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AT A GLANCE

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KOL ECHAD

Kol Echad is the official publication of Forestdale Heights Lodge. It is published 10 times a year. We welcome all articles or letters from members of the lodge and their families. All material submitted is subject to editing. The editor may consult with members of the bulletin committee regarding content suitability and editorial decisions.

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PRESIDENT'S PEN



As most of you (and for know those who do not). "True am a Baseball Fan". It all started when I was part of organized baseball the in City Toronto League for the

"Lizzies". The games were held in Christie Pits. The love of the game continued and when I was 10 years old, I remember those wonderful Sundays when my father took me to Maple Leaf Stadium to see the Toronto Maple Leafs play double headers.

At 13, I started to work at the stadium selling programs and cold drinks. I enjoyed every game and looked forward to another day at work. Years later, at age 25, I played for our Lodge continuing each year, (despite resulting knee and thumb injuries and surgeries). It was all worth it! However, at age 63, I knew it was time to hang up my baseball shoes.

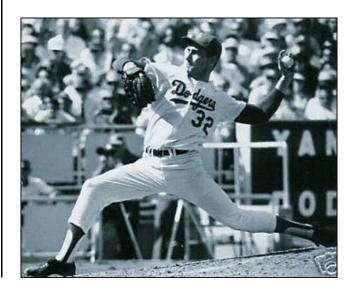
Over the years, Jewish baseball fans had heroes such as Hank Greenberg and Sandy Koufax (photo opposite) and others. We felt proud. When both Greenberg and Koufax refused to play on the High Holidays, they were admired and respected by Jewish people all over North

America – they belonged to us! Those players were great role models.

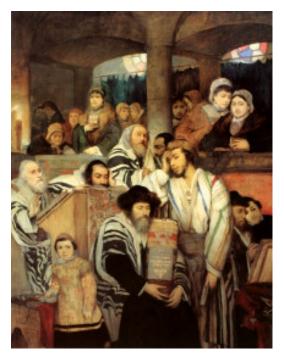
Being involved in baseball helped mold my life; it taught me that while the game is thrilling and important, it's more important to be a good person and a mensch. With all the hard work involved, and importance of team work, being involved in baseball, taught me to be a hard worker, to be honest, reliable and have respect for people. (This philosophy was also taught to me by my parents and grandmother and I work to pass these values on to my children.)

Many things in life make us good people. Baseball has helped guide me towards that goal. Perhaps you can reflect on what has helped you.

Ray Moscoe



COVER ART



Jews Praying in the Synagogue on Yom Kippur or Jews pray, is a painting by Maurycy Gottlieb of 1878, depicting Ashkenazi Jews praying in the synagogue on Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement.

Traditional elements shown include tallitot, kippot, the Torah, and the segregation of men and women in the synagogue. The artist has painted himself (to the right of the seated rabbi, looking outwards) among the people of his hometown of Drohobych.

Gottlieb (1856-1879) was a Jewish painter, of Polish-speaking Galician Jews from the western part of Ukraine. He was born in Drohobych (at

that time Austria-Hungary), Galicia, modern Lviv region, western Ukraine.

Maurycy was one of Isaac & Fanya Tigerman Gottlieb's eleven children. At fifteen, he was enrolled at the Vienna Fine Arts Academy. Later, he would study under Jan Matejko in Kraków. However, he experienced anti-Semitism from his fellow students, and left Matejko's studio after less than a year, he then traveled to Norway settling in Molde. After several years he returned to Vienna to pursue his Jewish roots.



EDITOR'S DESK



Rosh Hashanah is time for new a beginnings and renewed hope as we usher in another new year. Unfortunately, for my family this year, it was also a time to say goodbye to a beloved family member, Joseph

Lambert.

I'm sure many of you have had your

own "Uncle Joe" To simply say he was a role model and a great man would do him injustice. He was a complex man, sort of a Jewish "Lou Grant" type who on the surface was all bluster. However, dig deeper and there was so much more, a man who did for others

without ever asking or expecting anything in return.

I plan to remember both sides of him as long as I can. Too often, after a family member passes on, we tend to accentuate the positive and forget or ignore the negative. However, I believe to do so does a disservice to the deceased. In the process, the person becomes one-dimensional - more of an ideal than the real flesh and blood person they once were. They wind up being revered as a saint. In Judaism though, we do not have saints. We have ancestors, human beings who through their flaws and strengths made this world a better place.

