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Purim

COVER ART

Don't the hamentashen look great? It won't be long now. Purim starts the evening of Monday, March 9 and concludes Tuesday, March 10.

If we are talking about Purim, that means it's about a month until Pesach. Time to start cleaning out those cupboards.



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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Stewart Indig



I am so glad to say that winter is mostly behind us. So far, it has not been as bad as initially reported. Do not kid yourself; it has still been cold, just not frigid. Soon, with warmer weather, we will have more people coming out to meetings. Next month we will have our elections and there will be a new executive in place.

Many challenges will face the new executive. The biggest challenge and one that I have tried to overcome is the shrinking membership list. This challenge is not unique to our Lodge. It is a problem felt throughout most fraternal organizations. The problem is that we are all growing older. We have no new blood coming up the ranks. Funnily enough, we are probably one of the younger lodges! There are not that many lodges around anymore for that very reason.

I do not believe that B'nai Brith Canada really supports the lodges. They really do absolutely nothing to grow the lodges. Conversely, the lodges do support B'nai Brith Canada. I feel that in order to grow our Lodge, we must improve its social activities as well as have some programming. This is the best advice I can give to the new incoming executive. While we are a master at CVS, we just need improvement in social and programming.

With the nicer weather just around the corner, the opportunity to work on social programming is much greater. I wish the new executive much success.



KOL ECHAD

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AT A GLANCE

March 9	Purim Programme
March 16	Nominations & Dinner Meeting
April 20	Elections & Dinner Meeting
May 3	Toronto Goodlife Marathon
May 11	Dinner Meeting
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EDITOR'S DESK

Jeff Rosen



Here we go again, teachers versus a Progressive Conservative government. I feel like I've seen this film before and while remakes are occasionally interesting, the plot wears thin after a while. Of course, I realize that I'm viewing the 1973, 1975-76, 1997 and 2020 versions through a different lens.

The first, in 1973, was technically not a strike. I was still in junior high school and thought the time off was fantastic. Let the adults work it out and worry about the politics, I undoubtedly thought. At that time, Bill Davis led the province's PC government.

Then came the 1975-1976 strike when I was in grade 12. Teachers in Toronto went on strike for two months after a contract dispute was unresolved. In January 1976, the Davis government passed legislation to end what was then the longest education strike in Ontario.

The next episode came in 1997. By that time, I was the father of a public school student, who was forced to find alternative arrangements for our daughter, when Ontario educators walked off the job for two weeks, resulting in the largest work stoppage in this country's history. We had a different premier by then, but the same political message. Mike Harris' PC government was determined to cut funding from all sectors of the public service, including education workers.



That brings us up to the current showdown, which started last fall. This time out, I viewed the situation as a member of the public, as our daughter left the education system almost a decade ago.

Progressive Conservatives, now under the control of Premier Doug Ford, are determined to transform this province's education system by increasing classroom size, cutting the number of teachers, and mandating e-learning.

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Did they ask the public if they want their kids taught by instructors over the Internet? Of course not. Then again, this government tends to shoot first, ask questions later. They have yet to figure out that not all students have access to a computer or that some students are just not capable of learning in such an environment. I guess though, if it costs less and saves money, they view it as progress.

Similarly, instituting larger class sizes will benefit no one, except maybe private tutors who will be forced to step in to fill the void, when students fall through the cracks. I know some of you who lived through large class sizes will say, "Well we succeeded under those circumstances."

Well, guess what? Kids today are growing up in a different reality than we experienced. Still, we expect teachers to deal with issues that did not exist back then.

As I write this, teachers in the various school boards are still trying to pressure the government to back down. I hope that by the time you are reading this, life has returned to what passes for normal in 2020.

Unfortunately, I have no doubt that another government will eventually push our valued educators to the brink. It seems that so many of our political representatives only know one thing – the cost of everything and the value of nothing.

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You can expect to receive regular updates from us with more stories about kids with disabilities over the course of the year. These stories often inspire donors to learn more, give again or to get involved by volunteering or hosting an event. If you want to learn more about Holland Bloorview, or if you have questions, we would love to hear from you.

