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A NEW KIND OF JOY

Rabbi Boris Dolin

In our community, Purim will forever be a marker of this pandemic. I remember it well. Two years ago, we gathered together to celebrate the holiday just days before the world shut down. We were not yet wearing masks and didn't quite understand social distancing, but there was also a palpable and eerie sense that the world was about to change. By the next Shabbat, it did. Lockdowns, masks, hand washing, fear and separation. Months would pass before we could even begin to make sense of this new reality. That Purim became a strange farewell to normal.

Yet by the next Purim a year in, still stuck and confused, we had at least learned how to be creative. We had made the best of the situation and found ways to stay connected and respond to whatever the world threw at us day to day. Unable to gather in person, with no dancing, no food, and definitely no opportunity for in-person communal joy, we made it work. Community members read the story of Purim from home with passion and meaning. We saw close-ups of a doll house version of Shushan, where parents

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Liz Freedman

Like many Jewish holidays, both Purim and Passover afford us the opportunity to remember the past, reflect on how it affects our present and consider how it will shape our future. So too is the role of the Board - we strive to hold onto our past traditions, ensure that the shul is meeting our needs of today, and create a vision for the future of our community.

Many of us joined Dorshei Emet because we felt that other synagogues were mired in the past and inflexible in light of modern reality, and yet we wanted to remain rooted in the traditions that we had grown up with. We wanted to reconstruct Judaism. As the movement's tagline states: Deeply rooted. Boldly relevant.

It is sometimes a delicate balance between maintaining our past and forging ahead with our future. When the pandemic struck, we rose to the challenge by adapting our services to an online format, something more traditional synagogues could not easily do. We recognized that certain changes would be required for the new format to be engaging (for example, fewer

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Executive Director's Message

Cynthia Weinstein

***"It's not enough to be up to date,
you have to be up to tomorrow."***

- David Ben-Gurion

The quote above by Israel's first Prime Minister is a good explanation of how we work at Dorshei Emet. The last couple of years have been a challenge of figuring out new ways to do meet everyone's needs. Online services, online membership forms, working from home, programs on ZOOM, meetings on ZOOM, building relationships remotely, online registrations....the list goes on. So much of this has been an exercise in anticipating future needs and finding a workaround. No member of the staff is an IT expert but we have done our best to improve our skills.

The rhythm of the shul requires us to work on projects months ahead, often with contingency plans if a quick pivot becomes necessary. When something works out flawlessly, it is often a testament to having anticipated the kinks months earlier (not that it was easy!). The pandemic has amplified the need for future vision.

What is ahead for Dorshei Emet in the spring and summer? We will continue to bring you more of the Dorshei spirit with the elements that you have come to

cherish. We will continue to do our best to serve your needs from the office in a way that feels natural and flows well. We all look forward to more in-person events and services, welcoming volunteers and the occasional pop-in guest to the building.

Building relationships with our members is at the core of everything we do at Dorshei Emet. How we determine what resources to offer, whom to call and whom to introduce. No matter how well we automate, face-to-face interaction is the part of the recipe for which there is no substitute.

Personal contact is what we have all been missing. In the office, we all miss each other - Oria's infectious laugh, Linda's fabulous shoes, Davina's real-time updates on the news and the sound of the Rabbi's classes coming from down the hall. Working from home is appreciated when it's freezing outside but brainstorming and collaboration as a team become challenging when we are far apart. The office functions best when we are together, pooling our skills and giving each other a hand when needed.

This Purim, let's raise a glass to how far we have come and to our hopes for a bright future, always striving to be up to date for tomorrow!



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 PROGRAM CALENDAR



"WON'T YOU JOIN MY COMMITTEE?"

In the Response and Renewal Survey circulated in January 2021, many members expressed interest in learning more about Dorshei Emet's committees and, especially, how to become involved. Since then, a serious push has been made to restore and re-energize committees. The effort continues, but its success depends on active participation from our wonderful members! Our community has a tremendous range of interests, talents and skills – let's put this power to work and enhance our shul as we enhance our own experience.

Our By-laws list a number of committees which are needed in order to ensure the efficient management as well as support the ethical underpinnings of Dorshei Emet's mission. These include:

- Finance
- Fundraising and Resource development
- Membership (Inreach & Outreach)
- House & Maintenance
- Cemetery
- Program
- Minhag (Ritual Practices)
- Tikkun Olam/Social Justice
- Communications

While most of these committees are functioning smoothly, Fundraising and Communications are currently without leadership.

