



Tiferes Israel Synagogue

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Nomination & Election of Officers

In accordance with Article VIII Section 1 of our Constitution, the Board of Directors has appointed the following **Nominating Committee**: **Betty Druckman, John Flanagan, Rhonda Rubin and Anne Jochelman.**

We invite all members to show an interest in serving on the board.

We need you!

Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors can submit his/her name to the Committee. Nominations will cease fifteen (15) days before the Annual Meeting.

All members in good standing (*i.e. dues 2019-2020 paid in full or arrangements made with the treasurer*) will be able to vote at congregational meetings.

General Annual Meeting: January 31
1:30 p.m.

A thought to the memory of all past members

who are not with us anymore.

They will always be remembered.

A special thought for

Lillian Schelew, z”l - Bella Rose, z”l
Gordon Rinzler, z”l - Joseph Kohn, z”l



Timetable for religious services. Monday & Wednesday 7:00 p.m., Shabbat morning 9:00 am. Friday's Mincha service (see <http://tiferesisrael.com/davening.html>):

Dec. 11: 4:15	Jan. 15: 4:45	Feb. 19: 5:35	Mar 26: 7:00
Dec. 18: 4:20	Jan. 22: 4:55	Feb. 26: 5:45	April 2: 7:00
Dec. 25: 4:25	Jan. 29: 5:05	Mar 5: 5:55	April 9: 7:00
Jan. 1: 4:30	Feb. 5: 5:15	Mar 12: 6:05	April 16: 7:00
Jan. 8: 4:35	Feb. 12: 5:25	Mar 19: 7:00	April 23: 7:00

•Time for Havdalah: look at <http://tiferesisrael.com/davening.html> in the column "Shabbat ends".

Yahrzeit, (begin the evening preceding the date below). Call 854-9053, if someone in your family is missing from the list.

Joyce Attis	Kislev	18	Dec 4	Bessie Selick Juliette Taya	16	Ja 29	Rose Cohen	29-II	Ma 13
Esther Gorber		24	10	Rhoda Gaum	17	30		Nissan	
Minnie Attis		25	11	Max Gordon	24	Fe 6	Annie Jochelman	3	16
Harry Lampert		29	15	Max Rinzler	29	11	Golda Lampert	5	18
Anna Selick	Tevet	2	17			Adar I	Isaac Selick	8	21
Irving Schelew		7	22	Morris Selick	1	13	Noah Fuller	9	22
Ruth Sichel-Lena Hans		10	25	Hene Coleman	1	13	Saddie Rich	10	23
Kay Cohen		15	30	Lois Maklin	5	17	Reggie Lackman	10	23
Robert Jacobson		17	Jan 1	Zev Wolf Lampert	7	19	Samuel Selick	11	24
Arkie Coleman		21	5	Vita Leah Attis	9	21	Jake Rubin	11	24
Fruma Rinzler		23	7	Helen Savage	12	24	Bella Jake	12	25
Kendra Fay Rinzler		23	7	Eli Ilson	13-I	25	Fruma Rubin	12	25
Manley Sichel		24	8	Benjamin Selick	14-I	26	Max Eli Rinzler	14	27
Joan Mayer		24	8	Morris Smith	14	26	David Singer	14	27
	Shevat			Aaron Coleman-Sophie Attis	15	27	Evelyn Block	15	28
Maurice Jake		1	14	Chaye Coleman	16-I	28	Abie Block	17	30
Joshua Heschel Gorber		1	14	Jacob Mark	21	Ma 5	Hyman Jochelman	18	31
Dolores Dianne Rubin		3	16	Luba Lampert	21	5	Helen Jochelman	18	31
Chaim Leizer Coleman		9	22	Louie Klimitz	23	7	Channa Sheina Pfeff	19	Ap 1
Gilbert Weil		9	22	Leah Attis	29	13	Hyman Brumer	20	2
Darcy Dillon		11	24			Adar II	Bessie Greenblatt	21	3
Bessy Coleman Sam Liptor		13	26	Nathan Cohen	2-II	Fe 14	Bill Davidson	25	7
Gordon Birnbaum		14	27	Poli Brumer Meltzer	7-II	Fe 19	Gerald Birnbaum	25	7
Molly Cohen		15	28	Max Savage	11-II	23	Louis Berelovitch	26	8
Joel Coppel		16	29	Steve Gergely	23-II	Ma 7	Maurice Block	27	9

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**NOTICE TO ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS:
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS - 2021**

Please note that the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation will take place on **Sunday, January 31, 2021**. All members in good standing as of that date are entitled to vote in the election of the Board of Directors for the coming year.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board should contact the Nominating Committee (see page 1) before **January 15**. The names of the candidates will be posted shortly after.

Eulogy for Joseph Kohn, z"l – November 29, 2020 by: Irwin Lampert

(For those who were not able to attend Joseph Kohn's funeral and could not hear Irwin's eulogy, we have reproduced it below. – Thank you Irwin).

