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SHABBOS EVENTS

Sabbath Services With Rabbi Kaufman

Place: Kingston Unitarian Center, 206 Concession St.

Oneg to follow, with thanks to organizers:

Next 2 services:

Date: Saturday April 02nd @ 10am - 12pm.

1. Ethel Kozliner - Challa
2. Leanne Lieberman - Fresh fruit or dried figs, dates.
3. Steven Leitman - Cake and/or cookies
4. Byron & Susan Lew - 1 large bottle ea: Fruit Juice & Water

Date: Saturday May 14th @ 10am - 12pm.

1. Frank Lewis - Challa
2. Paul & Katherine Manley - Fresh fruit or dried figs, dates.
3. Robert Marks - Cake and/or cookies
4. Anna Matzov - Fruit juice – 1 large bottle & some water

Details are on our website, <http://www.reformjewishkingston.ca> in our Holidays and Events calendar.

Passover 2016 / 5776

Friday, April 22nd, 2016 at 6:00pm (Note new time)

IHM COMMUNITY SEDER

All are Welcome

Hosted by: Rabbi Matthew Kaufman

Admission includes Dinner: \$35/person

Children 12 and under free

Send cheques to: Byron Lew,

42 Briarwood Dr.

Kingston ON, K7M 7V4

Location: Kingston

Senior's Center

Address: 56 Francis Street

Contact: blew@trentu.ca

Tel: 613-389-7646

Contributions of Desserts are appreciated and encouraged.



IHM Women's Study Group

... and Book Club

Monday, March 14th, 2016 at 1:30pm (Note new time)

Title: Honeymoon In Purdah
Picador (December 7, 2001)
ISBN-10: 0312263449
ISBN-13: 978-0312263447

Author: Alison Wearing

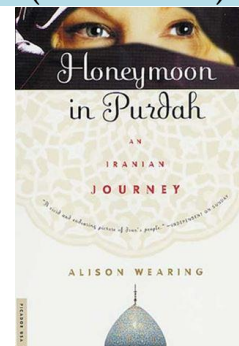
Presenter: Joan Axelrad

Hostess: Anna Matzov

Address: 5 Gore Street, #306

Contact: matzov@queensu.ca

Tel: 613-389-6610



Monday, April 11th, 2016 at 1:30pm (Note new time)

WOMEN'S COMMUNITY SEDER

Hostess: Sherry Stayer

Address: 142 Country Club Road, Kingston ON

Contact: [sstayer@cogeco.ca](mailto:ssstayer@cogeco.ca)

Tel: 613-546-9524

Rabbi's Next Study Session

Earth Day and the first night of Passover coincide this year.

Friday, April 01st, 2016 at 7:30pm

Topic: The Environmental Implications of Passover
A natural opportunity for us to reflect on the connection between Judaism and environmental consciousness.

Location: Paul Rado & Brian Tuttle's Home

Address: 20 Campbell Crescent Kingston, Ontario

Contact: paul.rado@rogers.com

Telephone: 613-542-7425

Men's Group – Next Meeting

Friday, April 15th, 2016 at 7:30 pm

Location: Paul Rado & Brian Tuttle's Home

Address: 20 Campbell Crescent, Kingston ON

Contact: paul.rado@rogers.com

Telephone: 613-542-7425

Torah Study

Animal sacrifice and perceptions of sin in the opening of Leviticus (1:1-6:7)

Saturday, March 19th, 2016 at 10:00am

Topic: Blood and Sin

Location: Richard Cohen's Home

Address: 789 Canniff Place, Kingston, Ontario

Contact: Robert Marks: delric@istar.ca

Telephone: 613-384-3759

Congregation Iyr Ha-Melech Community Announcements

We Welcome Your Submissions

From KJC

KJC CHOIR

Most Thursday Nights, 7:00 - 8:30pm

The KJC Choir meets at Hillel House, 124 Centre Street. This is a non-auditioned community choir. If you enjoy singing Jewish music, you are welcome to join them at any rehearsal.

