

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Friday, February 27	6:30 pm	Pot luck dinner & Service
Saturday, March 7	pm	Bar Mitzvah of Ari, son of Mike Morgulis
Sunday, March 8	10:00 am	Habonim Purim Party
Saturday, March 21	10:00 am	Bnei Mitzvah of Chelsea, Dylan, Scott and Lauren Margel; Children of Toba Abramczyk
Friday, March 27	7:00 pm	Family Kabbalat Shabbat Service With Eli
Friday, March 27	8:15pm	Shabbat Eve Service And Oneg Shabbat

## FAMILY DINNER AT HABONIM

**WHEN: FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2009.**

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

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. Short Service followed by dinner.**

**MENU:** Elizabeth will be preparing the main chicken dinner. We need side dishes and desserts.

**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**

**DO YOU PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?:** Let us know. We hope that the world renowned "Wailing Wall guitar and mandolin group" will be in attendance and you can join them

**COST:** NO charge to attend. If you wish to make a cash donation to Ve'ahavta, a box will be placed on the table at the entrance

RSVP [office@congregationhabonim.org](mailto:office@congregationhabonim.org)

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## HABONIM 2009 PURIM PARTY

Featuring:

- Eli Telling the Purim Story & Reading the Megillah
- Purim Concert with Tom & Hartley
- Purim Costume Contest
- Purim Play
- &
- Elizabeth's famous Hamantashen!

Sunday, March 8, 10:00 AM 5 Glen Park Avenue

BYOG (Bring Your Own Gregor)

All adults and children welcome!

Bring some friends to join in the fun.

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## ANNUAL PASSOVER SEDER

Habonim & Ve'ahavta Hold their 10th Annual Passover Seder for Members of Toronto's Homeless Community

On the second night of Passover, Congregation Habonim and Ve'ahavta - The Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee - will host the 10th annual Ve'ahavta/ Habonim Passover Seder for the Homeless. We expect 125 individuals to be present and would love you and your family to join us. Our guests will have the opportunity to enjoy a warm, spiritual evening full of good food, laughter and learning. As we celebrate the transition from slavery to freedom, we will also traverse the way between strangers and friends. The cost of the evening is \$36 per person and the date is **Thursday April 9th, 2009 at 6:00pm**. Please contact Elizabeth at 416-782-7125 to make your reservation. The Seder will be led by Avrum Rosensweig and Eli Rubenstein.

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## THANK YOU TO THE LATE MAY MARX

Recently, Congregation Habonim was the recipient of an extraordinarily generous donation from the estate of one of our late members – May Marx. This donation will allow Habonim to begin to address a number of serious issues with our charming, but aging, building.

May Marx was a vibrant presence and creative force at Habonim for many years.

If you look around the synagogue, evidence of May's exquisite artistry is everywhere. May designed the magnificent Ark, the Bimahs, the Holocaust Candelabrum, all inside the sanctuary, as well as the captivating Eitz Chaim, the Tree of Life, that graces our synagogue's lobby.

Shortly before May passed away, together with her partner Fred Rose, May was working on adding a second set of beautifully designed stained glass windows to Habonim, which now adorn Habonim's southern wall.

May Marx's life was exemplified by an untold number of acts of personal kindness and generosity. But even after her passing, May's legacy of giving continues to live on in so many ways.



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We would like to publicly express our gratitude for this wonderful gift to May's family, to her children, Martha (who is a Habonim member) and David, and to their extended families.

We also hope that May's philanthropy will serve as an example to other members at Habonim. If you would like to make a donation to Habonim, or would like to consider including Habonim in your will, please contact our Treasurer, Ted Rechtshaffen, at (416) 512-8338, or one of us.

Next time you visit Habonim, please take a moment to admire all the artistry that May graced Habonim with. And please take a moment to remember this gifted, vibrant and ever so generous individual, May Marx, who was a true blessing to our congregation.

<b>Samantha Goldman</b> President, Congregation Habonim	<b>Eli Rubenstein</b> Religious Leader, Congregation Habonim
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**EARN 7% ON YOUR MONEY...**  
**AND HELP HABONIM**

Congregation Habonim is offering you an opportunity to earn 7% on a 5 year bond. This bond will pay you interest twice a year. The minimum purchase is \$25,000. Maximum purchase is \$250,000. We are closing the bond after \$250,000 is raised.

This will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Below you will learn more about the reason for the bond offering, details of the investment, and how to invest.

Congregation Habonim has a lot to be thankful for. It has a strong membership, it has retained a smaller community feel, and its B'nai Mitzvah program is renowned for bringing real meaning to its

participants, families and their guests.

