

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday, December 11 7:30 pm
 Documentary film : *The Heart of Auschwitz*

Saturday, December 17 pm
 Bnai Mitzvah of Ellie and Sam Finkelstein,
 Children of Paula Schipper and Joel Finkelstein

Sunday, December 18 10:00 am
 Jewish Heritage School Chanukah Party
 Everyone is welcome to attend

Friday, December 23 7:15 pm
 Family Shabbat Service with Eli
 8:15 pm
 Congregational Service
 Chanukah Candlelighting

CONGREGATION HABONIM DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES

The *Heart of Auschwitz* is a book made in the shape of a heart by Auschwitz inmates. It was presented on December 12, 1944 to celebrate the 20th birthday of fellow Auschwitz prisoner Fania Feiner, at a time when the women were unsure they would celebrate any birthdays ever again.

The book contains the wishes of its 20 authors who risked their lives to present this gift. In the heart of evil, these women committed a crime of humanity. In their remarkable journey around the world to find the authors, the filmmaker tries to bring the women's beautiful gesture back to life.

Sunday, December 11, 2011

Time: 7:30 pm

Admission: \$10.00

Everyone welcome.

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ON THE RELEASE OF GILAD SHALIT

By Eli Rubinstein

This past summer, Habonim held a special evening trying to bring attention to the plight of captive Israel soldier Gilad Shalit.

Just recently, during the holiday of Sukkot, Gilad Shalit was finally released after 5 years of captivity, 5 years of being held in virtual solitary confinement by Hamas in the Gaza Strip. For 5 long years we felt the anguish of his parents, wondering if they would ever see their beloved son again.

When he was finally released to his parents, when this son finally returned home, it was like the entire Jewish people were welcoming home one of their own children.

One of the over 1,000 people released in exchange for Gilad Shalit was Wafa al-Biss, a would-be Palestinian suicide bomber whose bomb failed to detonate while travelling to Beersheba's Soroka hospital for medical treatment. She told schoolchildren in the Gaza Strip the day after her release that she hoped they would follow her example. "I hope you will walk the same path we took and, God willing, we will see some of you as martyrs," Wafa al-Biss told dozens of children who came to her home in the northern Gaza Strip.

But Gilad Shalit's words upon his release were a little different. Blinking and dazed amidst the television lights and flashing cameras, he said "I hope this deal will move the peace process forward," he told Egyptian TV, saying he would be glad if the remaining Palestinian prisoners are released "as long as they do not go back to fighting Israel."

I share this with you, to remind myself, and indeed all of us, how much Israel wants peace. Here is a remarkable young man in prison for 5 years, solitary confinement – and his first words

out of prison are words of hope, words of peace, words of reconciliation, which is a desire that I believe is shared by most Israelis and indeed by Jews throughout the world.

One day, let us hope and pray, this sentiment will also be shared by the majority of Israel's neighbours, and indeed by all who inhabit this difficult part of the world.

AN IRANIAN CABBY

By Avrum Rosensweig

Often when I stop by a convenience store, a small business or service, or ride a cab, I wonder about the people working there. I wonder whether they have a need to express an idea publicly, one that might be mulled about by others, and whether they are missed when they take time away from their job. I am intrigued by the 'quiet people', those whom I called in a short story (one I wrote called: Goat's Tails and Cow's Feet) - 'headless drivers'.

When I engage such people in conversation, the inevitable occurs. We enter into meaningful talk about things such as family, politics, food and religion. I like to test the waters and sometimes toss out a tidbit about Israel. I figure it's my chance to be an emissary, and/or to get a pulse on what's going on in the street in regard to us.

Many of the "headless" drivers are often not really so quiet. Despite the fact they do not write a column or rage publicly about the ills of our society, they have much to say and they articulate it well.

Most recently I launched into a discussion with a Christian woman living in northern B.C. She counsels Native Canadians. She is not a

trained therapist, but has been sharing her wisdom for twenty years and garnered the trust of the Aboriginals in that area – not an easy feat. She has no website, and looked at me strangely when I asked her if she had ever been honored for her work. Some of us get noticed, others work quietly without notice or praise.

