



THE BULLETIN

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Lockdown In Ottawa

by Shira Fenyes, Director of Public Affairs at the Embassy of Israel

It was a pleasant October morning, and I decided to take the longer route to work. After all, the sun was shining and the leaves were a magnificent pallet of red and yellow. I arrived at the Embassy just before 9 am, and the usual rhythm had begun to take its daily course. Shortly

following my morning coffee, I received a Globe and Mail update on my phone that left me feeling unsettled; 'Reported shooting at Ottawa's National War Monument.' I didn't quite know what to make of this disturbing piece of information, as I had just passed by that exact spot a few minutes earlier on my way to work. My phone was barraged with notifications and I turned on my office TV to

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2014 B'NAI BRITH SILVER PLATE DINNER

Dinner Chairman: David Katzman
Master of Ceremonies: Harold Shiffman
Ticket Chairman: Arnie Shaw
Silent and Live Auction Chairman:
Ron Gitlin
We're Proud of You Award Display:
Steven Simpson
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Wednesday November 12

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Cocktails 5:30 pm.

Dinner 6:30 pm

\$225 / ticket

Edenbridge in Photos



Edenbridge was a Jewish farming settlement near the town of Melfort, in Northern Saskatchewan. The settlement, which once boasted 170 residents, is now abandoned but the synagogue remains. The Shiffman family visited the synagogue and cemetery this summer where Lisa took around 150 pictures. A small selection of her pictures will be on display in the main hall of Congregation Agudas Israel from November 20th-December 18th. A reception will be held on November 20th at 7:00p.m. All are invited to attend.

Please join us for a
very special

Children's Shabbat

The children of CAI Hebrew
School will lead a child-
friendly Shabbat Service!

Friday, November 14, 2014
at 5:30 pm
at Congregation Agudas Israel

Please invite the whole family!
We look forward to seeing you
there!

Kiddish and Challah to follow.

light the menorah
spin the dreidel
and celebrate!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
HANUKKAH CELEBRATION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
AT 10:00AM

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ENTERTAINMENT, LUNCH AND
SURPRISES

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Deadline for the next Bulletin is December 10, 2014

Shlichim Programming

November 7th:
Remembering the late Prime minister
Yitzhak Rabin.
*as part of Shabbat welcoming

November 22nd:
Sushi & Wine night for Young Adults
7:00pm at the Centre

The Breakfast Film Club is Back!
Nov 16th: "Precious Life"
Dec 21st: "Eyes Wide Open"
10am at the Centre

For any questions,
remarks or comments we are here :
SHlichim@agudasisrael.org



Congregation Agudas Israel
Jewish Community Centre



Meeting

Robbie Weisman

by Laurie Goldstein



Meeting Robbie Weisman, Holocaust survivor, last month was an experience I will never forget. Encounters with Holocaust survivors are something all

Israelis are confronted with from an early age and are nothing unusual, but this meeting with Robbie was like nothing I had experienced before.

Every year on the 27th of the Hebrew month Nissan, Israel lowers the national flag in order to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day (Yom Ha Shoah). On this day, the Israeli education system and the media see it as their mission to teach and remind all Israelis of the greatest tragedy in the Jewish history in particular, and the history of mankind in general. On the eve of Holocaust Day businesses and places of entertainment close early and Israeli television provides the public with a wide variety of personal survival stories and films during the entire day. At 10:00 am a two minute siren brings the country to a silent halt and memorial ceremonies in the schools and all around the country begin as people stand silently, heads bowed and remember the six million Jews who perished. From being a young child the faces and images of Muselmann and death camps are forever engraved in your mind. You grow up knowing you and many of your friends had a close connection to the Holocaust. After all, the country was established in the shadow of the Second World War and the devastation it left behind; therefore we should never forget our history. This need to never forget sends many high school students on organised trips to Poland and Prague (Theresienstadt). Groups of IDF officers and soldiers also take part

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Breakfast Film club

November 16th, 10am:
"Precious Life"



We will gather in
the CAI boardroom

Synopsis & Trailers
@ agudasisrael.org

December 21st, 10am:
"Eyes Wide Open"



Tired of not understanding what the Siddur says? Hebrew Classes for adults

Want to participate?

Email us at Shlichim@agudasisrael.org
with your preferred day of the week and
an evaluation of your Hebrew Skills.

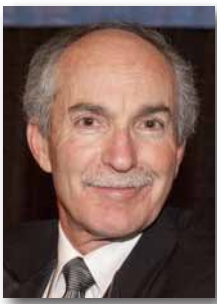
The sessions will concentrate on conversational and written Hebrew.



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SHARE IT WITH US!**
BECAUSE THIS HANUKKAH IS YOUR
TIME TO SHINE

SEND US AN EMAIL WITH YOUR
TALENT TO:

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Editorial

by Steven Goluboff

The multifaceted talents and activities of our community are on display for the next few months. It is indeed, as it always seems, a hectic time for many of us. After completing the self-examination of the High Holy Days, we can reflect on what went on in the past year and what we have to be thankful for and how we will lead our lives in the coming year. Our community tries to adhere to our Mission Statement which I encourage you to read at the top of page three. We speak of a *spiritual, religious, educational and social home, a deepening of the quality of Jewish life, and recognize the evolving link in the historical traditions of the Jewish people*. As well, we aim to be *progressive, democratic and sensitive to the widest spectrum of Jewish thought and practice*. Obviously, we do not reach all of our members and some may not find any parts of our Mission Statement relevant. Are we attaining those goals as a synagogue and is our Board of Trustees still committed to them. I think so. We are blessed with good spiritual leadership and services which are inclusive and can be meaningful if given the opportunity. Our educational choices reach from our preschool children to adult education and with an offer to study personally with Rabbi Claudio. Our cultural experiences range from those which occur in our own community centre such as the recent Festival of the Arts, choreographed and organized by the inimitable Dr. David Kaplan to the poignant and possibly controversial play *My Rabbi* by our own Joel Bernbaum. Hanukkah celebrations will allow our members to display their own musical and theatrical talent and the Shlichim continue the tradition of wonderful Israel cinema at the Breakfast Club. Our local B'nai Brith chapter has become somewhat of a patron of the arts and has supported many of these activities with financial grants. They are only able to do this because of the success of the B'nai Brith Silver Plate Dinner which will celebrate its 60th anniversary on November 12th. I encourage our men in the community to attend and help with this enormously important event. Our role in the larger community was illustrated recently at a Gala 50th Anniversary of the Mendel Art Gallery, where Linda Shaw eloquently shared with the large audience the story of the early

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FROM OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

The Mission Statement of Congregation Agudas Israel

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

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

MAZEL TOV AND CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Abby Holtslander, daughter of Franci and Gordon for her recent nomination for the Saskatoon School Board ward of Excellence. Good Luck.

Mayah Holtslander, daughter of Franci and Gordon for completing her Master's Essay entitled "Liminal Identity in Amy Levy's Reuban Sachs". Mayah has also assumed the role of Bulletin Youth Editor following the good work of her sister Abby.

Bruce and Tamara Buckwold on the marriage of their son Benjamin to Laurie Magnan, daughter of Michelle and Nicole on October 11th, 2014. The newlyweds will be residing in Halifax, where Ben works as a City planner and Laurie is a social worker in the French School system.

Gladys Rose, on the birth of a great grandson, Mason Cole Cooper, the first child of Mark and Alissa Cooper and her 6th great grandchild, on September 21, 2014.

Janet Erikson, on the birth of a grandson, Joshua Masamune Ross, son of Ben and Reina (nee Higashimura) Ross, in Osaka Japan. Delighted grandparents are Janet Erikson and Alan Ross of Regina.



Steven Goluboff and David Katzman, who won the Don Campbell Cup at Riverside Gold Club with the Two Man Best Ball low net score of 65.

Dr. David Kaplan who was a recipient of the Cornerstone of the Community Award at the Mayor's Cultural Gala.



Leona Wasserman on the marriage of her daughter Dr Lisa Wasserman to Dr Aimee Klapach in Banff on August 28th, 2014. Lisa and Aimee reside in Minneapolis; and upon the birth of a granddaughter, Chloe Isabella Rosenfeld, born to Adam Rosenfeld and Dr Paula Wasserman of Calgary on September 26th, A sister to 2 year old Noah

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Allen, Vanessa and Jacob Morris. The young Morris family has just moved to Saskatoon from Toronto and joined the Agudas Israel Community. Vanessa Morris, originally from Brazil went to business school at university before coming to Canada to learn English. She moved to Toronto in 2011 where she met her husband Allen

Morris. Allen is from Montreal and has lived most of his life in Toronto. He is a lawyer, an accountant and a trustee in bankruptcy.

Allen is now an associate at WMCZ Lawyers. Due to the high standard of life in Saskatoon and to a great job opportunity, the couple moved to Saskatoon in July/2014 and just had a special addition to their lives, their son Jacob Saul Morris, born in the Royal University Hospital on September 12th 2014. The Morris family is very excited about their new life in the city and wish a Shana Tova to all friends and members of the community.

Jared Katzman. Jared is the son of Shirley and Randy Katzman, born and educated Saskatoon and looking forward to taking an active role in our Congregation.

Alec and Ana Karpovski and children Maggie and David, who moved to Saskatoon from Israel in 2013



GET WELL WISHES TO

Cormak McGettigan, David Kaplan, Ruth Horlick

CONDOLENCES TO:

Jordana Jacobson and family, on the death of her aunt Susie Kassen in Vancouver, wife of Dr. Barry Kassen who grew up in Saskatoon.

