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A MESSAGE FROM DR. DAVID KESELMAN, CEO



Hello everyone,

I am writing to you from sunny city Hadera in Israel on the eve of Israel's Memorial Day and 70th Independence Day, a mix of sadness and happiness all wrapped up in two days.

Yom Hazikaron (Hebrew: יום הזְכָרוֹן; lit. "Memorial Day"), in full **Yom Hazikaron I'Chalalei Ma'arachot Yisrael ul'Nifge'ei Pe'ulot Ha'eivah** (Hebrew: יום הזְכָרוֹן לְחַלְלֵי מַעְרָכוֹת יִשְׂרָאֵל וְלִנְפָגְעֵי פְעוּלוֹת הָאֵיבָה; lit. "Memorial Day for the Fallen Soldiers of Israel and Victims of Terrorism"), is Israel's official remembrance day, enacted into law in 1963. While Yom Hazikaron has been traditionally dedicated to fallen soldiers, commemoration has also been extended to civilian victims of terrorism.



For those who may not be aware of the historical events, David Ben-Gurion, who was the first prime minister of Israel, publicly read the Declaration of Independence of Israel on May 14, 1948. According to the Jewish calendar, this was the fifth day of Iyar, the eighth month of the civil year, in the year 5708. Israel's Independence Day, also known as Yom Ha'atzmaut, marks the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of Israel, and usually falls in April or May, this year it is celebrated on April 18th.

An official ceremony is held every year on Mount Herzl on the eve of Yom Ha'atzmaut. The ceremony includes speeches from senior Israeli officials, an artistic part, a ritual march of soldiers carrying the Flag of Israel, forming elaborate structures (such as a Menorah, Magen David and a number which represents the age of Israel) and the lighting of twelve beacons (each for every one of the Tribes of Israel). Each year, dozens of Israeli citizens who contributed to the state, are selected to light the beacons.

In light of these events, I am compelled to reflect on the road we have travelled as a team here at Louis Brier and continue to chart as we face the Accreditation survey in only few weeks, as well as the many and so wonderful positive changes that have taken place to improve and enhance the resident experience at LB. As always I wanted to extend my appreciation and gratitude for the support and assistance we have been so lucky in receiving from all of our foundation, stakeholders, residents, families, staff, and volunteers and encourage you to continue to support our cause and vision in becoming a centre of excellence for elder care.

Thank you,
Dr. David Keselman, CEO



JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH

From now on, May will be Canadian Jewish Heritage Month across the country.

The bill proclaiming the annual event passed third and final reading in the House of Commons on March 28. The vote was unanimous. The Canadian Jewish Heritage Month Act, known as Bill S-232, passed in the Senate before heading to the House. It's expected to receive royal assent and become law in the coming weeks, making May the inaugural Jewish Heritage Month. Sponsored by Conservative Sen. Linda Frum and Liberal MP Michael Levitt, the bill was introduced in December 2016, though the groundwork for it was laid in 2015, when former Mount Royal MP Irwin Cotler introduced the substance of the bill.



Canadian Jewish Heritage Month “will provide an opportunity for all Canadians to reflect on and celebrate the incredible contributions that Jewish Canadians have made to our country, in communities across Canada,” said Levitt.

“I am delighted that Canadian Jewish Heritage Month will be enacted into law in time to celebrate in May,” said Frum. Jewish Heritage Month “will provide many opportunities for all Canadians to learn about the significant contributions of the Jewish community in Canada.”

JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH IN MAY – OUR WISH FOR PEACE ART PROJECT AND INSTALLATION

As part of Jewish Heritage Month (May), Charlotte Vogt (Recreation Program Coordinator at LBHH and Art Therapist and successful artist in the community) will be creating an art installation, ‘Our Wish for Peace’ featuring the dove of peace. [This collaborative art project will involve residents and families.](#) The art installation is in the early design stage but we envision doves hanging from the ceiling with residents/families wishes for peace inscribed on the wings. Stay tuned as there is more to come!

