

JAHREZEITEN MAY 2005

Jahrzeiten to be read at the Service on June 24, 2005

John Goldsten	Sivan	18 June 25
Rebecca Persiko	Sivan	19 June 26
Eric Parieser	Sivan	19 June 26
Anne Levy	Sivan	19 June 26
Irving J. Halperin	Sivan	20 June 27
Fancia Gottlieb	Sivan	21 June 28
Yolande Jakabb	Sivan	21 June 28
Ludwig Neubieser	Sivan	22 June 29
David Jakabb	Sivan	23 June 30
Richard Moldauer	Sivan	24 July 1
Isaac Isaacson	Sivan	26 July 3
Samuel Lewkowicz	Sivan	26 July 3
Sally Egnal	Sivan	28 July 5
Nigel Walsh	Sivan	28 July 5
Sen. David Croll	Sivan	29 July 6
Saul A. Junger	Tammuz	1 July 8
Nellie Sperlinger	Tammuz	1 July 8
Pecaut Dorothy	Tamuz 2	July 9
Celia Kofman	Tammuz	2 July 9
Michael Szende	Tammuz	2 July 9
Marie Schwartz	Tammuz	3 July 10

John Pachner	Tammuz	5 July 12
Stuart Allan Roebuck	Tammuz	7 July 14
Ben Levy	Tammuz	7 July 14
Margot Cige	Tammuz	11 July 18
Feri Knapp	Tammuz	12 July 19
Leo Lowenthal	Tammuz	12 July 19
Franz Joseph Weiner	Tammuz	12 July 19
Gabriela Sara Kacer	Tammuz	13 July 20
Louis M. Schwartz	Tammuz	15 July 22
Edward Harris	Tammuz	16 July 23
Elise Marx	Tammuz	16 July 23
George Bernard Sion	Tammuz	17 July 24
Ruth Libman	Tammuz	18 July 25
Matthew John Silver	Tammuz	18 July 25
Fannie Saslove	Tammuz	18 July 25
Sadie Scudwick	Tammuz	18 July 25
Joseph Lees	Tammuz	19 July 26
Mendel Bain	Tammuz	19 July 26
Joseph Lees	Tammuz	19 July 26
Joseph Blum	Tammuz	19 July 26
Esther Storm	Tammuz	21 July 28

In mourning: Nathan Ostrow, Ilsa Haim,
Jacob Hirsh, Kevin Ford, Louis Fischoff

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Saturday, May 7 10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Ryan, son of
Michael and Julie Kleinman

Saturday, May 14 10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Ari Korn,
son of Kim Beckman and
George Popper

Saturday, May 21 10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Amanda
Roth, daughter of Susan and
Nathan Roth

Friday, May 27 8:15 pm Shabbat Eve Service and
Oneg Shabbat

Saturday, May 28 10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of David
Kleiman, Son of Debbie
Schachter and Irwin Kleiman

Sunday, May 29 3:00 pm Annual General Meeting

Saturday, June 4 10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Alexander
Melvin Son of Sheila McCrae
& Jeff Melvin

Saturday, June 4 p.m. Bar Mitzvah of Micah
Bellman, Son of Ruth Rakoff
& Tom Bellman

Sunday, June 5 10:00 am Breakfast Club: **Gerald
Ziedenisberg, *The Vanishing
Diaspora***

Sunday, June 12 8:30 - Shavuot Eve Story Telling
10 pm *Early Session*
10:30 -
midnight *Late Session*

Tuesday, June 14 10:00 am Shavuot Yiskor Service

Saturday, June 18 10:00 am Bar Mitzvah of Isaac, son of
Lorraine and Kevin Sliwowitz

Saturday, June 25 10:00 am Bat Mitzvah of Elisabeth,
daughter of Mary and Paul
Lindsay

Friday, June 24 8:15pm Shabbat Eve Service and
Oneg Shabbat

BREAKFAST CLUB

The June meeting of the Breakfast Club will be the last one of the season and it promises to be interesting and thought provoking. The speaker will be **Gerald Ziedenisberg**, BSC Pharmacy, BA History, Honours Degree History, lecturer in the US and Canada on many topics including history, trials and key events of the 20th century.

Mr. Ziedenisberg's topic: *The Vanishing Diaspora* will probe Jewish demographics and the declining numbers of Jews throughout Europe and even North America. His talk will explore what happened after the Shoah, focusing on England, France, Eastern Europe and especially Russia, and will be supported by some surprising statistics.

Join us on Sunday, June 5 10 a.m. Breakfast and lecture \$6.

HIGH HOLIDAYS COMMITTEE

We are in the process of putting together a High Holidays Committee. This will be a committee of members who will organize all activities around the upcoming New Year services. These tasks would include assigning honours and aliyahs during services, finding individuals to give sermons, help with ushering etc. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** Please help by volunteering to ensure that we all enjoy the High Holidays in September.

