

LODGE LINE

THE BESS AND MOE GREENBERG FAMILY



Hillel Lodge

LONG-TERM CARE HOME OF OTTAWA

CELEBRATING GENEROSITY: HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 3RD ANNUAL GREAT GAMES EVENT

BY SHELLEY ARRON-COHEN

The Auxiliary of Hillel Lodge is delighted to share the remarkable success of our 3rd Annual Great Games Event (GGE)! In our 60th year of dedicated service, this year's event drew a sold-out crowd of 200 enthusiastic participants and achieved an extraordinary fundraising milestone —\$10,000 more than last year—through general attendance, our silent auction and raffle, table sponsorships, and individual generous donations.



3RD ANNUAL GREAT GAMES EVENT NOVEMBER 2ND



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GREAT GAMES EVENTS 2025 VOLUNTEERS

The GGE was supported by 98 prize donors, 45 table sponsors, and the exceptional leadership of our Diamond Sponsors, Tracy and Cindy Hartman, as well as Gold Sponsor Jenna Roundell of Roundell Wealth Management.

The annual spring telethon was also very successful and the combined amount recently provided to CEO Ted Cohen was \$110,000, a record year for the Auxiliary.



\$100K CHEQUE PRESENTATION:
L-R FRAN ROSS,
GOLD SPONSOR JENNA ROUNDELL,
ALIZA GAUZAS,
CEO HILLEL LODGE TED COHEN,
DIAMOND SPONSORS TRACY HARTMAN,
AND GINA GRANT.

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The funds raised will have a direct and meaningful impact on the lives of the Lodge's 121 residents—refurbishing living rooms, supporting enriching activities, celebrating important milestones, and advancing vital projects not covered by government funding.



GREAT GAMES COMMITTEE: L-R GINA GRANT, FRAN ROSS,
SHELLEY ARRON-COHEN, ALIZA GAUZAS, SHELLEY GOLDENBERG



AUCTION TABLE



RAFFLE TABLE

An event of this scale is only possible thanks to our devoted volunteers, some of whom began planning for next year the very next day!

The 4th annual Great Games Event will be held on Sunday, October 18th, 2026. Hope to see you then!

If you own a business and are interested in participating in next year's GGE as a Diamond, Gold or Silver sponsor, table sponsor, or a prize donor for the raffle and/or silent auction, please email gamesday.hillelodgeaux@gmail.com before March 1st, 2026.



This year's Great Games Event was held In Loving Memory of Sheila Hartman, honouring the legacy of a beloved Auxiliary volunteer of more than 20 years. Her daughters, Tracy and Cindy, chose to become Diamond Sponsors as a heartfelt tribute to their mother's dedication and passion.



NEW & HAPPENING

A GLIMPSE OF SOME NOVEMBER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES



**HONOURING
REMEMBRANCE DAY**



L'DOR VADOR MONTHLY PROGRAM WITH OJSC



READING BUDDIES WITH OJCS GRADE 1 CLASS



NEW & HAPPENING

"EXPLORING ART GROUP" GALLERY

In October the "Exploring Art Group" created small environments inspired by terrariums.

Rather than any living items, the residents used clay and mixed media, along with non-living natural materials (eg rocks, sand), to create their own particular habitats.

Each week residents were invited to reflect on themes loosely inspired by the Jewish holidays and new year, including what helps them to endure hard times, what sweetness and hopes do they want to cultivate for the future, and what do they want to let go of.

The residents that consented to have their finished artworks displayed publicly are showcased in the 3rd floor west living room. This bookcase is the current home of the "Exploring Art Group" gallery, an uncurated space for residents to share art. Though not all work in the Exploring Art Group is created for public display, we offer this space to enliven the residence and demonstrate the creativity and capacity of group members.



THE RESIDENTS' TERRARIUMS WILL BE ON DISPLAY UNTIL EARLY JANUARY IN THE 3RD FLOOR WEST LIVING ROOM SHOWCASE GALLERY. WE INVITE ALL TO VISIT THE GALLERY, BEFORE THE ARTWORKS ARE RETURNED TO THE RESIDENT ARTISTS!

NEW & HAPPENING

WARM WELCOME TO SUE POTECHIN AS OUR CHAPLAIN

Hillel Lodge is delighted to officially welcome Sue Potechin as our Chaplain! Over the past few months, Sue has been integral in connecting with our residents and their families, and we are thrilled for her to embrace this important role.

