

JNF • Negev Gala Concert
 Tuesday, June 19, 2001 • 8:00 pm
 Centennial Concert Hall

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Joel Grey

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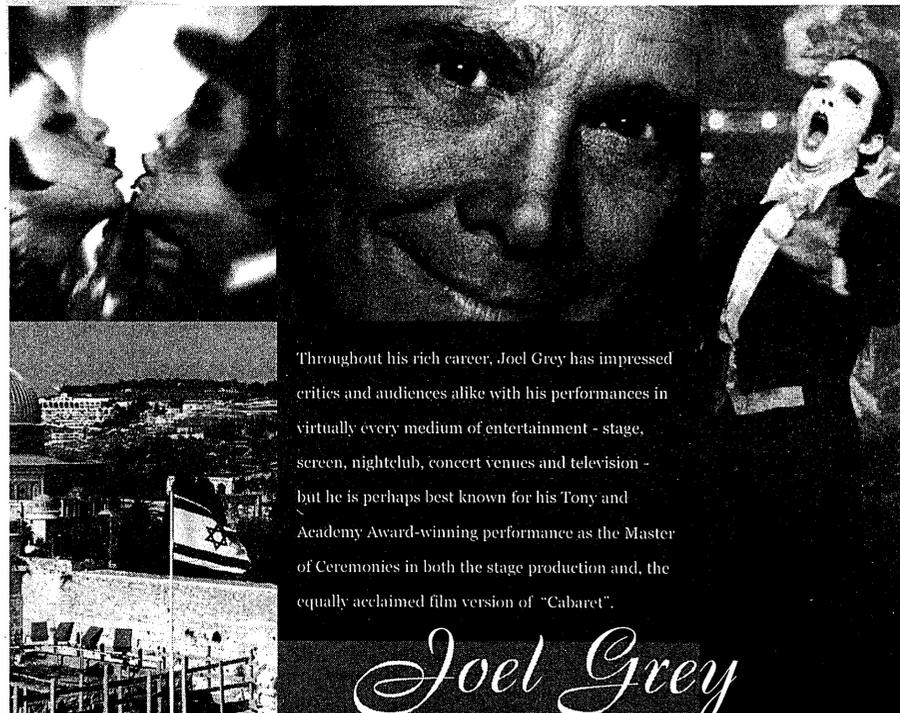
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Throughout his rich career, Joel Grey has impressed critics and audiences alike with his performances in virtually every medium of entertainment - stage, screen, nightclub, concert venues and television - but he is perhaps best known for his Tony and Academy Award-winning performance as the Master of Ceremonies in both the stage production and, the equally acclaimed film version of "Cabaret".

Joel Grey

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Community news

Weizman 'declines comment', shochtim warn they'll probably be the last willing to do the work

The rabbi overseeing kashrut enforcement for Winnipeg's Vaad Ha'ir last week said he was "declining comment" on the vaad president's statement that companies producing kosher food in Winnipeg are thinly supervised.

"The whole issue is more political than factual," Rabbi Peretz Weizman said in an interview. "Unfortunately, it's the result of a lack of knowledge. Therefore, I feel it doesn't deserve any response."

Weizman, the vaad's longtime "rav hamachshir", was invited to comment on remarks Vaad President Don Aronovitch made at the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg/Com-bined Jewish Appeal's April 25 board meeting.

The Vaad Ha'ir oversees kashrut enforcement here.



RABBI PERETZ WEIZMAN, rav hamachshir, Vaad Ha'ir: "The whole issue is more political than factual," he said of Vaad Ha'ir President Don Aronovitch's argument that the vaad's WK hechsher has "thin supervision", because of a lack of manpower.

Aronovitch alleged that the WK hechsher, the vaad's decades-old kashrut standard, has had "very thin supervision," because only Weizman and another vaad staff

member oversee it. Aronovitch argued that that isn't enough manpower to properly enforce kashrut standards at the approximately "80 establishments" the vaad oversees kashrut at.

Aronovitch was trying to make the case for the MBK hechsher, a new kashrut standard the vaad set up last year, partly to encourage more Orthodox Jews in the community now importing all or part of their kosher meat and baking to buy it locally.

MBK has three Orthodox rabbis it can call on or consult to ensure food outlets it's overseeing comply with its kashrut standards.

The vaad originally planned for MBK to replace the WK hechsher within a few months. But most of the city's kosher food outlets refused to switch to MBK, citing the cost of changes they'd have to make, to comply with MBK standards.

The vaad has since "separated" itself from MBK, and transferred supervision of the new hechsher to Yossi Cohen, a Herzlia Synagogue board member, and the three rabbis associated with MBK. The vaad hopes to find ways of helping local kosher food outlets pay for the renovations they'd require under MBK, and to merge the WK and MBK hechshers in about two years.

