

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Friday, January 12 7:00 pm Family Shabbat Service

Friday, January 26 8:15 pm Shabbat Eve Service and
Ambassador Asher Naim

Saturday, February 17 7:00 pm Havdallah Family Service
with Students of
Habonim School

Friday, February 23 8:15 pm Shabbat Eve Service and
Oneg Shabbat

CONGREGATION HABONIM KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 8:15 PM

Ambassador Asher Naim will speak about the modern day miracles of Operations Solomon & Moses.

The Behind the Scenes Story of the Exodus of Ethiopian Jews to Israel.

ARGENTINA: A CHALLENGE FOR WORLD JEWRY

By Avrum Rosensweig

Over the year-end holidays I traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina with a group of twenty-two high school students affiliated with Young Judea.

While there, I met with Jewish leaders including representatives of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), Amial (the Jewish Federation), and Tzedaka (a social service organization). My hosts were very gracious and hospitable and delighted that Jews from Canada had come to visit.

Our team also visited Argentina's oldest synagogue, Congregacion Israelita de la Republica Argentina, known as "Libertad" because it is located at Libertad 733 in Buenos Aires. While the shul is exquisitely built in the classic architectural motif of Latin America, it is clear that the Argentinean Jewish community is suffering greatly. One only has to review the last three decades to understand why.

From 1976 - 1983, Argentina was run by a military junta. Thousands of people were kidnapped from their homes and never seen again – the 'disappeared'. A large percentage of them were Jewish. In 1992, the Israeli embassy was bombed and 29 people were killed. Two years later, terrorists bombed the Amila building. 85 people died in the attack.

To make matters worse, the economy of Argentina collapsed at the turn of this century and the middle class was virtually destroyed. Many Jewish community members who had established businesses, owned houses and built successful lives, found themselves virtually homeless and their life savings wiped out.

Fortunately, the Jewish world responded to the needs of Argentinean Jews. The JDC (the oldest humanitarian organization in the Jewish world and funded by Jewish Federations), began work immediately with Argentinean leadership to create an infrastructure to support the 25,000 Jews who had fallen on bad times. Together with the Amia and Tzedaka, funds were set up to heavily subsidize rents; a pharmacy was constructed to supply Jews with needed medication in all provinces (the Jewish community of Canada, through Ve'ahavta, has donated \$350,000 worth of drugs over the last five years) and many other services were provided.

Today the situation is somewhat better for the 250,000 Jews still living in Argentina. Less people are reliant upon organizational assistance and the community itself has learned a lot from its experiences and is much more adept at helping those in need.

It is crucial, however, that Jews all over the world are keenly aware of the suffering our Latin American brothers and sisters are going through, Jewish and non-Jewish alike.

There are a number of websites that will give you background on the Argentinean Jewish community including: **HYPERLINK**
"<http://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsourc/vjw/Argentina.html>"
www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsourc/vjw/Argentina.html
and **HYPERLINK**
"<http://www.haruth.com/JewsArgentina.html>"
www.haruth.com/JewsArgentina.html.

Peruse these sites and others and consider the pressing needs of the community. Perhaps, we at Congregation Habonim can play a role in strengthening the Argentinean Jewish community, either through donations of pharmaceuticals, or 'adopting' families in need. Any ideas are appreciated.

Let us hope that 2007 augers well for all Argentineans and every person experiences the security and mazel (good fortune) we have here in Canada.

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PERSONALIA

Congratulations to Patty and David Goldfarb on becoming grandparents.

Mazal tov to Jeffrey Roebuck and his mother Jody Roebuck on Jeffrey's bar mitzvah.

Condolences to the family and friends of Samuel Sivitz on his death December 6, 2006.

DONATIONS

In Memoriam:

Deepest sympathy to the Erdos family - Jan, Rick, Rebecca and Ben Sutin.

In memory of Arthur Sommer Rotenberg - Doris Sommer-Rotenberg.

In memory of David Hurowitz - Eric Hurowitz.

In memory of Edith Rogers - David and Lisa Rogers.

In loving memory of Louis Fischhoff - Baila Jaison.

In loving memory of Al London - Irving and Denise Isenberg.

In loving memory of my dear husband, Gunther - Edith Rosen.

In loving memory of Evelyn Dennis - Joan and Clifford Lax, and family.

In loving memory of Irving Dennis - Joan Lax.

Aliyot:

Lottie Watson; Beverly Ross

Greetings:

Congratulations to Patti and David Goldfarb on the birth of their first grandchild, Justin Charles - Jan, Rick, Rebecca and Ben Sutin.

Midge, Stanley & Leslie Sebba in honour of Felicia and Samuel's 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Patty & David Goldfarb became first time grandparents of Justin Charles Tosto.

