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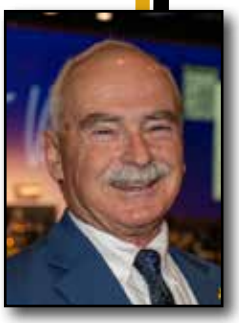

B'NAI BRITH LODGE 739 SASKATOON, CANADA

B'nai Brith Report

by David Katzman, President

The **70th** B'nai Brith Silver Plate Dinner was a tremendous success. Dinner Chairman and M.C. Michael Shaw deserves a huge amount of credit for injecting technology (the video wall) and class (the table program was brilliant) and humour. We had 915 tickets in our draw (Adam Buckwold walked away with $20,000 Grand Prize). Arnie Shaw took over the ticket chairmanship ten years ago and that's when ticket sales really started to take off. Faisal Khorsid,a friend of many in the Jewish community, is both a sponsor (IG Wealth Mgt.) and the Sponsor Chairman. Under his watch, we have substantially increased the donations to B'nai Brith. Ron Gitlin and Harold Shiffman coordinated the Silent Auction, arguably the best that has ever been seen in our city, and the spectacular Live Auction. Every cent from these auctions go directly to CAI.

I think it is very significant that Member of Parliament Kevin Waugh was in attendance, as well as MLAs Chris Beaudry, Ken Cheveldeyoff, Jeremy Cockrill, Todd Goudy, Terry Jenson, Warren Kaeding, Barret Kropf, Eric Schmalz, Brittney Senger, Nathaniel Tweed and Kevin Weedmark. The time to build bridges is before they are needed, and we must maintain and enhance our relationships with elected officials of every stripe.

Our gala is the most important networking event of the year, much evidenced by the sight of so many business cards fluttering to and fro, like gargantuan snowflakes in a November blizzard. In addition to providing a significant sum to CAI every year, BB will continue to assist our own young leaders in BBYO and Hillel. We know that going to a Jewish summer camp has been a huge influence in creating Jewish identity in young people, and we look forward to making sure that continues. There are funds to pay half the camp fees for any camper and, where necessary, more than half. We want to remove the financial barrier for everyone.

B'nai Brith provides funds annually to the

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Synagogue Sightings

Yom Kippur Havdalah

Sukkah building.

BBYO Event

Sukkah made by the kids with Veronica.

Rosh Hashanah - Kevin Sharfe

Cooking class

Cooking class.

Jeffrey and Alex's wedding.

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Editorial

by Lisa Shiffman, Editor-in-Chief

I had the pleasure of working at the Silver Plate dinner for the first time this year. It was a bit intimidating and overwhelming to be in a room brimming with 915 well-dressed men, but it was a fun night and an amazing experience. This event ran like clockwork - as though it had been running for maybe 70 years. I could tell that everyone had an amazing time. The best part of the evening was making money for so many worthy local charities and our own community. The greater Saskatoon community came together and showed their love for the initiatives of the B'nai Brith. In this bulletin you will find a thorough summary of the evening from David Katzman so I will leave it to him to share the news of the success of the evening.

I was happy to take part in the BBYO-Stand With Us solidarity for Israel walk which took place in downtown Saskatoon. The honks of support from people driving by was quite uplifting. Thank you to Joseph (currently doing the high school internship with "Stand with Us") and the BBYO for making this happen.

Another happening that brought our community together was the "Buycott" at Indigo books. Heather Reisman, founder of Indigo Books, was being boycotted and protested by the loud pro-Palestinians on one particular day. The pro-Pali group mistakenly though that the organization she funds "Heseg" (achievement) the Lone Soldier Project, supported the IDF. In actuality it provides scholarships for former volunteer soldiers who do not have family in Israel and have completed their service. Heseg has also donated necessities such as mobile air conditioning systems to residents in northern Israel during the 2006 Lebanon war. Walking through the protestors into Indigo after a long work day and seeing so many of "my tribe" there was very special.

For this edition I reached out to Israeli artist, David Gutman, who's medium is Israeli olive wood and epoxy. He is clearly a master of his craft. I hope you get a chance to check out the web link in his profile to see the amazing work he does.

Ido and Ayalet (former Shlichim from our community) and their beautiful children popped in for a visit during the high holidays. I believe it has been around 12 years since they left Canada but it felt like they had never left. We picked up right where we left off and seeing them again was comforting because I could see that they were doing all right despite the turmoil in their part of the world.

I chose to put the "Synagogue Sightings" on pages 2 and 19 – the "color" inner-cover pages of the Bulletin. We had so many people submit photos this time that it seemed appropriate to do a special spread to memorialize these events. When you are done with the Bulletin you can remove the inner black and white "guts" if you want to keep the color photos for yourself.

I wish you all a restful holiday. It's really nice that many of us will actually get vacation time this year due to Christmas and Chanukah being in synch. May your bellies be full of Chinese food and your hearts be filled with the warmth of the Chanukah lights!

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

Sherwood Sharfe who got a hole-in-one at the Don Vally Golf Course in Toronto. 92 years was all it took to accomplish this "first"!

Gavin Sasko who was selected to be on Team Canada's Baseball Team for the Maccabiah Games in Israel in 2025.

Dr. Alan Rosenberg, recipient of the 2024 Honoured Alumni Lecture award.

CONDOLENCES TO

Rosy Kreindel on the passing of her mother, Raquel Kreindel.

The Shiffman family on the loss of their father and zaida, Jack Shiffman.

Ose and Dein Sokaribo on the death of their younger brother, Baruch, who was a member of Regina's Jewish community.

The Shiffman family on the passing of of Lisa's grandma, Marjorie Ewen and great uncle, Jack Gilliland.

Kati Hannah on the passing of her mother.

Leila Goluboff and family on the passing of father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Victor Cookman.

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Divrei Harav – Rabbi Claudio's Message

Non-Jews Respect Jews who Respect Judaism

by Rabbi Claudio Jodorkovsky

The media's depictions of the Jewish tradition can result in a caricature of Judaism, not because they aren't authentic, as they usually represent their authors' experience, but because due to their massive exposure it might transform a personal -and narrow- experience into the representation of the entire Jewish community. An example is Adam Sandler's movie "You are so not invited to my Bat Mitzvah" which portrays a superficial Judaism of matzah ball soup and extravagant B'nai Mitzvot parties, where the love for our thousand-year rich tradition is almost nonexistent, or in the best scenario it's deeply hidden behind stereotypical rich and eccentric Jews, ignorant of Judaism, eager to spend fortunes on parties where God or Judaism are not included in the guest list. Yes, without doubt that's a representation of some Jews, but when it becomes the accepted narrative, it doesn't just hurt the image of Jews in front of the eyes of the non-Jewish community, it also hurts the Jewish identity itself, especially for the youth, who learn from these bad examples and develop a negative identity. Clinical psychologist Michael Friedman (2020), writes in an article published in Psychology Today (2020) about how the media's Jewish stereotypes negatively impacted his own Jewish identity, and his subsequent struggles to find positive representations to replace the negative ones. Media can be based on authentic personal experiences, but when they are presented as depictions of an entire group, it can have devastating effects. Such has been the case, explains Friedman, with representations of obesity, addictions, minorities and equity seeking groups. When historical negative biases exist, as in the case of antisemitism, negative representations of the Jewish tradition can be very harmful if not presented carefully, with responsibility and appropriate context.

I am writing this article, as I reflect on how our Jewish community in Saskatoon is seen by the non-Jewish community, just a few days after the 70th Silver Plate Dinner. The presence of 915 attendees, of which about 90-95% are not Jewish, speaks not just about a successful organization, but about decades of B'nai Brith building meaningful relationships with the general Saskatoon community, representing the Jewish values of Tzedakah and Tikkun Olam. Despite our small numbers, our Jewish community is highly respected because Jews in Saskatoon have shown pride in being Jewish and in the mandate of our tradition to contribute to our general community. When we are able to express and put into practice our love for Judaism, others feel inspired. The late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks expressed this in the best possible way: "*Non-Jews respect Jews who respect Judaism, and they are embarrassed by Jews who are embarrassed by Judaism*".

