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## President's Pen

WILL RETURN NEXT MONTH

Forestdale Heights Lodge expresses condolences to Irv and Ruth Pupko on the loss of Irv's father, Harry.

## April Movie & Meeting

Monday, April 12

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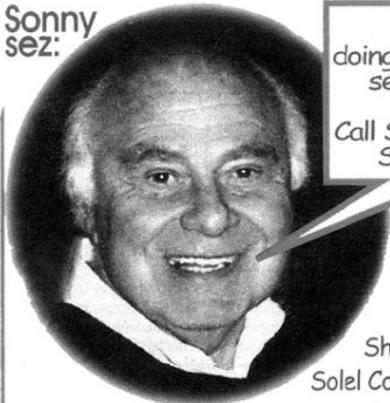
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# Editor's Desk



*A page is turned, a chapter closed...and life continues!*

I have been very fortunate to have been able to share both the high and low points in my life in this space. It all started 18 years ago, when I joined the bulletin. Shortly

afterwards, Lisa and I welcomed Jordana into our young family. Since then, there have been wonderful moments that will live in my mind forever, such as my daughter's *Bat Mitzvah*, and things I wish I could turn the clock back on and prevent them from ever happening.

I guess right now my frame of mind is falling towards the former area as Lisa and I prepare to start a new chapter in our lives.

Less than two months ago there was a flurry of excitement in our household, as Jordana was accepted into all her college placements within days of the provincial deadline. Before the excitement had a chance to die down, our daughter informed us that she had made her choice and had accepted a spot in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) program at Sheridan College in Oakville. We had known that her preference was to move out in order to get the full "college experience" but

talking about something and actually doing it is very different.

Starting this fall, Lisa and I will be empty nesters again. It's going to be quite the change and like everything else in life, I'm sure quite exciting.

At the same time, we are very excited for our daughter. With the province's all day kindergarten program just getting started, it is an amazing time to be getting into the ECE field. The opportunities should be tremendous for those grads that are willing to go where the jobs are, as opposed to those who simply want to find work within their own geographical area.

On behalf of Sheridan's Class of '82, I would like to wish the future Class of '12 the best of luck. May all their hopes and dreams be fulfilled.

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On a completely, separate matter, I would like to wish all Canadian athletes who took part in the Vancouver Olympics a hearty *yasher koach*. Whether or not you brought home a medal, you did your country proud.

Despite the absence of women's ski jumpers, overall the Games were a huge success and bore no resemblance to the 1936 Berlin Olympics in spite of what B'nai Brith Canada stated on their website at <http://bit.ly/93jkaU>

*Shalom*

*Jeff Rosen*

## As I See It



As I am writing this, it is just 4-weeks before Passover. I have begun my countdown to D-day, or more aptly D-days. For me, *Pesach* marks a time of slavery rather than one of liberation. The job of preparing the house for the holiday, removing the last crumb from under the couch, and cooking the numerous traditional delicacies, are all part of the annual ritual. On top of all of my other daily responsibilities of a job, family responsibilities and the household chores, it's not surprising that many Jewish women complain that Passover preparation puts us back into slavery. Okay, maybe I complain and I seem to have been singing the same song each year, but I really do hate the added work involved with getting ready for *Pesach*.

Then the phone rings and it is my oldest son inviting his father and I for the first *seder* night at his home. I am excited and joyful when I realize that I have been spared some of the addition groundwork in having to prepare one major family meal less. He shares with me the guest list and all of those whom I would have had at my table will now be sitting at his table to recount the story of the exodus.

A day later, our youngest son calls and says he will be hosting the second *seder* night at his home and the guest who would

have been at our table will be invited to his. By this time, I can hardly control the feelings of being absolved of any *seders* at our home. I begin to think this must be a miracle, and then I remind myself this isn't Chanukah, but Passover—there is nothing miraculous about this holiday.

Then I recall in my mind the story of the Israelites' exodus from Egypt. Moses was the guy who saw, witnessed and was instrumental in executing, what truly was a miraculous happening. He led our people out of Egypt. The very essence of Moses talking to a burning bush, was that not a miracle? Let us not forget when Moses raised his staff and stretched out his hand at the sea, divided the water so that the Israelites would pass through on dry land. Was that not a miracle too? What about the pillars of fire and how the clouds interposed themselves between the Israelites and the Egyptians, and all that night the Egyptians were in darkness yet the Israelites in light, was that not a miracle? The leading of our people from Egypt to Canaan was a miraculous event.

