bulletin, even when Sukkot is now over, I want to share with you an important message we learn from this holiday which I think challenges all of us to think about our Jewish community.

During Sukkot we take the four species together – the Etrog, the Lulav, the Hadas and the Aravot – in order to praise God during our prayers. The Rabbis compared them to different types of Jews, some of them study Torah, some of them do good deeds, some do both and some neither of them. And from all of the four the Etrog is the more complete one because it's beautiful, has smell and taste, and also because it represents the Jews who study Torah and also perform good deeds. And yet while there are clear differences between them, during the prayers we take all the four species together to praise God, remembering we are only one people no matter the differences.

But the Etrog, the distinguished species may want to be by himself. He could say: "I already have everything. I already achieved this special position, I have Torah and good deeds, I have everything I need, so why do I have to be with those who are not as beautiful and complete as I am?" The Etrog could argue: "It took me a long time to be the species I am, **I paid a price and they didn't... I am more than them**. I may be willing to be with other Etrogim who share my status, but not with the other three". But then, the wisdom of our tradition comes and tells the Etrog: "Hey you, the "special" one, if you want to praise God go and be with the other three. It's not enough to enjoy from your status. **You are obligated to be with the others and help them to improve themselves, to have more Torah and good deeds**".

Likewise, some Jews are like the Etrog in their communities. They may have been members for many years, everyone knows them, some are recognized volunteers, and others are part of the Minyan, have many friends, know how community politics work and are totally integrated with the rest. They enter the building and feel home because this was their parents' home too. But for a member of a Jewish community it's not enough to say "I am part of this and I enjoy it". We have an obligation to welcome, include and help others who are newcomers and are trying to be part of our community. We may think they

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From Berlin To Budapest

by Lorna Bernbaum – Reporting for the Bulletin

Memories of my youth in Saskatoon come often. No one called me a dirty Jew. No antisemitism. I do remember the first holocaust survivor I met. Chaim Kornfeld was our Hebrew school teacher. When Chaim first showed the number on his arm I cringed. Now, after seeing Auschwitz, it all comes together.

The tour started in Berlin. A group of twelve people travelled together but we had lots of free time. My free time was Jewish history time. The newest part of the Jewish Museum in Berlin was designed by architect Daniel Libeskind. Its endless displays of Jewish life in Germany before WWII are amazing. I attended Shabbat services in the New Synagogue. After three guards let me in to pray, I joined a small group of people. Other memorials of a past Jewish life in Berlin were there. It was interesting that the same company which coated all the slabs of cement in the Holocaust Memorial so no graffiti would stick to them, also created the gas used in the death camps. I kept thinking of Nazism. Dead: 6,000,000 Jews. Today there are 118,000 Jews living in Germany.

Warsaw had more Jewish memories. The gigantic cemetery and Ghetto memorials are there as is one synagogue, Nozyk Synagogue, which also houses the Warsaw Jewish Commune. Recently a new JCC opened there. The entire Warsaw ghetto has slowly been replaced by many different kinds of buildings. Basic ugly apartment buildings, and the large new office buildings in the business section, were an eyesore to me. They just do not match. Old Warsaw is well preserved.

Krakow is undergoing a Jewish revival. Steven Spielberg's movie Schindler's List helped. Schindler's factory is now a remarkable museum. The annual Jewish festival in June is an international attraction. Before the war there were 68,000 Jewish people in Krakow and after just 3,000. A Jewish philanthropist from the San Francisco Bay area named Tad Taube has raised a great deal of money for the JCC. And there is a group of younger Polish people who are finding out that a family member pretended not be Jewish to avoid being killed. The JCC has 50 non-Jewish volunteers right now. Each day there are two Jewish walking tours. When you walk into the old Jewish quarter, you can feel the Jewish past. Many musicians play Klezmer music for diners in restaurants there.

From here we went to Auschwitz and Birkenau. I talked to our driver on the way there. He told me about the areas at Auschwitz referred to as Canada where the Nazis stored all the things of value taken from people who were to be killed or worked to death. Many busloads of people were there the day we toured. The silence while large groups moved through was deafening. I felt like vomiting all day long. Today there is a disputed number of Jews that remain in Poland. Some sources list 3,000 and others up to 25,000.

Prague is a very tolerant city bustling with many tourists. A plaza with multi monuments in the centre of the old city, which was virtually untouched by the destruction of WWII, is full of activity. There are remnants of a thriving Jewish community. Purchased tickets give you access to the Jewish sites. The cemetery was rather remarkable. Stones stood on edge and seemed placed at bizarre angles. Oodles of tourists walked on the Jewish tour the same day as me.

We had one other stop in that area of South Bohemia in Cesky Krumlov. There was one synagogue that is now used as a picture museum and concert hall. It is a well preserved building accessible to tourists for a small entrance fee. Several different pieces of information gave visitors a feeling of what Jewish life was once like. Today in the Czech Republic there are about 4,000 Jewish people.

We then went on to Vienna in Austria, a very sophisticated city indeed. It's the birthplace of Theodore Hertzl, the father of Zionism. Unfortunately, the entire Jewish Community Centre and museum complex were closed until after the Jewish holidays. Today there are approximately 9,000 Jews living in Austria. This is a far cry from the 185,000 that lived there before 1939.

Our final city on this trip was Budapest. From Vienna our trip was altered slightly because of the Middle Eastern refugees pushing towards Germany. Many trains had been cancelled, so we went by van and saw the Hungarian and Austrian police at their borders checking cars and trucks. This caused great delays of vehicles moving into Austria. Signs of refugee travel or of the refugees trying to get through on the highways was viewed with

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Hadassah-WIZO News

CHW is Canada's leading Jewish women's philanthropic organization. Founded in 1917, CHW is non-political, volunteer driven and funds a multitude of programs and projects for Children, Healthcare and Women in Israel and Canada.

CHW Children Healthcare Women

by Linda Shaw

Our CHW year got a wonderful start with our Opening Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday, October 4th. Thank you to all the enthusiastic women who attended and brought their delicious specialties. For those of you who weren't able to make it, it's not too late to join Canada's leading Jewish women's philanthropic organization. Contact our Membership Chairperson: Dianne Greenblat.

