

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Friday, February 25	8:15pm	Shabbat Eve Service and Oneg Shabbat
Saturday, February 26	10:00am	Bat Mitzvah of Alexis, Daughter of Abbie and Steve Erlichman
Saturday, February 26	p.m.	Bat Mitzvah of Anne, Daughter of Deborah and Steven Cass
Sunday, March 6	10:00am	Breakfast Club: Henry Wellisch <i>How I Climbed my Family Tree</i>
Friday, March 25	8:15pm	Shabbat Eve Service and Oneg Shabbat

BREAKFAST CLUB

After a long absence, the Breakfast Club is ready to provide a lively and interesting presentation: Henry Wellisch, past president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Toronto will talk about his experiences as he tried to learn about his family's history. During his quest he discovered many unlikely sources of information. Mr. Wellisch is willing to share his knowledge and his methods of research, also many exasperating as well as humorous anecdotes which he encountered during his search.

Sunday, March 6, 10a.m. Breakfast and talk still only \$6

On behalf of the congregation the Board of Directors would like to wish a hearty Mazel Tov to **Steve Erdos** on celebrating his (18th or was it 81st, I forget) birthday.

Roger

FILM NIGHT AT HABONIM

Sunday evening's Film Night at Habonim was a smash success. Pairing a film about Righteous Gentiles with a film chronicling the Gorbachev years in the Soviet Union provided us with a unique experience from two of our extremely talented members. We hold two-thumbs up for **both Anthony Green and Fern Levitt** on their extraordinary works.

Anthony Green's powerful short film **Pigeon** told a simple but poignant tale of the quiet heroism displayed by a 'righteous gentile' during the Nazi occupation of France. It is an incredibly moving piece, and the emotional impact stays with viewers long after the film has ended.

Fern Levitt's documentary **Gorbachev' Revolution** was interesting and informative. It helped the audience appreciate the tremendous impact this special man had on the Soviet Union, and on the world.

Musical entertainment complimented this evening with several songs sung by **Elisa Goldman** including the very moving Lay Down Your Arms. She was ably accompanied by **Moishe Posner** and **Esther Ghan Firestone**. The music added a beautiful element to the already rich evening.

Habonim took advantage of this event, which was organized in early December, to draw attention to the humanitarian efforts in Southeast Asia and Africa. We heard from **Sarah Zelcer** of Veahatva, about the work being done by this organization to assist in this crisis. **Deva Green**, sister of filmmaker Anthony Green, spoke about her efforts to raise money by selling Roots bracelets to students in her school and in other schools. **Tharshi Yoganathan**, a Tamil student from U of T, spoke to the audience. She has become the (un)official voice of her community and founded the Tamil Emergency Medical Service, to assist Tamils in Sri Lanka. She described the needs of the Sri Lankan Tamils in the northeast and how the Tsunami has made life extremely difficult for her people.

All in all, it was a very memorable evening and we were moved by the entire experience.

Thanks to all the organizers, presenters, and performers.

Karen and Neal Kadish

THANK YOU

for the Mitzvah by a few members of Congregation Habonim through our President Roger DeFreitas, to one of our members who lost his job due to illness. This recipient wishes to thank those anonymous members who offered prayers, gave encouragement and financial support. God bless you and your families.

OUR NEW WEBSITE:

www.congregationhabonim.org

Through the generosity of a new friend (www.netadvantage.ca) to Congregation Habonim, we have been given a gift, and now have a fully functioning Website.

Please add this to your "Favorites" list and visit it at least monthly.

Right now, we view it as a work-in-progress. Some details still need to be uploaded, and, as time goes by, we will add relevant photographs and other material that will enhance the site.

Why is www.congregationhabonim.org important?

For one thing it allows us to communicate to everyone.

As we work at cost savings, we plan to mail out less and less paper. Eventually, only those who specifically request it, will receive their newsletter in the mail.

We have many interesting events taking place. These will be posted for your information and be a reminder of the many benefits you can enjoy at our synagogue.

For those who are seeking and are involved in our education programs, including Bar/Bat mitzvah, you will find all the details and contact information you require.

Each month our spiritual leader will post a message, thoughts for the month, thoughts about the times and place we live in. He is an extremely eloquent person, so if you enjoy his writing, you are sure to enjoy his sermons at our Friday night and yom tov services.

We will add sections shortly. One area under development is "Our Simcha" where, for a modest price, you can post pictures of your simcha, be it a Bar/Bat mitzvah, wedding, new child/grand child/great grand child, baby naming, golden wedding anniversary etc.

