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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I don't know where the two years have gone, but this is my last President's Message, as I move on to becoming Past President. It has been a joy serving you and working with truly wonderful board members and equally wonderful Rabbi Elkin. Thank you to Marsha Frydenberg and Ariella Eben-Ezra for your excellent and steadfast support.

As I look back, I feel very proud of our joint efforts. Some of these include the work of the Building Task Force and our Capital Campaign Committee developing plans for our exciting and much-needed renovation, the sponsorship of a Syrian refugee family, the launch of the Tefillah Coach project, steady growth in our membership numbers, High Holy Day ticket sales and the Rosh Hashanah appeal bringing us increased financial stability, a very successful Yom Kippur tzedakah appeal and many important and varied social action programs, and equally important adult education programs.



Photo by Victor Helfand

These last two years also saw the introduction of our new Lev Shalem siddur; the development of accessibility guidelines, the dedication of a new cemetery gateway, a number of major fundraising projects, a comprehensive evaluation of our ShinShinim program, many beautiful celebrations and kiddushim, further growth in our youth and family programs, continuing outreach to our wider community, and excellent communications tools including a brand-new logo.

Finally, we are replacing our current database, Rakefet, with ShulCloud, a robust technology and database that will allow us to automate much of our accounting, scheduling, and donations collections. All this on top of our core cycle of beautiful services on Shabbatot and Hagim.

Our Annual General Meeting is on June 11 at 7 pm. At that time, we will welcome a newly elected board and discuss and approve our budget for the next fiscal year. After approval at the AGM, Avi Schonbach and Hart Schwartz will be serving as our new co-presidents. Both of them have a great deal of previous board experience at the Narayever and offer much to the shul.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to close by leaving you with one recent shul experience of mine. One of the joys of our siddur is the beautiful poetry alongside the liturgy. At the end of a particularly stressful week I decided to go to our Friday Kabbalat Shabbat service. There is something so calming for me to be in the moment of that service with its lovely melodies.

While we were chanting *Shiru ladonai shir hadash*, Sing to Adonai a new song, I read the excerpt of a poem by Marge Piercy:

Shabbat moment

....What you have made,
what you have spoiled
let go.
Let twilight empty
the crowded rooms
quiet the jostling colors
to hues of swirling water
pearls of fog.

This is the time
for letting time go
like a released balloon
dwindling.
Tilt your neck and let
your face open to the sky
like a pond catching light
drinking the darkness.



Reading that poem and then turning my attention back to the service allowed me to let go of my stress and be nurtured by the spirituality of the service, to welcome Shabbat, and be with others in our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to be your president – it has been a great honour. Have a wonderful spring and summer.

Liz Bohnen, President, Narayever Board of Governors
president@narayever.ca



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SUNDAY JUNE 11, 7 PM

Welcome a newly elected board, approve our budget for the next fiscal year, hear an update on our shul renovation project, and discuss and vote on a motion pertaining to the shul's policy on accessibility and halacha.

- Babysitting available upon request -- please contact Sabrina Friedman by June 1 at sabrina@narayever.ca.

RABBI'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

The terms "fake news" and "alternative facts" have become essential pieces of today's political lexicon. Deciding which sources of news we can trust has become a critically important civic skill, and there is by no means a consensus in society as to how to go about this. When people are relying on different sources of truth, it's very difficult to have a conversation or debate about the crucial issues which face us as a society.

The situation in which people are unable to effectively dialogue because they are starting from very different premises is of course not new. This problem has been one of the major impediments to religious dialogue for a very long time. When adherents of different faiths with different faith claims encounter each other, it is very hard to find a common starting point for the conversation. What I think of as true because it is part of my sacred Scripture, you may put in the category of "fake news" because you're completely outside the system from which I'm deriving my information and you don't see my Scripture as being Scripture at all. The same goes for encounters between people of religious faith and atheists. The premises from which even the most well-meaning dialogue partners start can be just too far apart to allow for productive dialogue.

At the end of May, we're going to be celebrating the holiday of Shavuot. The ancient rabbis teach that it was on this holiday that God gave the Ten Commandments to our ancestors, and by extension to us as well, at Mt. Sinai. For centuries, most Jews accepted this account as historical fact, and it thus had a profound impact on Jewish life because the authority of Torah and the entirety of the Jewish legal tradition rested on it. But there were always those, both inside the Jewish community and without, who doubted the factual nature of this account. Some were able to use the tools of rabbinic interpretation to derive great spiritual insight from the Torah anyway, but others came to see it essentially as "fake news." Their doubts about, or downright rejection of, the traditional Jewish understanding of what happened at Mt. Sinai shaped their decisions about what kind of Jewish life they would lead, if any.

Sinai is understood in our tradition as a unifying moment. The entire Jewish people was present, heard God's revelation, and entered into the covenant. Our reality is that our people is not united – around politics, belief or practice. We often bemoan our lack of unity, but it is a true reflection of the diversity of our community. In our political discourse it is important to continue to try to establish facts that we can all agree on, so that we can debate the policies most appropriate to address the problems we have identified. This effort is not easy in the current climate, but we can't give up.

In our religious lives, however, I don't believe the establishment of commonly held facts is our goal. The best we can achieve is an acceptance that other people will inevitably be starting from very different places than we are, and have a tolerance for that diversity. Other people's faith beliefs are not "fake news", they're just different from our own.

Rabbi Ed Elkin
rabbi@narayever.ca

On March 26, Anna Pace and Harry Schachter, Chairs of the Building Task Force, led an information session for Narayever members. The goal was to ensure that members clearly understand the renewal project plans and how the Task Force, the Board, and the Executive plan to move forward.

Anna and Harry reiterated the rationale for the project emphasizing the need for a building which is accessible to the disabled, increased programming areas, and an office for the rabbi as well as space for our administrators. The Chairs then walked attendees through the new floor plans highlighting changes pertaining to the sanctuary and basement.

Anna provided an update on our progress including the Committee of Adjustment's decision to reject the proposal in response to neighbours who expressed concerns about parking and increased shading of adjacent property. Anna explained that we are appealing this decision to the Ontario Municipal Board and have a hearing on June 19. If successful, a Special General Meeting will be called in early September to ask for approval from the Narayever congregation for this project. Fundraising will then begin in earnest. Ideally, the construction will start in Spring 2018.

Benjy Cohen, chair of the Capital Campaign Committee, gave an update on fundraising. Of the \$4m budget, we have raised approximately \$1.4 million in pledges from various sources. Donors have responded generously, and Benjy will be encouraging the congregation to "give until it feels good."

During the Q and A, congregants asked thoughtful questions about whether we had considered moving to a new building rather than trying to renovate our existing space. Anna responded that the Task Force and the Board had given that option much consideration but decided that the current location was our best option and that finding another building might prove more expensive. Harry added that if we pursued the option of going with a developer, we would be dependent on their timetable.



Artist's representation of the Narayever renovation

Anna cited the comments of our local city councilor, Joe Cressy, who told the Building Task Force how much he liked the Narayever, and how pleased he was that we were a house of worship that had chosen to rebuild and remain in the neighbourhood, rather than sell and move away as so many congregations have done in the past.

We concluded with heartfelt thanks to our Chairs, Anna Pace and Harry Schachter, who have demonstrated great patience and fortitude.

Natalie Fingerhut, Building Task Force Committee



Yom HaZikaron - Commemorate Israel's Fallen

Yom HaAtzmaut - Celebrate Israel's 69th Independence Day

Tuesday, May 2, 7 pm



The Narayever community is warmly invited to help us mark Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Remembrance Day) with a commemorative ceremony. Our ShinShinim, Yahav and Yuval, would love to have you at this meaningful event that uniquely embodies their experience of this important day on the Israeli calendar.

Following the Yom HaZikaron ceremony, you are enthusiastically encouraged to stick around and help us celebrate Yom HaAtzmaut (Israeli Independence Day) as a community at 7:45 pm. Food, treats, drinks and a lovely celebration will be provided! The entire combined event will conclude by 8:30 pm.



