



Programs at a Glance



Events at the Winchevsky Centre
unless otherwise specified.
A chairlift is available.

NOVEMBER

Sunday November 4, 2018 — 10:00 a.m.

UJPO Annual General Meeting
Details on page 7.

Friday November 9, 2018 — 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

**Alternative Shabbes Potluck for HEW:
Disability, Racism and Conceptions
of the Jewish Body**
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Thursday November 22, 2018

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Zing! Zing! Zing!
UJPO's Singing Group
Details on page 9

DECEMBER

Sunday December 2, 2018

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

MWS Chanukah Party
918 Bathurst Street
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Friday December 7, 2018 — 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

**Alternative Shabbes Potluck:
The Joy of Gender**
Details on page 8.

Thursday December 20, 2018

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Zing! Zing! Zing!
UJPO's Singing Group
Free Times Cafe
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Regular Weekly Programs

Sundays 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

Morris Winchevsky School Classes
918 Bathurst Street

Kinder Kapers

Sundays 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

Remaining KK Dates for 2018:

November 11 & 25; December 2 & 16

Rosh Hashonah & Yom Kippur: Dedicated to Displaced People Worldwide

by Rachel Epstein, Executive Director



Photos: sue goldstein

Our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur events this year were dedicated to the 68.5 million people worldwide who have been forcibly displaced from their homes. According to the UN Refugee Agency, 25.4 of these people are refugees and of these, 5.4 million are Palestinian. Because of our close ties, as Jews, to the plight and struggles of Palestinians, we featured in the program the work of four Palestinian poets — Mahmoud Darwish, Fady Joudah, Naomi Shihab Nye and Dareen Tatour — some of whom continue to live in Palestine and some of whom are the children of refugees.

On the next page, we share a poem from Dareen Tatour, a Palestinian poet, photographer, and activist from Reineh, north of Nazareth. In October, 2015, she was arrested in a pre-dawn raid by the Israeli police and charged with incitement to violence and supporting a terrorist organization for three Facebook posts, including a poem entitled "Resist, My People, Resist Them." She spent three months in prison and was later transferred to house arrest which, among other conditions, barred her from the Internet. Recently, Tatour, an Israeli citizen, was sentenced by the Nazareth district court to five months in prison. Tatour's lawyer, Gaby Lasky, told Al Jazeera they will appeal the ruling and sentence. "I don't think that writing a poem, even if it's against the government is a crime," Lasky said. More than 150

American literary figures, including nine Pulitzer Prize winners, called on Israel to free Tatour. International writers group PEN: "Dareen Tatour has been convicted for doing what writers do every day — we use our words to peacefully challenge injustice."

Update: Dareen Tatour was released from prison on September 20, 2018. On her release she said, "After three years of suffering, imprisonment and house arrest, I finally feel happy. I have gained my freedom and I will continue to write. All my suffering was due to a poem I wrote and it saddens me that they (Israeli authorities) imprisoned me for writing the poem."

Detaining a Poem

Dareen Tatour

One day,
they stopped me,
shackled me,
tied up my body, my soul,
my everything...

Then they said: search her,
we'll find a terrorist within her!
They turned my heart inside out—
my eyes as well,
rummaged through even my feelings.
From my eyes they drew a pulse of inspiration;
from my heart, the ability to sketch out meanings.
Then they said: beware!
She's hiding weapons deep in her pockets.
Search her!
Root out the explosives.
And so they searched me...

Finally, they said, accusing me:
We found nothing
in her pockets except letters.
We found nothing except for a poem.



Aretha Franklin: The Queen of Soul

This year we also acknowledged the loss of Aretha Franklin, the **Queen of Soul**. From her time growing up in the home of a prominent African American preacher to the end of her life, Franklin was immersed in struggles for civil and women's rights and also quietly supported Indigenous peoples' struggles worldwide. When Angela Davis was jailed in 1970, Franklin told *Jet* magazine, "...I've been locked up (for disturbing the peace in Detroit) and I know you got to disturb the peace when you can't get no peace. Jail is hell to be in. I'm going to see her free if there is any justice in our courts, because she's a Black woman and she wants freedom for Black people."