That was my uncle. He could engage me in a serious discussion or choose to "get my dander up" by what I would initially interpret as a provocative statement. Unfortunately, too often the

> message only became clear much later in life as I matured.

> That too is okay, for my uncle would probably say that a lesson learned late is better than one never learned.

My dear Uncle Joe, you worked hard, never gave up

on life or those around you who loved you. You have left an amazing legacy and a great memory.

Rest in peace. You will never be forgotten.

Your nephew



GOODLIFE TORONTO MARATHON

For the third year, Forestdale Heights Lodge will be helping out with the Goodlife Fitness Toronto Marathon behind Mel Lastman Square on Beecroft Road. Please contact Harvey Silver 416-223-0780 or harveysilver@rogers.com if you are interested in helping out. Lodge volunteers should be on site between 6:30-6:45 a.m.

RANDOM MUSING

The New Hork Time



Well, I've finally found the solution to my obsession with purchasing and storing books. It is a wonderful device called Kindle, sold by Amazon.com. I know

that this is going to sound a bit like an

advertisement or endorsement but, truthfully, I have not been so enthusiastic about a product in years.

The Kindle is a book-lover's dream come true. It is an electronic device that downloads books and magazines, etc. with

the touch of a button. It allows you to change the size of the print, or the amount of words on each page, at will. If an author of a selected work has given permission, it also allows a person to listen to a book, although the computer voice is not like listening to a person reading it with inflections.

Since I purchased my Kindle, I have had instant access to the latest

releases, as well as the ability to check out past releases that I may have missed by my favourite authors. Purchases are stored for immediate use, or can even be archived at the Amazon store and retrieved whenever one wishes.

Because of this wonderful tool, I only need to buy one more bookshelf to

manage all the remaining books that I haven't been able to donate (mostly for sentimental reasons). One extra purchase that I wisely sent for when I ordered my Kindle is an inexpensive book cover which allows the device to be enclosed in a sturdy, good-looking cover which opens and closes like a

real book. What a pleasure!

If you're looking for a real treat, this is a wonderful gift to yourself, or perhaps someone you love. I don't think you'll regret it.

On another note, I hope everyone had a happy, healthy New Year, and wish the best for you and your families in the upcoming year.

Elizabeth Bloom

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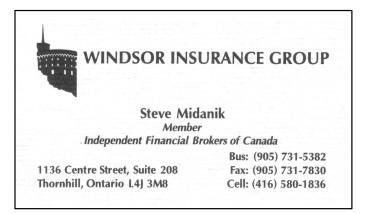
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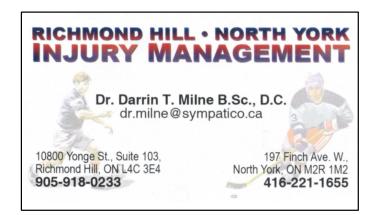
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ALLOCATIONS

If you have a charity you wish the Lodge to make a donation to, please send the request to Irv Pupko at i.pupko@sympatico.ca. All requests for assistance will be discussed and allocated at our December meeting.

DINNER MEETINGS

At our September meeting, the lodge voted to increase the cost of our monthly dinner meetings for members from \$5 to \$8 per person. At the same time, it was approved that guests/non-members will be charged \$10 per person. Price increases will take effect January 1.



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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Our opening meeting of the season was chaired by our new president, Ray Moscoe, top right. The budget was passed and programs and ideas for the coming year were discussed. The Lodge also welcomed prospective members, Allan and Linda Greenberg, top left. Bottom right is Richard Kotzen and, bottom left, is Barry and Sandy Gordon and Jacquie Lindsay.









As I See IT



As I sit at the computer writing this column, my husband Michael is busy putting up our sukkah. What has become a tradition for us is that Jeff Rosen has taken to fulfilling

the mitzvah of sukkah building by serving as assistant to the head contractor, Michael, in the building

project. Each year it seems the task of putting up the sukkah becomes easier.

The Book of *Vayyiqra* (Leviticus) describes a sukkah as a symbolic wilderness shelter, commemorating the time G-d provided for

the Israelites in the wilderness they inhabited after they were freed from slavery in Egypt.

Michael and Jeff have the building of the sukkah down to a fine art form. It starts like this; first, there is breakfast and conversation. A second cup of coffee and more conversation. I so much enjoy the social aspect of sukkah building day.

Then the work begins. Michael and Jeff move the walls from the side of the house where they are stored to the back yard. The boards are in pairs of two, put together with folding piano hinges so the workers simply open up the two boards and then attach a wall to another set of piano-hinged boards, until the all the sukkah walls are erect.