In collaboration with Jewish Family Services, Sue will provide support to our residents twice a month. She will lead Kabbalat Shabbat services, offer spiritual counseling, and serve as a valuable resource for both residents and families. You can often find her walking the halls, engaging one-on-one with residents, or sharing her passion for music by singing beloved Hebrew songs in the café on Fridays.



KABBALAT WITH SUE

Born and raised in Ottawa, Sue brings over 30 years of experience as a Jewish educator. She holds a BA in Psychology with a Minor in Religion from Carleton University and a Master's in Jewish Education from Hebrew Union College. Currently, she is studying to become a Rabbi at the Academy for Jewish Religion (AJR), a pluralistic seminary in Yonkers, NY, while also pursuing a Master's in Judaic Studies.

Sue is enthusiastic about her work at Hillel Lodge, especially after her enriching summer internship at Jewish Family Services. We look forward to her continued contributions, compassion, and warmth within our community. Please join us in welcoming Sue!



THE HARMONY OF LIGHTS CONCERT

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST
2:30 PM
AT THE CAFÉ HILLEL LODGE**

**FEATURING:
HILLEL
HARMONICS
CHOIR**

**WE WARMLY INVITE FAMILIES
AND FRIENDS TO A CONCERT
FEATURING HILLEL LODGE'S
RESIDENT CHOIR
- HILLEL HARMONICS CHOIR.
JOIN US FOR A PERFORMANCE
OF CHANUKAH SONGS AND
WINTER CLASSICS WITH A
SPECIAL SPOTLIGHT ON
JEWISH COMPOSERS.**



GREEN THUMB MARKETPLACE FESTIVE PLANT SALE



**A VARIETY OF INDIVIDUAL
PLANTS GROWN AT HILLEL LODGE
AND RESIDENT-CURATED MINI
GARDENS WILL BE ON SALE!**

**WHEN: THURSDAY DECEMBER 11TH
10AM - 12PM**

WHERE: THE CAFE AT HILLEL LODGE

IMPORTANT NOTE: CASH ONLY



RESIDENT -CURATED MINI GARDENS

**Help Hillel residents continue to nurture their green thumbs!
All proceeds from the *Festive Plant Sale* will go toward
purchasing an additional grow light.**

-The Green Thumb Club would love to add a second grow light to our indoor garden space so we can start more seeds, propagate more cuttings, and increase the variety of plants we are able to grow and share. Hillel Lodge residents have shown their love for the program and we'd love to keep growing and offering more opportunities and enjoyment for the residents. - Celia Glanville, Hillel Lodge Horticulturalist



RESIDENTS



Section written by members of our Residents Council

RESIDENTS COUNCIL

Residents Council Meeting will be postponed until the new year!

Residents Council is for the residents by the residents!

Do you have any ideas for our Party Line Page?

Residents who are interested in joining the creative team for this page, please indicate your interest at next Resident Council meeting or leave a message in our suggestion box.

KUDOS

To the volunteers that generously made the gift of time to be with us during 2025.

You brighten our lives!

We look forward to having you back next year.

Happy Holidays

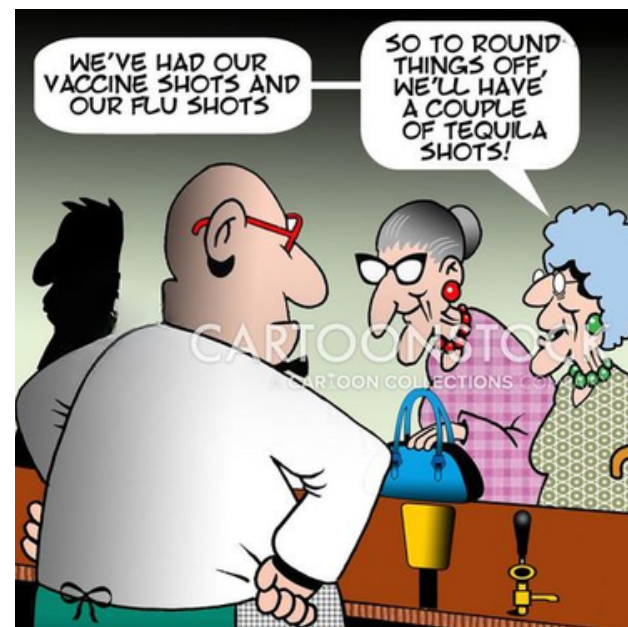
We are looking forward to healthy and happy holidays!



