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Larry Weinstein - Filmography

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Benjamin (Teadrous) Aklom

"After completing my BA in biology with the assistance of a Jewish Agency student scholarship, I began working with young people in the Ben Shemen Youth Village. It has been a fantastic opportunity to share the skills I have developed with children who, like me, came from Ethiopia to Israel."



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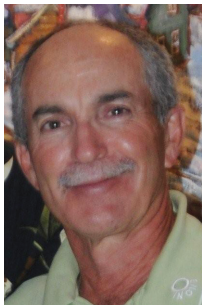
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Editorial

by Steven Goluboff

From a summer (which was somewhat questionable) of sun, rain, relaxation, renewal, reading, sport and fun we emerge and begin again a year of more intense work, school, committees, reflection, prayer, and tzedekah. The High Holidays are upon us early this year. The Ritual Committee with Cantor Neil have worked hard preparing for services that will be meaningful to the wide spectrum of our members. A prospective new member upon being excited about joining the congregation expressed some trepidation because she said, "I am not that religious and don't attend synagogue very often". I responded that if that were the criteria of membership, we would close our doors. Attending synagogue is as much about self reflection, time-out and community as it is about traditional and formal prayer. Elaine Sharfe has tried to ensure that as many as our members as possible are honoured with aliyot during the high holidays. For the fifth consecutive year, our synagogue will host the *Break the Fast Blast*. Franci Holtslander is working with our caterer to provide some new and tasty dishes for this event. We are forever grateful to families who will *donate* to the Yom Kippur Fund to assist in defraying the cost of this event.

The fall is a season of Tzedakah. The Annual United Jewish Appeal Campaign Kick-Off

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The B'nai Brith Annual Joe Rosenberg Memorial Golf Tournament

by Steven Goluboff - unofficial Sport's Editor

The Annual B'nai Brith Joe Rosenberg Golf Tournament returned in all its glory and public fanfare following being rained out in 2009. Golf Digest and Canada's Score Magazine again ranked it amongst the top 10,000 golf tournaments played in Northern Saskatchewan. A sunny Sunday afternoon on July 18th 2010 brought out the best Jewish and a few one day Jews by Choice golfers to compete at the toughened up and challenging Riverside Golf and Country Club. Six

foursomes went forth to seek the coveted Joe Rosenberg Memorial Trophy which has a hallowed spot in the Riverside trophy case. The Goluboffs again descended upon Saskatoon, Richard and Georgina from Vancouver, and Alan and Linda from Toronto. The winning team outscoring the second place team in a complicated analyses of retrogression was the team of Arnie (the Godfather) Shaw, son Michael Shaw (the Godbaby), and sons in law Bryce Sasko and Steven Simpson. Alan Rosenberg again hosted the evening with impeccable and tasteful humour and presented the trophy. Everyone went home with prizes.



WINNERS OF THE JOE ROSENBERG MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - JULY 18, 2010

Left to right: Michael Shaw, Steven Simpson, Arnie Shaw, Bryce Sasko and Alan Rosenberg

The Grand prize with only golfers eligible was the classic leather jacket donated by David and Mona (Rosenberg) Rich and presented to Jared Katzman. A wonderful dinner was enjoyed by all and this was an opportunity to say Shalom and Yasher Koach to our latest Shlichim, Ziv and Noga. Other honoured guests were Daphne Taras, the new Dean of the Edwards School of Business and her husband Alan Ponick, soon the be members of Congregation Agudas Israel. The 2011 Joe Rosenberg will be a highlight of next season. We suspect that everyone who enters will make the cut.



by Jon Katzman

Birthright is the chance of a lifetime for Jewish youth around the world. It was my, and many others', first trip to Israel. My experience proved to be fun, humbling, meaningful

and emotional. The program consisted of 10 days, touring northern Israel, Tel-Aviv and ending as far south as Jerusalem. We visited such sites as the border between Israel and Lebanon, the Dead Sea, Yad Vashem, Har Herzl and much more. All the sites we visited were well interpreted by our knowledgeable tour guide Yoav.

All my life I had heard stories and descriptions of Israel. It turned out they were very accurate. Israel was exactly what I expected. The people were loud and mostly friendly, and the cities bustling. As an agriculture student I

marvelled at the agriculture in a country with severe drought. Their tactics for using water are creative and that is why the food there is probably some of the best in the world. Their fresh fruits and vegetables are second to none.

Like many Birthright participants I extended my trip to visit more of Israel and other surrounding countries. My travels took

me to Egypt where I perfected my bartering skills and learned how to repeatedly say no thank you in Arabic, despite their best efforts to sell me anything I could see in their shop. Even with their aggressive sales tactics and the stifling heat, Egypt proved to be a very educational experience, in history and street

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Birthright and More

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From Heather's Garden - President's Report

by Heather Fenyes, President

I write this column at the cottage. It's simple here and everything makes sense. I've read a dozen books and indulged in excessive exercise and eating. Life makes sense. I've also been reading about the proposed Conversion Bill in Israel. Under the guise of doing good for it's citizens, the bill has complicated implications that could be dramatically negative for non Orthodox Jews in Israel and abroad. Little about it makes sense.

Until now, conversion in Israel has been granted by a few, and dictated by the ultra orthodox. Weddings and funerals are performed and recognized based on these conversions. Most conversions that take place outside Israel, other than orthodox ones, are not recognized within Israel. True, anyone with a Conservative conversion can make aliyah, become an Israeli, and receive the full economic benefits of aliyah. But when it comes to marriage and burial, that person will not be deemed to be Jewish—a big problem. That doesn't make sense.

The new bill would greatly expand the circle of those authorized to perform legal conversions. On the surface that sounds great.

This would allow the more than 60,000 Russian immigrants seeking full Jewish status to convert with fewer hoops and complications. But that's all that isn't complicated. In order to appease the ultra religious wings of government, the Chief Rabbi (Orthodox) would be empowered to oversee the process. He would "draw the line", that the government would back. Existing injustices would be set in law making it more difficult for a diversified, pluralist conversion to be recognized. The Mazorti (Conservative) and Reform movements that are currently fighting for a rightful place in Israel would be legally marginalized. In effect, an ultra orthodox rule would be legislated, and therefore binding.

Over the summer, delegations and individuals from the non-orthodox movements in the Diaspora were in Israel actively opposing the adoption of this bill. Among them were Rabbi Steven Wernick, United Synagogues Executive Vice President and CEO. It makes sense that he would be there. Conservative Jews (as well as other Non Orthodox affiliates) must be assured an equal and rightful place within the religious life of the state of Israel.

It seems ironic that our picture of an ideal Jewish community is more ideal than Israel's. Congregation Agudas Israel's mission statement is: "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."

Within Congregation Agudas Israel, some of our most cherished, dedicated and committed members weren't born Jewish and didn't have an Orthodox conversion. Yet, they have a major import on the spirit, kavannah or vibrancy of our community. We need them, perhaps even more than they need us. And so we need to help Israel see that our blessings can be theirs too.

