



KOL ECHAD

Forestdale Heights Lodge #2667

March 2007

Adar/Nisan 5767

Purim 5767

This year FHL will be taking part in three CVS programs at Purim.



On **Saturday, March 3**, at 7:30 p.m., FHL will head to 4300 Bathurst for its annual *Megillah* reading. If you are coming, please RSVP to Carl Zeliger at 905-669-2732 or email czeliger@wisebrodzeliger.ca

The next day, **Sunday, March 4**, we will be sponsoring a Purim Dance at the Reena Battle Centre, 927 Clark Avenue West (west of Bathurst Street).

The program will run from 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. If are coming, please RSVP Barry Gordon at 416-631-8261 or email barrysgordon@sympatico.ca.

Members of FHL are invited to take part in B'nai Brith's Annual Purim Parcel Delivery on **Sunday, March 4**,

Delivery begins from 15 Hove at 8:30 a.m. or you can pick up your parcels the Friday before at 15 Hove before 1 p.m.



*Come on out in costume and celebrate Purim with FHL.
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KOL ECHAD



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Saturday, March 3	Megillah reading
Sunday, March 4	Purim Dance@Reena
Sunday, March 4	Purim Parcel Delivery
Monday, March 12	Election Meeting
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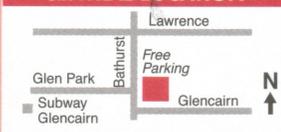
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Editor's Desk

A commercial aired many years ago asking viewers "I can see the difference. Can you see the difference?"



I thought of that line at the start of February as my family and I headed up to our favourite summer retreat, Fern Resort, in Orillia, for a winter weekend getaway.

I know what many of you are asking yourselves: why would anyway head to the frigid north for a winter holiday? It all started last summer when my daughter, Jordana, won a showcase bingo game with the grand prize being a weekend away at Fern during the winter of 2007. As it was the end of semester for high school students, we thought the timing was perfect.

Of course the timing was not the only perfect thing we realized upon our arrival. We discovered the hustle-bustle of the summer had given way to a winter wonderland on Lake Couchiching.

Everywhere you turned you were surrounded by snow. Yes it was cold, but it was exhilarating.

Generally speaking, I am not a winter person. I never have been and long for the day when the snow and cold gives way to sun and warmth. Yet I was struck by the beauty of the place in the winter.

I could have cocooned myself for the duration of the weekend, taking

part only in the many indoor games and activities offered. However I have never been one to pass up the chance to try something new.

Years ago I learned to kayak at Fern. I even tried water skiing one year, an experience that did not go over particular well.

This time out, my ears perked up when the program director announced that he would be leading a group of snowshoers on a trek across the lake.

When the time came, I strapped on a pair of snowshoes and joined a group on this journey across the lake to a nearby island. It was an



incredible experience. In a way I was actually walking on water and got the opportunity to see the resort from a new vantage point.

We finally reached the island which I normally kayak to in the summer and walked around it before heading back.

You know, life is really too short to sit back and wait for things to happen. Sometimes you have to take a chance and try new things.

I am certainly glad that I did.

Shalom

Jeff Rosen

Election Meeting

**Monday, March 12
15 Hove
Dinner 6:30 followed by meeting at 7 p.m.**

**Please RSVP to Barry Gordon by March 5
at (416) 631-8261
or e-mail barrysgordon@sympatico.ca**

*Come out to this important meeting and help shape
the future of Forestdale Heights Lodge*

Nominations

The following members have been nominated to serve on the executive of Forestdale Heights Lodge for the year 2007-2008. All nominations will be ratified at the lodge's annual election meeting to be held March 12, 2007.

President:	Bonnie Kates
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President's Pen



The climate is changing. The earth is warming up, and there is now overwhelming scientific evidence that it is happening, and we humans are responsible for it. With global warming on the increase and species and their habitats on the decrease, chances for ecosystems to adapt naturally are diminishing. Many agree that climate change is one of the greatest threats facing the planet.

The winter we have had, was in essence not really, what we Canadians view as winter. Sure, we had some nasty cold days, and even some snowfalls, but nothing like what any of us remember winter was, when we were kids.

In recent years temperatures have been rising, with more extreme weather patterns happening all over the world. Most of the world agrees that something needs to be done about global warming and climate change. The first stumbling block, however, has been trying to get an agreement on a framework on how to go about doing this. Canada doesn't have a great track record on working towards this.

Most industrialized countries and many large corporations have been against climate change treaties due to

the fear of the threat to their economy and profits if they have to make substantial changes. Many corporations fear that the way they do business has been the primary contributor to the problem.

If business continues as usual, our current rate of fossil fuel consumption indicates that our planet is in serious trouble. I'm not a scientist, but I only need to look out my window to realize the weather patterns have dramatically changed.