This is how Dorshei Emet committees are structured:

- A committee must have a Chair or Co-Chairs; the Chairs of the groups listed above are invited by the President. The Chair invites other synagogue members to participate. The Chair reports to the President and Board of Directors.
- A committee often branches out into subcommittees to work on smaller-scaled projects. The subcommittees report to the committee Chair.

Sound complicated? It's not. You don't need a degree or professional training to create magic! All it takes is willingness to get involved, to share ideas and to act. Some committees include engagement in activities, some focus on data-crunching and paperwork and others involve reaching out to members personally. Small tasks or big tasks, all contribute to the well-being of our community.

This chart offers a glimpse of the many committees and subcommittees in which you might find your niche:

Dorshei Emet Committees & Subcommittees



And because there is nothing like the personal touch, these statements from four Committee Chairs may encourage you...

Marilyn Takefman, Chair, Membership Committee

Our committee has a variety of functions, all of them fun! In the fall we welcome new members to our community – we greet them by phone and, when Covid allows, deliver a gift to their home. For many years our tradition was to hold a New Member's Dinner each November; the pandemic has stalled this temporarily but we have high hopes for 2022.

We have tried many ways to make a new member feel part of the mishpacha – we have paired “mentors” with new members, we have made phone calls around the holidays – but we know that there is so much more that could be done. The tasks are limitless – not only geared towards welcoming and integrating new people but ensuring that our long-term members feel appreciated. New ideas are welcome!

If you are ready to share your own love of our Dorshei Emet community with new – and old – friends, we invite you to come aboard the Membership Committee!

Jack Rudnicki, Chair, Program Committee

In November 2021 things were looking up, and the shul was planning live programming - two Chanukah parties (one indoor) and Shabbat Shira in January. I created a committee with Sheila Greenberg, Yael Acre and Joelle Dayan and we called 80 members to encourage them to attend both activities. We also wanted to make sure that they felt the shul was a safe place vis-à-vis Covid-related concerns they might have.

Our strategy was to do whatever possible to encourage members to continue our wonderful tradition of bringing people together in our Dorshei home.

Most members we called agreed that we were doing everything possible to prevent the spread of Covid. Some people had underlying health concerns, or simply did not want to be exposed to anyone indoors. However, since Covid was under relative control and most members felt comfortable with our protocols, Covid was not a huge impediment to attendance and many were looking forward to getting back to normal.

Unfortunately Omicron hit.....but we have high hopes to get moving again soon!

Nadav Aigen, Chair, Cemetery Committee

One of the most important *raison d'être* of any synagogue is to provide burial rights to its members. Dorshei Emet's cemetery, located in Eternal Gardens in Beaconsfield, is the final resting place for many of the cherished members who have made our community what it is. Though the basics of cemetery management are handled by the shul office, other issues require ongoing reflection – Should we purchase more land to meet future needs? How do we deal with the burial of non-Jewish spouses? As Jewish life evolves, so do our members' needs.

The Cemetery Committee meets a few times a year to look at these issues as well as others. A committee member would have a good understanding of Jewish customs, as well as sensitivity to the needs of our membership.

Contributing to this effort is a way to make a vital and lasting contribution to your community.

Bernie Weinstein, Chair, Yizkor Book Committee

I am the proud Chair of the Yizkor Book Committee since its inception over four years ago. This book has become a wonderful resource for shul members, giving us a chance to honour the loved ones we have lost. It is also a reference for readings and poems to help mark a *yahrzeit* and a practical guide to dealing with a loss. In the current edition we have added some wonderful readings in French, and recently the Memory Book was created and placed on the shul website. As a token of respect and appreciation for the work we have done, the Yizkor Book Committee was honoured at Simchat Torah - for this we are very proud and very grateful.

The YB Committee meets about four times each year during its “season” from early in the calendar year through its wrap-up meeting after the High Holidays. The Content Subcommittee, chaired by Rabbi Jonathan Cohen, meets a few times separately as well.

We are looking for help to make phone calls to solicit members to submit names to the Book.

I invite you join us in preparing the fifth edition of the DE Yizkor Book!

For information about joining a committee, please consult Cynthia Weinstein at executivedirector@dorshei-emet.org or reach out directly to any of the committee chairs.

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and kids hilariously acted out chapters of the story. We were invited into people's living rooms and dining rooms as theatrical (and sometimes wonderfully over-theatrical) readings made their way to our computer screens. We laughed, we smiled, we booed Haman's name. While it may not have been what we were used to, it was a moment of incredible pride and perseverance when we were able to show as individuals and as a community that we could make it through tough times.

