



# KOL HA'KEHILAH

THE COMMUNITY VOICE קול הקהילה



## THE VICTORY OF MIRACLES

by Rabbi Boris Dolin

This year, we will experience the not-entirely-rare mingling of Christmas and Chanukah, a wonderful reminder that these two holidays which bring joy, light and warmth amid the cold, actually have very little to do with each other. Apart from the similar pagan roots around the timing of the holidays during the darkness of the winter solstice, we know that, unlike its deeply commercialized cousin, Chanukah was never considered one of the major holidays of the Jewish calendar. While its historical significance can't be denied, marking an important moment of victory for the Jews over the Syrian Greeks, we know that Chanukah only reached its reputation because of the place it found

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Elana Cooperberg

We are heading into an exciting new decade! The 2020's should prove fascinating and vital as pressure on existing power dynamics determines the type of change we undergo and the depth of these changes. For instance, climate change, thanks to Greta Thunberg, an uber-active adolescent, will surely be one of the major issues of the new decade. Thunberg has singlehandedly focused the discussion on what can and should be done about climate change NOW. Not in the future, not when economists say it's feasible, or when politicians rally around the idea, but today, and her impact has been enormous. We are facing the realization that now, the present moment, is more important than ever. That this moment has a ripple effect on future moments, future generations, and the quality of our everyday lives, and the lives of others. We should therefore take this opportunity of a new decade to reflect and imagine what is right with Dorshei Emet, and what we can improve to better our Dorshei community and the broader community.

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itself, next to the growing popularity of this other well-known winter holiday.

Hanukkah is one of the few holidays where we actually do have strong textual and archaeological evidence that at least much of the story that we tell did actually take place. Nevertheless, what evolved from this event was really two separate tales. As we are told in the book of the Maccabees, it was Mattathias and his sons who, through sheer strength and power, were able to overcome the Syrian Greeks and reclaim the Temple in Jerusalem. As warriors and heroes, they became the true "earthly" champions of the story. Yet, it was through the focus on the miracle of the oil that the ancient rabbis also wanted us to remember to look for a different strength and power that comes from beyond these important characters.

In fact, the main discussion that the rabbis had about the holiday (which is really just a few measly lines in the Talmud hidden in the midst of a discussion about what kind of candles should be used for Shabbat) stems from the simple question "Mai Chanukah?", What is Chanukah?, asked almost as if the meaning of the day had been forgotten. The answer makes it clear that the reason to celebrate has little to do with the very clear human victory; instead it is about something more mysterious. As we read on the 25th of Kislev, the Greeks had desecrated the Temple, and the Jews found only enough oil for one day of lighting, "Yet a miracle was brought with it, and they lit for eight days. The following year they were established as a festival with Hallel and Thanksgiving." (Babylonian Talmud, Shabbat 21b). There we have it, the miracle of the oil, and the story that has survived for so long.

It would be very easy to get into a conversation about whether both of these stories, the very human victory and the miracle of the oil, are true, or which is more important for us to remember. But the deeper lesson is

why we need to leave room for both kinds of victories in our lives.

If we take a step back and look at our lives, we know we encounter a mix of those small daily achievements, and also the perceptual challenges which are much harder to overcome. There will be times when we know that strength and perseverance will win the battle. From the "wars" we might have within ourselves and in our relationships, to the bigger fights for justice we might have in our society, we can use words and wisdom to reach our goals, knowing that the task, like that of the Maccabees, needs us to stand up and assert ourselves. But the lesson of the miracle of the oil of Chanukah is that, in the midst of all that we can do to fight, there is a more simple, a more subtle faith that is just as important. For some it could be faith in God, in an all-encompassing power beyond ourselves, and for others it may be the source of godliness and hope that can be found in those we meet, in our community and from the strength that we gain from all that we experience. If we allow everything to be boiled down to victories of right over wrong, strong over weak, the stories of our lives become centered around the competition of values, not of the cherished nuances on which our lives depend.

Our tradition tells us that the eight days of Chanukah remind us that faith, hope and spirituality gained from community is something that lasts much longer than the very earthly victories we might experience in our lives.