Mitch and Judy Kassen on death of their sister-in-law Susie Kassen. Mitch and Judy, members of CAI live in Red Deer.

THANK YOU TO:

City Centre Family Physicians for the donation of chairs for the Synagogue and tables for the Hebrew School and to Steven Simpson and his crew from Centennial 360, for moving them to the Synagogue.

This page is sponsored by Steven, Leila, Sarah & Shaina Goluboff

Person to Person

by Marsha Scharfstein, President, CAI

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

- Rosalynn Carter



My grandson just turned one! A year has flown by with lightening speed and he is no longer a baby. He is walking, trying to talk and expressing the fact that he has opinions and wants to be heard and understood.

He is not so different from the majority of us...we want to be heard and understood also. Certainly we have more communication skills than Sean (although a well placed cry can and does communicate rather effectively) ...but sometimes we get caught up in the politically correct...or incorrect ...and fail to truly express ourselves. Maybe we don't want to be involved...maybe we don't want to look uninformed...maybe we feel it is not our place...whatever the reason, we often do not say what we really feel.

This happens in our private lives as well as our community lives. What I am most concerned with at this moment, is the com-

munity...this community...aspect. At any given time there are many projects, events, proposed changes, and status quo going on here. In order to best serve our members, we need to know what you are thinking. I am, and I know the rest of the Board is, committed to providing the best in everything that we can. In order to do this effectively, we need to know the pulse of the community. We need to know what is going on and also what you want to have going on. I never want the reason you are not being heard to be that you feel no one is listening.

I cannot promise that this community can or will make every change that members want or need. I can, however, promise that I will listen to your ideas and will keep listening until I understand.

We are beginning a very important initiative this year. In each Bulletin, we are going

to try to have a list of items that are needed in the building...big things and small. If there is something that you have noticed that needs repair/replacement, please let me or Steven Simpson know. If you would like to contribute to the accomplishment of one of the items on the list, also let us know. We would be delighted to accept your donation. This building does need some TLC and together we hope to make that happen.

The new year has begun and it has arrived with a burst of energy. Ambassador Barak's visit was a high note, as was the Festival of the Arts. The Bnai Brith Silver Plate Dinner is in a few weeks and before we know it, it will be Hanukkah and the Activity Fair. There is lots to do and lots of opportunities to get involved. See you soon.



Divrei Harav – Rabbi Claudio's Message Why Should I Care about Israel? (Excerpts from Rosh Hashanah's sermon)

by Rabbi Claudio Jodorkovsky

During the summer I was talking with a young Jew about the war. Realizing the complexity of the situation, missiles coming down to Israel and Israel attacking back with hundreds and hundreds of civilians killed, he asked me with all honesty: Why, if this whole thing is so complicated... Why if the cost in human lives has been so high and we see Israel attacking forcefully, and killing... If this seems to have no simple solution, why it is so necessary to have a Jewish State? Is it worth it? Can't we be just Jews, without Israel?

It was a sincere and legitimate question, and I was deeply sad and troubled. While the answer was obvious for me, for him it wasn't, and according to recent studies it is becoming less and less obvious for many Jews, and especially young ones. Because that was a sincere question from a young Jew who could be our son, or our future grandson, or a future leader of our community, and because it can also represent the questions of our friends, spouses or even ourselves, I thought it was important on this day of Rosh Hashanah to talk about what Israel means for us. Why Israel matters?

In 1990 Elie Wiesel was visiting the city

of Saragossa, in Spain. And while walking through its impressive cathedral, a man approached him speaking French and offered him to be his guide. In the course of their conversation it came out that Wiesel was Jewish and he spoke Hebrew. "I have never met a Jewish person before, but I have something I have to show you. Maybe you can tell me what it is". The two men walked to the Spaniard's apartment and there he showed Wiesel an old manuscript: "Is this Hebrew? My family has passed-it-down for generations".

Wiesel began to tremble as he discovered that in fact it was Hebrew and it was written almost five hundred years before:

"I, Moshe ben Avraham, forced to break all ties with my people and my faith, leave these lines to the children of my children and theirs, in order that on the day when Israel will be able to walk again, it's head held-high under the sun without fear or remorse, they will know where their roots lie. Written in Saragossa, the 9th of Av, in the year of punishment and exile."

"What's the meaning of this document?" – asked the alarmed Spaniard. He didn't know anything about the history of the Spanish

Jewry or the expulsion in 1492. And when Wiesel told him the story of our people, his eyes grew wider and wider.

It was not until a few years later that Wiesel really understood the meaning of what happened that day. He was visiting Jerusalem and one stranger stopped him in the street: "Do you recognize me? Saragossa!" And once again the man invited Wiesel to his apartment, and while they were walking he

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Mercaz Musings

by Elaine Sharfe – Mercaz Canada Board Member

On the night of Kol Nidre, I spoke about Mercaz, the Zionist voice of Conservative Judaism in Canada and around the world. In just a few minutes I tried to identify the reasons that we, the Jewish people in Saskatoon, should become members of this organization. I explained that Mercaz is a member of the World Zionist Organization, which is the government for world Jewry. Money, through our annual UIA campaign is sent to the Jewish Agency and the WZO

decides where that money will be allocated. The allocations are based on memberships. Mercaz is only one of the many members in the organization, and the amount of money it receives is proportional to its membership list. If we in the Conservative Movement want to receive more money, we need more members.

We need your membership for many reasons, but I'm only going to mention three.

We need your membership because we want to support USY (United Synagogue Youth) trips to Israel.

We need your membership because we want

religious pluralism in Israel.

We need your membership because we don't want the definition of "Who is a Jew" to be determined only by the orthodox rabbinate.

We need your membership--and it's only \$18.00 a person or \$36 for a couple and family.

There are many ways to join: You can join online at www.mercaz.ca. You can call 1-866-357-3384. You can send a cheque to 55 Yeomans Road, Ste 201 Toronto, ON M3H 2J3.

Join now and make your voice heard.



CIJA and Hillel Supporting our Students on Campus

by Steve McDonald, Assistant Director of Communications - CIJA

When speaking to Jewish audiences across Canada, I'm often asked: "What's happening on campus?" For those with children and grandchildren at university, the question is all the more poignant at this time of year.

As the advocacy agent of Canada's Jewish Federations, the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) provides ongoing advocacy support for Hillels and pro-Israel students (both Jewish and non-Jewish). This includes everything from offering training, written materials, giveaway products, and emergency support for campuses facing serious advocacy challenges.

While we approach campus advocacy from a national perspective, every campus is unique – and some of the best ideas and initiatives emerge at the local level. The lessons we learn from the experiences of Hillel staff and student activists – and in turn share with campuses across Canada – are invaluable. At the same time, campus advocacy requires a multifaceted approach. This is why CIJA builds relationships with university administrations and campus security offices, hosts academic and student leadership missions to Israel, and facilitates the growth of Canada-Israel academic ties.

In supporting Jewish students confronting advocacy challenges, there are three core priorities on which we are focused.

The first is the safety of students. Every student, both Jewish and non-Jewish, has the

right to enjoy freedom of speech, a secure environment, and a discrimination-free university experience. While incidents such as the one that took place at Concordia in 2002 represent the extreme end of the spectrum, lesser examples of anti-Israel vandalism and hostile language – however rare – are unacceptable and must be confronted wherever they occur.

This is distinct from legitimate debates about the Middle East which, as with many other contentious topics, frequently occur on campus. Such conversations are a healthy part of university life, even if Jewish students hear criticisms of Israel with which they passionately disagree. So long as such debates do not involve dehumanizing language or spur discrimination, our task is not to "silence" these conversations but rather provide our students with greater knowledge and context to better understand the issues and express their support for Israel.

Which naturally leads to our second priority on campus: countering "abuse of the podium". This is the term we use to describe situations in which Israel arises in the classroom in a decontextualized and highly politicized manner. Jewish students can only feel uncomfortable when a professor brings up Israel in a lecture unrelated to the Middle East, and in turn presents a distorted image of the Jewish state. Hillel staff across Canada are at the forefront of helping students navigate these tricky situations, know their rights, and – where necessary – file formal academic complaints. Our role at CIJA is to provide support and advice

to Hillel chapters managing these and other difficult situations on campus.

Third, we are providing students with tools to counter the Boycott-Divestment-Sanctions (BDS) movement, which has galvanized the radical fringe on campus. Jewish students at some campuses have found themselves battling student union resolutions endorsing BDS. These resolutions are not binding on the university (and no university administration in North America has endorsed boycotts of Israel), but they are certainly a symbol that alienates Jewish students. Worse, they betray the interests of the general student body, which elects its student government for the purpose of improving life on campus rather than discussing divisive overseas topics.

In addition to providing information to refute BDS, CIJA is focused on sharing techniques for Jewish students to win campus elections and build alliances with non-Jewish groups. The most effective means of countering BDS is to have friends in positions of influence on campus, particularly at the student union level, who can make the case for why BDS diminishes the campus environment for all students.

