



HA'KEHILAH

THE COMMUNITY VOICE קול הקהילה



THE REBELLION OF JOY

Rabbi Boris Dolin

Of all of the holidays, Purim is meant to be the one day where we can "let it all go" and celebrate with unrivaled hope and pride. Joy is melded into the very meaning of the day, through the foods we eat, through the drinking, the costumes and the silliness. Yet, beyond these important details (and they are truly important, since we know Purim would not be Purim without cookies and a party), there is a deeper meaning which rings especially true in our current moment.

L'hafoch, to turn things around, is the true core value of the day. While it leads to the tradition of masks and costumes, it is really about looking at our world and directly confronting it with a better, more holy vision of how things can be. The idea is found clearly in the 9th chapter of the Book of Esther: "And so, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month... the very day on which the enemies of the Jews had expected to get them in their power, the opposite happened (ve-nahafoch hu), and the Jews got their enemies in their power." According to the rabbinic tradition, *l'hafoch* involves a heavy dose of purposeful action,

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ellayne Kaplan

In the final segment of the Shabbat service, before reciting the Mourner's Kaddish, we recite the Aleinu prayer in unison. The first word, "Aleinu", translates as "It is our responsibility" or "It is incumbent upon us". In many of the prayers, we beseech God to help us out, but in this one we are looking at each other, and inside.

In my remarks to the congregation at Rosh Hashanah, and in many of my encounters with Dorshei Emet members, I have tried to stress the value of contributing to our community. Contributions may range from the obvious - dues and donations - through participation and sometimes through the tasks that involve rolling up your sleeves.

Here is a case in point: During the summer of 2017, around the time of the *yahrzeit* for my mother, I was surprised that I hadn't received a reminder call from the shul. Learning that the committee had ceased operating some months before, I reflected and finally volunteered to take on the coordination of calls. With help from former committee members,

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Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z"l teaches, "Optimism and hope are not the same. Optimism is the belief that the world is changing for the better; hope is the belief that, together, we can make the world better" (from To Heal a Fractured World: The Ethics of Responsibility).

Are you optimistic or hopeful? Are you the person with "thoughts and prayers" or the person who starts planning, rolls up their sleeves, and gets to work? We all know which person gets what they want; nothing just comes together.

One of the aspects of Judaism that I love is the focus on mitzvot – actions to improve the world. It's not just about giving yourself to a higher being and waiting for everything to work out.

As the Executive Director of Dorshei Emet, people are constantly coming to me with ideas they say are great. Sometimes they are, and sometimes not so much. The devil is always in the details; an idea without a way to get from A to Z will not work. Plans need to be seen through to the end. I always tell people that every good idea cannot come from me and Oria. We love input and feedback but, even more, we love people with the drive to implement their ideas.

Since the tragedy of October 7th, we are all looking to the Jewish community for strength and to feel solidarity and belonging. At this time of the year, Dorshei Emet asks you to help us so we can be there for you. Our Annual Giving Campaign is essential for the financial well-being of the community. Membership dues are not enough to sustain us and allow us to provide all the fantastic events throughout the year that make us the vibrant and inspiring community we love.

This spring is a great time to get involved. It may be a time when we all need to look at where our priorities lie. What do we have to do to ensure that the world we leave for our children is the one we want them to inherit? There are many ways to shape the future: give tzedakah and contribute to our Annual Giving Campaign, show up and be part of the community, do a mitzvah and model the person you want others to be. Together, we are strong and proudly Jewish. Join us!



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The Congregation Dorshei Emet Annual Giving Campaign is our primary fundraising effort. The campaign provides our greatest source of non-dues income, which is necessary to ensure the financial health of our community. In addition, this fundraising enables Dorshei Emet to continue to be the warm and welcoming shul we all love. We have so much to look forward to in the coming year and many opportunities to connect.

Dorshei Emet continues to be creative, flexible, and innovative. We continue to pray, learn, and socialize.

Only through your generosity (donations large and small) can we achieve our goals of spiritual fulfillment, cultural enrichment, exceptional educational programming, and appreciation of the joys of Jewish life.

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

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

Todah rabah and thank you for your generous donation!



Program Director, Oria Lissak

You know you are doing something right when your Greek daughter-in-law tells you that her favorite holiday is Passover! How is that possible? The holiday with the long seder, where we start the evening by reading and singing from the haggadah for at least an hour and a half and most of it is in Hebrew. Then after we eat, we go back to more reading and singing for another hour. But now that I think about it, I know why she says this. Over the past few years, I have tried to incorporate a variety of new readings, songs, foods and rituals into the seder to keep it fresh. Some are maintained, some don't make the cut for the following year.

This all began a few years ago when we had a Passover learning program with Rabbi Jonathan Cohen z"l. I asked people to bring in samples of the charoset they make at their seder. There was a wide variety: Yemenite, Moroccan, Mizrahi and Italian. It was the first time I tried types of charoset other than the "Ashkenazi" charoset that I grew up making with my dad.

At the same time Cynthia mentioned that she incorporated a reading by Ruth Bader Ginsburg at her seder. That Passover, I decided to test out the RBG reading along with a variety of charosets from around the world. It was a big hit.

