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# NARAYEVER NEWS

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OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR HAS ARRIVED!



# NARAYEVER

CELEBRATING OUR PAST ◆ EMBRACING OUR FUTURE

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS and EVENTS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

What a remarkable few months we have experienced! It began with an exceptionally early High Holy Day period and then an equally early Chanukah. Even CBC Radio's Metro Morning program took note of this calendrical curiosity, explaining on the first candle-lighting day in November that this was the earliest Chanukah since 1888. In fact, another Chanukah that early won't come along for another century.

But beyond this, there's been something else going on in our Narayever community. We have experienced an exceptionally extended streak of generosity. Last month in our Newsletter, I described the enhancements taking place at our section of the Bathurst Lawn cemetery. That project is moving forward and we expect it to be complete next spring. Generous donations have made that project a reality. Of course, further contributions are still welcome.

Donations from generous donors have also made three other significant projects possible in just the past three months.

We depend on contributions to make it possible for our shinshinim to be with us. These are the engaging young Israeli emissaries who bring us news and descriptions of Israel every Shabbat and who work with our kids and teens. A determined group of fundraisers and donors worked hard in the fall to ensure that the shinshinim program at the Narayever would continue beyond 2014.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter, you can read about the attractive new pew cushions that will be installed in our sanctuary later in January. This is the first time there will be such cushions in the history of the shul. These, too, were made possible by generous donors. I believe the new cushions will not only make seating more comfortable, but will enhance the look and sound of our services.

And then there was the purchase of new High Holy Day mahzorim in honour of Rabbi Elkin's Bar Mitzvah year with us.



Narayever members took that campaign to heart and made it a success. As a result, those who come to High Holy Days at the shul next year will experience a more modern, egalitarian and accessible prayerbook.

All this has been most gratifying and encouraging for it demonstrates the level of commitment we as community members all feel towards the Narayever.

With our Centennial year at hand, it is fitting that we ask ourselves how we should next direct that spirit of generosity and that feeling of commitment as we look ahead.

As so many of you know, we have been examining and debating our building's limitations for years. On busy Shabbat mornings, our social hall is bursting at the seams. We need more space for programs for children and teens. During the work week, our rabbi needs an office on-site.

We have also been particularly concerned about the challenge of accessibility. Our egalitarian principles require that we provide equal access to services for all people regardless of gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. So far, we have not succeeded in finding a way to overcome that challenge.

It's not for lack of trying. Three years ago, our shul board took a detailed look at the pros and cons of various configurations of lifts and elevators. No option was fully satisfactory. Ever since then, we have continued to explore options that could give us more space and provide that essential accessibility.

I believe that in our shul's 100th year, we have reached a turning point. We know that expansion and adaptation of our building will require a higher level of giving than previous campaigns. We have to ask ourselves whether we really do have the vision to build something that will meet our needs now and into the future, something that will place us alongside earlier generations of builders. I look forward to carrying on this vital discussion in the coming year.

Harry Schachter  
*president@narayever.ca*

## RABBI'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

December 14 was a milestone day in my rabbinate. I arrived in Toronto, and at the Narayever, in the year 2000 – and so in 2013 I celebrated my “bar mitzvah” year with the congregation. On December 14, we marked the occasion together in shul. After working with so many young people and families in the congregation on their bar/bat mitzvahs over the past 13 years, I felt very touched to be on the receiving end of all those congratulations and mazel tov's. It has been a wonderful 13 years in my life, filled with a sense of accomplishment, and also with gratitude for the amazing people I have gotten to know. It has also been full of challenges for sure, but challenges that have taught me a great deal. I have grown in so many ways as a rabbi and as a human being because of the trust that you have placed in me, allowing me into your lives as your spiritual leader. Thank you.

I was particularly touched that there was such an enthusiastic response to our Rabbi's-Bar-Mitzvah-Year campaign to raise money for our shul's Prayerbook Fund. I have long felt that we as a community are ready to daven from a prayerbook that is much more contemporary in content and design than the one we have been using, while also being sensitive to the liturgical needs of a traditional-egalitarian community. I am thrilled that thanks to those who contributed, we are going to be davening out of the new machzor Lev Shalem on the High Holy Days 5775 (2014) at the shul. The Shabbat and Festival prayerbook in the same series as Lev Shalem is due to be published in 2015, and we hope to acquire it at that time for our use around the year. Like the machzor, it will include a new translation in contemporary language, a commentary providing both historical context and conveying the spiritual meaning of the text, some transliteration of key passages, and kavannot, poetry, and prose enlarging our relationship to the prayers.



I believe that this transition to new prayerbooks will bring with it a significant enhancement of our communal prayer life as we enter our second century as a congregation. My thanks go to Lili Little and Liz Bohnen for spearheading this fundraising drive, and to all the donors.

This issue of our newsletter is the first of our centennial year. You will read here and elsewhere about various aspects of the yearlong celebration. Some highlights: There will be several important centennial related Adult Education programs throughout the year, beginning with my mini-series on Jewish Renewal starting on Feb. 19. We are installing pew cushions as an enhancement of both our comfort, and

the esthetic appeal of our beautiful sanctuary. We are bringing a scholar-in-residence to the shul in May to help us think through some of the issues and challenges around egalitarianism in our second century. We are developing a new mission statement and logo for the shul. There will be an exhibit of the fascinating history of our shul. A theatrical production and a video are in the works. We are beautifying our section of Bathurst Lawn cemetery. And our Centennial Celebration committee is working on a festive bash in November to culminate the year.

This is a very exciting time for our shul. Many things are changing, but our core identity as a warm and welcoming multi-generational community offering traditional davening in an egalitarian context, Jewish learning opportunities for all ages, and a strong emphasis on Israel and social action will remain strong.

I always strive to keep our young people engaged with the shul after their bat/bar mitzvahs; you can count on me to stay as engaged as ever now that I have finished my “bar mitzvah” year with the shul. Thank you for allowing me to be your rabbi.

Rabbi Ed Elkin  
[rabbi@narayever.ca](mailto:rabbi@narayever.ca)



## Our Centennial Year has arrived!

We are thrilled to introduce a beautiful new logo that will adorn all our Centennial communications (see front cover).

Our committee has chosen "Celebrating our Past, Embracing our Future" as the theme for our Centennial. This phrase encompasses both parts of what we want to accomplish during this 100th anniversary year. We want to explore our rich history as a congregation, going back to the shtetl Narayev in what is now western Ukraine, through the period in which the immigrants from that town founded a congregation here in Toronto, continuing through the years of growth and decline and renewed growth as Jewish population patterns changed downtown, and of course including the period when our shul evolved from an orthodox shtiebl into an egalitarian minyan. But the centennial is not only about our past, it's also about our future.

## OUR CENTENNIAL LOGO

A strong logo design visually communicates the identity and spirit of an organization. In this case, the primary purpose is to showcase a very special occasion: our congregation's centennial year.

Like any branding exercise, we started with research, communication, and initial sketches. The Centennial branding committee wanted to incorporate a number of different elements into the design: our building, the number '100', our shul's name, the years we've been established, a Magen David and a tag line. Each component serves an important purpose. The challenge in the process is to include all the elements and form a cohesive piece.