In taking on the three priorities described above, we cannot forget that the vast majority of students are not anti-Israel and largely tune out the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. In many cases, those same students can become interested in Israeli culture and technology. We should be encouraged, for example, that

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Hadassah-WIZO News



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

by Linda Shaw,

The Sarah Goldenberg Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO and Congregation Agudas Israel Sisterhood joint opening meeting was a huge success. It may have been the attraction of seeing Lesley-Ann's beautiful home and gardens, or maybe the excellent pot-luck food, but we had the best turnout we've had in years. Thank you so much, Lesley-Ann and Alan, for hosting.

The opening meeting is mostly about Membership (and socializing) and I'm delighted to welcome many new and returning Annual Members and all the supportive Life Members. Welcome to Annual Members: Rosy Kreindel, Marissa Meyntz and Malvina Rapko. A special welcome to our new Life Member: Becky Scharfstein. It's never too late to join our CHW chapter (\$36). (We ask \$10 from our Life Members to cover local expenses. Call Dianne @ 306-652-5916) One of the perks of membership is receiving the informative and interesting Orah Magazine twice a year. It features stories about Hadassah-WIZO members, leaders and donors and also has interesting articles about our many Canadian Hadassah-WIZO projects. You can also read it on-line at www.CHW.ca.

Sometimes I take it for granted that you all are totally informed about our CHW projects but just in case you skim (or skip) the articles and would like to know just a bit more, I'm going to use this column to tell you about some of the projects (maybe one per article). Of course the day care centres, schools, hospitals

and women's centre that CHW supports in Israel are central to the vital work we do. Today I want to tell you about a new partnership that Canadian Hadassah-WIZO has with Assaf Harofeh Medical Centre: The CHW Stroke and Invasive Neuroradiology Institute. To quote the Orah Magazine: "Stroke is the number one killer of women in Israel, Canada and globally." Up until recently, cerebrovascular accidents or strokes were the most prominent and prevalent complications of atherosclerosis and had almost no effective treatment. Now "invasive neurovascular surgery, a modern advanced treatment, can have a tremendous impact on the outcome for stroke patients." Time is of the utmost importance. Doctors at Assaf Harofeh Medical Centre are providing immediate neurovascular surgery and finding the results of the time-sensitive intervention shortens recovery time and improves the quality of life for stroke patients. The doctors stress the importance of recognizing the signs of stroke and getting help as quickly as possible. The combination of education, research and surgery is proving very successful enabling us to help many, many patients. Thank you.

What's new? On November 15th Jennifer Hesselson and I will be attending the CHW Annual General Meeting in Toronto. The highlight of that weekend will be the Tribute Gala to Marla Dan, our outgoing National President. There will be meetings too but the gala should be awesome - just like Marla.

Thursday, November 6th, we are going to be serving our Jewish Style Dinner for Eight at the home of the lucky 2014 raffle winner, Garry Forstey. If you read this in time, please consider contributing a "tasty treat", some nice candles or some wine. This comes just in time for launching our 2015 Raffle Tickets Sale at the B'nai Brith men's Silver Plate Dinner. Tickets are only \$5 each - an easy sell. To get some to sell or buy for yourself, call me (306-374-7720).

Janet has CHW cards for every event - a painless way to support CHW. She'll even mail them out for you. Email her at janeterikson@sasktel.net.

Next chapter meeting: Sunday, November 30th At Linda Shaw's house, 1109 Temperance Street. We'll start at 11:00 a.m. and have a light brunch. Program: A Casual Overview of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission with Jan Gitlin, Commissioner. She'll brief us about the work that the Commission has been doing for advocacy and reconciliation and tell us about the "Think Good, Do Good" Program that Saskatchewan has initiated. Please let me know that you are attending. (You can wear your football jerseys. It's Grey Cup Day. We'll be finished in plenty of time.) Go Riders.

See you in November.

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Notes from Sisterhood and More

by Lisa Shiffman, President, Agudas Israel Sisterhood

At the beginning of September our Sisterhood and Hadasah had a combined potluck meeting and garden tour at Lesley Ann's beautifully landscaped acreage. It was a lovely night out with perfect weather and great company.

Sisterhood is a group of ladies from within the walls of Congregation Agudas Israel who manage the kitchen and assist with various events and activities that fall within the Jewish community. We have fun events for members once or twice a year such as craft nights and dinner together. No one is ever obligated to attend every function. Meetings are generally to the point and quite short and minutes are sent out to all members who are unable to attend.

Sisterhood dues are due in mid-November. Cheques can be left in Marsha's mailbox at the centre, written to "Agudas Israel Sisterhood"

(not shortened or abbreviated). In September of 2013 we unanimously voted in a motion to raise dues to \$35/year in order to keep up with our national's increase in dues.

If anyone has any suggestions on fun things we can do as a unit please email me and I'll bring it up at our next meeting. Some suggestions in the past have included a "zentangle" night, another Chanukah card making night, and a yoga or meditation evening or workshop. All ideas (old and new) will be discussed at upcoming


meetings when we can decide as a unit what would be of most interest to the group.

All ladies who are members of Congregation Agudas Israel are welcome to join our Sisterhood and we would welcome you with open arms! Please email Lisa for more information on how to become involved in Sisterhood at Lisashiffman@shaw.ca



*Our next meeting is on Sunday, November 16th at Lisa's house, so we can discuss upcoming events and the Chanukah fair.

Israeli Dance Classes
Free



All ages welcome
No previous dance experience required
Bring comfortable shoes – no boots or heels!

Tuesdays, 7p.m. beginning on October 21st, CAI Gym (cancelled on November 11th.)
The last class before the holidays will be on December 9th. Classes will start up again in January.

* This year a weekly RSVP is required by 5:00p.m. on Tuesday, so we can be sure we have enough people for a lesson. By 5:30p.m. the group will receive an email to let you know if the lesson is going ahead that week. *

Email Lisashiffman@shaw.ca to be added to the dance group e-mail list.

Used Furniture
NEEDED!

Some of the Shlichim apartment furniture is in rough shape so we are looking for a few items to replace damaged items.

Please email Lisashiffman@shaw.ca if you have an item we're looking for that you are willing to donate.

We are currently looking for:

- matching bedside tables
- two dressers or 2 chests of drawers that match – mirror not necessary but would be fine either way.
- a large dining room table or a table that has a leaf or two
- small bistro set (table and two chairs) for the balcony
- one set of two long, neutral (preferably a shade of brown or white) curtains. These do not need to be heavy or light blockers - any type of curtains would work.

At the front door is
Calendar of
Jewish Community Events

It is kept up to date with posters of upcoming events for the Jewish community and events that everyone may be interested in that are taking place in Saskatoon.

If you wish to add something to the board please email Lisashiffman@shaw.ca and she'll make sure your information is posted in the correct place. Posters can be emailed to Lisa or left in her mailbox in the Agudas Israel office.



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The Greatest Ride on Earth

by Linda Goldstein

Shalom Congregation Agudas Israel, Saskatoon,

Your new shlichim Laurie (my daughter) and Itai (Laurie's amazing boyfriend)

sent me your last Bulletin which led me to a desire to hopefully add a short "something" to be published in one of your future Bulletins. They sent it to me mainly so that I could see in black and white something about the roles they are playing in your community. Laurie tells me almost daily about your community which seems so warm and embracing that I feel very connected. I want to thank all of you who have taken Laurie and Itai into your hearts and homes. Although I do understand the reasoning behind this adventure, I can't help but ponder on "what will be the outcome" of the situation whereby Laurie and Itai had left Israel for at least one year at least and who knows where this will lead, hopefully right back home! At a slightly younger age than Laurie I left my home and family to go Israel and I am sure their thoughts were similar. My family not being Zionist probably hoped that this would also be for a year or so and then I would be back, returning to the very nice career which I had built for myself and finding a way to settle into the rest of my life. This was not to be!

As I am writing this and my thoughts go to the day I left England, Elvis's "In the Ghetto", is playing on local radio station that plays songs from the 50's, 60's and 70's on a Saturday and it seems to fit in perfectly. My journey didn't start on "A cold and grey Chicago Morn" but on a cold and grey Manchester morn on December 31st, 1980. However, I don't think that either the weather or Elvis are the reasons behind this connection but rather I am thinking of ghettos in general. There was a time when all the Jews of the world belonged to one ghetto or another in which they lived

either out of choice because that was their way to survive, or where they were brutally forced to live during World War II. When the "ghetto age" came to a close our people were dispersed all over the world. My hope is that as many of the Jewish people who want will return to the "home ghetto", a place of choice, without walls and the world will allow us to be here peacefully. Of course I know that we in Israel must bear most of the burden in order to make that happen.

Back to a personal note, as I said my family in England was not in the least Zionist, they were far too busy trying to make ends meet. My Zionist juices started to flow when my brother decided to go a Kibbutz around 1977. To cut a very long story very short, that led me to the cold and grey December morn which ended in a cold and grey December evening in Ulpan Etzion, 2 Gad Street, Baka, Israel. I cried when I entered the cubby hole sized room which I was about to share with two other girls and I was surrounded by all of my luggage and nowhere to put it! That time in Ulpan Etzion turned out to be the most wonderful six months of my life (not counting all the magic years of having three beautiful daughters all born in Israel)! Israel never did afford me the possibility to continue with my career and I wandered from place to place until I found my current job seven years ago, which I want to talk about shortly.

