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*Presentation of the Toronto Alumni Chapter
Humanitarian Service Award to Dr. Ira Marder*

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009

Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. West

Dinner Agenda

6:00 p.m. COCKTAILS

6:30 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING

7:00 p.m. EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Charles' Corner

CHARLES WEINGARTEN

Spring is the Transition of Winter into Summer

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Spring is the season of renewal and enthusiasm. On February 23, 2009, **Dr. Howard Tenenbaum** began this renewal with his outstanding presentation and increased our comfort for assisting patients in pain management before, during and following dental procedures. On the same evening, **Dr. Allan Katchky** had arranged a wonderful speaker at dinner. The speaker, **Paul Michaels**, of the Canada/Israel Committee, in his address, "Behind the Scenes Viewpoint of the Political Situation", brought insights as to what is occurring in the Middle East. He gave perspective to the bias of local newspapers and wannabe politicians like **Sid Ryan**. Charity is always at the forefront of the Alpha Omega way of life. This evening gave us an opportunity to hold a Charitable Draw to fund the myriad of charities Alpha Omega assists yearly. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to the sponsors, **Oral Science, Bryan Herskovits at RBC, Nobel Biocare, Haber's Pharmacy, Pro-Art Laboratory, Sasco Dental** and to newcomer **R. Robertson Insurance**. The marriage of excellent programs and sponsors allows us to carry on as a strong organization meeting the needs of fraters and friends of Alpha Omega.

As we see the approach of the Vernal Equinox, March 21, the transition of winter into spring is about to begin. At this time we can look forward to other insightful Continuing Education Evening Sessions such as the dental magic of **Dr. Roel Wyman**, "The Generational Myth" – What You Don't Know About Dentin Bonding and Sensitivity", and that of **Dr. Janice Goodman**, in the area of Invisible Orthodontics by Essix.

AO Revival has a few more fun and exciting programs to entice our young fraters but never loses sight of its



commitment to charity. Another program of **Laurel Linetsky-Fleisher** is Women's Issues which this year will be donating funds to the JF&CS Dental Volunteer Program. Fun and charity are

a nice mix in this group of enthusiastic, dedicated dentists, like **Michelle Appel, Mark Zeidenberg, Erica Zamon, Tammy Herzog, Andrea Heckler, Sara Werb, Tracey Hendler** (Pi Chapter President) and **Sheryl Lipton**.

Through the JF&CS Dental Volunteer Program and AO's League of Concerned Dentists, we are trying to provide for a happier spring for a number of needy citizens and their families.

Spring means getting outdoors to fully welcome back the sun. **Sheryl** has arranged for some outdoor activity for the whole family in April in the new event, **Trekkie and Breakie**, sounds catchy to me. **Sam Newman** readies us for some Jewish content at Shaari Shomayyim synagogue for Sunday Morning Breakfast and Speaker, always a delicious treat both mentally and gastronomically. Let's march onto the UJA Walkathon on May 24, 2009 where on an annual basis we organize one of the rest stops at a park adjacent to Bathurst and Dundas. The warmth of spring would be somewhat less without mention of the Women's Issues Night, which is really for all to enjoy. Last year, it was **Dr. Joey Shulman**, who treated us to how to lose the last 15 pounds. It was quite informative and interestingly enough hardly anyone touched the food.

The Pi Chapter students are looking forward to completing their Board Exams and readying for the Mentoring Program, where they will visit a variety of specialty offices and dental labs answering a multitude of questions and concerns from

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NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Monday, April 20, 2009

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Charles' Corner

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their inquiring minds. One can feel the enthusiasm in the spring air.

With spring comes the AO Annual Business meeting. The Line and the Executive are busy preparing for the Business Meeting on April 20, 2009 at Beth Sholom. On this evening, we honour **Dr. Ira Marder** as he receives the AO Toronto Humanitarian Award amongst friends and family. A role model, Dr. Marder typifies Alpha Omega and has played many a significant role in his synagogue, children's Hebrew Day School, and of course through the Toronto Alumni Chapter as President and more. He brings the union of Judaism, Professionalism and Fraternalism to a very high standard.

At the Annual Business Meeting the Line Officers and House Association will present reports that are important to the future of our Chapter. The Secretary, **Elliott Weidman**, will present some important changes to the Constitution and By-Laws. The Treasurer, **Mel Kay**, will discuss the Financial Statements for the previous year. The President-Elect, **Sheryl Lipton**, will put forth the names of

the proposed Executive Council, Board of Trustees and Secretary to the Line for the following year for approval by the membership. With your attendance and support at this meeting we can ensure a better future for Alpha Omega.