The following year we added the Miriam cup, then the next year, we added new items to the standard seder plate (oranges, chocolate, olives), then came the four questions in many different languages.

Every year, Cynthia and I look for new ideas and new readings to add. We have so much fun searching for them and are so excited when we find the right thing. Even with all our excitement, the true test really is the reaction from the family and friends at our seders. At the end of the evening, they decide what are the keepers for the next years to come. Cynthia and I compare notes and our families do not always agree about what works.

Last year we had a charoset workshop at synagogue. Ilana Shiller, Cynthia and I made a variety of charosets and we had a tasting. At the end of the evening we had a wonderful discussion. People talked about the different haggadot they use and many made interesting suggestions to spice up a seder. I went home that night and wrote everything down that I remembered. By the end of the week, I had planned and scheduled the program for this year, which I have now titled "Fun Ways to Enhance your Passover Seder". I hope you will join us on _____, to share your unique seder tips and learn something that could change the way your family experiences the seder this year.



Fun Ways To Enhance Your Passover Seder

Thursday, April 11, 7:00 PM

**Is your seder the same every year?
Come and learn new ways to "spice" it up.**



Registration Required: <http://tinyurl.com/DEenhancing>
If you have suggestions to incorporate into our program,
please email: programdirector@dorshei-emet.org





Shabbat Shira Committee
Chair, Olga Gross

On Saturday January 27 2024, we celebrated Shabbat Shira with another edition of our annual concert series. Josh 'SoCalled' Dolgin took center stage, captivating the audience with his dynamic and engaging performance. Accompanied by 'Yenne Velt', a group of six exceptionally talented musicians, the ensemble showcased the remarkable artistry of the tsimbl (hammered dulcimer) as played by Dan Thagard. The event featured Josh's innovative arrangements of traditional Klezmer and Yiddish repertoire, creating an atmosphere that resonated with our rich cultural heritage.

The sanctuary buzzed with energy as a large and enthusiastic audience immersed themselves in the music, clapping, singing and dancing to the infectious tunes.

The success of the evening was a result of the dedicated efforts of many. Cynthia and Oria's unwavering commitment fueled the momentum behind the event's success, while the invaluable contributions of the Shabbat Shira Committee, Davina Shapiro, Patrizia di Cori and Jonathan Halliday, our adept sound engineer, ensured a seamless and memorable experience for all who gathered to revel in the magic of Shabbat Shira.



Photos: Aviv Laor



Chair, Bernie Weinstein



My mother's yahrzeit, this year on March 28, always falls around Purim. I mark the occasion by lighting a yahrzeit candle, asking for an aliyah in shul so I can publicly remember her, and by making a donation in her honour. For the last several years, since it was first printed in the Dorshei Emet Yizkor Book, my wife and I have used the process and prayers to help us light the yahrzeit candle in a most meaningful way. These are found on pages 22 and 23 of the 5784 edition. I also try to have a hamantasch, in memory of my mom's excellent baking.

The Dorshei Emet Yizkor Book is a wellspring of poems, prayers and information to be used during the entire year. Naturally, it is used by the entire congregation during the four yizkor services throughout the year. In addition, all the money raised is used to beautify the Dorshei Emet cemetery. This summer, the cemetery path will be extended and cleaned up with money from the Cemetery Fund. More work is planned.

The campaign for the 5785 edition will start on April 1, 2024. For me, this is always an exciting time of the year, when the Yizkor Book Committee tries to communicate with all our members and friends to solicit their submissions for the Book. The campaign will end on July 1.

If you have any questions or need help with your submission, please feel free to write to me at dorsheiemetyizkor@gmail.com.

P.S. If you have any ideas for specific items to be added to the 5785 edition, or if you would like to help us on this campaign, please email me.

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and it can also mean "rebellious." It is a rebelling against darkness and rebelling against a world which doesn't seem to leave much space for healing and joy.

Purim asks us to take this hint of hope and turn it into activism. On Purim we don't just say that joy means pushing aside the realities and the darkness around us, or that we can have an "island of happiness" in the midst of a challenging world. Instead, it is a true confrontation of darkness and fear and a statement that, while both challenge and strength, and fear and hope can exist together, it is up to us to ensure that hope holds the higher ground.

The mystery of an "inverted world" is that maybe the joy of Purim, the hope of this holiday, is actually a glimpse into the world as it should always be. It is not

just a day of silliness and celebration, but a taste of the true reality that we can yearn for. Imagine a world where we could always be our true selves without the need to put on our "masks". Imagine a world where evil and ignorance never win, and compassion and peace are the true victors. A story from the Talmud says it well:

Rav Yosef, son of Rabbi Yehoshua ben Levi, became ill and was about to expire. When he returned to good health, his father said to him: What did you see when you were about to die? He said to him: I saw an inverted world [olam hafoch]. Those above were below, while those below were above. He said to him: My son, you have seen a clear world.

-Pesachim 50a

We don't need to accept the world which we have today. Purim asks us to rebel and fight back, to hold onto joy as if there is no tomorrow, and to do what we can to make these ideas real in our lives and in our society. As we gather together over the next few months, may we continue to gain strength and hope and go out and fight for more.

