MAY 2024 - NEWSLETTER

# LODGE LINE

# THE BESS AND MOE GREENBERG FAMILY HILLONG-TERM CARE HOME OF OTTAWA

## **Music Spring Concert**

Our second annual **Music Spring Concert** took place on April 28th at Hillel Lodge. The Spring Concert featured "Hillel Harmonics" made up of residents participating in Hillel Lodge Music Program.

"This chorus was started as a co-lead project last year with the aims to build social connections and to actively participate in music making together" explains Choir Conductor, Miriam Carpenter. "I was grateful to have the opportunity to continue the choir this year at Hillel Lodge with many returning and new singers. The name "Hillel Harmonics" was developed by the choir and has become a name for this incredibly motivated and resilient group of people."





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## **Music Spring Concert - Continued**





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selected by the residents singing in the choir and demonstrates a small portion of the diversity of musical styles and backgrounds that each individual brings to this ensemble" states Choir Conductor, Miriam Carpenter.

## **Music Spring Concert - Continued**

Hillel Lodge Music Program focuses on facilitating active, person-centred, and goal-focused sessions in individual and group formats.

Our program uses music to develop and maintain skills in non-musical goal areas. These goal areas are categorized into motor, social, psychosocial, and cognitive domains and include:

- To decrease agitation
- To increase autonomy through active decision-making
- To build community through collaborative music making with fellow residents
- To increase active and independent participation
- To strengthen fine motor skills by playing instruments.
- To explore memories and emotions triggered by the music.





# Pedal for a Purpose at the 16th Annual Biking for Bubbies!

Get ready to dust off your bikes, put on your helmets, and join us for an exhilarating and meaningful event that will make a lasting impact on the lives of our beloved Bubbies and Zaidies at the Bess and Moe Greenberg Family Hillel Lodge of Ottawa. We are thrilled to announce the 16th Annual Biking for Bubbies, sponsored by MediSystem, Canada's largest and most impactful fundraiser for long-term care.

Biking for Bubbies is special in our hearts as it embodies the true spirit of community and compassion. We come together to honour and support our loved ones, who have given so much to us throughout their lives. As Rabbi Bulka so eloquently described, Hillel Lodge is "the Jewel of the Jewish community," through this event, we can uphold its legacy of care and respect.

On Sunday, September 15, 2024, join us for a day filled with camaraderie, excitement, and the joy of giving back. Each year, Biking for Bubbies brings together hundreds of passionate individuals who share a common goal: to ensure the very best for the residents of Hillel Lodge. Whether you're an experienced cyclist or a casual rider, this event is for everyone!



## 16th Annual Biking for Bubbies (continued)

We aim for each rider to raise a minimum of \$500, but the sky is the limit! Let's rally our friends, family, and colleagues to support our cause and make a difference in the lives of our residents.

And that's not all! The Family Fun Zone is where joy and laughter fill the air. Participants of all ages can enjoy a range of exciting activities. From face painting to games, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. The day is not just an opportunity to give. It's a chance to have fun and create lasting memories.

So, mark your calendars and register today for the 16th Annual Biking for Bubbies sponsored by MediSystem! Whether you ride yourself or sponsor a rider, your involvement will significantly impact our residents' lives.

We look forward to seeing you on September 15th as we unite as a community and make a meaningful difference.



To register or to learn more about Biking for Bubbies visit our website: hillel-ltc.com/foundation or scan our QR code:



# **Special Activities - April 2024**



Matzah Making Factory with Rabbi Blum and OJCS Grade 1 class

> Preparing Passover presentation with Rabbi Scher



# Holidays & Observances May 2024

## Yom Hashoah - Monday, May 6th

Also known as "Holocaust Remembrance Day," Yom HaShoah is marked by memorials and dedications to those who perished in the Holocaust.

#### Yom Hazikaron - Monday, May 13th

Israel's National Memorial Day honors veterans, fallen military personnel, and victims of terror.

#### Yom Ha'atzmaut - Tuesday, May 14th

Israel Independence Day is celebrated festively by Jews around the world, commemorating the Israeli Declaration of Independence in 1948.

#### Lag Ba'Omer - Sunday, May 26st

Lag Ba'Omer is a minor holiday that occurs on the 33rd day of the Omer, the 49day period between Passover and Shavuot. A break from the semi-mourning of the Omer, key aspects of Lag Ba'Omer include holding Jewish weddings (it's the one day during the Omer when Jewish law permits them), lighting bonfires and getting haircuts.

Note: The holiday begins at sundown of the night beforehand, unless specified.



## Mother's Day - Sunday, May 12th

To all the mothers, whether past, present, or soon to be moms, may your day be filled with love, joy, and laughter.