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

Friedman, M., PhD. (2020, October 2). The Effect of Media Representation on My Jewish Identity. *Psychology Today*. https://www.psychologytoday.com/ca/blog/brick-brick/202010/the-effect-media-representation-my-jewish-identity

Save the Date: The 33rd Annual Silver Spoon Dinner Monday, May 5, 2025

by Linda Shaw

Excitement is building for this year's Silver Spoon Dinner in May, having just come from the hugely successful B'nai Brith Silver Plate Dinner. Although we haven't signed a headliner for our Dinner as yet, we definitely have a target and that is to make Silver Spoon 2025 as amazing and successful as the Silver Plate. The Silver Spoon Dinner is always Saskatoon's premiere Ladies Night Out and I'm sure it will continue to live up to its fabulous reputation. We'll aim to attract over 800 fun-loving, supportive and enthusiastic women (and some brave men too). Silver Spoon raises much-needed funds for CAI, Ronald McDonald House and Saskatoon Interval House. Our elegant, pampering event will feature entertainment, an awesome Silent Auction and the presentation of the prestigious Sterling Award.

Robin and I have agreed to chair the Silver Spoon Dinner again this year, but, more than ever, we'll need the support and help of the whole community. We will be launching our ticket sales in January. Before then, though, we would deeply appreciate it if everyone helped expand our Silent Auction prizes and sponsorship donations. Contact Rebecca or me, Linda, about prizes and Jordana Jacobson about Sponsorships. Nominate an outstanding volunteer as the Sterling Award winner (call Leona) and be sure to be a volunteer yourself by calling Rosy. We have a tiny but committed committee and we'd love to have you join us.

Like Michael said in his BB article: "Further details will be shared soon." In the meantime, save the date and spread the word among your friends, neighbours and colleagues.

Let's make this Silver Spoon Dinner 2025 the best one ever!

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Jack Shiffman

March 24, 1930 — October 6, 2024

The family of Dr. Jack Shiffman is deeply saddened to announce his passing in Winnipeg at the age of 94.

Jack lived every moment of his life to the fullest, finding great joy in all he did. He and his sister Florence grew up in Selkirk, MB, where his family owned a store. He met his lifelong love, Beverly, in Winnipeg. After marrying, and having their first child, Howie, they moved to Toronto where Bev worked so Jack could pursue a degree in dentistry. Jack set up his first dental practice in Flin Flon, MB, stopping in Winnipeg just long enough for second child, Carol, to be born. A third child, Ken, was born during their time in Flin Flon. Jack had a thriving practice there for 9 years after which the family moved to Chicago in support of his pursuit of an oral surgery specialty. Upon completion, he chose to locate his practice in Saskatoon, becoming the first oral surgeon in the province. It was in Saskatoon that their fourth child, Harold, was born. Jack was a skilled and compassionate surgeon. He taught for many years at the Dental College and was well-liked by patients, students, staff and colleagues.

Jack was also very involved in the community. He belonged to Kinsmen in his younger days and later was active with the Saskatoon B'nai B'rith, Saskatoon Rotary Club and Saskatoon Shrine Club, volunteering, with Bev, for many fundraisers and playing in the drum and bugle band. He so enjoyed playing in parades around the province! Music was another love of Jack's. An avid and talented trumpet player, he played with the Saskatoon Concert Band for 40 years, where he was affectionately known as "Doc". He also played many joyful years with the Saskatoon Klezmer Band alongside his good friend David Kaplan.

Jack was a passionate golfer spending many happy days at Riverside Golf Course with his golf buddies. He and Bev spent winters in Florida where he could continue to golf in mild weather, until Bev's health made the trip too difficult. As Bev's health declined, Jack became her loyal caregiver, making a heroic effort to keep her at home for as long as possible. Bev eventually had to go into long term care and, due to Covid, they celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on opposite sides of a chain link fence. But Jack was stoic through it all. When he lost Bev in 2020, his own health began to decline, and he moved back to Winnipeg, where Ken took loving care of him until his passing.

Jack was predeceased by his parents Ben and Ann Shiffman and his wife Beverly. He leaves to mourn his sister, Florence Marr, children Howard Shiffman (Debbie Anschell), Carol Wylie (Peter Kooy), Ken Shiffman (Wendy Seversen) and Harold Shiffman (Lisa), grandchildren Dana, Kate, Jessica, Alezah, Sophie, Ben, Sam, Hannah, Millia, Judah, Aaron, and great-grandchildren Anna, Eli, Grayson, Jonah, and Norah, as well as nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Ediliza Monton and her care team, whose companionship gave Dad comfort and company in his last months. Donations in Jack's name can be made to the Jack and Bev Shiffman Fund at the Saskatoon Community Foundation, Home - Saskatoon Community Foundation or CFHU ' Canadian Friends Of The Hebrew University. The Funeral Service will took place at Congregation Agudas Israel in Saskatoon on Tuesday, October 8 at 2:00 PM. Condolences may be left for the family at www.saskatoonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were entrusted to Saskatoon Funeral Home.

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2024 Honoured Alumni Lecturer: Dr. Alan Rosenberg, MD'74

As the 2024 Honoured Alumni Lecturer, Dr. Rosenberg opened the 39th annual Highlights in Medicine Conference program.

Author: Kelsey Kougiya, College of Medicine USask
Published: September 2024

Dr. Alan Rosenberg has been named the 2024 Honoured Alumni Lecture recipient, a prestigious recognition within the Highlights in Medicine Conference program. This accolade reflects Dr. Rosenberg's exceptional contributions to the field of medicine and his unwavering dedication to bettering the community through his practice and research.

"Dr. Rosenberg is superb and I am so grateful to him for this excellent talk. He is an exemplary physician and wonderful scholar. All the best!" - *Received as part of the anonymous session evaluation forms collected from conference attendees.*

The Honoured Alumni Lecture is a special session reserved for alumni and the USask College of Medicine who exemplify excellence in their field and have made significant strides in advancing medical knowledge and care. Recipients of this honor are nominated and selected by a committee of their peers. Dr. Rosenberg was selected by a unanimous vote.

Dr. Rosenberg's medical journey began at the USask College of Medicine, where he earned his MD degree. He pursued specialty training in pediatrics at the Universities of Toronto and Manitoba, followed by subspecialty training in pediatric rheumatology at the University of British Columbia.

In 1981, Dr. Rosenberg returned to Saskatchewan to establish the province's first pediatric rheumatology program, dedicated to serving children with arthritis and related rheumatic diseases. For over four decades, he has directed the USask Pediatric Rheumatic Disease Research and Innovation Laboratory, which stands as one of the world's oldest and most respected pediatric rheumatology research programs.

In his lecture presentation at June's Highlights in Medicine Conference, titled "Discovering the Earliest Origins of Health and Disease: The Paradigm for Prevention," Dr. Rosenberg shared his insights into the critical early influences that shape lifelong health. He explored the diverse prenatal and childhood circumstances that contribute to the onset of future diseases, highlighting the importance of understanding these factors. His lecture emphasized the need for innovative strategies in designing and implementing effective disease prevention tactics, underscoring the role of early intervention in promoting long-term well-being.

Dr. Rosenberg's research exemplifies the impact of interdisciplinary collaboration and mentorship in advancing medical science. His work has significantly contributed to understanding pediatric rheumatic diseases and has inspired and guided the next generation of biomedical researchers.

Among his many accolades, Dr. Rosenberg is recognized as a University of Saskatchewan Distinguished Professor, a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, and a recipient of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

Dr. Alan Rosenberg is a deserving recipient of the 2024 Honoured Alumni Lecture. His dedication to his field and community, along with his pioneering research on disease prevention, truly embodies the spirit of this lectureship. Congratulations to Dr. Rosenberg on this well-deserved recognition.

Sisterhood Notes

by Zoe Litman

Our beautiful fall holiday season has passed and winter will soon be upon us. I hope the snow will hold off but there will certainly be some at the end of January. That is when we can look forward to the annual Women's League Shabbat Dinner. I always love getting together in the dark winter days and enjoying the community celebration and delicious meal which our Sisterhood members prepare in the synagogue kitchen.

This year's Women's League theme is Am Yisrael Chai- the People of Israel Live! At the time of the 2024 Shabbat dinner we were still reeling from the brutal Hamas attack on October 7, 2023. A year later, those of the hostages left are still in captivity and there is a dire humanitarian crisis in Gaza as the war drags on. The war has spread to Lebanon with Hezbolla and Israel is once more attacked from all sides by proxies.