Initial sketches were centred around our building's exterior since it represents so much about our congregation — a part of our current identity; a rich history; distinct architecture; a strong presence in the community; a meeting place — and the idea of having the numeral '1' representing the left gable of the building outline was formed early in the process.

Much about the future is unknown, and that can be scary.

But we don't shy away from it; rather we embrace it with enthusiasm. We bring our confidence and our vitality and our faith to discussions about directions our shul will take in its second century. Celebrating our Past, Embracing our Future -- these are our goals for this exciting Centennial year just beginning.

The logo was created by our talented design couple, shul members Hilla Kirmayer and Devin Slater.

We are very grateful for their creativity and their commitment and responsiveness throughout the process. The end result is a very special contribution to our community and to the history of our shul.

Micky Fraterman  
*centennialcelebrations@narayever.ca*

Feedback from the committee guided the direction of the process throughout.

We aimed to stylize the elements in order to create a logo that is clean and elegant, and form shapes that have multiple levels of meaning.

Amalgamating the building shape with the '100,' depicts the continuity of the Narayever community from a physical standpoint. If you look carefully, you may notice that the negative space of the '0' numerals and the panel between them combine to look like a scroll. This is a visual representation of the fundamental role of Torah in shaping our congregation, and the centrality and importance of Torah guidance as we look towards the future. Both classic and modern styles of shapes, forms and typography are applied in order to signify our community's commitment to balancing the values of tradition and progress.

It is a great honour to make a small contribution to the centennial celebrations. We hope the congregation likes the end result.

Hilla Kirmayer and Devin Slater



## New Pew Cushions to Kick-off our Centennial Celebrations!

Did you know that our pew benches have an interesting history? Many of them were acquired from Agudath Israel Anshei Sfard (the "Palmerston Shul") when it was demolished in 1978. When our shul's renovation in 2000 - 2001 enlarged the sanctuary, additional pews were obtained from a country church near Penetanguishine.

These pews have stood us in good stead all these years, but are now starting to look worn and scratched. Many people have been finding the hard wooden benches uncomfortable, and increasing numbers of members are bringing their own cushions to services.

On January 25, thanks to two generous families, we will finally have attractive and comfortable cushions for our pews and bima chairs. Much thanks to our donors: Larry and Marla Wasser, whose donation is in honour of their son Taylor's Bar Mitzvah and to Carol Tanenbaum and Don Schacter, whose donation is in honour of their grandsons, Max, Zachary and Jonathan Terner as well as Leo and Billy Soer.

The cushions are of very high quality, covered with beautiful blue fabric and are extremely comfortable. They are reversible for double use.

I would like to thank my fellow project organizers Lili Little, Evelyn Schaefer and Rabbi Elkin. As well thank-you to Interior Designer Shelley Kirsch for her very useful advice, and to Amir Gamliel of Action Sewing for his excellent upholstery services.

*Please join us at shul on Shabbat, January 25 when we will honour our donors and enjoy the new cushions for the first time -- a fitting beginning for our Centennial year.*

Liz Bohnen  
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Narayever pews being removed from Palmerston Shul, Aug. 1978.  
Credit: Ontario Jewish Archives.

We warmly welcome to our community these new members

- Ann Phyllis Klein and Jack Klein
- Nancy Klein
- Jessica Arshinoff and her children Benjamin and Max
- Barbara Roston
- Jennifer Freudenthal and her children Alice and Leona





## Jewish Renewal

4-Part Series with Rabbi Ed Elkin

*Wednesdays, from February 19 to March 12, 2014  
7:30 - 9 pm at the shul*



Our shul's centennial is a time for reflection on where we've been, but also on where we're going. Rabbi Ed is going to kick off our centennial year adult learning with a four part mini-series on the subject of Jewish Renewal.

We will ask the Big Questions – what new forms will Judaism take in the coming years? In what ways does Judaism need to change to adapt to our radically changing society? How far can Judaism stretch and still be considered authentic Judaism? How can we understand God in our generation? What is the significance of Jewish ethnicity in our multi-racial Jewish community and in our multi-cultural society? What is the best model for maintaining and enhancing the vitality of non-Orthodox Jewish community in the next generation? What role should political and social action play in Judaism of our time? What role should Israel play in Diaspora Jewish identity? Where does the Narayever traditional-egalitarian model fit in to wider efforts at Jewish renewal?

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Cost: \$10 for the series.

To register, please contact the shul at 416.927.0546 or [admin@narayever.ca](mailto:admin@narayever.ca)



## More Centennial News

Several committees are planning programs with a centennial theme; the history committee is making progress with the preparation of the history exhibit starting off with a taste of things to come at Doors Open on May 25, 2014 and our co-chairs Brenlee Robinson and Ellen Friedland and their committee are working on a party for all ages to take place on November 9, 2014.

Watch out for further details!

The committees welcome your participation! Please contact Micky Fraterman if you would like to get involved in any way.  
[centennialcelebrations@narayever.ca](mailto:centennialcelebrations@narayever.ca)

## And...Let's put on a Show!

Neil Naft is creating a show that will reflect the shul's history as part of the Narayever's centennial celebrations to be performed next fall.

If you are interested in collaborating on its creation, performing in the show and/or being part of the backstage production team, contact Neil at [neil\\_naft@hotmail.com](mailto:neil_naft@hotmail.com).

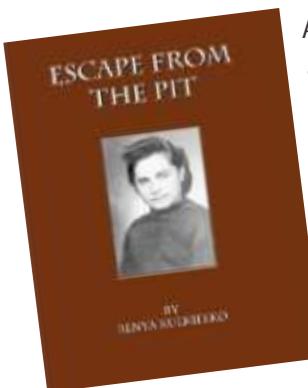


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## ADULT EDUCATION

Renya Kulkielko's *Escape from the Pit*:  
A Holocaust Memoir from 1944  
With Dr. Doris Bergen  
*Post-Kiddush, Shabbat January 18, 2014*

*Escape from the Pit* was published in Hebrew in 1944 and was the first published Holocaust memoir. The author, a teenager from the Kielce region, relates her experiences in a series of ghettos and work camps, her "life in disguise" as a Polish Catholic, and her membership in a young Zionist group. In the Kamionka ghetto, they dug bunkers, collected arms to fight the Germans, and clashed with the Jewish police.



As a courier, she traveled back and forth to Warsaw, carrying messages and weapons until the Gestapo arrested her. With the help of her sister and an array of Jewish, Polish, Russian, and German friends, partisans, blackmailers, and smugglers, she escaped, crossed into Slovakia, then

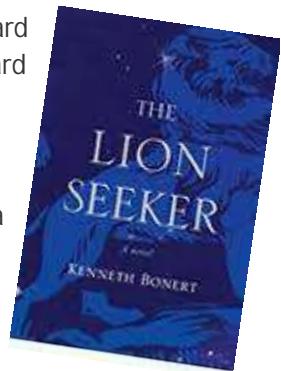
Hungary, and continued via Turkey to Haifa.

The talk focuses on this unusual memoir and what it reveals about resistance, Jewish-Gentile relations, and the sources of knowledge about the Shoah. Asya Kovnat, a Toronto psychotherapist and Narayever member, has been instrumental in reviving interest in this extraordinary book.

