

NEWSLETTER

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Oy, do we have Rabbi news!

We're very excited about Eliza Kukla joining us as our new Rabbi. By now you should have received a package in the mail that introduces Eliza. We hope as many of you as possible will attend the events on June 17 and 18 and see for yourself why we are so thrilled.

And just as a reminder, here is what's planned:

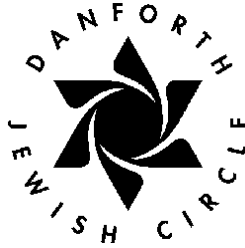
- **Friday, June 17:** Family Shabbat Service, 7:30 pm, Eastminster United Church (main sanctuary), followed by a dessert reception at Schillings, 135 Danforth Ave.
- **Saturday, June 18:** Eliza Speaks – an unstructured, informal talk, 10 am, Eastminster United Church (auditorium) followed by Kiddush
- **Saturday, June 18:** Havdallah and Israeli dancing, 7:30 pm, Eastminster United Church (Hurndale Room). Please bring a dessert.

RSVPs would be most appreciated (416-825-7431 or info@djctoronto.com) so we can get a fix on the numbers. But if it's a last minute decision, please just come!

School's... out... for... the summer

The Danforth Jewish Circle School year full of fun, community and learning, has come to an end. We closed with a lovely ceremony to distribute progress reports and wish our grads good luck. Ilana Waldston led us in some singing, as well as some Israeli dancing (*rikudium*). Of course, many thank yous abounded – to all of the great students and their families, to a fantastic DJC School staff, and a supportive (and active) education committee. Everybody deserves a big pat on the back for paving the way for another successful year. Don't forget to register early for the next school year. Have a well-deserved and relaxing summer.

-Jason Leizer, Principal



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And a note from the DJC Board:

We'd also like to thank everyone involved in our Children's Jewish Studies Program for a job well done! The buzz amongst the parents we spoke to was that this was the best year ever. Some kids were actually overheard admitting that they liked going to Jewish Studies. Imagine! The field trips were a hit, and the end-of-term performances were wonderful. Thanks for a great year.

Walk for Israel – and for a good cause, to boot

Two eminently worthwhile – and, fortunately, related – events need your attention on Sunday, May 29. First, there is the annual Walk with Israel. This popular event draws participants of every age, and is a powerful expression of support for the broader Jewish community and for Israel.

Walkers will gather at Coronation Park (on Lake Shore Boulevard West, near the CNE and Ontario Place) at 9:30 a.m. For more information, visit www.ujawalkwithisrael.com.

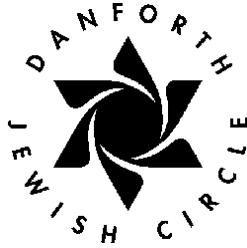
As part of the walk this year, there will be a special bone marrow drive between 11 am and 4 pm at the RioCan Festival Tent on the Ontario Place grounds. Among the organizers are Gordon and Sharon Arbess, who are working diligently to find a suitable donor for their nephew, Matthew.

To be tested, you must be between the ages of 18 and 60 in good general health. You can also help out by making a donation at www.giftoflife.org. If you need more information, contact Gordie by e-mail at garbess@yahoo.com or by phone at (416) 932-2831.

Our Condolences

- Harriet Wichin, Howard Shrier and Aaron and Jesse, on the passing of Harriet's mother, Frances Wichin, after a long illness.
- Rosie Beitel, Morrie Zucker, and Julia and Alana, on the passing of Rosie's father, Hersh.

We wish you strength and peace at this difficult time.



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Next Shabbat dinner

...will be June 10 at the home of perennial favourites (and DJC legends) Emil Sher and Kathy Miller. They're at 940 Carlaw Ave. (one block west of Pape and north of Fulton). Please RSVP at (416) 423-1668. And don't forget the finger foods.

And this note from Diana Chastain, our tireless organizer and all-around gittena shama:

For me, our monthly Friday eve home services are special gatherings. I would like to thank all DJC members who have hosted Friday evening services in their homes and those who have volunteered but have not yet hosted. And to Emil Sher, who has led so many of these services in his usual warm, welcoming manner, thanks for being there. I think you have all added to this unique, shared experience.

In the Land of "The Red Tent"

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein will lead the Kolel Women's Mission to Israel from January 24 to Feb 1, 2006. This one-of-a-kind trip will feature unique sightseeing through women's eyes, meetings with top women in the Knesset, the Army, the Supreme Court, the first Israeli-born women rabbis, and so on. An information meeting will be held on Tuesday June 7, 7:30 PM at Kolel, 151 Eglinton Ave. W. Contact goldstein@kolel.org

Spring Sing

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir marks the 60 anniversary of the end of World War II and the liberation of the Nazi death camps in its 79th annual spring concert, Sunday, June 5, 7 p.m. at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St. (parking available). Alexander Veprinsky conducts, with Lina Zemelman on piano, and the Toronto Mandolin Orchestra as guest artists. Tickets, \$22, \$18 seniors and students, are available at the door, or in advance from Jewish bookstores or by calling (416) 593-0750. Children under 12 are admitted free; group rates are available on request.

MAY-JUNE

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
May 29 UJA Walk With Israel/Bone Marrow Donor Clinic	May 30	May 31	June 1	2	3	4
5 79 th Annual Spring Concert, Leah Posluns Theatre	6	7 Information meeting, Kolel Women's Mission to Israel	8	9	10 Shabbat dinner – Emil Sher and Kathy Miller	11
12	13 Shavuot – first day	14 Shavuot – Second day	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	MEET THE RABBI WEEKEND	
26	27	28	29	30		