

Temple Israel Bulletin



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Purim In Review



Temple Israel's Not-Quite-Ready-for-Purim Players presented Purim Wars, a spoof on Star Wars written by Arianne M. Matte.

C3P0: Jim Merson

R2D2: Rosie Cooper

Storm Trooper1: Norm Leckie

Storm Trooper2: Robin Chernick

Props & Music prompt: Bonnie Cooper

Music: Larry Tarof

Director: Patsy Royer

Yoda-Berg: Merle Haltrecht-Matte

King Chewy: Rabbi Morais

Darth Haman: Bernie Gold

Queen Vashtrek: Sue Gold

Lei Esther: Patsy Royer

Mordy Chair-walker: Hyman Cooper

May, June 2016

Nisan, Iyar, Sivan 5776

Worship Schedule

MARCH

Friday, May 6 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service – Yom Hashoah
Saturday, May 7 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Acharei Mot Bar Mitzvah of Jared Scheinberg
Friday, May 13 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service featuring TIRS grades 3 & 4 Bring your Own Dinner
7:00 pm	
Saturday, May 14 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Kedoshim Cuba trip report
Friday, May 20 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, May 21 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Emor Bat Mitzvah of Nissa McKean
Friday, May 27 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service
Saturday, May 28 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Behar Bat Mitzvah Talia Gottfred & Bar Mitzvah Max Gottfred

JUNE

Friday, June 3 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service
Saturday, June 4 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Bechukotai
Friday, June 10 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service Bring your Own Dinner
7:00 pm	
Saturday, June 11 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Bemidbar ErevShavuot/Confirmation Service
6:15 pm	
Sunday June 12 10:15am	Shavuot/Yizkor Service with choir
Friday, June 17 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service
Saturday, June 18 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Naso Bat Mitzvah of Sari Pagurek
Friday, June 24 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service
Saturday, June 25 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Beha'alotecha Bat Mitzvah Anne Khazzam
Friday, July 1 6:15 pm	Kabbalat Shabbat service
Saturday, July 2 10:15 am	Shabbat Service, Parsha Shelach

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THURSDAY JUNE 9
THURSDAY JUNE 23

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Confirmation... A fantastic year!

Confirmation is not an ancient Jewish ritual. It does not have its roots in Torah, or even Rabbinic Jewish tradition. It is a purely Reform tradition. The book *The Jewish Home* (Revised Edition) by Daniel B. Syme provides an excellent description of the history of

Confirmation:

Confirmation is a Reform-originated ceremony for boys and girls that is tied to the Jewish holiday of Shavuot. It constitutes an individual and group affirmation of commitment to the Jewish people. Confirmation, one of the "youngest" Jewish life cycle ceremonies, began less than 200 years ago... In 1810, expending more than \$100,000 of his own money, Israel Jacobson built a new synagogue in Seesen, Germany. He introduced a number of then radical reforms, including the use of an organ and mixed male-female seating. Jacobson felt that bar mitzvah was an outmoded ceremony. Accordingly, when five 13-year-old boys were about to graduate from the school he maintained, Jacobson designed a new graduation ceremony, held in the school rather than the synagogue. In this manner, confirmation came into being.

In 1822, the first class of boys and girls was confirmed, a practice that became almost universal in a relatively brief period of time. In 1831, Rabbi Samuel Egers of Brunswick, Germany, determined to hold confirmation on Shavuot, the festival of the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai, also the widely accepted practice today.

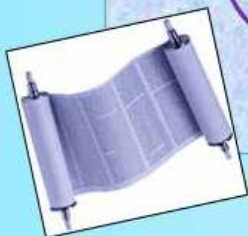
This has been a remarkable year for our own Confirmation students. Each Monday evening they have met with Michael Parkin for an hour and an hour with me. Together we have explored many aspects of Jewish identity, striving to gain a better understanding of what it means to be a Reform Jew. At that end of March Sue Potechin and I had the opportunity to take the class to Cuba for a week of incredible Jewish experiences. I am very sure that our students will always remember celebrating Purim in Havana!

