



KOL HA'KEHILAH

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SHARING OUR STORIES

by Rabbi Boris Dolin

Since late last year I have been honoured to attend the monthly Kumsitz programs in our community. The term is taken from the Yiddish "come sit", and traditionally these meetings were an opportunity to gather informally to sing, share stories and, of course, to eat. For many years in our community, the kumsitz was a regularly scheduled gathering where new and old members could share their stories; how they came to Dorshei Emet, and a bit about their childhood, background and Jewish life. The program had taken a long break and thankfully it is back.

What an experience this has been! I often tell people that the strength of a community can be found in both what we share and how we are different, and this definitely has shown through in these gatherings. This is diversity at its best, and by listening to everyone's story I have gained a new understanding of what it means to be part of an open and accepting community.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Roger Antebi

As we approach the summer, it's a good time to recap this past year at Dorshei Emet and to articulate a vision going forward.

As I left the Annual General Meeting (AGM) last year, my first phone call that night as President was to Romy Schnaiberg to ask her to Chair a dormant Communications Committee with a first mandate to revive our written communication to our members. Claudio Smolarz, a board member, agreed to participate and to take charge of the bulletin, or Kol Ha'Kehilah, as it is now called. And voila! This is our 4th issue this year.

As part of Adult Lecture Series, we brought Anna Ahronheim, Military and Defence correspondent for the Jerusalem Post, and Rabbi Micha Odenheimer of the NGO Tevel B'Tzedek. With the coming of 2018, the theme for the Committee's speakers transitioned to a celebration of Israel's 70th birthday. More interesting speakers to follow!

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Sitting in the circles were lifelong Montrealers, ambivalent expats, people born into religious families as well as devout atheists and activists. Their stories were fascinating and many laughs were shared. Yet what was most amazing for me was how, even with so many different stories, so many different paths into Jewish life, what everyone found was a deep sense of personal connection and meaning as we listened to each other share. As we sat together, it was clear that in some powerful way, despite our differences, we all felt we belonged.

Mordechai Kaplan, the founder of the Reconstructionist movement, famously said that there are three important values in being part of a religious community, Believing, Behaving and Belonging. He explained that in the Western world we understand religious identity primarily through the Christian lens, where identity is primarily based on belief. People live out these beliefs through religious "practices" i.e. through prayer and ritual, attending a religious service in a church, synagogue, mosque or temple. Through this lens, if you have a certain belief, and if your practices express these beliefs, you belong to a religious community.

Yet for Jews, Kaplan said that the value of Belonging comes first. What has held us together as a community for so many centuries, and what is able to move us forward, is a sense of being part of a group of people with a shared history and system of values, and a deep understanding that our individual story may become part of the greater Jewish story. Even in a more traditional framework, where there is more of a focus on the middle "B" - behavior (prayer, ritual and an adherence to halachah, Jewish law) - as well as belief, these values are not the top of the mountain.

It is this sense of belonging that most of us are striving for. We want to be

part of a community where we not only have something in common with those around us, but ideally also have some sort of deeper connection; a shared history, and possibly also a shared worldview or system of values. For Jews, even if we believe different things, even if we have entirely different "Jewish journeys", we can still sit around a circle and find comfort in our shared heritage and in the strength we gain from being together. Through gathering together we become more than strangers with a similar background, we become a true Jewish family.

As part of this goal of sharing our stories, I have created a podcast, "A Jewish Life" (see the ad in this newsletter), where I have been recording the Jewish journeys of people in the Dorshei Emet community. I hope that this podcast can be an easily accessed opportunity for us to learn about each other, but also a useful outreach tool for people outside Dorshei Emet to

see what makes us unique. I hope you will listen to the podcast, and even more, that you will share your own story with the community.

As I listen to the stories of people at the kumsitz, and hear the stories told in the podcast, I hear not just about different life journeys, but even more about the search that we are all on: a search for truth, meaning and connection. In upbringing, in belief and in practice, no two stories are the same. But I also feel the sense of comfort as people share, each one of us knowing that through our differences, through listening and learning from each other, we also end up learning about ourselves.



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Shabbat Shira was a resounding success with performer Josh Dolgin a.k.a "Socalled". The only one missing at the concert was Olga Gross, Chair of the Shabbat Shira Committee, who was performing abroad.

At last year's AGM there was a commotion over the b'nei mitzvah split-kiddush policy, with a petition by members presented to the Board. Yael Acre agreed to chair a committee to study the problem and make recommendations to the board after a Town Hall meeting with members. This was done and hopefully these recommendations will be ratified by the Board of Directors. I strongly urge you all to support these recommendations as we move forward, as they were made with the consultation of the membership.



A Yizkor Book Committee was created, chaired by Bernie Weinstein, to develop a Dorshei Emet Yizkor Book to remember and honour those loved ones who are no longer with us. Donations may be made directly on our website. The committee is on schedule and will have the book available for Yom Kippur this fall. Kol hakavod to Bernie and his committee members, Ellayne Kaplan, Chava Dienar and Yolande Martel!