JOE KOHN EULOGY

NOVEMBER 30, 2020

Good Afternoon,

We are here today to honour and pay tribute to one of our congregation's most outstanding members. And, a wonderful friend to my family ... JOE KOHN. Indeed, we were blessed to have had Joe, and of course SUE, as members for so many years.

Joe's passing is not only a very big loss for his family and friends but, also, for all members of our congregation. With his death, another large piece has been torn from the heart of the Moncton Jewish community.

I want to tell you that numerous congregants have contacted me to say that they badly wanted to attend Joe's funeral, but because of Covid, felt they should not do so, because of their current health status. And, one of Joe's former students, Joel Etienne, felt so sad because he wanted to come here but could not for obvious reasons.

BACKGROUND

*Joe was born in Poland in 1928 and had 4 siblings. Only he and brother MOTTY survived the war. At a young age, Joe was taken from Poland's LOTZ GHETTO to Auschwitz. He also spent time in another concentration camp. Eventually liberated by the Russians. Went to Czechoslovakia, then to London, arriving in 1947.

*INTERESTINGLY, Joe and Motty were originally taken to the same concentration camps but eventually were separated. Found each other after the war, when lists were published showing names of survivors.

* His parents also perished in the Holocaust

* Joe attended a yeshiva for about one year in London. Then, he went to the very well known Gateshead Yeshiva (near Newcastle, Great Britain) where he spent two years studying in one of the better-known learning institutions in Europe. This yeshiva attracted students from all over Europe.

Joe told me a funny story years ago. All of you know Michael Rubin from Montreal, who served as our cantor during the High Holy Days for many years. When Michael found out that Joe had attended the Gateshead Yeshiva, he pointed out that he, too, had attended that institution but only for a short period of time. He told Joe that most of the teachers and students there were **very pale faced**, did nothing but study all the time, and that he couldn't stand the pace of work and eventually ran away from there.

Joe eventually left the yeshiva because he needed work. He found a job working in the interior decorating business (as it was then called) for an employer who had a retail store and did some manufacturing. It was there that Joe learned about draperies. His employer was Shomer Shabbat and gave Joe time off every morning to study Torah. Joe was able to take one-on-one lessons for about an hour and a half daily and it was paid for by his employer. On December 12th, 1948, Joe and Sue were married in London where they had met when she was working for the same company, as a seamstress.

Six months later, in mid-1949, they came to Canada around the time Newfoundland joined confederation. Joe mentions that they heard about Newfoundland joining confederation on the boat coming over from Europe. They settled in Montreal because Joe's brother MOTTY was there. Joe worked in the drapery business for about three months. In early 1950, he started his own business in Montreal, operating out of his home. Then, he rented a shop and business was brisk from the beginning. The Kohn's spent about 9 years in Montreal. They were both working day and night, and had to make house calls during the evenings and weekends. By then, their two children had come along and they decided that they had no time for family life. They were working every day, including Sundays, from early morning to midnight, and they decided to leave Montreal.

HOW THEY DECIDED TO LIVE IN MONCTON

You are probably wondering why the Kohn's made the decision to settle in Moncton. After they decided to leave Montreal, they took a car trip to the Maritimes, visiting Halifax, Fredericton, Saint John and Moncton. They saw that Moncton was the hub of the Maritimes and thought it would be a good place to settle, despite the fact that they knew no one here. Soon after arriving in 1958, they opened a business in their home. Business was good, as the city was in the midst of a housing boom. They joined our synagogue as soon as they arrived and eventually opened a store. While other businesses, like Lounsburys and Eatons, did make and install draperies, the Kohn's had the only business in the city specializing in just draperies. Their first store was at the corner of Mountain Road and North Street and it was called Moncton Draperies and Linens. Then they moved to High Street, near Mountain Road. They bought a Pentecostal Church, now an auto parts store. They were in business until Joe retired in 1987.

CLOSE TO OUR FAMILY

On a personal basis, Joe and Sue have always been very close to my family. They have sedered with us, I used to bring Joe and Sue kosher food from Montreal and JOE taught my sons Jordan and Leigh for their Bar Mitzvahs. Like most other kids, mine did not relish going for Hebrew instruction but there was never a problem when they had to go to the Kohn's home for work. I'll tell you a little story about Leigh. The Rabbi of the day wanted Leigh to learn from tapes. Leigh was against this and wanted to take his instruction from Joe. However, Audrey and I did not want to insult our Rabbi and we spent a lot of time thinking of ways in which Leigh could go to Mr. Kohn and yet not insult the Rabbi. One day, the rabbi came to my office to tell me that he was leaving Moncton. Our dilemma had been resolved.

I might add that one thing about Joe, which endeared him to his students, was the fact that he never yelled at them or lost his temper. He never raised his voice and was always calm. I might also add that my son Jordan often mentioned the fact that "Mr. Kohn would play basketball with us". Apparently, he would make a basketball out of some rolled up paper, would use some sort of a container as a net and, during the break in the hourly lesson, would play basketball with his students. I can assure you that this was very popular with the kids. In any event, both of my sons absolutely adored Joe and Sue.