My almost 34 years in Israel have been a roller coaster ride with steep slopes rising to peaks which have been sometimes too short lived and the down slopes sometimes breathtaking, but it was the many level sections in between which have helped to make Israel our home. Although I have to admit that when the struggles of everyday living in Israel come in through the door some of those Zionist roots can easily loosen themselves and try to escape through the window. After all the experiences of the past years which include too many sleepless nights and scary days when we were



in situations of war and when my husband and daughters served in the IDF, I thankfully find myself through my present job being once again excited about Zionism and realizing that it is far from a dinosaur from the past. Indeed it is a living and breathing force to be dealt with. So I want to introduce my second home where I have worked for the past seven years and this is the Interdisciplinary Centre Herzliya. It is a private, Zionist university which is just celebrating its' 20th year and is headed by its founder who was able to realize his dream, Professor Uriel Reichman. I work as a Housing Coordinator for the Raphael Recannati International School which boasts over 1600 students from over 80 countries worldwide. The entire school boasts close to 7000 students from all walks of Israeli life. The Raphael Recannati International School may well be the largest Aliyah "factory" that exists. So many of our graduating students decide to make their homes here, serve in the IDF and even those who return to their original homes are without doubt wonderful ambassadors for both Israel and the IDC (Interdisciplinary Centre). I know that if I was still living outside Israel and especially in the troubled and threatened world in which we find ourselves today, I would be thrilled to send my children to study here. The standard of education is high and enjoys world recognition. The students are truly partners in their education and we personally know each one. This probably sounds like an advertisement for the IDC and maybe it is but more so I wanted to send the message that Zionism and Israel despite the never ending roller coaster ride are alive and kicking and everyone who wants to ride with us is welcome on board! Shana Tova!

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Psalm 94- The Psalm for Wednesday

by Dale Sands



This Psalm is a fairly action packed prayer. It is split into several sections. The beginning, middle and end have different audiences that are addressed.

In this first section the Psalmist is asking God to appear with his title of God of Retribution, Judge of the earth. He is seeking relief and help because of arrogant and wicked people who are oppressing Israel. According to verses 5 and 6 they are not humane at all. The Psalmist asks God how long will the wicked seem to be winning? It certainly seems the speaker of the Psalm is having a confidence crisis at this point.

V1. God of Retribution, Lord, and God of Retribution appear.

V2. Judge of the earth; give the arrogant their just desserts.

V3. How long, Lord, how long shall the wicked exult?

V4. They pour out arrogance, swaggering, boasting.

V5. They crush your people, Lord; they oppress your very own.

V6. Widow and strangers they slay; orphans they murder.

V7. They say, "The Lord does not see the God of Jacob pays no heed."

In the middle section God speaks to the wicked or fools as some translations have it. He reminds them rather bluntly he is the instructor and does pay heed in verses 9- 12. In verses 13- 15 the Psalmist speaks to his followers telling them that they can persevere through the current struggles and that he will not abandon them.

V8. Be discerning, you dullards. When will you fools be wise?

V9. Surely he who shapes the ear can hear. Surely he who forms the eye can see

V10. Surely he who disciplines nations will chastise. Surely he who disciplines nations will chastise.

V11. The Lord knows human schemes, how futile they are.

V12. . Blessed be the one whom He disciplines and teaches Torah

V13. Training him to wait calmly in adversity until a pit be dug for the wicked.

V14. The Lord will not abandon his people; He will not forsake his very own.

V15. Justice will return to the righteous; all the upright in heart will strive for it.

I see verses 16 through 18 as a stand-alone

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section. The Psalmist repeats a plea for help. It seems he still lacks the confidence to keep going although in the next two verses we can see that he reminds himself and others that God is supporting him down to his soul.

V16. Who stands up with me against the ungodly? Who will take my part against evildoers?

V17. Were it not for God's help, I would be in my grave.

V18. When my foot slips, the Lord's love supports me.

V19. When I am filled with cares, his comfort soothes my soul.

In the last few verses the Psalmist asks the people who they are allied with and gives one more confirmation that God is with him. He finally proclaims what God is going to do to the wicked to repay them for their actions.

V20. Are you allied with seats of wickedness, those who frame injustice by statute?

V21. They organize against the righteous; they condemn the innocent to death.

V22. The Lord God is my refuge; my God is my sheltering Rock.

V23. He will repay them for their wickedness; destroy them with their own evil. The Lord our God will destroy them.

To finish a rather difficult section the Rabbi's added a few short verses of joyous and loud praise for God.

Let us sing to the Lord acclaim our rock of deliverance.

Let us greet him with praise and sing songs in joy. The Lord is exalted, beyond all that is worshipped.

Psalm 95: 1-3



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Aseret ha dibrot: From The Moral and Spiritual Values of Judaism

by the late Rabbi Roger Pavey

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

Aseret ha dibrot

What non-Jews know as the 10 Commandments is called in Jewish tradition the 10 Words, aseret ha dibrot. The attitude of Jewish tradition to the 10 Words is ambivalent. While much of Western thought has come to regard them as the very foundation of civilization, this has not been so in Judaism. Judaism has always recognized their importance, both in their own right, and also as a symbol of Torah, the word of God to humanity. It has also played down their importance. There are two basic reasons for this. People might claim that these 10 Words are the be-all and end-all of religion, all that is needed for the God-centred life, and therefore be inclined to demean, indeed abolish, everything else. This is basically what early Christianity did indeed do in the Pauline abandoning of Torah. To avoid this and to ensure that people recognized that the Torah, both written and oral, went far beyond this summary of what God wanted from human beings, it was necessary for Rabbinic Judaism to demote the 10 Words from having too high a status. They are read only on three occasions in the liturgical year: on the two Shabbatot when they are part of the prescribed Torah reading for the day, and on Shavuot, which is the festival of revelation, zeman mattan Toratenu, the time when our Torah was given. But when they are read,

it is the custom for the whole community to stand and receive them once again as their forebears did at Sinai.

There are two versions of the 10 Words, in Exodus 20 and in Deuteronomy 5. The only major difference between the two is in the fourth, the keeping of Shabbat. In addition, the numbering of the Words varies between the Jewish and Christian tradition, and I follow the Jewish numbering. They fall easily into two sections, traditionally seen as reflecting the two tablets of stone on which they were supposedly originally inscribed. The first four relate to the duties between human and divine, ben adam la makom, the rest to those between human and human, ben adam la adam, with the fifth, enjoining honoring parents, as the fulcrum that links the two and moves from one to the other. Midrash links the two sections even more tightly, tying in 1 with 6, 2 with 7, 3 with 8, 4 with 9 and 5 with 10. For example, the first, which speaks of the existence of God, is the basis for the sixth, which prohibits murder, in that murder the blotting out of an element of God's creation is itself a denial of God; the murder of the creature is an attempted murder of the Creator.

I am Adonai, who is your God, who brought you out of Mitsrayim, out of the house of slaves.

You shall have no other gods apart from Me. You shall not make yourself any sculpted or painted image of anything in heaven above, on the earth below it or in the water under the earth. You shall not acknowledge them or serve them. Because I, Adonai, am a god of burning zeal, who remembers the sins of forebears into the third and fourth generation

of their children who persist in rejecting Me, but on the other hand reciprocating love to thousands of generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

You shall not use the name Adonai of your God for improper purposes. Adonai will not regard as innocent those who do this.

Remember Shabbat to make it special. You may work for six days and do everything that you need to. But the seventh day belongs to Adonai your God as Shabbat. You shall not do any work. This is because Adonai created heaven, earth, sea and everything in them in six days and rested on the seventh. Therefore, Adonai blessed Shabbat and made it special (Exodus).

Keep Shabbat and make it special, as Adonai your God commanded you. You may work for six days and do everything you need to. But the seventh day belongs to Adonai your God, as Shabbat. You shall not do any work, you, your children, your servants, male or female, your ox or ass or any other animal, or the stranger who lives with you. Because you must remember that you were slaves in Mitsrayim and Adonai your God brought you out from there with miraculous power. Therefore has Adonai your God commanded you to keep Shabbat (Deuteronomy).

Honor your father and mother so that you may live long on the land that Adonai your God is giving you.

Don't murder.

Don't commit adultery.

Don't steal.

Don't perjure yourself when testifying

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Israel's Ambassador to Canada Visits Congregation Agudas Israel

by Mayah Holtlander - Youth Editor

On the weekend of October 17th and 18th Congregation Agudas Israel welcomed Rafael Barak, the Israeli Ambassador to Canada, during his visit to Saskatoon. The Ambassador joined our community in celebrating Simchat Torah on Friday evening and subsequently spoke about his visit to Canada and ways to build the relationship between Israel and Canada at Saturday morning services. Barak's visit to Saskatchewan served a dual purpose. His time spent with our community was one of many similar visits to other Jewish communities in Canada, aimed at discovering and understanding diverse Jewish experiences across Canada. However, Barak's main reason for being in Saskatoon was to discuss the recently announced partnership between Saskatchewan and Israel. At Saturday morning services, Barak explained that this new partnership would focus on research and development in agriculture, food security, minerals and nuclear energy.

At services on Saturday morning Ambassador Barak discussed Israel but avoided specific discussions about the conflict in the Middle East. He emphasized that as an Ambassador, his job entailed identifying and developing ways to bring countries together. Thus, the majority of his discussion veered away from the conflict in Israel and instead focused on the ways that Canada and Israel have recently built a stronger relationship. He briefly mentioned the general political unrest in the Middle East and how these conflicts quickly become global concerns. Barak emphasized that while Israel is almost always in the news in relation to these conflicts, there is much more to Israel than the conflict that generally defines the country.

