

Community news

Young parents, children turn out for YAD-organized skate

More than 100 show up for March 26 event

By **REBECA KUROPATWA**

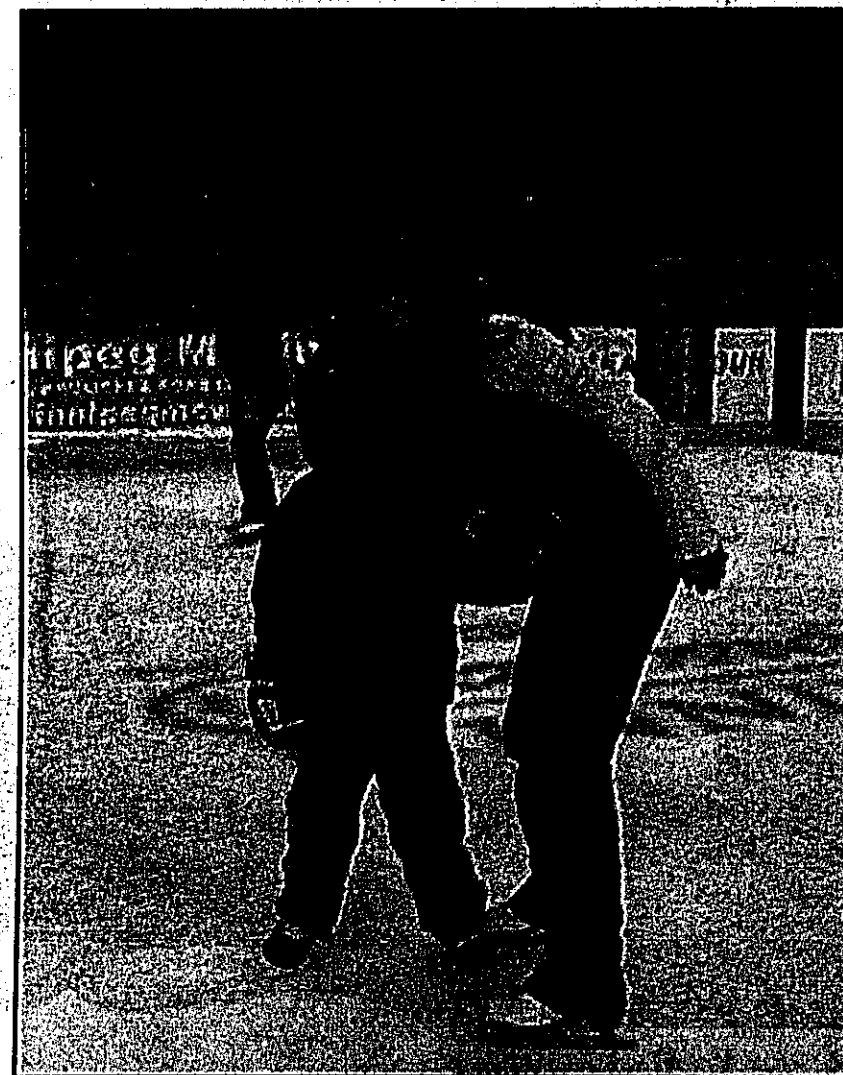
A YAD-hosted family fun event March 26 offered a great program in a setting all participants could enjoy. There was something for everyone: winter activities, refreshments, and socializing, or just kicking back in an inspiring surrounding on a Sunday afternoon.

"This event had such an excellent turnout. It was nice to see so many people come out and enjoy themselves in a laid back, fun setting," says Judi Price-Rosen, director of programming for YAD (the Young Adult Division of the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg).

Price-Rosen organized the Family Skate and Hockey Pick-Up Game event. Matthew Narvey and Michael Kowalson functioned as YAD Co-Chairs and volunteers. Narvey and Kowalson also put on hockey jerseys and picked up hockey sticks, to join in the hockey game.

Narvey says, "more than 100 people came out for the Family Free Skate, and over 20 men and boys participated in the Pick-Up Hockey Game."

He "is very pleased with the positive community response and attendance." Narvey is "particularly excited about this YAD program, because it includes such a broad range of age groups, making for a diverse and entertaining experience for



MELISSA MCLEAN and son on the ice at the MTS Centre. Photo by Rebeca Kuropatwa.



CHERYL COHAN and her daughter. Photo by Rebeca Kuropatwa.

good number of new community members of Argentinean descent are in attendance." He continues, "It is great. They can get a taste of how unique, enjoyable, and inviting the Jewish community and Winnipeg winter culture is." A special feature of the day that "the kids are especially excited about, is getting to skate on the ice alongside 'Mickey the Moose,' the local mascot for the Manitoba Moose." Kowalson also says "this is the first time a lot of the attendees have been to the MTS Centre. So it worked out nicely - getting people out and



Ethan and Talia Hrabinsky, at left, and Eli Firestein. Photo by Rebeca Kuropatwa.



JUDI PRICE-ROSEN (at left) and Stephanie Jacobs-Lockhart: "People of all ages could come out and enjoy themselves." Photo by Rebeca Kuropatwa.

Although this is the first YAD event of its kind, Narvey says he "hopes that it will turn into an annual affair." Adding, "How does the saying go - if I say it, it will come true?"