Please call Samantha Goldman at 416-483-1277.

COMMUNICATIONS TO MEMBERS

The Board would like to connect with our members on a more frequent basis and are in the process of creating a Marketing & Communications committee. We are investigating all avenues of communication including email, voice mail box alerts as well as re-instating the phone tree. Adrienne Chajes will be calling each of you to determine which is your preferred method of communication. Please give her all of the information she requires. In the meantime, should you wish to receive information by email please send an email with your name, spouse & children's name(s), address and telephone number along with email address to:

Habonim@sympatico.ca

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 29th at 3:00pm at the synagogue. We have been fortunate to have members volunteer their time for the board. **Thanks go to Paul Kuttner, George Popper, Tom Bellman, Clifford Lax and Dan Grant** for stepping forward to become members of the board. At the time of this bulletin two additional members have expressed their interest as well. Walter Steuermann has agreed to take on the responsibility of the Cemetery. Arthur Steuermann will be assisting him. **Thank you Walter and Arthur!!** It is only with the volunteer efforts of our members that Habonim will stay alive. Isn't it about time that you volunteered to help and to ensure the livelihood of **your** Synagogue??? To volunteer for a committee

or to volunteer any of your services, please call Samantha Goldman at 416-483-1277.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Sunday, May 30th!!

VE'AHAVTA – HABONIM SEDER

Some 130 men, women and children entered the sanctuary of Congregation Habonim on the second night of Pesach this year, to embody the Hagadah ethos: "Let all who are hungry, come eat."

This sixth annual Seder, co-sponsored by the synagogue and Ve'ahavta, the Canadian Jewish Humanitarian & Relief Committee, turned into a true feast of freedom for guests, volunteers and staff. Already festooned with murals and posters, which local day-school students had made, the room glowed with decorative touches – white tablecloths, floral centerpieces – and a spirit of sharing among the participants.

Habonim's Eli Rubenstein and Ve'ahavta's director, Avrum Rosensweig, led the service in a meaningful way that took into account the varied sensibilities of those attending. These include many homeless individuals, people often marginalized by our society, clients of JF&CS (Jewish Family and Child Service), members of many different faiths and various communities, as well as a number of Habonim congregants: Faye Wayne, Ruth Linz and her two nephews, Dennis & Hazel Bader, Donald Civitz and Larry Clements.

A talented band of musicians had already welcomed the guests with rousing melodies and then accompanied the leaders throughout on various songs. Some children sang and danced their way through "Mah Nishta Nah," inspiring many of the adults there to join in with wonderful traditional tunes throughout the evening (even a hora!).

The food, of course, was a major attraction. The guests enjoyed an array of treats that many generous caterers and individuals had donated. Habonim's energetic, amazing Elizabeth Takacs, who had been working with me for many days before, directed all the catering. An eager group of volunteers laboured with her to prepare, serve, give away leftovers and clean up: through brisket and kugel right past the final macaroon. Earlier in the evening, Darryl Borden, Ve'ahavta's director of homeless initiatives, delighted kids and

adults alike with great Afikomen gift baskets and toys.

I must admit that at times I was too immersed in the running of the Seder to be aware of every joyous detail. But earlier, when we had opened the doors just before 6:30 and our guests began their walk through to their seats, I was overcome with such respect for them and such gratitude for participating with them. Their dignity, their humility and what many had to overcome just to get to the shul is a great thing and sustained me even during some of the more hectic, stressful points in the evening. And I will always cherish the conversations I had with many guests in the weeks before the Seder, answering their questions, catching up after getting to know them from years past. It was an honour for my own family and me to be involved.

Habonim should feel proud of its legacy and partnership with Ve'ahavta in this wonderful event.

Harriet Eisenkraft,
Co-ordinator, Sixth Annual 2nd Night Seder

PERSONALIA

Warmest congratulations to **Gerda Gottlieb** on the birth of her great-grandson Daniel.

Our condolences go to the family of **Kate Schaeffer**, who passed away in April.

At 102 years old, Kate Schaeffer was likely the oldest member of Habonim. She and her late husband were of the founding members of the Congregation. Mr. Schaeffer was the musical director and organist at our services for many years.

DONATIONS

Greetings:

Mazeltov and best wishes to **Gerda Gottlieb** on the birth of your new great grandchild, Daniel - Tina Patton and Edith Rosen.

In Memoriam:

In memory of my beloved mother, Barbara Gaspard - Peggy Pachner

In loving memory of my dear husband, John Pachner - Peggy Pachner

Remembering with love our dear Mother, Hettie Goldberg - Marcus Goldberg and Phyllis Mint.

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