

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Friday, May 28	7:00 pm Family Shabbat Service with Eli
Friday, May 28	8:15 pm Congregational Shabbat Service And Oneg Shabbat
Sunday, June 6	10:00 am Sunday School Graduation
Saturday, June 12	10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Shrier, son of Harriet Wichin and Howard Shrier
Sunday, April 13	10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Matthew, son of Karen Scherer and Alan Greenberg
Friday, June 25	6:30 - 7:30 pm Gala Dinner

Friday, June 25	7:30 - 8:15 pm Annual General Meeting 8:15 - 9:00 pm Shabbat Eve Service (abbreviated)
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**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE TO ATTEND THE
CONGREGATION HABONIM ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING.**

Date:	Friday June 25, 2010
Time:	6:30 pm
Schedule:	Dinner 6:30 - 7:30 pm AGM 7:30 - 8:15 pm Shabbat evening service (shortened): 8:15 - 9:00 pm

An Agenda will be circulated shortly.

All members are welcome to attend this meeting for an update on our financial situation, options that are being tabled regarding the new building project and the future of the houses we own west of the sanctuary as well as what is being planned for the children's Jewish Heritage School at Congregation Habonim.

You are cordially invited to join us for a catered dinner by Elizabeth Takach (no charge) at 6:30 pm. Bring your own wine.

RSVP: office@congregationhabonim.org by June 20, 2010.

Thank you

SCHOOL NEWS

The Habonim Hebrew School had a wonderful year and we are excited about some changes for next year...

1. We are changing the name of the school. We will now be **The Jewish Heritage School @ Congregation Habonim**.

We feel that this new name better reflects the way our school understands and teaches Judaism and Jewish culture. It also incorporates the wide content of our curriculum rather than just naming Hebrew language. Please visit our new website at www.JewishHeritageSchool.com.

2. We are expanding the school to include students in Grades 1 and 2. Many potential families have expressed interest in starting their children at age 6 or 7. By expanding to grades 1 and 2, we have the opportunity to welcome more families into our community.

3. We are changing the structure of the day. The School Program will meet from 10 am – noon for all students in grades 1 through 6. We feel the new structure will be easier for parents, more integrated and energetic for students, and support teachers in developing strong programs for Hebrew language and Judaics separately. Classes will start promptly at 10 am, and will follow 15 minutes of group games each week from 9:45 - 10 am.

This will encourage students to arrive on time, thus contributing to a positive learning environment. The day will involve:

- 30 minutes of **Hebrew language** by level
- 45 minutes of **music and arts** by grade
- 45 minutes of **Judaic studies** by grade

Our **Bnei Mitzvah Program** (Grades 7 and 8) was a tremendous success this year and will continue next year. We are delighted that Julie Rae King will be leading that group again.

Our **adult learning and family programs** this year were met with rave reviews. We will continue to offer these programs next year.

We are very excited about these new changes and

look forward to many more great years together. If you know of families who would enjoy our programs, please invite them to join us.

Sarah Margulies, Principal

BETH HABONIM HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE

SCHEDULE - 2010

Wednesday, September 8

Erev Rosh Hashana 8:00 pm

Thursday, September 9

Rosh Hashana early service 8:30 am

Rosh Hashana late service 11:00 am

Children's service 9:00 am

Friday, September 10

Rosh Hashana second day 10:00 am

Friday, September 17

Kol Nidre early service 6:00 pm

Kol Nidre late service 8:30 pm

Saturday, September 18

Yom Kippur early service 8:30 am

Yom Kippur late service 11:00 am

children's service 9:00 am

Tashlich (at Alexander Muir Park) . 4:00 pm

Mincha, Neilah (services resume) . 5:00 pm

Havdalah (suitable for children) . . 7:30 pm

Thursday, September 30

Sukkot-Yiskor service 10:00 am

Thursday, September 30

Simchat Torah 7:00 pm

Requests can be made either by returning the attached form by mail, or by downloading the form from our website and emailing it to highholiday.habonim@gmail.com.

We need to receive your service choice (early or late) by August 15, 2010. If we do not receive a request, we will assume you want the same service as last year. Requests or changes received after August 15 will need to be picked up in person at the synagogue (times will be posted on the website and in a future bulletin).

Members of Habonim may purchase tickets for guests, using the same form.

Important Announcement

In response to member feedback, we will be including single, adult children, under 25 and not in full-time employment, as part of the family membership (in the past they have paid the guest price for tickets). As this change will impact the congregation's revenue, we ask that you consider making a voluntary donation to the synagogue in honour of your attending adult children via our website, by mail, or in person.

