



**February 18, 2025**

## A Note From Our Chair

**International Holocaust Remembrance Day** was a meaningful opportunity for our community to come together in honouring survivors and those who perished during WWII. I want to thank Samuel Buckstein, the grandson of Holocaust survivor Oscar Zaretsky, for sharing his grandfather's inspiring story of resilience and survival with us. I was deeply touched that members of our community, including Shirley Baum, Ruby Konkol, and Dr. Michael Feldman, were also willing to share their own families' stories of survival. In doing so, they helped emphasize that, even today, some of our Jewish friends and families in our neighbourhoods continue to be impacted by the horrors that took place over 80 years ago. Thank you for your bravery and vulnerability in sharing your family histories with us.

Our **Children's Jewish Class** celebrated Tu B'Shevat together at the Collingwood Public Library this past month. We painted pots, planted flowers, read a story, played some games, and taught the kids all about the upcoming holiday. A special thank you to Monique for organizing and facilitating everything for us.

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Keeping our children connected and learning about our holidays and traditions is an investment we will never regret making together. Our next children's class will be held on Saturday, March 22nd, from 2-4 pm at the Thornbury Library, where we will explore Pesach and make some delicious chocolate-covered matzah together. Please see the attached notice for more information and details about this event.

Some upcoming events to make note of in our community include our **Purim Party on Sunday March 9th, 2025**. We are excited to be celebrating together at the new Twin-pad Arena and Library in Wasaga Beach. Please check out the attached notice for further information for what is sure to be another fun event for all!

We are also hosting a **Shabbat Potluck on Friday March 28th, 2025** in Wasaga Beach. Please make sure to check out the attached information about this awesome opportunity to share some delicious dishes and ring in the holiday with some of our community members. Don't forget to RSVP and sign up for a dish you would like to share with us all. We look forward to seeing you there!

By coming together—through communal events, educational programs, and interfaith dialogues—we can foster a sense of belonging and support for one another. Together, we can amplify our voices, celebrating our rich culture while also addressing the issues that impact us collectively.

Rashell Feldman  
Chair of SGBJC

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# Highlights & Memories from Our January & February Events:



## Holocaust Remembrance Day Event

Our community gathered for Holocaust Remembrance, where Samuel Buckstein shared the powerful story of his grandfather, Oscar Zaretsky, a Holocaust survivor. A heartfelt thank you to Ruby Konkol, Shirley Baum, and Dr. Michael Feldman for sharing the stories of their own family members who survived this horrific chapter of history. Together, we lit memorial candles in remembrance of the six million Jewish lives lost.

## Second Women's Luncheon: A Day of Connection, Conversation, and Delicious Food!

We had a wonderful time at our second women's luncheon at Pur & Simple Collingwood, enjoying great conversations and delicious food! A big thank you to everyone who attended and to the executive members who organized this event. We look forward to hosting another luncheon soon!





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## Tu B'Shevat Learning & Fun: Kid's Jewish Learning Group

Celebrating Tu B'Shevat with our amazing Jewish kids learning group at the Collingwood Library! We kicked off with a lesson and pop quiz, then got creative painting flower pots, planting seeds, and decorating a window with tree stickers. The kids had a blast with tree-themed games and made lasting memories. We always look forward to more fun and educational gatherings together!

# Upcoming Events



## SUNDAY MARCH 9, 2025 - 3:30 PM TO 6:30 PM

Get ready for an afternoon of excitement at our Purim Party! Come dressed in your best costume and enjoy games, balloon twisting, skating, delicious food, and festive activities for the whole family!

**WHEN:** Sunday March 9, 2025

**TIME:** 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Wasaga Stars Arena - 544 River Road West, Wasaga Beach

**COST:**

\$30/household (up to 4 family members)  
\$15 for each additional family member or single person  
\$10 surcharge for non-members

Please RSVP to ensure you're on the guest list. Simply email and e-transfer payment to [shalom@sbgjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sbgjc.ca). We can't wait to celebrate with you!



# Upcoming Events

A promotional poster for a Passover event for children. It features a blue background with a white border. At the top, there's a banner with colorful triangular flags. Below the banner, on the left, are three circular images: the top one shows a Seder plate with various symbolic foods and the Hebrew word 'פסח' (Pesach); the middle one shows small, colorful boxes labeled with the Ten Plagues (Wild Animals, Cattle Plague, Boils, Hail, etc.); the bottom one shows several chocolate-covered matzahs. On the right side, the SGBJC logo is at the top, followed by the title 'JEWISH LEARNING KIDS MEET UP' in large, bold, blue and white letters. Below the title is a bulleted list of event details. At the bottom, there's a 'SIGN UP NOW!' button with a right-pointing arrow and the email address 'shalom@sgbjc.ca'.