We can be reminded to continue to search for moments of blessing around us, and to revel in not just what makes sense, but also in the questions and the magic just waiting to happen. The miracles of relationships, of love, of nature, of learning, healing and community--this is a strength that is unfathomably strong, and yet also fluid and soft as it flows through the cherished moments of our daily lives. May this season of light bring us joy and celebration, and may we always find connection with the mysteries and the miracles around us.



Cynthia Weinstein

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"I never considered a difference of opinion in politics, in religion, in philosophy, as cause for withdrawing from a friend." - Thomas Jefferson to William Hamilton, April 22, 1800

My family follows politics the way some families follow the Habs. We eagerly anticipate and watch political debates together and our discussions at the dinner table often revolve around candidates and political news.

My husband tends to lean towards the more conservative view while my eldest son, my daughter and I are more progressive and my youngest son is the swing voter - although I would characterize all of us as independents. Our disagreements can get heated and we often do not agree on the path leaders should take. It is sometimes a challenge to listen with an open mind and heart to the defense of a policy you disagree with vehemently, but we try our best. We try to keep our love and respect for one another foremost and think before we speak.

Dorshei Emet is my other family, and the political viewpoints here are very similar: a wide spectrum from right





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to left. The uniquely wide variety of opinions is one of my favorite things about the shul.

Over the last few months I have spoken to so many members about their membership renewal, a wonderful chance to do a yearly check-in. Do you have a new email address? Did you move? Are there any new babies? The discussion often turns to the way people are feeling about the shul, what they like and what they like less. Again, there is a wide spectrum of opinions; what one person loved may be the same thing that someone else did not like at all.

What keeps it all together? I think it's a deep belief that we have something unique in this shul that we want to support and that our membership at Dorshei Emet is more than just about programs or personalities. It's about a community that doesn't always reflect ALL of our values and beliefs, a community with respect for individualism and support for a wide range of ideas.

This Chanukah you may find yourself sitting at a table with family members who don't share your political or religious beliefs, or sitting at a table at the fabulous Dorshei Emet Chanukah party hearing an opinion which differs from your own. This is when we need to appreciate that this blending of ideas and values is what keeps the recipe for our community spicy and exciting! How lucky we are to be in a place where we can express our true selves and be valued regardless of our political or religious opinions.

From the Dorshei Emet staff, I wish you all a happy - and spicy - Chanukah!

As a community, we are egalitarian and inclusive. More and more local synagogues are moving towards egalitarianism, particularly within the 'softer' Conservative movement in Montreal. This may no longer serve as a defining quality that differentiates us from the broader Montreal Jewish community. How can we best communicate this value, showing our commitment to egalitarianism in ways that are different and unique to us?

Inclusiveness, another of our defining values, resonates within the broader Montreal community and differentiates us from many other synagogues. Inclusion is about respecting and appreciating all people, valuing the individual regardless of abilities, sex, gender, age, and other orientations, and ensuring we all have the opportunity to thrive. How we validate this within our own Dorshei community would be a useful project for a new committee. Anybody interested?

We especially pride ourselves on being a caring community at Dorshei Emet. In fact, it is our mission: "To build a nurturing community that inspires personal growth of Jewish spirituality, ethics and culture in the everyday lives of its members". This nurturing community extends beyond the doors of our institution, and the expression of this community comes through our values of social justice, egalitarianism, and inclusion. Looking forward to the new decade that is upon us, these values reflect the wider society and contribute to the well-being of everyone in our globalized world. We were well ahead of our time when we laid the foundation of Dorshei Emet with these values! Our

future should include identifying how we take these values and make them tangible action items. What can we do to express our care and concern for those in our community in a tangible way?

As we embark on this new decade, we want to ensure the inclusiveness and sense of community inside the walls of Dorshei Emet. Do the values we have for the broader society reflect the actions we take for and between ourselves? As we enter into a holiday season where we may have some time for personal reflection, taking stock of community-building within our own community is a valuable cognitive activity that I would encourage us all to undertake. Do we welcome each other to services and to activities? Do we greet new people? Do we introduce ourselves to people we may have seen before but whom we don't know? Do we have spare time to devote to volunteering within our community, helping out with programs, activities, or committees? (Yes, we need you!) We need to ensure that the values we hope to spread within the wider community are reflected in our regular actions with one another. We have much to learn from Greta Thunberg, mostly about being motivated to do something and not just talk about it. It is this energy we can and should harness as we find ourselves on the cusp of a new and what promises to be exhilarating decade.

