



March 21, 2025

## A Note From Our Chair

The seasons are shifting and with these transformations come opportunities for new beginnings. A chance for us to reconnect with our community members and together forge paths yet to be explored.

On March 9th we celebrated Purim at the Twin Plex in Wasaga Beach. Thank you to Monique Szigeti for hosting the event and to all those who were able to make it. The kids had a blast playing indoor soccer, skating, crafting, eating pizza and Hamantaschen. Thank you to our balloon lady for her incredible balloon creations.

This coming weekend we are looking forward to hosting our **first Jewish Children's class for all** at **The Blue Mountains Public Library** this **Saturday March 22nd from 2-3:30 pm**. Join us as we learn all about Passover, play games, make Passover crafts as well as our very own chocolate covered matzo.

We are also planning our **first Shabbat PotLuck** and hope that you can join us in celebrating this simcha together. The shabbat PotLuck will be held **Friday March 28th at 6 pm** at the **Twin Plex** (544 River Road West) **in Wasaga Beach**. Please make sure to sign up for your signature dish and register to attend. You can RSVP at [shalom@sgbjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sgbjc.ca) and find the sign up sheet on our website. Hope to see you all there!

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Our next **Women's Luncheon** will be held on **Thursday April 3rd at 12 pm** at **Katherine's Chateau** (243 Sainte Marie Street, Collingwood). A special thank you to our community member, Ellen Olebaum, for organizing this event and volunteering her time to help make it happen.

By popular demand and requests from our community members, we are excited to announce the launch of two new events: a Bi-Monthly Book Club and a Bi-Monthly Games Night! Our **first Book Club event** will be held on **Wednesday April 30th**, with a **drop-in from 5-7 pm** at **Gordon's Market & Café** (1 Hume St Unit 107, Collingwood). The **first Games Night** will follow on **Wednesday May 28th**, also **from 5-7 pm** at **Gordon's Market & Café** (1 Hume St Unit 107, Collingwood). Be sure to check out the flyers attached to this newsletter and on our social media for more details. We look forward to creating a relaxed space to gather, connect, socialize, and have a great time together!

And finally please reserve your seats for an event that is not to be missed. Our **SGBJC is honoured to welcome Raheel Raza** on **Thursday May 15th at 7:30pm** at **Alpine Ski Club** (17-242 Arrowhead Road, The Blue Mountains) to discuss with us the alarming rise in antisemitism and the importance of uniting together for peace. Followed by an engaging question and answer period with her husband Sohail Raza, this is our chance to better understand the issues at hand and learn what we all can do to stand up for what is right.

In honour and celebration of **Jewish Heritage Month**, we are excited to host, for the first time in collaboration with **the Wasaga Beach Library**, a children's program to celebrate Jewish heritage and culture. This special event will take place on **Sunday May 25th, from 2 PM to 4 PM**. The program will feature storybook readings of Jewish children's books, crafting, and decorating edible mezuzahs. This free event is open to children in our Jewish community as well as the public. Intended for children ages 3-12, parents are asked to accompany their children. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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As the snow melts away and we emerge from the cold, let us come together often in a shared mission of creating community, connection and purpose.

We are excited to share that we've connected with **PJ Library** to bring donated Jewish children's and teen books to our community. These books will be distributed to all of our local public libraries, ensuring greater accessibility to these materials and enhancing the representation of our Jewish pride. We are deeply grateful to PJ Library for their generous donation and support.

This past month, I am deeply grateful for those people in our community who have stepped up to lend a helping hand in planning our events as well as our **generous donors and sponsors** who make our efforts in building our community possible. A special thank you to Peter & Dianne (McDermid) Seligman (\$2500), Tom & Anna Koffler (\$2500), and Risa Rotenberg & Eric Paul (\$1000) who have made possible all of our upcoming programming and special events that will be held in the month of May in honour of Jewish Heritage Month.

Rashell Feldman  
Chair of SGBJC

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# Highlights & Memories from our March Event:



## Our Purim Party

On March 9th, we celebrated Purim at the Twin Plex in Wasaga Beach. A big thank you to Monique Szigeti for hosting the event and to everyone who joined us. We had a blast celebrating with our community and dressing up in costumes. The kids had fun playing indoor soccer, skating, crafting, and enjoying pizza and Hamantaschen. Special thanks to our balloon artist for her incredible balloon creations! Everyone had a great time!

# Upcoming Events



**SGBJC**  
SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY  
JEWISH COMMUNITY

## 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)

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!

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The poster features a dark blue background with a gold decorative border. At the top center is the SGBJC logo, which consists of a white Star of David above the letters 'SGBJC' and the text 'SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY JEWISH COMMUNITY'. Below the logo, the text 'JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST' is in a gold, sans-serif font, followed by 'Shabbat Potluck Dinner' in a white, elegant script font. A horizontal line separates this from the main 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 in gold and white: '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 positioned to the right of the cost section. At the bottom, it says 'Please send e-transfer payment to: shalom@sbgjc.ca'. The background of the poster shows a lit candle and a menorah.

**SGBJC**  
SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY  
JEWISH COMMUNITY

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

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**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  
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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!**



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SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY  
JEWISH COMMUNITY

*Join us for a  
Women's Luncheon*

**THURSDAY APRIL 3RD AT 12 PM**  
KATHERINE'S CHATEAU  
243 Sainte Marie Steet, Collingwood

*Enjoy a lunch with women from our community to socialize and connect.  
Each attendee is responsible for covering cost of their own meals and drinks.*

**PLEASE RSVP TO [SHALOM@SGBJC.CA](mailto:shalom@sgbjc.ca)**

Join us for an afternoon of great conversation, new connections, and delicious food with the amazing women in our community!

