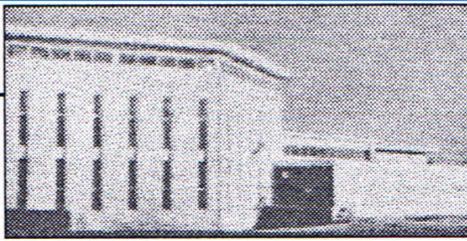


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## ISRAEL AT 60 !

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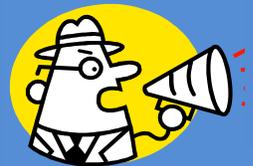
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## From the Editor's Desk



In recognition and celebration of the State of Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, a special *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* edition of the bulletin has been printed. Due to literally a last minute inspiration to publish this issue, it is significantly smaller in size than the previous bulletins.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1948 (5<sup>th</sup> of *Iyar* 5708) the State of Israel was born! Over the past 60 years, Israel, despite the many hardships for survival it has endured, the many wars its men and women so valiantly have fought and the constant struggle against, not only its surrounding "unfriendly" neighbours but also the World at large, has triumphed and is today a thriving country.

Its accomplishments are numerous and its people's strength and desire for survival are unparalleled anywhere in the World. We, in *galus*, must continue to support our brothers and sisters in Israel and we must do all we can to make Israel a stronger nation and a country where its people feel safe and secure. In the *Pesach* issue of the bulletin I alluded to the tremendous contribution our *kehillah* has made over the past 50 years and is continuing to make today. Our *shul* has demonstrated its commitment and contribution to the well-being of *Eretz Yisrael* in many ways such as: purchasing Israel Bonds, giving donations towards special projects in Israel (e.g. the recent funding for a portable bomb shelter in Sderot, adopting a Gush Katif family), contributing funds to support *mosdos* in Israel, invest in infrastructure projects, visit the Holy Land and some live part of the year in Israel.

May *Hashem* continue to give us the *chizuk* and means to continue to support Israel and always be seen as a leader in our community when it comes to supporting and responding to the needs and welfare of our brothers and sisters in *Eretz Yisrael*.

**Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Israel!**

### **2008/2009 EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

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# Why I'm proud to be a Jew.....

(original source unknown)

WE HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER OFF!  
It's only TV and the media  
That make people think  
That the end of our world is coming.

Only 68+ years ago,  
They were leading Jews to their  
death  
Like sheep to the slaughter!  
No Country, No Army. 60 years ago!

Seven Arab countries declared war  
On the small Jewish State,  
Only a few hours old!

We were then 650,000 Jews!  
Against the rest of the Arab world!  
No IDF [Israel Defense Force].  
No mighty Air Force,  
Just tough people  
With nowhere to go.  
Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt,  
Libya, Saudi Arabia, attacked all at  
once.  
The country the UN "gave us"  
Was 65% desert.  
The country started from scratch!

41 years ago! We fought  
The three strongest armies in the  
Middle East,  
And wiped them out in six days

We fought against  
Different coalitions of Arab countries,  
With modern armies,  
And masses of Soviet Russian  
weapons,  
And we still won!

We have today  
A country,  
An army,  
A strong Air Force,  
A Hi-Tech Economy, exporting  
millions.

Intel - Microsoft - IBM develop their  
stuff here.

Our doctors win world prizes for  
medical developments.  
We made the desert flourish,  
Selling oranges and vegetables to

the world.

Israel has sent its own satellite into  
Space!  
Three satellites all together!  
We sit proudly,  
With the US, with 250 million people,  
With Russia, with 200 million people,  
With China, with 1.1 billion people,  
With the Europeans -- France,  
England, Germany,  
with 350 million people,

The only countries in the world  
To shoot something into space!

To think that only 68+ years ago,  
We were led,  
Shameful,  
With no hope,  
To our death!

We crawled out of the burning ashes  
of Europe,  
We won our wars here with less than  
nothing  
We built an "empire" out of nothing.

We celebrate Passover  
Let's not forget what the story is all  
about.  
We overcame Pharaoh,  
We overcame the Greeks,  
We overcame the Romans,  
We overcame the Inquisition in  
Spain,  
We overcame the Pogroms in Russia,  
We overcame Hitler,  
We overcame the Germans,  
We overcame the Holocaust,  
We overcame the armies of the seven  
Arab countries,  
We overcame Saddam.

