

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Friday, November 26	8:15pm	Shabbat Eve Service and Oneg Shabbat
Sunday, November 28	10:00am	Hebrew language class
Sunday, December 5	10:00am	Breakfast Club: Julius Ciss
Sunday, December 12	10:00am	Chanukah Party
Friday, December 17	8:15pm	Shabbat Eve Service And Oneg Shabbat

A NOTICE TO OUR MEMBERS

You will, of course, recall our situation before the High Holidays. Eli Rubenstein, our spiritual leader was on medical leave and his interim replacement, Rabbi David Schonblum, had just informed us that he would be taking another position in Florida for the High Holidays.

When we learned of the availability of Rabbi Ed Treister, who was visiting Toronto from Israel, we were of course anxious to meet with him. Both he and the congregation were even more pleased when we came to an agreement for him to serve as our rabbi in time for High Holidays and the large number of Bar and Bat Mitzvahs that fell during the fall months.

However, looking forward to the future, Rabbi Treister was not able to commit to a significant period of time with our synagogue, given his desire to return to Israel.

In light of the uncertainty surrounding Eli Rubenstein's health, it was felt that we needed to engage a rabbi or spiritual leader who could commit for a longer period of time than Rabbi Treister was able to offer. As a result, it was mutually agreed that Rabbi Treister would no longer serve as the Rabbi at Congregation Habonim. Currently, the officers of the congregation are making every effort to locate the appropriate person or persons to lead services at Habonim.

Of course, we all wish that Eli returns to good health as quickly as possible, but until he does, we need to also ensure that the synagogue is not left without a leader, and that the leader we engage is able to commit to a significant period of time with the congregation. Eli has expressed that upon his recovery he would return on a part-time basis to start with, sharing the duties at the synagogue with our interim rabbi/spiritual leader.

At our last meeting, Rabbi Treister wished the congregation well. We too wish him every success.

The Board of Congregation Habonim

ADULT HEBREW CLASSES:

If you are interested in learning Hebrew please contact Blima @ 905-738-3592

Classes will start on Sunday Nov. 28 @ 10.00 a.m.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The November meeting of the Breakfast Club was a resounding success, as we learned about the heroic exploits of Israel's Mosad and one of its major heroes, Eli Cohen. Eli Cohen has assumed a Syrian identity and became a close associate of the Syrian governing elite, all the time sending vital information to Israel. His information helped, among other things, to pinpoint Syrian bunkers on the Golan Heights, which endangered Israeli settlements for so many years. This information helped the IDF to conquer the Syrian defenses during the Six Day War.

The next meeting of the Breakfast Club on Sunday, December 5 will feature **Julius Ciss**, founder of the Canadian branch of **Jews for Judaism**. The program is called ***The Encounter: A Simulate debate Between a Rabbi and a Jew for Jesus.***

This is a most timely topic, since the evangelical movement in this city and elsewhere is visibly growing and we are losing many good Jews to these churches that pretend to be synagogues.

Sunday, December 5 at 10 a.m. Delicious breakfast, good company and program still only \$6.

KRISTALLNACHT REMEMBERED

On November 10, I took part in an incredible evening at Beth Habonim! It was an emotional roller coaster of sadness and joy, of despair and hope, of death and rebirth. In this limited space, I can just touch on the highlights.

The first joy was to see our Eli Rubenstein conducting the proceedings with the spark of his old self. Then came the memorial service for the victims, and the lighting of six candles by survivors, representing the six million dead, then yiskor and El molei rachamim by our Esther, citing names of concentration camps, which always bring tears to my eyes.

The next part dealt with the March of the Living, showing an exuberant group of young Jews celebrating the rebirth of our people, like Phoenix, literally rising out of the ashes of the concentration camps. Then there were four young women who sang and spoke of their experiences on this fateful journey. Each one spoke of the way this trip changed her life and made her more dedicated to Judaism and to the survival of Israel. Their songs were sad and their words were full of hope and determination.

The keynote speaker, Ruth Binfeld Neray took us on her long and painful journey from Paris to Auschwitz and back. I lived through the fear and the pain and the humiliation with her, through the horror and despair, through her will to live and through her wish to die. Finally, I was relieved to hear about her determination to come out of it all a better human being, not merely a survivor, but a force in life to be reckoned with. To see this lovely, trim and elegant octogenarian declare her love of life was the final defiant message to the world that the Jewish people will always live. **Am Yisrael Chai !!!**

Erika Erdos

APPRECIATION

We have many good citizens among our members, beside our faithful and untiring regular volunteers. We gratefully acknowledge their contribution:

Magstar Inc donated a brand new Dell computer for the rabbi's office.

The President of Magstar Inc., a software company, **Mr. Ron Ross** did the setup of the computer as well as the internet connection.

After a bit of a delay, the protective polycarbonate was put over the stained glass windows in the sanctuary. This should afford it some protection from vandalism.

Maury Edelstien, one of our members, did the legwork in locating the installer.

We apologize for having forgotten to mention **Ann Wood**, who helped to usher people to their seats during the Holidays.

The North York Harvest Food Bank has sent a letter thanking us for our contribution. Over the high holy days we collected and delivered two car trunk loads full of food for the Food Bank.. Their thank you letters are posted in the lobby.

PERSONALIA

On a recent visit to family in Toronto, I attended with my aunt, a Friday night service at Habonim. The choir and chazzan made the service a "musical" experience and the Rabbi's sermon was enlightening and thought provoking. I cannot remember the last time I enjoyed a Friday night service so much. Thank you for making me feel so welcome and I look forward to attending again on my next visit to Toronto.

Susan Livingstone
Orlando, Florida

My dad, **Louis Fischhoff**, died on Tues. Oct 26th.