Passover is coming. One of the three pilgrimage festivals where traditionally the entire populace historically made a pilgrimage to the temple in Jerusalem. This year make a pilgrimage of the heart. Set aside some time over Passover to connect with the exodus, what the feelings would have been for the Hebrews, the joy, the terror and promise they

FROM THE EDITOR

BARRY REINBLATT

If you're anything like me, you are breathing a huge sigh of relief to finally say goodbye to another winter and hello to spring. This just coincidentally happens to be the theme of President **Charles'** article, the season of renewal and enthusiasm. It seems to me that the older I get, the harder I find each winter. **Mark Librach** seems to agree with me that aging is difficult. Check out his humour

must have felt. Be aware of the tremendous faith they must have had to begin such a journey even though it was to leave the bondage of slavery.

Spring and renewal at Alpha Omega. It's waiting for you to participate for you are Alpha Omega. It is only through you that our organization has any relevance and influence. It is through you, each spring, renewing the promise our founders held for the fledgling Fraternity, that the growth they would have been so proud of continues and is passed down from one generation to the next.

article to see what I mean, and get prepared to laugh (or possibly cry).

This issue of the AORTA has contributions from many different sources on many different topics. You can read about all the programs that have taken place over the last couple of months, and see pictures of them as well. We have information on a myriad of upcoming programs that run the gamut of what Alpha Omega provides. You can plan some continuing education, make arrangements to come with the family to our picnic, or look forward to spending some time on the water at the annual sailing day. You can also keep informed as to what the students are up to in the 'Slice of Pi' section and information about the Big Sibling program.

Canadian Director **Avi Wurman** has provided a list of upcoming International events to consider attending. **Dorit Sova-Ansel** shares a letter she received from A Package From Home thanking her and contributing Alpha Omegans for their assistance in putting together packages for soldiers from the IDF.



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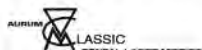
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Growing Old

Recently, my brother Cliff celebrated his 50th birthday. I, of course, will always relish in the fact that he will reach any age milestone a whopping three years before I do. In fact, I make it a rule to surround myself with people that are older than I. Take my recent trip to Bormio on the Alpha Omega Ski Trip. (By the way, if you missed it you lost out on four glorious days of skiing in the

Italian Alps under beautiful sunny skies and three beautiful days in Florence. If you see me in the near future ask me about the shower story. It's not as much to brag about as the four naked Russian girls in Austria story, but just as funny. I'll tell you all about it and Lake Louise also in the next AORTA.) I, at 47 years of age, was the youngest on the trip. I still have all my hair and if you count the growths creeping up in places that I don't want

them, I technically have more hair than when I was 19. By the way, what anthropologic explanation or benefit can be made for hair growing out of your ears? But I am seeing signs of decay and I don't mean the dental type.

My eyesight is nothing to write home about. I order a hamburger in every restaurant I go to because I can't read the damn menu. I've caught myself on several occasions using my loops to read charts and the newspaper. I even used them to study the Sports Illustrated Swim Suit Edition. Actually, I did that even before my eyesight went bad. I can't see a damn thing...my poor patients.

I look around the room every time I get up from the couch wondering who said the word "oy" only to realize that it was me. You know you're getting old when everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work. My massage therapist refers to me as her "work in progress." My personal trainer and my massage therapist must be in cahoots. He hurts me and she hurts me more. I still don't know why she makes me say, "Hurt me again mistress." Maybe Wench Wendy's Wonderland is not the place for me.

It seems I now have trouble climbing steps. When I hit the fifth step my knee gives out. Fearing, with three trips booked, that my skiing days were numbered, I ran to my sister-in-law **Dr. Carol Silverstein**. (If we Librach's don't become doctors we marry them. It's better than OHIP. I don't think that Carol realized when she married into my family that she would be running a 24 hour emergency clinic devoted to the sole purpose of treating the ailments of the Librach clan.) After having an x-ray, an ultrasound, an MRI and an expert clinical examination of my right knee, it was determined that I could still ski. From now on, however, I should avoid staircases with more than four steps. If I can't avoid one, I just skip the fifth step. Problem solved...for now.

