



THE BULLETIN

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The 71st Annual B'nai Brith Silver Plate Dinner

— powered by Wiegers Financial & Benefits

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 | TCU Place |

Doors Open 5:30 PM | Tickets: \$300



by Michael Shaw

We are thrilled to announce that the 71st Annual B'nai Brith Silver Plate Dinner, powered by Wiegers Financial & Benefits, is coming this fall! For more than seven decades, this has been Saskatoon's premiere networking evening, bringing together community leaders, friends, and colleagues for an unforgettable night in support of important community causes.

While the tradition continues, this year brings fresh energy. Thomas Katzman will take the mic as MC, and Matt Steen joins us as our new Ticket Chair, stepping into the role so capably filled for many years by the legendary Arnie Shaw. For the first time, we're proud to have a title sponsor—our heartfelt thanks to Wiegers Financial & Benefits for their incredible generosity.

The evening will feature the beloved “We

Are Proud of You” Award—brought to you by Khorshid, Bourgeault and Associates. Nominations are now open at silverplatedinner.com. Thank you to Randy Katzman for organizing this prestigious award.

Guests will also enjoy the thrilling Super Silver Raffle with \$20,000 in cash prizes, and the return of our famous silent and live auctions, led this year by Harold Shiffman.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit Congregation Agudas Israel and numerous children's charities across Saskatoon, including: Saskatoon Community Foundation, Care and Share, Camp Circle of Friends, Teddy Bears Anonymous, 30 Birds, Kisek, Right to Skate, YWCA.

We are deeply grateful for the sponsors, donors, volunteers, and guests who make

this dinner possible each year. Corporate sponsorships are available, led once again by Faisal Khorshid. To get involved, please contact Faisal at +1 (306) 220-9810.

Special thanks to last year's top ticket sellers, Matt Ditlove and Steven Goluboff, for their outstanding efforts.

If you'd like to join our ticket selling team, help with the silent auction, volunteer on the night of the event, or contribute in any other way, please contact me, Michael Shaw, at mshaw@centennialyx.com.

Mark your calendars, gather your friends, and join us on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at TCU Place for an evening of celebration, connection, and generosity. Together, we can make the 71st Annual B'nai Brith Silver Plate Dinner our most successful yet!



They didn't know we were seeds

An exhibit of works by Carol Wylie

STM Gallery

1437 College Drive, Saskatoon

EXHIBITION: June 8-Sept. 19, 2025

RECEPTION: Sunday, Sept. 14, 2-4 pm



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Inked on Skin

My skin, a parchment, inked with stories ancient yet new,
Each symbol hand picked, proclaiming Jewish pride anew.
Magen David, strong and bright,
a chai, a silent gleam first light,
These markings I bear with purposed intent,
Fulfilling hopeful dreams, a new era's advent.
For in this modern freedom, my soul finds its voice,
A chosen declaration, by my own hand, my choice.

Yet in the mirror's gaze, haunting whispers call,
Of my ancestors whose skin bore different, hateful scrawls.
Forceful numbers etched by savagery,
a brand of bitter, unkosher tragedy,
An intentional theft of their identity,
a scar upon their life, a cultural calamity.
Their pain, a shadow on my joy, a truth I cannot shun,
But my tattoos, a defiant echo, for battles we have won.

Above the duality of Tattoos to me, a Masorti Jew.
I actively go against halakha, but to me, the honour and meaning
outweigh the sin. I feel it is a mitzvah from Hashem for me to be
a permanent canvas for honouring His people and visibility.
This way no one can take away my Jewishness.

I hope that this honours our ancestors
יהודה חרוטה עליי

By Rachamim Enoch Coad



*Rachamim
Coad and
Lisa Shiffman
met at a union
conference
in Saskatoon
in January.
Rachamim
resides in
Winnipeg.*



Leonard Cohen & Joni Mitchell: The Untold Love Story

**Thursday Sept 25, 7:30pm
Broadway Theatre**

Tickets can be purchased
through: Broadwaytheatre.ca



Camp BB

by Lyla

While I was at Camp BB, I got to be surrounded by Jewish people my age, which is something I don't usually get to do. There aren't a lot of other Jewish teens in Saskatoon, so it's rare for me to be in a space where everyone understands and shares parts of my culture. At camp, I could just be myself and feel connected to a bigger Jewish community, which was really special for me. Thanks to BB lodge for helping me get to camp.

My Third Summer at Camp BB Riback

by Sawyer Hnatyshyn



This is my third summer at Camp BB. My Saskatoon friends who went with me were Judah and Lev. My counselors were Bobby from Manchester, England, David from Barcelona Spain, and Jerry. My CIT Ben was from Israel. I loved sports, especially soccer and basketball. I liked swimming and waterfront. I went knee boarding, canoeing, and fishing. I didn't catch any fish. We also did wall climbing on both

walls and we went zip lining. My favorite meal was chicken burgers. Another favorite rotation was Discovery where we played Man Tracker. I don't mind horse back riding. I didn't like dance. I liked Shabbat because we had more free time. I am excited to back to Camp BB next year. I want to thank Saskatoon B'nai Brith for helping me attend camp with their generosity.



Thank You

by Arden & Clarice Sasko

Arden and I want to thank BB Lodge for their generous financial support so we could go to camp again. We really loved it so much. It's such a special experience to be surrounded by other Jewish kids where you can be yourself and feel safe. We loved being there, celebrating Shabbat together, and learning more about our traditions. We made new friends, tried activities we'd never done before, and shared so many laughs and fun moments. Your kindness and generosity is noticed! Can't wait to go back next year! Thanks again,



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Editorial

by Lisa Shiffman,
Editor-in-Chief

Though the community was not overly busy this summer, this Bulletin is chock-full of exciting upcoming events. Some follow the usual yearly events cycle while we have a few new things coming up. Knowing the community has a love of Leonard Cohen, I felt it was important to advertise a musical that will be showing at the Broadway theatre in September. This show came to Saskatoon last year and ended up adding an extra night. Both shows sold out quickly due to the Saskatoon-Joni Mitchell connection and the love of Leonard Cohen. Get your tickets early because this may be the last time the show comes to Saskatoon.

I always love the camp articles from the kids in our community. Each child submitted some great photos to complement their stories. Hopefully the younger kids who haven't attended camp yet will enjoy hearing about other camper's experiences and feel comfortable attending as soon as they are old enough to.

I had the pleasure of participating in the Pride parade with a rather large group. It was surprising as we did not expect such a great turnout. The love from the Saskatoon community was felt and though we often feel beaten and bruised from the antisemitism we've been experiencing, this event was love-filled and truly lifted us up. Thank you to Alex for offering to write up an article about our group's experience.

I would like to draw attention to the Negev Gala article – not because of nepotism, as my husband wrote it – but because of the amazing experience Harold and I had. This was the first time we had attended, and Harold captured our experience very well with his article. I do hope that in the future other Saskatoon Jews will consider attending. The Jewish National Fund supports so many worthy organizations and despite losing their charitable status (hopefully that will change soon) they put on a great event and had a large turnout.

The Silver Plate Dinner is just around the corner and the coordinators are hard at work to make this event the best ever. Save the date – November 4th! If you want to volunteer to work at it, I know the B'nai Brith is always happy to have extra hands.

I am always looking for new people to take on a column or topic in each bulletin. If you think this might something you would like to do, send me an email – lisalishiffman@gmail.com - and we will make it happen.

FROM OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

The Mission Statement of Congregation Agudas Israel

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

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

Mazel Tov to:

Jeffery Hendren-Boda and Hanna Jodrey on coordinating the first ever "SK Jewish Pride" walk in the Saskatoon Pride parade in June.

Thomas Siqueira on his Bar Mitzvah.

Arden Sasko on her Bat Mitzvah.

Jeffery Boda-Hendren on the new job in HR at the U of S, and going back to work after recovery.

Condolences to:

The family of Ralph Katzman, who passed away in June. May his memory be a blessing.

Bruce, Tamara and Mary Ellen Buckwood on the passing of their sister/sister-in-law, Marney Buckwold.



