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With this edition of the Narayever Newsletter let me extend, on behalf of the Board of Governors, our best wishes for 2018.

2018 will be a significant year for the shul. January 18 was the final day of hearings at the Ontario Municipal Board. Once that Tribunal decides whether to grant variances, we hope to be in a position to call a Special General Meeting of the membership. A special vote will be called on whether to make the building accessible for members that now have, or will one day have, a movement disability, create an actual office for our beloved Rabbi and improve our program space in the building. This will be a major decision. After the Ontario Municipal Board comes to a decision, the Board of Governors intends to hold thorough information sessions and encourage all members to express their views in an open forum, both on line and in person. Members will be able to share their views, become informed, and democratically decide.

This January and February also evoke something of a “return to our roots” phenomenon. Rabbi Elkin is on a ten week sabbatical break and services are being led (and, as always, conducted) by members of the congregation. The Board is extremely grateful to all those members that have stepped in, and stepped up, to make the transition relatively seamless.

In 2018 the First Narayever Congregation will continue its tradition of having a positive impact on the local community. Many members are often surprised when they learn about the numerous good works that we do. For example, members of the congregation fully participate as volunteers during the winter months with a local church in an Interfaith “Out of the Cold” program. There are also, of course, the Shabbat services that our wonderful volunteers provide at Kensington Gardens seniors residence, the second and fourth Shabbat of each month.

In addition, for the Jewish and non-Jewish local community, we lend our space each week for the Community Supported Agriculture initiative, through which 125 nearby residents obtain fresh organic produce directly from local farmers. We also have a major role in the civic life of Toronto. We host community events such as Open Doors Toronto. We allow appropriate outside organizations to use the space at low cost or for free. For example, we allowed a local theatre group to rehearse during the week in the social hall and have made it available for Fringe Theatre productions. We host speakers on a variety of topics for events that are open to all. We were one of the first synagogues in Toronto to march in the Gay Pride Parade, and we participate in an annual greening (tree planting) initiative.
As important as the future of the congregation may be it is also worthwhile to celebrate our past. In this regard, I want to provide a shout out for an excellent piece on the History of the First Narayever Congregation on the website of the Ontario Jewish Archives written by Stuart Schoenfeld. It can be found with a simple Google search.

And, it turns out we also have an entry on something called Wikipedia. Please check them both out.

Finally, if you have not attended a Friday night or Shabbat morning service, or a Sunday minyan in a while I encourage you to do so. Our beautiful sanctuary is a special place. The light streaming in through the windows on Shabbat morning is like an additional blessing and the singing of the congregation, the chanting, the response, the Torah reading and dvar, all allow for meditation, reflection, prayer and just a general spiritual recharging. Of course, the delicious kiddush is pretty great too. I hope to see you there.

Hart Schwartz
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RABBI’S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Rebbe Nachman of Bratslav was famous for his tales. Here’s one that I find particularly meaningful at the time of this writing, as I prepare for my ten week winter sabbatical:

Once, a poor rabbi, Rabbi Yechiel, wanted to build a new synagogue for his town but lacked the means to achieve his goal. Every night he dreamt of a certain bridge in Vienna, which had hidden gold lying under it. Finally, since the recurring dream was driving him crazy, he made the difficult journey to Vienna. After wandering around the city for a long time, he finally found the bridge he had seen in his dream. He searched all around it, hoping to find the treasure that would enable him to build the new shul. A guard noticed him and asked him what he was doing. Reb Yechiel explained his dream and the guard laughed. “That’s amazing. I also have a recurring dream. Every night I dream of a Jew named Yechiel, and hidden behind his stove there’s gold.” So Reb Yechiel returned home, looked behind his stove, and under the floorboards he found gold.

What may Rebbe Nachman have intended us to take away from this tale? I think he realized that sometimes people feel the need to travel far away in order to find something that is already close at hand. Sometimes this impulse is expressed in a physical journey, sometimes in a spiritual journey, sometimes both.

I’m thinking about the impulse to go away as I write this column, in advance of leaving for my sabbatical. A sabbatical is a wonderful opportunity, one that I know not every profession allows for. As much as I love my home, my community, and my work, I relish the opportunity to get away. I hope that the break will afford me the time to do some reading and writing that I simply have not been able to make the time for given the demands of the rabbinic life. I dream of being able to catch up with the latest scholarship in my field, and do some of my own writing, and I look forward to some R & R. I anticipate that being away from my usual surroundings for a while will give me an important perspective on my life.

Having said that, I truly believe that the gold is under my own floorboards. I’m blessed with a wonderful family and community. The break will be terrific, but I anticipate that it will only reinforce my appreciation for what I have here.
Reb Yehiel had a dream of what he wanted to do with the gold he would find: he wanted to build a new shul for his community. We’re lucky that we don’t need a whole new shul, but there are some important modifications we must make to our beloved building to make it usable for our current and future needs, and preparing for these modifications has already and will continue to require generous contributions of “gold” from everyone who cares about our shul. There have been lots of hurdles in this project so far, and I’m sure more challenges lay ahead. But we’ve got wonderful people working on it and I do hope that during my absence we’ll make some important progress. I look forward to coming back and resuming my active involvement in taking this complex project to the next step. I hope everyone will find a way to help.

Lehitraot,

Rabbi Ed
Pesach this year begins on Friday March 30. We wish the entire Narayever family a chag sameah.

**Services**

Yom Tov services will be held beginning at 9:00 am on Shabbat March 31 (with Tefilat Tal), Sunday April 1, Friday April 6, and Shabbat April 7 (with Yizkor and Shir HaShirim).

We do not serve kiddush lunch during Pesach.