Take it easy, folks,  
We will overcome  
The present enemies too.

No matter which part of human  
history you try!  
Think of it,  
For us,  
The Jewish people,  
Our situation has never been better!

So, Let's Lift our Heads High,  
Let's Remember:  
Any nation or culture  
That tried to mess around with us  
Was destroyed -- while we kept  
going!

Egypt?  
Anyone know where their empire  
disappeared to?  
Greeks?  
Alexander of Macedonia?  
The Romans?  
Does anyone today speak Latin?  
The Third Reich?  
Anyone heard any news about it  
lately?

And look at us,  
The Nation from the Bible,  
From Slavery in Egypt,  
We are still here,  
Speaking the same language!  
Right here, right now.

The Arabs don't know it yet,  
But, they will learn that there is one  
G-d.

As long as we keep our identity,  
We are eternal.

So, sorry for not worrying,  
Not complaining,  
Not crying,  
Not being scared.  
Things are O.K. here.  
They surely can be better,

But still:  
They won't tell you  
That there are festivals going on,  
That people keep on living,  
That people are going out,  
That people are seeing friends.

Yes, our morale is low,  
So what?  
It's only because we weep for our  
dead  
While they enjoy the blood.

This is the same reason why,  
We will win, after all.



# FACTS ABOUT ISRAEL: DID YOU KNOW ?

(original source unknown)



Israel, the 100th smallest country, with less than 1/1000th of the world's population, can lay claim to the following:

Israel has the highest ratio of university degrees to the population in the world.

Israel produces more scientific papers per capita than any other nation by a large margin - 109 per 10,000 people - as well as one of the highest per capita rates of patents filed.

In proportion to its population, Israel has the largest number of startup companies in the world. In absolute terms, Israel has the largest number of startup companies than any other country in the world, except the US (3,500 companies mostly in hi-tech).

Israel is ranked #2 in the world for venture capital funds right behind the US.

Outside the United States and Canada, Israel has the largest number of NASDAQ listed companies.

Israel has the highest average living standards in the Middle East. The per capita income in 2000 was over \$17,500, exceeding that of the UK.

With an aerial arsenal of over 250 F-16s, Israel has the largest fleet of the aircraft outside of the US.

Israel's \$100 billion economy is larger than all of its immediate neighbors combined.

On a per capita basis, Israel has the largest number of biotech start-ups.

Twenty-four percent of Israel's workforce holds university degrees - ranking third in the industrialized world, after the United States and Holland - and 12 percent hold advanced degrees.

Israel is the only liberal democracy in the Middle East.

In 1984 and 1991, Israel airlifted a total of 22,000 Ethiopian Jews at risk in Ethiopia to safety in Israel.

When Golda Meir was elected Prime Minister of Israel in 1969, she became the world's second elected female leader in modern times.

When the U. S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya was bombed in 1998, Israeli rescue teams were on the scene within a day - and saved three victims from the rubble.

Israel has the third highest rate of entrepreneurship - and the highest rate among women and among people over 55 - in the world.

Relative to its population, Israel is the largest immigrant-absorbing nation on earth. Immigrants come in search of democracy, religious freedom, and economic opportunity.

Israel was the first nation in the world to adopt the Kimberly process, an international standard that certifies diamonds as "conflict free."

According to industry officials, Israel designed the airline industry's most impenetrable flight security. U. S. officials now look to Israel for advice on how to handle airborne security threats.

In 1991, during the Gulf War, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra played a concert wearing gas masks as scud missiles fired by Saddam Hussein fell on Tel Aviv.

Israel has the world's second highest per capita of new books.

Israel is the only country in the world that entered the 21st century with a net gain in its number of trees, made more remarkable because this was achieved in an area considered mainly desert.

Israel has more museums per capita than any other country.

Medicine... Israeli scientists developed the first fully computerized, no-radiation, diagnostic instrumentation for breast cancer.

An Israeli company developed a computerized system for ensuring proper administration of medications, thus removing human error from medical treatment. Every year in U. S. hospitals 7,000 patients die from treatment mistakes.

Israel's Givun imaging developed the first ingestible video camera, so small it fits inside a pill. Used to view the small intestine from the inside, the camera helps doctors diagnose cancer and digestive disorders.

