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## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Installation



### Forestdale Heights Lodge

**Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Cocktails 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m.**

**Beth Radom Congregation, 18 Reiner Road**

**Cost: \$30 per person**

**Guests: \$40 per person**

**Don't forget to return your RSVP card by May 19**

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# What's New

**Sunday, May 22** – B'nai Brith Canada Annual General Meeting, 15 Hove.

**Sunday, May 29** – 38th Annual FHL Installation to be held at Beth Radom Synagogue, 18 Reiner Road starting at. 5:30 p.m.  
Cost is \$30/person or \$60/couple for members; \$40/ person for non-member guests. Program will include a full course sit-down dinner.

**Sunday, June 19** – Mount Sinai Hospital Walk/Run for The Best Medicine.  
Start time 9 a.m. Volunteers Needed. Further details to be announced.

**Monday, June 13** – Budget Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at 15 Hove to be preceded by dinner at 6:30. Please RSVP Albert Ohana at (416) 960-1857 or email [salon\\_piaff@rogers.com](mailto:salon_piaff@rogers.com)

**Monday, September 12** – Opening Meeting

**Sunday, October 16** – Brunch & Meeting

**Monday, November 14** – Dinner Meeting

**Monday, December 12** – Dinner Meeting

## Kol Echad Deadlines

July/August Issue - June 10, 2005  
September Issue - August 10, 2005  
October/Rosh Hashanah Issue - September 9, 2005  
November Issue - October 14, 2005  
December Issue - November 11, 2005  
January Issue - December 9, 2005

# As I See It



Spring is here, and some need stirs me to plant in the garden. Years ago when we moved to our house, it was a cow pasture of mud. I longed to get my shovel into the earth and make a garden and put some color into the mud that was called my backyard.

I would wander garden nurseries having visions of growing wonderful plants, flowers and an assortment of vegetables. I fanaticized about, having our own salad fixings right outside our back door. Eventually it came to pass and it was good.

In our second year of home ownership we were finally able to take a spade to the soil, till it and begin our garden. A cousin brought us some rhubarb and raspberry plants from his garden for transplanting into ours. In among the soil, was a two-inch maple sapling. I decided to plant it. I scratched at the earth with my finger and inserted the maple sapling into the soil. I roped it off with *Popsicle* sticks and dental floss for fear the hubby would mow it over it when he cut the grass.

He teased me about planting that sapling—but I told him as we watched that

tree grow, it would be in tandem with watching our children grow. That maple tree is now well over 70 feet tall. It shades our patio and offers us much delight on a warm day and I marvel how magnificent that tree has become.

Our children have grown beyond what we could have imagined on the day they came into this world. This summer we will have the pleasure of bringing our oldest son to the “*chupah*”.

How that newborn child has grown. Like my tree, my first born is beautiful, strong, a joy and a magnificent man. How I wished that our parents could be here with us to share in our *nachus*, of the seed we planted so long ago.

May you and your love ones have a kosher and joyous *Pesach*.



*Bonnie Kates*

# Good & Welfare

## May Birthdays

Barry Gordon – May 15  
Morris Shapransky – May 19

## June Birthdays

Harvey Silver – June 6  
Jeff Rosen – June 12  
Irving Pupko – June 27

## June Anniversaries

Michael & Bonnie Kates – June 10  
Richard & Honi Sacks – June 13  
Barry & Sandy Gordon – June 15  
Ivan & Elizabeth Bloom – June 27  
Marc & Anna Pollock – June 29  
Stan & Fran Sussman – June 29  
Irving & Ruth Pupko – June 30  
Stan & Carol Udell – June 30

**MAZEL TOV TO:**  
Michael & Bonnie Kates  
on the engagement of their son  
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# A Note From Your President



What a year it has been. Both Pope John Paul II and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat have passed on, the religious right took to the streets in Florida over the case of a woman whose brain had long since atrophied and opposition leaders constantly threaten to bring down Prime Minister Paul Martin's minority government.