SCHEDULE

Wednesday May 16th

Morning: Prep time and “public art station” (passers-by can watch, interact, and participate)

2pm: Our Wish for Peace: A Collaborative Art Installation (FAMILIES WELCOME) – 1st fl (main lounge downstairs at the long table)

Edy Govorchin

Leader Recreation, Culture, Music Therapy and Volunteers

Thursday May 17th

10am: Our Wish for Peace – A Collaborative Art Installation (FAMILIES WELCOME) – 2nd fl

Afternoon: INSTALLATION TIME 1st fl

Friday May 18th

Morning: INSTALLATION TIME 2nd fl

SHAVUOT 2018 (5778)



Begins Saturday, May 19 at nightfall – ends on Monday, May 21 at 9:45pm

Shavuot (which is the Hebrew word for “Weeks”, from the root word for seven –sheva) has both religious and seasonal significance. Shavuot is called the “**Feast of Weeks**” and stands for the seven weeks during which the Israelites rid themselves of the scars of bondage, and became a holy nation ready to stand before Hashem (G-d).

Shavuot is a high holy day, and therefore all the laws of Shabbat are observed.
(Please refer to the attached Guidelines for Yom Tov/holy days.)

- **Shavuot** marks the time of the **giving of the Torah** (Five Books of Moses) on Mount Sinai to the Jewish people, and also marks the beginning of the Israeli spring harvest. These two themes are woven together throughout the holiday.
- Customs associated with this holiday include the **eating of dairy foods** and honey- as a reminder that the words of the Torah are as pleasant to the ears as milk and honey are to the tongue. The tradition is to eat a festive dairy meal before the main meal on the first day of Shavuot. ***At the LBHH this means CHEESECAKE!**
- Homes and synagogues are often **decorated with flowers and green branches** as a reminder that on Shavuot the world is judged through the fruit of the trees, in hopes that the harvest is plentiful.
- Baskets of **fruit and flowers** are traditionally given as gifts.

Other customs include:

For many, it is customary to **stay up all night learning Torah** on the first night of Shavuot. Families attend synagogue on the **first day of Shavuot** and bring their children to hear the **reading of the Ten Commandments**. On the second day of Shavuot, the **Yizkor memorial prayers are recited**. Some communities publicly read the **Book of Ruth**, a touching story of love and devotion, whose passing occurred on this day.

If you have any questions about **Shavuot**, please don't hesitate to contact Edy (Ext 4714) or anyone in the Recreation department as we would be happy to assist you in your understanding of the holiday so that together we can fully support residents.

PASSION MISSION VISION

Through the course of our lives, we have experienced many endings and many new beginnings. Time is changing – we are transitioning into new horizons, and we are in need of more support for our foundation. Over the course of 18 years, I have been a dedicated supporter, friend and companion of the Louis Brier Jewish Aged Foundation. I am able to reach out and provide a touch of the divine to our residents in a variety of ways.

Giving and nursing are gifts of compassion and happiness. Giving is life - sustaining and life supporting. Giving is an activity of our soul that is deeply rooted in compassion and focuses on the needs of others. When we see others in need, we feel their suffering, and we are moved to alleviate their pain, by doing whatever we can.

I am challenged to do the best I can and serve to the fullest. I am truly honoured and blessed because it allows me to be part of this journey. There is a parable I would like to share... there came along a widow with two small copper coins in her hand, which makes a penny. She put the penny in the box, even in poverty, she put in everything, all she had to live on.

Let us all have a heart to give and give until our hearts shine, by walking together for the good and welfare of our residents. I have always felt it is a privilege to be involved with the foundation for the last 18 years and I am still counting.

“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.” - Maya Angelu



Leonora Calingasan
Licensed Practical Nurse



FALLS UPDATE

As mentioned in April’s newsletter, the incidence of falls at Louis Brier has been increasing at an alarming rate.