As a result, the majority of Barak's discussion on Saturday moved away from the topic of conflict and instead focused on the ways in which Israel is currently building new global relationships. Barak praised Stephen Harper and his extremely, visible and vocal support for the state of Israel. Thus, Barak discussed Israel's new relationship with Saskatchewan at length.

He revealed that this new partnership would be primarily scientific and center on developing new technologies in areas such, as nanotechnology, maritime studies and would also examine methods to reduce Canada's water use in the oil sands. He also discussed Canada's developing trade agreement with Israel. Overall, Barak emphasized the ways in which this new partnership in Saskatchewan was part of a larger movement to

bridge Canada and Israel as research and trade partners in the future.

At the end of Barak's discussion, congregants were encouraged to ask questions and two congregants voiced some important concerns. First, a congregant asked the ambassador about Canada's upcoming election next year and how a new Prime Minister might alter Canada's current relationship with Israel. The Ambassador responded that he felt

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Forging Saskatchewan-Israel Technology Partnerships that Unlock New Global Markets

OTTAWA, Ontario and SASKATOON, Saskatchewan; October 17, 2014 – The Canada-Israel Industrial Research Development Foundation (CIIRD), the Government of Saskatchewan, and the Embassy of Israel in Canada today announced a new program that will facilitate industry-led R&D collaboration between Saskatchewan and Israel, and strengthen the innovation and economic ties between the two jurisdictions. The Saskatchewan-Israel R&D Collaboration Program will enable the joint development and commercialization of new technologies in areas of shared expertise including agriculture, clean tech, minerals, nuclear R&D, and energy. The emerging bilateral partnerships promise to yield new products that help collaborating companies break new ground in global markets, and generate export revenues that grow the economies of both Saskatchewan and Israel.

Building on the outcomes of the Saskatchewan Science and Innovation Mission to Israel led by Innovation Saskatchewan in March 2014, the pilot program will capitalize on the complementary R&D strengths and resources of both jurisdictions. Managed by CIIRD, the program will leverage investment from the Government of Saskatchewan, and the Office of the Chief Scientist, Ministry of Economy in Israel. It will stimulate and support industry-led R&D projects that increase the competitiveness of collaborating firms in high growth sectors, and advance the economic priorities of both regions.

Within Saskatchewan, CIIRD will work closely with the Global Institute for Food Security (GIFS), the International Minerals Innovation Institute (IMI), the Sylvia Fedoruk Centre for Nuclear Innovation (SFCNI), and the Petroleum Technology Research Centre (PTRC) on the delivery of this bilateral program. Together with these organizations and the Office of the Chief Scientist of Israel, CIIRD will broker new relationships among prospective technology partners; host bilateral R&D workshops and technology road mapping activities; conduct bilateral Calls for Proposals; and co-fund selected R&D projects. It will also help Saskatchewan and Israeli firms to identify and pursue additional project partners and investment within each jurisdiction, and other nations such as India, China and Brazil.

"While the roots of the Canada-Israel relationship are our shared democratic values and common interests, the stem is increasingly becoming our growing ties in research and innovation," said His Excellency, Rafael Barak, Israel's Ambassador to Canada. "I am confident that this new program will not only improve our economies and bring value-added jobs to Saskatchewan and Israel, but it will also lead to innovative technologies that improve lives around the world."

"There is considerable power in partnerships and the Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to be working together with the CIIRD to share knowledge, expand our research and innovation capabilities, and further strengthen the relationship with our friends in Israel," said Minister Responsible for Innovation, Jeremy Harrison. "This agreement helps expand our knowledge economy and the work of our major economic sectors, with lasting benefits for everyone who calls Saskatchewan home."

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If Not Us, Then Who?

by Daniel Stern, Campaign Director and Director of Regional Community Services, Jewish Federations Canada – UIA



My four-year-old daughter Emma just started a weekly after-school Jewish studies program that focuses on Jewish education and values.

Like many young families today, and many more yesterday, we have struggled with questions as to how to instill Jewish values in our children. As we live in Toronto, we have many more options than you may have in Saskatoon. Many more expensive options, I might add. Our eldest daughter is doing well in her secular kindergarten and her younger sister now attends with her, so we are keeping her there.

Initially, Emma was not very enthused about the after-school Jewish studies program. But she didn't say 'I don't want to go'. Instead, the language she used was a very whiney 'why?!?' But after participating these past few weeks, she has begun to love it. Now we talk at home about how and why we cel-

ebate and observe holidays and rituals based on what she learns in class. The course costs money, but we feel the investment is worth it. The greater cost, perhaps, is our time, energy and willfulness to make it a priority and part of our lives.

We live in downtown Toronto, not so close to the traditional, large synagogues with huge sanctuaries and established educational programs. The after-school program Emma attends was started by a young rabbi living in our area who believes that he can give his own children a proper Jewish education while attending their local public school. He made it happen, and now more than 10 other families in the area have joined the program.

Being Jewish, raising your family Jewish and observing Judaism is not easy. It takes purpose and hard work to participate, to not just join the Jewish community but to add to it in some meaningful way. This is why the UJA campaign is so important. It not only raises

money that helps the vulnerable in Israel and the Former Soviet Union and builds Jewish identity programs nationwide, but it also provides for the resources necessary to build and enhance your own Jewish community in Saskatoon.

The Jewish community you live in does not sustain itself. And although there exist many worthy charitable causes to which you can donate your hard-earned dollars, Jewish causes like Agudas Israel and UJA are supported primarily by fellow Jews and those few non-Jews who support Israel or other Jewish causes. We are responsible for providing our community with what it needs to remain a Jewish environment. No one is standing behind us to take care of our own. If not us, then who? If not now, then when?

Thank you for supporting the UJA annual campaign.

Editorial... from page 3

gestation of the gallery and the enormous role played by two of our former illustrious members, Mr. Fred Mendel and her father, Senator (then Mayor) Sid Buckwold. The *evolving link in our historical traditions* cannot exclude the relevance of the State of Israel and the Jewish people. Whatever one might think of the recent and tragic events that occurred last summer in Israel and Gaza and continue to occur in the surrounding Arab nations, part of our Jewish being must include Israel, with all of its great accomplishments, the miracle

of its birth and existence, and with its flaws and shortcomings. At the end of the day and in spite of Israel's many friends and supporters, it is us Jews in the Diaspora that Israel depends upon for moral, spiritual and financial support. Even though Israel is a successful, powerful and rich country, there are still disparities between the rich and the poor, the long-term citizens and the new immigrants. Rabbi Claudio in excerpts from his Rosh Hashanah sermon shares his own perspective which many of us can identify with about

Why Should I Care About Israel. Our annual United Israel Appeal Campaign begins soon and my goal as Campaign Chairman is for everyone who does care about Israel and those disadvantaged Jews in such places as Ukraine and other countries around the world, be part of the campaign and give whatever they are comfortable with. Be counted as one who cares. As has been said for the last 14 years, that link with Israel and our biblical tradition is expedited by the presence of the Shlichim program and fully funded by our campaign. Our new Shlichim bring new creativity and ideas. We welcome their initiative of weekly items from Israel and hope that even if you disagree, allow those emails to continue to broaden your education and understanding of the complexity of the State of Israel.

I am pleased to have a new Youth Editor – Mayah Holtslander, who for her first column covered the visit of the Israeli Ambassador and am hoping that she will be able to involve younger people in The Bulletin, from Hebrew School to the young adults. Shira Fenyes writes in this issue about the tragedy of the recent events in Ottawa, and from the perspective of someone who now works in the Israeli Embassy, may provide us with an Ottawa bureau.

The Synagogue Needs Your Help!!

We would like to compile a list of items in the synagogue that need to be replaced/repared or purchased. Our first wish is that perhaps there is something on the list that you would be willing to donate either the item or money for the item. This list will be changing continuously as we add new items and remove ones acquired.

SingleStep stools for the two washrooms downstairs for the Preschool children.

We are looking at repair/replacement of some of the Torah covers for the Chaggim. Pricing will be followed up. We are looking at repair/replacement of some or all of the parochet (burgundy curtains etc). The carpet/flooring in the sanctuary.

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Biography of the Month: Max Steinberg

by Stan Schroeder

Note: Woodland Hills, CA is in the San Fernando Valley, a large suburb of Los Angeles. Our Congregation Shir Ami has a Woodland Hills Post Office address. Pierce College is a Community College in Woodland Hills.

Operation Protective Edge is the name given to the military response by Israel to the rocket attacks on Israeli cities by Hamas and other terrorist groups in Gaza. It started July 8 with IDF air strikes on rocket launchers and other weapons sites and evolved into a ground invasion July 17 when the rocket attacks escalated and Hamas attempted to launch attacks from the sea and tunnels dug from Gaza into southern Israel. One of the early IDF soldiers killed when his armored personnel carrier (APC) was ambushed on July 20 was **Max Steinberg**.

Max, who would have been 25 on November 27, had volunteered as a “Lone Soldier” (young men and women with no family in Israel) in the IDF in September of 2012. His younger brother and sister, **Jake** and **Paige**, convinced Max to join them on the Birthright ten day trip to Israel in June. The trip impacted all three, but Max most of all. At the time he was 22, attending Pierce College, and searching for a direction to his life. Each group has one or more IDF soldiers with them for part of the tour. Their group had a member of the Golani Brigade. Max decided he wanted to join the Golani.

