

NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming visits and services with Eliza

Rabbi Eliza Kukla is planning to be back in town on the weekend of September 9 and 10, 2005. There will be a Friday evening adult Shabbat service at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary at Eastminster United Church, 310 Danforth Avenue, followed by refreshments in the auditorium. Babysitting will be provided.



On Saturday morning, Eliza will lead a study session in the Hurndale Room, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Eliza also wants to make sure everyone knows that she's available for lifecycle events – births, deaths, weddings, b'nai mitzvot, etc. E-mail her directly to discuss your needs at djcrabbi@yahoo.ca. She promises to respond within a week, and apologizes to those who've experienced longer delays recently.

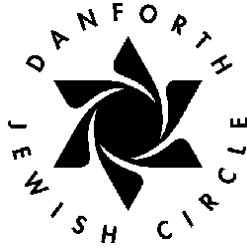
And her accessibility is about to improve – she's in the process of moving from Los Angeles to New York, where she'll complete her last year of school. Mazel tov on the big move, Eliza!

Eliza has also prepared a children's service for Yom Kippur this year – a first for the DJC – but she'll be busy leading the adult service. So we're looking for someone to carry out the co-ordinating duties for the *kinder* – readings, songs and other activities. If you can help out, or would like more information, please contact Kathy.

Watch your regular mail for our special High Holiday update as well.

Cemetery committee

One of the great strengths of the DJC – one of the reasons it means so much to so many – is our celebration of diversity. That we embrace one another's views, beliefs and opinions is essential to who we are. Sometimes these strongly-held views can make consensus difficult. Such is the case with our work to find cemetery space for our members.



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Following the survey distributed earlier this year, and a community information meeting, the cemetery committee recommended a uniquely DJC approach, involving two different cemeteries. But it turned out that was not the best choice for some. And we want to make the right decision – since it's one that will affect many people for years to come. So we have come to an important conclusion: we need more time.

Time to assess our options and determine next steps. Time to see whether there are other options that should be considered. Above all, time to find a solution that reflects who we are.

Many thanks are due to the hard-working members of the cemetery committee. Their valuable contribution was matched only by those who took the time and trouble to fill out and return their surveys, attend meetings, and discuss these sometimes difficult questions.

The board and the committee will be discussing these issues at future meetings.

Upcoming DJC book club meetings

- October 20 at the home of **Anne Amitay**: *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. Presenter is **Elaine Newton**, Professor Emeritus, Humanities, at York University.
- January 26 at the home of **Nikki Weiss** and **Mike Fox**
- March 2 at the home of **Harriet** and **Richard Chartash**

More information regarding registration, etc. will be available during the High Holidays.

Attention, all you budding Streisands and Patinkins

The Toronto Jewish Folk Choir invites singers to join it for its 80th season. The mixed choir (men and women) begins rehearsals for the milestone season on Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m. at the Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Avenue (just east of Bathurst, five blocks north of Lawrence). Interested new members are welcome to take part. For further information, call **Barbara Blaser** at 416-398-3405 or e-mail tjfolkchoir@sympatico.ca.



Ability to read music is an asset, but not compulsory.



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Leadership development



Or Chadash, UJA Federation's Synagogue Outreach Project will be offering two leadership development courses in 2005-2006. The fall sessions takes place at the Lipa Green Building on Tuesday evenings (November 1, 8, 22, 29 and December 6 and 13). The spring session runs Wednesdays, starting March 1 at the Kolel Building on Eglinton Avenue West. The time for both is 7:30 to 9 p.m., and the cost is \$50 per course.

For more information, or an application form, please contact **Karen L. Goodis**, Or Chadash Co-ordinator. And you have your choice of two e-mail addresses – goodis@rogers.com or kgoodis@ujafed.org. Or, if you prefer the old Canadian invention – the telephone – that's also an option: 416-221-6256.