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*Shanah
Tovah!*

**I wish all members of
Forestdale Heights Lodge
a Happy and Healthy New Year**

Shanah Tovah!

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

Stewart Indig



Wow, where has the summer gone? It has been a jammed packed busy summer for the Indig household. We began the summer by going to a good friend's son's wedding in Montreal. The ceremony was outdoors and what a beautiful day it was. We had to get back to Toronto to prepare for the following weekend as we had friends' BBQ on the Saturday night and our annual Lodge BBQ the following night. Yeah...The rain held off. The BBQ was touch and go and we told Debbi and Harvey they may have to run it at our house as my daughter-in-law was starting to dilate.

On July 18, Jenna Grace was born. She jumped right out as labour was only 90 minutes. We were very busy after that with a baby naming at shul, a meet Jenna party...etc.

Then, reality set in. I got an e-mail from Jeff. The Kol Echad deadline was fast approaching. It was time to get back to reality and our normal lives. The new slate of executives for this year will have to get together prior to our first meeting. It is now time to plan for the upcoming year. We need some ideas for programmes and I would welcome your ideas. Personally, I would like to see a few more social events. My observation is that those that those who do attend really do have a good time. As always, if anyone is interested in chairing a committee (social, programming) please speak up. One new thing this upcoming year is we will be running the Bingo at the Patricia building every Monday except when we are meeting. We will certainly need volunteers so different people can staff it on the different Mondays. Please speak to Richard or myself to help out.

I look forward to seeing you all again in a few days at the September meeting. I am expecting to have a jammed packed year just like our summer has been. Feel free to bring a friend to the meeting. They may like it and join!

KOL ECHAD

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AT A GLANCE

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October 16	Dinner Meeting
November 13	Dinner Meeting
December 11	Dinner Meeting
January 8	Dinner Meeting
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COVER ART

Apples and honey, is the food most associated with Rosh Hashanah. It's time to stock up on both. As we begin 5778, we would like to wish all Lodge members and their families a sweet and healthy Rosh Hashanah. This year, the New Year begins in the evening on Wednesday, September 20. Kol Nidre is Friday, September 29, with Yom Kippur the next day.

EDITOR'S DESK

Jeff Rosen



Summer vacation time may be over, but the memories will last forever. Or will they? I have found that when looking back on holiday getaways, we often remember the where and when and the general outline of the time away. However, we often forget the details, the small memories that make each getaway unique. Fortunately, I found a solution. For the past 17 years, I've chronicled and captured those essential memories that often slip

our minds.

This all started back in 2000, when Lisa and I packed up the car and took our eight-year-old daughter, Jordana, up to Fern Resort for a six-day adventure.

Never wanting to be too far away from a computer terminal, I was thrilled to discover the resort had Macintosh computers equipped with e-mail (there was no Wi-Fi back then). For some reason unknown to me now, I made regular visits to the Macs, sending back reports to family and friends (some who are no longer with us) on how our vacation was progressing.

When we returned to the city, I decided to keep the e-mail correspondence and created a website journal or as it is commonly called today, a blog.

Since then I have created over 65 different websites and over 75 unique journals chronicling family and personal voyages outside our city. Some have been day trips, some one-time visits to different places, and others repeat performances – in other words, same place, different experiences.

Whatever the season or the reason, I have discovered that going back and reading them not only triggers fond memories of the actual experience, but of the time both before and after the actual holiday. In every case, the memories are definitely a trip back in time worth experiencing, even when they are painful to remember.

This past summer, I managed to maintain the tradition, as the voyages and the journals continued. We were fortunate enough to include Stratford, Niagara Falls, Kingston, a Canada Day outing and another visit to Las Vegas. Of course, I never left home without the two essential tools of the trade, my camera and notebook.

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As a result, the memories are there, captured as long as the websites remain active. I'll be honest, sometimes it's often an annoyance to take the time to jot down my thoughts, but months and years later, I thank my past myself and treasure what I have done. The memories are so precious and I want to hold on to them forever.

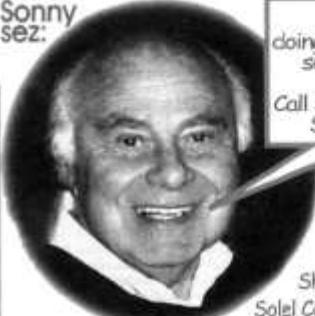
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and healthy New Year



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SOCIAL/SUMMER BBQ



To paraphrase a well-known English playwright, “To rain or not to rain, that is the question.” Well, it was definitely the question on everyone’s minds as Forestdale Heights Lodge held its ever-popular summer BBQ on July 9.

