



# KOL HA'KEHILAH

## THE COMMUNITY VOICE קול הקהילה



### COMMUNITY INTELLIGENCE

Rabbi Boris Dolin

*Don't worry, this article was written by a real rabbi.*

Many of us have had fun experimenting with the new AI (artificial intelligence) technology over the past few months. We have seen this amazing tool paint pictures, write articles, tell jokes and even make short films, impressing us with how well it can mimic human creativity. Yet, we also know that, at least for now, it cannot replicate everything we do.

I first experimented with the popular AI ChatGPT app "live" during one of our Musar classes when I asked it to write a "funny story about Musar." Within seconds, the computer had typed out a truly remarkable text. Filled with on-point wisdom and humor with a traditional Jewish folktale vibe, the story was something that could easily pass for a Fiddler on the Roof monologue. After the laughter died down, we all sat in shock at what we had just seen. The future would never be the same.

AI is a powerful technology and a new

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Liz Freedman

It's hard to believe that this is my last newsletter message as President. In some ways, the past two years have flown by, but when I think about all that has changed, I realize how much has filled that time.

During this time, we emerged from the most restrictive parts of the pandemic and slowly found our way from fully online life to in-person and hybrid community life. We strived to find the right balance for members who were ready to come back into the building and those we were, and are still, more comfortable at home.

When I took on this role, we were just about to resume in-person services for the first time, with strict guidelines and no kiddush. Board meetings were all on Zoom, as were all speakers and events, including for holidays. Many committees were dormant. The staff was working from home full-time.

Today, we have returned to mostly in-person life, but have adapted some practices both to incorporate

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## The search for opportunities

Executive Director, Cynthia Weinstein

Part of my role as Executive Director is keeping my eyes open for new opportunities for the shul, including new income streams. Over the last several years, I have successfully applied for many grants from Federation CJA and the federal government, resulting in over \$70,000 in new funding.

The funding from these grants has primarily gone toward programming. It is a great source of pride for me when I am asked by members of other synagogue boards and executive directors from other shuls how Dorshei Emet can afford to offer the wide array of programs that we have on the calendar. They are very impressed!

Applying for these grants is an enormous job. I feel privileged to work with Oria Lissak, our outstanding Program Director. Together we work on ideas and budgets for the proposals that we submit. Most planning must be complete for the proposal to be accepted. In many cases, we are working a year ahead. I also count on support and encouragement from Anthony Housefather, the member of parliament for the Mount Royal riding, and Abba Brodt from Federation CJA. They have both been very generous with their time and wonderful advice. These community relationships are invaluable.

I was recently notified that my application submitted under the **New Horizons for Seniors Program** from the Canadian government was approved for \$17,000.

## Dorshei Emet SAGES OF ALL AGES

This grant will fund our 2023 Sages of All Ages project. Dorshei Emet has offered this series for three years and we have many exciting plans in the works. The upcoming year will be our most ambitious one yet. Much to my chagrin, seniors under this program are defined as 50+, so I fall into this category!

The Annual Giving Campaign is another area of funding that I oversee. I would like to thank everyone who generously donated to our successful 5783 campaign. These funds help bridge the gap between membership dues and the actual cost of running the shul. They are essential to provide everything we all love about Dorshei. The markets might not be a sure thing these days, but your investment in Dorshei is sure to pay off!

I wish the entire Dorshei family a wonderful summer full of sunshine and fun!



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PROGRAM CALENDAR

## Why do we ask you to register?

Executive Director, Cynthia Weinstein  
Program Director, Oria Lissak



Since we have returned to in-person programs and services at Dorshei Emet, we have tried to impress upon all participants the importance of registering for programs, services, events, and kiddushes, even when there is no charge to attend. We want to explain why it is important that you register early and respect registration deadlines.

Everything requires planning and setup. A well-run program or kiddush requires time and attention at the planning stage. We use the number of registrants to guide us in this planning—last-minute registration results in hurried adjustments and last-minute purchases.

Knowing how many people are planning to attend a program or service allows us to avoid food waste and unused supplies. We also use the number of registrants to decide which room to use for programs and how many tables and chairs to set up. When the numbers are not accurate, we either have seating for too many or too few which results in not achieving the desired atmosphere.

We also use the number of registrants to review the success of programs and the number of participants at programs, services, or kiddush. We can review the breakdown of participants who are members and non-members, and follow up with targeted email invitations for future programs for similar events. Events do not end for us when you leave the building. We learn from the number and composition of participants to inform our future plans.

We sincerely wish to have the correct amount of food, supplies, and chairs at every event, program, and kiddush and to offer excellent programming every time. It is only with your registration that we can achieve this.