And during this time, I shouldn't need to turn the world upside down to remind you how you can stay active in our community! Learn with us, pray with us, sing with us, give to the Annual Campaign, volunteer. If we reach out to each other, if we remember our past, and if we let the strength of community guide us, then we will make it through this time and we will have some room to celebrate on the way!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS WITH AUDREY BERNER

MEDIEVAL ARCHITECTURE

4 Weeks - On Zoom
Tuesdays @ 4:00 - 5:00 PM

March 19, 26, April 2, 9
Members: \$40, Non-Members \$54

The period from the fall of the Roman Empire until the beginning of the Renaissance is known as The Middle Ages, but many people called it the Dark Ages. Yet it was anything but "dark". This class will look at the development of society during this thousand year era and the buildings, defences and homes that evolved to meet the needs of a changing social structure.

Email: programdirector@dorshei-emet.org to register.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUES FROM PAGE 1

I managed to sort out the details and began a personal journey that has brought me profound satisfaction. The benefits include developing relationships with members whose names were formerly just words on a page, the good feeling which stems from reminding our members that their community cares about them, and the pleasure (and fun!) of working with a wonderful team of volunteers.

How many times have I said that my contributions to Dorshei Emet, from rolled-up sleeves to two-time president, have brought me so much more than I have given? It's a message worth repeating.

As president, I get a lot of questions, suggestions and even a few complaints about all the things we do, and the things we haven't gotten around to doing yet. Here is my answer: It is our responsibility - It is incumbent upon us. Thanks to our Rabbi and staff, as well as our devoted indispensable volunteers, we accomplish so much. With your help, we can do even more!

Last words: Volunteer opportunities abound! Please email or call me to tell me how you would like to participate in building our community's future. No effort is too small.

And, please, don't forget to contribute to our Annual Giving Campaign.

Dorshei Emet Bookclub

Wednesdays @ 1:00 PM, In-Person

March 13, 2024
The Oppermanns
by Lion Feuchtwanger

April 10, 2024
The Midnight Library
by Matt Haig

May 8, 2024
Half A Yellow Sun
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

To join us, email: programdirector@dorshei-emet.org





Choir Coordinator,
Dave Glaser

Changes are happening with the Dorshei Emet choir. Last year, our long-time choir director, Helen Binik, stepped down after 16 years. Thanks, Helen, for your wonderful leadership and dedication. Also thanks to Bill Caplin in his continuing role as our rehearsal pianist. As many of you know, our new director is Joseph Glaser, who is a conductor and composer and works at the Canadian Music Centre. He, along with Bill, will be directing the choir again this year. We welcome Joseph in his new role.

In addition, after some challenging years when we needed to reduce participation due to the pandemic restrictions, we are now ready to open up the choir to new and returning members. Any Dorshei Emet members (b'nei mitzvah age or older) are welcome. Being able to read music is a plus but not required. We sing 5 prayers including Kol Nidrei.

There will be 6 rehearsals before the Kol Nidrei service. This year, rehearsals will begin in early September, one evening a week plus one Sunday morning. Kol Nidrei is Friday, October 11.

If you are interested, please let us know by sending an email to:

dorshei.emet.choir@gmail.com

Please include:

- your name and phone number (and email address if different from the sending one)
- voice range, if known (soprano, alto, tenor, bass)
- whether you have sung in a choir before

We look forward to hearing from you and continuing this shul tradition.



Rabbi Boris Dolin

As you may have noticed, there have been some changes to our Shabbat services over the past few years. Some of these changes are a direct outcome of the pandemic and others stem from the natural evolution of ritual and from our community values. We have worked hard to ensure that our services are meaningful and serve the needs of as many people as possible, while also doing our best to respect our traditions and values. Here are some of the highlights:

- We now have three aliyot during most Shabbat services. This change is primarily for practical reasons as it has become more difficult to find Torah readers and volunteers for the aliyot blessings. This also leaves more time for prayers, song and discussion after the dvar Torah, and also ensures that we end services around noon. This practice is nearly universal among other Reconstructionist and Reform synagogues. B'nei Mitzvah families still have the option of having seven aliyot to ensure there are enough opportunities for honours.
- We have been chanting Haftarahs only once a month. We are trying to make this more frequent but, most likely, we will not go back to having a Haftarah every week.
- The rules about Torah honours as they apply to non-Jews are still the same. Only Jews wear a tallit, say the aliyot blessings, read from the Torah and hold the Torah. Non-Jewish family and other members of the community are welcome to have other honours, such as opening the ark or doing readings like the prayer for the country. We believe this is a meaningful way to celebrate the inclusive nature of our community while still respecting the boundaries that are important for maintaining our traditions.
- The use of cameras, phones and other technology is not allowed during services in the sanctuary at any time. We allow photographs on Shabbat only in the social hall after services.
- While we suggest that all Jewish participants wear a tallit and kipa during services, we will not require anyone to do so except when they are on the bima for a Torah honour, when a tallit and kipa are obligatory.
- We continue to make a purposeful attempt to assure that the language of the liturgy is gender-neutral and affirms the diversity of our community, while still holding onto the traditional language as much as possible. This includes God language, aliyot blessings and the affirmation of the diversity of our families.