**Seder Matching**

Every year we endeavour to match shul members with other Narayever families for a Passover seder. If you would like to be hosted for a seder or if you would like to open your seder to guests from the shul, please contact David Barkin at fn.meal.matching@gmail.com or call (416) 948-0850.

Following are some notes and information pertaining to the upcoming chag:

**Food Drive**

Please consider helping others of limited means observe a proper Pesach. One way to participate in the mitzvah of maot hittin is to contribute to the National Council of Jewish Women’s food drive. This drive provides Pesach food for over 10,000 people in the GTA, and the NCJW must raise $125,000 in order to be able to do it. To donate, either go to http://www.ncjwc-ts.org/ or call (416) 633-5100. Please let them know if you can help with deliveries. If you would like a Pesach food basket from NCJW, contact NCJW directly.

**Financial Assistance**

Pesach can be a very expensive holiday to observe properly. Are you in need of financial assistance to keep a kosher yontif? Rabbi Elkin has special funds set aside for members of the congregation in this situation, so don’t be bashful! Please contact the rabbi, in full confidence, at (416) 487-4200, or rabbi@narayever.ca.

The rabbi will be back from his sabbatical after Feb. 20.

**Kashering Your Kitchen**

If you would like information about kashering your kitchen for Pesach, please contact Rabbi Elkin.
Authorization of Agent to Sell Hametz – Meḥirat Hametz

There are four ways we fulfill the biblical mitzvah of ridding ourselves of hametz before Passover: 1. We clean our homes. 2. We burn any remaining crumbs. 3. We verbally declare that any hametz in our possession is worthless, nullified, and no longer owned by us. 4. In order to ensure that there is no question about our intent to remove hametz from our possession, we sell hametz to a non-Jew.

You will have to do the cleaning, burning, and nullification. But we can assist you in the sale of your hametz, if you delegate that authority to me. If you would like me to do so, please send the form below to me. You may either drop the form at the shul, or mail it to 187 Brunswick Ave., M5S 2M4, or fax it to 416-927-0486, or scan/email it to rabbi@narayever.ca. We need to receive the form by the end of the work day on Wednesday March 28 at the latest in order to take care of this for you.

I, ____________________________________, (acting on behalf of and with the authorization of my entire family) hereby authorize Rabbi Edward Elkin to act as my agent to sell the hametz that may be at home, at my place of business, or elsewhere, in accordance with the requirements and provisions of Jewish law. I have placed my hametz and mixtures and objects containing hametz in specially designated storage areas within my home, which is at:

First Address:
Second Address:
Signature:
Date:

YOM HASHOAH COMMEMORATION

Our annual Yom Hashoah commemoration will be held on Wednesday evening April 11. Please join us as we come together to honour the memory of those murdered in the Shoah. Mincha will begin at 6:45 pm and the full Holocaust Remembrance ceremony will follow from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. We will listen to readings and music, light memorial candles, recite the names of family members who perished, and participate in song and prayer.
The Ontario Municipal Board hearing on our proposal to renew our building and make it accessible has finally concluded. The third and last day of the appeal took place on Thursday, January 18. Two previous days of hearings were held on June 19 and August 25, 2017.

January 18 was an intensive day at the OMB’s offices on Bay Street in downtown Toronto. The final day included cross-examination, rebuttal testimony and final summations by our lawyer Ron Kanter and by lawyers representing the city and a group of neighbors.

It’s been a long and laborious process to get to this point. We still await a ruling by the Ontario Municipal Board, hopefully in the next month or so.

In the meantime, our thanks for the huge amount of work done by Ron Kanter (who is himself a member of the Narayever) who led the appeal along with architect Janna Levitt of LGA and planner Tony Volpentrata of Bousfields, both of whom gave expert testimony on behalf of the Narayever. As well, our thanks to Narayever members Ali Engel-Yan, Gary Lichtblau and Liz Bohnen, who each gave important evidence at the hearing to bolster our case.

A significant development in recent days was a decision by the Narayever Executive and the Building Task Force to make an alteration to the proposal, agreeing to drop the part of our plan that called for a small basement extension at the back of the building. The City of Toronto had objected to that extension. As a result of that decision, the City of Toronto no longer has any objection to our project. Councillor Joe Cressy, the city councillor for our neighbourhood, wrote a letter to the congregation that reads in part:

“City Planning staff are satisfied that your application now fulfills the conditions of approval that they recommended to the Committee of Adjustment and the Ontario Municipal Board. I am writing today to inform you that I support the revised application, and look forward to continuing to work together to build our community in the future.”

Councillor Cressy’s letter was submitted as evidence to the OMB hearing. We thank Councillor Cressy for his support.

We’re optimistic that we’ll get a favourable ruling from the OMB. If we do, there’s a lot of work ahead of us, both in design work and fundraising. After the OMB decision we will be holding a Special General Meeting of the membership, where we will present design, financing and fundraising plans for approval. With the approval of the membership, with funding in place, and with continuing intensive consultation with the membership, we will then proceed with building this long-awaited project. It’s our hope that after so much effort, we will have a building that meets our current needs, that reflects our values of inclusivity, and that will provide a lasting legacy for our children and for the downtown Jewish community.

Anna Pace & Harry Schachter
Building Task Force Co-chairs
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GROWING UP INDIGENOUS AND JEWISH

Post-Kiddush program with Shawn Adler

Saturday February 10, 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm, at the shul

Don’t miss a fascinating post-kiddush talk by Shawn Adler, sponsored by the Food Committee in conjunction with our Indigenous-themed lunch. Shawn has a rich and fascinating family history. His mother and her family are survivors of residential schools, while his father’s parents were survivors of the Holocaust. Shawn will speak about growing up in an Indigenous/Jewish family as well as offering an Indigenous commentary on this week’s Torah portion – Parsha Mishpatim. He is the owner/chef of Pow Wow Cafe in Kensington Market.