We need to curtail our use of fossil fuels. As individuals we can help in the short term. We need to drive smaller vehicles, heat and cool our buildings more moderately. We need to purchase more energy efficient appliances. We need to switch over to the compact fluorescent light bulbs to reduce our consumption of electricity. Each of us must our part to make a difference.

Now is the time for technology to stand up and be counted, we need alternative sources of energy—today. We have brilliant minds in our universities who have the knowledge and the key to help us meet the targets of the Kyoto Protocol. What we need is to have business invest in the technology and the minds of our scientists to stop the destruction of our planet.

Bonnie Kates

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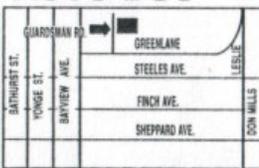
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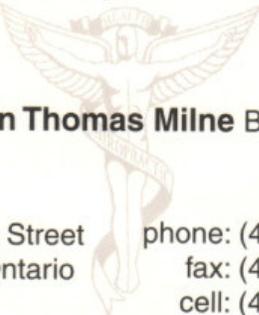
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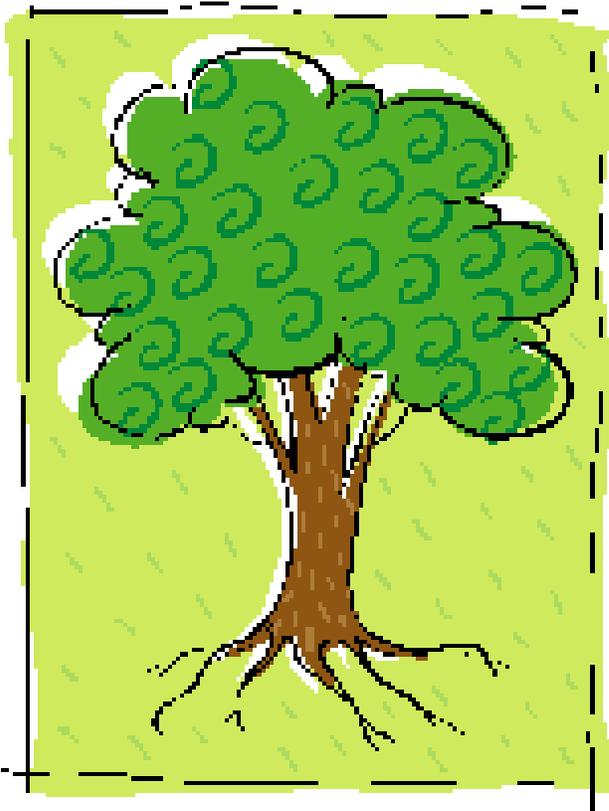
Sandy's Scripts



As I sat down at my computer not knowing what I would write about this month, I had hoped that by the time I got to the end of this sentence I would have a plan.

No such luck!

So, when in doubt, talk about the weather.....or something. Na, too boring, too cold, not warm enough, too much snow, ice, wind chill – we know all that. I've got to go back to the drawing board.



I know I can talk about our lodge! What can I say? It must be a good lodge because I keep coming back. For that matter, so do our new members who we really appreciate being a part of our lodge.

As we approach our 40th anniversary, I can see why the members have enjoyed a variety of programs over the years. We are given the opportunity to have input, express our views and take on a personal commitment to keep our lodge thriving and successful. It has been said many times before, we are not a lodge of quantity but we are one of quality.

But the buck doesn't stop here, if we all asked one friend to come to a meeting, just think of all the possible members we could have. We, as members, are communication vehicles for our lodge. Coming from us, we can't miss!

As we recently celebrated *Tu B'Shvat*, "Jewish Arbour Day," that is the New Year for Trees; we bless and eat fruits native to Israel. It's a time of appreciating the earth and what it provides. So do we also appreciate our own growth and that of our families and friends.

Until the next time.

Sandy Gordon

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

When Harvey Silver called to remind me that my article for the Horizon is due soon, I went into a minor shock. It has come. The monster is here to eat me. For, while I have always had a million ideas, a million reasons to produce an article, I have never been good at saying them out loud or writing them down in an intelligent, coherent and readable manner. Over the years I've had to rely on other people to help me and the problem exists to this day. So I am informing you that my articles and speeches will be my ideas but will be ghost written. And now I want to thank the ghost. Therefore I take this opportunity to thank my wife Felice for donning the ghost costume and for supporting me in taking on the role I play in the Lodge. Thank you Honey! I appreciate all that you do.

What a fantastic installation we just had! I have heard from many of the members, guests and their spouses that they enjoyed the evening and had a great time. Mission Accomplished! The Installation Chairman, Albert Ohana, and his Committee and Honey Ohana are to be congratulated for their efforts.