To honour Aretha we invited Toronto-based singer and actor Alana Bridgewater to perform an Aretha song at each event. On Rosh Hashonah we rocked out to Aretha's classic, "Think," and on Yom Kippur we were treated to Alana's rousing rendition of "Respect." What better way to welcome the new year, particularly given the attacks on women's rights and feminism we are currently witnessing.

Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz: A Conscious Jew

This year we also lost Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz, a Jewish American essayist, poet, academic and political activist. Melanie described herself as a "Conscious Jew." Along with Irena Klepfisz and Adrienne Rich, she was a member of the Jewish feminist group, Di Vilde Chayes (The Wild Beasts), was a founding director of Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ), co-founded *Beyond the Pale: The Progressive Jewish Radio Hour* and served on the steering committee of New Jewish Agenda.

UJPO staff person and activist sue goldstein read a passage from Melanie's piece, *The Importance of Being Extremist*, written in 1992 but uncannily relevant today:

The time calls for daring, risk, experimentation, and an unwillingness to settle for things as they are. This is a time for impatience.

I am reserving a legitimate place in the struggle for those who are impatient and willing to take risks. My hope is that women who see more moderate channels as primary or comfortable, who choose the way of greater patience, can also recognize that the wild ones not only have a point, but are essential. Radical demands and tactics push people's expectations about what is moderate. Some of us had best be on the edge. How else will we know where it is?

Quoting Lorraine Hansberry:

The acceptance of our present condition is the only form of extremism which discredits us before our children.



A Message from Lia Tarachansky, Morris Winchevsky School Education Director

This fall we kicked off another exciting year at the Morris Winchevsky Shule and we are delighted to welcome many new students. Having spent the summer troubleshooting the new curriculum first rolled out in 2017, we were particularly excited for September.

One of the improvements we have made is implementing feedback mechanisms so that teachers' reflections on the effectiveness of a lesson can be immediately integrated to improve next year's lessons.

We are also happy to announce that two of last year's graduating B'nai Mitzvah students returned this year

as teaching assistants — Saskia Laufer is assisting the new B'nai Mitzvah teacher, Lainie Basman, and Max Basman Pearce is assisting returning Grades 1-3 teacher Miriam Brookman. Also new on our team is Judith Lorenzo Gutman. She will be assisting returning Grades 4-6 teacher, Alex Barnes. Our new Kinder Kapers teacher, Shifra Cooper, will be assisted by returning TA Natalie Pressman.

Help us spread the word about our fabulous programming throughout Jewish communities and Toronto at large!

Sukkes 2018



Building the Sukkah in Dufferin Grove Park



Edible Sukkah



Playing Jewperdy



All in the Sukkah!

Photos: Lia Tarachansky

CAMP NAIVELT

OUR SUMMER COTTAGE COMMUNITY

Undzer Zumer Heym! - Our Summer Home



Another summer at Naivelt has come and gone. We are deep into autumn now, but Camp lives on...in the ongoing Strategic Planning process — see the diagram in the September-October L'Khaim. Stay tuned for information on the Mid-Winter Mingle and other exciting developments at Naivelt.



Photo: Shlomit Segal

New UJPO Bench at Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery

Dedicated to Helen and Izzie Fine

Thanks to a generous donation from the Fine family, the UJPO section at the Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery has a new bench. Now those who visit the cemetery to pay respects to their loved ones will have a comfortable place to sit — one that will last for many years.



Photos: Marlene Fine

The Justice for Our Stolen Children Camp

by Naomi Binder Wall and Robin Pitawanakwat

As many of you will remember, not too long ago the Winchevsky Centre was co-coordinator of the Mary Pitawanakwat Fund for Children. Working in cooperation with Robyn Pitawanakwat, Mary's daughter, we provided funding for cultural and educational programs for Indigenous children and youth. Since that time, the Fund moved to Saskatchewan, where Robyn is working tirelessly with the **Justice for Our Stolen Children Camp**, first set up at the Saskatchewan Legislature grounds in February at the time of the not-guilty verdicts of Gerald Stanley for the murder of Colten Boushie and of Raymond Cormier for the murder of Tina Fontaine. First Nation members from Saskatchewan got together and created the Justice for Our Stolen Children Camp. They are asking for action to stop the systemic discrimination against Indigenous peoples in the judicial system and Social Services.

