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*This will be our final meeting before we break for the summer*



# KOL ECHAD



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**Sunday, April 29**  
**Sunday, May 27**  
**Monday, June 18**

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# Editor's Desk

One person can make a difference and bring about significant change in the world.



In today's world – in which we are consumed by conflicting demands and hectic schedules – most of us (including myself) often get annoyed at what we perceive as injustices in the system. Whether it involves dealing with government bureaucracy, family, jobs or even one's social life, I'm sure that most of us could identify at least one thing that they wish were done differently.

Most of the time we believe we are incapable of changing the system, so we shrug off the problem and assume it will be corrected in the course of time or that someone else will do something.

However, one does not have to be a world leader – or even a lodge president – to bring about change.

Even if it involves doing something as simple as writing a letter to the editor or signing a petition, we can and should speak out when we disagree with something.

Since U.S. President Harry Truman popularized the phrase, "*The buck stops here*" back in the 1950s much has changed. However, the meaning behind it has not.

I started thinking about the issue of involvement a few weeks back while

walking through a nearby park on my way to buy bagels one Sunday morning.

I live in a townhouse complex and a few years ago mentioned to one of the candidates running for president, that the park needed lights. I thought it was dangerous to walk through the dark park at night.

At the time she told me that the board of directors had thought that a light park would attract undesirable characters. However, I pressed my point and we parted ways.

This past winter I was surprised to see light standards going up throughout the park. Whether it was in reaction to something I said, I will never know. I like to believe I played a small part.

The thing is, I saw something I disagreed with and gave it a voice.

The same process should occur whenever we disagree with something. If you object to how the schools are being run, speak out. If you find your political representative is not acting in your best interests, speak out. If you disagree with something going on within the Jewish community, speak out.

Not only is it your right, but your duty as well.

*Shalom*

*Jeff Rosen*

# Good & Welfare

## May Birthdays

Barry Gordon – May 15

Morris Shapransky – May 19



FHL wishes Irv Pupko a speedy recovery after his unfortunate accident in which he broke his ankle during a freak April snow storm.

FHL expresses condolences to Morris Shapransky and family on the passing of his brother-in-law.

*If you have something special happening in your life that you would like listed in Good & Welfare, send it to [jelijo@sympatico.ca](mailto: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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# President's Pen



In just a couple of weeks, we will be celebrating Forestdale Heights' 40<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Gala Committee has been hard at work, planning it all down to the last fine detail. If we have missed getting in contact with anyone, please let us know ASAP and encourage them to join our *simcha*. It is guaranteed to be exciting, fun and a chance to catch up with old friends. I know it will be a wonderful trip down memory lane.

Now is the time for us to boast about our accomplishments. It's time to toot our horn and blow the trumpet about our achievements. How we helped make our city a better place because of the many Community Volunteer Programs we either assisted or initiated.

Do you remember those bingos down on Church Street in the early years and then later on at Don Mills and Lawrence? What about those budget meetings that lasted well into the wee hours of the night? Do you recall the picnics, and the Chanukah parties that were a family affair? Meetings that they served homemade Chilli that would bring tears to the eyes of its members. How many of you participated in our bowling, hockey and baseball teams? Who remembers those three-day conventions in the Catskills, and the annual Jerry Lewis Telethon? One could write a book on them alone. Do you

recall the Purim party that made 22 of us sick with salmonella, leaving some of us even hospitalized?

What about those disco and square dancing socials we used to have? How many auctions did we plan and execute? Did you ever participate in our own Forestdale Heights Lodge \$1.99 beauty contest? Were you there when we handed over the keys of a handicapped bus, purchased with funds raised by Forestdale Heights Lodge, to Villa Children's Hospital?

I encourage all of you to take a look around your house for any photographs, or lodge memorabilia that will add to the evening that you can share with us all. I hope that sometime during the evening you will take a moment and come to the podium and tell a Forestdale Heights story reminiscing about

our glorious past with those who remember it and those who still are learning about the Forestdale history. If something made you laugh or there was a heart warming event that has stuck in your mind, we want to hear it.

We will continue to write the history and future of our lodge, with your help. Come out to celebrate with us all on **Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>** and let us make new memories in writing the future of our lodge. Happy Birthday Forestdale Heights Lodge. See you at the gala.