So he studied with Paige to improve his admittedly poor Hebrew and went back to Israel to volunteer. After he was accepted into basic training his mother Evie recalled he was asked what position he’d like to fill in the army. Max stressed that he wanted to be trained as a fighter. Apparently not entirely convinced that a short [5 ft. 3 in.], scrawny kid from Los Angeles should be in combat, the questioner repeated the same question two more times. He finally said, “You’ve asked me that question, ask me another question. I’ve already answered that, you’ve asked me three times what I want to do. *This is what I want to do.*”

Max, who attended El Camino High School

in Woodland Hills, was a very good athlete. In soccer he was known as Mighty Max, and in baseball he excelled at stealing bases. What he lacked in size, he more than made up in heart, grit, and determination.

His father Stuart said, “Max was a devoted Patriot’s fan. When Patriot’s owner **Robert Kraft** [Jewish] learned of Max’s passing, Mr. Kraft sent us a letter stating he had seen a picture of Max wearing a Patriots cap. He wrote ‘he represents the consummate patriot and I am forever grateful for the sacrifices he made to keep our beloved Israel safe’”.

It was Max’s athletic skill and determination that got him over the last hurdle for the Golani, climbing over a high wall with a heavy backpack. Even the taller soldiers have to jump to



reach the top of the wall to pull themselves over. Max had to jump onto the wall and spring to grab the top and pull himself over. He would practice on Saturday when the commander couldn’t tell a soldier how to spend Shabbat.

Max went on to achieve sharpshooter status and was praised by his commanders and fellow infantrymen for his leadership, dedication, and devotion to service. Before his fatal APC attack, Max and some others were riding in a tank that collided with another IDF tank. Some suffered broken bones, but Max, despite lesser injury, insisted he needed to get back into action and get back to his friends. When the Steinberg family was informed of his death by Israeli Consul General **David Siegel** and others from his office, their first reaction was to fly his body to Los Angeles for burial. But they soon realized that Max would want to be buried on Mount Herzl in the military cemetery. The next day the family flew to Israel and arranged for the funeral. Two days later, Wednesday, July 23, **Rabbi Dov Lipman**, a member of the Knesset originally from New Jersey, conducted the funeral service in which his family and several Israel dignitaries delivered eulogies. Despite the short notice,



when word got out about Max’s burial, over 30,000 Israelis who ever knew him attended the funeral. Thousands waited in line to pay respect to the family during *shiva*.

On Tuesday night, August 12, a memorial tribute, funded by philanthropist **Haim Saban**, was held for Max at the Saban Theatre in Beverly Hills. I was one of almost a thousand people to attend. **Rabbi David Baron** of the Temple of the Arts that holds services at the Saban Theatre served as master of ceremonies. **David Suissa**, president of the Jewish Journal (another event sponsor) spoke briefly. Rabbi Lipman flew from Israel to speak, saying Max lifted the spirits of the entire nation. President of Birthright **David Fisher** praised Max as the epitome of the Birthright’s goals and achievements. Max’s parents and siblings, as well as high school friends and fellow Golani Lone Soldiers recalled highlights of Max’s life.

In life Max was a young man who lived his values; in death he became an icon of Birthright and Israel.



Editor’s Note: Stan Schroeder is the Editor of Congregation Shir Ami’s “Shir Notes” in Los Angeles which also won a Gold Medal for “Bulletins.” He writes biographies of famous Jews and has offered to share them with us. This article was first published in the Shir Notes. Steven Goluboff and Stan recently met each other in Jerusalem to discuss their community Bulletins.

explained to him how he had come to Israel, studied about Judaism and returned to the religion of his ancestors. When they entered the apartment Wiesel saw on the wall the old manuscript, but now the man read it for him. They spoke for a while and when Wiesel was about to leave the man said to him: "You forgot to ask me my name. I want you to know my name. It is Moshe Ben Avraham. He is alive after 500 years."

The man had come home, to Israel, to the ancestral homeland of the Jewish people! Israel a place to which we return, even if we have never been there before. It's hard to put this feeling into words. Israel is the one place in the world where a Jew can be a Jew without concerns, without feeling different or that you are always the exception. That is the reason, I think, why so many people return from Israel trips transformed by that experience. And this is the reason too, why is so important to encourage young people to participate in trips like Birthright.

Young people today don't have the memories of Israel their parents had and sadly, many think that Israel is what they read in the media or what they hear in School. For many of them Zionism only means occupation, Israel is a place of discord and war and some of them they even feel ashamed. I think it's extremely important to encourage the children of our congregation to travel and they build a relationship with Israel based on a first-hand experience, and not through the partial information to which they are exposed here. And this applies to everyone, regardless of age. If you haven't ever been there, you should give yourself that opportunity at least once in your life. We maybe need to consider it an additional Mitzvah: To visit Israel at least once in your life, because you cannot know what Judaism really is about, without having been in Israel.

And it's not just about religion. In fact, as some of you may know, religion is a complicated issue in Israel. Most Israelis don't consider themselves religious but that doesn't mean they lack a strong connection to Judaism. I remember once reading about Tommy Lapid, founder of the left-wing Meretz political party and then a strong fighter against the orthodox monopoly in Israel, saying "My family lights candles every Friday and has a Shabbat dinner. We celebrate the holidays.... But I am called a secular Jew! Only in Israel someone like me would be called secular or anti-religious!"

It's true there are many challenges with the orthodox monopoly in Israel and they want people to think that you are either religious or not religious, but the truth is that Israel is a complex mixture of faiths and identities,

where Jews of all backgrounds and ideologies live together. We live in Canada where we have freedom of expression, more than ever before. We are truly blessed for being part of this country, but at the end Jews live a divided existence. We have to choose where to place our time and efforts. We ask ourselves what to do: Hebrew School or Sports? In Israel "Jewish" is your identity, even if you go on a hike on Saturday. It is who you are, whether you are an atheist or a religious Jew, and here "Jewish" is an adjective that we add to the word Canadian.

Of course, I am not naïve, I know that this creates other conflicts in Israel. Not everyone in Israel is Jewish. Israel is proud of being both a Jewish and a democratic society but it's not easy to find a balance and making everyone feel at home. However, from the very beginning, Israel has struggled to find ways to be both Jewish and open to people of many backgrounds. Israel remains the only country in the Middle East where you can follow your own faith or ethnicity without fear of persecution or oppression. Religious minorities and gay and lesbian persons enjoy rights, protections, and opportunities unknown elsewhere in the region and in most countries, even in the West. Democracy guarantees freedom of speech and press, and even more: Israelis are so critical of their politicians that a permanent self-scrutiny seems to be the national hobby of Israelis.

The first Zionists thought of Israel as a place where Jews could live normal lives, that means that Jews could stop being the permanent outsiders in a gentile world. But Israel is still far from being a normal country. There is nothing normal about growing-up in a country that faces constant threats to its existence. It is not normal to live in a city that has been shelled by terrorists for fourteen years. Even with shelters, and a defense system like Iron Dome, it will never be normal to live in a place where the threat of terror is considered normal. At the same time, I trust that Israel will continue doing her part to solve her historical conflicts. This, of course, is not only Israel's responsibility, but I do worry about what I see as obstacles and I think are Israel's responsibilities. I am concerned about the settlements, extreme nationalism and the status-quo in the territories. They are threats too and they are endangering both Israel and Judaism.

Raising our worries and criticism about Israel is necessary and healthy. I lived for two and a half years in Israel and I saw the good and the bad, some things made me feel proud and others worried me very much, but I learned that when there is disappointment, that is precisely the time to contribute to change,

and not to hide our heads. At the same time, it is very important to reflect on when and how to raise our criticism. I am very disappointed when I see fellow Jews who use the same aggressive language and concepts of those who reject Zionism, and they unite their voices with those who want to damage Israel. If we care about Israel, we should express our concerns with respect, in the right place and from a feeling of love and friendship.

It's true that Israel is not yet a place where Jews can finally become "normal", and there is still much work to be done; but it's a place where Jews can become themselves, and it's a place where, in spite of all the challenges, Jews have done and can do extraordinary things: It is a place where we can love the best of our way of life, where we can feel at home, and where Torah is more than a book: It's in the air, in the streets, in the government's buildings and in the vocabulary of everyone. Jewish language and Jewish values are at the very core of all people, religious, traditional or secular.

And that's why Israel matters. Israel changed what it means to be a Jew in today's world. It is a reminder to us of why Judaism is so much more than a religion. It is a way of life, a community and a history. We are connected by language, history, destiny and geography. Consider these powerful words of David Ben Gurion: "Today, we are in the process of writing a new Torah not only with scribes but with pioneers and farmers, artists and scientists, architects, teachers, engineers, legislators, collectivists, citizens in every walk of life. All speak the language of Moses and even the freethinkers among them study deeply in the Book, the source of inspiration, provider of a past and of a vision for the future. Our new Torah is being written now, but its best chapters are still to come."

It's true, Israel has challenges and problems, and it's not a paradise, but even with all the religious, social, and political issues, the miracle of Israel's existence and all her amazing accomplishments are infinitely more than the sum of all its conflicts. Zionist wanted to found not only a nation. They wanted to build a new type of society rooted in its land and in the culture of the Jewish people. Religion was only a part of that culture. They wanted to create a new type of Jew, proud and strong and rooted in the land and tradition.