Once again, Stewart and Cathy Indig were our gracious hosts, setting up, not just their

backyard, but their living room in case the skies opened up. However, despite cloudy skies at the start of the festivities, we were spared one of this season’s toriental downpours.

We had a great turnout this year, with 17 Lodge members, spouses and a few friends of FHL coming together for a night of good food, friendship and commaraderie.

By the time Lisa and I arrived at 5:30, the party had already begun and everyone’s favourite, BBQ salami, was coming off the grill. We also got to enjoy veggies and dip and Cathy’s famous “punch”.

The shmoozing continued until after 6:00 p.m., when it was suggested to our celebrity chefs, Stewart and Harvey Silver, start dinner. Taking every precaution against the uncertan elements, the hamburgers, hot dogs and salmon burgers were expertly cooked and wisked away to the Indig kitchen. By the time the food was ready, everyone was present and accounted for and we headed inside to pick up our dinner, before settling down in the backyard.

Of course, there was also potato salad and other side dishes among the offerings. Desserts were courtesy of our June installation.

Special thanks go to Stewart, Cathy, Harvey and Debbi Silver for ensuring another successful BBQ and to the Indigs for generously giving their home for the occasion. It was a fun programme, enjoyed by all in attendance.

In the end, a few drops of rain heralded the end of the evening, as everyone started to make their way inside, before heading home.

Jeff Rosen

SOCIAL/SUMMER BBQ



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GOOD & WELFARE

Birthday

Richard Kotzen

September 20

Anniversary

Jeff & Lisa Rosen

September 21



Forestdale Heights Lodge extends condolences to Michael Pacter on the loss of his brother, Barry.

Mazel Tov to Ivan and Elizabeth Bloom on the birth of their new granddaughter, Cara Natalia Merkoullovitch, born to Diana and Michael Merkoullovitch on August 14. She's a sister for big brother Benjamin.



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Cathy & Stewart Indig & family



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Best wishes for a year of health and happiness
to everyone in Forestdale Heights Lodge

Jeff, Lisa & Jordana Rosen



*We wish all our Family and Friends
at Forestdale Heights Lodge
a very Happy, Healthy New Year.*

Ivan & Elizabeth Bloom

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Ray, Rosalie and family
wish our dear sisters and brothers
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*The Silver family wishes everyone
a very Healthy and Happy New Year*

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The consensus after the election is that 100% of Americans think 50% of Americans have lost their minds

Q: Is Google male or female?

A: Female, because it doesn't let you finish a sentence before making a suggestion.

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

A lady comes home from her doctor's appointment grinning from ear to ear. Her husband asks, "Why are you so happy?" The wife says, "The doctor told me that for a forty-five year old woman, I have the breasts of an 18 year old." "Oh yeah?" quipped her husband, "What did he say about your 45 year old ass?" She said, "Your name never came up in the conversation."

A blonde and a redhead have a ranch. They have just lost their bull. The women need to buy another, but only have \$500. The redhead tells the blonde, "I will go to the market and see if I can find one for under that amount. If I can, I will send you a telegram." She goes to the market and finds one for \$499. Having only one dollar left, she goes to the telegraph office and finds out that it costs one dollar per word. She is stumped on how to tell the blonde to bring the truck and trailer. Finally, she tells the telegraph operator to send the word "comfortable." Skeptical, the operator asks, "How will she know to come with the trailer from just that word?" The redhead replies, "She's a blonde so she reads slowly: 'Come for ta bull.'"