Doris Bergen is the Chancellor Rose and Ray Wolfe Professor of Holocaust Studies at the University of Toronto. She is the author or editor of five books and a member of the Academic Advisory Committee of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

Kenneth Bonert's *The Lion Seeker*:  
Author's presentation and book signing  
*Sunday February 23, 2014 at 7:30 pm, at the shul*

Author Kenneth Bonert presents his debut novel *The Lion Seeker*, soon to be reissued in a second printing as a Vintage Canada edition. Shortlisted for the 2013 Governor General's Award and Winner of the 2013 Wallant Award for Jewish fiction, *The Lion Seeker* traces the struggles of the Helger family after emigrating to South Africa from a small shtetl in Lithuania in the years leading up to the Second World War.



Drawing on Bonert's own family history, *The Lion Seeker* is a gritty, absorbing epic told in lyrical prose, centred around the efforts of young Isaac Helger to drag his family out of inner city poverty and reunite them with relatives left behind, as the terrible threat of war grows ever nearer. The novel has been described as the work of a "master storyteller" (Tablet Magazine) and a "latter-day Exodus" (Kirkus Reviews). "To read it is to be reminded how great a great novel can be," wrote David Bezmozgis, author of *Natasha: And Other Stories*.

A former journalist, Kenneth Bonert was born and raised in Johannesburg but now lives in Toronto. His work has been published in the Globe and Mail and National Post and his short fiction has appeared in The Fiddlehead, Grain, McSweeney's and Journey Prize Stories. He was a featured reader at the most recent International Authors Festival in Toronto.

The presentation will be followed by a Q&A. Feel free to bring your own books for signing. Copies will also be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served.

Reuven Shlozberg  
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## MEMBERSHIP & SHUL COMMUNITY

On the evening of November 16, 2013 the Membership and Shul Community Committee held an event to welcome new members who joined our community over the past year. Along with members of the board, our shinshinim and synagogue staff we gathered for some scrumptious food, prepared by our shul caterer, Rachel Zilberg, and an inspirational havdalah service at the lovely home of Rabbi Ed and Linda. What gracious hosts - thank you!

As our President Harry Schachter spoke, I couldn't help but think about our community and how special it is. We are all so proud of our shul and are excited to share it with newcomers. Our new members come from far and wide and bring many new ideas to our congregation. My wish is that they will become active members of our shul and enrich our collective shul experience by sharing their ideas and traditions. Each and every 'old-timer' should make an effort to welcome these new members into our community at every opportunity.

Our shul is always looking for new members. If you have friends or family who may be interested in joining our

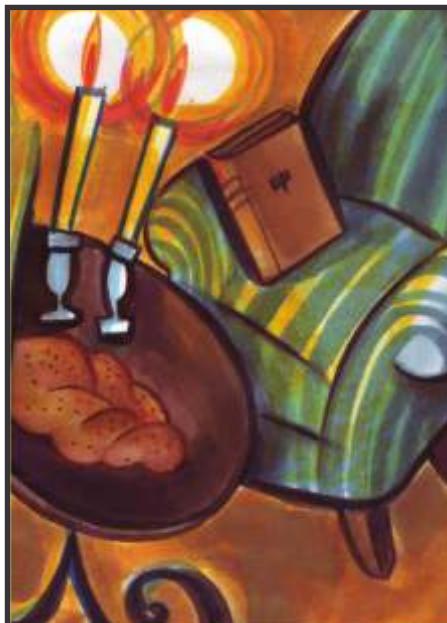
synagogue please encourage them to check us out either in person on any Shabbat morning or on our website ([www.narayever.ca](http://www.narayever.ca)). If they have any questions, I welcome the opportunity to talk with them.

The Membership Committee's next event is a Shabbat dinner at the shul to be held on February 7th. This annual event provides an opportunity to share a wonderful Shabbat meal with fellow members and participate in a special program being planned by Family and Youth Engagement Coordinator Beth Komito-Gottlieb and our shinshinim. The dinner is appropriate for members of all ages so please bring your entire family. We anticipate that we will sell out so please don't delay in contacting the office to reserve your place.

The committee has a number of other events we are looking at hosting as well as some policies that we are currently reviewing. We are open to new committee members – please contact me if you would like more information.

Remember to "like" us on FaceBook!  
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstNarayever>

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## Community Shabbat Dinner

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2014**

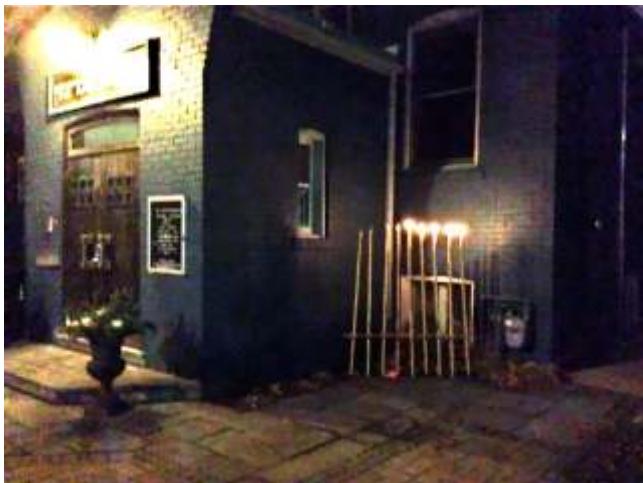
Join us for a fun, family friendly evening of great company, great food and great programs at the shul

Call the office at 416.927.0546 to book your spot as space is limited!  
 Cost: \$65 max. per family . \$20 adult (13+) . \$15 child (6-13) . Kids 5 & under - Free.  
 More details & information will follow in January.

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## CELEBRATIONS

With light and laughter, food and song, Narayever celebrated an unusually early Chanukah with a rollicking party on December 1. Marcia Beck, with the aid of our shinshinim, Hadar and Gal, started the evening off with a sing-along of Chanukah classics. We decorated cookies, spun dozens of dreidels, and ate lots and lots of latkes. Many thanks to all the committee members who made this event so enjoyable. And thanks to all who turned out to celebrate the miracle of light with us at Narayever!



This year for the first time the shul had a chanukiyah outside the shul to enable us *I/farsem et ha'nes*, to "publicize the miracle" in accordance with Jewish tradition. Many thanks to Noah Lichtblau and Gary Lichtblau for constructing our chanukiyah.



## Please join us for our *Tu B'Shvat Seder*

Led by Rabbi Elkin  
Wednesday, January 15, 2014  
6:30 pm at the shul

Tu B'Shvat is also known as *Rosh HaShanah La'llanot*, "New Year of the Trees."

We celebrate this holiday with a festive meal in which fruits and trees of the Land of Israel are given symbolic meaning.

During this evening of dinner and song, we will recall the mystical tradition associated with Tu B'Shvat and reflect on our ethical relationship to the social and natural world.



Cost: \$65 max. per family. \$20 adult (13+)  
\$15 child (6-13). Kids 5 & under - Free.  
Call the office at 416.927.0546 to book your spot  
by January 12, 2014. Space is limited!

