

Tamir Newsletter

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Rolling Out the Red Carpet: Tamir Celebrates Premiere of "Dreamcoat" in Style

With flashbulbs exploding, loud applause and a brightly lit marquee, the stars of Tamir exited their limos and walked the red-carpeted aisle for the premiere presentation of "Dreamcoat: A Documentary". It was an unforgettable night in Tamir history and an excellent conclusion to a year celebrating 25 years of Tamir.

The sold-out event at the Mayfair Theatre on January 27th featured a screening of "Dreamcoat". The documentary was produced by director Pixie Cram and chronicled the production of the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, whose cast included Tamir participants along with community actors. This inclusive performance, the first of its kind, was held last year at the Centrepointe Theatre to launch Tamir's 25th Anniversary. It, too, was a sold-out success.

"Every time I leave a Tamir production or event, I leave on a high, but this one took us to a whole new level," said founding president Lily Penso.

From on-stage to on-screen, *Joseph* maintained its charm. Scenes from the musical were introduced by some of the cast who had appeared in them, and the evening received continuous, enthusiastic applause from the audience.

"It was a dream come true for many, many reasons. Don't ever give up on your dreams," exclaimed Tamir participant Debbie Wasserman, when asked by producer Morris Neuman what



she had felt at being part of *Joseph*. "Reach for the sky, nothing is out of reach!"

Following the documentary came an informative talkback session, where cast and crew alike shared more of their personal experiences. The highlight of this segment was a surprise appearance via Skype from Tel Aviv by Gavriella Silverstone, who was the drama coach for the participants during *Joseph* and had a significant role in the documentary. The gasps of astonishment from those members of the audience who recognized her, followed by their cries of joy at seeing her again, were enough to leave Gavriella teary-eyed with emotion. "I miss you all so much, and you all sound fantastic!"

The night ended with a live performance, a medley of songs from the musical, with *Joseph* cast members leaving their seats to congregate at the front of the theatre and lead everyone in song, while the lyrics flashed across the big screen.

"Joseph, you know what they say. Hang on now, Joseph, you'll make it someday," sang the performers and the audience members, who by this time were all standing and clapping along. "Sha la la Joseph, you're doing fine. You and your Dreamcoat, ahead of your time."

These lyrics reflect perfectly Tamir's accomplishment — ahead of their time indeed, and hopefully doing fine for another 25 years.



Mark and Jerry Nudelman



Debbie Applebaum, Vesna Scott,
Jason Kershman and Robin PerKayastha



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Coming Soon:

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, June 21st, 2011
6:30 p.m.

Agudath Israel Congregation
1400 Coldrey Avenue, Ottawa

Tamir Tea

Sunday, May 29th, 2011

Home of Orly Aaron
13 Roselawn Court, Barrhaven

Tee Up for Tamir Golf Fun-Raiser

Monday, August 22nd, 2011

Rideau View Golf and
Country Club, Manotick

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Tamir Celebrity Corner

The stars of Tamir's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* stepped out in style at the "Dreamcoat: A Documentary" Premiere.



Debbie Wasserman: Debbie is realizing her dreams with the "Dreamcoat" premiere. "We reached the stars, and I achieved my goals," she says. "Now we're stars!" Debbie, along with a group of other Tamir participants, is now taking theatre lessons at the Ottawa School of Speech and Drama (OSSD).



Debbie Applebaum: The glittering tiara on Debbie's head the night of the premiere perfectly matched the sparkle in her eyes and the excitement in her voice as she talked about walking down the red carpet to clapping and cheers. "It was so exciting!"



Adam Moscoe: Being on stage is nothing new for Adam. Prior to playing the brother Benjamin in *Joseph*, his repertoire included lead roles in "Chicago: The Musical," "Les Miserables," and "Into the Woods." To learn more about this up-and-coming star and Tamir supporter, see page 6, where Adam is the focus of Tamir's Volunteer Profile.



Jason Kershman: Jason starred as Joseph in the musical and is eager to continue singing. One of his joys of being in the Tamir Neshama Choir, besides singing, is going on road trips to perform in different cities. "I really enjoyed it all," he said with a big grin. "Everyone got a treat with *Joseph* and it was a good experience."