After ten amazing years teaching Hebrew school, mostly with Mechina, I just want to say how grateful I am for all the wonderful memories. It's been such a joy to help our little ones get excited about Hebrew, Jewish holidays, and traditions. From singing the Aleph-Bet to making holiday crafts, the classroom was always full of laughter, questions, and discovery. I'll really miss being here each week, but I'm not going far—I definitely plan to stay connected to this special community that has meant so much to me. It means so much to me that Hebrew School is loved by so many of my students. Thank you again for letting me be part of your Hebrew School Journey!

**Lehitraot,
Morah Robin**

My Bat Mitzvah Charity

by Bailey Holderness

The charity that I donated to for my Bat Mitzvah was the Ronald McDonald House. I donated there because it feels really close to me. When I was younger, I used to go to the Ronald McDonald House and help my mom cook there. I loved doing that! I think it's really great that they can offer meals and snacks to families who have sick kids needing the hospital. Also, just last year, my brother Charlie and my mom stayed there in Toronto for a week while he received care at Sick Kids Hospital. I'm really grateful I was able to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.



Silver Spoon Dinner 2026 Get Involved!

Planning is underway for the 2026 Silver Spoon Dinner, our community's major fundraiser. We're looking for volunteers to help make this event a success.

If you can contribute your time or expertise, please contact Robin Sasko at silverspoondinner@gmail.com

From the President



Michael Sharfstein, Co-President, CAI

It is my turn to write an article for the Bulletin! As some of you know, my Co-President, Robert Englebert, has been travelling the

world with his family for the last couple months, and is enjoying the non-Saskatchewan weather.

This summer has been exciting for our community. We had 3 Bar/Bat Mitzvahs; Bailey, Declan, and Thomas. It has been wonderful seeing our sanctuary and building abuzz with the youthful energy of these *simchas*. I was having fun flashbacks to my days in our community, as a youth, going to Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, playing with friends in the basement, staying up late dancing at the evening party, etc. It is impossible for me to see these events happening in our building and feel anything except pride and excitement for our future.

As always, things have otherwise slowed down a little during the summer. Staff and

members have been, and are, taking holidays, spending time with family, and getting away to the lake. But that doesn't mean nothing is happening. We are excitedly getting ready for the High Holy Days as well as the new Hebrew School year.

With Nicky Gitlin stepping down as the Chair of the Hebrew School Committee/Principal/Gan Teacher, there will be some changes upcoming to the Hebrew School. Stay tuned for further announcements. Having said that, I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to publicly, again, acknowledge and thank Nicky for all of the work she has put into our Hebrew School over the last many years. Nicky has helped to shape the Jewish experience for our community's children for many years, and her leadership and loving care for our Hebrew School will not be easily replaced. I should note however, that Nicky continues to assist with the Hebrew School in an unofficial capacity to ensure a smooth and seamless transition to a

new leadership team, which goes to show her commitment to our community and children. Once again, thank you Nicky for all of your time and effort.

As we move forward into the fall, I want to encourage everyone to continue to make Congregation Agudas Israel a part of your life. We offer many different ways to be involved with the Jewish community, from volunteering, to attending religious services, to attending events and programs, we try to be a place for everyone to find a way to connect with their Jewish heritage. And if you have any ideas for how to enhance or expand our offerings, we are always happy to hear from the community.

Finally, I want to assure the community that we are always aware of and attuned to the issues going on in Israel and the Gaza Strip, and how that may affect our lives in Saskatoon. We will continue to pray for the release of all of the hostages, and for a strong and lasting peace in the region.

Divrei Harav – Rabbi Claudio's Message

Preparing our Hearts for the High Holy Days – Asking for Forgiveness

by Rabbi Claudio Jodorkovsky



As the summer draws to a close and the High Holy Days are approaching, we begin to think about repentance and asking for forgiveness. It is, of course, easier to talk about asking for forgiveness than doing it. It is hard to be vulnerable with others, to admit our mistakes, and even more to ask for forgiveness and then not receiving it. But Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur offer us much more than a beautiful invitation to gather in community around the sanctity of prayer; they call us to engage in the difficult but necessary task of confronting our shortcomings and repair our wrongdoing towards others.

The Mishnah (Yoma 8:9) teaches that Yom Kippur atones for the transgressions between a person and God, however it doesn't atone for the transgressions between one person and another until one asked for forgiveness from their fellow. This is a radical idea in Judaism: No amount of fasting or prayer can erase the harm we have caused another person. Yom Kippur itself can't do the work for us, nor God absolve us unless we have had the courage to seek forgiveness directly. The Talmud (Bava Kamma 92a) goes even further, teaching that "When one who has been wronged does not forgive, he is called cruel". We learn from these

two sources that both parties have obligations. The one who offended must ask sincerely, and the wronged must make an effort, when possible, to let the resentment go and forgive.

Our tradition recognizes that asking for forgiveness is not an easy task. In the Babylonian Talmud (Yoma) we learn a story about Rabbi Zeira who was insulted by a person and yet he was willing to forgive them. In order to make things easy for his offender, Rabbi Zeira would show up in the places where the offender was, making himself available so it would be easy for the person to offer an apology. Despite being hurt and offended, Rabbi Zeira understood how hard it is to approach someone and ask for forgiveness, so he wanted to make things easier by being close in physical distance and let the person know that he was ready for reconciliation. This is a very important reminder that both the one who needs to apologize and the one who can grant forgiveness are responsible for a complete process of Teshuvah.

Maimonides, in his Mishneh Torah, suggests a good way to approach asking for forgiveness. First, you approach the person you wronged, and in a simple

and straightforward way, you say "I am sorry, I did something wrong to you", to then men-

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Congregation Agudas Israel
Jewish Community Centre

High Holy Days 5786



Join Rabbi Claudio, Cantor Fabian and our volunteers in meaningful prayer, singing and learning, as we welcome the new year with hopes for renewal, blessings and peace

Rosh Hashanah

Service and Community Brings and Share Dinner
Monday September 22 – 6:30pm

Shacharit (morning service) 1st Day – Tuesday Sep 23, 9:30am
Arvit (evening service) 2nd Day – Tuesday Sep 23, 8pm
Shacharit 2nd Day – Wednesday Sep 24, 9:30am

Tashlich at the River

Friday September 26, 5:15pm (meet at The Prairie Lily dock)

Community Cemetery Visitation:

Sunday September 28, 10:30am

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre: Wednesday October 1st, 6:15pm

Yom Kippur Day – Thursday October 2:
Shacharit and Yizkor: 10am
Mincha / Nehilah: 5:30pm

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Ralph Katzman Obituary

May 13, 1940 — June 13, 2025

It is with profound sadness that the family of Ralph Katzman announces his passing on June 13, 2025. He is predeceased by his beloved wife Lucille (2002), his parents Labe and Ethel, and his 5

siblings. Ralph is survived by his daughters Sharon and Gwen, nephew (raised like brothers) Jay and countless other cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Ralph was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, on May 13, 1940, and moved with his family to Saskatoon in 1946. He remained in Saskatoon until he and Lucille

bought an acreage near Dalmeny where they built their home and raised their daughters.

In his early years, Ralph participated in team sports, hockey being his first love. He remained heavily involved with hockey his entire life. From coaching the Dalmeny Diggers, being President of the Fort Carlton Hockey League, and later transitioning into a valued volunteer of the Saskatoon Blades Booster club.

Ralph was a service driven individual, which is evident in his varied successful careers. Some of the most notable were in the Parks and Recreation department with the City of Saskatoon, being elected as a provincial MLA representing the Rosthern Constituency for 11 years and then taking up the position of Caretaker of the Agudas Israel Cemetery after his retirement.

Ralph was never one to sit idly by and was always entrenched in some sort of volunteerism.

He continuously strived to help better his community of Dalmeny. After moving back to Saskatoon in 1996, he got involved with the Saskatoon Optimist club whose initiative is to enhance the well-being of children. Due to him dedicating his free time to assisting others in need, he received multiple provincial and federal accolades. The most prestigious being in 2002 when The Governor General of Canada presented him with Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee Medal, which was awarded to Canadians who made outstanding and exemplary contributions to their communities.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made Agudas Israel Cemetery fund or to the charity of your choice in his honour.

