

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

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| Saturday, October 2 | 10:00am | Bat Mitzvah of Michelle Edelstein, Daughter of Laura Rachlin and Morry Edelstein |
| Saturday, October 2 | p.m. | Bar and Bat Mitzvahs of Robert and Eve, children of Beth Warren and Eric Hurwitz |
| Sunday, October 3 | 10:00am | Breakfast Club: <i>Life of Golda Meir</i> Presented by Marcia Diamond |
| Thursday, October 7 | 10:00am | Yiskor Service, Shemini Atzeret |
| Thursday, October 7 | 7:00pm | Simchas Torah Service and Celebration |
| Saturday, October 9 | 8:45 to 9:45am | Torah Class, portion of the week |
| Saturday, October 9 | 10:00am | Bar Mitzvah of Aaron Smith, son of Joy Alpert and Peter Smith |
| Saturday October 16 | 8:45 to 9:45am | Torah Class, Portion of the Week |
| Saturday, October 16 | 10:00am | Bat Mitzvah of Jaimie Roebuck, Daughter of Jody Roebuck |
| Saturday, October 16 | p.m. | Bat Mitzvah of Eliza Glatt, daughter of Jodi Lees and Richard Glatt |
| Saturday, October 23 | 8:45 to 9:45am | Torah Class, parsha of the week |
| Saturday, October 23 | 10:00am | Bat Mitzvah of Charlotte, daughter of Leslie and Paul Wynn |
| Friday, October 29 | 8:15pm | Full Shabbat Service and Oneg Shabbat |
| Saturday, October 30 | 8:45 to 9:45am | Torah Class, parsha of the week |

FROM THE RABBI

By the time you read this, our Days of Awe and the fall holidays of Sukkot and Simchat Torah will be over. On the very next Shabbat we will once again start up the Torah reading from “In the beginning...” Commenting on the very first section of the Five Books of Moses, the midrash says, *kol hat-chalaot kashot*; all beginnings are difficult. If for God, beginning to create the world was a difficulty, then how much more so for us mere mortals as we begin again.

It is a time of transition. Eli’s illness has forced him and the congregation to take a new and unanticipated path after some seventeen years of being together. We wish him well and a full and complete return to wholeness, health and well-being. My own decision to take an extended leave of absence from my position in Israel to return to Toronto and to the pulpit is also a significant change. Even if it is a return, one never steps back into the same water twice. New beginnings are difficult.

If you were to look at Eli and me side by side you would see two tall men. Both of us clean shaven, both of us in need of eyeglasses, and both of us hairline challenged. (I think sometimes that congregations choose successors to their spiritual leaders because the transition won’t be so physically noticeable.) But there is a story told of one of the Chasidic dynasties which may be instructive here. The leader of a Chasidic sect passed on and his son (who, they say, looked like his father) took over the leadership after his father’s death. After a brief time, the sect’s followers came and complained to their new leader that he was not doing as his father had done and not carrying on his father’s traditions. The tsadik replied, “Oh, but I am following my father’s traditions. Just as he didn’t do as his father, so I don’t do as mine.”

I do not plan to be so presumptuous. What Congregation Habonim has become as a liberal egalitarian synagogue I want to maintain and preserve. But because of my own particular situation I also want to add to what we are—to provide additional possibilities for us to pray together, to learn together and to build community together.

It will be a change, but with your help and support we can take those steps to build Habonim into a synagogue that takes pride in what it has become and has hope in what it yet can become. I look forward to sharing the challenge with you.

I wish us a good b’resihit.

Rabbi Edward S. Treister

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

Starting with the first portion of the Torah reading, Rabbi Treister will be conducting regular Shabbat morning study sessions prior to our regular Saturday morning services.

The study sessions, conducted over coffee and cake, will be held at 8:45 Saturday mornings and will conclude in time for the Shabbat worship service which follows at 10:00 am.

The first study session will take place on Saturday October 9. Rabbi Treister invites you to come and join him in study on any Shabbat morning during the course of the year.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Shana Tava – a happy and healthy New Year 5765.

Steve Erdos is preparing a new season of interesting and challenging programs, the first of which will take place on **Sunday, October 3 at 10 a.m.**

A well known Canadian actress **Marcia Diamond** will recreate a play about **Golda Meir**, Israel's first woman Prime Minister, complemented by filmed images of the play as it was originally staged by Marcia Diamond.