In less than two hours, the sukkah is built and ready for its decorations of plastic fruit and veggies.

A sukkah (Hebrew: סוכה, plural, סוכה, Sukkot; Sukkoth, often translated as "booth") is a temporary hut constructed for use during the

weeklong Jewish festival of Sukkot. It is topped with branches that allows you see the through them, to see the stars above.

We have on occasion taken a trip to the wilderness to bring home branches and

S'chach (sukkah roofing) for the sukkah but it seems the wilderness is moving further north and the trip there was just not worth the time and effort. Instead, we found that our local green grocer, Sue's Fruit Market, was bringing in bundles of cedar tied up in neat little bundles for *S'chach*.

Each year the price of the *S'chach* was going up at Sue's until a few years back we spent nearly \$200 on the cedar branches.

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It was then that we learned about bamboo mats that could be rolled out on top to make the roofing cover and when Sukkot ended, we were able to roll them back up and store them again for future years. We have been going that route the last few years.

Last December, I noticed that Sue had brought in cedar bundles of *S'chach*, now called "boughs" to deck out homes for Christmas at half the price of *S'chach* sold around the Jewish holidays. It seems strange that the

same cedar bundles are so much cheaper at Christmas than for *yom tovs*. Hummmmmm...

It just wouldn't be Sukkot without having a sukkah built. We wouldn't be able to enjoy the fun of having tea and fruit in the sukkah if we didn't have good friends to help us build it. I love the holiday, I love the social aspect of it, and I love being able to celebrate with family and friends that give meaning to our lives.

Bonnie Kates

NOVEMBER MEETING

Please join us for our November 8 dinner meeting when our speaker will be FHL's own first lady, Rosalie Moscoe.

Rosalie will be speaking on

STRESS RELIEF & NUTRITION TO STAY YOUNG

If you plan on coming to the meeting, please be sure to contact Albert Ohana at **416-494-2636** or <u>salonpiaff@rogers.com</u> before November 1

If you know of someone who you feel would make an interesting speaker for one of our monthly meetings, please contact Ray Moscoe at 416-636-1560.

FORESTDALE FUNNIES

Remarkable Quotes from Remarkable Jews:

My father never lived to see his dream come true of an all-Yiddish-speaking Canada.

David Steinberg

I once wanted to become an atheist but I gave up. They have no holidays.

Henny Youngman

Look at Jewish history. Unrelieved lamenting would be intolerable. So, for every ten Jews beating their breasts, God designated one to be crazy and amuse the breast beaters. By the time I was five I knew I was that one.

Mel Brooks

The time is at hand when the wearing of a prayer shawl and skullcap will not bar a man from the White House, unless, of course, the man is Jewish.

Jules Farber

Even if you are Catholic, if you live in New York, you're Jewish. If you live in Butte, Montana, you are going to be goyim even if you are Jewish.

Lenny Bruce

God, I know we are your chosen people, but couldn't you choose somebody else for a change?

Shalom Aleichem

The remarkable thing about my mother is that for thirty years she served us nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found.

Calvin Trillin

Let me tell you the one thing I have against

Moses. He took us forty years into the desert in order to bring us to the one place in the Middle East that has no oil!

Golda Meir

Even a secret agent can't lie to a Jewish mother.

Peter Malkin

Humility is no substitute for a good personality.

Fran Lebowitz

My idea of an agreeable person is a person who agrees with me.

Benjamin Disraeli

It's so simple to be wise. Just think of something stupid to say and then don't say it

Sam Levenson

Don't be humble; you are not that great. **Golda Meir**

I went on a diet, swore off drinking and heavy eating, and in fourteen days I had lost exactly two weeks.

Joe E. Lewis

Bankruptcy is a legal proceeding in which you put your money in your pants pocket and give your coat to your creditors.

Sam Goldwyn

A spoken contract isn't worth the paper it's written on.

Sam Goldwyn

I have enough money to last me the rest of my life unless I buy something.

Jackie Mason

I don't want to achieve immortality through my work. I want to achieve immortality through not dying.

Woody Allen

Marriage is a wonderful institution. But who wants to live in an institution?

Groucho Marx

Whoever called it necking was a poor judge of anatomy

Groucho Marx

A politician is a man who will double cross that bridge when he comes to it.

Oscar Levant

Too bad that all the people who know how to run this country are busy driving taxis and cutting hair.