It is unlikely that this bill will pass. In fact, the assumption exists that it won't. Even so we should be writing letters of protest to Israel's Prime Minister <http://www.pmo.gov.il/PMOEng/PM/Write+to+PM/>, or sending to the United Synagogue for their efforts on our behalf to info@uscj.org, or following our own path of activism.

We must continue to be a voice that advocates re-alignment of Israel's definition of who is a Jew. It's as simple as that.



Hazzan's Notes: On Deuteronomy

by Hazzan Neil Schwartz

During September and October we finish the Book of Deuteronomy and begin the Book of Genesis. While these are in the same Torah scroll, they are very different

from each other in both form and content. In fact, the Book of Deuteronomy is very different from the other four Books of the Torah, and it has quite a bit in common with the first several "historical" books in the Prophetic section of our Hebrew Bible.

One can take the approach that God gave the entire Torah to Moses at Mt. Sinai, or one can accept the recent idea that people wrote the Torah over many centuries. Modern Bible scholarship no longer accepts the 19th century idea that literally four people wrote the entire Torah, but rather that there are four major "streams of tradition" reflected in our Torah text, which were then carefully and skillfully edited together.

Part of the internal evidence for this concept is the duplication of many passages in the

Torah, either sequentially retelling a story (two contradictory Creation sagas) or tightly knit together in recognizable strands (two contradictory Flood sagas). In the case of the two Flood sagas, one version has 40 days of rain and ends after a few months, while the other version has 150 days of flooding and ends after a full year.

These strands of tradition are identified partly by the names of God used, and partly by internal evidence from the Hebrew language used. Just as English is vastly different between the days of Shakespeare and today, there were subtle changes within ancient Hebrew which scholars can use to date written texts such as the Torah.

Some passages of the Torah seem to have been written in the Northern Kingdom of Israel, and other passages seem to come from the Southern Kingdom of Judah. After the Assyrians conquered the Northern Kingdom in 722 BCE, refugees fled to Judah, bringing their textual traditions. These were then woven together with the Southern Kingdom traditions, and that redaction formed an important basis of our Torah.

The other two "streams of traditions" which were added to our Torah text came from the Priests, and from the authors of Deuteronomy. Priestly additions have details of census and genealogy, sacrifices and the Tabernacle architecture, and many of the Torah laws.

Both Deuteronomy and the Priestly traditions emphasize centralized worship, but

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Rosh HaShanah 5771

by Perry Romberg, Director, Financial Resource Development, United Israel Appeal of Canada

Throughout the tefillot/prayers during Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, a short phrase is repeated many times – “*Repentance, Prayer and Charity cancel the stern decree*” *הַרְוֵנָה הַבִּישָׁתוּ הַלִּיפְתוּ הַקְדִּצוּ וְיִרְיַעַם תָּא עַד*

The Rosh HaShanah-Yom Kippur period, called the Yamim Noraim (Days of Awe) stress three core principles of Jewish faith, practice and tradition. *Repentance* refers to introspection, personal evaluation of one's relationship with G-d, one's fellow man and with how one lives one's life daily. *Prayer* refers to personal communication with G-d and with one's perspective of the world and its source. *Charity* refers to man's responsibility for and his behaviour with his fellow human beings and to the world at large. While reflection and prayer are highly personal and subjective, *charitable acts*, acts of kindness (*chesed*) and social responsibility are clear and simple – lend a hand, lend an ear, be caring, recognize that individual well-being is tied to communal/societal health – be charitable and act charitably by supporting those services that assist those in need (whether physical, emotional, spiritual, young and old). The message is that we strengthen ourselves by strengthening others.

In the same vein why is the blowing of the Shofar on Rosh HaShanah and at the end of Yom Kippur such an essential part of the service. When looking at the Torah and sources where the blowing of “trumpets and shofrot” are mentioned we find that the “blowing” was

always associated with the calling together of the nation, the camp of Israel, to gather and prepare for war against an enemy and to gather on festivals and give thanks and praise to G-d for agricultural and national success and blessings. The sounding of the shofar (the horn, the trumpets) brings the nation together in times of danger and in times of happiness. In both difficult times and joyous times, we celebrate as a community, as a united people and not just as individuals – we need each other in both good (weddings, simchas!) and bad (funerals) times. A Jew is intertwined with

Our sages suggest ‘man’ is a creature from the physical realm, he is only aroused and inspired to action by something stirring, something that will cause him to snap out of the ordinary routine.

his/her community, no matter where they are.

However, the shofar also has an individual, personalized message. Why do we sound the Shofar? What is it supposed to accomplish? Our sages suggest ‘man’ is a creature from the physical realm, he is only aroused and inspired to action by something stirring, something that will cause him to snap out of the ordinary routine. We see this concept in practice at a time of war: In order to stir up the troops, trumpets are sounded, in hope that this arouses and motivates the soldiers to action. On Rosh HaShana, we do the same. We “awaken”,

by means of the Shofar, all who are to be judged on this day. The sounds that emanate from and the shape of the Shofar are meant to inspire us as well. The actual sound emitted from the Shofar is broken; it is not one straight note, but a series of staccato blasts. The broken sound reminds us that we have a job of “breaking”

to do as well - the breaking of our everyday patterns and to strive to change – change that makes us stronger ethically as individuals and stronger as a community looking out one for another. Finally, the shape of the Shofar is not straight like a trumpet. Rather, the end of the Shofar is curved and bent. This bent shape is to remind us that we should bend our hearts in subser-

vience towards *Repentance* (introspection, change), to *Prayer* (communications of the heart) and to *Charity* (acting for the betterment of our family, friends, our community and all in need).

With the coming New Year we at United Israel Appeal of Canada hope you will continue to support our community welfare programs, right here in Canada, in the FSU and in Israel.

My very best wishes to you and your family for a Healthy, Sweet and Happy New Year 5771 – א"עשת – הקותמו הבוט הנש



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The Kapelnikovs and the City

by Moshe and Anat Kapelnikov

Dear friends. Another year has gone by, and so fast. We are only 3 hours flight away from Saskatoon but unfortunately we are too busy to find the time to visit. This is why we really appreciate it when visitors from congregation Agudas Israel are coming to Toronto. Now that the summer is here the visiting season is at its peak and we enjoy it a lot!

Other than visitors there are already some representatives of the community that live in Toronto. We get to see Gladys Rose, Kevin Sharfe and Daniel Pesin. It seems like we know here enough people that we run into them by coincidence - one day when we left home we saw a familiar face on the front yard of our building... apparently the Petroffs chose to take Brenda's wedding pictures just at the entrance to our building (well, we do live in a very nice area). Toronto is a big city and one can easily feel alone here but knowing all these great people makes it much easier.

