

# KOL ECHAD

Forestdale Heights Lodge #2667

August 2006

Av/Elul 5766



*A new year,  
A renewed executive!*

## *Installation 2006*

Join us Sunday September 10, 2006,  
at 4300 Bathurst Street

Cocktails commence at 5:00 p.m.

**Members' Cost: \$20 per person**  
**Guests: \$30 per person**

Please RSVP to Albert 416-494-2636 or e-mail [salonpiaff@rogers.com](mailto:salonpiaff@rogers.com)

## *CVS BBQ at 4300 Bathurst St.*

**Monday, August 28, 2006**

As has been our tradition in past years, we will hold our annual CVS BBQ for residents of the B'nai Brith Seniors Residence, 4300 Bathurst St.

Volunteers needed at 5:30 p.m. to help



## *What's New*

<b>Monday, August 21</b>	Blue Jays Day
<b>Monday, August 28</b>	CVS BBQ
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>	Installation
<b>Monday, September 18</b>	Lodge Meeting
<b>Monday, October 16</b>	Lodge Meeting
<b>Monday, November 13</b>	Lodge Meeting
<b>Monday, December 11</b>	Lodge Meeting

## **Kol Echad Deadlines**

September Issue	August 15, 2006
October Issue	September 10, 2006
November Issue	October 10, 2006
December Issue	November 10, 2006

# BBC Blue Jay Night

Toronto vs. Oakland A's

Monday, August 21

7:07 p.m.



Rogers Centre

Our lodge will be providing one ticket per member to see the game. Additional tickets can be purchased for non-members. We will be purchasing an equal number of tickets to distribute as part of our commitment to Community Volunteer Service. If you would like a ticket, please contact Bonnie Kates at 905-669-2408 or [katesfamily@sympatico.ca](mailto:katesfamily@sympatico.ca)

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## Good & Welfare

### August Birthdays

Stan Zeliger – August 19

### August Anniversaries

Stan & Janet Zeliger – August 16

Jack & Bonnie Britstone – August 23

Morris & Ann Shapransky – August 28

*FHL wishes a speedy recover to Barry Gordon and Albert Ohana. Both lodge Brothers were recently hospitalized.*

## Rosh Hashanah Greetings

**If you are interested in placing a Rosh Hashanah greeting in the September issue of Kol Echad, please let us know. Cost remains \$5 for a business card size greeting. Please send info to [jelijo@sympatico.ca](mailto:jelijo@sympatico.ca). Money will be collected at an upcoming meeting.**



## Allocations

If you have a charity you would like the lodge to make an allocation to, please send your request to our Allocations Chair, Nate Salter at [enesco.enterprises@sympatico.ca](mailto:enesco.enterprises@sympatico.ca). Please include reasons for choosing the charity and amount requested. All allocations will be dealt with at an upcoming fall meeting.

# President's Pen



Do you remember when summer was summer? The summer of yesterday was spontaneous, fun exciting and most of all, unpredictable. You knew that a portion of the summer was going to be spent at camp and you looked forward to it.

I waited with anticipation for the big family BBQ, where the cousins and the aunts and uncles all showed up. You played, kicked the ball around and one of the cousins always ended up crying with a scraped knee or elbow. You could count on the return trip home, from that BBQ being a slow ride in your Dad's car, often overheating and spending sometime sitting at the side of the road waiting for the engine to cool down.



I could count on my parents planning a road trip for a week or so. Equally, I knew there would be a week that I would have mosquito bites that drove me crazy. I never understood why it took weeks and weeks to pack for that road trip. My parents made it a point to show me Canada. We travelled to the east, the west and the north. My Dad was in love with the scenery, the different Canadian culture, which this country had to offer from region to region to region. My parents recognized the diversity of the multicultural Canada long before it became vogue or was an act of parliament.



I remember when summer was running through the sprinklers at my grandparents, or a few trips out to the Sunny Side tank.

I looked forward to the stop off for a treat at the chip wagon for French fries served in that cone-shaped cup, swimming in malt vinegar and salt.

I knew the summer was ending when the topic of conversation was the Exhibition. I dreamed of the rides, the sounds and smells and knew it was just a blink away that summer was ending and school was on the horizon. That was the summer of my youth. That was when summer was summer, so different than it is today.

*Bonnie Kates*

# Editor's Desk



It's summertime and the living is easy (for most of us). For me, it's a time to sit back, enjoy the great weather and read and read and when I finish doing that, read some more.