Marc Chagall

SHAVUOT

- May 30 8 pm - Dawn Tikkun Leyl Shavuot (MNjcc)
- May 31 9 am Services
- June 1 9 am Services (Yizkor)

Shavuot begins on Tuesday night May 30. The shul is co-sponsoring the downtown Tikkun Leyl Shavuot that night at the MNjcc, from 8 pm – dawn. Services will take place at shul on Wednesday May 31 and Thursday June 1 beginning at 9 am, each day followed by a Shavuot dairy kiddush lunch. Yizkor will be recited on Thursday June 1.

Please consider donating to our Shavuot kiddush by contacting the shul office at 416.927.0546 or going on *CanadaHelps*.

DOWNTOWN TIKKUN LEIL SHAVUOT: ALL-NIGHT JEWISH LEARNING FESTIVAL

Miles Nadal JCC (750 Spadina Ave at Bloor)

Tuesday, May 30, 8 pm – Dawn • Doors open at 7:30 pm

Co-sponsored by Narayever, the JCC, and other downtown Jewish congregations and organizations. This event is free and all are welcome!

Where Sinai meets Spadina: a full night of community, study, singing, snacking and more! Over 50 sessions reinterpret and re-imagine traditional Jewish texts and open up new community conversations. Special programs for kids, tweens and teens.

All are welcome! Come for the cheesecake. Stay for the learning. Pre-registration strongly encouraged online: www.mnjcc.org/tikkun.

Volunteers needed for hosting the event! Email deannad@mnjcc.org to help out!





COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER WITH OUR SHINSHINIM

FRIDAY MAY 26, 2017

Join us for a fun, family friendly evening of great company, an entertaining program by our ShinShinim, and a delicious Israeli-themed meal.

Call the office at 416.927.0546 to book your spot.

Cost: \$65 max. per family . \$20 adult (13+) .

\$15 child (6-13) . Kids 5 & under - Free . Space is limited!

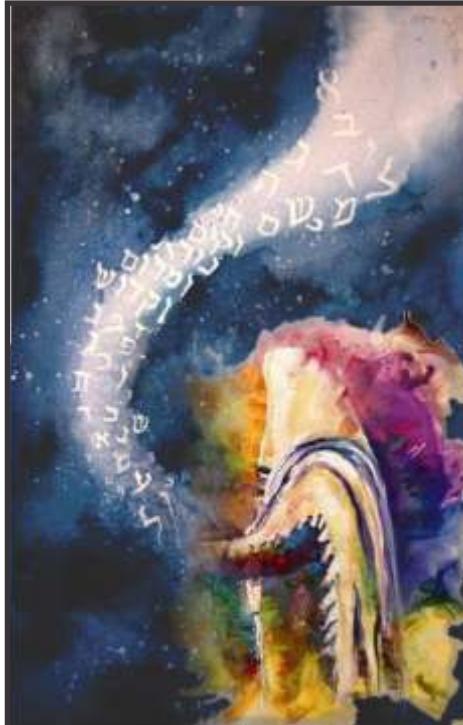
TISHA B'AV

MONDAY NIGHT JULY 31 AND TUESDAY AUGUST 1

Our annual commemoration of Tisha B'Av will take place on Monday night July 31 with a Maariv service beginning at 8:30 pm, followed by a reading of the Book of Eikhah (Lamentations).

If you would like to chant a perek of Eikhah, please contact Rabbi Elkin at rabbi@narayever.ca.

Please join us on this fast day as we commemorate ancient tragedies that befell the Jewish people, and reflect on what it teaches us about our relationship with God, and with each other.



A JOYOUS PURIM

Where were you Saturday evening March 11? The First Narayever was the palace to be! Shushan never looked so fine. The shul was filled to capacity twice over to hear the star-studded shpiel and megillah. The young family crowd was delighted by the first seating of *Return of the Jew-di*, a bissel of megillah, singing with Sabrina Friedman and playing carnival games.

Thank you to our stellar megillah readers: Nora Gold, Nessiya Freedman, Harry Schachter, Sarah Margles, Tanhum Yoreh, Jordan Wosnick, Sarah Colman, Rabbi Ben-David and Fran Sharpe.

Purim started early for the cast of this year's spiel with a dress rehearsal at Wychwood Long Term Care Facility; the audience was dazzled by the performance. Thank you to Erica Denburg for her extraordinary devotion and dedication directing, coordinating, and adapting Jim Davis's *Return of the Jew-di*. Thank you to the amazing and amusing shpiel cast Morris, Shana, Isaac, Dalia, Howard, Hadar, Shalvi, Louis, Isabelle, Sequoia and our inimitable ShinShinim.

Erev Purim ended with the usual judgements rendered and costume creativity recognized during our annual costume parade. The celebrations continued Sunday morning with more megillah.

Thank you to this year's B'nei Mitzvah class and the other Narayever youth who so generously donated their time to set up and supervise the carnival games and prepare tantalizing Mishloach Manot under Sabrina Friedman's guidance.

Thank you to Yasmine Abbasakoor and her dedicated crew of bakers for the delicious shul baked hamantashen, and to Timothy Hunt and Rachel for helping with the carnival games.

Jill Magen, Celebrations Chair
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HIGH HOLY DAYS 2017

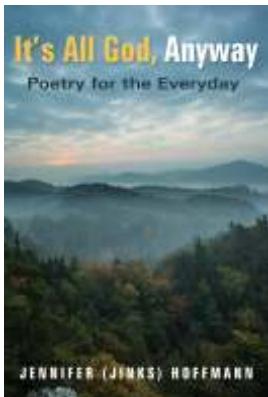
If you would like to lead davening, or leyn Torah/Haftarah over the High Holy Days this year, please contact Leisa Hirtz for the MNjcc service at leisahirtz@gmail.com or Rabbi Ed at rabbi@narayever.ca for the shul service.



Young Narayeverites enjoying Purim

IT'S ALL GOD ANYWAY - A SPECIAL BOOK PROGRAM WITH JINKS HOFFMAN

Sunday, May 7, 11 am • Light refreshments provided after the program

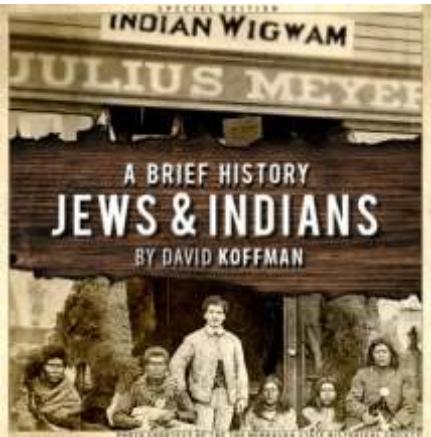


Jinks Hoffmann, a retired psychotherapist, active spiritual director, and Narayever member, will be talking about her perspective on the sacred, and her belief that "*it's all God, anyway,*" as expressed in her recent book of poetry by that name. Her reverent and irreverent poems, rooted in ordinary life, are readily accessible. They are simple stories of how Jinks listens for the hidden dimension of existence as revealed through demanding neighbours, dinner with loved ones, impatient mothers, suffering and joy.

She will read from her book, engage in discussion about the practice of writing, and about how much juice having any creative practice adds to life.

JEWS AND FIRST NATIONS IN CANADA: A BRIEF HISTORY WITH DAVID KOFFMAN

Special Post-Kiddush program • Saturday, May 13, 1:30 pm



This program traces the key threads in the history of Jews' encounters with First Nations, from Jewish merchants' first interest and arrival in the territory we now call Canada to recent efforts at building solidarity around Reconciliation and the question of Jewish indigenousness in the Middle East. The program will be part primary source study, part lecture; it outlines the times, places, and meanings of Jewish engagements with First Nations people and themes, and suggests that Canadian Jewish history can be seen as part of the long and troubling history of colonialism, not just the tale of immigrant challenges and achievements, as Canadian Jewish history is so often presented.

David S. Koffman is an assistant professor in the Department of History at York University. He teaches courses on Canadian Jews, religion in American life, anti-Semitism, religion & capitalism, genealogy, and how we make money meaningful. He earned his PhD in History and Hebrew & Judaic Studies from NYU in 2011, and holds Master's degrees in Jewish Studies, Anthropology, and Public Administration. His first book, about encounters between American Jews and Native Americans in the 19th and 20th centuries, is expected to be published in 2017. He is the co-editor of the journal *Canadian Jewish Studies*.

