

KOLECHAD

Forestdale Heights Lodge #2667

November 2006

Cheshvan/Kislev 5767



Lodge Meeting

Monday, November 12

Dinner 6:30

**With meeting to follow
Starting time 7:15 p.m.
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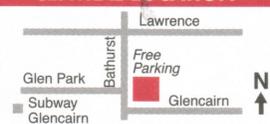
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Dear G-d:

It's been a while since we talked, but I really had to write to say thank you.

I'm sure you get that a lot. But then again, it seems these days everyone takes everything you do for granted.

Well not me this time. A month ago I went for a walk admiring nature in its finest as the leaves began to change from lush green to golden hues of orange and yellow. I realized that this beauty would be short lived before the colours faded and the leaves fell to the ground.

Even then I know there is so much beauty to be seen in the winter forests as decaying leaves pile season upon season.

Definitely creating the autumn season was one of your better moments.

I have to wonder though about those you left in charge of taking care of your house.

Most of us seem to be in too much of a hurry to realize what a real treasure we have down here.

If we are not polluting and destroying the world you left us, we are engaging in conflicts with our brothers.

I will never understand how any group can rightfully claim that this is "their" land. All this time I thought it was yours from the very start (that would be Genesis 1:1) Why can't we all just get along?

Even the oldest inhabitants of this country that I reside in, are temporary dwellers, at least from your point of view.



I've always thought that we are here for a brief sojourn to maintain your earthly paradise.

If we, as Jews, are really the chosen, then logically those of you who refer to you by another name must be our brothers and sisters and therefore also, your children.

Having a child of my own (thank you for that by the way), I know that no matter how much freedom you give a child, sooner or later they must be reigned in.

Its not enough to let them out to play with no rules to guide them.

Then again, maybe you have been trying to send us a subtle message. Could it be that all the recent floods, hurricanes, tsanamis and heat waves are your way of saying, that its time to respect the home you gave us before its too late?

It's funny that with all those people supposedly speaking in your name, not one of them seems to have heard you.

Perhaps it will take something less subtle. I certainly hope not. But then again, whom am I to say. It's your home. You got a great location here (third rock from the sun was prime space I heard). So why let your children mess it up?

Sooner or later you will decide. Maybe I, my daughter or grandkids will see it, maybe not. It all depends on how patient you are with your children.

I give you a lot of credit though. I wouldn't tolerate my kid messing up my house on a regular basis.

Shalom

Jeff Rosen

Good & Welfare

November Birthdays

Neil Snitman – November 1
Stan Horowitz – November 20
Michael Kates – November 23



November Anniversary

Allan & Lisa Brown – November 5

In last month's issue we had a special report on installation. Special thanks should have gone out to Barry Gordon and Honey Ohana for their invaluable assistance in making this year's affairs so successful.

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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One of the best things about reaching midlife is that I can now admit that I am not a superwoman. I have finally hung up my cape, and tights.

Now, I can just be me. I never looked good in that cape anyway.

I have finally given myself permission to be liberated, and accept that I cannot be all things, to all people. I like to consider myself an authentic, real woman.

There is a myth out there, admittedly nurtured by the women's movement – that we can bring home the bacon and cook it up too, that we can be brilliant in the workplace and superior on the home front. Make no mistake about it, I have never brought home the bacon, nor have I cooked it, and that is only because we keep a kosher kitchen. However, I am sure there were times I was brilliant in my



job and a domestic goddess in the home.

One of the nice things about being an older woman is accepting yourself as you are. This does not mean seeing yourself as a finished product. I am still a work in progress, and I hope I do not stop changing and evolving. So many women have held themselves back, deferred their dreams while they tried to be superwomen, but it just does not work.

One day you wake up and the kids are all gone. If you are lucky, like me, you have work that you enjoy, and that is one of the many rewards of finally admitting you cannot be a superwoman. If you have given your kids a strong sense of values, they come back to talk to you about their adult issues. You will find they still need you and value your opinion.

My younger friends have often asked me how do you juggle a career, manage a family, and do it all. My answer to them is, sometimes when juggling eggs you may have intended for them to be sunny side up, but if you drop one and it becomes scrambled, consider it all just part of maturing, accepting the whole package. Scrambled eggs can be tasty. No one ever said we women have to be a superwoman all of the time

Bonnie Kates

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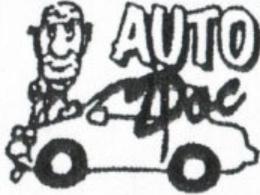
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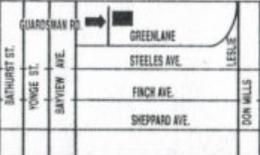
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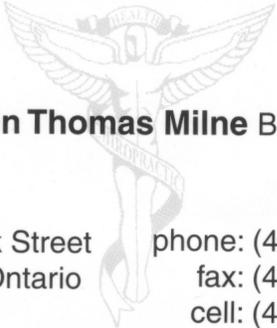


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Random Musings



Much to my chagrin, the world situation has been anything but stable.