I, like you no doubt, enjoy my taxi rides not only because I get a chance to be mobile and close my eyes to think distant thoughts, but because I can talk to a stranger about rare and intimate things with little or no risk. That's his/her job and I sense these headless drivers are the last great conversationalists in the world.

While in Ottawa recently, an Iranian cabby told me his first girlfriend was arriving to Toronto for a visit. She wanted to see him. She had never stopped loving him. I advised him against seeing her. He is a family man. I gave him my card asking him to let me know what he decided, I was curious, and he responded, "We'll see. I might." I told him I understood and we parted ways. He was a friend for a moment – as he would be to dozens of people that day - and that was the way it was supposed to be. He was clear about that.

I knew I would never see him again. That was fine however, because I learned something from this quiet person. He shared with me the intricacies of his family relationship and the senselessness in testing the genuine spirit of their love. He didn't need my advice. The Iranian taxi driver knew a lot more about relationships than I did!

I'm lucky. I write various columns and people notice when I'm not around. The same can be said about the quiet Philipino woman behind the counter of my favorite coffee joint. I know when she is absent and many others do as well.

It could be that the quiet people, the "headless" drivers, might just make their mark

while serving another cup of coffee or travelling another quarter mile.

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ENTREPRENEUR HONOURED FOR GIVING VOICE TO THOSE SILENCED BY ILLNESS OR GENETICS

Alex Levy named Canada's Top Entrepreneur for work with MyVoice

Anjum Nayyar

Alumnus Alex Levy created MyVoice and was honoured as Canada's Top Entrepreneur as a result.

Twenty-four-year-old University of Toronto graduate Alex Levy never intended to have his own business, but he's just been given the title of Canada's Top entrepreneur nonetheless.

Levy's research and development of MyVoice, a mobile application that allows people with communication disorders such as those caused by stroke, autism and ALS, to make themselves understood audibly, has won him a FuEL Entrepreneur of the Year Award from PROFITmagazine. (Watch a video demonstration of MyVoice.)

He is among 20 Canadians under the age of 30 honoured for their entrepreneurial excellence by the FuEL Awards, which celebrate Canada's Future Entrepreneurial Leaders (FuEL). The awards honour the achievements and aspirations of entrepreneurs under the age of 30, identify role models for progressive business practices and inspire youth to make entrepreneurship their No. 1 career choice.

"It's especially amazing when we think what

this will do for users in our community,” said Levy, who developed the product while at U of T’s Knowledge Media Design Institute. “To be in the running for an entrepreneurial award against companies that have millions of dollars in revenue and international brands is amazing. For all of those international brands and for judges at PROFIT to pick MyVoice sends a really great message to our users and our team.”

Levy says winning the award will help shine a light -- through PROFIT magazine -- on MyVoice and help people learn more about it. It will also help validate the business strategy develop MyVoice even further in gaining resources and staff.

MyVoice helps users access phrases and words for everyday situations. Its technology also allows for users to determine what relevant phrases they might need based on their location, such as a café, or Paris or a restaurant.

“The reason we started a business is simply because there were so many people that were saying to us that ‘what you developed would be helpful for my family member or my child, my patient or my student’ and the stories that they would tell us about the desperate need made us want to start a business.”

Levy credits his work and success sourcing funding to the assistance he received from U of T’s Innovations and Partnership Office.

“They helped us find a number of sources of funding and support,” he said. “Their ability to do this was amazing. They were very helpful especially in that very early stage when were just getting off the ground. They continue to be helpful even today. They’re at the nexus of so much of the research and business community, so when opportunities or colleagues or conferences come across their plate we get calls from them .We feel very well supported here at U of T because of that office.”

As a young entrepreneur he says it’s not just about having an idea; an idea is a place to start.

He has this advice for other students.

“Look at what you’re doing and try and find one really crystalline, distilled nugget that you can turn into a vision for a business. Focus on what the smallest thing that you can do that might have broad appeal. Just focus on building out your depth in one area, that one inspiring piece.”

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