I confess to having a minor obsession with a number of TV series during the fall and winter season. Law and Order in all its incarnations alone consumes three evenings. Then there is one of my current favs, Boston Legal, featuring the ever popular Denny Crane/aka William Shatner. I have come to the realization that Denny Crane is just Captain James Kirk a few years older.

Once the regular season ends in May, the TV shuts off till the fall and I pick up where I left off in the land of fiction.

One book I recently finished was "A Shortcut in Time" by Charles Dickinson. A science fiction story set in the present, it answers a question posed by many? What if

you could go back and change one aspect of your life?

In this tale, Josh Winkler does just that, forced by circumstances to travel back to the start of the 20th century and reveal details about what is to come. The outcome results a changed reality upon his return to his "present."

While I read this book a few years back, I was drawn to it again. It shows that everything is connected. If you tried to improve on one or two unfavourable events in your past, there is no telling how that would have affect your entire life. On a larger scale of history, imagine if you could go back and some how alter world history. If Hitler had been killed as a child, what would our world look like now? Would Israel exist? Would we?

These are the questions that I am sure philosophers spend years debating. Definitely far too much for a simple scribe to contemplate.

Better to ponder the question, put it away and move on to my next book.

Until next month (when our print issue returns), I hope everyone enjoys the rest of their summer.

*Jeff Rosen*

# TRCC Report

Last month we reported that TRCC was cancelled until further notice.

The newly elected president of Upper Canada Lodge, Franklin Switzer, decided to hold a "meet and greet" of lodge presidents and anyone else who wanted to have the opportunity to connect with people from other lodges.

Within a day, Mr. Weinstein, President of B'nai Brith Canada, sent out a letter, informing lodge presidents that he would be in town and a dinner meeting would be held the same evening as the "meet and greet" to discuss important business of B'nai Brith.

Those who had planned to attend the "meet and greet" arranged by the president of Upper Canada Lodge, cancelled out to attend the meeting with Mr. Weinstein.

The morning of the meeting with Mr. Weinstein, another letter was sent to lodge presidents cancelling out that meeting.

Read at right for further details.

TO: B'NAI BRITH LEADERSHIP  
FROM: GERRY WEINSTEIN, NATIONAL PRESIDENT  
SUBJECT: DINNER MEETING  
DATE: THURSDAY JULY 13 AT 6:30 P.M.  
LOCATION: 15 HOVE ST.

## A PERSONAL INVITATION

We have just concluded a most successful A.G.M. and we are moving forward in the preparation of programs, international conferences, missions to Israel and a multitude of other activities and events that will require the co-operation of all segments of the B'nai Brith community.

To plan effectively I am inviting you personally to attend a dinner meeting on Thursday July 13, at 6:30 P.M. It will give us the opportunity to build together for a stronger B'nai Brith in the future. We will also discuss the role of the new TRCC and we will be announcing some of the newly appointed National Leadership. Please RSVP Faith at [fgoldberg@bnaibrith.ca](mailto:fgoldberg@bnaibrith.ca), or call 416-633-6224 ext 109.

Looking forward to seeing you at dinner

Gerry

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TO: B'nai Brith Canada Leadership  
FROM: Gerry Weinstein  
SUBJECT: ROUNDTABLE DINNER MEETING AT 15 HOVE STREET  
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006  
DATE: July 13, 2006

We have just been informed that members of our organization have made an approach to a major newspaper in this country. Their actions undermine the good works of B'nai Brith Canada and seem aimed at trying to ruin B'nai Brith Canada's reputation and the reputation of its leadership.

In light of this development we are compelled to cancel tonight's meeting and prepare an appropriate response to deal with those who are bent on the destruction of B'nai Brith as we know it.

# Allocations

An allocations meeting will be held at an upcoming monthly lodge meeting. Members interested in obtaining an allocation for a charitable organization are requested to submit a request to the allocations chair at [honest.nate@sympatico.ca](mailto:honest.nate@sympatico.ca).

A request should include the name of the charitable organization, purpose of the allocation and amount requested. All requests will be discussed and voted on at the meeting.

Our next allocations meeting will be held at an upcoming fall meeting.

Nate Salter  
Allocations Chair

Read below for a special message dealing with allocations

TO: Lodges in Canada  
FROM: Gerry Weinstein  
DATE: July 25, 2006  
RE: **EMERGENCY AID TO ISRAEL**

**If lodges have funds that can be designated for Israel relief, they must be directed to the B'nai Brith Foundation – Emergency Fund.**

**B'nai Brith Canada will then work together with B'nai Brith International to ensure that the funds are utilized for "People Helping People" during this emergency.**



*Kol Echad will return in its entirety in September with our special Rosh Hashanah Issue.*