New falls awareness strategies were initiated, rolling them out to each nursing unit a week at a time with the plan that all units would be involved by the end of April. Most of the units now have begun implementation of the strategies with just a few left to follow. Our statistics are showing an improvement in the falls rate. In February we had 74 falls throughout the building. In March there were 61 falls. We look forward to the numbers continuing to decrease. Thanks to the care aides for checking hourly on residents to help decrease the number of falls!

NATIONAL NURSING WEEK: CELEBRATING NURSES #YESTHISISNURSING

We take pride in the fact that the public has rated nursing as the most honest and ethical profession for the past 16 years. Our commitment to protecting, promoting, and improving healthcare for all is well recognized, and we serve the public in a wide range of roles and work settings. Therefore, it is only fitting that we take one week each year to celebrate our profession and the vital roles nurses play in health care.

Nursing Week begins each year on **May 7th** and ends on **May 12th** Florence Nightingale's birthday. The week draws attention to nurses, increasing the awareness of the public, policy-makers and governments of the many contributions of nursing to the well-being of Canadians. In 1971, the International Council of Nurses (ICN) designated May 12, the birthday of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale, as International Nurses Day. In 1985, Canadian Nurses Association (CNA) members passed a resolution to begin negotiations with the federal government to have the week containing May 12 proclaimed as National Nurses Week annually. Soon after, the federal minister of health proclaimed the second week of May as National Nurses Week. In 1993, the name was changed to National Nursing Week to emphasize the profession's accomplishments as a discipline.



LBHH's Leading Role

In Louis Brier, we take the time to acknowledge and celebrate the dedication, achievements and successes of our nurses. The organization has led efforts to celebrate nursing, ensuring that recognition is promoted as widely as possible and a week long celebration of the work of the nurses, the largest of the health care professions.

This Year's Theme

National Nursing Week is May 7-13 and the theme is **#YesThisIsNursing**. The theme, which was created by Alliah Over, RN, MN, of Newmarket, Ontario, was selected by CNA in 2017 and has been carried over for 2018. CNA picked it from among nearly 300 submissions by nurses, students and other Canadians. Here is how Over described the inspiration for her submission:

"Nursing roles are evolving at an exponential rate, particularly with the influence of technology and the expansion of digital technologies. We can leverage social media to raise awareness, promote advocacy and connect people across the globe on important issues. For me, this theme speaks to the expanding traditional and non-traditional roles, settings and sectors nurses work in as well as the unique opportunities for our profession presented by social media and emerging tech trends."

How You Can Take Part

It's not just the organization that have the role in supporting Nursing Week. We encourage families, residents and staff to show their support and show your appreciation for the work nurses do—give them a shout out, simple thank you note or pat in a back!

SOURCE: Reference: www.cna-aiic.ca

WEINBERG RESIDENCE



Did you know the Weinberg Residence offers a GUEST SUITE?

Open to rent for family members of the Weinberg Residence and the Louis Brier Home and Hospital Based on availability. **\$150/night or \$900/week**. For further information or to make a reservation contact Vanessa at 604.267.4722 or visit our website www.weinbergresidence.com. Don't forget to check us out on Facebook: *weinbergresidence*

Vanessa Trester, Manager, Weinberg Residence

HONOURING SERGE HABER

On Shabbat, April 14, during a special Shabbat service

at the Chava and Abrasha Wosk Synagogue, Serge Haber was honoured for his years of dedication and tireless service to the Jewish Community. Serge was acknowledged for his commitment to the Louis Brier, his leadership at the Beth Israel Synagogue, and his dedication to the Jewish Seniors Alliance. Representatives of the Beth Israel Synagogue, the Jewish Seniors Alliance, the Schara Tzedek Synagogue and the Louis Brier were present to enjoy this exceptional occasion, made even more so by the glorious voices of Cantor Yaacov Orzech leading the Kol Simcha Singers. Syd Goldberg, who was largely instrumental in organizing this service, lauded Serge Haber, listing the many ways Serge saw a need in the community and succeeded in filling it. Goldberg also thanked Serge for having initially introduced him to the LB shul.



