



KOL HA'KEHILAH

THE COMMUNITY VOICE קול הקהילה



TO BE SEEN

by Rabbi Boris Dolin

The lesson of Chanukah isn't only about the miracle of light, victory over oppression and the power of rededication. It's also about demanding to be seen. Coming out, showing up and making the choice to put our identities in the public sphere can be a prerequisite for repairing the soul and, as importantly, a moral telescope for recalibrating the world.

-Idit Klein, Director Keshet

As we enter the darkness of winter and make our way into Chanukah, I must admit things feel a bit different this year. This holiday, which reminds us to stand with pride in our Jewish identity and in our eternal fight against oppression and assimilation, is needed more than ever before. Our world has changed so much; the violence and the rough political climate throughout the world, the questions about the new CAQ religious symbols policy, the growing threat of anti-Semitism and the lingering emotions from the Pittsburgh shooting a few months ago.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Roger Antebi

I'd like to share three personal stories which I think are relevant to Chanukah. When I was born my parents didn't know what to call me. It was my uncle, living in Paris at the time, who suggested Roger as it was a bilingual name and would fit well in the Quebec and North American cultures. My parents then chose my middle and Jewish name to be Samuel.

As a young boy, my best friends were the son of a Jewish Iraqi family and the son of a Protestant Hungarian family who arrived in 1956 after the failed Hungarian uprising. When I visited my Christian friend at his home, there was always a Christmas tree with presents under it in December, Easter eggs in Spring. Eggs and bacon sizzling in the frying pan were the daily breakfast. Suddenly, when we turned thirteen, his father had a massive heart attack after a thanksgiving meal and died soon after. Decades later I read in the Canadian Jewish News that his mother had come forward to tell her story. She was one of the Jewish children saved by Raoul Wallenberg. The story I thought I knew,

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So much has shocked us, so much has changed us. This year, as we light the candles, we have to ask ourselves what it means to stand up, and stand out as a community in a world that is even more challenging to our identity as Jews.

As we know, there are many wonderful Chanukah traditions yet there are only a few laws which govern the celebration of the holiday. Beyond the latkes and the donuts, we have a few rules about the lighting of the menorah and the commandment of "pirsumei ha nes", advertising the miracle. We are told in the Shulchan Aruch that after we light the candles each night we should place them next to the entrance that is most public, i.e. where the largest number of people can see as they walk by. This is to ensure that the miracle of the story of Chanukah is visible, so that people know that in our homes there are Jews proud enough of their history and their heritage to display it to all.

But what about when we don't feel safe being so public with our faith? We are told in the Talmud (Shabbat 21b) that in times of danger, we are allowed to put the Chanukiah inside, "on the table". We aren't sure what the rabbis mean by "time of danger", but it is a simple reminder that throughout our history there have been times when Jews did not feel as comfortable putting their identity as out in the open.

From the calls of "Jews will not replace us" in Charlottesville a few years ago to the recent massacre in Pittsburgh, we know we do live in a world where there are still those who would want to hurt us. I would say we are safer here in Canada, but we are not immune. We need to continue our work to make tangible changes in our society, by voting, by creating laws that protect and care for those in need and by strengthening interfaith and intercultural dialogue. We need to move beyond simple "tolerance" to a very real celebration of difference, and by doing so, our own identity will be supported.

There are times to retreat inside, to light our Chanukiah away from the public eye. Yet the ideal is to stay proud, to stay visible and to remind ourselves that we have been through all of the ups and downs of history and we are still here.

I am reminded of a story from Rabbi Hugo Gryn, a Holocaust survivor, who once recounted how he celebrated Chanukah with his father in the camps. It was the first night of Chanukah, and he was shocked to see his father melt down a small bit of margarine they had been saving to use for the oil for the first night of the holiday. He asked his father how he could use the little remnant of food they had just to light a wick for Chanukah. Wasn't their survival more important?

His father responded, "My child, we know you can live three days without water. You can live three weeks without food. But you cannot live for three minutes without hope."

There is more than enough to worry about these days, but the ever expanding lights of Chanukah can comfort us with an important truth; that hope is also ever growing as long as we take those first steps to bring it into the world.

With blessings for a winter filled with light and joy!



Cynthia Weinstein

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Over the 21 years that I have been a member of Dorshei Emet I have known all of the Executive Directors that have come and gone. I have stayed in touch with many of them as friends, and on social media. When I became the Executive Director over a year ago I realized that I really didn't have a great idea of what an Executive Director really did, or how I was going to approach this position that had been described to me as "impossible" more than once.

I decided to look at my role as somewhere between cruise director, ombudsman, and logistics coordinator. My priority was to answer my phone and emails, put out fires, and try to unravel some of the many Gordian knots that I encountered every time



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that I looked at the intimidating drawers of files behind my desk. My goal was to foster an atmosphere in the office that was friendly, responsive, and when people called it would feel like you were truly a member, but a member of a family, not a member of a formal private club.

I think we have come a long way, and we are trying to move the Dorshei Emet brand more and more into the consciousness of the greater Montreal community. Next time you are coming to shul invite a friend, like or share our posts on our Facebook page, tell your colleagues about upcoming programs, and get involved. We need your energy and your creativity. Word of mouth is really the best advertising, plus it's free. This holiday season when you are lighting your chanukiah and feeling grateful for all of your blessings maybe include a resolution to strengthen your bond with your shul. Our community has been a great source of strength for myself and my family, and the only way to be a member of anything is to show up, and be part of things. Your spot is waiting!