So what's going on that would make you want to be a CHW member?

Nationally: The CHW Annual General Meeting and National Executive Board Meetings are coming up quickly – Nov. 8th – in Toronto. The highlight will be the **"I Love Israel" Gala Soiree** on Saturday, Nov. 7th. The featured guest speakers will be The Honourable John Baird and General (Ret.) Natan Barak. If you plan to be in Toronto that weekend, you really should attend. It will be sensational. Contact: Jennifer Hesselson.

It is with deep sadness that I have to tell you of the passing of Honourary National President **Naomi Frankenburg** Z'l.. She was one of my earliest role models in Hadassah-WIZO, having been a leader in every level of CHW for over 40 years and becoming the National President in 1987. Naomi leaves behind a memory that will be defined by her inspiring dedication to philanthropy, particularly with her work in CHW. Naomi was deeply committed to the Jewish community in her home city of Vancouver, throughout Canada, and in Israel. When Naomi was elected CHW National President she became the first President from Vancouver and proudly represented Western Canada at the national level. May her memory be a blessing.

In Israel: The CHW **Hadassim School and Youth Village** has commenced another academic year. It was founded in 1947 for European Jewish refugee children and today is one of the largest residential schools in Israel. Today Hadassim serves both immigrant and Israeli children from disadvantaged families, ensuring that no matter how dreadful the situations they came from, those children leave Hadassim equipped with the skills for a successful life.

Hadassim is also home to the **French Na'aleh program**, an opportunity for Francophone youth to continue their education in their native language. The Na'aleh program has become increasingly important due to the rise of anti-Semitism, causing many European teenagers to seek out safety and security. (*excerpt from the Orah Magazine)

Locally: We will be launching our "**Jewish Dinner for 8" Raffle fundraiser** by selling tickets at the B'nai Brith Silver Plate Dinner on November 12th. I hope all our community will support this project by buying and selling raffle tickets - just $5 each.

Our Sarah Goldenberg Chapter will meet again in early December for some sort of Chanukah celebration. Details to follow.

All my best wishes.

Attendance was terrific for the Hadassah-WIZO opening meeting held at Linda Shaw's on Sunday, October 4th. The Potluck Dinner was delicious, as usual, and our program, featuring Wilma Miller from the Awl Shoppe, taught us fun and informative tips on packing based on the Eagle Creek Luggage system.
Back Row: Janet Erikson (Treasurer), Simonne Horwitz, Malvina Rapko, Anna Gersher, Sara Liebman, Dianne Greenblat (Membership Chairperson), Robin Sasko, Adam Simpson, Rebecca Simpson, Susan Katzman, Wilma Miller. Front Row: Jennifer Hesselson, Leona Wasserman, Lee Vardi, Marsha Scharfstein, Lesley-Ann Crone, Zoe Litman, Linda Shaw (President). Attended but missing from picture: Becky Scharfstein-McGettigan, Sean, Linda Simpson, Oxana.

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B'nai Brith Wants You!

by David Katzman, President of B'nai Brith Lodge 739

Our first Saskatoon Lodge meeting was in 1913. I was not there. Our next Lodge meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. and I hope we will both be there. Our lodge is open to any adult Jewish male, or a male with a Jewish partner. Mostly, we raise money at our annual Silver Plate Dinner and then we have meetings to decide how we will spend that money (ex. helping Jewish families send kids to camp, providing a ring to every Bar or Bat Mitzvah). However, we also sponsor the Gerry Rose Volunteer Recognition Dinner, lead a Shabbat service, and we hope to add some enjoyable social events. Our other two executive members are Steve Simpson (treasurer) and Allen Morris (secretary). We would very much like to have a Social Director and a Vice President step forward either before or at our next meeting. Please contact me if you would like to learn more about our Lodge.

At our Sept. 1 meeting we had 16 men. Our first order of business was to financially support the Screaming Chickens Soccer Club/Hillel. Then we were very flattered to receive a wonderful framed plaque from Joel Bernbaum to thank BB for being the first support of SUM Theatre (free theatre in the park). We reviewed the major support that will be given to Snowboarding/Tubing Park project, the El Sistema music education program, and the SPCA elementary school educational programming initiative. We hope our whole community will take some satisfaction in knowing that our Lodge is making a difference in the community.

For the past ten years, we have provided significant support to the Care and Share Holiday dinners that take place in Saskatoon's inner-city and perimeter schools. BB will be serving the meal on Dec. 10 at King George Community School, 721 Ave. K. South. We would be very pleased to have our members, their spouses and partners serving on the food line, 11:30 to 1 p.m. Please let me know if you can be there.

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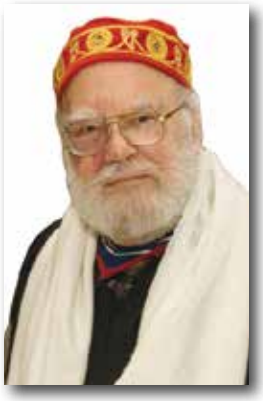

From The Moral and Spiritual Values of Judaism:

by Rabbi Roger V. Pavey (z"l)

The following is another essay from Moral and Spiritual Values, the unpublished work of the same title by the late Rabbi Roger Pavey.

Bet ha Yetomim

The Bible shows a deep sensitivity to human feelings in general; it is especially concerned with the marginalized and disempowered in society. The great example is the orphan and the widow, and those two are frequently mentioned together as the text urges social justice, not as an ideal, but because of empathy with human beings who are hurt and pushed aside and exploited. "You must not mistreat a widow or an orphan, for if you do, I shall surely listen to their cry to Me and My anger shall blaze out against you." (Ex.22:21-22). The criterion of a civilized society is its willingness to feel for and care about its most disadvantaged members. The ultimate reason for this is the existential experience of the people of Israel who remember in every generation being slaves in Egypt and finding freedom and human dignity. Therefore you shall remember the orphan, the widow and the stranger, because you were strangers in Egypt and you know what it is to be mistreated, is the core theme of the Hebrew Bible.

