

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Friday, October 30 7:00 pm Family Shabbat Service
8:15 pm Shabbat Eve Service
and Oneg Shabbat
Special Guest:
Chief Rodney Monague

Tuesday, November 10 7:00pm Documentary film
Series: Killing Kasztner

Saturday, November 14 p.m. Bar Mitzvah of Quin
Lowsky, son of
Barbara Victor and
Bram Lowsky

Friday, November 27 6:30 pm
Habonim Potluck
Dinner with Short
Kabbalat Shabbat
Service

Friday, December 18 7:00pm Family Shabbat Service
with Eli
8:15 pm Shabbat Eve Service,
Last night of Chanukah

THE HABONIM DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

A Success - Plans To Run Year Round

We have been extremely pleased with the response to our 2009/2010 Habonim Documentary Film Festival. So far we have had crowds of 150 to 250 people attending our screenings. Thanks to Eli Rubenstein who, in addition to his regular job as Religious Leader, has been doing a yeoman's job at sourcing and organizing guest speakers, the film directors and other interesting presenters.

The next screening will take place appropriately during the Holocaust Remembrance Week. The film screened will be:

Killing Kasztner

Date: Tuesday, November 10th

Time: 7:00 p.m. - - *Note early start time*

Place: Congregation Habonim,
5 Glen Park Avenue

Admission: Donation at Door.

KILLING KASZTNER

This is the story of Rezso Kasztner, a Hungarian Jew who negotiated with Adolf Eichmann for the lives of thousands during the Holocaust. And a trial and verdict that stamped him as the "man who sold his soul to the devil." It is a feature-length theatrical documentary directed by Gaylen Ross.

The film features the director and her search for the truth about Rezso Kasztner. Though Kasztner's reputation as a controversial figure - whether it is as a hero or traitor - is well known in Israel, he is virtually unknown in the United States.

The director first heard about Kasztner from a Hungarian woman while working on another documentary, Blood Money: Switzerland's Nazi Gold. Ross interviewed the woman who asserted that she had Kasztner to thank for her life. What Ross came to learn was that Kasztner was a Jew in Hungary whose negotiations with the Nazis during World War II resulted in the rescue of 1,700 Jews. And perhaps tens of thousands more Jews were saved from the gas chambers because of his negotiations. After Kasztner moved to Israel, in the 1950s, he was accused of being a collaborator and fought a vicious libel battle in a trial that condemned him as, "the man who sold his soul to the devil." He was subsequently murdered in 1957 in Tel Aviv.

Ross spent eight years researching and filming the documentary on Kasztner. She interviewed survivors who had been rescued by Kasztner, some of Kasztner's living relatives, the son of the opposing lawyer in Kasztner's case, historians, journalists, and eventually Kasztner's assassin, Ze'ev Eckstein.

The film premiered at the 2008 Toronto International Film Festival and has been critically acclaimed in Israel, Hungary, and the UK. It is scheduled for release in the United States on

October 23, 2009.

Please join us. Bring a friend. Over 500 people have told us that it's a great Sunday evening's entertainment.

If you know of any Jewish documentary film maker who would like to submit a film to us for screening in 2010, please have them contact Eli Rubenstein (uiaeli@passport.ca) or our Documentary Film Committee, Paul Kuttner (office@congregationhabonim.org).

If you are not on our mailing list and want to learn more about upcoming screenings, please contact office@congregationhabonim.org

OUR NEXT FAMILY POT LUCK DINNER- SHABBAT SERVICE

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2009

Please join us. No charge to attend. Last time we had nearly 100 people attend. We already have some tables reserved by families.

TO RESERVE A TABLE:

RSVP - office@congregationhabonim.org - If you wish to reserve a table for your group of 6 or more let us know right away.

We will combine the dinner with a single customized Shabbat service for the enjoyment and inclusion of young children.

WHERE:

At Congregation Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave

TIME:

6:30 pm start. An abridged Eli-style Shabbat service will take place during the dinner.

MENU:

Elizabeth will prove her yummy roasted chicken and some veggies - we need some extra side salads and deserts.

PLEASE BRING ONE SIDE DISH, SALAD OR DESSERT:

All we ask is that you consider bringing one of your favourite Shabbat dinner items such a salad, a side dish, a dessert.

BRING YOUR OWN WINE & SOFT DRINKS FOR YOUR TABLE:

Bring your children, bring your parents, bring your grandchildren, bring a friend or come alone - there will be plenty of good company.

RSVP:

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Phone:

416-782-7125 for **Elizabeth** or

905.889.7400 for **Paul Kuttner**

WHY DO CHILDREN RUN SO MUCH?

By Avrum Rosensweig

I watch my son, Noah River, as he goes from our living room to his bedroom where his tractor and sand toys sit. He runs. When I pick him up for our Shabbatot together he will scamper into my arms

and at the end of the day into his Mom's.

I see children on the street as their parents lag behind them pushing a stroller or bicycle. So often they appear to be exhausted but there is no choice... their little girl is dashing ahead of them and they need to catch up. As soon as they arrive, they discover their child was hurrying to catch sight of a squirrel scurrying up a tree or an army of ants building an ant-hill.

Why are children in such a rush?

In Judaism there is a concept of 'z'rizim makdimin l'mitzvot – that one should run to do a mitzvah – a commandment, a positive deed/action. This concept is found in many places in the Torah, however is most poignant, in my mind, surrounding the story of Abraham and his son Isaac.

The Torah said that Abraham was commanded by God to offer his son, Yitzchak (Isaac) as a sacrifice. This idea is anathema to our sense of the compassionate Judaism, and certainly trespasses the basic values human beings deem to be sacred – the protection of life, first and foremost our children's. But he got up early and ran to fulfill the mitzvah.

