

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Saturday, January 8	10:00am`	Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan, son of Lisa and David Rogers
Sunday, January 9	10am	Breakfast Club: Lenka Lichtenberg <i>Songs of the World</i>
Sunday, January 9		Film Night: <i>Pigeon;</i> <i>Gorbachev's Revolution</i>
Saturday, January 15	10:00am	Bar Mitzvah of Manor, son of Boaz and Talia Freeman
Saturday, January 22	10:00am	Bnei Mitzvot of Sasha and Dylan, Twin children of Marilyn Tate and Rob Howarth
Friday, January 28	8:15pm	Shabbat Eve Service and Oneg Shabbat
Saturday, January 29	10:00am	Bar Mitzvah of Joel, son of Karen and Neal Kadish
Saturday, February 12	10:00am	Bar Mitzvah of Jared, son of Son of Cori and Jeffrey Beber
Friday, February 25	8:15pm	Shabbat Eve Service and Oneg Shabbat
Saturday, February 26	10:00am	Bat Mitzvah of Alexis, daughter of Abby and Steve Erlichman
Saturday, February 26	p.m.	Bat Mitzvah of Anne, daughter of Deborah and Steven Cass

A NOTICE TO OUR MEMBERS

All Good Things Come to Those Who Wait

You will of course recall in the December Bulletin that the Board informed our membership, the officers of the congregation were making every effort to locate an appropriate person to lead our congregation given the uncertainty surrounding Eli Rubenstein's health.

It is my pleasure to inform you that our efforts have resulted in success for our congregation. We have indeed found an excellent individual to act as our interim spiritual leader. His name is Avrum Rosensweig and the board is delighted that he has agreed to lead our congregation during the coming year.

To list all of Avrum's accomplishments would simply take up the entire Bulletin so instead I will briefly list a few.

Avrum was born in Kitchener, Ontario into a rabbinical home. He attended Yeshiva in Toronto and Israel. Over the last few years, Avrum has conducted religious services at Lifestyle's Home for the Aged as well as High Holiday services for the Danforth Jewish Circle. He has also played a leadership role in numerous Bar/Bat Mitzvot. Avrum is the founding director of Ve'ahavta: The Canadian Jewish Humanitarian & Relief Committee, a Toronto based Tikun olam (repairing the world) organization.

Avrum has extensive experience on radio and television including: the co-host and producer of a Hebrew-English radio show called Israel Today in the eighties; food shows on Prime Television, Global, and CityTV and currently on CHFI 98.1. Avrum also writes a weekly editorial for the Canadian Jewish News titled: The Urban Writer. highlighting many "slice-of-life" topics and individuals living in the Toronto Jewish community.

I know you all join me in wishing Avrum every success over the coming year. We also extend our best to Eli for a quick return to good health and to Habonim, where he and Avrum can share the duties of spiritual leader.

Wayne Robbins

Vice-President, Habonim

AN OLD BUDDY OF ELI'S STEPS IN

If one of your parents was a salesperson when you were a child, you likely realized

early on how demanding it must be to be on the road so often, and therefore chose pharmacy or law instead as your vocation.

Well, my father (rest in peace) was a Rabbi and I was privy to the challenges of community work and responsibilities of leading a synagogue. I therefore decided against pursuing a rabbinical career.

Guess what? Although I am not a traditional Rabbi, I am your new spiritual leader and will be stepping in for Eli during his hiatus. I know! I'm fascinated too.

In truth, I am thrilled by this opportunity and the chance to become a member of the Habonim family. I am, because Habonim is known far and wide as a creative, accepting and adventurous congregation with a rich history.

Further, I am honoured to step into Eli's shoes, knowing the respect and love he has garnered over eighteen years through his innovative approach to Judaism and leadership.

Eli and I have been friends for thirty years. I have learned a lot from him and always been enamored by his ability to tell a story with the finesse of a *magid* (a traditional Jewish storyteller), inspire soulful laughter under a *chupah* (marriage canopy) or next to the ark on the High Holidays.

But now it's my turn. Yes -- Eli and I are a bit competitive and I eagerly await coming off the proverbial bench and doing my best to add another shining layer of spirit to Congregation Habonim and building upon the groundwork laid by my friend, a committed membership and solid board and staff.

As you might know, I am also the director of *Ve'ahavta: The Canadian Jewish Humanitarian & Relief Committee*. Our mission is to encourage all people to play a role in strengthening the world by rolling up our collective sleeves and assisting the homeless, victims of HIV/AIDS, distressed youth in Israel and the impoverished in the rainforests of Guyana.

One of my objectives at Habonim, will be to share some of our Tikun olam (repairing the world) programs with the congregation, as we have done for a few years through our Passover Seder for the Homeless. I look forward to some innovative programming in this area and working side-by-side to strengthen our world and ensure that it shines like a gem.

Finally, I want to thank Eli for encouraging me to pursue this position; Wayne Robbins, Samantha Goldman, Roger DeFreitas and Blima Firestone for helping me get settled in; and of course the board, staff and membership for having faith in my abilities.