Elizabeth will prepare an especially tasty breakfast in honour of the new season as well, so make sure to come to this exciting meeting.

Sunday, October 3, 10a.m., breakfast and program still only \$6.

HABONIM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

First of all I would like to wish a warm welcome to the new families here at Beth Habonim's Religious School – it is wonderful welcoming you into our family. Secondly, I would like to say welcome back to our existing families – whose support keeps us alive.

I was first introduced to Habonim when my eldest started school here in grade 3 - he is now 17 and in grade 12. In fact, I have not had children in the school now for over 2 years. Aaron wasn't thrilled about attending but his father and I felt it was important for him to have the Hebrew and Judaica which we felt he needed to become a good Jew. Back then, things were very different – Aaron wasn't happy about attending and it didn't seem to be much of a warm environment. A

couple of years later I was approached to become registrar. I was thrilled and very excited because I had a vision of a religious school that I wanted to see Habonim grow into. I was lucky enough to have one of the teachers during my first year as registrar/principal support my ideas – not only did she support my vision but she made it come alive. Blima has become a central part of Habonim, fusing into the backbone of the Judaic education I so eagerly sought for my children. She instills an enthusiasm for learning into our younger grades and creates a fun and lively environment for them to learn in. I only wish I had half her energy!!! She dedicates so much of her time to Habonim including our B'nai Mitzvah children. In fact it was Blima who started the B'nai Mitzvah program which has become a central part of our children's learning.

I was lucky enough in year two of my term with the school to be introduced to Irit. We had just lost a teacher to Korea and needed a replacement for our level 3 and 4 grades. Blima had only one candidate in mind. Irit brings an incredible teaching style to our older grades, which most schools strive for but never obtain. She creates a dynamic learning environment in which the children not only learn, but discuss and debate amongst themselves. She pushes the children to ask questions and to debate issues which they would not normally be exposed to – opening the door to making their b'nai mitzvah experience an incredible one.

I have been extremely fortunate to work with these two talented individuals. I can only hope that Habonim carries on the learning environment that we have created for our children. I have been in this role for 6 years now. What many of you may not realize is that Beth Habonim is a volunteer run synagogue. We do have some employees such as Blima and Irit and of course the clergy. Outside of that it is run strictly by volunteers. That is probably what makes us the special Hamish place that we are. We try to keep the school fees as low as possible for both our member and non-member families. Unfortunately in the last few years, other alternate Sunday only schools have become available to families who do not belong to a synagogue. We have seen a decrease in our enrollment. When I first ran the school, I would have to turn families away each year as we were full to capacity. We like to see a maximum of 15 children in each class. This year, our level 1 and 2 classes have 9 children each only. If this trend continues, I can see one of two scenarios:

largely increasing school fees to cover costs – which would in the end be a deterrent for some of our families OR seeing the end of education at our synagogue.

I am asking all families here to spread the word about our special school – an education and learning environment not available anywhere else in this city. We need to increase our enrollment and it is only with your help that we will be able to do so.

Please help us in keeping this special place alive. I would like to thank Blima and Irit for all they have given to Habonim over the last few years and for making my position here an easy and wonderful one to be in.

Samantha Goldman
Registrar
416-483-1277

PERSONALIA

We regret to announce the loss our members Ilse Haim, who passed away on September 1, 2004. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Ilse's family.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Friendly greetings and best wishes for the New Year - **Tina Patton**

Edith Rosen extends to all her friends and members of Habonim best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year

Shana Tova to family and friends - **Gerda Gottlieb**

Best wishes to members of Habonim for a happy and peaceful New Year - **Ruth Linz**

Best wishes to all our friends and members of Habonim for a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year - **Jan, Rick, Rebecca and Ben Sutin**

We wish all our friends and members of Habonim a very happy New Year – **Selma and Arnold Jussem**

My wish for all members of Habonim is that they have a healthy and prosperous New Year - **Nathan Kahn**

We wish all our friends and members of Habonim a happy, healthy and peaceful year 5765 - **Freda, Walter, David and Rumi Steuerman**

In Memoriam:

In loving memory of Ariel Milla Koch - **Ro and Robert Cook**

In loving memory of my dear mother, Esther Vijevaro-Blom - **Ro Cook**

In loving memory of my dear father, Gerhard Baumann - **Ruth Linz**

In loving memory of my beloved husband, Dr. Curt Linz - **Ruth Linz**

In loving memory of my brother, Julius Koblitz - **Kathe Ritter**

In loving memory of Charles N. Sommer - **Doris Sommer-Rotenberg**

In loving memory of Leonard Williams - **Shelley and Michael Williams**

Deepest sympathy to the Sommer family on the death of Ilse Haim - **Gerda Gottlieb, Edith Rosen, Tina Patton**

GREETINGS:

Speedy recovery to Eli Rubenstein - **Becky and Gary Eisen**

Speedy recovery to Leon Nussbaum - **Selma and Arnold Jussem**

Congratulations to our wonderful grand-daughter, Jamie Roebeck, on her barmitzvah - **Loretta and Harold Grammer**

My wish for Eli Rubenstein is that he regains his health and no longer has any pain - **Nathan Kahn**

Grateful thanks and best wishes for a complete return to good health - **Felicia and Sam Cukier**

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Nancy, Izzy and Elisa Goldman, in memory of their daughter Tamara and in memory of mother Betty Schochet and brother Michael Schochet.

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JAHRZEITEN

| <i>Jahrzeiten to be read at service</i> | <i>October 29 2004</i> | | |
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| Natalie Rovins | Tishrei | 17 | October 2 |
| Alfred Alpert | Tishrei | 18 | October 3 |
| Willie Holz | Tishrei | 19 | October 4 |
| Elsie Moldauer | Tishrei | 21 | October 6 |
| Celia Sufrin | Tishrei | 21 | October 6 |
| Georg, Rosa, & Ruth Herman | Tishrei | 22 | October 7 |
| Murray Lerman | Tishrei | 22 | October 7 |
| Oscar Sennett | Tishrei | 23 | October 8 |
| Rosa Vogel | Tishrei | 23 | October 8 |
| Wolfgang Pelz | Tishrei | 27 | October 12 |
| Eric Sidney Helfield | Tishrei | 27 | October 12 |
| Sydney Warren | Tishrei | 28 | October 13 |
| Anne Orenstein | Tishrei | 28 | October 13 |
| Ezra Goldberg | Tishrei | 28 | October 13 |
| Matilde Kindermann | Tishrei | 28 | October 13 |
| Hugo Freund | Tishrei | 28 | October 13 |
| Anna Ormsby | Tishrei | 28 | October 13 |
| Laszlo Neumann | Tishrei | 29 | October 14 |
| Bertha Goodman | Tishrei | 29 | October 14 |
| Yetta Goldman | Tishrei | 29 | October 14 |
| Emil Vogel | Tishrei | 29 | October 14 |
| Fanny Kendall | Cheshvan | 1 | October 16 |
| Elik Zwiebel | Cheshvan | 1 | October 16 |
| Marjem Zwiebel | Cheshvan | 1 | October 16 |
| Bruno Zacharias | Cheshvan | 4 | October 19 |

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| Alfred Altman | Cheshvan | 5 | October 20 |
| Rosa Justitz | Cheshvan | 6 | October 21 |
| Rae Weingluck | Cheshvan | 8 | October 23 |
| Mire Katchen | Cheshvan | 9 | October 24 |
| Selma Bondy | Cheshvan | 9 | October 24 |
| Rosen Sonia | Cheshvan | 11 | October 26 |
| Yitzhak Rabin | Cheshvan | 12 | October 27 |
| Ellen Spilkin | Cheshvan | 13 | October 28 |
| Faye Kohn | Cheshvan | 13 | October 28 |
| Hilde Herman | Cheshvan | 13 | October 28 |
| Sylvia Grant | Cheshvan | 14 | October 29 |
| Mayer Schneider | Cheshvan | 15 | October 30 |
| Paul Sutton | Cheshvan | 16 | October 31 |
| Sol Rowan | Cheshvan | 16 | October 31 |

In mourning: Emil Karp, Nathan Ostrow, Gangolf Herman, Elizabeth Klein, Judy Morton, Charles Mint, Esther Storm, Ilse Haim

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