THE DARK SIDE OF HUMANITY: Rape in the Tanakh

Post-Kiddush program with Carl Ehrlich

Saturday, March 3, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, at the shul

The Tanakh is a text that touches on many aspects of human existence, including the dark sides. In this talk, we will be looking at biblical passages that deal with the issue of rape. Texts to be considered include narratives and poetry, as well as legal and prophetic texts. Ultimately, we will see that there are a number of biblical views on the subject, some of which may be disturbing to the modern reader, while others sound quite contemporary.

Carl Ehrlich is Professor of Hebrew Bible in the Department of Humanities at York University, where he has also served as Coordinator of Religious Studies. He has authored *The Philistines in Transition: A History from ca. 1000-730 B.C.E.* (1996), *Understanding Judaism* (2004, republished: 2010), and *Bibel und Judentum: Beiträge aus dem christlich-jüdischen Gespräch* (2004), as well as numerous articles and chapters. His current projects include a cultural history of Moses, a new annotated translation of the *Hebrew Bible* into German, a commentary on *Chronicles*, and a collection of essays on purity and holiness in ancient Israel, Judaism, and Christianity.
THE HIDDEN HISTORY AND MEANING OF THE AFIKOMEN

Rabbi Ed’s Pre-Passover shiur

Post-Kiddush Saturday, March 24, 1:30 pm – 2:30

As preparation for the upcoming Seders, explore the deeper intention behind one of the most well known and beloved, but least understood, components of the Passover ritual. Take home texts and ideas for making your own afikomen hiding-and-seeking meaningful, as well as fun.

MUSLIMS AND JEWS

Post-Kiddush program with Bernie Farber

Saturday, March 17, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm, at the shul

A proud fighter for human rights, Bernie Farber is one of Canada’s leading experts on minority and human rights, race relations and antisemitism. He served for seven years as the CEO of the Canadian Jewish Congress and for two years as the Executive Director of the Mosaic Institute. He was appointed by the Attorney-General of Ontario to serve on the Hate Crimes Community Working Group and was awarded an Ontario certificate of merit by the Premier of Ontario and the Canadian 125 Medal by the Governor-General of Canada for his work in Race Relations.

He recently received the prestigious Meir Medical Center’s Medal of Honour for his human rights work in Canada and internationally. He is a champion of inter-ethnic cooperation and social justice.

Program details to follow in Narayever Net.

SPECIAL SHIUR

With Avivah Zornberg

Sunday, April 29, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, at the downtown MNjcc*

A leading Israeli Torah commentator, Avivah Zornberg studied Torah from childhood with her father, a Rabbi and the head of the Rabbinical Court in Glasgow. She holds a BA and PhD in English Literature from Cambridge University. For the past thirty years, she has taught Torah in Jerusalem at Matan, Yakar, Pardes and the Jerusalem College for Adults. She travels widely, lecturing in Jewish, academic and psychoanalytic settings. She has authored Moses: A Human Life (2016), The Murmuring Deep: Reflections on the Biblical Unconscious (2009), and commentaries on the Books of Genesis, Exodus and Numbers.

Program details to follow in Narayever Net.

*This will be a paid event; tickets $10 - $15/person
TEFILLAH COACH’S MESSAGE

We have inherited a system of set times and prayers, or liturgy, laid out in a specified order in a book that is named for that order, the siddur. This fixed, standardized routine, referred to as keva in Hebrew, represents one key aspect of Jewish prayer. It is keva that makes praying together as a community possible.

The other anchoring aspect is kavanna – intention or sincerity. A balance between following the prescribed routine and heartfelt expression is what tefillah requires. Too much reliance on the ritual aspect of prayer was a problem that the prophet Isaiah (29:13) decried: “the people honor me with their lips while their hearts are far from me, their worship of me is a mitzvah learned by rote…”

Rashi, commenting on this verse, understood rote as “failure to worship God with a complete heart.” (It is no coincidence that the name of our siddur is Lev Shalem, complete heart)

Even Maimonides, the great rationalist, understood prayer as a time for the heart to open. For that to happen, according to Rabbi Jay Michaelson, the mind gives the heart permission, and the needs of the heart are not submitted to the cynical audit of the intellect.

How might we get there? Here are some thoughts and suggestions from a variety of spiritual teachers as compiled in Rabbi Mike Comins’ book, Making Prayer Real:

“I find my kavanna through trying to be deeply honest with myself and with God. I express all my vulnerability and fears and helplessness in prayer. How do I prepare for that? I just tell myself, you are in a sacred space. Be honest. And I am.” —Rabbi Zoe Klein

“A little with kavanna is better than a lot without. One minute where you really mean what you say is better than a million mumbled words.” —Yitzhak Buxbaum

“Linger with a phrase that touches you. Find a prayer that really opens your heart. It may be just one line from a prayer. Give yourself permission to dwell on that prayer. It’s depth that’s important, not volume. It’s not getting through the siddur. It’s not even getting through the prayer. You’re looking for the words that are going to spring the latch on your heart.” —Rabbi Tirzah Firestone

The essential prayer of those wishing to pray is: May my prayer be enough. The unspoken prayer behind it is: May my being be enough.” —Rabbi Debra Orenstein

“At the start of the amida, we silently say, Adonai seftai tiftach – please, God, open my lips. I’ll say it one time or ten, until I am focused and ready to continue. Only then do I start the amida.” —Rabbi Mike Comins

What to do when you don’t feel it? You can make your lack of yearning an object of your yearning. It’s really powerful. It’s part of the process of dealing with what is instead of what isn’t. What is, is that I feel dead. So work with that. Prayer is working with what is. (Rabbi David Ingber) And, as Rabbi Zalman Shachter-Shalomi would say: “Don’t let your theology get in the way of your spiritual life!”

