

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Friday, June 24      7:15 pm  
Family Shabbat Service with Eli  
8:15 pm  
Congregational Shabbat  
Service

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Saturday, August 20      10:00 am  
Bar Mitzvah of Safi-Rakoff  
Bellman, son of Ruth Rakoff &  
Tom Bellman

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Saturday, September 10      pm  
Bat Mitzvah of Jack Growe,  
son of Julia and dam Grow

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Saturday, September 17      10:00 am  
Bat Mitzvahs of Emma and  
Kelsey Fergus, daughters of  
Harriet & Jonathan Gooman

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Saturday, September 17      pm  
Bat Mitzvah of Mini,  
daughter of Guela Sollow  
Ruda and Harry Ruda

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Saturday, September 24      10:00 am  
Bar Mitzvah of Jacob  
Erdos-Levine, son of  
Yvette Erdos-Levine and  
Mark Levine

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Wednesday, September 28      8:00 pm  
Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

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### HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS

To order High Holiday tickets and select a preferred service time, please fill in the attached information form or go to:-

[www.memberarea.congregationhabonim.org](http://www.memberarea.congregationhabonim.org)

Fill it in on-line.

Please note that all the information needs to be filled in order to process your ticket order. We thank you for your cooperation.

**ORDER FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 15, 2011 TO GUARANTEE YOUR PREFERRED TIMES.**

Members who do not communicate their service preference will be assigned a service based on available seating.

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## HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, September 28**  
Erev Rosh Hashana 8:00 pm

**Thursday, September 29**  
Rosh Hashana early service 8:30 am  
Rosh Hashana late service 11:00 am  
Children's service 9:00 am

**Friday, September 30**  
Rosh Hashana second day 10:00 am

**Friday, October 7**  
Kol Nidre early service 6:00 pm  
Kol Nidre late service 8:30 pm

**Saturday, October 8**  
Yom Kippur early service 8:30 am  
Yom Kippur late service 11:00 am  
Children's service 9:00 am  
Tashlich (at Alexander Muir Park) 4:00 pm  
Mincha, Neilah (services resume) 5:00 pm  
Havdalah (suitable for children) 7:30 pm

**Thursday, October 20**  
Shemini Atzeret Yiskor service 10:00 am

**Thursday, October 20**  
Simchat Torah Celebration 7:00 pm

### Guest Tickets

**Cost:** Guest tickets are \$100 per adult aged 19 and over, and \$50 per child aged 18 or less.

**Eligibility Restrictions:** Habonim members may purchase guest tickets at these prices for:

- Out-of-town visiting family members
- Local friends or family members who are considering becoming members of Habonim (one time only).

Local friends or family members that have in the past attended services at Habonim as guests may purchase tickets at the non-member cost of \$250 per ticket. There is no children's rate in this case.

### Payment:

Use the Member Information form to indicate the full names of your guests, and whether they are adult or child. Make payment either online with a credit card or by including a cheque with your form, if mailed in.

### Delivery or Pick Up:

Guest tickets will be mailed out along with member tickets provided the request is received before Aug 15, 2011. For requests received after this date, there will be two opportunities to pick up tickets at the synagogue:

- Thursday, September 22, 6:30 to 8:00 PM
- Monday, September 26, 6:30 to 8:00 PM

### Children's Services:

Habonim holds 2 children's services at the church across the street, on first day Rosh Hashana and on Yom Kippur. These services begin at 9:00 AM and are approximately 1 hr 15 minutes in length.

The services are very participatory and hands-on. They are geared towards elementary school aged children. Some older children might find the service engaging, while others will prefer the regular service. They are welcome to attend either.

Note that children should not be left unsupervised at the children's service. At least one adult is expected to attend the service with a child or group of children.

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## HIGH HOLIDAY HONOURS CLINICS

Eli Rubenstein will be holding several clinics in September, prior to the High Holidays, aimed at members who would like to participate in the services by taking on honours, but perhaps feel they are uncertain of what to do. Eli will go over the following honours:

Aliyah (Being called to the Torah)  
Hagba'ah (Lifting the Torah)  
Glilah (Dressing the Torah)  
Opening the Ark

Everyone participating will have a chance to become familiar with the honours by going through the sequence of tasks and/or prayers in a no-pressure setting. It is hoped that this will help make more members comfortable taking on honours during the High Holidays.