Happy Chanukah!

as is often the case, was not the full story. My friend went on to marry a Jewish Moroccan woman.

When my children were still in the Jewish day schools, we took a family trip to Arizona in December to visit the eldest son of my uncle (the one from France who had subsequently move to the United States). When we walked into the house, we were greeted with Christmas carols playing on the sound system, a decorated Christmas tree and a scene of Jesus in the manger on a table near the front door. After we all recovered from our initial shock, we went on to having a great time. My cousin had married an Irish Catholic woman and they had two beautiful children.

For me, Chanukah is a holiday about Jewish identity and about religious freedom.

In the first story, the choice of a name reflected the desire to assimilate into the mainstream culture, while still maintaining our Jewish identity.

In the second story, in Europe during and after the Shoah, being Jewish was a severe handicap if one wanted to stay alive.

During the Maccabean era, much pressure was also applied on Jews to assimilate into the prevailing Greek culture.

In the third story, I think of the period of religious freedom that presently exists in North America. As our children mingle with children of other faiths, it is a very real possibility that in one or two generations our Jewish identity may disappear; and this change would have come about by choice rather than by coercion. This is why it is important that our children feel a meaningful connection to Jewish values, rituals, prayers, thought, culture, community and the land of Israel. For me, Chanukah is about choosing to live Jewishly because this inspires me in a personal way as well as reinforcing the connection to my family, to our ancestors who came before us as well as with the rest of humanity.

Our liturgy invites us to reach out to the intangible that inspires us and gives us hope; to search for truth, for meaning and for what is holy. At the same time, it acknowledges the challenges, setbacks, distractions or what is called the "yetzer hara" or evil inclination that is hard-wired into our human nature. As we forgive ourselves for our setbacks we are encouraged to try once again and to return to our higher nature.

This year, what can we do to deepen our Jewish connection for ourselves and for our children? And is this a priority for us?

Chanukah Sameach!





by
Linda Axler

My name is Linda and I am a proud wife, mother, mother-in-law and Bubbie. I have been working as a bookkeeper at Dorshei Emet for the past sixteen years and I truly enjoy my job. The camaraderie that I feel with both my colleagues and Dorshei Emet community, along with the pride that I feel in getting to help synagogue members, are my favorite part of my job. The challenge of a new working environment and helping the community were the initial reasons why I joined Dorshei Emet, but over the years, the relationships that I've built and the sense of community that I feel are what keep a smile on my face day in and day out.

Over the years, the friendships that I have developed with my colleagues have certainly been a treat. Getting to spend time with them outside of work and learning more about them personally has given my role at Dorshei Emet more depth. In addition to the professional respect that I have for each of them, the appreciation that I have for them personally has brought us closer together. We truly practice the sense of a tight knit mini-community that we hope to share with our members and community.

Outside of work, my main love is my family. My heart swells when I look at my husband, children and new granddaughter, Hailey. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than getting to watch each of them grow and develop into the kind and considerate people that they have become. To say that they are my heart and joy doesn't even scratch the surface.

Looking into the future, I am excited to continue to approach my work at Dorshei Emet with passion and excitement. I am very much looking forward to what the future holds personally and professionally.

OPEN HEARTS, CURIOUS MINDS, AND RAISIN COOKIE RECIPES

by Rabbi Boris

Gathering together on Shabbat is a highlight of the week for so many people in our community. We use this time to pray, to learn, to socialize and of course to eat. We are always working to make sure that the service and the Kiddush that follows is meaningful and participatory, and we want to make sure that everyone feels comfortable.

With this in mind, I want to offer a few quick reminders about honouring our synagogue space.

-Please be respectful of the Shabbat experience and participate in the way that feels comfortable for you, but keep side chatter to a minimum. Conversations about sports, raisin cookie recipes, Scandinavian politics and other matters are perfect for the Kiddush.

-If you are coming to services with your young children, please know that they are always welcome, and reasonable noise and wandering around is fine. Most people love seeing kids in services, and they should not be expected to stay perfectly still the entire time. Nevertheless, please keep an eye on your children and prevent them from making their way onto the Bimah during the service or getting too loud. The upstairs (soundproof) children's room is always available, and the

sound may be piped in so you won't miss the service. Oh yeah - there also is a really cool car toy in the room that is fun for kids and brave adults to try!

-For older children and teens, please remind them to wear appropriate clothing and be careful how loud they are speaking both inside and outside the sanctuary. While looking good is fine, Dorshei Emet is not hosting the Oscars, at least for the next few years, and everyone, kids and adults, should dress in a way that is comfortable but that also honors our holy space.

-For both teens and adults, we hope that you will not need to use your phones, iPads or other electronics during services, but if you do, please use them only outside the Sanctuary or in the Social Hall. While we are not strictly a halachic community, we do our best to create a true Shabbat experience when you enter our building. The Shabbat "app" we provide at Dorshei Emet is free and doesn't even need a smartphone. You just need to come to shul with an open heart and a curious mind, and we will fill you with good thoughts and "sing tones" to keep you going through your day.

Above all we will do whatever we can to make Dorshei Emet your Jewish home, and we hope that everyone who steps in finds their place here!