In his codification of the halakhah, Maimonides says, "One should be especially careful of how one behaves toward orphans and widows, for their spirits are very depressed and their hearts discouraged. Even if they were wealthy, or the widow or orphans of a king, we are still particularly commanded to be aware of them. One must speak gently to them, show them courtesy always, not hurt them by making them work hard, or wound their feelings by speaking harshly to them."

In the circumstances of Jewish history, care for orphans was not only morally correct, it was a practical necessity, for the numbers of orphaned children as a result of pogroms was all too great. For the same reason so was widowhood. The sensitive caring for orphans and widows was a major factor in Jewish survival, enabling them to return fully to productive communal life. It was a fundamental injunction to do all possible to enable a widow to re-marry. Although the halakhah does not legislate for adoption, it is clear what its attitude was to taking an orphan into an established family when it comments that a person's parent is not the genetic mother or father, but the one who raises them.

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Why JFC/UIA Matters

by Julia Berger Reitman, Chair - Jewish Federations of Canada - UIA

I am so pleased to write to you in Saskatoon, as the new Board Chair of Jewish Federations of Canada/ United Israel Appeal, an organization whose mission is grounded in the belief that we are all connected and responsible for one another, wherever we choose to live.

I took on this role in early June and have been busy ever since traveling to Israel and visiting our Canadian communities - Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Hamilton to date. I am meeting leaders, donors and partners across Canada and Israel, and I am inspired by the dedication and creativity of the leadership that I see everywhere I go.

I assumed this position because of my strong belief that in order to assist and sustain Jewish life across Canada, we need a national organization that is committed to uniting Canada's Jewish communities. I strongly believe in the importance and power of the collective. We can have more influence, more impact, and more power when we act together. Every single gift from a Saskatoon donor impacts Jewish life in Canada, Israel and where ever Jews need support and assistance. This impact resonates exponentially when added to all the other donations from Canada.

I also believe very strongly that we are all responsible for one another, and that means within Canada's borders, but also abroad; in Saskatoon, in Kiev or in Tel Aviv, we can and we must support one another.

On the national scene, JFC/UIA invests in programs that build Jewish identity. This summer alone we sent over 2,000 young adults on the most transformative experience of their lives- Taglit Birthright. It is amazing to learn that since inception, over 30,000 Canadian Jewish young adults have participated in this program. These participants return to Canada inspired and committed to effecting change and engaging in their local communities. We have also sent 500 young adults on Masa- a Jewish Agency experience. This program is a long-term Israel experience that offers young adults educational opportunities and professional internships in a variety of settings, while at the same time giving them a real life living opportunity in Israel. Whether or not they eventually make aliyah to Israel, each cohort gains a deepened sense of Jewish identity.

Internationally, JFC/UIA is equally invested in helping Jews wherever they may be by partnering with international organizations. A contribution to your local Federation or community provides food, security and medication to Jews in the Ukraine, via the JDC. Likewise, CIJA, our national advocacy agent joins with other Jewish advocacy organizations to fight anti-Semitism in countries such as France. We partner with the Jewish Agency and other NGOs in Israel to provide Israeli children in the northern and southern periphery of the country who are not receiving adequate health care or are at risk because the quality of the education in their region is not satisfactory. Our reach is broad and effective particularly with the partnerships that we have established.

In my preparation for taking on this role and in my short term to date, I have learned so much of the work that we do. Whether it is advancing the local needs of the vulnerable and the elderly, ensuring both formal and experiential Jewish education or supporting Israel and World Jewry, JFC/UIA assumes a pivotal role. I am proud to be part of the organization and I endeavor to work hard to make a difference.

ALMA Thanks Saskatoon Jewish Community

by Patsy Landa

I'm happy to report that the Saskatoon Jewish Community's ongoing support for the afterschool programs (mo'adoniot) for disadvantaged families, run by the Nes Ziona municipality and the ALMA organization, has given those parents and children who are involved, an opportunity to see a brighter future.

ALMA provides supplementary programs for parents and children from dysfunctional families where the financial, emotional and educational challenges create a severely negative environment. Neglect and domestic violence are daily conditions for many of these children where the parents are unable or unavailable to care for their needs. The social services identify those families at risk, and encourages them to become participants in the afterschool programs.

Ten families and eleven children participated in the program this past year. At the end of the year the parents clearly expressed the positive effect it had on their relationships with their children, on their understanding of their needs and difficulties, on their abilities to deal with the challenges of parenting in stressful situations. The children enjoyed the joint activities that brought them much closer to their parents.

Let me share with you one family's experience. Noa and her 10 year old daughter, Leah , have participated in the parent –child program for the past three years. Noa is a single parent, living with her two daughters at her parent's home. Overcome by anxiety for the safety of her daughters, she consistently kept them isolated from any contact with people outside of school hours. At the same time she failed to deal with any of their developmental and educational difficulties. Leah was enrolled in a special education kindergarten after a psychiatric diagnosis of identity disorder with elective muteness. By second grade, she exhibited serious severe behavioral disturbances in almost every area. When she entered the afterschool program she neither spoke nor made eye contact with the counselors and only sporadically with the other children.

It took over one year of constant contact and encouragement by the counselors to get her mother, Noa, to overcome her fears and ambivalence, to begin to trust them and become an active participant in the evening sessions with the other parents and children. Gradually, Noa learned to share her concerns and hardships with the group, recognizing and understanding the needs of Leah for both guidance and independence. Parallel to her mother's growing insight, Leah's behavior gradually improved as she was able to separate from her mother, to interact and engage with other children and the counsellors.

By the end of the third year, in her own words, Noa said: I now understand my part in perpetuating my own situation. I always avoided dealing with Leah's difficulties and my own responsibilities. Noa is now planning to leave her parents' home for an apartment with her daughters.

The progress of this mother and daughter over the years is just one example of the success of the framework of the parent-child program. The dedication of the counsellors and the social worker truly saved this family and has given them the opportunity to see a better future.