In appreciation for his many years of dedication in leading the service on Fridays nights, a shofar on an inscribed plaque was presented to Serge by Binny Goldman- the shofar symbolizing the call to service for our people throughout the ages. Serge warmly thanked the organizers of this event, reminiscing about his father who had first introduced him to the ways of the Torah. Invaluable help was provided at the event by Louis Brier staff members Carol Buckner and Nomi Fenson, and volunteer Harriet Kositsky. Special thanks goes to Edy Govorchin for helping plan the event. A large Kiddush was a fitting finale for a memorable morning.

Kol Hakavod to all.

Binny Goldman – a proud volunteer at Louis Brier

HUMAN RESOURCES

Thank you!

I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome. I joined LBHH/WR at the start of April and was encouraged by the many smiling faces and pleasant greetings. I enjoyed my first month very much and am looking forward to working with you!

Long Service Event and Pins

The Employee Recognition and Social Event Committee was delighted to have the honor to host a Long Service Recognition event on April 26, 2018 for employees who have reached the 20 year milestone or more. The Long Service achievement is significant to everyone at LBHH/WR and marks a very special occasion in an employee's career. It is important to celebrate together and recognize dedication and a commitment to excellence! All employees who have passed a milestones in their years of service will be recognized with a LBHH or WR commemorative pin. Milestones include 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service. As this is our first year conducting this initiative we will be gifting a pin to all employees who have worked over 5 year as of 2017 for their last milestone achieved. We encourage everyone to wear their pins to demonstrate their long service and last milestone!

Payroll Email for Questions

A new email account "payroll@louisbrier.com" has been created for all payroll related questions or concerns. Please send payroll-related correspondence to this email address and someone will follow up with you as soon as possible.

Safe Reporting

LBHH/WR fosters the highest standard of honesty, integrity and accountability and takes seriously all reports of wrongdoing. A wrongdoing is a wrongful act or misconduct by a LBHH/WR employee that contravenes (but is not limited to) the Standard of Conduct policy. Wrongdoing may include:

- Mistreatment of residents staff, family or members of the public;
- Actions that pose a danger to residents, public health, or the environment;
- Actions that are unlawful or not in compliance with any laws or regulations;
- Theft, fraud, bribery or corruption;
- Unethical or unprofessional conduct;

A new "Safe Reporting Email" account "safereporting@louisbrier.com" has been created for any resident, family member or visitor to report real or suspected wrongdoing by a LBHH/WR employee, companion or volunteer. Please refer to the "Safe Reporting" policy for more detail. This policy establishes a process for individuals to bring forward information about wrongdoing by LBHH/WR employees, in good faith and without fear of reprisal. It also provides for a consistent and administratively fair investigations process into reports of wrongdoing.

Human Resource Policies

In preparation for Accreditation we continue to review, revise and develop policies to support the employees of LBHH/WR. Please watch for communication on the new polices and ensure you become familiar with each.

Loren Tisdelle

Director, Human Resources



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One Goal: A Centre of Excellence in Care.
One Million to raise.
One Donor at a time.

BE THAT ONE



Demonstrate your commitment to supporting seniors by donating.

Please contact the Louis Brier Jewish Aged Foundation

Phone: 604-261-5550 Email: foundation@louisbrier.com Web: thelouisbrierfoundation.com

LOUIS BRIER JEWISH AGED FOUNDATION

Why is the Louis Brier considered as simply ‘the best option’?

The answer is simple... because our donors care! Every two years, volunteers for the Louis Brier Foundation go out into the community to raise funds. The funds raised make the Louis Brier ‘the best option’. The community donations support all the extras that only a person with a loved one at the home can understand. Kathy Mann, one of our Louis Brier family members, wrote about her husband Lanny’s experience here, and why she wanted to do something special as a tribute to the home.