Also for the High Holidays, we will have 40 copies of Rabbi Ron's Machzor in transliterated format. The transliteration was done by The Kehillah Synagogue in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and the copies will be purchased with a generous donation from the Rabbi Ron Memorial Fund.

Jack Wolofsky and Rosana Caplan were honoured last year as Hatan Torah and Kallat Bereishit. This year's honourees will be Dan Goldstein and Rita Tenenbaum. This year we welcomed a new Executive Director, Cynthia Weinstein, who is a long-time member and Dorshei Emet's greatest advocate. We also welcomed a new Program Director, Oria Lissak, who creatively and tirelessly organizes numerous events and who also writes our weekly community email. There is constant activity in the office as Oria plans the various themed Kaballat Shabbat events as well as all the other adult- and youth-oriented activities. Thank you Oria!

My vision for next year is to energize other committees so that members feel that they have a sense of ownership, commitment and responsibility to this Dorshei Emet community. In particular, areas to develop are inreach, website design and maintenance as well as broadening our Tikun Olam activities beyond our already impressive initiatives with Empty Bowls, Chanukah Food Baskets and Syrian Refugee sponsorship. Have a wonderful summer!

RABBI EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Deadline for Comments – July 6, 2018

Past President Bram Freedman, who chaired the Search Committee for Rabbi Boris, has been asked by President Roger Antebi to chair the Evaluation Committee considering Rabbi Boris' renewal. It is hard to believe that two years have passed since Rabbi Boris joined us but here we are. The other members of the Committee are Natalie Amar, Roger Antebi, Elana Cooperberg, Chava Dienar and Sharron Schwartz.

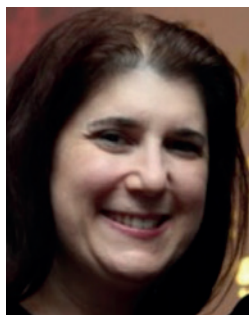
The Evaluation Process will involve a self-evaluation by Rabbi Boris, exchanges between him and the Evaluation Committee, solicited feedback from different segments of the congregation as well as this general call for comments from any member of the congregation.

As such, any member of the congregation may submit comments to the Evaluation Committee chair, Bram Freedman – bfreedman@videotron.ca with the Subject line "Rabbi Evaluation" no later than July 6, 2018. The Committee is using the following areas of evaluation so it would be helpful if members could indicate which areas they are addressing in their comments:

- Worship
- Pastoral
- Life cycle
- Ritual policy
- Inreach within the congregation
- External community relations
- Administration
- Education – children/families/adults
- Finances
- Long range planning
- Leadership

Only Bram will see the names on the submissions and the names will be removed before sharing with the rest of the Committee. Rabbi Boris will not see the comments but will be provided with a summary of the sentiments being expressed.

This is yet another important juncture in the life of our congregation and we thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts.



by Cynthia
Weinstein

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As we move into the summer season I look back at this first year at Dorshei Emet with a sense of pride and a great deal of happiness. It was not an easy year. There were many situations to untangle and many new things to learn. I can't claim that I didn't make any mistakes, but I did not "break the shul" either.

I have seen Dorshei Emet from several angles over the past 20 years, as a member, a volunteer, a Board member, as the Program Director, and now as the Executive Director. What I love most about the shul has not changed. There is a freedom of thought here that I have always appreciated. Whether or not you believe in God, regardless of your level of observance, your sexuality, your support of interfaith dialogue, your socio-economic status, or whether you are Sephardi or Ashkenazi, we all have a place at Dorshei Emet. We can disagree, and argue, but no one asks you to participate in group-think and check your identity at the door.

The past year has been full of successes and challenges. The office has gotten into a productive rhythm, and we have a good momentum building in our programs. Next year we will continue to try new things and we hope you will open your minds to new possibilities and ideas of what Dorshei Emet can be.

I hope you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to hearing from you to renew your membership and order your High Holiday tickets soon. Please invite your friends and family to learn about us, and perhaps to join us and see what the buzz is all about!



YOUTH EVERYBODY LOVES SATURDAY NIGHT

by Sarah Dolin

At the end of April twelve families gathered together for an experimental program called **Everybody Loves Saturday Night**. The idea for the program grew from meetings I had with parents this year. It soon became apparent that although families are busy, they see value in getting to know their Dorshei Emet peers. Our families are diverse, kind, creative, generous and thoughtful, and as a passionate community builder I know that often all it takes to build and fortify our community is to get people together with an opportunity for meaningful connection. But you don't have to take my word for it! One participant, **Lianne Barski**, enjoyed the event so much that she wanted to share her experience of the evening:

"My family and I participated in the first Everybody Loves Saturday Night and had a fantastic time! While our experiences at Dorshei Emet are always enriching and enjoyable, my husband

and I are generally so focused on the kids that we cannot give our full attention to whatever activity we are attending. Nor can we lose ourselves completely in conversation with our friends and fellow congregants. That Saturday night, though, we could do just that. Knowing that the kids were engaged in their activities downstairs, we were able to sit back, relax and fully enjoy the company of our synagogue family... some new faces and others more dear. Our conversations were uninterrupted and the kids didn't have to deal with us bearing over them (and we were all fed!). Two ideal worlds that later came together for Havdalah - a warm, family collaborative led by Rabbi Boris and Sarah - which was the beautiful final touch on the evening. We will definitely be at the next Everybody Loves Saturday Night... hope to see you there!"

