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Happy Chanukah

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COVER ART

It's going to be winter before we light the first Chanukah candle this year. The holiday begins on Sunday, December 25, with the first candle being lit the night before. The last day of Chanukah is far off though, taking place on January 1, 2017.

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Stewart Indig

What a glorious summer it has been. We cannot complain. The sad truth is that before you know it, the cold and snow will be upon us. It is predicted to be a frigid, snowy winter. The one thing that we have to look forward to is our annual Chanukah party. Knowing Avery and Ray, I suspect that it will be a fun-filled evening.

I cannot wait to see what 2017 brings. It is hard to believe that the 50th installation will finally be here. The 50th installation committee has been hard at work planning for this momentous event. Kudos to Albert, Harvey, Ray and Michael for working at it. These four gentlemen work hard at keeping the Lodge afloat. I never asked, but I am sure that combined they have over 180 years of Lodge experience. The 50th installation can be our way of thanking them for their hard work and dedication to Forestdale Heights Lodge.

This is not to say that others are not dedicated. My hope is that you all are. It is hard to get some members involved and motivated. I try, but am not always successful. I do know that I can count on some to get things done. Please do not forget that I am new to this President thing. I do need guidance and am pleased that I get it in one form or another. I know it is early, but one of my New Year's resolutions is to get more members involved. You will only get out of it, what you put into it. This is truly my belief. It has been a very challenging 2016 for the Lodge. We made it though.

Since this is my last column this year, I wanted to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I look forward to 2017. It will be a great year. Thanks for getting us there.



KOL ECHAD

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AT A GLANCE

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December 17	Chanukah Party
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February 13	Nominations/Dinner Meeting
March 11	Purim Programme
March 13	Elections/Dinner Meeting
April 3	Dinner Meeting
May 8	Dinner Meeting
June 4	Gala 50 th Anniversary Installation

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EDITOR'S DESK

Jeff Rosen



With extreme pleasure and much happiness, I would like to announce that I now have a new title: DADDY!

That's right. On Tuesday, December 10 at 7 p.m., my wife Lisa gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, whom we have named Jordana.

I'll have more to say about my daughter next month, but for now, I would like to wish all Lodge members a post-Happy Chanukah and very best wishes in the new year.

- Forestdale Heights Horizon, December 1991

It's hard to believe that I have been writing for this publication for a quarter of a century. It is even harder to believe that I have a 25-year-old daughter. It seems like just yesterday when Lisa and I brought her home to start our new life as parents. Where has the time gone?

I remember when I was her age and I thought my mom was old. I have asked my daughter and, yes, she does think I am old. I certainly do not feel old and, I suppose, my mom felt the same way.

I guess it's all a matter of perspective, where one sits on the circle of life.

In the end though, I am content with where I sit on that circle, very proud of what my daughter has accomplished so far and eagerly look forward to the next quarter century.

Before signing off for 2016, I have to admit that it's been quite a year, as my synagogue – Shaar Shalom – was forced to close its doors. Like other religious institutions, Shaar Shalom had its faults, but we decided to join in 1998 as it was close to our home and was a relatively small synagogue (a must for me).

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Unfortunately, despite repeated efforts to keep the shul alive, it eventually became financially unviable.

The dissolution of the synagogue was an interesting process and Shaar Shalom's leadership did a lot of work to ensure members had a "soft landing" as they began searching for new spiritual homes.

In the end, we decided on Pride of Israel as we enjoyed the rabbi's style and sermons, and it met all our criteria for shul membership.

I am still adjusting to this latest change in my life. In the end, I will adapt. We all do because change is the one constant in life.

Be well, have a Happy Chanukah and a Happy New Year.

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The Place: 130 Neptune Court, Apt. 408

The Time: 7:30 p.m.

The cost: Only \$15/person



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UPCOMING

At our December 12 meeting, FHL past president Carl Zeliger, an associate in the law firm of Wisebrod/Zeliger Associates, will discuss the importance of wills and having a power of attorney.

Carl was born in downtown Toronto to survivors of the Holocaust. He and his wife, Debby, have three children, two of which have made aliyah.

He has practiced law for over 34 years, predominately in areas of employment, family, estate law, and in litigation.

At our February meeting, Lodge Brother Mark Spergel, from Royal LePage Signature Realty, will talk about real estate strategy.



