



April 5, 2026

A Note From Our Chair

As we continue to move through Passover, my hope is that each of us takes a moment to reflect on the story of the Exodus from Egypt – and to consider how it still speaks to our lives today.

Passover is not only a retelling of our past, but an invitation to look inward. Where are we being asked to let go? To trust more deeply? To move forward, even without full clarity?

The poetic reflection on the following page offers one such perspective. It speaks to trust, to release, and to the courage it takes to step into the unknown.

May we lean into the wisdom of life, embrace all parts of ourselves without apology, and continue forward—open, grounded, and willing.

With Jewish Heritage Month around the corner in May, we hope you can join us for some of the events we have planned.

Rashell Feldman
Chair, Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community

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Reflections on Passover

By Levi Saada

I took you out of Egypt, not because you were ready or had everything figured out, but because it was time.

So loosen your grip—on the timing, on the outcome, on the need to make sense of it all.

I know when. I know how. No need to force what I am already opening. Trust Me.

After Egypt, I didn't give you a plan. I led you into the desert. No map. No clarity. No control over what comes next.

Just this: keep walking. You do not need to know in order to be led. I've got you.

Chametz represents who you became in order to survive. My love, you don't have to carry yourself that way anymore.

This Passover, you can soften. You can return to what is simple. To what is real. I miss you—the raw you, the real you.

You already left Egypt. But it is one thing to leave slavery; it is another to learn how to live free.

There is a part of you that still expects constriction, still clings to what is familiar, still does not trust ease.

Be patient with that part. I am not condemning it. I am leading it gently into freedom too.

You think you are behind in life? Let Me tell you something—the Exodus did not happen one day early or one day late.

Neither will your redemption. You are exactly where you need to be.

This Passover, I am not asking you to have it all figured out. Not to feel completely free. Not to know exactly what comes next.

Just this: take one step. Let go a little. Trust a little more.

I am the G-d who took you out of Egypt. And I am still taking you out.



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Upcoming Events

Community Safety - with Guest Speaker BENJI AZIZA

Join us for an engaging and informative lecture designed to support the members in our community. This session focuses on awareness, communication, and practical ways to stay safe in everyday life. The lecture encourages individuals to become more aware, communicate effectively, and feel confident taking steps that help keep themselves and others safe.

Participants will learn how to recognize potential safety concerns, understand the importance of a "see something - say something" approach, and discover how they can play a role in supporting security in their community.

Sunday April 12th at 10am

Event location provided when you RSVP to shalom@sbgjc.ca



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Town of Collingwood
Collingwood Public Library

FLAG RAISING & PROCLAMATION

May 5, 11:00 AM
Outside Collingwood Public Library

CLOCKTOWER ILLUMINATION

May 3-9
Downtown Collingwood
The clocktower will be lit in blue in recognition of Jewish Heritage Month