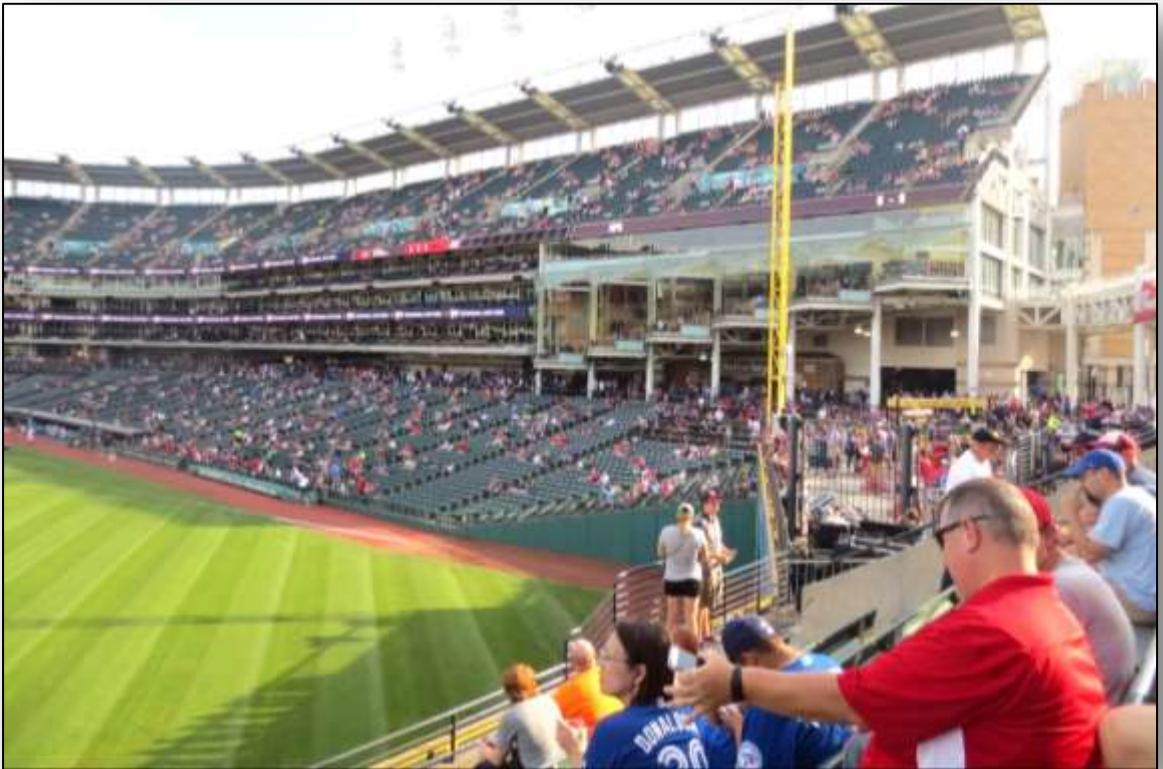
TALKING POINTS

Debbi Silver

September is around the corner and the Exhibition opens next week. (Harvey's mom used to say when the Exhibition opens, the SUMMER is over.)

We enjoyed our time in and out of raindrops. July was spent around the house. At the beginning of August, Harvey, Lisa and I went to Cleveland, Ohio to see two Blue Jays games against the Indians. Although the Jays lost both games, we were so amazed by the beautiful stadium. It is truly a great place to watch baseball (no Dome).

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Can you imagine a city having three stadiums for baseball, basketball, and football, next door to each other. As well, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is not too far off. We visited the Hall of Fame with my niece, who drove up from Cincinnati. What a magnificent building.

There was so much to see, but the city was so crowded with, believe it or not, mostly Blue Jay fans. Blue shirts were everywhere. We ate at a restaurant called Mable's, which is owned by Chef Michael Symon (from The Chew). The smoked brisket was to die for, and, of course, they had the most tasty ribs. On our way home, we had to stop in Niagara Falls to have our fix at the Olive Garden in New York State. It was so yummy!

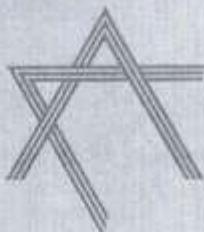
On August 9, Harvey and I attended the BBYO golf tournament at the Lebovic Golf Course. Another amazing location. The Lebovic Brothers have sponsored almost 40 tournaments this year. They donated iPads, golf shoes, sunglasses, golf balls, lunch and dinner. I met up with so many BBYO staff and teens. It was great catching up with Kevin Goodman, director of BBYO, as well as schmoozing with everyone else.

Next on our agenda is Montreal on August 19. Unfortunately, I can't write about it here, as we haven't left yet.

I am looking forward to the Forestdale Heights 2017-18 year. I know Stewart has been putting in time preparing for some programmes. It's up to us Lodge members to keep the Lodge going and to help bring in new members.

Harvey and I wish all of you a very healthy and happy New Year.





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January 1 – Montreal Dorval Airport is renamed, after some controversy, Montréal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport.

January 3 – Flash Airlines Flight 604 crashes into the Red Sea off the coast of Egypt, killing all 148 aboard.

April 17 – Israeli helicopters fire missiles at a convoy of vehicles in the Gaza Strip, killing Hamas leader Abdel Aziz al-Rantisi.

June 30 – Preliminary hearings begin in Iraq in the trial of former president Saddam Hussein, for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

September 2 – The United Nations Security Council adopts Resolution 1559, calling for the removal of all foreign troops from Lebanon and for all militias to disarm.

October 8 – Suicide bombers detonate two bombs at the Red Sea resort of Taba, Egypt, killing over 30 people, mostly Israeli tourists.

2005

FHL Presidents: Jeff Rosen/Bonnie Kates

Prime Minister Paul Martin; Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty

February 16 – The Kyoto Protocol officially goes into effect.

April 2 – Pope John Paul II dies; Pope Benedict XVI succeeds him on April 19.