For more information or questions please contact Timothy Hunt at [celebrations@narayever.ca](mailto:celebrations@narayever.ca)

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Come be a performer  
in our upcoming

## Purim Shpiel CASTING CALL



Feel like "Haman" it up a little on March 15? Then you're in luck!

We're always looking for talent. If you'd like to take part in this year's edition of the Narayever shpiel, please contact Erica at [ericawebb21@gmail.com](mailto:ericawebb21@gmail.com)

## RITUAL & HIGH HOLIDAYS

### Erratum

In our previous issue, we accidentally left Lili Little out of the list of members of the Kol Nidre choir. Thank you again to her and all the other members of the choir.

### Megilla Reading Classes

Purim 5774 falls on Saturday night March 15, 2014. We would like to expand our roster of megillah readers this year. Shul member Jordan Wosnick has volunteered to teach the special trope for Megillat Esther to anyone who already knows how to chant from the Torah.



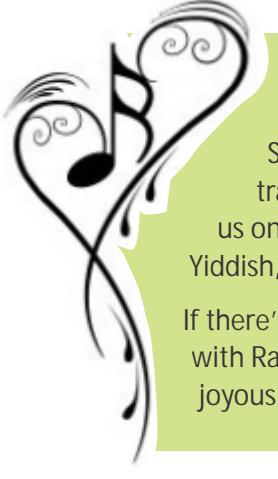
Jordan will teach a 3 - 4 session class on chanting Megillat Esther beginning in January, with the goal that class participants will chant a session of the Megilla at this year's Purim services -- either at the Saturday night service, or on Sunday morning, or both.

Once we know who is interested, we will set the schedule of classes.

To indicate interest or to ask questions, please contact Jordan Wosnick at [jwosnick@gmail.com](mailto:jwosnick@gmail.com)

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## JANUARY 11 • SHABBAT SHIRA ZMIRATHON • AFTER KIDDUSH

Shabbat Shira is the Shabbat of Song on which Shirat Hayam is read in the Torah. Our annual tradition is to have an extended singing session following kiddush on Shabbat Shira. Please join us on January 11, 2014 for some wonderful a capella singing of Jewish songs. We welcome Hebrew, Yiddish, Ladino, and English songs.

If there's a song you'd like to teach the group that doesn't appear in our shironim, please be in touch with Rabbi Ed so we can make copies. Please come out and make our sing-a-long among the most joyous possible!

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## YOUTH NEWS

Shalom! I hope you all enjoyed a very festive Chanukah and had some time to relax and rejuvenate over the winter break.

On Sunday October 27, our shul participated in the annual Miles Nadal JCC Family Fun Fair. This was an exciting event where members of the downtown Jewish community displayed information about their programs and ran children's activities.



Jill Magen-Lichtblau, Tali Elkin, Beth Komito-Gottlieb and Micky Fraterman ran a sand art booth which was very popular with the kids. We also had a booth highlighting all of the shul's programs. Thank you to all who came to help!

### SHABBAT MORNING PROGRAM

We are making some exciting changes to our programming based on input from kids, youth leaders, parents and our Shinshinim. In November, we began a new Shabbat morning program for our "tweens". Led by Shinshinim and our awesome team of teen leaders, Grade Six and Grade Seven students will be meeting on weeks alternating with our teen group, Chalutzim. This new group will be called Solelim.

### SPEAKING OF CHALUTZIM

In addition to our monthly programming at shul and around town, our teens will be heading for cottage country for a SHABBATON later this winter. All kids from grades 8 and up are welcome! Watch the Shinshinim's Facebook page and emails from Beth for dates and further details!

### YOUTH SHABBAT

Our annual Youth Shabbat will take place on February 22, 2014. On that day, our post-bar/bat mitzvah young people will lead most of the service. If your teen would like to take part, please contact Tama Soble at [tamasoble@gmail.com](mailto:tamasoble@gmail.com).

**MANY THANKS...** to Jennie Lai and Jason Applebaum for their kind donation of beautiful new tables, chairs, plates and cups to help our little ones to enjoy their Kiddush and snacks.



Also our gratitude to Ariella Eben-Ezra for teaching our Bar/Bat Mitzvah class how to bake challah.

### BABYSITTING COURSE

This winter we will offer a babysitting course for kids age 11 and older. Anyone interested should contact [youth@narayever.ca](mailto:youth@narayever.ca) or [beth@narayever.ca](mailto:beth@narayever.ca). We will determine dates based on input from interested kids.

Teddy Bercovici  
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Beth Komito-Gottlieb,  
Family and Youth Engagement Coordinator  
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## ISRAEL & WIDER COMMUNITY

### Commemorating the Legacy of Yitzhak Rabin – Promises of Peace

We are particularly proud of the outstanding contributions of our shinshinim Gal and Hadar and our Chalutzim, Antigone Fogel, Eliana Train and Max Ackerman who participated in a moving and creative event to commemorate the legacy of Yitzhak Rabin. Held at the Wolfond Centre on November 10, it was a wonderful collaboration between many downtown Jewish organizations.



Here's what Gal and Hadar tell us about how it all came together:

*After learning that a Rabin memorial ceremony was going to be held at the Schwartz/Reisman Centre JCC, we thought about how we are going to bring Yitzhak Rabin and his legacy to our downtown community.*

*It occurred to us that we should collaborate with other downtown institutions and produce a respectful and meaningful ceremony and bring the values of peace, acceptance and equality to our downtown community.*

*We enlisted another downtown shinshinit and her host institutions, the City Shul and Hillel, as well as the MNJCC, UJA Federation, Paul Penna Downtown Jewish*

*Day School, the Downtown Jewish Community School, Habonim-Dror Camp Gesher and, of course, the Narayever. The shul was represented by Max Ackerman and Antigone Fogel who sang, and Eliana Train who performed a dance routine.*

*We felt extremely excited by the level of support and devotion from everybody involved, and proud of the amazing turn out, with over a hundred people attending the ceremony!*

*We want to thank each and every one of you for supporting our event "Promises of Peace", an event which spread our vision for a perfect Israel - a place of peace.*

Gal & Hadar  
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### Our Condolences to...

- Karen Golden, Tevi and Orly, on the passing of their husband and father Michael Mandel
- Rhona Phillips, on the passing of her father Sydney Phillips
- Joel Yaphe, on the passing of his father Wilfred Yaphe
- Rabbi Joseph Ben David, on the passing of his mother Gila bat Haya ve'David
- Beverly Harris, on the passing of her husband Peter Harris
- Yosh Halberstam, on the passing of his mother Sandy Halberstam

“ויצרו בצרור החיים את נשמותיהם”

# SHUL MATTERS

## COMMUNICATIONS

What is the image that our congregation projects to potential new members? How does the Narayever come across to the wider community? How might we make it easier for us, as current members, to focus on our mission and core beliefs? These are the important and engaging questions that an ad hoc communications committee is currently considering.



The First Narayever Congregation is no longer the only synagogue in downtown Toronto. To assist us in our efforts to recruit new members to our shul, we need to clearly define who we are and make sure we are communicating all the wonderful things that make up the Narayever to the community. To do this, our committee has begun to focus on a number of key elements.