Researchers in Israel developed a new device that directly helps the heart pump blood, an innovation with the potential to save lives among those with heart failure. The new device is synchronized with the heart's mechanical operations through a sophisticated system of sensors.

Technology... With more than 3,000 high-tech companies and start-ups, Israel has the highest concentration of hi-tech companies in the world (apart from the Silicon Valley).

In response to serious water shortages, Israeli engineers and agriculturalists developed a revolutionary drip irrigation system to minimize the amount of water used to grow crops.

Israel has the highest percentage in the world of home computers per capita.

Israel leads the world in the number of scientists and technicians in the workforce, with 145 per 10,000, as opposed to 85 in the U. S., over 70 in Japan, and less than 60 in Germany. With over 25% of its work force employed in technical professions. Israel places first in this category as well.

The cell phone was developed in Israel by Motorola, which has its largest development centre in Israel.

Most of the Windows NT operating system was developed by Microsoft-Israel.

The Pentium MMX Chip technology was designed in Israel at Intel.

Voice mail technology was developed in Israel.

Both Microsoft and Cisco built their only R&D facilities outside the US in Israel.

The AOL Instant Messenger was developed in 1996 by four young Israelis.

A new acne treatment developed in Israel, the ClearLight device, produces a high-intensity, ultraviolet-light-free, narrow-band blue light that causes acne bacteria to self-destruct - all without damaging surroundings skin or tissue.

An Israeli company was the first to develop and install a large-scale solar-powered and fully functional electricity generating plant, in southern California's Mojave desert.

*All the above while engaged in regular wars with an implacable enemy that seeks its destruction, and an economy continuously under strain by having to spend more per capita on its own protection than any other country on earth. This from a country just 60 years young having started off life on a very frontiers-like basis, whose population had mostly just emerged from the devastating World War II years.*

## **ISRAEL – A LEADER IN TECHNOLOGY INVENTIONS !**

(information extracted, and in some cases modified, from an article written by Donald Snyder)

Israel, with fewer than 7 million people, has become a Goliath in the world of technology and medicine. It is third only to America and Canada in the number of companies listed on the Nasdaq Stock Exchange, ahead of economic powerhouses like Germany, England and China.

Israeli researchers in recent years have developed, among other things:

- Instant messaging on the Internet
- Wireless computer chips for Intel
- Miniature video camera capsules to examine internal organs
- Firewall security software
- Medicines to slow the advance of multiple sclerosis

American troops use Israeli portable digital x-ray machines in Iraq and Afghanistan that don't require film for developing and are used in battlefield situations.

The quality of their post-doctorates in medicine, nanotechnology and software development is considered rather incredible.

More Israeli patents are registered in the United States than from Russia, India and China combined, despite a population disadvantage - two and a half billion people compared to less than seven million in Israel.

Venture capital money is pouring into Israel to help develop new technologies in computer software, biotechnology and electrical engineering. After America, Israel is one of the most important centres for new technology, American corporate giants like Motorola have research centres in Israel to develop new technologies they can market worldwide. It is where Intel developed its Centrino chip to enable computers to run longer on battery power and connect more easily to wireless networks. IBM opened its research centre in Haifa in 1972 with 15 people. The number is now 800.

Scientific American magazine has selected the work in artificial intelligence done by two Israeli academics as being among the greatest advancements in science in 2007. The scientists from Tel Aviv University conducted experiments to simulate human intelligence by creating an organic memory chip using neurons from the brains of rodents. Their ultimate goal is to make computers think creatively.

So why is Israel such a productive factory of ideas?

Experts attribute the nation's success to a confluence of cultural and systemic factors, such as Israel's highly educated and motivated immigrant population. Because Israelis think outside the box and have a high tolerance for risk, they are so good at coming up with new technologies .

Israel's will to survive helps drive high-tech developments needed for its defense in a hostile area. Israel's commitment to technology has been unwavering throughout its short history.

Albert Einstein had this observation: "Israel can win the difficult battle for survival only by developing painstakingly the intelligence and expert knowledge of her young people in technology."