ALMA organization gratefully thanks the members of the Saskatoon Jewish Community for their generous support of the parent-child program. On your next visit to Israel, please come for a visit to see with your own eyes and hearts just how much it means to these families

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Sum Theatre – A Lesson In Community

by Joel Bernbaum, Artistic Director, Sum Theatre

Four years ago, I had an idea. I wanted to make professional live theatre more accessible to the people of Saskatoon. I wanted people of all ages to be excited about the theatre. People who had never been to the theatre before. My thought was to bring theatre to the people, in the most public way possible. The idea that satisfied this desire was Saskatchewan's first ever live professional Theatre in the Park. By offering professional theatre free of charge in Saskatoon's public parks, we would eliminate the boundaries that prevent the average person from attending the theatre. We tell them about it, we would take it to them and we offer it for free.

Theatre in the Park was a great idea, but it was not tested. In 2013 our inaugural production of Alice in Wonderland saw over 4,000 participants. In 2014 The Pied Piper broke 5,500 participants. This past summer over 7,000 people participated in Hercules. Clearly, Theatre in the Park has become Saskatoon's newest summer tradition. It is truly exciting to see thousands of people participating in art, while at the same time meeting their fellow community members.

At Sum Theatre we believe equally in the power of theatre and the power of community. Community's greatest need is community itself. The community building work of Theatre in the Park would not have been possible without the community of Congregation Agudas Israel. When I first had this idea I approached David Katzman and Marsha Scharfstein for support and advice. David encouraged me to apply to B'nai Brith and Marsha arranged in-kind rehearsal space at our community centre. We are grateful to both CAI and B'nai Brith Lodge, our first ever sponsors for their continued support. With out their help, Theatre in the Park would not exist. Additionally, as our company grows the need for structural support became apparent. Grant Scharfstein volunteered in-kind legal support of Sharfstein Gibbings Walen Fisher in order to help us apply for charitable status. Our application is almost complete, and B'nai Brith has generously extended their sponsorship until our status is secured.

It is notable that other community members have also come forward to feed the momentum of our theatre. This year we were tremendously thankful to partner with Kevin Sharfe and Sherwood Chevrolet as our Presenting Sponsor. Their support allowed us to tour to more parks and take the time to offer special performances and workshops for youth in need. Since our first year Rebecca and Michael Shaw at Centennial 360 have sponsored performances, and housed our set and costume pieces in their warehouse. Les Fenyes and BEMA Autosport loaned us the Sum Theatre Mini Cooper to allow us to be out and about in communities across the city. Heather Fenyes hand made hummus for a thousand audience members who participated in our production of My Rabbi. B'nai Brith also supported My Rabbi, donating 250 tickets which were distributed to students and other populations in need.

The support for Sum Theatre from Congregation Agudas Israel has been overwhelming. It has shown me, once again, the true value of a community. Not only does our community support individuals and families - but our community supports ideas that make our city and our world a better place to live. It is my great honour to be a part of a community that makes this a priority. I look forward to the next idea.

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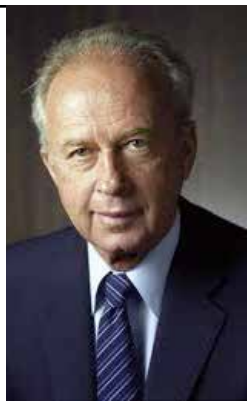
Biography of the Month: Yitzhak Rabin

by Stan Schroeder



November 4TH will be/was (depending on when you read this) the 21st anniversary of the assassination of **Yitzhak Rabin**, a tragic day in the history of Israel. He was the fifth person to hold the office of Israeli Prime Minister on a full-term basis. **Yigal Allon** was an interim Prime Minister for three weeks in 1969 and **David Ben Gurion** was Prime Minister from May 1948 through January 1954 and from November through June 1963. Rabin also served non-consecutive terms from June 1974 through June 1977 and from July 1992 until his death in November 1995.

Yitzhak was born in Jerusalem on March 1, 1922, to **Rosa (Cohen)** and **Nechemia Rabin (Rubitzov)**. Nechemia was born in the Ukraine, emigrated to the U.S. at 18, and subsequently to Palestine in 1917. When Yitzhak was one year old the family moved to Tel Aviv. He attended *Beit Hinuch Leyaldei Ovdim* (Worker's Children School) elementary school in Tel Aviv, and from age 15, Kadourie Agricultural High School, graduating in 1940.

At Kadourie, he became a friend of **Yigal Alon**, later a leader of the Palmach, the elite strike force of the Haganah underground. In 1941 Rabin joined the Palmach underground. In 1945, he was deputy commander of the operation that freed 200 illegal immigrants from the Atlit detention camp. In 1947 he was appointed Deputy Commander of the Palmach.

Rabin married **Leah Schlossberg** during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War. Leah was working at the time as a reporter for a Palmach newspaper. They had two children, Dalia and Yuval. Rabin was non-religious; according to American diplomat **Dennis Ross**, Rabin was the most secular Jew he had met in Israel.

As commander of the Harel brigade, Rabin played a crucial role in the defense of Jerusalem in 1948, particularly in operation *Nachshon*, which lifted the blockade to Jerusalem in the beginning of April 1948. By a quirk of fate, Rabin was also the commander in charge in June of 1948, when Ben-Gurion gave the order to sink the *Altalena*, the ship carrying arms for the Irgun underground.

In 1954 he was appointed head of the IDF Training Branch by **Moshe Dayan**, and was promoted to Brigadier General. He planned the Israeli officers training college. He became Chief of Operations of the Northern Command, and on January 1, 1964, he was appointed Chief of Staff of the IDF by **Levi Eshkol**, and led the IDF to victory in the Six Day War.

Rabin retired from the Army in 1968. Though he had not been a member of the Mapai party, he joined the successor Labor party and was subsequently appointed Ambassador to the United States, a political exile intended to keep him from being a serious contender for office. As Ambassador, he was the architect of the close relationship between Israel and the United States that evolved after the Six Day War.