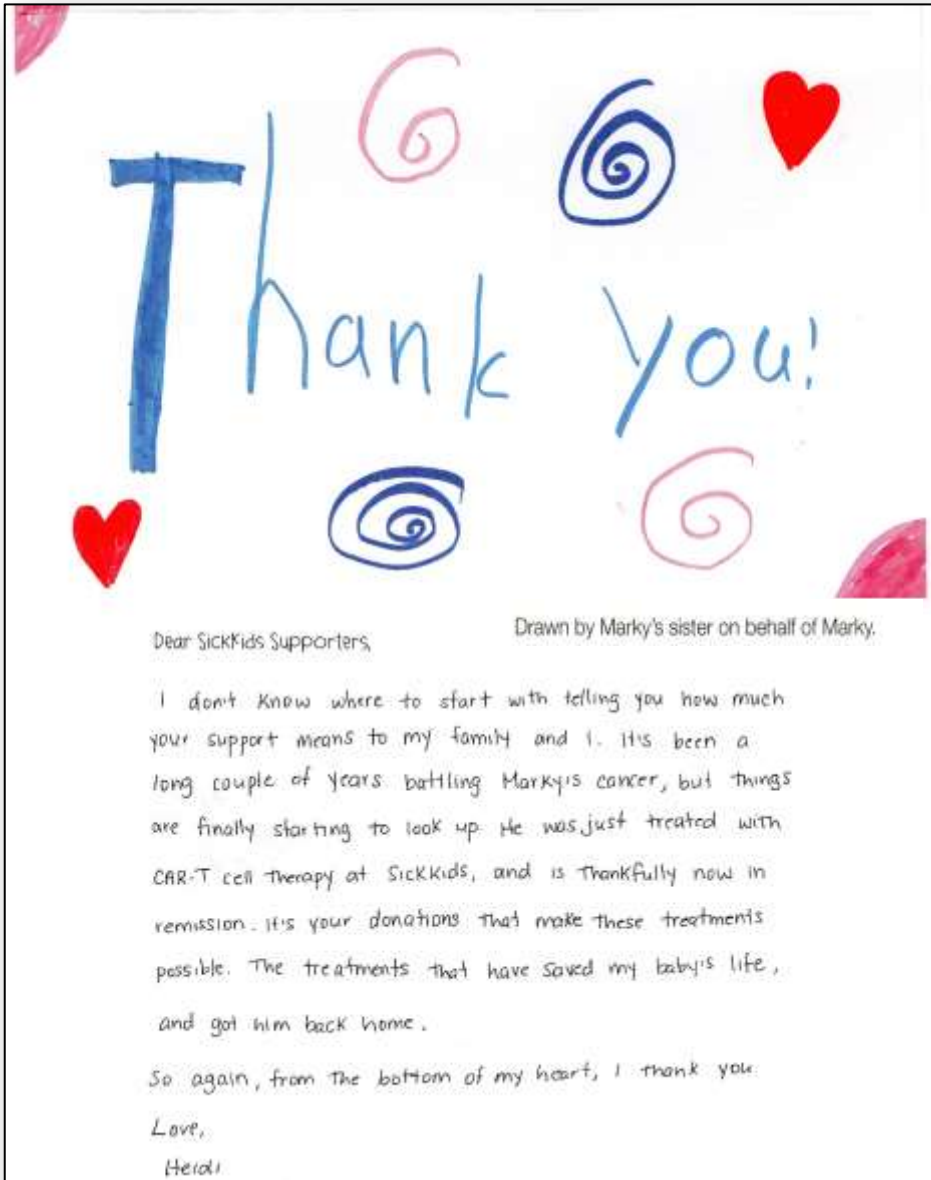
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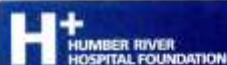
I don't know where to start with telling you how much your support means to my family and I. It's been a long couple of years battling Markey's cancer, but things are finally starting to look up. He was just treated with CAR-T cell therapy at SickKids, and is thankfully now in remission. It's your donations that make these treatments possible. The treatments that have saved my baby's life, and got him back home.

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Love,

Heidi

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Mr. Stewart Indig
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Helga Schneider
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Texting FOR Seniors

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BFF - best friend fell
BTW - bring the wheelchair
TTYL - talk to you louder
BYOT - bring your own teeth
LMDO - laughing my dentures out
FWIW - forgot where I was
IMHAO - is my hearing aid on?
OMMR - on my massage recliner
ROFLACGU - rolling on the floor laughing and can't get up

Facebook

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook! I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.