For further information contact :

**Jochebed (jkatan43@gmail.com / 613-542-0269) or
Ros Schwartz (roslynschwartz@sympatico.ca)**

All are welcome. Please remember to contact either Jochebed or Ros in advance, in case of occasional changes of time or location, and so they can prepare music for you.

ISRAELI DANCING

Most Monday Nights, 7:00 - 8:00pm

Everyone Welcome

Taught By: Jackie Mills

Location: Beth Israel

Synagogue, *Downstairs*

Address: 116 Centre Street

Contact: Lisa Cassidy

to confirm class dates and times

Email: lisa@wassyn.com



Regina Rosen Lecture Series

Wednesday, April 13th, 2016 (cancelled)

Speaker: Dorit Naaman

Title: From Space to Place

Jerusalem's Various Identities in the Past Century

For information about the decision to cancel this event, please see the attachment, prepared by Susan Phillips, President, Kingston Jewish Council, on page 3

Clothing Drive for Syrian Refugees

Monday, May 23rd, 2016

Save a Family from Syria

Location: Mulberry Waldorf School

Address: 25 Markland Street, Kingston ON K7K 1S2

Telephone: 613.542.0669

Email: administrator@mulberrywaldorfschool.ca

Do you have any spring and summer clothing, which you no longer use? Kingston's "*Save a Family from Syria*" <http://saveafamilyfromsyria.org/> is planning a pop-up shop of spring and summer clothing for the refugee families that have come to Kingston. They will be collecting donations that morning at the Mulberry School. More details will follow closer to the date.

Notice of Condolence

The Board and Members of Congregation Iyr HaMelech offer their sincerest condolences and sympathies to our member Martha Scheinman on the loss of her Father, Abraham Barnett, who passed away at Fairmount Home on Thursday, May 28th, 2015 in his 94th year. May Martha and Abraham's entire family find the strength to endure this loss and heal. An unveiling for Mr. Barnett is scheduled for May 14th, 2016 at 2:30 pm. IHM Congregation members are welcomed. Details will follow in the April newsletter.

Refuah Shlema

Mi-sheberakh avoteinu v'imoteinu, Avraham v'Sarah, Yitzhak v'Rivkah, Ya'akov, Rachel v'Leah hu y'varekh et Eileen Slobodian v'yavi aleihem refuat hanefesh u'refuat haguf yachad im kol cholei amo Yisrael. Barukh atah Adonai, rofeh ha'cholim.

May the One who was a source of blessing for our ancestors, bring blessings of healing upon Eileen Slobodian, a healing of body and a healing of spirit. May those in whose care they are entrusted, be gifted with wisdom and skill, and those who surround them, be gifted with love and trust, openness and support in their care. And may they be healed along with all those who are in need. Blessed are You, Source of healing. Amen.

Kosher Food in Kingston

Kosher Catering, Challas, and Prepared Foods – Menu Available

Dates Listed: January through June, 2016

	Order By 6:00pm	Pick up 12:00-2:00pm
Challahs:	Thu Apr 7 th	Fri Apr 8 th
Kosher for Pesach	Sun Apr 7 th	Fri Apr 22 nd (<i>Menu avail March</i>)
Challahs:	Thu May 12 th	Fri May 13 th (<i>Lucky Day</i>)
Prepared Foods:	Sun May 15 th	Fri May 20 th
Challahs:	Thu Jun 09 th	Fri Jun 10 th
Prepared Foods	Sun Jun 12 th	Fri Jun 17 th

Pre-order by the cut-off date by email. You may also contact Ian with special requests or additional prepared foods.

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613-531-1746



Comments on the decision to cancel Dorit Naaman's talk,
March 7, 2016

Susan Phillips, President, Kingston Jewish Council

After receiving several letters of concern and with much thought, the KJC has decided to cancel Dorit Naaman's talk, scheduled for April 13, 2016. The constitution of the KJC says that our role is to bring together and build community and that we support Israel. It appeared that this talk was more likely to either create or reveal schisms in the community than to strengthen us. There was also a perception that the speaker's critique of Israel could not be viewed as support for that country.

