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President's Message

Give the Narayever a Lift!

There is a new law in Ontario. "The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act", enacted on January 1, 2012, could have a great influence on your daily life. The Act lays the framework for the development and enforcement of mandatory Accessibility Standards.

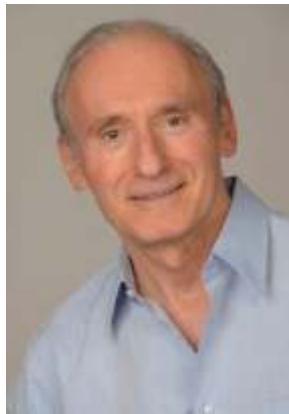
The disabled are at least 15% of the population, and rising. More than 40% of those over 65 have a disability (2006). People with disabilities know the new law requires organizations to have a plan to establish policies, practices and procedures governing the provision of its goods or services to the disabled. Organizations will have to provide training to staff, volunteers, contractors and any other people who are involved in the provision of goods or services to the disabled.

Why am I mentioning this recently passed Ontario law?

On Rosh Chodesh (the new month), which rarely falls on a Sunday, we read from the Torah. It gives an opportunity for family to have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah on that day. Several months ago our shul had such a Bar Mitzvah. Luckily for us it was on a Sunday because the shul was filled with family and friends. Outside it was pouring rain and as is usually the case everyone was arriving at once. Our little vestibule was packed when I overheard a visitor say that Mr. could not get up the stairs. I made my way to the vestibule and there standing at the foot of the stairs was an elderly gentleman clutching a walker looking at the stairs in dismay. The stairs were daunting. He stood there perplexed and confused. People were lining up outside in the rain waiting to get in. Tensions rose. Someone tried to help the man up the stairs but his legs could not support him. There was confusion and his embarrassment was acute. Finally two burly men got a chair, sat the gentleman down, and very slowly and carefully lifted him, stair by stair, up into the sanctuary. My heart was in my throat. What would happen, if one of them slipped on the wet stairs?

How do we, as members of the Narayever, feel about barring a grandfather from seeing his grandson's Bar

Mitzvah? Last year, at a town hall meeting explaining the plans for a shul expansion project centered on an elevator, a member asked why we would consider the high cost of an elevator when we don't see any disabled people at the shul services or events. I said something like, "It was the right thing to do". Now I would have answered, "They are not here because they cannot get in!"



In January 2010, our shul conducted a member's survey on our building's space constraints. Access for the elderly or disabled was third on the list of the most frequent reasons for restricting attendance after lack of space in the sanctuary and the social hall. In a membership age distribution study done in May 2010, slightly over 50% of our congregation membership was fifty-one years old or older. Although this implies that we have quite a high percent of younger members, are we to ignore our aging population?

"We all need each other, some more and some less. The obligation to care about others calls upon each of us to help one another. At the same time, the inalienable right of the human being to possess and maintain dignity demands that we ensure that our caring does not stifle the individual—belittling him or her—but rather empowers the individual."

"As we care for another, we must ensure that we safeguard that other person's dignity and that our acts of giving have the intent to empower everyone to meet their Divine potential and full capacities as individuals. This is the Torah directive – to care and respect."

Rabbi Benjamin Hecht

Over the next weeks and months you will be hearing more about our dream of an elevator and building extension. This is the culmination of years of work by numerous Narayever committees. There will be meetings, many opportunities to ask questions and appeals for individuals to play a part by working on new committees. Our shul is special and we are not afraid to dream big. Let's all pitch in!

Joel Edelson

Rabbi's Message

No word in our Narayever community has more power than the word "egalitarian". Egalitarian is our brand, it sums up what makes us unique; it defines our proud niche within the context of the wider Jewish community. Many of our members were first drawn to join our community because they felt so passionately about the egalitarian principle – which they saw as lacking in other congregations they were familiar with.

What does egalitarian mean? How is it expressed in the practices of our community? Like many other words we can think of – democracy, fairness, freedom, and justice to name a few – egalitarian can mean different things to different people.

We know what the word meant in a practical way to the founders of the Narayever egalitarian minyan back in the 1980's. It meant no distinctions between men and women in the ritual practices of the shul. The mechitzah came down. Women could lead davening and leyn Torah. Women and girls were expected to cover their heads just like men and boys.

The applicability of this principle beyond those early decisions has never been simple. The word egalitarian was often used in the discussions over same-sex marriage a few years ago. Our ultimate decision favoured doing such marriages, but not everybody felt that the situations were parallel. Those of us who strongly advocate for an elevator at the shul often use the word egalitarian to describe what motivates our efforts – we want those who have mobility impairments to have equal access to our services.

There are, however, two important complicating factors as we consider the applicability of the egalitarian principle at our shul. One is the other half of our Narayever self-definition – and that is the word "traditional". While there are some aspects of Jewish tradition which conform beautifully with egalitarianism – the idea that we are all created in the image of God being the most important – we all know that there are other aspects of Jewish tradition which distinguish between different types of people. In those examples, the two halves of our Narayever identity rub up against each other in a sometimes uncomfortable way, and we have to make a judgement about how to resolve the tension. One example is that we continue to honour the tradition that the descendants of kohanim and leviim have distinct ritual roles. The founders of our traditional-egalitarian minyan

believed that those distinctions should be maintained, and extended to daughters of kohanim and leviim. Others claim that egalitarianism mandates the elimination of these distinctions.

Another example pertains to the way in which the wonderful non-Jews in our midst as friends and family members are included in our community's ritual life. Our tradition maintains that there is an important and necessary distinction between those who are part of our covenant either by birth or by choice, and those who are not part of our covenant. This distinction gets expressed in limits on ritual participation by non-Jews, and this offends some – who marshal the principle of egalitarianism to help make their case.

So our traditionalism provides one check on the fullness of our egalitarianism, but there is another complicating factor found in

different definitions of the word egalitarian itself. Does egalitarianism mean that everyone is treated exactly the same, or can egalitarianism accommodate differences? That is a fundamental question that any egalitarian community must wrestle with. This question gets expressed in conversations around whether girls can celebrate bat mitzvah at age 12. It gets expressed in dues reductions for those of more limited means, and in some people getting up to lead services because they have ability in that area that other people lack. Do we think that a community which has two absolutely equal, but separate, sections for men and women, with equal access to the bema, can be considered egalitarian? We know where our community stands on the issue of mechitzah, but it's an interesting thought exercise for us to engage in as we contemplate what the principle of egalitarianism really means.