In 1973, Rabin returned to Israel and became Minister of Labor in the cabinet of **Golda Meir**. Following the resignation of Golda Meir, Rabin became Prime Minister on June 2, 1974 - the youngest in the history of Israel and the first native-born Israeli (Sabra). In 1977 however, Rabin resigned as Prime Minister and head of the Labor party when it became known that Leah had an illegal $3,000 bank account in the U.S.

From 1984, Rabin served as Defense Minister in the unity governments under **Shimon Peres** and **Yitzhak Shamir**. Rabin was responsible for the withdrawal from most of Lebanon, and was also responsible for Israeli policy during the first Intifada starting in 1987.

In 1992, Rabin was chosen as leader of the Labor party, replacing Shimon Peres. He led his party to victory over the opposition Likud for the first time since 1977, and he became Prime Minister again in June of 1992, assuming the post of Defense Minister as well, and giving Peres the post of Foreign Minister. His unequaled credentials as a war hero and elder statesman made it possible for him to overcome the divisive internal politics of the Labor party, and subsequently to lead Israel to the Oslo peace agreement with the Palestinians and peace with Jordan.

In 1994, Rabin was awarded the **Nobel Peace Prize** along with **Yasser Arafat** and Shimon Peres in recognition of their role in the Oslo peace process.

As the reality of probable Israeli concessions to Palestinians came closer, and at the same time, Palestinian terror groups launched more ambushes and terror attacks, Rabin's popularity plummeted. Rabin responded by organizing a giant peace demonstration, with the theme of "Yes to Peace, No to Violence." As he approached his car following the well-attended rally, a right-wing fanatic **Yigal Amir**, inflamed by incitement of extremist settler rabbis, broke through the very lax police security and fired several shots at Rabin's back. He was rushed to Ichilov Hospital and died there shortly thereafter.

Editor's 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. This article was first published in the Shir Notes. Steven Goluboff and Stan met each other in Jerusalem last year to discuss their community Bulletins.

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community members also design, implement, and publicize special one-time events, such as the Winter Holidays Celebration and the Olive Festival that had 250 people attending. This event included musical performances by two well-known singers, Yair Delal and George Saman. There is a recipe market where parents prepared their authentic foods for people to sample and shared their recipes, as well as many different stations for children such as making olive oil, face painting, basket weaving, darbuka lessons (middle-east drum), and a story hour in Hebrew and Arabic.

Over the past several years, with more opportunities for Jewish students to study closer to their own homes, the number of Jewish students in the school has been declining. Last year, Hand in Hand invested considerable effort to analyze and address this issue and create a work plan to strengthen the existing unique aspects of the school and introduce new programs that will restore the school's competitive edge and strengthen the relationships between the nearby Sachnin and Misgav communities. Among the steps that were taken was the closing of grades 7-9 (hopefully they will re-open in the future) so that the school can focus its efforts on strengthening grades1-6 and re-addressing the Jewish-Arab balance. A new principal, Itay Diner, was hired to lead the school in a transformative process. He comes from the world of high-tech, bringing entrepreneurial spirit, management practices and team building experience. He has introduced a variety of pedagogical innovations and has already succeeded in doing what was thought impossible, recruiting 18 new Jewish children to enroll in the 2015-16 first grade class.

Project Based Learning: In order to make students more active learners and increase their motivation, the school introduced a major pedagogical change in teaching methodology, Project Based Learning (PBL). Students select a topic that is of personal interest to them to explore in depth. They learn to do research, conduct interviews, make presentations, and produce work that integrates multiple academic subjects. In addition, the school has started to build an interdisciplinary space that includes an art station with art supplies, a doll theater, a dress up corner, a music listening area with earphones, computers and a plasma screen for viewing video art, a reading corner with a changing supply of books, and a gallery where students are responsible for preparing rotating exhibits of student art. This inviting space encourages students to work on interdisciplinary projects in groups as well as on their own during free time and to become actively and creatively engaged, thus making their learning experience more meaningful.

One example of a PBL Project that was started this year is taking place under the guidance of Dan Zukerman, a veteran teacher in the field of ecology and permaculture. Students are building a greenhouse which they use to learn about technologies for growing edible plants in ways that protect the environment. Students from grades 1-6 are growing vegetables, spices and fruits using recycled grey water and fertilizer made from compost that they have created from food wastes. They are learning about urban agriculture and how to grow food without soil in plastic containers as well as hydroponic growth methods, how to purify and use waste water and how to collect rain water for watering the garden. Students select topics they want to research and design and execute experiments to determine the best growing methods for particular plants, and as a result of their experimentation, they are creating a beautiful and sustainable garden in the school yard. The school's vision is to become the leader in the entire Misgav area in ecology, urban agriculture, and sustainability and ultimately to build a visitor's center that offers workshops to children from other schools as well courses for adults.

Hand in Hand continues to involve the parents and the community surrounding the school by running a variety of special activities including holiday celebrations and special festivals. These kind of events are a place for Jews and Arabs to interact and to get to know one another. Hand in Hand's Community Organizer sees the school as playing an essential role, observing: "It is a fact that both Jews and Arabs live in the Galilee. Our goal is to help strengthen the bonds between them, to find points of connection, like between the women of Sachnin and the women of Misgav. The Galilee School is the starting place for this connection."

A word from the school principal:

Shalom to the dear community in Saskatoon,

My name is Itay. I live in Kibbutz Pelech for the past 11 years, I'm a good friend of Dan and Lee and I am also the principal of the Galilee Bilingual School. The school is not so far from our Kibbutz, and almost all the Kibbutz kids

go to it, as well as other students. Dan asked me to write you about the school, and I thought that in times like these it would be best if I describe the complexity in the school in light of the recent events in Israel and Arab-Jewish relations.

Our school is very small, and contains 175 students between grades 1-6. Currently 2\3 of the school students are Arabs and 1\3 Jewish, but during the past year we have experienced an increase of Jewish students and this year we opened, for the first time in school history two balanced 1st grade classes.