I hope that you will join us on Saturday June 11th at 6:15pm for the Confirmation Erev Shavuot service. Our students will be leading the service and giving their reflections on what being Jewish means to them.

Mazel Tov to all of our Confirmation families!

Shalom,
Rabbi S. Robert Morais

Confirmation 5776
Erev Shavuot, Saturday, June 11, 2016
at 6:15 pm led by
Steven Angel, David Khazzam,
Sarah McKeague, Jacob McKean, and
Maya Ruckenstein



"I link my link to your link"

From the Pulpit



FROM MY HOME STUDY:

One of the lessons I've learned these past 20 months is that getting up and out of the house for Shabbat and Chagim is not as easy as it had been. Once I was responsible for the religious expression of many and now I'm responsible for only myself. To be sure I do get up and

out most Shabbatot and chagim but it is with new insight. How do I prepare myself for the journey to synagogue? Do I go to bed early on Erev Shabbat? Do I make sure that someone I know will be there at shul? Do I ask Heather what is being served at the Oneg? All questions that you may ask on a regular basis but I'm now discovering that they are not so simple to answer. With Shavouth around the corner I've been asking myself how I personally prepare for the moment of revelation, when I no longer have to prepare as a Jewish professional. The tradition tells us that we all stood at Sinai and I wonder how I will be ready to reenact the most fundamental narrative of our people when last year I was not. The ancient Midrashim tell me that I'm in good company. The Israelites were not ready for Sinai and were reluctant to be there. First, they slept late the morning of the revelation and had to be awakened by Moses. Then when God spoke they ran away and said to Moses, "This is too much for us. You Moses speak to God and relay His words to us." Many of you know that there is a Midrash which relates how God had to

suspend Mt. Sinai over the heads of the Israelites and said to them, "Either you accept the Torah or here shall be your grave."

Each of us prepare for Sinai in our own way. Each of us is charged by our tradition and our history to hear the voice which has been the foundation of our covenant. Some will study on erev shavouth at a tikkun Leil Shavouth. Some will attend the Confirmation service at Temple. Some may make blintzes or cheesecake. Some may even meditate on the meaning of revelation which is for us is the moment when God and Humanity came into contact. What I have learned these past months is that when we ignore these precious moments of preparation, observance and celebration we do ourselves a great disservice. We often complain about how we find our services and observances lacking in personal meaning. We wait for the moment of "awe" to find us. What I have learned is that the moment is there for the taking but I have to make the first step. Shavouth is my last opportunity before the Holy Days to make religious meaning in my Jewish life. It will be there if I read the Eseret Debrot, Ten Commandments. It will be there if I read the book of Ruth. It will be there if I watch Star Wars and really try to understand why the "force" chooses and is chosen by some and not others. No greater metaphor for Shavouth.

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President's Message



I have just returned from an absolutely inspiring four day seminar near Atlanta, Georgia with about 100 other incoming Presidents of Reform congregations from across North America. I was the only Canadian! As one of the many programs offered by the Union for Reform Judaism, the conference showed that while all congregations are unique, we share many of the same challenges - leadership and succession, cash flow, and especially the diminishing

number of younger congregants, being Gen x and the Millennials. These are all interconnected. I am grateful that I have had such a long association with Temple Israel, and know so many people who take the success of our Temple to heart.

I learned that important aspects are leading by example, philanthropy and how it differs from fundraising, and how audacious welcomes must be offered to all who want to find out about living Jewishly. Relations with staff and volunteers was another important topic. And we ate (oh, how we ate), we prayed, we laughed, we talked until our voices were whispers, and we even did some art work. The location for the seminar was perfect, as it was a resort far from any distractions.