In loving memory of Devora, whose unwavering dedication to the Resident Council and ongoing participation in the Lodge Line Party Line was inspiring. Her impact will continue to resonate.



Remember the enchanting trip to see the holiday lights last year? The magical outing will take place again on December 23rd at 4 PM at Wesley Clover Park. Don't miss out- it is truly special !



A Legacy of Caring: Your Year-End Gift to Hillel Lodge

As the year draws to a close, I reflect on the sacred trust families place in us—to honour every resident with dignity, warmth, and compassionate care.

Your year-end gift supports this mission.

Create Something Eternal

Named endowments honour a person forever while supporting exceptional care for generations. Starting at \$1000, these permanent funds can be established now or through your estate.

Whether honouring parents who upheld the values of generosity and caring, celebrating a cherished life, or ensuring future residents receive the programs that mattered most to your family, you create a lasting legacy.



Give Smarter with Securities

Donating appreciated stocks or securities eliminates capital gains tax while providing a full charitable receipt. A \$10,000 stock gift could save you \$2,500 more than cash—maximising both impact for residents and your personal tax benefit.

It's one of philanthropy's best-kept secrets.

Your Impact Matters

This season, think beyond the moment. Think legacy. Think of residents whose dignity is preserved, whose spirits are lifted through music and connection, whose lives are honoured every single day.

L'dor v'dor—from generation to generation—we walk together.

CONTACT LESLIE OR NICKY IN THE HILLEL LODGE LTC FOUNDATION TO DISCUSS GIFTS OF SECURITIES, NAMED ENDOWMENT OR HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL AT FOUNDATION@HILLEL-LTC.COM OR BY CALLING 613-728-3990.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KEEPING IT KOSHER: A FRIENDLY REMINDER



As a vibrant community that embraces Jewish traditions and values, Hillel Lodge is committed to maintaining a kosher environment.

Exclusively Kosher Food

All our meals are thoughtfully prepared in accordance with **kosher dietary laws**, adhering to **Kashruth compliance**, which outlines guidelines for permissible foods, preparation techniques, and the separation of meat and dairy products.

Our kitchen is certified kosher by the Ottawa Vaad HaKashrut, guaranteeing that food preparation meets rigorous standards of observance.

Bringing in Outside Food & Drinks

Residents, visitors, volunteers, and staff members are reminded that **no outside food or drinks can be consumed in public areas** such as the main lobby, living rooms, lounges by elevators, dining rooms, the Café, and Dream Garden.

External food can be stored and consumed within residents' rooms only.

By following these guidelines, we support our commitment to providing a respectful and nurturing environment for all. Thank you for being part of our kosher community!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER DAILY SPECIALS

the Café

Mondays	Lasagna & salad \$10
Tuesdays	Potato Latkes with Applesauce & Sour Cream \$9
Wednesdays	Pizza \$9
Thursdays	Fish & Chips \$10
Fridays	Nachos \$9

THE CAFÉ WILL BE CLOSED ON DECEMBER 25TH AND 26TH.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Winter Floor Cleanliness

Mats have been expanded at reception, and scraper mats are now placed between the doors.

Please bring indoor footwear during your visits this winter.

Thank you for helping us keeping our floors clean!

MUSICA EBRAICA PRESENTS: A LIVELY CHANUKAH CONCERT

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
7:00 PM

Families are warmly invited to join the residents for an evening of festive music!



FAMILY COUNCIL

The Family Council December meeting will be postponed until January.
Family Council meetings usually take place on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

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

Messages from the Family Council:

- Heartfelt congratulations to Ali for her appointment as Assistant Director of Care - Clinical Practice & Education.
- Farewell and best wishes to Macdala and to Sahar (and her dog Coco).
- Thank you Fiona from recreation team for providing a much needed service.
- Thank you to recreational team for ongoing efforts to porter residents to activities.

Holidays & Observances

December 2025

Chanukah

December 14th - December 22nd

Chanukah (also spelled Hanukkah), or the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day Jewish holiday that celebrates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem following the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire in the second century BCE. Additionally, the holiday highlights the miracle of oil, where a one-day supply lasted for eight days in the temple's menorah.



