

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS**

Thursday, May 27	10:00am	Shavuot Yiskor Service
Friday, May 28	8:15pm	Shabbat Eve Service and Oneg Shabbat
Saturday, May 29	10:00am	Bat Mitzvah of Alana, daughter of Tamara and Gary Fine
Friday, June 4	7:00pm	Religious School Graduation
Saturday, June 5	10:00am	Bar Mitzvah of Leor, son of Michelle and Barry Godfrey
Saturday, June 5	p. m.	Bat Mitzvah of Caroline, daughter Of Lisa and Mathew Rotenberg
Sunday, June 6	2:00pm	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
Saturday, June 12	10:00am	Bar Mitzvah of Adam Engel Hercz, Son of Erica Engel & Gavril Hercz
Sunday, June 13	10:00am	Breakfast Club: <b><i>Shalom Singers,</i></b> With Esther Ghan Firestone
Saturday, June 19	10:00am	Bat Mitzvah of Sylvia Lipes Green Daughter of Ellen Lipes and Michael Green
Friday, June 25	8:15pm	Shabbat Eve Service and Oneg Shabbat

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The month of April has been very traumatic for Congregation Habonim; two of our senior and active members have completed their life history.

**Nathan Ostrow** was the de-facto building manager who took care of many mundane matters to keep our building functional.

**Gangolf Herman** was one of the original founders who by the strength of his dedication has brought the synagogue to this point.

Among the many donations he made to the synagogue, one is a Torah which we use at every service we hold at Habonim. When the properties to the West of us became available for sale, he was one of the driving forces in organizing the purchase.

On behalf of the synagogue I thank both Nathan Ostrow and Gangolf Herman for the love and dedication they gave to the community of Habonim.

Our religious leader, **Eli Rubenstein**, has had to take a medical leave of absence. It is hoped that he will be able to return by the end of September 2004. Our prayers and good wishes go out to Eli for a speedy recovery.

While Eli is convalescing, **Rabbi David Schonblum**, will be our congregation's spiritual leader.

**We extend a hearty welcome to Rabbi Schonblum.**

Finally, the Jahrzeit plaque for **Mrs. Sylvia Van Der Hout**, the Eitz Chaim leaves for **John Patton** and **Norm Clavir** have arrived and will be mounted on the walls.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of Congregation Habonim will take place on **Sunday, June 6 at 2p.m.** There will be reports on the state of your Congregation, and perhaps some important decisions, which your vote may be able to influence. We will elect a new roster of Officers and Board Members. Please be sure to attend.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

In May, we have enjoyed the informed presentation by Professor Eric Domville of the history, the tragic story and the beautiful music of the opera La Boheme. Professor Domville has selected the highlights, the most beautiful arias sung by a stellar cast, to illustrate the libretto of this all time favourite Puccini opera.

The next meeting of the Breakfast Club will take place on Sunday, June 13. Continuing the musical theme in celebration of spring, we will bring you the **Shalom Singers**. The Shalom Singers are an award winning choral group, conducted by our own **Esther Ghan Firestone**, accompanied by Regina Kutnofsky. They will present a musical mosaic of Yiddish, Hebrew and Russian

songs, as well as some Broadway melodies. Come and join us for a good breakfast, good company and a musical treat.

**Sunday, June 13, 10 a.m. at Beth Habonim.**

### **CAR POOLING**

**Mrs. Beth Corn** has volunteered to organize the car pooling. Any one who would like to provide transportation to our services, and those who would like a lift to the synagogue please contact **Beth at 416-661-8128**.

### **EXCERPTS FROM THE EULOGY BY ELI RUBENSTEIN FOR GANGOLF HERMAN**

I would like to add few thoughts reflecting on Gangolf's contribution to Congregation Habonim. However, I think contribution is the wrong word. As many of you know, Gangolf Herman was one of the founding members of Habonim. In the early 1950s together with a number of other Eastern European refugees, Gangolf and his group made up their minds to create a liberal synagogue with similar melodies and customs from the old country. In the process, they created a group of people who cared for each other, who danced at each others' simchas, who supported each other in times of grief - in short they created a community.

Gangolf Herman has also been instrumental in initiating a project, actually a book, which will be comprised of a history of Habonim. In one of the interviews with the book's author, Lisa Catherine Cohen, Gangolf was asked: Why did you start Habonim?

Here is his reply, in his own words:

"When you come to a strange country as an immigrant, you feel a need for friendly human contact, for some part of your heritage to be transplanted with you in your new soil. It may be some of the old customs, some music, a language or a belief that was part of your former life and which you can still share in your new surroundings with people of a common background. When a number of Jews from Central Europe, whom the Nazis had driven out and who had been familiar with Liberal Jewish practice there, came to Toronto, for various reasons, they found it difficult to integrate into existing local Jewish congregations.

Though these difficulties were not substantial, we hoped that a group of like-minded people, embracing some of our traditions and common experiences, would form the cohesive nucleus of a new congregation in which newly arrived refugees would feel at home. Thus, a few of us started to organize Jewish religious and social meetings, and in 1954 Congregation Habonim was founded.”

