



5782 HIGH HOLIDAY
BULLETIN EDITION

HABONIM WELCOMES NEW STAINED GLASS ADDITION

Our new synagogue is about to become even more beautiful thanks to a generous donation from Wayne Robbins and family. This fall, Habonim's main sanctuary will be adorned and beautified by the addition of 8 stained glass windows, all representing a different Jewish theme.

These include:

CHAYIM (Life)
SHALOM (Peace)
TZEDEKAH (Charity)
YISRAEL (Israel)
TZEDEK (Justice)
SHIRA (Song)
TORAH (Hebrew Bible/Teachings)
ZACHOR (Remember)

The messages in the windows represent both specific Jewish values, and also universal values that we share with the world, albeit through a Jewish lens.

Whenever we embark on a project at Habonim, I am very conscious that the synagogue was originally built by German Jewish Holocaust survivors and refugees from Nazi Germany, many of whom were first-hand witnesses to the events of Kristallnacht. During that fateful precursor of the

Holocaust, thousands of synagogues and Jewish establishments across Germany and Austria were vandalized, their windows shattered, glass scattered on the adjacent sidewalks and streets. How fitting is it that the same values the Nazis tried to eliminate from the world will now be highlighted in stained glass at the centre of our sanctuary.

And how equally appropriate is it that the stained glass was designed by gifted artist Sharon Epstein, whose late father, Dr. William Singer, a member of Habonim until his passing, was a Holocaust survivor. Sharon's exquisite work is on display in other Toronto synagogues as well.

But there is an equally profound message in the origin of the actual material that is being used. The windows are being fashioned in Paderborn, Germany, at Glasmalerei Peters Studios. Founded more than 100 years ago, Glassmaker Peters is one of the world's most renowned workshops for glass and its works are to be found around the globe.

According to the Jewish Virtual Library there has been a small Jewish presence in Paderborn since 1342. "In 1939 only 123 [Jews] remained, the greater part of whom were later deported. In July 1942 the staff and children of the orphanage (founded 1856) were also deported.

HABONIM WELCOMES NEW STAINED GLASS ADDITION (CONT.)

From the summer of 1939 until March 1943 the town contained a so-called "Jewish Retraining Center" for some 100 people who were forcibly employed by the Nazi authorities in Paderborn. On March 1, 1943, all the inmates of the center were deported to Auschwitz; only 10 survived. After World War II a community was re-established, it numbered 85 in 2004. About 70% of the members are immigrants from the former Soviet Union."

Further research revealed that the train station in Paderborn features a memorial to the 54 Jewish citizens deported from this station to the camps in 1942. Only five survived.

When I spoke to Jan Peters, managing director of Glasmalerei Peters Studios about the project, and explained to him the origins of our synagogue, there was a pause on the phone, and then he said with telling emotion in his voice:

"It is a great honor to be involved in this effort."

Canadian philosopher Marshall McLuhan once famously said "the medium is the message". In this case, there is a message in the very manufacturing process of these beautiful windows.

It is a message of Tikkun, of repair, of reconciliation – that from the very same place where so much evil was inflicted on the Jewish people, healing can also emanate.

Eli Rubenstein



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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Rosh Hashana is always a time of reflection. As we take stock on the year just passed and look forward to the future, we often have regrets and disappointments. We may focus on unachieved goals or the consequences of poor decisions, opportunities missed, or perhaps kindnesses that we didn't extend. We may be angry at the fate that we have been dealt. We pledge to ourselves to do better next year. To make better decisions, be a better parent, friend, partner or child, and contribute more to our community and country.

But this year, as I look back and reflect on 5781 much of it is a blur. The days rolled into weeks, which rolled into months, and all of a sudden we're in the heat of August. Covid took away the normal rhythms that separate our workdays from our leisure time, and we stopped planning or thinking too much about the future because what lay ahead was too uncertain, and we felt sure to be disappointed.

As I tried to think about what to write about, I considered that we need to reflect not just on what we didn't accomplish, but what we did. The entire year was spent in the midst of an ever-worsening pandemic, and yet we persevered and survived. We continued to make decisions about how we wanted to live and move forward in our jobs and relationships. We celebrated births, birthdays, graduations and weddings, and mourned the loss of loved ones. While this was most often done in small groups or on-line, it was still done with the support and love of our closet friends and family. Life carried on and so did we. That is something we all should feel proud of.