We are developing a mission statement – one or two short paragraphs that articulate the core beliefs and truths that define our shul. These certainly include a warm, inclusive, relaxed community; traditional-egalitarian davening; and an emphasis on community values and responsibility. Eventually, the mission statement will appear on our website where it can be referenced both by current shul members as well as by individuals looking to find out what the Narayever is ‘all about.’

We are also looking at the way the shul’s name appears to the wider community. The name ‘Narayever’

represents history and tradition and is a strong part of our identity. We are looking for ways to maintain that connection to the past while combining it with language that identifies us as Jewish and that defines our place in the Toronto Jewish community. This process includes developing a tag line – a short descriptive phrase that helps convey a sense of the shul – that will accompany our name online or in printed material.

Lastly, we will be thinking about the synagogue's logo. At present, we have a small image of a little house or shul that appears on our letterhead and website.

Our aim is to create a new image that visually projects warmth and energy, and that complements and enhances the components discussed above.

Our committee is looking forward to making recommendations to the Board of Governors in early 2014. If you have thoughts you would like to share regarding this process, please don't hesitate to send me an email.

Benji Cohen  
*communications@narayever.ca*

## Mazel Tov to...

- Lili Little and Mitchel Smith, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Cole
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# SHUL MATTERS

## SOCIAL ACTION

*It's time to save lives. Sometimes that's hard to do. This time it's easy.*



We recently learned at "Yes We Can! Jewish Perspectives on Organ Donation" that, despite widely held misconceptions, there is no Jewish

prohibition against organ and tissue donation to save lives. So we're inviting congregants to register for organ donation at [beadonor.ca/narayever](http://beadonor.ca/narayever) - all it takes is your health card, your birthday, and about 5 minutes.

What else?

We remind our generous pledgers to please pay those Yom Kippur Fund pledges – and please consider payment by cheque, as cheques trigger lower administrative costs than the alternatives. Follow this link, <http://narayever.ca/Social-Action-Fund/> to read my YK Appeal as a reminder about why to give here.

Our fall programming included a panel discussion about federal cuts to health support for certain classes of refugees, and our December program affirmed and prepared our congregation for a compassionate response to domestic violence. We're grateful to all those who ran these programs, and to those who came.

Some of our Social Action Committee regulars are on "parental leave" – so please consider joining us. Benefits include: helping to enliven our shul-wide commitment to repairing the world, and usually snacks at meetings.

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## בעברית

### A CLASS for HEBREW LOVERS

Shabbat, January 11, 2014  
 from 10-11 am in the solarium

Join Ariella Eben-Ezra  
 for a conversational class in Hebrew.

No matter what your level, come and learn some new words related to Eretz Israel, the weekly Parasha, the weather or whatever else might come up.

This class is offered on the second Shabbat of every month until July.



Are you interested in learning how to lead a Shiva Minyan?

We will be offering classes in January or February, 2014.

For more information, please contact Sarah Margles at [hesed@narayever.ca](mailto:hesed@narayever.ca)

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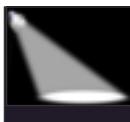
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## Spotlight: A Series on the Beneficiaries of our Yom Kippur Appeal

### The Downtown Jewish Community School (DJCS)

Every Jewish community has always had an important duty to support religious education, which is why schools were usually established before the community built its synagogue. Even small Jewish communities sought to keep their teacher. As it says in the Shulchan Aruch: "Every community is required to appoint teachers; A city without a teacher should be put under a ban until the inhabitants thereof appoint one.

If they persist in not appointing a teacher, the city should be destroyed for the world exists only through the breath of school children." (Yoreh Deah 245:7). One of the ways that the Narayever supports religious education in our community is through our Social Action Yom Kippur funding of \$3250 to the DJCS which enables them to participate in the UJA-Makom program that brings young Israeli shinshinim (emissaries) to the downtown Toronto Jewish community.

The historic centre of Jewish life in Toronto was the Spadina Corridor south of Bloor Street. Growing prosperity and integration of Jews into Toronto life after WWII led to an abandonment of the downtown and the institutions that supported Jewish life in the city core.

By the early 1970's a new generation of Toronto's Jews moved back into the city, seeking an urban lifestyle.

The only Jewish institutions they found were the Jewish "Y" at Bloor and Spadina and a few remaining Orthodox synagogues. The staff of Jewish Family & Child Services conducted outreach to the Jewish population south of St. Clair, and identified the need for a downtown Jewish school that emphasized respect for pluralism within Judaism. On September 7, 1979, under the leadership of Narayever member Joan Schoenfeld, the DJCS opened its doors with a student enrollment of 47 in three grade levels. The DJCS has been the hub for Jewish education for many of the Narayever's children and today has a student population of over 150, from JK to Grade 7 and extended to a High School Discussion Group.

The shinshinim at the DJCS (the same ones we are blessed with at the Narayever) strengthen students' connection with Israel through informal, interactive programs through their participation in Hebrew classes, enhancing student knowledge about modern Israel and ongoing discussion about current events in Israel and the challenges of youth growing up in Israel today. Belinda Keshen, Principal of the DJCS, thanks the Narayever community for helping the DJCS to provide this valuable service to downtown Jewish families.

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Here are a couple of suggestions:

### *To Be a Jew* by Rabbi Hayim Halevy Donin

This guide to Orthodox Jewish practice has been around for decades. Why, as a member of an egalitarian shul, would you want to read this book? As a historical background of Orthodox observance, it can serve as a rigorous guide to information on specific traditions and an inspirational help for meaningful experiences now. You will find information on the Sabbath, dietary laws, family life, prayer, the Synagogue, Holidays and Festivals. There are also sections on special occasions of life cycle events. However, I can guarantee that you will find no information on gay marriage!

### *Living a Jewish Life* by Anita Diamant

Updated in 2007, you will find this book useful whether you want to refresh your memory or need a quick reference to more modern Jewish life cycle practices. The book begins with an insightful citation by the philosopher Franz Rosenzweig (1886-1929): "For the modern Jew, observance is no longer a matter of 'the all or the nothing.' One only has to start. Nobody can tell where this beginning will lead."

We warmly invite you to explore the Narayever Library.

Lesley Turner  
Assistant Librarian

# THE JEWISH WORLD

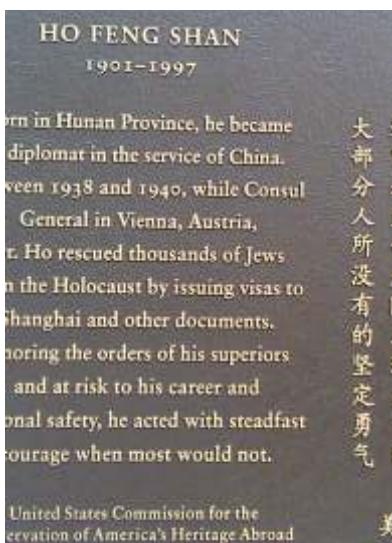
You can go anywhere...

by Julia Gluck

*The Jewish businessman was sure he could find a synagogue in Shanghai. On Shabbat morning, he walked from his hotel to the "Jewish" area, and had no trouble finding the shul. He walked in and stood at the back getting his tallit out of his tallit bag, preparing to join the services. He was delighted to see a Chinese man hurrying down the aisle from the bimah to greet him but was surprised to hear him say "What are you doing here?" instead of "Shabbat Shalom". The businessman said "Well, I'm here to attend services! I'm Jewish!" The Chinese man looked at him, astonished, and said "But you don't look Jewish!"*

My dad, z"l, used to tell that joke every chance he got. He must have known that during the Second World War, thousands of Jews had been lucky enough to have been issued visas by Dr. Feng Shan Ho, Consul-General to Vienna from China in the 1930's and early 1940's. They settled in the Tilanqiao area of Shanghai. After absorbing the enormous shock of being so far away from home in a country whose language they could not begin to understand, these Jews did what Jews do – they created a vibrant community which became known as "Little Vienna". Delis, bakeries, concert halls – they were all there.