If you would like to lead the congregation in prayer, please contact me at tefillah@narayever.ca.

Ruth Rohn
Tefillah Coach
There are so many ways to get the entire family involved in a rich, Jewish life at the Narayever. Take a look through all of the exciting programs coming up in February, March and April!

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Yom Hazikaron

*Kids ages 10 through 18: Please join us in creating a meaningful commemoration for our Yom Hazikaron ceremony. We'll need ushers, readers, singers, musicians, and help with tech/set-up/clean-up. Please email Sabrina at sabrina@narayever.ca to volunteer.

Rehearsals will be:
Sunday March 25, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Sunday March 18, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Sunday April 8, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Sunday April 15, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm (dinner included before ceremony)

SHUTAFIM: DOWNTOWN PARTNERS

For kids in grades 2 - 6: Literally meaning “Partners”, Shutafim is a collaborative project between the Miles Nadal JCC, Habonim Dror-Camp Gesher and The First Narayever Congregation. An exciting, new, bi-monthly initiative to bring together the mid-aged kids in our downtown community through informal, educational, fun, social programming that is focused on Jewish culture and Israel engagement with our ShinShinim.

Next Shutafim Programs: Sundays February 4 and March 4 @ MNjcc 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm.

Save the date! Our last program of the year will be Sunday May 27, MNjcc 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm.

YOM HAZIKARON AND YOM HA’AZTMAUT

Please help us celebrate Sunday April 15 at 5:00 pm

The Narayever community is warmly invited to help us mark Yom Hazikaron (Israeli Remembrance Day) with a commemorative ceremony. Our wonderful ShinShinim, Gal and Itay would love to have you at this meaningful event that uniquely embodies their experience of this important day on the Israeli calendar. Following our Yom Hazikaron ceremony, you are enthusiastically encouraged to stick around and help us celebrate Yom Ha’atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) as a community at 5:45 pm. Snacks, treats, drinks and a lovely celebration will be enjoyed by all! The entire combined event will conclude by 6:30 pm.

CHALUTZIM

All Chalutzim programs are for teens in grades 8 - 12. An awesome way to gather with your Narayever friends and Sabrina, and to get to know the ShinShinim!

Next program: Saturday February 24, details to come in Narayever Net.

In March and April, we hope you’ll join the rehearsals for Yom Hazikaron.

Save the date! Our last event of the year will be June 3.
EVENTS FOR FAMILIES

LAST HAVDALLAH OF THE SEASON

Saturday February 10, 6:30 pm

A moving, family-friendly, musical Havdallah experience for kids and grown-ups alike. If you want that extra kick of ritual in your family members’ lives, come say the blessings, sing, hear a story, do a craft and have a light snack with Sabrina.

The Narayever is taking an active role in all of the downtown “Grooves” this year. These are an excellent way for families to connect with our wider downtown Jewish community and institutional partners. The Grooves provide a space for families to explore multiple dimensions of Judaism, through activities and fun. Save the date! Sunday May 6 will be our Lag B’Omer celebration!

FAMILIES

When a program is designated for “families”, we are targeting the content for kids under bat/bar mitzvah age.

PURIM

Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm

Rather than holding a separate early program for families this year we feel it will be beneficial for the community to incorporate all ages into one main celebration for the entire shul. Please see the Narayever Net for more details closer to the date!

UPCOMING GROOVES

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February 19 - Purim/Family Day combo event, @ MNjcc, time TBD

March 25 - Pesach themed, near Yonge/St. Clair, time TBD

April 22 - Yom Ha’atzmaut themed, @ MNjcc, time TBD
FROM YOUR SHINSHINIM

-Gal & Itay

We recently got back from our break in Israel with our families and friends. We had a great time and it was just in time to recharge our batteries for the second part of the year. We can’t wait to continue our work here and to learn even more about the community and to become even more a part of it!

We’ve enjoyed our movie nights, participating in the bat/bar mitzvah class, and taking part in the shul’s Youth Shabbat. We are so looking forward to the upcoming opportunities to spend time with this wonderful community!

We have some great activities planned for folks of all ages - check out the information below:

ACTIVITIES:

Havdallah
For families with kids up to bat/bar mitzvah age
Saturday February 10, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Shutafim (grades 2 - 6), partners with Habonim Dror-Camp Gesher and MNjcc, Sundays February 4 and March 4, 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm at the MNjcc

Chalutzim (grades 8 - 12), Sunday February 24, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Zikaron Ba'Salon (Engaging, smaller Yom Hashoah Program) Thursday evening, April 12, 7:00 pm

Yom Hazikaron/Yom Ha’atzmaut Ceremony (see details on page 11) Sunday April 15, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Movie Night
Tuesday February 13, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Above: Our 2017-2018 bat/bar mitzvah students, parents, Rabbi Ed, Sabrina and our ShinShinim took a field trip to a local Toronto mosque to meet with the Imam Dr. Shehab and learn more about Islam. We found the trip informative, illuminating and valuable!
CELEBRATIONS

PURIM

Purim is coming sooner than you think, **Wednesday Evening February 28, 6:30 pm**

- Come listen to Megillat Esther!
- See this year’s ‘Schmaltzy’ ‘Grease’ inspired shpiel, directed and adapted by Erica Denburg and Sabrina Friedman.
- Play new carnival games made by our own First Narayever youth.
- Parade your costume and win recognition for your cuteness, wit, sweetness, and ensemble.
- Eat delicious hamantaschen prepared by our member volunteers.