There is an idea from the Musar ethical tradition, the value of *miyut ta'anug*, limiting pleasure, that can inform how we can encounter these times. Over the past few years, we have been forced, through no fault of our own, to limit our happiness. We have experienced loss, sadness, fear and all too much separation. So many people, places and events, the things that brought us joy, were taken from us, and we have had no choice but to find new ways to search out meaning and joy. Without the movies, the plays and the big and small social events that kept us feeling connected, we made the best of (and likely got tired of) connecting on Zoom or online. We met friends outside, we screamed from our porches and balconies. We found a way to make it work. Now two years in, we hopefully can gain strength from the fact that we made it this far, and that through it all we did somehow find a way to hold on. We found enjoyment from life, even amid the challenges.

We can learn from the new kind of joy we have found in these pandemic times.

In the story of the Exodus, it is often asked why, at the end of the journey of the Israelites, the Torah was given in the desert instead of in the Holy Land, the place of stability and comfort. One tradition points out that the Torah was given in the barren desert specifically because it was a place of limited physical pleasures. If we are less attached to the need for physical gratification, then there is less to prevent us from the inner calm and wisdom that leads to greater spiritual growth.

Although I acknowledge that it is not much relief during a pandemic to be thankful for a lack of overwhelming joy, the challenges may very well teach us to be happier with less, to feel more settled in a world that lacks access to easy convenient happiness. When confronted with a tough reality, we have no choice but to be creative and to dig deeper to find new sources of connection, light and hope.

Remember that a key theme of Purim is hiddenness. From Esther's name to the hidden power of God in a story that

doesn't mention God's name, this is the season for searching. Whether it is the celebration of Purim or another holiday, or all the ways that this pandemic has changed us, I think we will all leave this journey with a new commitment to creativity and perseverance in the face of the challenges that confront us. There is meaning and there is joy even when they are hard to find.



Gemilut Chasadim Comittee

Toby Shainbaum-Pollak

The Gemilut Chasadim Committee in pre-Covid days did friendly visits to the ill and tried to help out with chores in situations where members did not have family in town to help. While Covid has meant we are no longer driving members or visiting in hospital or homes, the committee is revamping itself and is now providing telephone support.

If you would like the support of one of our committee members or would be available to participate in this mitzvah, please contact Toby Shainbaum-Pollak at gemilut18@gmail.com or you can find her phone number in the ShulCloud membership directory. Please only call in the evening.



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN



CONGREGATION DORSHEI EMET
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Congregation Dorshei Emet's Annual Giving Campaign is the synagogue's primary request for voluntary giving. Besides revenue from dues, this campaign provides the single greatest source of income necessary to ensure the financial health of our community. There is much to look forward to in the coming year – please show your support for your community by donating now.

Your participation in the Annual Giving Campaign is the reason we can continue to be the inclusive community we have all come to know and love.

Todah Rabah & Thank You for Your Generous Donation!

To donate, please see the link on our website, dorsheiemet.com, or call the shul office at 514-486-9400



Children's Programming Committee

Sarah D'Aniello Dolin
Children's Program Coordinator

I know that for so many Dorshei Emet families with kids, this has been an especially tough year. We can be thankful that as we head into spring, most children over five are vaccinated, they are back at school and, at least in some important ways, they are able to connect with friends and families again. It has been a strange and tiring year for all of us, but more good is on the way.

While we have been unable to gather in person as easily as before, we have had some great outdoor programs over the past few months. Not too long after the High Holidays, a group of families met in Mount Royal Park for a "Holy Hike", a friendly walk through the park, with a bit of learning, some games and some much needed catching up with parents and kids who hadn't seen each other for many months. We had a wonderful outdoor family Shabbat exploring the meaning of being welcoming in our very own tent of Abraham and Sarah. Our Hanukkah party was a fantastic success, as we braved the cold and filled the parking lot for games, music, food and even a fire juggling rabbi! I heard from so many families how important it was to be together again; to see the kids running and playing together gave us hope that we could move forward together.

In the months ahead, we will continue to plan more safe and fun programs for families and kids. For Purim we will be having a Mishloach Manot exchange, along with many creative ways on March 13th for kids and families to participate in the celebrations. You are also invited to mark your calendars for a fun Pesach cooking class on April 10th. With all upcoming programs, we will remain flexible and meet in person when possible. We also hope to plan more Shabbat programming and to do all that we can to keep us connected and strong as we make our way into the summer.

Although we don't know for sure what these next few months will bring, despite the challenges, I am thankful for growing and learning from this experience together!



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aliyot, no Haftarah reading) but when we felt that we were straying too far from our traditions, we reintroduced more consistent aliyot and a once-monthly Haftarah reading and full Torah reading. This will allow for a smoother transition back to larger in-person services and a return to "normalcy."