Pat and Morris Neuman,
Joseph Producers

Meredith Caplan: On the night of the event, Meredith's best and brightest accessory was her beautiful smile, as she was welcomed to the theatre by loud applause. Meredith is also a student at OSSD, something she loves because she gets to practise one of her favourite activities: singing.



Pixie Cram,
Director of
"Dreamcoat"

Dreamcoat Popcorn: Also making its premiere debut this night was Tamir's amazing Dreamcoat Popcorn, donated by Creative Kosher Catering. Dressed to impress in shades of pink, blue and gold, and wearing a designer label, this celebrity was extremely popular with the crowd. As corny as it sounds, the audience really ate it up! Our thanks go out to David Smith for this incredible creation!



Jennifer Fontaine and Lee Waxman, *Joseph* Cast Members





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Heroes Keep Our Stars Shining

By Sharon Reichstein

The production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* was far more than a one-time performance. For many of Tamir's participants, it sparked a passion for theatre and revealed talents that they didn't even know they had. It is usually easy for you and me to pursue our interests and hobbies, but for people with disabilities it is far more challenging. In our community, we have theatre classes, music lessons, art and dance programs, book clubs, exercise gyms and more. It should be no different for people with disabilities, but the reality is that those opportunities are not as readily available to them.

Tamir, as a proactive and creative organization, does not accept that lack of opportunity in the community. When participants dream, express desires and show talent, Tamir listens and gets to work. Tamir activists including Mark Palmer, Cantor Benlolo, and FACT parent group member Debbie Ferkin set out to find a way to provide drama classes for those participants showing an interest. The Ottawa School for Speech and Drama (OSSD) came through with a willingness to partner with Tamir. As a result, classes for 12 lucky participants began in January.

A major obstacle facing people with developmental disabilities is the expense of pursuing hobbies. With the government placing a freeze on money in the Developmental Services Sector and the cost of living increasing, there simply isn't enough money for extracurricular activities. This is exactly why the

Fund Development and Community Relations committee has decided to launch a community partner approach to fundraising. The new initiative is called the Heroes Campaign where our goal is to raise \$50,000 from at least 100 community members each donating \$500 this year. Funds raised through the Heroes Campaign will enable our stars to keep shining on stage. The campaign will also support initiatives like therapeutic treatments and equipment, home improvements, community placements and more.

The OSSD course helps participants learn about being a musical theatre performer. Students will learn a variety of musical numbers, working on developing their solo and group singing skills. Through improvisation, students will work on creating characters and understanding how to build scenes to go with these numbers. The group will present a series of songs and scenes at the end of the session. How exciting — our participants will finally get a chance to pursue their talents. See you in the spring for the final performance!

If you are interested in becoming a Hero, please call Melanie Fulop at 613-725-3519 ext 113 or visit our website at www.tamir.ca/heroes.

Calling all golfers!



Tee Up With Tamir

Monday, August 22nd
Rideau View
Golf and Country Club

For more information on how
to get involved, contact
Melanie Fulop at 613-725-3519 ext 113.



Tamir's Bi-Annual Tea

Sunday, May 29th from 2 PM to 4 PM at the home of Orly Aaron — 13 Roselawn Court, off Craig Henry Drive.

Join us as we honour Pat and Morris Neuman and raise funds for important Tamir programs!

Become a Dragon Boater

By Melanie Fulop

Look out Dragon boaters, here comes Tamir! Tamir registered a team — the first ever entry in Ottawa by a developmental service organization — in the 18th Annual Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival, June 17th-19th. Why in the world did we do that? Rising to this challenge will further our 'Vision and Values' of helping our participants to realize their potential and make meaningful contributions to society through creative projects of inclusion.

Now we just have to fill the team roster!

Our intrepid leaders are Team Captain Mark Palmer and me, Team Organizer Melanie Fulop. Now Team Tamir needs to find an additional 22 people, (20 paddlers, one steersperson, and one drummer) and we are looking to our participants, friends, families and supporters to jump in.

Possibly our most challenging ordeal yet, those who choose to become members of Team Tamir must be prepared for the physical demands as well as the fundraising ones.

Becoming a Dragon boater is no easy task — though you do not need to be an experienced paddler to join, you'll need to

meet some physical requirements. Each team member must be a competent swimmer, though Personal Floatation Devices (PFDs — Life Jackets) will be provided.