My name is Kathy Mann. My husband Lanny suffered 17 years with early onset dementia. I was a nurse and knew that many care facilities have difficulties handling high needs and complex dementia patients. Everyone that I knew in the medical field recommended the Louis Brier as simply ‘the best option’. After Lanny was transferred to the Louis Brier, I could see that the staff did their very best to provide excellent care. I realized that I had made a very good choice. They were caring and loving, and made Lanny feel at home. In life, you get back what you put in. I became an advocate for my husband - every family needs an advocate. I became friends with his care givers and participated in his care, and as a result Lanny received the “best possible experience”. The professional support was commendable and the extra programs that the Foundation supports really created special times for Lanny. I don’t believe there is a home that is comparable. Lanny spent his last days at the Louis Brier. It has a warm and loving reputation in palliative care. All lives are unique and individual, and everyone’s experience is different. Therefore, there can be no set formula for palliative care. It is a day by day process and a long and difficult road. The staff at the Louis Brier really worked with us to understand our needs.

I wanted to do something special as a tribute to the home that took such good care of my husband. I felt a need to make the residents the beneficiaries of my efforts. I made it my mission to raise \$15,000 or the equivalent of 1000 hours of paid companionship. I am a determined woman and I achieved my goal. There are many special programs that contribute to the overall wellbeing of the residents and each program from music to celebrating holidays makes the Louis Brier remarkable.

The Louis Brier Foundation is fundraising right now to support programs and services at the home, including the ones that made such a difference to Lanny and to our family. I challenge everyone who has a family member that has ever been associated with this wonderful home to make a special gift to the campaign in the name of their loved ones. Please help to make our community’s special home the very best experience it can possibly be by phoning the Foundation at 604-261-5550 to make a donation, or going online to thelouisbrierfoundation.com to make your gift.

Warmly,



P.S. For a wonderful description of Lanny Mann, please visit <https://www.lannymann.com/>

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Web: thelouisbrierfoundation.com

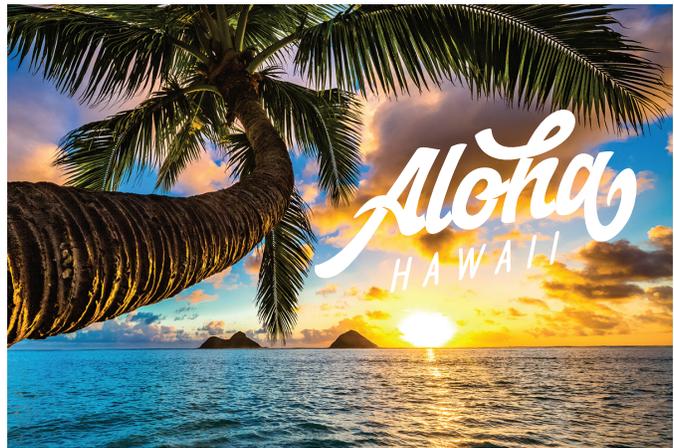
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LOUIS BRIER RESIDENT'S VACATION, A STORY OF HEALING

A doctor servicing some of the residents at the Louis Brier had not had a vacation in years and had worked very, very hard and earned it. So he planned it out to the very last detail – he was taking a private jet to Hawaii, staying at the best resort, had every day all planned out, picked the best restaurants, etc. He was so excited to go! But he woke up late the morning he was supposed to leave and missed his limo ride. He had to take a cab instead. And then there was bad weather and the plane couldn't land on the right island. He got delayed in some other part of Hawaii for 6 hours before he could get to his hotel. Then when he got there, they didn't have a reservation for him. It was a nightmare!



When he returned to the Louis Brier one of his residents was feeling exceptionally well and the other doctors told him that they thought something was wrong. The doctor went to him to see what was wrong, and the resident said, "When I heard you went on vacation, I went too! I went to Hawaii on a private jet, stayed in the best hotel..." Won money at the casino, met some great people and will have good memories lasting forever. The resident continued telling his doctor every detail of his vacation that he had taken in his mind and how great he was feeling. As a matter of fact the vacation was so good most of his physical pains seem to now be gone.

So who had the better time?