Ralph's family would like to thank the dedicated staff in Neighborhood One at Sherbrooke Community Centre for their care in his final years.

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tion the specific things you regret have done. If necessary, ask repeatedly up to three times so the person understands that you are reaching out with sincerity and the offense weighs heavily on you. If after your effort the person doesn't forgive you, you are not obligated to try again, and you can consider yourself as being forgiven.

Teshuvah, however, is a much more complete process which includes asking for forgiveness, but its goal is to offer us an opportunity for real and complete change. Maimonides teaches that it includes several steps: Acknowledging the wrong, expressing sincere regret and asking for forgiveness, making amends, and commitment to change. This is not simply a guidance; it is

considered a Mitzvah, an obligation. Asking for forgiveness restores dignity to the one we harmed, and integrity to ourselves. The Rabbi's teach that when Teshuvah is reached and forgiveness is granted, it not only repairs the relationship between two individuals, but it also affects positively the entire communities. Divisions, grudges and silence make communities weaker, while those whose members engage in reconciliation will endure for many years and will embody the holiness of peace.

As the month of Elul begins, here are a few practical recommendations: Make a list of people you may have hurt, reach out (a phone

call, a conversation, or even a text can begin the healing), be specific (avoid the "sorry if I..."), stay open if forgiveness is not granted immediately, and finally, as we hope God will forgive us, forgive others when asked.

On this new High Holy Days season, as we prepare to meet God in our Synagogue as a community, may we each have the privilege to forgive and be forgiven, to offer compassion and repair relationships, and may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a year of peace, health and blessing.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah
Rabbi Claudio

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Jewish Community Support Groups*

The Jewish Community Mental Health Initiative at the American Psychological Foundation is dedicated to supporting ongoing clinician-facilitated support groups for members of the Jewish community.

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- Groups facilitated by two mental health professionals*
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September 14, October 19,
November 9, December 7

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This event is sponsored by the Shiffman family



Pride Parade

by Alex Boda-Hendren

On June 22, 2025, the Saskatoon Pride parade brought a show of unity to the city. Roughly 25 proud participants, embracing their Jewish and LGBTQ identities, marched through downtown Saskatoon with rainbow flags with the Star of David on them, and were met with an overwhelmingly positive reception from the cheering crowds. The beautiful banner that we marched with as well as signs were made the Thursday before the parade at CAI. The time spent together built solidarity and community spirit before



Sunday's event.

The march, organized by Jeffrey Hendren and Hanna Jodrey, radiated joy and resilience, with participants chanting and singing along to Israeli music curated by Hannah to the theme of "Pride & Simcha." The only minor negativity came from a small Queers for Palestine group, but they did little to dampen the spirit of the day as we all know when you're rooted in hate and anger you have little chance for positive and healthy growth.

Just Being a part of this as proud Jews was a powerful moment, and the support we felt was amazing.



Being such a success we already have thoughts and ideas for a bigger Jewish Pride march for 2026. Thanks to our local B'nai Brith for the financial support.



Sisterhood Notes

by Zoe Litman

As sunny and warm summer winds to an end and the cooler days of fall creep in we wonder where the time went. Rosh Hashanah coincides with the first day of fall and we say good bye to carefree days and long evenings relaxing in the warmth and sunshine. Instead we look forward to an industrious period of family gatherings, new activities, prayer and also a time of reflection.

Did we make the most of our time? Can we improve and grow with new beginnings? Will our good health continue and we flourish? The ominous tone of the prayer at Yom Kippur can make one pause.

Agudas Israel Sisterhood will resume and once again be the backbone of our community. Its mandate is to promote Judaism in the home, family and synagogue. The support and opportunities for friendship are many. One merely needs a desire to participate. We will be holding a fall opening meeting and I

hope to see new faces and old. Can we make a new friend, learn a new skill or even a new recipe in one of our activities? We welcome new women and fresh ideas. Please join us.

May you be inscribed in the book of life with good health, happiness and prosperity. L'Shana Tova Tikatevu.



Quarterly



by Kaiti Hannah
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Jewish Communities Around the World

1. Where is the oldest Jewish community in China?
2. What is the name for the ancient Jewish community of Ethiopia?
3. Where is the oldest Jewish community in Europe?
4. What is the name of the largest Jewish community in India?
5. What are the two other major Jewish communities in India?
6. When did the first Jews arrive in Ireland?
7. Bukharan Jews of Central Asia have folktales tracing their origins to the Lost Tribes, but most historians believe they came to the area during this major event.
8. Which country has the largest Jewish community in Latin America?
9. Where is the largest Jewish community in Southeast Asia?
10. Which Caribbean country is home to the oldest Synagogue in the western hemisphere?

Israel – The Essential Refuge

by Dan Ronis

Alan Dershowitz wrote a book entitled “The Case for Israel” in 2003 and released a video of the same name in 2008. He made great arguments especially in a lawyerly fashion as expected and debunked the claims and positions of the opposition. Although well-done and needed, I thought that his arguments were just that, arguments in a debate, and did not go beyond that. I felt what was needed was an articulation of the purpose of Israel and the need based on the continued mistreatment of the Jewish people in both the Christian and Muslim worlds. Those worlds proved beyond any argument, legal or otherwise, of the absolute need for Israel to be re-established as a refuge for the Jewish people. There is simply no rebuttal for this point.

1. The fundamental reason for the reestablishment of the state of Israel is to provide a

sanctuary for the Jewish people. This establishment of new countries and border changes was not unique; the partition of British India in 1947 led to two new countries, India and Pakistan causing the displacement of 15 million people and upwards of a million deaths while in post war Europe many countries borders were redrawn and 11 million displaced persons had to be repatriated or resettled.

2. This sanctuary is a necessity for the safety of the Jewish people given the poor treatment they have received in the diasporas in both the Christian and Muslim worlds over the many centuries following the loss of statehood in the wars of rebellion against the Roman armies

3. Despite periods of calm in the diaspora, there have been reoccurring periods of great harm including mass murders and expulsions in both the Christian and Muslim worlds.

4. The basic problem has been the lack of citizenship, lack of rights in the countries in which Jewish populations lived. They have been subject at any time to arrest, torture, possessions seized, and expulsion depending on the whim of the rulers.

5. The proof of the need for a sanctuary is not one the Jewish people need to prove, for the Christian and Muslim worlds have proved that need beyond any shadow of doubt.

6. Both the Christian and Muslim worlds have basked in the inferiority of the Jewish people in their scriptures, justifying their hostile actions under cover of religion. Since the Jews were always a minority and relatively powerless, they suffered as a result.

7. Given that Christianity and Islam are daughter religions, deriving much of their beliefs from Judaism, it is incomprehensible that they would treat the Jewish people with anything other than respect.

8. In addition, the Jewish people brought to this world and maintained religious and spiritual fundamentals for all humans; belief in one God, creator of the Universe, a relation-

ship with that God, and concepts of freedom, justice, and how to treat your fellow humans.

9. The Holy land is deemed holy because of the sojourn there of the Hebrews-Israelites-Jews over several millennia during which they codified their beliefs and spirituality, from Abraham to Moses. This includes the Jewish Jesus in Israel quoting Jewish scripture, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment” (Matthew 22:37-38).

10. The Jewish people have returned to their homeland four times, verified in both scripture of Jews, Christians, and Muslims and for the last two returns, in historical fact; Abraham and Moses from Egypt, the captives from Persia and Jews worldwide with the establishment of State of Israel in 1948. This is a truly unique happening in the history of the world. This millennium-long sojourn should be honored by the human race for its remarkable persistence and endurance.

11. Many other peoples/cultures who have citizens living in other lands (diaspora) have, unlike the Jewish people until recently, a homeland to return to in times of crises.

12. Unlike the nations or peoples who have been conquered or dispersed, the Jewish people in the diaspora never forgot their homeland, it’s in their prayer, scripture, and hearts, exemplified by Psalm 137, “If I forget thee O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither....”