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### BIRTHS



*May the baby boys and baby girls grow I'Torah I'Chupah ul'Maasim Tovim and be sources of Yiddishe nachas to their families and all of Klal Yisrael !*



**Ken & Miriam Goldstein** and Ari & Dorit Kaufman of Long Island, New York, on the birth of a grandson to Daniel & Michal Goldstein. Mazel Tov to the great-grandparents Mr. Sam & Mrs. Betty Sweet, Mr. Murray Goldstein of Montreal, Mr. Shmuel Lehrer of Jerusalem and Mr. Chayim & Mrs. Menucha Kaufman of Jerusalem.

**Gerry & Madelaine Greenberg** and Chaim & Wendy Brecher of Lawrence, New York, on the birth of a granddaughter, Aliyah Chaya, to Elisha & Shifra Greenberg. Mazel Tov to the great-grandmothers, **Mrs. Mozelle Kanner**, Mrs. Itka Greenberg, Mrs. Adel Hanover of Lawrence, New York, and the great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Sablo of San Antonio, Texas.

**Hersch & Penny Kanner** and Herschel & Joy Gardin of Detroit, on the birth of a grandson, Naftali Yosef, to Yehoshua & Miriam Kanner. Mazel Tov to the great-grandmothers **Mrs. Mozelle Kanner**, Mrs. Ruth Gardin of Detroit and Mrs. Toby Lewis of Jerusalem.

**Joel & Annie Tencer** and **Betty Jakubovic** on the birth of a grandson, Menachem Tzvi, to Akiva & Sheila Jakubovic. Mazel Tov to the great-grandparents Mrs. Deborah Wellman, Mrs. Helen Tencer, Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Kohn and Mrs. Gabriella Jakubovic.

**Chaim & Devorah Marmer** and Rabbi & Mrs. Efraim Slepoy on the birth of a grandson to Moshe & Shoshana Slepoy. Mazel Tov to the great-grandparents, **Mr. Moishe & Mrs. Bessie Marmer** and Mr. & Mrs. David Goldkorn of New York.

**Chaim & Rachel Fletcher** and Jacquie & Claudine Bronstein of Jerusalem, on the birth of a granddaughter, Shir Rivka, to Boaz & Nadine Fletcher of Efrat, Israel.

**Aaron & Miriam Frankel**, Gustave Jacobs of Forest Hills, New York and Mrs. Reba Etra of Manhattan, New York on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Kayla Sarah, to Joseph & Rachelle Etra of North Woodmere, New York. Mazel Tov to the grandparents, Mark & Judy Frankel of Hillcrest, New York and Barbara & Richard Etra of Forest Hills, New York. Mazel Tov to the uncles, Yehuda, Yonatan & Yair Frankel and Aaron Etra.

**Rabbi Avraham & Mrs. Henia Aizental** on the birth of a grandson, David Uri, to Meyer & Rachel Aizental of Jerusalem.

## BAR MITZVAH



**Eli Lipson** on his Bar Mitzvah and Siyyum. Mazel Tov to his parents, **Dr. Brian & Shelley Lipson** and his grandparents, **Mr. Menashe and Mrs. Ryvka Laiman** and **Dr. Martin & Mrs. Eleanor Lipson**. May **Eli** grow *l'Torah l'Chupah ul' Maasim Tovim* and be a source of *Yiddishe nachas* to his family and all of *Klal Yisrael* !

## ENGAGEMENTS



May the weddings take place *b'sha'ah tovah umutzlachas* and may they be a source of joy and *Yiddishe nachas* to their families and all of *Klal Yisrael*!



**Rabbi Avraham & Mrs. Henia Aizental** on the engagement of their son, Yisrael, to Yafi, daughter of Baruch & Chana Weg of Jerusalem.

**Mr. & Mrs. Eisig Bergman** on the engagement of their granddaughter, Chavi , daughter of Peretz & Pessy Feder of Flatbush, New York, to Eli, son of Mr. & Mrs. Scheller of Flatbush, New York.

## CONDOLENCES

**Leslie Rosenthal** on the passing of his father, Mr. Moshe (William/Bela) Rosenthal עי"ה.

*May the family only know of simchas !*

## SHLOSHIM ANNOUNCEMENT

The *siyyum mishnayos* for the *Shloshim* of Mr. Moshe (William/Bela) Rosenthal, z"l, will take place on Sunday May 11, 2008 ( 6 Iyar 5768) at 10:00 a.m. at Clanton Park *Shul*.