Reuven Shlozberg, Adult Education Chair
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SHABBAT ITANU • Saturday, May 27, begins at 9 am



Shabbat Itanu is a special Shabbat organized annually by UJA-Federation when we focus on the value of inclusion of people of all abilities in shul life. The Narayever will be marking Shabbat Itanu on Saturday, May 27. Rabbi Elkin will focus his Dvar Torah on the theme of inclusion and shul president Liz Bohnen will reflect on some of the initiatives currently being undertaken at the Narayever in this area and ways that you may want to get involved.

As the theme of this event is inclusiveness, with a special focus on people with disabilities, we are inviting anybody with disabilities who would either like to play a part in the Saturday morning service (e.g. receive an aliya or other honour) or who requires special accommodation during the service, to contact either Jeff Wassermann (wassermannj@smh.ca) or Rachel Melzer (rachel.melzer@gmail.com).

If you plan on bringing a child to synagogue on Shabbat Itanu who requires accommodation to participate in our wonderful youth programming, please contact Sabrina Friedman (sabrina@narayever.ca), our Family and Youth Engagement Coordinator to let her know of your family's accommodation needs.

OUR SYRIAN NEWCOMER FAMILY HAS ARRIVED...SAFE AND SOUND

After a long flight, Mustafa and Safiya arrived in Toronto on March 20 with their son, Nihad, his wife, Maddea, and their five-year old grandson, also named Mustafa.

Only a few months ago, we were told that the wait time could be up to three and a half years. But we were persistent! Our group followed up regularly with MP Chrystia Freeland's office about our family's status. We were notified two weeks prior to the family's scheduled arrival. Our core sponsorship group shifted into high gear and rose to the challenge.

Ricki Sharpe and Mona Kornberg, from our Refugee Sponsorship Sub-Committee, were at the airport to greet the family along with a beautiful welcome sign. After two days of traveling, they were understandably exhausted but so happy to be in Toronto. Mustafa and Safiya's other son, with his wife and five children also arrived with them and are being sponsored by the Danforth Jewish Circle.

We found a two-bedroom apartment in Scarborough, close to family and a large Syrian community. The family moved in on April 15th. Our priority over the next few weeks is to help them settle into their apartment and get involved in learning English. Mustafa will be attending the local school where there are other Syrian children. The parents will be attending English classes. We will provide regular updates on Narayever Net.

Natalie Fingerhut, Refugee Sponsorship Sub-Committee
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VISIT TO MERCHAVIM PROJECT IN ISRAEL THAT RECEIVED NARAYEVER FUNDING

On Monday February 14, 2017 shul member Jackie Silverberg visited Merchavim - an Institute for the advancement of shared citizenship in Israel. Our congregation gave this organization a donation this year from the Yom Kippur Appeal, and Jackie went to check out their important work first-hand. This is her account of her experiences:

The program that I visited is called Kulanana. The goal of the program is to provide positive experiences for young people in diverse communities in Israeli society (Arabs and Jews, religious and secular, native born, immigrants and special needs) by connecting through art, creativity and fun.

The program took place at Yad L' Hamesha school. At 11 am, grade 5 Arab students arrived by bus from Muqeibl school, 15 minutes away. This was the first engagement between 33 Jewish and 23 Arabs students. The Arab and Jewish teachers had been involved beforehand in workshops that helped them create curriculum for this art class.

The lesson was designed to focus on shared values: responsibility, ownership, honour, determination, loyalty, and citizenship, amongst others.



The lesson started with introductory icebreakers;

Jewish kids on one side of the room and Arab on the other. The students were asked to pair up and work together on their cards, (each card had one of the values written on it), to create art that would be transferred to a slide and then to the school's windows. They broke for a pizza lunch and then continued in the afternoon.

The experience was magical. All the teachers were in sync and flipped back and forth between Hebrew and Arabic during the introductions. They put the students at ease immediately. When the kids were asked to pair up after really only seeing each other for twenty minutes, there wasn't any hesitation. By the time they were all sitting in groups at tables, it was impossible to know which were Jewish and which were Arab children. Yes there was a language barrier. The Jewish kids don't know Arabic, but somehow it didn't matter. They were just kids trying to work together on a meaningful art project.

I watched them work together for about an hour and spent much of the day with one of their coordinators, Tamara Klinger Levi, who was able to answer all of my questions. Overall, I think the social action committee made the right decision supporting this initiative!

Jackie Silverberg, Social Action Committee

Looking at May, June and July 2017, you'll find information on leadership opportunities as well as ongoing and upcoming programming for a range of age groups!



■ Teens

Our Chalutzim program is geared to teens (grades 8 - 12) and gives them the chance to relax, socialize and enjoy programming that is creative and get to know our ShinShinim, Yahav and Yuval. Our final Chalutzim program will be on Sunday June 4, 2017. More information to come in the Narayever Net as we get closer to the date.

Call for High Holy Day Leaders! I am hoping to fill all High Holy Day Leadership positions before the summer. We've got lots of wonderful, fun and fulfilling leadership opportunities at the shul for youth ages 13 - 18, for both the 2017 High Holy Days Youth Programs and year round Shabbat Programs.

I would love to hear from you. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Teen Leader at the Narayever, please reach out to me at sabrina@narayever.ca or visit narayever.ca/youth-programs/ and fill out an application!

ONGOING PROGRAMMING

■ Bat/Bar Mitzvah Class

In March, we enjoyed a wonderful calligraphy class with Tiferet Nashman, learning about being a sofer/et and what it means to be someone who writes holy items (such as mezuzas). The Bat/Bar Mitzvah kids learned to stylistically write various Hebrew letters and words and created beautiful cards.



Members of Bar/Bat Mitzvah class learning calligraphy

■ Shabbat Morning Programs

- Garinim ("seeds", ages 0 - 4/5): An interactive program for small children and their grown-up.
- Shtilim ("saplings", ages 5/6 - 9): For those mid-age kids looking for appropriate programming aligned with their developmental interests.
- Netivot (Ages 10 - 12): This program will aim to hone these senior kids' approach to tefillah and understandings of Shabbat.



Get Excited!

FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are constantly coming up with creative ways to make space for young families in our Jewish programming that is age-appropriate and meaningful (aimed at ages infant - 7 years, but of course older siblings are warmly welcomed).



SUNDAY MAY 14, 2 - 4 PM

YOUNG FAMILIES LAG BA'OMER

Come enjoy a traditional Lag Ba'Omer bonfire with snacks, stuff to roast, and singing with Sabrina.

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2 PM

GOODBYE YOUNG FAMILIES EVENT WITH SABRINA

Come finish the year with a wonderful, summertime event to say goodbye to Sabrina and the ShinShinim for the summer.

Further details to be announced in Narayever Net.

FAREWELL TO YUVAL AND YAHAV
OUR SHINSHINIM'S LAST SHABBAT WITH
US WILL BE ON JUNE 17.



Please join us that day in shul as we thank them for their hard work and dedication to our community throughout the year, and wish them well as they prepare to return to Israel after the summer to enlist in the IDF.

Sabrina Friedman, Family and Youth Engagement Coordinator FNC
sabrina@narayever.ca

SHINSHINIM IN THE BIG CITY

Q: Which program that you were involved in organizing at the Narayever did you learn the most from and why?

ShinShin: At the beginning of the year we organized a movie night and screened the Israeli film 'Noodle'. For both of us, this is a very well known movie but seeing it with the community was unique; we saw it for the first time through their eyes. Through the discussion that we held afterwards, we felt like we saw the film from a whole different perspective.

Q: If you could take people from Narayever on a trip to three places in Israel where would you take them? Why did you choose these destinations?

ShinShin: *Jaffa* - because it is a ton of fun, but is often overlooked because of its glamorous neighbor, Tel Aviv. It is a beautiful place with an incredible port and some great food.

Kibbutz Sde Boker - This kibbutz is a must when someone visits Israel! It's one of the things you can't see anywhere else. Also, Sde Boker is located in the Negev and overlooks an amazing part of it. It's truly breathtaking.