Here at Habonim we continued to celebrate B'nei Mitzvot and host Shabbat services, and engage our members with a wide variety of on-line speakers and workshops. We hosted

important community wide events on the Rising Tide of Anti-Semitism, an Indigenous and Jewish Memorial, Peace in the Middle East, and the first ever Holocaust Survivor Day. We also moved forward with enhancing several of the spaces in our building.

The haunting Holocaust tapestries hanging in the foyer are being updated with 18 new stories, so please take the opportunity to read them when you are next in the synagogue. Beautiful stained-glass windows are being installed in the main sanctuary. The front garden is being enhanced with new plantings, adding colour and life. And a donor project to investigate how we might improve the exterior façade which had been put on hold last spring, is now active again and alternative materials are being evaluated. We are establishing live and virtual service options so that everyone can feel comfortable attending services and have a meaningful experience. And the Habonim Jewish Heritage School is working towards welcoming students back into the building for classes.

I hope this season of reflection brings each of us renewed hope, and the ability to envision a future that is brighter. We are different people than we were a year ago, but we are here, putting our lives back together, and that is worth celebrating. Wishing everyone a healthy and happy New Year, and grateful that 5782 will begin with the opportunity to begin gathering in person again.

*Cheryl Grammer,
President*



Shana Tova

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HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES

This year high holiday services will be in person as well as online. All members will have easy access to all of our online services including children's services.

Due to limits on our allowed capacity, all double vaccinated members will be able to attend only ONE adult service in person for the High Holidays. All attendees must be masked for the entire service.

On Monday August 16th you will receive an email which will enable you to choose your service. Each member over 12 years old who has been vaccinated may choose one of the following services.

*All services will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

GUEST TICKETS

We invite your family and friends to purchase guest tickets for our **ONLINE** services only. The cost is **\$360 for all High Holiday online services and can be purchased here:**

Guests will not have access to on site services.

TICKETS \$360

<https://www.congregationhabonim.org/event/high-holidays-online-tickets.html>



HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 6	6:00 PM	EREV ROSH HASHANAH
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 7	10:00 AM	1ST DAY ROSH HASHANAH
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 7	2:00 PM	CHILDREN'S SERVICES
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 8	10:00 AM	2ND DAY ROSH HASHANAH
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 15	7:30 PM	EREV YOM KIPPUR (KOL NIDRE)
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 16	10:00 AM	YOM KIPPUR
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 16	2:00 PM	CHILDREN'S SERVICES
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 16	4:00 PM	TASHLICH ON YK DAY OUTSIDE AT ALEXANDER MUIR PARK
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 16	6:30 PM	NE'ILLA SERVICES

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

This year our children's services will be held in person as well as online:

1st day Rosh Hashana Tuesday, September 7th at 2:00 pm
Yom Kippur Thursday, September 16th at 2:00 pm

We are hoping to have the children's services outside in the parking lot.

In case of inclement weather the services will move online only.

We will notify all registered guests by 12pm before the service if the live service is going to be cancelled. Each family may choose ONE in-person children's service, in addition to their in-person adult service. Children service selection will begin Monday August 16th.

IN MEMORIAM

We will be honouring those who have passed away since our last in-person Yizkor service (Yom Kippur 2019) at our Yizkor service on Yom Kippur this year.

If you are interested in having your loved one's name shown during the Yizkor service on the morning of Yom Kippur,

please fill in the questions on the form by clicking the link below.

<https://www.congregationhabonim.org/form/in-memorial.html>

All submissions must be received by August 27th.

THE JEWISH HERITAGE SCHOOL UPDATE

Shalom, Habonim community!

This school year, which has been more unusual than we ever could have imagined, ended on a joyful note! Through incredibly difficult circumstances, every Habonim Jewish Heritage School family made their Jewish education a priority, and I appreciate and celebrate that so much. We virtually came together every Sunday morning to explore topics, themes, and practices, which lead us to discover our own unique Jewish identity.

From the beginning of the year, our school community has been engaged in Tikkun Olam work. We made posters and helped to organize the Out of the Cold winter clothing drive, contributed to a Matzah Wall so that every Jewish family could access food for Pesach, and donated toys during our Chanukkah drive-thru party.

We found ways to be as hands-on as possible, even while seeing each other through screens. In the Jewish Cooking elective, students made hummus and challah for their families to enjoy. With the Jews in Ink elective, we saw our students create the most amazing new superheroes ever. We made Sukkot out of LEGO, designed our own chamsah, and did Hebrew letter yoga!

