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Bar Refaeli too hot for Israeli TV

A campaign ad for fashion brand Hoodies, starring Israeli supermodel Bar Refaeli and a muppet known as Red Orbach, made waves last week after being deemed too risqué for daytime television audiences in Israel. In the spot, Orbach fantasizes about multiple sexual encounters with the blonde bombshell, and it ends with the tagline "It couldn't get any better than this. Or could it?" According to a ruling by censors for Israel's Second Authority for Television and Radio, there were just "too many sexual insinuations" for the spot to run before 10 p.m. Maybe Red was showing too much chest hair.

Perlman gets Air Canada apology

Air Canada apologized last week to Israeli-American violinist Itzhak Perlman and donated 500,000 Aeroplan miles to Chai Lifeline, which supports families of



Was it good for you? Bar Refaeli and her felt friend revel in simulated post-coital bliss.

kids with serious illnesses, after an airline employee abandoned the disabled virtuoso with his luggage, crutches and violin. The man met Perlman to help him as he deplaned at Toronto's Pearson Airport, but left him on an elevator to fend for himself and make his way to customs and immigration. Perlman had polio as a child and uses crutches and a mobility scooter to get around. He was in Toronto to play a

benefit for Chai Lifeline. For our report on the concert, please see page 15.

Did Trudeau really say that?

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau played defence last week after Winnipeg Tory MP Joyce Bateman accused him of taking a more "balanced line" on the Middle East, "signifying a shift away from support for Israel" and "opposing our efforts to defend [Israel's] right to exist and to a Jewish homeland." Trudeau supposedly made the remarks to Iranian newspaper *Salam Toronto* last month, and the comments made news in Israel, where right-leaning *Arutz Sheva* said he accused Prime Minister Stephen Harper of "pandering to the Jewish vote." Trudeau countered that he hadn't made the comments, but that he told the paper he favoured reinstating ties with Iran, which Harper ended, and accused Harper of developing foreign policy based on electoral concerns. ■

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Letters to the Editor

Looking for seder memories

I am working on a project that I hope eventually will become an anthology of stories people retell from their family seders.

I want to get stories about mishaps, surprises, discussions, humorous events and so on. I know whenever I get together with people at seders, we always talk about seders we have attended in the past, why we remember them and we exchange some very entertaining, vivid tales.

I was wondering if *The CJN's* readers might like to contribute to my project. Their stories can be submitted anonymously if they prefer.

Please contact me by email: pawsw@eastlink.ca, or call 709-481-2043.

Sheina Lerman
Rattling Brook, Nfld.

Thanks to WordSwap

My husband and I had the honour of

hosting three of the eight WordSwap members for Shabbat dinner ("Israeli Arabs help to debunk apartheid myths," *The CJN*, March 20). Rabea, Muhamed and Ortal volunteered to leave their very full and busy student lives to come to Canada and help our students stand up to the anti-Semitism and lies that they face on campus.

Druze, Jew, Bedouin – it doesn't matter for this group of pro-Israel advocates. In fact, it's their diversity that helps demonstrate to the ignorant hatemongers on campus how wrong they are about Israel.

I want to thank all the members of WordSwap for their enthusiasm and dedication to Israel (and our students). I trust that next year, StandWithUs will be able to obtain the fundraising required to bring this group back for a third year.

Sadly, there is much to do. Thankfully, we have WordSwap to help us.

Susan Kendall
Thornhill, Ont.

Women saying Kaddish

I found myself in the midst of quite an emotional, empathetic reaction when reading Norma Baumel Joseph's article about saying *Kaddish* ("Saying *Kaddish* again, but still invisible," *The CJN*, March

20). As a contributor to the recent book, *Kaddish, Women's Voices*, by Michal Smart and Barbara Ashkenas, which won the National Jewish Book Award, I have had mixed experiences on the "other side of the mechitza" when saying *Kaddish*.

Though it has been many years since my parents died, my recitation of *Kaddish*, now at yahrzeits, depending on where it is said, has received "mixed reviews".

It indeed both saddens and angers me that, as far as we have come in modern day Judaism, and with the knowledge that it is indeed perfectly acceptable for a woman to say *Kaddish*, there still remain people (of both genders) who see a need to demean and diminish not only women's observance, but also their feelings, particularly of grief, when it comes to saying *Kaddish* in the presence of a minyan.

In knowing that there is indeed a lot of grey area where many have seen black and white, the minhagim (customs – and they are indeed customs and not necessarily Jewish law) surrounding *Kaddish* and mourning (and other practices) have become structured strictures instead of opportunities for growth and grieving.

I suppose what struck me hardest was Joseph's acknowledgement that she is next. I share in that disconcerting feeling. I do truly hope that, in the example I set, my own children (I have two daughters, as

well as a son) will find it somehow more comfortable to say *Kaddish* at the appropriate time.

May more and more women take the role of setting the example of grieving through the recitation of *Kaddish* and other practices, as there is indeed healing to be found there, so the women who come next might have it just a bit easier.

Joyce Solomon
Thornhill, Ont.

Bernie Madoff's identity

When the Bernie Madoff story hit the news, everybody was aware of his identity as a Jew ("No betrayal: Madoff," *The CJN*, March 27). When the people who were victimized by Madoff turned out disproportionately to be Jews, I said a silent thank you prayer, as did many Jews. The anti-Semites would have shouted that the Jews were victimizing the gentiles again.

Murray Rubin
Toronto, Ont.

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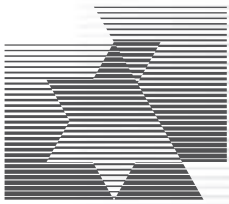
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Celebrating freedom at the seder

Passover recalls our liberation, but how do you make it meaningful and delicious without running yourself ragged?

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Rabbi Korobkin: One of the biggest challenges Jewish educators have is making Judaism relevant to children. How do we give them a seder experience that's both enriching and entertaining, one that will make them proud to be Jewish and want to learn and do more? What works for you, your family and your congregants, Rabbi Grushcow?

Rabbi Grushcow: I've always loved the rabbinic teaching that the seder table can be set upside down, so that when participants see it, they're immediately engaged with questions. The very format of the seder is conducive to the aspects of Judaism that modern Jews treasure: questioning and conversation, an appreciation for history and story, and good food. Anything that helps deliver the essential message of Pesach – that we began in degradation and slavery and emerged into freedom – is powerful. We have a tradition of asking each guest to bring something that signifies freedom for them. People have brought their conversion certificates, passports and running shoes. Once, a young girl spoke about learning to read and write. It's a great conversation starter and a great equalizer. The seder is most effective when everyone feels they have a place at the table.

Rabbi Korobkin: In our home, no two seders are ever the same, since we try to cater the flow to our guests. When it's just family, the challenge is catering to different ages: for our six-year old, we'll have plastic frogs hopping around the table. For adult children, we'll set aside time after the small kids are asleep to have them present more complex divrei Torah. Other times, we host unaffiliated Jews who are sometimes having their first traditional seder at our home. In those situations, we'll read mostly in English, discuss the Exodus on a very basic level, and try to cater to their level of education. When we lived in Los Angeles, our African-American neighbours once joined us, and we spent a large portion of the seder on the verse, "Our ancestors were

slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt." We discovered a history and language of liberation common to both our cultures. In the end, we try to make everyone feel comfortable, welcome and free to say or question whatever they like.

Rabbi Grushcow: It does sound like our seders have a lot in common! When I'm teaching about Pesach, I find my students – especially those who weren't born Jewish – appreciate that Judaism is a religion that doesn't just take place in the synagogue. Family recipes are part of what make the seder so powerful for me and part of what we talk about with guests. But the cooking and home preparation make Pesach our most labour-intensive holiday. Even as a child, I was struck by the irony that the festival of freedom involved so much work. How do you make the seder a meaningful and delicious experience of freedom for both guests and hosts?

Rabbi Korobkin: It's not an easy balance. In a seder class I gave to a group of ladies, many of whom were dreading pre-Pesach efforts, I noted that if those preparing are exhausted by the time they start the seder, it's not really possible to fulfil its primary mitzvah: "In every generation a person is obligated to view himself or herself as if they are now leaving Egypt." Many people go to such extremes in cleaning that it's easy to lose the forest for the trees. I remind people that Pesach cleaning is about making sure all chametz has been put away and sold, and that the house gets a thorough cleaning. No more, no less. This is one reason that years ago, I took it upon myself to kasher the house and do a large amount of the cooking before Pesach, because it's important that my wife not get stressed out by a holiday that's about liberation. As long as we put cleaning into perspective and preparation is a team effort, we can manage without too much stress.

Rabbi Grushcow: For me, the work is mitigated in some ways by a feeling of connection. Most important, we never want the perfect to be the enemy of the good. It's impossible to make exactly the same seder one's parents or grandparents made. And for those who are new to Judaism or Jewish practice, the image of the ideal seder can be daunting. What matters is coming together, eating, and telling the story. The perfect chicken soup is wonderful, but you can still have a seder without it. ■

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Ultra-Orthodox Jews collect water from a mountain spring outside Jerusalem on April 6. The water will be used to make matzah.

From the Editor's Desk

Where do peace talks go from here?

Last week's breakdown in peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians was discouraging. Nevertheless, there are lessons to be learned.

Firstly, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has failed to inspire confidence in either side – or in anyone – that he can broker a deal. He has been completely ineffective, and it's time Barack Obama found someone new to take on a mediator's role. And while we're on the subject of the U.S. president, he has yet to show he possesses the fortitude to orchestrate a serious peace process. He's running out of time to do so.

Maybe I'm being too harsh on Kerry and Obama. After all, they have the misfortune of attempting to work with Mahmoud Abbas, a man who clearly doesn't understand the concept of give and take. The Palestinian Authority president's refusal to accept Israel as a Jewish state effectively ended these negotiations. Unless and until the Palestinians are willing to acknowledge the most basic principle of Israel's existence – that it is the Jewish homeland – there is no peace deal to talk about. Quite the opposite: when Abbas signed on to 15 United Nations treaties and conventions last week, he signalled a renewed offensive against Israel. Why should anyone believe he is a genuine peace partner?

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his negotiating team don't come out of this looking particularly strong, either. The decision to delay the release of Palestinian (and a few Israeli-Arab) prisoners in hopes of extracting a promise of further negotiations did not end well. Abbas' rigidity on the Jewish-state issue and his refusal to commit to continuing talks beyond the end of April certainly put Israeli leaders in a tough spot – but reneging on the prisoner transfer ultimately gave Abbas an opening to apply to the UN.

What happens next is anyone's guess. The Palestinians might play hardball and move the fight to the UN. Then again, given that they managed to wrench away more prisoners from Israel and attain greater status at the UN during these peace talks, all without giving up anything, perhaps they will think they have reason to come back to the table. A renewed terror campaign is less likely, but the possibility can't be overlooked.

Meanwhile, Israeli negotiators have every reason to be frustrated by the unreasonable expectations being heaped on them from all sides. Still, they will have to find a way to move forward.

As for the Americans, Kerry and Obama have each signalled they are growing impatient with the two sides. Clearly, the feeling is mutual.

This much we do know: the majority of Israelis want to talk peace, while the majority of Palestinians don't. According to the Israel Democracy Institute's Peace Index, nearly 70 per cent of Israelis are in favour of peace talks (though just 28.5 per cent believe dialogue will lead to a peace deal anytime soon). Meanwhile, the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey's latest figures show 55 per cent of Palestinians are against continued negotiations. Sixty-two per cent would reject a framework agreement that recognizes Israel as a Jewish state.

Peace can only be achieved when both sides truly want it. That is simply not the case. Not yet, anyway. ■ — YONI

OPINION

Why we must fight BDS on campus

Marc Newburgh
and Raphael Szajnfarber

In recent days, student unions at McMaster and Ryerson universities have been targeted by activists pushing resolutions to endorse boycotts, divestment and sanctions (BDS) against Israel alone. With support from Hillel and the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA), Jewish students and their allies have been vigorously working to expose these odious proposals for what they are: a modern-day blacklist and blatant discrimination on the basis of national origin. In so doing, we have learned first hand that BDS on campus has virtually nothing to do with Israel, and everything to do with the well-being of Jews and Zionists on campus.

To be clear, Canadian universities are actually strengthening their partnerships with Israeli universities. Last summer, during a trip to Israel by Canadian university presidents, co-hosted by CIJA and the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) signed an accord with Israel's association of university heads. As a result, every publicly funded Canadian university is now in a formal partnership with Israeli universities, and the AUCC has committed to expanding joint research projects, study opportunities, and faculty exchanges. This is not just an open refutation of BDS. It's a tangible building up of all that BDS activists, in their wildest fantasies, hope to destroy.

Indeed, research shows that not one university administration in Canada or the United States has supported BDS. In contrast, some have openly spoken against symbolic BDS resolutions passed by student governments.



In the case of the University of Windsor Students Association's recent referendum on BDS, the university president issued a strong response, declaring that "the University of Windsor has not endorsed the BDS movement" and that "the university will not allow the results of any referendum to compromise our values and our commitment to all who come here to study." The school's president subsequently launched an investigation of the referendum, citing allegations of misconduct throughout the referendum process. In his initial conclusion, the president ruled that the referendum "failed to adhere to the

bylaws, processes and constitution of the UWSA" – a validation of the concerns of Jewish students and a significant blow to the credibility of BDS on campus.

For our students on the "front lines" of these symbolic battles in Hamilton and Toronto, calls for BDS are having no effect on trade or partnerships with Israel, but they have unavoidable effects on the place of Jewish students on campus.

The slanderous and detestable rhetoric that invariably accompanies BDS campaigns aims to cast Israel in a perpetual state of controversy. Associating with the State of Israel as the democratic homeland of the Jewish People is a core aspect

of Jewish identity, secular and religious alike. Simply put, Jewish students cannot help but feel uncomfortable, alienated and – at times – intimidated by those who call for the Jewish state to be singled out for boycott.

At this point, we have strong reason to believe that mainstream students have entirely tuned out BDS, as evidenced by the fact the recent resolution at McMaster passed without quorum (and, therefore, enjoys no democratic legitimacy). In the case of Windsor, less than six per cent of students voted to support BDS.

But if BDS is eventually successful in creating a set of liabilities around those who support Israel's existence (distinct from particular Israeli policies), then it will pose an unacceptable restriction on the right of Jewish students to be openly, expressively Jewish. This is what we fight when we fight BDS. This is why we must ensure that what is currently a marginal phenomenon becomes a reviled one, denounced by mainstream students and campus leaders.

Hillel exists to provide every Jewish student with a comfortable Jewish gathering place on campus. As an extension of this, we have the responsibility to help keep collective student space – union meetings, public quads, and academic associations – free from discrimination and toxic rhetoric. Just as previous generations fought to end the social alienation of Jews, we must work to expose BDS as a form of prejudice and ensure that the broader student body rejects it accordingly. ■

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The journey to a new CJN

An audacious plan to reshape and rethink what this newspaper means to Canadian Jewry

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Almost exactly one year ago, the staff of *The Canadian Jewish News* was informed the paper would be closing shop, and in the days that followed, the news filtered out to the Jewish community. This week, *The CJN* is debuting a brand new design and embarking on an audacious plan to reshape and rethink what this newspaper means to Canadian Jewry.

How did that happen?

Clearly, you, our readers, were unsatisfied with the product we were producing – frankly, you felt *The CJN* wasn't delivering the goods. So you started to tune us out. And yet, when it was announced the paper would be folding, your reaction was immediate: Save *The CJN*!

Your support came through loud and clear. *The CJN's* board of directors, led by Elizabeth Wolfe, worked behind the scenes with Canadian media veteran Robert Attala to establish a business model that would rescue the newspaper, while grassroots organizers extended the



This week we debut a new look and new features, while many of your old favourites remain,

it's called "Utopia 9.5").

In other words, the new *CJN* emphasizes modernity on the one hand and tradition on the other.

It's a delicate balancing act, but that's what Judaism is really about, isn't it?

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When we set about how to reinvigorate the *CJN* in January, we had two initial goals. The first was to re-structure this paper as a newsmagazine – meaning, a hybrid publication that provides you with the news you need to know and also analyzes what that news means. *The CJN* remains committed to reporting on the Jewish community in the comprehensive manner, but in the future, we will be equally devoted to commentary, analysis and opinions.

It is our belief that a thinking community is a healthy community, and a community that challenges itself can only gain from the experience. You may not always agree with what our columnists or religious experts have to say, but our hope is you'll learn something new in every issue of *The CJN*.

Our second goal was to talk about issues of concern in the Jewish community that for too long have been swept under the rug – issues such as poverty, addiction, abuse and women's rights. In the weeks leading up to the launch of the new *CJN*, we have already started down this path, and we intend to continue.

We strongly believe it is our duty to ask the tough questions, even if they are sometimes hard to hear. And when we do so, it is our intention to also provide solutions – anyone can be a critic, but if there is no follow-up, ultimately there's not much point.

But we don't want you think it's all going to be gloom and doom. The Jewish community of Canada is strong and vibrant. There is an abundance of uplifting stories to tell, and we will do just that. We want to celebrate Canadian Jewry.

I'd like to conclude by thanking the staff of *The CJN*, the board of directors and the many community leaders and philanthropists who have helped us arrive at this point. I appreciate your tireless efforts over the last year to revive and refresh *The Canadian Jewish News*.

We are tremendously excited about the future of *The CJN*, and hope you are, too. We invite you to engage and communicate with us – and to keep challenging us to improve. And if you like what you see, we hope you'll consider supporting us by subscribing and spreading the word that *The CJN* is back, and better than ever. ■

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conversation online. Within days, the #SaveTheCJN campaign gathered 3,000 signatures and 45,000 page views. After a few weeks, hope was already emerging *The CJN* might be preserved. It took a few more months to get things fully back on track, but here we are.

But enough about the past, let's talk about the here and now. What you are holding in your hands is in many ways a brand new publication. The paper stock is brighter; the images are bigger and bolder; the lines are clean and modern; and the logo directly acknowledges the colloquial name by which this newspaper is almost always referred to: *The CJN*.

But this redesign is about more than looks. This week, we debut a number of new features, including our history page, called "Back Story," and "Rabbi2Rabbi," which presents conversations between two rabbis on a wide range of topics.

You will also find a bevy of new writers that reflect the myriad of opinions in the Jewish community. We have added more than 15 new regular columnists who will debut over the next month, and many more talented essayists and thinkers will contribute periodically.

At the same time, many of your old favourites remain, including a host of columnists you've come to expect in *The CJN*. And there's one more important thing we haven't changed: The font and size of the text (if you want to get specific,



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OPINION

So the world remained standing



Avrum Rosensweig

I have been honoured over the years to work with people who are willing to take on enormous responsibility to help others.

I believe it is these individuals who ensure the balance of our existence is tilted toward goodness. These people mirror today what Moses was trying to accomplish 3,000 years ago in his quest to “Let my people go.” As commanded, this servant of God defended the beaten and heroically led the masses to the road out of Egypt – a place rife with the brutality of injustice.

The starkness of Moses’ task and the clarity of his goals show how crucial it is for those who are good to stand up to dark forces and out-fight them, so that the world remains standing.

I see this same starkness today, in 2014, when I read about the history of Canada

and some of the blights on our character and our past. Recently, dozens of native Canadians spoke to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission about how they were scooped out of their parents’ hands as youngsters and sent off to “white homes,” where they were adopted.

Coleen Rajotte was taken by children’s services from her Cree community in Saskatchewan when she was three months old, and raised by a Manitoba family. She said that through this process, she lost her culture, her language and the love and familiarity of her real family.

(Some 20,000 native children were taken from their homes and placed with non-native families within a 20-year period, a course often considered to be an extension of the residential school system and a bid to “take the Indian out of the child.”)

Yet, while this ugliness was happening, some very good people decided to take the reins of humanity and play whatever role they could years later in returning these grown children to safe earth, where they could mend, where they could repair their bodies and spirits. These are often quiet,

low-key types, some of whom we will never know, some of whom are no longer with us, but all of whom made a decision early on to take on some of the pain of our aboriginal brothers and sisters, and walk with them toward the light of their personal and collective exodus. They must be remembered, honoured and celebrated by us.

I believe I have been in the presence of righteousness, because when I was with such people, I could exhale, knowing evil is not left uncapped, knowing the door to freedom, fairness and justice has been left ajar, ever so slightly.

I felt such a vitality when, along with two Holocaust survivors, Gerda Freiberg and Nate Leipziger, I visited the Pusuma family, a Jewish-Roma family given refuge by a church against a deportation notice. I wondered how it was the survivors were able to expose themselves to the plight of the Pusumas, knowing what they know about the Holocaust and its indignities. How could they ingest such injustice again? (Would we blame survivors for staying away from such places? Not for a moment. After all, they deserve the rest.)

Yet Gerda and Nate went, representing other survivors and those who perished, and all of us, the Jewish People. Their pain returned, yet they wanted to know about the beatings the Pusumas received from neo-Nazis in Budapest only a few years ago.

The wounded shared with the wounded, and in this way, they created healing and sought goodness.

It is said we were all at Mount Sinai. While there, we had a chance to meet the Israelites who had been enslaved. It was nasty. It was clear they had been affected and infected by the viciousness of their taskmasters.

But then we were also privy to the holiness of leadership, of those who led them across the sea, to that small hill, and helped them rediscover their holiness and self-respect. We knew while we stood there that it was those people who kept the world standing, and we remembered that Godliness and goodness will prevail when most people decide to oppose indifference, and instead grab onto the four-corners of compassion and action.

Chag Samayach. Happy Pesach. ■
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Two-state solution: nightmare or reality?



Bernie Farber

I have a recurring nightmare, but first let me tell you the seeds that I believe originally spawned it.

It was June 1967, the Six Day War had just erupted. I was 15 years old, standing beside my father at Congregation Beth Shalom in Ottawa. It was the largest synagogue in the city, and it seemed that all of Ottawa’s 5,000 Jews had crowded, shoulder to shoulder, into the sanctuary to hear Israel’s ambassador to Canada, Gershon Avner.

Tall and elegant, Avner spoke with the grace of an academic. That night, his message was clear. Israel, he told us, was in a fight for its very existence. If it were to lose this war, the Jewish People’s hopes and dreams for a Jewish homeland would be over. It was a night I will never forget. It was the first time I ever remember seeing my father, a Holocaust survivor, cry.

Israel was victorious in a war that lasted

only six days, but would result in decades of consequences.

Israel tripled its size, acquiring the Sinai from Egypt as well as the West Bank and Gaza from Jordan and the Golan Heights from Syria. Eventually, following another almost catastrophic confrontation with Egypt in 1973, Israel – thanks to the courage of Egyptian president Anwar Sadat, who made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem to seek reconciliation – traded land for peace. And though it is a cold peace, it has held to this day.

Syria remains intransigent, while Jordan simply walked away from any further responsibility for the West Bank. And that has left Israel and world Jewry in a continuing conundrum.

Since 1967, Israel has had to struggle with the injustice of being an occupier. Indeed, many of us who grew up with Israel in the postwar period always believed that a just solution would be found. Once the dust settled, surely we would find a way to regain the high road and get out of the business of occupation.

This proved to be much more difficult than ever believed. Days turned to weeks, weeks and months to years. Occupation became more entrenched. Jewish settle-

ments began springing up, which solidified Israel’s grasp on the occupied territories. The dream of a peaceful, two-state solution began to grow ever dimmer.

The Oslo accords brought some glimmers of hope, but that, too, seemed to be more a hope than a reality and proved in the end to be, as my father would have said, a *bubbe mayse* (a fairy tale).

We came close on few more occasions. Even a very generous offer of Gaza and 97 per cent of the West Bank by then-Israeli prime minister Ehud Barak was turned down by a myopic Yasser Arafat. Sadly, this led to a second intifadah and mistrust on both sides.

Clearly, in order for Israel to survive as a nation that values justice and equality, a solution that gives a measure of fairness to both sides must be found. It’s here that my nightmare begins: what if a solution is never found?

For Israel to continue to rule over four million people is untenable. Israel’s own census experts, demographer Sergio Della Pergola of Hebrew University and Arnon Soffer, a geographer at the University of Haifa, have warned, “Without a partition deal, Jews will eventually become a minority, because of higher Arab popula-

tion growth.”

Recently, even Israel’s finance minister, Yair Lapid lamented, “Every moment we don’t separate from the Palestinians is a clear threat to the existence of Israel as a Jewish state.”