These practices are important to maintain the sanctity of our religious services while also honouring our liberal and inclusive values. As a Reconstructionist community, we do our best to honour the past while delicately confronting the changing realities of our world and our community.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns about these or any other of our practices and traditions.



Dorshei Emet Member, David Gerchicoff

The past few months have left many a liberal Jew feeling stuck between a rock and a hard place. I, like most Dorshei Emet members, hold a belief system that judges progressive values, Jewish values and support for Israel to be complementary to one another. It is a Jewish responsibility to fight for those with no voice and strive for social justice in our communities. Reconstructionist Judaism, in particular, focuses itself on these responsibilities, with concepts like tzedek and tikkun olam occupying a prominent position. I grew up understanding Zionism within this Reconstructionist belief system. It is our responsibility to support the emancipation of the Jewish people and to stand up for our fellow Jews, wherever they may be across the world. It is also our responsibility to support Israel as a democratic state: one that tries to make peace with its Palestinian and Arab neighbours and one that empowers women and sexual/gender minorities.

When you leave the Jewish community and move into Gen Z social circles, you find a new rift between you and your friends with whom you have fought for environmental justice, reconciliation with First Nations and against police brutality. Suddenly, advocating for the release of hostages and denouncing sexual violence is no longer progressive since Israel and her supporters have been "cancelled". I cannot count how many former friends, coworkers and classmates have depicted Israel and her supporters as monsters while disregarding the immense trauma and suffering following 7/10 and the miserable war which has ensued. To them,

supporting Israel is seen as supporting genocide, apartheid, and European settler-colonialism. At the same time, Hamas and the atrocities they have committed are a form of resistance that must be analyzed within a context. How do you reconcile your allies turning against your people? Am I meant to support right-wing politicians who support the state of Israel but rebuke basic values like access to abortion and LGBT rights? Or do I continue to support more progressive figures whom I agree with on social issues, but demonize the Jewish state and pay lip service to the explosion of antisemitic acts across the globe? If the trend of treating Zionism as a partisan issue continues, where does this leave the future of liberal and Reconstructionist Judaism in the decades to come? Will we see our core beliefs continue to be pulled by both sides?

I am so grateful for the Dorshei Emet community and the wider Jewish community within this context. Because of their wonderful strength and support, I have maintained my sanity while feeling like I am being pulled at from both sides. It is incredibly empowering and comforting to have friends who remind you that your belief system is not self-contradictory and to have friends who are experiencing the same struggles as you and grappling with the same feelings of frustration and abandonment from former allies. Community has been a powerful tool of resistance used by the Jewish people in the face of adversity, much harsher than the situation we find ourselves in today. The community will continue to be the glue that carries the Jewish spirit through the challenging times and into the times of rejoicing that will inevitably follow.

AN EVENING WITH

**MP ANTHONY
HOUSEFATHER**A DISCUSSION ON THE SURGE IN
ANTI-SEMITISM AT HOME & ABROAD.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 7:30 PM - ON ZOOM
REGISTER HERE: [HTTP://TINYURL.COM/DEHOUSEFATHER](http://tinyurl.com/dehousefather)



Youth & Children's Coordinator,
Ilana Teitelman

We know that each stage of life has different needs, so we've been focusing this year on expanding our family programming. In addition to building up our Family Shabbat and holiday offerings, here are a few things we've added at Dorshei to include all phases of Jewish life:

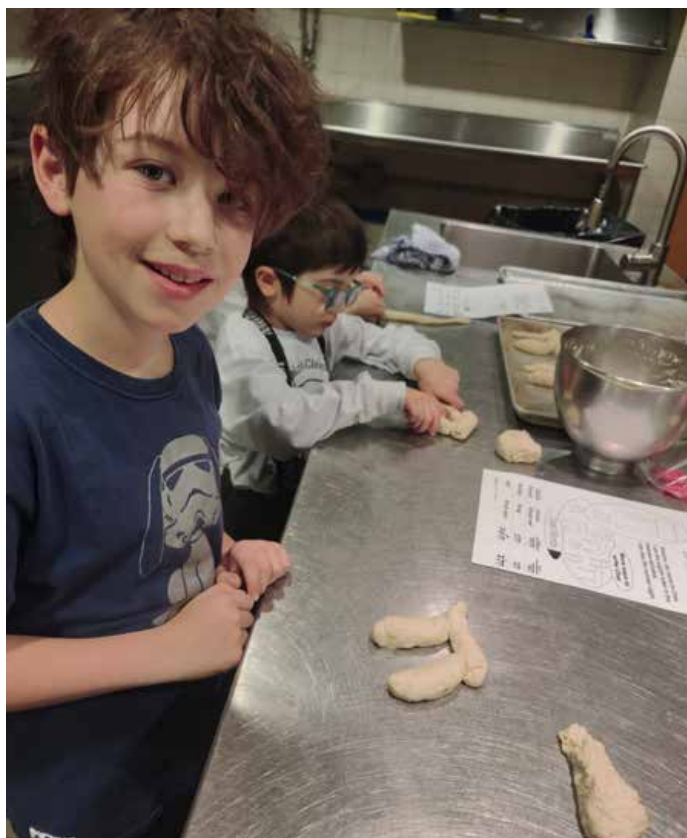
Each month we have a themed Havdalah night for teens 14+ to gather, relax and have fun. We do a short Havdalah service in the sanctuary, then head up to the activity room to hang out! Past/upcoming themes include: Game Night, RPG Character Creation, Pesach Cooking Challenge and more!