We must never forget the greatness and the importance of what the Zionist leaders did. We were dispersed and persecuted in different countries for 2000 years, we were murdered and burnt in the Shoah (Holocaust), and then, in just a few decades, the Jews came back to their land from all over the world. From Europe, the Americas, Russia, Africa and the

Lockdown in Ottawa... from page 1

investigate. Sure enough, 'Breaking News: Ottawa Shooting on Parliament Hill' was the headline.

As an office, we gathered by the TV to follow the story, bewildered by the new facts that were being revealed with every passing minute. Nobody knew what to make of a shooting of this nature in Canada, in our capital.. down the street. We were soon given orders to stay in the building. Nobody was allowed to leave or enter. Shortly after this unsettling instruction, a man's voice projected over the loudspeaker of our greater office building; his tone quick and uneasy. "This is the head of your building security, I ask that you please stay put. I repeat, do not leave where you are. Please stay put, until further notice."

Despite the intensity of his voice, the air in the Embassy remained light. We peeked out the windows and saw empty streets lined

with cop cars and filled with armed policemen, their guns in hand, quickly ushering people out of the streets. The entire downtown core was on lockdown. I felt like I was in a movie.

We hear about these stories around the world. We hear about them on TV and read about them online. Terrorism is not a new concept to Canadians, but it is a foreign language we have not yet learned to speak. This was the day that changed it all. Despite my fear that day, I was surrounded by an office who saw the scene through a different lens. These are people who have hid in bomb shelters since birth, who were trained to shoot M16s and who have lost friends and family members in suicide bombings. These are Israelis. Terrorism has predated their parents' generation and has filled their lives for as long as they can remember. I couldn't help but see this historic Canadian moment through their

eyes. On this day, I felt that I could finally get a very small taste of the country that I work for every single day. This was life, and life goes on.

As our building was evacuated, and I began my walk home with the rest of downtown Ottawa, there was a stillness in the air. Our city was shaken and the expressions on people's faces reflected unease and exhaustion. This would be a day we would never forget.

The next morning, as I left my apartment, it was as if I had awoken from a bad dream. Once again, the sun was shining, and crisp suits and eager faces accompanied me to work, as they do every day of the week. A traumatic and important moment had passed, and like the Israelis do all too often, we took our next steps forward to meet the responsibilities of a new day.

Israel's Ambassador Visits... from page 11

Canada's support for Israel was multi-party and any change in leadership would not alter the increasingly strong relationship between Canada and Israel.

Another congregant sought to bring the topic of Israel's conflict out of the shadows of Saturday's discussion by providing an anecdote in which a friend claimed that peace would only come to Israel when each side accepted the legitimacy of the other's narrative. He asked Barak whether he agreed with this statement and found merit in understanding the legitimacy of a narrative. However, the ambassador more or less avoided fully

answering this question and instead emphasized that Israel's need for security could only be met through a two-state solution. He also made a potentially troubling remark that Israel's legitimacy was based in the bible, thus subtly discounting the legitimacy of any counter narrative. As an ambassador, that sort of remark was highly disappointing, as

it ignored the extremely complicated nature of the conflict in Israel.

Nonetheless, Ambassador Barak's visit to Congregation Agudas Israel was a reminder that there is more to Israel than the conflict that defines it. His visit was also a pleasant way for our congregants to voice their concerns and ideas.

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Middle East, and built a nation that became one of the most thriving societies in the world. Whether we live in the land of Israel or not, we are the bearers of that legacy.

That's why Israel matters to me and that's why I think we need to support her, bechol lebabcha ubechol nafshecha - with all our love and all our means, regardless of what our particular views are. This is the time to visit Israel, to give money to UIA, to Hadassah and

Mercaz, so we can help to strengthen what we are proud of, or to help improving what you think it is necessary to be improved. It's the time to read and learn about the conflict, to teach your children and grandchildren, to take them to Israel and tell them why she is so important for their Jewish identity.

...Because Israel is the spiritual home of the Jewish people... Because her accomplishments and potential are much more than the challenges. Because the threat that comes from kids asking why Israel matters is bigger than rockets, missiles and tunnels. Because Israel is the place to which we return, where our people are able to "walk again with their heads held-high under the sun without shame or remorse. Because Israel is about dreams, and all the extraordinary things and miracles she has done and will continue doing. Because we must be confident, that the wounds soon will be healed, and peace, even if we cannot see it now, will arrive soon in our time.

In Israel, if you don't believe in miracles, you are not a realist... And that's the only reason why Israel is real!



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Making Sense of Investing

about your neighbour.

Don't covet your neighbor's house, wife, male or female servant, ox or ass, or anything that belongs to him.

Some notes of clarification are very important. It is all too easy for English readers to scan Biblical passages and assume that they understand. Only when one becomes more familiar with the traditional Jewish discipline of engaging in a dialogic encounter with the text in order to glean every last possibility of meaning, halakic - theological and moral – that one realises just how superficial is most reading of the Bible

The Hebrew word "Mitsrayim" is usually translated as "Egypt". In one form or another, it is indeed the normal name for the country of Egypt in the Semitic family of languages. However, the root TsR(R) conveys the basic meaning of "Narrow, constricted", in itself an admirable description of the Nile valley as a narrow strip of inhabited and cultivated land hemmed in by the desert, but when used here, conveying something more than the mere geographical reference. I have retained the Hebrew in order to get across the dimensions of meaning involved. Mitsrayim is not only the land; it is the experience of deprivation and constraint, of slavery, physical and psychological. The root also occurs with the connotation of "enemy". The somber overtones are better conveyed to the reader by retaining the original term rather than simply rendering it by the

name of a country. This is even more so if we question the actual historicity of the whole slavery/exodus experience, and prefer to see the narrative as conveying existential rather than historical truth. This is the place where there is no choice, and slaves are those who have no choice. Without choice and moral decision making, there is no humanness.

There are some ambiguities in the Hebrew of this "Commandment" that are difficult to bring over to English. There are two words used to make a careful distinction between idols that are three dimensional, "sculpted" and those that are two dimensional, "painted". There are two words relating to worship of idols that I have translated as "acknowledge" and "serve", both religiously and secularly.

It is difficult to know how to translate "el kana", normally put into English as "jealous/zealous God". The implication is that God is imaged as burning with passion for His own status and the "l'aise majeste" that the act of idolatry clearly is.

The Hebrew word "ShM" that is normally translated correctly as "name", also connotes the personality of the one named. It has a magical potency. Knowledge of the name confers power to the knower of the one known. The power to name is the power to control. Hence the significance of God's granting the right to Adam, the primal human being, to name the other created beings (Gn.2:19). The woman, Eve, is specifically

excluded from this process, indicating her subordinate status: she, indeed, is one of those to be named by the Man (Gn.2:23) and therefore subordinated to him. It follows that knowledge of the name of God and the use of that name is especially potent. It enables the one who knows to use the Name for human purposes, in effect to manipulate divinity in magic.

The Hebrew word "KDSH" is usually translated as "Holy", but this is highly misleading. For example, consider the word as used at the beginning of the Tractate Kiddushin in the Talmud, that speaks of a woman being "taken possession of" by her husband in ways analogous to taking possession of a bought object. She is not being sanctified or made holy; she is actually being taken out of the market and restricted to the ownership of her husband, just like any other piece of property. Yet, this is described using the root KDSH. The basic meaning of the word is something like "special, different from the norm, out of the ordinary". The concept of "numinous" as in the study of the concept of "holiness" in religion, by Rudolph Otto, conveys more of the actual semantic range of the Hebrew term.

The Deuteronomy version adds "and so that it may go well with you."

It should be made very clear that nowhere does the Hebrew Bible prohibit taking life, least of all in the 10 Words. There is no injunction of absolute pacifism. The Hebrew root here, RTsH, means a deliberate act of murder, which of course raises the whole question of definition, what is murder?

The Hebrew term for "neighbour" means someone with whom one is bound by some link of reciprocity through relationship, whether familial, including the dependent clients in the household, or assumed through friendship. For the original writer of the text, it was probably so restricted in assumed application, connoting kinsman or even someone from the same tribe or geographical area. Later, rabbinic interpretation in some respects can be seen as extending the reference to all fellow beings.

The version in Deuteronomy adds after "house" the word "field", probably because the Deuteronomy tradition is later and represents a more advanced economy firmly based in agriculture rather than mixed agriculture-stock raising.

("Aseret ha dibrot" will be continued in the next issue of The Bulletin).

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

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Meeting Robbie Weisman... from page 2

on such journeys as well as “March of the Living” where they are joined by delegations from all over the world. Most of these delegations are honoured with the presence of a holocaust survivor who shares his or her story with the participants during visits to synagogues, ghettos and death camps. I recall walking through Majdanek in -10 degrees with snow up to my knees after hearing one of these stories. Wondering how anybody could survive this wearing only thin striped pyjamas and starving on a diet of potato peel soup and if lucky a few bread crumbs. Frida Mermelstien, Itai’s grandmother from his mother’s side, had accompanied many of these delegations and shared her story over a period of 10 years. Frida survived Auschwitz and a death march after losing almost all of her family. We often visit her on weekends and listen to stories about a past which is very much part of the present. My grandmother from my father’s side played an active role in the polish resistance movement and was caught, tortured and severely wounded by the Gestapo. Unfortunately I never got to hear her tell these stories, because she died when I was a little girl. These stories and many others have been heard by Israelis time and time again, year after year, sadly leaving a slightly indifferent generation. On Holocaust Day these survivors are suddenly in the lime light, important figures there to remind us of what was and what should never be again, but only too quickly they are forgotten within 24 hours. This has to make us question what will the impact of their stories have when they are no longer with us to tell them and provide the future generations with living proof of what happened to the Jewish people 69 years ago.