And so the recurring nightmare: no final status deal is reached, and according to Israel’s own census bureau, in about a generation, “the higher Arab and lower Jewish growth rates will converge.” Sadly, therefore, the unthinkable becomes thinkable. As Israel’s justice minister and chief peace negotiator, Tzipi Livni, as well as former prime ministers and even Shin Bet directors have warned, failure to reach a just two-state solution may mean Israel could become an apartheid state. There is only one answer, and again Soffer and Pergola state the obvious, noting that “if Israel gives up most of the West Bank, it can assure a Jewish majority at home for eternity, [but] keeping the West Bank means you must give up on a Jewish state.”

We must be brave. It’s time we all support Israel in taking the bold steps necessary to ensure its survival as a democratic, equality-loving Jewish state. It’s time to end the nightmare. ■

OPINION

Evangelicals who distort history and religion



Rabbi Dow Marmur

Critics of the pro-Israel stance of millions of American mainstream evangelicals have said that they may love Jews, but they hate Judaism. Their love is manifest, above all, in their embrace of Zionism and their unequivocal commitment to the State of Israel. Their hatred, or at least animosity, is in their theology.

It's usually described as supersessionist or replacement theology. It teaches that the church has replaced Israel as God's chosen and that the new covenant with Jesus renders obsolete the old covenant with Abraham. Similarly Jewish law has been superseded by Christian love. Commandments such as, "Love your neighbour as yourself" can only be fulfilled in the religion of Christ.

In this scheme of things, the presence

of Jews in the world adhering to their allegedly outdated faith delays Jesus' second coming. But unlike those Christians who in ages past sought to punish Jews by obliterating or humiliating them, today's mainstream evangelicals maintain that, when all Jews come together in the land of their ancestors, they'll see the light, embrace the faith in Jesus and thus make possible the fulfillment of the Christian promise of the Second Coming.

Many Jews choose to respond with enthusiasm to Christian Zionists, despite their theology, because they promote tourism to Israel and influence members of the U.S. Congress to support the Jewish state.

However, in recent years, some younger evangelicals seem to have distanced themselves from the uncritical view of the State of Israel by offering their own hostile versions of Jews and Judaism.

Influenced by liberation theology that takes the side of the underdog and denounces those in power, they want the Palestinian narrative to guide evangelical Christianity. They seek to affirm Christ at

the Israeli security checkpoints that they accuse of epitomizing oppression.

Palestinians are viewed as victims while Zionists are regarded as villains. The evangelical revisionists say they love Jews but have extended their disdain of Judaism to include the State of Israel and, by inference, its Jewish citizens and supporters.

Much of this teaching is apparently being promoted by Bethlehem Bible College.

Last month, it sponsored another conference with the telling title, "Christ at the Checkpoint." Reports indicate that the 650 participants from 15 countries got minimal exposure to the Jewish narrative. They were told that Jesus wasn't a Jew, but was a Palestinian, and that the notion of a Jewish People is a late invention with no roots in the Land of Israel.

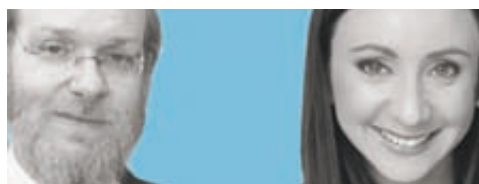
No wonder, therefore, that Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement urging well-meaning Christians to stay away from "Christ at the Checkpoint" and described it as using religion "in order to mobilize political propaganda."

This skewed version of history isn't only in sharp contrast to the teachings of their parents and grandparents but also in opposition to a recent pronouncement by Pope Francis, who stated that "we hold the Jewish People in special regard because their covenant with God has never been revoked." That's one of the reasons why it has become easier for this Jew to talk to critical Catholics than to ostensibly friendly Protestants.

The stance of the latter is often highly selective. Not only does it tend to ignore the growing number of Christian Arabs in Israel who want to be part of the Jewish state, but these champions of the rights of the Palestinians seem to be ominously silent about persecution of Christians in Muslim countries.

Bernard Lewis, the doyen of Middle East scholars, distinguishes between being pro-Arab and anti-Jewish. Pro-Arabs champion the cause of Arabs under all circumstances, while anti-Jews do so only when Jews are on the other side. "Christ at the Checkpoint" seems to belong to the latter category. ■

Iran's charter of intolerance



Sheryl Saperia and Danny Eisen

Canadian stakeholders have approached Senator David Tkachuk, who championed the Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act (JVTA) for eight years before it became law in 2012, with a recommendation for a new bill. The proposed legislation would enhance Canada's existing sanctions against the Islamic Republic of Iran, specifically targeting the regime for its terror sponsorship and human rights violations. Current sanctions relate solely to Iran's illicit nuclear weapons program.

The proposal comes on the heels of fresh reports of Iranian contempt for human rights and international law. In March alone, Iran was caught smuggling missiles on a commercial ship, to terrorist organizations in the Middle East; a former Iranian intelligence officer admitted that Iran ordered the 1988 bombing

of Pan Am Flight 103, which killed 270 people; an Ahwazi Arab-Iranian poet and human rights activist living in the Netherlands was kidnapped, beaten and interrogated by Iranian agents; and a Canadian court found Iran liable for its support of terrorism in a historic ruling under the JVTA. Pursuant to court orders, seven-million dollars' worth of Iranian bank accounts and property situated in Canada will be turned over to victims of terrorist groups on Iran's payroll.

Since 1979, more than 100,000 Iranians have been executed, women are still stoned to death for adultery, and Amnesty International has crowned the Iranian regime "the last [state] executioner of children." Iran has the highest per capita rate of capital punishment in the world. Even Iranian nationals living abroad have been unable to escape. Iran's death squads have killed over 100 dissidents in various countries, including the United States and several European nations.

As torture statistics are harder to quantify, the precise number of individuals flogged, mutilated or raped under the direction of Iranian authorities is difficult to ascertain. But the pervasive use

of these punishments on the multitudes passing through Iran's criminal justice system is well documented.

All of this should make Canadians wonder: what are the Iranian regime's intentions with regard to the new charter, and what does it mean for Canadian policies on Iran?

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani was a close aide of Ayatollah Khomeini and is a current devotee of Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei, with impeccable regime credentials. As president, he now oversees his country's assistance to Bashar Assad in slaughtering the Syrian people and the training provided by Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) to civilian militias that work in concert with the Venezuelan government in the violent repression of the Venezuelan populace.

Given Rouhani's résumé and the regime's record of violating the international human rights treaties to which it is a signatory, it seems that the "Charter of Citizens' Rights" is more a "charter of values" – designed to ensconce the Khomeinist values of intolerance rather than recognize the inherent rights of all citizens regardless of religion, creed, gender or ethnicity. As noted by Nazila

Ghanea, who teaches international law at the University of Oxford, the Charter's reliance on Iran's existing legal frameworks brings with it "explicit discriminatory exclusions" that will legally formalize Iranian abuses in practice and in principle.

The legislative proposal to Senator Tkachuk is thus both timely and necessary. For, despite its malevolence, the Iranian regime craves legitimacy as a regional leader and world power, and bristles at international censure even while defying it. Nuclear sanctions have brought Iran to the negotiating table, and past international campaigns have successfully saved imprisoned Iranians from death. This bill will provide an additional lifeline to Iranians whose fates and futures are being papered over by Rouhani's charter of intolerance, and a new opportunity for Canadians to mitigate some of the cruelties of the Iranian regime. This bill is best passed sooner rather than later. ■

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Goldkind in race for mayor of Toronto



Ari Goldkind says the only way to solve Toronto's transportation problems is by addressing the need for more tax revenue.

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Ari Goldkind doesn't seem to mind being called one of the "fringe" candidates for mayor of Toronto. As far as he's concerned, that's a temporary situation that will change as soon as he sits down for "an adult conversation" with the people of Toronto about the solutions he's offering to the problems facing the city.

None of the other candidates will offer much more than shopworn slogans when pressed on the vital issues touching the city. That is, when they're not avoiding the tough questions altogether. He, on the other hand, makes it clear he won't avoid the dreaded term that some politicians – he points his finger directly at current mayor Rob Ford – have made into "a four-letter word," taxes.

There's no way to sugar-coat it, he

suggests. The City of Toronto faces transportation problems and a crumbling infrastructure, and these can only be addressed by more tax revenue.

Goldkind believes the people of Toronto would be ready to part with more of their cash to address these concerns. Wouldn't you, he argued, if all it meant was the value of two or three tanks of gasoline a year – \$150-\$200 based on property taxes for a house valued around \$600,000-\$700,000. The money that would be raised would go to two funds, one for transit, the other for infrastructure.

And the city would get a subway relief line and light rail lines to speed the transportation of commuters.

Goldkind would also implement a toll on drivers using the Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway. Three-quarters of the people using those highways don't live in Toronto and don't support the

roads' maintenance through their taxes. Furthermore, imposing tolls would cut congestion and make the daily commute for most users much shorter, he said.

Goldkind, 40, launched his bid for mayor a couple of weeks ago. Unlike the five main contenders – Ford, John Tory, Olivia Chow, Karen Stintz and David Soknacki – he has no prior political experience.

But he does have the gift of the gab. He's confident that if elected, he can persuade Queen's Park and Ottawa to return to Toronto some of the taxes the city contributes to the other levels of government.

He's critical of the way his opponents articulated their positions at the recent debates: "These are people who can't string a sentence together without a script," he said. "My whole life is unscripted."

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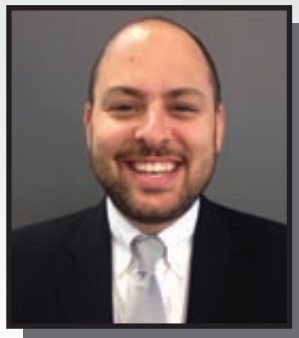
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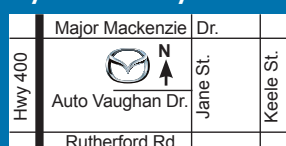
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Lung transplant survivor becomes an advocate for organ donation

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Dov Altman always tells audiences at his speaking engagements that Israel is a miracle, but since his double lung transplant last September he's been adding that he, too, is a miracle. Then he raises the subject of organ donation.

"The fact that I'm standing here speaking is a miracle," Altman, executive vice-president and CEO of Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University, said at a speech he gave at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation recently.

Altman, now 54, was diagnosed with a lung disease called pulmonary fibrosis in 2007. However, he was symptom-free for the next few years, because the disease lay dormant. "I had imagined it was a chronic disease, and I would live to a ripe, old age and not have to worry," he said.

Suddenly, in February 2013, Altman began to experience symptoms of the disease, which causes scarring in the lungs that prevents oxygen flow. "By the end of March, I was very limited in my breathing," he said. His health deteriorated so much over the next few months that he went from being healthy and robust to using a walker.

The only treatment option for pulmonary fibrosis is a transplant, so in May, Altman entered the assessment program at the Lung Transplant Clinic at Toronto General Hospital. "They want you in the best shape possible to make sure nothing else can go wrong in the process," he said.

Altman was put on the waiting list for a transplant in August, and he began a regime of physiotherapy three times a week, consultations with a dietitian, and interviews with a psychologist and a social worker. "They prepare you both physically and mentally for the procedure and the wait," he said.

Altman added that the wait is a double-edged sword, because "you need a transplant, but you have to wait for somebody to die. At the same time, you're getting weaker. They tell you that the average wait is seven months, but one woman I met waited two years."

At this writing, 1,534 people in Ontario were waiting for organ transplants. In 2012, 161 Canadians died while they were waiting, 97 of them in Ontario, according to the Canadian Institute for Health Information.



Dov Altman

While he was waiting, Altman turned to his rabbi, Steven Saltzman of Adath Israel Congregation, for advice. Rabbi Saltzman told him, "You're not waiting for someone to die. They're going to die anyway. You're waiting for someone to make the courageous decision to become an organ donor."

To Altman's surprise, just five weeks after he was put on the waiting list, in September, he got "the call."

He and his wife, Elana, were at the monthly information session Toronto General holds for people who need transplants. The first speaker was the transplant co-ordinator, who stressed how important it was to pick up the call when it comes. If you don't take the call within the hour, the co-ordinator moves on to someone else.

Altman got several cellphone calls from his dentist's office while he was at the meeting, which he ignored. Then he received another call, from an unidentified caller, which he took.

"Sure enough it was TGH saying, 'We have a match,'" he said.

"I was lucky, and it's because I'm tall. The criteria for a match are blood type and size. I have a common blood type and a large chest cavity," said Altman, who's six foot four. "Any size lung would fit into me."

Before the surgery could begin, though, Altman, his wife, his sister and other family members waited at the hospital for another four hours while the surgeon determined if the lungs were healthy enough to use. They were, and Altman went into surgery for 11 hours.

He was told he would be in an induced coma for a day or two, but he woke up three hours after surgery with a tube in his throat. "It was amazing. When they took the tube out, I was breathing with my own lungs, with no assistance." He began physiotherapy almost immediately after surgery.

Soon, he was up walking the hospital corridors, and he went home after 2-1/2 weeks.

The biggest adjustment, Altman said, was getting used to taking the drugs that prevent his body from rejecting the lungs.

"I take 40 to 50 pills a day – anti-rejection drugs and drugs to counter the anti-rejection drugs," he said. "The biggest risk for not surviving is not taking the rejection drugs," he added, explaining that sometimes people who have had transplants may feel so good that they stop taking their drugs.

The drugs, however, lower Altman's resistance to infection. For three months after surgery, he didn't go to a play, restaurant or anywhere he might pick up an infection.

A fundraiser for Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University, Altman is now back on the public-speaking circuit and he's back to walking at his regular quick pace. But every day he tests his lung capacity – "if it's down, I call and go in" to the transplant clinic – and he takes his temperature daily, because fever can lead to rejection.

Altman says the support he got from his family, including his wife, his two children, Neil, 22, and Jillian, 18, as well as his extended family and friends was the greatest gift of all. His neighbours in the Cedarvale area of Toronto took to bringing meals to his wife.

Only 24 per cent of Ontarians and 15 per cent of Torontonians are registered to be organ and tissue donors, according to the Trillium Gift of Life Network (TGL), provincial agency that plans, promotes, co-ordinates and supports organ and tissue donation and transplantation across Ontario. With such low rates, Altman said "his life, whether professional or private, is about telling people the importance of becoming an organ donor."

His campaign is on Facebook, and he has a page connected to the TGL's website, at <https://beadonor.ca/dov-altman>, where people can register to become donors. His goal was to get 150 registrations, and at this writing, he had 125. He noted that it's important to register rather than just sign the back of your driver's licence, in case you don't have your driver's licence with you in a medical emergency. "You can save up to eight lives," he said.

For more information, visit Altman's blog at www.carepages.com/carepages/Dovsjourney. ■

Music

Itzhak Perlman plays Toronto: A gifted violinist stuns the heart, stirs the soul

MORDECHAI BEN-DAT
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Emotions inevitably soar whenever Itzhak Perlman plays his violin. He is a uniquely gifted musician whose tender-hearted nature, uncanny understanding of most composers' intentions for their work and sheer, dynamic, physical skill always combine to create a memorable auditory-sensual-musical experience.

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Itzhak Perlman, left, and Cantor Yitzchak Meir Helfgott

Orchestra conducted by Russell Ger; and when the repertoire of selections is arranged by the scholar composer Hankus Netsky, the result is an emotional feast.

Indeed, such was the musical-emotional banquet last week at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto. The two virtuosos, in a sense, reprised their performance of a year ago at the same venue. The musical offerings were not the same as last time, but the dreamy, sentimental evocations and electric charges of spirit and enthusiasm were.

From the very first instant Perlman "scooted" onto the stage, he held the audience rapt with his personality and the music that flowed from his violin. His solo virtuosity, his duets with Helfgott, his accompaniment of other performers and his playful banter with Netsky and the audience were the solid, colourful twine that held the concert together.

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Audience treated to variety of 14 offerings

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The large, appreciative audience was treated to a variety of some 14 offerings that included lively, high-spirited klezmer dance tunes, soulful Yiddish melodies and soaring cantorial piyutim (prayers). The adroit, smooth relationship between Perlman and Helfgott was never more poignantly demonstrated than during their performance of the two Yiddish songs A Duple and A Yiddishe Mameh.

A Duple, the theologically definitive monologue by the storied chassid, Levi Yitzhak of Berditchev, and A Yiddishe Mameh, the tearful reminiscence by an adult child, embodied the musical and emotional essence of the evening. In each song, Perlman and Helfgott achieved a combined musical splendour that built upon the characteristically minor key, lachrymose centre of Yiddish melodies, but rose far above to an impassioned affirmation of collective belonging and comfort.

The encore selection – Shlomo Carlebach's rendition of the Passover Haggadah song Adir Hu – was a rousing, foot-stomping, sing-along delivery performed by the entire ensemble.



Itzhak Perlman

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Many people left concert humming songs

As they left the auditorium, many audience members could be heard humming bits and pieces of the songs the masters had performed for them.

The concert, entitled Eternal Echoes: Songs and Dances for the Soul, was in support of Chai Lifeline Canada. It was the seventh annual Sing for the Children event on behalf of the organization, whose services are dedicated to helping families cope with the emotional, financial and other distresses that arise when a child is struck with serious illness.

Yummy Schacter, who along with his wife Shoshana, founded the annual Sing for the Children program seven years ago, described the Perlman-Helfgott concert as “very moving and uplifting. We achieved our double purpose of providing an evening of incredible entertainment as well as highlighting the important work of the organiza-

tion. Every year, the event continues to grow and raises more awareness for Chai Lifeline.”

Craig Fried, director of development of Chai Lifeline Canada told The CJN the organization's donors are its “heroes” since it is they who “afford us the opportunity to provide the critical support that our children and families need in their most vulnerable time.” Fried praised the organization's supporters for “helping establish an organization that provides care with compassion and a high degree of support to achieve the best outcomes.” As an example, he noted that the organization recently received a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for its after-school therapy program called Shining Stars, for children with physical disabilities or those who suffer from cancer. Two donors have since come forward to ensure the program's long-term stability.

The organization used the occasion to honour Dena and Daniel Gryfe and Bracha Silver for the respective and impressive examples of philanthropy and strength of character.

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Zippan family planning 19th seder

SUSAN MINUK

SPECIAL TO THE CJN

In a tradition they are proud of, all four generations of the Zippan family will be gathering from across North America for its 19th family seder on Erev Pesach, April 14.

"Invitations go out to more than 40 families, comprising over 100 people. Attendance is usually 50 to 70 people. This year's seder has 63 confirmed guests," said family member Jonathan Gladstone.

Zelig Tsipaniuk (Zane Zippan) and Chifra Klara had seven children, all born in or near Brosilow, in what's now Ukraine, between 1894 and 1915. One of their children, Baruch, died in 1917 of a fever, while fighting in the Russian Revolution. The other six Tsipaniuk children survived to immigrate to Canada with their parents in 1926 and ultimately simplified the spelling of their name – some used Zippan, but others chose to use Zippin. Those who came to Canada were Chaya Sura (married Abe Cutler), Ben Zippan (married Sarah Goldman), Tybel (Tilly) Zippan (married Max Gladstone),



From left is Dr. Zane Cohen, Joan Cohen and Rose Zippan

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Sam Zippin (married Fay Noble), Tsipura (Sylvia) Zippan (married Joe Cohen) and Jack Zippan (married Rose Klein).

They were among the early members of Toronto's Kiever Congregation, where many of the family are still members today. All six children, and later their spouses, children and grandchildren, remained close over the years. The Zippan children have all passed away, but left their children with a sense of the importance of family. The last of the six, Yankel, or Jack, the youngest, died a few years ago. His widow, Rose, died just recently.

"We have photos and stories from family seders going back to the 1940s. There's one photo in which my father, Norman Gladstone, is about 13 years old, which means it was during World War Two," Jonathan said.

Miriam Freedman is a granddaughter of Zelig and Chifra, through her late mother, Sylvia. She's also one of the two main organizers, along with her cousin, Beverly Freedman, who is a great-granddaughter – her mother's parents were Chaya Sura and Abe. Beverly's mother,

Betty, married Murray Freedman.

Jonathan Gladstone is a great-grandson. "My father Norman's parents were Tilly and Max," he explained. "The original children's generation is now all gone. But most of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive, and the first of the great-great-grandchildren [Beverly's granddaughter, Lea] is a toddler now, along with the youngest of the great-grandchildren. And there are more of those likely yet to come!" Jonathan said.

"My mother, Sylvia Cohen, was the one that kept the family together. She held the seders every year and the entire family came. As she got older, she wasn't well and we broke up into groups," Miriam Freedman said.

"In 1995, my cousin, Ruchel Gladstone, whose mother was a sister of my mother, decided that nobody was happy with this arrangement as we all loved being together. From then on, we started having the seder at my aunt's apartment party room."

Making sure everyone knows about the seder takes careful organization.

"Jonathan sends out a notice to everyone months before – a save-the-date

– and then he sends out an email as to when and where," Miriam said. "Beverly and I go down the list and decide what everybody should make. Jonathan designs the most beautiful place cards with some kind of symbol for Pesach on it. Cousins come in from California, Florida and Montreal – nobody wants to miss out."

They will miss having Rose Zippan at the seder this year, Miriam said.

"My aunt, Rose Zippan, was the only living original member at the seder. We would do a little tribute to her and tell her how happy we were that she was here with us. She recently passed away at the age of 99. I remember with fondness at seders past every generation, young and old, came over to talk to Auntie Rose."

"My son-in-law, Jeffrey Hoffman, now runs the seder. We have a portable microphone that gets passed around, everybody reads from the Haggadah while 'together aloud' the children recite the four questions and we all sing songs."

Arranging food for so many people is also a challenge, but, in addition to deciding what people should bring, the

cousins have developed a system for ensuring that there is enough food and some traditional dishes are served.

"My daughter Karen, cousin Beverly and I make 20 pounds of gefilte fish for the seder, using a recipe that dates back to when my mother still held her seders. Everybody has a comment to make about our gefilte fish, such as, 'it's better than last year,' and most all the comments are favourable," Miriam said laughing.

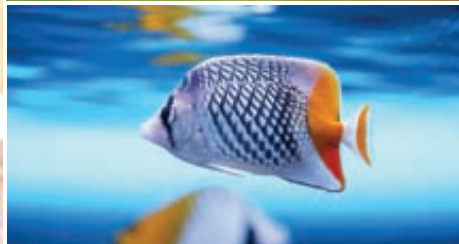
Miriam and Beverly document exactly what they serve at the seder, and afterward, they go through the list and make notes, such as "fantastic," or "let's not make this next year," "too much food," or "not enough."

"When we go through the menu the next year, we have everything written down with comments. It's a lot of shlep-ping, but well worth the effort."

"My mother taught my brother and I that family is the most important thing. Seeing everybody come to the seder hugging, kissing and so happy to see each other – it's very special."