Please register every time and early on! Don't wait until the last minute and, if there is a deadline, please respect the deadline. If we work together, every service, kiddush, program, and event will be as good as we can make it and we will be able to afford more of them!

We thank you for your cooperation.



**Jewish Journeys  
@ Dorshei Emet**

**A Bar or Bat Mitzvah  
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**Dorshei Emet takes the B'nei Mitzvah process one step further with our Jewish Journeys Program.**

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**Our Program begins after  
the High Holidays 2023.**

**For more information  
or to register contact:  
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**"A kindersher seykhil iz oykhet a seykhil."  
A child's wisdom is also wisdom.  
(Yiddish proverb)**

Children and Youth Coordinator,  
Cesario Levary

It has only been a few short months since I began my post as Children and Youth Coordinator at Dorshei Emet, but I have already had the great fortune of learning from the congregation's children. Whether it's B'Mitzvah kids showing me the importance of infusing learning with spontaneity and connection, the wonder and curiosity toddlers bring to the chagim, or an eight-year-old's meticulous focus and determination as she practices Hebrew cursive, I have routinely been reminded of how essential children's perspectives and experiences are to Jewish life. What an honour it is to move through the ancient cycles of our people with new eyes. I am so excited to meet more of you and learn alongside you.

I come to this position with a background in outdoor education and emergent pedagogy – that is, using the guidance the natural world has to offer us, as well as children's inherent curiosity, as central tenets of learning. The cycle of the year is a powerful backdrop against which to position ourselves to receive the wisdom and knowledge our earth contains and, paired with the simple but unstoppable force of children's hunger for information and answers, can be an incredible wellspring of learning. My vision for children's programming in 5784 at Dorshei Emet vibrantly centres the cycle of the Jewish year as the foundation upon which Jewish life is built, with room for children's diverse learning needs and experiences. Whether reflecting with the Jewish Journeys students on the meaning of teshuvah by a babbling stream, exploring the weekly parsha with young families at Family Shabbat, or dreaming our way towards Tikkun Olam with the teenagers of the youth group, it is my hope to foster and nurture the myriad perspectives and ways of being

**Family Picnic**  
for families with kids 0-12

**11 June 2023//12 PM**

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children contribute to our community.

As we approach the High Holidays, it is of utmost importance to me that I hear from as many families as possible about your hopes and dreams for the future of children's and youth programming at Dorshei Emet. I have begun reaching out to and speaking with many of you, and am eager to connect with each and every family in our congregation. So too would I appreciate your time and energy in helping me to make our educational and life cycle

programs as welcoming, dynamic, and spirited as possible – if you are interested in volunteering your time for kids' High Holiday programming, chairing or joining a committee, or starting a new working group, I would love to hear from you! I look forward to creating a spirited and dynamic year of learning together – one where the prism of all children's unique talents, perspectives, and experiences are affirmed and celebrated.



## New members update 2023

Marilyn Takefman & Ilana Shiller

What a fabulous year we're having!

This year we welcomed over 20 new family units including newlyweds, Jewish Journey families, singles, couples, and even returnees to Montreal. Everyone is seeking connection to their Judaism in a liberal, thoughtful and meaningful way.

To show our appreciation and help welcome them, each family unit receives a beautiful gift bag with a Siddur, Yizkor book, and kosher wine. These items are carefully selected to help new members participate in Reconstructionist traditions and rituals. Calling and meeting all the new members is truly a wonderful experience.

But this is only the beginning. May all the new members bring their enthusiasm and engage in all that our community has to offer. We welcome everyone to participate in Shabbat and holiday services and in the many educational and fun programs.

Make Dorshei Emet the centre of your Jewish life!





## SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

### @ CONGREGATION DORSHEI EMET

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023 7:00 PM

Dorshei Emet

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OF ALL AGES

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## A Kiddush to Honour Ron Sklar z"l

Adrienne Sklar



Front row: Jada Wood, Nathaniel Wood, Zev Wood, Jasmine Puterman-Salzman  
Back row Adrienne Sklar, Dessalen Sklar Wood, Lewis Cohen, Alem Sklar

I would like to thank the shul and Patrizia for helping our family mark the 10th anniversary of my husband, Ron Sklar's, yahrzeit.

Ron had very little in the way of a Jewish background and the community meant a lot to him. He loved debating with Rabbi Ron after the Torah portion, was happy to contribute his knowledge to various programs, notably on law and ethics, and of course was particularly proud of bringing his cheesecake to the occasional kiddush. It is Ron's cheesecake recipe that appears in the congregation cookbook.

Sponsoring the kiddush in his memory gave our family the chance to relive his link to the shul and the joy he found here. I would like to encourage other members to consider sponsoring a Kiddush to mark meaningful times – including happy occasions! The warmth of our congregants and the sense of community can only strengthen the celebration. Covid, by limiting the number of people who come to shul in person, has weakened the chain of member-sponsored kiddushim to the detriment of all of us.