When my husband Ted and I were in Shanghai recently, one of our first stops



was the Shanghai Jewish Refugees Museum complex. We took a tour with a Chinese guide, who was quick to tell us that the Tilanqiao Historic Area had been established by the Chinese government to be a witness to the Jewish refugee population which had been welcomed to Shanghai. The museum consists of two exhibition halls as well as the former Ohel Moshe synagogue.

We spent a few hours reading the stories of the people who lived there, looking at the many pictures of these people who so narrowly escaped the Shoah, and who after the war left Shanghai for Israel, the United States, Canada and other destinations.

The shul reminded us of the Narayever – small and cozy albeit with separate seating for the women (the second floor is now a sitting area and research facilities including a sign-in machine, a database of the Jewish refugees and video programs).

Imagine our surprise when we stood in front of one of the plaques on display and saw my mother's family name (Appel) in a list of some of the people who came over. Who knows whether or not we had relatives who were lucky enough to escape to Shanghai!

It was an inspiring experience for Ted and me, demonstrating to us once again the strength and resilience of our people, and reminding us that kindness sometimes comes from the most unexpected places.

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*This campaign has also seeded the future purchase of the new year-round siddurim which we hope to acquire during 2015. Together, we are renewing the shul's liturgy for its second century.*

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Kiddush: Sharon Fineberg and Michael Freeman, in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jacob and in honour of the recent yahrzeiten of Muriel Fineberg and Howard Freeman.

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## ■ OCTOBER 12, 2013

Kiddush: Yael Schacter and Greg Beiles, in honour of their son Benjamin's Bar Mitzvah.

Donations to the kiddush fund were made by Betty Colt, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Rose Kotzer; Bernard Feder, together with his children Justin and Cassandra, in honour of the yahrzeit of their wife and mother Nita Frenkel; Joan and Stuart Schoenfeld, in honour of Cyril Press and Anita Shir-Jacob; Joan and Stuart Schoenfeld, in honour of Elaine and Peter Gold; Shaun Singer, in memory of his parents Sam and Esther Singer; Dianne and Stewart Saxe, in honour of their new grandson Arthur Geoffrey Adams; Micky Fraterman, wishing mazel tov to the Saxe family on the birth of their first grandson Arthur Geoffrey Adams; Janet Horowitz and Sol Hermolin, wishing mazel tov to the Saxe family on the birth of their first grandson Arthur Geoffrey Adams; Dawn Berney, in honour of Sue Weinstein and our new food committee; Anita Shir-Jacob and Cyril Press, wishing mazel tov to Marjorie and Andy Gann on the birth of their granddaughters Alice and Dvora Arava. Youth Kiddush: Rachael Cayley and Mitch Davis, in honour of Eli's birthday and Benjamin's bar mitzvah

## ■ OCTOBER 19, 2013

Donations to the kiddush fund were made by Mayan Reicher and Lior Hershkovitz, in honour of their aufruf and recent marriage; Judy Fields, Eileen and Mark Jadd, Matthew, Brian and Leah Jadd, Elana Fields and Eitan Shwartsman in honour of the yahrzeit of Stewart Silver; Justine Silver, in honour of the yahrzeit of her husband Stewart Silver; Rosalie Shapiro and Steven Leikin, in honour of the birth of their new granddaughter Tiferet Carmel; Laraine and Neil Naft, in honour of the yahrzeit of Neil's mother Sadie Naft; Miriam Schlanger, in honour of the yahrzeit of her sister Isya Pertzovsky; Miriam Schlanger, wishing mazel tov to Marjorie and Andy Gann on the birth of their granddaughters Alice and Dvora Arava; Keren and Shalom Camenietzki, in honour of the yahrzeit of their son Daniel. Youth Kiddush: Mona and Jacques Kornberg, wishing mazel tov to Marjorie and Andy Gann on the birth of their granddaughters Alice and Dvora Arava.

## ■ OCTOBER 26, 2013

Kiddush: Karen Golden and Michael Mandel z"l, in honour of Tevi's Bar Mitzvah and in gratitude to Rabbi Elkin for his guidance and support.

Donations to the kiddush fund were made by Judy Fields, Eileen and Mark Jadd and Family, and Justine Silver in honour of the marriage of Elana Fields and Eitan Shwartsman; Miriam, Moshe, Danny, Taly and Gabriel Shwartsman, and Ariella and Adam Sweet, in honour of the marriage of Elana Fields and Eitan Shwartsman; Josh Fields and Susan Anderson, in honour of the marriage of Elana Fields and Eitan Shwartsman; Rachel Jacobus, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Frieda Yanusof; Sue Weinstein, in honour of the yahrzeit of her parents Ethelda Weinstein and Belmore Weinstein; Jackie Silverberg, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Harry Silverberg; Helena Burnstein, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Ronnie (Rose) Berger; Sylvia Solomon, in honour of her great friends in the Narayever community for their support and love through her illness; Ursula Loewenstein, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Arthur Levita.

## ■ NOVEMBER 2, 2013

Kiddush: Andrew Burnstein, Michelle Kosoy, Debbie & Cheryl Burnstein, and Gwen Maland in honour of Cole's Bar Mitzvah and in memory of Mitchell Burnstein.

Donations to the kiddush fund were made by Shelly Weiss, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Ernest Jerome Weiss, grandfather of Abby and Jenna Greenbloom; Anne Matlow and John Bohnen, in memory of Michael Mandel.

## ■ NOVEMBER 9, 2013

Kiddush: Susan Bonner and Sheldon Howard, in honour of their son Sam's Bar Mitzvah.

Donations to the kiddush fund were made by Morton Beiser, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Regina Beiser; Issie Lyon, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Molly Lyon; Lili Little and Mitchel Smith, in honour of the yahrzeit of Lili's father Alexander Chernick, and in honour of the yahrzeit of Mitchel's father Gerald Smith; David Barkin, in honour of the yahrzeit of his grandfather Alexander Chernick; Arnold Schonberg, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Sima Schonberg; Shirley and Sam Rubenzahl, in honour of the yahrzeit of Sam's mother Eva Rubenzahl; Joel Edelson, wishing mazel tov to Rachel Melzer and Shayne Robinson on the birth of their daughter; Liz Bohnen, wishing mazel tov to Rachel Melzer and Shayne Robinson on the birth of their daughter; Harry Schachter, in honour of the yahrzeit of his wife Donna Schachter.