13. At the spiritual level, Israel as a home for the Jewish people has existed from the times of Abraham and Moses and has continued to exist ever since. That never-ending existence at a higher level in thought and prayers have provided the impetus and energy for the physical rebirth of the country when the timing was right.



SAFeway

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An Ally's Perspective on the Documentary "October 8"

As an Indigenous ally of the Jewish people, I was invited to a private screening of the movie/ documentary, "October 8th". I had to cross a line of Pro Palies beating their drum and yelling, free, free Palestine. I was thinking in my head, Why are these people here?. Why would they not want us to view this documentary?

As the lights in the theatre went down I waited to view what they were unhappy with me seeing, hearing and learning.

The documentary followed the initial horror and atrocities of October 7th that were carried out on sleepy Israeli civilians in their homes and young people still awake, celebrating dance, music, friendship and life at the Nova music festival with no idea as to what was happening to them. The atrocities were digitally recorded by the Hamas terrorists and some Palestinian civilians that helped them. Sometimes they used the victims' own phones to live broadcast their horrific deeds.

That day many people across the world were horrified but before 24 hours were up there were protests against Israel who hadn't even retaliated yet, and celebrations for the murders and kidnapping of hostages from babies to elderly, from pro terror supporters all across Europe and America. How could this happen, so organized and so quickly? It was like somebody opened the starting gate and all hell broke loose.

Heartbroken and confused Jewish kids at campuses across North America and Europe were ostracized and threatened by these groups that seemed to rise up from nowhere with anger directed at Israel. But they didn't keep their rhetoric for only Israel, they went after Jewish students and any one who didn't see the conflict the exact way they did.

Jewish students had to push for their right to attend classes and called on campus leaders to help them safely walk on campuses. Even professors of these higher learning bastions were harassed if they disagreed with the Hamas supporting, pro Palestinian mobs.

I heard faculty administrators give weak excuses for allowing this ANTISEMITISM to be on their campuses. I heard and saw that these Jewish kids and their allies felt abandoned by their college, their city and their state. How lonely and scary. I felt awful for them because I have had to deal with hate and discrimination in my own country of Canada as an Indigenous person.

The thing that shocked me the most was the excuses these anti Israel, anti Jewish, anti Zionists gave for their hate. It felt like we had gone back in time to pre WW2.

The fact that I was witnessing groups who believed the getting rid of Israel from the river to the sea as the only way to help Gazans or Palestinians. Not once did I hear the call for true Peace, or hear that it's a war crime to take hostages, or the willingness from Hamas and all its supporters to end all this hate in a civil way. Instead I saw protests with signs that read Resistance at any cost, while denying that rapes, beheadings, and torture had taken place on October 7th.

Those who believed that Israel and the Jewish people world wide had a right to exist and a right to protect their Indigenous homeland were labeled as genocidal, colonizing, baby killing Zionists. But for the students and young people in North America the hate that rose up was against them. The Jewish students, faculty, and people lost friends who didn't want to be ostracized or physically injured by the mobs. The whole rhetoric from the pro-Palis was directed first at Israel, then at Zionists, then Jewish people, then businesses, companies, states and countries and then the whole Western world by globalizing the intifada.

This isn't what the Democratic world is about. We need to stand up against ANTISEMITISM in all of its forms. We cannot become the silent moderate majority who turns a blind eye to what is happening to the Jewish people and

their allies. Did we learn nothing from WW2? Did we not say this would never happen again?

The Jewish People need our support and the documentary should be seen by all except for younger children due to actual footage of charred remains of Nova festival young people and the blood soaked beds of children who were murdered in their homes.

I wish I was brave enough to give my name but I too am afraid of threats, vandalism, and physical harm that could be directed at me or even worse, my family members. When approached by those who seem calm and open

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to an intellectual discussion I have no problem interacting with them in a civil discourse with no noise makers, yelling or slanderous insults.

Just know that I will always stand by the right of Israel to exist, to defend itself and its people. I will always be an ally to and for the Jewish people. They are Indigenous to their land and only wanted to exist in peace with their neighboring countries but when faced with being eliminated from the river to the sea, Israel could NEVER allow that to happen. I would hope that Canada would be as strong as Israel if we were threatened with elimination. Sincerely,

An Indigenous Ally of Israel and the Jewish people



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Negev Gala 2025

by Harold Shiffman

On June 18th, Lisa and I attended the Jewish National Fund (JNF) Negev Gala in Edmonton, a fundraiser for a new centre offering state-of-the-art therapies, rehabilitation, and education, known as the Ashdod Rehabilitation & Therapy Centre. Although every JNF gala across the country this year has someone interesting or entertaining associated with the event, the Edmonton gala was particularly exciting for us as it was one of only two that had Noa Argamani, rescued Israeli hostage, as a guest, as well as the only gala with Shai Davidai, who is famously known for his challenges against the pro-Palestinian campus occupation at the school of his professorship (Columbia Business School), where his actions led him to be suspended by the school for alleged harassment of faculty. While both Lisa and I were highly interested in supporting the Ashdod Rehabilitation & Therapy Centre, we could have written a cheque to JNF and stayed home. But having an opportunity to hear these two unique individuals speak was worth the hours-long drive to Edmonton.

Since Saskatoon is over 500 km away from Edmonton, we decided to join the VIP crowd and enjoy a treat of a fully kosher meal at the Beth Israel Orthodox synagogue before the gala. Although Noa was not at the dinner (due to the high level of security assigned to protecting her), Shai Davidai was. He was very sociable and friendly, visiting every table, introducing himself, and was seen taking several photos with guests (including us). I admit that I hadn't tracked what Shai had been doing since his *infamous* outburst at protesters on the Columbia University campus went viral on social media last summer. But I soon learned he has become a prominent advocate, speaking out against antisemitism and what he perceives as support for terrorism on college campuses. On July 19, 2024, Shai started a podcast called "Here I Am With Shai Davidai", where his first guest was actor Debra Messing, who produced the film "October 8th", which Congregation Agudas Israel and B'Nai Brith Lodge #739 brought to Saskatoon this past June.

After dinner, we all moved to the sanctuary, where we were introduced to the many projects that JNF Canada has undertaken for Israel over the years. As you know, JNF Canada had its charitable status revoked by the Canadian Revenue Agency on the 8th of August, 2024, due to issues of "non-compliance". Despite this, JNF has continued to raise money for many great projects which help Jews and Arabs, young and old, receive essential treatments, both physical and mental, for trauma received by various accidents, terrorist attacks and war. It was in this portion that we first met Noa Argamani.

Noa was at the Nova music festival on October 7th, 2023, where she was kidnapped and held hostage in Gaza until on the 8th of June, 2024, a joint effort between the Israeli Defence Forces, Shin Bet and the Israeli Police, raided two houses in Nuseirat and freed four hostages, including Noa. Noa's partner, Avinatan Or, is still held in Gaza and presumed alive.

Noa's demeanour was depressed. You could tell that she had not wholly recovered from her time in Gaza, and that she could not move on until Avinatan had been returned. In her own words, she described

how her life is on hold, and she wants her partner back so that they can begin their life together, get married, and have a family. Despite her evident sadness, she still showed tremendous strength in coming to Canada to speak about her experience, to support the JNF cause, and to advocate for the remaining hostages. In her mind, the most important thing we can do in Canada is not to forget the hostages.

For me, one of the most upsetting parts of Noa's presentation wasn't her story, but the high level of security required for her to move in and out of the facility safely. I cannot think of any circumstance outside of the Jewish experience where a hostage, a victim of a terrorist attack, and a survivor of extreme brutality, would need to be protected from a public who would want to do her harm. But that is the truth of her time in Canada (and many other parts of the world). Noa Argamani should be someone who is loved



Saskatoon Contingent at the JNF Negev Gala in Edmonton

and cared for, but there are too many who would rather attack her or finish what Hamas started, because she is a Jew who survived a terrible attack.

Once Noa was escorted off the stage by her security detail, Shai was welcomed on stage. Shai spoke of his experience moving from a professor to a Jewish advocate. Something that, to him, was not natural or comfortable. Every Sunday, he and his family would attend the march for the hostages in Central Park. In his own words, it wasn't something he wanted to do. However, it was something he did because it was important, despite his preference to stay home on Sundays. He was also one of the people who initiated the

hostage poster campaign that we have seen online, in cities, and our synagogue.