George Burns

Liberals feel unworthy of their possessions. Conservatives feel they deserve everything they've stolen.

Mort Sahl

I don't want any yes-men around me. I want everybody to tell me the truth, even if it costs them their jobs.

Sam Goldwyn

With the collapse of vaudeville, new talent has no place to stink.

George Burns

When I bore people at a party, they think it is their fault.

Henry Kissinger

SEPTEMBER MEETING

More scenes from our September meeting. Bonnie and Michael Kates mug for the camera, left, while Harvey Silver collects money for the meal.





HEALTH IN HARMONY

Do it Now! - Unlock the Door to Procrastination



Procrastination is a result of our attitude toward an event or project we need to complete. It's that sick feeling in the pit of your stomach every time you think about the

incomplete project. Like making New Years' Resolutions, you have good intentions but the ideas get buried, forgotten or you say "I'll do it later". Very often "later" becomes never. Alternatively, if it's a work related project, often you may end up cramming the work and burning the midnight oil the last couple of days before the deadline.

Not fulfilling obligations on time affects your credibility. In addition, scrambling at the last minute to get things done is stress producing, and ultimately, it can stop you from achieving your goals. While making hasty decisions isn't always the best course of action, spending too much procrastinating time becomes dawdling, putting off important changes or decisions - and then sometimes it may be too late. It's true, timing is everything.

The main reasons for procrastination are:

- a) Perfectionism. You're afraid to start a project because we don't have all the information, it has to be perfect. *You* have to be perfect an impossible task, which very often keeps you from forging ahead.
- b) You dislike the project or resent the person who gave us the project.
- c) You schedule a task when you're tired (like writing a column at 12:00 midnight!)
- d) You're afraid of failure.
- e) Your goals may be half-hearted.
- f) You're disorganized and can't seem to see your way out of the muddle.

So what can you do? Ask yourself these questions:

- What purpose does my procrastination serve? Will it help me succeed?
- What would I like about the put-off job once I've started it?
- What wouldn't I like about it?
- What would be the consequences if I continue procrastinating?
- What have I done in the past to overcome procrastination that might work for me now?

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Still not moved to start a project? It's time for action! Institute an "I'm Taking Action Now" voice instead of an "I'll Do it Later" voice. You can say to yourself:

- **DO IT NOW!** Repeat several times.
- I'm up for the challenge!
- It doesn't have to be perfect!
- What a challenge!
- I'll divide the large task into small mini-tasks and tackle each one, one at a time.

• I'll write down all my tasks - in one place, prioritize them, and then START.

When you do START, you will see how good it feels. Anchor those feelings within you, keeping them strong - the keys to unlocking the steel door of procrastination.

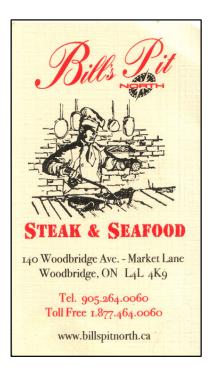
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GOOD & WELFARE



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Anniversary

David & Arna Gornder October 26 Harvey & Debbi Silver October 28

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- Jokes & Recipes;
- FYI offers interesting and unusual items of interest:
- An <u>FHL Blog</u> to allow members to comment on life in the lodge or anything that strikes their fancy.

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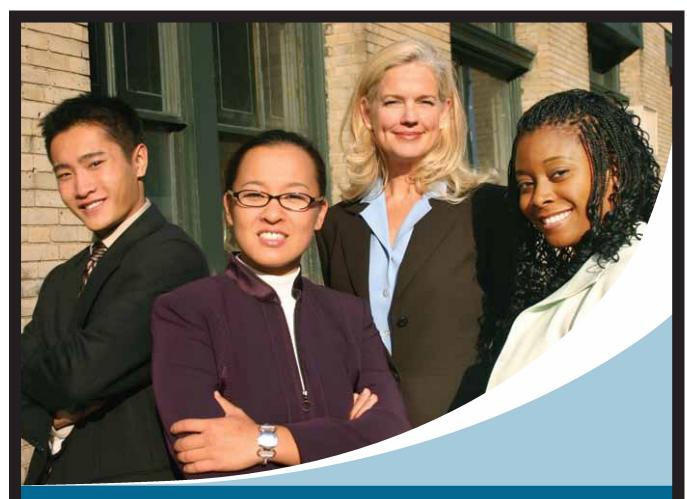


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