As you probably know recent times in Israel

are very intense. We are witnessing a wave of stabbing terror attacks against Jews. A time like this puts the school in a very tough spot on a social level. In a time where tension rises between Arab and Jewish students and between Arab and Jewish teachers and staff, there's a fear that the school could not hold this tension and the variety of opinions, and it will fall apart. To prevent that we are taking action on 3 levels:

Children – we allow the younger students (grades 1-4) to express the stress they are experiencing. Many times the younger kids aren't exposed to the media and they don't always know what's going on. In the older classes we initiate programs that allow them to talk about the situation openly. As a result of the program the 5-6 grade students decided to write an open letter and advertised it through social media, the press and sent it to the Minister of Education.

Staff – an open dialogue between the staff allows surfacing the concerns, angers, fears and mutual expectations. This dialogue is not always helpful, but on the other hand it helps build trust between the teachers. The school staff is very experienced in these situations and have been through a lot together and I am confident that we will strengthen from this experience as well.

Community - we have had a meeting with the parents' community, very much like the staff dialogue. The meeting went well and over 60 Jewish and Arab parents came to it.

Up until a year ago being part of such an important establishment and program was a dream to me. In fact my studies were never in the field of education. I've got a degree in computer science (MSC), and for the past 12 years I've worked in Hi-tech industry, IBM and Intel among others. When "Hand In Hand" asked me to become principal of this school I agreed immediately, and today I'm very proud and consider myself extremely fortunate being a part of this attempt to bring the Jewish and Arab communities closer for a life together – side by side, hand in hand.

Feel free to ask us more about this interesting school, and find more about the "Hand in Hand" foundation on their site - https://www.handinhandk12.org/. We can only hope and wish that more of these initiatives take place in Israel and that peace and understanding will come to all of us.

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have to pay a price in order to be like us, the "Etrogim" of our community, but that would be a selfish and certainly not a Jewish thought.

Ron Wolfsohn in his book "The Spirituality of Welcoming" explains that the first thing newcomers ask themselves when they come to a new place is "How are we going to be received? How is this going to be? Are they going to be friendly and welcoming?" Unfortunately it's very common, especially in small congregations that newcomers feel like the three species in front of the Etrog: They see themselves in front of a "select" group of people who are comfortable there, speaking to each other because they know each other and share a similar position. The newcomers may feel nobody pays attention to them. Maybe they were greeted but don't see others trying to include them in conversations. The newcomers may feel they have to pay a price to be part of that "elite", and instead of feeling welcomed they feel rejected and probably won't come again.

What do you think someone may feel who enters our Synagogue for the first time? Would they feel included in conversations or perhaps will see everyone talking to their group of friends and relatives? Would they feel they have come to a welcoming community where old members help newcomers to integrate, or rather would feel they have come to a kind of select Jewish club?

You may have your personal answer to this question. My opinion, after speaking with several Jews who have recently immigrated to our city, is that we have to work hard to improve our welcoming skills. While some have successfully integrated into our congregation others have felt unwelcomed, not because we have rejected them but because they came to a place where everybody seemed happy to be part of, but nobody seemed to care to make them be a part of it.

Dear friends: To be a Jewish community means to be welcoming. We are not a "select club". We are a "Keziah K'dosha – A holy community", where every Jew must have an opportunity to be included. But they cannot just integrate by themselves, they need our help. If you feel proud and privileged of being part of our Congregation, remember it's a **Jewish obligation**, a Mitzvah, to help others feel the same.

Next time you come to our Synagogue and you see visitors, newcomers or just a new face, go and talk to them. Invite them to your table, introduce them to your relatives and friends, and invite them to your home for a Shabbat dinner. Do not ask them to be formal members or to pay dues if they are just arriving or coming for the first time; they may feel we are more interested in their money than in themselves. Let's work hard to be a Synagogue that strives to welcome and include any Jew. Remember we cannot just enjoy from what we have: We must share it with others because that's part of the definition of a Jewish community.

B'birkat Shalom,
With the blessing of peace.
Rabbi Claudio

PS: I strongly recommend everyone read Ron Wolfsohn's book "The Spirituality of Welcoming".

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mixed reactions from tourists.

What is a refugee anyway? Someone who has nothing, or everything to lose, or maybe an opportunist, or gambler who seeks adventure can be a refugee. And mixed among a large wave of refugees such as this one, could always be terrorists or people ready to cause havoc for some reason. Some feel there is a correlation between how the Hungarians have treated these refugees and how they treated the Jews during the Second World War. I am not convinced about this juxtaposition. Refugees: exclude and keep them out. Jews: let the Nazis kill them. But all must agree that this movement of refugees has been the largest refugee movement in our time.

The orientation walk through Budapest included stopping at two monuments to Jewish people. Budapest has the second largest synagogue in the world, in what was once a very thriving Jewish community. The guards at the Doherty Synagogue let me in to pray on Shabbat. This is a grand synagogue. As I sat at the back, I tried to envision being there before WWII. Behind the Synagogue is a gigantic metal tree with metal branches and oodles of leaves - each engraved with the name of a Hungarian Jew killed during the Hloocaust. Four hundred thousand Jews were taken from Hungary to the death camps. There was much to see and do in Budapest but my heart was heavy thinking of what had happened to their Jews. Today about 48,000 Jews live in Hungary.

If you have time and energy to see Eastern Europe, check out our Jewish history. I urge you to do so before things change much more. As current migration patterns play havoc with the demographics of several countries, the basic mosaic will never be the same again.