I wish you and your loved ones a joyous winter season. We have many activities coming up at Dorshei Emet and I look forward to seeing you and greeting you there!

If you'd like to reach out to me, I can be emailed at: [president@dorshei-emet.org](mailto:president@dorshei-emet.org).





by Bernie Weinstein

## YIZKOR BOOK

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Yizkor Book Committee, I would like to thank all of you who submitted names to be honoured in the 5780 book, and hope that everyone in the congregation found the book meaningful.

If you did not pick up a copy on Yom Kippur, please let the office know; we will be happy to prepare one for pickup or mail one to you.

The Yizkor Book Committee will meet in early spring to review all aspects of the Yizkor Book, including content, sustainability, marketing and the application form. Your comments are extremely helpful! If you would like to share your ideas please email your comments to [dorsheiemet.yizkor@gmail.com](mailto:dorsheiemet.yizkor@gmail.com), or phone the office and leave a message and I will get in touch with you.



## Youth

by Sarah Dolin

A little bit of light dispels a lot of darkness  
– Reb Shneur Zalman of Liadi

Last month, while snacking on challah, juice and carrot sticks, I asked a group of children at Dorshei Emet if they have a favorite holiday. As expected, they mostly voted for Chanukah. (A couple voted for Purim, but no matter how hard I tried, nobody raised their hand for Shemini Atzeret.) You guessed it – their reasons included gift giving and receiving, sufganiot, latkes, games of dreidel, lighting the chanukiot, and the importance of celebrating freedom. I was reminded in this moment that children have a special gift for finding the light, or the essence of an experience, and it's our job as a congregation and in our families to create experiences where the light can be found. I hope it will touch your hearts in this season of light to read about how some children find light at Dorshei Emet:

**I love the children's programs** because I'm always learning new things and making friends. I learn cool things about Judaism like Noah's Ark. My favourite holiday is Purim because I can come with a funny costume and eat cotton candy and do other cool things. Thank you for reading about my favourite things to do in synagogue.  
– David, age 8

**I get so excited** when I go to synagogue.  
– Elina, age 5

**I love the friendly adults**, the songs, the discussions, food and the whole vibe.  
– Elijah, age 11



**I like to play** in the room upstairs and eat challah. And I also like to sing songs.  
– Vienna, age 5

**This place is fun!** This place is happy!  
– Wesley, age 5

Let's hold on to these wonderful blessings that we find in the voices of our children, as we enter this season of light!



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AND PROGRAM CALENDAR





# A Shimmering Light

by Ronit Yarosky



I can't believe it's almost Chanukah again. How does the time go by so quickly?

When I sat down to write this, I got to thinking about this past year and how much a part of my life Dorshei Emet has become.

This past year we celebrated Kabbalat Shabbat from India, Ethiopia and the British Isles (where else would you sing Adon Olam accompanied by the bagpipes?) We celebrated Mimouna, Chanukah, Purim and Yom Ha'atzmaut. We celebrated bar and bat mitzvahs, brit milahs, baby namings, and weddings. We packed and delivered Chanukah baskets to those less fortunate; we provided food and supplies to women's shelters; we sang our hearts out at the Joyous Chorus. We prayed, and learned, and danced with the Torah; and we also mourned and supported each other through life's more difficult moments.

I am continuously grateful to have a place to gather with people who share my values and care for one another.

Over our lives, we will weave in and out of active participation in our shul. But to know that Dorshei Emet – and the wonderful people who comprise it – is always there for us is a true blessing.

Whether you are a Shabbat regular, part of the Jewish Journeys families, or someone who comes to shul once or twice a year – Dorshei Emet is there for you. It is only through your support that we can ensure that Dorshei Emet continues to be a strong and vibrant home for all who desire to be part of it.

As we gear up to celebrate the Holiday of Lights, please make a donation to our annual campaign and help ensure that Dorshei Emet remains a shimmering light for you and for generations to come.

Look for our annual campaign letter in the mail in the new year where we will share an incredible story of resilience, courage and community and which is a powerful reminder of how important Dorshei Emet is to so many.

Happy Chanukah and happy holidays!





by Mark Bassel

# SHO-FAR, SO GOOD...

(I know, but I had to do it...)