## **CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES**

Wednesday, May 1st 2:30 p.m. Presentation by Ontario Resident Council Association

Monday, May 6th - Yom Hashoah 10:45 a.m. Special Presentation for Yom Hashoah with Joel & Toby Yan, and Nina Gordon (on cello) on 3rd Floor

Sunday, May 12th- Mother's Day 10:30 a.m. Music with Malcolm Wade on 3rd Floor 10:45 a.m. Music with Noel on 2nd Floor

> Monday, May 20th - Victoria Day 2:00 p.m. Lawn Games in the Garden (if weather not permitting will take place in the Cafe)

Thursday, May 23rd 2:30 p.m. - Keep on Singing with Alison, Al, Howard and Debbie on 3rd floor

Sunday, May 26th - Log Ba'Omer 10:30 a.m. Balloon Toss with Ottawa Modern Jewish School (Kindergarten to Grade 3 ) 3:15 p.m. "Songs of Israel" with Joel Yan, Aharon Zohar, Alison James, and friends

Monday, May 27th 2:30 p.m. An Hour with Guest Speaker Professor Gerry Cammy on 3 East

> Tuesday, May 28th 10:30 a.m. The Usuals Jazz Band

Wednesday, May 29th 2.30 p.m. Presentation with Rabbi Mikelberg: "Ruth as the Ultimate Biblical Hero"

Thursday, May 30th 2:30 p.m. - Keep on Singing with Alison, Al, Howard and Debbie on 2nd floor



Outing: Scenic Drive to The Canadian Tulip Festival May 16th at 10:30 a.m.



Green Thumb Club with Celia Monday (2nd Floor), Tuesday (3rd Floor) and Thursday (1st Floor) at 10 a.m.



## LESSONS FROM THE PARSHA

Rabbi Teitlebaum Every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.

# Announcements

## Celebrating Healthcare Recognition Days

#### National Nursing Week - May 6 to 12

National Nursing Week recognizes the tremendous impact that nurses have on individuals and communities. From providing compassionate care to excellence in education, nurses play an important role in delivering high-quality health care.

### Personal Support Workers Day - May 19

Personal Support Worker Day is a day to recognize the invaluable work PSWs provide selflessly every day. PSWs are the backbone of the health system.

#### Congratulations to all nurses and PSWs !

## is now open for breakfast and lunch !

Our Hillel Lodge residents, families, volunteers, and staff can now enjoy freshly prepared meals either inside the Café area or in our Dream Garden.

> Opening hours: Monday to Thursday 10am to 4pm Friday 10am to 3.30pm the Café is not open on weekends

Closed on May 9th for Hillel Lodge Staff Appreciation Event

# VICTORIA DAY

Please Note that our Administrative Offices and the Foundation will be closed for Victoria Day Monday on May 20th





# Family Council

The Family Council is always looking for new members to contribute to improving life at the Lodge for all residents. If you are interested in joining the Council please contact the Coordinator, Mike Cohen, at macinmontreal@gmail.com



# **Monthly Caregiver Tips**

# Did you know?

#### Spring 2024 Covid-19 Booster Clinic

Hillel Lodge will be running a Spring 2024 Covid-19 Booster Clinic in May for those residents who are eligible and interested. This clinic is in alignment with the National Advisory Committee on Immunization recommendations and the Ministry of Health that the following individuals who are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 receive an additional dose of the XBB COVID-19 vaccine:

-Adults 65 years of age and older;

-Adult residents of long-term care homes;

-Adults who are moderately to severely immune compromised due to an underlying condition or treatment.

An XBB COVID-19 vaccine in Spring 2024 is especially important for individuals identified as at risk who did not receive a dose during the fall 2023 booster clinic.

Families should expect to receive consent requests for the booster via email.

#### **Canadian Dental Care Plan**

The new federal dental insurance plan will be phased in gradually over 2024, with the first changes starting in May 2024. Please note that not all services provided by dentists are covered by this new government aid. We invite families with questions surrounding this issue to contact MultiGen at 1-877-459-3273 or to contact your dentist of choice.

#### **Ontario Health Cards**

Following a resident's admission, Hillel Lodge takes over the responsibility to complete the address change, renew expired health cards and discharge Health Cards from the system in the event of death. We keep all resident Health Cards at the nurse's station so that they are easily accessible in the case of an emergency. You are welcome to request the card to take to any outside appointments.

# Connection

# **Nursing Extensions**

If you need to speak with your loved one's nursing staff, you may use the phone extensions below. Please note, only the desk phones have an option to leave a voicemail.

Charge Nurse - 688

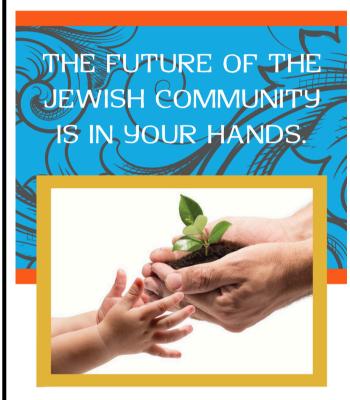
1-West Desk Phone - 160 Portable - 694

2-East Desk Phone - 228 Portable - 683

2-West Desk Phone - 260 Portable - 676

3-East Desk Phone - 328 Portable - 679

3-West Desk Phone - 360 Portable - 677



# HOW WILL YOU ASSURE JEWISH TOMORROWS?







To create your Jewish legacy contact: Leslie Sher, Executive Director LSher@hillel-ltc.com• 613.728.3900 www.hillel-ltc.com

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**Canadian Nurses Association** 

