

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Friday, May 30 8:15pm Shabbat Eve Service  
And Oneg Shabbat

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Saturday, May 31 10:00am Bar Mitzvah of Daniel  
Hoffman, Son of Rhonda  
Page and Richard Hoffman

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Sunday, June 8 10:00am Discussion – A View of  
the Future

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Sunday, June 8 7:30 – 9 p.m. Hebrew School  
Graduation and  
9 - 11 p.m. Shavuot Story Telling

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Saturday, June 14 p. m. Bat Mitzvah of Laura,  
daughter Of Jo-anne and  
Jon Packer

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Wednesday, June 18 7:00pm Annual General Meeting

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Friday, June 20 7 – 7:45pm Family Shabbat Service  
With Eli Rubenstein

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Saturday, June 21 10:00am Bar Mitzvah of Gabriel,  
son of Paul and Mary  
Lindsay

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

## PLEASE HELP

Samantha Goldman has served Habonim as President for a long time. Now her work at Microsoft requires her to travel extensively, and she cannot devote the time and energy needed to continue as President. We are in urgent need of a capable and dedicated person to carry on and lead Habonim into the future. We have much to offer in fellowship and are excited about plans for the future. So if you have it in you, step forward and take on this exciting and rewarding position.

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## HABONIM - A VIEW OF THE FUTURE:

Congregation Habonim is embarking on the exciting process of envisioning the future for our synagogue.

With the help of Rhonda Page, a member of our board who is a branding specialist, we will be examining what's unique about our synagogue, what's our most important message and how we can get our message out in a powerful way to more people. We will be having a 4 hour brainstorming session lead by Rhonda at the synagogue on Sunday June 8th starting at 10 am and we would love you to join us in this fun and informative exercise and help us envision the future of Habonim. Food and refreshments will be served.

Please let me know if you can make it.

Samantha Goldman, President  
mailto: sgoldman@sympatico.ca"

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## HABONIM HEBREW SCHOOL GRADUATION

Sunday, June 8, 2008      7:30 Pm 9:00pm  
followed by a Special Evening of Storytelling in  
Honor of Shavuot.      9:00 11:00pm

## CONGREGATION HABONIM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Wednesday, June 18, 2008*  
*AGENDA*

1. Minutes of Meeting June 13th, 2007  
Diane Erdos-Rush, Secretary
  2. President's Report  
Samantha Goldman
  3. Treasurer's Report  
Ted Rechtshaffen, Treasurer
  4. Property update  
Building Committee
  5. Spiritual Leader  
Eli Rubenstein/Avrum Rosensweig
  6. Committee reports As necessary
  7. Elections
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## PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS:

<i>President</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Andrew Szende</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Rhonda Page</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Ted Rechtshaffen</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Dianne Erdos-Rush</i>
<i>Past President</i>	<i>Samantha Goldman</i>

*Board Members until 2009*

*Lottie Watson*  
*Fred Levy*  
*Andrew Szende*  
*Tom Bellman*  
*Paul Kuttner*  
*George Popper*

*Board Members until 2011*

*Saundra Levy*  
*Morry Edelstein*  
*Brian Green*

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**CONGREGATION HABONIM HIGH HOLIDAY  
SERVICES 2008**

Once again, High Holiday Services will be divided into separate early and late services on the first day of Rosh Hashana, on Kol Nidre and on Yom Kippur. We do this to provide seating for everyone without going off-site.

The times of the services will be:

Monday, September 29	
Erev Rosh Hashana	8:00 pm
Tuesday, September 30	
Rosh Hashana early service	8:30 am
Rosh Hashana late service	11:00 am
children's service	9:00 am
Wednesday, October 1	
Rosh Hashana second day	10:00 am
Wednesday, October 8	
Kol Nidre early service	6:00 pm
Kol Nidre late service	8:30 pm
Thursday, October 9	
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)	7:15 pm
Saturday, October 18	
Sukkot-Yiskor service	10:00 am
Tuesday, October 21	
Simchat Torah	7:15 pm

We will provide you with tickets for the same services you had ordered last year. Return this form **ONLY** if you are requesting a different service or need to purchase tickets.

