



September 19, 2024

## A Note From Our Chair

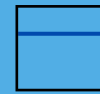
We are so excited to be starting a full year of programming, education, holidays, outreach and overall opportunities for our Jewish community in the Southern Georgian Bay area to come together. Of all times, it's more important than ever that we find strength and comfort in one another. Not only do we need each other, but our extended community needs us too.

October 7th was a wake-up call for many of us, but I do believe that it has served as a call to action as well. This call to action has directly led to the creation of the SGBJC. Our Jewish community has grown from 40 or so members at the first meeting to over 300 adult members residing in this area. As with any large scale passion project, we have steadily developed an executive board consisting of 8 dedicated members, whom without, nothing would be possible. I would like to extend a big thank you to my husband Dr. Michael Feldman, Peter Seligman, Monique Szigeti, Cindy Chisvin, Amanda Levine, Dr. Rebecca Henry and Dr. David Yanowski. Together we have worked to achieve some important goals including but not limited to:

- Deputations at four local town councils on antisemitism, with the Town of Collingwood and Town of Wasaga Beach officially adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism as their public position
- The placement of a menorah in the Town of Collingwood city hall window and displaying it alongside the Christmas decorations
- Three community meetings
- The inauguration of an executive committee

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- The development of a mission and vision statement
- A growing membership of over 300 adults
- A community survey and needs analysis
- A regular newsletter
- A community website ([www.SGBJC.ca](http://www.SGBJC.ca)), Facebook page, and Instagram account
- Social and holiday events (a Hanukkah party, a Pesach “schtick” social, a Purim party, an adult Purim party, a Passover seder for all community members who didn’t have one of their own to go to)
- Educational events, including Holocaust survivor Renate Krakauer speaking to a sold-out crowd at the Simcoe Street theatre and an educational talk on “Lessons from the Holocaust”
- Presentation on antisemitism for Owen Sound Police training
- An exhibit entitled “The Canadian Jewish Experience” hosted by the Collingwood Museum
- An interview on the Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community on CBC Radio One
- Joining the Pride Parade with a Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community contingent
- Starting a kids and teens Jewish social and educational program including a Challah bake, a Tikkun Olam event, a kids’ Seder, a Shabbat Potluck, a Purim party and hamantaschen bake.

Planning for this coming year is already well underway. We plan to host our first Rosh Hashanah service on October 3rd, live streaming the Park Avenue Synagogue service in New York at the Simcoe Street Theatre. We are also working on plans for a Kol Nidre service at the Thornbury L.E. Shore Memorial Library on October 11th. Seating is limited at both of these venues, so stay tuned for attached details if you wish to reserve a seat. We are also hoping to have a Family Rosh Hashanah apple picking at The Farmer’s Pantry on the Mountain on September 29th.

Later in the year, we are working with two local high schools to bring the Friends of Simon Weisenthal Centre’s Tour of Humanity bus, an award-winning mobile human rights education centre. In the hopes of “teaching students about the horrors of genocide, especially the Holocaust, while addressing issues of racism, intolerance, diversity, democracy and human rights”.

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We are organizing a series of social events to have opportunities to meet, hang out, and enjoy good food and wine, a Hanukkah party, Shabbat potlucks, movie nights, and develop an educational series on history and current events open to our Jewish community members and the community at large. We also plan to continue our local advocacy to support our community and stand firm against antisemitism. We also hope to select a worthy cause and raise the profile of the Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community by helping recruit volunteers or raising money for a local charity.

We have incorporated a public, not-for-profit corporation to manage the finances of arranging for all these activities. It is our hope to now be able to apply for funding that would greatly help us to cover these costs as well as future costs of continuing to build opportunities for our community.

In order for our organization to pay for the necessary administrative expenses we have decided to introduce an annual fee beginning this new year of \$180 per household. We are willing to accommodate anyone who finds themselves in financial hardship and cannot pay the fee but still wishes to be part of the SGBJC. Please contact Peter Seligman ([peterseligman@rogers.com](mailto:peterseligman@rogers.com)) to discuss. We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to all the possibilities our shared efforts will afford us.

As we prepare for the year ahead (5785) let us be mindful that we still have at least 97 hostages remaining in Gaza, and that Jewish communities around the world are experiencing a dramatic rise of antisemitism. The New Year is not just a time for family and celebration it is also a time of reflection and a chance for us all to do better. May we each have a sweet new year and another opportunity to answer the call to action we have been afforded. Let us achieve all that is possible, together!

Instructions for e-transfer for annual fee: Send \$180 to [shalom@sgbjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sgbjc.ca). If asked to pose a security question and answer, the answer should be "5785".

Shana Tova,  
Rashell Feldman

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# Upcoming Events



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## Join Us For Apple Picking Fun!

JUST IN TIME FOR ROSH HASHANAH, WE INVITE ALL FAMILIES TO JOIN US AT FARMER'S PANTRY FOR A FUN-FILLED APPLE PICKING EXPERIENCE

**When:** Sunday September 29th, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**Where:** Farmer's Pantry, 788030 Grey County Rd 13, Thornbury

**Admission:** \$7 per person (exclusive group rate). Apple picking is an additional charge, based on how many you pick. Each family is responsible for their own payments.

We will begin at 10:30 AM with a Rosh Hashanah discussion for the kids, followed by apple picking and exciting activities at the farm.

We hope to see you all there!  
please RSVP to [shalom@sbgjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sbgjc.ca)

SUNDAY SEPT 29TH 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

## Join Us For Apple Picking Fun!

Celebrate Rosh Hashanah with us on Sunday, September 29th, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Families are invited for a morning of apple picking, a special Rosh Hashanah discussion for kids, and fun farm activities.

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RSVP to [shalom@sbgjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sbgjc.ca)—we can't wait to see you there!

THURSDAY OCT 3RD AT 9:00 AM

## Rosh Hashanah Service

Celebrate Rosh Hashanah with us on Thursday, October 3rd! We're excited to bring the spirit of the Park Avenue Synagogue service in New York right to the Simcoe Street Theatre through a special live stream.

Seating is limited for this event, so please RSVP at [shalom@sbgjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sbgjc.ca) to reserve your spot.

Doors Open at 9:00 AM  
Address: Simcoe St. Theatre - 65 Simcoe St Studio 7, Collingwood

### Schedule of Services:

9:30 AM- Torah Service (Livestream Begins)  
10:00 AM- Shofar Blowing, Sermon, & Musaf

We look forward to celebrating with you!



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Come together as we celebrate the Jewish New Year!

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 11TH AT 5:45 PM

## Yom Kippur Evening Service

Join us for a meaningful Yom Kippur Evening Service on Friday, October 11th, at the Thornbury Library Gallery Space, located at *173 Bruce St. S, Thornbury*. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m., inviting you to gather with our community in person as we host a livestream of the service.

Seating is limited for this event, so please RSVP at [shalom@sgbjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sgbjc.ca) to reserve your spot.

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6:15 PM- Kol Nidre

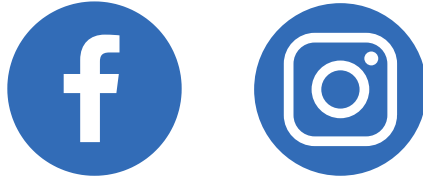
6:21 PM- Fast Begins

We hope to see you there.

# Get Involved & Stay Connected

## 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 Facebook page at and public Instagram account.



## 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).

**Anyone can join the mailing list by filling out a form at [www.sbgjc.ca](http://www.sbgjc.ca)**