I came away from the Sheit Seminar encouraged to share some new ideas with our Board of Directors and

our staff to determine how we can together encourage new members and retain those we have through our services, our study groups, our community projects, and our school.

Along those lines, we have a Membership Retention Committee charged with offering activities to intrigue and involve everyone. Robin Chernick and Deirdre Neuss have brainstormed ideas and are looking for more: a community vegetable garden in the backyard of the little house next door, participating in a Habitat for Humanity build or the Multifaith Housing Initiative volunteers, inviting interesting speakers from within and outside our congregation to share their expertise on a variety of topics such as health, politics, and so on. Some of these could take place on Sunday mornings. Robin and Deirdre would be happy to talk to anyone about these projects.

The 50th Anniversary Committee meets regularly with Pat Dunphy and Margot Montgomery at its head. They are doing an admirable job of planning a wide variety of events to celebrate this anniversary in many ways.

I hope that you will share your ideas and your time to help our sacred community grow and flourish.

You are invited to the school open house May 1. Enjoy weekly Shabbat celebrations at Temple and with your Temple friends at home. I am available to chat or meet. I look forward to talking with you.

Patsy Royer

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What an incredible year we are having! The energy in our school seems to be rising as we move through 5776.

Thank you to Grade 6 for their rendition of "The Grinch Who Stole Purim" on March 23rd and to Morah Sigal for co-ordinating our Purim carnival activities. But it wouldn't have been the success that it was without everyone who joined us from our extended Temple Israel family, making it a *"freilach (happy) Purim!"*

Our Grade 5 class lead an inspiring Kabbalat Shabbat service on April 8th along with Morah Malcah, Moreh Larry and Avram. Thank you so much for all of the support you give our students. The turnout was amazing and multi-generational. Our smallest class brought one of the best in terms of attendance on a non-holiday Shabbat!

As I write this article, we are preparing for Pesach but more specifically for our joint program open to all youth at Temple Israel in grades 6-12 for a Chocolate Seder. What could be bad? We are expecting 35 + young people to attend on April 18th. More to come in my next article.

We have had several programs this year that have been jointly attended by various groups within our Temple Israel family from pre-schoolers to grandparents. Keep an eye on the Temple "WEEKLY" for future events.

On May 1st, we will have an Open House for JK - Grade 6 classes from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Please encourage anyone you know who might be interested in enrolling in our school next year to come. Every child should have an opportunity to have an excellent Jewish education and this is the place to come for that!

The Rabbi and I have just returned from Cuba with our Confirmation students. We spent our first few days with members of the Jewish community of Havana and especially with their young people. I hope you will all come to hear about our trip on Shabbat morning, May 14th.

Kitah Aleph and Bet (Grades 1 and 2) have been fundraising for the Ottawa Kosher Food Bank. They raised an amazing \$245 at their bake sale in March. Please come to support this class at their Hot Dog lunch

sale on Sunday, May 15th at 12:30 pm. They are also collecting non-perishable food if you would like to contribute in that way.

On May 13th at 6:15 pm, Kitah Gimmel and Dalet (Grades 3 and 4) will be our last classes to participate in a Kabbalat Shabbat service this year. Please join the students, Morah Sigal, Miranda and Maya as we celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut with our families that night.

Confirmation will take place on Saturday evening, June 11th at 6:15 pm on Erev Shavuot. What an incredible group of students we have culminating their Jewish education. I say that not just as a parent but also as the Principal. I have watched them grow up and become fine young Jewish adults. I have travelled with them near and far and I am very proud of all of them. (See calendar and flyer for more information.)

There are changes in the wind for Temple Israel Religious School. Stay tuned for more exciting "TIRS NUS" ...



Yahrzeit observance at Temple Israel

A reminder that observance of yahrzeit begins the evening prior to the Hebrew date.

Yahrzeit notices will be sent out by the office, approximately one month prior to the observance, and listings will be made in the appropriate weekly notice and bi-monthly bulletin.