# SHUL GENERAL NEWS

## NIGHTLY DAF SHIURIM – TIME CHANGE

The nightly *daf yomi* and *daf amud shiurim*, given by **Rabbi Weber** and **Chaim Kaplan**, respectively, will be taking place **after Maariv** until further notice due to the change in the *Mincha/Maariv davening* times. Learning of *Maseches Taanis* began following *Pesach*.

## PIRKEI AVOS (ETHICS OF THE FATHERS)

The *Pirkei Avos shiurim* with the *Rav* is in full swing ! The *shiurim* resumed on *Shabbos* May 3<sup>rd</sup> and are taking place, in the main sanctuary, on *Shabbos* afternoons 45 minutes **prior** to the regular *minchah davening*. Men and women are encouraged to attend these *shiurim*.

## SUMMER 2008 SHABBOS SHIURIM FOR LADIES

The ladies' summer *Shabbos shiurim* for the months of May, June, July and August, will begin on *Shabbos Emor*, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the *shul's* main sanctuary. Dr. Reena Bassier will be speaking on "History or Her'Story: Innovation in Approach to Learning Chumash". This will be a 2-part series with Part 2 being given by Dr. Bassier on *Shabbos Behar*, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Future speakers and topics will be announced in the near future when the schedule has been finalized.

## 2008/2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2008/2009 Annual General Membership Meeting was held on Sunday morning May 4<sup>th</sup>. The meeting, held in the Meyer Pik Social Hall, began with a breakfast following the 2<sup>nd</sup> *shacharis minyan*. Although the turnout was disappointing, those in attendance took full advantage of the opportunity to ask questions and raise issues about the *shul* (e.g. decorum during davening, snow and ice removal in parking lot and sidewalks, *mechitza* downstairs in the main sanctuary, coats left on railings, status of new Heating and Air Conditioning system etc.). Updates on some significant *shul* matters (e.g. change in structure and reportbacks of *Gemilas Chesed Committee* to improve on the transparency of distribution of funds, funds requirement from members for distribution of *Tzedakah* to *Meshulachim*, etc.) were provided to the members. **Gary Kopstick**, in the absence of **Gershon Kaplan**, reviewed the *shul's* Financial Statements and responded to questions pertaining to them. The proposed slate of the Executive was presented and acclaimed and vacant positions filled through nominations from the floor. A full list of the 2008/2009 Executive can be found earlier in this bulletin.

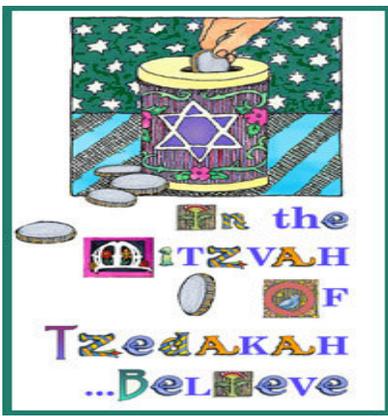
The Executive would like to thank all those who attended and participated in the meeting and encourage all other members to make every effort to attend next year's meeting. "IT IS YOUR SHUL – PARTICIPATE AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD !"

## REMEMBERING THE HOLOCAUST

With encouragement from our *Rav*, this year marked the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year that our *shul* dedicated the *Shabbos* immediately following *Pesach* to have a Holocaust survivor volunteer to speak during the *Shalosh Seuda*. Last year **Mr. Howard Kleinberg** related his experiences and importance of passing on to the younger generations the importance of not forgetting history. This year we had the privilege of hearing from **Mr. David Goldkorn**, father of **Mrs. Devorah Marmar**, a stirring account of survival and the unthinkable choices many mothers had to make regarding family members.

Our *shul*, *IY"H*, will continue in future years to educate our young on the atrocities and difficult choices that the Jewish people experienced during the Holocaust so that this part of our history is **never** forgotten.

חברים כל ישראל !



כל ישראל ערבים זה לזה !

## GEMILAS CHESED

The *Gemilas Chesed Committee* of Clanton Park is pleased to report that the *Pesach Maos Chitin* campaign was a major success. The Committee exceeded its goal of \$25,000, with the funds collected being distributed to those in need within our *shul* and any remaining funds to those within the local community.

The Committee called upon you for help and you generously responded !