I would like to congratulate Arthur on his choice for major award recipients and to offer my congratulations to those winners: Bernie Silverman, Albert Ohana, Harvey Akman, and Michael Holtzman. Congratulations to the newly elected Executive and I want to thank each and every person who has accepted a Chair. I hope you will enjoy an exciting and successful year at your endeavours. A special thanks to Steve Eisenbaum for volunteering to take on the Financial and Recording Secretary position.

We have set some goals for this Lodge and this year's Executive, and I will delve into them in the next issue of Horizon. One of our goals is to bring into the Lodge 7 new members by Dec. 31, 1998. As of today we have 4 paid-up new members and 4 potential new members. A great big Forestdale Heights welcome and congratulations to Jerry and Merlene Leiderman, Mark Silver and Shane Snider. In order to facilitate our goal we will be voting on a change of dues for spouses, students (related or otherwise), and non-working individuals. The proposed dues for the above is \$50. The vote will take place at our general meeting on May 4. This proposal has the support of the current Executive.

I have asked Stanley Horowitz to be our Chairman for a special project, which I feel is necessary for our connection to the past and our link to the future. This Herculean task is expected to be a 4 year project, hopefully completed in time for our 35th Anniversary. Stanley, along with Nate Salter as his co-chairman and writer, is charged with the responsibility of compiling, organizing, consolidating and presenting all our history from the past 31 years, from the conception of F.H.L. to the present. This will include artifacts, memorabilia, notes, letters, Horizons, pictures, thank yous, etc. organized into artistic representation, so that we will always have a permanent, documented and visual history of our Lodge. We can display it at future events, beginning with our 35th Anniversary. From there on, I hope it will be kept up-dated yearly toward our 50th Anniversary.

The Convention this year takes place in Ottawa, Sunday June 14 and Monday June 15. We are allowed 4 delegates. At this time Harvey Silver and I are the only confirmed delegates. We need a strong presence there. I urge you, if you can spare the time off work, to come with us. It's a great experience. I have spoken to Harvey Silver regarding entering the Bulletin Awards Competition. We wish Irv Pupko, Bernie Silverman, Jeff Rosen and Harvey Silver good luck. I also look forward to entering our scrapbook of the C.V.S. program into the competition. We wish Bernie Silverman and his committee good luck on this one also.

I want to wish each and every member and all our families a Happy Pesach. For those members who are able to take part in our Annual Passover Tzedaka activities, my heartfelt thanks!

I look forward to an exciting and interesting year for us and F.H.L.

Shelly

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FHL@40

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

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

1997: President Arthur Eisenbaum

Timeline

March 22: Megillah Reading, 4300 Bathurst

April 20: Delivery of Passover baskets

April 13: 30th Anniversary Installation

May 25: UJA Walk-a-Thon

May 27: Speaker Linda Keanny from Oakville Hospital speaks on diabetes

August 10: BBQ at 15 Torresdale, BBC Dan Family Building

1998: President Sheldon Luftspring

Timeline

February 8: Vaughan Winterfest

March 21: Installation @ Paradise Ballroom

May 16: Lodge Social at Casino Rama

May 24: Israel 50 Fun Walk

June 8: Budget Meeting

July 1: Vaughan Canada Day celebrations

August 16: Lodge Picnic at 15 Torresdale

November 2: Karen Mock, National Director of League for Human Rights speaker

December 13: Chanukah party

December 14: Movie Night for lodge members

Around the Lodge

Horizon gets old/new editor back after 2½ year absence

Horizon launches its first website <http://www.geocities.com/Area51/Nebula/4768/>

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Good & Welfare

March Birthdays

Michael Pacter – March 9
Marc Pollock – March 12
David Gorender – March 21
Sonya Holtzman – March 22
Ray Moscoe – March 22



March Anniversary

Marla & Avery Matlow – March 26

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.



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Truth, Light and Freedom Rally

By STAN ZELIGER

On December 21, 2006, I was privileged to attend a hastily organized rally at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, under the banner "Truth, Light and Freedom." My wife, Janet, my daughter, Shira, and I are grateful to have attended this rally at which political and religious leaders, Holocaust survivors and witnesses, the host, Linda Frum Sokolowski of the National Post, and the keynote speaker, Professor Alan Dershowitz, condemned the recent Holocaust denial conference in Iran.

It was gratifying to see the near capacity attendance at the rally, given the short notice. UJA Federation is to be congratulated for very professionally organizing a striking event that was web cast around the world to address alarming developments.

The conference in Iran had already been roundly denounced by most of the world's leading responsible governments and derided as a collection of lunatics and misfits who desecrated the memory of those who perished in the Holocaust and insulted the survivors.