The high holidays season is, of course, the

time when we feel the most how far we are from home and how very different life is here comparing to Israel. Being a Jewish country, the atmosphere of the holidays is everywhere. At this time of the year wherever you go people are wishing you Shana Tova, everyone wants to know "Where are you celebrating the holidays", this is the time for shopping, cleaning, cooking. It seems that you don't have to do anything in order to get into the spirit of the holidays. In Toronto on the other hand we have to be active. Organize holiday dinners with friends, go to a specific grocery store to find the Israeli ingredients that we have to have for these special dinners, ask for day off at work and explain why we need it. Even going to Shul costs money. It is not obvious to be Jewish here. The good thing about it is that we learn to appreciate the uniqueness of Israel and also the efforts that you guys are doing to maintain an active Jewish community in Saskatoon. It is different to see it from outside



of the community than as "Shlichim" that live in the community "bubble".

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all Shana Tova. May this year be peaceful, a year full of happiness and sweet as honey.

From us - Yahli, Moshe and Anat Kapelnikov - Shlichim 2001-2002.



From Our Tel Aviv Desk

by Keren-Or and Lior

It's been a while since we've updated you on our lives and it seems that with Rosh Hashana just around the corner this edition is a good time to do so - not to mention the fact that the Editor suggested that we do so...

We're now just wrapping up a year full of news - new home, new house, new jobs, (not-so) "new" car (in fact pretty old... Lior drives a minute '94 Subaru Justy that just broke...), in other words we've gone through a kind of revolution. We have based our home in a pretty small town called Karkur, near Hadera (officially called Pardes Hana-Karkur, where Noga's family lives) and we've moved to our own three-year-old house, which was pretty exciting. It's a two storey cottage with a small garden and we are blessed with a great open view to the North - towards the countryside and Binyamina and Zikhron Yaacov.

Naomi is 5 years old and will attend pre-school this coming year (1st grade next September). She is a very sensitive and lovable young lady who loves to chat - in fact she can't stop doing so - and fills our home with laughter and lots of talking. Alma is only two and a half but she is in full control

of things around the house - a high tempered skinny blonde who knows exactly what and when she wants something and will stop at almost nothing 'till she gets it! She loves her kindergarten (our next door neighbor 'till now - moved a couple of blocks away this summer). By the way, we are in the midst of the August vacation and it's quite a challenge to handle small kids in this natural sauna - that's what the weather is like here - for a couple of weeks (while trying to keep up with work at the same time).

We also have a seven-month-old dog - Pipa - half Beagle half German Pointer - that drives us completely insane most of the time but we love her lots - especially the girls do.

Keren-Or is now in between jobs. She is about to leave the Association for the Wellbeing of Israel's Soldiers where she was in charge of the missions of IDF officers to North America since last December. In October she will begin a new job in Haifa University. She is pretty excited about this new challenge and hopefully will find an interesting new field of occupation, meet and



work with interesting people.

Lior has begun a new career and is now teaching civil studies in a High School nearby (grades 11 and 12) with thoughts of pursuing a career in education. Due the extremely low teacher's salary, he works part time in school and part time in an industry at the southern entrance to Haifa. Apart from that, there's the reserve service that takes up the rest of the time...

As you can see, lots has changed - and we're very excited about that. As we say here, the most important thing is good health - we can deal with all the rest... On this note we would like to send you all a Shana Tova - full of health and happiness!

The Bachars - Shlichim 2002-2003.

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Teaching Judaism



by Dale Sands

Since the synagogue did not participate in the Folk Fest this year there are a couple of experiences from last year that have stayed with me.

Last year was the first time I was involved in saying anything to the general public about Judaism in any form except for a few brief shifts in a soup kitchen in Macon, GA. Understandably I was excited and a little nervous wondering if I knew enough to do a good job.

As it turned out I was well prepared, from the conversion classes in Macon, GA with Rabbi Aaron Rubenstein to all the folks in Winnipeg and the community here in Saskatoon.

I know once you have converted no more is supposed to be mentioned about it but I have wondered if I am going fit in even after six

years of a Jewish life.

It wasn't until the two days were over that it hit me that no one who walked in that room knew any different, they saw me as Jewish and nothing else. The feelings of belonging and finally fitting in somewhere after all these years are indescribable.

Without thinking about it, it seems I made an impression on a couple of people. I was surprised the next day while out at the Cameco Remembers Air Show when a mother and daughter said they remembered my blowing the Shofar. There were a couple of other people at the same event who remembered me for something I mentioned at the big table. There was one more surprise to come a little later.

In June I had one of our work vans in for service at one of the Ford dealerships and the driver of the shuttle still remembered me from last year. For someone to remember you after a one hour visit to your place of worship is

not something within my realm of experience.

I wasn't expecting to have anyone afterwards say much of anything so these two meetings were quite a pleasant surprise.

When we have the time and personnel to participate in the Folk Fest again I will be there for sure.

I am a Jew, and it always seemed to me not only shameful but downright senseless to deny it.

- Sigmund Freud, quoted by Helen Walker Puner, "Freud"



Geraldine Brooks wrote a novel, *People of the Book* (2008). It is the story of the survival of the Sarajevo Haggadah, based on fact.

However, it is not this work that I am concerned with here (although I have read and recommend this book – and we have a copy in the library). The Jewish people are known as “The People of the Book” and often talk about books they are reading, that have inspired them, that have amused them or filled some relaxing time at the beach. What concerns me is the fact that the Synagogue library (YOUR library) is filled with all kinds of reading material that gathers dust (partly my fault during the past months, however, as I have not spent much time down there).

Let us resolve this new year to use our library, to discover some of the treasures down there. As well as books, there are archives:

Library News

by Patricia Pavey

Where are “The People of the Book”?

photographs, interviews, of members of our community.

I know our new year is not particularly a time to make resolutions (as is the secular new year) but if I promise to spend more time there, will you promise to “come down and see me some time”? Together, perhaps we can make the library, if not thriving, perhaps at least a bit more lively, taking some of those

“lonely” books home for a few weeks and enjoying them.

I am changing other volunteer hours around, so will be in the library on a different day. I will have to “keep you posted” as to which day.

In the meantime, please don't forget about that little room down in the corner of the basement!



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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.

by **Linda Shaw**

Hi Hadassah-WIZO members, prospective members and friends.

I hope you have had a good, relaxing and refreshing summer. I certainly have! Although I'm not looking forward to wearing shoes or makeup again, I am excited about fall and the resumption of our Hadassah-WIZO activities. Once again we'll launch the Hadassah year with a Potluck Dinner at the home of Leila Goluboff on Sunday, October 2nd – a fun and delicious way to reconnect and revitalize our Sarah Goldenberg Chapter. Mark your calendars now.

One of my summer pleasures was reading- fluffy novels, real literature and oodles of magazines. You can't imagine my surprise at finding Jennifer Hesselton and me in a photo in the "WIZO Review", an Israeli magazine that goes to WIZO members all over the world. It was in the Canada section of "WIZO Around the World", highlighting CHW National President Marla Dan and National Executive Director Alina Ianson's visit to Saskatoon last fall. Our little centre is internationally famous!

