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This month's cover captures the etrog and lulav used on Sukkot, which starts the evening of September 30.

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November 5 Dinner Meeting & Speaker November 13 Bingo@4300 Bathurst St.

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President's Pen



The Jewish holidays are here (all of them).

Now that my granddaughter attends the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School at the JCC, she will be learning about

Jewish customs and prayers and what it means to be a Jew. I'm lucky that since she lives only a five-minute drive away, we get to see her often,

especially on the holidays.

As a child, my family lived across the road from my Bubie and close to our shul, just a few minutes walk away.

All of my neighbours were either Jewish or Italian

and we felt the closeness of the community around us. The memories still linger when I drive downtown and visit all the old haunts.

I can still remember the delicious cooking aromas coming out of my Bubie's house – which lingered for days. I can even recall the taste of the food as I write this. I looked forward to shul as we walked along College Street and south to Spadina Road. The streets were crowded with people wishing all a "Git Yor" and "Shanah Tovah." The Anshei Minsk Shul on St. Andrew Street was crowded both downstairs and upstairs (for women). I also remember my Bubie sitting there waving to my brothers and me downstairs.

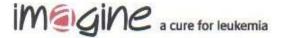
A mix of languages was heard, mostly Yiddish and English. Most of the time, the kids played outside. When it came time for the "important prayers," my father pulled me and my

siblings inside. Dinners were outstanding and many guests sat at the holiday table, spectacular with its white linen, silver and the "good" set of dishes.

We looked forward to the holidays (since that meant

days off from school), especially on Simchat Torah. Now we're fortunate that we can continue to share the same or similar experiences with our children and grandchildren. Indeed, they are wonderful *freylekh* traditions to carry forward!





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Dear Forestdale Heights Lodge,

On behalf of the Directors of "Imagine A Cure for Leukemia" & the fundraising committee we would like to thank you for the very generous donation. All net proceeds from our event will benefit leading edge Leukemia Research.

We are thrilled to announce that we had a very successful evening on Thursday May 31, 2012 which took place at The Warehouse Event Venue. The evening included a silent auction, raffle, great music and fantastic appetizers.

Thank you again for your support!

In good health and happiness,

Nara Abrams

Nara & Brian Abrams and Jennifer Shulman & Todd Feinstein Directors

EDITOR'S DESK



Last month I briefly touched upon my summer getaway to Philadelphia. It really was great to have time off from work and get away from the city.

It's not that I don't love what I do.

After 28 years, I consider myself fortunate to enjoy going into the same place of employment each day. I still get a kick out of the fact that I am paid for doing something I consider fun.

Still, I long ago learned that no matter how much one can enjoy what they do professionally, it is important to be able to disconnect from time to time. As my Kol Echad colleague, Rosalie Moscoe would tell you, it's essential for your mental health.

I learned that lesson when I was starting out in the journalism biz, living in southern Saskatchewan. There I was "the journalist" 24-7 and was constantly approached with story suggestions, even when I was not on duty.

As a result, I started leaving town on the weekends. When I returned, I was refreshed and ready for another workweek. Flash forward to 2012 and some things have not changed. The only difference now is that I do not have to be in the same locale as another person to be "approached" with a submission, or some other work-related request. In effect, technology has enabled us to be constantly plugged in and connected.

Is this a good thing?

I guess that would depend on who vou ask.

Last month I caught a Facebook update from someone I know, who was staying in a cottage in Haliburton, by a quiet lake.

I guess it wasn't complete seclusion though, as the person felt the need to share it with his Facebook friends. Of course, we all know people who spend thousands to get away, only to remain plugged into their office e-mails. I would love someone to explain how this helps reduce work-related stress.

When I go on vacation, I sever all physical and electronic ties and leave the workplace behind. I know the job existed before I came along and, I hope, will exist long after I have left the business.

The result is that when I finally return to work, I really feel different, recharged and ready to tackle whatever life is going to throw at me.

Shalom,

Geff Rosen



MARK THE DATE

Please join us at our November 5 meeting, when Holocaust survivor,

George Scott, will be our honoured speaker

Bingo Starts – Tuesday, November 13

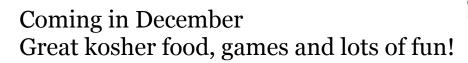


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JEWS OF JAMAICA



On September 10, Willy Lindo, a self-proclaimed Jamaican Jew or "Jewmaican," gave a fascinating presentation about the history of the Jewish people in Jamaica and his family's life on the Caribbean island. At left, Lindo is thanked by Lodge President Ray Moscoe. Below, candle lighting ceremony opened the meeting.

For more on Lindo's presentation and more photos, go to **kolechad.ca**.







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SANDY'S SCRIPT



It was a glorious sunny day on September 9, when our family went apple picking. I had never been to this orchard and when we parked and proceeded to the apple trees, it

reminded me so much of the Annapolis Valley in Nova Scotia.

As a kid, my parents always took us apple picking; it was the thing to do in a huge apple industry province.

Sometimes we would go for the day, but as I remember, in the early years they used to go to

various places and stay over the weekend. Sometimes it was a planned event with other family members as well.