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NEWS AND PROGRAM CALENDAR



WHY DORSHEI?

by Ronit Yarosky

WHY DORSHEI?

The year seems to pass by in a blink; as my Great-Auntie Leila says: "I wake up and it's Monday; when I go to sleep it's Friday!". It really does feel that way. Although it speeds by, we have had another amazing year as a congregation, celebrating together and supporting each other. In April I decided to celebrate my 50th birthday with a second Bat Mitzvah – there is nowhere else I would have liked to be for that day. A couple of weeks ago, we mourned in shock the lives of 11 people killed while at Shabbat services in Pittsburgh – there was nowhere else I would have found such comfort and purpose.

Dorshei Emet is truly a special place, for so many reasons. I have been asking people to tell me why they love and support Dorshei Emet: "**WHY DORSHEI**"? The stories are as varied and amazing as the members of our shul and you will be reading them in the coming weeks.

As we get set to launch our Annual Giving campaign, I encourage you to ask yourself: "**WHY DORSHEI**"? What is it about this place that keeps us coming back, that fills our hearts with joy and our souls with meaning? We would love to hear your stories – please share them with us so we can share them with everyone.

Fundraising is not an easy task. We know you aren't looking forward to being asked to make a donation. Although it is cliché, **we really cannot do it without you, without each and every one of you.** The simple fact is that

our membership dues do not cover our costs. That means that without our annual campaign, we would have a \$100,000 shortfall – every year. What would that look like in 5 or 10 years? Sadly, it would likely mean that Dorshei Emet would have to close its doors.

This is why we ask you to step up and remember "**WHY DORSHEI**" – why Dorshei Emet is so important to you, to your children, to your community. **We need YOU** to be part of our fundraising. Please do not sit back and think 'someone else will do it'. Only about half of our members donate to the campaign. **Just think what we could accomplish together if every single member made a contribution.**

Whether it is \$18 or \$18,000 – **every gift is a treasure** and every gift is a concrete step towards ensuring that we will always be here to celebrate our simchas and to give support when life brings challenges.

May this holiday of light bring us all happiness, peace, justice, health, love and joy.

Happy Chanukah and Happy Holidays!



by Oria
Lissak

TZEDAKAH PROJECT 5779

The Dorshei Emet 5778 Tzedaka Project was a HUGE success. We raised \$1000, for our recipient the Lunch for a Bunch Program. They were very appreciative.

This year our 5779 Tzedakah recipient is the Cummings Jewish Centre for Seniors Daily Drop-In Program for seniors living with dementia and Alzheimer's. Our goal is to raise \$1500 to fund a Smart TV for them.

The Cummings Centre Drop-In program provides two distinct but equally important services;

- The program, which runs from 11 AM to 3 PM five days a week, creates a safe, engaging and social space with opportunities for mental and physical stimulation and social interaction, for seniors living with dementia and Alzheimer's. Each day participants in our program take part in moderated conversations on issues of the day, physical activity (chair yoga, gentle stretching to music etc.), holiday-themed activities and projects, etc in a prepared environment adapted to the needs, interests and skills of the participants. Activities are designed to be age and ability appropriate, to minimize boredom and frustration and to optimize success and enjoyment.

- The existence of this program affords the participant's caregiver 4 hours of uninterrupted respite, knowing that their loved one is being well looked after.

Funding for a Smart TV would give group leaders the ability to offer more dynamic, stimulating, interactive activities such as reminiscence, music therapy, and cognitive stimulation. While a Smart TV is beneficial to the program, it is beyond the scope of their regular operating budget.



by Claudio
Smolarz

KOL HA'KEHILAH'S FIRST BIRTHDAY

We are celebrating the publishing of our fourth newsletter. This is our second winter edition and I am really delighted to chair the Bulletin Committee as well as being part of the Communications Committee too.

Publishing a newsletter is no easy task - you need to invest a lot of time designing it, getting people to write their articles, proofreading them, trying to fit some XL articles in one page, selecting images, photos, adding ads, preparing files for production, printing them and then mailing them.... Phew, I could keep adding more tasks but don't want to tire you.

I'd like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make this happen:

Romy Schnaiberg, our Communication Committee Chair, Cynthia Weinstein, our orchestrator, Oria Lissak, our master event planner, all our writers and proofreaders, and finally the Benjamin of the team, Jonathan Halliday, who started helping with the newsletter as a summer job and today is taking over my duties as Kol Ha'Kehilah graphic designer.

I want to invite everyone of you to be part of Kol Ha'Kehilah – as The Community Voice, it is also your space to express yourself. If you would like to write an article, collaborate with a drawing, painting, or any sort of graphic related to any Jewish holiday, or to just send us your comments, compliments or even complaints (not too many, please), feel free to contact me at claudiosmolarz@gmail.com or the office. We are editing our next newsletter before Pesach.

I wish you all a Happy Chanukah!



5779 YISKOR BOOK

by Bernie
Weinstein

For the very first time, the congregation and guests attending the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur had the use of a Yizkor Book designed and produced by our members. This book contained prayers and readings from our beloved Hadesh Yameinu siddur and High Holiday mahzor. It also included nearly 400 names of loved ones whom our members wished to remember and honour.

I'm sure all those who used the book were pleased with its layout and content and I believe that it enhanced the Yizkor service. The book was also used at the Simchat Torah Yizkor service and will be used twice more in 5779, at Pesach and Shavuot.