As for the fundraising condition, the Ottawa Dragon Boat Foundation was a staunch supporter of Tamir during our 25th Anniversary, listed as a Gold Level donor in our *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* program book. To show our appreciation to them, while also proclaiming to the community as a whole that Tamir participants can be valued members of the community on all fronts, our goal is to raise at least the same amount in return — a total of \$2,500 to go to other deserving Ottawa charities.

Dragons are traditionally believed to rule the rivers and seas and to dominate the clouds and the rains of heaven. With the support of our friends and family, Tamir intends to 'become one with the Dragon,' by continuing to act as a leader in social services, creating new and innovative projects for people with developmental disabilities.

Please consider joining Tamir's Dragon Boat team. For more information please contact Melanie Fulop at 613-725-3519 ext 113.

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THE FUTURE —
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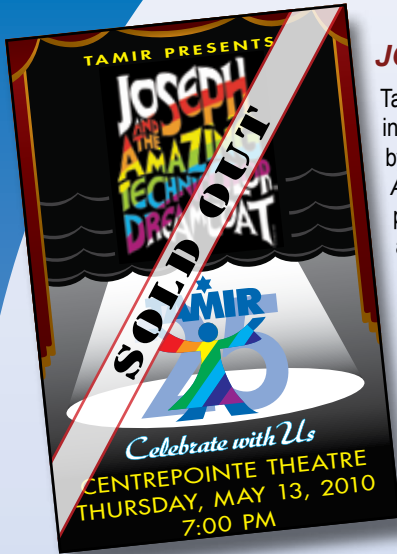
Want to make a long-term investment in Tamir? Consider planned giving as a tax-effective way to help secure Tamir's future today.

Please contact Mark Palmer at 613-725-3519 ext 103 or e-mail markpalmer@tamir.ca for more information.



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20 Silver Anniversary



JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Tamir was born of a dream: to assist people with developmental disabilities realize their potential in a supportive Jewish environment. So how fitting it was that Tamir marked its 25th anniversary by staging a professionally managed, fully integrated theatrical production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, a joyful expression of struggle and triumph in which people with developmental disabilities performed together with actors from professional and amateur theatre.

And what a triumph it was! Not one, but two SOLD OUT performances took place at Centrepointe Theatre on May 12th and 13th, 2010, involving over 80 members of cast and crew, dozens of volunteers, and an audience of nearly 2000!

The play received rave reviews not only from the Jewish and artistic communities, but also from the local media. Cynthia Bates remarked in a letter published in the *Ottawa Citizen*,

“There was love radiating between the performers and their performer-partners, and between everyone on the stage and the audience.” Michael Regenstreif agreed in his review in the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin* stating, “Tamir did it. With hard work and dedication, they pulled off something that had never been done before!” Last but not least, Adrian Harewood of Ottawa’s CBC shared with his audience on the 6 o’clock news that, “This *Dreamcoat* was a dream come true for cast performers with developmental disabilities.”



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25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Prior to the May 13th evening performance, a reception for over 200 people, a mix of Tamir supporters and local community VIPs, was sponsored by Creative Kosher Catering in Centrepointe Theatre’s Atrium.

Joseph Producer Morris Neuman and Dick Zuker, 25th Anniversary Chair



TAMIR THROUGH THE YEARS

Tamir Through the Years was created as part of the 25th celebration activities. The brainchild of Richard Zuker, this 54 page history book highlighting the growth and development of the organization was the product of much labour and love from a group led by Dick with committee members Marjorie Feldman, Lisa Giffin, Estelle Gunner, and Lily Penso.



Founding President Lily Penso and Founding Board Member Jackie Holzman

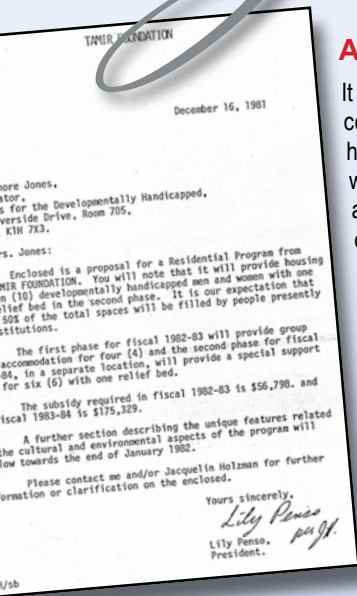


“I’m a Hero.” “You’re My Hero.”