*Bonnie Kates*



# CVS: Black Tie & Denim

On Saturday, March 31, members of Forestdale Heights Lodge, together with counterparts from Don Mills and a few friends of the lodge, headed downtown to the CBC Atrium to help out in Epilepsy Toronto's Black Tie & Denim gala evening.

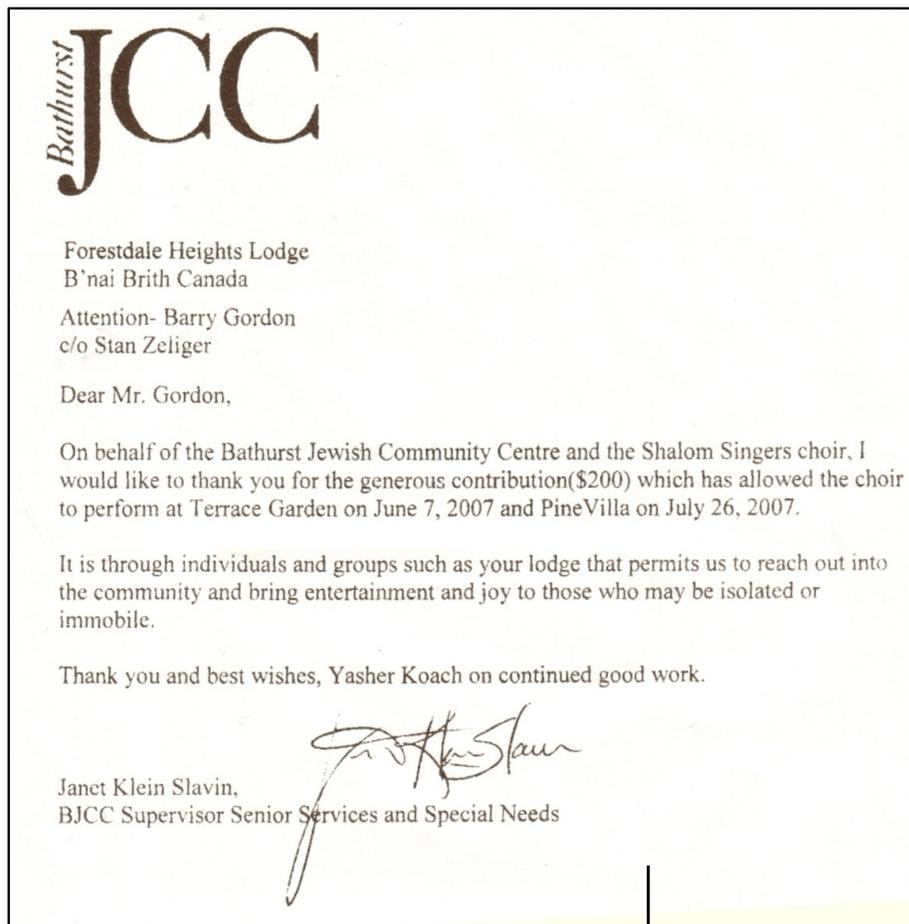
The fundraiser featured an auction of art, wine, fantastic getaways, hockey related items and dining experiences in support of Epilepsy Toronto. It began with a preview of live and silent auction items, followed by dinner, a live auction and entertainment.

Our team was well placed throughout the event to lend whatever assistance was required. We acted as bid spotters for the auctioneer, who managed to keep



the action flowing and entertaining throughout the long evening. Our members helped to work the silent auction tables and were situated behind the cash/checkout counter.

Among those lodge members lending their support for the evening were Bonnie & Michael Kates, Lisa & Jeff Rosen, Marla & Avery Matlow and Liz Matlow.





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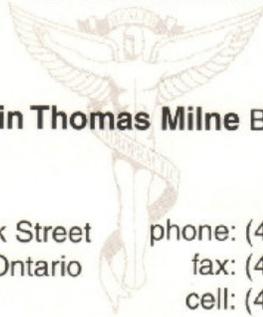
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**From first issue of Kol Echad**

*A Note From Your President*

**ONCE** upon a time, in a land far, far, away, there were two B'nai Brith lodges, Forestdale Heights Lodge and Don Mills Lodge. These two lodges were having some problems, mainly the decline of membership, and the lack of participation by its members.