The book produced a profit of almost \$5,000. The Yizkor Book Committee has made recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the allocation of these funds; the Board will review these suggestions in the near future, and the decision will be shared with the congregation.

We have already started work on the 5780 edition of the Yizkor Book, and are planning changes and improvements as well as a unique addition which will significantly enhance the experience and enjoyment of our readers. This addition will be introduced in the spring of 2019 - stand by!



As chair of this committee, I want to thank all those who contributed to its development and publication, and those who made suggestions as to how we can improve the book. I also want to thank everyone who submitted names to be honored. We honour those we remember!

Congregation Dorshei Emet
presents

EVERYBODY LOVES SATURDAY NIGHT

FUN AND DINNER FOR KIDS
AND PARENTS WITH A
SHARED MUSICAL HAVDALLAH
December 15th 2018 4:30-7 pm

For Kids
Kids ages 3-12 will enjoy active games and painting their own ceramic kiddush cup with Sarah Dolin, Rabbi Boris and teen animators. Kiddush cups will be fired in Sarah's kiln and returned in about a week.

For Parents
Parents have the option to get to know each other better with some fun of their own! Enjoy shmoozing, board games and potluck dinner.

Potluck Notes for Parents:
Please bring a favorite vegetarian dish to share, cut and ready to serve, to feed at least 10 people. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Kids' Program: \$30 per child. Subsidies available.

Register by Thursday December 6
Call Shainy to register at 514-486-9400
For more information email Sarah at
youth@dorshei-emet.org



My name is Tamar Bar-Yosef, and I'm pretty sure most of you already met me, heard of me or have just seen my picture around. I'm the Shinshinit, which means I came to Montreal from Israel on a community service program before I go into the army. I've been coming to Dorshei Emet for two months now, working with Sarah on the children's program, or just joining the prayers. I am also very excited to be starting a youth group at the synagogue. My plan for the youth group is just to have fun together - a few things we'll do, just off the top of my head, are cooking, a sports competition, movie night as well as engaging in some more serious discussions about current events, Israel or Judaism. I promise it will be lots of fun and I'm happy to see you all. (You should hurry and sign up, it'll be so much fun!) I also work at Akiva School and am part of a similar youth group at the Shaar.

Before this year, I've never been to a synagogue. I come from a very secular family and the mostly orthodox synagogues in Israel were never a good fit for us. As a proud Israeli Jewish woman, I don't enjoy being told what I'm 'allowed' or 'not allowed' to do. Visiting a few years back at Dorshei Emet as part of the Israeli Diller delegation, I felt like going to a place like this could suit me better - a place where everyone is the same, equal. That's why I asked to be placed at Dorshei Emet and why I love coming here. You guys really welcomed me with open arms! I'd love to start bringing some more grown-up programs to kiddush as well, for example a Hebrew table where everyone could practice their Hebrew, or just have discussions on current events in Israel. I'd love to hear any ideas you have, or just have a conversation.

Feel free to email me at: Tamarbar123@gmail.com or just come up to me on Saturday!

CONGREGATION DORSHEI EMET

THE ENLIGHTENED BITE

WITH PLEASURE: JUDAISM & THE REST OF LIFE
Wednesday, December 12, 12:00 pm
Lunchtime learning with Rabbi Boris
Explore the Jewish view of life beyond the synagogue.

Oy, Do I Need A Vacation: Leisure

Lunch Menu

SOUP: GREEK LENTIL SOUP
GREEK SALAD WITH FETA AND OLIVES
OPTIONS:

- 1) SPANAKOPITA - PHYLLO DOUGH FILLED WITH SPINACH AND FETA
- 2) VEGETARIAN MOUSSAKA - LAYERS OF EGGPLANT, ZUCCHINI AND POTATOES IN A TOMATO AND BECHAMEL SAUCE

DESSERT: BAKLAVA
Catered by Patrizia Di Cori / i Saporì Catering

\$20 for Members, \$25 Non-Members Registration by November 12
Call Shainy at the shul office to register (514)486-9400
Any cancellations must be made 48 hours before event

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EXPERIENCES AT DORSHEI EMET

by Jonathan Cohen

I like to describe Mona and myself as “old-new” members of Dorshei Emet. It was here that we were married and it was from here that we moved to the States so that I could fulfill my dream of serving as a congregational rabbi.

To be honest, I could never have predicted 50 years ago that my life would take this turn. As a teenager, I had read a little Bertrand Russell and some pamphlets of the “50 Ways in which the Bible Contradicts Itself” variety. I used to go out of my way to strike up arguments with any Jehovah Witness unlucky enough to be selling the Watchtower in my neighbourhood. But on one occasion my grandmother zapped me between the eyes like a pro! I was 12 years old and I had told her that I didn’t want a bar mitzvah because it would be a travesty for an atheist to go through the form of having one. “You may be an atheist,” she answered me, “but never forget that you’re a Jewish atheist!”

Well, I’m not an atheist anymore but I still think that anyone who finds only 50 contradictions in the Bible isn’t trying very hard!

So what changed me?

I fell in love with midrash. Midrash is a way of reading the Hebrew Bible which sees the inconsistencies, the gaps and the redundancies of the written text not as editorial mistakes – but rather as signposts pointing to deeper meanings that can be discovered by delving beneath the surface of the text. In so doing, midrash responds to contemporary problems by crafting new stories that make breathtakingly relevant connections between today’s Jewish realities and the unchanging biblical text of almost 3,000 years ago. Through midrash I discovered that one can take the Torah seriously without having to take it literally.