And I hope to see you there, too! Look in the **weekly newsletter** for upcoming dates.



5 year old Lielle Lesk's rendition of havdalah. Pictured in purple on the left is a kiddush cup - she must like wine!

SHINSHINIM @ DORSHEI EMET

Under the auspices of Federation CJA's Israel Engagement Initiative, we are thrilled to announce that we will welcome a Shinshin to Dorshei Emet in 5779.

The Shinshinim program offers our community a wonderful opportunity to get to know a young Israeli in a close and personal way. The shinshinim are 18-year-old high school graduates from Israel who defer their army service for a year in order to volunteer in Jewish communities around the world (Shinshin means sh'nat sherut, or "year of service").

Through various activities in schools and Jewish institutions, participants in this program bring their Israel and their story to the community. For the young Shlichim (ambassadors) it is a life-changing experience.

The shinshin will be in shul every Shabbat and will help with programs and festivals over the course of the

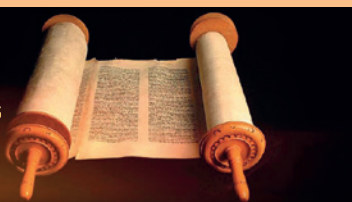
year, and will also run a youth group for Dorshei Emet teens. For our Dorshei Emet community it is a way to "give Israel a face" and get to know it from another point of view, through creative programs and challenging discussions.

Stay tuned to our Weekly Announcements in July when we will reveal the identity of Dorshei Emet's Shinshin. He or she will start at the shul in early September. Please take the opportunity to get to know our Shinshin, who will become part of the fabric of our congregation, a wonderful addition to our shul family.

The Shinshin would be delighted to get to know your children, be invited for a Shabbat meal with your family, or toured around our beautiful city.

The Shinshinim program at Congregation Dorshei Emet is sponsored by the Marilyn Takefman Foundation and an anonymous sponsor. We thank them very much for their support.

Jewish Journeys @ Dorshei Emet



Do you have a child going to grade 6 or 7 in the fall?

Jewish Journeys @ Dorshei Emet, is an experiential program for students to explore their Jewish Identity, build relationships with other students in the community and to prepare for their Bar or Bat Mitzvah. We offer a mix of informal learning, youth group style programming, field trips, and family activities.

For any questions about registration or about the program please do not hesitate to call Cynthia Weinstein, Executive Director, at (514) 486 9400 or executivedirector@dorshei-emet.org.

We still have space for a few more kids!



PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

by Oria
Lissak

I have been the Dorshei Emet Program Director since August, 2017, and have been a member since 2002. My husband Roni and I have 5 children, 4 of whom have been through the pre-B'nai Mitzvah program with Rabbi Ron. Over the years I have been an active volunteer at the shul.

I now coordinate all adult programs at Dorshei Emet, including holiday chagigot, adult education, Kabbalat Shabbats and activities. In addition to programming I am also responsible for the "Weekly" and the Bima announcements.

I have had the opportunity to introduce and coordinate many new programs, which has been one of the highlights of my job. I enjoy the creativity involved in new programming and I appreciate all the support and suggestions from the congregation. I look forward to continuing to introduce new things and offer more opportunities for member engagement. Dorshei Emet will also continue all ongoing programs that we have come to love.

Here is a sneak peek at some of the new programs for next year: "The Roaming Rabbi" (where in Montreal is Rabbi Boris?), walking tours of Old Montreal and Old Jewish Montreal, a visit to Kahnawake, "Sukkah-Hopping" and a very interesting and informative breakfast series.

I welcome and appreciate all feedback and suggestions about both old and new programs, contact me at programdirector@dorshei-emet.org.

I would like to thank Shainy, Linda, Patrizia, Rabbi Boris, Roger, Sarah, Omar and especially Cynthia for all the help and support they have given me. I look forward to seeing you all at many future events.



ANOTHER EMPTY BOWLS SUCCESS

by the Empty Bowls Committee

The Empty Bowls Committee – Joan Simand, Sheila Caplan, Paula Lehrman, Gaby Orbach and Frances Stober – offers thanks to our loyal and enthusiastic volunteers: Judith Klugerman, Shara Rosen, Andrea Strom-Rancourt, Sharon Rustin, Judith Farovitch, Debbie Carroll, Amy Barrington, Michael Lehrman, Leah Saltiel, Bryna Rubinger, Maurice Krystal and other participants who joined us on the most beautiful day of the year at the YM-YWHA on Sunday April 22nd.

Our bowl collection on display this year included delightful contributions from our young artists-in-the-making, thanks to the decorating workshops offered by Sheila Caplan at Akiva School, the YM-YWHA holiday camp and at our own family Shabbat program. As well, a decorating workshop was held for adults at the Métèque Atelier d'art. Thanks also to our sponsors BESO caterers, Maruti Fruit and Cheskie's Bakery. Special appreciation goes to Carmela Aigen for linking us to Akiva School and to Sarah Dolin for initiating our liaison with the YM-YWHA and for encouraging participation of our families with young children in decorating bowls while becoming sensitized to the issue of hunger in the Jewish community.