One area that is a concern at Congregation Habonim is our short term financial situation. As it turns out, our longer term financial picture is quite strong because we own our building and the two houses next door. Unfortunately, this short term strain is holding back some much needed repairs to the building and in some cases the exceptional speakers and other events that Habonim is hoping to continue to hold throughout the year.

In short, the reason for this is that the synagogue is committed for another 4 and a half years to paying off a private mortgage (current balance \$300,000) on the two houses next to Habonim. This is a mortgage at 4% interest, that was set up 5 and a half years ago on a 10 year amortization.

This means that the synagogue is paying down 10% of the principal on the mortgage on these houses every year (\$60,000 per year), a cash outlay that we cannot afford. These houses are currently worth roughly \$900,000. In hindsight, while the interest rate was wonderful, the mortgage should have been set up with a more standard amortization which would have not been as much of a drain on our cash flow.

We are left with two options:

- 1) Sell one or both of the homes to pay off the mortgage, or
- 2) Arrange, through the members, a bond issue that will help ease financial issues until the house mortgage is paid off.

It is quite possible that we will sell one or both houses, however, there remains mixed opinions on this and the process to get to a decision takes time. To be financially prudent and to retain flexibility to assess redevelopment options, we want to ensure that we can make these real estate decisions based on the future strategy of the synagogue and not based on

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short term capital requirements.

As a result, we have put together this 7% bond offering:

- Total bond of \$250,000. Minimum investment is \$25,000.

This bond investment (total of \$250,000) would be secured by a first mortgage on the main Habonim building and property (worth an estimated \$2.5 million) AND a second mortgage on the two houses (with current equity of roughly \$600,000). This bond, together with the existing mortgage, represents only about 16% loan-to-value ratio (\$550,000 on \$3.4 million) !!!

7% interest, paid semi-annually.

This bond investment will begin effective April 1, 2009

Habonim would reserve the right to pay the principal back early, but would pay a 5% bonus on your original investment.

If you are interested in discussing this further, please do not hesitate to call Ted Rechtshaffen (the Treasurer) at 416-733-3292 ext.221, or Eli at 416-398-2615.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2009,

Eli Rubenstein Religious Leader Congregation Habonim	Ted Rechtshaffen, MBA, CFP Treasurer - Congregation Habonim President and CEO of TriDelta Financial
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### TRIBUTE TO NATHAN KAHN

Last fall Habonim hosted Nathan Kahn during the Shabbat Eve service, and presented him an award for his long and dedicated service to Habonim. Below are two of the many accolades and comments made.

### **Samantha Goldman, President**

#### **Thank You to Nathan**

As many of you know, I have been President at Habonim for a number of years now. Sometimes, I think that I have done more than my share of volunteering here. And then, I think of Nathan Kahn, and I reconsider.

Nathan has been a volunteer at Habonim for 5 decades, for approximately 50 years.

Almost since the founding of Habonim, Nathan has been fixture here at Habonim. Nathan would faithfully attend each service, roll the Torahs to the right spot before each service, announce the Mi-Shebayrach's for those who were ill, read the blessings for the Bar & Bat Mitzvah students after they finished reading their portions – and take care of a whole host of other synagogue related matters, some of which only Nathan knows about.

But what's so amazing about all of this, is that Nathan did this for no other ulterior purpose. He did not expect honors or thank you's or recognition of any kind – Nathan did what he did for Habonim out of the purest motives: He has an unshakable faith in Jewish tradition and, if he saw something had to be done would just go ahead and do it.

Nathan, for many of us, your face and your voice, were the very face and the very voice of Jewish tradition. Nathan you were the bridge between the past and the future, a link to the storied history of the Jewish people, to countless centuries of Jewish values, of Jewish life and learning.

And though you are no longer active on the Bimah, your selfless example is one that will always continue to guide us and to inspire us.

Nathan, on behalf of myself and the congregation,

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please accept our deepest gratitude for all you have done for Habonim. Thank you for being such an inspiration! The award we are presenting you with tonight is richly deserved and I cannot think of anyone who is more worthy of receiving it.

**Eli Rubenstein, Rabbi**

**Thank You to Nathan**

Dear Nathan,

I am sorry I could not be at the service tonight to honor you, but I am certainly there in spirit. Nathan, to my mind, you personify what the word "Habonim" means, which is "builder". But, for five decades, you were not just one of the builders of Habonim, but its main pillar.

I was privileged to spend almost 20 years watching you volunteer your time at Habonim - and what I saw in you were these qualities:

Dedication, honesty, humility, selflessness, faith, wisdom & tradition

I am not sure Habonim would have even survived, and certainly it would not be the place it is today, without all of your exceptional and tireless efforts.

I would like to say that Nathan you are the role model for what a communal volunteer should be - but that would be setting the bar far too high for most of us.