It dawned on me that we have miracles in our lives all the time and yet we don't seem to see them. I have been relieved of the making the two *seders*, by our sons inviting us to their homes. That is a personal miracle, and I know I have been blessed with healthy children, and a beautiful grandchild.

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We have been granted two sons who are *mensch*s, who very much value their Jewish heritage, customs and traditions. These are everyday amazing events that happen before our eyes and we often fail to realize that they are indeed miracles.

Even at my age, I can still learn from the Passover story. What if Moses had not stopped to talk to that burning bush? He would have passed up an opportunity to talk to G-d. For our hero Moses to actually have a conversation with G-d, once again

points to a miraculous event. The song and dance that Moses had to impart on Pharaoh before he let our people go was also a miracle.

The list of biblical miracles is well defined. In keeping with the tradition of the holiday, not having to prepare *seders* this year is short of being a miracle to me.

Wishing you all a wonderful *Pesach* and maybe, next year we will be in Jerusalem.

*Bonnie Kates*

## FHL Executive 2010-2011

The following have been elected to serve on the lodge's executive for 2010-2011

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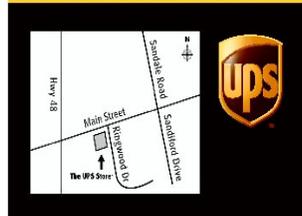
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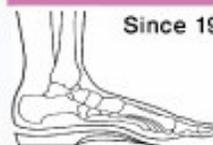
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# Purim Basket Delivery

On Sunday, February 28, I went to 15 Hove to help out B'nai Brith to give the drivers who would be delivering the *Purim* parcels their baskets. With me were Moshe Grossinger and his wife from LMOL, Pearl Gladman and Faith Goldberg.

To everyone's surprise hardly a soul showed up to deliver baskets. I was the only representative from our lodge, which was a shame.

I am very disappointed with the lodge and the seemingly unending apathy that seems to be growing within our group. Maybe BBC has to re-think its parcel delivery program at *Purim*. There have been very few times since I joined this lodge that I was not proud to be a member — that Sunday was one of them.

Maybe we have to start shaking things up a bit, make people feel more enthusiastic to do CVS. Isn't that what the backbone of Forestdale Heights Lodge has been all about? We used to be the CVS lodge of the region.

We may be small in numbers but we were always mighty in our deeds of *Tikum Olam*.

Coming to you from the front line,

*Michael Kates*



**Ode to Canada's Olympic Triumph**  
**<http://bit.ly/98j9Du>**

# Purim 5770

The Winter Olympic Games have nothing on Forestdale Heights Lodge. While the former brings the world together every four years, FHL has been providing a very special CVS program every year now for the last 20 years.

This year was no different as the excitement surrounding the Vancouver Games gave way to a fantastic *Purim* evening at 4300 Bathurst Street on February 27.

Rabbi Jay Kelman brought out his entire family and read the Megillah to over 50 residents of the B'nai Brith building. He was joined in this *mitzvah* by his sons. For the occasion he donned a cloak of “many colours” given to his father, the late Rabbi Joseph Kelman by Beth Emeth Synagogue. Unfortunately, after many years of taking part in the special CVS program, the senior Rabbi Kelman was not with us as he passed away last June. However, Rebbetzin Sara Kelman was on hand to watch and take part in the *Purim mitzvah*. A donation has been made by the Lodge to Torah in Motion, where Rabbi Jay Kelman is a founding member.

Of course, success for this annual program goes to Carl Zelig who makes sure it successfully comes together.

After the *Megillah* reading came to an end, residents enjoyed a light snack of *hamentashen*, potato chips, oranges and hot and cold beverages.

On hand to help serve up these delicacies were Carl's wife and daughter, Debbie and Rebecca, as well as Irv and Ruth Pupko, Michael and Bonnie Kates, Harvey and Debbi Silver, Albert Ohana, Stan Zelig, Lisa Rosen and myself. We were joined by George and Charlene Garten from Upper Canada Lodge.