We're so excited about the new school year! Beginning on September 19th, 2021, we've planned an amazing year of learning, exploring, and experiencing all that Judaism has to offer. Students in SK-Grade 6 will learn about holidays, stories, and Hebrew language in classes alongside their

peers on Sundays at 9:30-11:30 AM. They'll also be able to choose electives where they can learn based on their interests – these can include art, dance, drama, cooking, science, sports, and more! We hope to be able to learn in-person in our beautiful new building as well as outdoors, and will plan to pivot as needed based on health guidelines. Registration is still open – please share this with other Jewish families too, as you don't need to be a member to join us!

If you're in High School and interested in volunteering as an assistant teacher with us, please get in touch! We can offer volunteer hours and the chance to gain valuable experience creating programming and guiding kids in their learning.

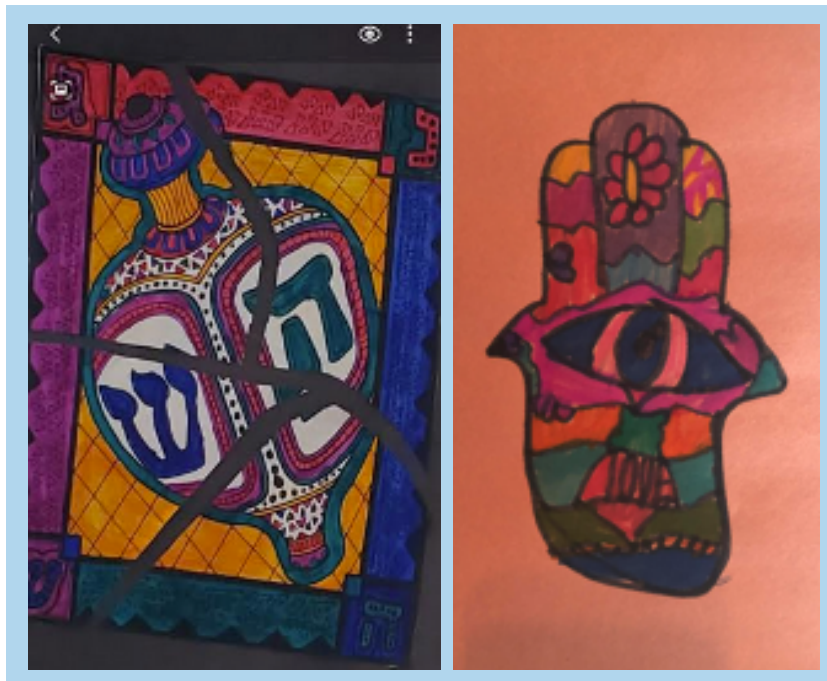
Please always feel free to be in touch about the school and other family programming – I want to help you engage with our community as it works best for your family. I look forward to continuing to work together as we explore Jewish living!

L'Shalom,

Mira Lyonblum
Director of Education
habonimschool@gmail.com



To register click button or link below:
<https://www.congregationhabonim.org/form/school-registration-2021/2022>



Two gorgeous pieces made by two of our amazing artists!



Felicia showing off her delicious challot that she made in the Jewish Cooking elective!

SPONSORING MS. M, A REFUGEE, AND HER FOUR-YEAR-OLD SON, GAADA

BY LARRY AND ANONA ZIMMERMAN

We were approached by our cousin in Israel, who is a psychologist working (pro bono) with refugees/asylum seekers, to see if we could sponsor a young woman and her son from Eritrea. They have both captured the deep admiration and affection of everyone who has been working with her.

M's father was a political activist who unfortunately disappeared when M was a child, he may have been captured and murdered by his opponents. M was placed in a safe home with neighbours as her mother attempted unsuccessfully to escape. After some years, M was reunited with her mother, and both escaped to another country, where at age 16 M was coerced into marriage. When her mother died, M decided to follow her husband who by then made his way to Israel as an asylum seeker. M tried to follow him, and made two attempts to enter Israel, via the Sinai desert with the 'help' of human smugglers, who held her and two other women captive for months. She endured unspeakable trauma. In her second attempt, using another group of human smugglers, she was again held captive, but released after a while, and she made her way into Israel seeking asylum. She reconnected with her husband, but unfortunately, he abandoned her once their son was born.