To gauge interest level, please send an email to:  
[highholiday.habonim@gmail.com](mailto:highholiday.habonim@gmail.com)  
if you or any of your family members are interested in participating.

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## YOUNG ADULTS OF HABONIM

Y.A.H. (Young Adults of Habonim) is hosting a multi-faith event on July 14th at The University of Toronto Multi-Faith Center at 7 pm sharp. This is the exciting result of a lot of hard work and careful planning by our members. We have invited various religious and cultural groups to gather and each teach a song from their faith or culture to the entire group. This promises to be a rare opportunity to embrace and engage our multi-cultural society and not just observe it from afar. Come and watch the event or feel free to participate with the Habonim contingency to present and teach the song "Hine Ma Tov". Please direct your questions to Matthew James at: [matt-r-james@rogers.com](mailto:matt-r-james@rogers.com).

## DOCUMENTARY FILM SERIES – FALL 2011

We have screened almost a dozen internationally acclaimed documentary films at Congregation Habonim since this program was initiated. They have dealt with subject matter of relevance to us as Jews and of historical significance to us all. From September to December 2011, including Holocaust Education Week we have monthly screenings planned.

We hope that you will join us. We will endeavour to follow each screening with a panel discussion consisting of relevant experts, hopefully the film maker and others with intimate knowledge and experience of the subject. Of course everything comes at a cost. We do ask for a donation at the door, but with advertising and a few related costs we are mostly out of pocket. Without our sponsor

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we would have long folded up our projection screen and gone home. We thank TriDelta Financial for their support in making this series possible.

Please join us. Bring a few friends along. You do not have to be a member of Congregation Habonim to attend these screenings.

### **September 17:**

Song of The Lodz Ghetto

[www.7thart.com/films/Song-of-the-Lodz-Ghetto](http://www.7thart.com/films/Song-of-the-Lodz-Ghetto)

### **October 23:**

Jews in Baseball

[www.jewsandbaseball.com](http://www.jewsandbaseball.com)

### **November 10: (Holocaust Education Week)**

No. 4 Street of Our Lady

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt1347072>

### **December 11:**

The Heart From Auschwitz TBC

[http://mhmc.ca/media\\_library/files/4b1427b1b3e3e.pdf](http://mhmc.ca/media_library/files/4b1427b1b3e3e.pdf)

Paul Kuttner

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## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CONGREGATION HABONIM

was held on Sunday, June 12, 2011 from 10:00 to 12:30. There were approximately 30 people in attendance.

Prior to the meeting attendees were served breakfast and treated to a guest speaker—the Yiddish language scholar and author Shirley Kumove—who gave a fascinating talk on lost Yiddish expressions.

Highlights of the meeting included: Yodfat Snir-Mandil, principal of the Jewish Heritage School gave a report on the school as her 2-year old son strummed Eli's guitar. Yodfat made an appeal to Holocaust survivors in the congregation to share their stories with the children of the school next year.

Ted Rechtshaffen gave a report on the synagogue finances, which continue to be tight due to ongoing building repair expenses and slightly reduced membership.

However, overall the synagogue's financial health is good.

Trisha Orzech reported on the Habonim History Project that she and her husband Rafael are leading, which is progressing nicely.

Former board member (1990's) and 96-year old member Hans Schaeffer, looking and sounding like a much younger man, suggested that Habonim offer naming rights to a new building as a way of raising significant funds, as was recently done at the former United Synagogue Day School, now the Robbins Hebrew Academy. This launched an interesting discussion on fundraising and how to go about it.

Two new directors were added to the Board of Directors. We are pleased to welcome Jaime Slavin and Karen Weinstein and look forward to the new skills and perspectives they will bring. Jaime

founded a Habonim young adults group this past year and is doing a great job getting it off the ground. She is herself a graduate of our Sunday school. Karen is a former labour lawyer, a significant volunteer to several charities and an entrepreneur. We are delighted with these great additions to the Board.

