2017/18 SEASON

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HAROLD GREEN EWISH THEATRE COMPANY

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WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN what we consider a gift--to be able to share with you so many Jewish stories of struggles and triumphs. As a new decade starts at the Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company, we will honour that gift as we present more ways to connect you to our story than ever before.

We are thrilled in 2017/18 to bring you five shows in our subscription series. We are also presenting a play reading series celebrating works from around the world. And our fundraiser is packed with comedy and song, backed by a full orchestra.

This year is all about "coming of age." Each show highlights changes made by characters, changes that shift the trajectory of their lives and changes in the world that have

affected our lives. Through theatre, we experience themes like this in ways that make us contemplate our own lives and reflect on our own decisions. We look forward to five phenomenal works on our stage.

We know how much you have enjoyed our musical evenings in the past, and that is why we will be singing along with you this season—with a night of sixties folk music, and two Broadway style musicals, one in-concert and one a full-scale production. To honour Israel's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday we are producing an award winning Israeli play.

We have faith in you, our audience. We hope you continue to have faith in us and join your friends and subscribe to make our 11<sup>th</sup> season the best so far.

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DAVID EISNER, AVERY SALTZMAN and DENE COHEN

Co-Artistic Directors President

### HERE ARE SEVERAL GREAT REASONS TO SUBSCRIBE:



### ACCESS THE BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE

Purchase your subscription before <u>August 1, 2017</u>—when single tickets go on sale —and have the opportunity to get the best seats in the house.\*



### NO ADDITIONAL SERVICE CHARGES

Subscribers pay only the listed subscription price. No additional service charges or postage.



### **EXCHANGE TICKETS**

Subscribers may exchange their tickets at no additional charge for another performance. Upgrade fees will apply if you are moving to a more expensive performance or tier.



### RECEIVE A COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGE

All subscribers receive one complimentary bottle of water per subscription show.

\*Seating is done based on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be guaranteed



### **SAVE 15% ON ALL SINGLE TICKETS**

Want to bring a friend? Add on a single ticket to any performance and receive **15% off** the regular-priced ticket.



### **ENJOY NEIGHBOURHOOD DISCOUNTS**

Use your HGJTC Subscriber card to enjoy savings at restaurants around the theatre. Discount cards will be sent with subscription packages.



### CAN'T MAKE A SHOW

Take advantage of our up to **30% savings** for subscribers and receive a tax receipt for the shows you cannot attend.

### BOOK EARLY TO ENSURE THE BEST SEATS POSSIBLE

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TOBY AND SAUL FELDBERG AND FAMILY PRESENT

## THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN'

**WORLD PREMIERE** 

0ct 17 - 29, 2017

THE GREENWIN THEATRE
Toronto Centre
For The Arts

Louise Pitre

& Joe Matheson

Avery Saltzman

MUSICAL DIRECTION BY

Mark Camilleri

Come gather 'round people as we revisit the music and artists of the 1960s. Tony Award-nominee and four-time Dora winner, Louise Pitre (*Mamma Mia!*, *Les Miserables*), and Joe Matheson, (*Jersey Boys*, Stratford and Shaw Festival), celebrate the Jewish voices who contributed to the music that spoke to a generation. Experience the songs of Bob Dylan, Mama Cass, Simon and Garfunkel, Leonard Cohen, Carole King and many more.

"LOUISE PITRE IS SENSATIONAL ...SHE DOESN'T JUST SELL A SONG, SHE LIVES IT." -THE GLOBE AND MAIL

"MATHESON SINGS THE TRUTH FROM BEGINNING TO END.