Gamla Reserve - One of those places that has everything, but not a lot of people know about. Gamla is a nature reserve, an archeological site and an eagle rehabilitation center. It's in the middle of the beautiful Golan Heights and only 20 min from the city of Katzrin.

THINKING ABOUT HOSTING A SHINSHIN?

Two wonderful young people will join our community in August 2017 as our new ShinShinim. Our ShinShinim have been selected from thousands of applicants to the Israel Engagement Program. These fabulous teenagers have chosen to volunteer with the international Jewish community before they enter the Israeli Army.



Gal Greenberg is an engaging, thoughtful and enthusiastic young woman who will soon finish high school, majoring in Biology and Physics. Itay Sofan is kind and energetic, and he lives up to the "so fun" in his name! Like Gal, he is preparing for final exams in Israel right now, and he majored in Geology and Physics. Both Gal and Itay spent time in Toronto last year as fellows through the Diller Program, and they can't wait to return and live here again! We are looking for families who can host one of these special young people for three months.

Curious? Interested? Excited? Please contact Marcia Beck, the Narayever Lay Leader for the ShinShinim Program, at becklevine@gmail.com and check out the ShinShinim video at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwlhiqeZXvP1MC01Z1pFTVd2UUU/view>

WHY WAS THIS SEDER DIFFERENT FROM MANY OTHER SEDERS?

1. It was interfaith.
2. It wasn't held on Passover.
3. It was reviewed the next day in The Catholic Register.*
4. There was no gefilte fish.

Following a rather new tradition, the First Narayever Congregation hosted about 45 community leaders active in interfaith relations at a model seder in late March. A priest, Catholic sisters, Muslim community workers, Jewish lay leaders and eight of our own members sat down together for a festive, educational and delicious meal. The groups they represented ranged from the Archdiocese of Toronto, to Protestant churches, Jewish ecumenical groups and Muslim outreach organizations.**

Rabbi Ed led the interactive program, excerpting the fifteen mandatory steps of the seder. Pointed questions were raised and answered throughout the evening. Prayer and songs resonated with spirit and feeling: many of the guests had attended seders before and were familiar with its content. The Sisters of Our Lady of Sion, for instance, is formally mandated as an ecumenical order to do outreach to Jews and Protestants. It maintains major facilities in Jerusalem and has members who frequently attend interfaith religious events.

As a testament to the engagement of the participants, even though the seder ran overtime a large group went to the sanctuary afterwards where Rabbi Ed highlighted aspects of Judaism. "It was a delight to have such a receptive and eager group," he remarked. The audience stayed further into the evening (if not quite until it was time for morning prayers!).

The program was undertaken by the Narayever's Wider Community Committee, chaired by Micky Fraterman, who coordinated the event with the interfaith groups and was also responsible for beautiful table settings which enhanced the spirit of the evening.



Harvey Savage and Terry Gallagher reading the 4 questions

* www.catholicregister.org/item/24714-interfaith-passover-seder-serves-a-feast-full-of-history.

** Scarboro Missions; Intercultural Dialogue Institute (IDI); Focolare Movement; St. Joan of Arc parish; Archdiocese of Toronto; Xavier Sisters; Our Ladies' Missionaries (OLM), St. Luke's Parish; Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto (CJDT); Holocaust Education Week; Metropolitan United Church; St. Augustine Seminary; Sisters of Our Lady of Sion.

Her co-organizer was Sister Lucy Thorson of the Sisters of Zion, who has long been active in interfaith work. "It was such an honour and privilege to participate in an ever greater understanding of your celebration of the great Festival of Passover through sharing in a Teaching Seder," said Sister Lucy. "Rabbi Ed, your wisdom and your generous enthusiasm touched deeply the hearts and minds of all present – thank you."

The interactions between the various groups were educational and eye opening. Harvey Savage sat next to Terry Gallagher from Scarboro Mission's Interfaith Department. Gallagher explained how his organization tried to give a feminist interpretation to the New Testament by commissioning a version of the Last Supper with a number of prominent female guests around the table. "That's an impressive reading," said Harvey, reflecting on Gallagher's depth of theological knowledge.

Our talented caterer Rachel Zilberg prepared a vegetarian menu, including vegetarian "chicken soup" with matzo balls, with hints of Italy pervading. Special appreciation goes out also to the Narayever members who along with the organizers served as hosts, interlocutors, wait staff and bus persons.

Micky Fraterman
widercommunity@narayever.ca

*Both photos on page 13 and 14 taken by Michael Swan,
 courtesy of The Catholic Register.*



Rabbi Ed at the interfaith seder.

DOORS OPEN



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you like bragging about the Narayever (well, maybe just a little) and would you like to show off our shul? Are you a bit of a history buff?

We have once again been invited to participate in Doors Open Toronto and we could use your talents on Sunday, May 28.

Volunteers are needed for about two and a half hours to give short talks on shul history (talking points provided), or to serve as ushers or greeters.

If you're interested please contact Janet Horowitz at janethorowitz@rogers.com.

SHUL MATTERS



Bereavement
Support

The Hesed Committee is considering the formation of a Bereavement Group for parents who have lost a child (at any time, at any age.) The program would create a structured group, led by a bereavement group councilor and a social worker, where parents could come together with others who have experienced a similar loss.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in being part of such a group, we would like to hear from you.

Please contact me through the shul office at admin@narayever.ca or 416.927.0546

Shelley Adler, Hesed Committee

We warmly welcome to our Narayever Community

- Jeff and Sage Goldenberg and their son
- Roanne Kerzner and Stephen Caffrey and their son
- Leonard Elias
- Aaron Rotenberg

ברוכים הבאים!



WOMEN OF THE BIMAH
PHOTOGRAPHY
BY VICTOR HELFAND

April 29 – May 25, 2017
The Gallery, Miles Nadal
Jewish Community Center



SHUL MATTERS



WOMEN OF THE BIMAH

Victor Helfand Narayever member and photographer, has produced a beautiful book of Narayever "Women of the Bimah". As an accomplished photographer of 50 years, he has had a number of exhibitions--primarily as a documentary photographer. In his artist statement, Victor writes about feeling inspired to take photos when attending services at the Narayever:

In Orthodox Judaism, synagogue services were traditionally led by men, with women separated and not permitted to lead or participate in the rituals. As part of a new paradigm and subject to pressure from educated liberal-minded Jewish women, synagogue ritual has evolved from men only to including women in limited roles to full genre equal participation.

Growing up in a traditional home, I never imagined that, particularly as a child of Holocaust survivors, I would witness and record this emancipation of women through their participation in synagogue ritual. During the year of memorializing my mother's death I was inspired to document the women of the bimah, in an ongoing phase of this project I photographed an egalitarian service in a synagogue in Berlin, Germany.

I attended a synagogue in Toronto, The First Narayever Congregation, where women were encouraged to participate fully in services, even on the holiest of days. There is no distinction in what a woman or a man can do during services. These women speak of their awakening to the power of prayer and to their deepest longings to serve their community as "Shlichey Tsibur" (communal emissaries) and conduits of prayer. They describe their connection to divine inspiration, the ancient traditions and their heritage as empowering, inclusive and liberating. These majestic photos capture this sense of enormous pride and great joy in their accomplishments, and their love of Jewish ritual items and practice.—Victor Helfand

If you would like to order a book at \$30 a copy, please contact the office or email us at narayever@gmail.com.

This project has now expanded to six synagogues in Toronto (including Beit Chaverim - where the average age of participants is 90+ years), one in Berlin, three in Boston plus the Hebrew College there, and three synagogues in Miami. He plans to photograph in Montreal, New York City, London England and Hong Kong, as well.

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Shalom,

Spring is a time when many renew their goals and commitments, inspired by the rebirth and new growth happening around them. If you have been thinking about leading davening on Shabbat, but haven't yet reached out to me to begin, this would be a great time to do so. We have recordings of the melodies and I am available to guide you as you practice and prepare.



It's not only a mitzvah to lead the community in prayer, but also, as many of our current leaders would tell you, it is spiritually fulfilling as well. Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote, "Prayer cannot bring water to parched fields, or mend a broken bridge, or rebuild a ruined city; but prayer can water an arid soul, mend a broken heart, and rebuild a weakened will." I strongly encourage any of you who have been thinking about it, even if you are nervous or not yet sure, to reach out to me to begin the conversation.

