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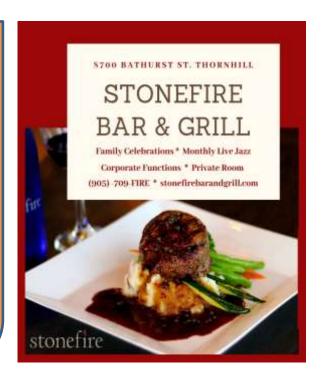


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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Stewart Indig



As other lodges fall to the wayside, Forestdale Heights Lodge continues to stand strong and is doing just fine. So, why would we want to join with another Lodge? I for one, have no interest in doing just that. Forestdale Heights Lodge is a small, intimate Lodge and very hamish. Like any family, we have our issues. I won't get into them just now, but the truth is they make up the Lodge. Now, I know there are some who feel that we should

amalgamate with another lodge, but a number of the members I have spoken with appear to prefer to stay status quo.

What are the positives of Forestdale Heights? The number one reason for me is all the CVS programmes that some, or should I say most of us partake in.

- ➤ We run the first watering hole at the start of the GoodLife Toronto Marathon. Each year, the runners thank us for simply being there and operating a clean and efficient programme something that the organizers also recognize. We are small in numbers but our contribution is mighty!
- ➤ Throughout the year, we continue to donate toiletries to the Blue Door Shelter a programme that was lauded by B'nai Brith Canada years ago.
- ➤ During the holiday season, we help at the Yellow Brick House, as well as donate gifts as a thank you to the local emergency personnel that put their lives on the line daily for us.
- ➤ We also help package Purim and Chanukah bags, as well as help to distribute them. This year the need for them has doubled.
- We also donate to various charities.
- ➤ On the social side, we have a Chanukah party, summer BBQ and installation when we can change executives.

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Sure we would like to do more, but do not have the bodies to participate. I might point out that the average age in our Lodge is probably 70, yet we are still one of the youngest lodges. Do we want to amalgamate with an older lodge? Some may say yes, however, I do not see any advantage in going down that road. I have no desire to being a couples-only Lodge or one that meets on Saturday nights.

Forestdale Heights Lodge has been around since 1967. Even though we are smaller in numbers, we are still going strong. Therefore, I say let's keep us status quo. The grass is not always greener on the other side. Do you really think amalgamating with another Lodge would really benefit us? It might benefit those that want to do nothing. With a larger lodge, they might not stand out.

To me, amalgamating would signal the end of Forestdale Heights Lodge. That is not what I want to see happen and I do not think you do either.

May you all have a great 2020.

Mr. Indig, it is our privilege to serve our beautiful citizens of Toronto. Thank you for your gift! Me and my crew would like to take this opportunity to wish you Happy Hanukkah! Have a safe holidays! Captain of Rescue 122 and his crew.



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AT A GLANCE

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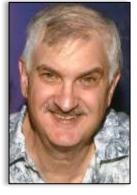
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Jeff Rosen



I hope everyone had (or will have, depending on when you are reading this) an amazing start to what I believe is the beginning of the third decade of the 21st century. It's hard to believe that it's been 20 years since the world held its breath and prayed that not all computer-operated systems would come to a grinding halt when the clocks struck midnight on December 31, 1999.

Now there is a new generation coming of age who probably laughs at our foolishness as they read about that period in history class or while reading about it on a mobile phone.

I have no doubt that the debate will continue all year about whether 2020 is the start of the new decade or if we have to wait a year to mark the occasion. The way I look at it though, in the beginning, was zero - nothingness - so it was the start. I will leave it to others to debate when this decade officially starts though. I do know that the new "Roaring 20s" has begun.



ISS to Ground Control...
You forgot the Oreos!

Now, I have no idea what everyone did to mark the momentous occasion as the ball dropped in Times Square, but I can imagine the party that took place on the space station high above our planet. You see, back in November, it was reported that a dozen bottles of French wine arrived at International Space Station. Of course, they said it was for science, but after being cooped up in that orbiting tin can so long, the astronauts would surely have been tempted to indulge.

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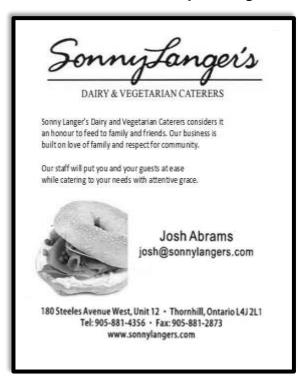
Personally, if it had been me I would have requested some decent Ontario vino or at least something from California or Australia. Even better would have been an 18-year-old single malt. However, I guess beggars can't be choosers. After all, it's not as if they can just run out to a local liquor outlet.

