

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday, Sept 17	1:00pm	Chairs arranged in synagogue – volunteers needed	Saturday, October 7	10:00am	Bat Mitzvah of Sydney Birnbaum
Friday, Sept 22	8:00pm	Erev Rosh Hashana	Saturday, October 14	10:00am	Bat Mitzvah of Kathryn Levitt
Saturday, Sept 23	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am	Rosh Hashana early service Children's service Rosh Hashana late service	Saturday, October 14	10:00am	Yiskor Services
Sunday, Sept 24	10:00am	Rosh Hashana second day	Sunday, October 15	10:00am	Simchat Torah Service
Sunday, October 1	1:00pm 6:00pm 8:30pm	Sukkah Construction Kol Nidre early service Kol Nidre late service	Friday, October 20	6:30pm	Bat Mitzvah of Aliza Fine
Monday, October 2	8:30am 9:00am 11:00am 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:45pm	Yom Kippur early service Children's service Yom Kippur late Tashlich – Alexander Muir Park Yonge Street – 1 light south of Lawrence Neilah (services resume) Havdallah (time approx.)	Friday, October 27	6:30pm	Pot Luck Dinner to welcome new members
Friday, October 6	7:00pm	Bat Mitzvah of Jessie & Jamie Weisberg	Friday, October 27	8:15pm	Shabbat Service and Oneg
			Saturday, October 28	10:00am	Bat Mitzvah of Sally Rosenwhite

HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS

Tickets were mailed out the last week of August. You should receive yours the week of September 12th.

Problems with your tickets?

Or want to purchase additional tickets for your family (including

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MESSAGE FROM AVRUM

THE HIGH HOLIDAYS: WE ARE ALIVE!

In the book, *The Days of Awe* edited by Nobel Prize in Literature – S.Y. Agnon, Arthur Green writes in the introduction about a time he heard Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchuk give a lecture to a secularist Yiddish Culture Club in Boston.

Rabbi Soloveitchuk, a pioneer in the modern Orthodox movement, told the group of seniors he believed the entirety of Yom Kipper is summed up in one word - the *amen* one calls out after the Shehechyanu blessing (a thank you prayer) following *Kol Nidre*.

The Rabbi explained to the group that we say this prayer to thank God for having ‘kept us in life’ and enabled us to

reach this season. He continued, that this blessing is recited at the most dramatic of all moments in the yearly cycle and therefore tells us where the heart of Yom Kipper is.

About Rabbi Soloveitchuk’s thought, Arthur Green wrote that, “those elderly, self-proclaimed nonbelievers, now facing their own old age, understood what he was saying. So did the elderly chazzan in my grandfathers synagogue, whose voice cracked into tears at the verse, “Cast us not off in old age; as our strength fails do not abandon us.”

What a wonderful thought. According to these sages, these holidays, with core shaking Shofar blasts, commitment to denying our earthly needs – are a moment on the calendar when we celebrate the simple fact that we made it through another year; and we did so despite our hardships, challenges and losses. We made it and **we are alive!**

How fascinating is that the High Holidays can be understood in this way. How curious it is that while so many people concentrate on making each and every word of the *Yom Tov* liturgy meaningful, our days in shul and the days leading up to the High Holidays might be more effective if we followed the words of Rabbi Soloveitchuk, and those of Thich Nhat Hanh, a Vietnamese Zen and Buddhist master, who instructs us to wake up every morning with a smile on our faces, welcoming the day and expressing our thanks for being witness to the miracle of another sun rise.....be in awe of the fact that **we are alive!**

Wouldn’t Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kipper take on a different meaning, if on the tips of our tongues, and lying deeply in our soul were similar words from the morning prayer, *Mo’dah Ani*, thanking the Creator for returning our soul and granting us the chance to maximize the day in front of us – **to live today!**

Life is a gift. Each dawn it arrives in a parcel, and we unwrap it once again and are surprised by what we find inside. One day, the contents sparkle as we look into the eyes of our newborn child or grandchild. The next day, we are curious about its form, size and purpose as we watch in dismay while Israel is at war once again, and the battle in Sudan goes unabated.

This year, 5767, do your best to clutch that bundle as tightly as you possibly can. Hold it, shape it, as the High Holiday liturgy says – sculpt it. It is up to us to choose happiness over sadness, and spirit over the mundane.

Make these days special; pray, meditate or simply ‘be’ –

but do so with commitment! Sing aloud, *‘L’chaim to life’* and dance about with the knowledge that we were ‘kept in life’ for another year.

And as you do, remember the words of the eighteenth century Jewish sage – Rav Nachman of Bratslav who said that our prayers on *Yom Tov* for ‘length of days’ are not only a request for a long life, but similarly an application that every day should be a very long one – filled with deeds of kindness and the pursuit to live as loud and vibrantly as we can.

May we all have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year and be written in the Book of Life. May each day we live be full, loving and exceptional.
Peace in Israel. Peace in the World. L’shana Tova. **We are alive!**

RISHON LETSION YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Forty Israeli teens, ages 12-19, all members of the Rishon Letsion Youth Orchestra visited Canada this past summer where they entertained audiences in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

Congregation Habonim was privileged to be the only Toronto venue for the youth ensemble. (Other venues had been planned but were cancelled because of security concerns.)

The Youth Orchestra held its audience spellbound for well over 90 minutes as it performed a selection of songs ranging from the traditional to modern, from folk to light classical.



Congregation Habonim’s Elisa Goldman led off the evening with a number of Jewish and jazz standards including a stirring rendition of “Summertime” in which she was accompanied by the Youth Orchestra’s flautist: Udi Wahrsager

The Israel group was welcomed by Habonim’s cantor,

Esther Ghan Firestone, and thanked by past President Roger DeFrietas.