Please pass this URL (www.congregationhabonim.org) to other members of our congregation, and to others who you

think may be interested to learn a little more about us.

We welcome your feedback. Any comments and suggestions should be sent to:
office@congregationhabonim.org, attention Paul.

Thank you

Roger De Freitas (President) and The Board of Directors,
Congregation Habonim

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DONATIONS

Recording Device

Albert Morton donated a state of the art recording device for the synagogue which records straight onto CD. It can be easily taught to anyone so that it is available for recording sermons, events etc on a regular basis. All in all, I have about 5-10 Habonim events recorded on CD, including one year's High Holiday Services,

Repair of the Roof:

We are gratified by the response to our appeal for help with repair of the roof and air conditioning of the Shul. It makes volunteering much more fulfilling when members respond to our appeal.

A very substantial donation was made by **Mrs. May Marx and Mr. Fred Rose** for the repair of the roof.

I thank May and Fred for responding so quickly and so generously.

Also, on behalf of the congregation, I would like to wish Fred a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

Roger

P.S. We are still in need of your donations for the repair of the roof and air conditioning.

GREETINGS

Ms. Sandy Posluns and Eli Barr; Art Linder in honour of Eli Rubenstein.

Felicia & Sam Cukier have purchased two sidurim in memory of Rose Kopelman, their beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Heartiest congratulations to Barbara Beaumont on your special birthday - **Kitty and Hans Schafer**

Honouring Stephen Halperin on his birthday - **Andrea Litvak and Sander Gibson**

Wishing a speedy recovery to Rae Steuermann – **Paula and Leon Nussbaum; Tina Patton and Edith Rosen**

Wishing Maureen DeFreitas a speedy recovery - **Paula and Leon Nussbaum**

IN MEMORIAM:

In loving memory of Meta Baumann - **Ruth Linz**

In loving memory of Mary and Edward Harris - **Neil Harris**

In memory of our beloved daughter, Susan Waitman - **Eva and Robert Baxter**

In memory of a loving father and grandfather, Nathan Burrows - **Laura, Jillian and Hilary Crangle**

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Albert Morton; Edward and Ziporah Kogut



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Small leaf \$175 Large leaf \$275

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QUESTIONS OR NOTICES RE JAHREZEITEN? Call Linda Braeger at 416-488-0282

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JAHREZEITEN

To be read at the service on	March 25, 2005		
Paul H. Massareck	Adar* 17	March 28	
Hilda Perlmutter	Adar* 19	March 30	
Joseph Krongold	Adar* 20	March 31	
Gerda Jackson	Adar* 20	March 31	
William Binder	Adar* 24	April 4	
Meyer Shapiro	Adar* 25	April 5	
John Patton	Adar* 26	April 6	
Erika Litvack	Adar* 29	April 9	
Stephen Kohn	Nisan 2	April 11	
Leon Kofman	Nisan 3	April 12	
Moe Koffman	Nisan 4	April 13	
Renee Goodis	Nisan 6	April 15	
Hettie Goldberg	Nisan 8	April 17	
Oskar Hastofsky	Nisan 8	April 17	
H. Bob Medline	Nisan 9	April 18	
Dr. Joseph Spitzer	Nisan 11	April 20	
Julius Jekel	Nisan 11	April 20	
Maurice Goodman	Nisan 12	April 21	
Michael Herstatt	Nisan 12	April 21	

Maria Paula Clavir	Nisan 13	April 22
Morris Buium	Nisan 14	April 23
Nathan Ostrow	Nisan 14	April 23
Elvira Weiss	Nisan 14	April 23
Olga Spitzer	Nisan 15	April 24
Fillip, Lucia, and Tommy Gottlieb	Nisan 15	April 24
Joan Blidner	Nisan 16	April 25
Helene Joy Grossman	Nisan 17	April 26
Hyman Ormsby	Nisan 17	April 26
Jerry Zweig	Nisan 17	April 26
Leon & Marie Urstein	Nisan 17	April 26
Evelyn Wilchesky	Nisan 18	April 27
Sarah Bell	Nisan 18	April 27
Gertrude Schneider	Nisan 18	April 27
Annie Hastofsky	Nisan 18	April 27
Leonard Vyner	Nisan 19	April 28

In mourning: Gangolf Herman, Elizabeth Klein, Judy Morton, Charles Mint, Esther Storm, Ilsa Haim, Jacob Hirsh, Louis Fischhoff

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