It's amazing that the things we do sometimes triggers thoughts of our early years. Thank goodness, we remember the things that warm our hearts that bring out the fond memories of the past.

This particular orchard had a variety of apples, but the ones that were ready for picking were the Cortland and Macintosh varieties. We were told the Spys would be ready in October.

It was the first time picking apples for my daughter's children and for my son-in-law as well. So instead of having three children out there picking, we had four. My son-in-law

was the last one to be called in from the orchard. The children were very good about not eating too much ... they don't like bellyaches!

It was a great day to *schmooze*, take in the fresh air and enjoy the sunny weather.

Best of all, I had the apples of my eye with me – three of my grandchildren

and their first experience in an apple orchard.

Wishing everyone a *Shanah Tovah* and a sweet new year.

Until the next time,

Sandy Gordon

NOTES FROM NATE

Never letting the truth get in the way of a good story



Boychicks and meydlekh, gather around. Please sit so should vou be comfortable, get the missus to bring you a schnapps or little glezele tea and let me lav bubbu some

meyses on you

You see, October is a big deal. This year, to my own surprise, I hit the big

7-0. Me 70, somebody has got to be kidding. Old people are 70, but then I look at my oldest *goldeneh meydele*, Shari, who turns 41 this month and her middle sister, Heather, who turns 39 three days later and the reality sets in. Funny thing is now

that I look back to when I was 39, I was dreading turning 40, because you couldn't believe anybody over 40, because 40 was so old. Now when we are sitting around discussing what's what, anybody under 40 is a little pisher and wet behind the ears.

You know, when I look back over the last 40 years it is amazing how my life was so different than today. I still had all my hair and my teeth and I was out slaying the dragon and working my *tuhkes* off to make a buck. My kids were all living at home, the oldest just getting into high school. The Lodge was filled with 30-somethings and we all came to and participated in programs and events. Our biggest problem was getting babysitters. We were all starting our serious career paths, settling into our homes and mostly we were not looking 40 years into the future.

In retrospect, seeing what our world has become, it would have

scared the heck out of us. But knowing then, what I know now, I most likely could have still not afforded it.

That being said, I am not complaining. Over those years, our babies grew into young adults, went out and got their

educations, had their bar and bat mitzvahs and sweet sixteens. Then they, like their parents, fell in love, got married and before you know it, there were the grandchildren whose *nakhes* let you realize what life was really about.

So sitting here at 70, the Zaidy to five little angels, three happily married daughters and real *menchen* for sonsin-law and a wife who still puts up with my *michigas*, life is indeed good.

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Yes, there are aches and pains and no, I don't move like I used to, but when one or more of my grandkids come running towards me arms outstretched yelling, "Zaidy," there is nothing else in the world that matters. Hugs and kisses are the best old age medicine ever invented.

Before we go, our Pincus story, this one many, many years from now.

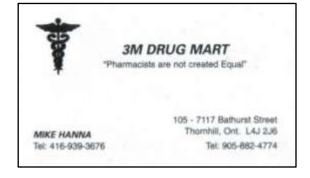
When Pincus passed away, he was interred at Pardes Shalom. Gittle, with yom tov approaching, wanted to visit him, say a small prayer and leave a small stone on his monument, as is tradition.

Unfortunately, when she got there, she couldn't remember where he was buried. She went to the office and the Gabbai started looking into his records. Finally, he says to her, I cannot find a Pincus Punim, the closest we have is a Gittle Punim. That's the one she exclaimed, he always put everything in my name!

Nate Salter









TASTY TREATS

Baked Fish Sandwiches

Can be prepared ahead of time. Great for lunches in the Sukkah or anytime.

2-4 pieces sole Olive oil 1 stalk celery Mayonnaise Dash of Hot Sauce Hot Dog Buns or Bread

Place a few pieces of sole in a dish and drizzle olive oil over it.

Bake approximately 20-25 minutes, turning once.

Be sure to check to ensure fish does not burn.

Let fish cool.

In the meantime, chop up one stalk of celery.

Chop up fish and mix with mayonnaise and hot sauce.

Refrigerate.

Spoon fish mixture on bread and serve.

JEWISH HOLIDAYS 5773

Rosh Hashanah	September 17-18
New Year	Monday-Tuesday
Yom Kippur	September 26
Day of Atonement	Wednesday
Succot	October 1-7
Feast of Tabernacles	Monday-Sunday
Shemini Atzeret	October 8
	Monday
Simchat Torah	October 9
	Tuesday

All Jewish holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the date shown

FORESTDALE FUNNIES

Q: Why don't Jewish mothers drink?

A: Alcohol interferes with their suffering.

When the doctor called Mrs. Liebenbaum to tell her that her check came back, she replied, "So did my arthritis."

A man calls his mother in Florida. "Mom, how are you?" Not too good," says the mother. "I've been very weak."

The son says, "Why are you so weak?"

She says, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days."

The man says, "That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?"

The mother answers, "Because I didn't want my mouth filled with food if you called."

A Jewish boy comes home from school and tells his mother he's been given a part in the school play.

"Wonderful. What part is it?"

The boy says, "I play the part of the Jewish husband."

