



February 23, 2026

## A Note From Our Chair

As we look ahead to the months before us, I am filled with pride for what we are building together in Southern Georgian Bay.

Our community is rooted in tradition, strengthened by resilience, and inspired by the responsibility we share – not only to support one another, but to contribute meaningfully to the broader region we call home.

Through initiatives like Be The Light, through partnerships with local organizations, through advocacy, education, and cultural celebration, we are ensuring that Jewish life here is visible, vibrant, and valued.

This is not work done by one person. It is done by a community that shows up – for youth, for dialogue, for remembrance, and for one another.

Thank you for your engagement, your generosity, and your leadership. Together, we continue to build something meaningful and lasting.

With gratitude,  
Rashell Feldman  
Chair, Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community

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## Be The Light Initiative

As our community continues to grow, so too does our impact. From education and advocacy to social connection and service, SGBJC remains committed to strengthening Jewish life across Southern Georgian Bay.

Our Be The Light initiative reflects a core Jewish value: bringing light into the world through action, compassion, and responsibility.

“Be The Light” is about:

Supporting vulnerable members of our broader community

Standing proudly and visibly as Jews in Southern Georgian Bay

Responding to darkness with clarity, education, and kindness

Creating opportunities for youth engagement and ally-ship

Partnering with local organizations to build a stronger, more inclusive region

Whether we are walking in support of youth experiencing homelessness, advocating for education about antisemitism, or gathering for meaningful cultural events, Be The Light is the thread that connects our work.

It is not just a slogan – it is a commitment. Stay tuned for more on our initiatives and how you can get involved.



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# Upcoming Events

## Book Club - Rescheduled Date

Join us for dinner, dessert or drinks while we discuss *The Choice: Embrace the Possible*.

Dr Edith Eva Eger is an eminent psychologist whose own experiences as a Holocaust survivor helps treat patients and allows them to escape the prisons of their own minds.

It's 1944 and 16 year old ballerina and gymnast Edith Eger is sent to Auschwitz. Separated from her parents on arrival, she endures unimaginable experiences, including being made to dance for the infamous Josef Mengele. When the camp is finally liberated, she is pulled from a pile of bodies, barely alive. The horrors of the Holocaust didn't break Edith. In fact, they helped her learn to live again with life-affirming strength and a truly remarkable resilience. *The Choice* is her unforgettable story.

Hosted by Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community

DATE: Thursday March 5th, 2026

TIME: 7-9pm

LOCATION: Kelsey's 371 First St, Collingwood

rsvp for details: [shalom@sbgjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sbgjc.ca)

The flyer features the SGBJC logo (Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community) with a Star of David. It includes the following text: "Rescheduled date: Thursday March 5th, 7-9pm, Collingwood. Join us for dinner, dessert or drinks while we discuss the book *The Choice: Embrace the Possible* by Holocaust survivor Edith Eva Eger." The book cover is shown with quotes: "THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER", "'It'll be forever changed by Dr. Eger's story.' -OPRAH", and "'A mind-blowing memoir of surviving Auschwitz... I can't imagine a more important message for modern times.' -LOBI GOTTLEB, The New York Times Book Review". It also mentions "A Memoir by Dr. Edith Eva Eger, Foreword by Philip Zimbardo, PhD" and "RSVP SHALOM@SGBJC.CA". A photo of Dr. Edith Eva Eger is at the bottom right. The words "BOOK CLUB" are written in large, bold letters on the left side.

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## Coldest Night of the Year – February 28

On February 28, our SGBJC team will walk in the Coldest Night of the Year in support of Home Horizon.

What is Home Horizon?

Home Horizon serves youth in South Georgian Bay who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability. They provide safe housing, mentorship, life-skills development, educational support, and pathways to independence for young people aged 16–24.

What is Barbara Weider House?

Barbara Weider House is a supportive residence operated by Home Horizon. It offers safe, structured housing where youth can stabilize their lives, continue their education, gain employment skills, and receive ongoing support from trained professionals.

This work directly impacts young people in our own community.

As part of our Be The Light initiative, we are asking for your support.

Please consider donating. Every contribution – of any size – makes a meaningful difference.

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registrator/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=1041062>

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Sign up online to join our team  
or sponsor us in support of  
Collingwood Home Horizon.



The Coldest Night of the Year is a family-friendly fundraising walk in support of local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness... because it's cold out there.



# Activities & Advocacy

## Town of Collingwood – Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

IHRA's definition was adopted by Collingwood Council 2 years ago.

We are proud to share that the Town of Collingwood has updated its website ([collingwood.ca](http://collingwood.ca)) under its Diversity, Equity and Inclusion section.

The updated content includes:

A commitment to anti-racism

A clearly defined explanation of antisemitism

These steps matter. Municipal recognition and clarity create safer, more informed spaces for everyone. We appreciate the Town's leadership and are encouraged by the progress being made

<http://collingwood.ca/>

## CCI – Club for Jewish Students & Allies

We are thrilled to announce that CCI – a club for Jewish students and allies – has officially been approved by the Simcoe County District School Board.

This milestone represents an important step forward in creating safe, inclusive spaces within our schools. The club will provide:

A supportive environment for Jewish students

Education and dialogue opportunities

Ally-ship and cross-community understanding

Visible representation and belonging

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# Coming Soon...

## Jewish Community Safety Workshop – April 12 at 10 AM

Please join us on for a special community event featuring guest speaker Ben Azizi, Director, National Security Program, from the Jewish Security Network.

There is no cost to participate.

Location: Provided upon email registration.

Email us: [shalom@sbgjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sbgjc.ca) to register for further information.

We look forward to gathering in learning and connection.

## Upcoming Events

May is Jewish Heritage Month. Stay tuned for details of upcoming events we are planning.



Join our mailing list by filling out the form on our website

[www.southerngeorgianbayjewishcommunity.com](http://www.southerngeorgianbayjewishcommunity.com)