During Chanukah, families light a menorah, adding one candle each night until all eight candles are lit. The holiday is also marked by special prayers, songs, and traditional foods, particularly those fried in oil, such as latkes (potato pancakes) and sufganiyot (jelly-filled doughnuts).



In 2025, Chanukah begins at sunset of Sunday, December 14th and ends at evening on December 22nd. It's a time for gathering, reflection on themes of religious freedom, and celebration. Although not one of the major Jewish holidays, Chanukah has cultural significance.

For safety reasons, we remind everyone that the lighting of candles is not permitted in residents' rooms or anywhere else in the building. Only electric menorahs are permitted.



Christmas - December 25th

Merry Christmas to those who celebrate!
May the holiday season bring joy and happiness to you and your family.





CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, December 2nd

10:30 Musical Entertainment with Nate

Thursday, December 4th

2:30 Keep on Singing with Alison, Al, Howard and Debbie

Monday, December 8th

10:30 Music with Arlene Quinn

2:30 An Hour with Guest Speaker Professor Gerry Cammy

Wednesday, December 10th

2:15 Book Chat with Marcia, Arlene and Mimi with special guest Author Sheila Baslow

Thursday, December 11th

3:00 Happy Hour with Off The Record

Sunday, December 14th

10:30 Annual Auxiliary Chanukah Party with festive music by Joel, Ruth, Eric, Al, Sol, Toby, Steve, and Marsha

Monday, December 15th

10:30 Chanukah Memories Discussion with Rabbi Scher

Tuesday, December 16th

10:30 The Usuals Jazz Band

Thursday, December 18th

2:30 Birthday & Chanukah Celebration with Evelyn Greenberg
7:00 Chanukah Concert by Musica Ebraica

Sunday, December 21st

2:30 The Harmony of Lights Concert featuring the Hillel Harmonics Choir

Monday, December 22nd

2:30 Keep on Singing with Al, Howard and Debbie

Tuesday, December 23rd

4:00 Outing to Magic of Lights at Wesley Clover Park

Wednesday, December 24th

2:30 Balloon Volleyball Olympic Tournament

Thursday, December 25th

10:00 - 2:00 & 3:30 Holiday Hot Chocolate Cart

Wednesday, December 31st

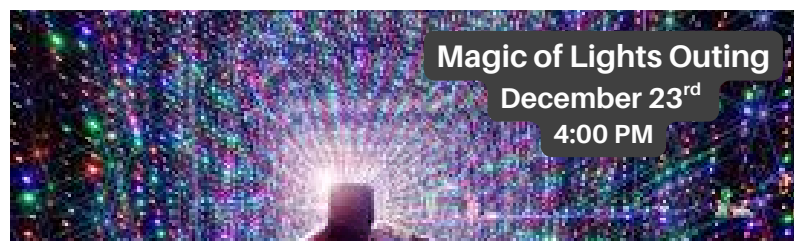
2:15 New Years Eve Celebration with Rick Crepin

December Birthday Party & Chanukah Celebration

Thursday, December 18th
at 2:30 pm
with Evelyn Greenberg



Chanukah Concert
by Musica Ebraica
Thursday, December 18th
7:00 PM



Magic of Lights Outing
December 23rd
4:00 PM

Oneg Shabbat - Fridays 10:30 AM

Dec. 5th - with Minda, Marsha and Karen

Dec. 12th - with The Ganon Preschool

Dec. 19th - with OJCS Grade 8 class

Dec. 26th - with Rabbi Lesser (you tube)

Download the full
calendar of activities at
www.hillel-ltc.com/programs/recreation
or scan QR code:



SAVE THE DATE



WELCOME ALI KARGO AS NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CARE - CLINICAL PRATICE & EDUCATION

We are excited to announce that Ali Kargbo stepped into the role of Assistant Director of Care – Clinical Practice & Education as of Tuesday, November 25th.

Many of you may be familiar with Ali, who has been an integral part of Hillel Lodge for over 16 years. Ali brings not only deep familiarity with our residents and culture but also a wealth of clinical expertise from both her time here and her hospital experience. Throughout her career at the Lodge, she has been a steady and respected leader. Her compassion, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to resident care have been evident every step of the way.



As part of our Dual-Focus Nursing Leadership Model, Ali will work closely with the Assistant Director of Care – Operations, Urduja Carino, to align clinical priorities with operational capacity, support our quality initiatives, and help drive continuous learning.