On February 28, 2018, the Camp community lit a sacred fire in Treaty 4 territory at Wascana Park, just across from the Saskatchewan legislative building. Soon after they raised a traditional tipi. Their core message was a demand for justice for the many Indigenous children stolen from communities by child welfare agencies, the justice system and societal violence. After months of community-building, and court challenges, the camp was issued an eviction order on June 5. Ten days later the Regina Police Service began removing the tents. On June 17 the tipi was taken down and on June 18 six of the campers were arrested and removed. Charges were never laid. The tipi went back up on June 21 and stayed until a court order forced them out of the provincial park. After June 21, many other tipis arrived from First Nations individuals and organizations. The Justice for Our Stolen Children Camp has launched a legal challenge over the arbitrary arrests and removal of the

tipi, stating that this was a violation of their constitutional rights. They are in the courts now appealing the court order to remove the Camp.

In Canada, Indigenous peoples make up five per cent of the population and Indigenous youth make up seven per cent of the youth population. Nationally, Indigenous children make up 48 per cent of all children in foster care — a number that is three times higher than during the height of residential schools. However, in Saskatchewan, an alarming more than 70 per cent of children in provincial care are Indigenous and the numbers continue to increase. Over 76 per cent of admissions to Saskatchewan prisons are Indigenous — the highest rates in Canada. Nationally, 41 per cent of youth in corrections are Indigenous, with 51 per cent being Indigenous girls. In Saskatchewan youth corrections, 92 per cent are Indigenous boys and 98 per cent are Indigenous girls. They have the highest youth incarceration rates in the entire country. More than one-fifth of Indigenous prisoners were in residential schools and two-thirds were in the child welfare system.

In a recent CBC interview, Robyn outlined the Camp's demands. "We are asking for advocacy that follows families through all systems. We want the return of Indigenous children to their families, investment in in-home supports for family retention and reunification, civilian oversight of the justice and child welfare systems, culturally appropriate support with access to a fire and traditional medicines, and a harm reduction approach. We are busy entering into the new phase of the project without the physical camp."

For more information about the **Justice for Our Stolen Children Camp**:

www.facebook.com/justiceforourstolenchildren



The Stolen Children Camp. Photo by David Gray-Donald



Sign at the entrance to the camp, marking its final day. Photo: Brandon Harder, Regina Leader-Post

In Ford's Ontario

by sue goldstein



September 12, 2018: UJPO Member, Ester Reiter, at the Ontario Legislature protesting the cutting of Toronto City Councilors from 47 to 25 by the Doug Ford government. Photo: Richard Lautens, Toronto Star

Doug Ford has been Premier since 29 June 2018 and he and his ruling party of right wingers have been cutting a wide swath through Ontario's social safety net, environmental protections, and progressive legislation. Rumoured to be the brains behind Fordnation when the late Rob Ford was Toronto's Mayor, Doug Ford has made common cause with Jason Kenney, a former federal Minister under Stephen Harper, who has reared his head in recent times. They all have an eye on the Federal election, scheduled for late next year.

Ford's plans for Ontario are simple: cut, cut, cut. And those cuts are aimed at much of the legislation passed by the Wynne Liberals and more: the \$15 Minimum Wage,

Bill 148 — legislation that gave part-time workers the same pay rate as full-time workers and three hours pay for shifts cancelled with less than 48-hour notice, the Drive-Clean program for automobiles, the Cap & Trade program, and the Basic Income Project. It has been dizzying to witness the Ford regime's slashes to programs that stand in the way of corporate gain.

Many of us felt that the interference by Ford and company in the elections — decreasing the 47 seats on City Council to 25 — was Ford's revenge on a city that refused to elect him. However, there is another agenda likely at play, reminiscent of Mike Harris: support for the developers who are putting up condos in every corner of Toronto without a care for affordable housing. Thus, in the wake of the recent Municipal election in Toronto, which returned John Tory with 60% of the 41% who turned out to vote (almost 20% less than the previous election), where a known Nazi, Faith Goldy placed third (with almost 25,000 votes), there is much work to do.

UJPO-Toronto endorsed a platform put together by RAD-TO, a group of local activists who began meeting in September 2017 to develop plans and strategies for "building the city we deserve," rather than the city forced upon us by Ford and his cronies. Where the current provincial government is working to push an austerity budget that will disembowel the safety net that protects all of Toronto's citizens, the RAD-TO platform seeks to develop and work for programs that will build communities and allow people and the environment to thrive.