We will soon celebrate Pesach, our festival of freedom. Freedom isn't simple; our ancestors found that out at Mt. Sinai. Egalitarianism isn't simple either. The ongoing creative tension between egalitarianism and traditionalism, and within egalitarianism itself, makes our community exciting and dynamic.

Rabbi Ed Elkin



Holidays Matter

Pesach

Pesach this year begins on Friday night April 6. We wish the entire Narayever family a chag sameach. Following are some notes and information pertaining to the upcoming chag.

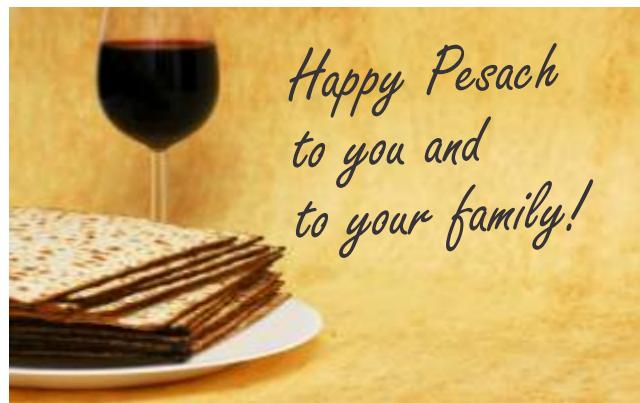
Seder Matching

Every year, our Membership and Shul Community Committee endeavours to match members of our community with other Narayever families for a Passover seder. If you would like to be hosted for a seder (don't be bashful!), or if you would like to open your seder to guests from the shul, please contact Alexa Sulzenko at alexa.sulzenko@gmail.com, or by phone at 416.941.5883.

Maot Hittin

('wheat money'/'assisting the poor with free provisions of food for Passover') Please consider helping others of limited means observe a proper Pesach. One way to participate in the mitzvah of maot hittin is to contribute to the National Council of Jewish Women's food drive.

This drive provides Pesach food for over 10,000 people in the GTA, and the NCJW must raise \$125,000 in order to be able to do it. To donate, either go to <http://www.ncjwc-ts.org/> or call 416.633.5100. Delivery day is March 21 – let them know if you can help with delivering.



"Making Pesach"

If you would like information about kashering your kitchen for Pesach, please contact Rabbi Elkin.

Pesach can be a very expensive holiday to observe properly. Do you need financial assistance to keep a kosher yontif? Rabbi Elkin has special funds set aside for members of the congregation in this situation, so don't be bashful! Please contact the rabbi in full confidence at 416.487.4200 or rabbi@narayever.ca.

Authorization of Agent to Sell Hametz – Mekhirat Hametz

There are four ways we fulfill the biblical mitzvah of ridding ourselves of hametz before Passover:

1. We clean our homes.
2. We burn any remaining crumbs.
3. We verbally declare that any hametz in our possession is worthless, nullified, and no longer owned by us.
4. In order to ensure that there is no question about our intent to remove hametz from our possession, we sell hametz to a non-Jew.

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You will have to do the cleaning, burning, and nullification. But the rabbi can assist you in the sale of your hametz, if you delegate that authority to him. If you would like him to do so, please fill out the form below and get it to the rabbi. You may either drop the form at the shul, or mail it to 187 Brunswick Ave., M5S 2M4, or fax it to 416.927.0486. Rabbi Elkin needs to receive the form by Sunday, March 25 at the latest in order for him to take care of this for you.



The shul kitchen will be closed for Passover from April 6 to 14, 2012

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

First Address: _____

Second Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Purim

MAKE NOISE FOR PURIM!

Narayever Purim celebrations will be happening Wednesday, March 7th, beginning at 7 pm at the shul. Our famous annual Purim shpiel will be followed by Maariv and megillah reading. Then join us in the Social Hall for the fantastic Narayever Purim Carnival!



Dress up in your most imaginative attire, because prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Bring groggers or buy them on site. Wacky Mac groggers will be available for purchase and collected after the celebration for the Food Bank.

You can also bring or purchase Mishloah Manot bags from the Bar and Bat Mitzvah class on site. Donate an extra bag to Jewish Family & Child Services. It's all for a good cause!

You can get ready and help contribute to the festivities. Sunday, March 4, join us at the shul to bake Hamantaschen. Watch for times in Narayever Net.

There will also be a service and megillah reading on Thursday morning March 8 beginning at 8 am. If you are interested in reading a chapter of the megillah, please contact dalia_margalit@hotmail.com. For more information or to join our committee, contact me at celebrations@narayever.ca.

Ann Komaromi

Yom Ha'Shoah

Please join us on Thursday, April 19, 2012, from 7 - 8:30 pm at the shul as we come together as a community to honour the memories of those murdered in the Shoah. We will listen to readings and music, light memorial candles, recite the names of family members who were victims of the Shoah, and participate in song and prayer. For more information, please contact Beth McAuley, bmcauley@web.net.



Yom HaShoah yellow candles will be available for pickup at the shul starting in April. They will be in a bin under the back stairs on the south wall, and will be available any time. If you have any questions about the yellow candles, please contact Helene or Marsha at the shul office – 416.927.0546, or email admin@narayever.ca.

Yom Ha'Zikaron



Please join us on Tuesday, April 24 from 7 - 8:30 pm at the shul as we commemorate those who gave their lives to achieve and protect an independent homeland for the Jewish people in Israel since 1860, and those who were victims of terror. The service will include a remembrance ceremony, followed by a unique program led by Roni and Itay, our young Israeli emissaries.

We would like to acknowledge those fallen soldiers and victims of terror who hold special significance to members of our community. If there is someone in your family who gave his or her life for Israel whom you would like to have honoured at our Yom Ha'Zikaron remembrance ceremony, please contact Dan Strumpf at dstrumpf@hotmail.com.

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Adult Education

We encourage you to participate in these post-Kiddush lectures. They start right after benching, so you can join in to sing some Shabbat zmirot and Birkat Hamazon before you get down to some serious learning.

Shabbat March 24 Post-Kiddush Talk The Growing Impact of Religious Zionists and Settlers on the IDF with Israela Oron

Brigadier General (Ret.) Israela Oron of the Israel Defense Forces will give a talk on the growing impact of religious Zionists and settlers on the IDF.