For complex reasons, M is unable to apply for refugee status in Israel, as they do not grant this status. How-

ever, Canada does! Through the Canadian private group sponsorship program, Larry and Anona Zimmerman formed a small team of close friends and relatives who are working tirelessly to make this happen! We are working with AURA, a wonderful organization through the Anglican Archdiocese of Toronto. After many meetings and a careful screening process, our initiative was approved by AURA and they agreed to take on the case. To receive approval for the sponsorship, we need to raise about \$30,000.00, the required amount set by the Canadian government. Our group will be responsible for M and her son for a minimum of one year. Note that all funds raised will be held in trust for this family at Grace Church-on-the-hill, who agreed to provide this invaluable assistance for our team of refugee sponsors.

Please do not hesitate to contact Anona to discuss the details with you, should you like more information. The email is: anona@rogers.com

I am thanking you in advance for considering a donation. As well, please forward our letter to your friends as well. <http://secure.e2rm.com/registant/startup.aspx?eventid=359011>

With much gratitude!
Larry and Anona Zimmerman

UPCOMING SERVICES

Tuesday, September 28th, 10:00am
YIZKOR SERVICE

Tuesday, September 28th, 7:00pm
SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE

Friday, October 29th, 6:00pm
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, November 19th, 6:00pm
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

Friday, December 3rd, 6:00pm
KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE



NEWS

CONGREGATION HABONIM MEMBER NEWS

MME. JUSTICE JILL PRESSER



In July, Jill Presser was appointed by the Government of Canada to the Superior Court of Justice in Toronto. For the official announcement [click here](#):

Mme. Justice Jill is both humbled and honoured, and thrilled at the chance to do justice from the bench. We know she will be an outstanding judge and continue to make a significant contribution to law and society in her new role.

Jill leaves her criminal defence practice on a particularly high note, having in the last month published her law-and-technology masterwork, [LITIGATING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE](#), and a very significant law reform paper for the Law Commission of Ontario regarding probabilistic genotyping. [AI Case Study: Probabilistic Genotyping DNA Tools in Canadian Criminal Courts](#) This rounds out a very distinguished 24 plus career in practice which has featured landmark cases in technology, privacy, mental health, and evidence.

The world became a little more just, compassionate, and thoughtful today. Please join in wishing Mme. Justice Presser all the very best in her new role.

YOUTH CONFERENCE ON FIGHTING ANTISEMITISM AND HATRED ON SCHOOL CAMPUSES AND ONLINE

Sunday October 3 2021 ONLINE.

Free admission.

Target Audience: High school and university students of all backgrounds, but all ages welcome.

Featuring panels and interactive sessions aimed to provide students with the knowledge and tools needed to combat antisemitism, hatred, racism and misinformation in school campus culture and online.

High school students will receive community service hours for participation.

Registration required.

Volunteers welcome.

Sponsored by Congregation Habonim

Conference Co-ordinator: Raya Treibicz, current student at University of Toronto, and Habonim member.

Contact: Raya Treibicz: fightingantisemitism2021@gmail.com



NEWS (CONT)

CONGREGATION HABONIM MEMBER NEWS

20 YEARS SINCE THE DAY THAT SHOOK THE WORLD

September 11, 2001:
A Photographer's Story
 With Andre Souroujon

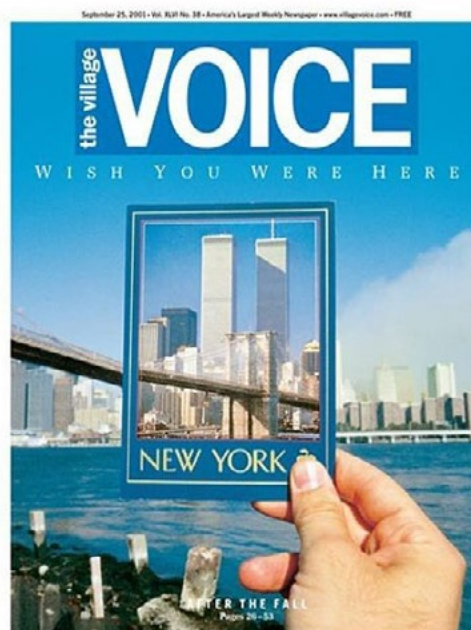
Photo Exhibit Presentation:
Saturday, Sep. 11, 2021
8:30 – 9:30pm
 Via Zoom

Andre Souroujon was a New York based photographer when he captured some of the images from that fateful day. One of his iconic photos served as the cover of the Village Voice and Reader's Digest.

The presentation includes a selection of Andre's most moving photos from September 11th – some never publicly shown - along with his personal recollections on the day.