All this and we're not even at the half way point of 2005 yet. Usually the best is saved for last. If so, maybe its time to pick up another bag of popcorn because if the rest of the year is anything like the first quarter, it's shaping up to be a very strange one.

Besides all the changes around the world, I was saddened to learn that the president of B'nai Brith Canada was stepping down for personal reasons after only one term. Although I did not get to know Harold Davis that well, from what I have discovered is that he is a man of honor and integrity. He will be greatly missed.

I guess when it comes right down to it, the only thing that ever remains constant

is change itself. That goes for this bulletin as well. It was not until I sat down to put this column together when I realized that this would be my final column as the president of Forestdale Heights Lodge. It is hard to believe that it has been two years since I became the 30th leader of this great lodge. So much has happened, most of which was unplanned and unexpected.

Now it is all coming to an end.

I feel a certain sadness that is almost over, yet it is a great feeling that I was able to serve in this post at this pivotal time in our lodge's history.

It is certainly something that I will always treasure and cherish. I wish our new president and her executive all the best wishes. She knows I will always be there to work for the betterment of our lodge.

So, is this the end of my involvement with Kol Echad? Not by a long shot! Our incoming president has asked and I have accepted the position of editor.

Once again, one door is closing, while a new one is sliding open.

I will therefore be able to continue my dialogue with you on a regular basis.

So, until the next time we meet in this forum I would like to wish all members and their families Chag Samayach. May everyone have a great Pesach celebration.

*Shalom*

*Jeff Rosen*

# Sandy's Scripts

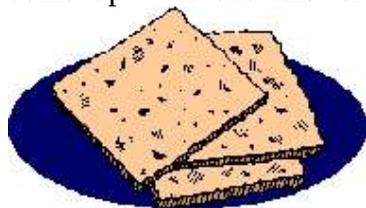


It's the time of year when I think about Pesach preparations. This year though, it is going to be very difficult. The first Seder being on a Saturday night after Shabbas complicates every-

thing. Unless we eat Pesachdik much earlier than usual, how can we make plans for a Chametzdik Shabbas on the Friday and Saturday meals prior?

I pondered this question and could only come up with one answer – we can't.

We have to burn the Chametz on Friday rather the day the



Yuntif starts. There is no beating around the bush on this one! We have to find a way to make it simple.

What to do next? Have an anxiety attack? No, we can do *it* – I mean, I can do *it*. First I have to decide what the “*It*” means. Okay, put things into perspective – what has been done in previous years and what has to be done Until the next time.

different to make it happen? Normally I would begin my cooking and allow myself two full days of cooking. This year I can't cook Saturday until after Shabbos, so that's not a plan.

The way it is going to happen in our house is that the place will be Pesachdik by Wednesday night. I will have to plan out



my cooking strategy and the job is done! The only other thing is to make sure I keep my chalah for Shabbas in another room, make Hamotzi and eat Pesachdik at the table. This plan will work!

Every Pesach, I think back to my childhood Seders at my grandparent's home and 13 grandchildren sitting around the table. I might have thought then how boring, but now I think how wonderful!

I do it now for my children and future grandchildren and will continue to pass along the traditions of Passover.

Have a Happy Kosher Pesach. Chag Samayach!

*Sandy Gordon*

# *Royal Canadian Air Farce*

On March 31, about 20 members of Forestdale Heights Lodge, along with some family and friends, enjoyed a taping of the Royal Canadian Air Farce, at CBC, in their 10<sup>th</sup> floor studio.



Once inside the studio we watched the crew prepare for the show. Jimmy O'Toole (aka Roger Abbott) came out to the studio audience and started the skit for the "News from Afar". The taping began and the jokes and laughter were abundant with every phrase and pause. The second set was Liz Taylor (*aka* Luba Goy) and Liza Minnelli (*aka* Jessica Holmes).

After the cameras stopped rolling, the cast players went into the crowd and entertained us with more jokes and laughter. The last skit was a spin-off of *Coronation Street* when they talk about beer and a little spill, of Nova Scotia brew.