When we realized that too much time had passed since we'd had an active Social Justice Committee, one of the core tenets of our Vision, Mission, Values and Pillars, we poured our efforts into getting the committee re-energized. As you will read in this newsletter, while it maintains our core values, its mission has evolved with the times and will look at new ways of addressing injustice and food insecurity.

Similarly, when we endorsed the performance of interfaith weddings a few years ago, this was consistent with our tradition of being inclusive of non-Jewish spouses in our membership. At that time, we undertook to integrate those couples into our community. It is now time to envision how we will fulfill that undertaking. You will hear more about our participation in the Spark Montreal initiative.

These visions exemplify our mandate to continue evolving with our past in mind and to build for the future. I hope that each member finds his/her place, feels connected to our traditions and is excited for our future. I hope that each member finds a way to participate in this continuity, whether by joining committees, providing feedback to the Board or promoting the shul, and by supporting us financially. I would be remiss in my role as President if I didn't take this opportunity to remind you that our Annual Giving Campaign is nearing its end and every dollar received assists us in reaching our goals and planning for the incredible future that I know we can attain.

Chag Purim sameach & Chag Pesach sameach!



Dorshei Emet's Indigenous Chevruta was proud to present the film "The Last Days of Okak" last January 10.

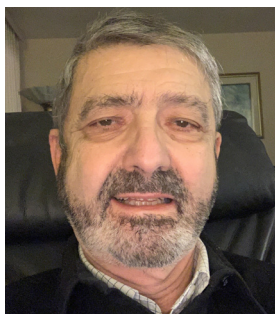
The film tells the story of the Inuit village of Okak on the northern Labrador coast. In late 1918, a Moravian missionary ship brought the Spanish influenza to the community, killing 204 of its 263 inhabitants. Using a missionary's diary, old photos and interviews with four survivors, the film relates the story of the epidemic, its effect on the village and the relationship between Inuit and missionaries. The film's co-creator, Anne Budgell, presented the film and afterwards provided fascinating background information in a discussion with participants.

Though nowhere on earth was the flu more deadly than in isolated communities on the coast of Labrador, the story of Okak was a revelation to our audience. This tale of trauma and resilience and the insight provided by Anne inspired many comments: "Thought-provoking", "honest", "extraordinary".

Anne shared many anecdotes with us, including this one: At a conference on public health that Anne attended, Dr. Theresa Tam (current Chief Public Health Officer of Canada) mentioned during a panel that when it was released, in 1985, "The Last Days of Okak" opened her eyes to issues of culture-based discrimination in public health, and inspired the course of her education and career. For Anne, that moment was both humbling and proud, and she had the chance to discuss it further with Dr. Tam on this and other occasions.

Anne Budgell, co-director of the film, is a journalist who worked with CBC radio and television in Newfoundland and Labrador for over thirty years. Her mother was the daughter of a Labrador fur trapper and her father, the son of a Hudson's Bay Company factor. She is the author of "We All Expected to Die: Spanish Influenza in Labrador 1918-1919."





Irv Perlman
Acting Chair,
Meditation
Minyan & Chair,
Open Mic

Meditation Minyan

The Meditation Minyan has been a constant at Dorshei Emet since its introduction by Rabbi Ron, z"l. Jewish meditation has a long history including "introspection, visualization, emotional insight, contemplation of divine names, and concentration on philosophical, ethical or mystical ideas".

The Meditation Minyan takes place Wednesday mornings at 7:30 AM. Since the pandemic, it has been a Zoom event. A teaching or reading is presented related to the coming Shabbat's *parsha* or to a current event in the Jewish world. This is followed by 20 minutes of meditation. The group is called back to consciousness by chanting the *shema* together. The group chant works well even though group singing on Zoom usually does not.

After meditation, the floor is open for comments by participants. The contributions vary from participants' reaction to the presentation or their own learnings or realizations during their meditation.

A sense of community has developed in a new way. Though we are not gathering together in a circle in the *parnass* section of the sanctuary, as with many of our pre-Covid experiences, the Meditation Minyan goes on to fulfill the need for introspection and togetherness.

All who wish to join are most welcome. For any questions please email us at wednesday.morning.minyan.613@gmail.com.

Open mic



Since the beginning of the pandemic, our congregation has hosted Open Mic on Thursdays starting at 7:00 PM. The goal is to provide an opportunity for those who wish to present or listen. There has been a variety of presentations. A cappella, with instruments, karaoke, poetry, storytelling and original works have all been part of the experience. Yiddish, English, French, and Hebrew are all present.