Andre Souroujon was born in Mexico. His grandparents were Holocaust survivors who hid on a farm in Belgium during the war. His father escaped Belgium in 1940 as a stowaway on a boat to London.

After the traumatic events of 9/11, Andre moved to Toronto, where he lives with his wife and family, who are all currently members of Habonim.



GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH FUND AT HABONIM

A friend of Habonim who has an interest in genealogy, has generously offered to assist the synagogue and its members with genealogical research related to Jewish life in pre-World War II Europe requiring the help of a researcher.

If you are interested in exploring your family roots in pre WWII Europe, and require financial assistance to do so, some help may be available. Please contact Eli Rubenstein at elir@bell.net regarding possible next steps.



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Marnie Shulman-Tucker & James Tucker on Brandon's Bar Mitzvah

Jason & Jody Kimelman on Jackson's Bar Mitzvah

Allan & Beth Eckhaus on Spencer's Bar Mitzvah

Paul Ungerman & Jessica Faith on Aron's Bar Mitzvah

Beth & Mark Litwin on Isabelle's Bat Mitzvah

Michael Schipper & Leah Lepofsky on Asher's Bar Mitzvah

Simon Szlendak & Elisabeth Vogel-Szendak on Rachel's Bat Mitzvah

Harris Krofchick & Michelle Tobin on Cooper's Bar Mitzvah

David Cherney, Pearl Breitman on Miriam's Bat Mitzvah



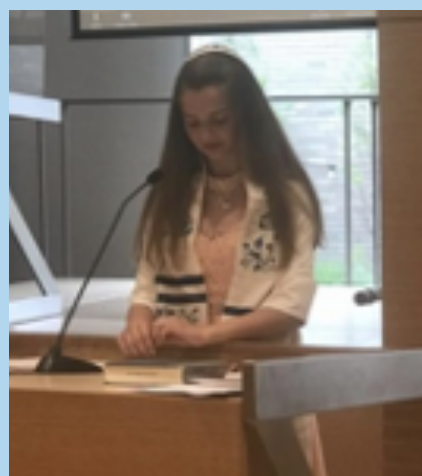
Spencer Eckhaus



Jackson Kimelman



Isabelle Litwin



Rachel Szlendak



IN MEMORIAM

Mourning those who passed away in the last year

Dr. Harold Kimelman
Jack Olin
Dr. Vivian Rakoff
Ora Lantsman
Ursula Leinung
Mendel Good
Willy Gnat
Joel Greenberg
Bert Stitt

Mary Pearl
Marilyn Anita Berger
Kaylee Miller
Seymour Saitowitz
Frank Fleisher
Naomi Hecht
Evelyn Wolfe
Eleanor Cohen
Hanna Drukmaler

Susan Gorewich
Marvin Pearl
Donald Cherm
Steven Feuer
Leslie Burstyn
Renee Unger
Ben Souroujon
Howard Halter

May their families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Yahrzeits

Yahrzeit reminders are now being sent. To receive your reminder please update your family Yahrzeits by contacting the office.

Honour the memory of your loved one.

Memorial Plaque \$360
Oval Shaped Eitz Chaim Tree leaf \$180

Please contact the office for more information or to send tribute and condolence cards.





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THE BULLETIN**

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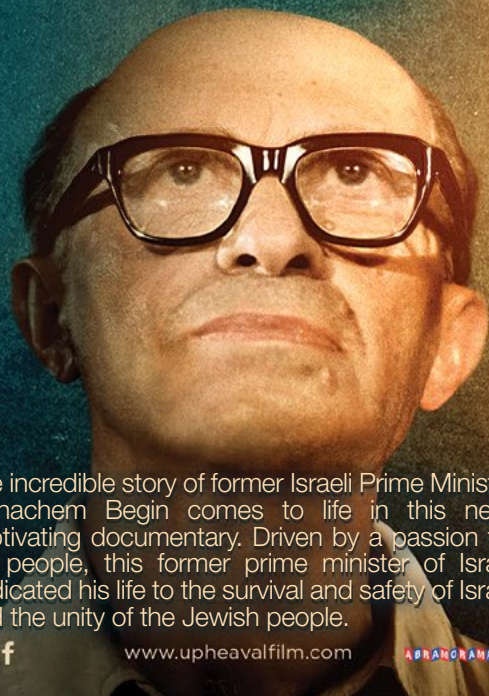
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OVER THE EDGE FOR CHAI

Chai Lifeline Canada is teaming up with Over the Edge for a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Join us on October 11, 2021 for an unforgettable event. You will rappel down the face of The Hilton Toronto, a 35-storey building in the heart of the downtown core, surrounded by skyscrapers and the CN Tower.