\$1700.00 was raised, which will go to the Dorshei Emet Chanukah Food Baskets Program.

If you were unable to join us and would still like to make a contribution, there are some bowls available. Please contact sheila.caplan@gmail.com





by Ellayne
Kaplan

Yahrzeit Committee

The work of the Yahrzeit committee - reminding members of Dorshei Emet of their yahrzeit dates and encouraging them to receive an Aliyah in memory of a loved one - is a powerful tool in the effort to make each member of the congregation feel valued, and to enrich his/her Jewish identity and experience.

The committee advises synagogue members of yahrzeits for their parents, spouses, siblings and children, and members of their extended family as well, if requested.

Our dedicated team of callers - Carol Demberg Burstein, Janet Dwoskin, Lois Lieff and Dorothy Stober - makes every effort to remind our membership family of yahrzeits, and encourages mourners to request an Aliyah on the Shabbat before the yahrzeit date. I would like to note our deep appreciation of Hedy Edelstein z'l, who served on the Yahrzeit Committee for many years.

Supported by staff, we try to ensure that the yahrzeit lists are up to date. Over the last months we have added many yahrzeit reminders and corrected inaccurate dates.

If you didn't know that this service was offered, or if you wish to add more names to your list, please let the office know.

Over the coming summer we plan to reorganize the plaques on the memorial boards, making an effort to keep names from the same family together. We encourage members to purchase a memorial plaque for their loved ones; for more information please contact the office.

HOW DO YOU HONOUR THE PEOPLE WHO TOUCHED YOUR LIFE THE MOST?

Honouring the memory of a loved one is a profoundly Jewish act, whether it includes saying kaddish, lighting a candle or simply remembering the deeds and stories of their lives.

Dorshei Emet has conceived of a way to honour the memory of those we have lost by launching a Yizkor (Remembrance) Book. This booklet will give each of us the opportunity to record the names of the people who meant so much to us - founding members of our community, family members lost in the Shoah, special relatives and friends - and will provide moments over the course of each year where they will be actively remembered. It will contain the prayers and texts that accompany the Yizkor service and yahrzeit observance, as well as meaningful readings that characterize Dorshei Emet's unique siddur and mahzor, created by Rabbi Ron Aigen z"l.

This booklet will be produced in time for the High Holidays. It will be a helpful aide for yahrzeit observance and for the four times each year that Yizkor is observed (Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, Pesach and Shavuot).

We hope you will record the names of your family members, friends and even public figures, Jewish or not, who have had special meaning for you.

There will be a cost of \$18 per entry, with a reduced price for multiple names.

To inscribe names of your loved ones in the Yizkor Book please access the Dorshei Emet website www.dorsheiemet.com and look for 5779 Yizkor Book, or contact the office for more information at 514.486.9400 or email us at admin@dorshei-emet.org.



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by Audrey
Berner

WEDNESDAY MINYAN

On a Wednesday morning in the middle of April, a group of about thirteen of us gathered together as usual at the back of the sanctuary. And, as always, Lois had arrived before 7:30 AM to open the synagogue and put out a little breakfast.

That morning Roger began the Minyan with a nigun which we all sang together. I shared a five-minute teaching based on the Parasha of the week. After twenty minutes of silent meditation Andrea and Lois led Debbie Friedman's Mi Shebeirach to pray for the healing of a congregant. Finally, we all stood as Mark led the Omer count and then, together, we said Kaddish for Hedy Edelstein. And then most of us went downstairs to share coffee and bagels.

Almost every Wednesday, winter and summer, a group of people gathers for this meditation Minyan. We all share the tasks; we even provide breakfast for each other. Sometimes our group numbers only five or six but when someone wants to say Kaddish, we do our best to make up the necessary ten.

Anyone can join the mailing list and come when possible. If you have never meditated before, someone will help you get started. If you want to wear t'fillin, someone can show you how to put them on. If you want to say Kaddish and can't read the Hebrew, someone will help. We are a community and we support each other.

Feel free to contact Lois Lieff at loislieff@sympatico.ca or Audrey Berner at audreyberner@videotron.ca if you would like to be part of the Wednesday Minyan community.



THE BIMAH: REFLECTIONS

by Irv Perlman

THE BIMAH: REFLECTIONS

Several weeks ago our Bimah was full of intense African drum beats and dancers. It was my inspiration for these reflections.

My memories of the Dorshei Emet Bimah go back many decades. My first experience was at High Holiday services. It was a no ticket, no membership, no security event. Being new in Montreal I knew a few members and was encouraged to come. It was my first experience with Lavy Becker, our founding Rabbi, later to become a cherished inspiration. It was also my first experience with Hillel Becker's musaf; always a pleasure through many years. We joined the shul during Rabbi Ron's first year.

The Bimah also introduced me to our many Shul Presidents starting with Stephen Barber, who mentored the young Rabbi Ron during our first year of membership. There was always someone ready to assume this office, each with a unique style and unique priorities. Presidents addressed the kehilah during the Days of Awe, gave charges to those celebrating their Bat and Bar Mitzvah and highlighted issues and concerns of the day.