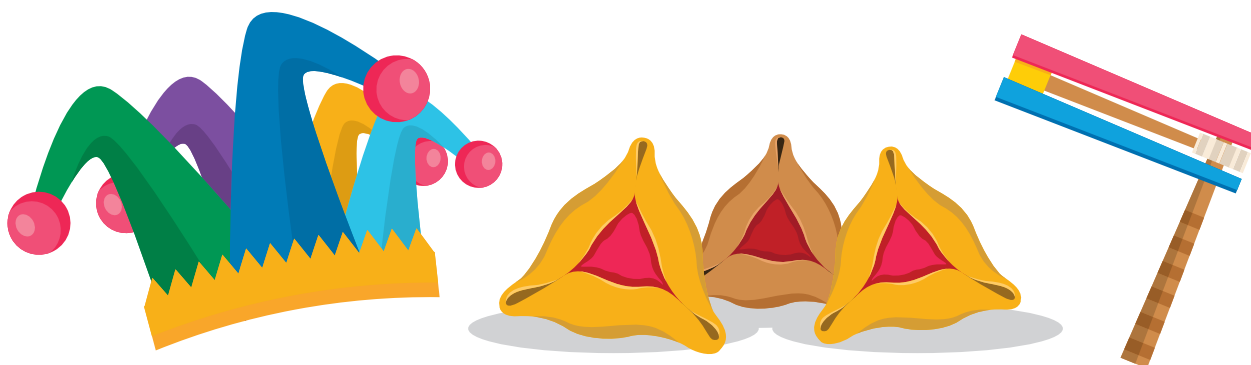
Anyone who wants to present is welcome. As singing has its own healing properties, the preparation and presentation offer additional benefits. All present to the best of their ability. The importance is in the doing and in the appreciation for the contributions of the others.

Most stay for the duration which is from an hour to an hour and a half. Two songs per session are the norm. The format is Zoom and this mostly limits us to having everyone be muted except the presenter, although some ingenious participants have pushed beyond these limits.

Open Mic has between six and 12 participants at a given session. New friendships have developed and old friendships have reignited. Best of all is the sense of camaraderie that has emerged.

Open Mic will continue on Zoom until it is safe for us to assemble together in harmony.

Anyone who wishes may join. Please contact openmic36@gmail.com for any questions.





Social Justice Committee

Susan Stock

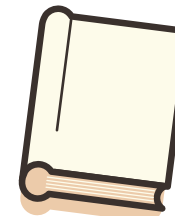
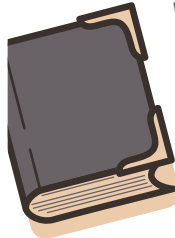
The new Social Justice Committee has begun to meet. It has 14 members; any member of the synagogue interested in participating is welcome.

The committee is currently exploring or planning activities related to a variety of topics:

- Refugees: advocacy for Afghan refugees and support for a new Syrian family, sponsored by Dorshei Emet, waiting to arrive in Canada);
- environmental projects for "greening" the shul and for informing shul members about a range of individual actions to reduce global warming;
- possibilities for volunteering for Le Dépôt (former NDG food bank);
- antiracism self-education;
- Empty Bowls;
- advocacy for access to health and social services for the Quebec English community;
- support for front line health care workers.

In December 2021 the Committee adopted a new mission statement, which may be found on dorsheimet.com in the About Us section under How to get involved/committees. Please take a look.

All interested members are welcome to get involved with the committee and participate in one or more specific projects or propose a new project. Contact Susan Stock, Chair, for more information or to join.



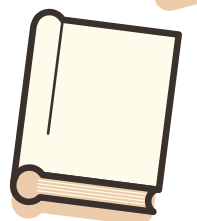
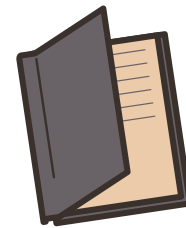
BOOKCLUB 5782 WEDNESDAYS @ 1:00 PM

The Great Alone
by Kristin Hannah
March 9

Five Little Indians
by Michelle Good
April 6

A Year of Living Biblically
by A.J. Jacobs
May 18

Meetings will be held
in-person at the synagogue
RSVP: programdirector@dorshei-emet.org



SPRING EVENTS @ DORSHEI EMET

MARCH

- 16 Purim and Megillah Reading - 7 pm
- 28 Virtual Tour of Ariel Sharon Park in Israel - 11 am

APRIL

- 6 Book club:
Five Little Indians by Michelle Good - 1 pm
- 15-23 Passover
- 15 First Seder, Synagogue office closed
- 18 Statutory Holiday, Synagogue office closed
- 18-21 Chol Hamoed
- 22 Yizkor service, Synagogue office closed - 10 am
- 26 Who Betrayed Anne Frank? And Why? Rosemary Sullivan discusses her new book - 7:30 pm
- 28 Yom Ha'Shoah Program from Yad Vashem - 7:30 pm

