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Mississauga Jews

We get the question often:
Why did you leave Brooklyn NY to live in Mississauga?

Sara and I were raised in a Chabad-Lubovich community and we believe it is our mission to reach out to the unaffiliated Jews in Halton Peel Region, inviting them to learn more about our shared traditions, cultural values and philosophy. By doing so we will fulfill our little part in making the world a better place and to help hasten the promised days of the redemption, Moshiach. We have held Torah classes, a Channukah party, Purim feast and driven a Sukkahmobile through town. We've met lots of Jewish families and we've opened a home away from home for Jewish student at the Erindale College Campus hosting them for Shabbat meals. We've been welcomed by all the Jewish voices in the community. We welcome your interest, participation and support and ask you to pick up the phone, introduce yourself and invite you and yours over for Shabbat dinner.

Have we got a story for you!

Sara and I wish everyone a happy and kosher Passover.

Rabbi Yitzchok Slavin and Sara

First big event for Chabad of Mississauga

Purim feast brings joy to Mississauga Jews

It was quite a celebration for than 80 noisy attendees of the Chabad of Mississauga's first Purim Party at the Radisson Hotel on March 7. Themed 'Purim in Peking' the room was dressed with bamboo and chopsticks and Rabbi Yitzchok Slavin and wife Sara appeared in straw hats and kimonos. Party goers brought their own costumes and dressed as befits the occasion. Beginning with the reading of the Megillah, accompanied by a slide show, the evening proceeded with a chinese buffet dinner, live music and *Magicians: Maxwell and Ta-Daa* who delighted the

children and baffled all with sleight-of-hand and accomplished tricks! Jews travelled from Oakville, Brampton and Burlington for the two and a half hour event and many expressed their happiness in their kind words and positive feedback. "The response was incredible. We had to change our venue to accommodate the RSVPs" said Rabbi Slavin. Our thanks go to the Radisson who helped us on short notice. Special thanks to Kim who was of great assistance in organizing and setting up the room.



Just Do Something

You have to do something. What you choose is not the issue here. Neither are all the neat little



Lubavitcher Rebbe
Menachem M. Schneerson

tricks and conning of any significance. All that really matters is that you do your job honestly and as best you know

how with the talents and skills you were given and G-d will bless you in whatever you do.

Mall owner welcomes Channukah menorah



In a first for the neighbourhood, the Loblaw's at Glen Erin and Eglinton welcomed the public lighting of a Hannukah menorah. We light the candles to remember the miracle that occurred during the rededication of the Temple where a small quantity of oil, barely a day's worth, burned for eight full days. Mr. Serge Brotto, who already provides a large selection of Kosher foods in his store was very receptive to the idea of a public menorah and provided the space and electrical hook up. We thank him for his visible support.

Hadassah receives Sara Slavin

Rachel Saunders opened her beautiful home, on January 19, to fellow members of the Hadassah-Adirah chapter and Sara Slavin who was invited to introduce herself and the



Chabad philosophy to the curious group. Why would a young religious couple from the heart of Brooklyn come to Mississauga?" was a common question.

Sara talked of plans for the future and shared a few stories from back home. "The Chabad philosophy embraces the sharing knowledge of Jewish history, customs, and cultural strengths in an outreach program without strings attached," says Sara Slavin. That's why we are here.

Chanukah party at Rabbi's home

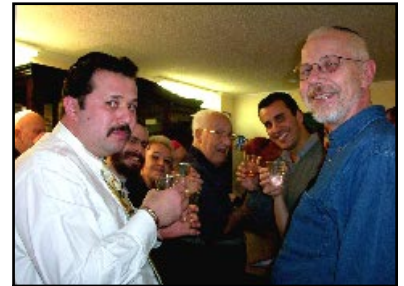
A crowd of all ages gathered at the Rabbi's home to celebrate Chanukah with fellow Oakville and Mississauga Jews.

Jelly doughnuts and hot latkes were the feature items with plenty of other delicious foods.

Approximately 30 turned out for the menorah lighting, singing, dreidel spinning and socializing. Crafts for the kids kept them mostly entertained – but



not restrained – as their laughter is an essential part of the event. All are invited now to next year's event. Get on the 'A' list for the next event: 905.820.4432.



Would you like a home visit?

If you would like a home visit from the Rabbi, to talk, study, learn a little Torah, Kabbalah or lay Tfillin; or if you know someone who would benefit from a hospital visit, please contact us. How about a short learning class at your business?

Contact the Chabad of Mississauga at 905.820.4432.

Mayor meets Rabbi

Rabbi Yitzchok Slavin was honoured to meet Mayor Hazel McCallion recently in her city hall offices. The Mayor welcomed the Rabbi as a new member of the community and wished him well on his mission. "I was grateful for the few minutes I spent with the Mayor. She is clearly a remarkable person and the privilege was mine," said R. Slavin.



Events, Announcements & Mazel Tovs

- ✧ **Mazel Tov to Rabbi Larry Englander** on the honour of receiving the "Order of the day" award.
- ✧ **Mazel Tov to Nethaniel and Andrea BenSimon** on birth of baby boy **Adam Joshua**
- ✧ **Women's night out.** Class on **challah baking**.
- All the fundamentals:** learn to braid with six.
- Mystical meaning** behind challah. **Early May class:** Contact Sara at 905.820.4432 for more info.
- ✧ **How about Shabbat dinner with the Rabbi and family?** We want to meet our neighbours. **Call for an invitation now!** 905.820.4432.
- ✧ **Are you interested in participating in a model Seder?** Prepare for your own with songs and stories that will keep the kids interested. Contact us.
- ✧ We will deliver **Passover necessities** to **needy Jewish families, singles and elderly.** If you are aware of any family in such circumstances contact Rabbi Slavin. **100% confidential.**
- ✧ Visit **www.matzacovers.com.**
- ✧ You might like to subscribe to the Chabad's **eTorah.** Send an email to ChabadMississaug@aol.com with the word 'eTorah' in the subject line.

If you want to attend an event but feel you cannot afford it, contact the Rabbi at 905.820.4432.

Sukkah and Sukkahmobile in Mississauga



If you noticed a Sukkah on the back of a pick up truck careening through the streets of Mississauga, it was Rabbi Slavin delivering a mitzvah.

Like a pizza delivery guy with too many orders and a 30 minute delivery window, the Sukkahmobile – and driver in black – drove from location to location offering Jews the opportunity make a little blessing, to have a little cake (to fulfill the mitzvah of eating in a sukkah) and to wave the lulav and etrog (also a mitzvah).

The surprised and delighted participants didn't know what to make of the Rabbi's offer but most accepted gladly. Watch for the Sukkahmobile next year and be sure to flag it down.

The building of the Rabbi's sukkah provided a bit of excitement in the neighbourhood being a seldom seen but highly visible symbol of Jewish faith. But the eight days passed uneventfully except for the intervention of the wind which toppled the sukkah on one occasion necessitating a redesign for next year.

Many Jews joined the Slavin family to make the blessings – some for the first time – and perform the traditional songs with enthusiasm and rekindled their pintel yid.

Progress at Erindale College Campus

Plans are advancing quickly for a Jewish students club at the University of Toronto at Mississauga Erindale campus. It will be a place where young students can get together socially to meet and learn a little Judaism. Students will enjoy Friday night Shabbat dinners and have a home away from home. Students – watch for ads or flyers on campus. If you would like to assist in the organization of the club please contact Rabbi Yitzchok or Sara Slavin at 905.820.4432.