Become a Tamir Hero for a minimum donation of \$500.

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Anniversary Celebrations



ARCHIVES

It was only logical that the information collected for the history book would be handed over to the Ottawa Jewish Archives, who are dedicated to gathering, recording and preserving the collective memory of the Jewish community in Ottawa. From the very first letter and proposal written by Lily Penso in 1981, to a taped copy of the production of *Joseph*, Tamir's history is now accessible to all persons for their use, well being and enjoyment.



JOSEPH ON WHEELS

Hardly a month had gone by after the production before members of the community cast and crew of *Joseph* were called back to perform a double booking with the Tamir Neshama Choir in Montreal on June 6th, 2010. Not only did they sing a medley of songs during the Israeli Street Festival earlier in the day, but later that night they entertained the crowd at the Cummings Jewish Centre for Seniors. The Tamir Neshama Choir continues to perform songs from the musical at events in Ottawa and elsewhere.

Cast and crew of *Joseph*



Members of the Tamir Neshama Choir

"DREAMCOAT" PREMIERE PRESENTATION

On Thursday, January 27th, Tamir held its premiere presentation of the documentary "Dreamcoat."

The film chronicles the journey of people involved in the production from the uncertain early days of planning through the challenges of casting and rehearsals to the coming together of the production, the successes and disappointments, the adrenaline of the curtain call and performance, and the thoughts and emotions of those involved in making the show such a success.

The overall goals for the screening of "Dreamcoat" were to launch the documentary to the community, to showcase the benefits of inclusion, and to give Tamir's participants a chance to bask once again in the spotlight of their extraordinary achievements.



"Dreamcoat" Director Pixie Cram and crew

Just like *Joseph*, the premiere of "Dreamcoat" quickly sold out, so a matinee screening was promptly added. And like its musical counterpart back in the spring of 2010, this event also gathered its share of media attention. This time, the focus was mainly on Director Pixie Cram. But on the night of the Premiere, under the lights of the marquee, over the stretch of

red carpet, surrounded by the flashing bulbs of the paparazzi and chauffeured by limousines, it was once again Tamir's participants who were the stars of the show.



Meredith Caplan/Mayfair Theatre Audience

Tamir Keshet for Kids Program

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- Soloway Jewish Community Centre
- Walkley Bowling Centre
- Westboro/Kitchissippi United Church

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- Hillel Lodge
- Jewish Family Services
- Jewish Federation of Ottawa
- Jewish National Fund
- Miriam Home
- Ottawa Jewish Bulletin
- Ottawa Reconstructionist Havurah Reena
- Rideau Regional Centre
- Soloway Jewish Community Centre
- Talmud Torah Afternoon School
- Temple Israel
- Torah High School
- Yitzhak Rabin High School

Remembering Friends

Tamir's 25th Anniversary was a year of celebration, but it was also a year tinged with sorrow, as we lost several close friends.



MICHAEL BROITMAN

One of the three original residents at Tamir, Michael Broitman passed away in his sleep on January 8th, 2010. He will be remembered by those who loved him in many ways: as a comedian, at times a loveable grump, and always a Jewish gentleman. His full story can be read in the 2010 issue of the Tamir Newsletter.

MURRAY ZLOTEN

Born on Valentine's Day, 1936, Murray was an observant Jewish man, a devoted husband to Claire, a loving brother-in-law to Edith and a steadfast father and grandfather to his daughter Yona and her family. Murray had a great presence at Tamir, especially at Jewish holiday celebrations and events showcasing the Tamir Neshama Choir, of which he was a proud member.



Murray and Claire joined Tamir's Outreach Program in 1998 and in the spring of 2001 Murray and a group from Tamir participated in a once in a lifetime trip to Israel. Estelle Allen, a Tamir Supervisor who was part of the group, thinks back to that expedition and remembers, "Murray may have been a quiet man most of the time, but during that trip he was a real chatterbox! He was like a totally different person."

His sudden passing on May 9th, just days prior to the long awaited *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* production, was a terrible loss for his numerous friends and his family, many of whom were members of the cast and crew of *Joseph*. But they understood that the 'show must go on', and honoured Murray by dedicating their fantastic performance later that same week to his memory and that of Michael Broitman.