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Isaac Drabinsky	Nov 6 (24)
Bertholt Wormann	Nov 6 (24)
Laurie Feldman	Nov 7 (25)
Geraldine Jaffe	Nov 7 (25)
Nathan Buller	Nov 8 (26)
Samuel Sugarman	Nov 8 (26)
Reva Applebaum	Nov 9 (27)
Sam Fromson	Nov 10 (28)
Molly Grobman	Nov 10 (28)
Harry Zhivotovsky	Nov 11 (29)

November 13/14	Kislev 1/2
Katie Claman	Nov 13 (1)
Allen Gonor	Nov 13 (1)
Louise Gumprich	Nov 13 (1)
Vina A. Silverman	Nov 13 (1)
Jack Weitzman	Nov 13 (1)
Samuel Claman	Nov 14 (2)
Moisha Gross	Nov 14 (2)
Adolf Lehrer	Nov 14 (2)
Zlotta Lertzman	Nov 14 (2)
Harry Minovitz	Nov 14 (2)
Belia Spector	Nov 14 (2)
Jack Sugarman	Nov 14 (2)
Sam Goodman	Nov 15 (3)
Frank Miller	Nov 15 (3)
Julie Sarblut	Nov 15 (3)
Eleanor Segal	Nov 15 (3)
Jack Hearn	Nov 16 (4)
Sarah Hock	Nov 16 (4)
Samuel Laimon	Nov 16 (4)
Louis M. Levy	Nov 16 (4)
Harold Pavey	Nov 16 (4)
Hyman Isadore Richman	Nov 16 (4)
Fanny Beaverman	Nov 17 (5)
Wolfe Bodovsky	Nov 17 (5)
Harry Broudy	Nov 17 (5)
Abraham Chorsky	Nov 17 (5)
Alexander Fayerman	Nov 17 (5)
Joseph Katz	Nov 17 (5)
Miriam Pavey	Nov 17 (5)
Dorothy Steiger	Nov 17 (5)
Anette Sternberg	Nov 17 (5)
Ytzchak Solsberg	Nov 18 (6)
Isaac Fogel	Nov 19 (7)
Ann Katz	Nov 19 (7)
Ethel Nulman	Nov 19 (7)

November 20/21	Kislev 8/9
Mayer Padolsky	Nov 20 (8)
Halevi Polatnic	Nov 20 (8)
Richard Blum	Nov 21 (9)
Rebecca Butler	Nov 21 (9)
Samuel Friedman	Nov 21 (9)
Sarah Sharzer	Nov 21 (9)
Zelda Dachis	Nov 22 (10)
Harry Friedman	Nov 22 (10)
Joseph Segal	Nov 22 (10)
Anne Shiffman	Nov 22 (10)
Ella Springman	Nov 22 (10)
Mina Flikshtyen	Nov 23 (11)
Grisha Gersher	Nov 23 (11)
Isaac Goldenberg	Nov 23 (11)
Philip Columbia	Nov 23 (11)
Sally Katz	Nov 23 (11)
Malke Hamir	Nov 24 (12)
Bessie Waiser	Nov 24 (12)
Chaya Avivi	Nov 25 (13)
Bernie Fingard	Nov 25 (13)
Eli Shapero	Nov 25 (13)
Annie Sklar	Nov 25 (13)
Beatrice Hatkin	Nov 26 (14)
Aida Soiffer	Nov 26 (14)

November 27/28	Kislev 15/16
Mary-Ida Davidner	Nov 27 (15)
Tanya Flikshteyn	Nov 27 (15)
Nathan Shaffer	Nov 27 (15)
Ben Shore	Nov 27 (15)
David Teplinsky	Nov 27 (15)
Morris Lubin	Nov 28 (16)
Anna T. Blank	Nov 29 (17)
Yehudith Broudy	Nov 29 (17)
Rabbi Nomi Ehren-Lis	Nov 29 (17)
Rebecca Green	Nov 29 (17)
Jacob Neumann	Nov 29 (17)
Mary Bender	Nov 30 (18)
Samuel Lifshen	Nov 30 (18)
Alexander Blum	Dec 1 (19)
Fannie Kahan	Dec 3 (21)
Haim Kolominsky	Dec 3 (21)

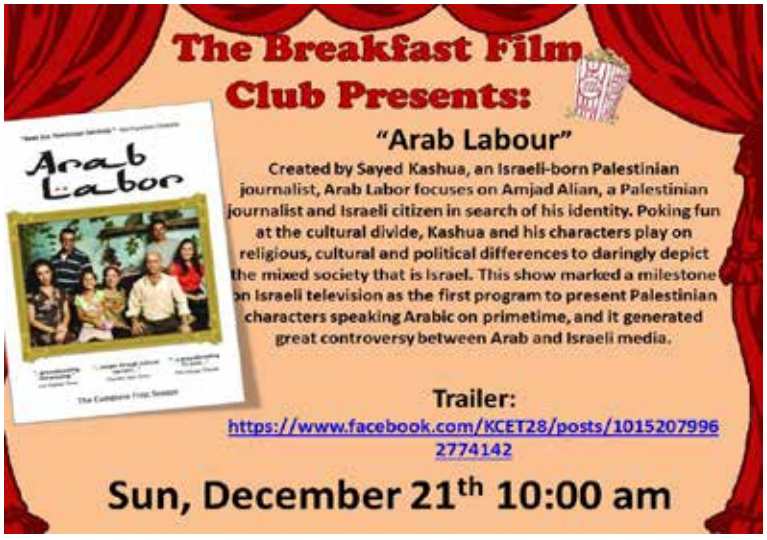
December 4/5	Kislev 22/23
Podhorcer	Dec 4 (22)
Pauline Laimon	Dec 5 (23)
Joseph Brant	Dec 6 (24)
Eva Miller	Dec 6 (24)
Reisie Korber	Dec 8 (26)
Anita Marcus	Dec 9 (27)

December 11/12	Kislev 29/30
Gertrude Goffman	Dec 11 (29)
Sara Y. Korzen	Dec 11 (29)
Isaac Lubin	Dec 11 (29)
David MacKay	Dec 11 (29)
Yosef Pollak	Dec 11 (29)
Freda Aaron	Dec 12 (30)
Michael Goorovitch	Dec 12 (30)
Marjorie Cohen	Dec 13 (Tevet 1)
Alex Gimpel	Dec 13 (1)
Hena Feiga Levitsky	Dec 13 (1)
Rena Levitsky	Dec 13 (1)
Marvin Aarons	Dec 14 (2)
Edith Caplan	Dec 14 (2)
Hyman Arlinsky	Dec 15 (3)
Martha Blum	Dec 15 (3)
Susanna Hillman	Dec 15 (3)
Tom Kovish	Dec 15 (3)
Nathan Kornfeld	Dec 16 (4)
Charles Vikar	Dec 16 (4)
Helan Levson	Dec 17 (5)
Doris Mazer	Dec 17 (5)

