

# KOL ECHAD

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and their families  
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## Book the Date

Monday, April 3

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15 Hove

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## Coming in May

Guest Speaker: Frank Dimant,  
Executive VP B'nai Brith Canada

Monday, May 1

6:30 Dinner, Speaker & Meeting

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## What's New

**Monday, April 3**

**Monday, May 1**

**Monday, June 5**

**Sunday, June 11**

Dinner Meeting

Speaker & Meeting

Dinner Meeting

Annual General Meeting

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# Editor's Desk

*Transparency* and *accountability*....no organization can or should exist without them.

I know that those who lead us at B'nai Brith Canada are committed to both these fundamental principles.

Therefore I was quite pleased when I learned that this year's Annual General Meeting was being held in Montreal.

I applaud our leaders for finally moving the AGM out of Toronto. It is truly a great idea.

Finally BBC members in another city will not have to bear the expense of traveling to our fair city. It is our turn to pack our bags and head out.

By doing this it allows members from Montreal and perhaps Eastern Canada to attend our annual meeting. The result will be nothing less than BBC's twin goals of *transparency* and *accountability*.

Whomever does finally make the trek to *La Belle Province* in June, I hope they press for nothing less.

It was a shame last year when the business of BBC had to be interrupted because delegates did not have all the



relevant information prior to the start of the AGM.

At the time the president of another lodge made a motion to have the limited set of financial reports tabled, as they were not given to delegates 30 days prior to the AGM. After some debate, the motion was approved and the documents were tabled.

It was assumed at the time that it would eventually be reintroduced. Now, almost a year later, we are still waiting.

Last year a resolution was presented to bring BBC's constitution in line with that of B'nai Brith International. Efforts were made to have the motion defeated, explaining that both constitutions were complex and without knowing all the details on what delegates were voting on, it should not be passed.

Instead of receiving proper answers, what members got were putdowns when legitimate questions were raised.

It is essential that *transparency* and *accountability* be the themes of this year's AGM.

*Shalom.*

*Jeff Rosen*



# Good & Welfare

## March Birthdays

Elizabeth Bloom – April 4

Elliott Schwartz – April 17

If you have something special happening in your life that you would like listed in Good & Welfare, send it to [jelijo@sympatico.ca](mailto:jelijo@sympatico.ca). We will make every effort to include it. Birthdays of members only will be listed in this space.

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# President's Pen



Every day the media updates us on the rising cost of gas. In some parts of the country gas is over \$1.00 per litre. Recently I saw a woman being interviewed on TV about the cost of gas, as she was filling up her car. She complained bitterly about the cost and remarked that she would be making fewer trips up to her summer cottage this year because of the cost. Then the TV camera did a wide-angle view of the vehicle she was filling up. Low and behold, she had a gas guzzling SUV.

What's with this all those folks purchasing SUVs these days? It seems that those gas guzzlers they are the status symbol of suburbia.

The current gas situation is much more difficult than we experienced in the 1970s. Around that time those of us in need of new cars scaled down and began to look into purchasing fuel efficient cars. In fact, we bragged to our friends how many miles to the gallon our new car was getting. We really did believe in the concept of conservation and actually practiced what we preached.

We used recycled envelopes and those nifty blue boxes for our papers and truly began to think of ways to conserve on our natural resources. Where did we go wrong

in changing our thinking into believing we needed over-sized cars? How often do we have eight people in our vehicles? Why do city dwellers need a Hummer?

With the recent passing of my 1992 Ford Topaz I have come to the decision that it will go to car heaven. I loved that car, for many reasons, but mainly because I inherited it from my late father. I always felt a little of him was with me each time I got behind the wheel. We have decided to once again become a one-car family?

Does anyone remember the one-car family? We were happy to have one car, when I was a kid. You would ask your dad to borrow it so you could drive to the store. That was a privilege.

I remember when my mom would encourage my father to fill the car up at the local BP gas station as they were giving away glasses with every 10 gallon fill up. Those were the days when the service station really offered you service. You exchanged a few words about the weather, your family, and you were on your way, the proud owner of a complete set of 12 matching glasses, used only for company.

I will keep you posted on how we manage being a one-car family.

May you and your family have a joyous and wonderful Pesach.

*Bonnie Kates*

# Forestdale Funnies

A husband was in BIG trouble when he forgot his wedding anniversary.