These two lodges, through various discussions and an inevitable conclusion decided to try to combine themselves through joint programming and an eventual merger. The agreement has now been signed and the forces involved have started instituting the means to accomplish this monumental task.

We started this process last year by having a joint installation, which turned out fantastically. Today, May 26<sup>th</sup>, we are continuing this concept by holding our 2<sup>nd</sup> joint installation. I cannot tell you how important your participation is in attending this function.

Since this column marks the end of my first term as president, there are a few people that I would like to thank for all the work they have done this past year. Starting with my wife Bonnie: she is a terrific partner, mother and soon to be vice-president. My love for her grows stronger every year, and next month we will be celebrating our 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. I pray we have many more together.

Other much deserved thanks goes to Harvey Silver, Jeff Rosen, Stan Zeliger, Albert Ohana, Stan Horowitz, Dave Gorender, Shelly Luftspring, Art Eisenbaum, Carl Zeliger, Ivan Bloom, Ray Moscoe and Nate Salter for their commitment and hard work. Whomever I have missed, I apologize. May you all feel gratified that your efforts have made Forestdale Heights a name unto itself, not only as part of B'nai Brith Canada, but also as part of the community.

*Kol Kavod* to you all. The future does indeed looks bright.

*Michael Kates  
Forestdale Heights*

1967

FHL @ 40  
2007

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.

**2001: President Michael Kates**

**Timeline**

February 11: Diabetes & What it does to the eye  
March 8: Purim Megillah Reading, 4300 Bathurst Street  
March 12: Election Meeting  
June 3: 1<sup>st</sup> Combined Installation with Don Mills Lodge  
June 10: Concert Recital at Cheltenham Nursing Home  
June 25: Budget Meeting  
Sept. 5: Opening Meeting  
Sukkah Party: With DML at 54 Millbank  
October 20: Putting Edge mini-golf with DML  
November 18: Mamma Mia with DML  
December 16: Chanukah luncheon

**Around the Lodge**

Going into the 2001 election meeting, no one had been slated for the position of president.

**2002: President Michael Kates**

**Timeline**

January 19: Race Night at Woodbine  
February 16: Purim Dance  
March 25: Election Meeting  
April 21: Hair Cutting CVS Program at Salon Piaff  
May 26: 2<sup>nd</sup> Combined Installation with Don Mills Lodge  
July 7: Car Rally  
July 8: DMFH Meeting  
June 26: Budget Meeting  
Sept. 9: DMFH Budget Meeting  
Sept. 19: BBQ & Succah dedication at 4300 Bathurst St.  
October 6: Lodges visit to McMichael Gallery  
October 27: First of five free Yiddish classes  
November 9: Trivia Night

**Around the Lodge**

FHL approves an agreement to work together with DML for one year period.  
May 2002- Final Edition of *Horizon Kol Echad*, a joint publication of FHL & DML is launched, with Jeff Rosen & Hermy Gimpel co-editors

# Sandy's Scripts



It's Monday morning, just before *Pesach* and we have to burn the *Chometz*. But, first we must get rid of the garbage on our property. Whoever took the time to think that disposing of your garbage is an important part of *Pesach*? You rush like mad to get everything done and then you have to concentrate on the garbage. What's next? But it is important! If I lived in an apartment building, the garbage would be gone the second it hit the garbage chute.

In the past there was a special garbage pickup at a few locations in our area. One of those areas was always Clanton Park Shul. Unfortunately, we hadn't heard anything about it this year. We knew we had to get rid of our garbage. The only question remained was where to dispose of it. Our general pickup took place the Friday before. It would have been very convenient to live in an area where Monday a.m. was our garbage collection day? It was not meant to be. Superman said, "don't worry, we will find a place to dump it"!

That could mean a lot of things. On some unsuspecting homeowners' lawn, who by the way, might have just cleared their own property of *Chometz*, at a dumpster outside of one of the supermarkets or by chance an organized drop-off site that we might come across.

The first two of the above could come with a "dumping" fine.