The full slate of directors is as follows:

Ted Rechtshaffen	-	co-president
Tom Bellman	-	co-president
Adrienne Chajes	-	director
Morry Edelstein	-	director
Dianne Erdos-Rush	-	director
Marie Finklestein	-	director
Sander Gibson	-	director
Shelly Haber	-	director
Marjorie Kramer	-	director
Paul Kuttner	-	director
Saundra Levy	-	ex officio
Eli Rubenstein	-	ex officio
Jaime Slavin	-	director
Gail Wakeam	-	director
Lottie Watson	-	director
Karen Weinstein	-	director

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## JEWISH HERITAGE SCHOOL END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION

On the evening of Tuesday June 7, 2011 the Jewish Heritage School held its end-of-year celebration, which, as is our custom at Habonim, coincides with Shavuot. The evening featured a wonderful Shavuot play performed by the children, rousing renditions of "Torah Torah", Debbie Friedman's "Hebrew Alphabet Song" and "613 Commandments" songs, and a photo slideshow reviewing the year's activities. Elizabeth prepared a delicious dinner for those in

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attendance. Special thanks to Yodfat and the teachers for organizing such a great event.

Members of the Bnei Mitzvah group were also on hand to display their social justice/tikun olam projects to the assembled. The youth have been researching and doing volunteer work on their topics, some of which include hunger, poverty, animal rights, and the environment.

All the children performed wonderfully in speech and song. However, I would be remiss if I did not mention the stellar performance of Hanna Katsir in the role of the Almighty. Standing tall on Eli's leather stool, Hanna delivered the Ten Commandments to Moses and the Israelites with a loud, clear voice and great enthusiasm.

The school leadership has done a great job this year, and we are pleased to have both our principal and head of the Bnei Mitzvah group returning next year. Yodfat Snir-Mandil has created a wonderful atmosphere in the school, among both the children and staff, and we are very excited at the possibilities for next year. And Julie Rae-King has made the Bnei Mitzvah program a great success in her 2 years in the position. Thank you to both of you for your hard work.

### **School Registration**

The Jewish Heritage School is open for registration for next year. Please mention our school to anyone you know with children in grades 1 through 6 looking for a supplementary school option. The shul is offering free synagogue membership until the end of 2011 to families registering children at the school for the first time. Fee discounts are available for registering before July 15, 2011.

For more information, or to register, contact Cathy, our registrar, at:

(416) 322-0749 or at

info@jewishheritageschool.com.

### **VE'AHAVTA CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST**

I live, if somewhat modestly, in a very comfortable personal cocoon. There is tea in the cupboard, fresh produce in the crisper in the fridge and ample tofu for when I feel the need to be nutritionally grounded. I shower when I want to and thank you, yes, all indoor plumbing is working just fine. I have a wonderfully supportive family and I dote constantly on my 20 month old granddaughter.

Then I sat, while all the air was sucked out of the room last Sunday afternoon, as one after another, the winners of the 2011 Ve'ahavta Creative Writing Contest read their submissions. Each was well expressed. Each was true and personal. Each exuded an almost uncomfortable raw emotion of life experiences and danger, very foreign to my boring existence. There was great pride in accomplishment and gratitude among the winners, and heartfelt applause from those who came to support them.

I heard about a new grass roots Street Academy run by graduates who have hauled themselves back into the mainstream, that needs more profile. It was an awakening and a very different kind of celebration. Afterwards there was a sponsored dinner which gave us the opportunity to talk with the winners.

Do yourself and your teenage children a favour. Be there next year. Not to feel sorry for someone less fortunate, but to applaud the enormous courage of putting words and images to paper that appear to launch the dignity building process for the hundreds of authors who participate. Perhaps it might be appropriate to voice a challenge to any Habonim member to take a small step forward, please to sponsor a prize. Then come and experience the afternoon.

Well done Avrum and your small army of volunteers.

Paul Kuttner

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## DONATIONS

### **Greetings:**

Congratulations to Andrea Litvack and Sander Gibson on your upcoming marriage -Beryl Gibson

### **In Memoriam:**

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

Deepest sympathy to Eli Rubenstein on the loss of your father, Israel  
Isadore Rubenstein - Barbara and Harry Wylde

In memory of Eli Rubinstein's father - Laura Crangle

In memory of Edith Rosen – Frank and Lillian Goodman

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### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:**

www.JewishHeritageSchool.com

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Call Linda Brager at (416) 488-0282

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## JAHRZEITEN JULY 2011

<i>To be read at</i>	<i>Services</i>	
Sen. David Croll	Sivan 29	Jul 1, 2011
Saul A. Junger	Tammuz 1	Jul 3, 2011
Nellie Sperlinger	Tammuz 1	Jul 3, 2011
Jack Jacobson	Tammuz 2	Jul 4, 2011
Dorothy Pecaut	Tammuz 2	Jul 4, 2011
Celia Kofman	Tammuz 2	Jul 4, 2011
Michael Szende	Tammuz 2	Jul 4, 2011