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June

Anne and Howard Alper; Gail and Reg Angel; Jackie and Kevin Barwin; Paloma Perez & Victor Bier; Dar Blue and Anne Vespry; Janet Dollin and Zave Chad; Heather and Mark Evenchick; Joanne Burgess and Martin Freeman; Susan and Bernie Gold; Michelle Lajzerowicz and Bruce Gottfred; Lesley and David Lander; Sherri Katz and Mitchell Leitman; Marsha and Allan Maslove; Janet and Steve Mendelsohn; Diane and Michael Parkin; Tonya and Gary Pomerantz; Sherri and Jeff Ramsay; Karen Ginsberg and Ted Ramsay; Bryna and Ilan Rumstein; Sharon Clark and Martin Scheinberg; Harriet and Henry Schneider; Violet and Ben Segal; Susan and Mark Silverman; Terri and Steven Singer; Roslyn and Robert Smolkin; Fran Klodawsky and Aron Spector; Suresh and Milena Srikanth; Lynne Oreck-Wener and Robert Wener

Temple Community

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Matthew, Sarah & Hannah

CONNIE SCHWARTZ,
beloved mother of Saul Schwartz (Nancy Werk)

ANN MATYAS,
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Ian and David

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Does the idea of helping with a project such as Habitat
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Are you interested in bringing in various experts to talk
about health, our society, politics and security?

The membership committee has met to discuss ways in
which we can enrich our member's experiences here at
Temple Israel. We are also receptive to any others that
you may have.

We invite all members who are interested in
spearheading any of the above projects or who have
other ideas that they would like to implement, to contact
one of us through the Temple office. In addition, if you
have a skill that you would like to share with the Temple
community in a workshop format, we would like to hear
from you.

Robin Chernick

Heather Evenchick

Deirdre Neuss

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In memory of Mrs. Connie Schwartz

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MARSHA AND ALLAN MASLOVE FAMILY FUND

Birthday of Allan Maslove

Shayla Mindell

New Home of Sandra Thomas

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Books and Bagels 2016

Mark these dates on your calendar!
A Bagel Breakfast at 9:30am is followed by the book review and discussion.
Pre-registration is not required, nor is it necessary to have read the book to enjoy the session. There is no charge but a voluntary

donation to cover the cost of breakfast is appreciated.

Sunday, May 1, 2016 City of Abraham by Edward Platt will be reviewed by Howard Alper. Howard has been a member of Temple Israel since 1975. He is spearheading the Global Research Excellence initiative by the Governor General of Canada. He was Chair of the Government of Canada's Science, Technology and Innovation Council during 2007-2015.

The City of Abraham is a journey through one of the world's most divided cities – Hebron, the only place in the West Bank where Palestinians and Israelis live side by side. It begins with a hill called Tel Rumeida, the site of ancient Hebron, where the patriarch Abraham – father of the Jews and the Arabs – was supposed to have lived when he arrived in the Promised Land. Through a mixture of travel writing, reportage and interviews, Platt tells the history of the hill and the city in which it stands, and explores the mythic roots of the struggle to control the land.

Most books are available through the Ottawa Public Library and the Greenberg Families Library at the JCC. The Malca Pass Library and the Temple Israel Library also carry some of these titles. For more information during January and February please contact Dar Blue at blued@me.com. During all other months please contact Shayla Mindell at shaylamindell@rogers.com or call 613-594-4556.



Mazel Tov to:

**Lois Kyle-
Issenman
and John
Issenman**

**on the birth of their grandson,
Levi Damien Issenman. Parents
are Josh and Becky Issenman
(Toronto).**



**Robin Chernick and Norm Leckie and the birth of
their grandson, Caleb Ira Dosanjh.**

**Daniella Sandre and Paul Litowitz on the birth of
their daughter, Aliyah MacKenzie Litowitz.**

**Merle Haltrecht-Matte on being awarded the Shem
Tov community volunteer award from the Ottawa
Jewish Federation**

Congratulations Professor Fran Klodawsky on being awarded the 2016 Jan Monk Service Award!