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Thanks mom for the hypertension. I'm not sure mine is genetic in origin or just a product of the guilt ridden phone calls. Maybe the guilt counts as a fourth medication. Anyway, my blood pressure is controlled by my meds and my life is controlled by my mom.



the world of fifty somethings. My philosophy is that growing old is compulsory but growing up is optional. Hence I chose to live now rather than wish I lived later. I ski because I can. I'm not sure I will be able to say that when I'm 90.

The really frightening thing about middle age is knowing I'll grow out of it.

I can't remember if my memory is going. I try not to say anything to anyone if there is a third person in the room. If there are only two of us, it's my word against his. Who needs a witness to corroborate that I said what I know I couldn't have said.

Personally, I think we are celebrating the wrong age milestones. I would rather celebrate my 49th birthday than my 50th. My last hurrah as a forty something is far more important than my welcome into

So here is my top ten list of the things I fear most about getting old:

10. All the best songs I liked growing up will now be elevator music.
9. When my wife asks me to come up stairs and have sex I'll realize I can no longer do both. (Damn fifth step)
8. The pharmacist will become my new best friend.

7. Happy Hour will now be a nap.
6. The end of my tie won't come anywhere near the top of my pants.
5. I'll fall asleep and someone will wake me just to make sure I'm not dead.
4. I'll enjoy hearing about other people's operations.
3. I'll sink my teeth into a steak and they will stay there.
2. I'll start sending money to PBS.

And the number one reason why I fear getting old.

1. When lighting my birthday candles, a group of boy scouts will show up and start singing Kum Ba Yah.

Growing old scares me but then the alternative scares me more.

Mark Librach

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In Memory of John Ackerman

Dr. John Ackerman loved life and his desire to share his energy and goodwill in almost every aspect of his 86 years touched a huge world in and outside dentistry.

Dentistry was a great profession for him as he loved working with people, enjoyed science and had an artistic eye. People who were afraid of the dentist used to go to see John because of his gentle manner. To John, all of his friends were patients, and all of his patients were friends. He detested the idea that he had to punch the clock and move patients in and out of the office quickly; he always made time to find out about his patients, share their lives. He was very active in Alpha Omega and practiced for 50 years. An astounding achievement in today's world of rapid change and shifting values.

Dr. John Ackerman was born in 1921 to

Jacob and Mindle who were Jewish immigrants from Galicia; he had an older sister Shirley, and 2 brothers Al and Sam. After going to Ogden Street School and graduating from Jarvis Collegiate, John was the first in his family to attend University. Like many boys of the era, John had dreamed of becoming a pilot, and spent some time working as a mechanic in an airplane hangar. At the time, pilots had to have perfect vision, and since John needed glasses, he had to choose a different path. Dentistry seemed a perfect fit for his technical and scientific aptitude.

During WWII there was a program at U of T that combined dental training and basic army training; John entered that program and graduated in 1946.

John was known for his honesty, his friendly manner and his concern for both

patients and staff. Anyone who knew his office also knew his brother Al who worked there as a dentist, as well as Miss White, the dental nurse who worked with him for over 30 years.



John called her Miss White for over 30 years and in turn she always called him Dr. Ackerman. There was a mutual loyalty and respect that seems to be rare these days.

John always enjoyed a new challenge; he was the first Dental Intern at Toronto General Hospital; he had some of his articles published in dental journals, and always liked to take the time to help

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young dentists who were starting out in their careers and who would associate with him for a period of time. He was a natural teacher. One of the things he believed was that "whatever you decide to do, the most important thing is that you are able to get along well with other people."

In 1954, John married the love of his life, Frances Einstoss just six months after they met at the Hillel House at U of T. They had three children – Martin, Penina, and David.

John was a devoted husband and father, and he took his role as father very seriously. His philosophy passed on to his kids was that most problems could be solved by not eating too many sweets, brushing your teeth, and by getting a good night's sleep.

John worked very hard, but he was also always involved in the community as well. It seemed that Beth Tzedec Synagogue was a second home. He was involved in the Shul Men's club, taking on the role as unofficial photographer, volunteering for various things and he always enjoyed going to lectures.

He used photography to give to other people as well. John would always try to give photos of friends away for them to enjoy, and never asked for more than a thank you in return.

John loved the outdoors, and became a scout leader at Beth Tzedec when his boys became of scouting age. He convinced Frances to get a tent trailer and they took the kids camping to different provinces across Canada every summer.

John had a great interest in gardening, and flowers, and art. After he retired and

was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, he revealed his artistic talent when he enrolled in a wood carving program at the Wagman Center; his sculptures are quite remarkable.