It's easy to arrange – simply call the shul. You will be put in touch with Patrizia who can offer a set menu and you can also add or subtract items. The food at our kiddush was delicious as evidenced by all the people who thanked our family, and it's worth noting that Patrizia can modify for special diets as she did for us because we require gluten free choices.

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kind of wisdom that has surprised us with its power and the speed at which it has been improving. While it is clear that this is going to be an important part of our lives, as many people have warned over the past few months, it is a part of our lives that may have come too fast. Top scientists and researchers have warned us to be careful and to make sure our minds and our society can catch up to the reality of this new world of high-tech wisdom.

Jewish tradition gives us a helpful safety net for wisdom through the concept of Mesorah, the transmission of Jewish tradition. We are reminded through our religious and ethical texts that ideas are always rooted in something before us. The Talmud, the core text of our tradition, takes this so seriously that often before a new idea is even introduced, we read lines and lines of attribution: "Rabbi Shmuel said in the name of Rabbi Yosi, who had heard it from Rabbi Hillel, who once was told a story about his father's friend who knew this Torah from a rabbi

who visited his village." While those who study Talmud can easily get tired of these long attributions, they serve a very important purpose. Any new piece of information, any bit of wisdom only truly serves its purpose if we know where it came from. If we can connect it to a real person with lived experience, feelings and a story of their own, then we know that the wisdom and information can more easily become part of us. Imagine the most creative story AI could create, voiced by a generated image and voice on your phone, and compare that to a story told by a grandparent around the Shabbat table. When you know the person who is passing down the wisdom, you are more willing to listen.

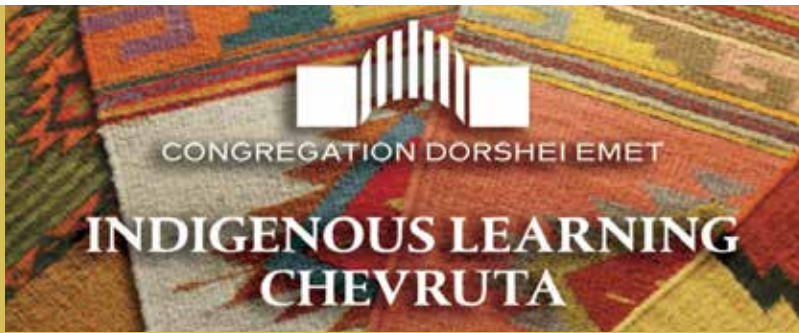
Wisdom works best in community. While AI may be able to answer questions and be creative, the deepest wisdom comes from those who know your story, who can look into your eyes and see what your needs and questions mean beyond the words and even the questions itself.

As this technology improves, it may truly help us communicate better and maybe even fix some of the challenges we find in our society. Yet, the deepest wisdom can never be fit into an algorithm, and I hope human contact and relationships will continue to be the core of how we function as a community. We know that we will always be stronger if we honor the wisdom that we receive from each other.

All this being said, I was still worried just enough to check to make sure I am not replaceable. So I asked the chatbot if I have a future in my role as a rabbi. It answered back:

"While I can provide information and answer questions related to Judaism, I cannot replace the knowledge, experience, and personal relationships that rabbis have with their congregations."

We should all know our limitations. Well, at least that is some wisdom I can hold on to!



The programming year for the Indigenous Learning Chevruta was incredibly rich and interesting. Our three main activities were the Indigenous Lives Speaker Series, museum visits and the Indigenous Canada Course developed by the University of Alberta.

**The Indigenous Lives** programs, Zoom discussions with Indigenous people in the Montreal region and elsewhere in Quebec, gave Dorshei Emet members and friends a casual and warm entrée into the lives and work of Indigenous neighbours.

Our first guest was Carole Brazeau, an Anishnabe from Kitigan Zibi, who works as a curriculum developer at Concordia University. She has had a fascinating career in many Indigenous organizations, including the Quebec Native Women's Association.

Our second guest was Nina Segalowitz, who is Inuvialuit/Chipewyan. She is a talented throat singer who currently works on community outreach at the Southern Quebec Inuit Association in Montreal. Among other topics, she spoke movingly about her connection to Judaism through her adoptive father.

Our third guest of the 2022-23 season was Betty Ann Forward, who is Eeyou/Eenou (Cree) and an educator in Quebec's Cree community.

We are looking forward to introducing more marvelous First Nations, Inuit and Métis guests in 2023-24!