Friday Kabbalat Shabbat for bridging ages (12-14) and youth outings are in the works as well, so keep an eye on the webpage and contact Ilana if you'd like to be added to our exclusive Teen WhatsApp group for planning and connecting!

For our youngest members (4 and under, older siblings welcome) we've started hosting Holiday PJ Parties! Half playtime (with snacks!), half song and story circle, we gather on the Sunday closest to each holiday to celebrate and learn.

We also hosted some Tot Shabbats in the Fall, but ultimately more of our families had older tots who are in childcare. If you're on leave with a baby and looking for weekday programming, contact Ilana!

Perhaps our most ambitious undertaking, we've started an afterschool program for kids in grades K-5 looking to explore their Jewish identity. We offer a welcoming, question-based, pluralistic approach to Jewish education, with lots of songs, art and movement included. Come to our Open House on April 9 at 5pm or contact Ilana for more information!



Dorshei Emet Families

Spring 5784 Events

March

2 Teen Havdalah
SA 5pm - 8pm

15 Tot Shabbat
FR 11am - Noon

23 Purim Carnival
SA 5:30pm
6:30pm Megillah reading
7:30pm Party

24 Purim PJ Party
SU 11am - Noon

New Time!

April

6 Family Shabbat
SA 10am - Noon

6 Teen Havdalah
SA 5pm - 8pm

9 Dorshei Discovery
Open House
TU 5pm - 6:30pm

14 Passover Crafttime
SU 2pm - 4pm

27 Passover Cook-Off
SA 5pm - 8pm

28 Passover PJ Party
SU 11am - Noon

3 events in 1!
Note: Snacks only,
dinner not provided

May

4 Family Shabbat
SA 10am - Noon

4 Teen Havdalah
SA 5pm - 8pm

10 Yom Haatzmaut
FR 6:15pm

18 Family Shabbat
SA 10am - Noon

26 Lag Ba-Omer Cookout
SU Noon

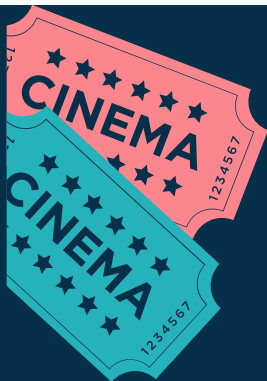
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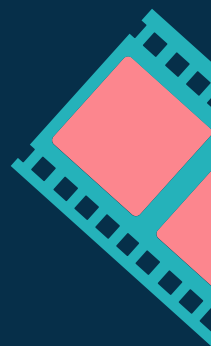
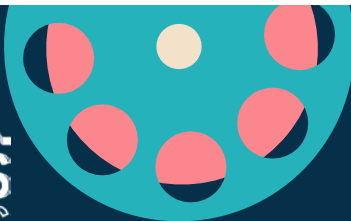
Kids: under 14

Teens: 14+

For the Whole Family
(all ages welcome!)



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OF ALL AGES



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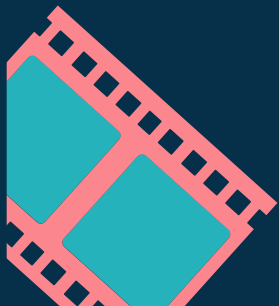
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ISRAEL IN 1984 DURING OPERATION MOSES. SHLOMO
IS PLAGUED BY TWO BIG SECRETS: HE IS NEITHER A
JEW NOR AN ORPHAN, JUST AN AFRICAN BOY WHO
SURVIVED AND WANTS, SOMEHOW, TO FULFILL HIS
ETHIOPIAN MOTHER'S PARTING REQUEST THAT HE
"GO, LIVE, AND BECOME."

DISCUSSION TO FOLLOW VIEWING
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FUTURE DATES:
APRIL 18, MAY 16, JUNE 20



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Chair – Bernie Weinstein



@ DORSHEI EMET

MARCH

An Evening with Anthony Housefather, MP (Zoom)
- 7:30 pm
Bookclub: The Oppermanns - 1 pm
Hot Topics: Gender (Zoom) - 7:30 pm
Tot Shabbat - 11 am
Cinemates: Live and Become - 1 pm
Purim Carnival - 5:30 pm
Purim Megillah Reading - 6:30 pm
Purim Prom Party - 7:30 pm
Purim PJ Party - 11 am
"Unlikely Insider" with Edie Austin (Zoom) - 7:30 pm

APRIL

Family Shabbat - 10 am
Teen Havdallah - 5 pm
A Jewish Life - 7:30 pm
Discovery School Open House - 5 pm
Bookclub: The Midnight Library - 1 pm
Fun Ways To Enhance Your Seder Workshop - 7 pm
Passover Craft Workshop (Ages 14+) - 2 pm
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Cinemates: TBD - 1 pm
Teen Cook Off - 5 pm
Passover PJ Party - 11 am

MAY

Yom Haatzmaut Mezze Workshop - 7 pm
Family Shabbat - 10 am
Teen Havdallah - 5 pm
O'Keeffe and Moore Exhibit At MMFA - 1:30 pm
Bookclub: Half a Yellow Sun - 1 pm
Yom Hazikaron Commemoration and
Yom Haatzmaut - 6:15 pm
Cinemates: TBD - 1 pm
Family Shabbat - 10 am
Hot Topics - 7:30 pm
Lag Ba'Omer Cookout (Family Program) - 12 pm

JUNE

Kabbalat Shabbat Around The World - 6:30 pm
Shavuot Ice cream Workshop - 7 pm
Annual General Meeting - 7 pm
Cinemates: TBD - 1 pm

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

If you would like to receive our weekly email announcements, please contact the office.