I have been asked to share a few thoughts about the Shofar-blowing class that Dorshei undertook this year, in preparation for the High Holidays, as part of our quest to bring members of all ages into our Shofar-blowing community.

To be honest, I thought that the decision by our Shul to supply the Shofarot to those who did not have one - but wanted to learn - was an inspired idea, and it proved to be the perfect move. The majority of our group opted to use the ones we supplied and, again, quite frankly, it's amazing what you can get for a reasonable amount of money online.

So, Kol HaKavod to our Shul for stepping up like this!

This year, aside from myself - who was responsible for one section on RH1 - every segment of the Shofar-blowing requirements for the entire High Holy Days was undertaken by members of our group, and I am very proud to say their Kavanah was exemplary.

My sincere thanks to: Audrey Berner, Irv Perlman, Nadav Aigen, Sharon Braverman, Rami Negev, Myriam Avetisyan, and Sarah Binder.

There are actually a few from the group who are practicing, now, for next year...

As Ron would say, "may we go from strength to strength."



## *Guess Who is Coming For Shabbat Dinner Friday, January 24, 2020*

**This program partners congregants with one another for Shabbat dinner in their homes in order to create friendships and build meaningful memories.**

**Dont be shy! Let us know if you can host a Friday night dinner or want to be a guest. Let's get to know one another outside the walls of the synagogue.**

**Contact Oria: [programdirector@dorshei-emet.org](mailto:programdirector@dorshei-emet.org)**







**You can light  
the candle  
for future  
generations**



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# Congregation Dorshei Emet



# Chanukah Party

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- Chanukah Songs with Rabbi Boris
  - Latkes & Sufganiyot
  - Arts & Crafts
  - Outdoor Candle Lighting (4 pm)
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**Sunday, December 22, 2:00 pm**

18 Cleve Road, Hampstead, H3W 1A6  
For more Info, 514-486-9400

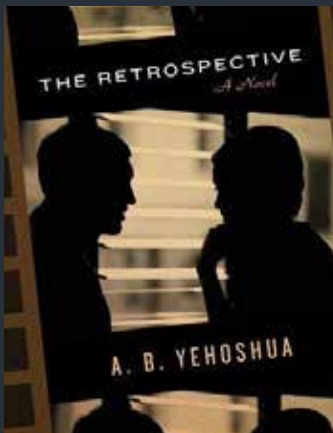


## Israeli Book Event

### Thursday, May 21, 7:30 PM

### The Retrospective by A.B.Yehoshua

Join us for an inspiring panel presentation followed by discussion and light refreshments



This is a fantastic read for the winter. It will warm your heart!

18 Cleve Road, Hampstead, H3x 1A6  
For more Information: 514-486-9400

## JOIN US FOR AN EVENING AT THE SEGAL CENTRE



April 22, 2020, 6:30 pm

6:30 - 7:45 PM Reception

8:00 PM Play Begins

Tickets \$65\*

Students \$30

\*partial tax receipt will be given

### RESERVE YOUR TICKET NOW

Oslo is a darkly funny and sweeping new play. It is the surprising tale of the back-channel talks, unlikely friendships, and quiet heroics that led to the 1993 Oslo Accords between the Israelis and the Palestinians. A deeply personal story set against a complex political canvas, this multi award-winning play examines the individuals behind world history and their all too human ambitions.

This evening is a great opportunity to see an award winning play, have fun with Dorshei friends and raise funds for the synagogue.

The evening will begin with a reception sponsored by Dorshei Emet member Joel Segal.

If you already have tickets for another night, you can call the Segal Centre to change them for the evening of our special event (please notify the office to be put on the list).

Call the office to reserve your ticket, 514-486-9400.



### Kiddush at Dorshei Emet is Special!!

It is a time to socialize, build community, and hang out a little longer in shul. Help us join together to commemorate a Yahrzeit, or to celebrate and share a special event, birthday, anniversary, or graduation.

For details to sponsor or co-sponsor a kiddush, contact Cynthia Weinstein, Executivedirector@dorshei-emet.org, (514)486-9400





## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD PARNASS

by Jodi Lackman

Chag sameach!! While Chanukah rocks in many ways, it is not what I want to talk to you about right now so please rewind yourself mentally to the High Holidays. Have you ever wondered how the people with aliyot (Torah honours) actually get the aliyot? Well, in the past, the parnassim divided up the list of members, called people and offered honours to whoever answered the phone and said yes. Then the parnassim prayed very hard that those who had accepted would (i) come to shul, (ii) report to the parnassim upon arrival and (iii) re-report to the parnassim at the right page of the mahzor so that they could be sent up to the bimah in a timely manner. A very rough time of year to be a parnass.