Joe helped me in many other ways. When I wanted assistance in preparing program booklets for my sons' Bar Mitzvahs, I went to Joe. When I needed a suitable inscription for a headstone for my late Uncle Sam Lampert, it was Joe Kohn to whom I went for advice and assistance. When I was appointed to the bench and wanted to include something from the Torah in my swearing-in speech, it was Joe to whom I went for guidance. In fact, Joe has always been a resource person and a teacher to my family and to all families of Tiferes Israel.

Those of you who knew Joe will agree that he had a wonderful sense of humour. Many years ago, when our congregation was looking for a Rabbi, we had received a number of applications and decided that rather than bringing all of the applicants to Moncton for interviews, we would send a Committee to New York City to interview the candidates there. One morning, we were walking the streets of New York City and passed the Empire State Building. As you know, this building has thousands of windows. Joe, being in the draperies business, looked up at the windows and said: "Wouldn't I like to get the contract to install drapes in all those windows".

Joe was a very cultured man who loved classical music and opera. He loved watching hockey on TV and he followed everything that was going on in the world.

HOW TEACHING STARTED

It's interesting how Joe came to teach Bar Mitzvah boys. In the summer of 1977, Rabbi Kutziner (of blessed memory) was killed in a motor vehicle accident, a few months before Lawrence Rubin was scheduled to have his Bar Mitzvah. His mother asked Joe to take on her son. Although preparations were well along, he still had a few months to go. Joe agreed to assist..... and

Lawrence Rubin became his first Bar Mitzvah boy. The first student Joe took from start to finish, for Bar Mitzvah preparation, was Olivier Weil. His Bar Mitzvah was in 1982.

Every year thereafter, there were one or two students. I want to point out that Joe never, ever approached anyone, asking to teach their child. Neither did he ever refuse to assist anyone seeking his assistance. Joe never accepted one cent in compensation, despite spending thousands of hours which he and Sue devoted to our kids.

Joe taught about 40 students, most, but not all, in preparation for their Bar Mitzvah. He prepared HYDE JOCHELMAN, for her Bat Mitzvah.

See plaque in Boardroom, naming classrooms in honour of Joe and Sue.

Others wanted to learn more about the Hebrew alphabet, our history and culture. Students came from as far away as New Glasgow and Joe spent years teaching a couple in preparation for their conversion. As well, he worked with Rabbi Stiefel in preparing him for his rabbinical ordination. That's how knowledgeable Joe was in matters of Judaism. Joe was a member of the Board of Director for years and at one b vtime, Joe and Sue organized and ran a choir of young people (with the help of Judith Cohen). Joe has served as our cantor during the High Holy Days and has been our Torah reader for many, many years. It was a pleasure listening to him. He still attended synagogue regularly well into his 90's and continued to lead parts of Saturday morning Services.

You know, over the many years during which I was president of this synagogue, it was so funny to watch some Board members criticize parents who were sending their sons to Joe Kohn for instruction, taking the view that doing so was undermining the Rabbi of the day. However, when those same Board members had sons approaching Bar Mitzvah age, they were the first ones to take their sons out of Hebrew School and send them to the Kohn's for instruction.

Recently, I came across a quote from Aristotle which I think is very fitting. It goes as follows: "Teachers who educate children deserve more honour than parents who merely give birth; for bare life is furnished by the one, the other ensures a good life."

In a sermon delivered years ago, Rabbi Ellis told a biblical story about a so-called "yes man". He pointed out that Joe Kohn has always been a "yes man" for this congregation. He used the term "yes man" in the most positive way, in the best sense of that term, that is, that Joe Kohn always said "yes" to the needs of our congregation and its congregants, whatever those needs were. Joe never said no and for this, we were very blessed and thankful.

It is said that a person never really dies while there is someone on earth thinking of them. Joe will always be such a person. His memory will ever be a source of inspiration and blessing to us.

Today, we all join in expressing the sincere hope that the memories of happier times will help family members deal with the shock and sorrow of Joes' death.

Jewish tradition has relieved death of its character of unremitting sorrow. The rituals of Burial, Shiva and Kaddish invest the deceased with life, counting him as if he was still with us, but in spiritual form. Indeed, the Kotzer Rebbe , of blessed memory, said:

" Death is merely moving from one home to another. "The rituals help us conceive of the deceased as living near us in that other home.

May Joe's memory ever be a source of inspiration and blessing to all of us.

In a small community such as ours, we are all part of one family. So, to the Kohn family, we say:

YOUR LOSS AND SORROW IS OUR LOSS AND SORROW.

YOUR HEARTACHE AND SADNESS IS OUR HEARTACHE AND SADNESS.

I conclude with the traditional Hebrew words of sympathy and condolence:

MAY THE LORD COMFORT THE FAMILY AND ALL THE MOURNERS OF ZION AND JERUSALEM.