STAMPS IN MY PASSPORT

Lisa Silver

Have you ever thought about your travel style? Do you only go to an all-inclusive resort and not leave the property for the time you are there? Do you like to cruise, only eat where it is included and not try any upcharge experiences or off-ship shore excursions? Do you like to go to a city you have never been to and enjoy getting lost and creating new and exciting experiences?

I enjoy food experiences, in all-inclusive resorts, on cruise ships, and am most excited about authentic opportunities when staying at a hotel, having to look for new and exciting restaurants to try. Even here in Toronto, when I make plans to go out with friends, we like the “tried and true” places we love, but we are always in search of the next new place to try.

How to find new places is quite easy with the luxury of the internet and social media. When I went to Hawaii in 2012, I simply asked the question on my Facebook page – “Going to Hawaii, tell me the must-try restaurants, and go!” I do that for most cities I plan on visiting and my friends never seem to disappoint.

A couple of years ago we went to Cleveland to see the Blue Jays vs. the Indians, as well as to do some sightseeing. It was a great weekend and when I asked my friends where to eat, all of them said Mabel’s BBQ (<http://www.mabelsbbq.com/>). It is right by the stadium and owned by one of my favourite Food Network chefs, Michael Symon. I have had “real” BBQ before when I visited Texas and Oklahoma, so I was excited to eat there and share this with my parents who have never had “BBQ” like this.

We put our names down and we waited our turn to be served. The line kept growing and names added to the list. Platters of meats and side dishes flew past us in and out of the restaurant to the patio. Finally, it was time to eat.

Now, where should I begin? Well, anything after brisket is a bonus in my world. If you have ever had true BBQ from a smokehouse, you know what I mean. The neon sign in the middle of the restaurant says, “Eat more Meat” – Brisket, Turkey, Ribs (beef and the other types), sausage, as well as many side dish options.

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We ordered a platter of brisket, turkey and ribs and three sides. When I say platter, it comes out on a large cookie sheet lined with paper and the food. My parent's eyes nearly fell out of their head.



We started to eat, and eat we did. It was a feast of BBQ goodness. I asked the server how many briskets they go through. He told us that they smoke 180 overnight every night, and then evaluate as they go through the day. That is just the briskets alone.

You don't have to go to Cleveland, Texas, or Oklahoma to get good BBQ here. You may have already found some great options here in our hometown. You don't have to look too far to have an authentic BBQ experience.

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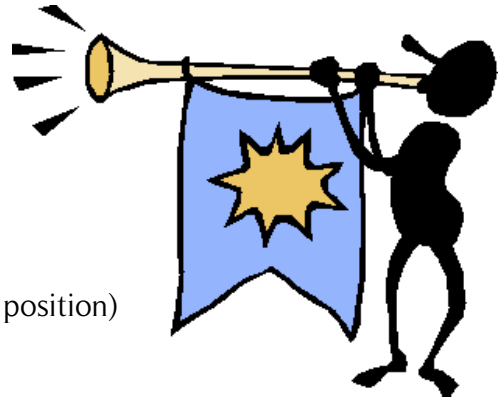
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A meeting of Forestdale Heights Lodge's Slate Committee was convened on Wednesday, January 22 at 11 Townsgate #315. The following individuals were nominated at our March 16 meeting. Elections will be held this year in April.

President:	Ruth Pupko
Vice-President:	Eddie Arkin
Treasurer:	Debbi Silver
Recording Secretary:	TBA
Financial Secretary:	Ruth Pupko/Debbi Silver
Chaplain:	Stewart Indig (un-elected position)




PESACH GREETINGS



This year we will be running Pesach Greetings in the April issue of Kol Echad. Greetings will be \$5 each (just one size). The deadline to put a greeting in is March 10. Please send wording for your greeting to jelijo@sympatico.ca.

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Rosalie Moscoe

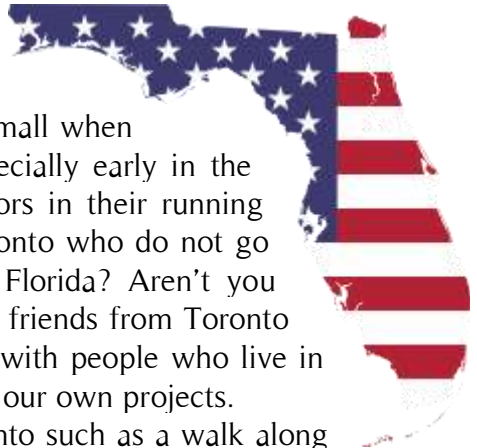
Greetings from sunny Florida. Or shall I say, rainy, stormy, cool and sometimes sunny Florida? Hey, I'm not complaining – well not too much! After all, I don't wear winter boots, scrape ice off my car windshield or dress in heavy winter clothing. However, it has been a rather odd winter for Florida so far. Perhaps climate change is to blame for the stormy weather, with driving rain and 20 mph winds and sometimes 42°F temperatures at night! Thankfully, we have heat in our condo building and have had to use it on many occasions this season. Do we love it here? YES! – Most of the time.