Professor Fran Klodawsky

This award is named in honour of past-President of the AAG, Jan Monk, and recognizes a geographer who has made an outstanding service contribution to women in geography and/or feminist geography.

Nominated by many students and scholars, Professor Fran Klodawsky was chosen by The Geographic Perspectives on Women (GPOW) Specialty Group of the AAG for this award. The GPOW promotes geographic research and education on topics relating to women and gender.

Dr. Klodawsky is a Full Professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at Carleton University.

Her areas of expertise include: public policy and social inclusion/exclusion in cities, especially in relation to housing, and feminist perspectives on cities, on community organizing, on housing and on homelessness. Her work utilizes both quantitative and qualitative methods within a collaborative, community-based framework.

Currently (June 2012-16), she is the Principal Investigator of a SSHRC funded project titled "Intersectionality in Practice: Feminist Theory and Urban Governance", and she also led a previous SSHRC funded study (May 2008-12), titled "Learning Through Difference". Fran Klodawsky is Secretary to the Board of Women in Cities International. She is also an Academic Advisor to the Steering Committee of City for All Women Initiative in Ottawa.

Saturday May 7, 2016

Jared Scheinberg

Son of Sharon Clark and Martin Scheinberg

In honour of his Bar Mitzvah Jared will donate to the ILC Foundation (Improving the Lives of Children and families living with chronic pain)



Saturday May 21, 2016

Nissa McKean

Daughter of Orly Rumstein and Greg McKean

In honour of her Bat Mitzvah Nissa will donate to CHEO



Saturday May 28, 2016

Talia Gottfred and Max Gottfred

Children of Michelle Lajzerowicz and Bruce Gottfred

In honour of their B'nai Mitzvah Talia and Max will donate to the OSU Children's Library Fund



Saturday June 18, 2016

Sari Pagurek van Mossel

Daughter of Cheryl Pagurek and Stephen van Mossel

In honour of her Bat Mitzvah Sari will donate to the Canadian Red Cross



Saturday June 25, 2016

Anne Khazzam

Daughter of Marie Carmen Berlie and Charles Khazzam

In honour of her Bat Mitzvah Anne will donate to Free the Children



SAVE THE DATE!

On Sunday, June 26, at 2:00, Temple Israel will once again host MUSIC AT THE TEMPLE Sponsored by Dr. Mort Bercovitch, this wonderful afternoon of string quartets will be selected by the musicians themselves, which means they are playing their favorites with their sleeves rolled up. This will be classical music at its best.

A reception of light treats will follow.

The artists will be: Yosuke Kawasaki, Concertmaster of the National Arts Centre Orchestra;

Jessica Linnebach, Associate Concertmaster, NACO;

Jethro Mark, Principal Viola, NACO;

Paul Marleyn, Professor of Cello, University of Ottawa.

Admission to the concert will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for students, all of which will go to Temple's Camp George Scholarship Fund.

I presented an outline of my Holocaust story to the 8 – 12 year olds of Temple Israel Religious School. Students, teachers and parents who were present, were generous in their praise, and asked for copies of the story. When they learned that I was holding the one copy that I had written the week before, all urged me to publish the story.

This is an excerpt from the expanded book. I am considering “self-publishing” the book. A professional reader for a top-grade publisher, wrote: “This is an important story to share in printed form.”

