

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

**Saturday, February 6 10:00 am**  
Bar Mitzvah of Riley, son  
of Karen Weinstein and  
Jason Hanson

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**Saturday, February 13 10:00 am**  
Bar Mitzvah of Zohar,  
son of Talia and Boaz  
Freeman

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**Thursday, February 25 7:30 pm**  
Shalmi Bal Mor

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**Friday, February 26 7:00 pm**  
Family Shabbat Service  
with Eli  
**8:15 pm**  
Shabbat Eve Service

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**Wednesday, March 3 7:30 pm**  
Documentary Film: Act  
of God

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### YOU CAN PAY YOUR HABONIM FEES ON LINE

We are pleased to advise that you can now conveniently pay your Habonim membership fees online.

The link for this is:  
[www.congregationhabonim.org/fees.html](http://www.congregationhabonim.org/fees.html)

Membership fees are due on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2010.

You can also use this site for any payments to Habonim related to membership, the school, B'nai Mitzvah, etc.

There is also a Donations Page where you can send a general donation or one specific to a particular area. For example, you could make a donation in honour of someone or of a special occasion, or you could donate specifically to the school, the building repair fund, the Habonim documentary film program, or the Rabbi's Programming fund.

The donations page can be found at  
[www.congregationhabonim.org/donations.html](http://www.congregationhabonim.org/donations.html)

Just a quick reminder on tax receipts.

Receipts will be mailed to you in February for 2009 membership fees or 2009 donations.

Tax receipts for the 2010 membership fee will not be mailed out until February 2011 - in time for your 2010 taxes.

Thank you for your membership at Congregation Habonim. We look forward to a wonderful year together.

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WHEN OIL WAS STRUCK IN THE SHTETL -  
THE IMPACT OF MODERNITY ON JEWISH  
LIFE & IDENTITY

Feb 25, 2010 - Congregation Habonim, 5 Glen Park Avenue, 7:30pm

Lecture by a highly regarded educator and speaker from Israel, **Shalmi Bar Mor**

This is the story of Drohobycz, a little town in Eastern Galicia, home to the painters Maurycy and Leopold Gottlieb, Ephraim Moses Lilien, also the most famous resident, Bruno Schultz- painter and writer - considered the Polish Kafka –who was murdered in the Holocaust. Indeed when they discovered oil in the town, tradition clashed with the winds of change. The encounter between the Hassidic world with Haskala (Enlightenment), coupled with the intrusion of the modern world of science, engineering and art, ruptured the harmonious fabric of the Jewish community to the point where it even tore families apart. Yet, it also proved to be the soil that nourished unusual talent which fermented into unprecedented creativity.

Shalmi Bar Mor is an historian and educator. He was founder and director of ECHO, an affiliate of Melitz – Centers for Jewish Zionist Education. From 1972-1996 he was the director of Yad Vashem's Department for Education which he founded. During that time he also taught history at the Hebrew University's School for Overseas Students. He served as historical consultant to Claude Lanzmann's film "Shoah", as visiting director of the Martyr's Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust in Los Angeles and consultant to the Education Committee of the US Holocaust Commission. Based on his perception that too much emphasis has been put on how Jews died and not enough on how they lived, Bar Mor conceived and created an innovative educational institution – ECHO. This network of educational centers in different European cities is dedicated to recapturing a thousand years of Jewish history through traveling seminars.

Co-sponsored by the  
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HABONIM DOCUMENTARY FILM  
SCREENING

From the award-winning director of "Manufactured Landscapes" '**Act of God**' - A film by Jennifer Baichwal

From the award-winning director of "ManufacturedLandscapes" [www.mercuryfilms.ca](http://www.mercuryfilms.ca), comes **Act of God**, a documentary about the metaphysical effects of being struck by lightning. The film explores the paradox of being singled out by randomness through seven stories from around the world that raise and respond to the questions about chance, fate, and the meaning of life, while keeping the sky and what comes out of it as a central visual metaphor and thread. Paul Auster, the best-selling novelist who was struck as a teenager, anchors the film, along with improvisational musician, Fred Frith, whose original compositions demonstrate the ubiquity of electricity in our bodies and in the universe.