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING*

Collingwood Public Library
May 2 10:00 AM

SHABBAT LUNCHEON*

Collingwood Public Library
May 2 12:30 PM

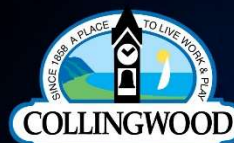
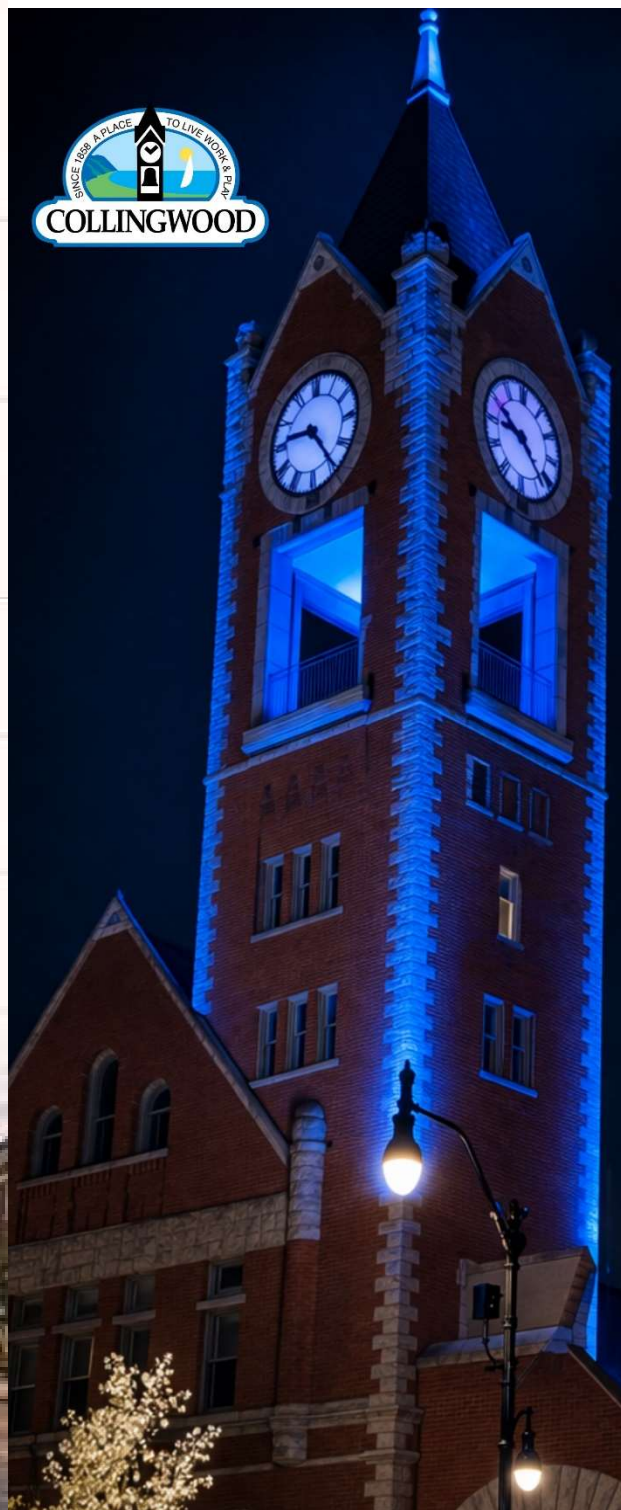
NATE LEIPCIGER*

Simcoe Street Theatre
May 20 4:00 PM

*Events marked with * require RSVP: shalom@sgbjc.ca
Tickets available for luncheon at southerngeorgianbayjewishcommunity.com



SouthernGeorgianBayJewishCommunity.com



Shabbat Luncheon at the Collingwood Public Library

For more information and to get tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/shabbat-luncheon-tickets-1986731890566?aff=oddtcreator>

Location: Downtown Collingwood, Rooms B & C

Date: May 2, 2026 - 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM



The Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community and The Town of Collingwood invite you to a:

Jewish Heritage Month

SHABBAT LUNCHEON

Saturday May 2nd
12:30pm - 3:00pm
Collingwood Public Library
Rooms B & C

Tickets available through Eventbrite
southerngeorgianbayjewishcommunity.com



The poster features a blue background with white and yellow text. It includes two images: a stack of braided challah bread in the top right and a plate of salmon with onions and a lemon wedge in the middle right. Logos for Collingwood and SGBJC are at the bottom.

