



### Programs at a Glance



#### March

**Sunday March 1: 11am-1pm**  
**Purim Party**  
918 Bathurst Street

**Sunday March 8: 7pm**  
**International Women's Day**  
Featuring **Gathering Time**  
Winchevsky Centre

**Friday March 20: 6:30pm**  
**Fraytik Tsu Nakht**  
**International Day for the**  
**Elimination of Racism**  
Winchevsky Centre

#### April

**Sunday April 12: 4:30pm**  
**Annual Third Seyder**  
**Dreaming a New World**  
Villa Colombo, 40 Playfair Avenue

**Regular Weekly Programs**  
**Morris Winchevsky School Classes**  
**Sundays 10am-12:30pm**  
**Kinder Kapers Preschool Program**  
**10:30am-12:00 noon**  
The following Sundays:  
March 8, 29; April 12, 26; May 3  
918 Bathurst Street

Annual Third Seyder  
reservation form  
enclosed in this issue!

For event information:  
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### Help Us Dream A New World at our Passover Celebration!

Focusing on what needs fixing is an occupational hazard of all social justice activists. It stands to reason: we see what's wrong and it's huge. There seems to be no end to violence in all its forms. Income inequality abounds. Colonialism continues to thrive. Our planet is ailing. The list is endless. And yet we continue to resist. We have to.

But we can't create a new world until we dream it. Otherwise, we're forever stuck in the loop of fighting against rather than fighting for.

This year, in keeping with *Peysakh's* core theme of renewal, we want to dream together. What is the new world we are looking to create? What would it look like? Feel like?

Tell us what's on your mind and in your heart. Share your thoughts, hopes and aspirations - no matter how lofty, no matter how small.

Some stories will be spoken during the Third Seyder and we'll publish as many as we can in the Haggodeh supplement.

**Send us your contributions of no more than 150 words by March 20th to [info@winchevskycentre.org](mailto:info@winchevskycentre.org).**

Thank you for sharing your dreams.

A progressive, secular celebration of Passover

## ANNUAL THIRD SEYDER

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Progressive, secular Haggodeh — Theme: Dreaming a New World •
- Music by David Wall & Marilyn Lerner •
- Traditional Seyder Meal •

Sunday April 12, 2015 4:30 pm  
Sala Caboto, Villa Colombo, 40 Playfair Avenue

RESERVE on or before April 1, 2015.  
Reservation form included in this issue.

Sponsored by the Morris Winchevsky School and  
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# UNITED JEWISH PEOPLE'S ORDER

## NATIONAL NEWS UJPO-CANADA NATIONAL BOARD ANNUAL OVERVIEW

BY LYN CENTER  
UJPO-CANADA SECRETARY

**Across Canada Tour:** Jeff Halper, Israeli activist, author, and co-founder of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAH), made a cross-Canada tour during January and February 2015 to speak on "Israel at a Crossroad: Where To From Here?" Along with several other organizations, UJPO co-sponsored this tour and some of our members were involved in the organizing. Jeff has insightful views of the broader political issues, such as Israel's export of militarism and security. He spoke in twelve cities over the two months of his Canadian tour. We were lucky to have Jeff come to dinner at Ester Reiter's home before he spoke in Toronto, attended by 14 people, so we had a chance to speak to him more personally.

**Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations:** Rifke Feinstein is stepping down as Executive Director of the CSJO; they are searching for a replacement. Upcoming CSJO conference, see page 6 for more information.

**Outlook fundraisers:** A Toronto *Outlook* brunch was held on November 30th where journalists Rick Salutin and Judy Rebick spoke about the future of progressive media. The food was good, and Henry Lowi's fundraising appeal was extremely effective and well-received. It raised approximately \$2200.00.

In Winnipeg, the *Outlook* brunch on November 17th featured a speech by Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra Conductor Alexander Micklethwaite on how music crosses boundaries and cultures and acts as a unifying force. This event was well-attended and raised between \$3500 and \$4000 for *Outlook*.

**Winnipeg:** In December the North End Jewish Folk Choir performed at the Simkin Centre, at the Oak Table, and for the Sholem Aleichem Community. A forum on Feminism was held in January. The speakers at this forum, which was attended by 15 people, were Jocelyn Thorpe, an Assistant Professor of Gender Studies at the University of Manitoba and Carinna Rosales, Director of Business Development Services at SEED Winnipeg, a community development organization. Their remarks evoked considerable commentary from the audience.

**Vancouver:** There were two enjoyable events in December at the Peretz Centre. One was a *Chanukah* sing-along, with children from the Family Education program leading the singing of "*Hine Ma Tov*" and "*Shalom Chaverim*," as they lit their menorahs. The other was the *Fraytik Tsu Nakht* program, which gave attendees a chance to enjoy "Jewish Christmas", i.e. Chinese food and a movie (Gene Wilder's *The Frisco Kid*). On January 8th there was a well-attended talk by Dr. Goldie Morgentaler, "*I Am There: Jewish Poland in the Canadian Novels of Chava Rosenfarb*".