In his book *Iron John*, Robert Bly has written that boys become men by learning the stories of their ancestors from their tribal elders. In my case, the stories were those of the midrash, and the elders who taught them to me were Ron Aigen, Manny Bach and Lavy Becker, all three of blessed memory. In particular, I learned from them two midrashim that describe the experience of standing at Sinai to receive the Torah.

The first midrash is from the Warsaw edition of Midrash Tanhuma. From it we learn that we all stood at Sinai – spiritually at least – even though our physical bodies had yet to be created.

And the second midrash – this one from Exodus Rabbah – points to an anomalous phrase in the written Torah: “And all the people saw the voices” of the revelation. Leaving aside the paradox presented by this passage’s confounding the senses of sight and hearing, the midrash notes that the Torah does not say “the voice,” but “the voices.” It then quotes Rabbi Yohanan as teaching that as God’s voice was uttered, it split up into seventy voices, in seventy languages, so that all the nations of the world should be able to hear it. In other words, you don’t have to be Jewish to have experienced Sinai.

The midrash continues, “Come and see how the Voice went forth, coming to each to each one who heard it with a force proportional to his or her individual strength: to the old, according to their strength; and to the young, according to theirs; to the children, to the babes and to the women, according to their strengths; and even to Moses according to his strength.” In other words, even if we don’t remember it explicitly, the memory of Sinai is buried deep within our souls and it is one of our life tasks to recover that memory.

So it was with this in mind that I came to Mishkan Torah Synagogue in Greenbelt, Maryland. It was my goal to help each of the congregants to recover the memories of his or her personal Sinai experience. For nineteen years, I was privileged to teach and to learn with them about how Judaism has consistently been able to renew itself through contact with other civilizations. I encouraged them to join with me in challenging our tradition – and in allowing ourselves to be challenged by it.

But much though Mona and I love Greenbelt and Mishkan Torah, and acutely miss our friends there, we never felt completely at home in the United States. So when it came time for us to retire our first thought was to come home to Montreal and to Dorshei Emet to reconnect with family and friends both old and new.



WINTER EVENTS

@ DORSHEI EMET

DECEMBER

- 1 Family Shabbat - 10am
- 1 Cercle Français (After Kiddush)
- 2 Chanukah First Candle
- 4 Youth Group: Chanukah activities - 6pm
- 5 Book Club - The Alice Network by Kate Quinn - 1pm
- 5 Chanukah House Party at the Dolins - 6:30pm
- 7 Kabbalat Shabbat Chanukah Party - 6:30pm
- 12 Enlightened Bite - 12pm
- 15 Jewish Journeys Shabbat - 10am
- 15 Everybody loves Saturday Night - 4:30pm

JANUARY

- 19 Family & Jewish Journeys Shabbat & Tu B'shvat Seder - 10am
- 19 Shabbat Shira
- 20 Reading with the Rabbi: Barbra Streisand By Neal Gabler - 4:30pm
- 21 Tu B'shvat
- 25 Kabbalat Shabbat Around the World - 6:30pm

FEBRUARY

- 1 Jewish Journeys Kabbalat Shabbat Potluck
- 2 Family Shabbat - 10am
- 2 Trivia Night - 7:30pm
- 8 Kabbalat Shabbat Mispacha - 6:30pm
- 16 Family & Jewish Journeys Shabbat - 10am
- 20 Board Meeting - 7pm
- 23 Kehillah conversation after Kiddush
- 23 Everybody loves Saturday Night - 4:30pm

MARCH

- 2 Family Shabbat - 10am
- 6 Book Club - The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to his White Mother - 1pm
- 13 Enlightened Bite - Rocking with the Rabbis: The Joy of Music - 12pm
- 16 Family & Jewish Journeys Shabbat - 10am
- 20 Purim: Megillat Esther and Party - 6:30pm
- 23 Everybody loves Saturday Night - 4:30pm
- 28 Enlightened Bite - Kosher from Brooklyn or close to home: Sustainability, Environment & Jewish Ethics - 6:30pm
- 30-31 Spring Shabbaton for Jewish Journey

APRIL

- 3 Book Club - The Immortalists - 1pm
- 6 Family Shabbat - 10am
- 10 Enlightened Bite - Love Etc.: Sex, Intimacy and Other Pursuits - 12pm



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE AT

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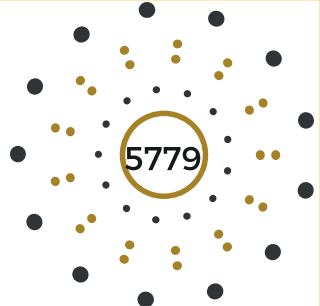
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2
GAME STARTS • 7:30 PM

BRING A TEAM OF FOUR OR JOIN A TABLE
EVERYONE WELCOME (10+)
SNACKS PROVIDED, BEER (FOR PURCHASE)
TOP TEAM WINS PRIZES
\$6 SUGGESTED DONATION
CONTACT ORIA TO PARTICIPATE 514-486-9400
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The Enlightened Bite

Wednesdays @ 12:00pm



WITH PLEASURE: JUDAISM & THE REST OF LIFE
Join us for the next installment of Enlightened Bite, as we explore the Jewish view of life beyond the synagogue. We will have a discussion while enjoying a tasty catered lunch!