"That's what my mother taught us, and we're passing it on," Miriam said with a tear in her eye. ■

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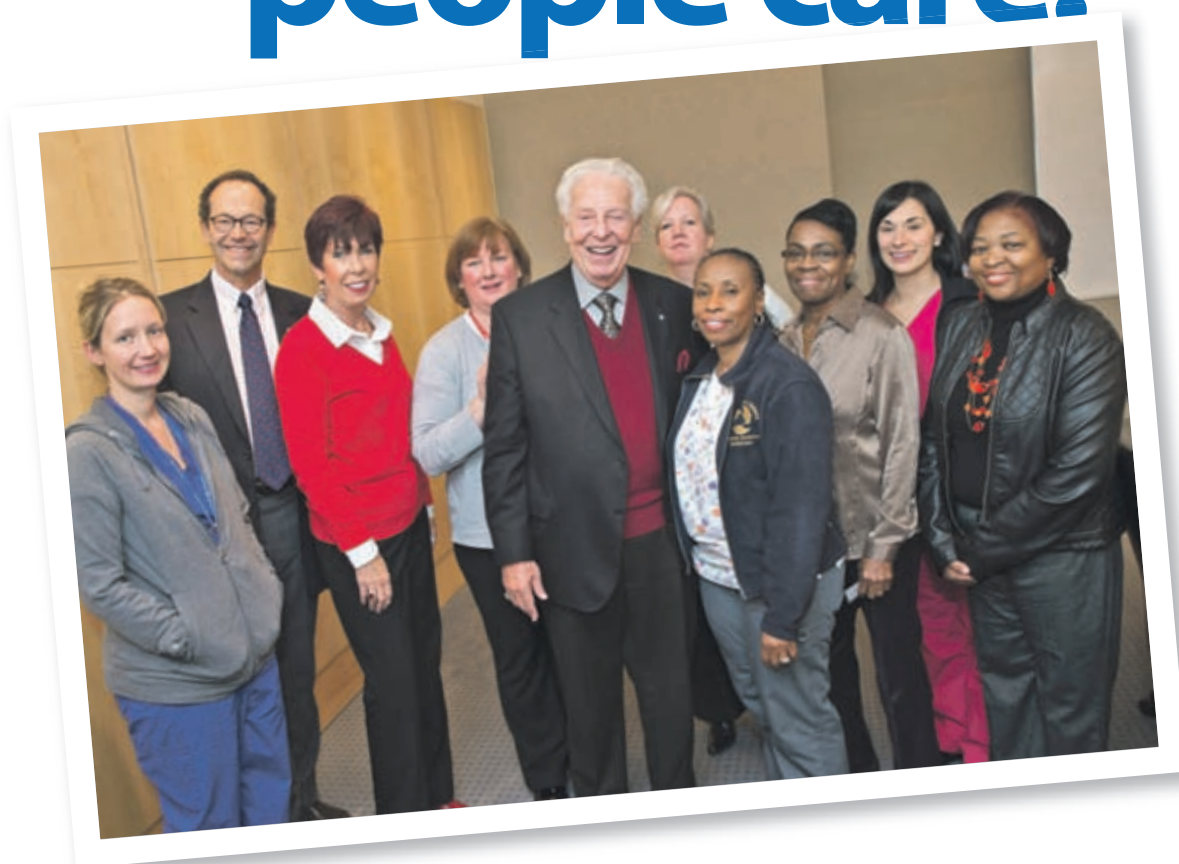
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Israeli columnist rejects 'two-state solution'

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For a typical Canadian observer of the Middle East, Caroline Glick's viewpoint and solutions seems to come out of left field. Or in her case, right field.

A widely read columnist for the *Jerusalem Post*, Glick says we ought to abandon the "two-state solution." Ignore doom-and-gloom prognostications that Israel will be swamped by a demographic surge of Palestinians. It's not happening, she said. Israelis are having more babies than the Palestinians.

Stop being so defensive about asserting Jewish rights. It's our land and always has been. By agreeing to hand over some of it to the Palestinians as part of a failed peace process, Israelis have in effect endorsed the Palestinian narrative that they are at fault for the conflict, she argues.

The solution, said Glick, in an address last week at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, is to do what Israel did in Jerusalem and the Golan – apply Israeli law to Judea and Samaria, a.k.a., the West Bank.



Caroline Glick

"This land is ours by history, by international legal rights, and it's ours by justice, and we have to assert those rights," she said.

Glick is author of *The Israeli Solution; A One-State Plan for Peace in the Middle East*. Her position stands in sharp contrast to the one adopted by successive Israeli governments, but she believes Israel's international standing was stronger, not weaker, when it stood up to international pressure.

Israel thought that by yielding its rights and turning over territory, it would foster international goodwill and enhance its diplomatic cachet. Instead, the opposite has occurred.

If Israel wants international respect, it has to assert its rights, she said. If Israel wants to tell advocates of boycotts, divestments and sanctions where to stick their positions, it has to be assertive.

"You can't do it if all you say is we want defensible borders" and if you agree that the other side, which "exists only to destroy you," has rights.

Speaking at an event organized by the Toronto Zionist Council, Glick suggested that her audience imagine what would happen if Israel does hand over Judea and Samaria to the Palestinian leadership. Even if you consider Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas a moderate – a suggestion she questioned – he'll bring in terrorists from UN refugee camps. In an open Jerusalem, they'll be able to walk into the Old City through the Damascus Gate, exit through the Jaffa Gate and walk right into the new city.

"They have been marinating in genocidal Jew hatred for 66 years. What are the chances they want peace? Zero," she asserted.

Glick, who was embedded in a U.S. army unit during the 2003 Iraq war, said the United States really doesn't understand the region.

"You can't get it because your guiding policies are all wrong," she said.

Glick noted that contrary to accepted wisdom, the Palestinian public's perception of Israel is not all bad. A survey recently revealed that two-thirds to three-quarters say the democracy they most admire is Israel's.

Another poll revealed that while 46 per cent of Israelis opposed a unilateral withdrawal from Judea and Samaria, 59 per cent of Palestinians oppose it.

"These numbers are extraordinary. What they tell us, if we know how to empower Palestinians to lead the good life, they will do so," she said.

Another survey showed that while 30 per cent of Palestinians preferred to live under Palestinian sovereignty, 35 per cent preferred Israeli sovereignty.

And in Israel itself, Palestinian Christians are abandoning the pan-Arab ideology. "They no longer want to identify as Arabs, but as Christians," she said.

They look next door and see what is happening to Christians throughout the Middle East. Arab families are enrolling their children in Hebrew-language schools and Israel has seen a 300 per cent increase in the number of Arab Christians volunteering for military service.

"This is an earthquake," she said, adding there are now unique opportunities to change the status quo. ■

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Remembering Kev

CARA EDELL
SPECIAL TO THE CJN

As a journalist, I report on the good, the bad, the happy and the sad. While I was trained to be emotionally removed from the subject matter I cover, it is sometimes not that simple. When a story or person is so touching and inspirational, I cannot help but feel. It may not be the most objective response, but I am human, after all.

Today I received shocking and very unfortunate news from a young woman I interviewed a month ago. Her name is Nadine Block, and she informed me that her father, Kevin, passed away from the cancer that plagued him.

For those who did not read my article on "Keeping Kev" – the social media campaign that Nadine and her brother Jamie created to save their father's life – I will provide a brief summary.

In June 2013, Kevin Block, 56, was diagnosed with Stage 4 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He endured countless attempts at various chemotherapies without success. Kevin's illness left him

unable to work, and as a result he lost his business.

At the end of January 2014, Nadine, 23, and Jamie, 17, received the devastating news that there was no cure for their father in Canada. They immediately began "Keeping Kev" to fight for his life.

Their campaign's mission was to raise the required funds for Kevin to be able to participate in a clinical drug trial only available in the United States. It was his only hope for survival.

When I spoke to Nadine for my story, I asked her what message she wanted to spread to other young people through her campaign.

She said: "First, appreciate every day that you have with your family because you never know when that can be taken away from you. Second, never underestimate what you are capable of doing. Almost one month ago, I would never have imagined that my friends, family and I would have created such a success in such a short period of time. Being proactive and positive goes a long way. Third, don't sweat the small stuff. Life is too precious."



From left: Rachelle, Nadine, Kevin and Jamie Block

Her words could not be more powerful. We are all guilty of taking our blessings for granted. We are all guilty of being lazy or not stepping up to the plate.

When Nadine emailed me this morning about Kevin's passing, she thanked me for my "hard work and dedication" in publicizing her family's situation. It means a lot to me as a writer to know that people appreciate my efforts, but I didn't become a journalist to receive praise.

My mission in my career is to help

others through my words. I strive to bring attention to worthy causes. I try to make an impact so that something positive can come from the negative in our world.

The story of Kevin Block is one I will never forget. I did not have the pleasure of meeting this man in person, but he and his family have tugged at my heartstrings.

If you take anything from this article, take this: life is unpredictable, so make the most of what you have. And above all, love. ■



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Mother celebrates her son's triumphs

SUSAN MINUK
SPECIAL TO THE CJN

Nothing in life can prepare new parents for the experience they are about to have. But for Andrew Trossman and Marcy White, the birth of Jacob, their first child, was like riding a roller-coaster that never stopped.

In May 2002, Jacob was born with paralyzed vocal cords; severe stridor, a high-pitched, wheezing sound caused by disrupted airflow in the throat or larynx; and an inability to swallow without aspirating. He spent the first three months of his life in Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children.

It took a further seven months to get a diagnosis.

Jacob has a rare disorder called Pelizaeus-Merzbacher disease (PMD), which affects approximately one in 100,000 live births worldwide and is not limited to any particular demographic population. It is a progressive, degenerative central nervous system disorder in which co-ordination, motor abilities and intellectual function deteriorate.

PMD is categorized as a myelin disorder, in the same family as multiple



Jacob Trossman is seen with the book *The Boy Who Can*, and his mother, Marcy White, who wrote the book about him.

sclerosis and is inherited as an X-linked recessive trait. The affected individuals are male, but the mothers are the carriers.

Marcy White, Jacob's mother, recently launched her first book, *The Boy Who Can: The Jacob Trossman Story*.

The medical professionals were not optimistic that Jacob would have the ability to learn or to understand what was going on around him. Part survival manual, part parent-child love story, *The Boy Who Can* is a chronicle of a mother's refusal to accept the limitations placed on her son. Each chapter of the book begins with a meaningful quote that summarizes its main theme.

"One hundred per cent of the proceeds of the book will fund Jacob's care. He has extensive medical needs, with 24-hour nursing care and special equipment, medicine and supplies. Not much is understood about PMD, with virtually no research in Canada. Jacob is not given the best outlook, but what both we and the doctors have seen is that Jacob *can do* – he is capable and he needs academic stimulation."

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Goldkind slammed Ford for use of crack cocaine

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Goldkind practices criminal law. He worked for a time in the corporate field, but found it too boring. The criminal bar, on the other hand, is where the action is. It's stimulating – just take a look at the potential clientele in any courthouse on a given Monday morning – and it affords him the opportunity to employ his gifts of persuasion.

He clearly knows how to deliver a zinger. He slammed Ford for his use of crack cocaine and for his simple message of keeping taxes in check; he said Chow is a money machine beholden to special interests; Stintz has flip-flopped on the Scarborough subway; and Tory won't provide details about what his plan was for transit.

"People know exactly what they're getting" with Tory, Stintz and Chow, "and all they're getting is either Ford light or Ford without the crack," he said.

But doesn't your lack of political experience harm your chances, he's asked.

"We have a bunch of career politicians running for mayor. How's that working out?" he replied. "It's time for fresh ideas, real solutions, having a grown-up conversation about the problems Toronto faces."

Items on Goldkind's agenda include:

- replacing the proposed Scarborough subway line with an light rail alternative;
- building "a full relief [subway] line all around the city and LRT lines elsewhere;

- stopping expansion of Billy Bishop airport;
- privatizing garbage collection in areas not already receiving that service, but only "if it saves the taxpayer money."

Goldkind said his focus "would be to convince the unions to be competitive. The old days are over. The public sector doesn't get to be paid wages higher than those in the private sector. Those days are unfortunately behind us."

Goldkind believes that as his message gets out, it will resonate with Toronto voters.

Goldkind prides himself in being self-reliant. The child of divorced parents, he was raised from age 11 by his grandparents. One of his first jobs, at 11, was selling pop-

corn and Cracker Jack at Maple Leaf Gardens. For eight years he sold programs at SkyDome.

He put himself through university, first as an undergraduate at Queen's and then through law school at the University of Toronto.

"I've always been self-sufficient," he said. "I understand the need to invest in myself and take risks."

But being charitable is not something for which one should be defensive, he continued. He believes in taking care of people who are less fortunate than himself. "And that means supporting the city that can be so great for all."

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iPod created just for Jacob to communicate

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“White ‘tells it as it is’ [in her book],” said Dr. Tom Chau, senior scientist and vice-president of research at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital. “She openly acknowledges her own brokenness, weaknesses, fears, dashed hopes and disappointments. These are counterbalanced by glimpses of possibility and celebration in precious moments.”

Chau created a communication device, an iPod, just for Jacob, which has opened a whole world for the child. On the outside, it appears to be a regular iPod, but the inner workings are programmed with several main categories and sub-categories that Jacob can activate with just a slight movement of his head.

Jacob is now 11 years old. He is in a wheelchair and can’t walk, but he can move his head a little with some purposeful movements. His vocal chords are paralyzed, and although he can neither swallow nor speak, he can make sounds.

“Breathing is a challenge, and making himself understood is frustrating,” White said. “Parenting Jake is immensely hard, and watching other children thrive

“

If I had one wish for Jacob, it would be to talk. If he could talk, he could tell us what he really wants and what is going on in his mind.

sometimes makes me want to run away and hide.”

But despite the hardships, and there are many, Jacob has managed to experience some very typical rites of passage.



Jacob is a Grade 5 student at Elkhorn Public School, where he has a helper and a nurse at his side. He loves to learn and his favourite subject is French.

He also attends Hebrew school at the

Hebrew Academy of North York and has become a fixture at Yedidus, a program run at Bais Yaakov High School every Sunday morning by Jewish teenage girls.

“Some of the most phenomenal examples of compassion and love are showered on Jacob when these kids play with him, talk to him and spin him in circles to make him laugh,” White said.

Jacob can communicate by opening his mouth for yes and making a sound for no. He loves to swim, ski and be around people.

“If I had one wish for Jacob, it would be to talk. If he could talk, he could tell us what he really wants and what is going on in his mind.”

She knows their time together is limited. “His life span is short. There are numbers that are talked about, but I can’t bring myself to say those numbers. His condition will worsen as he ages. We have already seen that start to happen,” White said.

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Meir Medical Centre honours Justin Trudeau with award

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The Canadian Friends of the Meir Medical Center gathered at a Toronto synagogue over the weekend to present awards of merit to a trio of recipients, but one of those receiving the award, the one everybody wanted to see, was conspicuous by his absence.

Instead, the 200 supporters who had gathered at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue were treated to a 5-1/2-minute video in which Liberal party leader Justin Trudeau – the missing award-winner – expressed his regret for his absence, explaining he wanted to spend as much time as he could with his new baby. He praised the Israeli hospital for its commitment to equality and justice while pointing to the values shared by Canada and Israel – democracy, openness, tolerance, respect for the rule of law and, in particular, the desire for peace.

“In this regard, the Liberal Party of Canada will have Israel’s back. Not because it is in our political interests to do so at home, but because it is the right thing to do,” he stated.

He said support for Israel should cross party lines.

Coincidentally, just a week earlier Trudeau told a local Farsi language weekly newspaper, *Salam Toronto*, that “[Harper’s] stance in matters regarding Israel or the United Nations is highly focused on what will affect his position in the ballots,” according to a translation provided by journalist Jonathan Halevi on his blog, *Alternative Angle*.

In his message at the synagogue, Trudeau quoted former justice minister Irwin Cotler, saying that Canada must help stamp out the new anti-Semitism, which requires it to fully participate in international organizations such as the United Nations.

“We must be present in these institutions to make our case, lest we risk losing by default to the purveyors of hate,” he said.

Trudeau expressed support for U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry’s peace initiatives. “Direct negotiations are the only path” toward a just and enduring peace, he said.

To the delight of many, he concluded his address by wishing everyone a sweet Passover, doing so passably in Hebrew and more clumsily in Yiddish. Be that as it may, the evening was one of celebration as he and other award winners were feted for their commitment to helping others.

Joining Trudeau as 2014 Medal of Merit recipients were Allan Abramov-



Dr. Eytan Wirtheim

itch and his wife, Jacqueline, as well as Karen Mock, and her husband David Mock.

The Liberal party turned out in great numbers for the event. Headlining the Liberal lovefest was Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, who brought greetings and praised the Meir Medical Center as “a worthy beacon of inclusion” that “helps human beings in need.”

Also present were several Liberal MPPs, former federal cabinet ministers Bill Graham and Joe Volpe, who also serves as the Canadian support group’s campaign chair, as well as municipal politicians, including mayoralty candidate David Soknacki.

If a bomb had gone off in Liberal party headquarters that evening, it’s likely there’d have been no one around to be hurt.

Which ties into recent developments at the Meir Medical Center itself. Arie Raif, vice-chair and CEO of the Canadian Friends group, noted that Israeli hospitals are on the front line of the country’s defence efforts.

As a result of indiscriminate missile attacks, there’s a trend developing in the design and construction of Israeli hospitals. Hospitals are going underground.

They are hardening their structures with extra concrete, and architects are putting emergency rooms, intensive care units and operating theatres below ground level, placing these vital facilities out of harm’s way – at least for the smaller missiles in their enemies’ arsenals – and providing a measure of reassurance to the doctors, nurses and other staff whose work can’t stop, even when an air raid warning sounds.

The Meir Medical Center in Kfar Saba is set to become one of the new breed of hardened healing centres. Construction will begin on a new \$130-million orthopedic and emer-

gency hospital designed to the new specifications. But constructing underground facilities, with the extra cement, heavy doors, smaller rooms and other costs makes them very expensive – they can cost up to 50 per cent more than a ground-level hospital.

And so, supporters of the hospital are being asked to come forward with a contribution, name a wing, a room or a piece of equipment if they like, but help the hospital continue to serve the people of central Israel.

Last weekend’s dinner enabled the hospital to alert its supporters about the good work being done at the facility. Dr. Eytan Wirtheim, the Meir Medical’s CEO, was in town for the dinner and to promote the hospital.

Meir Medical is comparable in size to Toronto’s Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Located in central Israel, the hospital has 700,000 people in its catchment area. The 863-bed hospital serves 58,400 inpatients a year and performs about 20,000 surgical procedures annually. It is one of the largest emergency hospitals in the country.

Its cardiac electro-physiology unit was funded, in part, with \$1.2 million in contributions from Canadian supporters.

The unit is part of the hospital’s credo of providing excellent service – and of providing medical services regardless of religion or nationality. Twenty per cent of the hospital’s patients and staff are non-Jews. “Israelis, Palestinians, Muslims and Jews all work together at Meir,” Wirtheim said.

That has resonated among local supporters, Raif noted. Some 20 per cent of local supporters are not Jewish. They are attracted to the hospital because of its policy of treating all people alike, he said.

Connections between Meir Medical and Canada are also apparent in various research projects, he said. Several Israeli doctors are in Toronto working with colleagues thanks to a number of fellowships, funded by Canadian and Israeli supporters.

There are currently joint projects linking Meir Medical to Toronto’s Mount Sinai Hospital, Montreal’s Jewish General Hospital and the University of Toronto.

In the last three years, Canadian supporters have raised more than \$2.5 million for the hospital. “We think we will raise another \$1 million in 2013-14,” said Raif.

Meir Medical operates on an annual budget equivalent to \$330 million, Wirtheim said, adding that benefactors are free to designate how funds they provide to the hospital are employed. ■

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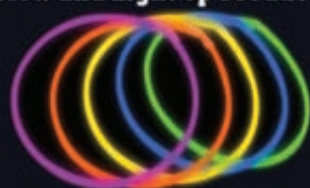


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GUEST VOICE

It's all about the size of your cup

RABBI YOSSI MICHALOWICZ
SPECIAL TO THE CJN

The seder begins with the recitation of the *Kiddush*. There are many laws regarding this step. We're told how much we're required to drink from the kiddush cup, what position we're to be in when drinking the wine, how much we may dilute the strength of the wine, etc. Yet, the Code of Jewish Law tells us something that would seem to be irrelevant to this step – it tells us what the size of the cup should be. The cup should be able to contain a *revi'it* of wine (approximately four ounces). Why did the rabbis legislate the size of the cup?

There's an age-old question of how we view a cup that's filled halfway to the top. Is the cup half full – the optimist's point of view – or is it half empty – the pessimist's point of view? We have always been taught to be satisfied with our lot and see the cup as half full. But are we happy with that? Who are we fooling? After all, the cup that's half full is simultaneously half empty.

Additionally, we see that King David

himself said, in Psalm 23, that “my cup overflows” – so even he states that the overflowing cup is indeed the blessed state to be in. So why be satisfied with less?

I believe that the essential question that a person must ask is not whether one's cup is half full or empty. Rather, we must consider the following: “How large is the size of my cup?” In other words, it's a question of our expectations.

Consider the huge 64-ounce Big Gulp cup one can buy at the local 7-Eleven convenience store. Even if it contains 20 ounces, we'll feel deprived. Yet if we take the contents of that cup and pour it into a kiddush cup that contains the volume of a *revi'it*, we'll see that our cup is overflowing beyond our wildest dreams!

If we expect God to provide us with constant Big Gulp portions in life, we'll forever struggle to fill our cup and either exhaust ourselves with effort or have to “settle” for a cup that's half full when we really know it's half empty. Or we can choose to lower our expectations and use a reasonably sized cup and see God's bounty overflowing to us.

The seder is an evening to show our

gratitude to the Almighty for all the things He does for us. We will review the history of our people and see how much we should be grateful for. However, if we have unreasonable expectations, we will always feel we should have had more. The seder is an evening where we want to shep naches from our children and grandchildren. Many of us are expecting a perfect evening, with all our expectations of a perfect seder being met. But we will only, at best, have a seder that is “half full,” and thus really “half empty,” so we'll leave disappointed.

King David experienced many trials and tribulations in life, yet he never saw himself with a cup that was not full. I can only imagine that his cup contained a *revi'it*, so he always experienced feelings of overflowing gratitude.

This is why the rabbis taught us how to have an amazing seder – first check the size of your cup! You will walk away with overflowing feelings of gratitude to God for all your blessings! ■

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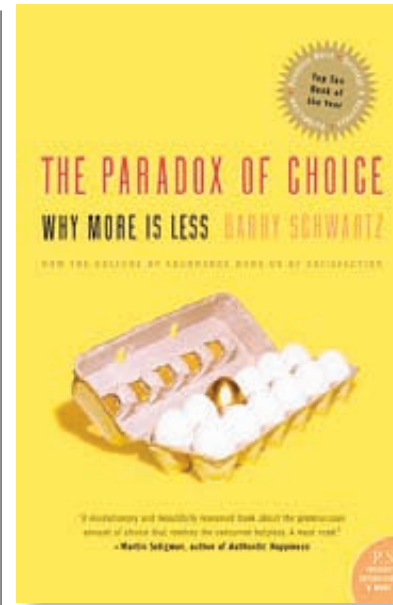
When spring is in the air, the bud is on the tree and the temperature is above freezing, I hesitate to get negative. Yet, I can't help wondering about how the very things that are supposed to set us free have a very sneaky way of ensnaring and enslaving us. The benefits of plenty, the freedom of choice and the ease of global communication have somehow become limiters of the exercise of our freedom, rather than vehicles of freedom's expression.

Many or most of us live in a state of material safety and well-being that our forebears would not have imagined possible. A country that shields our well-being and our civil rights not just as citizens, but as Jewish citizens. A standard of health care and a life expectancy that's a leader among world societies. And in the GTA and other Canadian cities, a range of opportunities to learn about and engage in Jewish life that can only be called an embarrassment of riches. How wealthy we are!

Yet, all this begs the question: what are we doing to take advantage of this wealth? How much are we enjoying the dividends of freedom and plenty? At Pesach time, it's worthwhile to think about the material allure, the "fleshpots of Egypt" that kept us reined in by our stomachs, willing to trade freedom for a hearty meal. Part of the problem with a full stomach is that we don't hunger for anything. We have it all! But we don't really enjoy any of it to the fullest.

In a world of endless choice, what do we choose? A few years ago, I read *The Paradox of Choice*, a book that describes the lengths to which the very notion of consumer choice enslaves us. There are so many choices, so many items and options and possibilities competing for our limited attention that it's sometimes difficult to make any choice at all. I myself have walked into the drugstore in recent years hoping to procure a bottle of shampoo, only to walk out empty-handed, overwhelmed by the choices.

We all know that the largest group among our people is "Jews for nothing." This silent majority are our brothers and



sisters who choose nothing. They opt out of even the minimum level of affiliation, the minimum level of identification, the least bit of growth and depth and learning as Jews. What are we doing on

a personal level to connect with them? What are we doing to recognize the "Jew for nothing" in each of us, at some level or another?

I've written previously about those people we know who are in contact with everyone but in touch with no one, including themselves. Where technology allows virtually instantaneous global communication, it seems paradoxically very difficult to sit and have a conversation about things that are important to us.

Yet this is precisely what Pesach and the seder offer us: the chance for genuine communication, to sit around the dinner table with our family, with our children (or our inner child) and talk for a few hours about what's most important to us: where we come from, what we are and where we're going.

This year let's let the seder be not an annual chore or empty ritual, but a re-orientation to what we really are, deep down: free Jews, proud of what we are and the nation we belong to, and rejoicing in each other's company and shared commitment. ■

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Health

Brain talk series brings neuroscience to community

SUSAN MINUK

SPECIAL TO THE CJN

We all have those tip-of-the-tongue “senior moments” as we age, especially when trying to recall a name, a number or what we were about to do.