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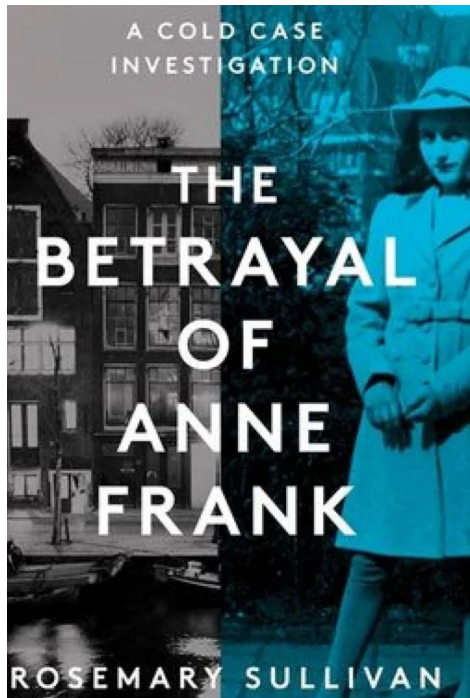
- 4 Yom Ha'zikaron
- 5 Yom Ha'atzmaut
- 18 Book club: A Year of Living Biblically by A.J. Jacobs - 1 pm
- 19 Lag Ba'omer
- 23 Victoria Day, Synagogue office closed

JUNE

- 1 Jewish Journeys Information night - 7 pm
- 4-6 Shavuot
- 5 Yizkor service - 10 am

* Dates are subject to change, and more events may be added. Please check our Weekly Announcements, Facebook page or Website for updates.





CONGREGATION DORSHEI EMET

**Who Betrayed
Anne Frank?
And Why?**
Rosemary Sullivan
discusses her new book.

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022
7:30 PM**

To register, email
[programdirector@
dorshei-emet.org](mailto:programdirector@dorshei-emet.org)
to receive the Zoom link.

Celebrating Chanukah at Dorshei Emet



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PROGRAM CALENDAR



Bernie
Weinstein

YIZKOR BOOK

This will be the fifth year of the Dorshei Emet Yizkor Book. When we started this project, our objective was to create a booklet that would contain the prayers used during the Yizkor services and where members could inscribe the names of their loved ones to honour them.

Were we modest!

The 5782 edition of the Yizkor Book contains all those prayers as well as readings, poems and prayers in Hebrew, English, French and Yiddish (as well as transliterated from Hebrew to English) that can be used throughout the year to mark the occasions when we remember our departed loved ones. It has the names of over 500 individuals honoured by over 100 of our members. Over four years, the Yizkor Book project has raised almost \$24,000 that is being used to improve and enhance our cemetery.

It is our Book, developed by the members for our members.

In 5782, we also launched an online Memory Book where members who inscribed names in the Yizkor Book could share memories of their loved ones online with the members of Dorshei Emet. So far, 15 members have posted 32 stories. They are truly moving and well worth browsing. Bring a tissue.

And this year we will continue the effort. We will add more content, and we welcome your suggestions. We will shorten the solicitation period, from April 1 to June 30. We will again solicit stories for the Memory Book and will be exploring ways to make the Memory Book more visible and meaningful to our members.

We want your ideas, we need your help as a member of the Committee, and we encourage you to participate in both the Yizkor and Memory Books by submitting names and stories. If you have any questions or ideas or would like to help the committee, please email Bernie Weinstein at dorsheimet.yizkor@gmail.com.



Rabbi Boris

PASSOVER WILL BE...

This year's Passover will...be. That's about all that I can say at this point, as I write this message in January heading out of the most recent shutdown. Two years of sitting at the seder table with too much food and not enough people, with two extra seats, one for Elijah and one for my laptop. We are ready to move on. No matter what these next few months bring, I know that we are all looking forward to a change for this year's seder.

Wherever we find ourselves this Passover, we know it will be a holiday filled with so much opportunity. Once again, we will tell the same story, the story of suffering, of wandering and of eventual freedom. We will make connections between the story and the pandemic experience, and will find a way to celebrate, and eat, even if it is not in the same way that we have before. We will sing, we will learn and we may argue a bit. And even if the experience is not quite what we expect, we can say *shehecheyanu*, reminding ourselves of the simple blessing of being able to celebrate another year of life.