We feel fortunate to be able to rent the same place each year for the past number of years. Other friends we know in Florida frantically hop from place to place each year, when their condo owner decides not to rent, or to come down and use their condo themselves or to put their place up for sale!

Like home, we can always escape to a shopping mall when the weather isn't terrific – which we often do, especially early in the mornings – to walk! We note the many other seniors in their running shoes with the same thought in mind. People in Toronto who do not go to Florida often ask me, "What is there to do in Florida? Aren't you bored?" Bored we're not. It's time to schmooze with friends from Toronto that we barely see as well as to develop friendships with people who live in our condo building – or take time to read or work on our own projects.

It's time to do things that we may not do in Toronto such as a walk along the ocean each day, (except when it's pouring!), and take in magnificent sites such as palm trees swaying in the breeze. As well, Ray is doing stretchy band classes a few times a week. I attend a weekly Women's Wisdom Circle at the JCC in Boca Raton. It's a remarkable class led by a creative and intuitive leader, helping women to learn how to live in a positive mindset and to better deal with personal issues.

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Many people we know here live at Century Village or Wynmoor Retirement Community, huge communities with many activities such as pickleball, and shows and crafts to learn. We've been fortunate to attend many great shows at Wynmoor that either make us laugh (great comedians), or entertain us with beautiful, sometimes rockin', music. Also, we take in activities at shul and go to lectures at FAU – Florida Atlantic University. (I must admit, I do some shopping for great deals!)

At times, I find it difficult to be away from family – even though we FaceTime often. However, it's true, it's like camp for adults here. If the weather improves a little, I can't wait to do the michayah stroke in the swimming pool. I look forward to seeing you all again soon!



GOOD & WELFARE

Birthdays

Michael Pacter	March 9
Marc Pollock	March 12
Ray Moscoe	March 22

FHL wishes a speedy recovery to Lisa Rosen.

If you have any special moments in your life (or the lives of your children and grandchildren) that you wish to share with the Lodge, please send announcements to [**jelijo@sympatico.ca**](mailto:jelijo@sympatico.ca).

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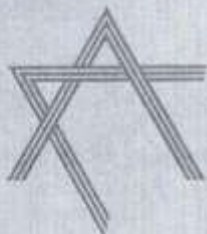
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TALKING POINTS

Debbi Silver



February is almost half over. Spring, as Mr. Groundhog told us, is about five weeks away. Should we believe all of the groundhogs? I'm not too sure. Right now, the snow and wind are flying around and it is going to be -14 tonight (February 7).

The good thing about all of the above is that Harvey and I are leaving in a week for a two-week cruise to the Southern Caribbean. It is very exciting except for one item that is bothering me – CORONAVIRUS. We hope and pray that our ship is going to be perfect. We will take extras of pills, etc. You never know.

I have been following the teacher's strike over the last number of weeks. I think enough is enough. Two of my grandchildren who are in elementary school had two days off this week and another two next week. Getting a call from my granddaughter saying "Gramma, are you busy



today, can I come over?" No doubt, she can come over, but she should be in school. What is wrong with the unions and Mr. Ford? Do they not understand that our future depends on these kids? Hopefully, it will be resolved soon.

Forestdale Heights Lodge had their Slate meeting to choose a slate for the 2020-21 year. Since there is no meeting in February, the nominations will take place in March with elections the month following. I wish everyone who is slated (and nominated) good luck.

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Stewart has been our president for five years, and I agree it is time to change the executive. Stewart has been a super president. He cares very much for the future of our Lodge. I wish him lots of luck in his future endeavours.

On a lighter note, I just received an e-mail from BBYO announcing their Charity Golf Classic, taking place on Thursday, July 23, at the Lebovic Golf Club. If anyone is interested, you can go to their website and take advantage of their early bird specials – <https://bbyo.ca/fan/golf>. I've been to and ran many of the BBYO tournaments – they are great!