We proceeded on our merry way with the odour ridden garbage in our car and the load shifting with every turn. We decided that before we took drastic measures, we would drive by and check out Clanton Park Shul. It was about 10:15 a.m. and if there was a pickup there, this was a good time. We approached Lowesmoore and luckily, we saw two garbage trucks being loaded. We were just in time to put our *Chometz* in its rightful place and out of the confines of our car. I could breathe again!

Whew! The job was done and now on to the next.

I hope everyone had a Healthy, Happy and Kosher *Pesach*!

Until the next time.

*Sandy Gordon*

# Random Musings



Music has always played a major role in my life. When I was young, I sang in choirs and played instruments. One of the instruments I became fairly proficient at playing was the viola, although I must admit that a tendency toward laziness impeded any significant advancement.

A viola resembles a large violin, but has a lower set of notes as its range. To me, the rich low tones of the viola have always been more pleasant than those of the violin, although I'm sure violinists would beg to differ. While attending high school, the camaraderie of playing in an orchestra and string ensemble, the blending of individual sounds to create a beautiful, cohesive piece of music was thrilling.

When it finally came time to leave high school, I begged my music teacher and orchestra conductor for permission to buy one of the old school violas, because of its deep mellow tone. To me it was priceless, and I would have paid anything the school requested. Alas, I was to be disappointed.

My parents and I finally found a new viola at a respectable music shop in Boston. This viola, although lovely, did not have the elusive, ethereal quality that I was seeking. While away from home for post-secondary school, I gradually lost

interest in pursuing the viola. It was not considered a cool instrument at the time, and I amused myself instead with strumming chords and singing accompaniment to guitar. The viola lay in its case, occasionally taken out for old time's sake, but my embarrassment at playing a classical instrument had won out.

Not long ago, I rosined up the bow and pulled this viola, now 37 years old, out of its near-pristine velvet-lined case. I hadn't forgotten the notes, but much of my skill had deteriorated. To my surprise, the viola had now developed a full rich tone, a depth that had been lacking all those years ago. Relating this turn of events to a friend, she noted that perhaps the wood of this viola had improved with age. How ironic, that as my skill had diminished; this under-appreciated viola had become further perfected, its rich tones matching the beauty of its red-brown wood.

Life is a funny thing. While sometimes things are on the upswing, still others are heading downward. Sometimes there is perfect synchronization and other times the struggle for balance is precarious. It takes maturity, patience and a bit of prescience to foresee the possibilities. It's taken 37 years for me to appreciate that some things improve with age. It is true that some lessons are better learned late than never. Other times we must let go of the past. I may just try to pick up that wonderfully aged viola in a more serious vein. Then again, I may not.

*Elizabeth Bloom*

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# *Forestdale Funnies*

Bill Clinton, Hillary Clinton and Al Gore were in a plane crash. They're up in Heaven, and G-d's sitting on the great white throne. G-d addresses Al first.

"Al, what do you believe in?"

Al replies, "Well, I believe I won that election, but that it was your will that I did not serve. And I've come to understand that now."

G-d thinks for a second and says, "Okay, very good. Come and sit at my left."

G-d then addresses Bill. "Bill, what do you believe in?"

Bill replies, "I believe in forgiveness. I've sinned, but I've never held a grudge against my fellow man, and I hope no grudges are held against me."

G-d thinks for a second and says, "You are forgiven, my son. Come and sit at my right."

G-d then addresses Hillary. "Hillary, what do you believe in?"

Hillary replies, "I believe you're sitting in my chair."

- Submitted by Morris Shapransky

## **Zareinu's 10<sup>th</sup> annual Moveathon is coming**

Being the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, the event is taking place over two days in new locations. The Moveathon Fair, the 20k family ride, the 10k run and the 2k loop is being held on June 10 in Downsview Park. This year's fair will feature a midway of rides and games, a food court, live entertainment throughout the day, and more!

The Moveathon Pro-Tour, our illustrious 100k and 50k rides, is taking place this year in Milton Ontario, on June 24.

Proceeds from the Moveathon support the Zareinu Educational and Treatment Centre, which provides daily care for children with a wide range of disabilities.

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March 20, 2007

Mrs. Bonnie Kates, President,  
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Dear Bonnie,

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