See the trailer at:

[www.apple.com/trailers/independent/actofgod/](http://www.apple.com/trailers/independent/actofgod/)

**Date:** Wednesday, March 3, 2010,

**Time:** 7.30 p.m.

**Admission:** Charitable Donation at Door

Discussion with the Director to follow screening.

Please join us. Bring a friend.

If you know of any documentary film maker who would like to submit a film to us for screening, please have them contact Eli Rubenstein ([uiaeli@passport.ca](mailto:uiaeli@passport.ca)) or Paul Kuttner ([office@congregationhabonim.org](mailto:office@congregationhabonim.org)).

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## THE DNA OF A HABONIM CHILD

*By Avrum Rosensweig*

On Sunday, November 15th Eli and I attended and officiated a beautiful baby naming ceremony for Kuttner. Shaina, an exquisitely beautiful little child, is the granddaughter of Paul and Helen Kuttner, active members of Habonim.

It was a great honor to be part of their simcha (celebration). It was because the Kuttners are loving and caring people who express their feelings openly and far and wide. They are also instrumental in Habonim's success and growth. To be a part of their simcha is very meaningful.

At the Kuttner's home I spoke about the biological, historical and spiritual DNA we are all made up of and how diminutive Shaina (Ashley) reminds us of that on the day she received her name.

When one looks at little Shaina it is evident that her tiny little vessel of a body has the biological DNA of her parents. There is a physical similarity – one of which I think is more Kuttner than Smalls (the mom's side) but I'm biased.

I then asked the guests to look past the physical and think about her historical DNA and the lineup of ancestors that exist within her.

To emphasize my point I shared a thought about my own family. That Shabbat, while my son and I were playing, I thought about his historical DNA; the fact that he not only emanates from his mother and me but also from our parents, grandparents, great-grandparents etc. etc.

I considered that my little Noah River has within his heart and soul genes from the man I was named after, Avraham, my Mother's grandfather

Avraham was a kind and good man. He was taken out of his home, a shtetl in Poland, by the

Nazis at the beginning of the War and shot together with his entire family. His loss was tragic and the impact his violent death had on my family is/was equally as great.

My boy, Noah River comes from a complex and rich history. It is something that he will attempt to put in place throughout his life to make himself strong and our world better.

Similarly what lies inside of Shaina, is not only of the here-and-now and the physical. She also has within her a historical DNA of sorts that goes back centuries, in fact millennia. Not only will Shaina come to grips with the parents she has 'in her' but she might likely consider the many family members who came before her to determine the puzzle that makes up her essence.

She might want to learn about her passion in life and see if her father's father has the same; she might wonder about her sweetness and investigate whether her mother's mother's mother was similar. That is her own particular and personal history. That is her Historical DNA.

That being said, a baby naming is big. It speaks to that particular day and the happiness we have knowing another creation has come into our world - - our creation, one in which we partnered with God. It encourages us to realize that all person kind is important and indeed, "God created the world for you". On that day, while we stand together and stare upon the child and the ethereal aura that emanates from her, we understand that we are all partners in creation, all connected through DNA and therefore responsible for one another.

That then is the spiritual DNA I spoke of – recognition that the soul of a child might just have been created at the Garden of Eden, with everyone else, and in Shaina's case was on standby until 2009. The baby naming reminds us of 1 degree of separation.

Therefore when child poverty exists in

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Downtown Toronto, or suffering in Israel, or Darfur, Congo etc., it is our challenge to deal with it. It is because those who are hungry, weary, running for their lives, as we did, are our cousins. They are our DNA.