Oron was commander of the IDF Women's Corps and the first woman to serve on the faculty of the National Defense College. She also served as deputy national security advisor at Israel's National Security Council. She currently serves on the International Council of the New Israel Fund of Canada, which is sponsoring her visit to Toronto.

Shabbat April 21 Post-Kiddush Talk Crisis in Israel: Assaults on Israeli's Democratic Foundation with Lorraine E. Weinrib

Lorraine E. Weinrib is Professor of Law, University of Toronto, cross-appointed to the Dept. of Political Science. She participated in the legal work that led to the adoption of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, 1982, and then Charter litigation.

Professor Weinrib teaches constitutional law, constitutional litigation and comparative constitutional law, including a course on the constitutional law of Israel. She has been a



visiting professor at Hebrew University, and teaches a course in the modern constitutional state annually at the Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law as a member of its Centre for Advanced Legal Studies. When Israel adopted its rights-protecting Basic Laws in the early 1990's, which are modeled on the Canadian Charter, Professor Weinrib lectured extensively in Israel to members of the senior judiciary, lawyers in the Justice Department, and a number of leading civil rights NGOs.

If you have any ideas for programs or are interested in joining our committee, please contact me at education@narayever.ca.

Peter Gold

Mazel Tov to...

- Greg Beiles, on the completion of his comprehensive exams for his Ph.D
- Josh Fogel, to commemorate the completion of a full cycle of the Babylonian Talmud
- Harvey and Leslie Starkman, on the birth of their grandchildren Abigail Mae and Benjamin Levi on January 30, 2012
- Kathy and Mark Levene, on the birth of their granddaughter Sydney Cate Sloane on May 30, 2011
- Anita Shir-Jacob and Cyril Press on the birth of their granddaughter Beth Ilona on Feb. 6, 2012

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Membership & Shul Community

On Friday, January 13, we had a full house for our community Shabbat dinner. To quote one of our members who attended the dinner, "It was so great to be at a program that brought together people from across the shul's spectrum -- very involved long-time members alongside newer members, old folk , young, singles and family groups, toddlers and teenagers. We enjoyed the singing and ceremony, the healthy food, the shinshinim program, the togetherness. "

Check the Pesach article on page 4 for details about Seder matching!

The committee is continuing to offer a buddy program for new members. If you would like to introduce a new member to our community by joining them for a service or other shul program, meeting for coffee, inviting them for Shabbat dinner or a chag, etc., please email me at membership@narayever.ca. Also, do contact me if you would like to join the committee!

Liz Bohnen



SAVE the DATE!

**Walk with Israel
Monday May 21, 2012**

Board Highlights

Encouraged by Joel Edelson, our president, the Board at its January meeting formally established a Building Extension Committee for the proposed addition to the shul. A major element of this committee is the Fundraising Committee. An ad hoc fundraising committee, under Joel's leadership, has been soliciting advice from experts and synagogues to lay some groundwork for this potential major undertaking. This ad hoc committee will now be formally constituted as part of the overall Building Extension Committee.

The Israel and Wider Community Committee reported that the Makom project, through which our Young Emissaries do their work, has received a generous donation which will fund its activities for the next two years. Itay and Roni, our current shinshinim, continue to plan Israel focused programming for shul members young and old. Look for the announcements about Yom Ha'Zikaron and Yom Ha'Atzma'ut in this newsletter.

Our Youth chairs, Tamara Brooks and Roz Train, announced that due to the growing number of children at Shabbat youth services, sponsoring a youth Kiddush now costs \$54. Our kids enjoy nutritious snacks prepared under the direction of Andi Yumansky, the shul's caterer and her team.

Julia Gluck, Past President, is establishing a Nominating Committee to search for new Board members. If you are interested, please contact her at pastpresident@narayever.ca; she will be pleased to have a chat with you about joining the Board for 2012-13 and beyond.



Yom Ha'Atzmaut
Sunday, April 29, 2012
Please come celebrate
Israel's 64th Birthday

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Hesed

I would like to share some information on the meaning of *hesed*, הֵסֶד in Hebrew.

Hesed is difficult to translate into English; it really has no precise equivalent. Translators usually tried to represent it with such words as "loving-kindness," "mercy," "steadfast love," and sometimes "loyalty," but the full meaning of the word cannot be conveyed without an explanation.



In Jewish tradition *hesed* is closely linked with "compassion." Lack of compassion marks a people as cruel (Jeremiah 6:23).

In traditional mussar (ethical) literature, *hesed* is one of the primary virtues. The tannaic rabbi Simon the Just taught: "The world rests upon three things: Torah, service to God, and bestowing *hesed*" (Pirkei Avot 1:2). *Hesed* is here a core ethical virtue.

A statement by Rabbi Simlai in the Talmud claims that "The Torah begins with *hesed* and ends with *hesed*." This may be understood to mean that "the entire Torah is characterized by *hesed*, i.e. it sets forth a vision of the ideal life whose goals are behaviours characterized by compassion and mercy."

Alternatively, it may allude to the idea that the giving of the Torah itself is the quintessential act of *hesed*.

The political theorist Daniel Elazar has suggested that *hesed* means something like "loving covenant obligation. "*"Hesed"* is the antidote to the narrow legalism that can be a problem for covenantal systems and would render them contractual rather than covenantal" and so forms the basis of Jewish political thought that goes beyond a concern with compliance with following laws.

Hesed, also translated as "kindness", is often thought of as "being nice"; the connotation of *hesed* is much deeper. *Hesed* is properly described as an act that has no "cause".

Hesed is proactive – it is the initiator of interaction, and must therefore be the first in the sephirot or the Kabbalistic levels of action. *Hesed* deals with the level of the visible and, in the chain of social dynamics, is the primary spark that initiates subsequent action.

In Moses Cordovero's Kabbalistic treatise *Tomer Devorah*, the following are actions undertaken in imitation of the qualities of *hesed*:

- love God so completely that one will never forsake God's service for any reason
- provide a child with all the necessities of his/her sustenance
- circumcise a child
- visiting and healing the sick
- giving charity to the poor
- offering hospitality to strangers
- attending to the dead
- bringing a bride to the huppah marriage ceremony
- making peace between a man and his fellow man.

To get more information on how you can be part of the First Narayever's *Hesed* initiatives, please contact me at Hesed@narayever.ca.

Avi Schonbach

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Youth Committee

There are many ways for Narayever children and youth, and their parents, to become involved in the life of our shul.

