

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Friday, April 28	8:15 pm	Shabbat Eve Service and Oneg Shabbat
Friday, May 5	7:00 pm	Family Shabbat Service
Sunday, May 7	10:00 am	Breakfast Club: Selma Sage
Saturday, May 13	10:00 am	Bar Mitzvah of Daniel Gold Bersani, Son of Karen Gold and Joey Bersani
Saturday, May 20	10:00 am	Bat Mitzvah of Hannah Hersh, Daughter of Faye Cohen & Stacey Hirsh
Saturday, May 20	6:00 pm	Bnai Mitzvot of Iris and Mark Gottheil, Children of Barb Lubarsky and Lewis Gottheil
Friday, May 26	8:15 pm	Shabbat Eve Service and Oneg Shabbat
Saturday, May 27	p.m.	Bat Mitzvah of Talia, daughter of Antoinette and Robert Armstrong

BREAKFAST CLUB

The meeting in April was a great success! Eli Rubenstein kept us all spellbound with his witty and thoughtful stories connecting us to the bible, to our sages and to our history. The stories were entertaining and instructive. Eli has an endless store of wonderful stories, and we came away wanting to hear more.

The next meeting on May 7 will have an equally spellbinding speaker: **Selma Sage**, well known lecturer. She named her topic, "*la dor vador*" – From Generation To Generation. It is a story of one family during a period of seven generations: how the roles of Jewish women and men have changed!

Selma is always a joy to hear, her enthusiasm and her knowledge are irresistible. Do not miss this meeting!
Sunday, May 7 at 10 am.

PESACH: I AM A CHILD. I AM A MAN

It is springtime. It is Pesach time.

As a child, my sisters and I would scour our house for crumbs, which might have fallen from a plate we held while reading or playing. We would take each and every one of my father's (may he rest in peace) books off the shelves and dust the front cover, then the back ones and finally do a quick wipe of some of those large Talmudic pages. He was a bibliophile, my father was, and our task was to ensure his collection of 10,000 *Sepharim* (Jewish texts) were spotless, purified for *Pesach*.

I, like many of you I'm sure, feel a depth of warmth inside when I think about the *Sedarim* of years gone by, especially those of my early years. My Mother, God bless her, would set

the table for us - as if we were royalty -complete with the Passover plate and the funny looking shank bone and terribly distasteful *marror* – the bitter herbs. Later on in the evening when I would eat the *marror* sandwich and was instructed to remember: “All their labor was carried out under conditions of excessive force.” (Exodus 1:14) – in reference to the terrible plight of our Jewish ancestors - all I could do was wrinkle up my face, frantically reach for a glass of cold water and swear off horse radish (the main ingredient) for another year.

I was the youngest of five and therefore had the distinct honour of saying the *Ma N'ishtana* (The Four Questions). How special this moment was, as being the youngest then generally meant being the last in line for most things.

One year I decided I would learn this whimsical prayer in *Yiddish* – Far v'us is the nacht f'in Pesach, un'dish fin alla nacht fin a gunz yor?" (*Why is this night different from all other nights?*). I was so very proud of myself. I also remember thinking about my great-grandparents in Poland, and the trusting smiles on their face when they were little and perhaps lucky enough to be the youngest. I thought about their shtetls - Slipia and Biesechien - and the joy they and their neighbours must have felt sitting around the Pesach table.

Then I grew up and realized that Pesach was more than just a holiday with fanciful rituals and ritualistic items to compel the children to ask questions. I began to understand that those shtetls I had remembered as a child, no longer existed and wondered what happened to the little ones who once had happily asked the *F'eer Kashus* (The Four Questions).

It became clearer that freedom is a sister to slavery and reclining like a Queen or King (as we are instructed to do at the *Seder*) is mirrored by the plight of the poor and tattered who are searching for an open door where the people inside are bidding them to enter, by the words: *“those who are hungry let them come and eat.”*

The season has changed and we have joined our loved ones and friends at the Passover table. As children we should play, and incessantly ask questions: Why? Why? Why? Children are supposed to do that. Good luck with your answers!

As we get older, we can't help but remember those Jews who

died building the store houses for Pharaoh; who perished in Auschwitz while quietly singing the promising prayer – Day'einu; and those who are suffering this very moment through poverty in Israel, genocide in Sudan, and loneliness and hopelessness on the streets of Toronto.