**Hamilton:** This group enjoyed a *Chanukah* party in December, and a potluck brunch in February where the future of progressive media was discussed, following up on what Judy Rebick and Rick Salutin had to say at the Toronto Outlook event.

**Technology changes:** The current National Resident Board – National Board members in Toronto – is working on extending their meetings to Board members in Winnipeg and Vancouver using Skype technology; some experiments are planned. The UJPO National website is being revised to bring it up to date, as well as having it reside on the same platform as the newly launched Winchevsky Centre website.

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## UJPO – TORONTO SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ASSIST ERITREAN REFUGEE

The Social Justice Committee of UJPO-Toronto takes a multi-faceted approach to our activism. Organizing, art, hands-on support where needed and more are essential elements.

We are currently assembling a group of five people willing to provide financial and settlement support for a period of one year for an Eritrean man currently in Israel. He hoped to claim asylum there but the country does not recognize Eritreans as refugees referring to them instead as "infiltrators". Four years after their arrival they are forced into the Holot Open Detention Center, a temporary arrangement until they

are compelled to return to Africa where torture and almost certain death await.

Three more people are needed. If interested in getting involved or for more information on this man's horrific story, please contacting any of the following:

- Gilda Katz: [gkatz@symnpatico.ca](mailto:gkatz@symnpatico.ca)
- Max Wallace: [maxwallace@gmail.com](mailto:maxwallace@gmail.com),
- Sylvia Lustgarten: [sylvial@bell.net](mailto:sylvial@bell.net)
- Jacquie Chic: [jchic@politics.ryerson.ca](mailto:jchic@politics.ryerson.ca)

# MARKING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WITH SONGS OF HOPE, FREEDOM AND CONSCIENCE

Featuring the Folk Harmony Trio: Gathering Time

Hillary Foxsong • Stuart Markus • Gerry McKeveny • *From Long Island, N.Y.*

→A rare Toronto Appearance←

**Sunday March 8, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Winchevsky Centre 585 Cranbrooke Avenue**

**\$15 advance by March 4; \$20 door**

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The best of '60s (and '70s) folk – songs we all recall from the era when popular music took up the mantle of civil rights, peace, and social concern. Iconic songs by Bob Dylan, Peter, Paul & Mary, Pete Seeger, Phil Ochs, Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell, plus hits like “Lean on Me” and “Get Together,” stir the soul to re-establish the common bonds of humanity we share with our neighbors and people throughout the world, and the responsibility we have to one another.

**“Hearing *Gathering Time* in person has got to be on your list of things to do before leaving this world. The trio harmonizes so beautifully your spine will tingle from the vibes. Next opportunity you have to see them – jump on it!”**

*Barbara Maurer, Jammin' Jules House Concerts, NJ*

Sponsored by the United Jewish People's Order

## OUR BODIES OUR TERRITORIES OUR COMMUNITIES

International Women's Day  
Toronto

Saturday March 7, 2015  
Rally: 11 am @ OISE  
252 Bloor St. W.  
March begins 1 pm  
IWD Fair:  
Ryerson Student Centre  
55 Gould St.  
3-5 pm



## FRAYTIK TSU NAKHT

*Secular Friday Night Potluck Dinner & Program*

**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION  
& THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF NELSON MANDELA**



**Friday March 20, 2015 @ 6:30 pm**  
**Winchevsky Centre**

Reservations required.  
Please RSVP : 416.789.5502  
[info@winchevskycentre.org](mailto:info@winchevskycentre.org)

When you RSVP please let us know what you plan to bring: main, side, or dessert. We'll provide the challah and wine for Shabbes.



# SHULE CORNER

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BY FRANCES HANDLARSKI  
EDUCATION DIRECTOR

It is hard to believe that we are already into the second month of 2015. Two months ago we celebrated Chanukah. Our students presented two Chanukah-themed plays; we had a music presentation by *Marni Levitt*; we feasted on delicious latkes from Free Times Cafe and yummy *sufganiot*. One of the things which make our holiday celebrations most enjoyable is seeing so many members of our community gathering together, schmoozing and enjoying themselves.

On January 18th, we marked Martin Luther King Day with an emphasis on anti-racist education. Faith Nolan, our special guest, led a workshop on Black History. Faith is a cherished friend to and member of the Winchevsky/UJPO family. She talked and sang about the Underground Railroad and slavery, about the misery of prisoners in Nigeria and we finished with a rousing rendition of *We Shall Overcome*.

On January 25th all the Shule students came together to make sandwiches for the homeless for distribution by *Ve'ahavta's* outreach van. It was inspiring and heartwarming to see the enthusiasm with which the children tackled the task. We made enough sandwiches to be given out for two runs of the van and had a marvellous day spent on a most worthwhile endeavour. A huge thank you goes out to Sandra Ruch who instigated and organized this initiative. *Ve'ahavta's Mobile Response to the Homeless* is in great need for clothing, especially socks, so as part of our *Shalakh Mones* tradition at Purim, we are asking for donations to this worthy cause. Our Purim Party takes place on March 1st (see page 5 for details).