Dec 12, 2018	Oy, Do I Need A Vacation: Leisure
Mar 13, 2019	Rocking with the Rabbis: The Joy of Music
Apr 10, 2019	Love Etc.: Sex, Intimacy and Other Pursuits
May 29, 2019	Like Manna From Heaven: Food, Family and Fun

Evening Edition: Food For Thought 6:30pm

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\$20 MEMBERS	CONGREGATION DORSHEI EMET
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READING WITH THE RABBI
SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 4:30PM

BARBRA STREISAND

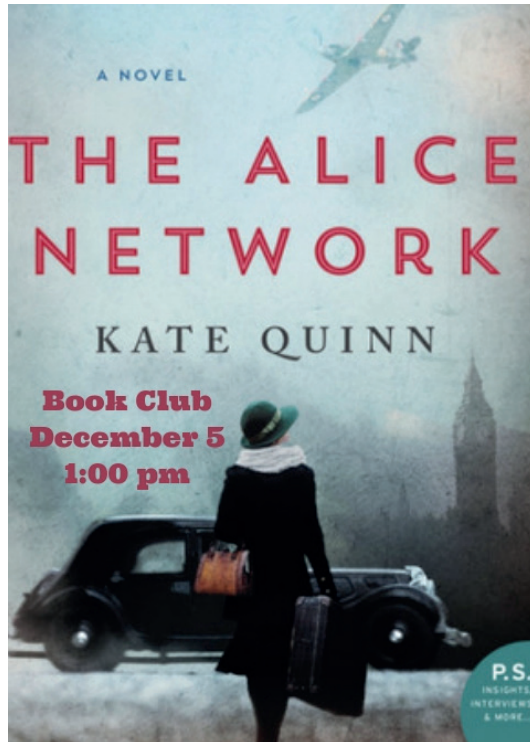
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A NOVEL

THE ALICE NETWORK

KATE QUINN

Book Club
December 5
1:00 pm



P.S. INSIGHTS, INTERVIEWS & MORE...



May Their Memory be a Blessing

by Ellayne Kaplan

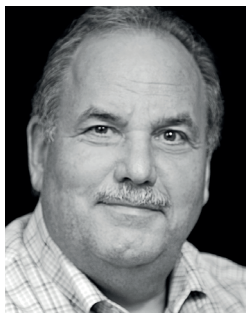
Human nature is a funny thing. Have you ever noticed that people tend to sit in the same part of the Sanctuary every time they attend services? Some love the view from up on high in the balcony, others prefer to be close to the bimah, or find the acoustics best in the last row center, and so on.

Our family always chooses to sit next to the Memorial Boards at the right of the bimah. It's not just the aisle seat we seek, or the proximity to the audio speakers that enhances our slightly diminished hearing - sitting next to our parents' names on the Memorial Board just feels right.

During the recent Rosh Hashanah service, I noticed our daughter showing her little boys the names of their four great-grandparents, running their fingers over the raised letters, noting that they carry their grandfathers' names as their middle names. In this little ceremony she found a way of connecting the past to the future.

The yahrzeit for every name represented on a plaque is announced on the appropriate Shabbat in perpetuity. If you would like to order memorial plaques to honour the memory of your loved ones and to keep their memory alive, whether or not they were members of the Dorshei Emet community, please contact Shainy at 514-486-9400 or at admin@dorshei-emet.org. The cost of each plaque is currently \$260 – on March 1, 2019, the price will be raised to \$360 with a partial tax receipt.

Over last summer the three Memorial Boards were revamped in order to place family members together, an ongoing process undertaken with great care. There are many names on the boards for which there are no mourners in our community, and it would be fascinating to explore this chapter of our history. If anyone is interested in delving into our past please contact me anytime at 514-487-8409 or at ellaynekap@gmail.com.



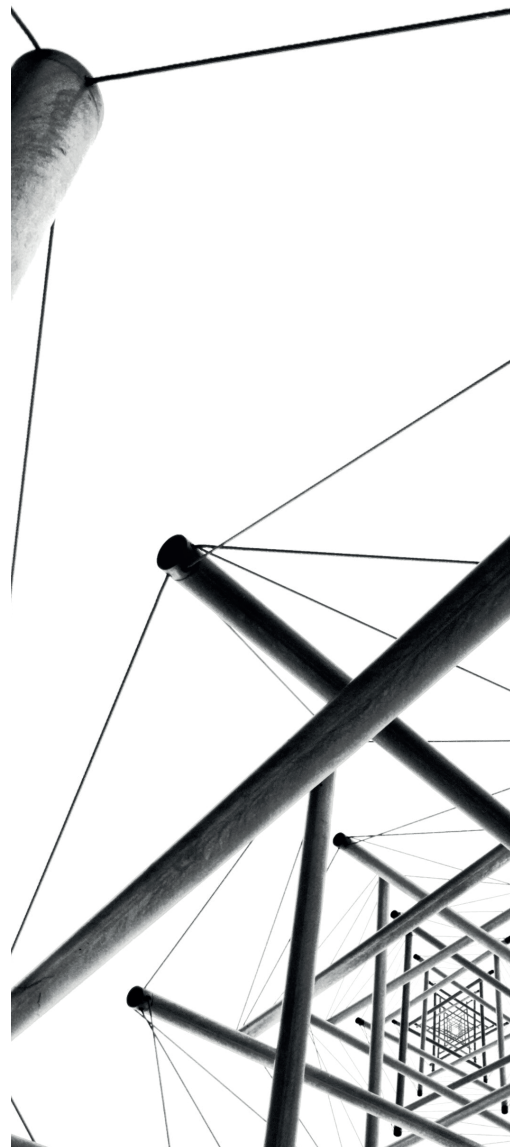
by Mark Bassel

SHABBAT SHIRA

Greetings and Salutations! As the chairperson of our next Shabbat Shira (**save the date - January 19th, 2019**), I am happy to say that our committee is hard at work finalizing decisions for this wonderful event we all look forward to.