You can be a part, not only of renewing yourself, but of renewing the prayer community here at the Narayever, by adding your own voice, and your own style, in addition to your own prayers. Please contact me.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Emma Gottlieb
tefillah@narayever.ca

TAKE US OUT TO THE BLUE JAYS

The Narayever is once again having our annual Blue Jays outing. The good news is that the Jays did so well in 2016, we hope for a repeat (or better) in 2017. The bad news is that because of that, ticket prices went up.

We have tickets for the game on Sunday September 10 at 1 pm against the Detroit Tigers. To get the best seats, we needed to get seats in the non-alcoholic section, which I don't think is a problem for our bunch.

The seats are in section 521, which is along the first base line, close to home plate. We also have 2 aisle seats, which will be saved for those who genuinely require them for health reasons.



Tickets are \$23 each and we always sell out. To reserve your spot please email Francine at fdick@rogers.com or call at 647.897.6471.

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MAKE A BEQUEST TO THE NARAYEVER IN YOUR WILL

Death and taxes may indeed be inevitable, but although one is unavoidable, the other can be minimized while you perform a mitzvah.

Have you thought about leaving a gift to the Narayever in your will? Doing so could greatly reduce the taxes your estate will have to pay. Apart from a gift of cash through your estate, there are other ways of making charitable donations, such as naming the Narayever beneficiary of your RRSP, RIF, TFSA or a life insurance policy. You can also donate assets "in kind" such as real estate or stocks. Some of these strategies are complex and you should seek proper legal counsel. This article is simply to get the conversation started and get you thinking of how you can help ensure the long-term viability of the Narayever.

One way to donate is to simply leave a specified amount to the shul in your will. Say you allocate \$10,000 towards this. Your estate trustee makes the donation and receives a tax slip for the \$10,000. You can also specify that a percentage of the residual value of your estate be donated. There is a two-tier structure for charitable donations. The first \$200 receives a 15% tax credit, worth about 25% when provincial tax is taken into account. Donations above that level give your estate a 29% federal tax credit, worth about 46% when provincial tax is factored in. The credit can be claimed on your final tax return or in the year immediately preceding your year of death.



Canada Revenue Agency generally allows a charitable donation limit of 75% of a person's income. However, in the year of death, and the year preceding it, it is increased to 100% of the deceased's net income. So large donations are gratefully received!

There are more complex strategies with the tax credit, such as having the estate, rather than the taxpayer, make the claim. Again, for these situations, the executor should seek proper professional advice. You can also contact Stephen Benjamin, treasurer@narayever.ca for more information about making such donations to the shul.

Francine Dick, CFP

Coming Up Next in this donations series: Do you know that The Narayever has a plan in place to accept donations of stock? We do, find out how donating stock benefits everyone.

COMMUNICATIONS

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our newsletter survey. Your responses have allowed us to glean some important information that has informed the direction we will take both in terms of content and delivery method. There were 112 responses to the first question that dealt with how the newsletter is delivered. 58% chose the current method (email with clickable links) as their 1st preference and 27% chose this as their 2nd preference. The PDF version had 40% choose this for their 2nd choice and 38% for the 3rd choice. The hard copy version had 42% choose this as their 3rd preference and 29% chose this method as their 1st choice. In ranking, the current method is 1st, hard copy 2nd, and PDF 3rd, with the 2nd and 3rd rankings being very close.



Based on these results, we will continue to publish the newsletter online in the current format. We do, however, recognize that there is still a significant minority who prefer hard copies delivered to their homes and we will continue to offer this option to the people who have asked the office to mail them their copies. If there is anyone who has not yet contacted the office but would prefer to receive a paper copy, please call Marsha at 416.927.0546.

The weekly NarayeverNet and our Narayever Facebook have become our most effective tools in delivering the most up to date information regarding upcoming programs and events. Bearing this in mind and taking into account the financial considerations of producing the newsletter, the Communications Committee has made the decision that the newsletter will now be delivered quarterly in order to avoid duplicating information that has already been available through these platforms.

Susan Starkman
Communications Committee Chair

MAZEL TOV TO...

- Menashe and Riva Grinshpan, on the birth of their granddaughter.
- Josh Engel-Yan, for being named a Rising Star by Progressive Railroading.

מזל טוב!

NEW ARRIVALS AT THE DANIEL CAMENETZKI MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Wonderful news. The Israeli-made TV series, *Shtisel*, (seasons one and two are on disc and subtitled) is now catalogued. This series lives up to its enthusiastic recommendations! It takes place in the old part of Jerusalem, and centers on three generations of a Haredi family, whose patriarch is Shtisel. Now, like me, you may believe that the women of the family would be constrained and oppressed - quite the contrary. They are principled, compassionate and very smart.



Family life is central, integrated through daily religious observance, with a good shidduch or matchmaking, key. Far from being aesthetically deprived, the characters constantly enjoy enticing food together and the men even engage in a lot of chain smoking. Each episode reinforces family life. Things go wrong but comedy also seeps in. For example, the grandmother who lives in an old age home watching and loving the soaps with her first exposure to television prays for the characters who in her imagination become an extended part of her family. There are hours and hours to view, and I have only scratched the surface. The series will make you toss off *Downton Abbey*. It is that good.



Joanne Patterson and I have just finished shelving a big pile of books. In the reference section, we have the brand new volume of photography by Victor Helfand: *Women of the Bimah: First Narayever Congregation*. It is a large, gorgeous and glossy book in celebration of our egalitarian community.

A reminder: Should you wish to take out a book on Shabbat, you can do so by looking up your card in the alphabetized little boxes on the lower shelf on the north wall. Just put a paper clip on the book's card and your own and place it in the green sign-out box.

Very important message to those of you who have made promises to me to return your book(s): please do so! Thank you so much.

Happy spring and enlightening reading.

Lesley Turner, Librarian

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READING RECOMMENDATIONS

■ By Patricia Patchet-Golubev

An American Bride in Kabul: A Memoir.

by Phyllis Chesler

New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2013.

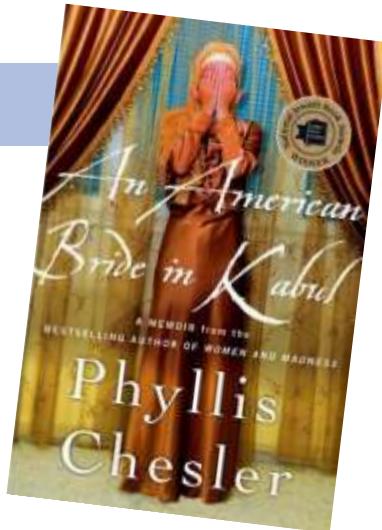
I first heard of Phyllis Chesler in the 1980s when I read her classic, groundbreaking work entitled *Women and Madness*, published in 1972 and revealing the gender bias and double standards in Western society affecting women's psychology. Flash forward thirty-five years: I pick up Chesler's memoir, *An American Bride in Kabul* with some surprise. Was this the same author?

The book represents Chester's attempt to come to terms with her first husband, her "handsome and sophisticated" Afghan prince, Abdul-Kareem, who she met in 1959, married secretly in 1961, and finally divorced in 1965, at great personal expense. This relationship, we find out, exerted an extraordinary effect on Chesler's subsequent intellectual, spiritual, and emotional development. For this was no ordinary marriage/divorce. One of the mantras of second wave feminism was "The personal is political." In Chesler's case, this has definitely the case.

Born and raised in Brooklyn to Orthodox Jewish, working class parents, Chesler met Abdul-Kareem at college. Literally swept off her feet by his charm and apparent worldliness, Chesler departed to take up residence in Kabul with him and his family, which included a father-in-law, as well as his three wives, varied offspring, and servants. Deprived of her American passport and basic personal freedom, Chesler then lived as an Afghan upper class woman of that time, locked up in the women's quarters, without language or rights. Minutely controlled by her mother-in-law, Bebegul, Chesler is even forced into an Islamic conversion, which does not prevent Bebegul from spitting on her and uttering anti-Semitic curses. Abdul-Kareem, meanwhile, seems to acquiesce in this horrendous treatment, his Western façade disappearing, frequently criticizing Chesler for her inability to adapt.