“Senior moments” can be disturbing, but such temporary memory loss is a normal part of aging, the audience was told at a recent talk at the Baycrest winter garden.

In celebration of the Rotman Research Institute’s 25th anniversary, Rotman scientists are presenting, throughout the year, a series of short talks on the latest developments in brain and aging, with a focus on bringing neuroscience to members of the community.

Jed Meltzer, a neuro-rehabilitation scientist at the institute, gave the first talk in the series March 28, speaking to more than 40 community members on the topic, “Can we really fix dementia?”

“The surest sign of real dementia is a change in the person’s ability to handle their daily affairs,” Meltzer said.

Dementia is a disorder in which people slowly lose their cognitive abilities. It’s an umbrella term for a variety of brain disorders. Symptoms may include loss of memory, judgment and reasoning, as well as changes in mood and behaviour. Brain function is affected enough to interfere with a person’s ability to function at work, in relationships and in everyday activities.

Dementia is caused by the slow degeneration of brain cells. The cognitive symptoms of dementia vary according to which parts of the brain are affected, and



Dr. Jed Meltzer SUSAN MINUK PHOTO

these differ in different types of dementia.

According to a 2012 study commissioned by the Alzheimer Society of Canada, the number of Canadians living with cognitive impairment, including dementia, now stands at 747,000 and will double to 1.4 million by 2031. These figures comprise not only Canadians diagnosed with dementias, including Alzheimer’s disease, but also those with cognitive impairment, which frequently leads to the more degenerative forms.

There are ways you can actually decrease your chances of getting dementia.

“The biggest intervention you can make is to take care of your heart with diet, exercise, controlling cholesterol and high blood pressure,” Meltzer said. “This can reduce your chances and it can slow down progression.

“The No. 1 controllable factor is car-

diovascular health. When you are in your 30s and 40s, doing aerobic exercise has its pay-off decades later. You want to be in as good a shape as you can be earlier in life. That is going to reduce your chances of getting dementia later in life. Walking is also an excellent exercise, and it’s easy.”

Several diseases cause dementia. “The most common is Alzheimer’s. Others include frontotemporal dementia, Parkinson’s diseases can include dementia as a symptom, and vascular dementia, which is sort of like mini-strokes, which build up over time,” he said.

Some forms of dementia turn out to be treatable. For example, normal pressure hydrocephalus, where there is too much pressure inside the brain, can be relieved with minor surgery.

“If someone is showing signs of cognitive decline, it is always worth getting

evaluated. Some 10 per cent of cases turn out to be treatable,” Meltzer said.

“There are three goals of research efforts worldwide,” he said: “1. Stopping the biological process that causes the disease – the buildup of proteins in the brain cells; 2. Early diagnosis. Goal 1 and goal 2 have to go hand in hand because any effective intervention has to be done early. We need to find this cure for the process and deliver it to people who are going to need it before they really become afflicted with dementia; and 3. Effective treatments to treat the symptoms. We can probably find better medications to slow down the progression and help people cope with the disease longer and, besides medication, we can expect improvements in brain training and possibly from brain stimulation.”

The Meltzer lab is focusing on early diagnosis and treating the symptoms. The current study examines the electrical activity of the brain, which may be altered at the earliest stages of dementia. Because dementia progresses gradually over the years, early diagnosis is essential to successfully treating it. The study consists of three components: cognitive testing, magnetoencephalography (MEG) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

The Rotman Research Institute is one of the top five brain research institutes in the world. The primary research focus is on memory and the executive functions of the brain, both in normal aging and in the presence of diseases.

The next brain talk will be April 29 on “An Agatha Christie Mystery: Finding Alzheimer’s on the Page,” with scientist Regina Joke. ■



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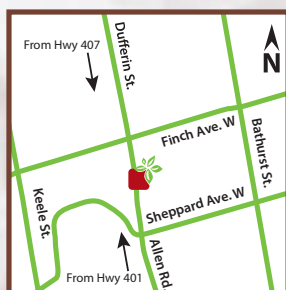
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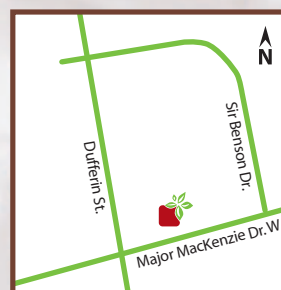
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Ontario Jewish Archives launches upgraded website

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UJA Federation of Greater Toronto's Ontario Jewish Archives, Blankenstein Family Heritage Centre has launched a new mobile-friendly website. The site includes an interactive map feature called Jewish Landmarks of Ontario, and more than 25,000 entries describing OJA holdings.

Ontariojewisharchives.org went live March 24, and was designed to be accessible to everyone – “our grandparents, our school-aged children, and of course, the scholars of Ontario's Jewish history and heritage,” the centre's director Dara Solomon said in a news release.

An Ontario government grant of \$49,050 provided about half the funding for the upgrade. The remainder came from community donors and the federation.

Redesigning the site was one of the first things Solomon wanted to do when she became director of the archives in May 2012, OJA archivist Donna Bernardo-Ceriz told *The CJN*.

The website's “Landmarks” feature focuses on Toronto's Kensington Market/Spadina area, and other places will be added in the future, Bernardo-Ceriz said.



Dara Solomon, Ontario Jewish Archives director

The feature consists of “an interactive map where you can click on points of interest on the map, and a pop-up box appears with a brief history of that site, and then scanned media from our holdings – photographs, audio-visual clips, and documents,” she explained.

Other online content includes documents, photos, videos and exhibitions on topics including artists, community leaders, Jewish organizations, anti-Semitism, small Jewish communities, early synagogues, and the Jewish Canadian military experience.

The centre's previous site, designed in the early 2000s, “was good for what it was, and [for] the time,” Bernardo-Ceriz said. However, it lacked some “key features,” like the new data base and its descriptions of the archives' holdings, almost 4,000 of which can be seen online – enabling users to research, or just browse, from home.

“In the past, when people had a research inquiry, they would call or email us, and we would do the search ourselves to find records that were appropriate for their research. We would be making decisions in many ways on their behalf about what types of records they should be looking at.”

Researchers who use the archives include genealogists, academics, students, television production companies, and donors to the centre. Genealogists in particular may be interested in 1925 and 1931 Toronto Jewish city directories with business and residential listings. The directories were on the old website, but “hidden,” said Bernardo-Ceriz. “Nobody knew they were there.

“We have such wonderful treasures... about 5,000 cubic feet of records, about 60,000 photographs, and none of it was really being presented to the community,” she added.

“We're really excited to have it up there. I hope people really take advantage of what's on offer. The whole idea is to get it out there to the community so that they know we're mandated with safeguarding the Jewish community's heritage and their history. We want to make sure they have access to it as well.”

Solomon stated in the press release, “We hope to make the diversity of the Ontario Jewish experience relevant for a 21st century audience, and to encourage visitors to the website to consider their own pasts and to contribute their voices to this ongoing story.” ■

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Campus

Pro-Israel students walk out of Ryerson BDS vote

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Pro-Israel students at Ryerson University walked out of a student union meeting after the undergraduate body passed a motion advocating boycotts, divestment and sanctions against Israel.

The campus group Students for Justice in Palestine tabled the item at the April 2 annual general meeting of the Ryerson Students Union (RSU). The raucous event at Ryerson's student centre reportedly started 45 minutes late because of an extra-large turnout of more than 100 students.

SJP leaders claimed to have collected some 1,600 signatures on campus in support of the resolution, which calls on the RSU to cut ties with companies that do business in Israel.

Efforts by pro-Israel students to defer the motion to next year or to a student-wide referendum were defeated when discussion was cut short and the resolution was put to a vote. The item wasn't initially on the AGM agenda, but ended up being considered first, because most of the students were apparently there to debate

it, the *Ryersonian* student newspaper reported.

"It's unjust and clearly one-sided. This was not the majority of student body, walking in here we were already a minority," first-year radio and TV arts student Jessie Saunders-Drutz was quoted as saying by the rival *Eyeopener* newspaper.

"Our side was not heard, and any option to have a referendum or postpone it a year was defeated instantly because of the unequal numbers. This wasn't a debate, there was a predetermined answer before we even we walked into the room, and that's not a democracy."

The meeting reportedly degenerated into shouting on both sides, with anti-BDS students ripping up their voting cards and storming out of the meeting after the resolution passed.

They led a protest outside the room, carrying signs saying "Hate Off Campus" and "RSU Represent Me Too," the *Eyeopener* reported.

"Ryerson is supposed to be multicultural, and that's the main reason I chose to come here over other universities. But today, on Ryerson campus, I've never

felt so belittled and uncomfortable in a room," first-year film student, Julia Bond told the paper. "The RSU is supposed to be unbiased and neutral. But they aren't. They're Palestinian."

In a statement on its Facebook page, SJP said it was "extremely happy with the outcome" adding that it "was very telling of where the campus is in regards to this issue. An 80-per-cent majority never comes easy, and we believe we achieved this through campaigning over the last six months on campus. We reached out to our student body and got signatures from more than 1,600 students endorsing this motion."

SJP president Mohommad Horreya, a fourth-year business student, was buoyed by the result, but decried the ruckus.

"It's unfortunate that this happened and had to end in this way. [The anti-BDS students] should have kept calm and followed order so that the discussion could have continued," he told the *Eyeopener*.

Hillel@Ryerson strongly condemned the vote.

"BDS is at its very core a manifestation of discrimination as it specifically targets

individuals based solely on their nationality," said president Shannon Riley.

"This kind of divisive and toxic campaign does nothing but create a hostile and intolerant environment for Jewish and pro-Israel students on campus. A university is supposed to strive for an atmosphere of respect and tolerance, where open dialogue is encouraged. This cannot exist when there are attempts to isolate a portion of the student body."

She accused the RSU of "taking a stand on divisive Middle East politics instead of focusing on representing students' voices" and commended pro-Israel students "for standing up against this blatant discrimination and for refusing to back down in the face of such a shameful resolution."

Riley added that BDS "has one purpose, which is to demonize and delegitimize the State of Israel. It is an impediment to peace and runs contrary to our core value of academic freedom and the integrity of this university. And that is why not one university administration in all of Canada, including Ryerson, has ever supported a single BDS motion." ■



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Three Lev Tahor members awaiting deportation

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The Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) has ordered three members of Lev Tahor held in custody pending deportation to Israel.

The three were part of a group of five arrested at the Lev Tahor community outside Chatham, Ont. Two of the five were released prior to the April 4 hearing. Two others weren't present when 20 agents of the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), Chatham police and representatives of the Chatham-Kent Child Protection Services raided the community last week.

The IRB ordered Yochanan Lavar, 19, a father of three, removed on April 10. The others are Avraham Kabaz Kashani, 39, and Odel Malka, 30. Removal dates have not yet been set for them.

Guidy Mamann, who represented the three at the hearing, said there is likely nothing that can be done to prevent the removals. However, he said a "global" solution was needed to address the immigration status of the other members of Lev Tahor, the ultra-Orthodox community that moved from Quebec to Ontario last November.

"We have to recognize that we have a community here. They have huge families. Their children are Canadian citizens."

Mamann has been retained to help sort out and consolidate the defence of Lev Tahor members on a number of legal fronts, including immigration issues and allegations of child abuse and neglect. He was scheduled to travel to Windsor earlier this week with two Lev Tahor members who also face immigration issues. Discussions will begin with CBSA but ultimately a decision on the members' status will have to be made by the immigration ministry, he said.

The Lev Tahor members entered the country legally, pose no dangers to the Canadian public and should be allowed to re-



Some of the Lev Tahor children

PAUL LUNGEN PHOTO

main on compassionate grounds, he said.

Mamann said he is putting together a defence team to address allegations of child neglect, none of which have been proven in court.

"My goal is to see parents reunited with their children," said Mamann.

"You see a Jewish kid taken from their parents and it hurts."

Last week, an Ontario court heard a Lev Tahor appeal from a decision that enforced a Quebec court order to apprehend and place into care 14 Lev Tahor children. That case was set to resume on Wednesday of this week.

In yet another development, a 17-year-old member of the community who had been apprehended with her infant in Calgary and placed with a Toronto family, was released. Her baby remained in foster care.

"I left to Calgary with my baby with the sole purpose of saving my baby from being a life orphan for no reason," she stated in a public email. "The [Children's Aid Soci-

ety] is worried that this point will be used against them... in court, so they chose to release me 12 hours before the hearing starts."

About 250 members of Lev Tahor left Quebec late last year in the midst of an investigation by the province's child protection authorities into allegations of child abuse and substandard education. A Quebec court subsequently ordered 14 children from a number of Lev Tahor families removed and placed with foster parents.

To date, Lev Tahor members have been represented by a number of lawyers on an ad hoc basis.

"What is lacking here is a clear direction and co-ordination," Mamann said. "Lev Tahor members are so overwhelmed they're frozen where they are and can't make any decisions."

Previous lawyers did not receive proper instructions, and the Lev Tahor members "let immigration issues slide."

Their financial resources are also drained.

"It's a holy mess," said Mamann.

Going on the offensive, Mamann accused law enforcement and immigration officials of acting in a "disproportionate" and "backhanded" manner.

"This is a group that's pretty benign. Out of 200 people, seven had immigration problems, and all could have been fixed pretty well."

Mamann said the raid coincided with a meeting in Toronto between Lev Tahor representatives and immigration authorities that was meant to resolve the issues. He questioned the timing of the raid, suggesting it was meant to further disorient the group before the court hearing, Mamann said.

Lev Tahor spokesman Nachman Helbrans said he was angry at the arrests. "It is outrageous that while 200,000 persons are officially known to be undocumented in Toronto area alone, the CBSA found it

necessary to make a community-wide raid with extensive forces when it was not any suspicion of a crime or wrongdoing," he said.

Mamann said that given the apprehension of 14 kids, the constant unannounced visit by child-care workers and the recent raid, the Lev Tahor "children are under tremendous stress. They want to be with their parents, and their parents want them back."

He said one family was separated after being returned from Trinidad. They had been en route to Guatemala, where another Lev Tahor family now resides after fleeing there last month ahead of child custody hearings.

When the father "finally saw his child, he was overcome and collapsed." He's undergoing medical care because of the strain, Mamann added.

Mamann questioned why the CBSA would use its limited resources to go after Lev Tahor members who pose no threat to the public when there could be as many as one million undocumented people living in Canada.

Mamann was particularly scathing in denouncing Denis Baraby, the director of Quebec's department of youth protection for the Laurentians region. Baraby told the *Gazette* in Montreal that he would ask for the removal of all children in the Lev Tahor community.

"I think the community is preparing a mass move," he told the *Gazette*. "If we want to protect the children that are in the community, we need to start working on the exit of the 114 other children."

"It's pure madness," said Mamann.

If there are serious allegations against a particular parent, then the individual case should be dealt with, he said, but to threaten apprehension of an entire community's children is unprecedented.

"I've never seen that in western civilization," Mamann added. ■

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Young Jews want open discussion on Israel

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A small group of Jewish students and other young people gathered at the McGill University law faculty April 2 in the hope of setting an example for a new openness in the community toward diverse opinions on Israel and Zionism.

The panel discussion was organized and moderated by Rachel Deutsch, a McGill graduate and social worker, who believes Jews, especially the young, should be able to publicly express their critical or simply questioning views on Israel, as well as the relationship between the Diaspora and the Jewish state, or their own Jewish identity.

She wants to encourage a “respectful conversation” between these Jews and those with mainstream opinions.

Deutsch said such discussions are usually private, among family and friends, and even then, they’re fraught with tension. Those who do speak out risk – or fear – being ostracized from the community, subjected to scorn and branded as troublemakers. It may even strain personal relationships, she said.

The result, she said, is the sense that some topics are taboo, and it’s better to remain silent.

The evening saw a rare instance of a self-described Zionist sitting together with an anti-Zionist on the panel. Menachem Freedman, a “progressive” Zionist, and Sarah Woolf, who is active in promoting the Palestinian cause, including Israeli



Sarah Woolf, left, Sam Bick, Menachem Freedman and Avishai Sharon take part in a discussion at the McGill law faculty. JANICE ARNOLD PHOTO

Apartheid Week, sat together at the table without any conflict between them.

Freedman, a law student, is a native of Montreal who studied at a yeshiva in Israel and served in the Israeli Defence Forces. He serves on the board of the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre.

Woolf, a McGill graduate, is an editor at the *Montreal Review of Books* and a researcher for the online Museum of Jewish Montreal.

They were joined by another law student, Avishai Sharon, an Israeli who has

been living in Montreal for the past three years, who served in the IDF, attended Hebrew University of Jerusalem and was engaged in Israeli-Palestinian dialogue; and Sam Bick, a graduate of the Jewish day school system who is now involved with an organization advocating for social justice in the Middle East.

Freedman said apathy is a growing problem among young Jews whose views on Israel or the conflict are outside the mainstream, and that isn’t good for the continuity of the community.

“We have to create a more inclusive Jewish community in Montreal, or there will be more alienation,” he said.

Bick said his 12 years at Solomon Schechter Academy and Bialik High School did not prepare him for critical thought. “Political Zionism was not questioned. We were not even aware it was a choice, but it is a choice, and that has to be recognized... We have to create more space for dissent within the community.”

Sharon said discussion of this kind is inhibited because soon the argument turns to “the existential threat” faced by Israel from the Arabs.

Both he and Woolf regret that, according to them, fear underlies Jews’ relationship to Israel and frames the debate.

“I want to disentangle fears about the Jewish identity from Zionism, it isn’t necessarily the answer,” she said. “I do not want my fear to be responsible for someone else’s oppression, and I think that’s what is going on.”

Deutsch, who works at a native women’s centre, said she is inspired by other communities that have overcome their reluctance to address painful, even shameful, issues by talking about it openly.

She is working on a film in which young Jews with critical or questioning views on Israel and Zionism and what it means to be Jewish express themselves candidly.

Deutsch had hoped to have more panelists and audience members with mainline positions about Israel and Zionism, and had reached out to Hillel and other community organizations to participate, but received a lukewarm response. ■



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Holocaust education inadequate in Quebec: study

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A Université de Montréal study has found that Holocaust education in Quebec high schools, especially French ones, is “often superficial and partial,” due largely to a lack of adequate history textbooks.

The study by Sivane Hirsch and Marie McAndrew said the situation “prevents Quebec’s students from fully grasping the impact of this historical event on contemporary society.”

The Holocaust is mentioned in the curriculum for the mandatory History and Citizenship Education program, but only in passing, and at least two of the prescribed textbooks make no reference to it at all. The authors are also critical that teachers are not provided with clear guidelines on how to treat the Holocaust, how to define it and explain its historical significance.

“Partial representations of the Holocaust risk being as problematic as false ones,” the study concludes, “for both can lead to similar misunderstandings or encourage negative attitudes towards its victims.”

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[Education] is often superficial and partial

One book discusses the concentration camps from a longer historical perspective globally, without ever specifically speaking of Nazi concentration camps, they found.

“It is regrettable that only one textbook, *History in Action*, presents the Jewish resistance, by showing a photo of ‘Jewish fighters during the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising’, the study states.

“*From Yesterday to Tomorrow* is the only [textbook] that deals with the importance of teaching the Holocaust today, mentioning the ‘duty to remember’ horrors, as well as the people who resisted them.”

McAndrew is the Canada Research Chair in Education and Ethnic Relations, and Hirsch is a postdoctoral fellow in her department. ■



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Oliver to end deficit and broaden ties with Israel

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In his first media interview since being appointed finance minister, Joe Oliver told *The CJN* he will seek to “broaden” Canada-Israel investment ties as well as balance the federal budget by next year in a steady-as-she-goes approach to lower taxes and “create job growth from coast to coast.”

Oliver also strongly defended himself against an Opposition accusation that he’s a climate change denier.

“I was disappointed to hear that,” Oliver said in the half-hour telephone interview, referring to comments by New Democratic Party leader Thomas Mulcair, who had called Oliver’s appointment to the prestigious finance post an “embarrassment” due to his supposed denial of climate change.

“I do not deny climate change. It’s a question of what policy should be. Policy, that’s all. Not every project that exploits natural resources hurts the environment.”

Oliver, 73, a Montreal native and three-



Joe Oliver

year MP for the Toronto riding of Eglinton-Lawrence, described himself as a “late bloomer” in politics after four decades in finance.

His first days in the new job, he said, have been spent in briefing rooms, talk-

ing to his provincial counterparts and appointing political staff.

Oliver has visited Israel six times, three of them in his previous post as natural resources minister before succeeding Jim Flaherty March 19 to become Canada’s

first Jewish finance minister.

That appointment, Oliver said, came out of the blue. Flaherty had been finance minister for eight years, since day one of the Tory government under Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

“I was on a flight to Vancouver when the call came through,” Oliver related. “I had no idea what it was about, and I had no idea Jim Flaherty was going to resign.”

Nevertheless, Oliver sees himself as well suited to his new role and the culmination of his many years of experience.

“It will make me more effective,” he said.

Asked if he now realizes he had become the de facto “minister of the Jewish community” as the result of his appointment, Oliver laughed.

“I am proud to have the chance to serve all Canadians. There are substantial numbers from the Jewish community in my riding, and I am have very grateful for their support and everyone’s support,” he said. “It’s been very meaningful to me.”

More concretely, Oliver has a plan of action as finance minister.

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Bilateral friendship with Israel to continue: Oliver

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He will balance the federal budget in 2015, he said. Canada is in an enviable position, because “our net debt is half that on average compared to other members of the G7 nations.”

As the country’s demographics change, it will also be important to make sure that seniors can continue being part of the workforce if they want to be, he said.

“We want to make sure that those who work are working because they want to, not because they have to [for financial reasons].”

Oliver expects the unprecedented level of bilateral friendship and co-operation that has flourished with Israel under Harper’s Tories will continue. (Oliver accompanied the prime minister on his historic first visit to the Jewish state in January.)

Regarding how that goal might be furthered on his watch, Oliver said the focus will be on “broadening the investment relationship” to fuller potential, adding “we are now in our early days and we have to see how that can be done.”

He said there’s no reason bilateral trade between Canada and Israel could not increase substantially from its current level of \$1.5 billion.

Oliver said he doesn’t regret using the word “radical” to describe certain environmental groups. In his view, they’re so

dogmatic that they “oppose every single major project” out of a perceived threat to the environment that’s not necessarily backed up by evidence.

When he was natural resources minister, he was a strong supporter of the controversial XL Keystone pipeline,

which was opposed by environmental groups.

He noted he also worked closely with Israel in providing expertise on tapping vast natural gas deposits off its Mediterranean coastline and on high-tech innovation. ■



Pictured, from left, are Mark Cascella, Lara Hana Brady, Robin Lampard, George Brady, Madeleine Albright, David Brady, Teresa Brady, Doug Brady and Carol Shea

Stately presentation

Toronto Holocaust survivor George Brady and family last week presented former U.S. secretary of state Madeleine Albright with a copy of a book of poems by Hanus Hachenburg, for which she wrote the foreword. Brady and Hachenburg were contributors to *Vedem*, a magazine written by boys interned in the Terezin (Theresienstadt) ghetto during World War II. Hachenburg continued to write until his death in Auschwitz. The Czech-born Albright was in Toronto for the Global Progress Dinner, hosted by the Canadian Centre for Progressive Policy.

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Halifax philanthropist to be honoured by JNF

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Halifax businessman and philanthropist Dr. Jim Spatz will be the honoured guest at the 2014 Jewish National Fund Negev Dinner May 22.

Proceeds from the gala event will be directed to the Jim Spatz Bike Path at Tel Aviv's Independence Park, the first time JNF will have a project in Tel Aviv. Journalist and linguist Rex Murphy will be keynote speaker.

Spatz, 65, the son of Holocaust survivors, arrived with his parents at Halifax's Pier 21 in 1949 at age 11 months. He graduated from Dalhousie University's medical school and was a general practitioner in Dartmouth, N.S. for five years before taking residency training at McGill. After 10 years working in the emergency room at Montreal's Jewish General Hospital, he returned to Halifax to join the family real estate development business in 1988.

Now recognized as one of Nova Scotia's leading real estate developers, Spatz grew up around the business started by his post-World War II immigrant father,



Jim Spatz MICHAEL TOMPKINS PHOTO

er, Simon who started as a small grocer and then branched into apartment ownership, the forerunner of today's multi-million dollar real estate empire.