But, as adults we must also sit back at the Seder, taste the sweet *charo-set* and as free people, dramatically and with fanfare, tell and retell the story of the Exodus, recollecting how we found our way back home to Israel, and discovered the uniqueness of the Jewish people and our ability to create extraordinary communities and congregations such as Habonim.

Chag Sameyach. Happy Pesach. Be free, play and remember!

Avrum Rosensweig

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PERSONALIA

Giselle Braun is happy to announce the birth of her first great-grandchild, a girl, Marni Gold, born to Tania and David Gold on April 7, 2006.

We are sad to announce the passing of a longtime member **Claire Urstein** February 14, 2006. Our condolence go out to Claire's family.

Mazal tov to **Maureen and Roger DeFreitas** on the wedding of their daughter Riva to Jonathan Tailor. Our warm wishes to the lovely young couple and their parents.



Rhoda Sion writes:

When I was in San Diego recently, we drove up the coast to Solana Beach where **Patti and David Goldfarb** operate "Hands on Cedros", located at 346B South Cedros Avenue.

The Art Gallery is a most attractive space and has a beautiful Judaica section. They also feature Canadian artists. If you're in the area, do drop by the Gallery. Patti and David would love to see you and you may even be tempted to buy something.

DONATIONS

Greetings:

Congratulations and best wishes to Denise Altman and family on the birth of grandson Aaron Frederick - Tina Patton

Wishing Maureen and Roger DeFreitas lots of naches on the marriage of their daughter, Riva - Nathan Kahn

In Memoriam:

Rae Steuermann and family have donated a set of Rimonim for one of our Torahs in Arthur's memory. We thank them for their generous donation. We know that the glow from the silver will always be a reminder of Arthur for all of us, as he always brought such warmth to our services. Thank you, Rae and family.

In loving memory of my wife and our mother, Judy – Albert Morton, Richard, Lawrence and Erica.

Remembering the 3rd anniversary of the death of Norman Clavir – his friend Peggy Pachner

With deepest sympathy to Mrs. E. Berger and family on the passing of Grete Hahn - Gerda Gottlieb, Edith Rosen

In loving memory of John Patton - Tina Patton

In loving memory of Alfred Jakabb, a dear brother and brother-in-law - Eric and Alice Jakabb

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

Remembering, with love, our dear brother, Stanley Goldberg - Marcus Goldberg and Phyllis Mint

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JAHRZEITEN

To be read at the service on May 26, 2006.

Lewis Finestone	Iyar	28	May 26
Ethel Spector	Iyar	28	May 26
Isadore Haber	Iyar	28	May 26
Hyman Charkow	Iyar	28	May 26
Giselle Pollak	Iyar	28	May 26
Edith Tarshis	Iyar	29	May 27
Allan Lax	Iyar	29	May 27
Lois H. Sufirin-Spigel	Iyar	29	May 27
Guenther H. Orbach	Sivan	5	June 1
Bela Erdos	Sivan	5	June 1

Zelda Stein	Sivan	9	June 5
Abraham Schalmann	Sivan	9	June 5
Margit Weinberg	Sivan	10	June 6
Harry Chas. Gottlieb	Sivan	12	June 8
Kay Fink	Sivan	12	June 8
Sima Muskat	Sivan	13	June 9
Adolph Weiss	Sivan	13	June 9
Alice Engel	Sivan	14	June 10
Gary Rosen	Sivan	14	June 10
Bella Isaak	Sivan	14	June 10
Irene and Leopold Stamberger			
	Sivan	14	June 10
George Spitz	Sivan	15	June 11
Emerich Sperlinger	Sivan	15	June 11
Lola Fleischer	Sivan	15	June 11
Matthew Emas	Sivan	17	June 13
Moses Goldberg	Sivan	17	June 13
John Goldstein	Sivan	18	June 14
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Rebecca Persiko	Sivan	19	June 15
Eric Parieser	Sivan	19	June 15
Anne Levy	Sivan	19	June 15
Irving J. Halperin	Sivan	20	June 16
Yolande Jakabb	Sivan	21	June 17
Fancia Gottlieb	Sivan	21	June 17
Ludwig Neubieser	Sivan	22	June 18
David Jakabb	Sivan	23	June 19
Richard Moldauer	Sivan	24	June 20
Isaac Isaacson	Sivan	26	June 22
Samuel Lewkowicz	Sivan	26	June 22

In mourning: Millie Lindsay, Harry Silver, Herbert
Haber, Sandra Ema, Claire Urstein.

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