As the evening wound down and residents returned to their apartments, one thing was clearly evident, FHL had indeed owned the podium that night, capturing straight gold medals in the *mitzvah* category.



*Jeff Rosen*

# Purim 5770



Photos by Jeff Rosen

# March Meeting

Rabbi Yechiel Benayon was guest speaker at our March 8 meeting discussing the differences between Sephardi and Ashkenazi customs at *Pesach*, as well as throughout the year. He said that there is a difference between laws and customs and the latter can be altered at times as they are not there to make one feel uncomfortable. His talk was well received by the almost 20 people in attendance, including two prospective members, George and Charlene Garten. The meeting was chaired by Senior Vice-President Ray Moscoe in the absence of President Irv Pupko, who lost his father the night before.



*Jeff Rosen*

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March 4, 2010

Mr. Irv Pupko  
President  
Forestdale Heights Lodge

Dear Irv:

Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for arranging for the megillah reading at 4300 Bathurst Street once again.

The feedback I received was most positive. Please extend, on behalf of B'nai Brith Canada and the residents at 4300 Bathurst, a thank you to the Forestdale Heights members who came out that evening. You truly did a mitzvah!

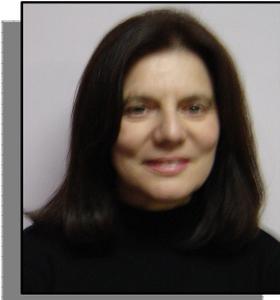
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Sincerely yours,



Pearl Gladman  
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# Random Musing



A couple of years ago, when then-President George W. Bush decided to change the dates for Daylight Savings Time, I thought that perhaps he was carrying the capitalistic quest a bit too far, trying to stretch the daylight hours for business to be conducted. In retrospect, I can see that he did perhaps have a point. I know that over the past year, I've done very little complaining about the lack of daylight hours.

Seasons have come and gone without my usual dreary observations. Perhaps some of this can be attributed to a better than usual winter season, but I don't think that explains

everything. It seems that the rhythm of time has had a more natural feel lately.

Of course, the world functions on a 24-hour basis, night and day have been created by G-d. But it is our counting of the time that has had a bit of tweaking by human beings, and always will.

Speaking of time, where has it all flown? As I write this article, the shelves of the local supermarket are rapidly filling with products for *Pesach*, and *Purim* has already passed. It will be an early *Pesach* this year, just as it appears to be an early spring. I think that this is not a coincidence, but a function of the brilliance of the Jewish calendar, and its reflection of life.

I would like to wish all members of the lodge and their families a very happy and healthy *Pesach*.



*Elizabeth Bloom*

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# Notes from Nate

*News and views of Forestdale Heights Lodge from a past president who is still alive and kvetching in Thornhill.*



Our little grandson Benji slept over at *boobie* and *zaidy's* house last weekend. *Nu*, so what is the big deal, grandkids often sleep over you may say, so what makes this so special?

First you have to look at it from my perspective. This is the grandson I never expected to live to see born 2 1/2 years ago when I first learned of my health problems. Secondly my daddy never had the *naches* of seeing grandchildren and finally the very fact that he regards our home as his second home brings joy to my heart.

Grandchildren are so very special, since they are in essence your baby's babies. While G-d blessed me with my two in Montreal, Benji is growing up right before our eyes here in Toronto. From a bald little bundle of joy, he has now emerged as a joyful happy child, with his parent's laid back persona, and a little heart filled with love. He looks forward to our time together, and when asked if he wants to sleep over, there is not a moment of hesitation. When his mommy and daddy leave, there are times when he is so busy playing that they have to beg for a goodbye kiss. He knows that he has graduated from

his mommy's old room, which became the nursery to his "big boy" room with the big bed and he knows where all the toys and books are and which chair is his at the kitchen table. What a feeling of joy for *boobie* and *zaidy* when he brings the whole house to life as only a grandchild can. Each new thing that he learns and says also brings back the wonderful years when our own girls were that age.