- Support the b’nei mitzvah class’s tzedakah project by buying mishloach manot from them.
- Help us reuse and reduce:
  - ASAP: Please donate gently used or never opened toys and games as carnival prizes. Place them in the blue boxes in the basement labelled ‘Purim prizes’.
  - Please bring a box of macaroni, pasta or rice that you can shake as a gregor while you listen to the megillah. ‘Gregors’ will be collected and donated to a food bank.

Thank you to Sabrina Friedman for your help with the Hanukkah party, leading Havdalah and candle lighting and screening the movie, and to Rachel Zilberg for expanding her kitchen once again when our numbers increased at the last minute and providing us with a generous, delicious and nutritious feast, and to Marsha Frydenberg for reassuring us and for keeping track of the RSVPs. Thank you as well to all the members who made the evening so warm and uplifting. And thank you to Erica Denburg and Sabrina Friedman for your help with the Tu B’shvat Seder and to Rachel Zilberg for preparing and serving the scrumptious festive meal.

Jill Magen-Lichtblau
celebrations@narayever.ca

THANK YOUS

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Check Narayever Net in April for information about Lag B’Omer.
FOOD COMMITTEE:
Narayever’s Fourth Annual Self-Catered Kiddush

February 10

Members of the Food Committee and additional Narayever community volunteers will be preparing a kosher, healthy, local, organic, lunch for the congregation, putting the shul’s food policies into practice. Look forward to an Indigenous-themed culinary experience guided by Shawn Adler, the chef/owner of Kensington Market’s Pow Wow Café. Kosher and organic ingredients will be sourced from Indigenous growers and suppliers. Shawn will be giving a post Kiddush talk about being Indigenous in Canada during truth and reconciliation. Warm your hearts and stomachs at this delicious annual winter Shabbat event!

MEMBERSHIP:
Shul Field Trip to a Blue Jays Game

Sunday, June 10, 1:07pm

With the cold and snow, what better way to feel warm than thinking about baseball. Yes, once again we will have The Narayever’s annual pilgrimage to the Roger’s Centre to see the Blue Jays play. This year the game is against Baltimore. We have seats in the 500 level, but in rows lower down than last year, and we have some discounted tickets for children. Save the date!

For more information contact Francine at francinedick@gmail.com.

Three of Our Newest Members:

Mazel Tov To...

- Monica Miller on the birth of her granddaughter
- Sarah Finkelstein & Daniel Beiles, on the birth of their son
- Miriam Schlanger on the birth of her new great-granddaughter
- Cheryl Wetzstein & Howard Bogolmony, on the birth of their grandson
- Derek and Robin Penslar, on the birth of their granddaughter
COMMUNICATION

Since converting to an online version of the Narayever Newsletter, the communications committee has been able to carefully track the readership metrics. Based on the statistics, it would appear that, apart from the Rabbi’s message, very few people are reading articles in the newsletter on-line. This indicates that information we would like people to have is not being effectively disseminated. The Narayever has recently hired a new graphic designer, and we are proud of the professional look and content of our publication – which combines news about the shul with reflections by the rabbi, lay leaders, and members of our community.

In addition to being a means of communicating with our membership, the Narayever Newsletter is the most effective marketing tool we have to advertise our shul and all that it is has to offer. Online delivery restricts readership to people who are already members; printed newsletters can be used to advertise Narayever programming to a broader audience. We also feel that the hard copy is more likely to be retained and looked at later than the digital version. For all these reasons, the communications committee has decided that it is in the shul’s best interest to go back to printed newsletters that will be mailed out to members as our default method of delivery. Those who still wish to read it online can request to have a pdf version emailed to them. (If you would like to choose this option, please email the shul office at admin@narayever.ca.) Going back to mailing the newsletter will involve an increased cost -- but having recently cut down from 6 to 4 newsletters annually, the increase in cost will not be as substantial as it otherwise would have been in previous years. Moreover, the shul has negotiated a bulk rate with Canada Post, which will substantially reduce postage fees. As always, members will be encouraged to recycle the newsletters after reading.

We hope you enjoy the Narayever News. We are grateful to our volunteer editor Tama Soble and to all those who contribute to producing it. If you have any comments, please be in touch with me at communications@narayever.ca.

Susan Starkman,
Communications Committee Chair
COMMUNITY OUTREACH: A Letter About the Impact of Our Bi-Monthly Kensington Gardens Services

Dear Kensington Garden Shabbat Service Volunteers and representatives of the First Narayever Congregation,

On behalf of my family (my mother, Sylvia, my brother Jonathan and his wife Mory and their children Binyamin, Nathan, Yehudis and Naomi), we wish to thank you for the selfless mitzvah you perform twice a month at Kensington Gardens running a Shabbat service for the Jewish residents there including our mother Sylvia who gets so much nachas out of your efforts. Thank you too for celebrating so many of the Jewish holidays with the KG residents. Sylvia very much appreciated the Hannukah celebration you made for the residents in December and enjoyed singing the festive songs and playing the dreidel game.

I can tell you from just our mother’s perspective that being in a long-term care facility limits one’s access to celebrate one’s dearly held cultural heritage traditions and beliefs. You give that gift to each Jewish KG resident every two weeks.

It gives my family great comfort and happiness to know that she has the service to look forward to every two weeks. Sometimes I can make it and enjoy being part of the service. However, when I can’t attend, it’s very reassuring to know that she will be amongst her Jewish friends at Kensington Gardens who will help her celebrate her cultural traditions and rituals on a regular basis. We know that your good work helps to sustain Sylvia and the other Jewish residents spiritually and culturally in the twilight of their lives.