JEWISH JOURNEYS

Pre B'Nei Mitzvah Program
at Dorshei Emet

**FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 6
PROGRAM BEGINS IN FALL 2024**

For more information or to register
please contact Cynthia Weinstein
executivedirector@dorshei-emet.org
<http://www.dorsheimet.com>

**JOIN OUR INFO NIGHT ON ZOOM
JUNE 4, 2024, 7pm**

Our interactive program makes preparing for your child's B'Nei Mitzvah a truly life changing experience. Through a mix of informal learning, cultural activities, games and youth group style fun we help foster a strong Jewish identity and discover the true meaning of being Jewish!



CONGREGATION DORSHEI EMET



Mezze Workshop

Thursday, May 2, 7:00PM



Mezze is a selection of small plates served as appetizers in many middle eastern countries. Just in time for Yom Ha'atzmaut, join us for a workshop to learn how to make our favorite ones!

Registration Required: <http://tinyurl.com/DEmezza>

Shavuot Ice Cream Making Workshop

Monday, June 10, 7:00 PM

In-Person - Registration Required.
Email programdirector@dorshei-emet.org,
for more details.

GEORGIA O'KEEFFE & HENRY MOORE

Join us for two programs,
led by Audrey Berner, our resident art expert.

Talk: The Life & Works of Georgia O'Keeffe & Henry Moore
April 16, 4:00 PM - Zoom

Exhibit: An Outing to the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts
May 7, 1:30PM - In Person

Fee: To be determined
For more information, email: programdirector@dorshei-emet.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT

JOIN IN THE TRADITION OF
EVENING STUDY ON SHAVUOT,
WITH TEACHINGS AND DISCUSSION
FROM RABBI BORIS AND MEMBERS
OF THE DE COMMUNITY.
LIGHT SNACKS, DRINKS (AND
CHEESECAKE) WILL BE PROVIDED.

JUNE 11TH, 2024
8:00-10:00PM
AT DORSHEI EMET AND ON ZOOM

Registration Required:
Link will be sent in the weekly email.
For more info contact Rabbi Boris
rabbiboris@dorshei-emet.org



5784 (October 27, 2023 - January 29, 2024)

Reva Bercovitch, in memory of her dear mother, Fannie
Silverstone Kastner z"l

Monroe & Susan Charlap, in memory of Moishe Rotstein z"l
Marta Dikman

Ode Garfinkle, in memory of Moishe Rotstein z"l

Charles Kaplan & Gordana Jovanovich, in honour of Barry
Lazar's special birthday

Ellayne Kaplan & Howard Berger, in honour of the Social
Justice Committee

Ellayne Kaplan & Howard Berger, in memory of Pierre Toth z"l

Ellayne Kaplan & Howard Berger, in honour of Tristan Fabian
becoming bar mitzvah

Ellayne Kaplan & Howard Berger, in memory of Irving Allan
Wiseman z"l

Ellayne Kaplan & Howard Berger, in memory of Sheila Schouela z"l

Ellayne Kaplan & Howard Berger, in honour of Oliver Saibil
becoming bar mitzvah

Ellayne Kaplan & Howard Berger, in memory of Morris Rotstein z"l

Ellayne Kaplan & Howard Berger, in honour of David Kalayji
becoming bar mitzvah

Paula & Michael Lehrman, in honour of Michael's special
birthday

Corina Rosenfeld

Sharon Rustin

Esty & Hilton Schwartz

Cindy Sherwin & Jon Gould

Ilana & Brahm Shiller, on the yahrzeit of Sam Rabinovitch z"l, dear father and father-in-law of Mark and Peggi Rabinovitch
Marilyn Takefman, & Teddy Goloff, in memory of Irving Allan Wiseman z"l

Merle Wolofsky, in memory of Ernest Rashkovan z"l

Laura Yaros, In memory of Evan Shayne Bessner Friedlan z"l, beloved grandson of Lois Lieff

Laura Yaros, In memory of Shuah Roskies z"l, beloved daughter of Deena & David Roskies

Shelly Bayless Fabian, in honour of Tristan David Fabian's bar mitzvah.

Romy Schnaiberg & Brian Rocklin, in honour of the birth of their grandson, Simon Justin, named in loving memory of Romy's mother, Carol Schnaiberg z"l.