I hope that the pandemic experience can inspire us to continue to improve Jewish life and to commit ourselves to the necessary task of making our Jewish experiences more creative, more relevant and more meaningful. Remember, part of the experience of Passover is to both follow a plan, using the "seder of the seder" (the "order"), but also to do what we can to make it our own. Those unique family traditions, those special recipes, those strange rituals; these were not part of the original Haggadah but the additions were what we were supposed to bring into the holiday. We make connections between the Passover story and current events and issues, and some even put additional items on the seder plate to symbolize these ideas in our lives. (I am not yet sure what symbol would be most reflective of the pandemic experience...a roll of toilet paper maybe?) Imagine the possibilities for so much more meaning and connections as we make our way out of the pandemic.

And as we reconstruct and reclaim our Judaism this Pesach, this holiday of freedom, I hope we can do the same for the rest of our lives. May we do all that we can to strengthen our relationships, to connect with community, to give back to others, and to make a better world for the next generation.

PASSOVER GREETINGS

Wishing all Dorshei Emet families health, peace, and joy at Pesach.

Chag Sameach,
Davina Shapiro

To my wonderful Dorshei Emet family: wishing everyone a joyous and meaningful Pesach. May justice and liberation be everyone's reality! Chag sameach!

Ronit Yarosky

May your Matzah be crispy,
And your Marror not too bitter,
May your Salt Water prepare you
To Recline on a cruise.

We wish you a happy, kosher and
Covid-free Passover,

Sandy & Bernie

Happy Passover to the Dorshei Emet community with hopes that we will be gathering together soon. We wish everyone health and happiness.

MC Thank & Eric Shostak

Wishing all our family & friends a very happy healthy Passover.

The Axlers

Pesach sameach to our DE family as we celebrate freedom already achieved and reflect upon oppression that yet remains.

Liz Freedman, Avrum Warshawsky, Sari & Jonah

Happy Passover to all our DE community. May we be able to pray, grow, learn and celebrate together.

Ilana and Brahm Shiller

We didn't want to PASSOVER the chance to send you MATZA good wishes. Pesach Sameach from
Oria, Roni, Michelle, Gavin, Daniel, Lou, Ariel, Sabrina, Yoni, Kayla, Luna & Brie

Looking forward to future Seders with friends and Family! Happy Passover,
Patrizia Di Cori

May the positivity of Passover brighten your today and tomorrow.... Happy Pesach to the Dorshei family from our family!!

Reshef, Boaz, Atara, Aviv and Cynthia

Chag Sameiach to our wonderful Dorshei Family! We are so grateful for this community.

Natalie Amar & Mark Lesk Lielle and Noemi Lesk

Best Passover wishes from the entire Dolin family! May this season inspire us to connect more, to learn more, and to celebrate our freedom each and every day.

Rabbi Boris, Sarah, Elijah, Ezra and Nehama

Chag Sameach from my family to yours!

Dorothy Stober

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**A Bar or Bat Mitzvah
is more than
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- it is a journey.**



Dorshei Emet takes the B'nei Mitzvah process one step further with our Jewish Journeys Program.

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**Join us for our Info night
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Bonnie & Mark Merson

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Nastassia Nobile & Sean Chechik, in appreciation of Rabbi Boris performing their wedding

Bernice Ostroff, in memory of her cousin Doris Blumstein z"l

Shari & Charles Rozansky, on the occasion of Brahm Shiller's birthday

Diane & Robert Sasson, to mark the yahrzeit of Jacques Sasson z"l, Maurice Schouela z"l and Becky Sasson z"l

Celina Segal & Barry Lazar, in appreciation of Dorshei staff, board and volunteers who have brought us through another year.

Ilana & Brahm Shiller, in memory of Doris Blumstein z"l

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Ilana & Brahm Shiller, in memory Mary Rocklin z"l

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Ilana & Brahm Shiller, on the occasion of the wedding of Marilyn Takefman & Teddy Goloff

The Estate of Bernice Serlin

The Estate of Bernie Serlin, in appreciation of Rabbi Boris Dolin

Ellen Shalinsky, in honour of her own special birthday

Ellen Shalinsky, in memory of Michael Rath z"l

Barbara Szeicz & Avi Gomberg, in honour of Bayla Rose's Bat Mitzvah

Pamela Takefman, on the occasion of the wedding of Marilyn Takefman & Teddy Goloff

Marion Van Horn & Murray Baron, in memory of Doris Blumstein z"l

The Estate of Harold Vineberg, in appreciation of Rabbi Boris Dolin

Pnina Wasser & Murray Weber, in honour of Brahm Shiller's special birthday

Paula & Gerald Wiviott, on the occasion of Bram Shiller's birthday

Paula & Gerald Wiviott, in memory of Doris Blumstein z"l

Cynthia Weinstein & Oria Lissak, in honour of Dr. Mitch Shulman

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Ilana & Brahm Shiller, in memory of Pierre Toth z"l

