

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

-Saturday, January 8	10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Mathew Gerry, son of Ellen Sokoloff and Ken Gerry
Saturday, January 15	10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Max Beallor, son of Janet and Jeffrey Beallor
Sunday, January 23	8:00 pm Canadian Film Premiere of <i>"Everything is a Present"</i>
Friday, January 28	7:15 pm Family Shabbat Service with Eli 8:15 pm Shabbat Eve Service and Oneg Shabbat
Friday, February 25	7:15 pm Family Shabbat Service with Eli 8:15 pm Shabbat Eve Service and Oneg Shabbat

NEW CO-PRESIDENTS AT CONGREGATION HABONIM

After several years on the Board of Directors of Congregation Habonim, the Board has announced that Ted Rechtshaffen and Tom Bellman will become Co-Presidents of Congregation Habonim. Aside from sharing a distinct height advantage, and similar looking first names, Ted and Tom bring a vision and passion for the Congregation. As parents of children currently attending the Jewish Heritage School, they bring a family approach to the leadership of Habonim, and hope to build on the success of the Congregation in attracting families who enjoy the approach to Judaism that Habonim provides. This core area of growth is meant to be an energizer to all members of the Congregation as it allows for more programs and support to flourish.

With the role of Co-President, it is hoped that there is both a sharing of leadership responsibilities, but more importantly, a structure that will better allow for a legacy of leadership that will encourage new leaders to step forward over time.

THE PAST YEAR HAS BROUGHT MANY POSITIVE EVENTS TO CONGREGATION HABONIM.

Our High Holiday services were a highlight to many. Several members commented that they were

among the most spiritual, warm and enjoyable High Holiday services they had ever attended.

The Habonim Film series continues to inspire - most recently when the director Mary Skinner came from California to present her film on Irena Sendler - a righteous gentile who saved 2,500 children from the Warsaw Ghetto. The next film is Sunday, January 23rd at 8pm. It is a film called "Everything is a Present". The film features a 106 year old woman whose life has been infused with music - ranging from her regular performances as a prisoner in a Nazi concentration camp to her daily practice which continues to this day.

The Jewish Heritage School at Congregation Habonim continues to grow as a Sunday only school that brings Jewish culture, song, stories, and Hebrew to children of both members and non-members.

Our pot luck dinner/Friday night services continue to be very well attended - and a great way to really get to know your fellow members.

The Habonim Board of Directors has added several volunteer members, and we (Ted Rechtshaffen and Tom Bellman) have taken on the role of Co-Presidents of the congregation.

We look forward to ongoing growth, participation and simchas in 2011.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

You may already have received your 2011 Habonim membership fee invoice. There has been a small increase this year for the first time in 3 years. We are very conscious of keeping costs affordable and managing our costs carefully. At the same time, we are struggling to keep up with the added costs of ensuring the building is in good working order, and general inflation of running the congregation.

To help keep things easy, your dues can be paid online by credit card or by mailing in a cheque.

Membership fees are due on February 28th, 2011.

To pay online, please go to:
www.congregationhabonim.org/fees

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 on 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

Just a quick reminder on tax receipts. 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.

Tom Bellman

Ted Rechtshaffen

Acting Co-Presidents
Congregation Habonim

DOCUMENTARY MOVIE - SUNDAY JANUARY 23RD, 2011 - 8PM

Toronto Premiere of -

"Everything is a Present"

Time: 8.00pm (Limited seating);
Place: Beth Habonim

The screening of this film is made possible through the generous support of:
Tridelta Financial Partners (www.tridelta.ca)

Admission: Donation at the door
At 106, Alice Sommer Herz is the second oldest person in London, and practices the piano for two and a half hours every day. She was imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp for two years with her six-year-old son. She remembers playing more than 100 concerts in the camp. She is in no doubt that music saved her sanity as well as her life and the lives of hundreds of others.