The Bimah is also home to the many iterations of the Shul High Holiday Choir. Kol Nidre has been chanted and led by a variety of talented member soloists, for a few years by Cantor Heather and once preceded by a cello rendition.

The first Shul lainer I knew was Manny Bach. A gentle soul who prepared my daughter and her contemporaries for entering Jewish adulthood. Those who followed Manny have carried on with laining and teaching. We have had member lainers and Haftorah readers by the dozens over the years. Oy, the Baal Tefilot, who covered for the Rabbis. We have been truly blessed with such ruach and devotion.

And the music, both professional and liturgical (much from our members), has encouraged our enjoyment of this transformative part of our heritage. The Shabbat Shira concerts have brought us many of the newer forms of Jewish musical expression: So-Called, The Epichorus, Joshua Nelson-The Prince of Kosher Gospel and Daniel Kahn, for example.

Our own salute to Leonard Cohen featuring many of our members and guest performers still lingers in my memory.

And we have enjoyed our Rabbis with guitars, who have further enhanced our peoplehood connection to both tradition and modern Israeli interpretations.

Our Bimah is also home to a wide variety of presentations ranging from politicians, scholars, visiting and guest Rabbis, authors, etc.

I have used very few names for two reasons. The first is I can't remember all who have enriched our experience from the Bimah. Secondly, the article would have been - at least - 3 times as long. If anyone feels left out, please let me know and I will take you for coffee.

SUMMER EVENTS @ DORSHEI EMET

JUNE

- 10 End of Year BBQ - 4:30 pm
- 13 Book Club: The Improbable Friendship - 1 pm
- 13 Annual General Meeting - 7 pm
- 20 Walking Tour of Old Montreal - 10:30 am

JULY

- 22 Tisha B'av

AUGUST

- 19 Montreal Pride Parade - 12 pm
- 22 Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 27 Coffee, Tea & Tickets -
Rock n' Rosh Hashanah - 6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Family Shabbat - 10 am
- 1 Erev Slichot Movie & Discussion Panel -
7:30 pm
- 5 Bookclub - 1 pm
- 9 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service - 6:30 pm
- 10 Rosh Hashanah Day 1
- 11 Rosh Hashanah Day 2
- 15 Shabbat Shuva Speaker - 11 am
- 18 Erev Yom Kippur, Kol Nidre
- 19 Yom Kippur (Yizkor Service)

CONGREGATION DORSHEI EMET

BOOK CLUB

SEPT 5 OCT 10
NOV 7 DEC 5
MAR 6 APR 3
MAY 8 JUN 5

WED @ 1:00 pm

SOME BOOKS WE WILL COVER

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A Jewish Life is a podcast exploring Jewish identity and community through the diverse stories of individuals at Dorshei Emet and in Montreal; leaders, activists, creative thinkers, parents, grandparents, rebels, explorers and anyone with a story to tell. Through these stories we can look forward to a more hopeful future.

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TASTE OF TORAH

JOIN RABBI BORIS AS WE EXPLORE THE WEEKLY TORAH PORTION IN THIS NEW INFORMAL DROP-IN GATHERING

We will delve into the text using traditional and modern commentaries, debate the issues and find connections with contemporary life. **BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH** (optional) All levels are welcome.

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CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

TORAH AND HAFTORAH CHANTERS OF ALL AGES

Have you considered celebrating or commemorating a special occasion, event, or person in a meaningful way? How about redoing your Bat/Bar Mitzvah Torah or Haftorah portions, or any other ones? We especially welcome first timers. Please Contact:

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Tutoring and mentoring are available upon request.

TEENS

Looking for community service hours? Come volunteer with our Children's Program.

For more information, please contact - Sarah Dolin: youth@dorshei-emet.org



by Ronit
Yarosky

Fundraising is often thought of as a dirty word. People always ask me "how can you ask people for money?" – I must hear that question every day.

While it's hard work, I don't like to think of fundraising as asking people to write a cheque. Rather, I think of it as **dream-building**, and as a fundraiser, I get to make people's dreams come true.

We all have causes that we believe in and support, whether they are finding a cure for cancer, providing drinking water to communities in Africa or ensuring our shul continues to grow and thrive. Most of us can't relocate to Africa to dig wells, or be a useful addition to a research laboratory. But donations are what will lead to that breakthrough in cancer research, will provide clean water for children everywhere.

Your donations are also what keeps Dorshei Emet strong and positioned to take on whatever the future brings our way. Giving to the annual campaign may not sound as 'sexy' as finding a cure for cancer, but it is therapeutic for our spirituality, restorative for our sense of community, keeps us bound to our traditions and heals the world through our work on Tikkun Olam.

Thanks to your incredible commitment to Dorshei Emet, we came very close to our target of \$110,000 this year.

To everyone who donated: THANK YOU. You are our backbone, our foundation – you ensure that we will be here for you and everyone in our community.