The point is, this is what free choice can be all about. This is what perception can be all about and this form of reality is just as real as any form of reality and as experts tell us it can not only have a good effect on our mental and emotional health but also has a very positive effect on our physical health as well.

This month is the month of Iyar in the Hebrew calendar and it is the month of healing, so dream big, dream good and contribute to your own healing process.

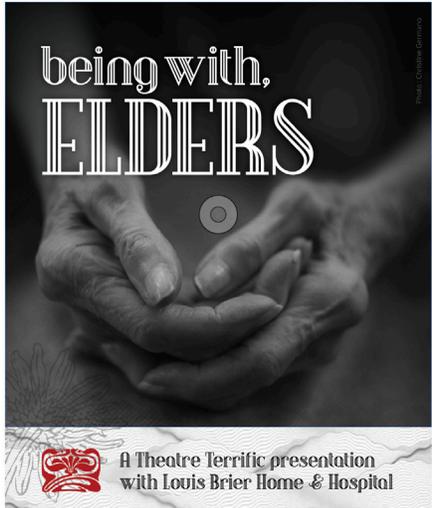
Another form of healing is to seek the truth.

According to the Zohar everyone lies to some extent but the opportunity to lie only exists for the opportunity to admit and correct. This actually elevates the person or organization. Just as darkness is the opportunity to reveal light, lies when confronted achieve and reveal much light and healing not only to the person etc but to the Universe and of course those who double down darken the darkness individually and globally. Think about all the energy and its ramifications to maintain a lie, the person or organization needs to commit to more and deeper untruths eventually forming a cancerous infiltration within the system leading to its eventual demise.

Neil Simces, neil2@telus.net

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RECREATION



Being with, ELDERS

Last month, Louis Brier residents, families and staff enjoyed three professional performances of the collaboratively devised show, “Being with, ELDERS”. Theatre Terrific director Susanna Uchatius, six actors, and a sound artist contributed their expertise, along with 12 residents on the ‘stage’. A photographer was enlisted to create large, beautiful black and white banner-like photo montages, featuring residents.

This project was the result of more than one year of planning and two months of intensive workshops which involved more than 50 residents, family members, staff, companions and volunteers. The resulting piece was incredibly moving, and honoured the individual stories and person-hood of

participants, as well as transforming our home space into one where resident and community eyes and hearts were invited to explore the vulnerability and celebration of life experiences. Sincere thanks to all departments at Louis Brier, without whom this event would not have been such a success.

Ginger Lerner
Recreation Therapist

ALL THE ELDERS

PRIMARY GROUP

Shelly Alexander
Jimmy White
Vicki Frimer
Ron Levitt

Judy Mogan
Bobbie Gilmour
Jim Gilmour
Tom Curwen

Joan Beckow
Rosaley Cadesky
Harry Cope
Robert Dawson

John Shumas
Flora Hayward
Monique Galazka
Beverley Simons

PARTICIPANTS

George Baldwin
Arnold Bender
Cynthia Berger
Edythe Blond
Elaine Burtnick
Sheila Cantor
Rosalie Cadesky
John Carter
Vera Cramer
Brenda Curtis
Marjorie Dallas
Gulshan Dedhar
Mirsad Dragic

Rose Erlichman
Laura Ford
Lillian Fryfield
Beryl Galbraith
Claire Golumbia
Maria Gomes
Rosely Gordon
Effie Gordon-Brook
Morris Grand
Miriam Grill
Sylvia Gurstein
Audrey Harkness
Song Haw

Yue Pei Huang
Naomi Katz
Irving Koenigberg
Ettie Malka
Diosa Mendoza
Hazel Miller
Judy Morgan
Peggy Pandya
Alla Poliska
Susan Quastel
Dorothy Rankin
Dorothy Riches
Sally Seidler

Harold Silverman
David Strauss
Joan Strauss
Tina Tamir
Patricia Walker
Marvin Weintraub
Violet Williams
Beatrice Wong
Alice Zilber
Charlene Godin
Sharen Edwards
Zoe Hunter
Sheila Cantor

FAMILY COUNCIL

Welcome to Louis Brier,

On behalf of the Family Council, we would like to extend and offer support and help with making the transition to Louis Brier as positive and smooth as possible.