If after reading the excerpt, would you consider buying a copy, when it is available, I would be encouraged to proceed. Please send me word by email: maxsternthal@gmail.com or by calling: 613-596-5960.
Max Sternthal

Excerpt from My Cousin Danny

I remember walking along the streets leading to my home. I passed collapsed buildings and the large craters left behind by bombs. I was pleased to see that the building that housed father’s shoe business and our apartment upstairs was largely intact. I took a deep breath, stood up tall, and knocked on the door. After a time, I heard a voice from the other side of the door say: “What do you want?” I cleared my throat, and declared in a loud voice: “I was born in this house. I am looking for my father and mother. Please let me in.” The voice inside said: “Go away. This is my home. It was empty when I came here and nobody will cause me to move now. You are probably a phony trying to fool me.” When I shook my head and tried to insist, the voice commanded me to show my identification papers. I had to admit I didn’t have any proof of who I was or where I had lived at the start of the war. “Just as I thought, you’re a liar,” said the voice behind the door. “Go away or I’ll call the police.”

The voice retreated. I was shaken. I sat down, hugging my shoe box close to my body. It was the only thing from the past that I had left in the world. I didn’t have identity papers and I didn’t know how to get new papers to prove who I was. I didn’t know what to do or where to go.”

Tears sprang to my eyes at Danny’s words. What would I have done in that terrible situation? “I’m beginning to understand you better now,” I said, hoping that Danny didn’t notice the tremor in my voice. “But tell me, what happened

after you were turned away from your own home? What did you do? How did you manage to come to Canada?” Danny smiled at the eagerness in my voice. For the first time since his arrival he seemed pleased by my curiosity. His voice however was serious when he spoke.

“It was a very bad time. I was turned away from my home, and was wandering without direction in my ruined city. As the sun started to set, I realized I was exhausted. I needed to lie down, but where? Then I noticed that the house I was passing looked empty. The front door was lying in the dirt. I peeked in cautiously, then entered. After making sure that the house was empty I sat down on a torn sofa, and soon fell asleep.

“I felt someone shaking me violently and shouting: “Get up, get up and get out of here.” I opened my eyes and saw a tall, thin man with a bandage on his head, shouting: “This is my place now and for any Jews that are still alive after your stinking concentration camps. Go before I wrap my stick around your head.” I was now fully awake and shouted back: “Wait I am a Jew too!” “Oh yeah!” he sneered, “with those clean clothes and good shoes? You can’t fool me. You’re not a Jew.” “But I am a Jew.” I insisted.

The man pulled up the sleeve of his shirt and pointed to the tattooed number on his arm. “If you are a Jew, show me your number.” I hung my head. “I don’t have a number,” I said, almost ashamed that I had avoided his horrible fate of being imprisoned in a concentration camp. “A couple hid me on a farm.” “A likely story,” he said. “Why don’t you go back to them then?” He scowled and pointed the way out. Dejected, I picked up my shoe box, and slowly moved to the open door. First I couldn’t prove that my home had indeed been my home, and now I couldn’t even prove that I was Jewish. Suddenly I had an idea. At the empty doorway I turned and said: “Ma nishtano halayla hazeh michol halaylot — Why is this night different from all other nights?” It was the customary first question, in Hebrew, that I, as the youngest person present, had to ask my father on the night we celebrated the Jewish Passover so many years before. “I don’t remember the other three questions I was taught in Hebrew,” I continued quickly when I saw the look of surprise in the man’s eyes, “but I remember we drank wine and ate matzos and when I found the piece of matzo hidden by my father, he gave me a coin as reward, and then we sang a song with the word Dayienu. My name is Daniel Fineberg, I am a Jew. I was hidden by a Christian family for four years. I don’t know where my parents are. I have no papers. I don’t know where to go. Please, don’t turn me away!” The tall man hurried over and wrapped his arms around me. “I’m sorry. I believe you now. I am Shlomo Grynspan. I hope that somewhere I still have a son who is around your age. You can stay with me for now. I will look after you.” For the next few weeks I walked with Shlomo who was also looking for any survivors of his family.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT SPONSORED BY TEMPLE ISRAEL

SCOTS JEWS: IDENTITY, BELONGING AND THE FUTURE

Location: SJCC

Exhibit runs: May 15-June 15

Photographer: Judah Passow

Producer: Michael Mail

Documentary photographer Judah Passow spent a year photographing Scotland's Jewish community, travelling across the country – from the Shetlands to the Borders – producing a portrait which captures the complexity and diversity of the Scottish narrative of Jewish life at the beginning of the 21st century.