Abraham was an empathetic and loving family man. We see this in how he dealt with the evil population of Sodom. He zestfully fought with God on their behalf despite the fact that they had fallen so badly into disharmony and imbalance. He argued with God zestfully by saying, 'if there are 10 righteous men will you not save the city?'

Abraham was a tender and amorous person and one can only imagine the paternal intensity of feelings he had for his boy, Yitzchak. Regardless, the Torah says he woke up early that morning and ran to fulfill the commandment of God – to offer his son as a sacrifice.

The commentaries state that he was 'z'rizim madkimin l'mitvot – he wanted to perform the commandment of God without tarrying, as he understood his responsibility to be a positive and important thing in terms of his relationship to monotheism, God's will and the shaping of his/our existence. He was pursuing truth.

In a way which is difficult to grasp, he rushed to do a constructive action.

I think little children run day and night because they are intent upon finding the blinding beauty and possibility within our world. In their little minds the idea of watching urban rodents peeling about a park, up and down trees and over fences, is magnificent and a chance to uncover another detail about their little existence.

When my boy, Noah River, runs into my arms and I pick him up over my head, he is rushed because he wants so badly to learn about the warmth of his Dad's embrace, and to find out more about love and the unity amongst people.

While our children's rush to learn is not as conscious as it was in the case of Abraham, it is powerful, so much so that little people seem to be forever running, until the end of the day when the batteries in their little legs run out. One can be assured however, that they have not stopped running about in their hearts and minds.

This concept is special. Essentially what it says to us is: when you see an opportunity to create a stronger balance in the world, by offering a poor man a job - run to do so. Life is short. The idea of 'z'rizim makdimin l'mitvot' tells us that the orphan in the Ukraine is calling out to us to sprint to her rescue, and we ought to, and that the hungry child in downtown Toronto requires our speed to respond to his needs.

Run to do a mitzvah. Keep your eyes open for the occasion to do so. When it presents itself pull on your spiritual Nikes and rush like a child, like Abraham, to do something good, to strengthen our world through tikun olam (repairing the world) and loving care.

The opportunities are there. Find the 'cause' you are passionate about in 5770 and hasten to solve it.

I'm off to catch my son. He's spotted a batch of Popsicle sticks in my cupboard.
Respond to this article at <http://avrum.net>

DONATIONS

Flowers for the Bimah:

Marcia Kagan; Mr. & Mrs. S. Gutman;
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In Memoriam:

In memory of our parents - Steven and Catherine Feuer

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

Aliyot:

Michael Koch; Rebecca Sutin; Brian Vyneck;
Donald Cherm; Dr. Bala Jason.

PERSONALIA

A big thank you to Tom Bellman and to the volunteers who offered to drive Habonim's seniors to evening events that take place at the synagogue. The effort is very much appreciated .

Hopefully the same courtesy will be extended to all of you when you become senior seniors.

Miriam Ostrow

Congratulations and a big mazal tov to Linda and Mark Brager on the birth of their granddaughter Noelle Solomon Koffman as well as to parents Rae and Jordy Koffman.

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JAHRZEITEN NOVEMBER 2009

To be read at the November 2009 Services

David Storm	Cheshvan 14	November 1
Sylvia Grant	Cheshvan 14	November 1
Paul Sutton	Cheshvan 16	November 3
Jacob Hirsh	Cheshvan 16	November 3
Sol Rowan	Cheshvan 16	November 3
Margarethe Lowenthal	Cheshvan 17	November 4
Herman Rosenthal	Cheshvan 17	November 4
Johanna Rosenthal	Cheshvan 17	November 4
Sylvia Fox	Cheshvan 18	November 5
Henry (Heinz) Weiss	Cheshvan 20	November 7
Barney Egnal	Cheshvan 22	November 9
Isadore Hanutin	Cheshvan 22	November 9
Arthur Sommer		
Rotenberg	Cheshvan 22	November 9
Alfred Charles Cowan	Cheshvan 22	November 9
Inke Feldman	Cheshvan 22	November 9

Samuel Poslushny	Cheshvan 22	November 9
Fritzie Weiss	Cheshvan 23	November 10
Joseph Levy	Cheshvan 23	November 10
Israel Stein	Cheshvan 23	November 10
Veronica Popper	Cheshvan 24	November 11
Sarah Buium	Cheshvan 24	November 11
Louis Gladstone	Cheshvan 25	November 12
Fritz Weinlaub	Cheshvan 25	November 12
Solly and Flora Rosen	Cheshvan 25	November 12
Margo Barnett	Cheshvan 26	November 13
Carla Blum	Cheshvan 28	November 15
Louis Hahn	Cheshvan 28	November 15
Sam Slavin	Cheshvan 29	November 16
Leah Kernerman	Cheshvan 29	November 16
Leo Bloch	Kislev 1	November 18
David Hurowitz	Kislev 3	November 20
Lisl Landecker	Kislev 3	November 20
Helen Marcovitch	Kislev 6	November 23
Mannie Hershberg	Kislev 6	November 23
Ora Linder	Kislev 7	November 24
Samuel Skudwick	Kislev 10	November 27
Albert Feldman	Kislev 10	November 27

Gunther Rosen	Kislev 12	November 29
Aldoph Cige	Kislev 12	November 29

In mourning:

Celia Fischer, Eve Baxter, Arnold Jussem, Kaethe Ritter, Aron Kravchik, Kate Freeman, Dr. Ladislaus Vogel, Hillary Firestone, Lorretta Grammer, Edgar Wittekind, Paul Firestone, Nina Zlotkin, Rita Lichtblau.

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