When Chesler becomes deathly ill, Abdul-Kareem even denies her needed medical treatment and then impregnates her against her will. Chesler, miraculously, manages an escape through the intervention of her father-in-law, who procures an Afghanistan passport for her. The book's second half chronicles Chesler's return to America, her struggle to obtain a divorce from Abdul-Kareem, and her decades-long relationship with him (she retains respect and even love for him): he eventually remarries and emigrates to the U.S., escaping the Soviets. Chesler, a prolific and ardent feminist, has published on subjects ranging from international custody battles to women's inhumanity to women, women in Judaism, and the new anti-Semitism.

This is a fascinating memoir, full of vivid detail about life for Afghani women in the early 1960s. Chesler intersperses her personal memories/observations with a wealth of travel and scholarly sources, many written by Western women who have embraced the adventure of life in Muslim lands throughout history. Chesler's bibliography alone is worth perusing. Another interesting chapter details the history of the Jews of Afghanistan. Chesler's complex history with Abdul-Kareem, although somewhat puzzling, sheds relevant light on her particular brand of feminism and her passionate focus on Muslim women/dissidents. Some description of her own family's response to her romantic entanglement might also have been welcome.



MOTHER TONGUES



INTRICACIES OF YIDDISH

■ By Elan Dresher

Last August it was reported that a number of Olympic athletes were being treated with heated glass cups. The *Canadian Jewish News* observed that this cupping therapy is alluded to in a well-known Yiddish saying, 'It will help like cupping a corpse', one of many Yiddish expressions of futility. A *CJN* reader from Montreal wrote to correct what he thought to be an error in the translation. According to him, it should be 'It will help like a dead cupping'; that is, it is the cups that are dead (because they have no suction). The reader adds that this was a common expression in his home when he grew up.

It turns out that the reader's translation is wrong ('dead wrong', according to another *CJN* correspondent), but I can understand where he's coming from. I also grew up in a home where Yiddish was spoken, and I also heard many phrases whose general meaning I understood, but which I would not have been able to accurately translate word for word. The expression in question is a particularly nice example of how Yiddish sentence construction differs from English, in ways that could easily mislead a listener with a shaky grasp of Yiddish grammar. The Yiddish expression is given in (1), with a word-for-word English gloss:

- (1) *Es vet helfn vi a toytn bankes.*

It will help like a dead cupping glasses.

We can see how someone might conclude that that the expression refers to 'a dead cupping', as if a *toytn* were an adjective modifying the noun *bankes*. But this cannot be right. In Yiddish, an adjective must match a noun that it modifies in (a) number, (b) gender, and (c) case. *A toytn bankes* fails on every count: (a) *a toytn* is singular, but *bankes* is plural (the singular is *banke*); (b) *toytn* is masculine, *bankes* is feminine; and (c) *toytn* is in the dative case, but *bankes* is a subject and requires an adjective in the nominative.

To obtain a more accurate English translation we must depart from the Yiddish word order, as in (2):

- (2) It will help like cupping glasses help a dead person.

A key to correctly parsing the expression in (1) is to realize that Yiddish can leave out words in places where English cannot, and can order words differently from English. Thus, *bankes* is the subject of an omitted, but understood, second *helfn* 'help', and *a toytn* is the object of this verb. Also, *a toytn* can stand alone, unlike the English phrase 'a dead', which we would have to add something to: 'a dead person', or 'a dead body', or 'a dead one'.

Making the Yiddish expression even more complicated, the object *a toytn* has been moved in front of the subject *bankes*. Yiddish has a freer word order than English in this respect. Yiddish word order has actually influenced some Jewish dialects of English (or 'Yinglish'), which have a construction that has been called Yiddish Movement. Examples are given in the mini-dialogues in (3), where fronted objects are underlined:

- (3) a. Q: How's your son? A: Don't ask. A sports car he wants.

b. Q: Would you help him? A: Are you kidding? A finger I wouldn't lift for him!

Returning to our Yiddish expression, once we see how it's constructed, we can appreciate that it has an economy and complexity that contribute to its charm. It is the intricacies of a language, of which even native speakers may not be consciously aware, that are most liable to be lost in translation.

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The shul gratefully acknowledges the following donations made to our various funds from mid-February to mid-April. We apologize in advance for any errors or omissions. Please inform the shul office so that a correction can be made.

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We also accept donations via CanadaHelps, www.canadahelps.org and click on Narayever.

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We acknowledge the following yahrzeit anniversaries which occur during the coming months.

May their souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life

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| Iyar 18 | Lily Myers | mother of Louis Myers | Sivan 21 | Moshe Weiss | mother of Riva Grinshpan |
| Iyar 18 | Milly Press | mother of Cyril Press | Sivan 22 | Golda Chana Aaron | father of David Weiss |
| Iyar 19 | Myra Michel | mother of Lillian Mendelsohn | Sivan 23 | David Solomon | mother of Miriam Schlanger |
| Iyar 20 | Abraham Bogomolny | father of Brenda Enchin and Howard Bogomolny | Sivan 25 | Pinchus Wajcman | father of Peggy Solomon |
| Iyar 21 | Margot Caen | mother of Francine Watkins | Sivan 26 | Harvey Mallove | father of Riva Grinshpan |
| Iyar 21 | Louis Eisenstat | father of Lorraine Weinrib | Sivan 26 | Jennie Schlosser | father of Cathy Mallove |
| Iyar 22 | Frank Rubinstein | father of Fern Rubinstein | Sivan 27 | Shirley Cohen | mother of Holli-Ellen Clairman |
| Iyar 23 | Ruth Gold | mother of Phil Gold | Sivan 27 | Sharon Golvin | mother of Alison Cohen |
| Iyar 24 | Joseph Harry Kleiman | brother of Beatrice Myers | Sivan 27 | Label Wetstein | mother of Ilene Golvin |
| Iyar 24 | Ida Starkman | mother of Susan Starkman | Sivan 28 | Dora Cohen | father of Cheryl Wetstein |
| Iyar 25 | Lillian Evans | mother of Rosalie Evans | Sivan 28 | Anne Cronsilver | mother of Suzanne Shuchat |
| Iyar 26 | Fritz Joseph | father of Marion Hoffmann | Sivan 28 | Fay Savage | mother of David Cronsilver |
| Iyar 26 | George Kende | father of Sherry Glazier | Sivan 29 | Cheryl Medoff | mother of Harvey Savage |
| Iyar 26 | Mary Roseberg | mother of Judy Roseberg | Sivan 30 | Sidney Colt | wife of Ronald Medoff |
| Iyar 26 | Rose Shukyn | mother of Claire Simon | Tammuz 1 | Burle Yolles | father of Neil Colt |
| Iyar 27 | Joseph Evans | father of Rosalie Evans | Tammuz 2 | Samuel Medoff | father of Joanne Yolles |
| Iyar 27 | Iran Esther Jakubovicz | mother of Difat Jakubovicz | Tammuz 2 | Esther Safer Fisher | father of Ronald Medoff |
| Iyar 27 | Norman Morris | father of Lynne Morris | Tammuz 3 | David Benaroch | mother of Deborah Fisher |
| Iyar 28 | Sidney Burnstein | brother of Anita Kerzner | Tammuz 4 | David Lawrence | father of Georges Benaroch |
| Iyar 28 | Harold Edelstein | father of Margo Gordon | Tammuz 4 | Crawford Judge | father of Joan Judge-Fogel |
| Iyar 28 | Modesta Moshinsky | mother of Moises Moshinsky | Tammuz 4 | Binem Nosek | father of Hindy Nosek-Abelson |
| Iyar 28 | Carole Weiner | sister of Nan Weiner | Tammuz 5 | Carole Yellin | wife of Israel Lyon |
| Iyar 29 | Leonard Wasser | father of Larry Wasser | Tammuz 6 | Keith Rosebrugh | father of Bruce Rosebrugh |
| Sivan 2 | Max Cooper | father of Moe Cooper | Tammuz 6 | Margaret "Peggy" Shenfeld | mother of Avery Shenfeld |
| Sivan 5 | Cyril Jacoby | father of Alan Jacoby | Tammuz 6 | David Solomon | father of Wendy Solomon-Weizel |
| Sivan 5 | Ronni Rimmer | father of Jane Rimmer | Tammuz 7 | Imre Komaromi | brother of Ann Komaromi |
| Sivan 6 | Fanny Edelstein | mother of Margo Gordon | Tammuz 7 | Nathan Peck | father of Isaac Peck |
| Sivan 6 | Loretta Pace | mother of Anna Pace | Tammuz 8 | Nathan Saul Mendelsohn | father of Eric Mendelsohn |
| Sivan 6 | Florence Shecter | mother of Trudy Shecter | Tammuz 8 | Lee Schachter | mother of Harry Schachter |
| Sivan 6 | Shimon Zilberman | father of Helene Silverman | Tammuz 10 | Marcia Lea Smith | mother of Rishona Chaya |
| Sivan 7 | Ludovit Bercovic | father of Emory Burke | Tammuz 10 | Yhetta Leah Swartz | Moshinsky |
| Sivan 7 | Tova Diamond | mother of Frumie Diamond and Miriam Diamond | Tammuz 12 | Helene Levita | mother of Beverly Harris |
| | | | | | mother of Ursula Loewenstein |