Sandy & Bernie Weinstein, in memory of Claire Friedman z"l on the occasion of her yahrzeit

Bernie Weinstein, Through CN's Railroaders in the Community program, in recognition of his many hours of volunteering, in hopes that we can soon have in-person frailich kiddishes

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Suzanne Handman, on the occasion of the wedding of Marilyn Takefman & Teddy Goloff

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Barbara Szeicz & Avi Gomberg, in honour of Liz Freedman

Marlene & Charles Takefman, on the occasion of the wedding of Marilyn Takefman & Teddy Goloff

Marilyn Takefman & Teddy Goloff, in memory of Ernest Gross z"l

Marilyn Takefman & Teddy Goloff, in honour of Bayla Rose Gomberg becoming Bat Mitzvah

Marilyn Takefman & Teddy Goloff, in memory of Richard King z"l

Marilyn Takefman & Teddy Goloff, in memory of Letizia Di Cori z"l

Cynthia Weinstein & Aviv Laor, on the occasion of the wedding of Marilyn Takefman & Teddy Goloff

Janet & Irving Wiseman, on the occasion of the wedding of Marilyn Takefman & Teddy Goloff

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Carmela Aigen, in honour of Peggi Cohen Rabinovitch becoming President of Associates of Ben Gurion University

Carmela Aigen, in honour of Ilana and Brahm Shiller on the birth of their grandson Jamie

Carmela Aigen, in honour of the retirement of Naomi and Gerald Ahronheim

Carmela Aigen, wishing a Refuah Shlema to Tony Rustin

Carmela Aigen, wishing a Refuah Shlema to Rita Schulman

Carmela Aigen, to mark the yahrzeit of Joseph Aigen z"l

Paula Blitstein, in honour of Peggi Cohen Rabinovitch, Montreal Chapter President of Canadian Associates of Ben Gurion University

Debbie Carroll, in memory of her father Charles Carroll z"l

Barbara Leiter, in memory of Marilyn Goldenberg z"l

Barbara Leiter, in memory of Jack Tencer z"l

Deborah Levitan, to mark the yahrzeit of Saretta z"l and Ben Levitan z"l

Rita Schulman, in memory of Fran Urman's mother

Ilana & Brahm Shiller, in honour of Bayla Rose Gomberg becoming Bat Mitzvah

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Charles Bloom, in appreciation of Rabbi Boris Dolin

Eleanor Bonder, to mark the yahrzeit of her brother David Goldenblatt z"l

Eleanor Bonder, to mark the yahrzeit of her mother Sema Goldenblatt z"l

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Suzanne LaRue & David Bloom, in appreciation of Rabbi Boris Dolin, for the baby naming of their granddaughter

Sheldon Miller, in honour of Rabbi Boris Dolin

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Sandra & Herschel Mitchell

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Peggi Cohen & Mark Rabinovitch, in honour of Ilana & Brahm Shiller in welcoming a new grandson, James Oliver

Sharron Schwartz & Syd Stepner, in honour of Bayla Rose Gomberg becoming Bat Mitzvah

Marilyn Takefman & Teddy Goloff, in memory of Jack Tencer z"l

Cynthia Weinstein & Aviv Laor, in honour of Shara Rosen becoming a Bubbie to a new granddaughter

Cynthia Weinstein & Aviv Laor, in honour of the birth of Ilana and Brahm Shiller's new grandson, James (Jamie) Oliver

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Rosie Avissar, in appreciation of Oria's Lissak for the wonderful and interesting programs

Gina Fogel

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Judy Kenigsberg, in memory of Marilyn Goldenberg z"l

Judy Kenigsberg, in memory of Jack Tencer z"l

Eva Kuper, in memory of Sidney Shapiro z"l

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Joni Steinman, on the occasion of Marilyn Takefman and Teddy Goloff's wedding

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A festive graphic for Purim. The background is light blue with scattered colorful stars and confetti. At the top, a string of colorful triangular bunting flags (blue, purple, green, red, orange, pink) is displayed. Below the flags are three hamantaschen (triangular Purim pastries). To the left is a red, scaly mask. To the right is an orange toy top. In the bottom left, three cartoon characters (a man with a beard and crown, a woman, and a child) hold a scroll that says "Happy Purim". In the bottom right, a cartoon elf character holds a wand. The text "It's Purim Time Megillah Reading Followed By Let's Get Trivial" is written in a purple, stylized font. Below this, the date "Wednesday, March 16, 2022" and time "7:00 PM • In-person" are listed. At the very bottom, a line of text states "Registration Required. The form can be found in the weeklies and on our website."

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