



July 9, 2024

A note from our Chair

Our Jewish Community in the Southern Georgian Bay Area continues to grow and thrive with each passing month. During the month of June we successfully honoured our shared heritage with the support of the Town of Collingwood with the Canadian Jewish Experience Exhibit that was showcased at the Collingwood Museum. We also had the privilege of hosting Dr. Renate Krakauer, a Holocaust survivor who shared her family's story of survival at the Lower Simcoe Theatre. Her talk was informative and inspirational and she left us with copies of her book for an even more in-depth understanding of her experiences after her sold out presentation.

Already in the month of July have we had our end of year celebration with our Jewish children's classes. We celebrated our last class with a family potluck and exploring Shabbat. We made traditional matzo ball soup together, decorated kippahs and made beeswax Shabbat candles, all the while sharing in a Shabbat-inspired lunch and learning the brachot said over the candles, wine and challah. How wonderful it was to join our youngest members and their parents in celebration of our weekly holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone again September. Next up is our teen challah making class this week and an opportunity to connect our middle school/high schoolers as we learn to make intricate challah braiding designs with none other than executive member Cindy Chisvin.

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STAY IN TOUCH!

On Tuesday July 9th Collingwood will be hosting a Music Festival and one of our local members, Alan Stein, will be showcasing his charcoal drawing and paintings inspired by recently translated messages from old family postcards dating from the Russian Revolution through WWII. The exhibit will also include Yiddish Songs with profoundly moving children's poems and music by Fritz Kreisler and Kurt Weill. We are all invited to attend and members of our Jewish community are welcome to receive 15% off admission thanks to Daniel Vnukowski, the Director of the event. Please click on the link for further details on the exhibit "Postcards Lost":

Use code "SGBJC15" and enjoy 15% off!
<https://collingwoodfestival.com/event/2024-postcards-lost/>

The Pride Parade in Collingwood will be on Saturday July 13th from 5-6pm. Our Jewish community will be walking in the parade. If you are interested in joining alongside our executive member Peter Seligman please meet him at **4pm at the staging area on Ste Marie Street between Second Street and/Simcoe Street and Third Street/** Ontario. We will be **group 35 and in the 3rd row**. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Peter Seligman at: 416-565-110.

Our community members are all invited to participate if interested in a Zoom meeting with Ari Rosenblum who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federation of Rockland County in New York. Ari has extensive experience in Ottawa, Toronto and New York leading training and leadership seminars in a variety of settings. This Zoom event is being sponsored by Beth Ezekiel Synagogue in Owen Sound on Monday July 15th at 7pm and the online learning session is entitled "Definitions, Israel and the Modern Face of Antisemitism". If you would like to participate please click on this link to register:

Israel and the Modern Face of Anti-Semitism
Monday, July 15th at 7 pm EST.
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/definitions-israel-the-face-of-modern-antisemitism-tickets-930093142627?aff=oddtcreator>

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This past weekend an unfortunate event occurred at the Collingwood Farmer's Market. I have watched the Instagram posting and understand that some of our members are quite upset and distressed. I have reached out to our town and received confirmation that an internal investigation about this incident is taking place. Until we have more information and confirmed evidence of exactly what was said and happened, I encourage everyone to stay calm. We as a community need to stay levelheaded and non-reactive so not to create unnecessary drama in order to continue to build our positive reputation and influence in our communities. As you know, I feel very passionately about combating antisemitism and will make sure to take any necessary steps to help educate and build bridges with our fellow community members if and when needed. I likewise will provide any necessary updates and in the mean time, rest assured the matter is being handled in a compassionate and professional manner so as to ensure the best possible outcome.

For the rest of the summer if any of our members are interested in hosting any events, simchas or opportunities for connection please fill out a form with more information and send it to us for consideration:

<https://rescueroundup.typeform.com/to/R0PsPmT7>

Once it has been approved we will happily advertise and post all relevant information about your event on our webpage and social media accounts. Our intention is to help connect our members and empower you all to come together over the summer. Our regular community programming after July will resume in September. Until then, enjoy the beautiful weather up here in our area and the company of one another. We look forward to seeing you all very soon and the new and exciting opportunities we have planned to share with you this coming year.