Canadian Hadassah has been associated with WIZO, the Women's International Zi-

onist Organization, for decades. This year WIZO is celebrating its 90th anniversary and the 150th anniversary of the birth of Theodor Herzl, who envisioned the State of Israel. Rebecca Seiff and the other World WIZO founders shared a vision in 1920 for education, the status of women, health and welfare services that are still relevant and maintained today. As Tova Ben Dov, World WIZO Chairperson, said: "The name WIZO is a household word and is highly respected both here (in Israel) and abroad, amongst Jews and non-Jews One of our greatest achievements over the last 90 years is the bond that exists between us, Jewish Zionist women separated by miles, yet joined by the heart." The impact that WIZO has had on the State of Israel, both prior to and after its establishment has been huge. Helping women and children to succeed in schools, in the home, in the workplace and in society, during times of war or times of peace, difficult financial times or times of social unrest continues to be WIZO's mandate and success story. Read about the Women's Help Hotlines and shelters in the latest Orah magazine. The statistics on how many abused women in Israel use these WIZO services are shocking. We in Saskatoon can be very proud

of the fundraising work we do to support WIZO projects.

Speaking of fundraising, we'll be continuing our "Jewish Dinner for Eight" Raffle project, holding our Annual CHW Campaign in November/December and gearing up for the 21st Annual Silver Spoon Dinner in May. We'll be watching for Leila Hesselton's Book Project for our Chapter. All in all, it'll be a busy but fulfilling year for Saskatoon Hadassah-WIZO.

Remember to send Hadassah Cards for every occasion. A great way to support Hadassah-WIZO, cheer a friend and get a donation receipt too. Call Dianne Greenblat. Shalom.

**Hadassah
Pot Luck Dinner**
at Leila Goluboffs
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6:00 pm

*As my father planted for
me before I was born,
So do I plant for those
who will come after me.*

from the Talmud

Congregation Agudas Israel and the Saskatoon United Jewish Appeal both received donations of \$35,000 from estate of Irene Blum. Plans to recognize these donations will be forthcoming.

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Hana's Suitcase Coming to Saskatoon

by *Simonne Horwitz*

In 1999 Japanese educator and the director of the Japanese Holocaust Education Resource Center, Fumiko Ishioka, traveled to Auschwitz and requested the loan of a suitcase of one of the children transported to the concentration camps. Ishioka thought that the suitcase would help Japanese children to learn about what happened to children in the Holocaust.

The suitcase which was sent to Japan had the name "Hana Brady" written on it along with her date of birth 16 May 1931 and the word *Waisenkind* meaning orphan. After seeing the impact the suitcase had on the Japanese children, Ishioka began to research Hana's life. She found that Hana and her brother George were sent from their home in Czechoslovakia to Theresienstadt and that Hana was later transferred to Auschwitz where she perished. George survived the

camps never knowing what happened to his beloved sister. Ishioka found George living in Toronto.

The story became a book by Karen Levine, but it was a story crying out to be seen on the screen. One of Canada's pre-eminent directors Larry Weinstein, who has worked with leading cultural broadcasters around the world and won many international Emmy and Gemini Awards and an Oscar nomination took on the task of converting this amazing story to film.

Weinstein said that when he read the book he found that it was a powerful story about the Holocaust. It was a story that dealt with the horrific depths of the Shoah but it was a story that was also filled with hope for humankind. Weinstein's unique documentary/drama covers almost 70 years of history, it

travels between Europe, Canada and Japan – showing the truly universal messages of the Shoah. This exceptional story has a message for each and everyone of us.

In October 2010 we, in Saskatoon, will have the unique opportunity of seeing 'Hana's Suitcase' on screen at the Broadway Theatre and have a chance to meet and discuss the film with Weinstein.

WHEN: Sat 23rd October

Screenings at the Broadway Theatre:

7pm and 9pm

Larry Weinstein will do a Q and A in-between

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– Marc Glassman, "Roll Over Beethoven"

"Rhombus Media co-founder, Larry Weinstein is one of Canada's most prolific and accomplished documentary filmmakers. Having

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tions and historical cinematic stylings, and by improvising with experimental impressionistic visual analogies for music. A tireless innovator and committed artist, Weinstein continues to explore music as a dynamic embodied experience that flows through all our lives and enriches our souls."

- [Citation given to Weinstein at Trailblazer Awards, Cannes, 2007]

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will take place on October 27th. We will have the opportunity to meet Dan Stern, our new UJA small community worker from Toronto. He will bring with him our guest speaker, Benjamin (Teadrous) Aklom, an Ethiopian immigrant to Israel, who is a living example of the positive work that UJA does on behalf of the Jewish people. Our new Shlichim have recently arrived from Israel, Ido Weissler and Ayelet Shiryom-Weissler who hopefully many of you will meet and host in the coming year. As I say every year, this program is

totally funded by your generous donations to our UJA campaign. The other major event this fall is the B'nai Brith Silver Plate Dinner on November 10th. After 55 years it is still one of the most high profile events in Saskatoon. I encourage our men to step forward both to attend and assist in making this another successful fund raising event for the City of Saskatoon and for our own congregation. Have a wonderful Shana Tova and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

*What is lofty may be
said in any language,
and what is mean
should be said in no
language.*

Maimonides,
Commentary to Mishna: Abot



Jewish Magic in Montreal

by Mayah Holtslander, Youth Editor

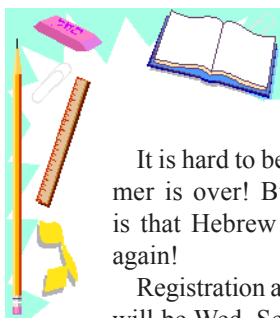
This summer, I had the privilege to spend five fantastic weeks in Montreal. The main purpose of my trip was to learn and practice French, but to be honest, I spent a lot more time eating delicious food. Of course, I ate a lot of Quebec poutine, but I also enjoyed some famous Montreal smoked meat. Now, where does one find the greatest smoked meat sandwiches in Montreal? At a Hebrew deli, of course! There are many Hebrew or Jewish deli's in Montreal, but I only went to two of

them. One was the Snowdon Deli, which was large and served a delicious variety of foods. It offered many Jewish specialties, such as knishes, blintzes and matzo ball soup. Yet, the best smoked meat I ate was at the famous Schwartz's Hebrew Delicatessen. Unlike other Jewish deli's, this one serves only smoked meat, pickles, fries, and coleslaw. Nonetheless, the smoked meat sandwiches are unlike anything I've ever tasted. I am not a sandwich person, but that smoked meat on rye, pickle and plate of fries was one of the best meals in my life. Just writing about it is making my mouth water in memory. If you

ever venture to Montreal, go to Schwartz's. I happened to go to there for a midnight supper and was lucky enough to escape waiting in the lineup that goes all the way down the street. Yet, having tasted it now, I would be more than willing to wait in that line. I had never eaten in a Jewish deli before, and was exceptionally pleased with my experience. It was also especially fun to eat in a famous place bearing my extended family's name-sake. Next time you are in Montreal, bon appétit à chez Schwartz's.

Hebrew School

by Marsha Scharfstein, Principal



It is hard to believe that the summer is over! But, the good news is that Hebrew School is starting again!