A diverse group of Winnipeg's Jewish community members came together at the MTS Centre, in downtown Winnipeg. The event was the first of its kind and included a Free Skate, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., a free kosher hot dog, chips, and drinks lunch, from 12 to 12:45 p.m., and a Pick-Up Hockey Game, for 18 year olds, and up, from 1 to 2 p.m.

Kowalson says, for him, "This occasion means a great deal, because a

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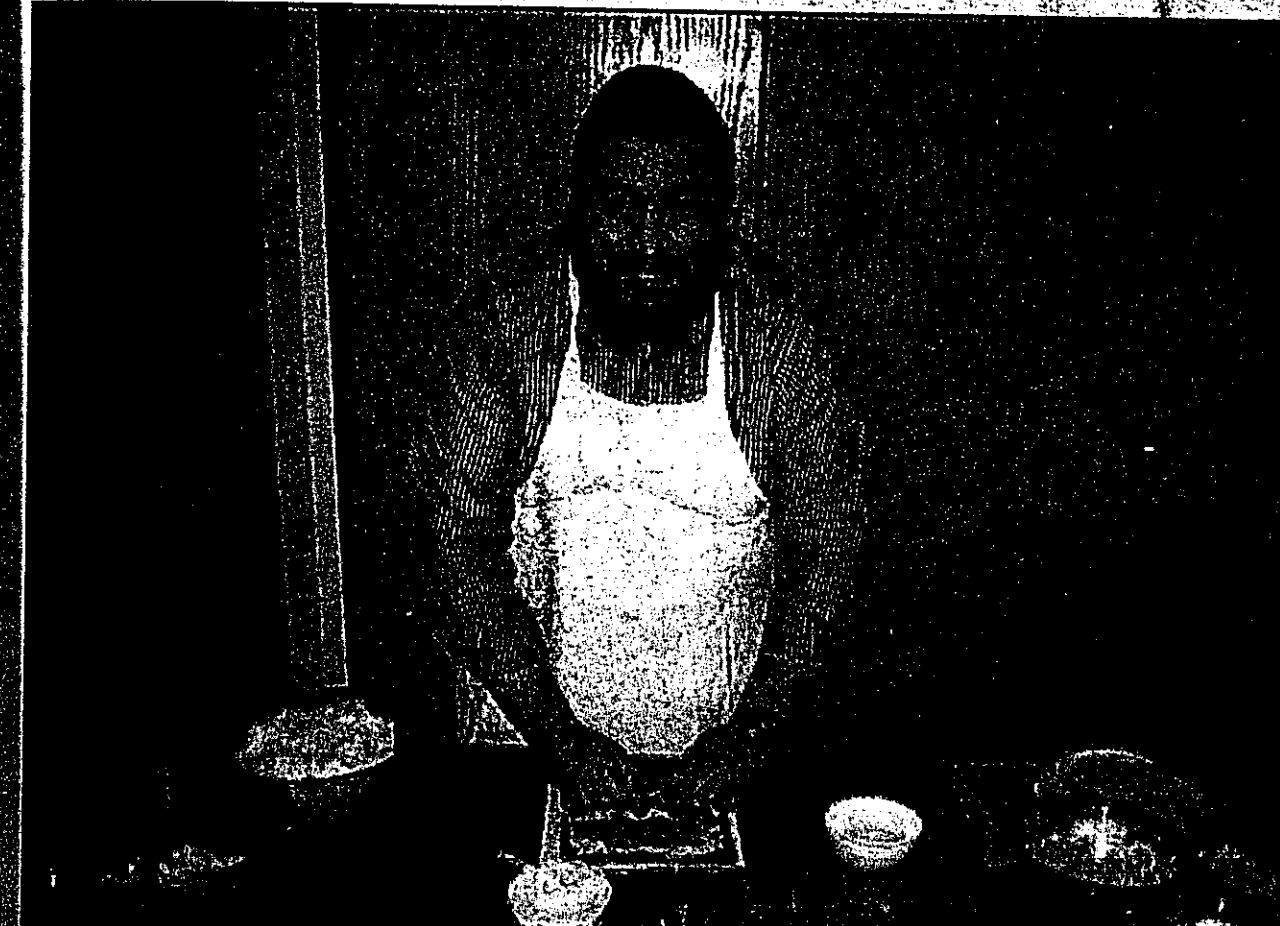
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Lubavitch Centre sets Purim celebration in Land of The Rising Sun

Kosher sushi was on the menu, and origami paper folding on the agenda at the Annual Lubavitch Family Purim Seuda Tuesday night, March 14 at the Lubavitch Centre. Rabbi Boruch Heidingsfeld of the Lubavitch

Centre said G-d's name is hidden in Megillat Esther, and people wear costumes on Purim to disguise themselves "the same way G-d disguised Himself." Below are some scenes from the "Japanese" seuda...



CHEF MOSHE BRUNSTEIN teaches how to make your own Kosher Sushi.



RABBI AVROHOM ALTEIN reads the Megillah (Purim scroll) in front of a bonsai display which included a fruit laden orange tree with fragrant blossoms.



The children in costume had their pictures taken professionally by Rob Cohen Photography in front of this huge Purim backdrop.



Some lucky kids get in close as Mr. C. Ramage demonstrates how to fold cranes and flowers in front of a video camera which projected his instructions for all to see and follow.



While listening to the Megillah, participants watched a silent presentation of the Purim story. Note the exquisite origami centre-pieces on the tables.

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