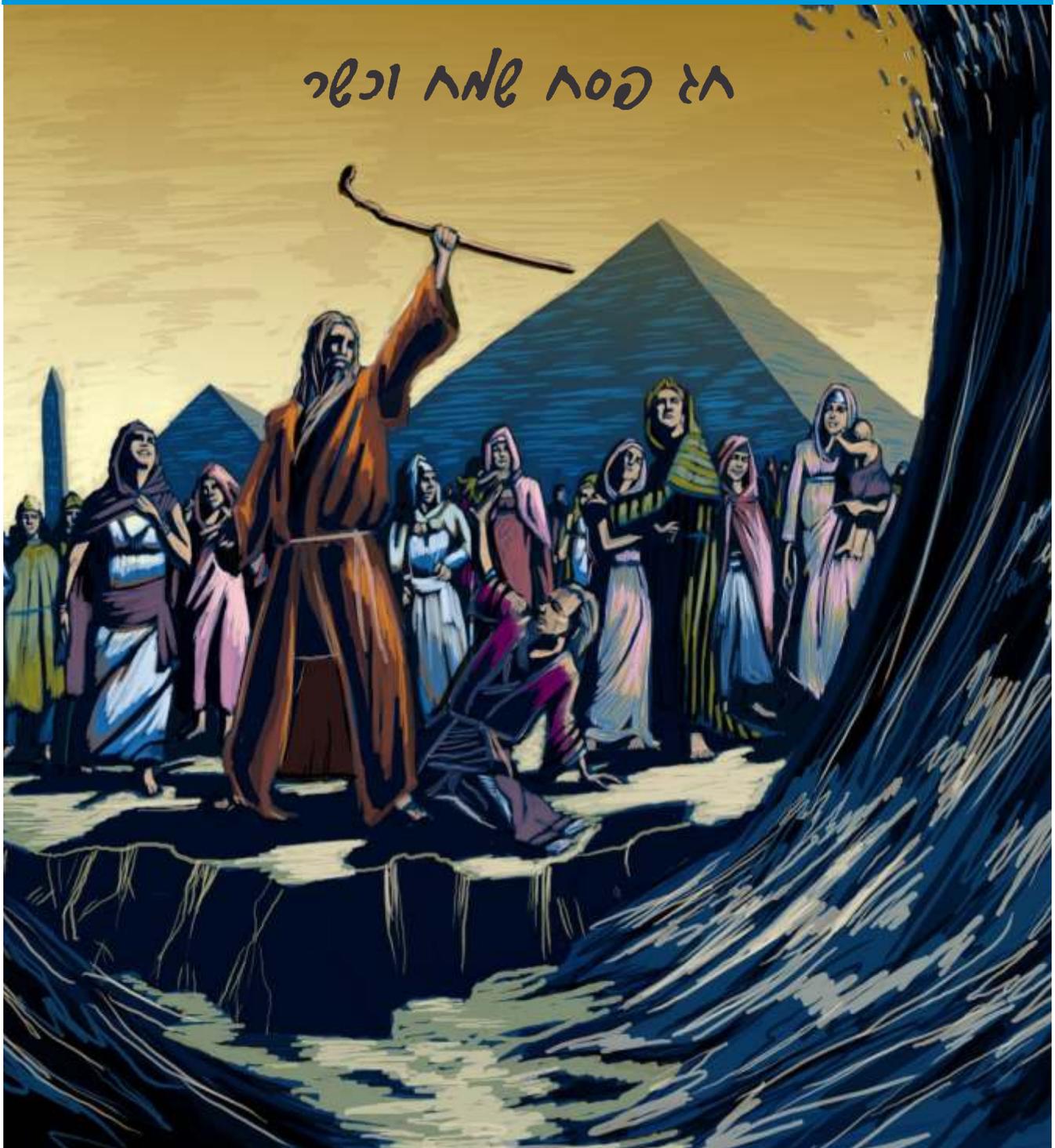




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I hope by now that you've heard about the consultation process we recently launched on space and accessibility issues at our shul. I wrote about it at some length in our last newsletter. We've also publicized the consultation process in our weekly Narayever Net emails, and I've talked about it from the bimah on Shabbat. The purpose of the consultation is to find out how our members want to move forward on a very difficult choice, after years of study and debate. Are we ready to make a commitment – which is likely to be very costly -- to an accessible, enlarged space? And if so, what kind of plan would make sense for us?

During January we held three meetings where members could discuss our shul's needs and offer suggestions about solutions. Those meetings showed that there is considerable engagement with the issues of space and accessibility, but a lot of very different ideas about what to do. Finding a consensus won't be easy!

The next step is a survey on preferred options. By the time you read this message, you will likely have received that survey by email. It lays out our choices in very broad strokes. Some may be anxious to see more detailed proposals, and those will be coming in due course. But we first have to determine in the broadest sense whether the membership as a whole wants to make modifications to our present location, leave things just the way they are, or move somewhere else. That's the purpose of the email survey. Only then can we look in much greater detail at specific options. By the end of the process, after further consultation, we expect to have a preferred option to present to the membership for approval at a General Meeting.