The French wines were not the only cargo aboard the capsule that pulled up to the space station. Also on board was an oven for baking chocolate chip cookies. Yes, I can see it now, New Year's Eve 2019, orbiting high above Mother Earth, our proud astronauts welcomed the start of 2020 with wine and cookies I realize there are many questions one could ask about this, but the main one would be, when does a new year start in space?

Be well.

The ink had just literally dried on this column when word came down from on high that our Lodge had gained two new members, Len Drewnowsky and Lisa Silver. Now, it's not every day that this takes place, so it is indeed a reason to celebrate, to break open a bottle of the "good stuff," and to take note of the milestone.

To Lisa and Len, remember, Forestdale Heights will only be as good as you make it. If you have an idea for a programme, speaker or anything else, we welcome you to come out to our monthly meetings and have your say.





HERE'S LAUGHING @ YOU

From the Pages of Kol Echad, January 2003



ISRAELI STAMP OF APPROVAL

A woman goes to the post office to buy stamps for her Chanukah cards. She says to the clerk, "May I have 50 Chanukah stamps?" The clerk says, "What denomination?"

The woman says, "Oh my God. Has it come to this? Give me 6 Orthodox, 12 Conservative, and 32 Reform."

FBI Dog

A police dog responds to an ad for work with the FBI. "Well," says the personnel director, "you'll have to meet some strict requirements. First, you must type at least 60 words per minute."

Sitting down at the typewriter, the dog types out 80 words per minute.

"Also," says the director, "you must pass a physical and complete the obstacle course."

This perfect canine specimen finishes the course in record time.

"There's one last requirement," the director continues; "you must be bilingual."

With confidence, the dog looks up at him and says, "Meow!"



THE TIME TRAVELER

Monty Stein, in the year 3047, committed quite a heist and made off with quite a tidy sum. He was eventually caught, and the judge sentenced him to seven years imprisonment. However, the night before his impending incarceration, he calmly set his time machine for seven years and one day, and stepped through. When he emerged in 3054, there was quite an uproar. Prosecution maintained that Monty Stein never actually

served the sentence, since effectively no time passed for him. Defense stated that the effect was basically the same, since he lost seven years of living in society, or something to that effect. Both sides called each other names (as lawyers are wont to do). Eventually, Stein was set free. Some say that the judge succumbed to peer pressure; others said that he simply couldn't resist the temptation.

For his decision, in full, was: "A NICHE IN TIME SAVES STEIN." (By Isaac Asimov)



Harvey and Debbi Silver delivered treats to EMS personnel at the Bayview-York Mills station.



Last month, Forestdale Heights Lodge's vice-presidents and I helped at the Yellow Brick House once again. What an amazing experience. We spent our time there sorting the amazing donations that have come in from Joe Fresh and from private individuals. It was an evening of hard work, but had lots of value. This is what the Lodge is all about, giving back to those less fortunate.

Stewart Indig

<u>Blue Door Shelters</u> provides safe, supportive emergency shelter and service for people who are homeless or at risk. Forestdale Heights Lodge remains committed to assisting this organization. We are asking members to bring toiletries when they come to monthly meetings.



FOOD SENSATIONS

Spaghetti Sauce Bolognese

INGREDIENTS

- 1-pound ground beef
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (can be modified to increase spice)
- 1 carrot or 3 baby carrots, peeled and diced
- 1 stalk celery
- 1 onion, chopped
- 4 cloves, garlic, minced
- 1 small green bell pepper, diced (For added flavour and colour add different peppers)
- 1 (28 ounce) can diced tomatoes or crushed tomatoes with puree
- 1 (16-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1-teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper

PREPARATION

In a large saucepan, heat olive oil and add all vegetables.

Add ground beef and cook meat until it is brown and all vegetables are tender. Drain grease.

Stir diced tomatoes, tomato sauce and tomato paste into the pan. Season with oregano, salt, pepper and red pepper flakes.

Simmer sauce for 60-90 minutes, stirring occasionally.

This recipe is an amalgamation of two recipes found online and prepared in Jeff & Lisa's kitchen.



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CHANUKAH PARTY



It was a great Chanukah party this year. In attendance were Debbi and Harvey Silver, Marla and Mark Spergel, Cathy and Stewart Indig, Eddie and Marilyn Arkin, Len Drewnowsky and Lilly Sherman, Elizabeth Bloom and Ruth Pupko.

We all lit the Chanukiahs to begin the festivities. Dinner consisted of pineapple salmon, turkey, three varieties of latkes, grilled vegetables and roasted sweet potatoes

and squash. The wine was flowing and we all had great food mixed with great conversation. For dessert, for those that had room to eat more, there was a tray of sufganiyot and a tray of cookies. Thanks to Mark and Marla for being great hosts.

A good time was had by all.