Aronovitch told the Jewish Federation/CJA board meeting he wanted to "educate" the community about the need for the new hechsher, which some kashrut-observant Winnipeg Jews have expressed stiff opposition to.

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FEDERATION/CJA NEWS EXTRA

FEDERATION MAJOR AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Howard Morley, President of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg/Combined Jewish Appeal, along with Co-Chairs Sandra Secter and Marsha Cowan of the Combined Jewish Appeal campaign, are pleased to announce that Larry Hurlig and Morley Blankstein have been selected as the 2001 recipients of the major community awards.

The Sol Kanee Distinguished Community Service Medal and the Max and Mollie Shore Memorial Award were established in 1995 to recognize individuals who have demonstrated leadership and commitment to the local, national and/or international Jewish community. These two awards will be presented at the Annual Kavod Evening.

THE MAX AND MOLLIE SHORE MEMORIAL AWARD

Morley Blankstein is an individual who has never shied away from the often thankless task of fundraising in this community. He has served as Chair of the Combined Jewish Appeal for two years, Chair of the Board of the Canadian Technion Society and continues to serve on the Board of Governors of the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology and with the Winnipeg Chapter. Morley has served as President of the Glendale Country Club, President of the Board of Directors of the former YMHA and was a founding member of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba. He is currently a member of the Shaarey Zedek Cemetery Committee, and has served the community as a member of the National Executive of UJA Canada. As a member of the Campus Planning and Building Committee, Morley brought his extensive expertise to bear during the planning and construction of the campus.

One of Morley's most significant accomplishments was Winnipeg's Project Renewal Initiative in Gan Yavne, Israel. With perseverance, vision and charm, he was one of the driving forces behind the success of the Winnipeg/Gan Yavne connection. A little over two years ago, when Morley and Marjorie were leading a Winnipeg Mission to Israel, the mayor of Gan Yavne honoured and surprised Morley by naming a street after him. Rehov Morley Blankstein is just a block away from the Community Centre that Winnipeg helped build.

Morley's interests and volunteerism extend beyond the Jewish community. He served as Vice-President of the Royal Canadian Academy of the Arts, President of the Manitoba Theatre Centre and member of the Boards of the Age and Opportunity Bureau and United Way of Winnipeg. Morley also served as civilian aide-de-camp to his Honour Richard S. Bowles, Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba.

Morley is married to Marjorie and has five children and seven grandchildren.

"I am very flattered to be receiving an award for work that has really been my pleasure to do. I believe strongly in this community and am delighted to have been able to contribute to it."

THE SOL KANEE DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SERVICE MEDAL

Larry Hurlig has been chosen as the recipient of this major award in recognition of his exemplary leadership and commitment to the Winnipeg Jewish community over the past 30 years. Larry is currently the Chair of the Campus Board of Directors and Co-chair of the joint Federation/Board of Jewish Education Strategic Planning Committee. It was under Larry's presidency of the Federation 1996-99 (formerly W.J.C.C.) that the momentous move from the Y.M.H.A. premises to the Campus was accomplished. He takes particular pride and joy in having spearheaded, during his presidency, the first Jewish community initiative to facilitate Jewish immigration to Winnipeg from South America. His interest in immigration remains fervent to this day. Mr. Hurlig's involvement on the Board of the Federation has included serving in various executive positions and he is currently on the National Executive of UJA Federations Canada. In addition to his involvement with the Federation, Larry has been active on the Board of Jewish Child and Family Service, past Chair of the Talmud Torah/Joseph Wolinsky fund raising programs, past Treasurer of B'nai B'rith Maple Leaf Lodge, past Co-Chair of the Youth Aliyah Dinner, among others.

Mr. Hurlig's commitment to the general community has also been exemplary, especially his work in the field of support for the mentally challenged. Working with Thelma Bronstein, he helped establish Shalom Residences Inc. in order to provide group homes and apartments for the mentally challenged and he is currently President of the Shalom Residences Foundation. He is also a past President of DASCH (Direct Action Support of Community Homes). In addition, he is a founding member and Treasurer of Versatech Charitable Foundation, one of the largest sheltered workshops for the mentally challenged. Mr. Hurlig has also worked with the Post Polio Network Manitoba Inc. As a Chartered Accountant, he has served as the President of the Estate Planning Council of Winnipeg and is the President of a real estate consulting company Chartered Financial Services Inc. and Vice-President of the property management company A.S.H. Management.

Larry Hurlig is married to Roberta. They have three children and one grandchild.

"I have always respected Sol Kanee and hold him in high esteem. I, therefore, look upon this award as a very dear one to me and I am deeply honoured."



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