His photographs will be exhibited in the show Scots Jews: Identity, Belonging and the Future at Soloway Jewish Community Centre from May 15 to June

15. There will be an opening reception May 15, 7:30p.m. Showing several black and white photos depicting Scottish Jewish life.

The Scottish Jewish community dates back to at least the 1700s and, for most of that time, constituted the largest non-Christian community in the country. It has produced scientists and doctors, judges and Members of Parliament, artists and writers - and farmers and foresters, and kilt makers and whisky distillers! The story of this community and how it maintains its traditions, while fully embracing Scottish culture is a fascinating one and yet, surprisingly, little has been formally presented on

its existence.

This project, which received support from Creative Scotland, the main Scottish funding body, explores one of the contemporary Jewish community's defining characteristics - the ability to simultaneously acknowledge its heritage, live in the creative present, and build for the future. The photographs serve as a visual conversation, looking at what it is that drives and defines the community and what it does that gives meaning as Jews living in Scotland in the new century.

Judah Passow notes, "This project has been a real voyage of discovery across the spiritual and cultural landscape of Scotland. One of its more remarkable features is the warm, proud Jewish community that has become so tightly woven into the national fabric. I hope people looking at these photographs will see what I saw – a people deeply devoted to their heritage both as Jews



and Scots."

Michael Mail, who created and is managing the exhibition, comments, "I was looking for a way to recognise and celebrate the story of

the remarkable, yet little known, Scottish Jewish community – my community. When I came across Judah Passow's photography, I immediately realised that he had the skill, sensitivity and artistry to take on this subject and create a truly memorable piece of work, which is precisely what Judah has achieved with Scots Jews."

When one thinks of Scotland, Jewish is not usually the first word that comes to mind. Yet Scotland, like so many parts of the world, has a thriving Jewish community that fully embraces both Scottish culture and Jewish identity. Judah Passow's photographs reveal the richness and complexity of Jewish life in Scotland, providing us with an intimate glimpse into a previously unknown world.

Press Information: Merle.haltrecht@opera.ncf.ca or Maxine Miska

About the Photographer

Judah Passow has been working on assignments for American and European magazines and newspapers since 1978.

Based in London, his work has been published extensively by all of the leading British newspapers and their associated magazines, including the Guardian, the Observer, the Times and Sunday Times, the Daily and Sunday Telegraph and the Independent. He has also contributed regularly to Time, Newsweek and the New York Times in America, Der Spiegel and Die Zeit in Germany, Elsevier magazine and De Volkskrant in Holland, Das magazine in Switzerland and L'Express in France.

A winner of four World Press Photo awards for his coverage of conflict in the Middle East, his photographs have been exhibited in London, York, Leeds, Glasgow, Amsterdam, Hamburg, Paris, Arles, Perpignan, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, New York, Washington D.C., Halifax, Toronto, and Ottawa

In 1995 Passow formed Further Vision, a New Media production company, to explore the possibilities for combining traditional photojournalism with digital technology. His CD-ROM, Days of Rage, based on his work in Beirut from 1982 to 1985, received critical acclaim in the British press for its journalistic integrity and technological innovation.

He was an Artist In Residence at the Institute of Contemporary Arts in London in 1998, where he directed the New Media Centre's Digital Photojournalism Laboratory, and has served as a consultant to the Soros Foundation's Open Society Institute training photojournalists on newspapers in the former Eastern Europe. He is a frequent lecturer on photojournalism at British universities.

His book Shattered Dreams, looking back at twenty five years of his coverage of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, was published in 2008 and accompanied by major exhibitions in London, Hamburg and Jerusalem. It was nominated for that year's Deutsche Borse Photography Prize.