That's it for now.....hopefully, we will have some pictures to share with you from our trip in the next bulletin.

We wish you a very healthy and happy Purim.



THORNHILL LODGE

Good day to our brethren Forestdale Heights Lodge members,

In light of a recent meeting with some of your and our executives, we would like to invite you to our remaining 2019/2020 programming events of our Thornhill Lodge 2994.

Below is a list of the upcoming venues.

We meet at the Rosemount Community Centre, Committee Room 4, 1000 New Westminster Dr. (corner of Bathurst and Atkinson (Northwest Corner), beside Westmount Collegiate) - Enter via the Side Bathurst facing door, and our room is on the left.

The noted events will be held at the Rosemount Community Centre at 7:30 p.m., except for the Dinner Circle, and the final installation of officers for the 2020/2021 year. We charge \$2.50 per person (\$5.00 per couple) for the Rosemount gatherings to assist with our costs and for charity.

The upcoming events are:

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| March 21, 2020 | Sam Carmon – New Initiatives in High Tech |
| March 28, 2020 | Dinner Circle – Novita Italian Cuisine, 7:00 p.m. |
| April 18, 2020 | Trivia Night – Harold Borsuk, Phil Wasserman |
| May 23, 2020 | Installation of New Officers and Gala – Pickle Barrel. Leslie Street, Rose Room, 6:30 p.m. |

We look forward to meeting you and sharing new friendships.

Please RSVP to carey@careydrutz.com , with your intent to attend each of these events.

We attempt to bring refreshments and our count is important. If you have a dietary restriction please advise me, and we can try to accommodate you.

Sincerely,

Carey and Rita Drutz

Presidents, Thornhill Lodge



THORNHILL LODGE



We came to listen, learn and observe. On Saturday, February 22, three members of Forestdale Heights Lodge, including Ruth Pupko, my wife Lisa and myself came out to a monthly meeting of Thornhill Lodge. We watched how they run their monthly meeting and listened to the guest speaker, Darryl Goldstein talk about his life growing up in South Africa.

It was an interesting talk and I came away with one conclusion – Darryl Goldstein has led a very interesting life.

At the start of the evening, which was attended by 30 people, several people including Thornhill Lodge president Carey Drutz and Stan Horowitz, a former president of FHL and current member of Thornhill Lodge, welcomed us. We also met a few former members of FHL, including Paul Kates, the brother/brother-in-law of two of our dearly beloved past presidents, and Morris Stein.

I noted that Thornhill adheres to a more formal meeting routine and that Carey ran the entire meeting in just over 15 minutes.

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Before the meeting got underway, a candle lighting ceremony was held and they called the three guests from Forestdale Heights up to light the third candle. During the meeting, Carey reported on a meeting held earlier in February with leaders from FHL and the benefits that could come from our two lodges working together. He also announced that his lodge was welcoming two new members. After a short break, the speaker was introduced and talked about his life in South Africa in about 60 minutes.

Do I believe there is a future for some a united Forestdale Heights and Thornhill? Quite honestly, I don't know. There are some differences. Where we combine our social dinners with monthly meetings, they hold separate Dinner Circles once a month where they go out to eat. Snacks are served at the monthly meetings. I realize though that this is a tiny difference.

I know that it was an interesting enough evening and that I want to give it another shot. All being well, I want to attend their next meeting on March 21, when the guest speaker will be Sam Carmon, talking about New Initiatives in High Tech.

Jeff Rosen

The meeting was professionally done as Carey went through calling on all the committee members to give their reports. The evening was well attended and Jeff, Lisa and I felt very welcomed, especially since we were given the honour to light the third candle. The speaker spoke really well and brought in his medals; scrapbooks, uniform etc. I certainly learned new facts about South Africa and this makes me appreciate Canada even more.

In conclusion, we are invited to their future events, we should invite them to ours, and who knows...whatever will be, will be!

All the best,

Ruth Pupko



FOOD SENSATIONS

Salmon Patties



Prep	Cook	Ready In
15 m	10 m	25 m

Recipe By: sue

"These salmon patties are delicious for lunch or dinner."