With the support of Tridelta Financial Partners - the sponsor of the 2010-2011 Habonim Documentary Film Series

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Dear Habonim Members

Inspired by Ruth Rakoff's sermon and out of the highest regard for Eli Rubenstein and Avrum Rosensweig, I was motivated this past Rosh Hashanah to organize a group to engage Congregation Habonim's young adults in their 20s and 30s, as well as other young Jewish adults from the general community.

Attention all Young Adults of Habonim!

Are you intrigued by our amazing and diverse community of shul members that we have at Habonim? Every High Holiday we learn more about the extraordinary people at Habonim as they deliver passionate and relevant sermons. If you are like me, you are curious to learn even more from our members and not have to wait for another full year to pass in order to 'maybe' connect!

What I am proposing is the idea of a Young Adult Networking group at Habonim to encourage more synergy at our shul, through content-rich workshops/lectures and social action initiatives. I am looking to form a committee of 4 members and find a co-chair to meet once per month. The long term vision would be to hold 3

events annually.

Prospective events include: inspiring lectures, cultural experiences, social action efforts for a charitable cause, mentorship opportunities. We might also develop an in house speakers' bureau where members of the young adult group can share their expertise with other young adult congregation members. Other possibilities include the development of intergenerational mentorship opportunities to unite all ages of membership within Habonim.

I would like to have the committee in place for April 2011. With the first event to be held in June 2011. If you are interested in being a committee co-chair or committee member, or if you have any questions/ideas pertaining to the young adults group please contact me at:
jaimes-18@hotmail.com.
I look forward to hearing from interested members!

Warmly, Jaime Slavin

Jaime Slavin, Nutritionist BAsc. (Hons.)

SEATING!

By Avrum Rosensweig

Where do you sit in shul? Where do you park? These are enormously important questions.

I notice that Eli generally parks in the parking lot on the north side of the synagogue.

Me? I park down the street from the shul so that I get a chance to go for a walk prior to heading into shul, or going home. Where I park is important to the extent that if I found a spot right in front of the shul, I wouldn't take it.

Essentially, people seem to put thought into their choice of parking spots, likely having to do with the distance they'll have to walk, or perhaps feeling some sort of status parking their vehicle closer to the shul. (I was always envious of the Cantors who had a reserved spot in a Temple parking lot. My Father, of blessed memory, had one, but it was always empty on Shabbat. He was

Orthodox).

Where do people sit? Over the years, on the High Holidays, I've seen Fred Levy sitting in the aisle seat near the front of the Habonim chapel. The Erdos's sit pretty close to the front as well, and the Kuttners are a little further back. Congregants seem to have their places.

There is an idea in Judaism called 'ma'kom ka'vuah'. Its direct translation is 'an established place (to pray/learn)'. When Eli and I were in yeshiva a ma'kom ka'vuah was a big deal. All the rebbes sat in the front of the b'ait ha'midrash (place of learning/prayer), always in the same spot and clearly showing a hierarchy. Sometimes it seemed as if we were praying to them.

A ma'kom ka'vuah is so important that if someone was sitting in my seat, I would ask them to move. If a very important person (say, someone who was a prolific learner) wanted to use your ma'kom, you would gladly say yes. It was an honor.

What about a bar/bat mitzvah. I've officiated plenty of them at Habonim, and of course from where I stood/sat the seating arrangement, was always pretty much the same. The family celebrating the simcha sat in the front or second row. I believe that many people prefer the second row to the first sensing that they were a tad more anonymous, invisible. Of course that is not the case. When the bat mitzvah celebrant recites her d'var Torah (speech), and tears are rolling down her Dad's face, there's no hiding from the eyes of the invitees - first or second row. And we all look, don't we?

But it's not just seating at shul that people take very seriously. Have you ever made a wedding? What would you say is the toughest task? Getting the invitations out? Not a huge deal? Choosing who to send them to? Yes, somewhat more challenging. But how about creating the seating plan? Now there is corn field in the dry season.