We acknowledge the following yahrzeit anniversaries which occur during the coming months.

May their souls be bound up in the bond of eternal life

“וַיִּצְרֹר בְּצָרוֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת נְשָׁמוֹתֵיכֶם”

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| Tammuz 12 | Geoffrey Shulman | brother of Dianne Saxe | Av 7 | David Buckstein | father of Howard Buckstein |
| Tammuz 14 | Buddy Dick | father of Francine Dick | Av 7 | Jack Lyone Michel | father of Lillian Mendelsohn |
| Tammuz 14 | Bertie Friedlander | father of Gary Friedlander | Av 7 | Molly Schacter | mother of Percy Schacter |
| Tammuz 14 | Abraham Grinshpan | father of Menashe Grinshpan | Av 7 | Samuel Sperling | father of Gerald Sperling |
| Tammuz 14 | Eric Levitt | father of Sheldon Levitt | Av 9 | Shimon Laskin | father of Monty Laskin |
| Tammuz 14 | Irving Schacter | father of Don Schacter | Av 9 | Celia Lees | mother of Norma Latsonas |
| Tammuz 15 | Benny Fox | father of Harry Fox | Av 9 | Rachel Skapinker | mother of Joel Skapinker |
| Tammuz 15 | Morris Starkman | father of Susan Starkman | Av 10 | Solomon Ostrin | father of Elaine Smith |
| Tammuz 16 | Philip Goldstein | father of Evelyn Schaefer | Av 12 | Erica Cherney | mother of Michael Cherney and sister of Ben Carniol |
| Tammuz 16 | Elisabeth Kende | mother of Sherry Glazier | Av 12 | Louis Danto | father of Denise Lash |
| Tammuz 17 | Murray Hundert | father of Sherri Palef | Av 12 | Joan Zemira Rivelis | sister of William Davidovitz |
| Tammuz 17 | Jacob Katzman | uncle of Anita Shir-Jacob | Av 13 | Emanuel Moro Roston | father of Barbara Roston |
| Tammuz 17 | Evelyn Londoe Solomon | mother of Wendy Solomon-Weizel | Av 13 | Oscar Savage | father of Harvey Savage |
| Tammuz 17 | Julius Skapinker | father of Joel Skapinker | Av 14 | Meyer Simon | father of Gerald Simon |
| Tammuz 19 | Irving Fox | father of Lawrence Fox | Av 14 | Edith Simor | mother of Andrew Simor |
| Tammuz 19 | Judit Jacob | mother of Andrew Jacob | Av 15 | Ellen Ripstein | mother of Arthur Ripstein |
| Tammuz 19 | Sarah Kagan | mother of Manfred Kagan | Av 15 | Sharon Shinewald | mother of Benjamin Shinewald and Michael Shinewald |
| Tammuz 19 | Imre Simor | father of Andrew Simor | Av 16 | Zachary Archibald | |
| Tammuz 20 | Jennie Bogomolny | mother of Brenda Enchin and Howard Bogomolny | Av 16 | Crosthwait Hemrend | son of Paul Hemrend |
| Tammuz 20 | Norman Kotzer | father of Betty Colt | Av 16 | Gitta (Olga) Lichtblau | mother of Gary Lichtblau |
| Tammuz 20 | Israel Leyb Naparstek | father of Shirley Rubenzahl | Av 16 | Yosef Shaked | father of Galia Shaked |
| Tammuz 21 | Eleanor Bogen Weizel | mother of Laurence Weizel | Av 17 | Morton Shulman | father of Dianne Saxe |
| Tammuz 21 | Laura Fried | daughter of Peter & Evelyn Fried | Av 17 | Max Tanenbaum | father of Carol Tanenbaum |
| Tammuz 22 | Issy (Isaac) Cohen | father of Alison Cohen | Av 18 | Heleen Graham | mother of Janice Graham |
| Tammuz 22 | Raya Greenberg | mother of Benjamin Geva | Av 18 | Rose Naparstek | mother of Shirley Rubenzahl |
| Tammuz 22 | Tamara Anne Levene | mother of Mark Levene | Av 19 | Benny Feinstein | father of Anthony Feinstein |
| Tammuz 22 | Louis Train | father of Rosalyn Train | Av 19 | Elliott Gluck | father of Julia Gluck |
| Tammuz 23 | Eli Benishai | father of Daniel Benishai | Av 19 | Rachel Rohn | mother of Ruth Rohn |
| Tammuz 23 | Hinda Cvi | mother of Anna Teper | Av 20 | Abe Letovsky | father of Eric Letovsky |
| Tammuz 25 | Sydney Alexander Koyle | father of Martin Koyle | Av 20 | Lewis Levin | father of Robin Levin Penslar |
| Tammuz 25 | Sinai Sternberg | brother of Morris Sternberg | Av 21 | Geoffrey Sagorsky | father of Dorit Tepperman |
| Tammuz 26 | Harvey Wagman | father of Laraine Naft | Av 22 | Irving Kalikow | father of Louis Kalikow |
| Tammuz 27 | Elinor Gertner | sister of Laraine Naft | Av 22 | Samuel Kerzner | father of Albert Kerzner |
| Tammuz 28 | Ruth Adler Kantor | mother of Beatrice Traub-Werner | Av 23 | Gitel Helfand | mother of Victor Helfand |
| Tammuz 29 | Laila Silverberg | mother of Jackie Silverberg | Av 23 | Pesia Hirsch | mother of Abraham Hirsch |
| Av 1 | Max Lefkowitz | father of Gill Lefkowitz | Av 23 | James C. Hunt | father of Timothy Hunt |
| Av 1 | Lianne Ohayon | sister of Jonathan Ohayon | Av 23 | Charles Samuel Lewis | father of Beverly Harris |
| Av 2 | Harry Benjamin | father of Stephen Benjamin | Av 24 | Simon Saul Berger | father of Philip Berger |
| Av 2 | Manfred Nachman | father of Adrian Nachman | Av 26 | Archie Enchin | father of Gerald Enchin |
| Av 2 | Maurice Pavalow | father of Randee Pavalow | Av 26 | Hyman Shandling | husband of Rebecca Shandling and father of Maureen Shandling |
| Av 2 | Abel Sternberg | father of Morris Sternberg | Av 26 | Abraham Trapunski | father of Edward Trapunski |
| Av 3 | Daniel Glazier | son of Richard & Sherry Glazier | Av 29 | Malcolm Stanley | father of Bruce Stanley |
| Av 3 | Steven Propas | husband of Monica Miller and brother of Lorne Propas | Av 30 | William Shuchat | husband of Suzanne Shuchat |
| Av 3 | Dorothy Saltsman | mother of Terry Saltsman | Av 30 | Ruth Silverman | mother of Sheldon Silverman |
| Av 3 | Louis Schlosser | father of Holli-Ellen Clairman | Elul 1 | Harold Lawrence Morris | father of Philip Mass |
| Av 4 | Harold Schwartz | husband of Bernice Schwartz and father of Gary Schwartz | Elul 1 | Stillman Smith | father of Mary Lou Smith |
| Av 5 | Sylvia Green Cherney | mother of Lawrence Cherney | Elul 2 | Shirley Segal | mother of Daniel Stern |
| Av 5 | Sally Lubelsky | mother of Sylvia Peck | Elul 4 | Milton Savan | father of Robert Savan |
| Av 5 | Louis Lawrence Tepperman | father of Paul Tepperman | Elul 6 | Louis Roseberg | father of Judy Roseberg |
| Av 6 | Dora Hoffmann | mother of Alan Hoffmann and Jack Hoffmann | Elul 6 | Leah Shimmerman | mother of Alan Shimmerman |
| Av 6 | Judith Aber | mother of Alexandra Aber | Elul 6 | Jacob Weintraub | father of Sharon Weintraub |
| Av 6 | Harry William Levin | father of Michael Levin | Elul 6 | Bernice Zubata | mother of Sharon Mimran |
| | | | Elul 10 | Eric McAllister | son of Carol Tanenbaum |

SHUL MATTERS

Our Condolences to...