Am Yisrael Chai is a solidarity anthem affirming the continuity of the Jewish people in the face of multiple attempts of annihilation throughout history. Originally from Genesis- the story of Joseph "–the children of Israel (Jacob) live" it was first seen in a Zionist song in the 19th century. It later became a rallying cry for Jewish survival in the face of anti-Semitism. The slogan affirms Jewish endurance when facing oppression. Despite systematic attempts at extermination, the Jewish people, through tenacity and resilience, survive.

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Here to Tell: Faces of Holocaust Survivors

April 1, 2025 until Aug 31, 2025 – Western Development Museum, Saskatoon

by Ron and Jan Gitlin, Co-chairs of the Holocaust Committee

A photographic exhibit honoring Holocaust Survivors from Western Canada including Robbie Waisman and Kayla Hock from Saskatoon will be held at the Western Development Museum. It consists of 162 images, 39 portraits of living survivors, and 122 images of deceased survivors all held in the hands of their descendants. There will also be an 18 panel Yad Vashem exhibit providing general information about the Shoah, a 30 minute documentary about the making of the exhibit, and hundreds of behind-the-scenes images documenting the display.

The intention of this project is to offer this exhibit to all Saskatoon school-age students at no charge, and to financially assist schools in providing bussing to the event. Congregation Agudas Israel members will be able to view the exhibit at no charge. We are also working with WDM to provide free admission to as many people from the greater Saskatoon community as possible.

Many of the survivors in this exhibit have told their stories to thousands of students over the years. Due to the financial support of our B'nai Brith Lodge, members of our congregation, and many members of the Saskatoon community, our Holocaust Committee has brought in survivors over the years to tell their story to over 20,000 Saskatoon and area students. Thank you again, to those sponsors for supporting this event. This exhibit will be a continuation of this very important educational process of bringing Holocaust education to all students.

CAI will be running this in partnership with Marnie Bodnar and Dahila Libin, the executive producers of this exhibit. Thank you to the volunteers of the Calgary Holocaust and Human Rights Remembrance and Education Department of the Calgary Jewish Federation, and The Western Development Museum of Saskatoon.

For more information on the display please visit the website: heretotell.com

BBYO - October 7th One Year Anniversary Rally

by Joseph Siqueira

On October 6th, our community came together to mark the one-year anniversary of the murders and hostage takings in Israel. As a StandWithUs Canada Leventhal Intern, I had the privilege of organizing this meaningful rally, which drew over 130 people from both Jewish and non-Jewish backgrounds in Saskatoon. The event was the only one of its kind in the city, and seeing such a strong turnout was a powerful reminder of the compassion and unity that define our community. It was an opportunity to reflect, remember, and stand together in solidarity with those affected by October 7th, and the sense of collective strength was palpable.

The rally would not have been possible without the support and collaboration of several key organizations. I am deeply grateful to B'nai Brith, Chabad of Saskatoon, and Congregation Agudas Israel for their invaluable assistance and encouragement. Their involvement was essential in ensuring that the event was a success, fostering a sense of shared purpose that brought people together to honour the memory of those killed and show support for the community. From careful planning of the program to coordinating the participation of community leaders, every detail was considered to create a respectful and welcoming space for reflection and healing.

The planning process itself was both challenging and rewarding. In partnership with StandWithUs Canada, I worked hard to ensure that everyone who attended would feel welcomed, supported, and heard. It was important to create an environment where people could come together in a respectful way, reflect on the gravity of the anniversary, and find comfort in shared solidarity. Afterward, many attendees expressed their gratitude, sharing how much the event had meant to them. Some spoke about finding peace and a much needed solution to the historic conflict, while others appreciated the opportunity to connect with others who understood their grief. These conversations were deeply moving, and I felt humbled by the impact of the event.

The experience reinforced for me the profound strength that comes from unity and collaboration. Working alongside so many dedicated individuals and organizations who care so deeply about the well being of our community was inspiring. This rally reminded us all of the power of coming together—not only to honour a shared memory but also to support one another during difficult times. As I continue my journey as a StandWithUs Canada Leventhal intern, I carry with me the lessons of that day, knowing that together, we are more than just a collection of individuals. We are a resilient, compassionate community that stands strong in the face of adversity.

Thanks to the collective efforts of everyone involved, we were able to create a meaningful space for healing, reflection, and solidarity. This event not only reinforced the bonds that unite us but also reminded us of the importance of community in times of crisis. I am grateful to have been part of such an impactful experience and to have had the opportunity to work with so many wonderful people to make it happen.

FOREVER YOUNG

BBYO Antisemitism Survey: Executive Summary

OVERVIEW

An online survey of 1,989 BBYO members was conducted on behalf of BBYO by First International Resources and Impact Research between January 23 – February 5, 2024. Survey respondents are current high school students (9th-12th grade) residing in the United States and Canada. The margin of error for the survey is +/-2.2%.

SUMMARY

Overall, the data indicate that the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7th has had a traumatic impact on Jewish high school students in the United States and Canada. Since the start of the war in Gaza, Jewish students have been singled out, discriminated against, harassed online and lost friends simply because of their Jewish identity. They are facing this discrimination at school, online, and during extracurricular activities.

As a result, many of these students are

(1) more concerned about going to school,

(2) uncomfortable reporting incidents of harassment,

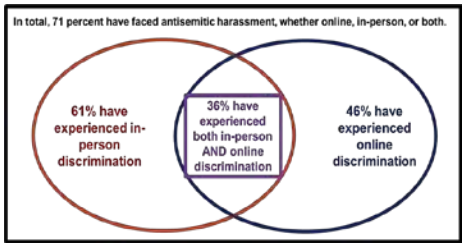
(3) disengaging from spaces or activities and

(4) factoring in levels of antisemitism in their decision on where to attend college.

Not surprisingly, this has all combined to negatively impact their mental health. Social interactions and increased engagement with BBYO are playing a critical role in helping these Jewish students navigate challenging and difficult times by providing crucial comfort and support, helping members share their thoughts in a more constructive manner and serving as a safe place to express feelings and concerns.

KEY FINDINGS

More than seven-in-ten BBYO members have experienced antisemitic harassment or discrimination. In all, 71 percent of BBYO members have experienced antisemitic harassment or discrimination. 61 percent have experienced antisemitism in person, 46 percent have experienced antisemitism online and 36 percent have experienced antisemitism both online and in-person.



Among those who have experienced in-person discrimination or harassment, 46 percent have experienced it at school, 19 percent during extracurricular activities and 38 percent have experienced antisemitism someplace else. The most common sources of harassment are classmates and peers.

At least two-in-five BBYO members have either experienced each of the following types of harassment or know someone who has:

- Had their concerns about antisemitism questioned, minimized, or dismissed (65 percent)
- Been harassed by anti-Israel or pro-Palestinian protesters or classmates (63 percent)
- Lost friends or been cut off by people due to disagreements over the fighting in the Middle East (57 percent)
- Disengaged from spaces or activities out of fear of being harassed over Israel (52 percent)
- Been held responsible for the actions of the State of Israel (49 percent)
- Been harassed for being visibly Jewish, such as wearing Jewish symbols, Jewish camp/youth group clothing, a kippah, or a Star of David (49 percent)
- Had someone attempt to intimidate them for wearing or owning pro-Israel items (41 percent)

Nearly half of those who have experienced in-person incidents, 45 percent, have not reported them. A similar percentage, 49 percent, said that they do not feel comfortable reporting such incidents.

Of the 46 percent of teens who reported facing antisemitism and targeting online, the most common digital platforms where they have faced these issues are Instagram (33 percent), TikTok (23 percent) and Snapchat (17 percent).

An overwhelming number of BBYO members, 74 percent, say they have seen more discrimination in school or during extracurricular activities since October 7th.

Since the start of the war, teens are also more concerned about attending school. A majority, 55 percent, are more concerned about attending school since the start of the Israel-Hamas war and 38 percent are more concerned about participating in extracurricular activities.

54 percent of respondents say their mental health has gotten worse since the October 7th attack. Nearly two-thirds of respondents, 64 percent, say antisemitism on college campuses is an extremely or very important factor in their decision on where to attend college.

Involvement with BBYO has helped students deal with the added stress and anxiety. Nearly three-quarters of BBYO members, 72 percent, say that BBYO has influenced their ability to express their thoughts about Israel and/or antisemitism. This includes 38 percent who say BBYO has helped them "a lot" and 34 percent who say it has helped "some."