If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me at 705-888-5242 or Rashell.feldman@icloud.com

Wishing all of you a fabulous summer!
Am Yisrael Chai!
Rashell Feldman

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Upcoming Events



TUES JULY 9 AT 7:00PM @ COLLINGWOOD MUSIC FESTIVAL

Alan Stein Exhibit

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WED, JULY 10, 2024

Teen Challah Baking Event

If you have a child between 5-12 and are interested in getting involved please reach out to let us know at: shalom@sgbjc.ca

Learn to make intricate challah braiding designs with none other than executive member Cindy Chisvin.

Classes are \$10 per child/per class and a parent must be present to assist.

JOIN OUR TEEN CHALLAH BAKING EVENT



WED. JULY 10, 2024

6:30 to 8:30 PM
Event location will be shared with registered participants.

FEE: \$10/PERSON

Intended for teens aged 11 to 18 years old.

DETAILS OF EVENT:

- Bake delicious challah together
- Take home your own freshly baked challah
- Paint and decorate your own ceramic Hamsa
- Enjoy fun socializing with fellow teens



Register your teen at shalom@sgbjc.ca

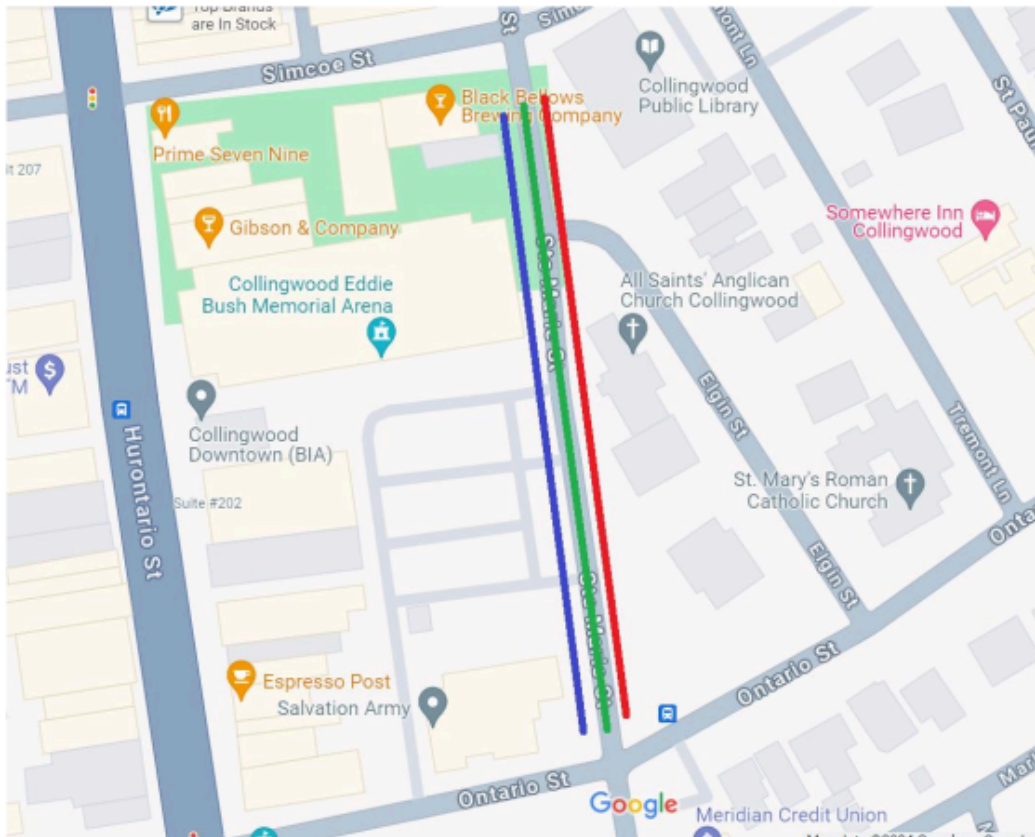
LOVE is LOVE

HAPPY PRIDE FROM THE SGBJC






Collingwood Pride Parade – July 13th, 2024 from 5:00pm to 6:00pm

STAGING AREA:



Float Staging Area:
4:00pm-5:00pm

Staging area will consist of 3 rows facing south towards Third St/Ontario St.

- Row 1:** Floats 1 through 15 
- Row 2:** Floats 16 through 30 
- Row 3:** Floats 31 through 45 

Floats will enter using 26 (Huron) into their assigned row, and exit the parade route by turning right back into the staging area.

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 [www.southerngeorgianbayjewishcommunity.com](#) 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@sgbjc.ca.

Anyone can join the mailing list by filling out a form at www.sgbjc.ca