We are considering both Canadian and International artists for this event, the decisions for which may be influenced, as can be expected, by exchange rates and availability.

SO-STAY TUNED, AND STAY ENTHUSED! YOU ALL WILL BE THE "FIRST TO KNOW"!!!



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Discovering the Power of Grandparental Love

by Sima Brockstein

The decision to bring my two granddaughters, (age four and two), to our shul's holiday parties was simply based on a 'why not' factor. These events were held at a convenient day and time schedule and I had confidence in those who organized and ran them. I also had to admit to myself that I did want my family's next generation to see where their Bubbie sometimes spends her Saturday mornings. My son and daughter-in-law do not partake in organized religion. Interestingly, (and gratefully on my part) they very much welcome and appreciate the introduction of Judaism to their children through our family and synagogue's holiday celebrations.

Yes, my girls very much enjoyed the activities, entertainment and treats. But I realized much more than that was taking place. Surprisingly, a far deeper understanding for both myself and for my girls was experienced.

I started talking about myself being Jewish because my parents, grandparents and great-grandparents were also Jewish. I have shown my girls photos of these previous generations as well as photos of their mother and father as young children. I want my girls to know their family history – of course facts that, at the beginning, are easy and pleasant for them to understand.

I told them when I come to shul I listen to the Rabbi to learn what it is to be a good person the same way my eldest granddaughter listens and absorbs knowledge from her teacher at school. Education in these two different sites both emphasizes focusing, concern for others and being part of a group.

My son forwarded an article from **THE LADDERS** September 21, 2018. The article shared "the incredible benefits that grandparents bring to the grandchildren.

- a) Children who know the stories of those who came before them have higher self-esteem and a sense of control over their lives.
- b) Children who have the most balance and self-confidence in their lives do so because of a strong intergenerational self. They know they belong to something bigger than themselves.
- c) Children who spend time with their grandparents are more social, do better in school and show more concern for others.
- d) Grandparents teach children core social skills like how to cooperate, how to be compassionate, how to be considerate."

Not only do I have my son's and daughter-in-law's approval but I also receive congratulations from social researchers. Interestingly, all of the above are very much in keeping with Judaism.

It is a very meaningful and heart-warming experience for me to bring **my girls to my shul**. Why? I can pass on what has come before me, changing my family's Holocaust history into one of hope and renewal. Being here with my family's next generation makes me, and hopefully my girls, feel our strength in ourselves and our future.

DONOR RECOGNITION

5779 (Aug 15th - Nov 7th)

GENERAL FUND

Marilyn Takefman, in memory of Jerry Gray
 Annie Koenig & Sam Yates, in memory of Magda Koenig
 Terrye & Irv Perlman, in honour of Ellen Shalinsky
 Jonathan Levy & Elana Tzipori-Levy, in memory of Yair Lipskyz"l, father of Ronit Faitelis
 Reva Bercovitch, in memory of her late father, Meyer Israel Kastner
 Linda Camlot, in appreciation of her High Holiday honour
 Ernest Chonchol, in memory of Raymond Chonchol
 Dorothy Stober, towards spring bulbs for the garden

GEMILUT HASADIM FUND

Lise Winer, in honour of Herbert I. Winer's 97th birthday

LAVY BECKER

Carmela Aigen, in honour of Mitzi & Hillel Becker becoming great-grandparents
 Carmela Aigen, in honour of Debby & Matt Newpol becoming grandparents
 Carmela Aigen, in honour of the birth of Alix Newpol & Ritchie Scheim's twins, Blake Ryan & Spencer Chase

MANNY BACH TORAH FUND

Kayla Bach & Steve Soloway, in honour of Eva Bach & Marc Stollman
 Robert Leibner & Myra Shuster, in honour of Menahem Barsheshat's 65th birthday

HARVEY KAHN CHANUKAH FOOD BASKETS FUND

Mark Lesk & Natalie Amar
 Pearlann Goldenberg, wishing Barry Frank a Refuah Shleimah
 Lois Lieff, wishing Barry Frank a Refuah Shleimah
 Lois Lieff, on the birth of Shara Rosen's granddaughter
 Carole Rubenstein Klein & Michael Schleifer, in honour of Howard Richler's birthday celebration
 Archie Fineberg & Elaine Kalman, in memory of Gusztav Kalman
 Ronit Yarosky, in honour of Yael Acre
 Judith Blumberger, in appreciation of the Book Club