Flag Raising and Proclamation

May 5, 2026 at 11AM

Outside Collingwood Public Library



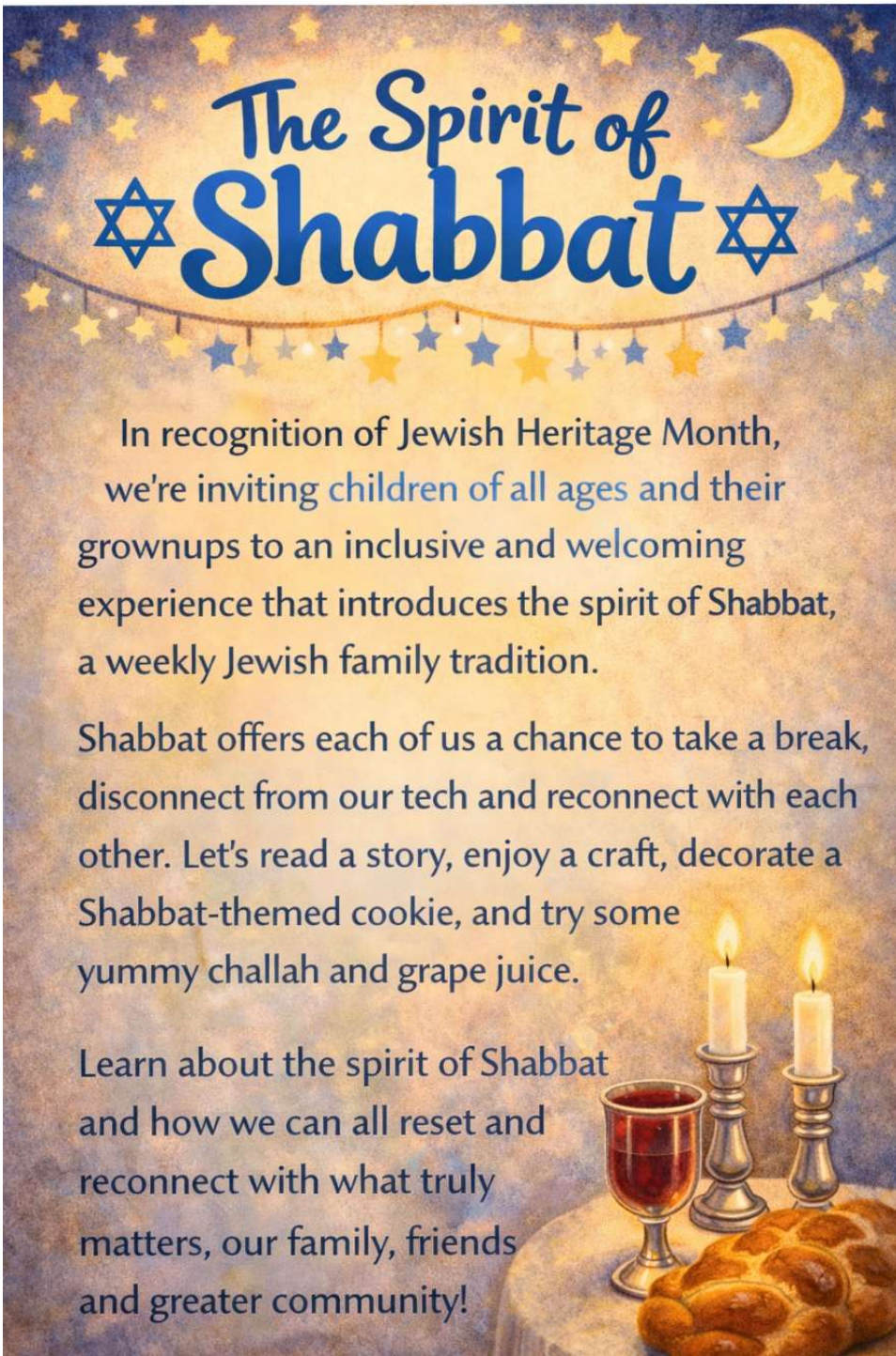
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In recognition of Jewish Heritage Month, we're inviting children of all ages and their grownups to an inclusive and welcoming experience that introduces the spirit of Shabbat, a weekly Jewish family tradition.

Shabbat offers each of us a chance to take a break, disconnect from our tech and reconnect with each other. Let's read a story, enjoy a craft, decorate a Shabbat-themed cookie, and try some yummy challah and grape juice.

Learn about the spirit of Shabbat and how we can all reset and reconnect with what truly matters, our family, friends and greater community!

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Saturday May 2nd at 10am
Collingwood Public Library
Rsvp.Shalom@sbgjc.ca



Nate Leipziger for Jewish Heritage Month Event

"Life is for the living. You have to go on, and make the best you can out of your present situation and utilize your tools." – Nate Leipziger

In partnership with the Collingwood Public Library and the Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community, we invite you to an intimate evening of conversation and reflection at the Simcoe Street Theatre.

This special program brings together Bobby Koven and Nate Leipziger in a meaningful, unscripted dialogue on resilience, perspective, and the tools we carry through life's most difficult moments.

Drawing on Bobby Koven's work as Founder and Executive Director of No Magic Bullet, and Nate Leipziger's extraordinary lived experience surviving The Holocaust and rebuilding a life in Canada, this conversation offers a rare intergenerational exchange grounded in honesty and humanity.

Together, they will explore:

- How we develop inner tools to navigate adversity
- The role of awareness, mindset, and adaptation in survival and healing
- The importance of storytelling, memory, and education across generations

An intimate setting for a powerful conversation—inviting reflection, connection, and a deeper understanding of what it means to move forward with purpose.

Holocaust survivor Nate Leipziger will share his extraordinary and deeply moving story. Born in Poland, Nate endured the unimaginable realities of Nazi concentration camps, including Auschwitz and Mauthausen, surviving through resilience, courage, and an unwavering will to live. For decades, he has dedicated himself to Holocaust education, speaking to audiences across the country to ensure that history is neither forgotten nor repeated. His reflections are not only a testament to survival but a powerful call to bear witness, to listen, and to carry these stories forward.

Following this, Bobby Koven, Founder and Executive Director of No Magic Bullet, will lead an intimate, unscripted conversation with Nate. Together, they will explore themes of resilience, perspective, and the tools we carry through life's most difficult moments—offering space for thoughtful dialogue, shared reflection, and meaningful connection.

To register: shalom@sbgjc.ca
Location: Simcoe Street Theatre
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026
Time: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