The family Council is a voluntary body comprised of family members whose primary focus is to advocate for the delivery of safe and quality care. The council meets regularly on a monthly basis and in collaboration with the Louis Brier's leadership, reviews and discusses relevant opportunities to enhance the residents' experience.

We welcome all families to join the council and hope that you will make the choice to get involved. If you are interested in joining the family council and/or have additional questions please email us at lb.familycouncil@gmail.com.

Charlotte Katzen and Nancy Chang
Co-Chairs, Family Council

BEING WITH ELDERS: A PERFORMANCE TO TOUCH YOU...

On March 25th a performance took place at Louis Brier. It was presented by Theatre Terrific at the Homeside Lounge, first Floor at Louis Brier. I cannot begin to encapsulate ALL the comments and kudos expressed by audience members, nor the emails sent to Family Council from people expressing their reactions to witnessing this very exceptional presentation.

Utilizing the words expressed by residents, who graciously gave of their lived memories, Susanna, Artistic Director of this wonderful troupe, presented "Being With Elders".

I did not know what to expect. I had been invited along with my husband, a resident, to participate but unfortunately could not organize his and my time to attend. (Our loss!) I therefore came with an open mind and left in wonderment.

The very first tableau: a resident presented in a picture frame, a member of the troupe reciting her words of memory; and as the words were being spoken, the resident quietly listened and cried. Can any performance be more moving? The following page displays some excerpts from the responses Family Council received and which we would like to share with the LBHH community.

Seemah Berson
Family Council Member



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being with, ELDERS



“ I had the pleasure of attending the presentation today showcasing the residents of the Louis Brier H.H. entitled “Being with Elders”. It was the most moving and profound event I have ever attended at the Louis Brier. I personally (and my friend) cried more than once during the performances. It was wonderful to see the residents shine!

“ I saw the performance again on Tuesday and spoke with the director of the theatre company. She said they would very much appreciate letters about the show as it helps them receive government grants to continue this kind of work. The last tableau was even more powerful and Harry’s ballet segment was sheer art. There were three companions sitting in front of me and all of them were wiping tears and blowing their noses when it was done. I did not think I would cry again, since it was my second time seeing this, but I was wrong. That ballet segment alone should be shown at every facility dealing with dementia, to every person working with people affected by dementia, to make them aware of how much life and passion there still is inside that man or woman sitting in the wheelchair staring at the wall most of the day.

“ I saw the first performance on Friday and was immensely impressed with how the Theatre Terrific people - the professionals - used the material garnered from residents to present their stories. Very well done and very movingly done I must say! This not only touched the families and the residents who participated but also those residents who came to watch, hear, see, and make common cause - that is: hearing their stories and finding commonalities with their own. We need more of this sort of creativity where residents feel proud of themselves! Yes! There are many more residents not represented and the pro group should be encouraged to do another such presentation, using those not heard from yet. Cheers to Ginger who worked hard behind the scenes throughout, to all the residents who participated, and to that wonderful Theatre Terrific group who put it all together for us and LBHH live-ins who are seldom heard from! VOICES! Indeed! Shahbash! Well Done!

“ Such a terrific opportunity for residents to be heard and acknowledged is hopefully a start of more to come. There are many other ways to give all residents a voice. Even a simple hands-on group activity - the example from Rosemary’s presentation: working with dementia residents - can provide an opportunity to hear a person’s interests/history, etc. Ginger and other creative souls could come up with ideas to continue in this direction. I was touched and honoured to be there.

INFECTION CONTROL

Influenza Season Extended The flu is hanging around longer than usual – if not immunized, mask required past March 31st. Based on the latest influenza data gathered by the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), there is still a high level of influenza activity in the community, resulting in a high number of outbreaks, and more visits to emergency departments than previous years. The Provincial Health Officer has indicated that the Health Care Worker (HCW) influenza prevention policy will continue to be in effect until influenza activity subsides.