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A Summer to Remember: Lev's Experience at Camp BB

by Michael Shaw and Lev

This summer, my 6-year-old son, Lev, attended Camp BB at Pine Lake, a Jewish summer camp that was made possible from the very generous support of its namesake B'nai Brith. Together, Lev and I would like to share some highlights from his time at camp.

When I asked Lev about his favorite part of camp, he couldn't choose between two thrilling activities: tubing and martial arts. "We did karate, like the kind you'd learn in a real martial arts lesson," Lev explained. His excitement was clear as he reflected on both the martial arts and tubing, which seemed to be equally unforgettable.

However, it wasn't all about the action-packed moments. Lev admitted he felt "scared and anxious, but happy at the same time" when he first arrived at camp. But soon, with his good friend Sawyer Hnatyshyn by his side, Lev felt right at home. His cabin was full of new faces with familiar last names. With friends by his side, Lev found his rhythm, from climbing in the forest to swimming and playing hockey, basketball and so many other activities.

One of Lev's fondest memories was saying special prayers with his friends before meals, a meaningful tradition that connected him to his Jewish identity. "We sang the Shabbat Shalom Hey!, song" Lev remembered, recounting the songs that brought everyone together during the camp's Shabbat dinners.

The most challenging activity? Kayaking on wavy water. Lev shared how it tested his strength and determination, but it's clear he embraced every challenge camp threw his way.

What did Lev learn at Camp BB? "I learned lots of flags and about Jewish people in the world," he said thoughtfully, while also gaining a deeper understanding of the importance of Shabbat, the day of rest.

Reflecting on his time at camp, Lev felt that it helped him grow in many ways. "We ate healthy, there were no shows, and it was fun!" he shared.

When asked what he wanted to say to B'nai Brith for helping him go to camp, Lev said simply, "Thank you very much." It's clear that his time at Camp BB made a lasting impression, and he's already excited for next summer.

We're both so grateful to B'nai Brith Saskatoon Lodge for making this experience possible. Lev is counting down the days until he can return and reunite with friends, enjoy more martial arts, and hopefully see pictures from the camp's camera person, one of his most unexpected sources of excitement!

Hillel Article

by Millia Shiffman - Hillel President

With an unfortunate rise of antisemitism in the past 13 months, many people from the Jewish community have been turning to fellow Jewish friends for comfort and support. On university campuses antisemitism has taken a turn for the worst, making many Jewish students feel unsafe to be themselves, wear their Mogen David or even mention their Jewish identity.

Years ago, the University of Saskatchewan had a Hillel (Jewish students' group), but as time passed this club faded away until it no longer existed. This year, my mom encouraged me to get a Hillel ratified on the UofS campus once again. Something I need to make very clear to everyone I talk about this to is how much of a 'pain in the butt' it was to get this group ratified again. Despite the hurdles, we were able to get the club up and running and are becoming more active as time goes by.

So far, Hillel has held one event in October – a game night, where Jewish students (many of which had never met each other before) had time to bond, share stories, and of course partake in some 'Jewish geography' (an activity where Jews who meet for the first time try to identify people they have in common – there are always connections found). Overall, this event was a great success and currently Hillel has around 20 Jewish student members with a few non-Jewish allies/supporters as well. Hillel also has a bowling night as well as a Jewish paint night planned for late November.

If you are interested in joining Hillel, please email usaskhillel@usask.ca.

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A History Lesson for the Hillel-Haters

by Seth Mandel

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Students for Justice in Palestine sparked a debate over the weekend when one of its chapters called for the University of California at Santa Cruz to "cut ties" with Hillel, the university Jewish center. The pretense for this straightforwardly anti-Semitic demand was Hillel's support for Israel's continued existence. Pro-Hamas protest groups have been pushing to see how far they can take "Zionism" as a pretense for discriminating against Jews on college campuses, and the reaction this time suggests that the protesters may finally have reached the limit. Even some progressives pushed back.

That is not to say that no one in politics or academia supported SJP's desire to kick the Jewish center off campus. Professors at NYU, Muhlenberg and Florida International were among those in the academy defending SJP, and there were a few left-wing writers or pundits twisting themselves in knots to excuse it. Additionally, the trend is heading in the wrong direction when "ban the Jewish center" becomes a legitimate line of argument within both the progressive world and the academy, the latter having some influence over whether such bans would be carried out.

But what I noticed from all the academics and self-styled "philosophers" arguing over how many anti-Zionists can dance on the head of a pin was this: Not a single one is aware that this has all been tried before, and these exact debates have played out, and the anti-Zionist arguments were so thoroughly demolished that a bit of research could have helped them avoid their very public belly-flop.

In the 1970s, Britain's National Union of Students became engulfed in a firestorm around the question of banning and boycotting "Zionist" organizations when doing so would also, necessarily, ban Jewish groups. This was the coming together of two trends: first, successful Arab governments' outreach to young leftist activists in the West, whom they lobbied to embrace anti-Zionism to fill the void left by the winding down of the Vietnam War. Second, the expansion of "anti-fascism" efforts to focus on "anti-racism," a much more malleable term that opened new avenues for recruitment and fundraising.

As David Rich notes in his 2011 essay on the controversy, the NUS passed in 1974 a "no platform" policy denying financial and other assistance to "openly racist or fascist organizations." This meant that "those who argued that Zionism's underlying premise was racist could now cite the NUS policy as grounds for exclusion." In early 1975, Coventry Polytechnic passed a motion to do just that—the type of move that in previous years had lost such votes at schools around the UK. Later that year, the United Nations made it even easier to justify the racist exclusion of Jewish societies by passing its infamous "Zionist is racism" resolution. Campus Jew-baiters were off to the races. By late 1976, votes to ban Jewish groups on the grounds of their Zionism were becoming a more regular occurrence.

This period saw the rise of pressure groups like the British Anti-Zionist Organization, which, much like our current American photocopies of BAZO, prominently featured and promoted Jewish anti-Zionists. A major test case came when a university in Manchester held Palestine Week and the Jewish Society petitioned to hold an Israel Week. It was approved on the condition that it hold no "political" events. A rabbi's talk on Judaism and Zionism was banned because, as Rich explains, "It would be alright for him to talk about the differences between Judaism and Zionism, UJS was told, but not the links between them."

As an effort at splitting hairs, this one will probably never be topped. (Eat your heart out, Twitter philosophers.) This is also the moment it became clear that although the anti-Zionists wanted desperately to draw concrete distinctions between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism, they were manifestly unable to do so. They didn't know enough about either Zionism or Judaism to know that their quest was doomed from the start.

In 1977, York University's student union, led by its then-president and future Labor Party member of Parliament Richard Burden, voted to ban Zionist groups. Burden, writes Rich, "was astonished to find that the Jewish Society now expected to be banned." Here is where the tide started to turn. The Students Union Council ruled that the Jewish Society was not Zionist and therefore wasn't banned. So the Jewish Society did something smart: its members amended the group's constitution to make it explicitly Zionist. Burden and Co. took the bait and barred the Jewish Society.

Even those who were vocally anti-Zionist didn't like the logical and predetermined end to which their beliefs would take them, and another meeting was called. At this one, the student union voted to reinstate the Jewish Society and removed its own "Zionism is racism" plank.

Soon the National Union of Students would

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Mystery of Eden

The Keyboard is mightier...

by Dan Ronis, CAI librarian

Continuing from my last essay, if Eden were a protected space keeping Adam and Eve, newly created beings of higher consciousness, safe from a primitive exterior environment, why did they leave? The answer may have been that at some point the decision was made that they needed to move beyond the protected space to become a part of the world. If they had continued to remain isolated from the outside world, they would not gain experiences and grow psychologically nor would they be able to influence the world outside of Eden.

If Adam and Eve were not the first humanoids, then what was the reason for their creation? Why not just let the existing humanoids evolve on their own? An answer was given in my second book (soon to be published). It was noticed that the primitive humanoids were starting to think and develop skills, in particular making of stone tools and figuring out how to carry fire. That development was then enhanced via the creation of superior beings who could carefully help advance these rudimentary skills as well as pass on their higher intelligence to their own progeny.

So what were the Gifts of Eden, what did Adam and Eve bring to the table? In Eden, they seemed to be in a protected space and all their needs including food were provided for them. God said "See, I give you every seed-bearing plant that is upon all the earth, and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit, they shall be yours for food" (Genesis 1:29). The LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man He had formed. And from the ground the Lord God caused to grow every tree that was pleasing to the sight and good for food.(Genesis 2:8-9).