"Tomorrow," his wife angrily told him, "there had better be something in our driveway that goes from zero to 200 in two seconds flat!"

The next morning, the wife looked outside and saw a small package in the driveway. She brought it inside, opened it .... and found a brand new bathroom scale.

Funeral services for her husband have been set for Saturday.

An 80 year old woman was arrested for shop lifting. When she appeared before the Judge, he asked her, "What did you steal?"

She replied, "A can of peaches Your Honour."

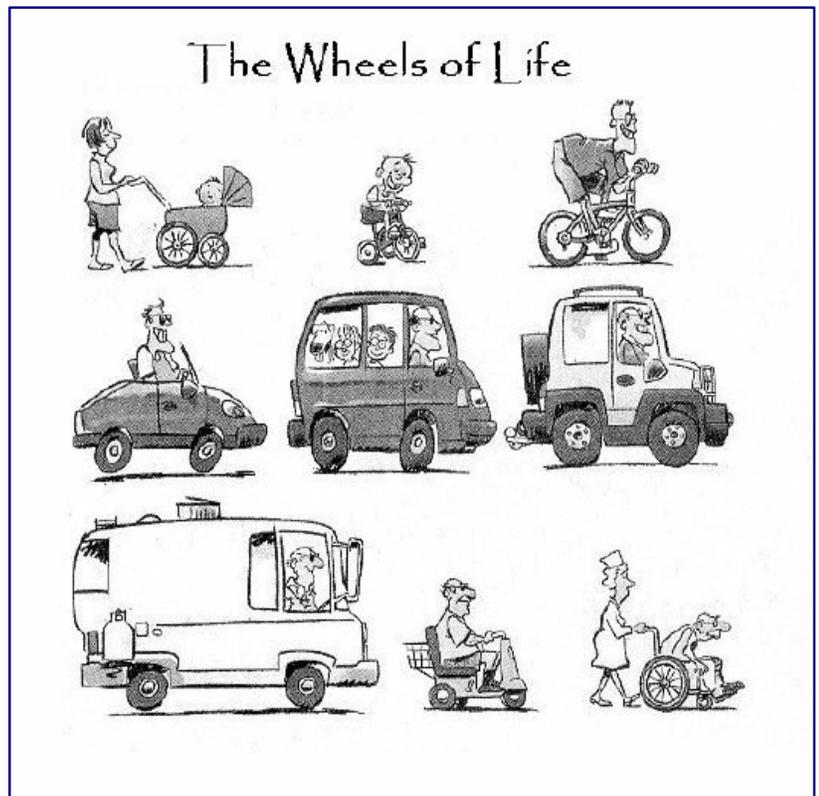
The Judge asked her why she had stolen them and she replied that she was hungry.

The Judge then asked her, "How many peaches were in the can".

She replied, "Six."

The Judge then said, "I will give you 6 days in jail."

Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment the woman's husband spoke up and asked the judge if he could say something. The Judge said, "What is it?"



The husband said, "She also stole a can of peas."

# Sandy's Scripts



After just having celebrated International Women's Day on Wednesday, March 8, I thought it would be appropriate to write about women. We have all heard the arguments about women can do this and men can do that, but read on and see if you agree with some of the information I found in my research.

"Sociological studies show that women notice finer details than men. They will raise matters that men don't find worth mentioning. This is important because in most categories the top competitors share the same basic characteristics. Differentiation lies in the details."

*"Capturing the Power of Women", Quirks Magazine, February 2005.*

*Men Don't Listen & Women Can't Read Maps* by Barbara Pease and Allan Pease notes that:

- Women love to talk. Men talk silently to themselves.
- Women think aloud. Women Talk, men feel nagged.
- Women multi-track.
- Women are indirect. Men are direct.
- Women talk emotively, men are literal. Men listen like statues.
- Boys like things, girls like people.

- Boys compete, girls cooperate. Men hate to be wrong. Men hide their emotions.

Females 45 to 70 Fall into 5 Groups:

**Classic Matriarchs:** The majority of women who were studied fell into this group. They feel very optimistic and successful in life and believe they're getting better with age.

**Defeated by Life:** They really dislike becoming older. They may tend to be rather pessimistic, as they may feel that life is downhill from here.

**Fighting Time:** They have a desire to look and act young. They may have some regrets about their lives, but they're moving forward.

**Forever Young:** They're upbeat, middle-aged women. People characterize them by their positive and optimistic view of life and, overall, they feel successful in life.

