

KOL ECHAD

Forestdale Heights Lodge #2667

February 2006

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Purim



Come join us for our annual
Megillah Reading

Monday, March 13, 2006
Program to start at 4300 Bathurst St. at 7:15 p.m.

For more information or to confirm your attendance, please contact
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NOMINATION MEETING

Monday, February 6 is our Nomination Meeting. Dinner 6:30 at 15 Hove followed by meeting. Don't miss this important meeting. Please RSVP to Albert if you plan on attending 416-494-2636 or salonpiaff@rogers.com

KOL ECHAD



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What's New

Monday, February 6	Nomination/Dinner Meeting
Monday, March 6	Election/Dinner Meeting
Sunday, March 12	Purim Parcel Delivery
Monday, March 13	Purim Program
Sunday, March 23	Covenant Breakfast
Monday, April 3	Dinner Meeting
Monday, May 1	Dinner Meeting
Monday, June 5	Dinner Meeting

All Monday meetings to be held at 15 Hove. Dinner to start at 6:30 to be followed an hour later with business meeting.

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"I detest the man who hides one thing in the depths of his heart and speaks forth another."

-- Homer

"People who soar are those who refuse to sit back, sigh and wish things would change. They neither complain of their lot nor passively dream of some distant ship coming in. Rather, they visualize in their minds that they are not quitters; they will not allow life's circumstances to push them down and hold them under."

-Charles R. Swindoll

"The world is disgracefully managed; one hardly knows to whom to complain."

-- Ronald Firbank

Editor's Desk

Politicians often do the strangest things. Just when you think you have them figured out, ones comes along that shakes the political establishment.



This happened last May when Conservative MP Belinda Stronach crossed the floor in the House of Commons to become Liberal Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, and was given the portfolio of Minister responsible for Democratic Renewal.

Last year Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon also managed to shake the political world. Only this time it was not because he managed to recruit a Knesset member from one of the country's many parties. The big news was that he was stepping down as leader of Likud to form a new centrist political party, Kadima.

Whether or not you agree with Sharon's politics, most will probably agree that it was not a decision that the prime minister took lightly. I am certain that he was aware of it at the time.

Some political analysts have said that Sharon easily could have returned to power on a Likud ticket. However, he appeared tired of having to deal with those in Likud who were opposed to his gradual moves towards peaceful coexistence with the Palestinians.

It was thought at the time that his bold political move would change Israel's entire

political landscape. Unfortunately all that is up in the air now.

Or is it?

Since its formation in 1948, Israeli politics has basically been dominated by a few strong, central parties of the right and left with smaller parties vying for a share of the electoral pie. The result has been a series of coalition governments with just enough strength to govern but never enough votes to carry out a strong mandate.

Now Israel has emerged with three major political parties representing the entire spectrum of political thought from Left (Labour) to Centre (Kadima) to Right (Likud).

As Israel prepares for national elections in the coming months it will be fascinating to see how the country's political landscape changes as a result of Sharon's calculated move.

Will the newborn Kadima be strong enough to stand on its own political feet or will Israelis revert to a familiar pattern of dividing their support among numerous political factions?

If Kadima does manage to survive its electoral debut, then Sharon may wind up being remembered as the man who ushered in a new era in Israel's political scene.

Shalom.

Jeff Rosen

FHL Nominations

The Slate Committee of Forestdale Heights Lodge met on January 4, 2006 to consider nominations for executive for the coming year. As a result, the committee has slated the following people to serve on the executive of Forestdale Heights Lodge for the year 2006-2007. All recommendations of the Slate Committee will be ratified at the lodge's annual nomination meeting to be held February 6, 2006.

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"Yes, risk-taking is inherently failure-prone. Otherwise, it would be called sure-thing taking."

-- Tim McMahon

President's Pen



It's that time of year, when I get into my head to work my way through the junk that has accumulated in my basement.

I always come across interesting things while I am down there. It even gives me the warm fuzzies when I come across family pictures from days gone by. I found my husband Michael's photograph book presented to him at his first installation. We have all changed, but what always remains constant, is that feeling of being part of an extended family, the Forestdale Heights Lodge family. It makes me take stock of the milestones that have come, and gone and the rite of the passage of time.

The passing of a milestone, for many of us, is the death of our parents. As long as your parents live, you remain, in some way, a kid. One day you get married, celebrate the birth of your children and share in each of their milestones. Then it seems you meet old friends at funerals of still other friends, signifying yet another milestone in the passage of time. How it all seems to happen in just a split second or two.

