

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Friday, June 25	8:15pm	Shabbat Eve Service and Oneg Shabbat
Friday, July 23	7:30pm	Shabbat Eve Services
Friday, August 27	7:30pm	Shabbat Eve Service

CONGREGATION HABONIM TEFILLIN CLUB

Tefillin are ritual objects worn for morning prayers, and are usually introduced at the bar or bat mitzvah age. They consist of two small black boxes (*bayit*) made from layers of parchment that are sealed and lacquered and attached to leather straps. Inside the boxes are scrolls of parchment inscribed with four passages from the Torah from the books of Exodus and Deuteronomy.

In order to prepare for this event, the Tefillin club members will gather once a month for a study session on tefillin and I will be glad to explain and instruct those who are putting them on for the first time or for those who have not worn tefillin for some time. Explanation and details of the technique of laying the leather straps on the arm and head and winding them around the hand and fingers will be included.

Looking forward to seeing you at the synagogue and spending a morning together discussing this wonderful mitzvah.

We will begin at 9:00 am – 10:45 am on Sunday July 18th and Sunday August 22nd.

BYOT – Bring Your Own Tefillin (if you have). We have extra sets of tefillin available for those who do not own a pair.

Best wishes always,

Rabbi David Schonblum

THANK YOU ROGER

On Sunday, June 6 we went to Habonim's Annual General Meeting with dread, fearing the bleak prospect of being without a President at the end of it.

Roger DeFreitas has clearly announced at the last General Meeting a year ago, and has been repeating it at every occasion since then, that he will not take on the job of President again. This time he held the position for two years, and was clearly tired and discouraged. Being President of Habonim entails a lot of work and aggravation and after two years it is natural to get exhausted, even fed up.

We want to congratulate Roger on his dedication and courage for having taken on the burden for another year, so the Congregation would not end up rudderless, without a "Captain", drifting aimlessly into the future.

We can only promise to give you as much help and support as we can, Roger, and are asking other Congregation members to come out and do the same!

Once more: ***Thank you Roger !!!***

The Erdos Family

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 6, 2004

This past year has been very traumatic for the congregation; many of our long standing and hard working volunteer members have completed their life history. Eli, our religious leader, is laid up with a debilitating back condition.

Fortunately for us Eli has asked his friend **Rabbi David Schonblum** to substitute for him for the five months he expects to be off. Rabbi Schonblum has been very active within the Congregation and from all of the reports I have been getting; everyone is pleased. The needs of the congregation are changing, our older members are in need of spiritual comfort while they are convalescing, our younger members are asking the rabbi to help them with life cycle celebrations and shivas for their departed parents.

A few years ago the fear was the congregation was going to die, today that is not the case, we have more members. They are younger and have different needs; they are looking for more religious guidance. To what end they would become involved is hard to say.

The perennial question is; which came first the chicken or the egg? Should we get a new building first or get a full time religious leader? We already have a building. Are we ready for a full time synagogue?

At the same time we have a new challenge...we must reduce the mortgage we now carry on the two adjacent buildings.

Coupled with this we are now beginning to realize that with a congregation this size it is very difficult to continue as a part time schul. All of these problems we face as a congregation have something in common with young families, old families, governments and businesses. Money!

Donations are not coming in sufficient numbers, and this makes it difficult for the executive to really plan and execute all of the activities that come with running a synagogue.

When the ancients Israelites left Egypt Moshe Rabeinu lead them to the promised land but it was Joshua who lead them into the promised land.

I am not Moshe but I have recognized my limitations and am asking for your help. I am asking for someone who has the talent and access to people who can help us financially, or for any group who can get together and raise funds to step forward.

They say many marriages fail because of financial difficulties, and I say we have too much talent here to allow this to happen.

Habonim needs the participation of its membership

Speaking of talent; **David Goldfarb** our immediate past President, is leaving not only the synagogue but the country.

I doubt if many of you know how much effort in man hours he has put in working on behalf of the synagogue. He dealt with the people who built the condominium next door, ensuring our interests were protected.

He arranged for our driveway to be paved, the fence to be built by the builders and rented out our drive way for their contractors to park their vehicles, he found the contractor to clear the snow. At the same time he fielded calls about bar mitzvoth, and other mundane complaints and queries.

He was one of the driving forces who arranged for the purchase of the two buildings next door.

I must add to this by telling you I phoned him very often for his opinion on many challenges that faced me.