Twenty synagogue members signed up for the 12-week **Indigenous Canada Course** to do some concrete learning about First Nations, Inuit and Métis people in Canada. Some of the subjects covered included Indigenous world views, contact with European settlers, education, treaties and the current experience and activism of these peoples in Canada. We established a WhatsApp group for exchanging comments and met after every three sessions to discuss what we had covered in the previous weeks.

Join us for more fascinating experiences as we explore Indigenous identity, history and culture!

## Museum Visits

Along with the visit to the Canadian Centre for Architecture to see ᐃᓕᓕᓕᓕᓕ / Ruovttu Guvlui / Vers Chez Soi, we took part in a guided tour at the Musée des Beaux-arts. The exhibition Tusarnitut!, Music of the North, highlighted art born of the musical culture of northern communities. The two main types of music-making portrayed were drum dancing and throat singing. Both are considered friendly competitions, the first being largely performed by men and the latter by women. Along with videos, we saw beautiful drawings and sculptures by both traditional and contemporary Inuit artists, archival photographs and examples of the various instruments used in the north. We were blessed with an amazing docent, who shared her appreciation and enthusiasm with us. The exhibit also showed the melding of traditions as the inhabitants of the north come into contact with settlers and their music, similar to the Labrador Inuit brass band we saw in The Last Days of Okak; a sweet and touching moment we shared last year. We have also had a guided visit at the Musée des Beaux-arts to see the works of Dempsey Bob, a carver of Tahlta and Tlingit descent.



## REMEMBERING



**Yahrzeit Committee Chair,  
Ellayne Kaplan**

Last October 29, our congregation was delighted to honour Judy Kenigsberg as she became a Bat Mitzvah. She was so proud to be able to achieve this milestone experience, some years past the age of thirteen, and we were all so proud of her.

Life is not always fair. Within two months, Judy had passed away, leaving a very large gap to fill. At Dorshei Emet, Judy was the perpetual volunteer, always good-humoured and ready to fulfill whatever task came her way – with a smile. Many of you have received her beautifully-written thank-you notes. In her professional life, Judy had enjoyed a long career in administration at McGill



University. And, as many of us were surprised to learn, she had participated in a variety of amateur acting events, including a touching video for food security in the Jewish community just a short time ago.

During the Shabbat service a week before her bat mitzvah, my family wrapped Judy under our large tallit during the prayer for peace. As usual, she was a bit shy, but

her smile was anything but. What a lovely memory to cherish.

On the Memorial Board at the far right of the Bimah, dedicated to the memory of Dorshei Emet founding members Sarah Goldstein Berger and Willie Berger, there is a new plaque dedicated to Judy Kenigsberg's memory. This plaque is a way of honouring her; in years to come, Judy's name will be read out loud during the week of her yahrzeit, reminding us of her grace, her kindness and her generosity of spirit.

If you would like to learn more about remembering a loved one with a plaque on one of our Memorial Boards, please contact Cynthia Weinstein, Executive Director.

## Yizkor Book

**Yizkor Book Committee  
Chair, Bernie Weinstein**



Suzie Yagman and  
Sandy Weinstein  
in 2019

This year my wife Sandy and I will add the name of our long-time friend, Suzie Yagman, to the list of people we honour in the 5784 edition of the Dorshei Emet Yizkor Book.

I first met Suzie during the High Holydays of 1961, and we have been friends ever since. In fact, she was not just a friend, she was in many ways a sister - we could always count on her. When we lived "out west" she would write us long letters, starting each with "BH", including many personal anecdotes in the text and ending with line after line of X's and O's. When we moved "back east" the letters were replaced by phone calls and emails.

Suzie was a survivor, having suffered through cancer for many, many years. And all that time, she continued to be

upbeat and be our sister. When the end came, we cried. She had left a hole in our hearts that won't heal for a long time.

By honouring Suzie, as well as our parents, grandparents and other family members, we are bringing them back, closer to us. Every time we open the Yizkor Book, be it for the Yizkor services, a yahrzeit, a shiva or just to find comfort in its prayers and readings, we turn to the page with the names we have honoured and recall our stories. We bring them closer. We don't forget. We honour them!

Again this year, Dorshei Emet will be publishing a new Yizkor Book, to be distributed for the first Yizkor service on Yom Kippur, September 25. This is YOUR opportunity to honour your friends and family who have passed



away. We encourage you to submit their names, using the form in the Weekly and on the Dorshei Emet website. Please remember that the deadline for submissions is June 30.

I invite you to join me and Sandy in keeping these precious memories alive.



## Shabbat Shira Concert: *Lenka Lichtenberg's Thieves of Dreams: Songs of Theresienstadt's Secret Poetess*

Shabbat Shira Committee Chair,  
Olga Gross

After a three-year hiatus, Dorshei Emet again presented our annual Shabbat Shira concert this February. We were so fortunate that Lenka Lichtenberg and her wonderful musicians from Toronto accepted to perform for us, on their way to winning a JUNO Award for Best Global Music Album of the Year!

