

In Seven Days Talk Back Schedule

Sunday May 5 at 2 P.M.

Rabbi Michael Dolgin has served Temple Sinai Congregation of Toronto since 1992. He is proud to have fostered a culture of innovation and tradition during his decades as senior rabbi. Rabbi Dolgin is passionate about community engagement, interfaith and intercultural understanding and tikkun olam. His commitment to the State of Israel and its Reform and Progressive Movement is essential to his identity as a Jew and his work as a rabbi.

Rabbi Dolgin will discuss his work with MAID in the Jewish community and will talk with a family member who experienced a relative going through MAID.

Sunday May 5 at 7 P.M.

As one of the first women rabbis in Canada, Elyse Goldstein has broken down barriers by founding inclusive communities for learning and prayer. She founded Kolel: The Adult Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning in 1991; she was its director and principal teacher for 20 years. She stepped down from her responsibilities with Kolel in 2011 to found the inclusive City Shul in Toronto, where she still serves as rabbi and will be become its Rabbi Emerita this June 2024. Rabbi Goldstein is also known as a community activist and public speaker, a prolific writer and the first woman to be elected as president of the interdenominational Toronto Board of Rabbis and is the past president of the Reform Rabbis of Greater Toronto.

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein will share her work with MAID as an important part of Jewish life and the evolution and challenges of Maid within Judaism.

Tuesday May 7

MAiDHouse is a non-profit organization devoted to providing those eligible to receive medical assistance in dying (MAiD) with a supportive, inclusive and comfortable setting. We are a group of doctors, nurse practitioners, ethicists, advocates and volunteers who believe in choice, tranquillity and dignity at the end of life for patients and their families. Those eligible to receive MAiD will be able to access the procedure with their chosen provider in a safe, reliable and comfortable space. The first MAiDHouse location is in Toronto. MAiDHouse provides information, resources and services for those eligible to receive MAiD, families and health care providers. MAiDHouse is registered as a Canada not-for-profit corporation and charity in Toronto under the name Assisted-Dying Resource Centres Canada.

Tekla Hendrickson the Executive Director will discuss MAiDhouse's work improving Access to Space for MAiD, being centre for excellence for research, education, and training, and grief and bereavement resources and supports.

Wednesday, May 8- 8 PM

Dr. Sandy Buchman is a palliative care physician and Professor in the Division of Palliative Care, Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. He currently holds the Freeman Family Chair in Palliative Care and since June 2020 he has served as Medical Director of the Freeman Centre for the Advancement of Palliative Care at North York General Hospital in Toronto, where he practices palliative and end of life care in the ambulatory clinic and home settings. From 2005-2019 he practiced palliative and end of life care with the Temmy Latner Centre for Palliative Care, Sinai Health System in Toronto. He has also worked as palliative care physician in the Palliative Care and Education for the Homeless (PEACH) program. He practiced comprehensive Family Medicine for many years with special interest in Social Accountability, Primary Care Cancer Care, Palliative Care, HIV/AIDS and Global Health - including volunteer experiences in South America and Africa. He is a founder and medical lead of a new hospice residence (Neshama) in North York opening in 2026. He also co-founded MAiDHouse, an independent facility in Toronto for the provision of medical assistance in dying. He has served as president of the Ontario College of Family Physicians, the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Canadian Medical Association. In 2020 he received the W. Victor Johnston Award from the College of Family Physicians of Canada. This award recognizes a renowned Canadian or international family medicine leader for continuous and enduring contributions to the specialty of family medicine in Canada or abroad.

As a world leader in the field, Dr Buchman will discuss the evolution of palliative care and the new Neshama Hospice, Canada's first Jewish-founded hospice residence open to all.

Saturday May 11

Dr. Karen Devon is an Endocrine Surgeon and Associate Professor at the University of Toronto. After her surgical training and master's degree, she completed an Ethics Fellowship at the MacLean Center for Clinical Ethics at the University of Chicago. In addition to her surgical practice, she is the Medical Director of the MAID program at the University Health Network. She is also a proud child of Holocaust survivors & mother of 3.

Dr. Devon will discuss why she gravitated toward being of the 2,000 Canadian doctors providing MAID in Canada and will illuminate ethical issue around the subject.

Monday May 13

Award-winning writer Jordi Mand is known for her work in theatre, film, and television. Her work has received global acclaim with translated and published plays like *Between the Sheets*, *Caught*, *This Will Be Excellent*, *Brontë: The World Without*, and a new stage adaptation of the literary classic, *Little Women*. Mand was also a writer on the hit CTV drama, *Cardinal* and has been a member of countless development rooms for Canadian television shows. Upcoming: new projects with the Stratford Festival and the Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company and an original TV series with Neshama Entertainment.

Playwright Jordi Mand will discuss the genesis of *In Seven Days* and its development to bring it to the stage.

Tuesday May 14

Cast members of *In Seven Days* will give an inside look into the play and bringing their characters to life.

Wednesday, May 15 at 8 PM

Rabbi Louis J. Sachs serves as the Rabbi of Beth Torah Congregation in Toronto, Canada.. Beyond the synagogue Rabbi Sachs serves as President of the Ontario Rabbinical Assembly and on the Board of the Christian Jewish Christian Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, additionally, he teaches and speaks throughout the city in a variety of settings.

Rabbi Louis J. Sachs will share his work with MAID, and the challenges and ethics within the Conservative movement towards acceptance.