Marie Schwartz	Tammuz 3	Jul 5, 2011	Matthew John Silver	Tammuz 18	Jul 20, 2011
John Pachner	Tammuz 5	Jul 7, 2011	Fannie Saslove	Tammuz 18	Jul 20, 2011
Stuart Allan Roebuck	Tammuz 7	Jul 9, 2011	Sadie Scudwick	Tammuz 18	Jul 20, 2011
Ben Levy	Tammuz 7	Jul 9, 2011	Joseph Lees	Tammuz 19	Jul 21, 2011
Miriam Burrows	Tammuz 8	Jul 10, 2011	Mendel Bain	Tammuz 19	Jul 21, 2011
Rae Steuermann	Tammuz 9	Jul 11, 2011	Joseph Lees	Tammuz 19	Jul 21, 2011
Sam Cukier	Tammuz 10	Jul 12, 2011	Milton Alexander Cadsby	Tammuz 19	Jul 21, 2011
Margot Cige	Tammuz 11	Jul 13, 2011	Joseph Blum	Tammuz 19	Jul 21, 2011
Feri Knapp	Tammuz 12	Jul 14, 2011	Esther Storm	Tammuz 21	Jul 23, 2011
Leo Lowenthal	Tammuz 12	Jul 14, 2011	Harry Mendell	Tammuz 22	Jul 24, 2011
Franz Joseph Weiner	Tammuz 12	Jul 14, 2011	Karl Adolph Marx	Tammuz 24	Jul 26, 2011
Gabriela Sara Kacer	Tammuz 13	Jul 15, 2011	Litzie Binder	Tammuz 25	Jul 27, 2011
Mendle Yazer	Tammuz 15	Jul 17, 2011	Regine and Samuel Platschek	Tammuz 26	Jul 28, 2011
Louis M. Schwartz	Tammuz 15	Jul 17, 2011	Florence Yazer	Tammuz 29	Jul 31, 2011
Edward Harris	Tammuz 16	Jul 18, 2011	Leo Kohn	Av 1	Aug 1, 2011
Elise Marx	Tammuz 16	Jul 18, 2011	Barbara Gaspard	Av 1	Aug 1, 2011
George Bernard Sion	Tammuz 17	Jul 19, 2011	Henry Rosenberg	Av 1	Aug 1, 2011
Alan Wayne	Tammuz 18	Jul 20, 2011	Lupu Buium	Av 3	Aug 3, 2011
Ruth Libman	Tammuz 18	Jul 20, 2011	Tamara Goldman	Av 7	Aug 7, 2011

Erna Neubieser	Av 8	Aug 8, 2011	Valerie Fine	Av 21	Aug 21, 2011
Darran Soskin	Av 9	Aug 9, 2011	Amalia Silberstein	Av 23	Aug 23, 2011
Rachel Stern	Av 9	Aug 9, 2011	Nina Zlotkin	Av 24	Aug 24, 2011
Susan Feuer	Av 9	Aug 9, 2011	Martha Weinlaub	Av 24	Aug 24, 2011
Irving Glatt	Av 11	Aug 11, 2011	Jacob Cohen	Av 24	Aug 24, 2011
Sarah Stein	Av 13	Aug 13, 2011	Otilie Weiss	Av 25	Aug 25, 2011
Vera Spitz	Av 13	Aug 13, 2011	Millie Lindsay	Av 25	Aug 25, 2011
Marvin Hochman	Av 14	Aug 14, 2011	Esther Vijeveno-Blom	Av 26	Aug 26, 2011
Albert Weinberg	Av 15	Aug 15, 2011	Labol Levy	Av 29	Aug 29, 2011
Bessie Goldberg	Av 15	Aug 15, 2011	Siegfried Justitz	Elul 1	Aug 31, 2011
Judith Lengyel	Av 17	Aug 17, 2011			
Philip Dickman	Av 17	Aug 17, 2011			
Willie Fleischeer	Av 18	Aug 18, 2011			
Schlomoh Leufer	Av 19	Aug 19, 2011			
Sue Winitz Rosen	Av 19	Aug 19, 2011			

**In mourning:**

Labol Levy, Robert Cook, Bernard Simon, Richard Goranson, Rosalyn Borins, Tamarah Buium.

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