One gift must have been higher intelligence since Adam was entrusted with care of the plants provided by God. The Lord God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden, to till and tend it.(Genesis 2:15). Either he innately knew how to care for plants or was intelligent enough to take instruction from God. Besides, if Adam and Eve did not bring superior intelligence and reasoning ability, there would be no point to their creation if they had no better thinking abilities than the humanoids outside of Eden.

A second gift was likely that of communication. In Genesis 3:9-19, God talks to both of Adam and Eve and they both reply. But was this communication verbal or did God speak directly to their minds in a telepathic method? And how did Adam and Eve communicate to each other? They must have eventually developed language, either sign language or a spoken language with words. A bigger mystery is who taught the snake how to talk, and in what language?

A third gift was long life, starting with Adam. All the days that Adam lived came to 930 years; then he died (Genesis 5:5). Subsequently Seth lived for 912 years, Enoch for 905 years, Kenan for 910 years, and even Noah, nine generations later lived for 950 years (Genesis 5:5-14, 9:28). However this long life started, it then seemed to diminish rapidly after Noah. His son Shem only lived for 500 years. After that 3 lived for about 400 years, then it dropped off further to about 200 years ending with Terah living only 205 years (Genesis 11:10-32). Abraham still had a long life, 175 years, but far less than many of his ancestors (Genesis 25:7-8). It is unknown what allowed Adam the generations after him for a while to have exceptionally long lives and why this gift of long life then began to diminish. One explanation might be that Adam and the earlier offspring had an ability to live partly outside of time, that is to exist part of the time in a sort of dream-like state during which time they aged much more slowly than in the full waking state. This would seem to be far-fetched but we have no other explanation and do not know what traits were implanted in Adam which were then passed on for a time. Unknown is also why this gift then began to diminish. And how long did the women and wives live? They must have also had the same gift of long life. But we do not even know their names.....

A fourth gift was enhanced memory. The details in Genesis of who begat who, at which date a son was born, and how long the father lived, all point towards a gift of exceptional memory. In fact the entire Torah speaks of this gift of memory since all the stories, all the information in it, had to be memorized and

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Israeli Artist Profile

My name is David Gutman, a father of six children living in Safed.
My creations express my love and dedication to nature and the natural environment reflecting the unique beauty of Israeli nature and the Galilean surroundings, where I live. My art mainly focuses on working with olive wood combined with epoxy. The contrast between the natural olive wood and the modern epoxy gives my artwork a unique and stunning appearance.

To view more of David's art check out his website: https://www.artzefat.com/david-gutman

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CIJA | Community Column

Celebrate and share the light

by Judy Zelikovitz

Vice President, University and Local Partner Services at CIJA, the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs.

Chanukah is a holiday made joyous by its origins in the victory of the Jewish people over our oppressors and the liberation by the Maccabees of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. Now, thousands of years later, over eight nights, we light candles to honour our brave ancestors and to recognize the fortitude, across the millennia, of the Jewish people.

Now, the meaning of Chanukah has acquired a new relevance: the bravery demonstrated by the people of Israel today – especially since October 7, 2023.

It has been more than 15 months since, in the most shameful and grievous fashion imaginable, Hamas deliberately started a war, placing the people of Israel – and of Gaza and the entire region – in jeopardy. Israel continues to defend its residents and citizens from terror on multiple fronts, facing both assaults from Hamas and unprecedented attacks by hundreds of rockets from Iran-backed Hezbollah. Israelis and the global Jewish community continue to call for the release of 101 hostages who remain captive in Gaza. Families across Israel and the world continue to adjust to life without the 1,200 Israelis – and victims from 30 other nations – systematically murdered on October 7.

Yet, amid the chaos and terror of daily rocket attacks, the spirit and fortitude of the people of Israel remains as strong as ever.

This year, as we light our candles over the eight nights of Chanukah, we contemplate the history and symbolism of our Jewish traditions, and we have an opportunity to consider their meanings in our current reality. Just as we light our Chanukiah with its eight, equally proportioned candles, we remember Jews have an admirable track record in fighting for social equality, and we consider where, today, there are inequalities to be addressed.

As we add candlelight to our homes, we remember our age-old obligation to bring light to our families, friends, and neighbours. We encourage well-rounded education, free from hate, for all children; we advocate for a safe and welcoming learning environment for our post-secondary students and faculty; and we support the most vulnerable among us.

There is much to do – what will your focus be over the coming year? To what cause will your efforts be directed?

Can we hope that Gaza will be freed from the terrorist influence of Hamas? Will Lebanon emerge from under the sway of Iran-backed Hezbollah? Will Israel's adversaries stop their war against the Jewish State?

Will our focus be on our own family, our close friends, our community, a charitable cause? Will we share the Jewish values we cherish, the triumph of light over darkness, freedom over oppression, and the importance of upholding one's identity and beliefs?

And can we help our fellow Canadians uphold the values we hold dearest? How much light can we share this Chanukah season?

Let's find out.

Chag Sameach.

Detroit Limmud Festival

by Dan Ronis

I had the pleasure of attending and presenting at the Michigan Limmud 2024 held in Detroit. It was truly an awesome experience to listen to so many speakers presenting a wide variety of subjects ranging from a talk on angels and devils in the scripture to current archaeology efforts in Israel. In was an all-day affair with five sessions each with about six topics to choose from. Lunchtime was an incredible event with the "I am that Jew' video followed by a live interview onstage with the video creator.

On Thursday, October 15th, 2015, Eitan Chitayat posted his "I'm That Jew" video on Facebook. It spread like wildfire. Since then, it has been viewed almost 15 million times on assorted social media channels and has garnered tens of millions of impressions.

This kind of viral acknowledgment that touches on Jewish culture says something.

It says that Jews are proud of their Jewish history. That Jewish pride is alive and kicking.

Today, with Anti-Semitism ever present and on the rise, during times of peace and especially now as Israel and the worldwide Jewish community is being attacked, this message of Jewish pride is essential. The hatred directed at Jews includes words, but more often than not, violence as well. Actions that threaten our security and existence. It is during these hard times that Jewish people must come together and be as one.

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Deliberate Tenderness

by Joel Bernbaum

”I think there’s space to have courageous conversations but I think it has to be done with deliberate tenderness and intentional mercy.” - Johannus, Interviewee

When the current war and suffering in the Middle East started last October I, like many, was deeply shocked and saddened. I did not know what to do with these feelings. I spoke with my Jewish friends, and wanted to speak with my Muslim friends - but I did not know how contact would be recieved. Thankfully a person I deeply respect encouraged me to reach out to a mutual friend of mine and a leader in the Muslim community. I sent a simple text saying “what is happening in the world is horrible, and I am thinking of you. I am not sure how you will receive this message but if you are open to a phone call I would love to chat.” I received a reply right away saying "Thank you so much for writing. I have been thinking of you and feeling the same thing, I would love to chat".

That friend was Fatima Coovadia. Fatima has been a leader in Saskatoon’s Muslim community for several years, and was part of the group of women from the Jewish and Muslim communities who worked together to sponsor a Syrian Refugee family. Fatima and I spoke on the phone for over an hour. First we talked about our families, and shared stories about our children. Then we moved to the more difficult topic of what was happening thousands of kilometers from us, and how it was impacting our relationships here in Saskatoon. At times the conversation was uncomfortable, but it was meaningful, and worthwhile.

At the end of that first conversation Fatima suggested we do something together to model the possibility of a small (re) connection between the Jewish and Muslim communities in Saskatoon. Fatima suggested a “listening booth” - where the two of us would sit together and listen to how people were feeling. I told her that was a great idea because I was of course going to my default and thinking of creating a play. We decided to meet for coffee to plan the listening booth. When we met for coffee I told Fatima again how I thought her idea was so much better than a play. She responded by saying “that’s nice, I think we have to make a play.”

The above quote is from a new verbatim play called Deliberate Tenderness, created by Fatima Coovadia, Yvette Nolan and myself. The play is a piece of “verbatim theatre” - which is a fancy term for a play where the script is constructed out of interviews with people in a given community.

I make verbatim theatre plays because they help me understand the world around me. I have had the privilege of interviewing over one thousand people to create and produce three different verbatim theatre plays about homelessness, the refugee experience, and, the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Saskatchewan. The conversations that led to the creation of these plays have created new friendships and new understandings.