I wish you and your loved ones a happy and inspiring holiday season. As you rest and rejuvenate your spirit remember that there are always people living in the street and others around the world suffering from poverty - who require our generosity, strength and creativity as Jews to enhance their lives. As my father used to state, '*the gates of heaven never close*' -- so keep an eye out for those in need. Sometimes a smile and a sincere eye-to-eye salutation of '*good morning...have a nice day*' can be worth more than a coin to the homeless.

I look forward to sharing beautiful days of growth, learning and celebration with each one of you. Please feel free to call me at the shul (416 782 2682).

Shalom, Peace

Avrum Rosensweig
Spiritual Leader, Habonim

People's good deeds are used by the Eternal as seeds for planting trees in the Garden of Eden: thus, each of us creates our own Paradise.

--The Mezeritzer Rebbe

BREAKFAST CLUB

In December the Breakfast Club witnessed a discussion between a representative of ***Jews For Jesus*** and ***Jews for Judaism***. The interesting thing was that both speakers were the same person, namely Julius Ciss, founder of the Canadian branch of the *Jews for Judaism* group, who argued very convincingly for both sides, since he had at one time been a convert to the Jews for Jesus cult.

January being cold and dark, we decided to heat things up a little by bringing you a program of music and good cheer. Lenka Lichtenberg is a well known and talented musician and singer who will present an ***"International Journey of Musical Gems in 10 Languages"***

Don't forget **Sunday, January 9 at 10 a.m. for a hearty breakfast, a friendly shmooze and a pleasant morning of music.**

FILM NIGHT AT HABONIM

Featuring films by Habonim members Anthony Green and Fern Levitt

Sunday, January 9th, 2005, 8:00 pm
Admission: Free (Suggested Donation at Door)

First feature:

"Pigeon" is a short film based on a miraculous incident in the Holocaust, written and directed by Anthony Green. Starring Michael Lerner & Wendy Crewson

It only takes one moment and a perfect stranger to change a life forever. Set during World War II and based on a true story, *Pigeon* recounts a rare and startling act of charity.

It's a short film that's long on heart. Michael Lerner is an Academy Award Nominee

Pigeon was first screened at the Toronto International Film Festival in September 2004 and received rave reviews from the audiences in attendance.

Second feature:

World Premiere of: **"Gorbachev's Revolution"**

Directed by award winning documentary filmmaker Fern Levitt.

Featuring never heard before interviews with Mikhail Gorbachev, George Bush Senior and others, along with unforgettable footage of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Through peaceful means Mikhail Gorbachev transformed the world during his six years as leader of the Soviet Union. Today millions of people are free because of the courageous acts of one individual, Mikhail Gorbachev, the man who taught his people and the world the meaning of "glasnost" and "perestroika".

Gorbachev's Revolution will air on History TV's "Turning Points in History" program in the winter of 2005.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Two months ago we had the stained glass windows covered with a hydro-carbon Plexiglas for protection against vandalism. The cost for this was \$1,600.00

The air-condition unit on the roof over the school portion of the building has to be replaced along with the insulation. The insulation was destroyed by raccoons. The cost is \$25,000.00

At the time of writing this appeal our furnace in the building has broken down and is being repaired. The cost? We have not been invoiced as yet. As you can see we are facing many challenges just trying to keep our building viable. If ever there was need for a poster building requiring repairs this would be the one.

The expense of carrying a mortgage on the buildings next door is severely testing our financial health.

Please, Please help by sending us your donation.

Remember the best nation is a "Donation". [Smile]

Thank you.

Roger

At the time of writing this bulletin Mrs. Rae Steuermann is hospital, and the congregation would like to extend to her our best wishes.

The DeFreitas family would like to thank everyone who phoned and sent cards, to wish Maureen a speedy recovery from her knee operation.

We are still in the process of setting up a website for the congregation. As soon as it is up and running our members will be able to access it for the synagogue activities.

Greeting cards:

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

Wishing Maureen DeFreitas a fast recovery from her recent operation
Paula and Leon Nussbaum

In Memoriam:

In loving memory of Walter Levy - Toby Levy

In loving memory of Philip Granovsky - Maxine Granovsky

In loving memory of Evelyn Dennis - Joan and Cliff Lax and family

In loving memory of Louis Mactinger - Gloria Medline

In loving memory of my dear husband, Fred Justitz - Ernestine Justitz

In loving memory of Harry Klein - Janet Slavin

In loving memory of Samuel Perisko - Sylvia Van Der Hout

In loving memory of Rebecca Van Der Hout - Sylvia Van Der Hout

In loving memory of John Leinung - Ursula Leinung

In loving memory of Jacob Adar - Ursula Leinung

In loving memory of Marie Adar - Ursula Leinung

In loving memory of Julius Leinung - Ursula Leinung

In loving memory of Elsa Leinung - Ursula Leinung

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Miriam Ostrow : in loving memory of Nathan

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JANUARY – FEBRUARY JAHRZEITEN

