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FROM RABBI WISE

Keeping the Faith

The Interfaith Council of Halton stands united against all forms of hatred and intolerance; interfaith dialogue more important than ever.

At its January meeting, the Interfaith Council of Halton (made up of representatives from all faith communities in Halton) confirmed once again that violence has no faith, and they condemn murder and violence of all forms. As the current chair of the ICH, I felt it was important to come together to seek dialogue. We also wanted to send out a statement to the press that reflect our shared values. It seems religious ideologies have too many times been distorted by fanatics to justify killing and hatred. The council studied some texts from Islam brought by our Muslim representative Dr. Aliya Khan, specifically condemning violence, including the Koranic verse, “The true servants of the Most Merciful are those who walk the earth with humility, and when the uncivilized offend them, they respond with words of peace” (Qur’an 25:43), as well as the words of the Prophet, “A person can only remain sound in faith so long as he does not shed blood.”

The statement we released said; “We grieve with the victims and their families from the recent murders in Paris, both at the Charlie Hebdo magazine office and the Jewish Kosher Supermarket. They are crimes against humanity and are against the religious teachings of Islam and against the teachings of any religion. These actions were a planned operation by an international terrorist criminal organization who cared nothing for Islam or the Prophet. They wished to provoke a “clash

of civilizations” by triggering more attacks and backlash against Islam and Muslims and leading gullible people into accepting the narrative of hate. We mustn’t let them win. We must affirm our unity as people of all faiths standing for compassion, understanding, and respect for all human beings, regardless of race, creed, or culture.

To follow up we are hosting an interfaith event here at the synagogue called “Combating Terrorism from an interfaith perspective: a Workshop”. “

Our goal is to have dialogue among leaders of faith and then empower participants with the tools to then lead similar dialogues in other houses of worship or workplaces or homes so that the conversations have a ripple effect throughout the community. In this way we hope to not only pray but also act towards bringing more peace and unity to the world.

Rabbi Stephen Wise



SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING ON INTERFAITH BURIAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH AT 10:00 AM

In order to amend our Constitution regarding this important issue, we need to conduct a special meeting to obtain your vote. This Constitutional Amendment will allow for a separate area within the Shaarei-Beth El Section of the Cemetery for burial of non-Jewish members, along with their Jewish spouses. We really do require your attendance at this meeting, as this is a very important decision for our Community and we need to hear your voice.

PLEASE ATTEND, EVERY VOICE AND EVERY VOTE COUNTS.

LIMMUD TORONTO 2015 - AFTER THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING!



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At 1:00 pm Rabbi Wise will be presenting on the topic "Israel: The Start up Nation helping change the world."

See you on Sunday, March 8th (After the Special General Meeting!)
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MARCH 8, 2015 | 10-6PM
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Purim Extravaganza!

Wednesday March 4th 5:30pm

Purim Carnival and Megillah Reading

The students will be presenting a Purim Spiel "The Wizard of Shushan" with Queen Esther as Dorothy and Haman as the wicked witch of the west.



Adult Trip to New York City

Friday May 15 to Monday May 17

Here's your chance to see NYC with Rabbi Wise! Travel on your own but stay at StaybridgeSuites Times Square, where we have exciting days planned.

Contact the Rabbi for the complete itinerary.



COMBATING TERRORISM FROM AN INTERFAITH PERSPECTIVE: WORKSHOP

**Wednesday March 11th at 7:00 pm
at Shaarei-Beth El**

Featured speakers:

Rabbi Stephen Wise,
Rev. Dr. Morar Murray-Hayes,
Dr. Aliya Khan



SYNAPLEX SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER - FEATURING RYAN LESZNER

Friday March 27th at 6:30 pm

Dinner, service and learning for all families this will be a meat meal so please bring a parve salad, appetizer or side dish.

Please RSVP to office@sbe.ca by March 23rd.

SHABBAT SERVICES FEATURING MAYOR ROB BURTON "MY VISION FOR OAKVILLE"

**Saturday March 28th
10:30 am Service**

The Mayor will address the congregation immediately following the service.



SHAAREI-BETH EL SECOND SEDER

Saturday April 4th at 6:00 pm Featuring Ryan Leszner

YIZKOR PESACH MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

On the last day of Passover
Sat April 11th 10:00 am

Includes Yizkor, the service of remembrance for loved ones. Kiddush to follow.