Photography critic Steve Mayes noted in Reuel Golden's book "Witness: The World's Greatest News Photographers", that "Judah Passow has an extraordinary ability to distil complex situations into powerfully loaded images that are deceptively simple to look at. He starts with a conceptual overview of a political or social situation and looks for circumstances that demonstrate the human reality, producing clean, graphic frames that combine metaphor and actuality. His signature black-and-white technique has cut-glass clarity and beauty with a sensual quality that seduces the viewer to engage with even the grimmest reality. He is driven to extremes of professional endeavour by his idealistic belief in the power of photography and technical perfectionism."

Passow graduated from Boston University in the United States in 1971, and lives in London with his wife, the painter Alene Strausberg.

MAY 2016	23 NISAN-	23 IYAR	5776			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 1 Books and Bagels. Religious School Open House in School K-Grade 6. 23 NISAN	2 High School	3	4 Talmud Study Religious School	5 YOM HASHOAH	6 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 pm Yom Hashoah Service 28 NISAN	7 Torah Study Shabbat Services Bar Mitzvah Jared Scheinberg
8 Religious School	24 NISAN 9 High School	25 NISAN 10	26 NISAN 11 Talmud Study Religious School	27 NISAN 12 Morning Minyan	13 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 pm Bring your own Dinner Grade 3 and 4 leading 5 Iyar	29 NISAN 14 Torah Study Shabbat Services Cuba trip report
30 Nisan	1 Iyar	2 Iyar	3 Iyar	4 Iyar		6 Iyar
15 Religious School Scottish Exhibit JCC 4 pm Vernissage Co-sponsored by Temple Israel May 15-June 10 7 Iyar	16 High School	17	18 Talmud Study Religious School	19 Board meeting 7:00 pm	20 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 pm	21 Torah Study Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah Nissa McKean
22 No School	23 No School	24	25 Talmud Study Religious School Lag B'omer program	26 Morning Minyan	27 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 pm	28 Torah Study Shabbat Services B'nai Mitzvah Talia Gottfred and Max Gottfred
14 Iyar	15 Iyar	16 Iyar	17 Iyar	18 Iyar	19 Iyar	20 Iyar
29 Religious School	30 High School	31				
21 Iyar	22 Iyar	23 Iyar				
JUNE 2016	24 IYAR -	24 SIVAN	5776			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			June 1 Talmud Study Religious School Last Wednesday class	2	3 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 pm	4 Torah Study Shabbat Services
			24 Iyar	25 Iyar	26 Iyar	27 Iyar
5 Religious School Last Sunday class.	6 High School Last Monday class	7	8 Talmud Study	9 Morning Minyan	10 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 Bring your own dinner.	11 Torah Study Shabbat Services Erev Shavuot/Confirmation Services 6:15 pm
28 Iyar	29 Iyar	1 Sivan	2 Sivan	3 Sivan	4 Sivan	5 Sivan
12 Shavuot Services/Yizkor 10:15 am	13	14	15 Talmud Study	16 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	17 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:5 pm	18 Torah Study Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah Sari Pagurek
6 Sivan	7 Sivan	8 Sivan	9 Sivan	10 Sivan	11 Sivan	12 Sivan
19	20	21	22 Talmud Study	23 Morning Minyan	24 Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 pm	25 Torah Study Shabbat Services Bat Mitzvah Anne Khazzam
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Bar/Bat Mitzvah Booking Request

Bar/Bat Mitzvah applications are now being accepted for dates up to December 31, 2018. If your child's birthdate falls before December 31, 2006 and you have not yet booked a Bar/Bat Mitzvah date, please contact reception@templeisraelottawa.com and request an application form. Complete information will be provided and requirements are noted on the application form.

Jewish Memorial Gardens Executive Director Tammy Torontow, is available at 613-688-3530 option #1 for all cemetery matters.