The Rosenbergs won't sit with the Grossmans, and the Silvers refuse to be within three tables of the Greens. Your accountant needs to sit with his other clients, and the largest family on your invite list insists on bringing their nannies and sons' girlfriends. If your aunt's seat that night is near the speakers, you'll hear from her and might even get a

bill for her hearing aid repair. Seating at a wedding is no less important than the positioning you would find at the Israel-Palestinian negotiations table; make a mistake, and you'll wish you would never have gotten married, and had a child.

Seating. Parking. Consider where you park/sit at Habonim. Does it vary from year-to-year, or are you pretty consistent? My guess is you've found your ma'kom ka'vuah at shul and do your utmost to keep it. The litmus test is how angry you get if you find someone sitting in your place.

PERSONALIA

A Note From David Goldfarb (A Past President of Habonim) Regarding the Passing Nathan Kahn.

Dear Eli,

So glad you thought of us. Everything I have to say about Mr. Kahn was said by either Esther or you. It is difficult to think of a Habonim service without his presence. It is probably there even when nobody else is in the building. One by one the pillars of the Habonim I knew are falling. Nathan Ostrow was another.

I also believe that for a generation or two of bnai mitzvahs Mr. Kahn was our religion and its ceremonies in flesh and blood. I'll say a kaddish for Nathan. I hope to follow his example in conducting my life. Again, thanks for the note about Mr. Kahn (I cannot think of him as "Nathan").

All the best, David Goldfarb.

- We all mourn Nathan Kahn, who had been part of our lives for a very long time.
- Our heartfelt condolences to the family of Tamara Buium on their recent loss.
- We extend our sympathy to Paul and Ronnie Borins and their family on the passing of Rosalyn Borins.
- Our condolences to Dr. Beth Warren and

family on the passing of her mother Nell Warren.

- We extend our sympathy to Marilyn and David Price and family on the loss of Marilyn's father Oscar Zuker

DONATIONS

Aliyot:
Richard Linder

In memoriam:

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

In loving memory of my father Saul Linder – Richard Linder

My heartfelt sympathy to the Kahn family on your loss - Miriam Ostrow

Our condolences to the family of Nathan Kahn - Vivian and Gina Rakoff

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JAHRZEITEN
JANUARY 2011

<i>To be read at</i>	<i>Services</i>	
Sally Lees	Tevet 25	Jan 1, 2011
William Ostrow	Tevet 26	Jan 2, 2011
Hershel Ross	Tevet 27	Jan 3, 2011
Marie Ader	Tevet 27	Jan 3, 2011
Harriet Sommer	Tevet 28	Jan 4, 2011
Rose Kopelman	Tevet 29	Jan 5, 2011
Sigmund Marx	Tevet 29	Jan 5, 2011
Nick Watson	Tevet 29	Jan 5, 2011
Rosalyn Galler	Shevat 1	Jan 6, 2011
Charles Mint	Shevat 3	Jan 8, 2011
Morris Freeman	Shevat 4	Jan 9, 2011
Barbara Parieser	Shevat 4	Jan 9, 2011
Irving Glucklick	Shevat 4	Jan 9, 2011
Dinah Ram	Shevat 6	Jan 11, 2011
Frank Kohn	Shevat 6	Jan 11, 2011
Harry Buium	Shevat 7	Jan 12, 2011
Harry Ginpil	Shevat 7	Jan 12, 2011
John Leinung	Shevat 8	Jan 13, 2011
Danny Rabinowitz	Shevat 9	Jan 14, 2011
Samuel Persiko	Shevat 10	Jan 15, 2011
Bernie Slomen	Shevat 11	Jan 16, 2011
Esther Glucklick	Shevat 11	Jan 16, 2011
Charles Gross	Shevat 12	Jan 17, 2011
Mauri Harris	Shevat 13	Jan 18, 2011
Edward Isadore Harris	Shevat 13	Jan 18, 2011
Jessie Kahl	Shevat 13	Jan 18, 2011
Jack Cole	Shevat 14	Jan 19, 2011