One senses that we are on the precipice of monumental change. Some even refer to it as World War III.

The current situation requires people to look squarely into the eye of trouble. This requires courage. It is much easier to hide our heads in the sand and hope that what we

suspect about the world is not really a serious problem. As Jews, however, we do not have the luxury of deceiving ourselves. The more things are different, the saying goes, the more they are the same.

May we all have the courage to confront the truth, rise above our fears, and support those who take a strong and principled stand, even when there are those who say there is no need to pay heed.

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When you approach the egg case, you hear hens cluck and cackle and the air is filled with the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying.

The veggie department features the smell of fresh buttered corn.

I don't buy toilet paper there any more.

B'nai Brith International

Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad brought his well-known anti-Israel views to the world stage when he addressed the United Nations General Assembly in September. Ahmadinejad criticized what he called the United States' "blanket and unwarranted support" for Israel. And he complained about occupying forces in Israel, Lebanon, and Iraq.

B'nai B'rith International President Joel S. Kaplan expressed outrage at Ahmadinejad's distorted view of the Middle East. "This is a man who has publicly stated he wants to wipe Israel off the face of the earth, vehemently denies the Holocaust ever happened, and points to Western civilization as the cause of all the problems of the world. He funds terrorists and promotes hate. Ahmadinejad possesses tunnel vision, and is not fit to be the leader of his nation."

Ahmadinejad spent some of his UN address displaying a purposely revised knowledge of the history of Israel. During a section of his speech complaining about how Israel was created, he failed to acknowledge that few other groups of people have been as persecuted and displaced as the Jews.

Ahmadinejad also spent time talking about the fate of the Palestinian people. But he conveniently neglected to mention that the billions of dollars in international aid that the Palestinian Authority accepted has yet to be invested in new housing or infrastructure. Iran has done nothing to help the Palestinian people.

Throughout his address, Ahmadinejad revealed a startling double standard. He freed himself and his country from the standards he called on Israel to live by. This is a dangerous pattern that influences thinking at the highest levels at the U.N. The latest example of this occurred recently when Craig Mokhiber, deputy to United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Louise Arbour, was speaking at a U.N. forum. He equated the intolerant, racist, anti-Semitic regimes of Iran and Sudan to alleged human rights violations in a democracy such as Israel.

B'nai B'rith International finds it unconscionable that a United Nations official would equate Israel with Iran and Sudan on any level.

"Mokhiber refuses to acknowledge the realities of the oppressive regimes of Iran and Sudan," said BBI Executive Vice President Daniel S. Mariaschin. "To have a U.N. official group the democracy of Israel in with such notorious human rights abusers is obscene."

A double standard exists for leaders such as Ahmadinejad. The Iranian President lambasted other nations for "occupation of countries and exacerbation of hostilities" without mentioning his own country's policies. Iran effectively rules parts of Lebanon and provides marching orders and funding to the murderous Hezbollah. Unfortunately, this is what we have come to expect from Ahmadinejad. But, when United Nations' officials exhibit the same myopia, it is especially troubling.

Allocations

At the September meeting of FHL, the following items were presented to the body, and allocation of funds was approved as follows:

- **Cuban Synagogue Project** (*with the proviso that additional research on proper method of money transfer be presented prior to any release of money*)
- **Hill House Hospice, Richmond Hill** - Hill House Hospice is a home-like alternative to institutional care and in-home care for those who are in the final stage of a terminal illness. Staff and volunteers provide physical, emotional, social, and spiritual support to clients and their families.
- **Western Galilee Hospital, Nahariya** - The only medical facility in the area serving a population of 350,000 Jews, Christians, Muslims and Druze. It suffered damage during the recent war when hit by a Hezbollah missile.
- **Yad Sarah**- Yad Sarah is an Israel-wide network of volunteers aiding disabled, elderly, housebound and providing wheelchairs and medical equipment.
- **Table to Table**- Table to Table is a food rescue organization dedicated to feeding the hungry of Israel. Table to Table harvests excess fresh food from caterers, cafeterias, manufacturers, grocers and farmers. It delivers the food to soup kitchens, food pantries, senior citizen centers, homeless shelters and other places that serve those in need.
- **ZAKA** - Voluntary community emergency response team in Israel. Members of ZAKA, assist ambulance crews, identify the victims of terrorism, road accidents and other disasters, and where necessary gather body parts and spilled blood for proper burial. They also provide first aid and rescue services, and help with the search for missing persons.

Our next allocation meeting will be held in December. Please send any allocation requests to Nate Salter at honest.nate@sympatico.ca

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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.

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POPULAR MOVIES	1. Who Framed Roger Rabbit 2. Coming To America 3. Good Morning Vietnam 4. Crocodile Dundee II 5. Big	1. Ghost 2. Pretty Woman 3. Home Alone 4. Die Hard 2 5. Total Recall
POPULAR TV SHOWS	1. The Cosby Show 2. Roseanne 3. Cheers 4. A Different World 5. America's Funniest Home Videos	1. Cheers 2. 60 Minutes 3. Roseanne 4. A Different World 5. The Cosby Show
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