HE CAPTURES THE SOUL OF THE MUSIC." -VICTORIA PLAYHOUSE



GERALD SHEFF & SHANITHA KACHAN PRESENT

## MY NAME IS ASHER LEV

A CO-PRODUCTION WITH STUDIO 180 THEATRE



Aaron Posner

Adapted from the Novel by
Chaim Potok

Joel Greenberg

STARRING

Jonas Chernick, Ron Lea

& Sarah Orenstein

A young Jewish artist is torn between his Hassidic upbringing and his desperate need to fulfill his creative promise. As his genius threatens to destroy his relationship with his parents and community, he must make a difficult choice between art and faith. This stirring adaptation of a modern classic presents a triumphant and heartbreaking vision of what it means to be an artist.

"Outstanding New Off-Broadway Play" - 2012

"THOUGHT-PROVOKING, HUMOROUS AND DEEPLY INSIGHTFUL."-TALKINBROADWAY.COM



# MY SON THE WAITER, A JEWISH TRAGEDY!



Nov 28 – Dec 10, 2017

The greenwin theatre
Toronto Centre
For The Arts

Brad Zimmerman

Brad Zimmerman stars in this hilarious and inspiring story about the grit and passion it takes to "make it" as an artist and the sweet rewards that come from never giving up! Part stand-up comedy, part theatre, Brad reflects on his childhood, his family, his misbegotten love life, and his career.

"DELICIOUS! DISTINCTLY ORIGINAL AND POWERFULLY POIGNANT. GREAT COMEDY!"

-THE NEW YORK TIMES





### **ROSALIE & ISADORE SHARP PRESENT**

# MIKVEH

AN ISRAELI PLAY TO HONOUR ISRAEL'S 70TH BIRTHDAY



Apr 14 — May 6, 2018
THE GREENWIN THEATRE
Toronto Centre
For The Arts

Hadar Galron
DIRECTED BY
Liza Balkan

Rosa Laborde, Maria Ricossa & Carly Street

Inside the secretive world of the ritual bath, eight women's stories unfold in this sensitive depiction of religious observance and evolving feminist consciousness. An insightful examination of traditions and ritual, this hit Israeli play explores the ever-evolving position of women in Israeli society.

"PRODUCTION OF THE YEAR" -2004 ISRAELI THEATRE ACADEMY AWARDS

PLEASE NOTE: THIS PLAY CONTAINS PARTIAL NUDITY







## TWO BY TWO





May 22 – June 17, 2018

THE GREENWIN THEATRE
Toronto Centre
For The Arts

MUSIC BY

Richard Rodgers

**BOOK BY** 

Peter Stone

LYRICS BY

Martin Charnin

BASED ON THE PLAY "THE FLOWERING PEACH" B

Clifford Odets

DIRECTED BY

Sheila McCarthy

MUSICAL DIRECTION BY

Mark Camilleri

A fresh retelling of the Biblical story of Noah and the Ark. In this inspirational and hilarious musical, Noah discovers that being chosen by God for great things is not always smooth sailing. It's Good Fun from the Good Book!

"ONE OF RODGERS' FINEST MUSICALS....A SHOW FOR ANYONE... RICH IN COMEDY, FULL OF MELODY, AND THAT RARE INGREDIENT: HEART."

-ASSOCIATED PRESS







Sept 17, 2017 • 7:30pm

GEORGE WESTON RECITAL HALL

Toronto Centre For The Arts

**BOOK BY** 

Burt Shevelove & Larry Gelbart

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY

Stephen Sondheim

# A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM IN CONCERT

A FUNDRAISER FOR THE HAROLD GREEN JEWISH THEATRE COMPANY

Some of Canada's best comedic performers will join us for one night only as we celebrate this hilarious musical comedy. Starring Avery Saltzman, Colin Mochrie, Patrick McKenna and John Catucci and featuring a full orchestra led by Mark Camilleri.

LIMITED SEATING-ONLY AVAILABLE TO SUBSCRIBERS THROUGH JULY 31

Tickets range from \$35 to \$180

\*ALL ARTISTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PLAY READING SERIES

# JEWISH STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Join us for three readings of outstanding plays that explore vibrant Jewish cultures from around the globe.