*Yasher Koach to all members who contributed funds to help needy individuals and families enjoy their Pesach !*

## TZEDAKAH FOR MESHULACHIM

A new policy regarding giving *tzedakah* to *meshulachim* was implemented several weeks before *Pesach*. Since its inception, some fine tuning to the process has taken place based on feedback from the members. The *Gabbai Tzedakah* will now be available more than once a week to distribute funds and the amount to be distributed to each *meshulach* has been adjusted so that the majority of the *meshulachim* will receive a higher dollar amount.

In order for the *shul* to maintain a fund from which to distribute *tzedakah* to the *meshulachim*, members are encouraged to donate approximately \$500 (either one lump sum or a series of monthly post-dated cheques). All donations will receive a tax receipt. Donations are voluntary and the suggested amount is based on what a member would be giving, over a year, to the *meshulachim* if they were circulating among the *misparalleim* during the *shacharis minyanim*.

Members of the *shul* are reminded and encouraged to cooperate and adhere to the policy and should you be approached by a *meshulach*, you are requested to tactfully direct the *meshulach* to the posted signs in the *shul*.

Initial funding has been donated by several members of the *shul*, and the rest of the congregation is being encouraged to **voluntarily** contribute to the fund, as well, so that the *shul* could sustain this policy.

**Be part of the mitzvah of giving Tzedakah by participating in this endeavour.**

The Executive thanks you for your cooperation.

## Torah Conferencing Network (TCN)



TCN invites men and women of the community to our state-of-the-art Torah Conferencing Network. This exciting program utilizes 21<sup>st</sup> century technology to enable you to **SEE** and **HEAR** a live broadcast of one of America's most popular weekly *shiurim*. They take place at **CLANTON PARK SYNAGOGUE**.

Watch *shiurim* in Topical *Halachic* Issues relevant to the *Parsha* with Rabbi Matisyahu Solomon.

Watch *shiurim* in Topical *Halachic* Issues relevant to the *Parsha* with Rabbi Yissocher Frand.

**Note: SHIRA SMLES** – a *Parsha shiur* ever Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. for women.

### SCHEDULE OF SHIURIM

Rabbi Reisman (Motze'ei Shabbos)		Rabbi Becher (Wednesday) 8:45 p.m.	Rabbi Solomon (Wednesday) 10:00 p.m.	Rabbi Frand (Thursday) 9:00 p.m.
May 10, 17, 24, 31 June 7	10:30 p.m. 10:45 p.m.	May 28	May 28	May 15, 22, 29 June 5, 12, 19, 26 July 3, 10, 17

For more information email: [drsis@rogers.com](mailto:drsis@rogers.com).

NOTE: Rabbi Reisman's *shiurim* are now available, for a fee, for downloading from website [ishur.com](http://ishur.com).

# From the Sisterhood

## Pre-Pesach Cooking Extravaganza

The Sisterhood celebrated *Rosh Chodesh Nissan* with a *Pesach* cooking demonstration by Denise Levin.

Graciously hosted by **Terri Levy-Sandler** (who also performed admirably as sous chef), the ladies were entertained with Denise's easy-going approach to *Yom Tov* preparations.

Providing helpful hints and ideas on new recipes as well as twists on old, the evening was a welcome break from all of our *Pesach* cleaning. Of course, we were allowed to indulge and sample innovative salmon dishes, salads--and dessert too !



Upcoming  
Events

## **HOLD THE DATE !**

The Clanton Park Sisterhood Annual "Salad *Shalosh Seuda*".

Shabbos, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008,  
*Parshas Beha'alotkha*.

Special Guest Speaker:  
Shaindy Rubin-Cohen

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## BIKUR CHOLIM



It is a *mitzvah* to visit someone who is ill. It brightens up their day and shows them that you care and are interested in their well-being. The appreciation and joy experienced by an ill person, as a result of a visit, cannot be adequately expressed in words. Please make every effort to visit the *cholim* of our *shul* and the community at large. If you are unable to visit in person, even a telephone call is appreciated! **Please call before making a visit!**

May all the *cholim* have a speedy and complete *Refuas HaNefesh* and *Refuas HaGuf* and may they have *Arichas Yamim v'Shanim* together with their families and all of *Klal Yisrael*.

For a list of *cholim* or if you are aware of someone who is ill, please contact:  
Joshua Levi (416) 638-7397 or  
Sid Wellman (416) 636-0672

# YOUTH NEWS

## Shabbos Mevorchim Program

A *Shabbos Mevorchim* program for *high school boys* is held every *Rosh Chodesh* at the home of one of our members. The boys are provided with refreshments followed by an informative discussion with Rabbi Weber on pertinent *halachic* and *hashkafic* issues.