Children and post-bar/bat mitzvah teens can lead Ashrei, Adon Olam or other parts of the service. Post-bar/bat mitzvah teens can also help usher in the main service. If you or your child is interested in any of these opportunities, please contact our Ashrei Coordinator, Tamara Brooks at youth@narayever.ca or our Youth Co-ordinator Samara Carroll at youthcoordinator@narayever.ca. (Tutoring is available for those who are new to Ashrei.)

The Narayever offers Leadership Training for young people who would like to help out with or lead programs for children and youth on Shabbat and at the Narayever High Holy Days services held at the MNJCC. Young people who would like to become Youth Leaders are required to participate in training, an interview, post-program review and assessment.

These opportunities vary as paid, community volunteer hours or volunteer opportunities, as determined by the Youth Committee. For more information please contact the Youth Committee at youth@narayever.ca or our Youth Co-ordinator Samara Carroll at youthcoordinator@narayever.ca.*

If you wish to act as a leader during the 2012 High Holy Day services, please contact Samara before March 23 to sign up for the training program.

*Selection of leaders will happen during the spring. Teens can keep up with youth programs and our Shinshinim by friending Narayever Youth and Roni & Itay Shinshinim on Facebook. If you don't have access to Facebook please make sure that we have a current e-mail address and telephone number for you. Send them to our Youth Co-ordinator, Samara Carroll at youthcoordinator@narayever.ca.

Parents of young children (age 0 - 7) are welcome to bring their children to Shabbat B'Yachad (SBY) and can get involved in planning and running this service. SBY meets every second Shabbat and is a parent-led program that provides an opportunity for parents to daven along with their children. Anyone interested in leading or helping to organize SBY can contact Mitch Davis at mitchdavis@rogers.com. We also encourage parents to like our facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=30002672#/pages/Roniltay-Shinshinim/269941749703948>

Celebrations

TU B'SHVAT WAS BLOOMING

We shared delicious food and food for thought among flowers and candles at the Narayever Tu B'Shvat seder held on Tuesday, February 7, at the shul. Rabbi Ed led adults and children in a conversation about the meaning of the various kinds of fruits we enjoy.



Thanks to Andi Y. and the Food Committee for a tasty dinner and education about sustainable food practices. We discussed spiritual and social issues on this New Year for Trees as we began to think about the celebrations of Purim and Pesach coming up soon.

Ann Komaromi

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Social Action

I am pleased to report to you that our annual Narayever fundraising effort was most fruitful. Thanks to all who made this happen. In total, we collected \$81,000!

This year, we saw a significant rise in the use of CanadaHelps, our online donation service. If any of you reading this have not yet fulfilled your commitment, please contact the office as soon as possible; our fiscal year end is June 30 and it is fast approaching!

The recipients of our Tzedaka drive are below. For more information on each, please go to our web page and click on the organization about which you want information.

In Toronto:

- Out of the Cold - \$5,000 towards ongoing operations
- JF&C - \$15,000 to continue support of their downtown community seder
- Ve'ahavta - \$2,000 to run their kinder kits program at the shul
- Jewish Free Loan Casa - \$7,000 to support short term loans to individuals/families to get through trying times

In Israel:

- Arava - \$15,000 as the final year in our 3 year commitment to their scholarship program
- Green Course - \$10,000 to their Environmental Leadership training program
- Sива Israel - \$5,800 to build an online ecological footprint calculator that will enable their participating schools in Israel and abroad to track,

compare and compete around improving their environmental impact

- Leket Israel - \$6,500 of operating funding for their night truck, which collects unconsumed food from various sources and redistributes it to the needy
- Ziv - \$6,500 to provide short-term emergency food for those in need who are falling through gaps in the Israeli social security infrastructure

In this allocation, we are donating 40% of funds to the Toronto area, while sending 60% of the funds to Israel. As well, we are dedicating 48% of our funds to addressing urgent needs, while devoting 52% to long-term projects that can support a better future.

Additionally, we decided that we would make a long-term commitment to JF&C to support this program at the \$15k level this year, in 5773 and in 5774.



Thanks also to all those who went out to Shaya Petroff's anniversary blood donor clinic.

If you have any ideas about new ways to do Tikkun Olam, or want to join the committee, please get in touch with me at sanarayever@yahoo.com.

Orrin Wolpert

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Daniel Camenetszki Library News

Great news! We have made a significant purchase of books to enhance the collection.

The new titles cover topics including Bible commentaries, current issues in Judaism, guides to Jewish living, ritual, social action and Israel. And we have added one new area. It is a very small collection of Israeli fiction in English translation with a few DVD's. A couple of the new titles are:

"The Sacred Table: Creating a Jewish Food Ethic" (CCAR 2011, 519 pages). Compiled by Rabbi Mary Zamore, the collection of essays by prominent liberal rabbis and scholars covers topics from Kashrut and ritual law to environmental ethics, kindness to animals and to issues concerning health and justice. According to Jonathan Safran Foer, "(it's)exactly what the Jewish community needs."

If the previous title was food for thought "*More Love Poems*", is food for soul and spirit. It is a *bilingual* edition in Hebrew-English by Yehuda Amichai,



Israel's most well-known poet. (Schocken1994, 157p.) Amichai's poems appear easy on the surface – but everyday events suddenly reveal deeper layers of the human existence, sadness, life and death.

The new books will be on the library shelves by the end of March. Stay tuned for a full list. Do come in, browse and borrow! Library staff are available on Sundays 10 am-12 noon ready to help and answer questions, or contact us!

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Presenting: Liz Bohnen, Chair of Membership and Shul Community



Liz Bohnen attended the University of Toronto where she received a degree in Anthropology, and later an M.Ed. in Adult Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

She works for the Ontario Ministry of the Environment in drinking water education and outreach.

Liz is the mother of a young adult son and daughter who live and work in Toronto. She enjoys gardening (and regrets Toronto is in the Northern Hemisphere) and lindy hop swing dancing, which she first heard about from another member of the Narayever.

Her FNC favourite? "The warm, interesting and inspiring people who create our community."

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Food Committee

Where's the Tuna?!

Congregants have asked members of the Food Committee why they haven't seen any tuna on the tables at Kiddush lunches. Our committee spent over a year studying contemporary food ethics, including animal welfare. We identified several priorities in terms of the food served at shul: that it be locally sourced (when possible), sustainably produced with a high standard of animal welfare, environmentally sensitive, healthy and nutritious, and produced under fair labour and trade practices.