The Shabbat Shira concert is a standout event for Dorshei Emet. It is a unique opportunity to highlight our congregation to the larger community. And that we truly did accomplish! The notable topic of the project garnered a ton of media attention and free publicity for Dorshei Emet. The Montreal Gazette had a full front-page story about Lenka and her project to coincide with International Holocaust Remembrance Day. Live interviews with Lenka were broadcast on CJAD Radio with Ken Connors and CBC-TV with Debra Arbec.

Artistically, the concert was a resounding success. In the words of Deborah Kraus: "Conceived and composed by Lichtenberg, the songs and interlude music were atmospheric, tightly woven and wonderfully performed... We were introduced to Lenka's amazing, beautiful Grandmother through poetry, songs, and photos. Lichtenberg drew us into the Czech world just before the war, the degradations and then deprivations that led to the concentration camp. Her grandmother's poetry helps us experience the feelings of a young, vibrant woman full of life and love. It was ninety minutes that flew by... The performance felt intimate, seamless, and focused on the very human emotions of betrayal, love and loss. Kudos to Lichtenberg and her musicians. Thank you for this moving experience."

Assessed by other metrics, the event fell short, particularly the attendance which was by far the smallest for any Shabbat Shira concert in the past ten years. In order to continue this concert series, we need the full support of our congregation and welcome your feedback and ideas.

It takes many helping hands to present a program like this. Immense thanks to Jonathan Halliday, the wonderful Dorshei office staff, and the many volunteers who helped make this concert possible. We would also like to thank our speaker, Dorshei member Judith Nemes Black, who has served as a Board member at the Montreal Holocaust Museum. She spoke to the important mission of keeping our collective memory of the Holocaust alive.



Photos: Aviv Laor

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the best of what we learned and to be considerate of those who are not able to participate in in-person life. We have installed new camera technology to enhance the video and audio quality for those attending services online without obtrusive laptops and screens detracting too much from the experience for those in the sanctuary. Kiddushes have returned but in a more modest form and in ways that reduce some of the contact. Many speaker events and museum tours remain on Zoom but our celebrations (holidays and simchas) are in-person. Classes are offered in hybrid form. The Board meets in-person (with Zoom accommodations) but the Officers' meetings are on Zoom. The staff has returned to the office but with more flexibility for working from home in certain circumstances.

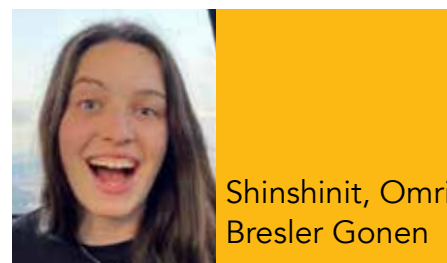
It has been wonderful to experience the "return" of many Dorshei Emet traditions - committees being invigorated, the hiring of a new Youth Coordinator to bring our family and youth programming back to life, Shabbat Shira, Empty Bowls, a community seder, the welcoming of converts on Shavuot, bnei mitzvah in all their glory, etc. It has also been wonderful to see how some traditions have evolved, including a monthly rotation of what is included in services, the inclusion of more English during the reading of Megillat Esther, and the welcoming of more guests to our events, both in-person and online.

We continue to look at how to adapt and evolve our traditions, for this is at the core of our Reconstructionist roots. The pandemic just placed that approach in hyperdrive! The Board continues to look at membership, the use of our building and our place within the wider community on a regular basis. I know that the work on the Dorshei Emet vision which has begun over the past year or so will continue under the next President's mandate, because it is not the work or vision of one person or one group of people, but of the living organism that is Dorshei Emet.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual General Meeting.

## Yom Ha'atzmaut

See more photos from our events in the gallery on our website at [dorsheimet.com](https://dorsheimet.com)



Shinshinit, Omri  
Bresler Gonen

## My Year At Dorshei Emet

Shalom! This is Omri your Shinshinit.

I cannot believe that I'm already summarizing my year in Dorshei Emet. It went by so fast! It seems like I only met you yesterday but, at the same time, like I have been here forever.

I always say that my delegation is a two-way street. I came to Montreal with my Israeli story. I had the "zhut" (privilege) to tell it and share it with you.

Shinshinit for me means being a bridge between Israel and Canada. Now it is my responsibility to bring Montreal and each one of your stories with me back to Israel. That is how a connection is made. Even though my year in Montreal is over, it has become a part of me, and I want to thank you for that.

Thank you for welcoming me into your community with a big smile and sharing your stories and thoughts. Thank you for asking questions and answering mine.