Stay tuned next year as we re-launch the Annual Giving Campaign. **It takes a village.** I would love to hear from you – your ideas, suggestions and thoughts are always welcome.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

\$10,000+

Joel Segal & Eileen Ramos

\$2,501+

Bram Freedman & Sara Saber-Freedman, Irwin & Sara Tauben, Roger Antebi & Sari Wiskopf, Aaron & Wally Fish, Alvin Segal Family Foundation, Miriam Roland, Tony & Leiba Rustin, David & Neysa Sigler

\$1,001-\$2,500

Syd & Sheila Greenberg, Barry & Renee Voronoff, Beryl Goldman, Hillel Rosen & Liane Feldman, Dawn Anderson, Jeremy & Joyce Becker, Hillel & Mitzi Becker, Matthew & Debby Newpol, David Bloom & Suzanne La Rue, Brahm & Ilana Shiller

\$501-\$1,000

Mark Bassel & Abby Kleinberg-Bassel, Toby Fainsilber, Frank Roseman, Robert & Cecil Rabinovitch, Daniel & Deborah Kraus, Jack Buksbaum, Alan & Andrea Bassel, Allan Shustack, Ilana Berger & Pierre Trudeau, Robert & Sharon Bishin, Brian Chernoff, Anthony Croll & Adriana Decker, Michael Kanevsky & Bianca Suci, Mark Rabinovitch & Peggy Cohen

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Barbara Szeicz & Avi Gomberg, Joseph & Rita Schulman, Herschel & Sandra Mitchell, Martin Boodman & Susan Pinker, Irving & Carol Burstein, Mark Dover & Jodi Portigal, Liz Freedman & Avrum Warshawsky, Adriana Kotler, Marilyn Krelbaum, Libby Labell & David Wayne, Avrum & Dora Morrow, Jeffrey Rother & Naomi Lapin, Ronald & Rita Singer

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Debbie Carroll
Sharon Gubbay
John & Harriet Miller
Ilania Abileah
Judith Ellen Kenigsberg
Shelley Reuter
Elliot & Jeannette Singerman
Reva Bercovitch
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Jack Rudnicki & Sheindl Rothman
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Freida Long
Mitchell Magonet & Lisa Merovitz
Elisa Shenkier
Lorraine Caplan
Hedy Edelstein
Ronald & Felice Heller
Suzanne Herscovitch

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Rebecca Morris
Deena Bronston Roskies
Ruth Block
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Claudio Smolarz & Florence Knafo
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Ila Novak
Irv & Helen Binik
Michael Pollak & Toby Shainbaum-Pollak
Vivian Squire
Edie Austin
Jeff & Laurie Usheroff
Bryna Rosman Rubinger
Frances Schanfield
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Marielle Bassel & Jesse Byers
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 Pearlann Goldenberg
 Jonathan Goldman & Anais Gagne
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 Myriam Avetisyan & Sarkis Kalaygi
 Saul Ciecha & Alegre Mizrahi
 Barbara Leiter
 Barry Lazar & Celina Segal
 Archie Fineberg & Elaine Kalman
 Leanne Lieblein & John Harrod
 Paula Merovitz
 Graham & Dessalen Wood
 Mark & Phyllis Yaffe
 Yael Acre & Chris Hosein
 Carmela Aigen
 Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper
 Howard Berger & Ellayne Kaplan
 Ely Bonder & Shelley Kaminsky
 Mark & Suzanne Chernin
 Hernan Ciecha & Chiara Fish
 Alejandro Ciechanowiecki & Julie
 Brummer
 Joseph Douek & Claudie Pfeifer
 Elliott Ettenberg & Deborah Sharp
 Robert Elman
 Ian Gold & Natalie Stoljar
 Orly Hermon
 Jeffrey Kastner & Karen Ocana
 Sandor & Mona Klein
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 Jodi Lackman & Murray Mincoff
 Morton Bessner & Mildred Kolodny
 Eftichia Matalon
 Bess Olfman
 Gary Pেকেles & Jane McDonald

Romy Schnaiberg & Brian Rocklin
 Ernest & Freda Rashkovan
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 Mark & Heidi Strohl
 Lise Winer
 Ronit Yarosky
 Brigitte Albert
 Esther Frank
 Paul Horowitz
 Micki Keesal
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 Michael & Sharon Bond
 Bill Brender & Rosanne Moss
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 Jonathan Levy & Elana Tzipori-Levy
 Lorne & Helen Cooper
 Menahem Barsheshat & Mia Swartzman
 Laura Winer



by Ellen
Shalinsky

AT WHAT SYNAGOGUE ARE YOU TREATED SO WELL?

Since my involvement with Dorshei Emet, I have met my soulmate in Judaism. Never in my religious life have I felt so connected and so welcomed. Where do you have a rabbi who plays the guitar as part of the service and who asks for commentary on his sermon? **Bravo Rabbi Boris!**

Dorshei Emet accepts everyone **no matter what** their ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation. Women are encouraged to wear tallit, and no one has to dress to impress. When you enter the synagogue you are warmly greeted and made to feel welcomed and wanted.

But the ultimate is that women are treated **as equals**. Imagine my shock when I was offered an Aliyah....after 50 plus years of synagogue attendance and never being allowed on the bimah!