April 9 – Charles, Prince of Wales marries Camilla Parker Bowles in a civil ceremony at Windsor's Guildhall. Camilla acquires the title Duchess of Cornwall.

August 29 – Hurricane Katrina makes landfall along the U.S. Gulf Coast, causing severe damage, killing over a 1,000 people, and dealing an estimated \$108 billion in damage.

September 12 – Israel demolishes multiple settlements and withdraws its army from the Gaza Strip.

November 22 – Angela Merkel assumes office as the first female Chancellor of Germany.

November 28 – The United Nations Climate Change conference is held in Montreal.





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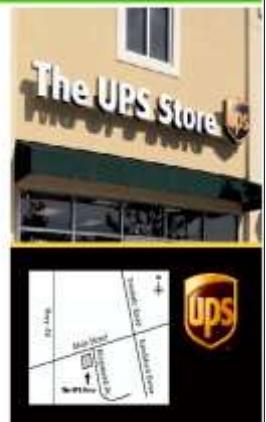
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Remove chicken from bag, discarding remaining marinade. Coat chicken breasts with breadcrumbs.

Place coated chicken breasts in a lightly greased baking dish and bake for about 30 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and juices run clear.

NOTE: *Recipe can be made with an entire chicken if desired. If doing so, increase cooking time to about 60 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.*





AS I SEE IT

Marc Kates

This summer, I crossed off something on my bucket list — my family and I spent Canada Day on Parliament Hill. The idea of celebrating Canada's 150th birthday began over seven years ago when we looked at our travel plans for the next few years and what we wanted to do. It took us over seven hours to drive to Ottawa, and over seven hours in long line-ups to get onto Parliament Hill. The most frustrating part of the entire experience was the lack of organization and preparation. We were told, by a police officer, where to line up, but that line-up ended up at a dead-end. We then had to enter another line-up. So, despite being annoyed, frustrated, and at the end of my rope, like a good Canadian, I once again lined up. After all, we had travelled to Ottawa to specifically be on Parliament Hill, so we were going to fulfill our dream. Even the police seemed frazzled as many had been told of their deployment only days earlier, and communication was clearly lacking.



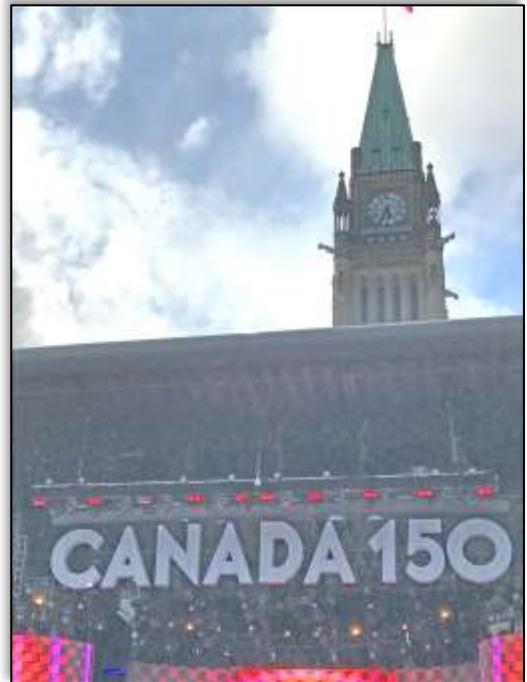
In spite of the aggravation, I am glad that we went. I hope that my children remember the fun we had together, and the efforts we made to celebrate Canada Day in the nation's capital. Before the trip, we carefully packed our red and white attire and filled our suitcases with flags. We even baked Canada Day cupcakes.

On Parliament Hill, we were up very close to the stage. We watched performances by Serena Ryder, Alessia Cara, Gordon Lightfoot, and Cirque du Soleil. The evening show was hosted by Prime Minister Trudeau and his wife, Sophie. Our kids were real troopers. They tolerated the long line-ups, the pouring rain, and not once asked to go to the bathroom! Their usual bedtime was also out the window. We all had a blast! The following day we walked around Major's Hill Park, as that's where most of the kids' activities were. Our time in Ottawa was brief, but we hope that the memories will last a lifetime.

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Although I've always appreciated the fact that I was born in this country, the Canada 150 celebrations added to the pride I've always felt. Yes, there are many areas that still need to be addressed, specifically with regards to our Indigenous population, but Canada is a beacon to the world of freedom and tolerance. This wasn't always this case, and I remember well my Zaidy Louie's account of the Christie Pits Riot. We continue to make progress, but I wish Canada success as it fulfills Pierre Elliott Trudeau's vision of a "Just Society."

Mazel tov Canada, on your special birthday.



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