I invite you to visit me in my Kibbutz (Mishmer Hanegev) in Israel.

See you soon!



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# SUMMER EVENTS @ DORSHEI EMET

## JUNE

- 11 Family Picnic - 12 pm
- 14 Jewish journeys Information Night, Zoom - 7 pm
- 15 Walking Tour: Baron De Hirsch Cemetery - 11 am
- 21 Annual General Meeting - 7 pm
- 24 St-Jean Baptiste Day
- 26 Office closed

## JULY

- 1 Canada Day
- 3 Office closed
- 12 Summer Concert with Nick Burgess - 7 pm
- 27 Tisha B'av - office closed

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labour Day - office closed
- 15 Erev Rosh Hashanah - office closes at noon
- 16-17 Rosh Hashanah
- 24 Erev Yom Kippur
- 25 Yom Kippur - office closed
- 29 Erev Sukkot - office closes at noon

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



## High Holidays 5774 - Save The Date



### Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur Services

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Friday, September 15	Kol Nidre : Sunday, September 24
Rosh Hashanah Day 1 & 2 Services: Saturday & Sunday, September 16 & 17	Yom Kippur: Monday, September 25

### Sukkot & Simchat Torah

Erev Sukkot: Friday, September 29	Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor, Saturday, October 7
Sukkot: Saturday & Sunday, September 30 & October 1	Simcha Torah Hakkafot, Saturday, October 7

## Join Our Inspiring and Meaningful Services

## OuiCanSki

Sandy Wolofsky



A lot of people ask me why I do this. It's simple. My maternal grandparents were refugees. One of the ways my Zaidie solidified his "Canadianness" was learning to ski.

I have 1940s 16mm footage of my Bubby, Zaidie, uncle and mum skiing on Mount Royal with Park Avenue in the background. My mother taught me to ski before my second birthday.

When I became a journalist and spent the 1990s reporting out of Russia, I realized I'd won the lottery without having bought a ticket. I wished I could have thanked my grandparents for making such a great life for my cousins, brothers and me. *OuiCanSki* has taught immigrants from 23 countries. It is my homage, my thank-you to my grandparents, for being the immigrants who took all the risks so I never had to.

*OuiCanSki* introduces immigrants and refugees to the wonders of winter and the joys of skiing

With Canadian pins on their sweaters and Canadian flags on the table, over 150 newly-arrived Canadians were introduced to cross-country and alpine skiing this winter.

In February, in conjunction with *Ometz*, 60 Ukrainian war refugees learned how to snowshoe and cross-country ski at *Camping Ste-Agathe* in the Laurentians. Some of the participants, who had never seen a snowshoe before, were enchanted by the floating sensation of walking atop snow. Others became giddy from learning to glide along the trails in the forest.

In March, *Ometz* and *OuiCanSki* were at it again. Eight-five more folks tried alpine skiing and learned how to pizza and french-fry their way down *Ski Montcalm* in Rawdon.

This program is about giving newcomers a whole new perspective on life in Canada.

"Most immigrants and refugees to Canada see winter as something they need to endure. They come to Canada and there is so much on their mind. They are just trying to survive. It never occurs to them that they can get out of the city and enjoy the mountains and the fresh air. It never occurs to them that winter and snow can be fun," said Kate Oursegova, *Ometz* Program Coordinator.

The new perspective that morning at *Ski Montcalm*? After two hours, almost everyone could make it up and down the magic carpet by themselves. The next step of their Quebec integration? *Poutine*. It was a culinary hit! Culture consumed, everyone headed back up the hill to perfect their newfound skills. By 4 pm, their transformation to full-fledged local was solidified with a celebratory shot of maple syrup and some *Félix* and *Norton* cookies.

Next year, *OuiCanSki* will do it again. If you work with an organization that would like to get involved, Oria and Cynthia know how to find me.

Left: Kim Lamarre, 2014 Sochi Olympic Bronze Medalist in Slopestyle, greets 60 Ukrainian refugees learning to snowshoe and ski for the first time