John died on December 13, 2008 just before his 87th birthday, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He is lovingly remembered by Frances, his children Martin, Penina, David, and grandchildren, Alek and Astrid, Kobi, Shimmy and Hadassah.

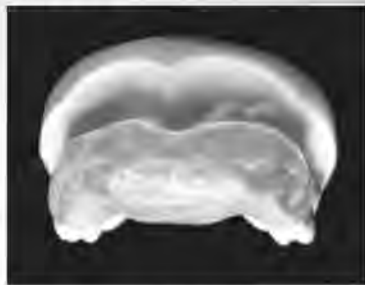
One of the last pieces of advice that he gave his son David when he was still able to was: 'Be happy with who you are'. And John certainly was.

**Written by two of his children:
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Pi Chapter Formal: A Night of Fun, Fraternalism, and Philanthropy

January 10, 2009 marked the date of this year's Pi Chapter Formal, and what a night it was! Even Mother Nature got very excited for this event, and decided to bestow upon us a huge snowstorm. Not even the snowstorm was able to hinder this great evening.

The formal was held at Adath Israel Congregation and was well-attended by 100 fraters and guests, including alumni members. Following Pi Chapter Tradition, the 30 new members were initiated by **Drs. Avi Wurman and Barry Chapnick**, and were excited to pledge the AO oath and receive their fraternity pins. The graduating class asked **Dr. Lorne Chapnick** to be the guest of honour for the evening, so that he could impart some wisdom to us before we venture out of the halls of 124 Edward. And impart

knowledge he did. Dr. Chapnick's speech was touching and relevant, and we were all very grateful that he was able to be there that night for us. I would also like to congratulate **Peter Bozavikov** who won the Alpha Omega Scholarship for this year's graduating class.

An important aspect of this evening was the charity raffle, from which 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Alpha Omega Foundation. We were able to raise \$2200 from this raffle, which exceeded our goal of \$2000.

I would like to thank our generous donors who donated raffle prizes, and thank the entire executive of the Pi Chapter for their hard work selling tickets and securing donations. I would also like to thank



Brian Laski, Tracey Handler and Andrea Heckler Aboodi

those of you who purchased tickets and supported our fundraising efforts, we really appreciate it.

From the hors d'oeuvres, to the chicken, and lastly to the sprawling dessert buffet complete with chocolate fountain, I am certain that no

one left the formal hungry. Or thirsty. The dancing was going strong until the chair cover collectors showed up, and the night was sadly brought to a close.

Thank you again to everyone who helped this night become such a great success.

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BRIAN LASKI

On Tuesday January 27th, over 30 Pi Chapter members visited the Panasonic Theatre with the Big Sibling Committee for the evening performance of We Will Rock You. This jukebox musical, based on the hit songs of Queen, was enjoyed by all those in



attendance. The night started off with dinner and a trivia contest at the Faculty of Dentistry. Congratulations go out to **Daniel Fingrut** for winning the trivia contest with his extensive knowledge of the band. The wonderful outing ended with everyone singing their hearts out to Bohemian Rhapsody and, the show's title number, We Will Rock You. Special thanks to **Dr. Sheryl Lipton, Dr. Andrea Heckler, Dr. Guy Aboodi**, and Pi Chapter president, **Tracey Hendler**, for their support!

Family Skating and Hockey Night Report

AO's annual Family Skate and Hockey night took place on a very snowy January 17, 2009 at The Pavillion in Thornhill. The programme began at 7:15pm with a family free skate and ended with action packed hockey.

Approximately 90 fraters and their families attended the event. After skating, attendees gathered in the restaurant for pizza and drinks. All children left with a hockey puck in the spirit of the evening. All in all it was a fun night for everyone who attended and a great programme to continue in the future.

Thank you to Jackie and my committee, Yoav Finer and David Hirsch for their help,

Stephen Kay
Committee Chair 2009

FROM THE EDITOR

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Marv Klotz, Chair of the Complaints Committee at the RCDSO, shares some thoughts on how to avoid patient complaints.

Finally, there are a few articles with a more serious message. We remember frater John Ackerman with a heartfelt tribute written by his children. President Charles has shared a letter that he wrote on behalf of Alpha Omega to Paul Moist, National President of CUPE, expressing our fraternity's feelings on the actions of Ontario CUPE President Sid Ryan and his resolution against Israeli academic institutions.

I encourage anyone who wishes to express their opinion to send it to me at barryreinblatt@sympatico.ca, or Sharon Perlmutter at sharon_perlmutter@rogers.com.