When I first learned of Robbie Weisman’s story I found it difficult to believe that there could be a new story which I had never heard of before. I couldn’t understand why he had come to Saskatoon to speak in front of non-Jewish students. There was no way I could have known beforehand what I was about to experience. The Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission and the “Think Good. Do Good,” organization had invited

Robbie to speak to approximately 2,000 students in Prince Albert, many of whom were from First Nation and underprivileged backgrounds. I was told that his talk was truly inspiring for the children and that many of them were deeply touched by his stories, I still wasn’t able to understand why his story had affected them in such a way. The following Thursday Itai and I were invited to meet Robbie and listen to him speak at the E.D. Feehan Catholic High School. I didn’t know what to expect. I had never been to a Catholic school before. We were met by the headmaster, Brandon Stroh and a history teacher named Franco who was extremely excited and enthusiastic about Robbie’s visit and talk. He told us that he had taught the students about the Holocaust in his history class and that they were well prepared for the talk. Franco introduced Robbie to an aboriginal student who obviously knew of the talk about to take place and he immediately gave Robbie a big bear hug. Tears rolled down my cheeks as I realised and understood the importance and meaning of this very special event that was about to take place. The welcome for Robbie was so warm and the stage was prepared so beautifully that I was deeply moved before he even started to speak. I looked around as Robbie told his story and was amazed at how quiet the children remained through it all. I thought to myself if we were in Israel the students would be on their cell phones and talking to one another making a lot of noise. Some of the children sitting in the hall, I was told, were from broken homes, with rarely a warm meal on the dinner table. Some of them see the struggle of their parents and families from an early and impressionable age. They saw Robbie as an inspirational figure, a man who despite having a hard life was up there telling jokes, motivating them and speaking to them as equals. He told them they can become anything and do whatever they put their minds to, no matter who tries to tell them otherwise. He told them bullying is a terrible thing, and that they shouldn’t walk past when they see someone being picked on. Hatred is an ugly thing and it can take us down dark and

frightening paths we would probably regret going down.

After the talk the students lined up with many questions and hugs for Robbie. They thanked him, took pictures with him, some cried and shared their stories. It was amazing to witness! Two boys had waited for their chance to speak to Robbie. One of them sat at the side and cried, he told Robbie that it reminded him of his family’s story from Rwanda. They exchanged words and hugged. The other boy was sitting on the stage looking through the different books Robbie had recommended to the students. He also cried and spoke with Robbie quite a few minutes. The student later told me his grandfather was a Nazi soldier during World War Two. Previously he had no idea what the Nazis had done, and he asked Robbie for his forgiveness. Robbie of course accepted. Some children had said that Robbie and his story changed their lives. I finally understood them when I realised that this experience had changed mine too.

Before we left Itai and I were interviewed by a local journalist, I was concerned that he might want to discuss this summer’s events in Israel connected somehow to Robbie’s stories, and relieved that he didn’t. He asked us what we were doing in Saskatoon and what we thought of Robbie’s story. He seemed shocked and was apologetic to hear that our grandparents were also holocaust survivors. We told him that the impact of the Holocaust was far greater than anyone could imagine and that we must learn from this dark period in the history of mankind and teach our children this important lesson. Robbie said that he decided to devote his life to passing on the message and spread the love when he had heard of a teacher in Canada teaching his pupils that there was never a holocaust. I believe that it is our duty to spread this message without waiting to prove holocaust deniers wrong. I am grateful for this experience and what it taught me and confident it was the first of many more experiences yet to come.

CIJA and Hillel Supporting our Students on Campus... from page 5

more than 700 students attended a Tel Aviv-themed beach party at Queen’s University in late September, hosted by Jewish students in coordination with Hillel and using a grant provided by CIJA. While most of those present would never attend a lecture about Middle East politics, this event enabled them to see that Israel is a hub of human rights, dynamic culture, and innovative technology – in a fun, non-controversial setting.

These sorts of initiatives are increasingly

being used by Jewish students to build an understanding of Israel and open the door to alliances for countering anti-Israel activism in the future. Those friendships will prove all the more crucial in the months and years ahead, given the fact that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will no doubt return to the headlines.

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Rena Levitsky
Marvin Aarons
Edith Caplan
Hyman Arlinsky
Martha Blum
Susanna Hillman
Tom Kovish

Kislev 27/28

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December 26/27

Nathan Kornfeld
Charles Vickar
Helen Levson
Doris Mazer
Leopold Edison
Israel Katzman
Labe Katzman
Velle Bernstein
Joseph Ditlove
Joseph Donen
Lil Gitlin
Annie Handelman
Ida Gamm
Arthur Singer
Julie Singer
Moses Filer

Tevet 4/5

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January 2/3

Mary Davidner
Michael Davidner
Syd Gelmon
Solomon shaw
Elizabeth Brewster
Arnold Golumbia
Baby Trager
Jacob Trager
Morris Ames
Joseph Caplan
Estelle Gladstone
Leon Dragushen
Anne Goldstein
Sadie O'Fallon
Anne Shore
Jerry Brown
Fanny Miller
Joe Schachter
Gertrude Bricker
Harry Spector

Tevet 11/12

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Synagogue Sightings

Hebrew School



David Kaplan's Festival of the Arts




Steven Simpson
of Centennial
360 moving
chairs from City
Centre Family
Physicians

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						1 Heshvan 8 LECH LECHA *Heather Fenyes Havdalah 6:26 pm
2 Heshvan 9	3 Heshvan 10 Lunch & Learn 12:00-1:30 pm	4 Heshvan 11 Israeli Dance 7:00pm 	5 Heshvan 12	6 Heshvan 13	7 Heshvan 14 6:00 pm Service POTLUCK Rabin Memorial *Perry Jacobsen Candle Lighting 5:08 pm	8 Heshvan 15 VAYTERA *Kevin Sharfe Havdalah 6:14 pm
9 Heshvan 16	10 Heshvan 17 Lunch & Learn 12:00-1:30 pm Introduction to Judaism 7:30-9:00 pm	11 Heshvan 18 OFFICE CLOSED Remembrance Day	12 Heshvan 19 SILVER PLATE DINNER TCU Place	13 Heshvan 20	14 Heshvan 21 Children's Shabbat 5:30 pm Kiddish and Challah to follow. *Marsha Scharfstein Candle Lighting 4:57 pm	15 Heshvan 22 CHAYE SARAH *Steven Simpson Havdalah 6:03 pm
16 Heshvan 23 Breakfast Club 10:00 am Sisterhood Meeting 1:00 pm at Lisa's	17 Heshvan 24 Lunch & Learn 12:00-1:30 pm	18 Heshvan 25 Israeli Dance 7:00pm 	19 Heshvan 26	20 Heshvan 27 EDENBRIDGE PHOTO RECEPTION 7:00 pm	21 Heshvan 28 Shabbat at Home 7:00 pm * Candle Lighting 4:48 pm	22 Heshvan 29 TOLEDOT Young Adults Sushi & Wine Night 7 pm *Matt Ditlove Havdalah 5:55 pm
23 Kislev 1	24 Kislev 2 Lunch & Learn 12:00-1:30 pm Introduction to Judaism 7:30-9:00 pm	25 Kislev 3 Israeli Dance 7:00pm 	26 Kislev 4 Board of Trustees Meeting	27 Kislev 5	28 Kislev 6 * Candle Lighting 4:41 pm	29 Kislev 7 VAYETZE * Havdalah 5:49 pm
30 Kislev 8 Hadassah meeting: Linda Shaw's house, 1109 Temperance Street - 11 am						

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7 Kislev 15 HANUKKAH ACTIVITY FAIR 10:00 am - 1:00 pm	8 Kislev 16	9 Kislev 17	10 Kislev 18	11 Kislev 19	12 Kislev 20 Candle Lighting 4:36 pm	13 Kislev 21 VAYESHEV *Grant Scharfstein Havdalah 5:44 pm
14 Kislev 22	15 Kislev 23	16 Kislev 24 1st Hanukkah Light	17 Kislev 25 1st Day of Hanukkah (Two Lights in the Evening)	18 Kislev 26 2nd Day of Hanukkah (Three Lights in the Evening)	19 Kislev 27 3rd Day of Hanukkah (Four Lights in the Evening before Sabbath Candles) Candle Lighting 4:37 pm	20 Kislev 28 MIKETZ Birkat Hachodesh 4th Day of Hannukah *Harold Shiffman Havdalah 5:46 pm
21 Kislev 29 Breakfast Club 10:00 am 5th Day of Hanukkah (Six Lights in the Evening)	22 Kislev 30 6th Day of Hanukkah (Seven Lights in the Evening)	23 Tevet 1 7th Day of Hanukkah (Eight Lights in the Evening)	24 Tevet 2  8th Day of Hanukkah	25 Tevet 3	26 Tevet 4 * Candle Lighting 4:42 pm	27 Tevet 5 VAYLGASH No Services * Havdalah 5:50 pm
28 Tevet 6	29 Tevet 7	30 Tevet 8	31 Tevet 9			

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