Getting off the magic carpet alone for the first time



Tasting poutine for the first time



## Donor Recognition

### 5783 (January 13 - April 21, 2023)

#### GENERAL FUND

**Carmela Aigen**, in memory of Mark Mendelson z"l  
**Diller Teen Fellows**, in honour of Rabbi Boris Dolin and the love and kindness he gave to the Diller Teen Fellows  
**Mary & Jerry Aronovitch**, in appreciation of Marilyn Takefman & Teddy Goloff  
**Reva Bercovitch**, in memory of Malca Kastner Avidar z"l  
**Sharon & Michael Bond**, in memory of Libia Kremenetzky Lerman z"l, mother of Rosana Caplan  
**Eleanor Bonder**, on the birth of the great-grandson of Vivian Saginur. Mazel tov!  
**Maurice Douek**, on the Bat Mitzvah of Joelle Dayan  
**Judith Farovitch**, in memory of Judy Kenigsberg z"l  
**Sandra & Ronald Feldman**  
**Lois Lief**, in honour of Shabbat Shira  
**Julie Sananes-Katz**, on the Bat Mitzvah of Joelle Dayan  
**Diane & Robert Sasson**, in memory of Saul Yaros z"l  
**Michel Shemie**, in honour of Joelle Dayan becoming Bat Mitzvah  
**Marilyn Takefman & Teddy Goloff**, in memory of Saul Yaros z"l  
**Marilyn Takefman & Teddy Goloff**, in honour of Reuben Croll's special birthday. Happy birthday & Mazel tov!  
**Louise Ungar**, on the special birthday of a special lady, Clara Schwartz.  
**Nina Wachsman**  
**Merle Wolofsky**, in memory of Saul Yaros z"l

#### MEIR IFERGAN B'NEI MITZVAH FUND

**Brigitte Albert**, on the Bat Mitzvah of Joelle Dayan  
**Audrey & Mark Berner**, in honour of Joelle Dayan, on her Bat Mitzvah  
**Pearlann Goldenberg**, on the Bat Mitzvah of Joelle Dayan  
**Susan Pinker & Martin Boodman**, in honour of Olga Gross, and in gratitude for her organization of this year's terrific Shabbat Shira concert.  
**Lois Lief**, on the Bat Mitzvah of Rita Tenenbaum. Mazel Tov on your milestone Bat mitzvah!  
**Leanore Lieblein**, in memory of her mother Sadie Lieblein z"l  
**Sam Thaler**, in memory of his beloved friend Meir Ifergan z"l

#### RABBI RON Z"l MEMORIAL FUND

**Carmela Aigen**, in memory of John Harrod z"l  
**Carmela Aigen**, in memory of Saul Yaros z"l  
**Carmela Aigen**, to mark the shloshim of Laura Vinegar (Née Stock) z"l  
**Carmela Aigen**, in honour of Cynthia, Oria, Davina & Linda for your devotion and excellent work.  
**Carmela Aigen**, in honour of Rabbi Boris in thanks for his hard work.  
**Carmela Aigen**, in honour of President, Liz Freedman. Thank you for your devotion and excellent work to make DE a home.  
**Naomi Lapin & Jeffrey Rother**, in memory of Ernest Chonchol z"l  
**Leanore Lieblein**, in appreciation of Deena Roskies  
**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Joseph Aigen z"l, dear father-in-law of Carmela Aigen  
**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Rabbi Ron z"l, a dear friend, Rabbi and inspiration  
**Laura Winer**, in memory of Herbert z"l and Hannah Winer z"l

#### RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

**Eleanor Bonder**, to mark the yahrzeit of her father-in-law Jack Bonder z"l  
**Leslie & Leigh Dolin**  
**Joyce Goldberg**  
**Anne Lewis & David Weigens**, in appreciation of Rabbi Boris Dolin  
**Leanore Lieblein**, in appreciation of Rabbi Boris Dolin  
**Aubrey Zelman**, in honour of Mark Lazar for the Dorshei Emet Passover Seder

#### TZEDAKA FUND

**Lois Lief**, in memory of Philip Kolodny z"l

#### YOUTH & CHILDREN PROGRAMMING FUND

**Audrey & Mark Berner**, on the birth of Lincoln Daniel Johnston to Amanda Shore & Chris Johnston  
**Marlene Brownstein**, in memory of Ilan Harrar z"l  
**Eva Kuper**, in appreciation of your wonderful programming and in memory of Rabbi Ron Aigen z"l

#### PROGRAMMING FUND

**Fran Avni**, in honour of Oria Lissak  
**Terry Ades & David Brown**  
**Sally Ayrton & David Hill**, in honour of Oria Lissak and her wonderful programming  
**Natasha Bates**  
**Carole Blank**, in honour of Oria for the wonderful programs the last three years  
**Eleanor Bonder**  
**Naomi & Jeffrey Lapin**  
**Lois Lief**, to wish chag sameach to Rabbi Boris, Oria & Cynthia, in appreciation for the varied and stimulating programs  
**Elana & Jon Levy**  
**Judith Mendelsohn**  
**Judith Nemes Black & (Emile) Svarc Dragan**, in honour of Oria Lissak, in thanks for the great programs and the efficient communication.  
**Shira Ronn**, in appreciation of all the amazing programming  
**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in appreciation of Oria for a fun movie night and for her amazing programs  
**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in appreciation of DE team, Oria, Cynthia and Davina for all your wonderful programming  
**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in appreciation of Oria & Cynthia - thank you for the great programs

#### KIDDUSH FUND

**Natasha Bates**  
**Peggi Cohen & Mark Rabinovitch**, in honour of Ilana Shiller's birthday and for being such a wonderful friend  
**Joelle Dayan & Harvey Mandelker**  
**Miriam Keesel**, on the Bat Mitzvah of Joelle Dayan  
**Lois Lief**, on the Bat Mitzvah of Joelle Dayan. Mazel tov on becoming Bat Mitzvah. You have worked devotedly to realize your dream and in doing so have inspired all of us.