Everyone enjoyed the CBC symphony orchestra, as they are called but there are a troupe of merely two consisting of a guitar and base player who entertained and interacted between sets with the audience. They were great and kept up the hilarious momentum.

The evening was enjoyed by everyone. Hoping to see you next year for another taping.

*Barry Gordon*

# Purim Megila Programme

On the evening of March 24 we continued our warm tradition of organizing the Purim Megila reading and party at the 4300 Bathurst St. B'nai Brith residence. This has been a meaningful annual event for both the residence and our lodge.

It is apparent that if this programme did not take place many of the residents would not experience the joy of the Purim holiday or partake in the mitzvah of hearing the megila. This year over 120 attended our event. Gregars and megilas with Hebrew or English translation were passed around to the residents. After the megila reading refreshments were handed out including hamentashen. A number of children were also in attendance.



The actual megila reading was handled beautifully by Joshua Gutenberg. Josh is the third member of the Gutenberg family to help carry out this mitzvah. His father, Alan, was our first reader who in time passed the tradition on initially to his eldest son and now to his youngest son. Josh's grandfather, Rabbi Joseph Kelman, was also in attendance.

A number of our lodge members and their wives were present to enjoy the festivities and to kindly volunteer their services. Those in attendance included Jeff and Lisa Rosen and their daughter Jordana, Michael and Bonnie Kates, Barry and Sandy Gordon, Irv and Ruth Pupko, Stan and Janet Zeliger, Debby Zeliger and our son Josh, and Harvey and Debbie Silver. We were also very pleased that Eli and Pauline Goldberg from Don Mills lodge could be with us on this happy occasion and their assistance was much appreciated.

Let me thank all of you and please accept my apologies if I have overlooked the name of anyone else in attendance.

Our programme is an event all of us should be very proud to have as a regular part of our lodge calendar. Pearl Gladman who has attended over many of the years recognizes this as one of the best annual community volunteer programmes in B'nai Brith. Congratulations Forestdale Heights.



*Carl Zeliger*

# Forestdale Funnies

## A Passover Explanation



As Moses was leading the children of Israel through thru parted walls of the Red Sea, some of the children complained of thirst after walking so far. Unfortunately, they weren't able to drink from the walls of salt water on each side of them.

Then a fish from the wall of water stuck his head out and spoke to Moses. He told him his family had heard the children's complaint, and that they could, thru their own gills, remove the salt from their water, and then force it out of their mouths like a fresh water fountain for the Israelites to drink from!

But, said the fish, before his family began to help, they had one demand. They wanted to be a part of history, and wanted to always be apart of the Seder meal to commemorate the Exodus. Moses readily agreed to this, and gave them their name which remains to this very day. He said to them ... "Go, Filter Fish."

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# Obituary for Mr. Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Mr. Common Sense.

Mr. Sense had been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such value lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm and that life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge).

His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place.

Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Mr. Sense declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student; but, could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, she spilled a bit in her lap, and was awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

He is survived by two stepbrothers; My Rights and Ima Whiner. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on; if not, join the majority and do nothing.

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## And Finally

### Moses Talks to a Bush

Recently while going through an airport during one of his many trips, President Bush encountered a man with long hair, wearing a white robe, and sandals, holding a staff.

President Bush went up to the man and said, "Aren't you Moses?" The man never answered but just kept staring straight ahead. Again the President said, "Moses!" in a loud voice. The man just kept staring ahead, never answering the President. Bush pulled a Secret Service agent aside and pointing to the robed man asked him, "Doesn't that man look like Moses to you?"

The Secret Service agent agreed.

Well," said the President, "Every time I say his name he just keeps staring straight ahead and refuses to speak. Watch!" Again the President yelled, "Moses!" and again the man stared ahead and didn't answer.

The Secret Service agent went up to the man in the white robe and whispered, "You look just like Moses. Are you Moses?" The man leaned over and whispered back...

"Yes, I am Moses. However, the last time I talked to a bush I spent 40 years wandering in the desert, and ended up leading my people to the only spot in the entire Middle East where there is no oil."