



November 1, 2022

Welcome!

(Sorry for the 2nd email, we have added an event at Shaarei-Beth El, Oakville, added the registration link to the City Shul event, and fixed our Donation button)

Hello, and welcome to this month's RJCC Newsletter! We hope you enjoyed your High Holiday season and we look forward to sharing with you all the exciting news and programming from our community!

Synagogue Spotlight

This issue, we are highlighting Temple Shalom in Winnipeg!



A Welcoming Intimate Reform Jewish Community in Winnipeg

If you are in Winnipeg and searching for a welcoming, progressive Jewish community, more powerful connection to Judaism, fresh approaches to life-long Jewish learning and opportunities to help change

the world, come join the Temple Shalom family. The temple offers a weekly Shabbat Service, Friday Night Live, Torah Study, Adult Education and Adult Hebrew Classes as well as a Religious School for your children.

Our congregation will be delighted to have you [drop in for a visit](#). Temple Shalom is accessible for people with limited mobility and is a scent-free environment.


Learn more: [Temple Shalom Winnipeg | A Reform Congregation](#)

Recently, Temple Shalom hosted the local Conservative Congregation, Shaarey Zedek, for “2 Congregations Under One Roof – Concert, Teachings, Refreshments”. Watch the video of the event here: [Temple Shalom Winnipeg | 2 Congregations Under 1 Roof Oct. 22, 2022](#)

Affiliate News

While many of our congregations resumed in person Selichot programs, we partnered with the RROC (Reform Rabbis of Canada) to produce: *50 Years of Women in the Rabbinate, a Selichot discussion on Tradition, Change, Renewal & Redemption*.

The discussion was insightful, inspirational and informative. You can view the discussion prior to the Selichot service [here](#).



**50 Years of Women in
the Rabbinate**

**A Selichot Discussion on
Tradition, Change, Renewal
and Redemption**

followed by Zoom Selichot Service and Havdalah

Saturday September 17 at 8pm ET

WITH CANADA'S PIONEERING FEMALE RABBIS

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In The Community



Gayle Hoover was a Jew because of London's Temple Israel. Here she learned Judaism, converted, celebrated her adult Bat Mitzvah, and became a proud Reform Jew. Even after moving to New York, she remained a Temple Israel member until the day she died. But Temple Israel of London is just one of many small to medium-sized Reform congregations spread widely across Canada. These less-than-large congregations, under-appreciated for their enormous contribution to Jewish life, are communities that have many Jews thirsting for knowledge.

In memory of Gayle and in collaboration with Gayle's family, the Reform Jewish Community of Canada has launched a national adult learning program that will reach every Reform congregation in Canada – and even Reform Jews in communities where no congregation yet exists. This program's faculty are the combined Reform rabbis of all our congregations, along with the cantors and other experts in Judaica from, for example, Jewish Studies Departments in universities. Together, they will provide enriching adult virtual learning through a curriculum developed by the rabbis themselves. In this way, anyone in Canada can learn from Jewish teachers and experts they might never have met. In addition, the program will host an annual shabbaton at a participating congregation, bringing together the community of adult learners who have benefited from their engagement throughout the year.

The program is sponsored by the RJCC, with the enthusiastic embrace of the Canadian Reform rabbis. It will be coordinated by a part-time administrator.

The RJCC has established a fund to make the program an ongoing reality. This will support the part-time administrator and the annual learning shabbaton. We expect modest donations to be made by participants and/or participating congregations, and foresee a program that engages adult learners across Canada. Through their regular participation and attendance at the annual shabbaton, they will become a national community of learners.

Your support for the program can be made through donations to the RJCC or the URJ. Multi-year pledges can be arranged. Donors will receive a charitable receipt for the value of their donation.

Please contact Pekka Sinervo, C.M. at psinervo@therjcc.ca for more information about the program and how to make a gift, or visit our [DONATION PAGE](#).

Tikkun Olam Updates

Members of the Tikkun Olam committee worked diligently with Len Bates, President of the RJCC, to get this letter sent to Dr. Ronen Hoffman,

Ambassador Embassy of Israel in Canada from the Reform Jewish Community of Canada on the subject of Forced Evictions in Masafer Yatta asking to help prevent the forced displacement of over 1,000 Palestinians from their homes in the area of Masafer Yatta in the occupied West Bank.