If you are interested in hosting future *Shabbos Mevorchim* programs please contact Rabbi Weber or Moishe Cohen.

## P E S A C H

### Yeshiva Bein Hazmanim

The *shul's* annual *Pesach Bein Hazmanim* program, which began on **Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008** was once again well attended by the *bachurim*. The mornings started with *davening* at 8:30 and a full hot breakfast, followed by a *shiur* and *chavrusa* learning.

*Shiurim* were given on "*Inyanai Deyoma*" from *Roshei Yeshiva* from various *Yeshivos* as well as from *Rabbonim* at different organizations around the city. The *bachurim* had the opportunity to hear speak Rabbi Englander (Yishivas Ner Yisrael), Rabbi Heber (COR), Rabbi Skobac (Jews For Judaism), Rabbi Reis (Yeshivas Zichron Shemaya), Rabbi Gemara (Yeshivat Or Chaim) and Rabbi Oppenheimer (Yeshivas Darchei Torah).

A *Yasher Koach* to **Eli Yafe** for preparing the breakfast and **Yakov Travis** for assisting Eli with setting the tables.

### Pesach Chol Hamoed at The eZone



On *Pesach Chol Hamoed*, Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> girls in grades 3 – 12 and on *Pesach Chol Hamoed*, Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> boys in grades 3 – 12 each enjoyed an afternoon of activities at The Ezone in Etobicoke.

Activities included indoor golf, whirly ball, laser tag and slot car racing. An enjoyable time was experienced by the approximately 60 girls who attended on Wednesday and the approximately 70 boys who attended on Thursday.

A special *Yasher Koach* to **Moishe Cohen** for organizing, coordinating and supervising the events.

ל"ג בעומר  
*Lag BaOmer*



Please remember to set aside the night of *Lag BaOmer*, Thursday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, for our annual barbeque which will be organized by Juda Habot and Moishe Cohen.

Details will be available shortly.

***The Youth Committee would like to extend a Yasher Koach to Moishe Cohen for a great job this year !***



## SHABBOS HAGADOL DINNER

The Clanton Park *Shabbos Hagadol Dinner*, on *erev Shabbos*, Friday April 18<sup>th</sup> was a tremendous success with over 340 people attending. It was very encouraging to see the turnout included not only *shul* members and their families but also a significant number of non-members from within our community.

The evening provided not only a very welcomed and well- deserved opportunity for women to take a break from preparing a *Shabbos* meal but also gave everyone an opportunity to mingle and enjoy the company of both family and friends and to meet and acquaint themselves with others in attendance.

A *Yasher Koach* to **Menchens Catering and staff** for preparing and serving a delicious worry-free *Shabbos Hagadol* full course dinner.

A *Yasher Koach*, as well, to **Arthur Birenbaum** for delivering, on very short notice, an inspiring and informative *dvar Torah*.

Watch for announcements of future community dinners. Don't miss out on a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and take a break from preparing your own *Shabbos* !!

## HOW WE CELEBRATED YOM HA'ATZMAUT !

Our *Shul* celebrated *Yom Ha'atzmaut* with :

- (1) a special 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary birthday cake (sponsored by one of the *shul* members) which was served following *Maariv* on Wednesday night, May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- (2) a *Kiddush*, sponsored by **Mr. Aaron Frankel**, given following both *Shacharis minyanim* on Thursday morning, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

## HOW THE TORONTO COMMUNITY CELEBRATED YOM HA'ATZMAUT !

The Jewish community in Toronto hosted a series of events this past week to celebrate Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Among them were:

- On Wednesday evening, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Mizrahi Canada hosted a community-wide *Yom Ha'Zikaron* and *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* Commemorative Service and Celebration at the BAYT Congregation
- On Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, the UJA Federation organized a huge community celebration (thousands in attendance) at the Ricoh Coliseum, Exhibition Place.
- Numerous *shuls* in the city hosted events

In addition, there was tremendous media coverage in the GTA about Israel's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and one local radio talk station sent a special crew to Israel to provide a "live" feed and host a talk show from there on Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>. It also dedicated Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup> to Israel with its various talk shows focusing on Israel and its people.