DONALD HYMAN

Donald Hyman passed away on July 4th, following a long illness. He was born on April 18th, 1950. His sister Sheila Howard, a former Ottawan who lives in New York, remembers when Donald joined Tamir shortly after the opening of the Broadview homes in 1997. "I read about Tamir in the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin and I called immediately. It was perfect for Donald and others like him. It exposed him to living a meaningful life in a Jewish atmosphere."



840 Broadview became Donald's home for thirteen years, where he flourished, truly enjoying participation in his Jewish culture and maintaining a regular presence at celebratory events and holidays. He also attended the Donald Street Day Program, where he built strong bonds with Tamir participants, staff and community volunteers. One such volunteer was Sam Schrier, who accompanied him for regular swimming sessions at the Jewish Community Centre, until Sam passed away earlier that same year.

Music was a big deal for Donald. "He was a great fan of country," recalls Mandy Weeden, Broadview's Supervisor. "He especially loved anything by Shania Twain." As his favourite statement was, "What to do?" it seems rather fitting that the answer lay within one of Shania's songs: "Up, up, up. Can only go up from here."

MELISSA AASS

Melissa Aass was born in 1968 and passed away on June 12th. Melissa became affiliated with Tamir more than a decade ago, originally as a member of the Judaic program, attending holiday celebrations and other Tamir events to keep her connection with her Jewish culture strong. Melissa was supported by Ottawa Carleton Association for Persons with Developmental Disabilities and was a member of Citizen Advocacy, an organization that sets up relationships between volunteer advocates and people with disabilities. A caring friend and a proud Jewish woman, Melissa will be greatly missed.



Tamir's Bi-Annual Tea Telethon will be happening in March. Be proactive and donate *before* being called! Please call Anita Almstedt at 613-725-3519 ext 111.

It's a Matter of FACT

By Jerry Nudelman, Co-chair

As a result of an annual meeting back in the spring of 2009, a family support group was formed by a dedicated group of parents.

The Family Advisory Committee of Tamir (FACT) acts as a forum to address family support and educational needs, as well as Tamir policy and practices with a view to enhancing the quality of life of those participants who are served by Tamir.

Its first get-together was on June 23rd, 2009, and since then, FACT has worked collaboratively with the organization to improve aspects of Tamir's services.

Calling all Family Members

To help to accomplish our work, we need the involvement of as many family members as possible. Please visit the Tamir website for more information on how you can join.

A Message from the President and Executive Director

Tamir's Silver Anniversary Dream Comes True

Tamir's celebration of its silver anniversary this past year has been what can only be described as a Technicolor dream come true. To mark this momentous occasion, Tamir partnered with producers Morris and Pat Newman along with other exceptionally talented and dedicated people to create a fully integrated and professionally managed theatrical production of the Broadway hit *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The show involved 18 months of preparation and more than 80 wonderful cast members and crew. The first of its kind, the show played to two sold out crowds at Centrepointe Theatre and proved successful beyond our imagination. We are still pinching ourselves with this achievement.

In Tamir's production, the role of the central character, Joseph, was shared by Tamir participant Jason Kershman and community actor Josh McLaughlin. In the story, Joseph's dreamcoat empowers him to interpret Pharaoh's dreams. The sharing of both the role and the dreamcoat in Tamir's production symbolizes the power of inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in our lives and Tamir's leadership in this field.

On January 27th of this year, Tamir premiered "Dreamcoat", a documentary about the making of *Joseph*. The film, directed by Pixie Cram and produced by Michael Ostroff of Ciné Metu productions, captures the vitality and determination to succeed of the people we support in Tamir and conveys the sense of pride and joy that can be realized for people with developmental disabilities when given the opportunity, just like each of us, to take risks and accomplish things never thought possible. The documentary is a real treasure for Tamir. But most importantly, we will be utilizing it to demonstrate that inclusion really can take centre stage here, in other communities in Canada and perhaps around the world.



Howard Yegendorf, President



Mark Palmer, Executive Director

The *Joseph* experience has already inspired people to take action. Several cast members from the show are now involved as volunteers in Tamir. The Ottawa School of Speech and Drama is partnering with us to provide drama classes for Tamir cast members of *Joseph*. And Hillel House (Jewish university students from Carleton and Ottawa U) are involved in social and religious gatherings with Tamir participants.