Healthy and sustainably raised and caught fish are increasingly hard to find in our supermarkets. The only Canadian company producing sustainably caught and raised canned tuna and salmon is Raincoast Trading and they do not have kosher certification**. Globally, tuna populations are in trouble. Many species are endangered or critically endangered. There simply aren't enough fish to sustain the world's voracious appetite for tuna. [1]

Consider the following:

Atlantic bluefin tuna populations have declined by as much as 90% since the 1970s and Mediterranean bluefin by about 50%. [2] This is not sustainable.

In May, 2011, the Committee on the Status of



Endangered Wildlife, an independent group that provides advice to the federal environment minister, recommended designating tuna as endangered. [3]



Health Canada established mercury limits on six species of fish in 2007. The fish — fresh and frozen tuna, shark, swordfish, escolar, marlin and orange roughy — are predators that tend to have higher levels of mercury because of their relative size, lifespan and diet. Mercury is a naturally occurring element and a serious health hazard. Chronic exposure can damage the brain, spinal cord, kidneys, liver and developing fetuses. Exposure in the womb can lead to neuro-developmental problems in children. [4]

The tuna you buy at the grocery store was likely caught using longlining, a process where fisherman lay long fishing lines (up to 50 miles) in the water that are baited with many hooks spaced at intervals from one another. In addition to catching tuna, this process also kills countless threatened or endangered species such as sharks, sea turtles and sea birds. This practice contradicts our commitment to animal welfare.

Aquaculture, the process of farming fish, has become a necessary tool for keeping up with our fish-hungry appetites. Like any other confined animal feeding operation, aquaculture can cause pollution, and threaten the ecosystems and wild fish populations

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near the fish farms. This contravenes a desire we might have to be environmentally sensitive.

Would you like to choose sustainable fish to feed your family? David Suzuki has published his top ten picks. Among the kosher options are cod caught in Alaska by bottom longline, jig or trap; Sablefish from the Canadian Pacific or Alaska that are trap and bottom longline caught; or, closed containment farmed salmon. If you do wish to choose tuna, ask for Albacore tuna caught by troll/pole from Canadian and US Pacific waters. [5]

For further information, see: Bottomfeeder: How to Eat Ethically in a World of Vanishing Seafood, by Taras Grescoe or Eating Animals, by Jonathan Safran Foer.

B'tayavon!

Lisa Rosen for the Food Committee

- [1] <http://www.greenpeace.org/international/en/campaigns/oceans/tuna/>
- [2] <http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn13346-tuna-fisheries-facing-a-codlike-collapse.html>
- [3] <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prince-edward-island/story/2011/05/13/pei-tuna-endangered-green-may-584.html>
- [4] <http://www.cbc.ca/news/story/2007/03/29/mercury-fish.html>
- [5] <http://www.davidsuzuki.org/publications/resources/2011/shopping-guide-suzukis-top-10-sustainable-seafood-picks/>

**Please note that Wild Planet Tuna from the US has a better rating from Greenpeace than Raincoast Trading and it is kosher and parve. Whole Foods and Healthy Butcher do carry it. It's \$4.99/can. This is prohibitively expensive for the shul (but is possible for Bar/Bat Mitzvah families willing to pay extra, as they do with smoked salmon). It would be a good alternative for those looking for a sustainable kosher option at home.

<http://www.mindfultable.ca/2011/03/sustainable-canned-tuna-does-it-exist/>

<http://www.wildplanetfoods.com/store/products>

Our Condolences to...

- Kalman Weiser, on the passing of his father Burton Weiser
- Max Dublin, on the passing of his mother Gail Dublin
- Mitchell, Jackie, Danielle Brown and Ruth Leneman, on the passing of their wife, mother and sister Alice Nusbaum
- Ben Rothman, on the passing of his mother Frances Rothman
- Moe Cooper, on the passing of his mother Sophie Cooper

“ויצרור בצרור החיים את נשמותיהם”



We warmly welcome
to our community
these new members

- Etti Miller
- Reuven Shlozberg
- Michael Miloff and his children Eli and Emma
- Leigh-Ann and Raphael Ronen
- Yochanan Morris
- Laura Johnstone

Israel and the Wider Community



Shalom lovable Narayever Congregation!

We would like to tell you about our program for Chalutzim, the Narayever youth group, "The Amazing Race".

On Sunday, January 29th, at 2:30 we arrived in the MNjcc lobby and were delighted to see that 19 teens were waiting for us, each one more excited than the other to win The Amazing Race. There were teens from the shul, DJDS and DJCS – we are bringing the community together!

The teens formed groups and we gave them their instructions. The teams spread out to figure out the clue for their next station and they left, wearing their team colours, to complete their missions. At each station, we had a shinshin waiting (us and two colleagues from Temple Sinai) to monitor their activities.

The missions included: dancing the Makarena with a stranger in the street, advertising our youth group Chalutzim, a quiz to learn about each other, and dressing up like an Israeli in the summer (shorts and T-shirt) and taking a picture outside next to the snow. Of course, the teens said the missions were too easy; our response to them was "Wait 'til next time!"

The last "station" was the Narayever where we came together to share experiences, count the points and have a snack (of course!). A good time was had by all. We now look forward to the next teen event, a Dance Party on March 24th. Look for details on our Facebook page Roni&Itay Shinshinim, or in the NarayeverNet.

February was the month for adult programs. In addition to meeting many adult members at the Engaging Israel course, we were happy to be able to have a movie night and an Iron Chef for the post-teen group! We hope everyone had a good time.

We look forward to seeing you at the events for Yom Ha'Zikaron and Yom Ha'Atzmaut.

Roni and Itay

DJCC

One of the areas in which The Israel and Wider Community Committee gets involved is attending the meetings of the Downtown Jewish Community Council (DJCC). The Council meets periodically at the MNjcc and is made up of 38 members located in the downtown area: congregations, schools & youth groups, social services, community groups & networks as well as cultural and education programs. It gives the shul representatives the opportunity to network and to learn about opportunities for our congregation. The DJCC has a resource booklet in which the First Narayever is listed. We were pleased to learn about the revival of the one year free Bar/Bat Mitzvah Youth fitness membership at the MNjcc.

Engaging Israel

The second round of Engaging Israel sessions, co-sponsored with the Adult Education Committee, will have begun while you read this. Our shinshinim are taking an active role giving their point of view on the material being presented.

Now is a good time to join the Committee! Get in touch with me at israel@narayever.ca.