Marilyn Aigen, in memory of Gershon Hundert z"l

Audrey & Mark Berner, in memory of Gershon Hundert z"l

Helen & Irv Binik, in appreciation of Yaacov Trieger

Esther Frank, in memory of Rabbi Ron Aigen z"l

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

Frances Schanfield, in memory of Gershon Hundert z"l

Ilana & Brahm Shiller, in honour of Carmela Aigen for a fascinating evening of learning and friendship

Laura Winer

Laura Yaros, in loving memory of our dear friend Judy Kenigsberg, whom we miss every day.

Brigitte Albert, in memory of Irving Allan Wiseman z"l

Dawn Anderson, to mark the yahrzeit of her father, Clifford Anderson

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

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

Philip Ehrensaft, in memory of Edith z"l and Morris Ehrensaft z"l

Karen & Barry Goldberg, in honour of the baby naming of Riley Small

Rami Negev, in appreciation of the program "I Donut Know How to Make a Donut"

Beverly & Sam Goldbloom, in honour of the birth of their new grandson Joseph S. Goldbloom

Fabiana Pereira & Gabriel Lasry, on Israel's 75th anniversary

Rona & Peter Small, in honour of Rabbi Boris

Sharron Schwartz & Syd Stepner, in honour of Romy Schnaiberg and Brian Rocklin on becoming grandparents, as they welcome baby Simon, son of Matthew Litwin and Mélissa Trottier. Mazel tov!

Andrea Shuster & Ben Urovitch

Terry Ades & David Brown, in appreciation of Oria and the programming of events at Dorshei Emet

Albert-Toth family, in memory of Pierre Toth z"l

Anna Barber, in memory of her teacher Gershon Hundert z"l and in honour of the birth of his and Ruth's new grandson Judah Nathaniel.

Shelly Bayless Fabian, in honour of Tristan David Fabian's bar mitzvah.

Judith Bilefsky

Eleanor Bonder, in appreciation of Living through Turbulent Times

Patrizia Di Cori

Sheila Greenberg, in memory of the Great Teacher, and Scholar, Gershon David Hundert z"l, beloved husband of Ruth Hundert.

Naomi Lapin & Jeffrey Rother

Tyra Moscovitch

Ruth Najman

Judith Nemes-Black & Dragan Svarc, in appreciation of DE programming

Rosa Richter

Jillian Rodin

Shara Rosen, in honour of the Shabbat Shira committee

Kitty Samberg, in appreciation of Cynthia and Oria for the great Zoom Programming

Sharron Schwartz & Syd Stepner, in memory of Gershon Hundert z"l

Mina Stark, with many thanks and appreciation for the programming this year

Lynne Williams, in memory of Ryan and Patricia Smolkin z"l

Merle Wolofsky, in memory of Gershon Hundert z"l

Natasha Bates

Jonathan Goldman & Anaïs Gagne

Becker-Newpol family foundation

Micki Keesal, in memory of Irving Allan Wiseman z"l

Micki Keesal, in memory of Gershon Hundert z"l

Nora & Andrei Kelner

Mark Lazar, in honour of Barry Lazar's birthday Haftarah

Helen Levi, in honour of Patrizia Di Cori

Terrye & Irv Perlman, in memory of Irving Allan Wiseman z"l

Shara Rosen

Sheindl Rothman & Jack Rudnicki

Sharron Schwartz & Syd Stepner, to wish a refuah shlema to Abby Kleinberg-Bassel

Andrea Sepinwall & Oded Guttman

Celina Segal & Barry Lazar, on the bar mitzvah of David Kalayji

Ilana & Brahm Shiller, on the birthday of Teddy Goloff

Ilana & Brahm Shiller, in memory of Irving Wiseman z"l

Ilana & Brahm Shiller, with thanks to Marilyn Takefman and

Teddy Goloff for graciously hosting DE book club in their home.

Ilana & Brahm Shiller, in memory of Nathan Kaplan, father of Ellayne Kaplan

Ilana & Brahm Shiller, in memory of Sylvia Bond z"l, mother and mother-in-law of Michael and Sharon

Ilana & Brahm Shiller, in memory of Sheila Schouela z"l, dear mother and mother-in-law to Diane and Robert Sasson

Pearlann Goldenberg, in memory of Gershon Hundert z"l, a very kind and gentle soul who always had a warm smile for everyone.

Deborah & Daniel Kraus, in memory of Micha Karpfen z"l

Deborah & Daniel Kraus, in memory of Shuah Roskies z"l

Eleanor Bonder, in memory of Yahrzeit of Bill Herscovitch z"l,
husband of Suzanne Herscovitch
Sharon Hyman, in memory of Moishe Morris Rotstein z"l
Esther Lang
Lois Lief, on the birthday of Lois Radding. A very special birthday
wish to a very special lady!
Shara Rosen

Sheila Caplan & Maurice Krystal, in memory of Gershon
Hundert z"l
Donna & Irwin Kuzmarov, in memory of Gershon Hundert z"l
Romy Schnaiberg & Brian Rocklin, to wish a refuah shlema to
Abby Kleinberg-Bassel

Judy Berger and Will Richardson, in memory of Gershon
Hundert z"l

Carmela Aigen, in memory of Gershon Hundert z"l.
Carmela Aigen, in memory of Ernest Rashkovan z"l.
Sheila Greenberg, in memory of Irving Allan Wiseman z"l,
beloved brother of Dorothy Stober and uncle of Frances Stober
Lois Lief, in honour of Merle Wolofsky on the birth of her great-
grandson, Stellan Ezra Morrow.