The mother scowls and says, "Go back and tell the teacher you want a speaking part."

Q. How many Jewish mothers does it take to change a light bulb? A. (Sigh) Don't bother, I'll sit in the dark. I don't want to be a nuisance to anybody.

Did you hear about the bum who walked up to the Jewish mother on the street and said, "Lady, I haven't eaten in three days."
"Force yourself," she replied.

Q: What's the difference between a Rottweiler and a Jewish Mother? A: Eventually, the Rottweiler lets go.

Sam Levy was driving down the road and was pulled over by a policeman. Walking up to Sam's car, the policeman says, "Your wife fell out of the car five miles back." Sam replies, 'Thank god for that...I'd thought I'd gone deaf!"

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Anniversaries

David & Arna Gorender Harvey & Debbi Silver

October 26 October 28

Mazel Tov to Sandy and Barry Gordon on the birth of a granddaughter, their sixth grandchild.



If you have any special moments in your life that you wish to share with the Lodge, please send announcements to **jelijo@sympatico.ca**.





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July 30, 2012

Harvey Silver Forestdale Heights Lodge

Dear Harvey Silver:

On behalf of Yellow Brick House, thank you for your donation of household items. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Yellow Brick House, operating in its 33rd year, provides assistance to women and children to help them rebuild their lives and live free from abuse. The gravity and tragedy of violence against women and children cannot be over stated. Ultimately, the impact of violence is felt by everyone, either directly or indirectly.

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Lorris Herenda Executive Director

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The song, "Seasons of Love" from the Broadway Rent, musical, begins with the words "Five hundtwenty-five red thousand six hundred minutes" and asks, "How do you measure a vear?"

Years, I used to believe, were long stretches of time. I don't know when it happened, but the span of time a year used to be, has shrunk considerably.

This month, my family will mark my mother's first yahrzeit. How did a year pass by so quickly? I know that I was present to witness it all. I used to hear "older" folks comment about the passage of time being fleeting, and I now count myself amongst them.

My family has truly been my rock this year. They were committed to getting me to shul to recite kaddish. My students, as you are also aware, created a daily minyan for me. The kindness that people have shown me has been heartwarming and I am grateful to those around me for their love and support.

Many people told me that "time

heals," but I disagree. Time does the feelings and make the acknowledgement that my mother passed away more familiar, certainly not easier. Every time I run into someone I haven't seen in a while who she knew, see a certain product she used on the store shelves, or a particular memory is triggered, the desire to share that experience with my mother overtakes me, and then the realization sets in that she is no longer here. How I missed her yearly Labour Day comment, "Have a good day at school tomorrow and don't forget to

play nice with the children."

Rosh Hashanah, Succot, Pesach, birthdays and special occasions will continue to be the milestones that mark our lives, and with each juncture throughout the year, there will be the uniqueness of that moment, twinged with a pang of sadness.

As the academic year began and as 5773 is upon us, we need to make positive contributions with the fleeting minutes we are afforded. We ought to engage in *tikkun olam*, promote good energy and use our minutes wisely.

Shanah Tovah and best wishes for a happy and healthy year,

Mare Kates

HEALTH IN HARMONY



Do you sometimes get anxious when you are upset? Do you feel stressed, feel out of control and don't know how you'll cope? It's time for some antianxiety steps to calm your mind.

Two stress chemicals – adrenaline and cortisol – are produced by the adrenal glands in response to stress. Cortisol can be highly toxic to brain cells and is often a factor in people who feel anxious without any obvious cause. Extreme stress responses, short fuses and excessive anger to provocations can be the result. Finding ways to reduce anxiety, stress, (and cortisol production) is the key.

Figure out what's bothering you. Make a list of some steps you think can remedy it and act on at least one. If there's nothing you can do about the situation, figure out how to cope with it. You may need to get help with stress-relief and coping skills through a social agency in your community or through your spiritual leader.

Think of how you coped before: pray for help. Give your worries over to a higher power.

Get organized: get rid of any papers or broken items or junk that may be frustrating you. Clean out a cupboard. Take a deep breath. Take a gentle breath through your nose, hold the breath to the count of four, and then breathe out slowly through your mouth. Concentrate on your breath as you do this for a few minutes. Think of a beautiful place in nature as you're breathing in and out. If it makes you dizzy, stop.

Make sure you're not eating too much sugar — cakes, white flour products, donuts, cookies, fast food, and ice cream. Your blood sugar may be fluctuating too much and causing anxiety symptoms. Also, note the amount of caffeine you're consuming. If it's excessive, cut down.

Eat a couple of ounces of protein (chicken, eggs, fish, beef, and yogurt) every few hours. Try bean or pea soups. Eat more vegetables. Use fruit and nuts as a snack to stabilize blood sugar and reduce dips and spikes that affect mood.

Take a multivitamin every day and a complex B vitamin tablet to reduce symptoms. Get checked at your doctor's office for any vitamin B12 and vitamin D deficiencies. Also, ask to have your minerals checked, especially calcium and zinc. Magnesium supplements can diminish anxiety as can soaking in a tub with one or two cups of Epsom salts.

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