Micky Fraterman

Donations

The shul gratefully acknowledges the following donations made to our various funds from mid-December to mid-February. We apologize in advance for any errors or omissions. Please inform the shul office so that a correction can be made. If you would like to make a donation to one of our funds, please call the shul office at 416.927.0546

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

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- Lili Little and Mitchel Smith, in memory of Lillian Starkman
- Lili Little and Mitchel Smith, in memory of Alice Nusbaum
- Anita Shir-Jacob and Cyril Press, in honour of Peter Gold's 65th birthday

Daniel Camenietzki Library Fund

- Elaine and Peter Gold, in memory of Alice Nusbaum

General Fund

- Bernard Oeltjen and Yafit Rokach

Hesed Fund

- Sharon Bar-David, in memory of Alice Nusbaum

Kiddush Fund

- Bernard Oeltjen and Yafit Rokach
- Eric Bronson and Aryn Martin, in honour of their son Max Bronson's bris
- Liz Bohnen, in memory of Alice Nusbaum
- Harry Schachter, in memory of Alice Nusbaum
- Harry Schachter, in memory of Gail Dublin
- Shirley and Clifford Yumansky, in honour of Andrea Yumansky and the Conscious Kosher Catering Collective
- Louis Myers and Family, in honour of the yahrzeit of Esther Myers
- Julia Gluck and Ted Overton, in memory of Gail Dublin
- Julia Gluck and Ted Overton, in memory of Alice Nusbaum

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- Joan Garson and David Baskin, in memory of Alice Nusbaum

- Karen Weyman and Sid Feldman, in honour of Miles Gilbert's Bar Mitzvah
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- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, in honour of the engagement of Joan and Stuart Schoenfeld's daughter Rachel to Daniel Hyman
- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, in memory of Gail Dublin
- Julie Tepperman and Aaron Willis, in honour of Rabbi Elkin and Linda Lipsky
- Bram Walters
- Tammi Goldstein
- Isabel and Mendl Malkin, in memory of Gail Dublin
- Kathryn and Hugh Ferguson, in memory of Alice Nusbaum
- Kathryn and Hugh Ferguson, in honour of Janis Rubenzahl and her dedicated group of Kensington Gardens volunteers
- Kathryn and Hugh Ferguson, in honour of Harvey Savage's 70th birthday

Rosh Chodesh Breakfast Fund

- Kathryn and Hugh Ferguson, in honour of Brenda Enchin for her accomplishments with the Bar/Bat Mitzvah class
- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, wishing Mona Kornberg a refuah shlema

Donations

Torah Fund

- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, wishing Leah Jacobs a refuah shlemah and future good health
- Alison and Andrew Cohen, in honour of Dalia Margalit-Faircloth and Roger Faircloth
- Helene Jacobs, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Jacob Jacobs
- Leah Jacobs, in honour of the yahrzeit of her husband Jacob Jacobs
- Elaine and Peter Gold, in memory of Lillian Starkman
- Bernard Oeltjen and Yafit Rokach
- Liz Bohnen, in memory of Gail Dublin
- Arlene Lax and Leonard Vanek, in memory of Alice Nusbaum

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- Lili Little, in honour of Seth Gordon's Bar Mitzvah
- Cathy Mallove, Martin Geffen, Natalie Geffen and Rebecca Geffen, in memory of Alice Nusbaum
- Miriam Diamond
- Linda and Lawrence Cherney, in memory of Harry Cherney
- Julie Tepperman and Aaron Willis, with thanks to Dianne and Stewart Saxe for their hospitality
- Nora Gold and David Weiss, in memory of Aida Babins Phillips

Youth Fund

- Sarah Colman, Jared Peck, Morris and Shana, in honour of Gavriella Engel-Yan's first birthday



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Kiddush Sponsors and Donations

Dec 10, 2011

Kiddush: In honour of all the participants in Youth Shabbat -- Karen Weyman & Sid Feldman, Andrea Most & Alan Ackerman, Gill Lefkowitz & Gary Clement, Naomi & Dan Strumpf, Lori Albert & Joel Yaphé, Ali Aber & Jeffrey Krusner, Rochelle and David Barkin, Lisa Brownstone & Richard Macklin, Tama Soble & Hart Schwartz, Karen Weisman & Arthur Ripstein, Sheri Gordon & Steve Katz, Linda Lipsky & Rabbi Elkin, Benita & Gary Friedlander, Cathy Mallove & Martin Geffen, Joan Judge & Josh Fogel, Jill Magen & Gary Lichtblau, Lorne Cappe & Joanne Yolles, Dawn Berney & Chris Geggie, Glenn Rubinoff & Rona Sherebrin, Roz Train, Yael Schacter & Greg Beiles, Diane Philipp & Robert Muller, and Mitch Davis & Rachael Cayley.

Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Andrea Most and Alan Ackerman, in honour of Nirit Gruber for beautifully teaching the Bar/Bat Mitzvah students; David Rouimy, Tamara Brooks, Sam and Rachel, to mark the end of the kaddish period for David's father Raphy Rouimy; and by Cyril Press and Anita Shir-Jacob, in honour of the yahrzeit of Cyril's father Abraham Press.

December 17, 2011

Kiddush: Seth's grandmother Natalie Gordon and parents Dan and Margo Gordon, in honour of Seth's Bar Mitzvah. Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Earl Weinstein, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Molly Weinstein; and David Weyman, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Rose Weyman.

December 24, 2011

Kiddush: The shul. Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Alfred Rubinoff, in honour of the yahrzeiten of his parents Chaim and Gittle Rubinoff; Brenlee Robinson, in honour of the yahrzeiten of her parents Myles Sheldon Robinson and Connie Robinson; Michael Adam Murray, in honour of the yahrzeit of his brother Willem Evan Murray; and Jacob Ziegel, in honour of Shabbat Chanukah.

December 31, 2011

Kiddush: Joan and Stuart Schoenfeld, in honour of the engagement of their daughter Rachel Schoenfeld to Daniel Hyman. Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Ben Mark Holzberg, in honour of the yahrzeit of his brother Philip Holzberg; Hart Schwartz, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Edith Bernice Schwartz; Lili Little and Mitchel Smith, wishing a mazel tov to Joan and Stuart Schoenfeld on the occasion of the engagement of their daughter Rachel Schoenfeld to Daniel Hyman.

Youth Kiddush: Mitch Davis and Rachel Cayley.