During their stay in Toronto, the youth were hosted with Jewish families (many of whom were Habonim members) and toured Toronto’s renowned landmarks.

Their visit took place during one of the most difficult crises to take place in Israel in recent years. While the students enjoyed taking their minds off of the difficulties in Israel during their tour, they were never more than a phone call away from their families. Each orchestra member brought their own cell phone to stay in touch with their loved ones while they traveled. After their visit to Toronto, the orchestra visited Ottawa and Montreal, and included a stop in the 1,000 Islands. Fortunately, by the time the students returned home the situation in Israel had largely quieted down.

At the start of the evening, Israel Consul General Kobi Brosh brought greetings on behalf of the Government of Israel.. He said: “The real Israel is not the crisis that our enemies initiate against us... The real Israel is made up of vibrant towns, cities, villages & kibbutzim. It is a vibrant state which is proud of its technological, scientific, industrial and agricultural achievements”.

And we are certainly a state which is very proud of our youngsters who are so capable in so many areas.

I think what we will see today from the Rishon Letsion is just a small example of the talent we have in Israel, that we are so proud of.

And thanks to them we shall get over each crisis and we shall grow stronger and stronger and we shall flourish!

Pictures and music from the evening may be found at Congregation Habonim’s website:
[www.congregationhabonim.org]

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In Memoriam:

In loving memory of my dear sister, Tina Patton -
Edith Rosen

Deepest sympathy to the Patton family on the passing of

Tina Patton - Eve and Baxter; Gerda Gottlieb; Rae Steuermann; Paula and Leon Nussbaum; Peggy Pachner; Ron Goldstaub; Freda and Walter Steuerman; Maxine and Mel Wasserman; Edith Stein; Richard and Judy Ellen
In loving memory of my dear parents, Jolan Jakabb and David Jakabb - Eric Jakabb

In loving memory of my dear husband, Harry - Ann Silver

In loving memory of Marvin Hochman - Gloria Guttman

In loving memory of Karoly and Susan Feuer - Catherine and Steven Feuer

In loving memory of Edward Harris - Neil Harris

In memory of Karl Marx, much loved husband, father and grandfather - The James and Marx families

In loving memory of Ariel Milla Koch and Esther Vijeveno Blom - Ro and Robert Cook

Greetings:

Congratulations to Freda and Walter Steuerman on their 50th wedding anniversary - Gerda Gottlieb
Happy 90th birthday to Phyllis Mint - Gerda Gottlieb

Mazeltov to Gerda Gottlieb on the birth of new great grandchild - Edith Rosen

In celebration of the birth of Mia Alexandra, daughter of Bram Cadsby and Fei Song, named for her Poppa - Loving aunts, uncles and cousins are the Silver and Morisette families - Maxine Cadesby, proud grandmother Maxine Cadsby, and Xinshan Song and Weijuan Low, proud grandparents.

Habonim's religious leaders are often called upon to perform duties in addition to performing Habonim's congregational and bar/bat mitzvah services. Donations to Habonim are an appropriate gesture. These duties include unveilings, visiting the elderly and sick, shiva services, baby namings, weddings etc. . Please contact Sandra Levy, tel. 416.665.5595, if you would like to make a donation to Habonim with regard to any of these services.

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Flora Stern	Tishrei 5	September 27
Henia Shuster	Tishrei 5	September 27
Irene Beldegruen Kohn	Tishrei 6	September 28
Julius Koblitz	Tishrei 6	September 28
Ruth Kumer	Tishrei 6	September 28
Lazar Levy	Tishrei 7	September 29
Clara Kahn	Tishrei 9	October 1
Henry Weingluck	Tishrei 9	October 1
Solomon &		
Bertha Steuerman	Tishrei 10	October 2
Abraham Kahn	Tishrei 10	October 2

Carl Kimerling	Tishrei 10	October 2
Esther Finestone	Tishrei 10	October 2
Amalia Braun	Tishrei 10	October 2
Solomon & Bertha Steuerman	Tishrei 10	October 2
Emil Karp	Tishrei 10	October 2
Dr. Gertrude Freund	Tishrei 10	October 2
Morrie Cohen	Tishrei 11	October 3
Charles Sommer	Tishrei 13	October 5
Rita Pape	Tishrei 13	October 5
Curt Landeker	Tishrei 13	October 5
Sylvia Rose Sugarman	Tishrei 13	October 5
Lorraine Grobisen	Tishrei 15	October 7
Sophie Fishman	Tishrei 15	October 7
Betty Levy	Tishrei 15	October 7
Natalie Rovins	Tishrei 17	October 9
Alfred Alpert	Tishrei 18	October 10
Willie Holz	Tishrei 19	October 11
Kevin Ford	Tishrei 20	October 12
Elsie Moldauer	Tishrei 21	October 13
Celia Sufrin	Tishrei 21	October 13
Georg, Rosa, & Ruth Herman	Tishrei 22	October 14
Murray Lerman	Tishrei 22	October 14
Oscar Sennett	Tishrei 23	October 15
Rosa Vogel	Tishrei 23	October 15
Sandra Emas	Tishrei 24	October 16
Wolfgang Pelz	Tishrei 27	October 19
Eric Sidney Helfield	Tishrei 27	October 19
Sydney Warren	Tishrei 28	October 20
Anne Orenstein	Tishrei 28	October 20

Ezra Goldberg	Tishrei 28	October 20
Matilde Kindermann	Tishrei 28	October 20
Hugo Freund	Tishrei 28	October 20
Anna Ormsby	Tishrei 28	October 20
Laszlo Neumann	Tishrei 29	October 21
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Fanny Kendall	Cheshvan 1	October 23
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Marjem Zwiebel	Cheshvan 1	October 23
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Alfred Altman	Cheshvan 5	October 27
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