Shelley Rosen has kindly volunteered to organize the event again this year. However, this event is being run by volunteers and so we need help with: a) helping prepare meatballs the week before, b) setup of the event and, c) cleanup of the event.

Please email Shelley Rosen at srosen@travelscope.ca
We need your help to keep these costs low!

The menu looks delicious and is as follows: Gefilte Fish, Cucumber Salad, Hamilton Kosher Butcher Chicken Soup with Matzah Balls, Roast Chicken and Brisket, Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, Green Salad, Vegetarian Main and Side Dishes, Roasted Potatoes, Dessert.

Cost is still \$35/adult, \$25/children under 12, and free for children 3 and under.
Please RSVP by Mar 20 latest to reserve your spot at office@sbe.ca

YOM HASHOAH PROGRAM SPONSORED BY B'NAI BRITH CANADA

Wednesday April 15th 6:30 pm

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1/ Adar 10 Religious School 9:30am - 12:00pm	2/ Adar 11	3/ Adar 12	4/ Adar 13 Purim Extravaganza Party 5:30 pm	5/ Adar 14	6/ Adar 15 Candles 5:54 pm	7/ Adar 16 Shabbat Services Baby Naming of Erin Black 10:30am
8/ Adar 17 Religious School 9:30am - 12:00pm Special General Meeting 10:00 am Limmud Toronto 2015 - After the Special General Meeting!	9/ Adar 18	10/ Adar 19	11/ Adar 20 Religious School 5:30pm - 6:00pm Upper School Gr 8 - 12 5:30pm - 7:30pm Combating Terrorism from an Interfaith Perspective: a Workshop 7:00 pm	12/ Adar 21	13/ Adar 22 Candles 7:03 pm	14/ Adar 23 Shabbat Services 10:30am
15/ Adar 24 No Religious School March Break	16/ Adar 25	17/ Adar 26	18/ Adar 27 No Religious School March Break	19/ Adar 28	20/ Adar 29 Candles 7:12 pm	21/ Nisan 1 Shabbat Services 10:30am
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29/ Nisan 9 No Religious School	30/ Nisan 10	31/ Nisan 11				

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5/ Nisan 15 No Religious School Passover	6/ Nisan 16	7/ Nisan 17	8/ Nisan 18 No Religious School Passover	9/ Nisan 19	10/ Nisan 20 Candles 7:35 pm	11/ Nisan 21 Shabbat Services with Yizkor 10:30am
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19/ Nisan 29 Religious School 9:30am - 12:00pm	20/ Iyyar 30	21/ Iyyar 1	22/ Iyyar 2 Religious School 5:30pm - 7:30pm Jewish Feminism and Attitudes in Our Texts: Featuring Rabbi Denise Handlarski 7:30 pm	23/ Iyyar 3	24/ Iyyar 4 Candles 7:53 pm	25/ Iyyar 5 Shabbat Services Hayden Zweig Bar Mitzvah 10:30am
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**JEWISH FEMINISM AND ATTITUDES IN OUR TEXTS:
FEATURING RABBI DENISE HANDLARSKI**

Wednesday April 22nd at 7:30 pm at SBE

The talk starts with an overview of how Jewish feminism developed including some major authors such as Judith Plaskow and Marcia Falk. We will go over Jewish feminism as both “oy vey” and “yay” in our community today. That is, we’ve had much success and also we still have a long way to go (specifics include family/childcare/domestic dynamics, tokenism in some cases, issues of institutional and textual exclusion, etc). We’ll go over Parshat Naso and discuss it as an interesting text to show negative and positive attitudes about women in our textual tradition.



Rabbi Denise Handlarski was ordained in 2013 by the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism. She serves as the Assistant Rabbi at Oraynu, including working with the school and teen programs, coordinating the Tikkun Olam Oraynu (TOO) activities, and planning and leading young adult programs for those in their 20s and 30s.

Denise has a Ph.D. in English literature from York University, as well as a Master’s Degree in Jewish studies from York. She has also earned degrees in literature, gender studies, and education, all of which support her rabbinic work. Denise is interested in feminist and female-centred Jewish text and programming, and has run sessions on the Book of Ruth from a feminist and Humanistic perspective, as well as written papers about Jewish feminism. As a life-long educator, Denise enjoys teaching and learning with groups of all ages, from adult programs, to school-based lessons, to study groups. She has coordinated education programs, taught in B’nai Mitzvah classes, and worked in many Jewish and non-Jewish education contexts.