While we have been kicking up our heels in celebration, we are still mindful of unmet needs facing people with developmental disabilities and their families. Tamir continues to explore much needed new housing and support options for our aging population who have increasingly complex needs. This task is all the more challenging in the face of the current Ministry of Community and Social Services funding freeze.

It is often said that the strength of a social service organization such as Tamir is measured in large part by the support of its community. We have grown immeasurably in this regard this year thanks to the many organizations, businesses and people like you who have given of their time, their creativity and resources to make our 25th an unforgettable celebration and to distinguish Tamir as a leader at the forefront of inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in our community. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, yasher koach, and congratulations to each and every one of you.

Adam Moscoe: Volunteer with a Passion

By Marilyn Dow

Not your average 19-year old University of Ottawa psychology student, Adam Moscoe is a leader with a passion for motivating his peers to make a difference in the community. Best of all, Adam has adopted Tamir to play a role in his extraordinary life.



An avid volunteer in the Jewish community, Adam is one of the heads of the Canadian Federation of Jewish Students. In addition, he has performed in many productions at the Ottawa School of Speech and Drama, including lead roles in *Chicago: The Musical*, *Les Misérables* and *Into the Woods*. He has taught drama classes and run drama summer camps. Currently focused on classical voice and opera, Adam will no doubt be a success at anything he puts his heart into.

While Adam had been aware of Tamir for many years, his first formal participation with the organization was in the *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* theatre production, which brought together experienced Ottawa actors and directors in collaboration with Tamir participants to create something fabulous.

"I have never experienced anything as powerful as *Joseph*," says Adam. "It inspired me to direct a Hebrew language

production of the musical, *The Wiz*, this past summer at Camp Ramah, for campers with and without special needs. Campers worked together in an inclusive and creative atmosphere, just like in *Joseph*. The audience of 500 was deeply moved and most importantly, entertained!"

Adam also has been moved by his experience with the Tamir 'gang,' learning that by simply being himself, he feels completely comfortable among the group. He enjoys hearing the unique stories of the participants and gives credit to Tamir for helping individuals reach their full potential. "The Tamir folks have such contagious energy; they are some of my dearest friends — for which I am so grateful." Adam adds, "I am inspired by the endless dedication and creativity of Cantor Daniel Benlolo, Mark Palmer, Adele Horwitz, and all the Tamir staff and volunteers."

Adam is currently co-leading the Bar/Bat Mitzvah program for six Tamir participants. He is also organizing Tamir programs with Hillel Ottawa university students, recently including a very successful Havdallah program.

With many opportunities ahead of him, Adam's career interests range from becoming a psychiatrist to running for Parliament. Tamir participants greatly appreciate that he has also taken the time to become one of us, and look forward to sharing more experiences and challenges with Adam Moscoe. Whatever his future holds, he certainly has our support!



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Tamir's Judaic Corner

The Judaic Program continues to be a vital part of the lives of Tamir participants. Even with all the time devoted to the production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* last year, the program provided continuity for participants with community Shabbat dinners, Music on Wheels and holiday celebrations.

Tamir Neshama Choir

Tamir's Neshama Choir meets weekly for rehearsals and performs in many venues, including helping to raise the flag for Yom Ha'azmaut, celebrating World Religion Day at City Hall, entertaining the residents of Hillel Lodge, and topping off a wonderful year with a concert in Montreal.



Joys of Judaism

Resuming their weekly schedule, Joys of Judaism classes are in full swing. Joys of Judaism is a hands-on learning program, including baking, music and joint programs with visiting guests.



Other Celebrations

The *Joseph* experience has resulted in an ongoing collaboration with Hillel on Campus, a Jewish group for university students. Tamir and Hillel came together on a Saturday evening in January for Havdallah, karaoke and social networking.

Tamir also celebrated Tu B'Shevat with a seder at the Museum of Nature.

These are just a few of many planned collaborations!

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

An exciting development for Tamir is the launching of a new Bar and Bat Mitzvah class. L'Dor Va-Dor, (from generation to generation) takes on a whole new meaning, as some of our past Bar/Bat Mitzvah candidates are acting as mentors and tutors for the next generation of participants, helping to teach prayers as well as pride of Jewish living. Everyone is looking forward to the upcoming Bar and Bat Mitzvah celebration on June 12th, 2011.



Members of the 2011 Bar and Bat Mitzvah Class

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