Discover the conflicts between old and new within the East Indian community; the fight for the freedom of words in Russia, and the conflict between freedom of expression and the memory of the Holocaust in Israel.

### Calcutta Kosher

BY SHELLEY SILAS

Jan 21, 2018 at 2:30PM

In a crumbling Calcutta home, two sisters are forced to come to terms with their mother's secret history. In this funny and moving play, award-winning writer Shelley Silas examines how family and culture, time and distance, influence our sense of who we are.

### **Mandelstam**

BY RAFI AARON

Feb 25, 2018 at 2:30PM

The story of Stalin's persecution of Osip Mandelstam, one of the foremost Russian poets of the twentieth century. On May 13, 1934, Mandelstam was arrested for creating and reciting a poem attacking Stalin.

Alongside his wife, they fought for the freedom of words.

### You Will Not Play Wagner

BY VICTOR GORDON

Mar 18, 2018 at 2:30PM

Set in contemporary Tel Aviv where Ya'akov, a young Israeli upstart, causes a storm by selecting to perform Wagner in the finals of an international competition for conductors. He comes into conflict with Esther, a Holocaust survivor and competition patron who has her own tragic connection with Wagner's music.

Attendance is FREE and by reservation ONLY. All readings will take place in the Piano Lounge of the Toronto Centre for the Arts and seating will be done on a first-come, first-served basis.

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, PLEASE CALL 416-932-9995 EXT 224.

# **SHOW CALENDAR 2017/2018**

### THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN' **OCTOBER 17 - 29, 2017** Sat Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sun 18 17 19 20 21 22 8:00PM 8:00PM 23 27 29 8:00PM 2:00PM 8:00PM

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### MIKVEH

**APRIL 14 - MAY 6, 2018** 

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FUNDRAISER						
A FUNNY THING FORUM	7:30PM					
PL	AY READING SERIES					
CALCUTTA KOSHER	SUNDAY JANUARY 21, 2018	2:30PM				
MANDELSTAM	SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2018	2:30PM				
YOU WILL NOT PLAY WAGNER	SUNDAY MARCH 18, 2018	2:30PM				

**GROUP DISCOUNTS CALL 416.932.9995 X 224** | ADULT: Discounts for groups of 10+ | STUDENTS: \$18 tickets for student groups

TUESDAY NIGHT & WEEKDAY MATINEE SUBSCRIPTIONS

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY NIGHT & SUNDAY SUBSCRIPTIONS

**SATURDAY NIGHT SUBSCRIPTIONS** 

**OPENING NIGHT**\*AVAILABLE FOR DONORS OF \$1000+

## **DONATE TODAY!**

The Harold Green Jewish Theatre Company is a not-for-profit charitable organization dedicated to telling the Jewish story. We are unlike any other not-for-profit theatre company. At present, we do not receive any government support. We rely on YOU, our generous donors and patrons, to help sustain us and allow us to keep presenting these wonderful productions. In this, our eleventh season, please consider making a contribution that includes your subscription as a benefit.

	FRIEND	PATRON	PRODUCER	EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
AMOUNT	\$1,000	\$1,800	\$2,500	\$5,000
2 OPENING NIGHT SUBSCRIPTIONS	×			
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### THERE ARE MANY OTHER OPTIONS YOU CAN CHOOSE TO SUPPORT OUR COMPANY:

- Producer Legacy Series
- Chai Society
- Show Sponsorships

We appreciate donations of ANY kind. Program recognition is provided for all donations over \$118.

For more information about how to donate or to make your donation today,

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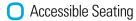
### **TIER ONE**

Tuesday Night & Weekday Matinee - **\$260** Wednesday & Thursday Night & Sunday - **\$335** Saturday Night - **\$380** 

### TIER TWO

Tuesday Night & Weekday Matinee - **\$210** Wednesday & Thursday Night & Sunday - **\$285** Saturday Night - **\$330** 

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