Registration and first day of class will be Wed. Sept 1 at 4:15. Since the High Holy Days are so early this year, the first day of class will be very busy. We will be meeting the new Shlichim, Ayelet and Ido, who will be teaching the Senior and Junior classes. We will also be changing the parochet on the bimah in preparation for the Chagim.

And, we also need to talk about the holidays....

We are planning to have a Readiness Class again this year. I know there are at least three eligible kids so please register if your child is entering Kindergarten in Public School (or home school) this fall.

Registration fees remain at \$45 per child, which helps defray the cost of supplies. The registration process itself is pretty painless... just show up with your children, a cheque and a few minutes to sign the forms and the snack sign up sheet.

I am always interested in hearing your ideas and suggestions for making the Hebrew School a better learning experience for your children, and I am even more interested in your involvement in the school. If you have a hobby or skill that you would like to share, please talk to me.



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*Man's good deeds
are single acts in
the long drama of
redemption.*

- Abraham Joshua Heschel,
"The Earth Is the Lord's"

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From Haifa's Harbour

by Noga and Ziv Shahan

Back home: Haifa's breeze.

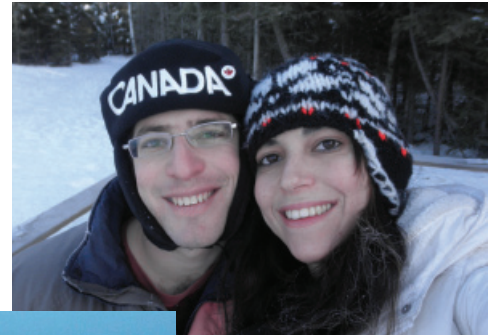
Shalom to our dear friends in Saskatoon... By the time these words will reach you we will already be in our apartment in Haifa, preparing as you do for the upcoming holidays.

It has not been a long time since we flew back home to Israel, to the familiar places and faces, temperatures and temperaments which we grew up with. In this short time we already learned a few things we would like to share with you.

It is with relief and satisfaction of a job well done, we ended our term as your Shlichim. Our job description and goals were to bring with us some of Israel to Saskatoon, and so we felt we have mentioned Israel and our life here constantly, sharing some of our experiences and trying to shed light on some differences and misunderstandings. It occurred to us since we got back here, now it is Saskatoon we mention to whomever we speak. It is your community that we discuss, and your stories that we share with our friends, family, and sometimes just innocent bystanders. We feel that our Shlichut, our emissary job, has just started, and it is our job to teach things we have learned abroad to strengthen, enrich and heal a few things here.

It is no secret that Saskatoon is not a large

community. When we tell people of its size their brows rise in wonder. But their eyes gape fully when we tell them of how much Jewish strength and vitality such a small place can have. When we speak of the youth fully capable of leading services, of the numerous activities held, the community's contributions and involvement in the city



Some might think that coming home will be the easiest part of the "shlichim" program. Loving family and friends were happy to see us, the food that we love and music in Hebrew... But the fact is, although it's familiar, after this year with you, it all seems a bit different, and it's something we need to get used to.

and many more things big and small- it is an inspirational tale.

We know that with time some memories will fade, and some stories will be retold more than others. But we are certain that the basic fact, that in the Saskatchewan prairies resides a community that clings to Judaism with such fervor, joy and love, will always be a compass for our understanding to what it means to be a part of the Jewish people.

We miss you all; we miss the Canadian friendliness and politeness, we miss Canadian driving, and we even miss the weather!

We are trying to find a place to pray in Shabbat that will be as close to the meaningful shul experience we had shared with you. Meanwhile we are still "Shul Shopping", and will update on this quest as it continues...

One thing is for sure: Shoofi prefers the snow much better, although trying to drink from the Mediterranean is quite an attraction...

Shana tova to all of you! May this year be good, at least like the previous one...

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MAIMONIDES - Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon - The Ramba'm 1135-1204

by Dr. Lou Horlick, O.C., S.O.M., M.D., FRCPPC

"From Moshe (Moses) to Moshe (Maimonides), there are none like Moshe."

Maimonides was born in 1135. He lived the first 13 years of his life in Cordova, Spain. Because of the persecution of the Jews by the Moslem Almohades, his father Rabbi Maimon, the leader of the Jewish community in Cordova moved his family from city to city in southern Spain during the next decade, as the Almohades gradually swept through the country. During these years of wandering Maimonides wrote his commentaries on the Babylonian and Jerusalem Talmuds, as well as his early treatises. In 1159 the family arrived in Fez, Morocco, where they lived for five years. They managed to keep a low profile and Maimonides did the bulk of his work on the Mishna commentary there. In 1164 the local authorities caught up with Rabbi Maimon and his family and they were forced to move again. They passed through the Holy Land which they found to be very impoverished and eventually landed in Egypt at Fostad, a Jewish suburb of Cairo in 1166.

Supported by his brother David, a merchant in gems, the family settled in, and Moshe began his work on the Mishna Torah. Shortly thereafter David perished in a shipwreck, and Moshe was devastated. He became depressed and could not work for over a year. As he recovered, he decided to practice medicine. He ultimately became the physician of the Grand Vizier and the Sultan Saladin. In 1177

he became the chief Rabbi of Cairo.

Maimonides was living a very busy and demanding life during these years and following is an excerpt from one of his letters:

"I dwell at Fostad and the Sultan resides at Cairo; these two places are about one mile and a half distant from one another. My duties to the Sultan are very heavy. I am obliged to visit him every morning and when he or any of his children, or any of the inmates of his harem, are indisposed, I dare not quit Cairo but must stay for the greater part of the day in the palace. Hence, as a rule, I repair to Cairo very early in the day, and even if nothing unusual happens I do not return to Fostad until the afternoon. Then I am almost dying with hunger. I find the antechamber of my house filled with people, both Jews and Gentiles, nobles and common people, Judges and Bailiffs, friends and foes, a mixed multitude who await the time of my return."

As Maimonides fame as a physician and scholar spread, more and more people sought his advice and he continued into the night dealing with a multitude of people seeking his advice. In 1172, the Jewish community in Yemen sought his advice about religious persecution by the Yemenite authorities. This was incited by a Jewish apostate who became a missionary for Islam and by a false Messiah. Maimonides encouraged the Jews to remain steadfast in their commitment to Judaism and gave them practical advice on how to deal with their situation while demolishing the claims of the Islamic missionary and the

false Messiah. His letter and advice had a huge impact on the Yemenite community and gave them new hope.

During the 1180's he published his most significant work, the Mishnah Torah (Review of the Torah) in which he codified the entire body of Jewish law. It was written in Hebrew and provided a basic reference to Jewish law and represented an incredible piece of scholarship. His third major work was the 'Moreh Revuchim' (Guide to the perplexed), which he wrote as a very long letter to one of his students, and which dealt with the conflicts which existed between Aristotelian philosophy and Judaism. In it he also tried to provide a rational explanation of the commandments. He held the laws of Judaism to be constant and not subject to change. He also produced another significant work, the 'Sefer Hamitsvos' (the Book of Commandments) in which he enumerated the 613 commandments of the Torah.