You can read about the platform here:

<https://turquoise-deer-157h.squarespace.com>

Individual signatures and organizational endorsements are being collected.

We encourage everyone to keep up the hope, get some extra sleep, and prepare for the struggles ahead.

SOME RESOURCES

Resource page from RAD-TO:

<https://turquoise-deer-157h.squarespace.com/resources>

Resist Ford Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/resistford

Fight for 15 and Fairness: www.15andfairness.org

Workers' Action Centre: <http://workersactioncentre.org>

Everything Doug Ford Has Cancelled So Far — Including his Plan to Scrap the Labour Reform Bill: www.flare.com/news/doug-ford-changes-for-ontario



UJPO-Toronto & MWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Artwork by Donna Worotyneć

Sunday November 4, 2018
10:00 a.m.
Winchevsky Centre
585 Cranbrooke Avenue

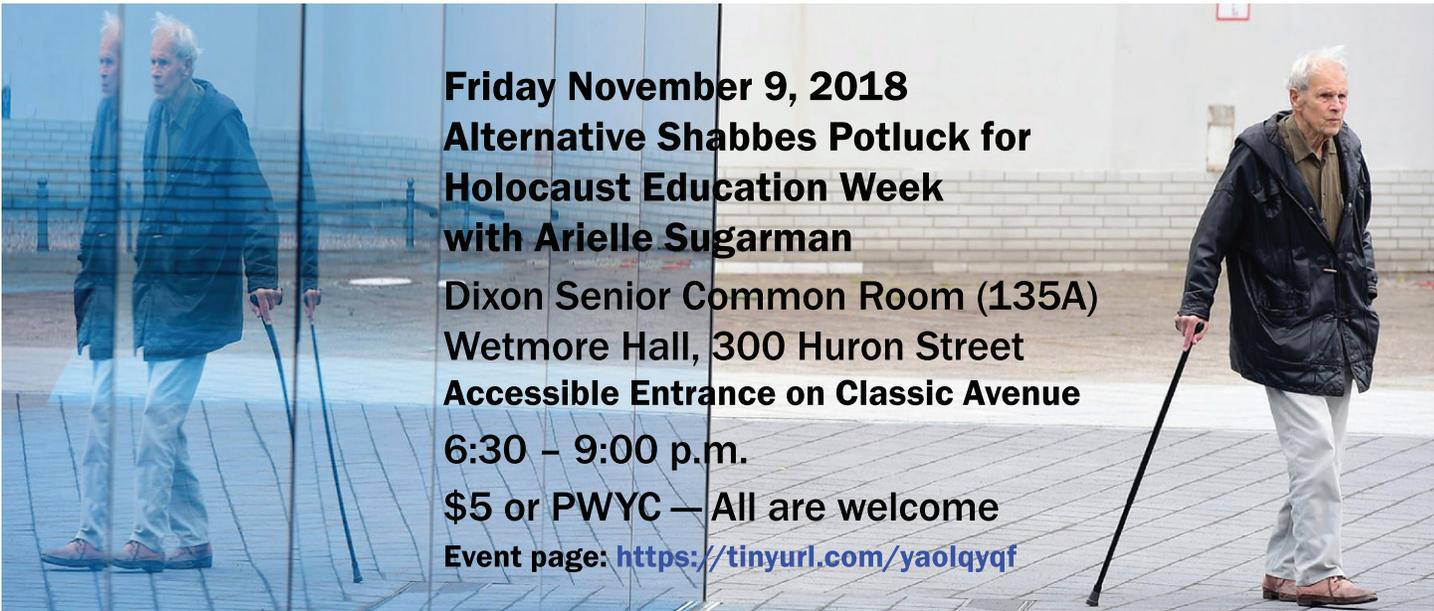
It is an important and exciting time of rejuvenation and renewal, so we ask that members plan to attend the AGM. Your input is vital.

We are seeking new Board members, and ask that you consider joining. We will also be reviewing new proposed policies.

A light breakfast will be served at 10:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin promptly at 10:30.

Please join us!
We look forward to seeing you all!

Please RSVP to info@ujpo.org by November 1, 2018 to participate in the AGM.