I fondly remember one Sunday when the whole family got together and went out for dinner. When the dinner concluded the waiter left the bill in the centre of the table. The family continued to chat and no one seemed to make a move to pick up the

check. I waited and waited, and it finally dawned on me. After hundreds of meals in the restaurant with my parents, and a lifetime of my Dad or my *Zaidy* picking up the bill, it had now all changed. I had reached another milestone in my life, as I reached across the table to pick it up.

This week, the Slate Committee called and asked if I would serve another term as president of our lodge. During that conversation the chair, told me that he was going to make a proposal for a FHL constitutional change, that all executive, serve two-year terms.

I guess the next milestone for me will be down the road a year from now when another rite of passage will take place. Only then will I be able to say those famous words, "When I was president". When I do, I will smile and look back fondly, that another milestone will have passed in our lodge's history, as we mark the 40th anniversary of Forestdale Heights Lodge.

I am asking all past presidents to look in their closets and or basements to see if you can find your installation book of memories to share with us all, as we begin to plan the celebration of our 40th anniversary. Let's be proud of our last 40 years and begin planning the passing of another milestone to celebrate our lodge's glorious history.

Bonnie Kates

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On Sunday, December 18, Forestdale Heights Lodge took time out of their busy holiday schedule to take in a Toronto Marlies game at the Ricoh Coliseum. A few of our members took advantage of the event and brought along their family to share in the enjoyment of our great Canadian pastime. It was Hamilton Bulldogs vs. the Marlies and our beloved home team won 4-2. A compliment of tickets was given to Jewish Family & Child Services to be used by their clients. Everyone present enjoyed this day of rink-side fun. Somewhere in the enthusiastic crowd the JF&CS kids must have particularly enjoyed their special outing. Among those lodge members in attendance were Lodge Brothers Ivan Bloom and his children, Carl Zeliger and his family, along with Stan Zeliger. Lodge Brother Irv Pupko was scheduled to attend but illness forced him to sit this one out on the bench.

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In June 1967, B'nai Brith Lodge #2667 was granted its charter to begin operating as **Forestdale Heights Lodge**.

In June 2007, **Forestdale Heights Lodge** will celebrate its 40th anniversary. To mark the occasion, Kol Echad will take a look at life from the past 40 years, exploring two years every month.

YEAR	1973	1974
PRESIDENT	Irving Knopman 1973-1974	Stanley Penzner 1974-1975
MUSIC	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. "You're So Vain" ... Carly Simon2. "Superstition" ... Stevie Wonder3. "Crocodile Rock" ... Elton John4. "Killing Me Softly With His Song" ... Roberta Flack5. "Love Train" ... The O'Jays	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. "The Joker" ... Steve Miller Band2. "Show and Tell" ... Al Wilson3. "You're Sixteen" ... Ringo Starr4. "The Way We Were" ... Barbra Streisand5. "Love's Theme" ... Love Unlimited Orchestra
POPULAR MOVIES	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Poseidon Adventure2. Deliverance3. The Getaway4. Live and Let Die5. Paper Moon	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Sting2. The Exorcist3. Papillon4. Magnum Force5. Herbie Rides Again
POPULAR TV SHOWS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All in the Family2. The Waltons3. Sanford and Son4. M*A*S*H5. Hawaii Five-O	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All in the Family2. Sanford and Son3. Chico and the Man4. The Jeffersons5. M*A*S*H
SPORTS	<p>NBA: Los Angeles Lakers vs. New York Knicks, 4-1</p> <p>Stanley Cup: Montreal Canadiens vs. Chicago Blackhawks</p> <p>Super Bowl: Miami Dolphins vs. Washington Red Skins Score: 14-7</p> <p>World Series: Oakland A's vs. New York Mets Series: 4-3</p>	<p>NBA Boston Celtics vs. Milwaukee Bucks, 4-2</p> <p>Stanley Cup: Philadelphia Flyers vs. Boston Bruins Series: 4-2</p> <p>Super Bowl: Miami Dolphins vs. Minnesota Vikings Score: 24-7</p> <p>World Series: Oakland A's vs. LA Dodgers Series: 4-1</p>

Sandy's Scripts



The three menorahs that glowed brightly in our home this past Chanukah reminded us of the festival of lights and the great miracle that took place long ago.