Annie Lams	Shevat 15	Jan 20, 2011
Nathan Burrows	Shevat 15	Jan 20, 2011
Hillary Firestone	Shevat 16	Jan 21, 2011
Malka Wakeam	Shevat 16	Jan 21, 2011
Elizabeth Schwartz	Shevat 16	Jan 21, 2011
Dr. Abraham Skudwick	Shevat 17	Jan 22, 2011
David Brown	Shevat 18	Jan 23, 2011
Flora Kohn	Shevat 18	Jan 23, 2011
Rebecca Van Der Hout	Shevat 19	Jan 24, 2011
Percy Weinstein	Shevat 19	Jan 24, 2011
Josef Burstyn	Shevat 20	Jan 25, 2011
Mary Milgrom	Shevat 21	Jan 26, 2011
Margarete Weinlaub	Shevat 21	Jan 26, 2011
Louis Marcovitch	Shevat 21	Jan 26, 2011
Paul Freund	Shevat 23	Jan 28, 2011
Herman Seifer	Shevat 24	Jan 29, 2011
Clara Bierman	Shevat 24	Jan 29, 2011
Tiberiu Hercz	Shevat 26	Jan 31, 2011
Rudolf Aaron Eisinger	Shevat 26	Jan 31, 2011
Samuel Schwartz	Shevat 26	Jan 31, 2011
Ladislaus Vogel	Shevat 27	Feb 1, 2011
Aaron Kendall	Shevat 27	Feb 1, 2011
Franz Koch	Shevat 27	Feb 1, 2011
Irving Dennis	Shevat 28	Feb 2, 2011
Aaron Goldberg	Shevat 28	Feb 2, 2011
Hilda Weiss	Shevat 30	Feb 4, 2011
Joseph Rosen	Adar 2	Feb 6, 2011
Jack Lees	Adar 2	Feb 6, 2011
May Klegon	Adar 3	Feb 7, 2011
David Cupchik	Adar 4	Feb 8, 2011
Siegmund Koch	Adar 4	Feb 8, 2011
Isador Joseph Isaak	Adar 4	Feb 8, 2011

Henry Shanoff	Adar 4	Feb 8, 2011
Antonia Kimerling	Adar 6	Feb 10, 2011
Blanche Haber	Adar 7	Feb 11, 2011
Miriam Erdos	Adar 7	Feb 11, 2011
Adolf (Aron) Hammerfeld		
	Adar 7	Feb 11, 2011
Sender Balberman	Adar 8	Feb 12, 2011
Hans Waldman	Adar 10	Feb 14, 2011
Herman Lennhoff	Adar 10	Feb 14, 2011
Sylvia Shanoff	Adar 10	Feb 14, 2011
Len Slan	Adar 11	Feb 15, 2011
Esther Goldstein	Adar 11	Feb 15, 2011
Syrel Greene	Adar 12	Feb 16, 2011
Samuel Jacob Gibson	Adar 12	Feb 16, 2011
Rose Gibson	Adar 16	Feb 20, 2011
Alice Lobel	Adar 17	Feb 21, 2011
Irene Rachel Weiss	Adar 17	Feb 21, 2011
Joseph Brager	Adar 19	Feb 23, 2011
Rachel Cohen	Adar 20	Feb 24, 2011
Meta Baumann	Adar 20	Feb 24, 2011
Phillip Gibson	Adar 21	Feb 25, 2011
Olga Beer	Adar 22	Feb 26, 2011
Jacob Ader	Adar 24	Feb 28, 2011
Loretta Grammar	Adar 24	Feb 28, 2011

In mourning:

Adam Sanders; Mary Otis; Aaron Goldberg; Labol Levy; Robert Cook; Bernard Simon; Nathan Kahn; Tamara Buium; Rosalyn Borins; Nell Warren; Oscar Zuker

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Friday, February 11, 2011

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