Never once did he complain and now that he is leaving we are losing a very talented person. Who will pick up the slack? I challenge each and everyone here to step forward and be counted.

Yes, David is a member who is articulate, talented and who got things done. On your behalf and for myself I say to David and Patti thank you for all you have done for us, thank you for stopping by Habonim on your journey through this phenomenon we call life. We hope that you will enjoy your life in San Diego, and we wish you happiness and success in all your endeavors.

VOLUNTEERISM

Like everyone else, I also have a busy life: a job, a 9 year old who requires a chauffeur most of the time, homework, family obligations, social obligations, etc. But one of the most important lessons that I want to teach my son is that we must always give something back to the society that we live in.

Donating money is admirable, but donating time is much more pro-active. I want my son to see that I give of my time to a cause that I believe in, because believing in something, being part of a community, is what makes us strong and well grounded. If and when we should need something from our community, we will be grateful that there are those that give of their time.

This congregation is run by volunteers, most of them are aging, and unfortunately will not be with us forever. We need people to look inside themselves and show their children what volunteering is all about. It is giving of yourself for nothing but satisfaction in return.

This Congregation will be in need of your help, please try to fit it into your busy schedule by giving up some of your time, so it will not die from attrition.

Dianne Eros-Rush

SPLIT HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 2004

Congregation Habonim High Holiday Services at our own 5 Glen Park synagogue will be divided into separate early and late services on the first day of Rosh Hashana, on Kol Nidre and on Yom Kippur. We are doing this to provide seating for everyone without going off-site.

The times of the services will be:

Wednesday, Sept.15 Erev Rosh Hashana 8:00 pm

Thursday, Sept.16 early service Rosh Hashana 8:30 am
late service Rosh Hashana 11:00 am
children's service 9:00 am

Friday, Sept. 17 Rosh Hashana second day 10:00 am

Friday, Sept.24 early service Kol Nidre 6:00 pm
late service Kol Nidre 8:30 pm

Saturday, Sept.25 early service Yom Kippur 8:30 am
late service Yom Kippur 11:00 am
children's service 9:00 am
service resumes (Neilah) 5:00 pm

We suggest that families with young children select the early services, as the children's service will be held across the street only during these times. And we suggest that members who prefer our traditional service choose the late services, as there will be fewer time constraints. Especially on Yom Kippur, when the late service will continue through the day for those who wish to stay at the synagogue. There will be a short break before Neilah service.

You may now choose to attend the early or late services. We hope to accommodate members' preferences, but your early selection insures the service you prefer. We also will make tickets available to family non-members (older than 18, out of towners) and guests. You may purchase tickets now for your guests. Only members may purchase tickets, and tickets will not be sold to the public.

We will also call upon more of our members to take an active role in the services. Please indicate, on the request form, how you would like to participate.

Choose your service by returning the enclosed form to Congregation Habonim. Make sure you include your name, address and phone number for each ticket, and indicate children's tickets by including the age. You must state the choice of service, early or late.

If you are requesting tickets for non-members, including member's children 19 years and older, please send a cheque for \$100 for an adult or \$50 for children younger than 19, to Congregation Habonim, along with the above information.

HABONIM MEMBERSHIP IS NOW AVAILABLE

If you know someone who has "always wanted to join Habonim", now is the time. They'll receive tickets for this year's High Holiday Services and preferred rates for bar mitzvah fees after their first year.

No tickets will be made available to non-members for High Holidays this year, only to members and their families. In the past, we have sold tickets to the community, but that is no longer our practice.

We are giving first preference to those who hear about the availability of membership from other members. So if there is somebody you think should be part of Habonim, let them know.

Interested applicants should call **Lotte Watson at 416-267-0047**

DONATIONS

Greetings:

Speedy recovery to Eli Rubenstein –
*Gerda Gottlieb; Loretta and Harold Grammer; Joan and Clifford Lax;
May Marx and Fred Rose*

In Memoriam:

Sincere condolences to Miriam Ostrow and family on the death of Nathan Ostrow –
Sheila and Morton Katz; May Marx and Fred Rose

Deepest sympathy to the Herman family on the death of Gangolf Herman -
*Gerda Gottlieb; Loretta and Harold Grammer; Miriam and Gina Rakoff;
Sheila and Morton Katz; May Marx and Fred Rose, Erika and Steve Erdos.*

In Memory of Matthew Emas, a devoted husband, Dad and Papa. He will always live in our hearts –
Sandra Emas