Students make sandwiches at Shule for *Ve'ahavta's Mobile Response to the Homeless*

On February 1st we celebrated *Tu B'Shvat* (the New Year of the Trees) by holding a *Tu B'Shvat* seyder. We sampled different fruits and drank four different cups of "wine" and

spoke about the new year of the trees and our environment. Our students expressed concern for the environment and I know that we will be placing our future world in very capable hands.

Talking about capable hands, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful staff we are fortunate to have at the Morris Winchevsky School. *Ariel Sernick* has been teaching with us now for four years and she is just great. Now that we have a short rotation each week, it is clear to see how much all the classes look forward to their time with Ariel. *Sandra Ruch* has breathed new life into the music program and into the Grade 4 – 6 class and I am enjoying spending time with the B'Nai Mitzvah students, all of whom are interesting, intelligent and generous people. *Sue Goldstein* does a wonderful job with the administration and setting up our very beloved snack. We enjoyed having Emily Green with us as the Kinder Kapers teacher. This

role has now been taken over by *Sarena Sairan*. Sarena comes to us with many qualifications and much experience working with pre-school children and their families and is also a great musician.

On February 8th the B'nai Mitzvah class attended an educational workshop at Toronto's Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre and met with survivor Esther Fairbloom.

As you can see from this report, at the Morris Winchevsky School, we try to teach students about our Jewish culture and values in a way which corresponds to the way most Jews lead their lives, with the emphasis and focus being on Social Justice. As the days and months fly by, we look forward to celebrating future holidays, enriching and educational experiences and good times with you all.

# PURIM PARTY

**Sunday March 1, 2015**

**11am – 1pm**

**918 Bathurst St.**



*This fun-filled and interactive program includes a variety of entertaining activities for the whole family.*

## **Purim Shpil (play): A Purim Fiasco**

**Presented by the Morris Winchevsky School students**

**Holiday crafts & games  
Pizza & homentashn**

**Purim songs & drama  
Costume parade**



*Everyone welcome!*

**MWS students FREE**

**Adult : \$10\***

**Child: \$5\* (12 & under)**

**Family: \$25\***

**(2 adults, 2 children)**

**PWYC Option available**

**\*Includes pizza, drinks  
& homentashn.**

**RSVP:**

**416-789-5502 or**

**info@mwstoronto.org**



**Donations of MEN'S  
sweatshirts, sweatpants,  
sweaters, t-shirts, new  
socks and underwear  
for Ve'ahavta's Mobile  
Response to the Homeless,  
in keeping with the Purim  
tradition of 'Shalakh  
Mones' (the joy of giving)  
are welcome.**

**MORRIS WINCHEVSKY SCHOOL**  
Toronto's Secular Jewish Community School  
[www.winchevskycentre.org/school](http://www.winchevskycentre.org/school)

# CAMP NAIVELT

## OUR SUMMER COTTAGE COMMUNITY

### Camp Naivelt – Undzer Zumer Heym! – Our Summer Home

Cottages are available – for rent or purchase – at beautiful Camp Naivelt on the banks of the Credit River in Brampton – only 30 minutes from Toronto! You can rent a cottage for the season, for a month, a week or a weekend. And members of UJPO are eligible to purchase cottages.

An exciting summer of activities lies ahead – Saturday evening concerts and cultural programs, pot luck community dinners, campfires, Sunday morning Bagel brunches, aquafit at the pool every weekend, our week-long music camp, arts camps and more – in the splendour of Naivelt's rolling hills and in the company of a warm and welcoming intergenerational community.

If you are interested in a cottage and in participating in the community life of Camp Naivelt, contact us at: [info@winchevskycentre.org](mailto:info@winchevskycentre.org) or call 416-789-5502.

2015 marks Camp Naivelt's 90th anniversary – we proudly continue to operate as a family-oriented, secular Jewish summer community glued together with humanistic, pluralistic and progressive values and that bond is very strong.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

Sharon Brickman



### SPEEDY RECOVERY TO...

Robert Gough

Sandy Von Kalenberg

### HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...

The Dolgay Family on the passing of Mitzi Dolgay



### HOLD THE DATE!



Announcing the 2015 Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations (CSJO) Conference: May 22-25, 2015 West Chester University West Chester, Pennsylvania.

This year's theme is: "Boomer to Echo: Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Youth."

Registration information will be available soon. [www.csjo.org](http://www.csjo.org)

The Winchevsky Centre is home to:

- United Jewish People's Order - Canada
- United Jewish People's Order - Toronto
- Morris Winchevsky School - Toronto's Secular Jewish Community School
- Camp Naivelt
- Toronto Jewish Folk Choir Foundation



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These institutions, founded on the traditions of social justice and humanism, are committed to making secular Jewish life relevant and accessible through a wide variety of cultural, social and educational programs.

*If you wish to correct, add or delete a name from our mailing list, or if you do not wish for your photograph to appear in L'Khaim or on our website, please contact us at [info@winchevskycentre.org](mailto:info@winchevskycentre.org).*

Your donations are critical in sustaining the important cultural and educational work at the Winchevsky Centre.

Tax deductible receipts are issued for donations to the "Morris Winchevsky School".