This is how we arrived at the reading of the first draft of the new play Deliberate Tenderness, at Persephone Theatre on October 20th. Thank you to all of the people who sat with Fatima and I (sometimes I conducted interviews alone, sometimes Fatima accompanied me) and shared their thoughts and feelings. Before this project I had spoken to Jews and Muslims, but had only ever met a few Israelis and never met any Palestineans. Through the interviews for this project I had the honour of sitting with some people I knew already and meeting new people. I am grateful for the trust of those who were interviewed and the new insights each of these conversations offered me.

SKarts funded our project through the Independent Artists Program, and we were able to use this funding to transcribe all the interviews and hire five actors to “workshop” the new script. Workshopping is a step in a new plays development where playwrights and dramaturges work with actors to refine the script. We spent the week leading up to the sharing working with five actors. It was important to us to have diversity in our acting ensemble including Indigenous, Israeli and Palestinian actors. Because there are no local Palestinian actors, the SKarts grant allowed us to bring in Sam Kahlileh from Toronto. During the rehearsal process it was amazing to listen to Sam and our local Israeli actor Ohad Winkler discuss their lives and the current situation.

Our goal for the reading on October 20th was to share the first draft of the script including new music from actor/composer Amanda Trapp. We personally invited anyone who was interviewed, and also extended the invitation to members of the Jewish and Muslim communities in Saskatoon. We were happy to see many of the people who were interviewed in attendance. I believe the theatre offers us the opportunity to sit in the same room with people who have different opinions and lives as us - and listen together to stories that might move us down our path of understanding each other and the world around us.

Verbatim theatre plays are spoken by real people in the community, so on October 20th many people were sitting a few seats away from someone they might have seen as “the other” or from the other “side.” After the play finished we had an opportunity for the audience to share thoughts they felt were missing from the play. After the short audience feedback session we welcomed everyone to have tea and bannock in the lobby. This is where the tension started to dissipate and some real conversations happened.

The reason I started making this play was

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Biography of the Month Louis Brandeis

by Stan Schroeder

Louis Brandeis was born November 13, 1856 in Louisville, Kentucky to Adolph and Fredericka. His family had left Prague, fearing a conservative reaction to the failed democratic revolution there. Although Louis's family was Jewish, they did not observe Jewish customs or religious practices. Louis maintained that secular life, although he felt the influence of his uncle, Lewis Dembitz, a practicing lawyer and orthodox Jew. Indeed, he took Dembitz's last name as his middle name.

Although he received no formal religious instruction, the young Brandeis did get an education. He attended Louisville's best schools and proved to be an excellent student. Louis left Louisville to finish high school in Dresden, Germany. It was there, he would later recall that he "really learned to think."

Brandeis excelled at Annen Realschule, his German school, and when he graduated, Harvard University admitted him into its law school although he did not have a college degree. Even without formal training that so many of his law school peers had, the young scholar managed to make the best grades in the law school's history. Brandeis graduated in two just years at the unprecedented age of 20.

After settling in Boston, Brandeis became a successful lawyer spending a good deal of his time pursuing cases with a political bent. In particular, he enjoyed representing small companies against giant corporations, and aiding the cause of the minimum wage against companies opposed to this principle. In 1912, he supported Woodrow Wilson's nomination for Presidency and in 1916 during World War I, was appointed by Wilson to the Supreme Court, the first Jew ever to be appointed..

He would become one of the most influential and respected Supreme Court Justices in US history. His votes and opinions envisioned the greater protections for individual rights and greater flexibility for government in economic regulation that would prevail in later courts. In 1928 Brandeis argued in a minority opinion that the Constitution protected a "right of privacy," calling it "the most comprehensive of rights and the right most valued by civilized men." His opinion finally prevailed in 1967 when the Olmstead verdict of 1928 was overturned.

Brandeis showed little interest in Jewish affairs until the turn of the century when a combination of his professional work and a changing political climate brought about an alteration. He was introduced to Zionism by Jacob de Haas and Aaron Aaronsohn, the Palestinian botanist who founded Nili, a Jewish espionage network that helped the United Kingdom in its fight against the Ottoman Empire in the Land of Israel during

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Rededicate Your Home on Chanukah

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Polly said, "It's early this year," and Helen agreed. Edith confessed that she just wasn't ready, while George complained that his retirement community prohibited the use of lighted candles, "So how am I gonna make Chanukah this yeaar?" Joyce said it all with a sigh and an "Oi!"

Regardless whether you consider it a blessing that Chanukah comes early in December – "I like it early" says Karen, "because it doesn't compete with Christmas, "- or later in the month as Sam prefers when he says, "When Chanukah comes later then my grandkids are off from school and we can celebrate together," – there are creative ways to celebrate Chanukah and one of the most interesting is to inaugurate a "Chanukah HaBayit" or a rededication of your home.

The ceremony has historical roots. After the Maccabees' victory against the army of King Antiochus, the Jews reclaimed the Temple by performing a ceremony to restore it as a sacred and holy place.

The ceremony was called "Chanukat HaBayit," which is a Hebrew phrase that meant "rededicating the house." Our sages tell us that our ancestors kindled the "chanukiyah" the special oil lamp and in the glow of the menorah light, we Jews reclaimed our home.

Today Chanukah can be a special time to remember that our homes are our sanctuaries and that each of the eight nights of Chanukah can offer our families an opportunity to rededicate our homes to our Jewish traditions. Each night, as we kindle our candles, or twist a bulb on our electric chanukiyah, we can renew the light of the spirit within each room.

Thanks to CLAL's National Jewish Resource Center, a new ritual of rededication can add depth and meaning to the Chanukah experience.

On each of the eight nights, begin with a meditation:

My home is the place where I celebrate life, mark the seasons, welcome guests, light candles, remember the past, dream about the future, and open my heart to the present. At Chanukah, may I rededicate my home to the values and relationships I hold sacred.

Make this special blessing each night before kindling the candles:

As this menorah fills with light, may our home be rededicated to the Source of Blessing that connects us all.

Eight Ways to Dedicate Your Home:

The First Candle: Invite guests, cook a special meal together, plan a family event or make time for those you love, creating and expanding shalom bayit, relationships of peace.

The Second Candle: Revitalize your home as a center for Jewish learning. Add a new book to your Jewish book shelf.

The Third Candle: Invite a friend and together read a chapter from your new Jewish book. Share your thoughts and opinions. "Talk among yourselves!"

The Fourth Candle: Choose a place in your home where you can devote yourself to prayer, meditation or reflection. CLAL suggests making a mizrach, a marker pointing eastward, and placing it on your own eastern wall to focus your attention toward Jerusalem.

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The expression came to the forefront in 1933 at the Second World War Jewish Congress called to fight the rise of the Nazi regime. Rabbi Samuel Wise ended the final address declaring "We must defend ourselves because we are a people which lives and wishes to live...our people [live]-Am Yisrael Chai!"

Following the liberation of Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945, the British Army Chaplain Rabbi Leslie Hardman led a Shabbat evening service for the survivors of the camp. At the conclusion of the service following the singing of Hatikva the rabbi proclaimed "Am Yisrael Chai, the children of Israel still live" and it was captured by the BBC radio.

The expression gained popularity in 1965 when a musical solidarity anthem was composed by Schlomo Carlebach for a rally in support of Soviet Jewry at the United Nations. It was chanted at rallies in 1975 when a PLO delegation was to be recognized to speak at the UN and a resolution to equate Zionism with racism was voted upon. It was also chanted when Golda Meir Z"L received an honorary doctorate at Yeshiva University in 1973. It was sung during the Six Day War in 1967 and also the 1973 Yom Kippur War. It represents defiance, resilience and affirmation of Jewish continuity.

More recently since the Israel-Hamas war it has gained prominence in the Diaspora to express support and solidarity with Israel and desire for the return of the hostages. Recently popularized by Israeli singers, it is now considered a Jewish anthem second only to Hatikvah.

We in Saskatoon, as a small community, have been largely insulated from the terrible anti-Semitism surging throughout the world but it has now reached us as well in Canada and even Saskatchewan. Now community is ever more important. We hope that the warmth of a lovely Shabbat meal and service lead by a new generation of children will uplift the spirits of our members and bring us together. I hope to see you all there.