The entire consultation process is driven by our awareness as a Board, and my own strong belief as president, that we have to be deliberate and open when

making major decisions at the Narayever. Rabbi Elkin recently devoted one of his dvars to the question of pluralism, a very apt topic for the Narayever, where we encompass a wide range of views and practices. We know that there won't be complete agreement over how best to move forward. There wasn't in the past when our shul last carried out a major renovation. In

fact some people quit the shul because they were so unhappy with the decision at that time. But I sincerely hope that as long as members have a real opportunity to make their views known, and those opinions are carefully factored into the final choice, the congregation will be accepting and welcoming of whatever course we choose, collectively, in the end.

Let me add a few words about another forward-looking issue. It is still mid-winter

as I write this column, and the term of the present Board continues until June. It's the nature of this kind of enterprise, though, that we already have to be thinking about the coming year. Renewal is essential, and in any case some Board members have already indicated that they will be stepping down from their Board positions. So we are in the process of looking for new volunteers for the Board.

Most Board members serve as committee chairs or on the executive. It's a significant commitment and it can be demanding at times. But it's also deeply rewarding and fulfilling to help our kahal function better for all its members. I would encourage anyone who has an interest in our shul to consider an active volunteer role on the Board. If you think that you might be willing to take part, or that you might at least be willing to have a discussion about that possibility, contact me or Joel Edelson, our past president, who serves as chair of the nominating committee.

My very best to all,

Harry Schacter, Narayever Board President
president@narayever.ca



RABBI'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Historian Shaye JD Cohen defines "Jewishness" as "the conscious affirmation of the qualities that make Jews Jews." What are these qualities? Some see Jewishness as a function of ethnicity (membership in a descent group, a function of birth). Others see it in nationality (citizenship in a state, a function of politics). Still others see it in religion (membership in a group characterized by various beliefs and practices). Cohen maintains that these varying approaches were already in place in the ancient world, and played into the long running and still very contemporary Jewish conversation around the boundaries between Us and Them, and under what circumstances those boundaries may be crossed.



I don't know whether birth, politics, or beliefs should be the animating principle of Jewish self-definition. They each have a key role in this dynamic hybrid we have created. Some individuals and communities may accent one over the others, but those who have tried have found that it's very difficult to eliminate any of them altogether from Jewish self-understanding.

Regardless of how we define Jewishness, the next couple of months will afford us many opportunities to "consciously affirm" the qualities that make us Jews. Purim gives us an opportunity to celebrate Jewish survival, reflect on various Jewish responses to persecution, and in its celebration embrace an alternative approach to Judaism which is not about creating boundaries, but rather about breaking the usual boundaries down. Pesach, with its focus on the home-centered observance of the seder, empowers Jews in all their diversity to make their own key decisions about how they're going to mark Jewish time and Jewish history, and what ideals and values they're going to transmit to the next generation. Taken together, Purim and Pesach engender a conversation about God's role, or lack thereof, in the working out of human affairs.

Yom HaShoah falls soon after Pesach. Our annual Holocaust commemoration day brings us together to remember the catastrophe that befell our people so recently, and consider what it obligates us to do today. Yom HaZikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut call us to celebrate the extraordinary return of our people to Eretz Yisrael, and reflect on the terrible cost of that return. While Israel is much in the news, and the subject of much political controversy, these special days afford us a priceless opportunity to reflect on the spiritual meaning of Israel for us as contemporary Diaspora Jews.

Throughout this period of special days, our regular services and activities continue, helping us to reinforce ethnic, political, and religious expressions of our identity. Shabbat services -- both Friday night and on Shabbat morning -- are the times in the week when our community gathers and affirms who we are in relationship to each other, to our tradition, and to God. Our Sunday and Rosh Hodesh services connect us to the Jewish calendar and allow us to support those who are in mourning. Involvement in social action programming and tzedakah work enables us to set a high bar for our own conduct as citizens of this world. Attendance at adult education classes and programs expands our Jewish knowledge and reinforces our Jewish self-understanding as life-long learners.

So this is a busy season of the Jewish year. Much to consider, much to celebrate, much to pray about. Lots of questions about what Jewishness actually means, and opportunities for young and old to respond to those questions in their own ways.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Ed Elkin
rabbi@narayever.ca

Celebration Begins Wednesday night March 4, 2015



The Annual Hamantaschen Bake will take place on Sunday, March 1, 2015 from 11 am - 2 pm. This is a fun event for the entire family. For more information, please contact Sue Weinstein at food@narayever.ca.

For Purim itself, this year we are trying something new – an early pre-Purim celebration for families with young children. This special Purim program even has its own spiel! We begin at 5 pm on Wednesday March 4, 2015.

Our traditional Purim celebrations will begin that night at 6:45 pm with Maariv, spiel, and megillah reading. This year's enthusiastic Purim Spielers will freeze Haman with their *Frozen* inspired music.

Boxes of Wacky Mac are available for purchase in the social hall for those who don't bring your own 'greggors'. Afterward these will be collected for the Food Bank. You can also purchase *Mishloah Manot* from the Bar/Bat Mitzvah class in attendance. Consider donating an extra bag to Jewish Family and Child.