One of his colleagues, a very fine lawyer, got up to speak (apparently dad had been his mentor) and told us stories we'd never even heard before - including the fact that he was President of some branch (having to do with Tax Law), of the American Bar Association - who knew!!

But the big surprise was when Amy and I arrived at the funeral parlor and were informed that the United States Army wished to give my father a military service at the gravesite. He was a Colonel in the Army Reserves and taught Military Law until they retired him (at 65?)

You can't believe the formality. They marched in perfect military unison to the coffin, which had been covered by the flag for the whole time, then went through a whole process, calling, "Attention", "Honor Guard", "Present Arms" - then a cue for the bugler who did a most perfect job of playing taps,

After they finished, they presented me with the flag and said in the most military, formal voice possible, "On behalf of the President of the United States, The Attorney General of The United States, The Governor of New York and the Mayor of New York....." (and maybe someone else - I was spinning at this juncture)....they thanked my father for his dedication and service to the United States of America and to the United States Army - then they called, "Honor Guard. Lower Arms. Dismissed" and marched off again in perfect unison.

Honestly, it knocked my socks off, and my dad would have been so touched by it. Clearly, that will be a highlight that I will never forget as long as I live.

Bala Jaison

I want to thank the congregation for the beautiful flower arrangement I received during my recent stay at the hospital. I also want to thank all my friends and members who sent me cards and expressed their good wishes. I am happy to report that I am getting better and hope to see you all soon.

Tina Patton

Our deepest sympathy goes to **Michael Hirsh** and family on the death of his father, Jacob Hirsh,

Our condolences to **Angela Finkel** and family on the passing of her father, Kevin Ford.

We are sorry to hear that our organist, **Larry Clements** is ill. We are rooting for you, Larry, and wishing you a speedy recovery. We miss you, get well soon.

DONATIONS

Aliyah –

Peggy Pachner, Dr. Landecker, Allan Shanoff, Clifford Lax, Stephen Cole, Jonathan Spilkin, Arnold Jussem, Rhoda Sion

Greetings:

In appreciation to Rabbi Treister - Maxine Cadsby and family

Get well wishes to Tina Patton - Erika and Steve Erdos,
Paula and Leon Nussbaum

Congratulations to Maureen and Roger DeFreitas on the engagement of their daughter, Riva - Erika and Steve Erdos

In Memoriam:

In loving memory of our dear parents, Elik and Marjem Zwiebel

- Edith Rosen and Tina Patton

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In memory of my dear father, Ezra Goldberg - you will always be remembered with love - Phyllis Mint

In loving memory of my dear father, Ezra Goldberg - Marcus Goldberg

In memory of Sonia Rosen - Mary Lindsay

In loving memory of Sidney Warren - Beth Warren

In loving memory of David Hurowitz - Eric Hurowitz

In loving memory of my dear husband, Gunther Rosen - Edith Rosen
In memory of Louis Greenberg - Sandra Schneider

In memory of Cantor A. Feldman - Marj Gertler

In memory of Joseph and Betty Levy - Fred Levy

In loving memory of Fanny Kendall - Esther Cole

In loving memory of my dear wife, Ora = Art Linder

In memory of my son, Dr. Arthur Sommer-Rotenberg - Doris Sommer-Rotenberg

In memory of Edith Rogers - Lisa and David Rogers

In loving memory of my mother, Barbara Parieser - Pauline Pariser

Condolences to Bala Jaison on the recent loss of father, Louis Fischhoff -
Pauline Pariser.

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JAHRZEITEN

To be read at the service	November 26, 2004		
Jehuda Lewkowicz	Kislev	14	November 27
Herman Weinlaub	Kislev	14	November 27
Rae Sandler	Kislev	16	November 29
Zacharias Gottlieb	Kislev	17	November 30
Julius(Israel) Weiss	Kislev	19	December 2
Harry Klein	Kislev	19	December 2
Leslie Adler	Kislev	20	December 3
Kurt Fleischer	Kislev	20	December 3
Nicholas Beer	Kislev	20	December 3
Jeanette Brucker	Kislev	20	December 3
Yenta Silver	Kislev	20	December 3
Tillie Cherm	Kislev	21	December 4
Moses Vijevaro	Kislev	22	December 5
Tilly Rabinowitz	Kislev	23	December 6
Joseph Finer	Kislev	25	December 8
Morton Lebowitz	Kislev	25	December 8
Walter Levy	Kislev	26	December 9
Isaac Wilinofsky	Kislev	27	December 10
To be read at the service on	December 10, 2004		
Al London	Kislev	28	December 11
Louis Mactinger	Kislev	28	December 11
Sheilah Freedman	Kislev	29	December 12
Kurt Barnett	Kislev	29	December 12
Pearl Marcus	Kislev	29	December 12
Soloman Alexander Kohn	Kislev	29	December 12
Helen Lennhoff	Kislev	29	December 12
Harold Levy	Kislev	29	December 12
Philip Granovsky	Tevet	1	December 13
Evelyn Dennis	Tevet	3	December 15

Kaethe Levy-Weinlaub	Tevet	4	December 16
Edith Rogers	Tevet	5	December 17
Elsa Leinung	Tevet	5	December 17
Evelyn Bronstein	Tevet	7	December 19
Louis Greenberg	Tevet	7	December 19
Regina Bloch	Tevet	10	December 22
George J. Beer	Tevet	10	December 22
Myer Sugerman	Tevet	10	December 22
Fred Justitz	Tevet	11	December 23
Artur Aaron Wittekind	Tevet	12	December 24
Leon Fleischer	Tevet	12	December 24

In Mourning: Nathan Ostrow, Gangolf Herman, Elizabeth Klein, Judy Morton, Charles Mint, Esther Storm, Ilsa Haim, Jacob Hirsh, Kevin Ford

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