

KOLECHAD

Forestdale Heights Lodge #2667

March 2006

Adar/Nisan 5766

Election Meeting

Monday, March 6, 2006



Come join us for some good food and great company at our annual election meeting for 2006-2007.
Dinner starts at 6:30 at 15 Hove with meeting an hour later.

To confirm your attendance, please contact
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Join us on Monday, March 13.
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KOL ECHAD



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What's New

Monday, March 6	Election Meeting
Sunday, March 12	Purim Basket Delivery
Monday, March 13	Purim Program
Sunday, March 23	Covenant Breakfast
Thursday, March 30	Air Farce
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 a business meeting.

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President's Pen



I think I've developed a case of pen envy. No, not "P_____" envy, but PEN envy. Get your thoughts out of the gutter.

That "P_____" envy would require a very different type of venue, and most likely, a different bulletin or I might just get my hands slapped by our national organization for writing such content. Getting back to "pen" envy, what exactly is it? I define it as a feeling of being envious of those who have a gift for writing. They can come up with a topic at the drop of a hat and make it into a column of interest to their reader.

I have come to accept that I will never be a writer, but then, I never professed to be one. Now take Jeff Rosen for example, he doesn't even need to have a deadline to sit down and write a column. He doesn't need an excuse, or an occasion to write. It just comes to him. I'm a nurse who teaches medical courses and nursing. My formal education brought me to nursing. Jeff's formal education brought him to journalism. That's why he is a writer.

I think those who write regularly have much to say. I have much to say, but little

to write about. (I am sure my spouse can confirm the fact that I have much to say.)

When I write a column of nonsense, the editor of *Kol Echad* refers to it as a "column of fluff". So routinely, usually just before deadline, I submit my fluff to fill a page. I'm never late with my columns, just short on content. He sends it back. I

add a few more thoughts and resubmit it. He sends it back again. It's like a dance that we do each month.

I don't know if he does this to try and encourage me to write better, or it is just his way to try and get me to put more meat and potatoes in what I write.

If I recall, I was once editor of our award-winning publication. I wonder whose idea it was to make me its editor? I do welcome Jeff's suggestions and even his criticisms.

So I have a challenge for the editor of *Kol Echad*. If you can cure me of my pen envy to become a better writer, then I challenge you to learn the fine medical art to warm, give and empty a bed pan, with a smile on your face.

Are you up to the challenge?

Bonnie Kates



Editor's Desk

“Plus ca change, plus c'est la meme chose (The more things change, the more they remain the same)” - Alphonse Karr (1808–1890), French journalist, novelist.



Governments rise and governments fall but nothing really seems to change.

On February 6, Stephen Harper's Conservative Party was sworn into office, supposedly representing a dramatic change from the way business has been run in Ottawa.

I say supposedly because it seems the esteemed French journalist Alphonse Karr had a wonderful understanding of human nature. Either that or he could see into the future.

It was just a year ago when Harper took to the airwaves full of righteous indignation that Belinda Stronach was leaving his party in favour of the Liberals and a cabinet position.

His colleagues demanded that Stronach resign her seat and let the voters decide if they wanted a Liberal to represent them in Parliament.

Yet, when former Liberal cabinet minister David Emerson was sworn in as the new Tory Minister of International Trade, Canada's 22nd Prime Minister was chanting a very different tune. This time PM Harper said that he was impressed by Emerson's accomplishments and decided

to extend an invitation to him to join the government.

According to reports, Emerson was approached by the Conservative Party the day after the election.

Talk about *chutzpah!*

Employing the same standards that the Tories demanded in opposition, Emerson should now resign his seat and run in a by-election. Unfortunately I don't think we will see that. Power does have a way of altering a politician's perceptions. How else can you explain how Emerson went from warning voters against electing a Conservative government to singing its praises just a short while later?

I guess that is why politicians are held in such high regard.

It has been speculated that Harper was eager to have a MP from Vancouver in his government. To that I say..."too bad!"

Voters in Emerson's riding have the final word and they decided that they did not want a Conservative MP to represent them. The Conservative candidate placed a distant third in Emerson's riding.

At the same time, our new PM chose an unelected backroom official from Quebec as his new public works minister.

I seem to have missed something, but just a short while back Harper was calling for an elected Senate and slamming the Liberal government for appointing their cronies to the Senate.

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As well, he and his party campaigned on the need to stop unelected backroom officials from controlling the public purse strings.

Now we have something different. Michael Fortier, a former campaign co-chair is the new minister of public works and government services, responsible for awarding government contracts.

This brings to mind an old commercial that went, "*I can see the difference, can't you?*"

We can't forget that Harper has appointed three favourites from former Ontario premier Mike Harris' Common Sense Revolution to cabinet. If you loved what the PC Party did in and to Ontario, then you are sure to love what the new Conservative Party will do in the coming months.

Yes lodge brothers and sisters; we have indeed come a long way.

The biggest difference – a least the Liberals had the intelligence to hide their duplicity.

At this rate, Harper is sure to be a one term wonder.

Turning to the Middle East, it was fascinating watching the Palestinian political process. While the transition of power went like clockwork in our own beloved country, chaos erupted in areas

under Palestinian control immediately after the Hamas victory.