**Simple and Strong:** Their attitude is middle-of-the-road. They are not particularly concerned about aging or its effects, but they do feel that they were feminists in the wrong era.

Until the next time.

*The above articles were taken from Modern Donor, March 2006.*

*Sandy Gordon*

# Looking Back

As part of our retrospective to mark our lodge's upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we will be having a few past presidents look back on their term in office. This month, we have **Nate Salter**, who served as president from 1977-1978.

Well would you believe they made by me President? What a marvellous day, when I was installed, how proud I was of the honour and, boy oh boy, had it been a hard struggle to get there.

As I recall, I was the last person who had made it to the top by sitting in all of the other positions, having been a committee member, chaired a few committees, was elected recording secretary, treasurer, third VP second VP and finally taking over from my old buddy Harvey Rachman when it was my turn to be President. To the best of my knowledge, no one after that time ever did the lock step to the top and it only took me 10 years.

No sooner did I assume office, than the fun began. At a fund raiser the door prize as a trip for two to Las Vegas. Well yours truly had not been in office for more that a few days before I found out that even though we had awarded the prize, the firm offering had gone bye bye. I had the distinct pleasure to visit the mansion of the guy who won it, and explain what happened, and then offer to pay for the trip out of club funds.

Would you believe he demanded air fare, accommodations and then wanted meals too?

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Remember I told you about the mansion he lived in, well given his attitude, since he knew what had happened, I asked him if he expected for us to pay for his hookers as well.

Needless to say, it cost us all we had made at the event and a few added bucks as well. Not an auspicious start to say the least and, no, we didn't pay for the hooker.

At that time all three of my daughters were born. Andrea and I looked forward to going to the Nevele for the B'nai Brith convention, since we really needed a mini- vacation. As I recall, we had 12 voting delegates, and whole gang of us had a marvellous time.

One of the features was that they had a "gong show" and unless the old memory fails me, it was the year the "Chana, O Hana and the four skins", performed live on their stage, winning the contest. Let me say that these guys set back music by about five decades, but we had a heck of a time and in fact hosted the ice cream bar at the end of the show. I still wonder "where did our love go".

Back then, when I was skinny and had hair, the Nevele was a real in place to be, because just like a modern cruise ship, they would bring you all you could eat and keep it coming until you had to undo the pants so that you could breathe. It is hard to believe that nearly three decades have emerged since those exciting years.

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It was also the year we had a Lodge picnic on north Warden Avenue in Stouffville. All of us brought normal sandwiches and foods for the adults and *kindelech*, but leave it to Al Goldberg and Gabe Nachman, who showed up at the picnic with French wine and lobsters.

It was sure a different time, when all the members' kids were little, and we were all just really starting out on our careers, new homes,

new jobs and businesses, and we had the whole world ahead of us.

Those were the things that acted as the cement that solidified our lodge in those days, and it is the memories and the friendships that were formed all those years ago that make us what we are today.

But more important, when that year was over, I too could make the famous statement "When I was President."

YEAR	1977	1978
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Nate Salter 1977-1978 <b>FHL Marks 1<sup>st</sup> Decade</b>	Allen Fink 1978-1979
<b>MUSIC</b>	1."You Don't Have to Be a Star" ... Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. 2."You Make Me Feel Like Dancing" ... Leo Sayer 3."I Wish" ... Stevie Wonder 4."Car Wash" ... Rose Royce 5."Torn Between Two Lovers" ... Mary MacGregor	1."Baby Come Back" ... Player 2."Stayin' Alive" ... Bee Gees 3."Thicker Than Water" ... Andy Gibb 4."Night Fever" ... Bee Gees 5."If I Can't Have You" ... Yvonne Elliman
<b>POPULAR MOVIES</b>	1. Star Wars 2. Rocky 3. Smokey and the Bandit 4. A Star Is Born 5. King Kong	1. Grease 2. Close Encounters of the Third Kind 3. Animal House 4. Jaws 2 5. Heaven Can Wait
<b>POPULAR TV SHOWS</b>	1. Laverne & Shirley 2. Happy Days 3. Three's Company 4. 60 Minutes 5. Charlie's Angels	1. Laverne & Shirley 2. Three's Company 3. Mork & Mindy 4. Happy Days 5. Angie
<b>SPORTS</b>	<b>NBA:</b> Portland Trail Blazers vs. Philadelphia 76ers Score: 4-2 <b>Stanley Cup:</b> Montreal Canadiens vs. Boston Bruins Series: 4-0 <b>Super Bowl:</b> Oakland Raiders vs. Minnesota Vikings Score: 32-14 <b>World Series:</b> New York Yankees vs. LA Dodgers Series: 4-2	<b>NBA</b> Washington Bullets vs. Seattle Supersonics Series: 4-3 <b>Stanley Cup:</b> Montreal Canadiens vs. Boston Bruins Series: 4-2 <b>Super Bowl:</b> Dallas Cowboys vs. Denver Broncos Score: 27-10 <b>World Series:</b> New York Yankees vs. LA Dodgers Series: 4-2