Instead, let me conclude by saying this: Nathan, it is your example, your ideal, which we will try and aspire to, to attempt to emulate, at least in some small way, in our own efforts to perpetuate Jewish life at Habonim in the years to come.

Mazal tov on this honor which is so well deserved.

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## YOUNG FILM MAKER SCREENINGS

If you know any young aspiring documentary film makers, please contact us. If you are a young aspiring documentary film maker, please contact us.

We are scheduling the first (and it may be more frequent than annual!)

### 'Young Film Maker Screening'

at Congregation Habonim late spring 2009.

The plan is to screen the reel and then have the film maker talk with the audience about the film and their experiences in its production.

Screenings will take place in our hall that can accommodate an audience of up to 200 people. We do plan to promote this event outside of our own member group.

An event such as this would be a great chance for young aspiring film maker<sup>0</sup> to screen their work and talk with industry veterans who are members of Habonim.

### **To Do:**

Let us know at [office@congregationhabonim.org](mailto:office@congregationhabonim.org) if you are an aspiring film maker or you know an aspiring film maker and you have a reel that you would like to show at our Screening Room. We have a review panel of industry experts who will select the films to be screened.

Let us know if you are involved in the industry in any way and would be willing to assist us in making this an enjoyable and entertaining stepping stone project. Based on the response, we will determine the number of nights to be scheduled.

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## PERSONALIA

We are mourning the loss of five friends and members who passed away during these two winter months.

Condolences to Selma and family on the loss of her husband **Arnold Jussem**

Our heartfelt sympathy to the family of **Aron Kravchik**

Longtime members **Eve Baxter** and **Kaethe Ritter** will be sorely missed by all. Our condolences go out to their families.

Condolences to the Howard Freeman & Victoria Ruby and their family on the loss of Howard's mother, **Kate Freeman**

On a happier note: Happy 95th birthday to **Edith Rosen**. Happy 80th to **Erika Erdos**

Mazal Tov on the 59th Anniversary of **Bernice and Aaron Goldberg**.

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## DONATIONS

To Nathan Kahn - Our prayers are with you.

### **Greetings:**

To Eva Baxter - my thoughts and prayers are with you. I wish that you will be your own self again soon - Gerda Gottlieb

To Eve Baxter - thinking of you and hoping you will feel better with each day - Edith Rosen

### **Congratulations:**

In honour of the award given to Eli Rubenstein from Ve'ahavta - Vivian and Gina Rakoff  
Mazeltov to Eli Rubenstein on receiving the Tikun Olam Award - Rick, Jan, Rebecca and Ben Sutin  
Mazeltov to Eli Rubenstein on being given the Tikun Olam Award - The Hurowitz/Warren Family

### **Greetings:**

In honour of Erika Erdos's special birthday - Susan Haydu, Dr. Felicia Carmelly, Albert Klein and Erika Kleinova, Ellen and Robert Palestine, Inge Biskupski, Agnes Heringer, Nita and Hartley Levine, Camil Rabinovici, Zuzana Sermer, Ro and Robert Cook, Thomas Newman, The Gazdag Family, Miklos Emhecht

In honour of Edith Rosen on the occasion of your special birthday - Kurt Weinburg

To Gerda Gottlieb - Congratulations on your 90th birthday. Many happy returns - Edith Rosen

### **In Memoriam:**

The Morton and Small families are remembering with love and sadness our dear son and brother Richard Morton.

In loving memory of my dear husband, Gunther - Edith Rosen

To Robert Baxter and family - With sympathy on your great loss - Edith Rosen

To Robert Baxter - May the memories of your dear wife, Eva, give you comfort in the difficult times ahead - Gerda Gottlieb

### **In Appreciation:**

With thanks to Eli Rubenstein for his wonderful support before, during and after the funeral of our beloved mother and grandmother, Sylvia Van Der Hout - The Van Der Hout Family

In honour of Eli Rubenstein for his wonderful support during and after the funeral of our mother and grandmother, Sylvia Van Der Hout - Judith Arbus and family

### **Annual Donation:**

Martin and Sylvia Nathanson

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**JAHRZEITEN**

*To be read at upcoming services in February and  
March, 2009*

Harry Buim	Shevat 7	February 1
Harry Ginpil	Shevat 7	February 1
John Leinung	Shevat 8	February 2
Danny Rabinowitz	Shevat 9	February 3
Samuel Persiko	Shevat 10	February 4
Bernie Slomen	Shevat 11	February 5
Esther Glucklick	Shevat 11	February 5
Charles Gross	Shevat 12	February 6
Maury Harris	Shevat 13	February 7
Edward Isadore Harris	Shevat 13	February 7