Mazel tov to the Kuttners and the Smalls. Mazel tov to Shaina and welcome to our world. Your job is simple. Bring together all the cousins in peace and harmony so that we are able to create a world that shines like a gem and sings like a wheat field.

To respond see AVRUM'S BLOG at <http://avrum.net>.

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### DONATIONS

Dr. Tibor Juda

Gale Wakeam: to support our Friday Night Shabbat Dinner program.

#### **In appreciation:**

Thank you to Eli Rubenstein for his support and assistance in the Unveiling for Loretta Grammer - The Grammer Family

To honour Eli: Janet and Steven Slavin.

#### **Congratulations:**

Heartiest mazeltov and best wishes to Gerda Gottlieb on the birth of your latest great grandchild. May she bring much joy and happiness to the entire family - Edith Rosen

In honour of Edith Rosen's birthday - Peggy Pachner

#### **In memoriam:**

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

In loving memory of my sadly missed father, Ezra Goldberg - Phyllis Mint

In memory of my dear husband, Charles Mint, who is remembered with love - Phyllis Mint

In memory of our Mother, Evelyn Dennis - Joan and Clifford Lax

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Call Linda Brager at (416) 488-0282

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## JAHRZEITEN OCTOBER 2009

*To be read at the February 2010 services:*

Dr. Abraham Skudwick

Shevat 17      February 1

David Brown      Shevat 18      February 2

Flora Kohn      Shevat 18      February 2

Rebecca Van Der Hout

Shevat 19      February 3

Percy Weinstein      Shevat 19      February 3

Josef Burstyn      Shevat 20      February 4

Mary Milgrom      Shevat 21      February 5

Margarete Weinlaub      Shevat 21      February 5

Louis Marcovitch      Shevat 21      February 5

Paul Freund      Shevat 23      February 7

Herman Seifer      Shevat 24      February 8

Clara Bierman      Shevat 24      February 8

Tiberiu Hercz      Shevat 26      February 10

Rudolf Aaron Eisinger

Shevat 26      February 10

Samuel Schwartz      Shevat 26      February 10

Aaron Kendall      Shevat 27      February 11

Franz Koch      Shevat 27      February 11

Irving Dennis      Shevat 28      February 12

Hilda Weiss      Shevat 30      February 14

Sydney Kuttner      Adar\* 1      February 15

Morris Hyman Nathanson

Adar\* 1      February 15

Joseph Rosen      Adar 2      February 16

Jack Lees      Adar 2      February 16

May Klegon      Adar 3      February 17

Naomi Wilson      Adar\* 4      February 18

David Cupchik      Adar 4      February 18

Siegmund Koch      Adar 4      February 18

Isador Joseph Isaak      Adar 4      February 18

Henry Shanoff      Adar 4      February 18

Sarah Ostrow      Adar\* 4      February 18

Antonia Kimerling      Adar 6      February 20

Blanche Haber      Adar 7      February 21

Miriam Erdos      Adar 7      February 21

Adolf (Aron) Hammerfeld

Adar 7      February 21

Mary Harris      Adar\* 7      February 21

Sender Balberman      Adar 8      February 22

Joseph and Klara Fluxgold

Adar\* 8      February 22

Hans Waldman      Adar 10      February 24

Herman Lennhoff      Adar 10      February 24

Sylvia Shanoff      Adar 10      February 24

Len Slan      Adar 11      February 25

Esther Goldstein      Adar 11      February 25

Jack Lees      Adar\* 11      February 25

Aron Shuster      Adar\* 11      February 25

Syrel Greene      Adar 12      February 26

Samuel Jacob Gibson      Adar 12      February 26

Les Braun      Adar\* 14      February 28

Werner Rappoport      Adar\* 14      February 28

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**In mourning:**

Dr. Ladislaus Vogel, Hillary Firestone, Lorretta Grammer, Edgar Wittekind, Paul Firestone, Nina Zlotkin, Rita Lichtblau, Edward Ruda, Irwin Green, David Pecaut

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