[You can read the letter here.](#)

Getting to Know the RJCC

Our approach to Torah, Reform Jewish values and religious practices is the source of our strength as a community. Torah Lishma and Torah Li-Sh'ma: We listen for the sacred and the eternal in our study of Torah — and we also listen for how the Torah can speak to us in our modern lives. Torah is sacred, yet our interpretation is non-literal and modern, respectful of tradition — and — individual observance.

Grounding in Torah and Jewish practices supports and strengthens living a modern life of meaning and purpose. We honour Torah, prayer (Avodah) and acts of loving kindness and social responsibility (Gemilut Chasadim).

Your gift to the RJCC will help us grow the Reform Community in Canada and provide resources to strengthen our congregations and fund cross-Canada programs and Tikkun Olam initiatives. With your gift we will be able to strengthen our presence Canada-wide and fulfill the mission of the Reform Movement.

[DONATE TO THE RJCC](#)

Youth News and Opportunities



REGISTER FOR SUMMER 2023!

campgeorge.org/register

campgeorge@urj.org for more information



Camp George is proud of our open, supportive and inclusive environment. We recognize that each individual comes to camp with a lens and experiences which are uniquely theirs. We aim to celebrate this uniqueness and believe it is our job to support every child and family to ensure that their camp experience is safe and successful.

Whether you have questions about how your child or family will be included in our community, or have thoughts on how to widen our reach even further, [we would love to hear from you.](#)



Be on the lookout for exciting news in the future about our awesome next event: Winter Kallah, hosted in Cleveland! For more information contact: nftynel@urj.org

Upcoming Events & Ongoing Programming

October 13 - November 28 | Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St



- In celebration of 100 years of **Jewish Immigrant Aid Services** in Canada, the **Ontario Jewish Archives** and **JIAS Toronto** invite you to visit **Refuge Canada Tent**, a travelling exhibit created by the [Canadian Museum of Immigration / Musée canadien de l'immigration](#) at Pier 21, and **Love the Stranger**, a complementary exhibit curated by the Ontario Jewish Archives. Exhibitions are on view at **Holy Blossom Temple** from October 13 – November 28. Learn more and register for a group tour [here](#).
- **Kolot Mayim Reform Temple's** 2022-23 six-part speaker series, ***Building Bridges: Hineini: Answering the Call to Heal the World***. The series features notable local, national, and international speakers who have each in their own way stood up to create positive change in our world from a uniquely Jewish perspective. The monthly talks are offered free of charge and held on select Sundays at 11:11am PT from November to April on Zoom. For more information and to register, go to: [Kolot Mayim \(kolotmayimreformtemple.com\)](https://kolotmayimreformtemple.com)
- IN-PERSON and VIRTUAL at **Temple Sinai**

"A Play for the End of the World" with award winning author Jai Chakrabarti
Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 7:30pm

A Renaissance Initiative

Join National Jewish Book Award winner, Jai Chakrabarti, for a virtual conversation about *A Play for the End of the World* in honour of Holocaust Education Week.

In the darkest days of the Warsaw Ghetto, Dr. Janusz Korczak directed members of his orphanage in a staging of Bengali poet Rabindranath Tagore's play, *Dak Ghar*, (translated into English as "Post Office,") soon before he and all of the members of the orphanage were deported to Treblinka and murdered. Three decades later, *A Play for the End of the World* uses the prerogative of fiction to imagine the story of two young disciples of Korczak, Jaryk and Misha, who managed to escape deportation and create a life for themselves in New York, and who have been invited to a rural Indian village to help stage Tagore's play once again.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Registration is free thanks to Book Break, a part of the Lewis David Katzman Program at **Temple Sinai** and by **Jewish Book Council**.

- **November 2:**

Meet the Author! Shelly Sanders presents the fictionalized story of her family in her Canadian bestselling novel: *Daughters of the Occupation* Wednesday **November 2nd 7:30 pm**
In person at Shaarei-Beth El, Oakville. Register: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

- **November 3:**

New Year, New Commitment to Our Health: **WRJ** welcomes Melissa K. Rosen, Director of Training and Education for Sharsheret, for a timely conversation about personal health, family health, and ultimately community health. Jews of Ashkenazi descent are 10 times more likely than the general population to carry a BRCA mutation that raises cancer risk. Learn how to determine hereditary cancer risk, how to manage it and mitigate it. Discover some of the easy ways to reduce risk for not only breast cancer, but other cancers and illness in general. Most importantly, learn some of the unexpected reasons that caring for yourself is so very important. The start of our year is the perfect time to commit to simple, lifesaving behaviors. Time: November 3, 2022 8:00pm ET. Register at: <https://urj.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpc-ygpj8oH9TV3RMxyU-u1jdCuqTsCFp>

