



# LODGE LINE

April 2021



## MAGIC AND MISHPOCHA

Robert Gould, a well-known volunteer magician in the Jewish Community, has generously offered his time to bring his virtual “Magic and Mishpocha” show to Hillel Lodge! Robert is offering to perform private family-friendly magic shows for individual residents and their families, done over ZOOM. In his many years of performing magic, Robert has found that seniors seem to particularly enjoy watching their families’ reactions to the tricks – although, of course, magic lovers of all ages are welcome! To attend a free show, your loved one will need use of a laptop or tablet. If they do not have a personal device, please contact the Lodge to arrange a loaner. If you would like more information, please contact Lisa Rossman at [lrossman@hillel-ltc.com](mailto:lrossman@hillel-ltc.com)

Did you hear about the guy who invented Lifesavers?

They said he made a mint.



## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AWARENESS MONTH

Thank you to our Occupational Therapists! They work closely with our residents to help them overcome barriers to day-to-day tasks and to maximize their ability to participate to their full potential in meaningful activities and enhance their quality of life.

**What is happening this month at the Lodge?** \* virtual programs unless otherwise noted

### Weekly

- Connecting Creativity – Art Therapy
- Current Events with Chris Gupta
- Parsha Lessons with Rabbi Teitlebaum (in person)
- Outdoor resident strolls (in person)

April 8 - Yom Ha'Shoah with Toby & Joel Yan, and Rubin Friedman

April 9 - ONEG shabbat with OJCS and Morah Shira

April 11 - Singalong with Larry Tarof

April 14 - Yom Hazikaron with Rabbi Teitlebaum and guest, Eli Lifshitz from the Embassy of Israel

April 15 - Celebrating Israel's Independence (Yom Ha'atzmaut) and Birthday Parties with Evelyn Greenberg

April 16 - ONEG Shabbat with Ranit Braun

April 20 - Therapeutic Chair Yoga and Qigong with Eric Peters

April 23 - Oneg Shabbat with the Ganon Preschool

April 27 - Osteoporosis and Bone Health with Dr. Chandler Kutney from Natural Sole Wellness Center

**MEET OUR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST... Jaye O'Brien**

Jaye has been at Hillel Lodge as an Occupational Therapist since January 2020. She assists residents with their functional mobility needs, including assessing them for wheelchairs, walkers and any other assistive devices, to maximize safety and independence. She visits the Lodge on a weekly basis and works closely with the Therapeutics Department. The team keeps Jaye up-to-date on residents' needs and changes to their mobility. If you have any questions for Jaye related to your loved one, please email [therapeutics@hillel-ltc.com](mailto:therapeutics@hillel-ltc.com).

*Welcome New Residents*

Ioana Baronide

*Our Sincere Condolences  
to the Family of:*

JOSEF POLACSEK

*May his memory  
be a blessing always.*



*Just a friendly reminder...*

Remembering and commemorating a loved one's Yahrzeit is one of the most meaningful and time-honored Jewish traditions. Although this ritual typically involves burning an actual candle, an electric candle is also permitted. Hillel Lodge has LED Yahrzeit candles that we gladly provide for residents to use.

If your loved one needs an LED candle to honor an upcoming Yahrzeit, please contact Marilyn Adler at [marilyn@hillel-ltc.com](mailto:marilyn@hillel-ltc.com)

**Welcome...  
to our new staff members**

Chamroeun Yit  
(Kitchen & Housekeeping Aide)

Kaitlyn Houle  
(Registered Practical Nurse)

All our students from Algonquin College and Herzing College completing clinical placements as a:

Personal Support Worker (PSW)  
Registered Practical Nurse (RPN)  
Physiotherapy Assistant (PTA)

**The Family Council invites you to their next Virtual Meeting on  
Wednesday, April 21st at 7:00 pm**

**With guest speaker: Marilyn Adler, Manager of Recreation**

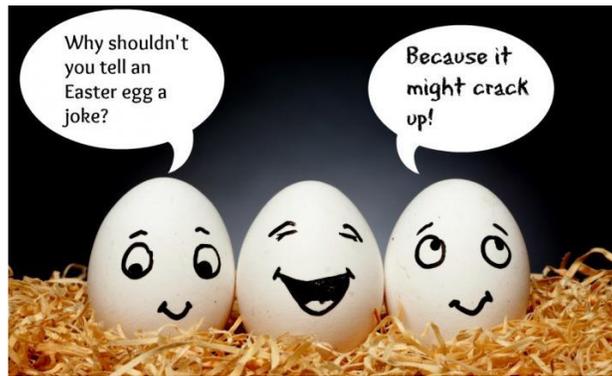
Interested in what is discussed at the meetings? Family Council encourages you to attend this upcoming meeting to learn what they do. For more information and to sign up please contact: Caren Kaminsky [caren@goldsmith.ca](mailto:caren@goldsmith.ca)

## APRIL HOLIDAYS

While the Lodge is a Jewish home that respects Jewish values and celebrates Jewish holidays, we also acknowledge the diversity of our residents. Here are some of the holidays we are celebrating in April:

### April 4 – Easter Sunday

Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. For those who celebrate, our staff are working closely with St. Basil's Catholic Church to try and arrange a video church service. Due to the Lodge currently being on outbreak status, residents will need to attend these services in their room.



### April 15 - Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israel's Independence Day)

Yom Ha'atzmaut marks the anniversary of the establishment of the modern state of Israel in 1948. The day is often marked with celebrations, parties or barbeques in Israel and in Jewish communities around the world. At the Lodge, we celebrate Israel's birthday at the same time as we celebrate our residents' April birthdays. It is a very festive afternoon as we serve cupcakes with blue icing for dessert, play music and decorate the floors. Happy Birthday Israel!

### April 8 - Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Yom Hashoah commemorates the loss of the 6 million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. In Israel, an air raid siren sounds throughout the country at 10 am, and Israelis are expected to observe two minutes of solemn reflection. Almost everyone stops what they are doing, including motorists who stop their cars in the middle of the road and stand beside their vehicles in silence. In North America, this solemn day is often commemorated in synagogue or with a community vigil and educational activities. At the Lodge, we will recognize this meaningful and important day of remembrance with a short program and a candle-lighting ceremony in honour of the 6 million Jews who perished. Volunteers Joel and Toby Yan and Rubin Friedman, the son of a Holocaust Survivor, will be assisting us.

## BIRTHDAYS

As with everything else at the Lodge, we have had to change how we celebrate residents' birthdays. Nonetheless, we make sure that each resident's birthday is special.

### March Birthdays



Brenda Liff



Anne Spicer



Lazarus Newman



Sally Taller



### Upcoming April Birthdays

Yaldess Aghababa  
Laura Freed  
Sylvia Freeman  
Harriet Schneider  
Fanny Schneiderman  
Mark Stein  
Peter Waisberg  
Irene Waxman