Jessie Kahl	Shevat 13	February 7
Jack Cole	Shevat 14	February 8
Annie Lams	Shevat 15	February 9
Nathan Burrows	Shevat 15	February 9
Malka Wakeam	Shevat 16	February 10
Elizabeth Schwartz	Shevat 16	February 10
Dr. Abraham Skudwick	Shevat 17	February 11
David Brown	Shevat 18	February 12
Flora Kohn	Shevat 18	February 12
Rebecca Van Der Hout	Shevat 19	February 13
Percy Weinstein	Shevat 19	February 13
Josef Burstyn	Shevat 20	February 14
Mary Milgrom	Shevat 21	February 15
Margarete Weinlaub	Shevat 21	February 15
Louis Marcovitch	Shevat 21	February 15
Paul Freund	Shevat 23	February 17
Herman Seifer	Shevat 24	February 18
Clara Bierman	Shevat 24	February 18
Tiberiu Hercz	Shevat 26	February 20
Rudolf Aaron Eisinger	Shevat 26	February 20
Samuel Schwartz	Shevat 26	February 20
Aaron Kendall	Shevat 27	February 21
Franz Koch	Shevat 27	February 21
Irving Dennis	Shevat 28	February 22
Hilda Weiss	Shevat 30	February 24
Sydney Kuttner	Adar* 1	February 25
Morris Hyman Nathanson	Adar* 1	February 25
Joseph Rosen	Adar 2	February 26
Jack Lees	Adar 2	February 26
May Klegon	Adar 3	February 27
Naomi Wilson	Adar* 4	February 28
David Cupchik	Adar 4	February 28
Siegmund Koch	Adar 4	February 28
Isador Joseph Isaak	Adar 4	February 28
Henry Shanoff	Adar 4	February 28
Sarah Ostrow	Adar* 4	February 28
Antonia Kimerling	Adar 6	March 2
Blanche Haber	Adar 7	March 3
Miriam Erdos	Adar 7	March 3

Adolf (Aron)		
Hammerfeld	Adar 7	March 3
Mary Harris	Adar* 7	March 3
Sender Balberman	Adar 8	March 4
Joseph and Klara		
Fluxgold	Adar* 8	March 4
Hans Waldman	Adar 10	March 6
Herman Lennhoff	Adar 10	March 6
Sylvia Shanoff	Adar 10	March 6
Len Slan	Adar 11	March 7
Esther Goldstein	Adar 11	March 7
Jack Lees	Adar* 11	March 7
Aron Shuster	Adar* 11	March 7
Syrel Greene	Adar 12	March 8
Samuel Jacob		
Gibson	Adar 12	March 8
Les Braun	Adar* 14	March 10
Werner Rappoport	Adar* 14	March 10
Gretta Han	Adar* 15	March 11
Sophie Sion	Adar* 15	March 11
Marinka Goldberger	Adar* 15	March 11
Rose Gibson	Adar 16	March 12
Alice Lobel	Adar 17	March 13
Irene Rachel Weiss	Adar 17	March 13
Paul H. Massareck	Adar* 17	March 13
Joseph Brager	Adar 19	March 15
David Kachuck	Adar* 19	March 15
Hilda Perlmutter	Adar* 19	March 15
Rachel Cohen	Adar 20	March 16
Meta Baumann	Adar 20	March 16
Joseph Krongold	Adar* 20	March 16
Gerda Jackson	Adar* 20	March 16
May Marx	Adar* 21	March 17
Phillip Gibson	Adar 21	March 17

Olga Beer	Adar 22	March 18
Jacob Ader	Adar 24	March 20
William Binder	Adar* 24	March 20
Esther Burstyn	Adar 25	March 21
Joseph Sufrin	Adar 25	March 21
Harry Cherm	Adar 25	March 21
Dennis Urstein	Adar 25	March 21
Meyer Shapiro	Adar* 25	March 21
John Patton	Adar* 26	March 22
Alfred Jakabb	Adar 27	March 23
Percy Fishman	Adar 27	March 23
Shaindl Balberman	Adar 28	March 24
Erika Litvack	Adar* 29	March 25
William Klein	Adar 29	March 25
Reuben Buium	Adar 29	March 25
Stephen Kohn	Nisan 2	March 27
Marcus Goldberg	Nisan 3	March 28
Leon Kofman	Nisan 3	March 28
Moe Koffman	Nisan 4	March 29
Renee Goodis	Nisan 6	March 31

**In mourning:**

Ken Kagen, Mary Slomen, Abraham Nachamovitz, Sam Cukier, Rae Steuermann, Jack Litvack, Joyce Kuttner, Peter Barsony, Ben Mendell, Sylvia Van Der Hout, Bella Tiefenbach, Celia Fischer, Eve Baxter, Arnold Jussem, Kaethe Ritter, Aron Kravchik, Kate Freeman

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