He was a busy and admired physician and wrote many tracts on medical conditions. One was written especially for the Sultan's nephew who frequently indulged in promiscuous sexual activity and wanted advice on how to increase his sexual potency. Maimonides advised a healthy diet, exercise and stressed the concept of 'a healthy mind in a healthy body.'

He wrote many treatises on medical conditions, among them a treatise on asthma, and others on poisons and antidotes which became textbooks for physicians of his time and through the Middle Ages. His glossary on drugs was discovered in Istanbul in 1935 and contains 405 short paragraphs listing available drugs, their effects and antidotes.

In summary, Maimonides was the outstanding Jewish personality of the middle ages. He had a great influence on Jewish thinking as a halachist, and medieval philosopher. In his time he was the interlocutor between his religion and science. He lived in a Muslim world and related with Muslim scientists and theologians. He demonstrated that he could dialogue with the best in Islam and still retain his faith in Judaism. He is noted for his 'thirteen principles of faith' which are included in many prayer books as 'Yigdal'.

They consist of the following:

-the existence of God-God's unity-God's spirituality and in corporeality-God's eternity-

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Board of Trustees Nominations for 2010-2011 Slate of Officers

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees nominated the following persons for the position of Board Member for 2010/2011. The election, if required, would occur at our Annual General Meeting, September 21st, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

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Congregants Kitchens

Pletzels... from Franci Holtslander

I'd like to share a very special recipe that I only make for Rosh Hashanah. Pletzels are a direct link in the heart to my Grandma. The fight was always on as to who got any extra pletzels! This was one of our favorite things that my Grandmother, Lillian Fruit made and I am the only one in the family who has continued the tradition. Everyone thinks that they are too difficult to make, but they aren't. My copy of the recipe is on a very brown, cooked on, worn out, piece of loose leaf. I wrote it down over the phone years ago. I used to call my Granny or Mom for recipes when I was younger. As the years went by I would call and ask questions when cooking for holidays, as it kept me connected and I was so homesick. My family would pass around the phone on the holidays and everyone in Buffalo, New York would tell me how good this dish was or wasn't. My family has always had incredible standards for Jewish cooking, since my Granny was such a good cook. So.....try these sometime, as they are delicious!

1 yeast (I use the dry active)
½ cup warm water
¼ cup sugar
1 cup of flour

Dissolve the yeast in the water, add sugar, and flour. Beat well (I use a fork). Set aside 10 minutes.

1/3 cup of oil
1 egg slightly beaten
1 ½ teaspoon salt
4 ½ cups flour
1 cup water

Add oil to warm water and egg. Stir into sponge (the first thing you set aside). Add salt and flour into mixture. Knead 15-20 minutes. Oil a large bowl and put the dough

in the bowl. It can be left overnight covered (I think in the fridge, but I have never tried this). Leave covered until it is doubled in size (probably 45min-1 hour, maybe longer). Cut down. Oil top and put in fridge (I don't do this-but it's in my phone notes!).

Poppy seeds, raw onion, kosher salt

I shape into round golf balls and roll in chopped onion, poppy seed, and kosher salt mixture. Let double in size (I leave on a cookie tray and lightly cover with plastic wrap).

I use either raw sweet onion, or regular cooking onion- it depends on how strong an onion taste I want. I wish I could tell you the proportions, but I don't know!! I'd guess a bowl (cereal bowl size) of onion, a couple tablespoons of poppy seed (make sure it is fresh, store in fridge-they go rancid quickly!), and maybe a couple teaspoons of the Kosher salt.

Bake 425 15-20 minutes (watch so they don't burn, as they can very suddenly!).

SISTERHOOD REPORT



Submitted on behalf of Karen Dawson by Janet Erikson (after the AGM, I get my own by line)

Karen has left for Scottsdale Arizona and has passed the mantle of president

to me. It is much easier to write a precis of one of the Centre's events that it is to write a report about a topic of which I am barely acquainted. I always think of Torah Fund when I think of Sisterhood. And you thought Sisterhoods were about cleaning kitchens! We hire people to do that. In fact the kitchen at the Centre is looking particularly buff. It has just been painted and anything with 30 years of dust on it has been recycled. Special thanks to Lily, Elaine, Marsha, Linda et al....the crew who emptied out the cupboard contents.

Sisterhood at Congregation Agudas Israel definitely needs a new image. How about a new name? I was thinking Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants, but that is problematic. Lawsuit problematic. But we need something that is going to be associated with a little fun while we raise monies for Torah Fund. I'm always on the edge of my chair waiting to see who wins the 50/50....more of that kind of fun. (or is it just that I am a very sick woman?)

Did you know that Women's League of Conservative Judaism is on Face book? (still not enough fun) I'm completely open to any thoughts from the membership. We have until the Annual General Meeting to think.

Woman's League diary calander will be available after the High Holidays at a cost of \$10. See Marsha or myself.

I wish you all Shannah Tova.

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which priests? In the Priestly tradition they are Kohanim, but in Deuteronomy they are Levites.

For decades, scholars found so much similarity between Deuteronomy and the Book of Joshua, they were referring to a "Hexateuch", six Books of Genesis through Joshua. Now many scholars speak of a "Tetrateuch", four Books of Genesis through Numbers, and a "Deuteronomic History" of Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Samuel, and Kings.

The language, politics, and religious views are similar among these historical Books.

Deuteronomy means "Second Teaching", and during three long sermons Moses repeats many important narratives and laws from the rest of the Torah. However, many of these are slightly changed, such as the Ten Commandments themselves. Were they given at Mt. Sinai as in Exodus, or at Mt. Horeb as in Deuteronomy? The second presentation of many laws in Deuteronomy seems to reflect a settled population living in cities.

There is a story in the 2nd Book of Kings, chapters 22 and 23, that while the Temple was

being restored during the reign of King Josiah, a "Book of Teachings" was found. Many modern scholars say that this scroll, the core of Deuteronomy, was actually newly written by the priests in King Josiah's court around 622 BCE, to give legitimacy to the religious reforms which Josiah was promulgating after decades of apostasy.

Whether it was found or written then, Deuteronomy bears a strong resemblance to the classic "suzerainty covenants" found throughout the ancient Near East in archeological discoveries. In these covenants or treaties between an overlord and a vassal, there is usually a set pattern: a Prologue identifying the two treaty parties and their relationship, obligations that each party has to the other, safekeeping of the treaty document, regular review of the covenant, and rewards or punishments for keeping or breaking the treaty.

While scholars may disagree about the details, the general outline of Deuteronomy fits this "suzerainty covenant" pattern, with God as the overlord and Israel as the vassal. The

core legal portion of the "Second Sermon" attributed to Moses fills the middle of Deuteronomy, and many of these laws have parallels in other ancient Near Eastern cultures. Even the lists of blessings and curses are similar to other ancient treaties.

From this brief overview of Deuteronomy and its relationship with the rest of our Torah, we can see that it enriches our understanding of the Torah if we learn about its context, both in the way it was developed and the people among whom it was written. One of the most powerful aspects of our Torah is its relevance today, some 2400 years after it was completed and some 3000 years after its oldest portions were first told orally.