**WHEN:** Thursday April 3, 2025

**TIME:** 12:00 PM


**LOCATION:** Katherine's Chateau- 243 Sainte Marie Street, Collingwood

Each attendee is responsible for covering cost of their own meals and drinks.

**RSVP** by emailing [shalom@sgbjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sgbjc.ca) and let us know if you are attending. We can't wait to see you there!

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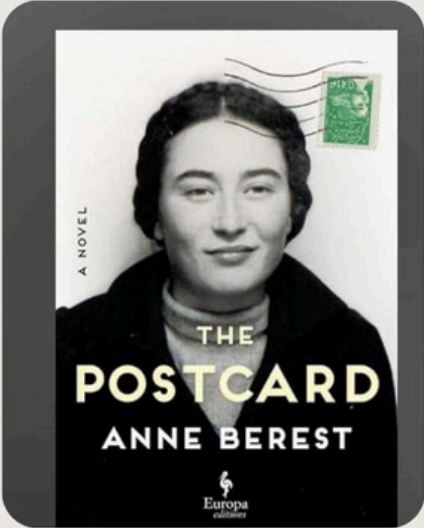
THE SGBJC PRESENTS



READ (OR LISTEN) TO THE BOOK AND JOIN US FOR A CASUAL CHAT!

## Bi-Monthly Book Club

Next: APRIL 30th



DROP IN | 5-7 PM

AT GORDON'S MARKET & CAFE

\*NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGE PLEASE!

Introducing the **SGBJC Book Club!** Join us every other month for an evening of meaningful conversation as we explore books that highlight Jewish history, resilience, and storytelling.

**WHEN:** Wednesday April 30, 2025

**TIME:** 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM (Drop-In)

**LOCATION:** Gordon's Market & Cafe- 1 Hume St Unit 107, Collingwood

For our first gathering we will be discussing the book "The Postcard" by Anne Barest- a gripping family mystery that uncovers the impact of the Holocaust across generations.

This is a casual drop-in format- whether you read the book or listen to it, you're welcome to join the discussion. No outside food or drink allowed, but Gordon's has great options available for purchase.



# Upcoming Events



## Welcoming Raheel Raza: Standing United for Peace



Raheel Raza  
Guest Speaker

Join the **Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community** as we welcome **Raheel Raza**, a prominent Muslim activist, for an insightful evening on the power of collaboration in combating antisemitism and hate. Together, let's **bring truth to power** and stand united for peace.

Scan the QR Code to  
Purchase Tickets &  
Secure Your Spot!



**Thursday May 15th**

**7:30 to 9:00 PM**

**Alpine Ski Club**

*17-242 Arrowhead Road, The Blue Mountains*

*General Admission \$18 per person*

**WHEN:** Thursday May 15, 2025

**TIME:** 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Alpine Ski Club - 17-242  
Arrowhead Road, The Blue Mountains

**COST:**  
General Admission \$18 per person

Join the Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community as we welcome Raheel Raza, a prominent Muslim activist, for an insightful evening on the power of collaboration in combating antisemitism and hate. Together, let's bring Truth to Power and stand united for peace.

**Scan the QR Code to Purchase Tickets & Secure your Spot through Eventbrite OR**

**[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)**

**SCAN ME!**



# Upcoming Events

Join us for a fun-filled  
*Children's Program* celebrating  
**Jewish Heritage Month**



Storybook readings, crafts, and  
decorating edible mezuzahs to  
celebrate Jewish Heritage Month  
at the Wasaga Library!

Hosted By :



**SUNDAY**  
MAY 25TH  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm



**WASAGA BEACH LIBRARY**  
544 River Road West,  
Wasaga Beach

Register Here:  
[shalom@sbgjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sbgjc.ca)

Open to children ages 3-12. Parents must  
accompany their child. All are welcome!

In honour and celebration of Jewish Heritage Month, we are excited to host, for the first time in collaboration with the **Wasaga Beach Library**, a children's program to celebrate Jewish heritage and culture. The program will feature storybook readings of Jewish children's books, crafting, and decorating edible mezuzahs.

**WHEN:** Sunday May 25, 2025

**TIME:** 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Wasaga Beach Library- 544 River Road West, Wasaga Beach

This free event is open to children in our Jewish community as well as the public. Intended for children ages 3-12, parents are asked to accompany their children. We look forward to celebrating with you!

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All are welcome!

<p>The SGBJC Presents:</p> <h2>Bi-Monthly Games Night</h2>	<p>Drop in   5-7 PM</p> <p>@ Gordon's Market and Cafe</p> <p>Next : May 28th</p> <p><small>*All experience levels welcome!</small></p> <p><small>*No outside food or beverage</small></p>
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By popular demand, we're introducing **SGBJC Games Night**—a fun, relaxed space to gather, play, and connect over Mahjong and more! Bring your own Mahj set or games and join us every other month at Gordon's Market & Café for an evening of friendly competition and great company. Whether you're a Mahjong maven, Euchre expert, or just love a good game night, there's a seat at the table for you! We're kicking things off on the last Wednesday in May.

**WHEN:** Wednesday May 28, 2025

**TIME:** 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM (Drop-In)

**LOCATION:** Gordon's Market & Cafe- 1 Hume St Unit 107, Collingwood

This is a casual drop-in format, and all are welcome—whether you're a Mahjong maven, Euchre expert, or just love a good game night, there's a seat at the table for you! All experience levels are welcome. No outside food or drink allowed, but Gordon's offers great options available for purchase.

# 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).

**Join our mailing list by filling out a form  
at [www.sbgjc.ca](http://www.sbgjc.ca)**