To make a donation online, visit www.congregationhabonim.org and go to the Donations page. Donations are eligible for charitable tax receipts.

HABONIM: IN FURTHER PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

By Avrum Rosensweig

Since I joined Eli five years ago, working along side him as a spiritual leader, I've noticed that the soul of the synagogue is a very rich one, distinctive and unique to Toronto and plays a particularly important position in our community.

Of course every shul is defined by its congregation, and in our case the membership has determined that Habonim, an egalitarian liberal synagogue, is a kind, thoughtful place, where storytelling is key and intellect paramount.

I tell you this because every now and then it behooves us to remind ourselves who we are, the blessings we have and the reason we pray and participate in Congregation Habonim.

Consider as you read this what it was that brought you to Habonim. Was it our strong social consciousness including an emphasis on Holocaust education, helping the homeless and other such tikun olam (repairing the world) issues?

Was it the powerful fragrance of warmth we all feel upon entering the shul's Glen Park edifice whether it is for Friday night services, a Bar/Bat mitzvah or the High Holidays?

Did you join Habonim because of your good feelings about Eli's leadership approach and rational explanation of liberal Judaism, or was it because of the beautiful chazanit/operatic services sung by Esther Ghan-Firestone
www.congregationhabonim.org/bio_esther

Habonim is a well established synagogue in the Toronto Jewish community. It has never remained stagnant since the first services held in 1953. The board of directors has always investigated ways and means of enhancing the Talmud Torah school, making sure the financial status was sound (one way was to purchase the two houses next door - a very prudent move) and recently offering 'documentary and movie night' on a regular basis.

Habonim is spiritually agile. By this I mean it has the ability to stay outside of the expectations that come with affiliating with formalized movements and entities. It allows all of us to express our Judaism in a way that is ethically based, with few pressures, and it speaks a language of Judaism that is gentle, unpretentious and accessible.

This distinct place of worship has a long life ahead of it, a healthy one, and it does so because some committed members have chosen to embrace the responsibilities that accompany leadership.

Please note that you will see changes in your shul over time. There are committees huddling as we speak determined to strategize and create a comprehensive plan for tomorrow.

You joined Habonim for a good reason. Remember what it was, and ask yourself if it might be a good time to play a key leadership role as well.

Challenge yourself and determine if this is the right year to make a dramatic contribution to your synagogue through volunteering or a donation. There is a menu list of items and positions available and well worth perusing.

Over the years Holocaust survivors who were founding members made the shul vibrant. Unfortunately many have passed on. Their spirit, however, remains, and their hopes and dreams bid us to continue their work.

Contact the shul and offer your help. Express your love of the place and simply ask how you can help to expand our spiritual home.

DONATIONS

Greetings:

A hearty mazeltov to Ushi Leinung and family on the marriage of grand-daughter, Lauren, to Mignel Schechter - Edith Rosen

Happy birthday and mazal tov to Ushi Leinung on her 90th birthday. We wish you many good years of good health and much happiness with your family and friends – your Circle of Friends.

A big Mazal tov to Ushi Leinung on her 90th birthday on May 2, - Karen, Fred, Vivian, Rowland and grandchildren.

In memoriam:

Remembering with love and sadness our dear son and brother, Richard Morton - The Morton and Small Families

PERSONALIA

After 7+ years of expertly and unflappably taking care of the planning, coordination and distribution of high holiday tickets, Paul Rosenberg is passing the job to other members. Without Paul's organizational

skills during this period, high holiday seasons at Habonim would not have been the great success they have been.

Paul, on behalf of the entire congregation, thank you for your hard work and dedication to a time consuming, sometimes thankless task. We need more volunteers like you.

The Board of Directors

Many thanks to all my good friends and family for the good wishes and the donation to Habonim in honour of my 90th birthday – Ushi Leinung.

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QUESTIONS OR NOTICES RE JAHRZEITEN?

Call Linda Brager at (416) 488-0282

JAHRZEITEN – MAY, JUNE 2010

To be read at the May 2010 Services:

Rae Brager	Iyar 17	May 1, 2010
Jacob Goldman	Iyar 17	May 1, 2010
Irma Lobel	Iyar 17	May 1, 2010
Henry Ritter	Iyar 18	May 2, 2010
Nathan Saslove	Iyar 18	May 2, 2010
Samuel Ostrow	Iyar 18	May 2, 2010
Stanley H. Goldberg	Iyar 20	May 4, 2010
Willy Ekstein	Iyar 22	May 6, 2010
Karl Placek	Iyar 23	May 7, 2010
Lewis Finestone	Iyar 28	May 12, 2010
Ethel Spector	Iyar 28	May 12, 2010
Isadore Haber	Iyar 28	May 12, 2010
Hyman Charkow	Iyar 28	May 12, 2010
Giselle Pollak	Iyar 28	May 12, 2010
Edith Tarshis	Iyar 29	May 13, 2010
Allan Lax	Iyar 29	May 13, 2010
Lois H. Sufrin-Spigel	Iyar 29	May 13, 2010
Guenther H. Orbach	Sivan 5	May 18, 2010
Bela Erdos	Sivan 5	May 18, 2010
Jack Litvack	Sivan 6	May 19, 2010
Zelda Stein	Sivan 9	May 22, 2010
Abraham Schalmann	Sivan 9	May 22, 2010
Margit Weinberg	Sivan 10	May 23, 2010
Tina Patton	Sivan 11	May 24, 2010

Harry Chas. Gottlieb	Sivan 12	May 25, 2010
Kay Fink	Sivan 12	May 25, 2010
Sima Muskat	Sivan 13	May 26, 2010
Adolph Weiss	Sivan 13	May 26, 2010
Alice Engel	Sivan 14	May 27, 2010
Gary Rosen	Sivan 14	May 27, 2010
Bella Isaak	Sivan 14	May 27, 2010
Irene and Leopold Stamberger		
	Sivan 14	May 27, 2010
George Spitz	Sivan 15	May 28, 2010
Emerich Sperlinger	Sivan 15	May 28, 2010
Lola Fleischer	Sivan 15	May 28, 2010
Abraham Nochomovitz		
	Sivan 17	May 30, 2010
Matthew Emas	Sivan 17	May 30, 2010
Moses Goldberg	Sivan 17	May 30, 2010
George Lednar	Sivan 18	May 31, 2010
John Goldstein	Sivan 18	May 31, 2010

To be Read at the June 2010 Services:

Rebecca Persiko	Sivan 19	June 1, 2010
Eric Parieser	Sivan 19	June 1, 2010
Anne Levy	Sivan 19	June 1, 2010
Irving J. Halperin	Sivan 20	June 2, 2010
Yolande Jakabb	Sivan 21	June 3, 2010
Fancia Gottlieb	Sivan 21	June 3, 2010
Ludwig Neubieser	Sivan 22	June 4, 2010

David Jakabb	Sivan 23	June 5, 2010	Margot Cige	Tammuz 11	June 23, 2010
Richard Moldauer	Sivan 24	June 6, 2010	Feri Knapp	Tammuz 12	June 24, 2010
Isaac Isaacson	Sivan 26	June 8, 2010	Leo Lowenthal	Tammuz 12	June 24, 2010
Samuel Lewkowicz	Sivan 26	June 8, 2010	Franz Joseph Weiner	Tammuz 12	June 24, 2010
Otto Fleischer	Sivan 28	June 10, 2010	Gabriela Sara Kacer	Tammuz 13	June 25, 2010
Sally Egnal	Sivan 28	June 10, 2010	Mendle Yazer	Tammuz 15	June 27, 2010
Nigel Walsh	Sivan 28	June 10, 2010	Louis M. Schwartz	Tammuz 15	June 27, 2010
Sen. David Croll	Sivan 29	June 11, 2010	Edward Harris	Tammuz 16	June 28, 2010
Saul A. Junger	Tammuz 1	June 13, 2010	Elise Marx	Tammuz 16	June 28, 2010
Nellie Sperlinger	Tammuz 1	June 13, 2010	George Bernard Sion	Tammuz 17	June 29, 2010
Jack Jacobson	Tammuz 2	June 14, 2010	Alan Wayne	Tammuz 18	June 30, 2010
Dorothy Pecaut	Tammuz 2	June 14, 2010	Ruth Libman	Tammuz 18	June 30, 2010
Celia Kofman	Tammuz 2	June 14, 2010	Matthew John Silver	Tammuz 18	June 30, 2010
Michael Szende	Tammuz 2	June 14, 2010	Fannie Saslove	Tammuz 18	June 30, 2010
Marie Schwartz	Tammuz 3	June 15, 2010	Sadie Scudwick	Tammuz 18	June 30, 2010
John Pachner	Tammuz 5	June 17, 2010			
Stuart Allan Roebuck	Tammuz 7	June 19, 2010	In mourning:		
Ben Levy	Tammuz 7	June 19, 2010	Nina Zlotkin, Rita Lichtblau, Edward Ruda, Irwin Green, David Pecault, Adam Sanders, Mary Otis, Aaron Goldberg		
Miriam Burrows	Tammuz 8	June 20, 2010			
Rae Steuermann	Tammuz 9	June 21, 2010			
Sam Cukier	Tammuz 10	June 22, 2010			

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