Shai expressed how important it is to actively seek out information on complicated topics such as Israel and the Palestinian conflict.



Noa Argamani JNF Gala 2025

He cautioned that both pro and anti-Israel observers latch on to simplistic narratives which are entirely unrealistic. Ultimately, Shai's message was that as Jews, we must do something. We don't have to start a podcast as he did, but we do need to continue wearing our ribbons, remembering the hostages, and doing whatever we can to promote the positive aspects of living our Jewish lives.

Attending the Negev Gala was a positive experience for me overall, and Lisa and I are both hopeful that in the future, we may be able to put together a larger Saskatoon contingent to support these initiatives.

Artist profile: Michelle Jacobs

interviewed by Lisa Shiffman

From the moment you encounter her work, it's clear that Michelle paints with more than just colour — she paints with history, heartbreak, and hope. A gay Jewish artist based in Toronto, her career took a profound turn after October 7, when the trauma facing her people collided with her creative world. Once celebrated within the queer art community, she suddenly found herself unwelcome in spaces she had called home, her Jewish identity rejected in ways she never imagined.

For months, grief of Oct 7 silenced her art. But when she returned to the canvas, it was with a new purpose: to honour the victims, amplify Jewish pride, and preserve the stories of her people. Through intricate Stars of David, rich symbolism, and deeply personal imagery, she invites viewers not just to look — but to feel. Her work now resonates deeply within Jewish communities both in the diaspora and in Israel, forging connections that go beyond aesthetics and into shared resilience.

Michelle's art is both a declaration and a bridge — a testament to survival, identity, and the unshakable beauty of a people who, against all odds, will dance again.

How did October 7 shape your sense of identity as both an artist and Jewish person?

October 7 shook me to my core. For years, I had felt deeply embraced by the queer community — a place where I believed love, diversity, and acceptance were universal. I never imagined that my Jewishness would be the one identity rejected. I had spent much of my life defending and celebrating my queerness, but in that moment, I realized the identity most under threat was my Jewish one. It was painful to see that the people I thought I was safe among were not safe for me in this way. That shift made me a stronger artist and a prouder Jew. My passion now comes from expressing my Jewishness, honoring my people, and educating others through my work. After a period of darkness, I found my way back to the canvas by holding tightly to my Judaism — and it became the light that reigned my art.

What was the emotional journey like in deciding to confront that trauma through your art?

It was incredibly difficult. For months, I felt

empty. I stopped drawing, singing, playing music — nothing creative brought me joy. How could I make art when my people were enduring the most traumatic event of our generation? It felt frivolous, even disrespectful.

But burying my emotions only made me heavier with anger and grief. When I finally picked up my paintbrush, I knew the only way forward was to create in honor of those we lost. My painting *We Will Dance Again* was born from that place — each Star of David painted in memory of the 1,200+ murdered and the hostages taken. It was my way of grieving, remembering, and returning to art with purpose.

Were there moments when you felt unsafe or unsupported in your creative communities?

Absolutely. The queer community, which had once felt like home, suddenly felt unsafe. I saw antisemitic art, Free Palestine propaganda at events, and was excluded from spaces I had once been welcomed into. It was painful — and ironic — because in the past, I'd worried how my gay-themed art would be received in Jewish spaces, yet now it's the Jewish community that embraces me most. My Jewish and Zionist identity, not my queer one, became the identity under fire.

When you began focusing more on Jewish themes in your art, did you anticipate losing followers or support?

I expected some loss — but not to this degree. People I had known for years, who once greeted me warmly at events and shared



emotional moments over my work, suddenly cut ties. In 2021, I'd already experienced a smaller wave of this after speaking out for Israel, but nothing prepared me for the intensity of October 7's backlash. The rejection was deeply personal, and it left me reeling.

What was it like to witness that loss—was it painful, liberating, or something else entirely?

It was both painful and liberating. Painful because I lost people I loved and respected. Liberating because it revealed exactly who I am — a proud, strong, Jewish Zionist woman — and who truly stood beside me. The people who walked away were never meant to be in my life long-term, and their absence made space for the right people and the right path as an artist.

What have you gained—emotionally, spiritually, or artistically—since making this shift in your work?

I've gained more than words can capture. I've built deep connections with Jewish communities both in the diaspora and in

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I Left Tel Aviv Early, But I Didn't Leave Empty

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For months, I had been counting down the days until my trip to Israel with the [University of Florida Hillel](#). It was a dream I spoke into existence over and over, telling friends, family, teachers, and even strangers how excited I was. I imagined myself living for the summer in a country I love, immersing myself in its culture, and participating in an internship that aligned perfectly with my future goals.

And for a while, I got to do exactly that.

I'm incredibly grateful I was able to fully experience my Birthright trip. Those 10 days were some of the most joyful, meaningful, and affirming I've ever had. From hiking Masada at sunrise to singing on the bus, praying at the Kotel, dancing with strangers who became friends, and eating endless amounts of falafel and shawarma, our group made every moment count. I felt more alive than I had in a long time. Being in Israel reminded me who I am, reconnecting me to my roots and to the bigger story I'm part of – not just as a Jewish woman, but as someone deeply committed to caring for others, to connection, and to community.

After Birthright, I began the next part of my adventure: an eight week internship through Birthright Israel Onward. I was placed at [Save a Child's Heart](#), an Israeli nonprofit providing lifesaving cardiac care to children from underserved countries. Each day brought new challenges and beautiful moments. I split my time between the children's home, where I helped plan activities and supported patients and their families, and the hospital, where I accompanied kids to their appointments and provided comfort in an unfamiliar environment. Many of the kids didn't speak the same language as me, but laughter, music, soccer, and simple acts of kindness became their own kind of language. These moments made Israel feel less like a place I was visiting and more like home.

Then, everything changed overnight.

On June 13, my friends and I had just returned from a night out in Tel Aviv. We were asleep for a couple of hours when sirens woke us at 3 a.m. We had no idea what was happening, but we knew that we needed to get into a bomb shelter, fast. Throughout the night, we sought refuge in the shelter multiple times, unsure what the coming days would bring. By morning, we were told to pack for three days. All Onward programs were being relocated to

carried our people through.

The following day, we were officially told that our program was ending early and we would be relocated for our safety. I returned to my apartment to pack my belongings, and for the first time, everything felt real. As I walked my usual route one last time, I noticed a sticker memorializing my friend Gili Adar, who was killed at the Nova festival on October 7. I had passed that spot every day for over two weeks and never noticed it before. In that moment, amid grief, confusion, and heartbreak, it felt like a sign that she was watching over me and keeping me safe.

That evening, all of Onward gathered again for Havdalah. Among us was a family who had lost their home to a rocket the night before. They had been in their bomb shelter at the time, saving their lives. As they stood before us and recited the Hagoel prayer, a blessing said after surviving a life-threatening event, the room filled with emotion. We sang and danced with them, showing them they weren't alone, and that Israel is still strong. Our voices said that we, the Jewish people, are still here – alive, united, and full of light, even in the darkest of moments.

Once we relocated, we did our best to adapt. Onward tried to lift our spirits with programming that included a concert, a blind dating game, yoga, and more. Still, it felt surreal to be having fun while much of the country remained in shelters. That's when I came to understand the Israeli spirit means you keep living. You keep showing up.

After a few days, we learned we'd be evacuated to Cyprus by cruise ship. Those

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a hotel in Tel Aviv for our safety.

I remember packing in a daze, hoping I'd return to my cozy apartment on Nachalat Binyamin Street, near the shuk and my favorite gelato place, Arte. But at the hotel, things felt different.