Youth Kiddush: Andrea Most and Alan Ackerman, wishing mazel tov to their son Max on his birthday.

## ■ NOVEMBER 16, 2013

Donations to the kiddush fund were made by Rachel Jacobus, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Pinchas Chai Sofioff; Estelle Schacter, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Isaac Yomstock; Ursula Loewenstein, in honour of the yahrzeit of her husband Norbert Loewenstein; Anonymous; Shayne Robinson, in honour of the yahrzeit of his father Myles Sheldon Robinson; Mary Lou Smith, in honour of Andrew Simor, for receiving the Ve'ahavta 2013 Tikun Olam Award for outstanding achievement in medicine; Harry Schachter, in honour of Rachel Melzer and Shayne Robinson's new baby girl; Miriam Schlanger, in honour of Rachel Melzer and Shayne Robinson's new baby girl; Miriam Schlanger, in honour of the yahrzeit of her sister Nechama Schlanger; Anne Matlow, in memory of Rhona Phillips' father Sydney Phillips.

## ■ NOVEMBER 23, 2013

Donations to the kiddush fund were made by Earl Weinstein, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Molly Weinstein; Edye Jacobson, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Isaac Jacobson; Ellen Friedland and Arthur Vanek, in memory of Joel Yaphe's father Wilfred Yaphe; Isabel and Mendel Malkin, in memory of Rhona Phillips' father Sydney Phillips; Joel Edelson, in memory of Rabbi Ben David's mother Gila bat Haya ve'David; Morton Beiser, in honour of the yahrzeit of his father Joseph H Beiser; Ava Roth, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Stephen Roth.

## ■ NOVEMBER 30, 2013

Kiddush: Rachel Melzer, Shayne Robinson and proud big brother Kalil, in celebration of the arrival of their daughter and sister Nava Ayelet.

Donations to the kiddush fund were made by Estelle Schacter, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Sophie Yomstock; Percy Schacter, in honour of the yahrzeit of his brother Frank Schacter; Alfred Rubinoff, in honour of the yahrzeit of his parents Gittle Rubinoff and Chaim Rubinoff; Rebecca and Hyman Shandler, in memory of Rabbi Ben-David's mother Gila bat Haya ve'David; Keren and Shalom Camenietzki, in honour of Andy and Margie Gann's granddaughters Alice and Dvora Arava and in honour of Rachel Melzer and Shayne Robinson's new baby girl Nava Ayelet; Miriam Diamond, in memory of Rabbi Ben-David's mother Gila bat Haya ve'David; Miriam Diamond, in honour of Rachel Melzer and Shayne Robinson new baby girl Nava Ayelet; Deborah Fisher, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Irwin Itzchak Fisher; Joel Edelson, in memory of Dr. Bernie and Joel Yaphe's father, Wilfred Yaphe; Mitchell Brown, Jackie and Danielle, in honour of the yahrzeit of their wife and mother Alice Nusbaum; Estelle and Ian Melzer, in honour of the baby naming of their granddaughter Nava Ayelet, daughter of Rachel Melzer and Shayne Robinson; Karen Fainman, Jason Adelman and family, in memory of Rabbi Ben-David's mother Gila bat Haya ve'David; Ruth Leneman and Harvey Savage, in honour of the yahrzeit of Ruth's sister Alice Nusbaum.

Youth Kiddush: Ann Komaromi and Leonid Livak, welcoming Nava Ayelet to our community and wishing mazel tov to Shayne Robinson & Rachel Melzer.