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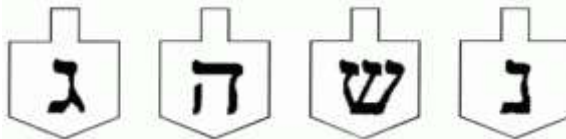
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TALKING POINTS

Debbi Silver

Wow, December is upon us. Where did the year go? I know so many things happened in 2016, some good and some sad.

Harvey and I went on an amazing cruise. We saw a part of Canada (Halifax and St. John, NB) that we haven't seen before. We certainly live in a beautiful and very cultural Canada. We went to Pier 21 in Halifax and were able to find the landing papers for Harvey's dad, as well as the documents for my dad and grandfather. It was so stimulating to understand how much information Pier 21 has on file about our ancestors.



We are now looking forward to our granddaughter's bat mitzvah in February. Where has 12 years gone? We are so very proud of Zoe.

I believe the most important part of 2016 is that Forestdale Heights Lodge elected a new president, Stewart Indig, and the executive. I know there have been ups and downs, but now is the time for everyone to come together and bring the Lodge back to where it belongs. This lodge, over the last 40 odd years that Harvey has belonged, has done so many wonderful Community Service projects. Upcoming programs to participate in include delivering chocolates or cookies to many EMS workers, firefighters, and policemen. It's just our way of giving back to the community. We hope to see everyone at our forthcoming Chanukah Party. (See ad for info).

SO, PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR LODGE.

We want to wish Avery and Marla Matlow mazel tov on the engagement of Avery's son, Josh to Sasha. Have lots of good health and happiness.

We also wish our dear friend, Michael Kates, a very healthy and speedy recovery. We pray for you.

On behalf of Harvey and myself, we wish everyone a very Happy Chanukah and a Happy New Year.



HEALTH IN HARMONY

Rosalie Moscoe

I'm coming along following surgery in mid-October and I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting in December.

FUNNIES

During the first day of Chanukah, two elderly Jewish men were sitting in a wonderful deli frequented almost exclusively by Jews in New York City. They were talking amongst themselves in Yiddish - the colourful language of Jews who came over from Eastern Europe.

A Chinese waiter, only one year in New York, came up and in fluent impeccable Yiddish asked them if everything was okay and if they were enjoying the holiday.

The Jewish men were dumbfounded. "Where did he ever learn such perfect Yiddish?" they both thought. After they paid the bill, they asked the restaurant manager, an old friend of theirs, "Where did our waiter learn such fabulous Yiddish?"

The manager looked around and leaned in so no one else will hear and said... "Shhhh. He thinks we're teaching him English."

A woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Chanukah cards. She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Chanukah stamps?" The clerk says, "What denomination?" The woman says, "Oh my G-d. Has it come to this? Give me six Orthodox, 12 Conservative, and 32 Reform."

As the plane settled down at Ben Gurion airport, the voice of the Captain came on: "Please remain seated with your seatbelt fastened until this plane is at a complete standstill and the seat belt signs have been turned off. To those of you standing in the aisles, we wish you a Happy Chanukah. To those who have remained in their seats, we wish you a Merry Christmas."





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Forestdale Heights Lodge has an opportunity to help at the donation drop off at the Yellow Brick House on Wednesday, December 21, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. I will be there. If any other members are available to help out, please contact me, so that I can let them know how many members will be there.

Thanks,
Stewart Indig, President, FHL,
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Hello Lodges,

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December 9



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December 7

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December 28



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1990

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Prime Minister of Canada: Brian Mulroney

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January 24 – The federal Conservatives introduce legislation that would create the Goods and Services Tax (GST), a national sales tax.

February 2 – Apartheid: F. W. de Klerk announces the unbanning of the African National Congress and promises to release Nelson Mandela.

February 11 – Nelson Mandela is released from prison, after 27 years behind bars.

February 22 – USSR announce that they will not allow direct commercial flights to Israel.

May 12 – The Bloc Québécois Party is formed as several MPs led by Lucien Bouchard quit the Tories and Liberals.

June 8 – Prime Minister of Israel Yitzhak Shamir ends 88 days with only an acting government by forming a coalition of right-wing and religious parties led by Shamir's Likud party.

June 23 – The Meech Lake Accord of 1987 dies after the Manitoba and Newfoundland legislatures fail to approve it ahead of the deadline.

June 23 – Jean Chrétien elected leader of the Liberal Party.