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 less time constraints. Especially on Yom Kippur, when the late service will continue through the day for those who wish to stay at synagogue. There will be a short break before Neilah service.

Tickets are available for family non-members (older than 18) and guests. You may purchase tickets now for your guests. Only members may purchase tickets, and tickets will not be sold to the public.

Choose your service by returning this 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 don't return the form, we will try to give you the same services as last year

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## Habonim High Holiday Ticket Request 2008

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate age if less than 19 years old.

service preference:  early     late

members       request to purchase ticket, cheque enclosed

If you are requesting a ticket for a non-member (including member's children 19 years and older) send a cheque for \$100(\$50 for children younger than 19), along with the above information , to Congregation Habonim.

Please make your requests before August 15.

Purchases and changes after that will only be done in person and at the synagogue on Thursday, Sept. 18 and Monday, Sept. 22, between 4 and 6 pm.

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Return to: Congregation Habonim,  
5 Glen Park Ave.,  
Toronto M6B 4J2

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## WE ARE BLESSED, WITH RESPONSIBILITY

*By Avrum Rosensweig*

The rich swell up with pride, the poor from hunger.  
- Sholom Aleichem

It's really quite a blessing that has been bestowed upon us, who live in Canada in 2008. While not everyone in our city or our community is wealthy, the vast majority of our citizens have access to food, shelter, medical care and the tools to better ourselves as Jews and citizens of this earth.

If, God forbid, we need an ambulance, the arrival time here in Toronto averages eight minutes. In the rainforests of Guyana, South America, there are no ambulances. If we need immediate social assistance, Welfare Canada will cut you an emergency cheque the same afternoon. In Zimbabwe, welfare does not exist. Shelters are available in our city year around and we have enough beds to assist those who are the most vulnerable among us. In Brazil, many of the homeless children sleep on the street.

If you need a suit to attend a job interview and don't have one there is a non-profit organization that will help you. If you are getting married and don't have a wedding dress, an organization exists that will give you one to ensure that you walk down the aisle with honor.

Our blessings are aplenty.

Sometimes it's important however to look outside of our village to determine how fortunate we really are. The following are some facts dealing with malnutrition and poverty in the world as provided by The Hunger Project (United Nations), CARE and Patricia Hewitt, British Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

About 25,000 people die every day from hunger or hunger related causes. Three-quarters of the deaths are children under the age of five;

At least 1.2 billion people - a fifth of the world's population - are living on less than \$1 a day;

Today 10 per cent of children in developing countries die before the age of five, down from 28% fifty years ago;

6 million children under the age of 5 die every year as a result of hunger;

Famine and wars cause just 10 per cent of hunger deaths, although these tend to be the ones you hear about most often. The majority of hunger deaths are caused by chronic malnutrition. Families simply cannot get enough to eat because of their extreme poverty;

The basic health and nutrition needs of the world's poorest people could be met for an additional \$13 billion a year. (World military expenditure in 2006 is estimated to have reached \$1.2 trillion).

In the words of the old Yiddish writers, 'oy' - there is much work to do.

As we approach the summer months and take the

opportunity to enjoy the lush green and wooded landscape of our province and country, consider the following: We have the good fortune to live here at this time in history, where our sons and daughters are not taken off to war, and where we are virtually unchallenged by external forces in a bid to better ourselves and to attain the spiritual and material means we choose.

So, when the warm summer sun shines down on you as you watch your child swimming in a cool, clean lake, think for a moment how you can be part of improving the lives of others, who share this world yet live such different, often dangerous and nutritionally limited, lives.

Then consider that you, we, have the ability to repair the world (tikun olam). Stop at points during the laughter and frolicking and consider aloud what you, your family, our community and our shul can do for those who would love so many of the gifts we have - especially three meals a day.

I see examples of tikun olam happening around me all the time and I therefore celebrate and have much faith in the ability of humankind to achieve greatness, to make sure every little mouth is fed.

Love your life and embrace the cool summer evening winds. And then turn to the one's you love so much and say, how grand it will be when all of the world's children are as blessed as we are. How might we make that so?

The rest will follow. Have a blessed and worldly summer!