In loving memory of Irene and Leopold Stamberger –
Catherine and Steven Feuer

Sincere sympathy to Albert Morton on the death of Judy Morton –
Fred Goldberg,

Sincere sympathy to the Morton family on the death of Judy Morton –

Newman & Sversky, the Erdos Family

In loving memory of Saul Elek Junger - *Livia Junger*

In loving memory of Anne Levy - *Toby Levy*

In loving memory of my dear parents, Jolan and David Jakabb - *Eric Jakabb*

In memory of Michael Szende - *Andrew Szende*

In loving memory of my dear father, Joseph Blum – *Erika Erdos*

ONEG SHABBAT SPONSORS

Nancy, Izzy and Elisa Goldman, in memory of Tamara Goldman.

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Are you **MOVING, CHANGING** your **ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?**

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TO BUY A LEAF FOR EITZ CHAIM for any occasion call

Miriam Ostrow at 416-661-0949

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To HONOUR YOUR LOVED ONES WITH A JAHRZEIT PLAQUE AND LIGHT

Call Toby Levy at (905) 764-5053

QUESTIONS OR NOTICES RE JAHRZEITEN?

Call Linda Braeger at 416-488-0282

BREAKFAST MEETINGS INFORMATION? Call Steve Erdos 416-787 0527

JAHRZEITEN JULY – AUGUST 2004

**Jahrzeiten to be read at
the June 25 Service**

Feri Knapp

Tammuz

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July 1

Leo Lowenthal	Tammuz	12	July 1
Franz Joseph Weiner	Tammuz	12	July 1
Gabriela Sara Kacer	Tammuz	13	July 2
Louis M. Schwartz	Tammuz	15	July 4
Edward Harris	Tammuz	16	July 5
Elise Marx	Tammuz	16	July 5
George Bernard Sion	Tammuz	17	July 6
Ruth Libman	Tammuz	18	July 7
Matthew John Silver	Tammuz	18	July 7
Fannie Saslove	Tammuz	18	July 7
Iren Katz	Tammuz	18	July 7
Sadie Scudwick	Tammuz	18	July 7
Joseph Lees	Tammuz	19	July 8
Mendel Bain	Tammuz	19	July 8
Joseph Blum	Tammuz	19	July 8
Karl Adolph Marx	Tammuz	24	July 13
Regine and Samuel Platschek	Tammuz	26	July 15
Leo Kohn	Av	1	July 19
Barbara Gaspard	Av	1	July 19
Henry Rosenberg	Av	1	July 19
Lupu Buium	Av	3	July 21
Tamara Goldman	Av	7	July 25
Erna Neubieser	Av	8	July 26
Susan Feuer	Av	9	July 27
Irving Glatt	Av	11	July 29
Sarah Stein	Av	13	July 31
Vera Spitz	Av	13	July 31
Marvin Hochman	Av	14	August 1
Albert Weinberg	Av	15	August 2
Bessie Goldberg	Av	15	August 2
Judith Lengyel	Av	17	August 4
Philip Dickman	Av	17	August 4
Willie Fleischeer	Av	18	August 5
Schlomoh Leufer	Av	19	August 6
Valerie Fine	Av	21	August 8
Marion Stern	Av	21	August 8
Amalia Silberstein	Av	23	August 10
Dr. Andrew Martosh	Av	23	August 10
Martha Weinlaub	Av	24	August 11
Jacob Cohen	Av	24	August 11
Chaya Anna Levy	Av	25	August 12
Otilie Weiss	Av	25	August 12
Esther Vijeveno-Blom	Av	26	August 13
Ann Pullman Cowan	Av	30	August 17,

Siegfried Justitz	Elul	1	August 18
Abraham Perlmutter	Elul	2	August 19
Mendel Schenken	Elul	2	August 19
Leonard Allen	Elul	2	August 19
Siegbert Edelmuth	Elul	4	August 21
Ariel Milla Koch	Elul	6	August 23
Dr. David Sennett	Elul	8	August 25
Berl Galler	Elul	8	August 25
George Springer	Elul	9	August 26
Sarah Grammer	Elul	10	August 27
Irving Kumer	Elul	11	August 28
Joseph Silver	Elul	11	August 28
Curt Linds	Elul	11	August 28
Willy Lobel	Elul	12	August 29
Karoly Feuer	Elul	13	August 30

In Mourning: Emil Karp, Nathan Ostrow, Gangolf Herman, Elizabeth Klein, Judy Morton

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