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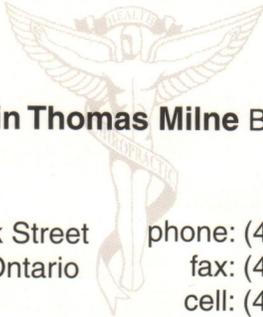
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**Computer:** To easily clean your computer and keyboard use baby wipes. You will be amazed at how much dirt they actually pick up.

**Water Marks on Wood Furniture:** To remove watermarks from wood furniture. Mix approximately one half teaspoon of olive oil and ashes from a couple of cigarettes and make it into a paste. Then rub the paste on the stained area. Then simply wipe clean.

**Heel Marks:** To remove black heel (patent leather shoe) marks from floors, simply spray with hair spray and wipe clean before it dries

**Baked Goods:** To keep cakes, cupcakes, doughnuts, or any bread/bakery products fresher longer, put a small glass/bowl of water in the box and close the lid. The water keeps the items moist, so that they are not "crunchy".

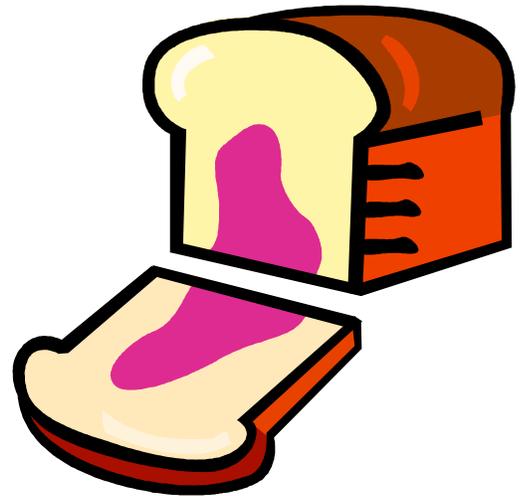
**Bread:** Put your bread in the fridge and it will keep fresh well past the date.

**Brown Sugar:** Put a piece of bread in brown sugar to keep it soft.

**Butter:** If you "stock up" on butter, keep the excess in the freezer and it will keep longer.

**Celery:** Before putting in refrigerator, wrap celery in aluminium foil and it will keep for weeks.

**Cereal:** If you usually have several boxes of cereal opened at one time. The best way to keep them fresh is to roll the bag down several times and then pinch it closed with a pinch clothespin. They come in wood or plastic and in many colors.



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# *Men...and Women*

My friend should have known better than to get into a battle of the sexes with his spouse - especially after the recent Olympic Games in Turin, Italy.

I guess it was the nature of the beast and he being of the male persuasion that got him started about how males typically superior.

Unfortunately for him, after only a few hours of sleep the night before, his spouse was in no mood to listen to him prattle on.

So she said a few magical words and the discussion came to an immediate end. The words came easy and by now are part and parcel of the vocabulary of aspiring Canadian athletes...Cindy Klassen, Clara Hughes and Women's Hockey. Of course what finally slammed the door shut on any further discussion were the five most powerful words to come out of Turin...Canada's Men's Olympic Hockey Team.

After that my friend skulked away though began to really think about what it meant for women to capture two thirds of Canada's record 24 medals.

It took a few days but he finally saw the light. If women could not only shine but dominate the wonderful world of Canadian Olympic sports, then what was preventing them from doing the same in other venues of society? His best guess was that, in our male-dominated society, those who control the strings of power are reluctant to loosen the reins.

How else to explain that in our country's 139 years we have had only one female prime minister, Kim Campbell, who was more a sacrificial lamb than a real contender.