KIDDUSH FUND

Micki Keesal, in honour of Basil & Ruth Ballon
 Micki Keesal, in memory of Stanley Hubsher
 Lois Lieff, in honour of Paula Blitstein
 Marilyn Takefman, in memory of her dear cousin, Seymour Steinman
 Dan & Liat Goldstein, in appreciation of Rabbi Boris Dolin & Sarah Dolin
 Carmela Aigen, in honour of Rita Tenenbaum as Kallat Bereshit
 Roberta Capelovitch, in honour of the Simchat Torah Kiddush
 Lois Lieff, in honour of Rita Tenenbaum as Kallat Bereshit
 Lois Lieff, in honour of Dan Goldstein as Hatan Torah
 Roger Antebi & Sari Weiskopf, in honour of Dan Goldstein as Hatan Torah

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Michael Rackover, in honour of Dan Goldstein as Hatan Torah
 Roni Dabora & Oria Lissak, in honour of Naira Lissak's special birthday

Irene Blitt, in honour of Rita Tenenbaum as Kallat Bereshit

Barry & Donnie Frank, in honour of Rita Tenenbaum as Kallat Bereshit

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Micki Keesal, in memory of Morton Bessner

Dorothy Stober, in honour of Rita Tenenbaum as Kallat Bereshit

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Marlene Levine, in honor of Dr. David Wayne on his 91st birthday

Lainie Berger & Neil Davis, in honour of Dan Goldstein as Hatan Torah

David Brown & Terry Ades, in honour of Rita Tenenbaum as Kallat Bereshit

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David & Ruth Flicker, in honour of Dan Goldstein as Hatan Torah

Sharron Schwartz & Syd Stepner, in honour of Dan Goldstein as Hatan Torah

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Bernie & Sandy Weinstein, in honour of Dan Goldstein as Hatan Torah

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Raizel Candib, in honour of Dan Goldstein as Hatan Torah

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Elaine Kalman & Archie Fineberg, in honour of Dan Goldstein as Hatan Torah

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Sheva Strolovitch, in honour of Rita Tenenbaum as Kallat Bereshit

Mark Rabinovitch & Peggi Cohen, in honour of Dan Goldstein as Hatan Torah

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Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper, in honour of Dan Goldstein as Hatan Torah

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Ellen Shalinsky, in honour of Rita Tenenbaum as Kallat Bereshit

Ronit Yarosky, in honour of Dan Goldstein Chatan Torah and Rita Tenenbaum Kallat Bereishit

Dorothy Lackstone, in honour of Rita Tenenbaum as Kallat Bereshit

Honey Sandler, in honour of Dan Goldstein as Hatan Torah

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 Maurice Krystal & Sheila Caplan, in honour of Rita Tenenbaum as Kallat Bereshit
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 Libby & Issie Zlotnik, in honour of Rita Tenenbaum as Kallat Bereshit
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 Alan & Andrea Bassel, in honour of Rita Tenenbaum Kallat Bereshit
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MEIR IFERGAN B'NAI MITZVAH FUND

Terry Kaufman, in honour of Julie Hobbs on becoming one of the first Distinguished Members of the Order of Excellence in Education (Quebec)
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 Dorothy Stober, in memory of Morton Bessner
 Liz Freedman & Avrum Warshawsky

RABBI RON MEMORIAL FUND

Roger Antebi & Sari Weiskopf, in honour of Chava Dienar and her outstanding contribution to this community
 Bill Lipnick, in commemoration of the Yahrzeit of his father, David Aaron Lipnick
 Brahm & Ilana Shiller, in honour of Carmela Aigen's birthday

Carmela Aigen, in honour of Liam Sidney Catriel becoming Bar Mitzvah

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 Lois Lieff, in honour of Carmela Aigen's special birthday
 William & Valerie Lipnick, in honour of Carmela Aigen's special birthday

RABBI DISCRETIONARY FUND

Viv & Felice Heller, in appreciation of Erika Tencer's help with Viv, who is now at Maimonides
 Deena Roskies, in memory of Hedy Edelstein
 Gerald Ahronheim & Naomi Stein, in memory of Hedy Edelstein
 Susan Stock, in memory of Hedy Edelstein
 Rolf Bramann
 Leigh & Leslie Dolin, in memory of Anita Novack
 Alan & Andrea Bassel, in honour of Rabbi Boris

SIDDUR

Roger Antebi & Sari Weiskopf, in honour of Sara Olivia Magonet becoming Bat Mitzvah
 Roger Antebi & Sari Weiskopf, in honour of Benjamin De Jonge-Tissenbaum becoming Bar Mitzvah
 Roger Antebi & Sari Weiskopf, in honour of Liam Reich Catriel becoming Bar Mitzvah
 Roger Antebi & Sari Weiskopf, in honour of Chaya Lowen becoming Bat Mitzvah

MACHZOR

Liz Freedman & Avrum Warshawsky, in appreciation of all of the High Holiday ushers

HUMASH

Neil & Marilyn Caplan, in honour of Ben Caplan celebrating the 30th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah, and the beginning of the Caplan family's rewarding experiences at Dorshei Emet

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMING FUND

Myriam Avetisyan & Sarkis Kalaygi

BUILDING FUND

Sharon Schwartz & Syd Stepner, in honour of Bram Freedman & Sara Saber-Freedman's son David's marriage

RUTH RICHLER ENDOWMENT FUND

Roger Antebi & Sari Weiskopf, in honour of the birth of Blake Ryan Scheim & Spencer Chase Scheim

ADULT ED AND PROGRAMMING

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