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A Letter to CUPE

The following letter was addressed to Paul Moist of CUPE National, Sid Ryan of CUPE Ontario, the National Post Newspaper, Canadian Jewish News (CJN), the Alpha Omega Toronto Alumni Chapter and Dr. Dan Uditsky of AO International. The purpose being to give a response to Sid Ryan's and CUPE Ontario's irresponsible promotion of the boycott of Israeli academics. In contrast, Paul Moist, the leader of CUPE National, condemned this kind of an approach and recommends a far fairer, cooperative and constructive approach to the problems of the Middle East.

March 02, 2009

Mr. Paul Moist
National President
Canadian Union of Public Employees
1375 St. Laurent
Ottawa, Ontario K1G 0Z7

Dear Mr. Moist:

We are deeply troubled by comments that have been made by Sid Ryan, President of CUPE Ontario regarding the situation in the Middle East, especially by Mr. Ryan's proposal for an academic boycott against Israel and Israelis. This resolution was passed at the recently concluded meeting of the CUPE Ontario University Workers Coordinating Committee (UWCC), held in Windsor, Ontario.

This result is not helpful and recalls a previous motion – Resolution 50 – that was adopted by CUPE Ontario in 2006. It seems self-evident that just as there are

two parties to a conflict, there must also be two parties to a peace. This is certainly self-evident to Israelis, who know that the goal of Hamas is not peace, but Israel's destruction. Yet these elemental truths seem to have evaded Mr. Ryan. More is the pity, for one-sided resolutions do nothing to help resolve a longstanding dispute and bring no credit to the Canadian labour movement.

Mr. Ryan's latest idea is in many ways worse than the 2006 resolution. Now Mr. Ryan is calling for a boycott based on ethnicity. While we are aware that there has been some back-peddling on this matter by Mr. Ryan (now the boycott is supposedly directed against Israeli academic institutions) it is difficult to see much difference in this too subtle distinction. Is he seriously pretending that the people associated with Israeli academic institutions will not be boycotted if their institutions are boycotted? And what kind of credence should anyone give to an idea that has come from a man who was incapable of telling the difference between Nazis and Jews?

It is in that sorry context that we write to you not only to express our concerns about Mr. Ryan but also our thanks to you for the leadership role that you have played on behalf of CUPE National and Canada's labour movement in this matter.

We understand that the organizational

structure of CUPE National and its provincial sections provides the latter with a great deal of freedom. We were therefore encouraged by your statement of January 13, 2009. Referring to the UWCC resolution you said in essence that the resolution was contrary to CUPE's values, and that you would oppose the introduction of any such a policy into your union. Bravo, Mr. Moist.

CUPE, along with its sister labour organizations in Canada, has a long and honourable history of international action. We hope and pray that you will use your influence, and that of your influential brothers and sisters, to uphold the tradition of helpful and constructive involvement in the affairs of the world.

There are always ways in which people and organizations can fulfil a positive role outside the boundaries of their own countries. How wonderful it would be, for example, if CUPE could find a way to support the work of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Faculty of Dental Medicine (founded by Alpha Omega) and the Palestinian Al-Quds University, through the D. Walter Cohen, DDS, Middle East Center for Dental Education. Through their partnership, the very institutions CUPE would boycott have partnered to provide superior dental health to Israelis, Palestinians, and other peoples in neighbouring countries in the area. In the same spirit, imagine if

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assistance, symbolic or otherwise, was offered by CUPE to build bridges between Israel and her neighbours in the Middle East. It is through bridge building that Canadians are, and have been seen as, honest brokers for peace. Bridges will bring Israelis, Palestinians and all countries in the area together for a common purpose: their mutual well being as human beings.

We only offer these as examples; no doubt one could conceive of equally constructive activities that would have a labour focus. Such activities would be constructive and helpful to those who work for peace in the Middle East, and worthy of the support of labour in Canada.

Mr. Moist, the complexity of the situation in the Middle East requires a thoughtful and visionary approach. We can only hope that CUPE National will ultimately set the direction for all of CUPE.