Now with *Pesach* right around the corner, for the first time, to our joy, Heather, Robbie and the boys will be coming in for the *seder*. That created a logistics problem, since our dining room has become too small to hold the whole family. Who would have thought that two people who fell in love 45 years ago would result in 11 family members plus a great *boobie* and a great uncle? Add this gang to Deborah's husband's family plus of course Shari, Dave and little Kate, not only is the *seder* going to be relocating to Deborah's much larger house, but when all is said and done with in laws, outlaws, cousins and assorted *mishpoche* the final head count is somewhere north of 40. *Gevalt!!!!*

I guess where this is leading me to is the fact that all these changes in our lives have taken place in the same time frame of the existence of our lodge.

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The Lodge was chartered in the summer of 1967, and we were married in January of 1968. It was a time when many of our contemporaries were also doing the same and maybe that was the common ground we all shared.

Recently a few of us were questioning what happened to the 70's. The foregoing sentence answered the question because that was the time of new marriage, new homes, new careers and lots and lots of babies. Who had time to watch the world when you are so busy trying to survive so many changes in your life. But then as now, our lodge served as a touch stone and a safe haven to let off a little steam, do a little role playing, assume positions of

leadership, and at the end of the day let us go back to our families refreshed.

Now that we are a little older and supposedly wiser, the lodge is still there for us. We can still break *matzah* with those whose lives surprisingly parallel our own, we can use our experience and talents to benefit our community and we can continue to make memories and have good times. Yes when all is said and done, we really don't need to go home because our lodge brothers and sisters are indeed our family. But please do not expect me to invite everybody to our *seder*, because Sky Dome don't got kosher catering and the Manischewitz wine would not be the same in a paper cup.

*Nate Salter*

## Passover Funnies

Moses was sitting in the Egyptian ghetto. Things were terrible. Pharaoh wouldn't even speak to him. The rest of the Israelites were mad at him and making the overseers even more irritable than usual, etc. He was about ready to give up.

Suddenly a booming, sonorous voice spoke from above:

"You, Moses, heed me! I have good news, and bad news."

Moses was staggered. The voice continued:

"You, Moses, will lead the People of Israel from bondage. If Pharaoh refuses to release your bonds, I will smite Egypt with a rain of frogs"

"You, Moses, will lead the People of Israel to the Promised Land. If Pharaoh blocks your way, I will smite Egypt with a plague of Locust."

"You, Moses, will lead the People of Israel to freedom and safety. If Pharaoh's army pursues you, I will part the waters of the Red Sea to open your path to the Promised Land."

Moses was stunned. He stammered, "That's.... that's fantastic. I can't believe it! --- But what's the bad news?"

"You, Moses, must write the Environmental Impact Statement."

# Only in Canada, you say?

*While the 2010 Winter Olympics are over and Paralympics come to an end on March 21, these are some questions people the world were asking. These questions about Canada were posted on an International tourism Website.*

Q: I have never seen it warm on Canadian TV, so how do the plants grow? (UK)

A: We import all plants fully grown and then just sit around and watch them die.

Q: Will I be able to see Polar Bears in the street? (USA)

A: Depends how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Vancouver to Toronto - can I follow the railroad tracks?  
(Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only four thousand miles, take lots of water.

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Canada? (USA)

A: A-fri-ca is the big triangle-shaped continent south of Europe. Ca-na-da is that big country to your North. Oh, forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Calgary. Come naked.

Q: Which direction is north in Canada? (USA)

A: Face south and then turn 180 degrees. Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y, which is . . . oh, forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Vancouver and in Calgary, straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

Q: I have developed a new product that is the fountain of youth. Can you tell me where I can sell it in Canada? (USA)

A: Anywhere significant numbers of Americans gather ... try the Hippodrome in Calgary on a Tuesday night! And come naked.

Q: Are there supermarkets in Toronto and is milk available all year round? (Germany)

A: No, we are a peaceful civilization of Vegan hunter/gatherers. Milk is illegal.

Q: I have a question about a famous animal in Canada, but I forget its name. It's a kind of big horse with horns. (USA)

A: It's called a Moose. They are tall and very violent, eating the brains of anyone walking close to them. You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.

Q: Will I be able to speak English most places I go? (USA)

A: Yes, but you will have to learn it first.



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