"There was never any expectation that I would have to come back to the family business," said the chair and CEO of

Southwest Properties. "In fact, as he'd spend Sunday cleaning his store, my father always told me he wanted better things for me."

Yet, as Simon Spatz grew his grocery store into building ownership and then development, he'd share information

with his son, especially how he looked at the financial aspects of buildings he was considering acquiring.

"And he'd take me to his construction sites on weekends and I found that fabulously interesting. That's what really hooked me. I became addicted to the smell of freshly poured concrete at a young age," said Spatz. "It moved from back of mind to the front that I'd return."

He made the transition at about age 40, moving "from doing something that I was pretty good at, to something where my significant qualification was that I was the boss's son."

He continued to learn from his dad, a man then in his mid-70s, who worked into his 80s.

Today, the doctor-turned-developer has expanded the company's portfolio and geographic reach. Spatz has led the company in the development and acquisition of investment property throughout Atlantic Canada and beyond, increasing Southwest's size in terms of both assets and revenue by more than 10-fold.

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Spatz grew up in household of immigrants

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He has been involved in community activities for decades, both Jewish and secular.

"He's been a wonderful supporter of the Atlantic Jewish Council and the State of Israel," said AJC executive director Jon Goldberg. "He's been a member of our board and management committee for many years and has been on several AJC missions to Israel."

Halifax lawyer Victor Goldberg, a past chair of AJC, worked for more than 10 years as Camp Kadimah co-chair with Spatz.

"I did the grunt work but Jim's keen eye for detail and love for the environment meant he was great for our physical plant and camp beautification," Goldberg said. "On each trip to Israel, his interest in 'green' projects was evident, the projects you think of when you think of JNF."

Spatz is the perfect honoree for the JNF dinner because of that interest, said Goldberg.

A self-admitted perfectionist, Spatz added, "growing up in the house of immigrants, my parents always hated waste.

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That's carried on to my business philosophy. My father always built using good materials that would last for a long time, and always aimed for good energy efficiency."

Southwest's recent award of LEED Gold for The Grainery Lofts, the first multi-unit building east of Montreal to gain that designation for meeting LEED sustainability standards, is "a continuation of how my father developed his building, always aiming for efficient buildings with high life-cycle value."

He grew up with a sense of gratitude for being in Canada and the Halifax community. His parents instilled in him the understanding that those who can, should give back.



Spatz sits on the board of the Beth Israel Synagogue. He is a lifetime director of Halifax's Neptune Theatre and, in 2010, was appointed by Premier Darrell Dexter to serve on the Premier's Advisory Council on the Economy. He is also an active participant of the World Presidents' Organization.

In 2014, Spatz will conclude a five-year term as chair of the board of governors at Dalhousie University, following his appointment to the board in 2001.

He has funded the Simon and Riva Spatz Chair in Jewish Studies, in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Dalhousie. The program in Jewish Studies will start in 2015-2016.

The Spatz Theatre at Citadel High School in Halifax was dedicated in his family's name three years ago.

"It's a great honour that JNF is recognizing me [at the first JNF dinner in Halifax in 18 years]," said Spatz. "I'm thrilled to help re-launch the dinner, and hope it's not another 18 years before there's another one."

Tickets for the dinner are available through JNF Atlantic Co-ordinator Sue David at Atlantic@JNF.ca or 902-444-4563. ■



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Protest tries to shut down pro-Israel gay activist

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The man dubbed “the mayor” of the gay Jewish party scene in New York received a less-than-cordial reception in Montreal. Jayson Littman, the founder of He’bro, which organizes gay social and cultural events, had his talk at Hillel House on March 27 drowned out by protesters.

His scheduled presentation on “Out in Israel” drew a flood of objection on social media days in advance and a score of demonstrators at the event.

The most vocal opponent of his appearance beforehand was the Centre for Gender Advocacy, an independent, but student-funded, organization at Concordia University, which describes its mandate as promoting gender equality and empowerment, particularly among “marginalized communities.”

The approximately 20 noisy demonstrators identified themselves as Queers Against Israeli Apartheid.

The controversy led Queer Concordia, the main LGBTQ group on campus, to withdraw its support for the event earlier that day, said Michelle Soicher, a fellow



Jayson Littman
ANDREW WERNER PHOTO

of the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA), the event’s main sponsor.

Littman, who recorded the incident and posted it on YouTube, said some 20 people showed up and began chanting about Israel’s occupation and oppression of the Palestinians as he was about to speak.

“They demanded that I leave the premises and that the lecture be cancelled,” said Littman, who added he was “a bit nervous.” He said they began moving closer to him and gesturing with their hands, which Littman interpreted as an attempt to “provoke some kind of physical confrontation. But everyone on our side remained really calm.”

The protesters weren’t ejected, but were given the opportunity to stay if they behaved. Security guards moved the meeting to another room, stopping the demonstrators, who continued to be disruptive, from coming into the new space, he said.

They demanded to be let in, shouting that this was like a “checkpoint” in Israel, Littman recalled. Eventually, they were escorted out of Hillel House, and he went ahead with his scheduled talk before an audience of about 20.

A leaflet they left behind said, “Under the guise of speaking about LGBTQ issues in Israel, this event – its speaker, sponsors and hosts – are attempting to excuse and promote violence and hatred toward Palestinians (including Palestinian queers) and the ongoing occupation and colonization of Palestinian territory.”

The event is part of “an aggressive public relations campaign to market Israel as an oasis of gay tolerance and democracy in the Mideast, surrounded by ‘backward’ countries where gays have no rights. The campaign is not about supporting queers in Palestine or elsewhere in the Mideast who are resisting homophobia.”

Soicher described comments on the event’s Facebook page as “hateful, rude and petty.” Few addressed the topic at hand: LGBTQ rights in the Middle East.

Gender Advocacy also accuses Israel of “pinkwashing,” which it describes as Israel’s use of “its relative... acceptance of queers to reinforce its position as the ‘Middle East’s only democracy’” to deflect attention from alleged abuses of Palestinians’ human rights. Gender Advocacy endorses Israeli Apartheid Week, which took place at Concordia and other Montreal universities in March.

The U.S.-based CAMERA is a pro-Israel group that monitors media coverage of Israel and the Middle East. Soicher, a second-year theatre student, is one of 27 North American university students (one of two in Canada) who are CAMERA fellows this year. They try to offer balance to

anti-Israel activity on campus.

She began working to bring Littman to Concordia back in September.

Her goal was to have him speak to a broad audience on campus about the situation of the LGBTQ community in Israel in comparison with neighbouring countries.

She partnered with Queer Concordia, which agreed to have its name associated with the event and to promote it among its more than 1,000-person Facebook invitation list, as well as book space on campus. It wasn’t able to secure space, but that was not due to the nature of Littman’s talk, Soicher believes. Hillel House is off campus, on Stanley Street.

The intent was to steer the discussion away from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and overt politics, Soicher said, and encourage a dialogue that she thought would be of interest to the greater Concordia LGBTQ community.

Her aim, she said, was to present a positive side of Israel that’s little heard on campus. Although pro-Palestinian activity is not as vitriolic as it was years ago at Concordia, it is pervasive, she added, and has become “academically valid,” noting the Concordia Graduate Students’ Association last year endorsed boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel.

“It’s cool to be pro-Palestinian,” Soicher said. “But I didn’t realize until now how strong the anti-Israel feeling is.”

Littman, 36, is the former New York director of A Wider Bridge, an organization, Soicher said, that seeks to foster connections between the LGBTQ community in Israel and North America. He has also led LGBTQ Taglit-Birthright trips to Israel.

The reason Queer Concordia gave her for pulling out is that it “wants to remain neutral,” but Soicher believes it “bowed to pressure from those who wanted to skew this event into something that it was not.”

Queer Concordia declined to comment to *The CjN* about its decision.

Soicher does not blame Queer Concordia and respects what it did. “I’m not angry at all. Their heart was in the right place...They didn’t want to. I know they felt terrible,” she said.

Littman, who speaks on other campuses in the United States, said this was the most hostile reception he has ever received. “I have had threatening messages on social media, but obviously when people are in your face, it’s different.”

If the protesters had stayed, he said they would have heard that he doesn’t portray Israel as a haven for gays, but as a democracy whose courts have allowed gays to win rights, as they have in the West.

“The one reason the Israeli government promotes Israel as gay-friendly is capitalism. It wants to bring in tourism.” ■

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New centre planned for Jewish Youth Network

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The Jewish Youth Network of Ontario announced last week that a property has been purchased for a new campus on Bathurst Street, just north of Highway 407, in Thornhill.

The state-of-the-art campus will be named the Miriam and Larry Robbins Jewish Youth Centre and has been dedicated by Larry Robbins, principal partner of Erin Mills Development Corporation and Great Gulf Homes.

Robbins, along with his family, is a long-time friend and supporter of JYN. At a recent celebration, hosted at the home of Allen and Brenlee Gales, Robbins was recognized for his devoted commitment and outstanding contribution to Jewish youth, and renderings for the building project were unveiled.

The new centre, slated to open in 2015, will include a sports lounge, youth cafe, classrooms, social space, basketball court, and playground.

As a fund-matching fundraiser, Robbins topped up his donation with an additional matching grant of \$540,000 to kick-start this unique project. ■



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Brothers recount grandfather's role in saving Jews

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In 1972, Jose Arturo Castellanos was living the quiet life of a retired diplomat when acclaimed novelist Leon Uris came knocking on his door.

Uris wanted to speak to him about World War II and Castellanos' role in it – specifically how he used his position as a diplomat to save Jews.

A native of El Salvador, Castellanos shared his countrymen's modesty and didn't particularly like to blow his own horn, said two of his grandchildren, Alvaro and Boris Castellanos. Their grandfather's exploits were not widely known at the time outside of family circles.

That was about to change, as Uris' subsequent interview drew widespread attention to Castellanos' key role in drawing up citizenship papers that saved the lives of an estimated 40,000 Jews during the Holocaust.

Castellanos was subsequently named as a Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem, taking his place alongside wartime heroes like Raul Wallenberg and Oskar Schindler.

Today, the Castellanos brothers live in



Boris, left, and Alvaro Castellanos

Toronto. Their grandfather is long dead, but the two are hoping to keep his memory alive through two films they are making about him. The first, a 15-minute documentary, is already complete. They will present it on April 29, two days after Yom Hashoah, at the House of Quality Jerusa-

lem, a centre for artists and cultural life in the Holy City. A three-minute trailer for the film can be viewed at <http://igg.me/at/wayoftherighteous>.

They are currently working on a full-length, 90-minute film that they hope to complete in a year or two, if they can get

the funding for it.

The brothers travelled to Israel last year to interview survivors. They've also met their grandfather's diplomatic colleagues, and they've talked to historians.

They think there may be a Canadian connection to the story. Given that many of the Jews their grandfather helped were from Hungary, and there is a substantial Hungarian Jewish population in Toronto, the brothers are hoping that anyone with a tale to tell will come forward, and perhaps be included in the film.

"We were thinking, what are the chances that someone in Canada was saved by one of these documents?" Boris said.

For the brothers, their grandfather's deeds have particular meaning, and not just because they are proud he saved many lives.

"We are Salvadorans rescued by Canada from a very bloody civil war," said Alvaro, 44. "To have a Canadian angle to the story, by people who have been rescued, is very important to us."

"That is a powerful part of the film," added Boris, 40.

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Bill C-560, moved to second reading in Parliament on March 25. If passed on third reading with Royal Assent, Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott's private member's bill will amend Canada's Divorce Act to create a rebuttable presumption of equal shared parenting (ESP). ESP would mean parents from a divorced union have an equal role in raising their children, unless one parent can prove why this should not be the case.

Barbara Kay recently championed this legislation in the National Post (Wed. March 19/14) claiming that this draft legislation will cure the problems in the family law system. She describes it as very adversarial system for high-conflict cases, whereby one parent (usually the mother) “wins” primary residence for the children, producing injustice, heartbreak and financial ruin on a massive scale.

She also quotes Toronto lawyer Brian Ludmer who claims that in Australia, ESP, in combination with related measures such as increased use of family mediation services, has resulted in 72 % of parents now being able to resolve post-divorce parenting arrangements without the use of legal services.

However, Helen Rhodes, a Law Professor at the University of Melbourne reviews an empirical study of the 2006 Australian legislation that is similar to Canada's Bill C-560 in a paper found on the internet entitled “The Dangers of Shared Care Legislation: Why Australia Needs (Yet More) Family Law Reform.”

She concludes that “the reforms have been successful in producing an increase in “substantially shared care arrangements” since the legislation came into force. At the same time, however, the research indicates that a significant number of these arrangements are characterized by intense parental conflict, and that shared care of children is a key variable in affecting poor emotional outcomes for children. “ Among studies she cites was the “MacIntosh data” which revealed that a significant proportion of the children in the sample, shared care was a source of “psychological strain” “where the key factor ... was the presence of ongoing conflict between the parents.” She identified such EPS legislation as the source of the harmful care arrangements they found. Accordingly, various family law lawyers argue against legal presumptions about children's interests.

By example, Tennessee Lawyer Francis King penned an article dated April 6, 2013 called “Tennessee Moves Toward Equal Parenting Time...But Not So Fast.” Apparently, in 2011 the Tennessee Legislature enacted T.C.A. 36-6-106, which provides a version of EPS, namely that “in taking into account the child's best interests, the court shall order a custody arrangement that permits both parents to enjoy the maximum participation possible in the life of the child consistent with the factors set out below, the location of the residences of the parents, the child's need for stability and all other relevant factors etc.” Apparently, some Tennessee courts have interpreted this new law to indicate a presumption of joint custody in the absence of “clear and convincing evidence that it would be inappropriate.” However, Mr. King notes that the problem with the Tennessee legislation is the law's criteria by which parenting time is then defined is so broad that the exceptions easily swallow the presumption of joint custody in any given case. He

cites an example of a recent decision where the father drank excessively at least six nights per week and had posted pictures of himself and the children with his girlfriend on the internet while he was still married: “his past conduct hurt him severely on the parenting time issue” notwithstanding the “presumption” of joint custody.

As a Toronto lawyer who has practiced family law for 33 years, I find this debate between pro and anti EPS legislation, to be phony and irrelevant, although clearly an honest one. In the real world of the family courts, Judges makes decisions based on the facts of each case albeit within the context of the law. They will continue making decisions based on those facts, far less then on “presumptions.” Moreover, what many pro-EPS lawyers forget is that under section 20 of Ontario's Children's Law Reform Act (CLRA) and similar provincial legislation across Canada, we already have EPS legislation for non-married parents and couples who are already divorced. It reads in part as follows “...the father and the mother of a child are equally entitled to custody of a child.” The same section only suspends that right in section 20(4) if on the separation of the parties a child lives with only one of them “with the consent, implied consent or acquiescence of the other parent” or by “[written] separation agreement or court order.” But if that does not happen, the Court presumes equal and joint custody. Moreover, for married couples, section 16(10) of the Divorce Act already imposes on the courts an obligation that “in making an order [concerning custody] shall give effect to the principle that a child of the marriage should have as much contact with each spouse as is consistent with the best interest of the child, and for that purpose, shall take into consideration the willingness of the person for whom custody is sought to facilitate

such contact.” Yes, unlike section 20 of the Children's Law Reform Act, the test for married couples getting a divorce, appears to be more about “best interests” and not a “presumption of joint custody.” However, even in Canada's Divorce Act, the Court must look towards “maximizing contact” when assessing a child's best interests.

More importantly, my experience concerning the difference of “presumptions” in these statutes is that the Courts dispose of custody cases irrespective of these differences i.e. as between unmarried vs. married couples. It is true that the Divorce Act for married couples uses a different presumption, one of “best interests.” But the presumptions have made little difference “on the ground” in most cases.

So what factors influence a decision in custody cases, especially in high conflict cases, if not such presumptions? Many other factors: the status quo, the experience of one's lawyer, the strategy used to present the facts, whether a parenting assessment is ordered, the identity of the assessor, money for legal fees, whether legal aid will fund the case, which Judge or Judges are involved, the past conduct of the parents, whether there are child protection issues, whether the children have any disabilities, the parenting time they have devoted to the children, shared with the other parent and willingness to share.

Most importantly, which parent is really willing to listen?

To conclude, passing legislation with “presumptions” in an attempt to cure the insane costs and delays associated with high conflict family law cases is like trying to waive a magic wand at a high speed train before it runs you over. Much more creative ideas with better funded strategies are sorely required. But to speculate on such solutions will require a different article.

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Castellanos was exiled to Mexico after the war

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Not only are they reaching out to survivors who personally benefited from the documents their grandfather provided, they are asking survivors' children to come forward with their stories, or perhaps with the original wartime documents they may have come across in their parents' files. These could be a compelling visual representation of his exploits, they said.

When Castellanos was assigned to the El Salvadoran diplomatic corps in the late 1930s, there was little to suggest he would play an important role in saving so many lives. He had been a bit of a trouble maker back in El Salvador, advocating democracy, so the fascist regime dispatched him to Europe in 1937, where they thought he couldn't cause much trouble, Alvaro said.

He was first assigned as part of a weapons procurement team, but was later appointed consul general in Liverpool, England.

In 1941, Castellanos was assigned to Hamburg, Germany, where he issued visas to Jews to enable them to leave the country. Later he named George Mandel-Mantello as first secretary, a fictitious post that didn't exist in the Salvadoran foreign service. Mandel was a Hungarian Jewish businessman whom Castellanos had met earlier in his career. To make his name more Spanish, Mandel changed it to Mantello.

In issuing citizenship documents to European Jews, Castellanos was violating instructions from his government. Later,



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Our Jewish friends and clients who found out we were in research for our documentary really encouraged us to go to Israel and start our film project

Jose Arturo Castellanos, left, and George Mandel-Mantello

he would tell his family, “Anybody else would do the same. It was part of my job,” Alvaro recalled.

Clearly, his Salvadoran modesty played a role in downplaying his achievements, but his flouting of the rules could have gotten him into deep trouble. Their grandfather, however, was disaffected with the country's dictatorship, so his reaction was “to say screw you, Fascists,” Alvaro explained.

For the next two to three years, after

being reassigned to Geneva, he and Mandel-Mantello issued life-saving documents to Jews facing deportation and death.

Jews in Budapest in possession of the papers could find refuge in international safe houses, such as the Glass House, a former glass factory in which the Swiss government harboured thousands of Jews who possessed Salvadoran papers and those of other countries.

“Granddad arranged the documents,

and Mantello found Jews to be helped,” Alvaro said.

After the war, Castellanos returned to El Salvador but was exiled to Mexico for advocating democracy. In 1950, he was reappointed to the diplomatic corps. He retired in 1956 and died in 1977 at age 86.

Alvaro conceived of the documentary 12 years ago, based on the stories the boys had heard since childhood. The project was put on hold after their mother suffered a stroke, but it was revived thanks in part to the encouragement of their Jewish friends and clients.

“Our Jewish friends and clients who found out we were in research for our documentary really encouraged us to go to Israel and start our film project,” Alvaro said.

“For me, that brought the whole thing back,” Boris said. “Some Jewish friends are the grandchildren of Holocaust survivors.”

Now, the brothers, filmmakers and artists, have put their event planning business on hold – though they still do work for longstanding clients like ORT Toronto and Ve’ahavta – and they’re focusing their attention on their film project.

If they succeed in getting the funds to complete the full-length documentary, their grandfather's remarkable story will reach an even larger audience, Salvadoran modesty or no modesty. ■

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Enid Evelyn Cohen Lichter, the first female head of the Jewish Federation of Hawaii, always marched to her own drummer.

Enid, who died of old age in Phoenix, Ariz., on Feb. 7 at 97, was a philanthropist who supported Jewish organizations in Canada and the United States. A native Torontonion, she was a feminist in a time when options for women were limited. She was also a free spirit who went where her heart led her, sometimes to her parents' chagrin.

Enid's parents were Essie and Arthur Cohen, philanthropists whose donation to Mount Sinai Hospital built the hospital's lobby. The couple's picture still hangs in the Mount Sinai lobby today.

The lobby is dedicated to Jacob Cohen, Arthur's father, who was Canada's first Jewish magistrate. Enid's father, Arthur Cohen, who died in 1975, was a Canadian movie industry pioneer. President of Holy Blossom Temple from 1928 to 1931, Cohen was a founding member of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, which became the United Jewish Appeal.

Arthur and Essie Cohen's disapproval rained down on their daughter's head when, as the mother of a young child, Enid decided to divorce her first husband, Albert Krangle. Divorce was considered quite daring in the 1930s, said Daryl Collier, Enid's granddaughter. It stigmatized women and divorce laws were strict.

Enid fell in love with Robert Shapiro, and in 1938, she left Canada, with two-year-old Patricia in tow, to join him in New Jersey. She married Shapiro when her divorce finally came through in 1941. She became a military wife, said Collier, adding that Shapiro was "the love of Enid's life."

The couple travelled a lot, and Enid, who had studied at Wellesley College in Massachusetts in an era when not many women went to university, wrote a travel guide for women.

"She didn't believe in a woman behind her man," Collier



Enid Evelyn Cohen Lichter

She was named president of the federation in the mid-1960s, the first woman to hold that position, and she held it until the late 1980s.

"She raised tons of money and was a prominent figure in Hawaii," Collier said.

"She was career-minded. Had she been born at a different

said. "She had a voice."

In the 1960s, when the couple's family had grown to include two more children, Shapiro decided to divorce Enid because he wanted a "change of lifestyle," Collier said. "She was devastated."

Enid's feisty response to heart-break was to take a trip around the world, to have an adventure, Collier said. She stopped in Honolulu, where a friend fixed her up with a dinner date with Martin Lichter, whom she ended up marrying.

In Hawaii, Enid volunteered for the Jewish Federation of Hawaii.

time, she would have had a powerful career. Working with the federation was her outlet."

Up until her death, Enid supported Jewish community organizations in the United States and Canada, including Mount Sinai Hospital and Holy Blossom Temple.

"She was always proud to be a Jewish Canadian," Collier said.

The motivation for Enid's philanthropy in the Jewish community can be summed up by one of her favourite sayings, from Hillel: "If not now, when? If I am not for myself, then who will be for me."

"In every part of her life, she lived by that," Collier said.

Giving to those less fortunate was an idea that Enid instilled into her grandchildren. "That's how I live my life," Collier said.

She remembers her "Gran" as a strong woman who believed in being independent at a time when women were very dependent on men.

"She was my role model," Collier said.

Enid Evelyn Cohen Lichter is survived by her daughters, Patricia Shenker and Ronny Perin, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. ■



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Knesset hosts play on Begin by Canadian playwright

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In researching the life and times of the late Menachem Begin, playwright Gordie Wiseman uncovered something quite unexpected.

As he was going through the archives at the Menachem Begin Heritage Center in Jerusalem, he came across a letter from Albert Einstein. The renowned physicist had written to the *New York Times* in 1948 “vilifying Begin, when he was first coming to the United States.”

That wasn't so odd, reasoned Wiseman, considering Einstein and Begin came from opposite ends of the political spectrum.

But for Wiseman there was another, karmic aspect to uncovering the letter.

Many years before, he had written a one-man play under his pen name Gabriel Emanuel, which was called *Einstein*. It had a successful run in Toronto theatres and internationally.

Einstein's letter turned up while he was contemplating another one-man play, this one called, *Mr. Begin*. That play, featuring renowned Israeli actor Danny Steg, is currently making the rounds in theatres across Israel.

A few weeks ago, *Mr. Begin* was performed in the Knesset before an audience of parliamentarians and cabinet ministers, including former Prime Minister Ehud Barak.

A number of Begin's elderly colleagues were also in attendance as was Begin's daughter, Hasya.

It turns out, there's an appetite in Israel for a play about Begin, who is remembered as a strong leader who made peace with Egypt but who also ordered a military strike on Iraq's nuclear reactor.

Living in Israel for the last five years, Wiseman sensed “there's a feeling in the country that he's missed.



Gordie Wiseman meets Hasya Begin, the late Prime Minister's daughter, during a performance in the Knesset of Wiseman's play, *Mr. Begin*.

“I think there's a kind of lack of direction and leadership,” he said on the phone from Israel. “Menachem Begin always had a clear vision where he wanted to lead Israel, and he was steeped in Jewish pride.”