BAR MITZVAH OF HAYDEN ZWEIG

Saturday April 25th

Parsha: Tazria-Metzorah

School and grade: Maple Grove Public School, Grade 7

What I am doing this coming summer:
Playing baseball, baseball umpire.

Favorite sports and hobbies: Favorite sports are basketball and baseball. Hobby is music.
Passionate about all sports..

B’nai mitzvah project: Collecting donations for Jumpstart, a charitable program that helps kids participate in organized sport and recreation by covering the costs of registration, equipment and/or transportation.



Shaarei-Beth El



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Back in 1996 Cheryl and Nieram met as Nieram was out for a drink with a friend and met Cheryl. They kept running into each other at the same place and after a month or so they went on a lunch date and the rest is history. They have two beautiful daughters; Dani, who will be 12 years old on the 27th of February, and Talia who is 8 years old and is looking forward to her birthday on the 6th of August. Dani and Talia both attend Eastview public school, in grade 6 and grade 3. They are both very active girls. Dani and Talia enjoy their swimming classes on Mondays. Dani is also on her school volleyball team and is currently rehearsing twice a week for a musical in which she plays a major role. Talia really enjoys her gymnastics/dance classes. They're also both in agreement that Hebrew school is actually pretty fun. They love their cat, Sylvester, to bits...The poor guy doesn't have a second to himself when they're around him.

The family has travelled extensively as Nieram is a airline pilot. They have lived in the UK, France and Ireland for 6 month periods at a time, and have enjoyed meeting many different people. Dani was even in Israel when she was just a year and half old...lucky girl.

How did they come to Oakville? Nieram says, "We were living in Toronto, and decided that we wanted a bit more space. The obvious places we looked at were initially north of the city..Thornhill, Richmond Hill..etc. We found it a bit "Suburbanish" (is that a word?)

We were definitely looking for a place with an existing Jewish community and a synagogue. Although Oakville was not the first place we even thought of, Cheryl has a best friend that lives here. We decided to investigate a bit further

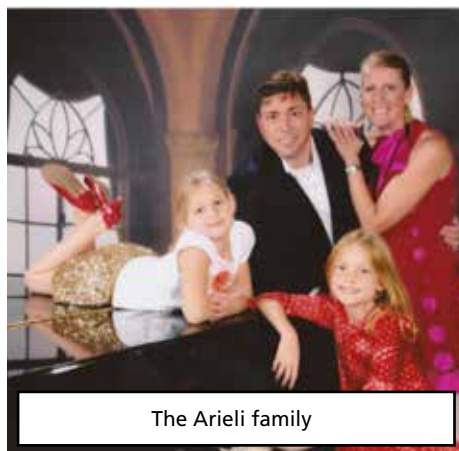
and were pleasantly surprised to find out that Oakville had more than a "few" Jewish tribes members :) We were a bit familiar with the synagogue because one of the instructors during Cheryl's conversion was the Director of education at this synagogue (Eric Petersil).

Both Cheryl and I want the girls to have a strong connection to a Jewish community so we joined."

Cheryl and Nieram find that SBE has a very "friendly" feel to it. There are a lot of young families. They felt welcomed the moment they joined. Both Cheryl and the Rabbi accepted them with open arms, so they never really felt like newcomers. They love the community Shabbat dinners and look forward to hosting one soon.

The Arieli's feel the shul has a bright future ahead of itself. They see a lot of young families and new members joining the community, and that can only equate to good news.

Cheryl, Dani, Talia, and Nieram are looking forward to becoming an integral part of the Jewish community in Oakville and SBE. They are excited for what lies ahead in the coming years.



The Arieli family

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MARCH YAHRZEITS

March 7

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March 14

Josef ben Avraham

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m.o. Bracha Jacob

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former h.o. Doris Greening

Ida Skolofsky

g.m.o. Alyse Nishimura

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s.o. Jeanne, Ruth & Bill Burke