In an effort to alleviate parnass strain and also to honour people who don't answer their phones, we implemented some changes this year. Hopefully, you all received and read the notices at the end of the summer requesting that anyone desiring an aliyah during the High Holidays send an email to an address set up specifically for that purpose. I will optimistically conclude that the slightly paltry number of responses (14) is solely due to the novelty of this approach. So, the 14 requests for aliyot were granted, but that left us a bit short given that there are 177 aliyot during the High Holidays. The decision was made not to fill the remaining 163 spots by divvying up the member list, but rather to work the room the day of. At the beginning of each High Holiday service, the parnassim filled the aliyah card with names of people who were ready, willing, able and actually present (and an added bonus: we knew where they were sitting so we could find them if

they didn't come to find us). Services ran smoothly, many people were honoured and we started 5780 with an efficient and inclusive modus operandi that we can refine and reuse for 5781.

While I have your attention (don't touch that latke yet!), a little news from the minhag committee: it was decided last year that non-Jews can henceforth open and close the ark (while wearing a kippah) and also come up to the bimah with Jewish family members for a Torah aliyah (also wearing a kippah and

without saying the blessings). Inclusivity is definitely in!

Please keep a vigilant eye out for your emails from the shul as we approach the next batch of High Holidays, and if the awe-inspiring, community hug feeling of an aliyah speaks to you somehow, please send me an email. As head parnass, I have an advantage over the genie in the lamp who has to stop at three wishes: I can grant 177! Chag sameach, light candles, eat latkes and have a blast!

CONGREGATION DORSHEI EMET

**BOOKCLUB 5780**

Wednesdays @ 1:00pm

March 4, 2020  
Washington Black by Esi Edugyan

April 1, 2020  
Home for Unwanted Girls by Joanna Goodman

May 13, 2010  
Breaking Night by Liz Murray  
Educated by Tara Westover

June 10, 2020  
The Invisible Bridge by Julie Orringer

Contact Oria for more information  
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# WINTER EVENTS

## @ DORSHEI EMET

### DECEMBER

- 21 Cercle Français - 1:15pm
- 22 Chanukah Party - 2pm
- 22-30 Chanukah
- 25-26 Synagogue Office Closed

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Family Shabbat - 10am
- 8 Shabbat Shira at Dorshei presents:  
**Shtreiml** in concert - 8pm
- 15 Family Shabbat & Jewish Journeys  
Shabbat - 10am
- 21 Kabbalat Shabbat Around the World:  
Quebec - 6:30pm
- 28 Jewish Journeys Family Shabbat  
Potluck - 6:30pm

### JANUARY

- 1-2 Synagogue Office Closed
- 10 Kabbalat Shabbat Mishpacha - 6pm
- 18 Family Shabbat & Jewish Journeys Shabbat - 10am
- 24 Guess Who Is Coming To Shabbat
- 25 Everybody Loves Saturday Night - 5pm

### MARCH

- 4 Book Club: Washington Black by  
Esi Edugyan - 1pm
- 5 Hamentashen Purim Activity - 7pm
- 7 Family Shabbat - 10am
- 9 Purim Party
- 21 Family Shabbat - 10am
- 21-22 Jewish Journeys Shabbaton
- 29 Family Passover Workshop







# Hanukkah Fun



## Hanukkah-Montreal Mash up



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GELT, MENORAH, LEONARD COHEN, LIGHT, NEIGE, LAURENTIANS, EIGHT, PRESENTS, MOUNTROYAL, MACABEES, BIODOME, OIL, ATWATER MARKET, HAMPSTEAD, LATKES, DREIDELS, STORIES, CANADIENS, ANTIOCHUS, DORSHEI EMET, SNOWSTORM, HOCKEY, DONUTS, POUTINE, RABBI BORIS, CHINESE FOOD, BANANA

## What makes Hanukkah at Dorshei Emet extra special?



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## SHABBAT SHIRA

by Olga Gross

Last year, I trekked out one evening to the Upstairs Jazz Bar and Grill to hear Shtreiml perform. The place was jam-packed. It took a bit of cajoling to get a couple of seats, but was I ever glad to get them. The performance was red-hot! The ensemble was impeccable, each improvised solo pushing the boundaries and tickling the ears with the unexpected. The music had flavours of jazz and blues, the Balkans, and Turkish orientalism. Jason Rosenblatt, the leader of the band is a walking encyclopedia of knowledge and information. He entertained us with great stories and historical tidbits. And he hypnotized us all with his skills on the harmonica!