## DONATIONS

### **In Memoriam:**

To Arnie Zipursky in loving memory of your parents, Abe and Bella Zipursky - The Bongard Family

In loving memory of my dear parents, Bernard and Sophie Sion - Rhoda Sio

I was saddened to hear of the passing of May Marx - she was a good friend to many of us and a loyal supporter of the Congregation - Gerda Gottlieb

In memory of Jack Van Der Hout - Sylvia Van Der Hout

### **In appreciation:**

Bluma Firestone, Avrum Rosensweig, Eli Rubenstein and Elizabeth Takacs - thank you for making our day so special - Wendy Halbert, and Gary and Matthew Silverberg

PERSONALIA

Many thanks to Congregation Habonim for the card and good wishes during my stay at the hospital. I am back home now and feeling fine. Edith Rosen

We are saddened to report the passing of Habonim members Kenneth Kagan and Mary Slomen. We extend our condolences to their families.

**ONEG SHABBAT SPONSORS**

VIERA & PETER LEDERER WISH TO SPONSOR THE  
ONEG SHABBAT MAY 30TH, 2008  
IN HONOUR OF THEIR FIRST GRANDCHILD.

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www.congregationhabonim.org

**OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

office@congregationhabonim.org

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To **SEND GREETING CARDS and DONATIONS**

call Rhoda Sion at (416) 782-9663 or write to  
716 - 660 Eglinton Ave. W., Toronto M5N 1C3

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

Call Dianne Erdos-Rush at (416) 630-7921  
or e-mail to: [dijer@sympatico.ca](mailto:dijer@sympatico.ca)

**TO BUY A LEAF FOR EITZ CHAIM** for any  
occasion call Miriam Ostrow at (416) 661-0949  
Leaf \$175

**QUESTIONS OR NOTICES RE JAHRZEITEN:**

Call Linda Brager at (416) 488-028

JAHRZEITEN

*To Be Read at the Services in June, 2008*

Lewis Finestone	Iyar 28	June 2
Ethel Spector	Iyar 28	June 2
Isadore Haber	Iyar 28	June 2
Hyman Charkow	Iyar 28	June 2
Giselle Pollak	Iyar 28	June 2
Edith Tarshis	Iyar 29	June 3
Allan Lax	Iyar 29	June 3
Lois H. Sufrin-Spigel	Iyar 29	June 3
Guenther H. Orbach	Sivan 5	June 8
Bela Erdos	Sivan 5	June 8
Zelda Stein	Sivan 9	June 12

Abraham Schalman	Sivan 9	June 12
Margit Weinberg	Sivan 10	June 13
Tina Patton	Sivan 11	June 14
Harry Chas. Gottlieb	Sivan 12	June 15
Kay Fink	Sivan 12	June 15
Sima Muskat	Sivan 13	June 16
Adolph Weiss	Sivan 13	June 16
Alice Engel	Sivan 14	June 17
Gary Rosen	Sivan 14	June 17
Bella Isaak	Sivan 14	June 17
Irene and Leopold Stamberger	Sivan 14	June 17
George Spitz	Sivan 15	June 18
Emerich Sperlinger	Sivan 15	June 18
Lola Fleischer	Sivan 15	June 18
Matthew Emas	Sivan 17	June 20
Moses Goldberg	Sivan 17	June 20
George Lednar	Sivan 18	June 21
John Goldsten	Sivan 18	June 21
Rebecca Persiko	Sivan 19	June 22
Eric Parieser	Sivan 19	June 22
Anne Levy	Sivan 19	June 22
Irving J. Halperin	Sivan 20	June 23
Yolande Jakabb	Sivan 21	June 24
Fancia Gottlieb	Sivan 21	June 24
Ludwig Neubieser	Sivan 22	June 25
David Jakabb	Sivan 23	June 26
Richard Moldauer	Sivan 24	June 27
Isaac Isaacson	Sivan 26	June 29
Samuel Lewkowicz	Sivan 26	June 29

**In mourning:**

Jack Jacobson, Miriam Burrows, Darran Soskin,  
Otto Fleisher, Rachel Stern, Richard Morton, Percy  
Weinstein, Sydney Kuttner, Naomi Wilson, David  
Kachuck, May Marx

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