January 7, 2012

Kiddush: The shul. Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Janet Horowitz, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Manny Kirschenbaum; Linda Lipsky, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Molly Lipsky; Judita Pamfil, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Eva Pamfil; Ruth Leneman, in honour of Harvey Savage's 70th birthday and his leyning Vayechi; Miriam Schlanger, in honour of the yahrzeit of her brother Michael Aaron; and Elaine Gold, in honour of Peter's 65th birthday.

January 14, 2012

Kiddush: The shul. Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Miriam Schlanger, in honour of the yahrzeit of her brother Moshe Aaron; Eric Letovsky, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Beatrice Letovsky; Shaya Petroff, in honour of his son David on the 25th anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah; and Josh Fogel, in commemoration of his completion of a full cycle of the Babylonian Talmud.

January 21, 2012

Kiddush: The shul. Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Kathy and Mark Levene, in honour of the babynaming of their granddaughter Sydney Cate Sloane (proud parents are Marissa Levene and Christopher Willerton); Lisa Mendelsohn and Brian Blumenthal, in honour of Ira's Bar Mitzvah which took place in Israel on January 2; Sylvia Solomon, in celebration of the release of her new book; Lesley Simpson and Mark Guttman, in memory of Alice Nusbaum and in honour of Lesley's first dvar Torah; Jodi Segal, in honour of the yahrzeit of his father Joshua Isaac Segal; and Isabel and Mendl Malkin, in honour of the babynaming of Sydney Cate Sloane.

January 28, 2012

Kiddush: The shul. Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Mitchell, Jackie and Danielle Brown and Ruth Leneman, to mark the end of Shloshim for their wife, mother and sister Alice Nusbaum; Lori Albert, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Henry Albert; Elaina Gold, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Libbie Gold; and Jerry Enchin, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Rose Enchin.

Youth Kiddush: Lori Albert, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Henry Albert.

February 4, 2012

Kiddush: Sharon Sharir and Andrew Smith in honour of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Jonathan. Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Perla and Ron Riesenbach, in honour of their parents Lil and Chuck Frohlich and Ruth and Joe Riesenbach; Mendl Malkin, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Mary Malkin; Zipporah Dunskey, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Esther Dunskey; Lili Little, in honour of the yahrzeit of Sarah Chernick, her mother and David Barkin's grandmother. Youth Kiddush: Liz Bohnen, in honour of the yahrzeiten of her parents Judith and Daniel Bohnen.

Please inform us of bereavement or unveiling so that your community may be of support during these times. Please contact Rabbi Elkin at 416.487.4200. In an emergency, use the pager number, 416.563.2283. Please note that although the pager is turned off on Shabbat and during Chagim, calls are returned shortly afterward.

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 בְּצֶרוּר הַחַיִּים אֶת נְשָׁמוֹתֵיכֶם”

Adar 8	Yidel Helfand	father of Victor Helfand	Nissan 3	Louise Levin	mother of Robin Levin Penslar
Adar 8	Erna Weintraub	mother of Sharon Weintraub	Nissan 3	Rose Pascal	mother of Paul Pascal
Adar 9	Joseph Cohen	father of Suzanne Shuchat	Nissan 4	Gad Hofmann	father of Carol Hofmann
Adar 9	Henry Davine	father of Melvyn Davine	Nissan 4	Nathan Rydel	father of Molly Swartz
Adar 9	Eve Rachel Trapunski	mother of Edward Trapunski	Nissan 5	Seymour Mayers	father of Arlene Mayers
Adar 10	Dovid Leib Aaron	father of Miriam Schlanger	Nissan 6	Lolly Propas	wife of Lorne Propas
Adar 10	Harry Silverman	father of Sheldon Silverman	Nissan 6	Molly Willer	mother of Phillis Willer-Haimovitz
Adar 11	Laurie Reichenberg	father of Janice Dembo	Nissan 8	Fred Pauker	brother of Jerome Pauker
Adar 11	Pnina Strumpf	mother of Dan Strumpf	Nissan 10	Avraham Greenberg	father of Benjamin Geva
Adar 11	Esther Wolinsky	mother of Cheryl Medoff	Nissan 11	Max Propas	father of Lorne Propas
Adar 12	Jack Banack	father of Alan Banack	Nissan 11	Morey Speigel	father of Alex Speigel
Adar 13	Abraham Colman	father of Jack Colman	Nissan 12	Jessie Berck	mother of Phyllis Berck and Dorothy Garfinkel
Adar 13	Arnold Keppler	father of Suzanne Keppler	Nissan 12	Jeanne Reichenberg	mother of Janice Dembo
Adar 13	Yitzchak Petroff	father of Shaya Petroff	Nissan 12	Max Shecter	father of Trudy Shecter
Adar 13	Esther Teitelbaum	mother of Linda Wise	Nissan 12	Harold Tanenbaum	brother of Carol Tanenbaum
Adar 15	Eda Reed	mother of David Reed	Nissan 13	Max Schonberg	father of Arnold Schonberg
Adar 15	Mary Zimerman	mother of Sondra Lofchick	Nissan 14	Chonon Levitan	father of Jerry Levitan
Adar 16	Ralph Snow	father of Margot Feferman	Nissan 14	Adele Zilberman	mother of Helene Silverman
Adar 17	Bella Minsky	mother of Sam Minsky	Nissan 15	Anne Tanenbaum	mother of Carol Tanenbaum
Adar 17	Andre Werner	brother of Daniel Traub-Werner	Nissan 18	Bernard (Barney) Davidoff	father of Jennifer Hoffmann
Adar 19	Sol Malkin	father of Mendl Malkin	Nissan 18	Esther Goodbaum	mother of Mark Goodbaum
Adar 20	Percy Saxe	father of Stewart Saxe	Nissan 19	Sam Bucovetsky	father of Meyer Bucovetsky
Adar 21	Moshe Ish-Horowicz	father of Naomi Ish-Horowicz	Nissan 19	Della Overton	mother of Ted Overton
		Solomon	Nissan 21	Samuel Szmulowicz	father of Julio Szmulowicz
Adar 21	Max Mandel	father of Michael Mandel	Nissan 22	Leah Kar	sister of Hannah Sorscher
Adar 21	Dorothy Miller	mother of Monica Miller	Nissan 22	Jack Mendelson	father of Leslie Mendelson
Adar 22	Joseph Kuperhause	father of Jacob Kuperhause	Nissan 22	Sylvia Rubinoff Kraft	sister of Alfred Rubinoff
Adar 22	Jordan Propas	son of Lorne Propas	Nissan 23	Barney Brown	father of Keren Brown
Adar 23	Judith Castel	mother of Evan Castel	Nissan 23	Rochelle Rusen	mother of Janis Faye Rusen
Adar 23	Harry Elkin	father of Rabbi Ed Elkin	Nissan 24	Rodica Nachman	mother of Adrian Nachman
Adar 23	Edward Glazier	father of Richard Glazier	Nissan 24	Sam Weiner	father of Nan Weiner
Adar 24	Yaacov (Yap) Bar-David	father of Sharone Bar-David	Nissan 25	Michael Magen	brother of Jill Magen-Lichtblau
Adar 24	Faye Vanek	mother of Arthur Vanek	Nissan 25	Arthur Jay Resnick	father of Karen Kaeja
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Adar 26	Harry Naft	father of Neil Naft	Nissan 29	Roy Saipe	father of Barbara Saipe
Adar 26	Betty Stocker	mother of Maire Kushner	Iyyar 1	Lucy Krauze Katz	mother of Ruth Benedikt Krauze
Adar 26	Saul Zuker	father of Elaine Gold	Iyyar 1	Sabina Wasserlauf	mother of Esther Levy
Adar 27	Annie Baruch-Nink	mother of Micky Oostra Fraterman	Iyyar 2	David Abrams	father of Leslie Starkman
Adar 27	Mark Gilbert	father of Linda Tadich	Iyyar 3	Stanley Golvin	father of Ilene Golvin
Adar 27	Steven Letovsky	brother of Eric Letovsky	Iyyar 4	Chayah Lofchick	mother of Lawrence Lofchick
Adar 27	Constance Dorris		Iyyar 5	Florence Morris	mother of Lynne Morris
	Roseman	mother of Ellen Roseman	Iyyar 5	Aryeh Rohn	father of Ruth Rohn
Adar 27	Moses Slack	father of Enid Slack	Iyyar 6	Alan B. Gold	father of Nora Gold
Adar 28	Sylvain Caen	father of Francine Watkins	Iyyar 6	Shoshana Shier	mother of Joy-Anne Jacoby
Adar 28	Alon Dembo	brother of Sharon Dembo	Iyyar 7	Chaim Benedikt	father of Amir Benedikt
Adar 28	David Shukyn	father of Claire Simon	Iyyar 7	Maurice Geffen	father of Benita Friedlander
Adar 29	Louis Cohen	brother of Suzanne Shuchat	Iyyar 7	Paul Natanson	father of Rimona Natanson
Adar 29	May Judith Davidoff	mother of Jennifer Hoffmann	Iyyar 7	Samuel Schacter	father of Barbara Schacter and Robert Schacter
Adar 29	Anne Greenstein	mother of Elaine Minsky	Iyyar 8	Heymann Hoffmann	father of Alan Hoffmann
Adar 29	Rachel Jacobson	mother of Edythe Jacobson	Iyyar 8	Helen Risa Macklin	mother of Audrey Macklin
Nissan 1	Jennie Sorscher	mother of Hannah Sorscher			
Nissan 1	Al Lofchick	brother of Lawrence Lofchick			
Nissan 1	Lazarus Solomon	father of Charles Solomon			