To prevent the spread of flu, wash hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer, cover mouth and nose with a tissue to cough or sneeze, cough into the upper sleeve if a tissue is not available, stay home when sick, and keep common surfaces and items clean.

RESIDENT MEMORIAL SERVICE – REMEMBERING AND HONOURING RESIDENTS

The residents and staff of the Louis Brier Home and Hospital and the Weinberg Residence would like to invite you to join us for a [memorial service](#) on [Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 10:00am](#), honouring the memory of residents who have recently passed away.

The memorial service, held in our onsite synagogue, will last approximately 30 minutes and involve music, song and readings. Kaddish and memorial prayers will also be recited and the names of residents who have passed away since November 2017 will be remembered. Families and friends are encouraged to light a candle when the name of their loved one is recited. Immediately following the service there will be a reception held in the Homeside Lounge. We hope that you will be able to join us.

HORA GO'EL DANCERS COMING TO THE LBHH

Connection with Israel – Hora Go'el Dancers

The Hora Go'el student dance troupe from Israel will be visiting the LBHH on Wednesday, May 9 for a special performance at 7:00 PM in the Homeside Lounge.

How it all began: The formation of Or Chadash (in the Spring of 2005) resulted from the impact of the visit of Kiryat Shemona's Hora Goel dance group on the participants of the JCC Festival Ha'Rikud - the initial Mifgash. Thanks to the support of the P2G (Partnership Together), the JCC was able to establish the what was to become the long-lasting connection between Hora Goel and Or Chadash. The two groups first performed together at the opening ceremonies at the JCC Maccabi Games® in August 2006. Through the continuous support of the P2G committee the JCC was able to continue the Mifgashim (exchanges) between Or Chadash and Hora Goel.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Louis Brier Intranet

Our campus-wide intranet has officially launched on May 1, 2018. As we begin to utilize the system, keep in mind that it is new and will continue to grow over time. Check it out here:

intranet.louisbrier.com

*Don't have a username and password?
Email Michael at mgalope@louisbrier.com or drop by his office (Redevelopment room).



CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, May 24
5:30pm in the Weinberg Classroom

Facilitated By:
Ken Levitt, MSW
Manprit Chutai, BSW RSW

This group will be a forum for caregivers to share common experiences, explore solutions to challenges, and strengthen coping abilities.

*This group will be held monthly (third Thursday of every month) from 5:30pm-7pm

Are you interested in submitting an article for the Snider Schmooze?

Email Michael our Communications Coordinator at mgalope@louisbrier.com for more details.



FAMILIES RECOGNIZING EXCEPTIONAL STAFF ATTRIBUTES IN CARE

Please pass on my congratulations to everyone involved with the Elder Stories program. I attended on the Sunday afternoon with my Mum and was deeply touched by the sensitivity and respect shown to the residents. It was a wonderful experience. - CLAUDIA GOLDMAN

Compliments and Feedback

Our goal, in all respects, is to help our residents maintain the highest possible quality of life. Your health, comfort and well-being are the top priority in everything we do at the Louis Brier Home & Hospital. Residents and families remain the primary decision makers for the care received, and all care is governed by our Jewish and professional values and standards. If you have any compliments or feedback, please share them with us by visiting our website:

<http://louisbrier.com/compliments-feedback/>



ACCREDITATION



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Our 2018 Accreditation Survey is almost upon us!

Accreditation Surveyors will be at Louis Brier on May 14 to 16 assessing our **policies and procedures, plans, frameworks and how we apply them against standards of excellence**. They will meet with management, employees at the front line as well as residents, family members and community partners to gain an understanding of the experience of how we deliver safe and quality care and services.

We are grateful to everyone for their hard work and dedication over the last year as we have been preparing. We are confident that the surveyors will see the impact of the incredible efforts that have been made and how they carry through to our everyday work.

Stay tuned for the invitation to our Post Accreditation Celebration!



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