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have to vote on its own policy on the matter. Leading up to that meeting were a series of debates between Jewish Societies and anti-Zionist groups on campuses around the UK, and the Jewish Societies wiped the floor with the haters. Momentum started swinging the other way, and eventually the NUS voted to rescind its "no platform" policy and to accrue to itself the power to suspend member unions that banned Jewish Societies.

Anti-Zionism retained plenty of popularity among student unions, but they had discovered that you could not codify anti-Zionism without also codifying anti-Semitism.

There are two additional lessons here for the American copycats of 2024. The first is that the anti-Zionists had tried arguing all along that Jewish groups could hold cultural and religious events but not political ones, but it was impossible to deny that forbidding one group from expressing equal political rights was discrimination. That is part of the "tentifada" movement currently roiling campuses—to remove from Jews, and only Jews, political rights and to officially make them second-class citizens.

Second, Britain has a stronger tradition as a debating society than we do here in the States, and that is certainly true of current campus culture, where the anti-Zionist hordes are bee-sting allergic to concepts that disrupt the worldview their upperclassmen have crafted for them. In the UK, logic and rationality brought an end to the attempts to distinguish anti-Zionist policies from anti-Semitic policies. I am less confident that logic and rationality are even options on university campuses in 2024.

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passed on orally for numerous generations. There are references of this ability of some to memorize and pass on large amounts of information. This did require ability plus training, requiring up to twelve years of training (Seth Speaks, 1972).

Lastly, faith started in Eden with Adam and Eve. They both talked to God and realized that God was their creator. Faith was then passed on via their son Seth as was evidenced by the passage And to Seth, in turn, a son was born, and he named him Enosh. It was then that men began to invoke the LORD by name (Genesis 4:26). That this faith continued with subsequent generations is shown in Genesis 5:22, Enoch walked with God, then he was no more, for God took him, and in Genesis 6:9 Noah was a righteous man, Noah walked with God.

So the gifts of Eden were higher intelligence or consciousness, communication, long life, memory, and faith. Perhaps it is our job as recorders of Eden and of the lineage from that time, to understand the beginnings and remember the gifts of Eden.

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World War I.

Brandeis became active in Zionist affairs during the First World War, when he accepted the role of Chairperson of the Provisional Executive Committee for General Zionist Affairs. Brandeis had a major impact on the American branch of the Zionist movement, drawing to it a number of sympathizers, improving its organization and its finance.

Though he resigned his official position on joining the Supreme Court, he nonetheless worked behind the scenes to influence President Woodrow Wilson to support the Zionist cause. After the war, Brandeis headed a delegation of American Zionists to London where, at a conference differences emerged between Chaim Weizmann and himself. These arguments over the role of the organization and its pursuit of political activities caused a rift between the two leaders with Weizmann gaining the upper hand. Brandeis withdrew from Zionist activity although he continued to take part in EretzIsrael economic affairs. Brandeis did intervene from time to time in political matters; for example he appealed to Roosevelt to oppose the British partition scheme of 1937 calling instead for the whole area of EretzIsrael to become a Jewish National Home.

We in southern California are fortunate to know of Brandeis because of his association with Shlomo Bardin. Bardin was a Ukrainian Jew who immigrated to Palestine. He came to the US in the late 1930s to do doctoral work in education at Columbia. Brandeis wanted to combat the assimilation among young Jews he found in America. He provided Bardin with funds to develop a kibbutz-like camp program for young adults in 1941. The program moved to Simi Valley in 1947, and was later renamed the Brandeis Bardin Institute. Louis Brandeis died in Washington DC October 5, 1941.

November 13, 2024 Note: My wife Phyllis and I sent our granddaughter Dvora, then 11, to Camp Alonim at Brandeis-Bardin Institute for three summer sessions. I am currently reading Brandeis: An intimate biography of one of America's truly great Supreme Court justices by Lewis J. Paper (1983).

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The Fifth Candle: In solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Israel, use your mizrach to turn your thoughts and recollections to the beauty and strength of our ancestral homeland. Invite a friend to share photos and memories of a visit to Israel.

The Sixth Candle: As the Chanukah lights burn, gather a coat, a sweater or blanket to donate to a homeless shelter, or collect canned or packaged food to donate to a food drive.

The Seventh Candle: In anticipation of the seventh night have your grandchildren create handmade tzedakah boxes and with your little ones, place them in each room of your home so they will be available for collecting loose change.

The Eighth Candle: Gather family and friends and formally rededicate the rooms of your home so they can better accomplish their sacred tasks–the dining room for guests, the kitchen for sustaining life, the living room for family interaction, the bedroom for rest and intimacy. Obtain additional mezuzot and with your friends and family affix these on each entry way. If you have young grandchildren, affix two mezzuot, one placed down low for little ones to touch.

Like Polly said, Chanukah does come early this year with the first candle kindled on the night of December 2. If you are fortunate enough to live near your family, you can plan your Chanukah HaBayit festivities by inviting children and grandchildren to your home. If you live in a retirement community you can share these activities with your friends by selecting one apartment for each of the eight nights. And remember, no worries if you are not permitted to use candles and matches. An electric menorah will do nicely!

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to better understand what was happening in the world, and in my community. The reason I kept working on it with my collaborators was that almost every person I talked to expressed similar feelings: they wanted the killing and suffering to stop, they hoped for peace, and they had a willingness to work locally to build a relationship with the "other side." The Jewish and Muslim communities in Saskatoon have a long history of friendship and collaboration. During the past year it has been difficult for many people in our two communities to remember those bonds of relationship. For a short period of time in the theatre on October 20th, we sat together and listened. We may have been uncomfortable, but many people expressed to me afterwards that they felt it was meaningful and worthwhile.

There is one thing that happened that gives me hope. In the lobby after the play as people enjoyed the tea and bannock, some of the Palestinian audience members connected with some of the Israeli audience members around a table. They stood for a few minutes and chatted. Afterwards one of the Israelis came to be and said: "I have never had the chance to talk to a Palestinian before." Once of the Palestinean's said "I have never had a chance to talk to an Israeli before." This was a first for both of them. To be in same room together, it have a conversation with someone you've never talked to is a step. A baby step, but a step.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to attend the play, and those who have expressed interest in seeing it. We hope we will have the opportunity to share another version of Deliberate Tenderness in the future. One of the great things about a verbatim play is that the script is never finished. If you have an opinion you would like to express, please feel free to reach out to me. The conversations I have had in this process have helped me understand not only the conflict far away, but also the communities here. They have also helped me look inwardly and question who I am and what it means for me to be Jewish. For all of this, I am grateful.

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Saskatoon Community Foundation and Care and Share (providing the turkeys for the Holiday Lunch in 18 schools). We have started a major commitment to 30 Birds, assisting young Afghani women to escape the Taliban controlled Afghanistan and get an education. Another major recipient is the YWCA, expanding their services to needy women and their children. We also support Camp Circle of Friends, so that children with significant health issues and their siblings can have a positive summer camping experience, Kisik Youth Wellness that assists young people to learn how to make positive choices, Right to Skate that brings skateboarding to young people who would otherwise not be able to participate, and the Teddy Bear Project that provides a cuddly friends to the youngest of patients in hospitals.

Finally, and a bit awkwardly, I want to thank B'nai Brith for choosing me as the We Are Proud of You Award recipient. It is a great honour to be included on a list that includes, among others, David Kaplan, Steven Goluboff and Arnie Shaw (the selection committee was not really Randy Katzman, Daniel Katzman, Kyle Katzman, Thomas Katzman and Joshua Katzman). Being introduced for the award by our son, Daniel, will be a memory that I will always treasure. And none of what I have done would have been possible except for the extraordinary support of my wife and greatest supporter, Susan.

Fried Pickle Latkes

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- 5 cups about 2 pounds russet potatoes, washed
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon potato starch optional
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 3-4 kosher dill pickles, sliced 1/4 inch thin and dried very well
- 1 teaspoon potato starch
- ½ cup canola oil

Start by peeling your potatoes one at a time and shredding them with a grater into a bowl of ice water. Let sit for 10 minutes. Remove potatoes, squeezing out the moisture into the water. Dry potatoes very well with towels or cheesecloth. Let sit 10 minutes for starch to accumulate on the bottom. Carefully drain water, reserving the white starch on the bottom. This part is optional, but helps make crispier latkes with soft insides. You can also add just potato starch, but this way you are MAKING POTATO STARCH. Which is pretty cool.