Israel Marder and Lillian

g.f.o. & g.m.o. Susan Polgar

Wyatt Robinson

grt.nephew Jeanne, Ruth
& Bill Burke

Miriam Szeps

m.o. Stephanie Kay

Bruce Morrow

f.o. Heidi Morrow-Fine

John Simon

h.o. Magda Simon

Elsbeth Bud

m.o. Esther Miller

Frank Buchalter

f.o. Frimmy Burnstein

Sadie Roebuck

a.o. Howard Rubinoff

Esther Tator

a.o. Jeanne, Ruth & Bill Burke

Esther Vejgman

m.o. Marc Vejgman

March 21

Aaron Rublenetskiy

g.f.o. Sasha Maizlish

Marilyn Belshaw

m.o. Alisa Belshaw-Black

Stanley Salek

f.o. Kim Elsinga

Erik Immanuel Nielsen

f.o. Eva Nielsen

March 28

Meyer Fink

f.o. Harold Fink

Sara Masler

a.o. Michelle Masler-Pilch

Jean Connolly

m.o. Stuart Connolly

Clara Skupsky

m.o. Gerald Skupsky

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Sidney Steinman

f.o. Jill Steinman

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f.o. Stanley Abramowitz

Harold Kane

b.i.l. Louis Tarshes



APRIL YAHRZEITS

April 4

Eva Hendin

m.o. David Hendin

Celia Fried

a.o. Harriet Rich

Walter Lang

f.o. Marilyn Weisz

Emily Amiel

g.m.o. Allan Setton

Saul Halfon

f.o. Efraim Halfon

Howard Baron

f.o. Fonda Loft

April 11

Jeffrey Gordon

b.o. Linda Beitchman

Helga Welland

m.o. Frank Welland

Gertrude Littner

m.o. Joan Littner

Michael Proctor

f.o. Linda Shaw

Bennie Naglie

f.o. Gerald Naglie

Peter Sweeney

step brother of Lawrence
Zimmering

David Burman

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April 18

Patrick Cleary

f.o. Adrienne Mendes
da Costa

Izaak Goldrei

f.o. Jackie Welland

Reva Zimmering

a.o. Lawrence Zimmering

Edwin Parsons

f.o. Sandra Gorlick

April 25

Libby Zimmering

m.o. Lawrence Zimmering

Simcha Masler

u.o. Michelle Masler-Pilch

Tracey Rubinoff

s.l.o. Howard Rubinoff

Jonathan Handler

s.o. Barbara & Steve
Handler

Alba Cacace

m.o. Silvana Daniel

CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAY TO

4	Julie Rubinoff Howard Rubinoff Andrew Barish
5	Michele Glatt
7	Kirsten Binstock
12	Bryce Carter Braelyn Rotman
13	Sandra Gorlick Stephen Wise Zachary Newburgh Adam Kahn
14	Dylan Barish Tibor Choleva
16	Fonda Loft
18	Jared Fein Ari Benaroya
19	Aaron Garvis
20	Jennifer Dockstator Theresa Burke Esther Miller
22	Jack Dover Marion Sternbach
23	Doris Greening Shelley Rosen Richard Singer
25	Elysia Bramson
26	Courtney Dahl
28	Jessica James
30	Dexter Rosen
31	Thomas Tencer Efraim Halfon

HAPPY MARCH ANNIVERSARY TO

14	Frank & Jackie Welland
19	Geoff & Heidi Fine
20	Pablo Schwab & Andrea Reidman

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO

1	Zachary Benaroya
2	Bryanna Neuwald Anna Houpt-Taylor Taylor Welland
3	Estelle Boam
5	Magda Simon Evan Masler-Pilch
6	Gabriela Wortman
9	Stuart Connolly
10	April-Lynn Levitt
11	Nicole Schwab Ken Tencer
15	Jason Jakaitis
16	Linda Beitchman
18	Larry Mlynowski/Weiss
19	Andrew Davies
20	Louis Tarshes Andrea Zimmering Rachel Freeman
21	Rafaella (Rafi) Moor Eli Zweig
22	Zaveh Antwi
25	Marianne Destounis
26	Natalie Wiberg
27	Harriet Rich
28	Donna Neuwald Bill Burke
29	Matthew Rubinoff Sharon Bromberg

HAPPY APRIL ANNIVERSARY TO

3	Steve & Barbara Handler
18	Laurie & Esther Miller
23	David & Arlene Hendin

Mazel Tov to:

Carl and Courtney Dahl on the birth of their son Samuel.

Olga and Assaf Stern on the birth of their daughter Hadas.

Greg Dermer and Caroline on their engagement.

We extend condolences to:

Lou Tarshes, on the death of his cousin, Irving Raxlin

Harry Levine, on the death of his friend Monty Audenart

We mourn their loss.