When I first started attending services, after a few Shabbats, Rabbi Ron called me at home to welcome me! **WOW!!!** And I was invited to Shabbat dinner at another member's home. At what synagogue are you treated so well?!

Even in the winter when I am in Florida, my shul friends invite me to join them at a common Florida synagogue.

My life has changed since joining Dorshei Emet!

DONOR RECOGNITION

5778 (March 15th - May 25th)

GENERAL

Cynthia Weinstein & Aviv Laor, in honour of David Hill
 Gisele Rucker, in honour of Ruth Block's 100th birthday
 Carmela Aigen, in honour of Ruth Block's 100th birthday
 Beryl Moser, in honour of Ruth Block's 100th birthday
 Dorothy Stober, in honour of Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper on the birth of their son
 Bram Freedman & Sara Saber-Freedman, in memory of Hedy Edelstein z"l
 Bram Freedman & Sara Saber-Freedman, in honour of Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper on the birth of their son
 Gary and Naomi Felsenfeld, in honour of Samuel O. Freedman's special birthday
 Myriam Avetisyan & Sarkis Kalaygi, in honour of Israel Day
 Irv & Helen Binik, in appreciation of Terry Ades
 Murray Bronet & Maureen Rappaport, in memory of Sam Bronet z"l
 Stanley Cohen & Sue Ducat, in honour of Ernie Rashkovan on his 90th birthday
 Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper, in appreciation of Harvey Mandelker for the beautiful photos that he took at Elliot's bris
 Daniel & Darline Rosenhek, in honour of Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper on the birth of their son
 Paula & Michael Lehrman, in honour of Brooke Cromar and Jesse Lehrman on the bris of Samuel Arthur Lehrman
 Micki Keesal, in appreciation of Ellen Shalinsky and Marilyn Takefman

GEMILUT HASADIM

Brigitte Albert, in memory of Hedy Edelstein z"l

MANNY BACH TORAH

Audrey and Mark Berner, in memory of Hedy Edelstein z"l
 Sharon Gubbay, in memory of Hedy Edelstein z"l
 Irving & Carol Burstein, in memory of Hedy Edelstein z"l

HARVEY KAHN CHANUKAH FOOD BASKETS

Lila Wolfe Druckman, in honour of Mark Berner's birthday
 Axler Family, in memory of Peggy Perelman z"l
 Axler Family, in honour of Barbara Hymes' special birthday
 Pearlann Goldenberg, in honour of Ronit Yarosky's second Bat Mitzvah
 Elizabeth Dannenbaum, in memory of Lutz Dannenbaum

KIDDUSH

Patrizia Di Cori, in memory of Luciano Di Cori
 Ester Di Cori, in memory of Luciano Di Cori
 Ruth Block, in memory of her parents, brother, sister-in-law and cousins who perished in the Holocaust.
 Irwin Block, in honour of Ruth Block's 100th birthday
 Carmela Aigen, in honour of Ronit Yarosky's second Bat Mitzvah
 Lois Lief, in honour of Ruth Block's 100th birthday
 Hershey & Janet Dwoskin, in honour of their granddaughter

Alexandra May Perlman's Baby Naming
 Leanne Lieblein & John Harrod, in appreciation of Ronit Yarosky in honour of her second Bat Mitzvah
 Rita Tenenbaum, in honour of Marilyn Takefman and her good work for Dorshei Emet
 Yolande Martel
 Syd & Sheila Greenberg, in honour of Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper and Carmela Aigen, welcoming Elliot
 Bram Rubinger, in honour of Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper and Carmela Aigen, in honour of the birth of their son and grandson, Elliot
 Lois Lief, in honour of the birth of Samuel Arthur Lehrman

MEIR IFERGAN B'NAI MITZVAH

Rachele & Adam Dubin, in honour of Pearlann Goldenberg
 Pearlann Goldenberg, in honour of Ruth Block's 100th Birthday
 Brigitte Albert, in honour of Emilie Albert-Toth's work on the Shelley Peterson Student Art Exhibition
 Pearlann Goldenberg, in memory of Hedy Edelstein z"l
 Pearlann Goldenberg, in honour of Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper and Carmela Aigen, in honour of the birth of their son and grandson
 Olga Gross, in memory of Hedy Edelstein z"l
 Andrea Strom-Rancourt & Jean-Guy Rancourt, in loving memory of Hedy Edelstein z"l for her warmth and friendliness and her love of reading Torah
 Barbara Szeicz & Avi Gomberg, in memory of Hedy Edelstein z"l
 Bryna Rosman Rubinger, in honour of Rebecca Dunsky's Bat Mitzvah
 Carmela Aigen, in honour of Bram Trevor Lackman-Mincoff becoming Bar Mitzvah