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## JEWISH LEARNING KIDS MEET UP

- **When:** Saturday March 22, 2025
- **Time:** 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
- **What:** Join us for a fun, educational **Passover** experience with story time, crafts, games, and making chocolate matzah!
- **Where:** L.E. Shore Memorial Library- 173 Bruce St S, Thornbury, ON
- **Who:** Children aged 3-12 (parents to accompany)
- **Fee:** No Cost

This event is in collaboration with the library and open to the public.  
RSVPs are welcome for our members.

**SIGN UP NOW!** ➔ [shalom@sgbjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sgbjc.ca)

**SATURDAY MARCH 22, 2025 - 2:00 PM TO 3:30 PM**

Join us for an exciting afternoon of Passover fun! Kids will enjoy story time, crafts, games, and even make their own chocolate-covered matzah! Hosted by SGBJC in collaboration with the Thornbury Library, it's a wonderful opportunity to learn about the holiday and have a blast with friends! Don't miss out on the fun!

**WHEN:** Saturday March 22, 2025

**TIME:** 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

**LOCATION:** L.E. Shore Memorial Library- 173 Bruce St S, Thornbury, ON

Intended for children ages 3-12 years, and must be accompanied by a parent. No charge for this event. Please RSVP to [shalom@sgbjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sgbjc.ca) to reserve a spot for your child(ren) so we can ensure we have enough supplies. We look forward to seeing you there!

# Upcoming Events



The poster features a dark blue background with a gold border. At the top center is the SGBJC logo, which consists of a white Star of David above the text 'SGBJC' and 'SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY JEWISH COMMUNITY'. Below the logo, the text 'JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST' is in gold, followed by 'Shabbat Potluck Dinner' in a large, elegant white script. A horizontal line separates this from the introductory text: 'We are excited to gather with our Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community for a meaningful evening of celebration and togetherness.' Below this, the event details are listed: 'DATE: Friday March 28, 2025', 'TIME: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM', and 'LOCATION: Wasaga Star Arena-544 River Road West, Wasaga Beach'. A 'COST' section follows, listing: '\$30/household (max 4 family members)', '\$15 per additional family member/single person', and '\$10 surcharge for non-members'. A 'WHAT TO BRING' section lists: 'A dish to feed 10 people- Scan QR Code to sign up', 'Let us know what dish you're bringing and how many are attending', and 'RSVP is a must to be added to the guest list'. A QR code is located to the right of the 'WHAT TO BRING' section. At the bottom, it says 'Please send e-transfer payment to: shalom@sbgjc.ca'.

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JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST  
*Shabbat Potluck Dinner*

We are excited to gather with our Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community for a meaningful evening of celebration and togetherness.

**DATE:**  
Friday March 28, 2025

**TIME:**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**LOCATION:**  
Wasaga Star Arena-544 River Road West, Wasaga Beach

**COST:**

- \$30/household (max 4 family members)
- \$15 per additional family member/single person
- \$10 surcharge for non-members

**WHAT TO BRING:**

- A dish to feed 10 people- Scan QR Code to sign up
- Let us know what dish you're bringing and how many are attending
- RSVP is a must to be added to the guest list

Please send e-transfer payment to:  
shalom@sbgjc.ca

**FRIDAY MARCH 28, 2025 -**  
**6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM**

**WHEN:** Friday March 28, 2025

**TIME:** 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Wasaga Stars Arena - 544  
River Road West, Wasaga Beach

**COST:**  
\$30/household (up to 4 family members)  
\$15 for each additional family member  
or single person  
\$10 surcharge for non-members

Join us for a meaningful evening of celebration and togetherness with the Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community! Bring your favourite dish to share and enjoy a warm, welcoming evening with family and friends.

## What to Bring:

A dish to feed 10 people. Scan the QR code to sign up and let us know what you're bringing and how many are attending. RSVP is a must to be added to the guest list.

**Payment:** Send e-transfer to shalom@sbgjc.ca  
We look forward to celebrating with you!

To sign up

**SCAN ME!**



# Get Involved & Stay Connected

## How to become a member and support our community

To become a member of the Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community, simply sign up on our website and submit your yearly membership dues of \$180. You can send your payment via e-transfer to [shalom@sbgjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sbgjc.ca), or if you prefer, mail a cheque made out to "Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community" to 307 Pine Street, Collingwood, ON, L9Y 2P4. Your membership helps support our ongoing efforts to provide Jewish education, programming, and community events. We thank you for your support and look forward to welcoming you as a member of our community!

## Are you a member of our members-only Facebook group yet?

There are lots of ways to stay in touch. We will continue to send out our regular newsletters. Don't forget to check out our members-only private Facebook group "Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community" and our public Instagram account [@sbg\\_jc](https://www.instagram.com/sbg_jc)



## Have any ideas for future events?

Our executive team meets regularly to plan events and liaise with outside organizations. If you have any suggestions for future activities, keep them coming by emailing [shalom@sbgjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sbgjc.ca).

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