The Palestinian people clearly opted for change throwing out what they perceived as a tired and corrupt regime. Will the new government be any better? Only time will tell.

On the Israeli side, the Likud Party, led by Benjamin Netanyahu, has already proven that they are unsuitable partners for peace, comparing Hamas to the Nazis and blaming Kadima for Hamas' victory.

Our government, as well as those in the U.S., Europe and other countries, has stated that they will not talk with any government committed to the destruction of Israel, as is Hamas' stated goal.

Still that is who the Palestinians have chosen. No one ever said democracy is perfect. Yet it is the best of all possible systems as Winston Churchill once stated.

Hamas must now choose. They can change their charter and give the people good government or remain on their self-destructive path. If they choose the later, then Israel must unfortunately finish off the security wall and wait patiently until they get a partner willing to negotiate a viable treaty.

No one every said the political process was easy!

Shalom.

Jeff Rosen



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December 30, 2005

Mr. Jeff Rosen
Forestdale Heights Lodge
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Yours sincerely,

Mark Pusey
Director of Development & Communications

Sandy's Scripts



What a pity that a woman was on her cell phone, when she was involved in a tragic car accident. The car went off the road and went into a body of water and she and her child

drowned.

.....and all because of a cell phone.

Cell phones contribute to our daily lives in many positive ways whether in business or just to keep in touch. Our cell phones can become a safety net but we should be more cognizant about when and where we use them.

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Time Square. I think it is the cell phone capital of the world. It has just become a way of life everywhere. It wouldn't surprise me if soon you will have a choice of which phone fits your face and ear better, just like a piece of clothing.

What did we do years ago when we were in our cars and needed to make a call? We stopped the car and used a pay phone! It's a much safer proposition, don't you think? You don't see too many phone booths these days. Did they run the course of seeing how many people could be stuffed into one? So before you make that call from your car, get out of traffic, pull over and then make your call.

I can't imagine what this woman's relatives and friends are going through. It's sad that people have to cope with things like this.

Too many people are on their phones while driving. If they don't care for their own safety, at least think of others.

When she went off the road and into the water, think about how the person she was talking to was feeling.

Until the next time.

Sandy Gordon

FHL Nominations

The following members have been nominated to serve on the executive of Forestdale Heights Lodge for the year 2006-2007. All nominations will be ratified at the lodge's annual election meeting to be held March 6, 2006.

PRESIDENT:	Bonnie Kates
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT:	Stan Zeliger
VICE PRESIDENTS:	Ivan Bloom Ray Moscoe Irv Pupko
TREASURER:	Stan Zeliger
FINANCIAL SECRETARY:	David Gorender
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For the taping at 9:00 p.m., please arrive by 7:30 p.m. so we can secure seats together.

Please try to remember to bring donations of non-perishable food items for the Second Harvest food bank.

If you are interested in attending the taping, RSVP Sandy Gordon 416-631-8261 or sygordon@hotmail.com

Good & Welfare

March Birthdays

Michael Pacter – March 9

Marc Pollock – March 12

David Gorender – March 21

Ray Moscoe – March 22



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

Good & Welfare

It's time to update our records for Good & Welfare. Please fill out form below and give it to Jeff Rosen at our next meeting or e-mail the survey to jelijo@sympatico.ca. Please submit only if you have not done before.

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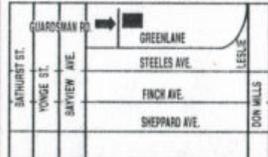
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Meeting Dr. Fernie

On January 9, 2006, Dr. Geoff Fernie, Vice President of Research at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute was the guest speaker at our first meeting of the New Year.

Dr. Fernie joined our lodge for dinner and after gave a presentation regarding assistive devices such as toilet risers, stairway banisters and a special wheelchair to name a few, which help enhance the quality of life of people challenged with a disability. Many of the assistive items he mentioned, small or large, to help make a client more functional on a day to day basis, are things you would not think of.

He stressed that the use of the banister would help individuals negotiate stairs. The visual presentation showed an example of a woman in her nineties who had not walked stairs in a long time;

going up and down with the use of the unit which made it easier for her to climb the stairs. The Toronto Rehabilitation Institute came up with a bathtub unit for the home to help people get in and out of the tub easier. Some of the wheelchairs (lightweight units) you might see at entrances to hospitals were developed at the Institute for the benefit of the client as well as the caregivers.

Dr. Fernie showed us a virtual presentation of the new state-of-the-art research centre which is in the process of being built. It will be a dynamic facility that will address research in making the everyday life of a people with disabilities more manageable.

Questions and answers followed, everyone enjoyed Dr. Fernie's presentation – another great meeting!