- **November 5:**

Gala Dinner Party Fundraiser in Honour of Stephen Sperling's 50+ years in business in the Barrie area.
When: Saturday November 5, 2022 Time: 6:00pm – 10:00pm
Where: Liberty North Banquet Hall, 100 Caplan Ave Unit 1, Barrie, ON L4N 9J2
All proceeds in support of **Am Shalom Congregation**.
Tickets and Sponsorship: [Gala Reservations and Sponsorships - \(amshalom.ca\)](https://amshalom.ca)

- **November 15:**

Virtual Open House for **Reform Judaism in Atlantic Canada**
Rabbi Dr. N. Siritsky, MSSW, RSW, BCC, Founding Rabbi for Reform Judaism in Atlantic Canada will lead an interactive open house for all those interested in learning more and becoming involved in creating a new and innovative Reform Jewish Community in Atlantic Canada that is primarily virtual and grounded in progressive social justice values of inclusion, with a specific focus on welcoming 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and interfaith families. The vision is a virtual spiritual kibbutz of sorts, where all are welcome to share their dreams and hopes: if you could create a Reform Jewish Community- what would it look like?! Begin dreaming now, and register to receive the link for our Virtual Open House on November 15 at 5:00pm Atlantic: <https://urj.tfaforms.net/911>

- **November 21:**

Join **Shalom Hartman Institute** president **Donniel Hartman** and **David Koffman**, J. Richard Shiff Chair for the Study of Canadian Jewry at York University, for a discussion about pluralism and democracy in Israel, why this matters to Jews outside of Israel, and what role we can play in the conversation. 7:30pm - 9:00pm ET at **Holy Blossom Temple**, 1950 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Canada.
Those in Toronto can register directly at: [Religion and Democracy in Israel: What are the Stakes for Global Jewry? \(hartman.org.il\)](https://hartman.org.il/Religion-and-Democracy-in-Israel-What-are-the-Stakes-for-Global-Jewry/)
Those outside Toronto can register for the livestream at https://hartman.tfaforms.net/4718514?mc_cid=9dd5063c52&mc_eid=UNIQID

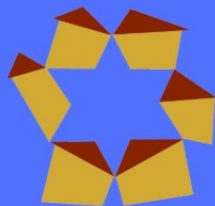
- **November 22:**

Kol Ami's Got Talent! Planning a night out? Then come out, be entertained and cheer on our talented members, by purchasing a ticket to support **Kol Ami**.^[P]_[SEP] We will feature 10+ various acts and there will be prizes and raffles!
When: Tuesday, November 22 | 7:00pm - 10:00pm
Where: Marlowe Restaurant & Bar: 155 York Blvd., Richmond Hill
Purchase tickets: <https://www.kolami.ca/form/2022---Kol-Ami's-Got-Talent.html>

- **December 5:**

Join **City Shul** at the **Miles Nadal JCC** in Toronto from 7:00pm-9:00pm for a special event with Bonnie Stern, Anna Rupert, and Rabbi Elyse Goldstein. In interview format, based on Bonnie and Anna's new cookbook "Don't Worry, Just Cook", we will discuss the role family, friendships, faith, culture and influence play, as well as the process of writing a new cookbook! Then, enjoy a short demo of two dishes from the book and conclude with a few take home treats (also from the book, of course!) Register here: -

<https://www.cityshul.com/form/dont-worry-just-cook.html>



Dialogue and Demo with Bonnie Stern, Anna Rupert and Rabbi Elyse Goldstein

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Price: \$36 per person, proceeds go to the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund for charitable projects.
Pre-registration required.

Signed copies of the cookbook will be on sale for \$25 - cash or cheque, no credit cards

Date: Monday December 5
Time: 7 - 9 pm
Location: MNJCC, 750 Spadina Avenue

Please note there are no refunds
Check your calendar carefully for your availability.
The event will not be recorded.

Thank you for reading! If you have an event that's happening in the Reform Jewish Community of Canada, please let us know by emailing ckrepel@therjcc.ca. While we strive to include all events, we are human and therefore have the occasional error. If you feel your event was not listed, please let us know and we will do our best to fix the error. Know someone who wants to stay up to date on the happenings at the RJCC? Have them sign up for our Newsletter here: [Reform Jewish Community of Canada: Sign Up For Our Newsletter! \(tfaforms.net\)](https://tfaforms.net)