That Friday night, I lit Shabbat candles alongside some people I loved and others I had just met. We shared songs, stories, and laughter over dinner, until another siren went off. As we rushed to a shelter, we looked up and saw the sky light up with rockets. But once inside, during a moment that could have been terrifying, something beautiful happened as we filled the space with songs and spontaneous prayers. Our melodies drowned out the sound of the booms, replacing fear with unity. We clung to one another, to hope, to joy, and to the community that has always

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What is the Root Cause of Antisemitism?

by Dan Ronis

The reason I pose this question is that antisemitism is an irrational disease that has persisted for a long time with many reasons given for its cause, but no single concrete explanation given. Even though Christianity is responsible for its most virulent and long-lasting impact, it is noted to pre-date Christianity (Abel, 1975, 9). Since antisemitism has persisted for more than two millennia and within a multitude of distinct cultures and time periods, its persistence is a mystery, which is why it is important to uncover its roots. The accusations of the Jewish people having negative traits as a people are unfounded and have persisted despite the diversity of all human traits among all Jewish people, no different than the diversity of traits, both negative and positive, among all other peoples.

The only commonality of the Jewish people over the last two or three millennia is the maintenance of their core religious beliefs which are contained in their sacred writings. So, we submit that the root cause of antisemitism originated in religious aspects, about the persistence of the Jewish faith in a hostile world. Therefore, the varied reasons, accusations, excuses, mythologies, and conspiracies levelled against the Jewish people over the millennia are rationales or symptoms of antisemitism, not the real or root cause.

Flannery (1964, 272-3) states ... the myriad sociological, economic, political, and theological rationalizations that have motivated antisemitism throughout the ages, have acted more as precipitating than as sufficient causes. This analysis does not, of course, imply that Jews have not contributed actively to the anti-Semitic situation, nor does it imply that certain socio-economic causes are not necessary conditions for anti-Semitic outbursts but solely that these factors are not its deepest roots.

Perception of Threat: In attempting to uncover the root cause of antisemitism, the notion that Jews as a people are somehow a threat to the larger dominant society in the diaspora, has appeared as a clue. In the Episcopal "Guidelines for Christian-Jewish Relations" (1988), a statement in the Introductions reads: "As Christians, we should view our encounter with the Jewish people not as a threat but an opportunity".

This is weird to say the least, that in the twentieth century, a liberal Protestant church in the US must tell its members not to fear interactions with Jewish people. A people who are small in number and have relatively

little political, economic, or social power, do not dare to proselytize in the Christian world in which they live.

This concept of the Jewish people being a threat is further elaborated in "The Social Psychology of Contemporary Antisemitism" (Jaspal, 2023, 31).

"Antisemitism has been manifested in many ways over the centuries that it has existed. Its manifestations have ranged from belief in the blood libel, that is, the perception that Jews consume the blood of Christian boys in the performance of religious ritual, to the perception of Jewish world domination, most recently argued in relation to the creation of the State of Israel....such antisemitic beliefs were mobilized to carry out the systematic mass murder of 6 million Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe. A unifying thread across all of the tropes that have characterized antisemitic belief, talk and action is the perception of threat from Jews. The Jewish people and the symbols associated with Judaism, including the State of Israel, are generally perceived by antisemites as posing a threat to one's group and by extension to oneself. The perception of threat in turn generates psychological, emotional, and behavioral responses that can be referred to as antisemitism."

Nature of the Threat: This idea that the Jewish people pose a threat is incomprehensible to Jewish people for they, not the dominant (often Christian) society, were the group constantly under threat over the centuries. To fully comprehend the real origin of antisemitism, one needs to understand the psychological underpinning of this threat. The following excerpts elucidate those underpinnings.

Falk (2006) writes: "David Terman ... explained both ancient and Christian anti-Semitism as an unconscious psychological mechanism employed by the majority group that feels its collective ideology to be threatened: The fury which may then be unleashed is proportional to so dire a threat.... the offender appears not as an individual or group with needs, motivations, and goals... but only as a malevolent force whose sole purpose is to destroy one's most precious asset [the majority group's ideology], so the proper response is the obliteration of the danger. All manner of evil is then perceived in the dissenter [the Jew]"

Flannery (1965, 272-273) writes "Jews represented symbolically, the demands of the divinely established moral law, the Ten

Commandments, which stood in the way of his (Hitler's) radical immoral behavior and deification of the German State. His genocidal decision, again represented symbolically, the annihilation of conscience...that Jewish invention... Antisemitism involves a curious contradiction...From being a man of the Law, the Jew is made into his opposite an instinctual and depraved being. That ambivalence has cast the Jew in contradictory roles throughout history ..whereby the Jew is represented as the divinely elected upholder of the law and (at the same time) the undermine of morals, ... antisemitism is at its root a unified phenomenon and an anti-religious one.

On an objective or historical level, it is rooted in a rejection of the Jew as a divinely chosen people; subjectively it is an unconscious rejection of Christian morality, or of moral conscience projected as a rejection of the Jew... have derived the myriad sociological, economic, political, and theological rationalizations that have motivated antisemitism throughout the ages... ..during the 1980s, whereas most of the writers on the psychoanalysis of anti-Semitism had concentrated on unconscious individual processes — mainly projection — others began to focus on group psychological processes, especially the dire threat to its ideals, ideology, or religion that the majority group has always perceived from the minority group of the Jews

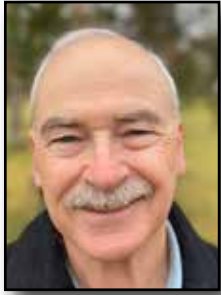
Alport (1978, 91) adds: The Jews as a group... insist on monotheism; on ethics; upon moral responsibility. Throughout the ages they have made mankind aware of God, of ethics, of high standards of attainment. Thus — though imperfect in themselves — they have been the mentors of the world's conscience. Anti-Semitism arises because people are irritated by their own consciences. Ethical conduct is insisted upon by Judaism, relentlessly, immediately, hauntingly.

People who dislike this insistence, along with the self-discipline and acts of charity implied, are likely to justify their rejection by discrediting the whole race that produced such high ethical ideals" (Chatock, R. and J. Spencer(eds.), 1978, 91).

So, to pull together in my words the concepts so far of the root cause of antisemitism:

1. Judaism and the Jewish people symbolize to others Law, Ethics, Morality, especially to its two daughter religions.

2. This disturbs others because it puts their own behaviors up to a mirror reflecting back on them and disturbing them.



B'nai Brith Update

by David Katzman, President – Saskatoon B'nai Brith Lodge 739
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Our Lodge is really enjoying the energy and insights being provided by our newer members (a newer member is someone who has been with us less than 3 decades). We invite all Jewish adults (and their significant others, but just one significant other per person, please) to attend our next meeting September 7, 7 p.m., CAI for 30 minutes of light noshing and the meeting will start at 7:30.

The planning for our 71st BB Dinner will be on the agenda. Not only do we raise a lot of money for very worthy causes, we also maintain and enhance relationships on a one-to-one level as well as relationships between our community and the larger community. In these very difficult times for Jews, the bridges we have built need to be nourished and extended. To those of you who have enthusiastically supported our Dinner, thank you! If you have

been on the "sidelines", please consider offering your support by joining BB, purchasing / selling tickets, volunteering, or providing an auction item.

The great results provided by our Chairman, Michael Shaw, leader of operations at Centennial Plumbing and Heating, cannot be overstated. The whole look of our event changed when he became Dinner Chair and he spent a few shekels on the brilliant use of technology. Matt Steen is now leading the Ticket Sales, the most important and most time consuming of positions after decades of extraordinary service from Arnie Shaw. Harold Shiffman is now organizing the Silent and Live Auctions that have raised an extraordinary amount over many years (100% goes directly to CAI). A great friend of the Jewish community, Faisal Khorshid (IG Wealth Mgt.) has been organizing the sponsorships for some years, and each year we have seen a significant increase in revenue

created by Faisal's expertise and hard work. Randy Katzman continues to organize the We Are Proud of You Award. Randy has nurtured this event to the point where our 900+ guests are silent as our recipient is introduced. Thomas Katzman has stepped up to be our Master of Ceremonies and we know he will do a great job.

None of this happens without the ticket sales. The extraordinary success of Matt Ditlove and Steven Goluboff in selling tickets deserves to be recognized. However, If you can sell /buy one ticket, that makes a difference. Maybe next year you will sell two. And we especially appreciate those who buy a ticket as a demonstration of support when they can't even attend.