People have not changed all that much in 3000 years – we still need to treat each other with kindness and respect, and we all just want to live our lives in peace and security. If the world would live by the ancient teachings of our Torah in general, and Deuteronomy in particular, there would be much more social justice and human kindness in the world.

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God as the sole object of worship-revelation through God's prophets-the pre-eminence of Moses among the Prophets-God's law given on Mt. Sinai-the immutability of the Torah as God's law-God's foreknowledge of human actions-the reward of good and the retribution of evil-the coming of the Jewish messiah-the resurrection of the dead.

Is this a creed? Rabbi Pavey doubted this. There are many mediaeval Yigdals and none of them is mandatory. Faith is not belief in things. It is an attitude to things. Rabbi Pavey honoured him more for his halakhic system, the way in which Judaism has expressed itself. We see it not only as law, but as a way of justice in human affairs.

Birthright and More... from page 2

smarts. Rule number one; don't make eye contact unless you want to buy something, two; check your pockets to make sure something didn't fall out and rule number three; make sure you have your water bottle because without it you're toast, literally.

Next I visited Greece which provided some of the best and worst experiences of my life; from being homeless in Athens for a night to staying up late, and going club to club on a gorgeous island. I travelled with two friends to this incredible country full of sensational food and even better beaches. Every day was filled with some new activity such as renting quads to drive around the island or simply lying by the pool because we hadn't really slept well the night before.

All of these experiences wouldn't have been possible without Birthright. It enabled me to travel to far off lands, places I probably wouldn't have been able to visit until a later age. It allowed me to see some of the most sacred places for Judaism and some of the most beautiful lands on Earth. Israel is a country very different from Canada. Talking to the youth there was very interesting. In Canada, the last thing on a grade 12 student's mind is the army and it is the first thing in an Israeli's. The political situation of a country affects the day to day lives much more than I,

or many of my friends, would have thought. I did not think of myself as ignorant to life across the world, but one cannot know what life is like somewhere until one has had the chance to visit. Conscription is a reality. There is no choice, but every person I spoke to had no problem with it. I cannot imagine what would happen if conscription happened in Canada. Nevertheless, I found the people of Israel to be extremely driven. They have the goal of keeping Israel alive and they are continuing to realize this goal.

Lastly, while in Israel, I had the privilege to stay with Ran and Racheli as well as Nim and Shirly. Our past Shlichim were not only amazing during their Shlichot, they continue to be loyal and extremely hospitable to Saskatoonians who continue to come through Israel often ending up at one of their doorsteps. I am so thankful to those couples who made time for me and unfortunately didn't have time to see any other couples because they were busy. I learned a lot on my trip, but the biggest lesson I learned was how lucky I am to live in Canada. Israel and every other country I visited were amazing in their own way, but I am so happy to call Canada home. We live with enough water, food and most importantly peace.

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Sept 9 (Tishrei 1)
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Sept 9 (1)*
Sept 9 (1)
Sept 9 (1)*

Tishrei 2/3

Sept 10 (2)*
Sept 10 (2)*
Sept 11 (3)*
Sept 11 (3)
Sept 12 (4)
Sept 13 (5)
Sept 13 (5)*
Sept 14 (6)
Sept 14 (6)
Sept 15 (7)*
Sept 14 (7)*

Tishrei 9/10

Sept 17 (9)
Sept 17 (9)*
Sept 18 (10)
Sept 18 (10)*
Sept 19 (11)
Sept 19 (11)
Sept 19 (11)
Sept 19 (11)*
Sept 20 (12)*
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Sept 20 (12)
Sept 20 (12)
Sept 22 (14)*
Sept 22 (14)
Sept 22 (14)
Sept 23 (15)*
Sept 23 (15)*
Sept 23 (15)*

Tishrei 16/17

Sept 25 (17)*
Sept 25 (17)*
Sept 25 (17)*
Sept 26 (18)
Sept 26 (18)*
Sept 26 (18)
Sept 27 (19)
Sept 27 (19)*

Irving Levitt
Saul Katzman
Deborah Solsberg
Minnie Hussman
Bella Sklar
Abraham Katz
Malka Shacter
Paula Beberfall

October 1/2

Freda Bernbaum
Dora Goldstein
Philip Baron
Samuel Badeker
Dorothy Brand
Hannah Weitzman
Sarah Friedman
Abraham Churchill
Bernice Conn
Sydney Goodman
Frances Cutler
Leo Winocour
Meyer Entol

October 8/9

Avram Goluboff
Leo Isaacsen
Frances Shaw
Sarah Vogel
Mary Sklar
Pessie Chertkow
Ben Goldstein
Rabbi Roger Pavey
Oscar Mazer
Sylvia Caplan
Robert Miller

October 15/16

Leiser Singer
Michael Stier
Melvin Laimon
Jack Milavsky
Asher Lehrer
Esar Katz
Rose Mallin
Labe Rapaport
Bella Spector
Clara Goldenberg
Solomon Waiser
Frank Arshawsky
Dina Teitelman
David Hamir

October 22/23

Philip Horlick
M. Kavsky
Clara Hock
Elsie Rose
Tassie Arshawky

Sept 27 (19)*
Sept 27 (19)*
Sept 28 (20)
Sept 28 (20)
Sept 29 (21)*
Sept 29 (21)*
Sept 29 (21)
Sept 30 (22)

Tishrei 23/24

Oct 1 (23)*
Oct 1 (23)
Oct 3 (25)
Oct 3 (25)*
Oct 3 (25)
Oct 3 (25)*
Oct 4 (26)
Oct 4 (26)*
Oct 6 (28)*
Oct 6 (28)
Oct 7 (29)
Oct 7 (29)
Oct 7 (29)

Tishrei 30/Heshvan 1

Oct 8 (30)
Oct 9 (Heshvan 1)
Oct 10 (2)*
Oct 11 (3)*
Oct 11 (3)
Oct 11 (3)*
Oct 11 (3)
Oct 11 (3)
Oct 12 (4)*
Oct 12 (4)
Oct 14 (6)*

Heshvan 7/8

Oct 15 (7)*
Oct 15 (7)
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Oct 17 (9)*
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Oct 18 (10)
Oct 19 (11)*
Oct 19 (11)*
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Oct 20 (12)
Oct 21 (13)*
Oct 21 (13)

Heshvan 14/15

Oct 22 (14)
Oct 22 (14)
Oct 22 (14)
Oct 22 (14)*
Oct 22 (14)

Esther Landau
Irene Blum
Miklos (Mike) Kanitz
Sonia Ghitter
Karl Heubsch
Harold Levington
Morris Sass
Abe Sonnenschein
Peter Brook
Celia Reznick
Rose Davidner
Michla Volansky
Frank Shwartz
Bella Mondrus
Nechi Shore
Mania Winocour
Jack Avol