We are confident that Ali's leadership will strengthen our community and enhance the care we provide. Please join us in welcoming her to this important position.

CONNECTION

POINTS OF CONTACT

1- Your primary point of contact is always the **nurse in each neighborhood**. You can find them in the Nurses' Nook within each area, or reach them at 613-728-3900 using the following extension numbers:

From 7am to 11pm:

- 1 West Nurse:** Desk Phone #160 / Portable #694
- 2 East Nurse:** Desk Phone # 228 / Portable # 683
- 2 West Nurse:** Desk Phone # 260 / Portable # 676
- 3 East Nurse:** Desk Phone # 328 / Portable # 679
- 3 West Nurse:** Desk Phone # 360 / Portable # 677

From 11pm to 7am:

Charge Nurse: Portable # 688

2- If the issue needs further attention, the next step is to contact the **Assistant Director of Care:**

Urduja Vilia Cariño

Office #267 | Ext. #371 | ucarino@hillel-ltc.com

3- If further escalation is required then reach out to our **Director of Care:**

Cindy Garcia

Office #118 | Ext. #120 | cgarcia@hillel-ltc.com

4- Should an issue require further escalation, contact our **CEO:**

Ted Cohen

Office #116 | Ext. #118 | tcohen@hillel-ltc.com

CAREGIVER TIPS

Safety First This Winter!

As the icy season approaches, it's vital to ensure our residents remain safe and secure.

Here are some helpful tips to prevent falls during this slippery time:

Encourage Proper Footwear

Make sure our residents are wearing shoes with non-slip soles. It's best to avoid smooth-soled shoes when outdoors, as they can increase the risk of slipping.

Assist with Mobility

Don't hesitate to offer your arm to accompany residents when they venture outside. Encourage the use of mobility aids, like canes or walkers, with rubber tips for better grip on icy surfaces.

Monitor Weather Conditions

Stay updated on weather forecasts and advise residents to stay indoors during icy conditions. If an outing is necessary, plan it during daylight hours when visibility and conditions are safer.

Let's work together to keep our residents safe this winter. Stay warm and safe!

Creating Home: Our Furniture Campaign Needs You

There's a moment every family dreads.

Ricki Baker's realization struck deeply when she faced the harsh truth that, despite the tireless efforts of her family, caring for her husband Barry—a man who had devoted his life to creating welcoming, homey spaces for others—was no longer possible at home.

"I felt like I was abandoning him," Ricki Baker explains, reflecting on the moment her husband of 53 years, Barry, needed long-term care. "How could I send him away?"



But when Ricki walked Barry into Hillel Lodge, something shifted. The kindness in everyone's eyes, the dignity with which they treated him—she knew he would be okay. "They looked after me too," she said.

Hillel Lodge became Barry's home. Not an institution. Not a facility. A home—where his grandchildren could visit their beloved Zaidie, where Ricki could sit beside him in comfort, where his brother Allan could reminisce about their days together at European Glass and Paint, the family business where they spent decades creating welcoming spaces for others.

Furniture that Whispers "You're Home"

Barry understood the essence of welcoming homes. At their family business, Barry and his brother Alan didn't just provide glass, mirrors, and décor; they helped families transform their spaces into beautiful, warm sanctuaries. We need your support to honour Barry's memory by creating that same comfort for families facing difficult decisions.

Much of our furniture is worn and institutional. We need to raise \$140,000, and thanks to a generous matching donor, every dollar is DOUBLED up to \$70,000. Your generosity will not only replace aged furniture but will also bring joy, dignity, and comfort to those who call our lodge home.

Please donate today and help us double the comfort for our cherished residents!

Thanks to a generous matching gift donor, every dollar is DOUBLED!

\$180 becomes \$360—nightstands for several rooms

\$500 becomes \$1,000—a beautiful dresser and lockable nightstand

\$1,800 becomes \$3,600—a complete bed and mattress

Donation can be done in two simple steps: 1-click link or scan QR
2- select in "Choose your fund" dropdown menu the option
"Furniture Renewal For Comfort & Dignity"

<https://hillel-ltc.com/foundation/ways-to-give/donate-now>



Can also donate by contacting Leslie or Nicky in LTC Foundation at foundation@hillel-ltc.com or calling 613-728-3990.