- Dan Abramsky, on the passing of his father Joseph Abramsky
- The Rubinstein family, on the passing of Leon Rubinstein of our congregation



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MAY 2017

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|----------------------|---|---|
| | | Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut Program, 7 pm | | | Services 6 pm 8:07 | Achrei Mot Services 9 am Daisy Friedland Bat Mitzvah |
| | 1 Iyar 5 | 2 Iyar 6 | 3 Iyar 7 | 4 Iyar 8 | 5 Iyar 9 | 6 Iyar 10 |
| Shacharit 9 am Poetry program with Jinks Hoffmann 11 am | Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 5:15 pm | | | | Services 6 pm 8:15 | Emor Services 9 am Jesse Peck Bat Mitzvah Post-kiddush with David Koffman Kensington Grdns. 11 am |
| 7 Iyar 11 | 8 Iyar 12 | 9 Iyar 13 | 10 Iyar 14 | 11 Iyar 15 | 12 Iyar 16 | 13 Iyar 17 |
| Shacharit 9 am Young Families Lag B'omer program 2 pm | | | | | Services 6 pm 8:23 | Behar-Bechukotai Services 9 am |
| 14 Iyar 18 | 15 Iyar 19 | 16 Iyar 20 | 17 Iyar 21 | 18 Iyar 22 | 19 Iyar 23 | 20 Iyar 24 |
| Shacharit 9 am | Walk with Israel Board Meeting 730 pm | | | | Services 6 pm Community Shabbat Dinner with ShinShinim 8:29 | Bamidbar Services 9 am Shabbat Itanu Kensington Grdns. 11 am |
| 21 Iyar 25 | 22 Iyar 26 | 23 Iyar 27 | 24 Iyar 8 | 25 Iyar 29 | 26 Sivan 1 | 27 Sivan 2 |
| Shacharit 9 am Doors Open Toronto | Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 5:15 pm | EREV SHAVUOT Tikkun Leyl Shavuot at MNJCC 8 pm - dawn 8:33 | SHAVUOT SERVICES 9 AM Aaron Austin Bar Mitzvah | |  narayever | First Narayever Congregation |
| 28 Sivan 3 | 29 Sivan 4 | 30 Sivan 5 | 31 Sivan 6 | | | |

JUNE 2017

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
|  First Narayever Congregation | | | | SHAVUOT SERVICES 9 AM (Yizkor) | | Nasso Services 9 am |
| | | | | 1 Sivan 7 | 2 Sivan 8 | 3 Sivan 9 |
| Shacharit 9 am Young Families Program 2 pm Chalutzim Program, 5 pm ShinShinim Movie Night 7 pm Sivan 10 | Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 5:15 pm | CSA 4 - 7 pm | | Services 6 pm 8:35 | Services 6 pm 8:40 | Beha'alotecha Services 9 am Frazer Caplan Bar Mitzvah Kensington Grdns. 11 am |
| 4 Sivan 10 | 5 Sivan 11 | 6 Sivan 12 | 7 Sivan 13 | 8 Sivan 14 | 9 Sivan 15 | 10 Sivan 16 |
| Shacharit 9 am ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7 pm | | CSA 4 - 7 pm | | | Services 6 pm 8:43 | Sh'lach Services 9 am Michal Houpt Bat Mitzvah ShinShinim Last Shabbat |
| 11 Sivan 17 | 12 Sivan 18 | 13 Sivan 18 | 14 Sivan 20 | 15 Sivan 21 | 16 Sivan 22 | 17 Sivan 23 |
| Shacharit 9 am | | CSA 4 - 7 pm | | Board Transition Meeting 7 pm | Services 6 pm 8:45 | Korach Services 9 am Kensington Grdns. 11 am |
| 18 Sivan 24 | 19 Sivan 25 | 20 Sivan 26 | 21 Sivan 27 | 22 Sivan 28 | 23 Sivan 29 | 24 Sivan 30 |
| Shacharit 9 am | | CSA 4 - 7 pm | | | Services 6 pm 8:45 | |
| 25 Tammuz 1 | 26 Tammuz 2 | 27 Tammuz 3 | 28 Tammuz 4 | 29 Tammuz 5 | 30 Tammuz 6 | |

JULY 2017

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
|  | First Narayever Congregation | | | | | Chukat Services 9 am |
| Shacharit 9 am | | CSA 4 - 7 pm | | | | 1 Tammuz 7 |
| 2 Tammuz 8 | 3 Tammuz 9 | 4 Tammuz 10 | 5 Tammuz 11 | 6 Tammuz 12 | 7 Tammuz 13 | Balak Services 9 am Kensington Grdns. 11 am |
| Shacharit 9 am | | Fast of Tammuz CSA 4 - 7 pm | | | | Pinchas Services 9 am |
| 9 Tammuz 15 | 10 Tammuz 16 | 11 Tammuz 17 | 12 Tammuz 18 | 13 Tammuz 19 | 14 Tammuz 20 | 15 Tammuz 21 |
| Shacharit 9 am | | CSA 4 - 7 pm | | | | Matot-Masei Services 9 am Kensington Grdns. 11 am |
| 16 Tammuz 22 | 17 Tammuz 23 | 18 Tammuz 24 | 19 Tammuz 25 | 20 Tammuz 26 | 21 Tammuz 27 | Devarim Services 9 am |
| Shacharit 9 am | | CSA 4 - 7 pm | | | | |
| 23 Tammuz 29 | 24 Av 1 | | | | | |
| Shacharit 9 am | EREV TISHA B'AV Services 8:30 pm | 25 Av 2 | 26 Av 3 | 27 Av 4 | 28 Av 5 | 29 Av 6 |
| 30 Av 7 | 31 Av 8 | | | | | |

AUGUST 2017

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|
|  | First Narayever Congregation | TISHA B'AV CSA 4 - 7 pm | | | | Va'etchanan Services 9 am Jonas Freeman Bar Mitzvah Kensington Grdns. 11 am |
| Shacharit 9 am | | 1 Av 9 | 2 Av 10 | 3 Av 11 | 4 Av 12 | 5 Av 13 |
| 6 Av 14 | 7 Av 15 | 8 Av 16 | 9 Av 17 | 10 Av 18 | 11 Av 19 | Eikev Services 9 am |
| Shacharit 9 am | | CSA 4 - 7 pm | | | | |
| 13 Av 21 | 14 Av 22 | 15 Av 23 | 16 Av 24 | 17 Av 25 | 18 Av 26 | Re'eh Services 9 am Kensington Grdns. 11 am |
| Shacharit 9 am | | CSA 4 - 7 pm | | | | |
| 20 Av 28 | 21 Av 29 | 22 Av 30 | 23 Elul 1 | 24 Elul 2 | 25 Elul 3 | Shoftim Services 9 am |
| Shacharit 9 am | | CSA 4 - 7 pm | | | | |
| 27 Elul 5 | 28 Elul 6 | 29 Elul 7 | 30 Elul 8 | 31 Elul 9 | | |