If you are not a member of BB but want to know more about joining us, please send me a note (dl.katzman@sasktel.net).

May you be inscribed in the Book of Life.

David Katzman

President, BB 739

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3. The reaction of some is anger, a wanting to tear down, discredit, or otherwise do away with the offending disturbance rather than deal with the internal conflict of one's own behavior.

4. So, the Jewish people, by their very insistence on maintaining their beliefs, elicit this reaction and accompanying antagonistic behavior.

Theologically based Threat: Christian antisemitism has a further component which helps explain why it has been so persistent across the centuries in the Christian world. That is the "Christian doctrine that the Chris-

tian Church has superseded the Jewish people, assuming their role as God's covenanted people, thus asserting that the New Covenant through Jesus Christ has superseded or replaced the Mosaic covenant" (Wikipedia: Supersessions).

"Since the refusal of the Jews to accept the Christian demands that they renounce their Judaism implicitly posed a fundamental challenge to the Christian claims, and since that challenge came from the once acknowledged people of God, the disparagement of the Jews became central to Christianity. If the Jews, the people of God, rejected the di-

vinity of Jesus and his Church, then either Jesus was not divine, and the Church was wrong or that people had strayed from God's path "(Goldhagen, 2002, 71.)

Antisemitism's root is that Judaism and its believers are viewed as a threat, a threat to others' beliefs, dogma, or ideology. Since others view the Jews as representing laws of God, morality, and ethics, the very existence of the Jews can bring discomfort to those that have moral failings.

The response is to strike out to punish, and eliminate the source of discomfort. Additionally, in Christian terms, if the Jewish people do not accept Jesus and/or don't disappear, then Christianity is under threat due to its statement of origin that it has superseded Judaism and is placed in jeopardy.

Closing Quote – A different perspective

Israel is to be found at the very heart of the World's structure, stimulating it, exasperating it, moving it. Like an alien body, like an activating ferment injected into the mass, it gives the world no peace... it teaches the world to be discontented and restless as long as the world has not God, it stimulates the movement of history (Allport, 1978, 91, quote by Jaques Maritain).



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The Fight That Endures: Antisemitism, Identity, and the Urgency of Now

by Dr. Elana Heideman, Israel Forever Foundation

My fight against antisemitism began in adolescence, inspired by my parents—each a defender of the Jewish people in their own right. I have studied it, lived it, and learned from those who have dedicated their lives to confronting this most enduring hatred. Yet the challenge persists. As my mentor Elie Wiesel once said, “We thought antisemitism died in Auschwitz, but no—only its victims did.”

Since October 7th, a flood of voices have entered the arena, each declaring themselves committed to combating antisemitism. But for many Jews, the battle is not theoretical or organizational—it is personal. It is felt in the homes where children return from school saying, “I don’t want to be a Jew anymore,” or in the growing number of diaspora Israelis who feel compelled to hide their identity. The toxic lies and distortions have seeped so deeply into the public psyche that some Jewish students are now the faces of anti-Israel activism on their campuses.

This is not merely a political or academic issue. It is a psychological crisis—a crisis of self-worth, of identity, and of belonging. While significant attention and resources are directed toward empowering Jewish students in universities, we must not overlook the “everyday Jew” who is increasingly silenced by fear. In workplaces, social settings, and even within families, Jews are told that their concerns are “too political,” or that their attachment to Israel is morally suspect. Some are even afraid to speak openly in front of their children.

We are witnessing a dangerous inversion: Jews are discouraged from identifying as victims of hate, lest they be accused of seeking sympathy. At the same time, naming the perpetrators—be it Hamas, radical anti-Israel student groups, or broader ideological movements—is often met with accusations of bigotry. This dynamic emboldens the forces of antisemitism and perpetuates the dangerous idea that Jews must remain silent to remain safe.

Today’s antisemitism hides behind the guise of social justice, anti-Zionism, or “liberation” narratives. Since October 7th alone, over 30 children’s books have been published amplifying a one-sided Palestinian narrative—one of them even released before the massacre occurred. Groups like Students for Justice in Palestine reactivated their networks just days before the attacks, prepared to exploit tragedy to galvanize hate.

We must reject the false equivalence often drawn between contemporary events and the Holocaust, even as we heed its lessons. As Abe

Foxman warned, “The Holocaust began not with gas chambers, but with words.” The escalation from rhetoric to violence is not a relic of the past—it is happening now. The demonization of Jews, the circulation of libelous propaganda, and the social conditioning that casts Jews as the “other” continue unabated in our time, in our institutions, and online.

From Iran to France, New York to Buenos Aires, and even here in Israel, the common thread is chillingly consistent: Jews remain scapegoated, stereotyped, and targeted. And yet, from the top down, leadership often avoids decisive action. From the bottom up, fear and fatigue are suppressing the public’s willingness to speak out. Many do not realize that liking a post about Israel or supporting Jewish rights online may land them on a blacklist or expose them to threats. The surge in antisemitic attacks that go unreported—unspoken out of fear or futility—is staggering.

One student’s story echoes this silence. After reporting an attempted assault to campus security, she was told to keep quiet—because “Israel.” This is the world we’re living in.

Today’s generation has inherited a fragmented understanding of history. They are increasingly vulnerable to messaging that distorts truth and vilifies the Jewish story. Meanwhile, antisemitism is being packaged as edgy, fashionable, and rebellious—from slogans on T-shirts to memes on TikTok. It’s not hard to see why many young Jews choose to withdraw—keeping their identities quiet, their affiliations

private, and their truths unspoken.

But this is not where our story ends. The battle for Jewish identity and dignity is not over—it is entering a new phase. And we cannot win it by relying solely on institutions that jockey for visibility while undercutting one another’s efforts.

Victory in this fight demands collective resolve. It requires each of us—Jewish and allied—to be able to articulate who we are, why we care, and what we stand for. We need to build a movement not only against antisemitism, but in celebration of Jewish identity. We call it pro-Semitism: a conscious, collaborative assertion of pride and purpose in who we are, where we come from, and where we are going.

At Israel Forever, we believe in turning that pride into action. We invite individuals, families, and communities to deepen their sense of connection and belonging through meaningful engagement. Write a letter to Israeli children recovering from trauma. Participate in the Healing Arts Mosaic Twinning Project that unites global Jewish communities with survivors and builders of hope in Israel. Bring our curriculum and resources into your homes, schools, or community centers to foster a deeper understanding of Jewish identity, history, and resilience.

This is not just about survival—it is about revival. Our heritage, our homeland, and our people deserve nothing less.

Join us.



Two Jewish Hockey Icons

by Barry Slawsky

Saskatoon put two Jewish hockey players together through the B'nai Brith Annual Silver Plate Dinner. Barry Slawsky retired from the Edmonton Jewish Hockey League (IEJHL)

after 39 seasons. Zack Hyman plays on the first line of the Edmonton Oilers. Both send their kids to Talmud Torah. Zack's eldest son, a four year old, attends the preschool.

After viewing the photo with the heading "Two Jewish Hockey Icons", Gerry Posner of Toronto wrote Slawsky:

"Hyman is not much bigger than you. I suppose he has a few more abilities than you ever had, just shooting, speed, and stick-handling. But you speak fast, shoot off your mouth easily, and can stick-handle your way around tough situations with the best of them!"

Barry and Cristina Slawsky are members at CAI, living in Edmonton who won the Silver Plate Dinner auction hockey package which included a meet and greet with Zack Hyman.

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final days were filled with memory-making: walks along the water, late-night talks, and holding onto every last moment. Our evacuation took 72 hours and spanned four countries, three flights, two buses, and one boat. There were moments of chaos – trying to navigate the crowded cruise ship, being stuck on the tarmac for hours, and running on little to no sleep – but also moments of magic. Laughing with my friends over dinner on the boat, blasting Israeli music on the bus ride to the airport in Cyprus, and watching the sunrise over the Eiffel Tower on just a few hours of sleep reminded me that joy can exist even in the most uncertain times.