***Well that was 50 years ago. Of that 50 years, Gangolf Herman was president, past-president, or secretary of Habonim for 34 years. And when he was not serving in one of those roles, Gangolf Herman was still among the most active members of our Congregation Habonim.***

Since 1954, in the words of his son Gavin, Gangolf was the glue that held the synagogue together.

And therefore, it is simply not enough to say, that Gangolf Herman contributed to the development of Habonim. In so many ways, Gangolf Herman was Congregation Habonim. Without him, the synagogue he helped found may never have been established; without him the synagogue may not have survived and thrived for the 50 year period of his involvement.

May his memory always be a blessing.

### **TO MY GOOD FRIENDS AT HABONIM**

Words are not enough to express our thanks and gratitude for the tremendous support shown to us. Your support gave us strength and comfort throughout our trying time and bereavement.

**Miriam Ostrow and Janice Yazer**

On May 7 we lost another member, **Judy Morton**. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Judy’s husband Albert Morton, and to their family.

### **DONATIONS**

#### **Greetings:**

Congratulations to the **Cupchik family** on David's bar mitzvah

- Karen, Bernie, Jodi, Amy and Mikey Katchen

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Speedy recovery to **Eli Rubenstein**

- Loretta and Harold Grammer, Edith Rosen

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**In Memoriam:**

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

Deepest sympathy to **Elizabeth Takacs** on death of Mother  
- Nathan Kahn, Sandra Levy, Gerda Gottlieb  
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In loving memory of **Dennis Urstein**,  
Leon and Marie Urstein - Marilyn Barlow

Thinking, of my dear bother, **Stanley Goldberg**, with love on his Jahrzeit  
- Phyllis Mint

In loving memory of my dear brother, **Stanley Goldberg**  
- Marcus Goldberg  
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Sincere condolences to Miriam Ostrow and family on the death of **Nathan Ostrow** -  
-Phyllis Mint, Anita Budman, Nathan Kahn, Roger and Maureen DeFreitas and family, Sandra Levy, Gerda Gottlieb, Selma and Arnold Jussem, Paul J. Pape, Gina and Vivian Rakoff

In loving memory of **Eve Ross**  
- Beverly and Ronald Ross  
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In loving memory of **Hershel Ross**  
- Beverly and Ronald Ross  
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Deepest sympathy to the **Herman Family**  
- Loretta and Harold Grammer Rosen, Edith Rosen

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**Selma and Arnold Jussem** in memory of their son Steven

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**JAHRZEITEN JUNE 2004**

<i>To be read at the May 28, 2004 Service.</i>			
Harry Chas. Gottlieb	Sivan	12	June 1
Kay Fink	Sivan	12	June 1
Sima Muskat	Sivan	13	June 2
Adolph Weiss	Sivan	13	June 2
Alice Engel	Sivan	14	June 3
Gary Rosen	Sivan	14	June 3
Bella Isaak	Sivan	14	June 3
Irene and Leopold Stamberger	Sivan	14	June 3
George Spitz	Sivan	15	June 4
Emerich Sperlinger	Sivan	15	June 4
Lola Fleischer	Sivan	15	June 4
Matthew Emas	Sivan	17	June 6
Moses Goldberg	Sivan	17	June 6
John Goldstein	Sivan	18	June 7
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Rebecca Persiko	Sivan	19	June 8
Eric Parieser	Sivan	19	June 8
Anne Levy	Sivan	19	June 8
Irving J. Halperin	Sivan	20	June 9
Fancia Gottlieb	Sivan	21	June 10

Yolande Jakabb	Sivan	21	June 10
Ludwig Neubieser	Sivan	22	June 11
David Jakabb	Sivan	23	June 12
Richard Moldauer	Sivan	24	June 13
Ida Jackson	Sivan	24	June 13
Isaac Isaacson	Sivan	26	June 15
Samuel Lewkowicz	Sivan	26	June 15
Irene Lenkinski	Sivan	28	June 17
Sally Egnal	Sivan	28	June 17
Nigel Walsh	Sivan	28	June 17
Sen. David Croll	Sivan	29	June 18
Magdalena and Chajam Schwalb	Sivan	30	June 19
Saul A. Junger	Tammuz	1	June 20
Nellie Sperlinger	Tammuz	1	June 20
Bernard Porter	Tammuz	1	June 20
Pecaut Dorothy	Tamuz	2	June 21
Celia Kofman	Tammuz	2	June 21
Michael Szende	Tammuz	2	June 21
Marie Schwartz	Tammuz	3	June 22
John Pachner	Tammuz	5	June 24
Stuart Allan Roebuck	Tammuz	7	June 26
Ben Levy	Tammuz	7	June 26
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Margot Cige	Tammuz	11	June 30

In mourning; Norman Clavir, Emil Karp, Nathan Ostrow, Elizabeth Klein, Gangolf Herman, Judy Morton

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**Friday, June 4, 2004**