Report & Photos by Stewart Indig

More photos can be found at www.kolechad.ca/chanukah19.htm

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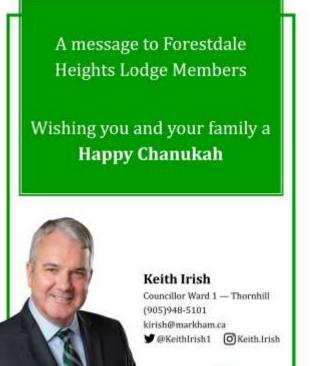




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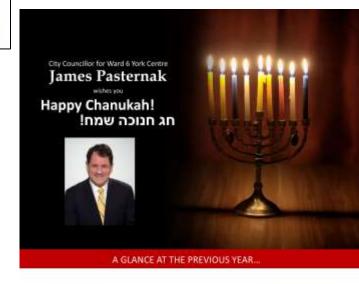


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GREETINGS







High Holiday Lancheon at Bernard Betel Centre



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Israeli President's Reception



Lighting the Menarah in City Hall

FOOD SENSATIONS

RITZ CRACKER CHICKEN

Ingredients

lb. chicken tenderloins or breasts
 bottle salad dressing (Ranch or Italian suggested)
 sleeve Ritz Crackers, crushed
 pepper, paprika, onion and garlic powder to taste



Preheat oven to 350.

Place an oven-safe cooling rack on a cookie sheet, and spray with a non-stick cooking spray.

Dip chicken in salad dressing and then crushed cracker mixture.

Place on a cooling rack.

Adding seasoning.

Bake for 30 minutes.

Serve & Enjoy!

Prepared and enjoyed in the Rosen household! For fuller flavour, chicken can be marinated in salad dressing a few hours prior to preparation.

SLATE COMMITTEE

FHL's slate committee will meet on Wednesday, January 22 at 7 p.m. to choose a slate for the Lodge's 2020-2021 executive. The meeting will be held at 11 Townsgate Drive, Apt. 315. The committee is chaired by Harvey Silver, chairman of the Lodge's Board of Governors. For more information, contact Harvey at debbisilver@rogers.com.



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TALKING POINTS

Debbi Silver

 \mathbf{I} t's December 1 and I am sitting here looking out the window of our condo. The snow is coming down and looks like it will never stop.

The months of December and January are so busy with doctor appointments for both Harvey and me. I remember my mom saying to me "when you reach 65 all hell breaks loose." How true. Now that we both are 74, our time is spent at the doctor's

offices. For every little ache or pain, off we go!

cruise in February. It's the longest we have been away on a cruise. We are going with three other couples. We can't wait to take a tour of the Curacao Jewish area, as well as the synagogue. We love cruising, meeting new people, entertainment, CASINO, etc. I hope to have some pictures for you to see in March.



Forestdale Heights Lodge is always on my mind. We are a small lodge, but the amount of CVS and social activities have always been lots of fun. I have listened and read many e-mails over the past few weeks of the possibility of our lodge amalgamating with another lodge. I, personally, am not for this change. The group of us who are left in the Lodge feel very comfortable and are truly good friends.

The slate committee is meeting in January and I feel positive that we will have a new group for our 2020-2021 executive. If you are one of the members who don't participate, we really would like to see you come out and take part in the different activities.

We hope all of you had a good Chanukah and a happy New Year.



HARMONY

Rosalie Moscoe

It's been a celebratory time for the Moscoe family. Ray's brother, Howard Moscoe turned 80. We attended a fun family party last week, and just recently we held another party, at a popular restaurant, - just a small group of seven to celebrate. It was fun to reminisce. Fifty-eight years ago, Howard Moscoe and Gloria Green

got married. Their wedding at Clanton Park Synagogue was Raymond's and my first date. He needed a Jewish girl to take to the reception and Ray had met me a couple of months earlier, and so I was it.

There were over 300 people at the wedding. Truly, it was an odd venue for a first date. I was a bit overwhelmed meeting uncles and aunts, Ray's parents and the rest of the very extended family. When Ray introduced me to one of his cousins, he turned to me and said, "What's your name again?" Would you believe, I answered him?

It was an elaborate and lively event with the Moishe Turke Orchestra. I was 15 and Raymond was 18. I don't think he knew my age at the time. After all, Ray was a man of the world, working as an accounting clerk full time at Maple Leaf Mills. As it turned out, Ray and I got married three years later at the same synagogue.

I was entwined with the family from an early age. When Howard ran for politics, of course, Ray and I knocked on doors to bring out the vote and Ray hammered up signs. We were proud of Howard and his accomplishments from his early days as a teacher, to Hydro commissioner, leader of the Teacher's Union, to North York Alderman, to Metro City Counselor, to TTC Commissioner then on to Chair of Licensing. While there were times when Howard and Ray had their "debates" about politics, we always loved and respected Howard for his dedication and caring work he performed for his constituents. He always went to bat for the "little guy."