No training is needed. The main requirement is your desire to

help children and their families who are living with life-threatening and chronic illness. Every day, they face their challenges, just as you will face yours - when you go Over the Edge for Chai.

Are you brave enough to go Over the Edge for Chai?

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SIX FEET APART BUT CLOSER THAN EVER

This has been a challenging year.

5781 has been a challenging year for the Jewish people. A community that cherishes togetherness was isolated by the pandemic. A people who seeks peace faced terror and war in Israel.

As we write, it appears the havoc of the pandemic is abating. The ways in which we adapted to restricted celebration of simchas and grieving of loss seem to be ending. We can once again embrace friends and family in joy and in consolation.

However, the gathering clouds of antisemitism show no signs of parting. Sparked by the conflict between Israel and Hamas last spring, the shocking spike in antisemitism in Canada and around the world has alarmed our community.

Online, our children and grandchildren have witnessed a flood of misleading - and often blatantly antisemitic - content demonizing Jews and our connection to the land and people of Israel. This toxic propaganda has seeped into schools, workplaces, and civil society, causing grave concern about the place of Jews in our city, province, and country, and stoking fears that Canada could, in the not-too-distant future, resemble France, where Jewish life is increasingly hidden.

Those who seek to demonize and, through BDS and other forms of advocacy, ultimately dismantle the Jewish State are becoming bolder and more aggressive, letting the veil slip on the false distinction between anti-Zionism and antisemitism, with some seeking openly to undermine our unqualified right as Jewish Canadians to be accepted as equals in Canadian politics, democracy, and civil society. The fight against the anti-Israel agenda is a fight to preserve the future of the Canadian Jewish community.

The good news is that the Jewish people are resilient. We have survived immeasurable challenges, and we will overcome this one as well. Our strength resides in our ability to come together in moments like these, united in our hope for the future.

Over recent months, tens of thousands joined CIJA in asking the government to take meaningful actions to combat antisemitism, leading to a National Summit on Antisemitism held in July. Through UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, our community raised more than \$1M to support the people of Israel, as more than 4,000 missiles from Gaza rained down on Israeli towns and cities.

As we welcome a new year, we must renew our commitment to take meaningful action together. Combating antisemitism and hate is not only for advocacy groups and the government. From volunteering with UJA Genesis (ujagenesis.com/contact-us), to writing to your local MP or media outlet, to joining CIJA's campaign at fightit.ca, each of us has a role to play in ensuring the fabric of our society is not torn by those who seek to marginalize, exclude, or harm us.

Toronto is one of the greatest cities in the world in which to be Jewish. In the year ahead we must work to preserve and protect this and ensure antisemitism is addressed head-on. We must come together as a community, united in our resolve and in our pride of who we are, to fight for our rightful place in society.

May we all be inscribed and sealed for a good year. L'Shana Tova!



Barbara Bank

Barbara Bank
Chair, CIJA Toronto Council



Noah Shack

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Vice President, GTA, CIJA



UJA COMMUNITY SECURITY

**PROTECTING
JEWISH LIFE**
& JEWISH WAY OF LIFE

Toronto is home to one of the largest and most vibrant Jewish communities in the Diaspora. But we are not immune to antisemitism.

Following the Israel-Hamas conflict in May 2021, data revealed alarming growth in reports of antisemitic incidents to UJA Community Security. We recorded over 6x the monthly average of verified incidents during May. This shows that we must remain vigilant when it comes to protecting our community.

It is incredibly important to report any suspicious activity, security threats, or antisemitic incidents you see to the police and then to UJA Community Security. This gives police the best chance of identifying perpetrators, removing offensive graffiti quickly, and capturing critical hate-crime data. Reporting to UJA Community Security opens a two-way dialogue between the Jewish community and our law enforcement partners.

HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT

POLICE

- For an emergency, call 911. Always have a way to call them, even on Shabbat and holidays.
- Toronto Police Service's non-emergency line: 416.808.2222
- York Regional Police's non-emergency line: 1.866.876.5423

UJA COMMUNITY SECURITY

- 24/7 hotline: 416.635.5600
- Email: communitysecurity@ujafed.org
- Online reporting form: www.jewishtoronto.com/community-incident-report

**UJA Community Security wishes you and your families
a very sweet and safe Shana Tova!**