To be read at the service			

on December 17			
Artur Aaron Wittekind	Tevet	12	December 24
Leon Fleischer	Tevet	12	December 24
Adele Buium	Tevet	14	December 26
Charles Landes	Tevet	14	December 26
Martin M. Stern	Tevet	15	December 27
Harry Spector	Tevet	17	December 29
Harold Miller	Tevet	18	December 30
Mildred Fleischer	Tevet	18	December 30
Dora Koch	Tevet	18	December 30
Eve Ross	Tevet	19	December 31
Danielle Fisher	Tevet	20	January 1
Kaye Katchen	Tevet	21	January 2
Josef Braun	Tevet	21	January 2
John Penfield	Tevet	22	January 3
Hugo Abels	Tevet	23	January 4
Julius Leinung	Tevet	23	January 4
William Ostrow	Tevet	26	January 7
Hershel Ross	Tevet	27	January 8
Marie Ader	Tevet	27	January 8
Harriet Sommer	Tevet	28	January 9
Rose Kopelman	Tevet	29	January 10
Sigmund Marx	Tevet	29	January 10
Nick Watson	Tevet	29	January 10
Raiza Galler	Shevat	1	January 11
Charles Mint	Shevat	3	January 13
Morris Freeman	Shevat	4	January 14
Barbara Parieser	Shevat	4	January 14
Irving Glucklick	Shevat	4	January 14
Harry Buium	Shevat	7	January 17
Harry Ginpil	Shevat	7	January 17
John Leinung	Shevat	8	January 18
Danny Rabinowitz	Shevat	9	January 19
Samuel Persiko	Shevat	10	January 20
Bernie Slomen	Shevat	11	January 21
Esther Glucklick	Shevat	11	January 21
Charles Gross	Shevat	12	January 22
Maury Harris	Shevat	13	January 23
Edward Isadore Harris	Shevat	13	January 23
Jessie Kahl	Shevat	13	January 23
Jack Cole	Shevat	14	January 24
Sadie Mandorff	Shevat	14	January 24
Annie Lams	Shevat	15	January 25
Nathan Burrows	Shevat	15	January 25
To be read at the service			

on January 25, 2005			
Malka Wakeam	Shevat	16	January 26
Elizabeth Schwartz	Shevat	16	January 26
Soshe Reisel	Shevat	16	January 26
Dr. Abraham Skudwick	Shevat	17	January 27
David Brown	Shevat	18	January 28
Flora Kohn	Shevat	18	January 28
Rebecca Van Der Hout	Shevat	19	January 29
Josef Burstyn	Shevat	20	January 30
Margarete Weinlaub	Shevat	21	January 31
Louis Marcovitch	Shevat	21	January 31
Paul Freund	Shevat	23	February 2
Herman Seifer	Shevat	24	February 3
Clara Bierman	Shevat	24	February 3
Etta Levine Markson	Shevat	25	February 4
Rudolf Aaron Eisinger	Shevat	26	February 5
Samuel Schwartz	Shevat	26	February 5
Aaron Kendall	Shevat	27	February 6
Franz Koch	Shevat	27	February 6
Jenny Herstatt Ullendorf	Shevat	28	February 7
Irving Dennis	Shevat	28	February 7
Hilda Weiss	Shevat	30	February 9
Joseph Rosen	Adar	2	February 11
Jack Lees	Adar	2	February 11
May Klegon	Adar	3	February 12
David Cupchik	Adar	4	February 13
Siegmund Koch	Adar	4	February 13
Isador Joseph Isaak	Adar	4	February 13
Henry Shanoff	Adar	4	February 13
Antonia Kimerling	Adar	6	February 15
Blanche Haber	Adar	7	February 16
Miriam Erdos	Adar	7	February 16
Adolf (Aron) Hammerfeld	Adar	7	February 16
Katherine Alice Levine	Adar	8	February 17
Hans Waldman	Adar	10	February 19
Herman Lennhoff	Adar	10	February 19
Len Slan	Adar	11	February 20
Esther Goldstein	Adar	11	February 20
Syrel Greene	Adar	12	February 21
Samuel Jacob Gibson	Adar	12	February 21
Rose Gibson	Adar	16	February 25
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Alice Lobel	Adar	17	February 26
Irene Rachel Weiss	Adar	17	February 26
Rachel Cohen	Adar	20	March 1
Meta Baumann	Adar	20	March 1
Olga Beer	Adar	22	March 3
Jacob Ader	Adar	24	March 5
Esther Burstyn	Adar	25	March 6
Joseph Sufrin	Adar	25	March 6
Harry Cherm	Adar	25	March 6
Dennis Urstein	Adar	25	March 6
Percy Fishman	Adar	27	March 8
William Klein	Adar	29	March 10
Reuben Buium	Adar	29	March 10
Morris Hyman Nathanson	Adar*	1	March 12
Sarah Ostrow	Adar*	4	March 15
Nochin Stein	Adar*	6	March 17
Mary Harris	Adar*	7	March 18
Joseph and Klara Fluxgold	Adar*	8	March 19
Bernhard Jackson	Adar*	10	March 21
Jack Lees	Adar*	11	March 22
Aron Shuster	Adar*	11	March 22
Les Braun	Adar*	14	March 25
Werner Rappoport	Adar*	14	March 25
Sophie Sion	Adar*	15	March 26
Marinka Goldberger	Adar*	15	March 26

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

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