March 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Shul Library open 10:30am - 1pm				Services 6pm  5:50	Zachor Services 9am Kensington Gardens 11am
Shacharit 9am Hamantaschen Baking 11am - 2pm Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 4:30pm 4 Adar 10	Engaging Israel Class - 7pm 5 Adar 11	6 Adar 12	Erev Purim Fast of Esther Megilah Reading, Purim Shpiel and Carnival 7pm 7 Adar 13	Purim Shacharit Service and Megilah Reading 8am 8 Adar 14	Shushan Purim Services 6pm  5:59	2 Adar 8 3 Adar 9 Ki Tisa Services 9am Bat Mitzvah of Sivan Piatigorsky-Roth
Shacharit 9am 11 Adar 17	Engaging Israel Class - 7pm 12 Adar 18	13 Adar 19	14 Adar 20	Chalutzim Spring Dance Party 15 Adar 21	Services 6pm  7:07	Parah/ Vayakhel-Pekudei Services 9am Kensington Gardens 11am 17 Adar 23
Shacharit 9am Shul Library open 10:30am - 1pm Board Meeting 7pm 18 Adar 24	19 Adar 25	20 Adar 26	21 Adar 27	Bat Mitzvah of Aviva Ripstein 22 Adar 28	Services 6pm  7:16	HaChodesh/Vayikra Services 9am Rosh Chodesh Nisan Post-Kiddush Talk with Israela Oron 24 Nisan 1
Shacharit 9am 25 Nisan 2	26 Nisan 3	27 Nisan 4	28 Nisan 5	Bat Mitzvah of Danielle Sharir-Smith 29 Nisan 6	Services 6pm  7:24	HaGadol/Tzav Services 9am 31 Nisan 8

April 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Shacharit 9am Shul Library open 10:30am - 1pm BBM Class 4:30pm 1 Nisan 9				Fast of the First Born Erev Pesach 1st Seder Services 6pm  7:33		PESACH I Services 9am 2nd Seder 7 Nisan 15
Pesach II Services 9am First day of the Omer 8 Nisan 16	Pesach III (Ch"m) 9 Nisan 17	Pesach VI (Ch"m) 10 Nisan 18	Pesach V (Ch"m) 11 Nisan 19	Pesach VI (Ch"m) 12 Nisan 20	Pesach VII (Ch"m) Services 9am Services 6pm  7:41	Pesach VIII Yizkor Services 9am Kensington Gardens 11am 14 Nisan 22
Shacharit 9am Shul Library open 10:30am - 1pm Board Meeting 7pm 15 Nisan 23				Yom HaShoah Commemoration 7pm 18 Nisan 26	Services 6pm  7:49	Shmini Services 9am Post Kiddush Talk, with Lorraine Weinrib 21 Nisan 29
Rosh Chodesh Iyyar Shacharit 9am Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 4:30pm 22 Nisan 30	Rosh Chodesh Iyyar Yom Ha'Zikaron Commemoration 7pm 23 Iyyar 1		Yom Ha'Zikaron 24 Iyyar 2	Yom Ha'Atzmaut 25 Iyyar 3	Services 6pm  7:58	Tazria-Metzora Services 9am Kensington Gardens 11am 28 Iyyar 6
Shacharit 9am Shul Library open 10:30am - 1pm Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration 29 Iyyar 7					Bat Mitzvah of Saffi Schonberg 	