This has been a difficult decision as everyone involved supports free speech, and many wanted to hear about Dorit's research. Never the less, having KJC sponsor such a talk seemed to contravene our constitution and so, after discussion with Dorit, we cancelled it. However, Dorit has raised what I consider to be a very important question and that is, "Who is included in the community we are trying to strengthen?" Is it all Jews in our city or only those who hold particular views and opinions? We know that those affiliated with Beth Israel, Iyr Ha Melech and the KJC combined represent a minority of the Kingston Jewish population and that at least some of those "on the outside" have positioned themselves there because they perceive mainstream Judaism to only accept unquestioning support for Israel. Perhaps a discussion of who we hope to include in our community is the discussion we should be having.

From Dorit Naaman

My talk "From Space to Place: Jerusalem's Various Identities in the past Century" was cancelled because it will not meet the Kingston Jewish Council's constitution mandate "to bring the community together and to support Israel."

In my talk I wanted to focus on a project I am completing in, and about, Jerusalem. Intended to be a participatory online documentary, the project will trace the history of a Jerusalem neighborhood back to the original Palestinian owners, through the Old city refugees who were housed there in 1948, the Middle Eastern Jews who were brought in the early 1950s, and to two waves of gentrification in the 1980s and 2000s. My talk (and my research) show how early Labour governments actively marginalized Middle Eastern and ultra Orthodox Jews, disenfranchising anyone who was not Ashkenazi, secular and Zionist. As part of the project, I have guided over 400 Israelis of all political stripes in walks through the neighborhood. And I am not alone: Israeli organizations like Zochrot, Ir-Amim, Emek Shaveh, to name but a few, offer guided tours to thousands of Israelis every year, who engage with troubled pasts, and a problematic present. My experience at home is that many Israelis -- including many of those with opposing political positions to mine --encourage the honest study of history. When the KJC invited me to give this talk, I gladly accepted, in the hope of extending this historical experience to Jews in Kingston as well.

Of course, my art is both historical and critical. My critique involves a search for peace and reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians. Part of my criticism includes questioning the failure of successive Israeli governments to take positive steps forward towards a just solution to the conflict.

But it shocks and saddens me to think that my talk might be viewed as divisive. I am an Israeli and a Canadian. Precisely because Israel is the land of my birth, where my family and friends live, and where my identity is grounded, that I have been working tirelessly in my academic work, creative practice, teaching and activism, to make it a place where people can live freely, with dignity, and in peace. By creating our own state, we the Jewish people, joined the family of nations. Israel is no longer struggling: it has a very strong economy and possesses one of the world's strongest armies. We can no longer hide from our history. We must shine light in its dark corners to reveal and correct its wrongs. Many Israelis are outspoken critics of our government's policies because we know that exercising our freedom to express difficult criticism is essential to any society that seeks to better itself, to be truly democratic. As an immigrant to Canada who is also Israeli and Jewish, I would like to believe that my Canadian-Jewish countrymen are concerned about the future of Israel as I am. Sadly, in Canada, such debates seem to be given far less room than in Israel. There is a false equation between criticism of Israel and denial of Israel's right to exist.

What does it mean that my talk is supposed to not "bring a community together"? I am aware that there are indeed members of the KJC who have grave concerns about Israeli policies, but who may not have the space to voice their opinions within the community. Data across North America shows that many Jews have serious questions about the Israeli government's actions.

Not airing the realities of Israel today effectively turns away these Jews from our community. It also betrays the spirit of the great Jewish tradition of informed debate and moral reflection. By avoiding such discussions the community is already, inherently, divided.

The obligation of community leaders and intellectuals must be to encourage an honest conversation on Israel that will allow North American Jews, young and old, to feel they have a place in an open community. By inviting me to the KJC Speakers Series, the executive took such a leadership position, and to my mind met the mandate of strengthening the community and supporting Israel.

For more information on my work and research, please write me at:
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