RABBI RON MEMORIAL

Audrey and Mark Berner, in honour of Carmela Aigen on the birth of her second grandson
 Lois Lief, in honour of Carmela Aigen on the birth of her grandson
 Miriam Ferstman
 Maurice Krystal & Sheila Caplan, in appreciation of Carmela Aigen
 Judith Farovitch, in honour of Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper on the birth of their son
 Andrea Strom-Rancourt & Jean-Guy Rancourt, in honour of Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper on the birth of their second child
 Romy Schnaiberg & Brian Rocklin, in honour of Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper on the birth of their son
 Romy Schnaiberg & Brian Rocklin, in honour of Carmela Aigen on the birth of her second grandson
 Herschel & Sandra Mitchell, in honour of Yaakov Reuven Aigen's Brit Milah
 Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper, in memory of Hedy Edelstein z"l
 Uzi Witkowski & Sara Ravel, in honour of Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper and Carmela Aigen on the birth of their son and grandson

Joe & Edith Kornacki, in honour of Carmela Aigen on the birth of her second grandson
 Mark Smilovitch & Sharon Brodie, in honour of Orly Hermon's birthday
 Irving & Carol Burstein, in honour of Carmela Aigen on the birth of her grandson Elliot
 Jeffrey Rother & Naomi Lapin, marking the yahrzeit of Stanley Takefman
 Bryna Rosman Rubinger, in honour of the birth of Elliot Aigen
 Linda & Gary Axler, in honour of the birth of Elliot Aigen
 Carmela Aigen, in honour of Mort Weinfeld's book launch
 Carmela Aigen, in honour of Ellin Bessner's book launch
 Carmela Aigen, in honour of Patrizia Di Cori and her excellent care and attention in the catering of Elliot's brit
 Carmela Aigen, in appreciation of Harvey Mandelker for his beautiful photography at Elliot's brit
 Carmela Aigen, in appreciation of Sharron Schwartz for organizing the beautiful sweet table for Elliot's brit
 Carmela Aigen, in honour of Paula Lehrman on the birth of her grandson Samuel Arthur
 Barbara Leiter, in memory of Hedy Edelstein z"l
 Carmela Aigen, wishing a Refuah Shlema to Robbie Elman
 Carmela Aigen, in honour of Rebecca Dunsky becoming Bat Mitzvah
 Frances Schanfield, in honour of Carmela Aigen on the birth of her new grandson Elliot
 Barbara Leiter, in honour of Lynda Fraser's special birthday
 Carmela Aigen, in honour of Irving Binik receiving his Masters of Arts

RABBI DISCRETIONARY

Ronni Czuzoj & Mitch Shulman, in memory of Izak Czuzoj, beloved father of Ronni Czuzoj
 Ronni Czuzoj & Mitch Shulman, in memory of Nechama Sztern Czuzoj, beloved grandmother of Ronni Czuzoj
 Neil & Marilyn Caplan, in honour of Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper on the birth of their son
 Hernan Ciecha & Chiara Fish, in honour of Leo's Bris
 Jeff & Laurie Ushero, in appreciation of Terry Ades
 Vadim & Catherine Di Pietro

TZEDAKA

Jonathan Cohen & Mona Baumgarten

SIDDUR

Rita Tenenbaum, in honour of Carmela Aigen on the birth of Elliot Yaakov Reuven
 Stanley Cohen & Sue Ducat, in loving memory of Barbara Adams Cohen z"l
 Neil & Marilyn Caplan, in fond memory of Hedy Edelstein z"l
 Syd & Sheila Greenberg, in honour of Elliot Aigen

HUMASH

Syd & Sheila Greenberg, in honour of Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper and Carmela Aigen on the birth of Elliot Aigen

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMING

Claudio Smolarz, in memory of his mother Rebeca Wischnevsky Smolarz z"l
 Cynthia Weinstein & Aviv Laor, in honour of Boaz Laor winning a bronze medal at the Canadian Karate Tournament
 Cynthia Weinstein & Aviv Laor, in honour of Michelle Dabora & Gavin Anderson's engagement
 Cynthia Weinstein & Aviv Laor, in honour of Bernie Weinstein's birthday
 Cynthia Weinstein & Aviv Laor, in appreciation of Oria, Shainy, and Linda
 Mark Rabinovitch & Peggi Cohen, in honour of Peggi Cohen's mitzvah of selling chametz
 Cynthia Weinstein & Aviv Laor, in honour of Ronit Yarosky's second Bat Mitzvah
 Barbara Szeicz & Avi Gomberg, in honour of Nadav Aigen & Jennifer Alper and Carmela Aigen on the birth of their son and grandson
 Wendy Helfenbaum, in honour of Tyler Patterson and Lexi Kleinman
 Kristin Putzel
 Dida Berku, Jacob Kindler, and Eleanora Berku, in honour of Chiara Fish and Hernan Ciecha on the birth of their son Leo

TIKKUN OLAM

Neil & Marilyn Caplan, in appreciation of Ronit Yarosky, in celebration of her second Bat Mitzvah

RUTH RICHLER ENDOWMENT FUND

Herschel & Sandra Mitchell, in memory of Ruth Richler
 Leslie & Joan Klein, in memory of Ruth Richler

LUNCH FOR A BUNCH: TZEDAKA PROJECT 5778

Shainy Haim, in honour of her nephew, Miles Evan Bennett becoming Bar Mitzvah on April 30th, 2018
 Barbara Leiter, in appreciation of Terry Ades
 Sylvia Serchuk, in appreciation of Terry Ades
 Carole Rubenstein Klein, in appreciation of Terry Ades



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