

NEWSLETTER

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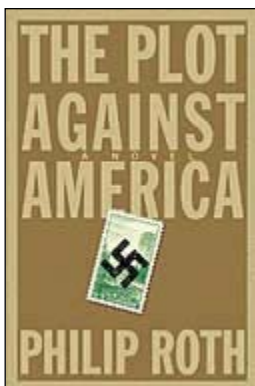
The DJC's new rabbi, Eliza Kukla, made her first of what we hope will be many visits to Toronto in the coming months. On June 17 and 18, she conducted a series of well-received services, study groups and social activities for DJC members and families. Many participated; few – if any – went away disappointed.



Her tone and approach were a great fit for the diversity of our community. There was a little something for everyone – from the traditional Shabbat service (at least, our own unique take on the tradition) to Israeli dancing. She also made the kids feel welcome, including them in the service and a story-telling session.

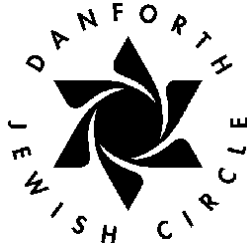
The schedule for now is that she'll be back the weekend of September 9 and 10; for the High Holidays, from October 3-13; and November 23-26. Other dates and information are still to be confirmed. Stay tuned to the newsletter – and your in-box – for more details.

Upcoming DJC book club meetings



October 20: *The Plot Against America*, by **Philip Roth**. Based on the fictional premise that the renowned aviation hero and rabid isolationist **Charles A. Lindbergh** defeated **Franklin Roosevelt** by a landslide in the 1940 presidential election.

Takes place at the home of **Anne Amitay**. Organized by **Karen Robbins**. Presenter is **Elaine Newton**, Professor Emeritus, Humanities, at York University, where she taught literature and other courses for 38 years, as well as guest lecturing at universities around the world. In 1996 Elaine received the prestigious Parents' Association University-Wide Teaching Award bestowed by the Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning. Elaine is renowned and sought-after for her book presentations.



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Other dates include January 26 (home of Nikki Weiss and Mike Fox) and March 2 (home of **Harriet** and **Richard Chartash**). More details to come.

Know anyone?

DJC member **Sandi Globerman** will be going to China to teach for a year starting this August. She's looking for someone who might be interested in renting out her two-bedroom house near Pape and Danforth, and maybe looking after a cat. If you're interested, or know someone who might be, contact Sandi at 416-465-3205 or by e-mail at sanglo@sympatico.ca.

Summer arts

Member **David Copelin**'s award-winning play *Bella Donna* is featured at this year's Fringe Festival. It's described as "a dark comedy about Lucrezia Borgia, the most controversial woman of the Italian Renaissance. *And it's funny.*" Remaining shows at the Factory Studio Theatre run until July 17. Call David (416-696-8742) or the Fringe Hotline (416-966-1062) for details. Tickets are \$10.

And if music is more your, ah, scene, why not check out the 24th Annual Yiddish Concert, also known as Gems of Yiddish Music. Performers include Beyond the Pale, Janie Respitz, Mitch Smolkin. The show is Monday, July 18 at 7:30 pm at Beth Emeth Bais Yehudah Synagogue, 100 Elder St. Tickets for this one will also set you back \$10. For more information, contact Karen Goodis (goodis@rogers.com or kgoodis@ujafed.org)

See you next month!