Yours sincerely,

Charles B. Weingarten
 President, Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity,
 Toronto Alumni Chapter

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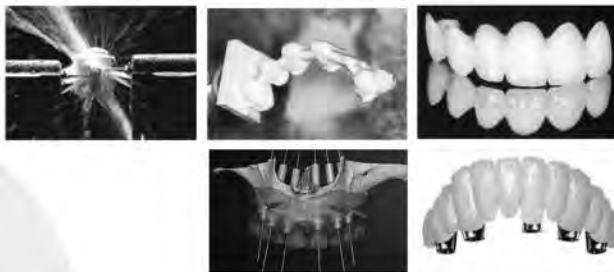
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ALPHA OMEGA FALL SOCIAL TEXAS HOLD-EM POKER TOURNAMENT

LARRY ROTMAN

The Annual Fall Social took place at The Country Club of Clublink on October 22 2008. This year the event was our second "No Limit Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament". There were approximately 40 fraters and friends participating in this year's tournament.

The evening started with a short tutorial which gave the group all the information required to compete successfully in the tournament. We had said that no previous experience was required and the results certainly proved this to be the case.

The first round of the tournament gave the participants a chance to accumulate chips without the possibility of being eliminated. Anybody who lost all their chips could re-enter for a nominal fee which was added to the prize pool.

At the end of the first round, refreshments were served, and everyone enjoyed a little nosh and discussed their strategy for the final round.

During the final round, a consolation prize of movie passes were given to the first two competitors eliminated as they



*Clockwise from the top:
Dovrot Puterman and Larry Rotman;
Eryn Sone and Jack Fingrut;
Lisa Sone and Eryn Sone*

still had time to catch a movie, but they chose to stick around to watch the continuing action at the tables.

It was not too long before the tournament was reduced to a final table of eight very serious players vying for the prize money.

In the end, the tournament winner was

Dovrot Puterman who took home \$350 dollars. Second place went to **Larry Rotman** and third was **Jack Fingrut**.

I would like to thank everyone for participating. It was certainly apparent from the comments and the fact that

everyone stayed to watch the tournament to its completion that they were all having a very enjoyable evening

I would also give a special thanks to Event Chairman **Eryn Sone**, and our executive secretary **Jackie Levitan** for their help

putting this event together.

I should also thank **Jeff Patton**, whose company supplied the tournament co-ordinator and all the materials necessary to run a successful event. A final thank you goes our dealers who were arranged by Dovrot's brother-in-law, **Lennie Puterman**.

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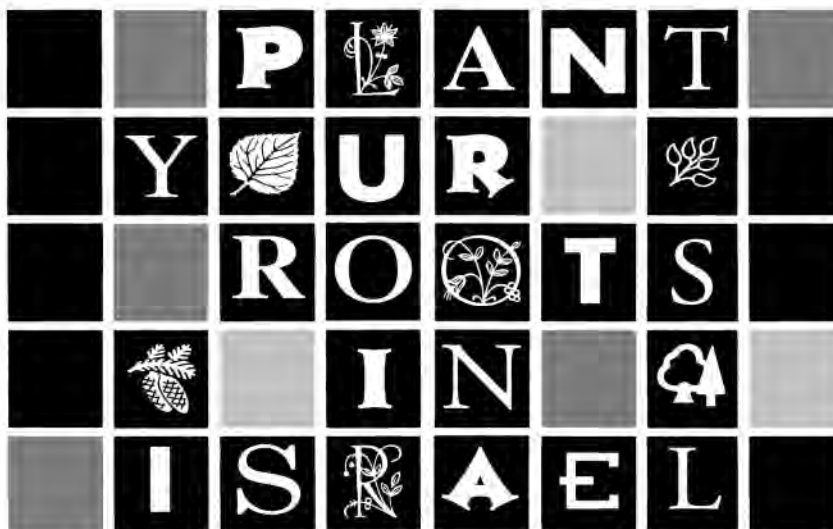
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Monday April 20, 2009
Beth Sholom Synagogue

BOXING WORKOUT CLASS

Thursday, April 23.
More information available soon

TREKKIE AND BREAKIE

Sunday, April 26 (*see ad in this issue*)

DINNER THEATRE

Murder Mystery Night: Thursday May 14
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WOMEN'S ISSUES SEMINAR

Thursday May 21

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The Alpha Omega Toronto Alumni Chapter's Annual Half-Day Seminar and Charitable Draw Dinner was held on Monday February 23, 2009.

The event was held at Adath Israel Synagogue. 100 members attended

the lecture. Our guest speaker, Dr. **Howard Tenenbaum**, spoke about Pain Management, A New Approach. He discussed new concepts of pain modulation as well as reinforced some of our older medications and techniques. His lecture was very informative and stimulating as well as being entertaining and interactive. We would like to thank our sponsors who made the day a financial success.

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Dorit Sova-Ansel

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2009

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