**Friday November 9, 2018
Alternative Shabbes Potluck for
Holocaust Education Week
with Arielle Sugarman**

**Dixon Senior Common Room (135A)
Wetmore Hall, 300 Huron Street
Accessible Entrance on Classic Avenue**

6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

\$5 or PWYC — All are welcome

Event page: <https://tinyurl.com/yaolqyqf>

DISABILITY, RACISM AND CONCEPTIONS OF THE JEWISH BODY

Disabled people were some of the earliest victims of the Nazi regime. This interactive talk will trace the history of the early treatment of Disabled persons in Europe, the connections made between Disabled folks and Jews, often based in "race science," eugenics, and ableism — and how this kind of thinking continues to inform racist and ableist norms today. We will examine the creation of identities such as the "Muscle Jew," the "New Jew" and the "Sabra."

RSVP appreciated, last minute arrivals are welcomed. 416.789.5502 or info@winchevskycentre.org
Please bring a dish to share. 6:30 p.m. Arrival • 6:45 p.m. Candlelighting & Dinner • 7:30 p.m. Program
See Event page (link above) for more details.

ALTERNATIVE SHABBES POTLUCK



**Friday December 7, 2018
6:30 p.m. — Winchevsky Centre**

Hershel Russell

*What is this thing called "gender" anyway?
So many recipes...*

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

Join us for a timely **Alternative Shabbes** on the **Joy of Gender** with Hershel Russell. Transgender and gender-diverse kids and adults are popping up everywhere. And it's all so political — the Right opposes trans access to bathrooms as fiercely as abortion. What's going on?

This lively, and thought-provoking presentation (with film-clips and interactive exercises) hopes to leave you with more questions than answers, but definitely better-informed.

Event page: <https://tinyurl.com/yclqg646>

\$5 or PWYC — All are Welcome

6:30 p.m. Arrival

6:45 p.m. Candlelighting & Dinner

7:30 p.m. Program

What to Bring: Potluck dish to share.

RSVP appreciated, last-minute arrivals welcomed:

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The Zing! goes on with Hartley Wynberg and Rachel Sheinin of Broken Bagel Scene. Now that the weather has finally cooled, come warm up with songs of protest, labour, and international themes. In this relaxed atmosphere you can zing your heart out in Yiddish, Hebrew and English. November at the Winchevsky Centre and December at Free Times Cafe. For more information visit the Facebook pages below or email info@winchevskycentre.org

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Zing! Zing! Zing! Thursday November 22
@ Winchevsky Centre • 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

www.facebook.com/events/339684276798271

Zing! Zing! Zing! Thursday December 20
@ Free Times Cafe • 6:00 Dinner
Zinging 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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The Morris Winchevsky School presents:

Latkes & Light A Chanukah Delight

A Community Celebration

Sunday December 2, 2018

918 Bathurst Street

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Chanukah Shpil (play) - Candle Lighting
Chanukah Games & Crafts - Dreydl & Gelt
Latkes & Sufganiyot (doughnuts) & Drinks

\$5/person - \$15/family or PWYC
Morris Winchevsky School Students Free

Please RSVP! 416.789.5502 or info@mwstoronto.org
Event page: www.facebook.com/events/281916765766132





Treasures From the Archives



A placemat unearthed in the Winchevsky Centre, made from a copy of a Yiddish Newspaper from 1935.

Photo: sue goldstein

Community News

MAZL TOV TO...

Max Wallace on winning the Canadian Jewish Literary Award in Holocaust Literature for his book, *In the Name of Humanity: The Secret Deal to End the Holocaust*

Charna Gord on her 65th birthday

Gary Lubin upon his retirement from coaching track & field for 47 years in Brampton

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

Lee Gelbloom and Mora Gregg

SPEEDY RECOVERY TO...

Suzanne Weiss, Ross Morgan, and Natalie Zemon-Davis

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO...

Rob Howarth & Marilyn Tate on the passing of Rob's mother, Norma-jane Howarth



Honouring Richard Lee 20 October 2018

Photos: Anne Rochon Ford

Donations still welcome!

Please consider honouring Richard with a contribution to the newly established Borshay Lee-Rosenberg Fund to support MWS programs, including the development of an adult B'nai Mitzvah program and the hiring of a youth organizer.

Donations can be made here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycbat6f8>



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