It will happen though, mark my words and once it finally occurs, our political system will undergo a startlingly metamorphosis and there will be no turning back. Let a woman with political skills equivalent to sports superstar Cindy Klassen achieve our country's top political job and her male opponents will not only be running for the hills but be forced to sit on the sidelines for quite some time.

# *More Funnies*

## **Just Like Moishe**

A man walks into the street and manages to get a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing. You're just like Moishe."

Passenger: "Who?"

Cabbie: "Moishe Glickman. There's a guy who did everything right. Like my coming along when you needed a cab. It would have happened like that to Moishe every single time."

Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody."

Cabbie: "Not Moishe. He was a terrific athlete. He could have gone on the pro tour in tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star and you should have heard him play the piano."

Passenger: "Sounds like he was something, huh?"

Cabbie: "He had a memory like a computer, could remember everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, and the whole neighbourhood blacks out."

Passenger: "Wow, some guy eh?"

Cabbie: "He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams, not like me. I always seem to get into them"

Passenger: "Mmm, not many like that around"

Cabbie: "And he knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good and never answer her back even if she was in the wrong; and his clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished too."

Passenger: "An amazing fellow. How did you meet him?"

Cabbie: "Well, I never actually met Moishe."

Passenger: "Then how do you know so much about him?"

Cabbie: "I married his widow."

## *ISRAEL - Held to Different Standards*

*I wonder if you remember Eric Hoffer. He was a longshoreman that turned into a philosopher, wrote columns for newspapers and some books. If I remember correctly, he even taught at some university. Here is one of his columns from 1968. This article was written 34 years ago!!! Some truths never change.*

*Eric Hoffer was a non-Jewish American social philosopher. He was born in 1902 and died in 1983, after writing nine books and winning the Presidential Medal of Freedom. His first book, *The True Believer*, published in 1951, was widely recognized as a classic.*

### **ISRAEL'S PECULIAR POSITION By Eric Hoffer (LA Times 5/26/68)**

The Jews are a peculiar people: things permitted to other nations are forbidden to the Jews. Other nations drive out thousands, even millions of people and there is no refugee problem. Russia did it, Poland and Czechoslovakia did it, Turkey threw out a million Greeks, and Algeria a million Frenchman. Indonesia threw out heaven knows how many Chinese-and no one says a word about refugees.

But in the case of Israel the displaced Arabs have become eternal refugees. Everyone insists that Israel must take back every single Arab.

Arnold Toynbee calls the displacement of the Arabs an atrocity greater than any committed by the Nazis. Other nations when victorious on the battlefield dictate peace terms. But when Israel is victorious it must sue for peace. Everyone expects the Jews to be the only real Christians in this world. Other nations when they are defeated survive and recover but should Israel be defeated it would be destroyed. Had Nasser triumphed last June he would have wiped Israel off the map, and no one would have lifted a finger to save the Jews. No commitment to the Jews by any government, including our own, is worth the paper it is written on.

There is a cry of outrage all over the world when people die in Vietnam or when two Negroes are executed in Rhodesia. But when Hitler slaughtered Jews no one remonstrated with him. The Swedes, who are ready to break off diplomatic relations with America because of what we do in Vietnam, did not let out a peep when Hitler was slaughtering Jews. They sent Hitler choice iron ore, and ball bearings, and serviced his troop trains to Norway.

The Jews are alone in the world. If Israel survives, it will be solely because of Jewish efforts. And Jewish resources. Yet at this moment Israel is our only reliable and unconditional ally. We can rely more on Israel than Israel can rely on us. And one has only to imagine what would have happened last summer had the Arabs and their Russian backers won the war to realize how vital the survival of Israel is to America and the West in general.

I have a premonition that will not leave me; as it goes with Israel so will it go with all of us. Should Israel perish the holocaust will be upon us.

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- ▶ Supervising school and youth groups while they sort and pack food donations.
- ▶ Collecting food donations from any of our drop-locations and delivering them to Council House. The food drive runs from March 20-April 6.
- ▶ Delivering Passover Food Boxes to recipients on Delivery Day, Sunday, April 9, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- ▶ Bringing in Kosher for Passover non-perishable food for donation to Council House.

If you or your family are planning on coming to Council House to participate in food packaging, please let Council House know by doing one of the following:



Register on-line at <http://tinyurl.com/n3jfc> or make a telephone call to inform NCJWC-TS of the date and shift that you wish to attend: 416-633-5100