Ingredients

1 (14.75 ounce) can canned salmon	1/2 cup seasoned dry bread crumbs
1 egg	1 tablespoon olive oil
1/4 cup chopped onion	

Directions

- 1 Drain and reserve liquid from salmon. Mix egg, onion, bread crumbs and salmon together.
- 2 Make into patties. If mixture is too dry to form into patties, add reserved liquid from salmon.
- 3 In a frying pan, heat olive oil. Place patties in pan. Brown on each side, turning gently. Drain on paper towels and serve.

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HERE'S LAUGHING @ YOU

From the Pages of Kol Echad, March 2003

The Life of Luxury

The Jewish couple won \$20 million in the lottery. They immediately set out to begin a life of luxury. They bought a magnificent mansion in Southampton and surrounded themselves with all the material wealth imaginable.

They decided to have a butler and, wanting the best, they travelled to London to hire one. They found the perfect butler through an agency and brought him back to their estate.

The day after his arrival, they instructed him to set up the dining room table for four, that they were inviting the Cohens for brunch. The couple then left the house to do some shopping.

When they returned, they found the table set for eight. They asked the butler why eight when they had specifically instructed him to set the table for four.

The butler replied.

“The Cohens telephoned and said they were bringing the Bagels and the Knishes.”

Oops! Wrong House

Breaking into a home late one night, a burglar was startled when he entered the living room and a voice said, “god is watching you.”

Looking around the room, he spotted a parrot in a cage in the corner of the room.

“What’s your name?” he whispered to the parrot.

“Moses,” the bird squawked back.

The burglar started laughing. “What kind of idiot names their parrot ‘Moses’?”

The bird replied, “The kind of idiot who named his Rottweiler ‘god.’”





AS I SEE IT

Marc Kates

I call this the update issue. Here is an imaginary question and answer interview:

Q: Gee, Marc, how's the teacher strike going?

A: It's been an interesting experience. I've never walked the picket line before, but I'm learning a lot about political power, unions, and solidarity.

Q: Has anything particularly stood out for you?

A: This whole experience has reconfirmed my belief that any resolution needs to rely on two parties negotiating in good faith.

Q: Do you see a resolution coming?

A: Although I would like a quick resolution, the fact that the two parties are not talking does not give me any confidence. Moreover, Queen's Park is not in session, so a legislative solution is not in the immediate cards.



Q: Who else do you believe is affected by the strike?

A: Besides the teachers, students and parents, I feel sorry for those who rely on school being in session for their livelihoods, such as the crossing guards and the bus drivers. At the moment, the teachers are receiving a lot of support from the parents. There are those who drop off coffee at the picket lines and cars that pass by that show their support by honking. How long will this disruption be tolerated, I cannot say.

Q: On another issue, how's the renovation going?

A: On that front, we only have a few more weeks to go before we are back in our new/old house. The walls are being painted, and most of the cabinetry is in. I can't wait to host our first yon-tif.

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Q: Any advice that you have for others going through a renovation?

A: Yes. It will all be worth it in the end. There will, no doubt, be unexpected things that pop out, but the end result will be a beautiful house that is perfect for us. Looking back years from now, I wonder whether I'll remember the glitches along the way.

Q: Any final thoughts?

A: Yes - life is always changing and that's what keeps it interesting. There is the old Yiddish expression that "*Der mentsch trakht un Got lakht,*" (Man thinks and G-d laughs). Keeping a sense of humour and not sweating the small stuff will certainly ease life when it becomes more interesting than anticipated.



FOOD SENSATIONS

From the Pages of Kol Echad, March 2003

Hamentashen with Chocolate Cookie Dough



½ cup margarine
¾ cup sugar
1 egg
1-teaspoon vanilla
1-1/2 cups flour
½ cup cocoa
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon salt

Suggested fillings:

One small Reese's peanut butter cup (dairy)
One-tablespoon marshmallow fluff (pareve [non-dairy])
One large Hershey's kiss (dairy)
Several chocolate or butterscotch chips (pareve [non-dairy])
Chocolate spread (pareve)

In a large mixer combine margarine, sugar, egg and vanilla until fluffy. In a separate bowl, combine all dry ingredients. Add to mixer and mix briefly to blend. Chill for 1 hour. Divide dough into quarters. Roll into ¼-inch thickness on a lightly floured board. Cut out 3-inch rounds. Reroll scraps. Place filling in the center of each dough round. Fold three sides up to form a triangle, leaving some filling exposed in the center. Place cookies 2 inches apart on greased cookie sheets. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake for 15-17 minutes or until crisp. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

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