The recent donation from my brother Jonathan and his wife Mory in honour of the KG volunteers from the First Narayever Congregation is a reflection of our ongoing appreciation. We are forever thankful to all of you for what you do. Please keep up the good work and may the holy one be with you and keep you healthy and safe as you continue to perform your wonderful mitzvot.

Yoshakoyach!

Jeremy (Collins), Sylvia’s son
Israel Sholom (Sheldon) Langner, the spiritual leader, chazzan and president who ushered out the original Orthodox Narayever congregation when our new gender egalitarian congregation arose, died on December 5, 2017.

Described as the “spiritual light to the downtown Jewish community, a humble, gentle, wise man who shared his love of Torah with so many others,” he was remembered as a scholar and a “wonderful man with a beautiful voice.”

Sholom Langner was the son of Rabbi Shlomo Langner, who served as rabbi of the First Narayever Congregation for fifty years from 1923 until his death in 1973. Sholom Langner was the grandson of the Chassidic Streitiner Rabbi of Galicia in the Ukraine and the sixth generation of spiritual leaders in his family from the town of Streitin, located only a few miles away from our namesake town of Narayev.

Born in Toronto, Langner attended Central Tech and Harbord Collegiate high schools. He was also in the trucking business, saying, “I’d rather work with roughnecks,” than be dependent on the community.

In the 1960s Langner became the chazzan of Congregation Shaarei Tzedec, the “Markham St. Shul.” He became directly involved with the Narayever in the mid-1970s after the death of its two central leaders, the gabbai and the president. The aging members of the board (which never met) asked Sholom to become president and Professor Stuart Schoenfeld to be secretary.

Schoenfeld became president of the Narayever in the late Seventies and started the process toward egalitarianism. He vividly recalls some of Narayever history involving Langner during that transitional period.

When under Schoenfeld’s initiative the congregation elected a more inclusive board of new younger members, Sholom declined to continue as president or board member.

When the new board initiated the egalitarian minyan, Sholom took the group to court. Along with a few older members who did not even attend services, he petitioned for an injunction, arguing that if a congregation had been founded as Orthodox, subsequent members could not change its ritual practices. The judge declined to issue the injunction, declaring that the state should not intervene in a dispute within a religious body.

Sholom Langner continued to lead services at Markham Street. Despite the break with the Narayever, Schoenfeld recalls that whenever he visited that shul Langner was “always calm, never angry and never made personal attacks. He led services with a quiet, dedicated manner with simple but lovely melodies and sincerity.” He served Markham Street for over half a century.

Langner was known for his wealth of knowledge about downtown Jewish history, and as being a beacon of Judaism, especially during the years just before World War II, when the Jewish population felt increasing pressures, such as being forced to work on Shabbat, to assimilate into mainstream society. In his later years, Langner was also involved with Ohr Somayach, an outreach organization, and led the davening at Cedarvale Terrace nursing home, which he described as one of the most rewarding experiences of his career.
TIKKUN OLAM AND INDIGENOUS REALITIES

by Lesley Turner and Ben Carniol

Just as anti-Semitism did not end with the Holocaust, so too further efforts to obliterate community-based Indigenous governance, and Indigenous title to land are continuing today. Examples are non-Indigenous developments on Indigenous land that include ski resorts, golf courses, power dams, plus the web of mining and fossil fuel industries along with their pipelines.

Tikkun Olam, inviting us to repair the world, means we cannot remain by-standers. For example, today more chaos is being inflicted by child welfare policies upon Indigenous families and communities. We need to support Indigenous leaders’ call for an infusion of health, educational, legal, and social service delivery based on Indigenous cultural values and Indigenous knowledge. Yet governments claim they have no money to fund such initiatives. Meanwhile, we learn from leaked documents (Paradise Papers) that wealthy Canadians and their corporations are hiding their wealth in offshore tax havens, causing over $8 billion of taxes not collected. That must change.

Just as we oppose those who fuel Holocaust denial, it is natural for us to stand with Indigenous communities who are breaking their silence to express their human rights. It is time for all non-Indigenous Canadians to fully respect Indigenous communities, and make amends for past and present abuses against America’s original people. That is why we are so pleased with the initiatives taken by our shul, under the leadership of Pippa Feinstein to learn about ways to correct such injustices: by first learning the truth, then by building bridges with Indigenous communities.

Lesley and Ben are both shul members. Lesley is the shul librarian. Ben is a social work educator.
ANNOUNCING OUR 2018 YOM KIPPUR APPEAL RECIPIENTS

Over this year’s High Holidays, our community was able to raise over $52,000 for charities here in the GTA and in Israel. Below are this year’s recipients of our Social Action Fund:

**Heart to Heart** brings 10 Jewish Israeli and 10 Palestinian Israeli youth to Canada to spend time with one another and hear from and interact with the Jewish, Muslim, and Arab communities in the GTA. Through these experiences and dialogues they are encouraged to help promote peace in Israel upon their return home.

**Krembo Wings** provides much-needed recreational opportunities for marginalized children and youth with disabilities in Israel. The organization is also dedicated to providing safe spaces for cross-cultural understanding between its diverse attendees as well as important dialogues about inclusion of those with special needs in Israel.

**Ve’ahavta’s mobile response to homelessness** is dedicated to responding to the needs of the marginalized and vulnerable, both Jewish and non-Jewish, via a van that provides food and harm reduction supplies to Toronto’s homeless community.

**Jewish Free Loan** is a micro-financing organization that provides interest-free loans to members of the Jewish community in need, helping them to be financially self-sufficient and maintain their dignity during times of financial hardship.