If you'd like to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat, following one of our regular end-of-month Friday evening services, other members of the Congregation would thank you for making it possible for them to enjoy Elizabeth's incredibly delicious baking. And you'll have the satisfaction of sponsoring an event to mark an important occasion for your family or the Congregation. Your sponsorship will be announced in the Bulletin and from the Bima immediately before the Oneg Shabbat. You can decide on the wording of the announcement. A sole, full Oneg sponsorship requires a minimum donation of \$180 to the Synagogue, but you can also make a smaller contribution if you'd like to pool your sponsorship with other members of the Congregation. The November and December Onegs are already sponsored, but we need sponsors for some of the Onegs in 2007. Please call Sandra Levy at 416-665-5595

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JAHRZEITEN

To be read at the service on January 26, 2007

Fred Justitz	Tevet 11	January 1
Artur Aaron		
Wittekind	Tevet 12	January 2
Leon Fleischer	Tevet 12	January 2
Adele Buium	Tevet 14	January 4
Charles Landes	Tevet 14	January 4
Martin M. Stern	Tevet 15	January 5
Harry Spector	Tevet 17	January 7
Harold Miller	Tevet 18	January 8
Mildred Fleischer	Tevet 18	January 8
Dora Koch	Tevet 18	January 8
Eve Ross	Tevet 19	January 9
Danielle Fisher	Tevet 20	January 10
Kaye Katchen	Tevet 21	January 11
Josef Braun	Tevet 21	January 11
John Penfield	Tevet 22	January 12
Hugo Abels	Tevet 23	January 13
Julius Leinung	Tevet 23	January 13
Sally Lees	Tevet 25	January 15
William Ostrow	Tevet 26	January 16
Hershel Ross	Tevet 27	January 17
Marie Ader	Tevet 27	January 17
Harriet Sommer	Tevet 28	January 18
Rose Kopelman	Tevet 29	January 19
Sigmund Marx	Tevet 29	January 19
Nick Watson	Tevet 29	January 19
Rosalyn Galler	Shevat 1	January 20
Charles Mint	Shevat 3	January 22
Morris Freeman	Shevat 4	January 23
Barbara Parieser	Shevat 4	January 23
Irving Glucklick	Shevat 4	January 23
Harry Buium	Shevat 7	January 26

Harry Ginpil	Shevat 7	January 26
John Leinung	Shevat 8	January 27
Danny Rabinowitz	Shevat 9	January 28
Samuel Persiko	Shevat 10	January 29
Bernie Slomen	Shevat 11	January 30
Esther Glucklick	Shevat 11	January 30
Charles Gross	Shevat 12	January 31

To be read at the service on February 23, 2007

Maury Harris	Shevat 13	February 1
Edward Isadore		
Harris	Shevat 13	February 1
Jessie Kahl	Shevat 13	February 1
Jack Cole	Shevat 14	February 2
Annie Lams	Shevat 15	February 3
Nathan Burrows	Shevat 15	February 3
Malka Wakeam	Shevat 16	February 4
Elizabeth Schwartz	Shevat 16	February 4
Dr. Abraham		
Skudwick	Shevat 17	February 5
David Brown	Shevat 18	February 6
Flora Kohn	Shevat 18	February 6
Rebecca		
Van Der Hout	Shevat 19	February 7
Josef Burstyn	Shevat 20	February 8
Margarete Weinlaub	Shevat 21	February 9
Louis Marcovitch	Shevat 21	February 9
Paul Freund	Shevat 23	February 11
Herman Seifer	Shevat 24	February 12
Clara Bierman	Shevat 24	February 12
Tiberiu Hercz	Shevat 25	February 13
Rudolf Aaron Eisinger	Shevat 26	February 14
Samuel Schwartz	Shevat 26	February 14
Aaron Kendall	Shevat 27	February 15
Franz Koch	Shevat 27	February 15
Irving Dennis	Shevat 28	February 16
Hilda Weiss	Shevat 30	February 18

Morris Hyman		
Nathanson	Adar* 1	February 19
Joseph Rosen	Adar 2	February 20
Jack Lees	Adar 2	February 20
May Klegon	Adar 3	February 21
Sarah Ostrow	Adar* 4	February 22
David Cupchik	Adar 4	February 22
Siegmund Koch	Adar 4	February 22
Isador Joseph Isaak	Adar 4	February 22
Henry Shanoff	Adar 4	February 22
Antonia Kimerling	Adar 6	February 24
Blanche Haber	Adar 7	February 25
Miriam Erdos	Adar 7	February 25
Mary Harris	Adar* 7	February 25
Adolf (Aron)		
Hammerfeld	Adar 7	February 25
Joseph and Klara		
Fluxgold	Adar* 8	February 26
Hans Waldman	Adar 10	February 28
Herman Lennhoff	Adar 10	February 28
Sylvia Shanoff	Adar 10	February 28

In mourning:

Claire Urstein, Tina Patton, Gretta Han, Steven Erdos, Erwin Pollack, Sam Slavin, Samuel Sivitz.

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