I am so pleased to present this deservedly renowned group for Dorshei Emet's Shabbat Shira program on February 8, 2020. This will be the debut performance of a brand new program based on the Shabbat liturgy of the ancient Mizrahi Jews of Tzfat, Israel. Prepare to be dazzled!!

### Shtreiml - Meiron

Montreal's Shtreiml has been delivering high-octane, not-so-traditional Jewish music to the masses for nearly eighteen years! Founded in 2002, Shtreiml showcases the compositional creativity and harmonica wizardry of band leader Jason Rosenblatt. Combined with the gorgeously mellifluous trombone playing of Rachel Lemisch, the mind-bending saxophone artistry of Tevet Sela and the Balkan punch of long time band member drummer Thierry Arsenault, the group has performed at numerous venues and festivals internationally and has been nominated for a Canadian Folk Music Award for Best World Music Group. Shtreiml's latest program is a lush and exotic mix of music informed by the florid cantillations, insistent rhythms and intricate melodies of the ancient Mizrahi community of Tzfat, Israel. Genre bending harmonica player and pianist, Jason Rosenblatt, captures the musical essence of this mountain town with an original song cycle that delves deeply and intensely into the contemplative shabbat evening liturgical service, joyous shabbat zmirot and exuberant Meiron Niggunim of Lag Baomer. This program

is replete with catchy melodies, deft arrangements, odd rhythms and dextrous improvisations that will leave listeners with visions of Tzfat at sunset. Shtreiml's performances have been labelled "explosive" (Halifax Chronicle Herald) and "exhilarating" (Rootsworld).

Featuring: Jason Rosenblatt (harmonica, piano, vocals), Tevet Sela (sax), Rachel Lemisch (trombone), Thierry Arsenault (drums) and Josh Fink (Bass)

Fondé en 2002, Shtreiml propose un mélange explosif de musique juive pas-tout-à-fait-traditionnelles. Dirigé par l'innovateur Jason Rosenblatt - un des rares dans le monde à jouer de l'harmonica diatonique (i.e. 'blues harp') de façon chromatique - le répertoire teinté de chants ornés, des rythmes insistants, et les mélodies complexes, offre un nouveau regard à un répertoire de musique de la communauté ancienne Mizrahi de Tzfat en Israël. Accompagné par Tevet Sela (saxophone), Rachel Lemisch (trombone), Thierry Arsenault (batterie) et Josh Fink (basse), les concerts du groupe ont été qualifiés d'« explosif » (Halifax Chronicle Herald) et de « vivifiant » (Rootsworld).

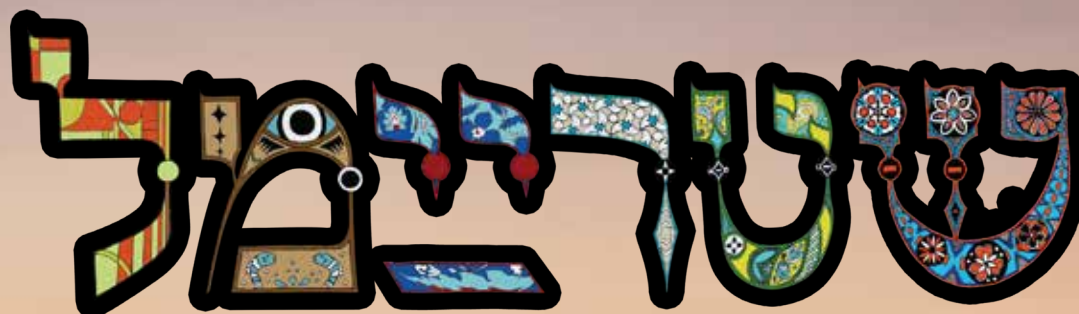






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