When U.S. president Ronald Reagan, advised by his vice-president George Bush and senior official James Baker, criticized Israel for the Iraq reactor bombing and held back a strategic arms agreement, “Begin said Israel had been around 3,700 years without a strategic arms agreement with America and would be around another 3,700 years. That's the kind of response we don't hear anymore, to stand up to a U.S. president,” Wiseman said.

“We don't have to apologize all the

time. We should be proud of what we have accomplished and that we're here to stay,” said Wiseman, who worked as a lawyer in Canada and Israel.

So far, the play has been performed in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and in smaller centres. Audiences range in size from 120 to 400, with the largest to date in Ariel, which lies across the Green Line outside pre-1967 Israel.

So far, the mainstream media in Israel is pretty much ignoring the play. Their political slant coupled with the fact the play premiered in Jerusalem, not Tel Aviv, has kept them away, Wiseman believes.

“But 50 per cent of the population is excited to see a play about Begin, see the

debate rekindled and see a different side of the debate,” he said.

There's a lot to tell in the life and times of the former prime minister. Born in Poland, Begin possessed a distinctive old world charm, which would include kissing the hands of ladies. Though his political nemesis, David Ben-Gurion, would not even refer to him by name in the Knesset, Ben-Gurion's wife was charmed by him, Wiseman said.

The play tackles important issues from the time of Israel's founding, among them the 1948 Altalena incident, in which armed forces of the newly created State of Israel fired on the ship, which was carrying arms for the Irgun, he said.

As for Einstein's relationship with Begin, Wiseman believes “Begin and Einstein really reflected the story of the Jewish people in the 20th century.

“I find both these stories compelling, but its not like they were friends. They represented different sides of the Jewish experience in the 20th century.”

Wiseman, a native of Winnipeg who lived in Toronto before making aliyah, said much of the history of the period has been “told through the eyes of Labor. So in the play, the other side comes out.”

Mr. Begin was funded “on a shoestring,” with the support of fellow Winnipegger Howard Rypp, who runs Nefesh Theatre. Nefesh Theatre will stage the show in South America in early 2015.

Original music for the play was composed by Wiseman's brother, Ron, who has also made aliyah. When living in Toronto, Ron was known as “king of Jewish reggae,” Wiseman quipped.

Other brothers were similarly inclined to the arts. Older brother Howard is a professor of film at York University and a screenwriter while youngest brother Bob was a founding member of Blue Rodeo.

“We all got the bug,” Wiseman said. “I call it a defective gene in the family.” ■

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Millennials: The future of Jewish non-profits



Young volunteers for Reuth Medical Center of Tel Aviv

MARLENE LITT
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In 2007, a friend reached out to me for help. Her uncle was a long-term resident at the Reuth Medical Center in Tel Aviv, and she requested that I join her on the American Friends of Reuth's Young Leadership board to raise awareness for the facility. After visiting the medical centre, I quickly fell in love with Reuth, and I have been championing their young leadership programming ever since.

As a social worker, I've been exposed to many worthwhile non-profit organizations. From what I've seen, all of these organizations have three things in common: they work tirelessly to make a difference, they always need more money (to both maintain their ongoing activities and expand their reach), and they are most successful when volunteerism is strong within the organization.

Reflecting on the latter two items, it's clear to me that the key to non-profit success is engaging younger donors and volunteers. Gone are the days when an or-

ganization could survive on "old money" alone.

I would even take it one step further, to say that the very future of social services hinges on the involvement of "Generation Y," young men and women born between 1980 and 2000, also known as "millennials." It's not just because this generation will lead the voluntary sector one day. This is about more than pragmatism.

Millennials will soon wield more power than any previous generation, because they are the most passionate and idealistic generation to ever grace the planet. As such, when fuelled by values or a cause they believe in, they are virtually unstoppable. Therefore, engaging millennials is about much more than raising money. It's about convincing young, talented, and energetic individuals that your cause is their cause, too.

While young volunteers will snub the traditional fundraising appeals executed via direct mail and cold calls, they are always looking for inspiration. And once inspired, they are happy to give everything they've got to their new cause – their cre-

ativity, time, networking abilities, social media savvy and, at times, even their money. They take ownership and become emotionally invested very quickly.

You see, you can lead a millennial to water, but he will only "drink" if you allow him to follow through on his own terms.

Millennials usually turn to social networking tools like Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and blogs to spread the word about their favourite charities. They often raise funds for the causes they are passionate about by running marathons or similar events wherein they serve as the cheerleaders and others are encouraged to give. They throw parties that raise awareness and cold hard cash, but never stale fundraisers.

What drew me to Reuth was the fact the organization, which is now celebrating its 75th anniversary, has always been powered by idealistic young volunteers. From the very beginning, a group of young women saw a gap that needed filling and stepped up to answer that call. Many years later, our young leadership division keeps that flame of commitment,

passion, and creativity burning.

For example, last Passover, we chaired a unique and successful fundraiser for a diverse international crowd. We arranged a "silent disco" on the roof of the Reuth Medical Center for more than 180 young adults from seven different countries. No patients were disturbed because party attendees listened to music on headphones, and all of the attendees genuinely enjoyed the experience and latched onto their new cause as they danced to the music. The key to our success was that the attendees were able to see the facility – the place where their money was going – first hand.

It is this type of creativity and out-of-the-box thinking that millennials can bring to the table. They know the type of events that would appeal to them and inspire them to give of themselves. Therefore, it only makes sense that they should be the ones organizing and running these events.

The formula is simple: after you convince the young, talented and energetic individuals that your cause is, in fact, their own, give them the keys and let them drive.

If non-profit organizations remain hesitant to hand over the reins to Gen Y, they may very well be jeopardizing their longevity. As such, we must do everything in our power to help Jewish charities appreciate the value of big hearts, huge talent, and long-term commitment over large, one-time endowments.

The future of Jewish philanthropy depends upon it. ■

Marlene Litt is a social worker and chair of the American Friends of Reuth's Young Leadership Division. In December, Reuth (www.reuth.org), Israel's leading elder care, rehabilitation, and social welfare organization, presented her with its Young Leadership Award in recognition of her efforts on behalf of the organization.

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Guest Voice

Personalizing the Exodus from Egypt

REVEREND AMIEL BENDER
SPECIAL TO THE CJN

We read these words from our Haggadah at our seder table every year: "In every generation, it is one's duty to see himself as though he has personally gone out from Egypt." In the past, it has been difficult for me to conceptualize this thought.

Here we are sitting at a beautifully dressed seder table boasting the splendour of the holiday: special plates and silverware, fine food and wine, etc. Our families are dressed in their finest clothing, and I wear my *kittel* in true festive fashion. And still, we're advised by the Haggadah to see ourselves as if we participated in the Exodus from Egypt.

We are to imagine ourselves running away from a tyrant in the middle of the night with a sack of matzah and our few possessions, embarking on a journey to the Promised Land. Is there something wrong with this equation? How do we transform our personal psyche to becoming part of and understanding the Exodus that took place so long ago under differ-



ent material and arguably spiritual circumstances?

I only began to understand this recently when I heard a stunning story from one of the teens in our community who participated in the annual March of the Living trip. The story goes like this:

The young woman, Rebecca Share, after completing the march from Auschwitz to Birkenau, was standing by

the railroad tracks at Birkenau, where a ceremony was taking place. Over the loudspeakers, all of those present heard the names of precious martyrs of the Holocaust, continuously read over the period of a few hours.

All of a sudden Rebecca hears the name: Rivka Share. With chills running down her spine, she realizes that she has just heard her own name! She has the

privilege of sharing her name with a martyr of the Holocaust! What an emotional, meaningful and deep moment!

While Rebecca realizes that she has just personalized her Holocaust remembrance experience in the most astonishing way, she also realizes that she, unlike Rivka Share, whose name she has just heard, is able to leave Birkenau and continue her life of freedom.

When Rebecca shared her story with me, I replied that I could finally understand the words of the Haggadah, where we are told that in every generation we should see ourselves as if we were part of the Exodus from Egypt.

When Egypt becomes a part of us, we can share in and understand the experience and the meaning of this concept. By becoming part of this experience, we are also committing this experience to a memory that we are expected to carry with us for the rest of our lives. ■

Reverend Amiel Bender serves as clergy at Congregation Beth Ora in Montreal and as music director of the Hebrew Academy of Montreal

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Peace talks 'but not at any price,' says PM

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Israel is ready to continue peace talks with the Palestinians, "but not at any price," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Sunday.

"To my regret as we reached the moment before agreeing on the continuation of the talks, the Palestinian leadership hastened to unilaterally request to accede to 14 international treaties. Thus the Palestinians substantially violated the understandings that were reached with American involvement [that neither side would take unilateral action]," Netanyahu said at the start of the regular weekly cabinet meeting.

His remarks came as the U.S. envoy to the Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations, Martin Indyk, was set to meet with the Israeli



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu chairs weekly cabinet meeting. ISRAEL SUN PHOTO

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Livni says Bennett trying to 'torpedo' peace process

and Palestinian negotiators in an attempt to keep the peace talks going, at least until their April 29 scheduled end, and possibly beyond.

The Palestinians "will achieve a state only by direct negotiations, not by empty statements and not by unilateral moves," Netanyahu said, adding: "Unilateral steps on their part will be met with unilateral steps on our part."

Israel's chief negotiator to the peace talks, Justice Minister Tzipi Livni, in an interview

on Israel's Channel 2 on Saturday, accused Naftali Bennett's Jewish Home party of trying to "torpedo" the peace process.

As negotiations hit a major impasse last week, Housing Minister Uri Ariel of the Jewish Home party announced the reissuing of tenders for the construction of more than 700 residential units in the eastern Jerusalem neighbourhood of Gilo.

Livni also blamed Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas for the failure of the talks.

Bennett responded to Livni's allegations on Sunday morning in a Facebook post: "Last night I heard that someone is blaming Bayit Yehudi (!) for the collapse of the negotiations with the Palestinians. She should remember what Rabbi Akiva said in *Pirkei Avot*: Silence is a sign of intelligence. Or as I would translate it into English: Silence is golden." ■



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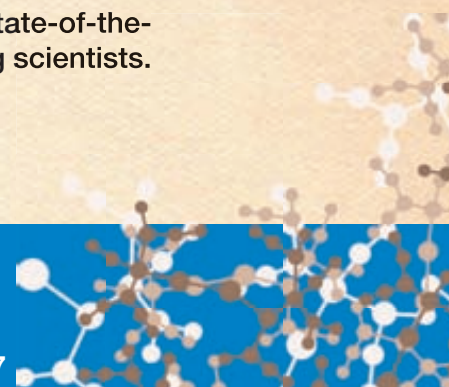
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OPINION

Being the parents of an IDF soldier



Sagi Melamed

As I left synagogue Friday evening, my friend Itzik smiled at me. He has been giving me the same smile for the last 3-1/2 months, since my oldest son went into the IDF. It was the quizzical smile of a soldier's father, a smile that said: "How are you doing now that Guy's in the army?"

Guy recently ended basic training and started the next stage of the long, gruelling path that he chose and was chosen for. Some of the changes in Guy are external (broader shoulders, determined face, chronic exhaustion). Some he tells us, and some we can only guess. But what about the changes in us, his parents?

• All plans for weekends and holidays revolve around the question, "Will Guy

be coming home?" When he does come home, we're all joyful (even his three siblings). When he doesn't, a faint air of longing pervades the house. With the army, there are no guarantees. Will Guy sit at the family seder table this year? We will only know for sure once we see him walk through the door.

• Indulgences. Like most new parents, we were stricter with Guy than with his younger siblings regarding table manners, meal times, restricting candies, giving chores and so on. Now, when he comes home on leave, all the rules of the family fall by the wayside. He's excused from washing dishes or cleaning up, and in general is totally indulged. He works hard enough in the army – at home he is pampered.

• Additional expenses. Sending a child to the army does not just rend the parental heart and cause insomnia. It also empties the parental pocket. In the first few months of Guy's service, we found ourselves spending hundreds – nay, thousands – of shekels every month on our soldier. From chocolate, cakes and the

like, to sticky tape, creams, ointments, bandages, flashlights, knives, notepads, insoles, thermal tops, and other accessories to ease our minds a little with the thought that "at least we did the best we could" for the comfort of the boy who overnight became a soldier.

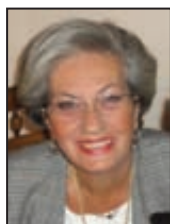
• Prayers. Whenever the *Prayer for the Welfare of the IDF Soldiers* was read on Shabbat and holidays, I would always focus my prayer on the welfare of "the soldiers" and "the IDF" who represent us all. Now that the prayer includes my own son, it has acquired a far more personal nature and additional kavanah (purpose).

• Whose boy is this? When Guy was in school, youth movement and yeshiva, the last word was always ours. Was he allowed to participate in the annual trip when he was a bit ill? Could he miss school? Was it OK for him to stay out late and drive home after midnight? But since he was drafted, the last word – and even the first word – has been the prerogative of the army. We parents are no longer the authority. That now rests with his

commanders, soldiers older than him by maybe a year or two. "Commander X said..." "Commander Y punished me..." Now our boy belongs to his commanders.

A few weeks ago, I heard Guy talking on the phone to a friend who had also just been drafted and who was facing a crisis. "Do you remember how before the army we talked about Zionism, of the importance of contributing to the country and having a meaningful military service? Let's not forget all that, even when it's hard for us in basic training, when we don't understand the reasons for all the infuriating commands, when there seems to be an unbridgeable chasm between the Zionism of our youth movement and our current daily life. Let's remember why we're here!" Guy didn't know that I was listening to this conversation, or how his motivational speech to his friend bolstered his father's spirits. ■

Sagi Melamed is vice-president of development for the Max Stern Yezreel Valley College and author of Son of My Land. He lives in the Galilee.



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TAU cancels lecture by convicted terrorist

Marissa Newman

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Amid mounting pressure from right-wing Knesset members and student unions, Tel Aviv University cancelled a scheduled lecture by convicted terrorist Mohammed Kanaane Sunday.

Kanaane was scheduled to speak at the university Monday to mark Land Day, which commemorates Arab protests against Israeli building policy.

The scheduled address drew protests outside the university Sunday and harsh condemnations from right-wing MKs.

"In light of concerns of disrupting the public order, and since the explicit request

to have Mohammed Kanaane participate was only recently submitted without time for evaluation, the university does not approve his participation at the event," a statement released by the university read.

However, the statement maintained that other Land Day activities will proceed as planned.

Kanaane, an Arab-Israeli, served 4-1/2

years in prison over his involvement with Hezbollah and for receiving funds from Palestinian terror cells toward the production of weapons.

Kanaane was slated to speak at an event run by the Hadash and Balad student unions in commemoration of Land Day. ■

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Israeli diplomats end strike

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Employees of Israel's Foreign Ministry ended their two-week strike with an agreement to increase pay for diplomats.

In a statement, the Foreign Ministry Workers Union called the deal signed April 2 with the Finance Ministry an "outline" of a collective agreement that will be signed within a month, according to Israeli news reports.

Under the collective agreement, diplomats' salaries will be adjusted according to the cost of living in the country in which they are working. Also, there will be compensation for spouses of diplomats for

loss of work in their field and the Foreign Ministry will help pay for the education of foreign diplomats' children.

"We are glad that the State of Israel understands the difficulties that the fighters of the Foreign Ministry must deal with and are sorry for the unnecessary damage that was caused," said a statement released April 2 by the Foreign Ministry Workers Union. "Tomorrow the foreign fighters of Israel will return to the global front line."

The open-ended strike shut down Israel's 103 embassies, consulates and diplomatic missions around the world, and caused the postponement or cancellation of visits by several world leaders and trips by Israeli officials. ■



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Margalit Slovin, inset, is showcasing her first solo exhibit, *Mikvah: A Tradition of Purity*.



Photographer spotlights mikvah in Ryerson exhibit

ILAN MESTER
SPECIAL TO THE CJN

Few people outside of the Jewish faith have learned about the mikvah. In fact, there are even people within the community who don't know much about this ancient ritual of purity. Canadian-American photographer Margalit Slovin is hoping to change that. "Growing up, there were certain things that I knew about, but not necessarily in detail – the mikvah was one of them," she said. "I realized that if, as a Jewish woman, I knew very little of this ritual,

there were probably many more people outside the Jewish faith who also had little knowledge." The recent graduate of Ryerson's bachelor of fine arts in photography, is teaming up with the university to showcase her first solo exhibit, *Mikvah: A Tradition of Purity*. The exhibit, which runs through April 26 at Ryerson's I.M.A Gallery, was actually born out of Slovin's final-year thesis. "It was definitely an interesting project to present to people," she said. "During critiques at university, I had to stress the modest nature of the subject matter." Considering the ritual's intimate set-

ting, Slovin admits she was pleasantly surprised that most of the subjects she approached were willing to participate in her project. "I think this was due in part to the fact that their identities are mostly hidden from the viewer," she said. "The photographs focus on their hair coverings, rather than their faces. I did this not only to show the modest nature of the women and the mikvah, but also to show the diversity of the women who partake in this ritual." According to Slovin, she enjoyed the challenge of photographing her subjects without revealing their identities. "It ac-

tually wasn't difficult to photograph in this manner, on the contrary, I took it as a personal challenge to redefine portraiture." The young photographer, who has interned at the Art Institute of Chicago, hopes her exhibit changes the way people view the mikvah. "When reading about the ritual, it often came across as archaic," she said. "I found a need to produce a body of work that presented the mikvah in a new light, putting it in a modern context." **CONTINUED ON PAGE 63**

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Thoughtful stage drama New Jerusalem opens to the book on Spinoza's philosophy

It's been more than 350 years since the freethinking Jewish rationalist philosopher **Baruch Spinoza** was excommunicated by the Jewish community of Amsterdam, an event that's the focus of the Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company's current production, *New Jerusalem: The Interrogation of Baruch de Spinoza at Talmud Torah Congregation, Amsterdam, July 27, 1656*.

The play, written by **David Ives** and directed by **Mitchell Cushman**, opens with a 20-minute prologue in the theatre lobby, then moves inside the theatre, which represents the interior of Amsterdam's Talmud Torah Synagogue; patrons are offered yarmulkes and lace head coverings as they enter. The excellent cast includes **Aris Athanasopolous** and **Alon Nashman**, who are outstanding as Spinoza and the chief rabbi of Amsterdam, respectively.

Spinoza's metaphysical ideas were

deemed so heretical and dangerous by both the Christian and Jewish communities that they colluded in stifling him. This highly intellectualized and riveting courtroom-style drama opens the book on Spinoza's philosophical ideas, which seem so innocent today, but which could only threaten the worldview of any society predating modern notions of freedom of religion.

New Jerusalem continues at the Studio Theatre, Toronto Centre for the Arts, through April 13. hgjewishtheatre.com

Names

There are notable Canadian connections to the film *Labor Day*, which recently opened in movie theatres. The film was directed by **Jason Reitman**, a second-generation film director and the son of director **Ivan Reitman**. It's based on the novel *Labor Day* by **Joyce Maynard**, a 60-year-old American novelist and nonfiction writer who is perhaps most famous for her relationship with reclusive literary legend **J.D. Salinger** when she was 18 years old.

An article Maynard had written for the *New York Times Magazine* caught Salinger's eye, and the two exchanged 25 letters, then lived together for 10 months in his home in rural New Hampshire in 1973. Maynard rarely discussed the relationship publicly until she wrote about it in her



Jose Feliciano performs at a benefit concert for the Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind.

1998 memoir *At Home in the World*.

Maynard comes from a distinguished literary family. She was one of two daughters of **Max and Fredelle (Bruser) Maynard**. Her mother, the child of Russian-Jewish immigrants, wrote about her Saskatchewan upbringing in a bestselling memoir, *Raisins and Almonds*. She also penned a second memoir, *The Tree of Life*. Fredelle Maynard was a prolific writer of magazine articles for many top-notch publications, including *Good Housekeeping*, *Ladies Home Journal* and *Chatelaine*.

Joyce's sister, **Rona Maynard**, was a long-serving editor of *Chatelaine*. Rona and Joyce jointly produced another Maynard family memoir, *My Mother's Daugh-*

ter, which appeared in 2007.

A California resident, Joyce Maynard has had considerable success as a novelist. *Labor Day* is not the first of her books to be made into a film. Her 1992 novel *To Die For* also made it to the big screen. Her most recent novel, *After Her*, came out in 2013. She's the mother of three children, including American heartthrob actor **Wilson Bethel**, who has had leading roles in the television soap opera *The Young and The Restless* and other series.

Arts in Brief

■ Four screenings of *The Lady in Number 6*, Academy award-winning documentary about Holocaust survivor **Alice Herz Sommer**, will feature a post-movie question-and-answer session with the producer and director. \$10, tickets at the door. Miles Nadal JCC, Al Green Theatre, Sunday April 13, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 and 6:30 p.m.

■ Latin crossover artist **Jose Feliciano** appears in Toronto at a benefit concert for the Israel Guide Dog Center For the Blind. Toronto Centre for the Arts, George Weston Recital Hall, Thursday May 22, 7:30 p.m. \$55, \$70, \$85; 855-985-2787, www.ticketmaster.ca. VIP tickets \$180 include meet-and-greet dessert reception with Feliciano, and tax receipt. 416-577-3600, www.ca.israelguidedog.org. ■



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Inspirational short debuts at Nadal JCC

MARVIN GLASSMAN
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Since winning the 2014 Oscar in February as best short documentary film, *The Lady in Number Six: Music Saved My Life* has been acclaimed in its premieres over the past few months in Montreal and Atlanta.

The 38-minute film, which chronicles the life of pianist Alice Herz-Sommer, who died at 110 in February as the world's oldest Holocaust survivor, will have its Toronto premiere April 13 at the Al Green Theatre, in the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre.

"Alice said before the cameras that music saved her life while being a concentration camp prisoner during the Holocaust. That alone would not have made the film memorable. What is memorable is Alice showing us how music is ingrained in her soul by playing Bach and Chopin with such passion and precision at age 109 and speaking eloquently on her past with an excellent memory of her achievements in life," said Frederick Bohbot, the

Montreal-based filmmaker whose company, Bunbury Films, made and distributed the short.

Unlike many producers of Holocaust documentaries, Bohbot and director Malcolm Clarke wanted to create something more optimistic, and learned of Herz-Sommer through author Caroline Stoessinger's 2012 biography titled *A Century of Wisdom*.

"We did not want to do a story about hatred, pity or bitterness, but rather an optimist who would enlighten the audience about her life, and I'm grateful to Caroline for letting us know about Alice," Bohbot said.

"Truthfully, Alice lived a simple life in a London flat, not being materially rich, but rich with friends and an outlook that allowed Alice to not experience hatred even for the Nazis, despite her husband and mother being murdered by them."

Against a backdrop of vintage photographs from Herz-Sommer's 100 or so concerts at the Theresienstadt concentration camp, as well as photos from her early life at the turn of the 20th century,

audiences hear Herz-Sommer's wisdom, which is reinforced through the comments of her two friends who also survived the Holocaust.

Herz-Sommer's positive comments in the film, such as "I don't hate. I even saw the good in the Nazis," may not be unanimously praised by audiences, but her honesty and positive attitude on how she survived is inspirational.

Her remark, "I was raised Jewish, but Beethoven is my religion," shows the power of music in her life.

Herz-Sommer was born in 1903 in Prague, where her parents ran a cultural salon, giving young Alice the opportunity to meet and know such towering artistic figures as Franz Kafka and Gustav Mahler.

She learned to play piano from pianist Artur Schnabel, and in the 1930s, she was getting recognition as a concert pianist, playing throughout Europe. She met and married violinist Leopold Sommer in 1931 and had a son Raphael, born in 1937.

When Czechoslovakia was invaded by the Nazis, Herz-Sommer did not flee to Palestine, as did most of her relatives. She cared for her ill mother, who eventually was murdered, as was her husband, in the

Holocaust.

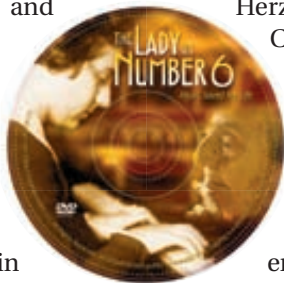
Because of her reputation as a concert pianist, Herz-Sommer was sent to Theresienstadt to serve as propaganda for the Nazis' claim that prisoners were well-treated there by having musicians like her play concerts in the camp. She was fortunate to be allowed to have her son stay there with her.