1967

FHL @ 40

2007

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	1975	1976
PRESIDENT	Gary Pollock 1975-1976	Harvey Rachman 1976-1977
MUSIC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> "Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds" ... Elton John "Mandy" ... Barry Manilow "Please! Mr. Postman" ... Carpenters "Laughter in the Rain" ... Neil Sedaka "Fire" ... Ohio Players 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> "Saturday Night" ... Bay City Rollers "Canvoy" ... C.W. McCall "I Write the Songs" ... Barry Manilow "Theme from 'Mahogany'" ... Diana Ross "Love Rollercoaster" ... Ohio Players
POPULAR MOVIES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jaws The Towering Inferno Benji Young Frankenstein The Godfather Part II 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest All the President's Men The Omen The Bad News Bears Silent Movie
POPULAR TV SHOWS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> All in the Family Rich Man, Poor Man Laverne & Shirley Maude The Bionic Woman 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Happy Days Laverne & Shirley ABC Monday Night Movie M*A*S*H Charlie's Angels
SPORTS	<p>NBA: Golden State Warriors vs. Washington Bullets Series: 4-0</p> <p>Stanley Cup: Philadelphia Flyers vs. Buffalo Sabres Series: 4-2</p> <p>Super Bowl: Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Minnesota Vikings Score: 16-6</p> <p>World Series: Cincinnati Reds vs. Boston Red Sox Series: 4-3</p>	<p>NBA: Boston Celtics vs. Phoenix Suns: 4-2</p> <p>Stanley Cup: Montreal Canadiens vs. Philadelphia Flyers Series: 4-0</p> <p>Super Bowl: Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Dallas Cowboys Score: 21-17</p> <p>World Series: Cincinnati Reds vs. New York Yankees Series: 4-0</p>

A Night at the Races

On January 23, Forestdale Heights Lodge went to Woodbine Racetrack for our lodge's annual **Night at the Races** for an evening of great food



and company. The Forestdale Heights contingent included Bonnie and Michael Kates, Jeff and Lisa Rosen, David and Arna Gorender, Albert and Honey Ohana, Barry and Sandy Gordon, Carl and Debbie Zeliger, and Nate and Andrea Salter

We were joined by members of the Pinball Wizards bowling team which included many active and past members of the lodge. It was great to see so many Forestdale Heights members, past and present out for this program.

Lodge president Bonnie Kates handed out copies of Kol Echad and a flyer outlining the lodge's many activities as part of a membership drive.

Once again, we were joined by members of Don Mills lodge.

As has been our tradition, Forestdale Heights Lodge sponsored a race. After the fourth race, members headed down to the winner's circle to present a crystal trophy to the victorious jockey and his winning steed, Synide.

At the end of the evening, most of us walked away with lighter wallets, but with plenty of smiles and great memories from another great program.

Thanks go to David Gorender for organizing this successful outing.

Forestdale Funnies

Jewish Mothers

Phone rings. JEWISH MOTHER picks up the phone and answers

Jewish Mother: Hello?

Daughter: Hi Mom. Can I leave the kids with you tonight?

Jewish Mother: You're going out?

Daughter: Yes.

Jewish Mother: With whom?

Daughter: With a friend.

Jewish Mother: I don't know why you left your husband. He is such a good man.

Daughter: I didn't leave him. He left me!

Jewish Mother: You let him leave you, and now you go out with anybodies and nobodies.

Daughter: I do not go out with anybody. Can I bring over the kids?

Jewish Mother: I never left you to go out with anybody except your father.

Daughter: There are lots of things that you did and I don't.

Jewish Mother: What are you hinting at?

Daughter: Nothing. I just want to know if I can bring the kids over tonight.

Jewish Mother: You're going to stay the night with him? What will your husband say if he finds out?

Daughter: My EX husband. I don't think he would be bothered. From the day he left me, he probably never slept alone!

Jewish Mother: So you're going to sleep over at this loser's place?

Daughter: He's not a loser.

Jewish Mother: A man who goes out with a divorced woman with children is a loser and a parasite.

Daughter: I don't want to argue. Should I bring over the kids or not?

Jewish Mother: Poor children with such a mother.

Daughter: Such a what?

Jewish Mother: With no stability. No wonder your husband left you.

Daughter: ENOUGH!!!

Jewish Mother: Don't scream at me. You probably scream at this loser too!

Daughter: Now you're worried about the loser?

Jewish Mother: Ah, so you see he's a loser. I spotted him immediately.

Daughter: Goodbye, mother.

Jewish Mother: Wait! Don't hang up! When are you bringing them over?

Daughter: I'm not bringing them over! I'm not going out!

Jewish Mother: If you never go out, how do you expect to meet anyone?

B'nai B'rith Urges No Legitimacy for Hamas

B'nai B'rith International is deeply alarmed by the apparent victory of the leading Palestinian terrorist organization, Hamas, in yesterday's Palestinian Authority elections. The unprecedented participation of Hamas in legislative elections—insisted upon, despite international entreaties, by PA Chairman Mahmoud Abbas—stands to pave the way for the group's domination of the very institutions obligated, under the widely endorsed "road map" Hamas, responsible for the deaths and maiming of countless Israelis and others, has again reiterated its core mission of destroying Israel by violent means. The international community must stand united in refusing to grant legitimacy to, or engage with, a group that refuses to end terrorism and recognize the right of Israel to secure existence—as required by successive Palestinian-Israeli agreements. plan, to disarm the terrorists and dismantle their infrastructure.

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