December 18/19	Tevet 6/7
Leopold Edison	Dec 18 (6)
Israel Katzman	Dec 18 (6)
Labe Katzman	Dec 18 (6)
Velle Bernstein	Dec 19 (7)
Joseph Ditlove	Dec 19 (7)
Joseph Donen	Dec 19 (7)
Lil Gitlin	Dec 20 (8)
Annie Handelman	Dec 20 (8)
Ida Gamm	Dec 21 (9)
Arthur Singer	Dec 21 (9)
Julie Singer	Dec 21 (9)
Moses Filer	Dec 22 (10)
Mary Davidner	Dec 24 (12)
Michael Davidner	Dec 24 (12)
Syd Gelmon	Dec 24 (12)
Solomon Shaw	Dec 24 (12)

December 25/26	Tevet 13/14
Elizabeth Brewster	Dec 25 (13)
Arnold Golumbia	Dec 25 (13)
Baby Trager	Dec 25 (13)
Jacob Trager	Dec 25 (13)
Morris Ames	Dec 26 (14)
Joseph Caplan	Dec 26 (14)
Estelle Gladstone	Dec 26 (14)
Leon Dagushan	Dec 27 (15)
Anne Goldstein	Dec 27 (15)
Sadie O'Fallon	Dec 27 (15)
Anne Shore	Dec 27 (15)
Jerry Brown	Dec 28 (16)
Fanny Miller	Dec 28 (16)
Joe Schachter	Dec 28 (16)
Gertrude Bricker	Dec 29 (17)
Harry Spector	Dec 29 (17)
Minnie Cramer	Dec 30 (18)
Tsilav Gutner	Dec 30 (18)
S.B. Levin	Dec 30 (18)
Essie Flishtyen	Dec 31 (19)
Belema Sokariboa	Dec 31 (19)

January 1/2	Tevet 20/21
Harry Buckwold	Jan 1 (20)
Sarah Epstein	Jan 1 (20)
Sarah Goldenberg	Jan 1 (20)
Irvin Nisenholt	Jan 1 (20)
Gary Sands	Jan 1 (20)
Mordechai Avivi	Jan 2 (21)
Margret Cohen	Jan 2 (21)
Samuel Meyers	Jan 2 (21)
Samuel Wiss	Jan 2 (21)
Jacob Laimon	Jan 3 (22)
Fanny Landa	Jan 3 (22)
Esther Pentol	Jan 4 (23)
Morris Claman	Jan 5 (24)
Clara Milavsky	Jan 5 (24)
Rev. David Avol	Jan 6 (25)
Faige Bernbaum	Jan 6 (25)
Chaje Goldenberg	Jan 6 (25)
Abraham Abelevsky	Jan 7 (26)



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1 Heshvan 19	2 Heshvan 20 Lunch and Learn 12:00 pm	3 Heshvan 21	4 Heshvan 22 Israeli Dance 7:30 pm	5 Heshvan 23 Yoga 6 pm	6 Heshvan 24 Hebrew Lesson 4 pm	7 Heshvan 25 **CHAYE SARAH** Young Adults Bowling Night - Eastview Bowl 8 pm * Heather Fenyas
8 Heshvan 26 Lazooz 10:00 - 1:00	9 Heshvan 27 Lunch and Learn 12:00 pm	10 Heshvan 28	11 Heshvan 29	12 Heshvan 30 Yoga 6 pm **Silver Plate Dinner**	13 Kislev 1 Hebrew Lesson 4 pm	14 Kislev 2 **TELDOT** * Steven Simpson
15 Kislev 3	16 Kislev 4 Lunch and Learn 12:00 pm	17 Kislev 5 UIA Kick-off Luncheon 12:00 - 1:30 JCC	18 Kislev 6 Judaism in 21st Century Guest Rabbi Raphael Katz - 7 pm Israeli Dance 7:30 pm	19 Kislev 7 Yoga 6 pm	20 Kislev 8 Tikkun Olam Shabbat Service and Potluck Dinner 6 pm •Kevin Scharfe	21 Kislev 9 **VAYETZE** •Mike Scharfstein
22 Kislev 10	23 Kislev 11 Lunch and Learn 12:00 pm	24 Kislev 12	25 Kislev 13 Israeli Dance 7:30 pm Board Meeting	26 Kislev 14 Yoga 6 pm Cooking Class 7 pm	27 Kislev 15 Hebrew Lesson 4 pm * Harold Schifman	28 Kislev 16 **VAYISHLACH**
29 Kislev 17 Breakfast Club 10:00 am	30 Kislev 18 Lunch and Learn 12:00 pm	*" A table is not blessed if it has fed no scholars."* from - The New Joys of Yiddish. by Leo Rosten,				

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6 Kislev 24	7 Kislev 25 Lunch and Learn 12:00 pm	8 Kislev 26	9 Kislev 27 Israeli Dance 7:30 pm	10 Kislev 28 Yoga 6 pm Cooking Class 7 pm	11 Kislev 29	12 Kislev 30 **ROSH CHODESH HANUKKAH** * Michael Shaw
13 Tevet 1 Lazooz 10:00 - 1:00	14 Tevet 2 Lunch and Learn 12:00 pm The Hymns of Leonard Cohen - Interfaith Activity - 7 pm	15 Tevet 3	16 Tevet 4 Israeli Dance 7:30 pm Board Meeting	17 Tevet 5 Yoga 6 pm Judaism in 21st Century 7 pm	18 Tevet 6 Hebrew Lesson 4 pm Family Service and Potluck Dinner 6 pm * Perry Jacobson	19 Tevet 7 **VAYIGASH** •Nicky Gitlin
20 Tevet 8 Breakfast Club 10:00 am	21 Tevet 9 Lunch and Learn 12:00 pm	22 Tevet 10	23 Tevet 11	24 Tevet 12	25 Tevet 13	26 Tevet 14 **VEYECHI** * Lesley- Ann Crone
27 Tevet 15	28 Tevet 16	29 Tevet 17	30 Tevet 18	31 Tevet 19		

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