July 1 – East Germany and West Germany merge their economies, the West German Deutsche Mark becoming the official currency of the East also. Reunification becomes official on Oct. 3.

July 28 – On a Tel Aviv beach, a bomb exploded killing Marnie Kimelman, a 17-year-old Canadian tourist.

September 6 – Bob Rae's Ontario New Democratic Party wins a surprise majority in Ontario. He is sworn in as premier on Oct. 1.

October 14 – Composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein dies of a heart attack at his home in New York City at the age of 72.

November 5 – Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the far-right Kach movement, is shot dead after a speech at a New York City hotel.



AS I SEE IT

Marc Kates



It's rather hard getting used to the term "President-Elect Donald Trump." We all seemed to wake up the day following the U.S. election in a daze. No cold shower or strong enough coffee exists that would sober up the world. Americans had cast their ballot, and the result, whether we like it or not, is now official — Donald Trump will be inaugurated as the 45th president of the United States in January. What we were experiencing seemed to be the same reaction Britons had had following the realization that Brexit is going to be a reality, and that the UK was pulling out of the European Union. A "redo" is not possible.

During the "election hangover," we tried, as best we could, to explain the results to our children. Trying not to be too negative, we had to put some positive spin on it. I explained that the Americans, like us, live in a democracy, and that means having the right and the responsibility to be able to choose their leaders. Too many people around the world live in places where democracy does not exist and where the right to choose, for a myriad of reasons, is not an option. However the results, Americans themselves have now plotted the course of their lives for the next four years.



The subtext to the U.S. elections is that many Americans feel disenfranchised. They most certainly are, considering that the voter turnout rate was slightly above 50%. Yes, our Canadian statistics are better, but 68% voter turnout in the last federal election means that 32% of eligible voters did not bother to exercise the franchise. Perhaps it's time to adopt an Australian model for compulsory election participation.

So, in the end, Mr. Trump will still be the new president, and we will watch the political theatre unfold as he takes the reigns of power. Americans, change is what you voted for, and certainly change is what you'll get. Please re-read this column in four years time, as Mr. Trump faces a new opponent and you have another opportunity to make yourself be truly heard.

BINGO



Our next bingo will be Tuesday, December 13.

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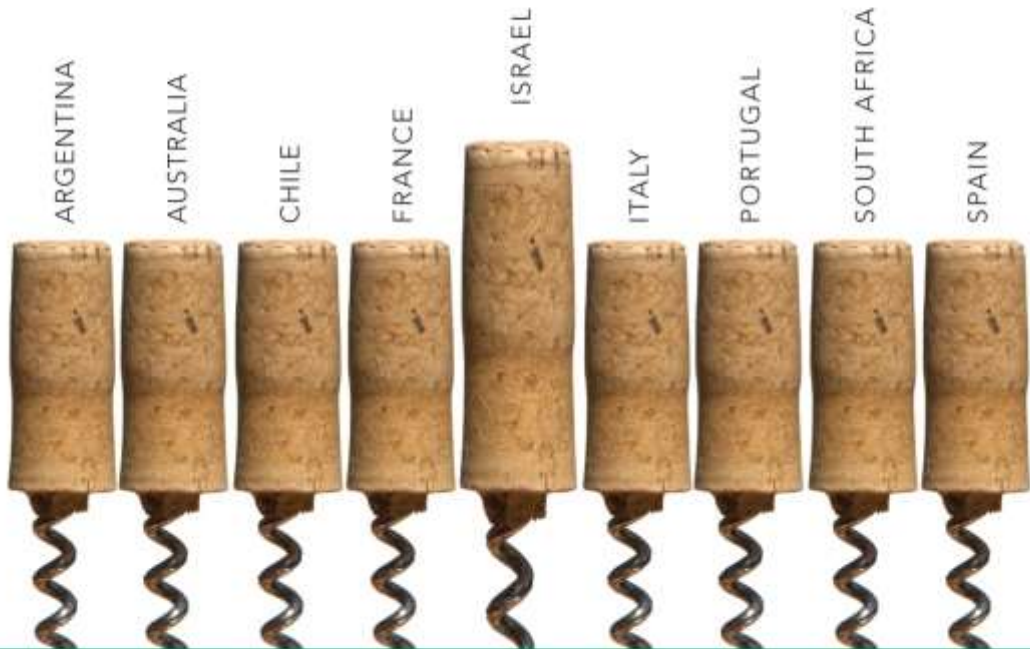
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