



September 5, 2025

## A Note From Our Chair

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah! Wishing the Jewish community a joyful, meaningful, and sweet New Year.

As the shofar sounds and a new chapter begins, may this Rosh Hashanah bring renewal of spirit, clarity of purpose, and a deep sense of peace for us all. May your homes be filled with love, your hearts with gratitude, and your days with hope and blessing.

Here's to a year of growth, healing, and connection — with ourselves, with each other, and with the values that carry us forward.

We have accomplished so much together over the last few years. In such a short time we have developed close and supportive connections with our local MPP Brian Saunderson, our mayors (Yvonne, Brian, Andrea, and Doug) as well as our liaison with local OPP Sgt. Dave Brown. We have partnered with Alexandra Smith at **End Jew Hatred** to allow for charitable tax receipts as well as local libraries to offer Jewish programming for all. We have hosted distinguished guests like prominent Muslim Activist Raheel Raza and Holocaust survivor Renata Krakauer as well as facilitated educational talks and presentations from FSWC and CIJA. We have thrown holiday parties and held Jewish children's classes as well as games nights and book club. In addition to all of this, the IHRA definition of antisemitism has been successfully adopted by the Towns of Collingwood, Wasaga Beach and Blue Mountains. We look forward to having our local towns showcasing public menorahs on display over the holidays this year as well.

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As we approach the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup>, let us remember and honour the 2,977 people killed in the terror attacks at the World Trade Center. We stand in support of **Maureen Basnicki**, fellow member of the SGBJC. Maureen is a tireless antiterrorism activist, founder of the Canadian National Day of Service and co-founder of the Canadian Coalition Against Terror. Your unwavering support of our Jewish community is greatly appreciated. Our hearts are with you and your family on this day in remembrance of your dear husband Ken Basnicki .

I hope many of you will join us for our **Apple Picking Fundraiser** this October 4th from noon to 4 pm at Leiberman Orchards. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 for the purchasing of a few 12 foot LED menorahs for public display and in support of our other outreach and programming initiatives for the Southern Georgian Bay Jewish Community. Tickets are available at: <https://tinyurl.com/3e7s5cmz>



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## Libermanor Orchard Apple Picking Fundraiser

**What's Happening:** RAIN OR SHINE come dressed for the occasion.

**Live Music:** Avery Florence - soulful, heartfelt, and perfect for a fall afternoon.

**Professional Family Photography:** Kianna Sunshine - capture a beautiful orchard moment.

**Apple Picking:** Macintosh, Cortland and Spy Apples

**Food Vendor:** Misfits Bodega: Delicious fall and apple inspired menu, cash only.

If you can't come but wish to make a donation in support of our efforts please follow this link: <https://tinyurl.com/269hxb8w>

**End Jew Hatred** has partnered with us to issue charitable income tax receipts, and 100% of funds donated will remain with our Jewish community.

As we are also heading into a New Year, I kindly ask for all members to send in their **annual membership fees** (\$180/family) via e-transfer to [shalom@sgbjc.ca](mailto:shalom@sgbjc.ca) which allow us to continue to maintain our not for profit organization. This money covers all accounting and administrative expenses.

I would like to extend a **big thank you to Josh Landau** from the CIJA who came to speak to our community about the rise in antisemitism and what can be done locally to fight back and do so effectively and safely.



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## Next Up...

September 8th from 6-8 pm learn to bake a round (crown) challah with Cindy Chisvin at the Collingwood Public Library. RSVP to [drrebeccaenry@gmail.com](mailto:drrebeccaenry@gmail.com) and e-transfer \$18 per person to [shalom@sbgjca.ca](mailto:shalom@sbgjca.ca). See our August newsletter for what you should bring.

High Holidays: This year, there are a variety of High Holiday services to choose from. Please reach out to Collingwood Chabad and or Am Shalom Synagogue (Barrie) or Beth Ezekiel (Owen Sound) directly for more information on service times and locations.

October 7th, 2025: Please pick up a hostage pin, yellow ribbon and a Yahrzeit candle to commemorate all the innocent people who have needlessly perished since October 7th 2023. Let us light a candle, say Kaddish and spread love and light together in times of darkness in hopes of our collective intentions bringing home our hostages still being held in Gaza and bringing a swift end to the war in Israel. Your commemoration package for October 7th can be picked up at the Apple Picking Fundraiser (October 4) or at 307 Pine St, Collingwood (starting October 5) in a basket on the front porch.

L'shanah tova tikateivu v'tichateimu — may you be inscribed and sealed for a good year!

Rashell Feldman  
Chair, SGBJC

## Am Yisrael Chai!

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 @sgb\_jc



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