Following their liberation, she and Raphael emigrated to Israel in 1948. Raphael went on to become a concert cellist based in London, where Herz-Sommer immigrated in 1986. Raphael died of a heart attack in 2001.

"The bookings and popularity of the film with audiences continues to grow. The film will also be shown in Toronto in May, and I anticipate that many Jewish community centres and synagogues will book the film soon," Bohbot said.

The Lady in Number Six: Music Saved My Life will be shown four times on April 13 at the Al Green Theatre.

Both Bohbot and Clarke will host a question-and-answer session following each screening. Tickets are \$10. For screening times and tickets, call 416-924-6211 or visit www.milesnadaljcc.ca.



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The skyline of Charlotte, N.C. MICHAEL STAVSKY PHOTO

to guide through the museum via numerous interactive computer displays.

The Hall of Fame guides visitors through several videos that detail the history of stock car racing and its North Carolina roots. Even non-racing fans will appreciate the dozens of championship stock

cars on display, along with trophies, racing gear and apparel, as well as other NASCAR paraphernalia.

Charlotte, though, is home to more than just NASCAR. Nestled rustically near the hills of western North Carolina, Charlotte (nicknamed the Queen City), has in

the last century transformed itself from a sleepy farming hamlet into one of the world's largest banking and financial centres. Home to Wells Fargo and Bank of America, Charlotte developed into the nation's second largest banking centre during the 1980s, following a series of mergers between banking powerhouses. Given its prominence within the financial world, the city was chosen as the site for last year's Democratic National Convention.

Like many other southern U.S. cities, the development of Charlotte was greatly impacted by circumstances surrounding the Civil War. Following the abolishment of slavery, many local farmers turned to commerce and established the city as a cotton and tobacco-processing centre. Several of the world's largest tobacco companies are headquartered in North Carolina. Although the industry is highly mechanized today, a number of 18th century tobacco plantations in the surrounding area have been preserved for tourists and offer daily tours.

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State’s history brought to life at Museum

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Charlotte has much to offer families travelling to the region with children. In addition to the NASCAR Hall of Fame, the city is also home to the world famous Discovery Place science museum. Spread out over three floors and occupying a full city

block downtown, Discovery Place’s interactive exhibits and hands-on activities, as well as an aquarium and huge Omnimax theatre, make it a must-see for anyone visiting with children. Kids will also get a thrill out of the Charlotte Nature Museum, operated by Discovery Place. The museums are open seven days a week, and are certainly among the pre-eminent science centres in the southern United States.

The history of North Carolina is brought to life at the centrally located Levine Museum of the New South. Named for noted Jewish philanthropists and founders of the Family Dollar retail chain, Leon and Sandra Levine, the museum presents a comprehensive study of post-Civil War southern American society. Chronicling the reconstruction and rebuilding of the former Confederate states, the museum

focuses on the development of North Carolina via numerous displays and exhibits. Visitors are treated to a timeline display of events in local history, from before the American Revolutionary War through Jim Crow segregationist laws as they were practised in North Carolina and up to the present-day “New South”.

As detailed in a recent Levine Museum exhibit on the Jews of North Carolina, many of the city’s Jewish men fought bravely for the Confederate army during the Civil War. Although maintaining a presence in the state since the early 19th century, the Jewish community began to flourish after the war. Using their expertise in trade and commerce, the Charlotte Jewish community, although small in number, had a tremendous impact on the dynamic economic growth the city has experienced in the last century.

Today, several synagogues service Charlotte’s 12,000-strong Jewish residents. Although most of the city’s Jews are non-practising, most maintain a strong Jewish identity. This sense of Jewish identity culminated in the construction of the city’s 50-plus acre Shalom Park Jewish Community Center. Located in a tranquil park-like setting, Shalom Park is home to several synagogues, a massive recreation center and is the centre of Jewish life in Charlotte.

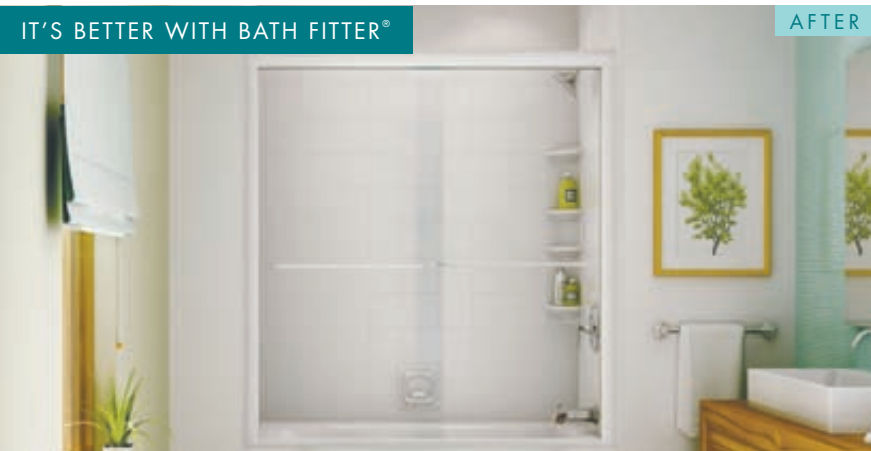
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For readers familiar with S.Y. Agnon's dazzling work, seeking an opportunity to re-experience the richly textured, ever-changing, kaleidoscopic literary immersion that is an Agnon story, or for those wishing to experience Agnon for the first time, there is cause for celebration. Agnon's *The Parable and its Lesson: A Novella* has just been published as part of the Stanford Studies in Jewish History and Culture.

The Parable and its Lesson has two narrators who relate events that happened in the shadow of the horrific Khmelnytsky pogroms of 1648. It features a descent by a rabbi and his shamash into Gehinnom (Hell) to help save a woman from becoming an agunah (a woman unable to re-marry).

This mysterious trip to Gehinnom, however, is only one point of departure in the story. Like so many of Agnon's works, *The Parable and its Lesson* takes the reader on an elaborate labyrinth journey. There are myriad detours: dissertations, discussions, homiletics, reflections and off-the-beaten-path side trips into a fantastical world of another time and place. We become entirely enveloped – some might say shrouded – as if in a giant, invisible tallit where the ancient is modern and the modern is an ordered jumble of tradition, fear, superstition, love, sacrifice, humility, haughtiness, cruelty and kindness. Agnon hides many of the nuggets of the story in this jumble and he does not make it easy for us to find them.

In 1966, Shmuel Yosef (S.Y.) Agnon, along with the Jewish German poet Nelly Sachs, received the Nobel Prize for literature. He is the only Israeli writer, the only Hebrew-language writer, to have won that prize.

In bestowing the award upon the

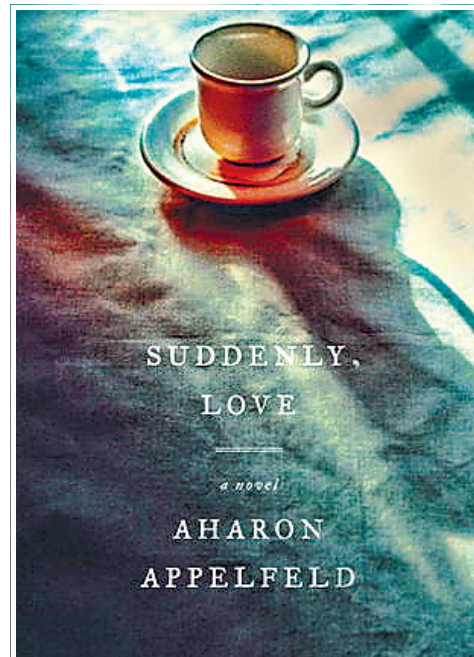


**The Parable and its Lesson:
A Novella**
by S.Y. Agnon

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Andersson of the Swedish Academy made the following observation on Agnon's works: "In your writing, we meet once again the ancient unity between literature and science, as antiquity knew it. In one of your stories, you say that some will no doubt read it as they read fairy tales, others will read it for edification. Your great chronicle of the Jewish People's spirit and life has therefore a manifold message. For the historian, it is a precious source, for the philosopher an inspiration, for those who cannot live without literature it is a mine of never-failing riches... a combination of tradition and prophecy, of saga and wisdom." Andersson knew of what he spoke.

Agnon died four years after receiving the award. But because of staunch Agnon enthusiasts and loyalists such as the late James S. Diamond, who translated *The Parable and its Lesson*, and Jewish Theological Seminary Prof. Alan Mintz, his work will live on. In the introduction to the book, Mintz described the story as "a truly exciting piece of literature that is unparalleled in the rest of modern Jewish writing." He also wrote an instructive essay about Agnon that makes the Stanford University publication particularly attractive.



Suddenly, Love
Aharon Appelfeld

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Aharon Appelfeld has not won a Nobel Prize for literature, although he is entirely worthy of the distinction. He is the recipient of many honours and awards for his work, but none yet from the Swedish Nobel Academy.

Appelfeld's volume of work is prodigious. He has written many works of fiction, non-fiction, poetry, literary criticism and other commentaries. That he writes in a language – Hebrew – that he acquired only after his arrival in Mandatory Palestine in 1946 at the age of 14, adds an additional measure of remarkability to the distinctive, penetrating quality of the stunning literature that flows from him.

Suddenly, Love (translated by Jeffrey M. Green) is Appelfeld's latest instalment in what he has described as the "long saga about the Jewish people, about

what happened to them during the 20th century."

Suddenly, Love is the affecting, heart-rending story of Ernst, an ailing, 70-year-old, unflinching former Communist ideologue, a native of the Carpathian Mountain region of Bukovina (now in Ukraine) and veteran of the Red Army. Ernst, living all alone in Israel and haunted by recurring dreams and thoughts of his eventful past, is counting down the days of his tumultuous but ultimately wasted life. He is a writer who can no longer write. He cannot reach into himself to find the memories and emotions that his harsh experiences have seemingly buried into locked and impenetrably dark places in his soul.

Until he meets Irena.

Irena, a single 36-year-old who lives alone in the home of her deceased survivor parents, becomes Ernst's caregiver. Shy, self-effacing, self-doubting, yet thoughtful and tender, Irena is totally – even fiercely – dedicated to healing and protecting Ernst from the ravages of his mostly self-inflicted distress. Irena's daily, tireless ministrations to Ernst become the balm that soothes his wounds and "the key" that has opened "the heavy doors" of his heart.

Appelfeld is unrivalled in his ability to create an engaging narrative with spare, unembellished, economical writing. He is unique in building gravitas and literary momentum slowly, steadily, as if in slow march, through the use of short chapters and finely honed, almost clipped language. Indeed, in an interview with Eleanor Wachtel of CBC, Appelfeld explained his signature manner of writing as stemming from his experiences hiding from the Nazis where language could betray as well as redeem.

True to Appelfeld's long-perfected purpose, *Suddenly, Love* implores the reader, despite tears, to see with clarity and empathy the world that the author left behind.

Agnon and Appelfeld were born not very far from each other in what is now Ukraine – Agnon in Buczac, Appelfeld in Czernovitz. Jewish life in their region was in some sense the epicentre of Jewish civilization in eastern Europe before World War II. That civilization, as we know, alas, was utterly destroyed.

Agnon and Appelfeld are the two pre-eminent Israeli authors whose works are devoted to memorializing that civilization. They do so with a near sacred emphasis on preserving individual and collective memories, and a constant reverence for the vanished people who reside there. ■



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Photographer organized exhibit from Israel

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She said, “within the exhibit, I have three sections of photographs: objects used for preparation; women with their head covered, and architectural interiors of the various spaces included in the mikvah building. Together, I have tried to explain the ritual as a process, rather than a singular person or space/room.”

Aside from her unique photographs, what’s impressive about Slovin’s exhibit is that she organized most of it from overseas. The Texas-native moved to Israel to attend a seminary in 2013 – a week after she graduated from Ryerson. Within a month or so, she scored a full-time job at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem.

For one day each week, she worked as an image recourse and copyright associate. “It was amazing to be able to go through archives and see images being used all around the world,” she said.

Slovin spent the rest of the week doing what she loves most: photographing. “This was great as I was able to use my skills as a photographer to capture

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other peoples’ artworks,” she said. “Some days I wouldn’t know what I was photographing ahead of time, so it was a great surprise to see a work by an artist that I greatly admired waiting in the studio for me.”

Slovin has returned to Toronto for her exhibit and is happy she’ll get to spend Passover with her family. However, she isn’t staying in Canada for long. “I received a scholarship to go to France at the beginning of May for a couple weeks, learning with photography curators and conservators in Paris,” she said. “I have never been to Europe and I’m very excited for this learning opportunity.”

Following her stint in Paris, Slovin hopes to go back to school and obtain a master’s degree. For now, though, she’s focusing on her new exhibit. “As an alumna, I am even more thrilled to be having it at Ryerson’s own Image Arts Student Gallery,” she says. ■

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What's New

APRIL 10 - APRIL 17

Thursday	10	Friday	11	Saturday	12	Sunday	13	Monday	14	Tuesday	15
Sacred Song Am Shalom Choir performs in an interfaith concert 7:30 p.m. Barrie.				Chocolate Seder What if the 4 cups of wine were chocolate milk? Beth Sholom Synagogue		Chametz Fest Enjoy pizza and pasta while you clean your house. DANI Cafe		Passover			



Thursday, April 10

MUSSAR PRACTICE
Alan Moranis discusses “Personal Change with the Tools of Mussar,” 7 p.m., Temple Sinai.

MEANINGFUL SEDERS
Learn how to make a meaningful seder for all ages with Danforth Jewish Circle, 5:15 p.m., Eastminster Church, 310 Danforth Ave. info@djctoronto.com.

SACRED SONG
Am Shalom Congregation, Barrie, sings in an interfaith celebration of culture and tradition, at 7:30 p.m., St. John Vianney Church, Barrie. \$15. For tickets, call 705-792-3949.

Saturday, April 12

BOOK READING AND SIGNING
Dr. Sharon Baltman, author of *Escape From the Bedside*, signs her book 9 a.m. to noon, The Stop's Farmers Market, 601 Christie St. Book reading at 12:30 p.m.

KIDS SEDER & ADULT ED
Beth Sholom holds a chocolate seder, 10:30 a.m. \$10 per family, reserve by contacting naomi@bethsholom.net or 647-873-1238.
Rachel Urowitz discusses themes in Jewish history inspired by the parshah, 9:45 a.m.

B'NAI SHALOM
B'nai Shalom, a Conservative congregation in Peel region, meets today. Email info@bnaishalom.ca or call 905-901-9889.



The Lady in Number 6

The Academy Award winning documentary about Alice Herz Sommer is being shown at the Miles Nadal JCC April 13, followed by a discussion with the producer and director. For more information, visit www.algreentheatre.ca.

Sunday, April 13

CHOCOLATE SEDER
Shaar Shalom Synagogue holds a chocolate seder today. RSVP agol@shaarshalom.ca

DANI CAFE
Enjoy chametz at the DANI Cafe, open 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., 501 Clark Ave. W. Thornhill. Reservations not required, but encouraged. Call 905-889-3264, ext. 231 or email info@dani-toronto.com.

Upcoming Events

WOMEN AND ABUSE
The legal information service of Act to End Violence Against Women offers free legal support and guidance to Jewish women who have experienced abuse. Call 905-695-5374, or email info@acttoendvaw.org.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED
Beit Halochem Canada, Aid to Disabled

Veterans of Israel is looking for families to host an Israeli hero for two weeks in June. Call 905-695-0611, or email info@beithalochem.ca.

YIDDISH CULTURE
Explore Yiddish Culture, a 6-week session for intermediate Yiddish students. Sundays, starting April 27, 10 a.m., Beth David Synagogue. Register by email: bbarak@ujafed.org or 416-631-5843.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT
Bereavement support group, led by a trained group facilitator meets Sundays starting May 4, 10 a.m. at Beth Tikvah. Call Rosalie, 416-221-3433 to register.

SOCCERATHON
Friends of Beit Issie Shapiro are holding a soccerathon, April 27 at Trio Sportsplex, 601 Cityview Blvd., Woodbridge. Email gilad.epstein@lorex-corp.com or cfobis@rogers.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Circle of Care needs Russian, Hebrew and English-speaking volunteers to pro-

vide support to clients and family members with life-threatening conditions. Volunteers are needed to spend time with seniors along the Bathurst Street corridor. Call Lysa, 416-635-2860, or email lspringer@circleofcare.com.

LUNCH AND LEARN
Lunch and learn starts April 29 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue with Robert Rotenberg discussing the crime fiction novel. Lunch at 12:15 p.m., lecture at 12:45 p.m. Call 416-221-3433 to register.

FAMILY LAW WORKSHOP
Family law lawyer Victoria Starr discusses “Parental Alienation,” April 24. For more information, call the Legal Information Service of Act to End Violence Against Women at 905-695-5374 or email info@acttoendvaw.org.

WONDERFUL WOMEN
Weizmann Canada's Women and Science Committee presents a panel of accomplished women discussing how they overcame obstacles to become frontrunners in their fields, April 29, 6:30 p.m. at Casa Loma. Featuring best-selling author Jennifer Weiner; artistic director of the National Ballet of Canada, Karen Kain; economist Sherry Cooper and award-winning scientist Naama Geva-Zatorsky. For tickets, call 416-733-9220 or email wonderfulwomen@weizmann.ca.

NEWTONBROOK TURNS 50
Newtonbrook Secondary School, 155 Hilda Ave., is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year with an open house May 24 and a pub night. For tickets to the pub night, visit www.newtonbrookturnsfiftyreunion.com.

PASSOVER SEDERS
» Chabad of Markham hosts a seder, April 14. Call 905-886-0420, ext. 221.
» Beth Tikvah holds a seder, April 14. Call 416-221-3433.
» Oraynu Congregation holds a humanist seder for adults and teens, April 14. Call 416-385-3910.
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Deadline Reminder:
Due to Passover, deadlines will change. The deadline for the issue of May 1 was April 8. All deadlines are at noon. Phone 416-391-1836, ext. 269; email whatsnewcjin@gmail.com

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» Association of Jewish Seniors and Bernard Betel Centre hold a seder, **April 15**. Call 416-635-2900, ext. 458.
» Am Shalom Congregation in Barrie holds a Passover seder, **April 15**. Call 705-792-3949.

YOM HASHOAH

» Oraynu Congregation marks Yom Hashoah, **April 27**, 7:30 p.m., 18 Wynford Dr.
» Temple Sinai marks Yom Hashoah **April 27**, 3 p.m. Featuring the story of Cantor emeritus **Severin Weingort**.
» Temple Har Zion marks Yom Hashoah **April 28**, 7 p.m.
» Beth Tikvah Synagogue marks Yom Hashoah **April 26**, 7 p.m. starting with *Mincha*, featuring a presentation by **Gerda Frieberg**.
» 71st Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising is marked **April 24**, 7:30 p.m. at Toronto Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

JF&CS Groups

GROUPS & WORKSHOPS

» Registration is required for all programs. Classes are open to all members of the community. Fee reductions available. Call **Shawna Sidney**, 416-638-7800, ext. 6215 or visit www.jfandcs.com. All classes at the Lipa Green Centre, 4600 Bathurst St., unless otherwise noted.
» **One Family, Two Homes:** A 6-session group for families experiencing separation and divorce. Children and adults participate in separate groups. Starts April 24, 6:30 p.m.
» **Mind-Body Connection for Women:** A 7-session group for women who want to learn mindfulness and meditation. Starts April 29, Lebovic JCC, 7 p.m.

BEREAVED JEWISH FAMILIES

» Bereaved Jewish Families of Ontario provides 8-week self-help groups to bereaved parents. Call **Beth Feffer** at 416-638-7800, ext. 6244, or email bfeffer@jfandcs.com.

For Seniors

» **Adath Israel Congregation.** Wednesday afternoon socials. Bridge, mah-jong, Rummikub, 12:30 p.m. Call **Sheila**, 416-665-3333, or **Marcia**, 416-932-1229.
» **Shaar Shalom.** Play duplicate bridge Mondays, 1:30 p.m. Lessons, 12:30 p.m. 905-889-4975.
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» **Temple Har Zion.** Play mahjong Wednesday afternoons. Email bevmi-channels1@gmail.com.

» **Adult 55+ Miles Nadal JCC.** **Osnat Lipa** discusses "Treasures of the Guggenheim," April 29, 1 p.m. **Jack Newman** discusses "How Jews Helped Shape Television Comedy," April 10, doors open at 1 p.m., program starts at 1:30 p.m. For all programs, call 416-924-6211, ext. 155, or email lisar@mnjcc.org.
» **Bernard Betel Centre for Seniors** 416-225-2112. April 11, drop-in social work clinic, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; April 17, Easy ways to get active in the spring, 1:30 p.m.
» **Charming Earl Bales Seniors Club in the Park** (60+). Valerie, 416-395-7881. Casino Woodbine April 30 (register in advance); Dance with live music, April 27, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, seniors chair exercise starts May 6; Tuesdays and Thursdays, social bridge, 12:30 p.m.
» **Day Centre for Seniors** provides a friendly, secure place for seniors with dementia. Hot lunch, stimulating activities, transportation provided. Call 905-738-1128.
» **New Horizons** is a Jewish Hungarian seniors club that offers kosher food and is looking for new members. Call **George**, 416-256-1892.
» **The PEP Group** is welcoming new members. First program is a talk by **Vivian Felson** about Jewish women writers, April 10, Earl Bales Community Centre. Refreshments at 12:30 p.m., program begins at 1 p.m.

Prosserman JCC

» Sherman Campus, 4588 Bathurst St., 416-638-1881, www.prossermanjcc.com.
» Musician/educator **Jordan Klapman** hosts a two-part musical journey through Jewish popular songs, April 24 and May 1, 1 p.m.
» **Iain Scott** discusses opera star Enrico Caruso, May 5, 1 p.m.
» **Osnat Lipa** explores the art of J.M.W. Turner and David Hockney, May 13 and 20, 1 p.m.
» **Amnon Zohar** hosts "Israeli Hot Topics," Thursdays, May 1-29, 10 a.m.
» **Norene Gilletz** gives a workshop on making challah, May 4, 3 p.m.

Miles Nadal JCC

» 750 Spadina Ave. 416-924-6211, www.mnjcc.org
» The film *The Lady in Number 6* will be shown April 13 at 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 available at the door one hour prior to the first screening. www.algreentheatre.ca.
» Community Passover Seder April 14 at 7:45 p.m. Call Midtown Chabad for tickets, 416-516-2005.
» *Young Frankenstein*, presented by the

Curtain Call Players, will run at the Al Green Theatre, April 17-19 and April 23-25, 8 p.m. except 2 p.m. on April 19. For tickets, call 416-706-6181.
» Yom Hashoah Commemoration, April 27, 11 a.m.
» Register for the Joke Lab with actor **Jack Newman** and learn how to tell hilarious jokes and humorous anecdotes, April 24-May 15, 7 p.m.
» Register now for spring film studies with **Adam Nayman**, looking at the work of **David Lynch**, April 28-June 23, 7 p.m.
» Sign up for the Summer Institute Adult Vocal/Choral Edition (male voices needed) July 14-18; Theatre Edition Aug. 18-22. ext. 250.
» Harmonia, a Jewish choir for youth aged 8-18 directed by **Yonah Sienna** meets Sundays at 4 p.m. Email harmonia@mnjcc.org.
» *Duets, Portraits of Aging and the Art of Care*, photos by **Debra Friedman**, is at the gallery, until April 21.
» The women's chorus meets Mondays 7:30 p.m.; daytime choir meets Tuesdays, 1 p.m. **Gillian Steyck** offers small group vocal lessons Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. Email music@mnjcc.org.
» Health and fitness: MELT Method-full body, Tuesdays, until May 6, 7 p.m., Wednesdays until May 7, 11 a.m. MELT Method – hand and foot, Mondays April 7-May 12, 2:30 p.m. Healthy breast yoga,

Wednesdays until June 18, 12:15 p.m. To register for all fitness programs, email joolip@mnjcc.org, or call ext. 574.
» Michael Bernstein Chapel holds services Thursdays at 7:15 a.m.; Sundays at 8 a.m. Call **Coleman Bernstein**, 416-968-0200.