His fun antics brought life to Metro Council. Two fun incidents stand out in my mind: when Howard dusted the counsellors' desks with the wig of Mel Lastman that had been bought at an auction. Of course, who could forget when for a fundraiser, Howard dressed as Little Bo Peep. (Raymond says – not so little)

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Our dear, late mother and mother-in-law Betty Moscoe was one of Howard's greatest fans. She would watch the council sessions on cable TV for hours on end to catch even a glimpse of Howard and hear him speak – at which time she would call all the members of the family to make sure they were watching.

Howard won 12 elections as Metro Counsellor. He brought out a book last year, *Call Me Pisher!* which details the depth of his career at Metro Council. It is an amazing and entertaining read. Now the sign, "Howard Moscoe Way," graces the city of Toronto at Pioneer Village subway station.

It's good to celebrate milestone occasions or any occasion with family and friends. We need to stay connected to others. Ray and I hope 2020 will bring joy to you and your families and peace in Israel.

Happy New Year to all!



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As I SEE IT

Marc Kates

I openly admit it. I'm a Jew who loves Christmas. It's not that I'm opting to change my religion or anything that drastic. (However, I have threatened to convert to any other religion just before Pesach, but those are extenuating circumstances.) I love the way that people decorate their houses, and take pride in sharing the Christmas spirit. The twinkling lights against the white

snow are dazzling. Spreading light into the darkness is, after all, the essence of Chanukah. The sense of family coming together and sharing in delicious meals is what it's all about. Is this far off from our own Jewish traditions?

Yes, I agree that Christmas is very commercialized. Being inundated with Christmas music, specials, and television programming the day after Halloween is a bit much. It is more of a reason for retailers to put on a show and attract business that drives their desire to promote the holiday season. I dare not step into a mall before this "chag," and in this regard, I am Scrooge. The retailers and big stores have done an exceptional job promoting themselves and making sure that that special someone, gets that very special gift. When did the giving of gifts and the going into debt replace the eggnog and the roaring fireplace? Santa Claus was popularized by soft drink companies, and in his earlier history was not known as a traditional gift giver.

Walking past decorated windows and displays is always fun. Hearing people sing carols and companies holding holiday parties puts people in a good mood. The idea that this is the time of year of peace and goodwill should be something we should strive for the whole year through. Chanukah can never 'compete' with the dominance of Christmas living in the Diaspora. There are those who take offence to being wished "Merry Christmas" and not seeing their own traditions reflected in department store windows. Frankly, I don't care. I understand that I am a Jew living in a Christian country. I chalk it all up to living in a multicultural society, and I am very proud of that. I wish all readers of Kol Echad all the best for the new year, and for one of joy and peace on earth.

As for me, my own Christmas traditions will include Chinese and a movie.



TORONTO MARATHON

Sunday, May 3, 2020

Forestdale Heights Lodge has participated in the <u>Goodlife Toronto Marathon</u> for many years. Our Lodge is responsible for the first

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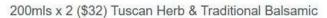
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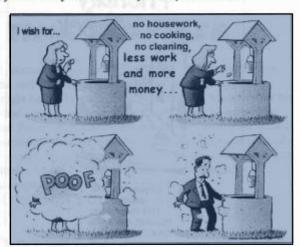
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 - 5. You've partied with at least one of the members of The Kids in the Hall.
 - 6. You've fantasized about having sex in Casa Loma.
 - 7. At least 3 of your friends have moved to out west.
 - 8. You never, never, never swim in the lake,
- You know "The Beaches" are really called "The Beach", but still say The Beaches" just to annoy all the nitwits who live there.
 - 10. You can say "world's tallest freestanding "structure" with pride,
 - 11. You know the correct answer to "Where do shopping carts go to die?" is "The Don River".
 - The word "Cabbagetown" doesn't strike you as particularly amusing.
 - 13. Castle Frank subway station remains one of the great mysteries of the universe for you.
 - 14. You don't know where Fort York is, but have a vague recollection of being there in a past life.
 - 15. Even if you won't admit, you love the Leafs, especially when they beat Montreal.
 - 16. For the last time, it's pronounced 'TRONNA'!
 - 17. You consider eve contact a sign of hostility and an invasion of your privacy.
 - 18. It takes you half an hour to get to work by TTC and you are the envy of all your friends.
- You mourned the death of the Spadina bus.
- 20. You laugh heartily at people who refer to highway four hundred and one.
- You know the difference between souvlaki, mussaka and spanakopita.
- 22. You can name at least three locations of The Beer Store that are open till 11 PM.
- You have NEVER been to the Hard Rock Cafe.
- 24. You will always refer to them as Scarborough, East York, Etobicoke, North York and Toronto no matter who amalgamated shit.
- You maintain a high level of respect and admiration for that guy who does all the voice-overs for CityTV.



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