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

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

### **“וַיִּצְרוֹר בְּצָרֹר הַחַיִּים אֶת נְשָׁמוֹתֵיכֶם”**

Shevat 2	Frank Epstein	father of Aura Kagan	Adar-I 1	Sarah Feferman	mother of Irv Feferman
Shevat 2	Freda Solomon Gann	mother of Andrew Gann	Adar-I 2	Henry Michel	father of Kathryn Levene
Shevat 3	Rubin Jacobs	father of Gordon Jacobs			and Isabel Malkin
Shevat 3	Ron Joseph	brother of Marion Hoffmann	Adar-I 4	Ruth Rosenberg	mother of Howard Rosenberg
Shevat 3	Esther Levin	sister of Michael Levin	Adar-I 5	Yetta Bresko	mother of Gitta Rice
Shevat 3	Joseph S. Rosenberg	father of Howard Rosenberg	Adar-I 5	Irene Davine	mother of Melvyn Davine
Shevat 3	Betty Sevitt	mother of Peter Sevitt	Adar-I 6	Sam Milgram	father of Paul Milgram
Shevat 4	Henry Albert	father of Lori Albert	Adar-I 8	Yidel Helfand	father of Victor Helfand
Shevat 4	Sophie Cooper	mother of Moe Cooper	Adar-I 8	Louis Kershenbaum	father of Debra Haworth
Shevat 4	Rose Enchin	mother of Gerald Enchin	Adar-I 9	Joseph Cohen	father of Suzanne Shuchat
Shevat 4	Ruth Leikin	mother of Steven Leikin	Adar-I 9	Henry Davine	father of Melvyn Davine
Shevat 5	Penina Chaya Davis	daughter of Jim Davis and Anna Korteweg	Adar-I 9	Eve Rachel Trapunski	mother of Edward Trapunski
Shevat 5	Maurice Katz	father of Steve Katz	Adar-I 10	Dovid Leib Aaron	father of Miriam Schlanger
Shevat 6	Libbie Gold	mother of Elaina Gold	Adar-I 10	Harry Silverman	father of Sheldon Silverman
Shevat 6	Iosif Samoilovich Livak	father of Leonid Livak	Adar-I 12	Jack Banack	father of Alan Banack
Shevat 6	Moshe Benjamin Schonbach	father of Avi Schonbach	Adar-I 13	Abraham Colman	father of Jack Colman
Shevat 6	Izaak Wasserlauf	father of Esther Levy	Adar-I 13	Arnold Keppler	father of Suzanne Keppler
Shevat 7	Fanny Roff	mother of Harvey Roff	Adar-I 13	Yitzchak Petroff	father of Shaya Petroff
Shevat 7	Barry Zachary Schacter	father of Yael Schacter	Adar-I 13	Jonas Schlanger	father of Goldie Schlanger
Shevat 8	Chaim Goldstein	father of Sheine Mankovsky	Adar-I 14	Morris Dublin	father of Max Dublin
Shevat 9	Sylvia Burstein	mother of Anita Kerzner	Adar-I 15	Rena Goldstein	mother of Sheine Mankovsky
Shevat 9	Jacob Moshinsky	father of Moises Moshinsky	Adar-I 15	Eda Reed	mother of David Reed
Shevat 11	Esther Dunsky	mother of Zipporah Dunsky	Adar-I 15	Gertrude Weiner	mother of Nan Weiner
Shevat 13	Daniel Bohnen	father of Elizabeth Bohnen	Adar-I 15	Ruta Westreich Rotenberg	mother of Daniel Westreich
Shevat 13	Judith Bohnen	mother of Elizabeth Bohnen	Adar-I 15	Mary Zimmerman	mother of Sondra Lofchick
Shevat 13	Goldie Howard	mother of Sheldon Howard	Adar-I 16	Hillel Diamond	father of Miriam Diamond
Shevat 13	Cecile Levinson	mother of Ronnie Levinson Burbank	Adar-I 17	Bella Minsky	mother of Sam Minsky
Shevat 15	Joan Jacoby	mother of Alan Jacoby	Adar-I 17	Andre Werner	brother of Daniel Traub-Werner
Shevat 16	Sonia Blitz	mother of Etti Miller			father of Mendl Malkin
Shevat 16	Chaim Kleiman	father of Beatrice Myers	Adar-I 19	Sol Malkin	father of Stewart Saxe
Shevat 16	Helen Mendelsohn	mother of Eric Mendelsohn	Adar-I 20	Percy Saxe	father of Naomi Ish-Horowicz
Shevat 17	Mary Malkin	mother of Mendl Malkin	Adar-I 21	Moshe Ish-Horowicz	Solomon
Shevat 17	Lilian Ruth Stein Davidovitz	mother of William Davidovitz			mother of Monica Miller
Shevat 18	Harry Lipsky	father of Linda Lipsky	Adar-I 21	Dorothy Miller	mother of Marilyn Biderman
Shevat 21	Sarah Chernick	mother of Lili Little	Adar-I 22	Daisy Biderman	mother of Ronald Medoff
Shevat 22	Livia Plaks	mother of Jason Plaks	Adar-I 22	Molly Medoff-Kopelow	son of Lorne Propas
Shevat 23	Janice Pavalow	mother of Randee Pavalow	Adar-I 22	Jordan Propas	mother of Evan Castel
Shevat 23	Annie Petroff	mother of Shaya Petroff	Adar-I 23	Judith Castel	father of Richard Glazier
Shevat 26	Charles Eric Lees	father of Norma Latsonas	Adar-I 23	Edward Glazier	mother of Richard Glazier
Shevat 26	Eve Risen	mother of Lawrence Fox	Adar-I 23	Joyce Glazier	father of Sharone Bar-David
Shevat 27	Mary Gold	mother of Sandy Roff	Adar-I 24	Yaakov (Yaap) Bar-David	mother of Arthur Vanek
Shevat 27	Sam Honig	father of Rosanna Honig	Adar-I 24	Faye Vanek	sister of Max Dublin
Shevat 28	Ben Berck	father of Phyllis Berck and Dorothy Garfinkel	Adar-I 25	Helen (Chaya) Dublin	mother of Marjorie Gann
Shevat 28	Mabel Laine	mother of Leslie Starkman	Adar-I 25	Alice Lowenstein	father of Marni Cappe
Shevat 29	Edie Mark	wife of Craig Mark	Adar-I 25	Richard Pliskin	father of Neil Naft
Shevat 29	Rudy Philipp	father of Diane Philipp	Adar-I 26	Harry Naft	mother of Maire Kushner
Shevat 29	Reginald Ripstein	father of Arthur Ripstein	Adar-I 26	Betty Stocker	father of Elaine Gold
Shevat 29	George Sherman	father of Ronald Sherman	Adar-I 26	Saul Zuker	mother of Micky Oostra Fraterman
Shevat 30	Esther Gilbert	mother of Linda Tadich	Adar-I 27	Annie Baruch-Nink	father of Linda Tadich
			Adar-I 27	Mark Gilbert	mother of Ellen Roseman
			Adar-I 27	Constance Dorris Roseman	father of Enid Slack
			Adar-I 27	Moses Slack	father of Francine Watkins
			Adar-I 28	Sylvain Caen	

# JANUARY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 NARAYEVER			Office Closed	Rosh Hodesh service 7 am	Services 6 pm 4:35 	Bo Services 9 am
			1 Tevet 29	2 Shevat 1	3 Shevat 2	4 Shevat 3
Shacharit 9 am		CSA 4 - 7 pm		Hebrew Class with Ariella Eben-Ezra 10 am	Services 6 pm 4:42 	Beshalach Services 9 am Kensington Gardens 11am Shabbat Shira Zmirathon after kiddush
5 Shevat 4	6 Shevat 5	7 Shevat 6	8 Shevat 7	9 Shevat 8	10 Shevat 9	11 Shevat 10
Shacharit 9 am	Bar/Bat Mitzvah class 5:45 pm	CSA 4 - 7 pm	Tu B'Shvat Seder 6:30 pm	Tu B'Shvat	Services 6 pm 4:50 	Yitro Services 9 am Post Kiddush Talk with Dr. Doris Bergen
12 Shevat 11	13 Shevat 12	14 Shevat 13	15 Shevat 14	16 Shevat 15	17 Shevat 16	18 Shevat 17
Shacharit 9 am Board Meeting 7 pm					Services 6 pm 4:59 	Mishpatim Services 9 am Pew Cushion Dedication Kensington Gardens 11am
19 Shevat 18	20 Shevat 19	21 Shevat 20	22 Shevat 21	23 Shevat 22	24 Shevat 23	25 Shevat 24
Shacharit 9 am	Bar/Bat Mitzvah class 5:45 pm	CSA 4 - 7 pm			Rosh Hodesh service 7 am Services 6 pm 5:09 	
26 Shevat 25	27 Shevat 26	28 Shevat 27	29 Shevat 28	30 Shevat 29	31 Shevat 30	

# FEBRUARY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 NARAYEVER						Terumah Services 9 am Downtown Tween & Teen Skating Party at Dufferin Grove 6:30 - 8:00 pm
						1 Adar I 1
Shacharit 9 am					Services 6 pm Community Shabbat Dinner 5:18 	Tetzaveh Services 9 am Hebrew Class with Ariella Eben-Ezra 10 am Kensington Gardens 11am
2 Adar I 2	3 Adar I 3	4 Adar I 4	5 Adar I 5	6 Adar I 6	7 Adar I 7	8 Adar I 8
Shacharit 9 am Youth Shabbat Rehearsal 7 pm	Bar/Bat Mitzvah class 5:45 pm	CSA 4 - 7 pm			Services 6 pm 5:28 	Ki Tisa Services 9 am Lilian Stratton Bat Mitzvah
9 Adar I 9	10 Adar I 10	11 Adar I 11	12 Adar I 12	13 Adar I 13	14 Adar I 14	15 Adar I 15
Shacharit 9 am Board Meeting 7 pm			Rabbi's Miniseries on Jewish Renewal 7:30 pm		Services 6 pm 5:37 	Vayakhel Services 9 am Kensington Gardens 11am Youth Shabbat
16 Adar I 16	17 Adar I 17	18 Adar I 18	19 Adar I 19	20 Adar I 20	21 Adar I 21	22 Adar I 22
Shacharit 9 am Adult Ed Program with Kenneth Bonert 7:30 pm	Bar/Bat Mitzvah class 5:45 pm	CSA 4 - 7 pm	Rabbi's Miniseries on Jewish Renewal 7:30 pm		Services 6 pm 5:46 	
23 Adar I 23	24 Adar I 24	25 Adar I 25	26 Adar I 26	27 Adar I 27	28 Adar I 28	