October 29/30

Liba Neuman
Sarah Pollock
Baby Brook
Esther Davidner
Lily Swartz
Richard Ruskin
Bertholt Wormann
Geraldine Jaffe
Nathan Buller
Rudolph Altschul
Samuel Sugarman
Reva Applebaum

November 5/6

Molly Grobman
Sam Fromson
Harry Zhivotovsky
Jack Weitzman
Vina Silverman
Katie Claman
Allen Gonor
Louise Gumphrich
Samuel Claman
Zlotta Lertzman
Adolf Lehrer
Moishe Gross
Harry Minovitz
Julie Sarblut
Sam Goodman
Frank Miller
Eleanor Segal
Louis Levy
Sarah Hock
Harold Pavey
Isadore Richman

Oct 22 (14)
Oct 22 (14)
Oct 23 (25)
Oct 23 (15)
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Oct 24 (16)*
Oct 25 (17)
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Heshvan 21/22

Oct 29 (21)*
Oct 29 (21)*
Oct 29 (21)
Oct 30 (22)*
Oct 30 (22)*
Oct 31 (23)*
Nov 1 (24)*
Nov 1 (24)
Nov 3 (26)*
Nov 3 (26)*
Nov 3 (26)*
Nov 4 (27)

Heshvan 28/29

Nov 5 (28)*
Nov 5 (28)*
Nov 6 (29)
Nov 7 (30)
Nov 8 (Kislev 1)
Nov 8 (1)
Nov 8 (1)
Nov 8 (1)*
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Come hear Benjamin Aklom, an Israeli who immigrated from Ethiopia in the last stages of Operation Moses, in part with the help of Canadian donations. Benjamin is studying biology at Bar Ilan University and is active in the emerging Struggle for Ethiopian Rights in Israel movement. Benjamin will talk about his journey to Israel, what his Ethiopian heritage means to him and what he sees as major issues for Ethiopian Israelis.

Benjamin (Teadrous) Aklom was born in Addis Ababa in 1978 as his mother and father were fleeing Ethiopia with an Israeli Mossad agent. Benjamin's father worked with the Mossad to smuggle Ethiopian Jews to Israel in the early 70's. The Communist government caught him and sentenced him to death. He was rescued from an Ethiopian prison by the Mossad, and as they were approaching the airport in Addis Ababa, Benjamin's mother went into labor, giving birth to a baby boy. She and new-born Benjamin returned to his mother's village while his father continued to the Sudan.

In the Sudan, Benjamin's father worked with Jewish Agency emissaries and Israeli government officials to bring Ethiopian Jews to Israel. This clandestine mission was the forerunner to the larger Operation Moses rescue mission in 1984.

At the age of seven, Benjamin, his uncle and his mother, who was an English teacher, came to Israel in the very last stages of Operation Moses. Their first home in Israel was the Jewish Agency absorption center in Kfar Saba. With a Student Authority Scholarship supported by the Jewish Agency,



Benjamin's mother received her BA degree in sociology while caring for Benjamin and his uncle. Today, she is a successful community social worker.


Benjamin also received a Student Authority Scholarship and went on to complete his studies in Life Sciences at Bar-Ilan University two and a half years ago. Since then, Benjamin has acquired employment at the Ben Shemen Youth Village, where he tutors mathematics and provides general guidance for students, grades 9-12.

Benjamin says that working with young people in the youth village is incredibly rewarding. He is thrilled by the prospect of helping those coming from a similar background to his own to succeed in life.


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Elul 22 Hebrew School Registration	2 Elul 23	3 Elul 24	4 Elul 25 Selichot Nitzavim-Vayelech Iou Horlick
5 Elul 26	6 Elul 27 OFFICE CLOSED	7 Elul 28	8 Elul 29 Erev Rosh Hashana 1st Day 8:00 pm Service	9 Tishrei 1 Rosh Hashana 1st Day 9:30 am Service Erev Rosh Hashana 2nd Day - 8:00 pm Service OFFICE CLOSED	10 Tishrei 2 Rosh Hashana 2nd Day 9:30 am Service	11 Tishrei 3 Shabbat Shuvah Ha'Azinu *Harold Shiffman
12 Tishrei 4 Fast of Gedellah Kever Avot Cemetery Service 11:00 am	13 Tishrei 5	14 Tishrei 6	15 Tishrei 7	16 Tishrei 8	17 Tishrei 9 Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre Service 7:00 pm *Heather Fenyes	18 Tishrei 10 Yom Kippur/Yizkor 9:30 am Mincha/Neila 4:30 pm BREAK-THE-FAST 7:15 pm *Heather Fenyes
19 Tishrei 11	20 Tishrei 12	21 Tishrei 13 Annual General Meeting 7:30 pm	22 Tishrei 14 Erev Sukkot	23 Tishrei 15 Sukkot Day 1 10:00 am Service OFFICE CLOSED	24 Tishrei 16 Sukkot Day 2 Shabbat Sukkot Service 8:00 pm *David Katzman	25 Tishrei 17 Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot *Seth Shacter
26 Tishrei 18 Hol Hamoed Sukkot Hazzan's Sukkah Party 1:00 pm	27 Tishrei 19 Hol Hamoed Sukkot	28 Tishrei 20 Hol Hamoed Sukkot	29 Tishrei 21 Hoshanah Rabbah Erev Shemini Atzeret	30 Tishrei 22 Shemini Atzeret Simchat Torah Dinner/ Dancing/Yizkor 6:00 pm OFFICE CLOSED	<p><i>Say little but do much.</i></p> <p><i>- Ethics of the Fathers 1:15</i></p>	

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		<p><i>Shaming another in public is like shedding blood.</i></p> <p>Talmud: Baba Metzia</p>			1 Tishrei 23 Simchat Torah	2 Tishrei 24 Birkat Hahodesh Bereishit Hadassah Pot Luck Dinner @ Leila Goluboff's 6:00 pm *June Avivi
3 Tishrei 25	4 Tishrei 26	5 Tishrei 27	6 Tishrei 28	7 Tishrei 29	8 Tishrei 30 Rosh Hodesh Heshvan Service and Oneg Shabbat 8:00 pm *Franci Holtslander	9 Heshvan 1 Rosh Hodesh Heshvan Noah *Marsha Scharfstein
10 Heshvan 2	11 Heshvan 3 OFFICE CLOSED	12 Heshvan 4	13 Heshvan 5	14 Heshvan 6	15 Heshvan 7	16 Heshvan 8 Lech L'cha *Jan Gitlin
17 Heshvan 9	18 Heshvan 10	19 Heshvan 11	20 Heshvan 12	21 Heshvan 13	22 Heshvan 14 Shared Shabbat and Potluck Dinner 6:00 pm *Michael Gertler	23 Heshvan 15 Vayeira *Ron Waldman
24 Heshvan 16	25 Heshvan 17	26 Heshvan 18	27 Heshvan 19 Board Meeting UJA Campaign Kick-Off 7:30 pm JCC	28 Heshvan 20	29 Heshvan 21	30 Heshvan 22 Chayei Sarah *Grant Scharfstein
31 Heshvan 23						

* Bema Roster