Each menorah represented a branch of the Gordon tree; our branch, one for our son and his wife who brought their menorah from New York and one for our daughter and her husband who brought theirs from Edmonton. Both of our kids and spouses visited for the best part of Chanukah and it was a memorable time. This was the first time since they have both been married that all kids were home for

Chanukah at the same time!

Bring on the latkes and family gatherings! The house reeked of oil, the smoke alarm went off and my glasses were splattered, but it was a pleasure. The Chanukah music was playing and the dreidels were spinning. To sit around a festive table at anytime brings back memories of childhood but it's also very important to keep making new memories and share the importance of family get-togethers.

It was time well spent with much fun and good times.

Then the departures started – it's difficult, but you always have long distance phone calls and future visits to look forward to.

Until the next time.

Sandy Gordon

"The greatest motivational act one person can do for another is to listen."

-- Roy E. Moody

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Good & Welfare

February Birthdays

Ruth Pupko – February 14

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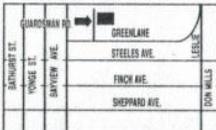
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The Paradox of our Time

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbour. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete...

Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

Forestdale Funnies

Jewish Jeopardy

Rules: We give the answer. You give the question.

A: Babylon

Q: What does the rabbi do during some sermons?

A: The Gaza Strip

Q: What is an Egyptian Belly Dance?

A: A classroom, a Passover ceremony, and a latke

Q: What are a cheder, a seder, and a tater?

A: Sofer

Q: On what do Jews recline on Passover?

A: Filet Minyan

Q: What do you call steaks ordered by 10 Jews?

A: Kishka, sukkah, and circumcision

Q: What are a gut, a hut, and a cut?

And the final bonus answer and question:

A: A briskit.

Q: If a doctor carries a black bag and a plumber carries a tool box, what does a mohel carry?

And speaking of circumcisions: An enterprising Rabbi is offering circumcisions via the Internet. The service is to be called... "E-MOIL."

Dough Robbery

Did you see the recent story in the Jewish Chronicle about the theft of egg-enriched dough from a north London warehouse?

Unfortunately, the theft happened just before Shabbos and it forced many local bakeries to bake their challahs with plain, white flour. A leading rabbi was quoted as saying, "I'm appalled by the rise in white chalah crimes."



*Highway Safety *677 Number*

I knew about the red light on cars, but not the *677. It was about 1:00 PM in the afternoon, and Lauren was driving to visit a friend. An UNMARKED police car pulled up behind her and put his lights on. Lauren's parents have four children (high school and college age) and have always told them never to pull over for an unmarked car on the side of the road, but rather wait until they get to a gas station, etc. So Lauren had actually listened to her parents advice and promptly called *677 on her cell phone to tell the police dispatcher that she would not pull over right away.



She proceeded to tell the dispatcher that there was an unmarked police car with a flashing red light on his rooftop behind her. The dispatcher checked to see if there were police cars where she was and there weren't and he told her to keep driving, remain calm and that he had back up already on the way.

Ten minutes later four cop cars surrounded her and the unmarked car behind her. One policeman went to her side and the others surrounded the car behind. They pulled the guy from the car and tackled him to the ground. The man was a convicted rapist and wanted for other crimes. I never knew about the *677 Cell Phone Feature, but especially for a woman alone in a car, you should not pull over for an unmarked car. Apparently police have to respect your right to keep going to a "safe" place. You obviously need to make some signals that you acknowledge them, (i.e., put on your hazard lights) or call *677 like Lauren did. Too bad the cell phone companies don't generally give you this little bit of wonderful information. Speaking to a service representative at Bell Mobility confirmed that *677 is a direct link to OPP Dispatch. So, now it's your turn to let your friends know about *677.

And Finally....

The Broom Wedding

Two brooms were hanging in the closet and after a while they got to know each other so well, they decided to get married.

One broom was, of course, the bride broom, the other the groom broom.

The bride broom looked very beautiful in her white dress.
The groom broom was handsome and suave in his tuxedo.
The wedding was lovely.

After the wedding, at the wedding dinner, the bride-broom leaned over and said to the groom-broom, "I think I am going to have a little whisk broom!!!"

"IMPOSSIBLE !!" said the groom broom.

Are you ready for this?

Brace yourself.

This is really going to hurt!

"WE HAVEN'T EVEN SWEEPED TOGETHER!"

Oh for goodness sake... laugh, or at least groan. Life's too short not to enjoy..... even these silly little cute..... and clean jokes.

Sounds to me like she's been "sweeping" around!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