Schwartz/Reisman Centre

» Lebovic Campus, 9600 Bathurst St. 905-303-1821
» Zen kids art for children aged 4 to 6 starts Thursdays, May 1.
Karate club for children aged 7 to 10, Tuesdays starting April 29. To register, **Jennifer** 416-638-1881, ext. 3275.
» Vendors wanted for an Israeli market for Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, May 6. Email **Andrea** at adaam@srcentre.ca.
» Join the SR Centre for a trip to see *Hay Fever* May 28 in Stratford.
» Buffalo shopping trip, April 29 (register by April 24). ■

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Splitting the sea of chocolate in Israel

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One year when I was a kid, my bubbie brought over some chocolate bars for us. My mother was appalled because they weren't real chocolate at all, but some waxy, chocolate-flavoured thing with a token nod to cocoa way down in the ingredients list. "Why would she buy *these*," my mother wailed, "when there's so much good chocolate at this time of year?"

This year, celebrating our first Pesach in Israel, chocolate – simple, uncomplicated chocolate – is probably going to be one of the few things that are still easy.

Back in Toronto, a majority of Jews are Ashkenazi, and the Kashruth Council of Canada took care of everything for us. No flour, of course, but also no kitniyot: canola oil, rice, beans.

Here, we're no longer in the majority. Just about everyone here in Israel can eat all those yummys that we don't – corn, peas, even falafel, if you leave out the pita bread.

While they're feasting on falafel, corn-on-the-cob (or popcorn!), pea soup, and peanut-flavoured Bamba snacks, we'll be sifting through grocery-store shelves trying to find things we can take home and eat. True, everything is labelled – in Hebrew that needs a magnifying glass to decipher. Many packages have two hechshers (kosher symbols), one for during the year and one for Pesach. Which one's which? They don't teach you how to read product hechshers in our ulpan course.

I'm told it's gotten easier for Ashkenazim here. The hechshers are less baffling, better organized. And there's Facebook, where you can network for certain treasured ingredients, finding out which local stores carry what you need before

you head out on a wild goose chase.

Things have also gotten more challenging in Toronto, with more kitniyot on the Pesach shelves every year. Not only for Sephardim, but also for Conservative Jews and others, who rely on rabbinic rulings that they're fine for Passover use.

Here in Israel, at Purim, I noticed a bag of chips proudly proclaiming it was kosher for Pesach and kitniyot-free. So there's one more thing we can eat. Chips – and chocolate. Since the very best chocolate has the fewest additives, particularly those troublesome kitniyot oils (like soy) that make up those waxy fake-chocolate bars, I can look forward to the best.

Kosher celebrity chef Jamie Geller feels the same way since making aliyah from the United States in 2012. Her new cookbook, *Joy of Kosher: Fast, Fresh Family Recipes*, which features over 100 fast and kosher recipes, includes many just for Pesach, especially her Olive Oil Dark Chocolate Mousse.

Turns out the chocolate's not masking anything. Both chocolate and olive oil play together deliciously in this recipe, with the olive oil providing a rich, silky texture, good-quality chocolate bringing its own distinctive flavour, and egg whites providing their heavenly fluff.

Is it safe to use raw egg whites? The Egg Farmers of Canada recommend proper food handling. Use only clean, uncracked eggs, wash hands before and after preparation, and keep this mousse well-chilled until serving. Very few salmonella cases have been traced to eggs in Canada, but seniors and those with weakened immune systems should avoid uncooked eggs and many other high-risk foods. Geller says that "you can use pasteurized eggs without affecting the results." ■



Olive oil dark chocolate mousse

JAMIE GELLER

From Joy of Kosher: Fast, Fresh Family Recipes

- ❑ 0 oz. high-quality (72 per cent cacao) bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped, or chocolate chips
- ❑ 8 large eggs, separated, at room temperature
- ❑ 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- ❑ 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- ❑ 1 tsp. instant coffee granules dissolved in 2 tbsp. boiling water
- ❑ grated zest of 1 small orange (optional)
- ❑ 1/4 tsp. kosher salt

Place the chocolate in a microwave-safe bowl and melt in a microwave, stirring after each 10-second increment, until smooth, about 1 1/2 minutes. Let cool slightly.

Place the egg yolks and 1/2 cup sugar in a medium bowl and whisk until pale yellow. Whisk in the olive oil, coffee, zest (if using), and salt until combined.

Add the melted chocolate and whisk until smooth.

Beat the egg whites in the bowl of a stand mixer or with a hand mixer until soft peaks form. Gradually sprinkle in the remaining 1/4 cup sugar and beat just until stiff peaks form. Add a generous spoonful of the egg white mixture to the chocolate mixture. Stir firmly until completely incorporated. Pour the chocolate mixture into the bowl of egg whites. Gently fold with a large spoon or rubber spatula until completely combined.

Divide the mousse into six 6-oz. ramekins and cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate overnight.

Dress it up (Olive Oil Dark Chocolate Mousse Shots)

Serve the mousse with various toppings in individual shot glasses on a vintage silver tray. Top with whipped cream, orange zest curls, coarse flake sea salt, fresh berries, or crushed nuts. Geller recommends Salted Nut Powder "for something really special." Pulse 3 tbsp. shelled pistachios and 1 tsp. coarse sea salt by hand or in a mini food processor or coffee grinder until ground and slightly powdery but still with some rough chunks. Sprinkle on top of mousse before serving. (Serves 6)

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Music once with us is always there



Michael Gordon

There has been a lot written about music recently, especially with the focus on its benefits for mood, behaviour and social interaction in people living with dementia.

The Music and Memory iPod project supported by the Alzheimer Society of Toronto and the release of the documentary that followed the short YouTube clip of *Henry-Alive Inside* have assisted those who support and promote music as an intervention that can help individuals living with dementia to connect to the music they loved in the past, and enable them to still do so given the right stimulus.

There are many studies from the neurosciences, neuropsychology and neuro-imaging (such as with what is called a functional MRI) that support the premise that music affects brain pathways that release chemicals responsible for the experience of pleasure, as well as promoting a calming, soothing or pleasurable albeit exciting effect.

With this background, I can relate one of those wonderful experiences that individuals who attend live concerts often experience when it all seems to “come together” in an exhilarating musical and emotional live musical experience.

I recently unexpectedly attended a concert alone at the Toronto Symphony. I was excited to know that Angel Hewitt, one of Canada’s foremost concert pianists, was to perform Beethoven’s 5th piano concerto, and the Finnish conductor Hannu Lintu was also to conduct Sibelius’ 5th symphony. I looked forward to both performances because of the associations each had in my own musical history.

At the age of 14, when I was an eager classical music fan and still taking piano lessons, I received a 33-1/3 rpm record gift from one of my special aunts. That was the state of the art of music recording in those days: the 45 rpm had already existed for many years, but the 33-1/3 rpm with stereo and other enhancements was considered the hallmark of recording power. With even a modestly priced amplifier, turntable and speakers, the sound was quite remarkable.

My components were separately chosen and bought using money saved

from babysitting and other odd jobs, and I was very proud of it. I often spent hours on Saturdays roaming the section of Manhattan that had equipment outlets and marvellous record stores within a few square blocks. My favourite was the iconic Record Hunter, which unfortunately closed its doors in 1992, having opened in 1945 – just after World War II. I was always attracted to the bargain bins, where, even if it took an hour of searching, I would find a very credible performance of a piece I loved, at a price that was within my very limited music budget.

My aunt’s present was a new release of Beethoven’s 5th piano concert performed by the renowned French pianist Robert Casadesus, which was released in 1955 with Dimitri Mitropolous conducting and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra performing. I was 14 years old. I was so thrilled that I literally listened to it over and over again until it became embedded in my musical memory and what I call my musical soul. It is that musical soul that I believe the personal music program evokes in those living with even late-stage dementia, and this is why it is so powerful.



The monument for Sibelius in Helsinki

The Sibelius symphony aroused my recollections of a visit to Finland as a medical student, where I was hosted by a fellow Finnish medical student I had met on an exchange program to Warsaw, Poland. My visit to his home included a weekend at his cottage at a remote lake, a *real* sauna experience including the leap from the heated sauna into the icy-cold, small nearby lake, and the thrashing of each other with leafed branches. The haunting beauty of Finland exudes from Sibelius’ 5th Symphony, and the conductor’s joyous and ever light-footed movements despite its considerable height, made for another spectacular associative musical experience for me.

Music, once with us, is always there. We must not forget it and should include it as part of our lives during every stage and every condition – for many of us, it provides a connection to a world of beauty and internal sensuality. ■



Sharlene Milgram, Sheldon Bergson & brother Shane announce the birth of Shayla Isabel Milgram Bergson, Feb. 27. Grandparents: Stephanie & Mark Milgram, Betty & Sam Bergson.



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Parshah

Acharei Mot | Leviticus 16.1 – 18.30



Yacov Fruchter examines Aaron's reaction to the death of his two sons

Rabbi Shalom Spira says respect for nature and the Torah is our joint clarion call

Rachael Turkienicz offers a formula for the multiple stages of healing



Yacov Fruchter

After the sudden, traumatic deaths of Aaron's two sons, Nadav and Avihu, Moses is commanded to share with his people the laws pertaining to boundaries, including sexual and ritual. This parshah is traditionally read two weeks after Shmini, the portion in which the deaths are originally recounted. What's the connection with the laws taught in this week's parshah?

I've always been unsatisfied by the rabbis' interpretation of Aaron's response to the death of his sons – "Vayidom Aharon," Aaron was silent. Rashi praises his silence and says he was rewarded for accepting God's will. I find this reading unfathomable, sterile and devoid of humanity.

In contrast, the Ramban says Aaron initially let out a loud public sob. Then, after hearing Moses' comforting words, he became silent. We each respond to tragedy in our own way, but I want to believe that Aaron, spiritual leader of his generation, first high priest and a father, would react with raw, unbridled emotion. However, after taking time to grieve, Aaron and the community need to move on. The only way is to establish laws and rituals that ensure others don't suffer the same fate as Nadav and Avihu, who crossed an unspecified boundary and died.

During the Pesach seder, when we recount the 10 plagues, we spill a drop of wine for each to teach that even though the Egyptians enslaved us, we recall the suffering of those who were also created in God's image. In contrast, when the Israelites saw their captors dead on the seashore, they responded with singing and music. Could anyone blame them? Today, we can't help but feel a little sorry for the Egyptians.

May we all be honest enough to let our true emotions show, and when the moment passes, find the power to create rather than destroy. Such true freedom is worth celebrating. ■

Yacov Fruchter is spiritual leader of Toronto's Annex Shul.



Rabbi Shalom Spira

“And any person from the children of Israel and from the convert who dwells among them who will hunt wild animals or birds that are eaten – and he shall spill its blood and cover it with dust” (Leviticus 17:3). This verse teaches us two types of respect.

First, from the “hunt” reference, the Talmud (Chulin 84a) derives the etiquette that one is advised to limit his consumption of meat to special occasions (e.g., the Sabbath and festivals), just as one only periodically embarks on hunting adventures. Rashi explains that the purpose of this advisory is to avoid poverty. Rabbi J. David Bleich (Tradition 46:4) suggests that the poverty in question actually reflects the ecological cost of raising surplus livestock. If so, the Torah is encouraging us to respect the natural environment.

Second, from the “spill its blood” reference, the Talmud (Shabbat 22a) infers that just as the slaughtering is orchestrated by hand, so, too, must the covering of the blood. It would certainly be more thermodynamically convenient for the slaughterer to cover the blood by kicking dirt with his or her feet. Nevertheless, the slaughterer is required to invest effort to cover the blood by hand, so that he or she will not insult the mitzvah. From this we learn an umbrella principle to respect every mitzvah. [See Encyclopedia Talmudit, under bizui mitzvah, for a list of applications.]

Indeed, these dual respects appear to be reflected in the Rambam's exposition of how to fulfil the commandment of ahavat HaShem, love of God. In Hilchot Yesodei HaTorah 2:2, the Rambam rules that one loves the Creator by studying nature. In Sefer Hamitzvot, the Rambam directs that one loves the Giver of the Torah by studying His mitzvot. Respect for nature and respect for mitzvot is our joint clarion call. ■

Rabbi Spira is a research assistant at the McGill AIDS Centre in Montreal.



Rachael Turkienicz

This week's Torah portion, Acharei Mot (After the Death), discusses what happens after the sudden and tragic death of two of Aaron's sons. There seems to be no instruction on how Aaron is to recover, but the Torah immediately proceeds to business as usual.

Yet the name of the portion is the most striking of all the information, because it speaks to the dilemma when we lose someone we love. Is there a world for us after a death? How do we function when everything is different?

Interestingly, the Torah seems to be saying it's business as usual, but within the sequence of Torah readings lies a formula for healing.

The first reading presents Aaron's role in the technical ritual for Yom Kippur. The second and third readings follow with details of sacrificial ritual. It's all very dry and technical, but that's the starting point of healing. We re-enter our lives through the dry and the technical. There's no search for meaning, because there's no meaning to be had. We head for the routine, the step-by-step automatic sequence of our day.

The fourth reading speaks of the Holiness Code. It's one of the most spiritually elevating portions of the Torah, explaining how we can elevate the mundane to the holy. In other words, after a death, we regain our footing through the technical, but the next step is to elevate our routine to the spiritual and ultimately to the holy. Step two of healing after a death is to begin to feel again.

The Torah then discusses the prohibition against eating blood, because it's the life force of the animal. The symbol of combining the physical with the spiritual is step three after a death.

Finally, the Torah concludes by defining limitations of intimate relationships. The last step of healing is to re-enter our relationships with others.

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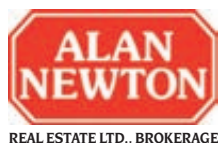
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Ari Mandel: Leaving ultra-Orthodoxy is possible

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Ari Mandel was raised in an ultra-Orthodox chassidic community in Monsey, N.Y. He married at 18 and had his first child a year later. When he was 22, he became an atheist. Now, he's a student at New York University, and he works with the It Gets Better project to teach like-minded individuals that you can live a happy, fulfilling life outside of the community. His message: it may seem difficult – even impossible – but it is possible to leave that lifestyle, and after people make the break, it gets better.

What is It Gets Better?

It's a play on the Dan Savage project called It Gets Better for gay kids and teens who are bullied and are going through a rough time. He got people to record a video saying, "It gets better, don't give up."

Our idea was to do essentially the same thing for people who have left the ultra-Orthodox community to live life as they see fit outside of that world.

For many of us, it's a very rough transition, so it was essentially the same message: it is hard but it's not the end of the world. We've all been through it, and you can do it. It gets better. The Yiddish word for "better" is *besser*.

Since the project started a few years ago, our video got 50,000 or 60,000 hits. Since then, we made a website where we host individual videos of people talking for a few minutes. Recently we did this third iteration, which is longer, and the new idea was people going about their current everyday lives, but at the same time, listening to music that is literally from their past or reminiscent of it, and still connects them to that world.

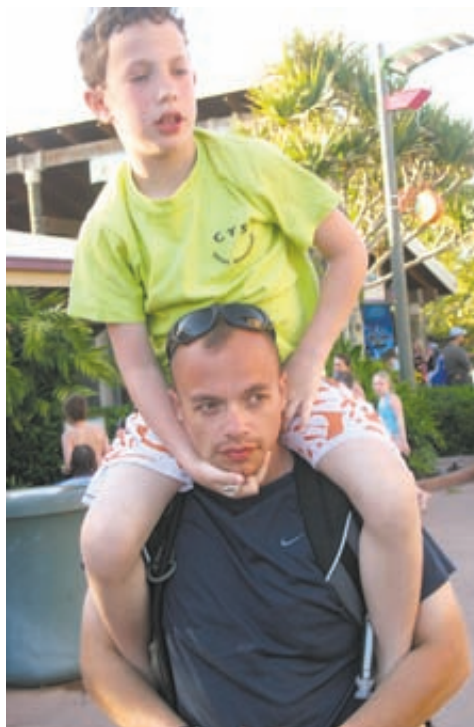
In my case, I was studying and in the background, I'm playing music that comes from the ultra-Orthodox world. It shows everybody going about their day and doing their thing.

You can leave that world but you don't have to abandon everything. You can take the things you find enjoyable and meaningful and cobble together a happy existence.

How would you describe life as an ultra-Orthodox Jew?

In my case, as ultra-Orthodox lives go, I had a very normal life. I believed in everything they stood for. I agreed with it and I was fine with that life.

The problems arose when I started to find holes in the veneer. The more research I did to plug up those holes, the bigger those holes got. I came to realize



Ari Mandel and his son Jake

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Try getting a job even at McDonald's when you don't have a high school diploma and can't do basic arithmetic.

that it wasn't quite as cut and dry as they had led me to believe. Ultimately, I decided to leave.

Growing up in that world, you don't go to libraries, you don't read books other than what they approve of, written for and by them.

What made you decide to leave that life behind?

I got married at 18, which is normal in that world. Once you're married, you have a little more freedom and autonomy, so I could go to the local public library for the first time. I was just reading for the fun of it. I wasn't looking for trouble, I wasn't looking for anything in particular, but just reading material that wasn't so heavily censored, introduced me to ideas I never knew about before. I just kept following the leads, and it completely shattered my worldview.

By the time I was 24, I had been trying

for a couple of years to reconcile what I was thinking and what I was doing. Eventually, I couldn't do it anymore. At 24 I left.

I ended up joining the U.S. Army, did that for five years, and got out at the end of 2011.

Now, I'm not religious by any standard. I'm culturally Jewish. I'm more than happy with that. That's exactly who I am. But what Jewish used to mean to me and what it means now are very different things.

Growing up in that world, it's all encompassing. It's your entire world. It's all your friends, everything you know and everything you've ever read. You're Jewish first, human second and American third. Now, I'm human first, American second and I happen to be Jewish, so I appreciate the cultural things that come with that, but it no longer defines every moment of my life or every drop of who I am and of my day.

How prevalent is that idea that people who leave ultra-Orthodox Judaism can't have happy and healthy lives?

Within the community, that is the predominant view. You're either here with us and your life is perfect and happy, or you leave and you're miserable and end up as a drug addict in an alleyway somewhere. That is the prevailing view.

How difficult is it for people to leave Orthodox Judaism?

It's very difficult. Everyone has their own story and their own past. It's harder for some people than it is for others, but across the board, it's difficult.

I happen to be able to speak English, but there are many of my peers who sound like they just got off the plane or boat from eastern Europe. We have virtually no secular education. Try getting a job even at McDonald's when you don't have a high school diploma and can't do basic arithmetic.

There's family pressure, community pressure, there's all sorts of scare tactics that they employ against us.

What was the biggest challenge in leaving the community?

It was definitely the emotional stuff, not wanting to hurt my family and friends, not wanting to disappoint my parents. The emotional boundaries were the hardest.

What is your relationship like with your family these days?

It was difficult at first, but we now get along wonderfully, almost as if nothing ever happened. We play a game of don't

ask don't tell. They know I don't live their lifestyle anymore, but I'm respectful enough.

Regarding my wife, what happened was, we didn't end up staying married, but she did end up following me out of the community. We get along as friends, so we're not fighting each other.

I don't have many of the issues many of my peers have.

What advice would you give to people whose families don't accept their decision to leave?

It's really tough. There are court battles, child custody battles. It gets dragged on forever, and it gets really ugly. The community will gang up against the person leaving. It's not pretty, and it's not easy. I do not envy those people. I'm very involved in these issues as an activist, so I'm aware of it happening.

Mostly, "It Gets Better" shows that others have done it and the world didn't come to an end and they're living happy and normal lives. That's the biggest message we want to point out with the video, but aside from that, yes, there is a growing community of people who have left, whether it's online or real life. It's a growing community, with organization and get-togethers and everything you can think of, with all sorts of people. That has made it easier to leave.

What's the most important thing ultra-Orthodox Jews should know about those who choose to leave?

All of those stereotypes they like to say about us are just not true. We're just like you.

It's not about sex drugs and rock 'n' roll. If you would just play nice instead of fighting us, we wouldn't be fighting back. It wouldn't be a standoff. We would have a lot more to gain from each other if we played nice, if we stopped fighting.

They often complain we badmouth them or make them look bad, but for the most part, all we're doing is saying we don't like that lifestyle and are leaving it.

If we could all stop fighting each other, things would be better for everyone.

Our slogan is, "We're not saying you should. We're not saying you would. We're saying you could."

People ask me, 'Should I leave?' I'm not saying you should leave. I'm not saying it's the default right answer, but just know it's a possibility, that it's doable.

If you want to badly enough, you can do it. It's not the end of the world.

Thousands of others have done it, and we're a living testament to the fact that you can do it and be happy. ■

A lesson from Maimonides

Backstory

RABBI YIRMIYA MILEVSKY

Jewish people living under oppressive rule have always been part of the Diaspora experience, and at times, the religion practised by the emperor, czar or sultan was forced upon the Jews.

One such incident occurred in the 12th century. At that time, the Almohad caliphate, an Islamic Berber dynasty from Morocco, controlled North Africa, and presented the Jews (and other non-Muslims) with a choice – conversion to Islam or death.

Numerous Jews refused to convert to Islam and were killed by the Almohads. Others, wishing to save their lives, proclaimed a belief in the Prophet Muhammad. Yet privately, they carried on with Jewish traditions. Thus, they worshipped in mosques but secretly recited their own prayers. These crypto-Jews lived with fear on the outside and guilt (part of the tradition perhaps) within.

Around 1160, a rabbinic judicial opinion was circulated, claiming that: “Whoever attests the mission of Muhammad thereby re-

nounces the Lord God of Israel. One should rather be killed than profess.” The author claimed that observing Jewish law secretly, while acknowledging Islam externally, is futile. If the law is not followed publicly, it is worthless! He added that turning to God in prayer after proclaiming belief in Muhammad, is in itself a sinful act.

A young scholar in the city of Fez, Morocco, named Moshe, recognized the danger in this widely circulating responsum. He was quite concerned about the unnecessary martyrdom and superfluous shame and guilt that would be caused by the mistaken author of the rabbinic opinion. So the young Moshe went on the offensive, and wrote his own epistle.

Moshe’s Epistle on Forced Conversion was written in Arabic, the language used by the masses, yet today we only have a Hebrew translation of the letter. Scholars believe that the original may be lost because Jews tried to conceal it from Muslim officials.

Several significant points are made by the author of the epistle. Among them, he condoned conversion to Islam for the sake of saving lives, discouraged martyrdom and recommended migration, despite the danger of the journey.

Moshe noted that the author of the circulating responsum failed to differentiate

between accepting Islam voluntarily and doing so only under compulsion. “Even ones who worship idols, if done under coercion, are not barred from the world to come,” he noted. Moshe used harsh words (“even brainless people would not say such things”) toward the author who failed to make a distinction between acts done willingly and acts done under constraint.

The author of the rabbinic opinion’s claim that the prayer of a crypto-Jew is meaningless and even a misdeed, was sharply criticized by Moshe. He proved from numerous rabbinic sources that even the prayers of an actual sinner are treasured by God. “How much more so regarding individuals who are only making statements due to duress?” he noted.

Moshe added that throughout the biblical narrative, individuals, even great ones like Moses, Isaiah and Elijah, who were critical of the People of Israel were rebuked or punished by God. Thus, Moshe wrote: “How can the author of the response allow his tongue to talk negatively on the community of Israel and call them sinners and evil doers and heretics? One can only wonder how great will be his punishment for castigating those who made choices to avoid the sword.” Moshe added that despite their public proclamations, the people are not

sinners and God has not abandoned them. The value of Klal Yisrael, the People of Israel, is the essence of this paragraph, and perhaps of the whole letter. The young author, who grew up in a home of scholarship and leadership, understood the value of the Children of Israel. When one values the nation, the message and spirit of every conversation or written communication will carry a different tone.

This message is quite as relevant today as it was centuries ago. Any issue that relates to the Jewish People, Torah or the State of Israel will generate a wide range of viewpoints, opinions and philosophical perspective. What is crucial for the welfare and unity of our nation, is to appreciate the value of the Nation of Israel. If we adopt the outlook of the young Moshe of Fez – known to all of us today as Moshe ben Maimon, Maimonides – respect and tolerance will come naturally.

The sad reality is that when our enemies fire rockets at us from Gaza or Lebanon, they do not differentiate between secular and religious, Sephardi and Ashkenazi. To them a Jew is a Jew. Perhaps it is time we take the same approach toward ourselves. ■

Rabbi Yirmiya Milevsky is the spiritual leader of Congregation B’nai Torah in Toronto.

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