Gabriele Drazien, in memory of Morris (Moishe) Rotstein z"l
Brian Emrich, in memory of Morris Rotstein z"l
Bluma & Jack Goldberg, in memory of Gershon Hundert z"l

Audrey & Mark Berner, in honour of the birth of Simon Justin
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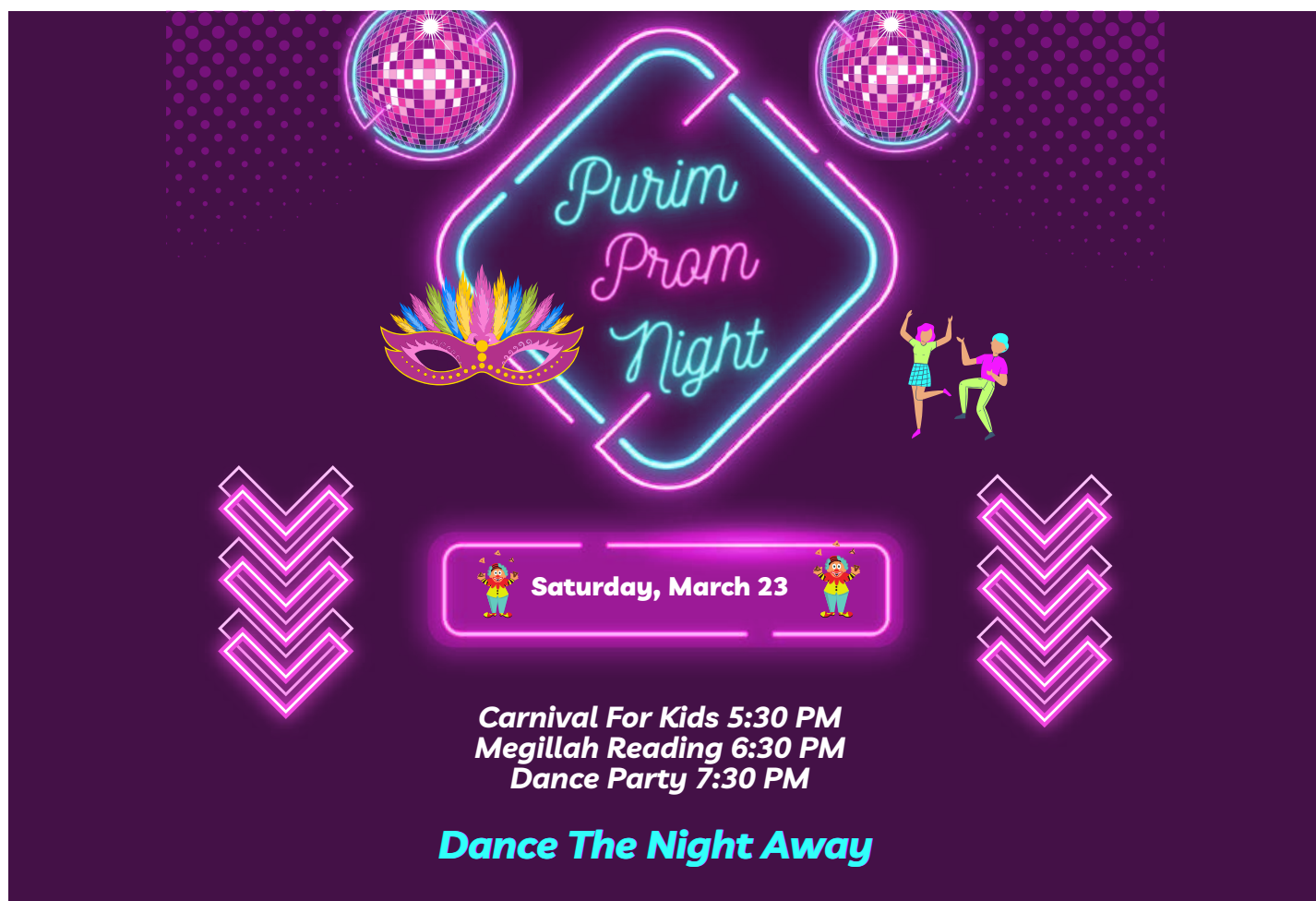
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*The deadline for the Donations page for the Summer newsletter
is May 17, 2024.*





A vibrant purple poster for 'Purim Prom Night'. The title is written in a glowing neon font inside a diamond shape. Above the title are two disco balls and a colorful masquerade mask. Below the title, two stylized figures are dancing. At the bottom, a date box with two clown icons indicates the event is on Saturday, March 23. Below the date box, the schedule for the evening is listed: Carnival For Kids 5:30 PM, Megillah Reading 6:30 PM, and Dance Party 7:30 PM. The poster is decorated with neon chevrons on the sides and a pattern of small dots in the background.

**Purim
Prom
Night**

Saturday, March 23

**Carnival For Kids 5:30 PM
Megillah Reading 6:30 PM
Dance Party 7:30 PM**

Dance The Night Away