**Sharron Schwartz & Syd Stepner**, wishing Ilana Shiller a wonderfully happy birthday!

**Carole Shiller**, to Ilana Shiller, a wonderful daughter-in-law, on her Birthday

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Gwen Lecker z"l, dear mother of Linda Axler

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, to wish a Refuah Shlema to Marlene Levine

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Meta Singer z"l, dear mother of Adriana Kotler

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Pauline Patnoi z"l and Helen Patnoi z"l, mother and stepmother to Rita Schulman

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, on the Bat Mitzvah of Joelle Dayan

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Jack Bond z"l, dear father & father-in-law of Michael & Sharon Bond

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in appreciation of Patrizia Di Cori and the Tu Bishvat program & dedication to DE

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in honour of Perle Feldman & family

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Luciano Di Cori z"l, dear father of Patrizia Di Cori

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Eda Bialik z"l, mother of Susan Stock

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Gretta Ellner z"l and Leon Douek z"l

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in appreciation of Olga Gross, for her leadership and hard work regarding Shabbat Shira

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Alex Cohen z"l, dear father and father-in-law of Peggi Cohen & Mark Rabinovitch

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Michael Yarosky z"l, dear father of Ronit

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Saul Klarer z"l, dear father and father-in-law of Howard Klarer and Maureen Cohen

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Hershel Leonard Takefman z"l, dear father of Marilyn Takefman

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of James Blackmore z"l, dear father of Beth

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Ralph Schwartz, dear husband of Clara and father of Sharron. May Ralph's memory bring smiles and warm feelings.

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Saul Yaros z"l, dear father and father-in-law of Laura and Beth. May his memory be forever a blessing.

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Joseph Blumstein, dear father and father-in-law of Sharon & Michael Bond

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Moshe Ron z"l, dear brother and brother-in-law of Elana & Jon Levy

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Stanley Blackman z"l, husband of Marilyn Takefman

**Sandy & Bernie Weinstein**, to mark the yahrzeit of Claire Friedman z"l, a wonderful mother and mother-in-law

**Sandy & Bernie Weinstein**, in memory of Rabbi Jonathan Cohen z"l, chairman of the Yizkor Book Content subcommittee, and a wonderful man, Jew and friend

**Sandy & Bernie Weinstein**, in memory of our dear, sweet, long time friend Suzie Yagman z"l

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND**

**Terry Ades & David Brown**, in memory of Laura Vinegar (Née Stock) z"l

**Audrey & Mark Berner**, in memory of Rabbi Jonathan Cohen z"l

**Bluma & Jack Goldberg**

**Bluma & Jack Goldberg**, to wish a Refuah Shlema to Lois Lief

**Leslie & Leigh Dolin**, in memory of Marty Dolin z"l

**Leaneore Lieblein**, in appreciation of Judith Ritter and Vera Kisfalvi

**Leaneore Lieblein**, in appreciation of Shara Rosen's endless commitment to social justice

**Leaneore Lieblein**, in memory of her dear husband, John Harrod z"l

**Terrye & Irv Perlman**, in memory of Laura Vinegar (Née Stock)

z"l, dear sister of Susan Stock

**Terrye & Irv Perlman**, in memory of Saul Yaros z"l

**Diane & Robert Sasson**, in memory of Laura Vinegar (Née Stock) z"l, dear sister of Susan Stock

**Ilana & Brahm Shiller**, in memory of Laura Vinegar (Née Stock)

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**Sharon Schwartz & Syd Stepner**, in memory of Laura Vinegar (Née Stock) z"l, dear sister of Susan Stock

**Ronit Yarosky**, in memory of Laura Vinegar (Née Stock) z"l

## **UKRAINIAN SUPPORT FUND**

**Jimmy Wintle**

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**Neil & Marilyn Caplan**, in memory of Saul Yaros z"l

## **GEMILUT HASADIM FUND**

**Brigitte Albert**, in memory of Saul Yaros z"l

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# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023 @ 7:00PM

In-person. Registration required



Come celebrate our accomplishments as a community!

Thank our outgoing board members and welcome our new board.

TCBY will be served.