When our final flight landed back in the United States, I felt a wave of relief I didn't know I'd been holding in. After nine days of uncertainty, packed bags, shifting plans, and

unanswered questions, my feet were finally on solid ground. It wasn't the ending I expected, but it was an ending I was lucky to have. I'm so deeply grateful to be home, safe, and forever changed by the experience.

Now, I'm choosing to focus on what I gained, not what I lost.

My time at Save a Child's Heart changed me. I worked with kids who traveled across the world to access care they couldn't get at home. I ran activities at the children's home and accompanied them to the hospital, offering comfort and distraction during difficult moments. Even without shared language, we connected through coloring pages, songs, and hand games. That work reminded me why I want to become a pediatric nurse. It was one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life.

It's easy to grieve how suddenly it ended.

But I'm learning that even incomplete stories can be beautiful. I got to live in Israel for a brief time. I walked to the shuk. I ate Arte gelato. I laughed and played with kids. I danced in bomb shelters with strangers who felt like family. I lived my dream, even if only for a moment.

I don't know when I'll return, but I do know that I will. There's so much more I want to do, and so much more I want to give. Though my experience ended early, everything I learned, felt, and gave will stick with me forever. Am Yisrael Chai.

Hadassah Sternfeld is a rising fourth-year student at the University of Florida, studying health science and women's studies. She is passionate about building meaningful connections, making an impact, and celebrating Jewish life.

Michelle Jacobs... continued from page 10

Israel. I've seen my work move people to tears, and that emotional connection is all I've ever dreamed of as an artist. Spiritually, I've grown closer to my land, my heritage, and my religion. Artistically, I've found my true purpose — honouring my people and our story through my work. Creating in this way has been healing, allowing me to channel my emotions into something meaningful that sparks pride and connection in others.

Have you found new communities or

supporters who resonate more deeply with your current work?

More than I ever imagined. The people who now surround me offer unwavering support, love, and encouragement. They understand the pride I pour into my work and share in its meaning. Seeing someone become emotional as they hear the story behind a painting is a gift I'll never take for granted.

Do you feel more empowered or more exposed now as an artist?

Both. I've never been this open about my life or my art online, and it's brought a larger audience than I've ever had before. That visibility comes with vulnerability, but also with empowerment. I feel strong as a Jewish female artist, backed by a community that celebrates my voice. This chapter of my career excites me — it feels like the start of something important.

What stories are you still yearning to tell

through your art?

There are so many — stories of Jewish ancestry, resilience, the grief and hope of October 7, and the beauty of Jewish life. My sketchbook is overflowing with ideas waiting to come to life.

If you could speak directly to a younger version of yourself—or to a young queer Jewish artist today—what would you say?

Master your craft, but guard your trust. People will surprise you — sometimes painfully — but each person has a purpose in your journey, even if it's only for a season. For queer Jewish artists, I know it's hard when parts of the world push you to choose between your identities. Never let anyone strip away your Jewish pride. Surround yourself with people who honor your whole self, especially your most intrinsic identity — your Jewish one. Those who can't accept that will never truly stand with.

To view Michelle's art visit www.kissmyart.ca

Quarterly QUIZ!

Answers

1. Kaifeng. The community is believed to have been founded around the 11th century.
2. Beta Israel
3. Greece. There was a confirmed Jewish presence there by 300BCE and likely as early as the destruction of the First Temple.
4. Bene Israel
5. Cochín and Baghdadi
6. 1079 CE. The community was then expelled in 1290 and Jews did not return to Ireland until the Inquisition.
7. The Babylonian Exile
8. Argentina, with over 200,000 Jews.
9. Singapore, with around 2,000 Jews.
10. Barbados. The Historic Nidhe Israel Synagogue in Bridgetown was built in 1654.



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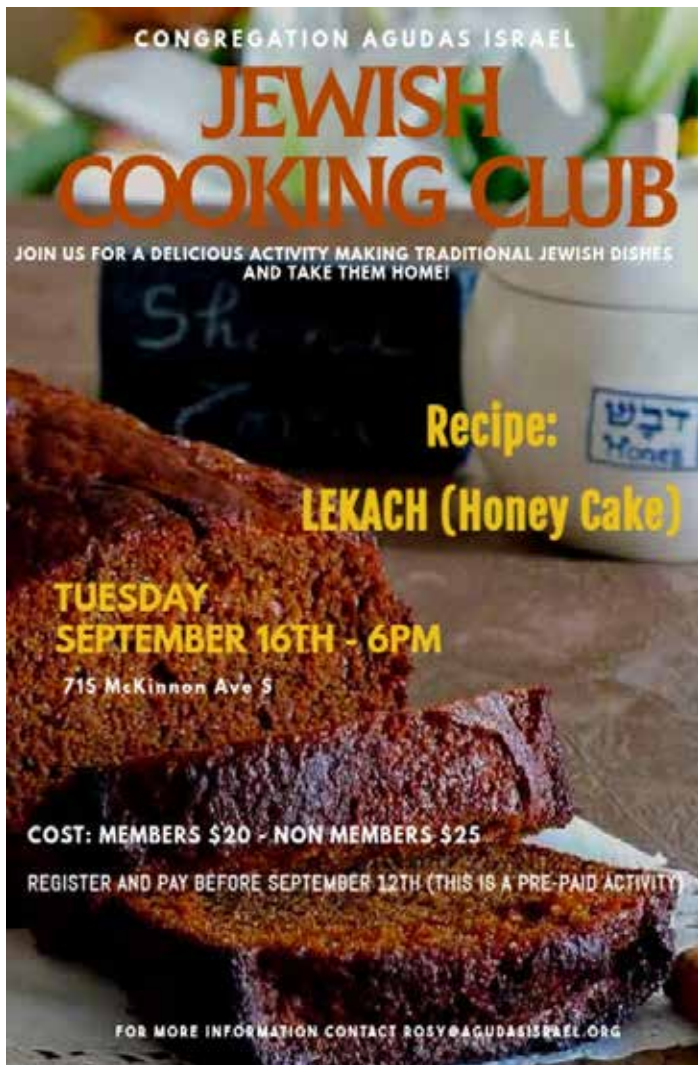
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Matbucha

A Moroccan-Jewish appetizer with a little bit of “heat”

Ingredients:

3lbs of very ripe plum tomatoes
1 ½ red bell peppers
4 garlic cloves
1 tablespoon sweet paprika
½ tsp hot paprika (optional – adds the “heat” so feel free to add more or less according to what level of heat you can handle)
3 teaspoons salt, divided



Method:

Bring a large pot of water to boil. Using a paring knife, carefully score a shallow X shape on the bottom of each tomato. Prepare a large bowl of ice water.

1. Once the water is boiling, work in batches to poach the tomatoes for 60-90 seconds, or until the skin splits up the sides. Transfer to the bowl of ice water to stop the cooking. Repeat with the remaining tomatoes.
2. When cooled, use your hands or a paring knife to peel the tomatoes and discard the skins and core. Slice the tomatoes in half and squeeze the juice and seeds into a bowl and discard. Roughly chop the tomatoes and set aside.
3. Roast the bell peppers over a flame until they are entirely charred. Transfer them to a bowl, and cover tightly with plastic wrap for 10-15 minutes.
4. Once the peppers are cool enough to handle, use your hands or a paring knife to peel off the charred skin and remove the seeds. Dice the peppers.
5. Add the tomatoes, peppers, garlic cloves, and oil to a large pot. Bring the mixture to a boil, then reduce the heat to low. Simmer for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.
6. After the mixture softens into a sauce-like consistency, add the paprika(s) and 1 ½ teaspoon of kosher salt. Continue to slowly simmer the matbucha until it reduces to about half the volume, and it becomes a jam-like texture, about 1 hour and 15 to 1 hour and 30 minutes.
7. Cool slightly, then taste and adjust salt if needed. Serve with fresh challah.

October 7th Vigil

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Oct 6th, 2025
12pm (noon)

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Malchen Neumann	
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Grigory Rizhanovsky	
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Solomon Switzer	
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Jacob Koffman	
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Rabbi Roger Pavey	
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Bella Mondrus	11-10 Heshvan 19
Frank Schwartz	
Michla Volansky	
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