**Merchavim** is an Israeli non-profit dedicated to promoting diversity and inclusion in schools across the country. Narayever funding will be put towards their “Art of Kulanana” program which provides an opportunity for 9 – 12 year olds from diverse backgrounds (Arab, Israeli, secular and ultra-orthodox Jews, and others) to get to learn about one another and build bridges between their communities through various art projects. Funds were also given to assist with their capacity-building efforts and grow the number and types of communities receiving their educational programming and other resources to promote cultural and religious pluralism in Israeli schools.

**Kashouvat** is an Israeli initiative that brings pastoral care into medical and community settings across the country. Its model is unique as it provides spiritual care to aging ill people in healthcare institutions, something that isn’t otherwise institutionalized in Israel.

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**First Interfaith Out of the Cold Program** provides some much needed relief to the homeless in Toronto. Many members of our congregation have been very active with Out of the Cold for a number of years.

**Leket** is Israel’s largest food bank and food rescue network. It collects and redistributes excess food across the country in order to feed those in need.

A warm thank you to all those in our community who gave so generously. Our shul is the only synagogue to provide financial assistance to many of these organizations. It’s a true testament to our shared vision to be a compassionate and conscientious force in the world and to assist those in need together.

Pippa Feinstein
*Social Action Committee Chair*
Thank you to everyone who donated to our annual Yom Kippur tzedakah appeal. The names listed below reflect donations received as of early January. A further list of donors will appear in the next Newsletter. We deeply appreciate the generosity of our members.
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Thank you to everyone who donated to our annual Rosh Hashanah appeal. The names listed below reflect donations received as of early January. A further list of donors will appear in the next Newsletter. We deeply appreciate the generosity of our members and other friends.
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October 13, 2017
Kiddush Sponsored by: Tammy Simon and Andrew Posluns, in honour of Mira’s Bat Mitzvah.

Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Neil Shore; Etti Miller, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Meyer Blitz; and Isabel and Mendll Malkin, in honour of the yahrzeit of Isabel’s mother Clarice Michel.

October 21, 2017
Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Kathy Michel Levene, in memory of Clarice Michel; May and Daniel Friedman, in memory of Brenda Wolpert’s husband and Orrin Wolpert’s father, Ron Wolpert; Berniie, Justin and Cassandra Feder, in honour of the yahrzeit of their wife and mother Nita Frenkel; Janet Horowitz and Sol Hermolin, in honour of David Cheater becoming Hatan Torah; Isabel and Mendell Malkin, in memory of Ron Wolpert; Trudy Schetter, in honour of Rabbi Ed and Linda, thanking them for their openness, hospitality and generosity all the time.

October 28, 2017
Donations to the Kiddush were made by Perla and Ron Riesenberg, in honour of the aufruf of their son Ariel Riesenberg and Elizabeth Gersh; Joel Edelson, in memory of Ron Wolpert; Miriam Diamond, in memory of Ron Wolpert; Roz Train, in memory of Ron Wolpert; Liz Bohnen, in memory of Ron Wolpert; Liz Bohnen, in memory of Lily Sarno’s father Vito Sarno; Jim Davis and Anna Korteweg, in memory of Ron Wolpert; Leslie Rubin and Rabbi Miles Cohen, in honour of the congregation; Anne Matlow and John Bohnen, wishing Anita Shir-Jacobi good health; Sue Weinstein and Shaun Singer, in memory of Paul Cohen’s father Leonard Cohen; Gill Lefkowitz and Gary Clement, in memory of Leonard Cohen.

November 4, 2017
Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Danna Brown and Nathanael Stoffman, in honour of the baby-naming of their daughter; Shelly Weiss and Abby and Jenna Greenbloom, in honour of the yahrzeit of their father and grandfather Erne Wet; Lesley and Peter Sevitt, in honour of the yahrzeit of Peter’s father Simon Sevitt; Kathryn Polson Ferguson, in memory of Frances Enchum’s husband Don Watteam; Margie and Andy Gann, with thoughts of Anita Shir-Jacobi; Justine Silver, in honour of the yahrzeit of her husband Stewart Silver; Lili Little and Mitchel Smith, in honour of the birth of Julie Tepperman and Aaron Williis’s new baby.

November 11, 2017
Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Rhona Phillips-Carniol and family, in honour of Ben’s special birthday; Jackie Silverberg, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Harry Silverberg; Lili Little and Mitchel Smith, in honour of the yahrzeit of Lili’s father Alexander Chernick; Sue Weinstein and Shaun Singer, in honour of the yahrzeit- en of Sue’s parents ethelda and Belmore Weinstein; Peter and Elaine Gold, wishing Anita Shir-Jacobi a refua shlema, in memory of Ron Wolpert, and in honour of the birth of Julie Tepperman and Aaron

November 11, 2017 Cont’d
Williis’s new baby; Ursula Loewenstein, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Arthur Levita; Barbara Bock and Eric Letovsky, in memory of Leonard Cohen; and Sharon Weintraub, in honour of the birth of Julie Tepperman and Aaron Williis’s new baby.

November 18, 2017
Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Ben Carniol and Rhona Carniol-Phillips, in honour of the yahrzeit of Ben’s brother Eddy Cohen; Percy Schacter, Marla Schacter and Kevin Hanson, Sophie and Hailey Hanson, in honour of the yahrzeit of Estelle Schacter; Sandra Kamenir, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Minnie Kamenir; Krista Phillips and the family of the late Mr. Louis M. Phillips, in honour of Simcha Ben Abraham; Debra and Michael Pinkus, in honour of the baby-naming of their new daughter; Roz Train, in honour of Julie Tepperman and Aaron Williis’s new baby; Harry Schachter, in honour of the yahrzeit of Donna Schachter.

November 25, 2017
Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Rhona Carniol-Phillips and Ben Carniol, in honour of the yahrzeit of Rhona’s father Sydney Phillips; Faye Librach and Harvey Roff, in honour of Ryan Peck for his award for social justice from the Ontario AIDS Network; Ron Golden, in honour of the yahrzeit of his father Harry Golden.