One might ask, why Federation would undertake the huge effort of bringing together the rally. Professor Dershowitz, answered this question when he stated, "the purpose of Holocaust denial is to de-legitimize Israel, to demonize Jews and to legitimate attacks on Israel and attacks on Jews.

"When the President of Iran says that he will wipe Israel off the world, he doesn't mean the regime in Israel. He knows that the only way to wipe Israel off the face of the map is to wipe Israelis off the face of the earth. That is incitement to genocide," said Dershowitz.

He announced that humanitarians, like former Canadian justice minister, MP Irwin Cotler, were joining him in drafting an indictment against the Iranian President Ahmadinejad for incitement to genocide.

It would appear that the present UN sanctions will do little if anything to deter Iran's determined rush to acquire nuclear weapons, nor might the condemnation of responsible world leaders, nor this proposed indictment.

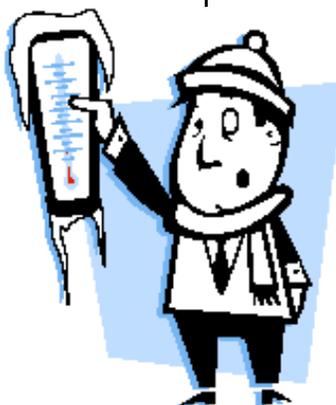
Israel's Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has said, "Because an Iranian nuclear bomb would affect the entire world, the problem must be solved by the international community." However, the international community's efforts are currently far from adequate. Because the Iranian nuclear installations are buried and shielded by population centers, a direct military response would appear too horrible to countenance. However, the prospect of Iran armed with nuclear bombs is even more horrible to contemplate and must not be allowed.

Accordingly, Dershowitz appealed for everyone to personally devote two hours a week to work on advocating for every effort to be taken in order to deter the Iranian leadership from their diabolical plans. In the end, all such efforts may be insufficient to avoid a horrible outcome; but how can our collective conscience allow us not to make every effort that we possibly can?

Random Musings



Even though it is the shortest month of the year, I've always found February to be difficult. February usually reminds me that humans are, in fact, members of the animal kingdom, as my natural inclination is to eat carbs and hibernate. I think those who devised the calendar knew what they were doing when they made February short. Oh sure, there is probably a scientific reason for this, but do I care? I'm just happy that soon it will be March.



Don't get me wrong. I love a good winter, the wind and snow howling outside. I don't even mind the sub-zero temperatures; they perk me up. It's the dreary grey days in between that get me down. Some have labelled this tendency a syndrome, Seasonal Affective Disorder, or SAD for short. They link it with lack of sunlight. There must be something to this, because on grey days it seems a

monumental task to get moving. Perhaps February is a greyer than normal month in Ontario.

On bright sunny days, even if the air is bitter cold and I've only had 3 or 4 hours' sleep, the energy is back as if it were springtime. If there's snow on the ground, so much the better. After all, snow reflects the sun and makes the world brighter. Perhaps that's why we recognize the beauty of winter when cross-country skiing. As long as one bundles up in layers, winter can truly be appreciated as an exhilarating opportunity for adventure. On a spectacularly bright day, I can almost convince myself that snow is

the Canadian counterpart to sand on a tropical beach.

Fortunately for my family, yesterday was a very sunny day. The house got a thorough cleaning from top to bottom. That ought to hold it until the next bright day. Until then, we're back to the basics.

Talk to you in March.

Elizabeth Bloom

Race Night



On January 21, Forestdale Heights Lodge went to Woodbine Racetrack for our lodge's annual **Night at the Races** for an evening of exciting harness races, great food and company.

The Forestdale Heights contingent included Barry and Sandy Gordon, Bonnie and Michael Kates, Marla and Avery Matlow, Liz and Shalome Matlow, Ray and Rosalie Moscoe, Ruth Pupko, Jeff and Lisa Rosen, Harvey and Debbi Silver, and Carl and Debbie

Zeliger.

We were joined by members of Don Mills Lodge, as well as a few friends and relatives of our own lodge members. It was great to see so many Forestdale Heights members out for this program.

At the end of the evening, everyone came away a winner, simply for having come out to this most enjoyable social evening. A few of us even managed to walk away with more *gelt* than they came in with.



Thanks go to Michael Kates for taking over this special annual social program and ensuring another successful outing.



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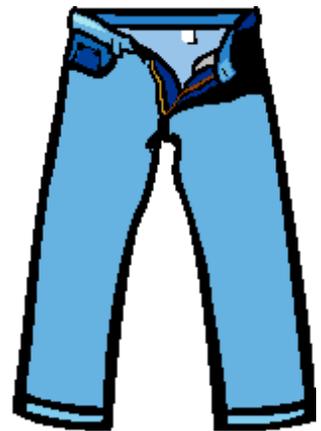
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40th Gala Anniversary

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