Place potatoes in a large bowl, dry again very well. Dry potatoes are the key to crispy latkes. Then add in the eggs, flour, spices and reserved starch and combine.

Dry the pickle slices very well then coat them in a little potato starch. This helps the latke batter stick to the pickle better.

Take about 1 tablespoon of latke batter and form it around a dried pickle slice. Repeat with the rest of the pickles (I did about half and kept making more as I was frying).

Set up a cooling rack over paper towels near the stove.

Heat up canola oil in a large saute pan. A dab of schmaltz never hurt either. Fry about 2-3 minutes until golden brown on both sides. Drain on a rack over paper towels and sprinkle with more salt.

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Samuel Claman Dec 3 (2)
Moisha Gross
Adolf Lehrer
Zlotta Lertzman
Harry Minovitz
Bella Spector
Jack Sugarman
Sam Goodman Dec 4 (3)
Frank Miller
Julie Sarblut
Eleanor Segal
Jack Hearn Dec 5 (4)
Sarah Hock
Samuel Laimon
Louis M. Levy
Harold Pavey
Hyman Isadore Richman
Fanny** Beaverman Dec 6 (5)
Wolfe Bodovsky
Harry Broudy
Abraham Chorsky
Alexander Fayerman
Joseph Katz
Miriam Pavey
Dorothy Steiger
Anette Sternberg

December 7 **Kislev 6**
Ytzchak Solsberg
Isaac Fogel Dec 8 (7)
Ann Katz
Ethel Nulman
Henry Woolf
Mayer Padolsky Dec 9 (8)
Halevi Polatnic
Richard Blum Dec 10 (9)
Rebecca Butler
Samuel Friedman
Sarah Sharzer
Zelda Dachis Dec 11 (10)
Harry Friedman
Joseph Segal
Anne Shiffman
Ella Springman
Mina Flikshteyn Dec 12 (11)
Grisha Gersher
Isaac Moishe Goldenberg
Philip Golumbia
Sally Katz
Beverly Shiffman
Malke Hamir Dec 13 (12)
Bessie Waiser

December 14 **Kislev 13**
Chaya Avivi
Bernie Fingard
Eli Shapero
Annie Sklar
Beatrice Hatklin Dec 15 (14)
Aida Soiffer
Mary-Ida Davidner Dec 16 (15)
Tanya Flikshteyn
Nathan Shaffer
Ben Shore
David Teplinsky
Morris Lubin Dec 17 (16)
Anna T. Blank Dec 18 (17)
Yehudith Broudy
Rabbi Nomi Oren Ehren-Lis
Rebecca Green
Jacob Neumann
Mary Bender Dec 19 (18)
Samuel Lifshen
Alexander Blum Dec 20 (19)

December 21 **Kislev 20**
Fannie Kahan Dec 22 (21)
Chaim Kolominsky
Stephen Mossny Dec 23 (22)
Podhorcer
Joseph Brant Dec 25 (24)
Pauline Laimon
Eva Miller
Reisie Korber Dec 27 (26)

Deceber 28 **Kislev 27**
Raya Gersher
Anita Marcus
Gertrude Goffman Dec 30 (29)
Sara Y. Korzen
Isaac Lubin
David MacKay
Yosef Pollak
Freda Aaron Dec 31 (30)
Michael Goorovitch
Marjorie Cohen Jan 1 (Tevet 1)
Alex Gimpel
Hena Feiga (Rena) Levitsky
Marvin Aarons Jan 2 (2)
Edith Caplan
Hyman Arlinsky Jan 3 (3)
Martha Blum
Susanna Hillman
Tom Kovish

January 4 **Tevet 4**
Nathan Kornfeld
Charles Vickar
Helen Levson Jan 5 (5)
Doris Mazer
Leopold Edison Jan 6 (6)
Israel M. Katzman
Labe Katzman
Veile Bernstein Jan 7 (7)
Joseph Ditlove
Joseph Donen
Lil Gitlin Jan 8 (8)
Annie Handelman
Ida Gamm Jan 9 (9)
Arthur Singer
Julie Singer
Moses Filer Jan 10 (10)

January 11 **Tevet 11**
Mary Davidner Jan 12 (12)
Michael Davidner
Syd Gelmon
Felix Mondrus
Brilliant Rahamimova
Elizabeth Brewster Jan 13 (13)
Arnold Golumbia
Baby Trager
Jacob Trager
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Solomon Shaw
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Clara Milavsky

January 25 **Tevet 25**
Rev. David Avol
Faige Bernbaum
Chaje Taube Goldenberg
Abraham Abelevsky Jan 26 (26)
Burna Purkin
Neil Bernbaum Jan 27 (27)
George Meyer
Irving Schulman
Shirley East Jan 28 (28)
Charlotte Fine
Gerald Greenblat
Solomon Katzman
Bessie Trager
Bert Scharfstein Jan 29 (29)
Rhoda Abbey Jan 30 (Shevat 1)
Isador Singer
Joseph Sugarman
Marion Hanna Jan 31 (2)
Michael Sklar

February 1 **Shevat 3**
Edward David Burns
Chaim Reznick
William Shear
Min Fayerman Feb 2 (4)
Reuben Gitlin
Mizal lsaakov
Shimon Tzalkovich
Chaye Goluboff Feb 3 (5)
David Rahanim
Doris Crone Feb 4 (6)
Sonny Ludwig
Walter Zion Feb 5 (7)
Jeffrey Gertler Feb 6 (8)
Max Hesselson
Rebecca Shore Feb 7 (9)
Benjamin Tadman

February 8 **Shevat 10**
Sadie Brand
Girl Neumann
Rabbi Sammy Pereira
Ethel Scharfstein
Joseph Switzer
Charles Feinstein Feb 9 (11)
Chaim Friedman
Larry Geller
Sondra Resnick
Jacob Waldman
Clara Adilman Feb 10 (12)
Joseph M. Bender
Annie Golumbia
Rose Gonick
Lillian Friedman Feb 11 (13)
Pearl Gurstein
Saralee Plachte
Louis Shore
Louis Spector
Chan Katzman Feb 12 (14)
Yosef (Abe) Avivi Feb 13 (15)
Seco Resnick
David Claman Feb 14 (16)
Nathan Goluboff
Harris Holzberg
Sam Raisen

February 15 **Shevat 17**
Susan Cherry
Harry Bandar Feb 16 (18)
Sam Hearn
Lida lsaakov
Gregory Trush
Albert Viner
Gitta Gootnik Feb 17 (19)
Shirley Barenbaum Feb 18 (20)
Isidor Korber
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Ethel Katzman

February 22 **Shevat 24**
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Joseph S. Dunn
Joseph Gonick
Abraham Guttmann
Sarah Laimon
Baruch Levington
Freda Katz Feb 23 (25)
Jack Miller
Vera Rabinovitch
Male Tzalkovich
Esther Freidin Feb 24 (26)
Sol Freidin
Jessie Kay
Bertha Kuenstler
Libby Lee
Percy Shore
Len Wolf
Perl Kleyman Feb 25 (27)
Sam Rabinovitch
Abraham Trager
Fanny Sugarman Feb 26 (28)
Matthew Gonick Feb 27 (29)
Jack Schwartz
Morris Danenhirsch Feb 28 (30
Benjamin Faibish
Harriett Kaplan
Herman Mahlerman
Fanny Nisenholt

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Eileen Cookman
Bill Katz
John Albert Cameron Mar 2 (2)
Gertie Chochinov
Elaine Friedman
Ruth Horlick
Lily Salz
Millie Diamond Mar 3(3)
Ronald Trute
Esther Berenbaum
Hazel Buckwald
Gitman Chertkow
Marcia Sarlin
Rose Selchen
Boy Bressler Mar 6 (6)
Charna Gersher
Wolf Meth
Naomi Rose
Shirley Seitz
Ester Weisman
Frances Melamede Mar 7 (7)
Raisa Mondrus
Rose Wolfe

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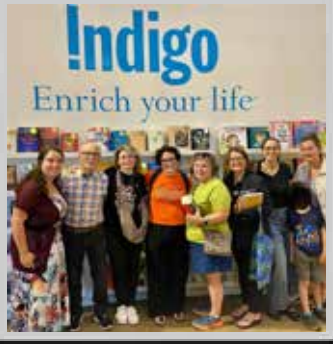
tea for Ido and Ayelet

"Buycott" at Indigo.



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