December 2, 2017
Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Tara Glazer and Jon Chakim, in honour of the baby-naming of their daughter; Rachel and Rabbi Joseph Ben David, in honour of the yahrzeit of Rachel’s brother David Dadia; Cyril Press, in honour of the yahrzeit of his father Abraham Press; Shelley Adler and Paul Cohen, in memory of Leonard Cohen; Isabel and Mendell Malkin, in honour of Linda and Rabbi Elkin, you may enjoy a rewarding and interesting sabbatical; Joanne Yolles and Lorne Cappe, in honour of Rabbi Elkin; Peikang Dai, in honour of Neil and Betty Colt.

Donations were also received in honour of all the participants in Youth Shabbat from Audrey Macklin; Galina Vaisman and Paul Winestock; Leora Schaefer and David Moscovitch; May and Daniel Friedman; Dan Aw; Anne Rennert Sternthal and Neil Sternthal; Naomi and Dan Strumpf; Ali Abor and Jeffrey Kruzer; Elana Segal and Phillip Maerov; Margo and Daniel Gordon; Tamara Brooks and David Rouymi; Morton Beiser and Timothy Hunt; Jennifer Cohen and Ryan Penn; Jennifer Friedland; Rachael Cayley and Mitch Davis; Robert Weinstein and Norbert Kolb; Aurora Mendelson and Louis Kalikow; Joanne and Brian Pukier; Rosemary Li-Houpt and Simon Houpt; Dara Roth-Edney and Peter Edney; Rachel and Brenda Wolpert; and Sharon Weintraub, in honour of the birth of Julie Tepperman and Aaron Williis’s new baby.

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December 9, 2017
Kiddush Sponsored by: Tamar Flanders and Justin Geagea, in honour of Ezra’s Bar Mitzvah.

Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Anne Matlow, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Esther Matlow; Abigail Carpenter-Winch and Sarah Brodbar-Nemzer, in honour of the yahrzeit of Max Dublin’s sister Devorah; Brenda and Jerry Enchin, in honour of Rabbi Elkin and Linda; Ursula Loewenstein, in honour of the yahrzeit of her husband Norbert Loewenstein; Anonymous; Elaine Gold, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Lila Zuker; Earl Weinstein, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Molly Weinstein.

December 16, 2017
Kiddush Sponsored by: Dianne Saxe.

Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Harvey Roff, in honour of his special birthday; Mirch, Jackie, and Danielle Brown, in honour of the yahrzeit of Alice Nusbaum; Beverly Harris, in honour of the yahrzeit of her husband Peter Harris; Brenlee Robinson, in honour of the yahrzeiten of her parents Connie and Myles Robinson; Judith Librach, Ryan, Ella and Jesse Peck, in honour of Harvey Roff’s special birthday; Micky Fraterman, in honour of Dianne Saxe’s special birthday; Shaya Petroff, in honour of Dianne Saxe’s special birthday; Ruth Leneman and Harvey Savage, in honour of the yahrzeit of Ruth’s sister Alice Nusbaum.

December 23, 2017
Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Andrea Most and Alan Ackerman, in memory of Karen Weisman’s mother Sandra Weisman; Ben Carniol and Rhona Phillips, in honour of the yahrzeit of Ben’s brother Sid Cohen; Anonymous; Joan Judge-Fogel and Joshua Fogel, in memory of Sandra Weisman; Susan Starkman, Richard and Miles Gilbert, in memory of Sandra Weisman; Aurora Mendelsohn and Louis Kalikow, in memory of Sandra Weisman; Susan and Jack Goldberg, in memory of Ann Minden.

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Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Sylvia Bashevkin, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother, Esther Bashevkin; Lorne Propas, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother, Pearl Propas; Anna Korteweg and Jim Davis, in memory of Sandra Weisman; and Janet Horowitz, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father, Manny Kirschenbaum.

January 6, 2018
Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Roger Chaplin and Anonymous.

January 13, 2018
Donations to the kiddush fund were made by Mory Macleod and Jonathan Stokes in appreciation of the volunteers at Kensington Gardens; Jodi Segal, in honour of the yahrzeit of his father Joshua Isaac Segal.

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• Sheldon Howard, in memory of his mother Goldie Howard
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• Marc Cormier, in memory of Kathleen MacKinnon
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• Keren and Shalom Camenietzki, in honour of the yahrzeit of their son Daniel Camenietzki
• Harry Schacter and Lily Sarno in honour of the yahrzeit of Harry’s father Phillip Schacter
• Lesley Turner and Joanne Patterson, in honour of Rabbi Ed and Linda Lipsky, thanking them for all that they do
• Miriam Shvartsman

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• Sara and Terry Borer
• Jeff Krymalowski, thanking the Narayever for welcoming him to our Sunday minyan to say kaddish for his mom
• Alex Roth, in honour of Harvey Roff’s special birthday
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- Susan Hoffmann, in honour of Philip Berger for being inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame and for his social justice advocacy
- Miriam Diamond, in memory of Esther Schwartz
- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, in honour of Anita Shir-Jacob

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- Helene Jacobs, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Jacob Jacobs
- Roz Train, in memory of Sandra Weisman

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- Beth McAuley, in honour of the yahrzeit of her brother Stuart McAuley
- Jennifer Gold and Nathan Perlis, in memory of Ron Wolpert
- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, in honour of Julie Tepperman and Aaron Willis’s new daughter
- Judy Malkin, in honour of Julie Tepperman and Aaron Willis’s new daughter
- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, in honour of the naming of Nathan Stoffman and Danna Brown’s daughter
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