The Purim costume parade will follow the Megilla reading. And we can't leave out Narayever's youth-led Purim carnival, which will once again be held in the social hall. So don your very best costumes, grab your greggors and come spin them loud enough to raise the roof.

It's a night of rollicking good fun. Come ready to compete, have fun and win prizes!

We will also have a Purim morning service with megillah reading on Thursday morning March 5, 2015 beginning at 8 am. All are welcome.

מזל טוב!

MAZEL TOV TO...

- Sara and Terry Borer, on the birth of their daughter Eliana
- May and Dan Friedman, on the birth of their daughter Sasha
- Elizabeth Greisman, on the birth of her granddaughter Liona Claire
- Trevor and Zal Hart, on the birth of their sons Ariel Matan and Ilan Asher
- Leslie and Harvey Starkman, on the birth of their grandson Max

PESACH MATTERS



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

SEDER MATCHING

Every year we endeavour to match Narayever members with other Narayever families for a Passover seder. If you would like to be hosted for a seder or if you would like to open your seder to guests from the shul, please contact Alexa Sulzenko at 416.408.5564 or fn.meal.matching@gmail.com.

MAOT HITTIN (Food Drive)

Please consider helping others of limited means observe a proper Pesach. One way to participate in the mitzvah of *maot hittin* is to contribute to the National Council of Jewish Women's food drive. This drive provides Pesach food for over 10,000 people in the GTA, and the NCJW must raise \$125,000 in order to be able to do it. To donate, either go to <http://www.ncjwcts.org/> or call 416. 633.5100. Delivery day is Sunday March 29 from 8:30 am to noon – let them know if you can help delivering.

If you would like to receive a Pesach food basket from NCJW, either let them know directly, or Rabbi Elkin can arrange it for you.

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

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 hamets from our possession, we sell hametz to a non-Jew

You will have to do the cleaning, burning, and nullification. But I can assist you in the sale of your hametz, if you delegate that authority to me.

If you would like me to do so, I need to receive the form by Wednesday April 1, 2015 at the latest.

In order for me to take care of this for you, please fill out the form on the next page. You may either drop the form at the shul, mail it to the shul at 187 Brunswick Ave., Toronto M5S 2M4, fax it to 416.927.0486, or scan/email it to rabbi@narayever.ca.
Rabbi Ed Elkin

PESACH 2015

All services begin at 9 am
(No Friday night services April 3)
Shabbat April 4 (with Tefilat Tal), Sunday April 5,
Friday April 10 and Shabbat April 11 (with Yizkor)

PESACH and SHUL MATTERS

CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE



The Chinese Food and Movie themed Chanukah Party was great fun for all in attendance. Many requested that the same theme carry forward in future years. Both adults and children noshed on Rachel's award winning Chinese food. All played

dreidels, drank rich white hot chocolate, and ate delicious jam and custard filled sufganiyot. Happily sated, all then settled in for movie viewing. The children's movie, the classic *An American Tail*, received unanimous applause. The adult Israeli film, *Footnote*, received a 50/50 thumbs up/thumbs down review. Perhaps too heavy a topic for a light-themed celebration, votes are already in for next year's adult movie selection. The comedy 'Hebrew Hammer' has been requested. After reviewing, I can attest that it is certainly light intellectually yet heavy on the funny.



The Tu B'Shvat Seder had a musical twist this year. Israeli born flutist, Mor Shargall, and Canadian cellist and composer, Samuel Bisson, designed a music program with the theme of winter moving into spring. Trees were a central motif. The program opening with Vivaldi's *Winter* and finished with Edvard Grieg's light and blossomy *Peer Gynt*.

Afterwards, Sharone Bar-David hosted a beautiful song filled and engaging Seder. Thank you to Jared Peck who accompanied her on guitar. Spring may have seemed a long way off, but for one lovely evening, the snow and cold was forgotten and the promise of spring's renewal remembered.

Leisa Hirtz, Celebrations Chair
celebrations@narayever.ca

PESACH - HAMETZ FORM

Due by Wednesday April 1, 2015



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 my 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: _____

SHUL MATTERS

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

As those of us at the Narayever know, a synagogue is much more than just a place for prayer. It is a community, involved in social action, education and friendship. Adding to this sense of community, we have initiated a new Social Committee. We want to find ways to participate in fun outings together. Recently we held our first event, an evening of skating, and it was great fun and great exercise.

We have already scheduled two more social events! *The Toronto Marlies hockey team* on March 8 and on

Monday March 16, we have scheduled a *vegan, Pesach-themed cooking class*.

We are also in the process of arranging a group outing to see the Soulpepper production of *The Dybbuk*, with a new adaptation by The Narayever's very own Anton Piatigorsky. Watch for that event in May.

Other ideas include a hike in High Park, a beach day on Toronto Island and a Blue Jays game. The committee welcomes all ideas and suggestions. If you have any or would like to help out with organizing an outing, please contact me at the email address below.

Francine Dick, Social Committee
fdick@rogers.com

Social Committee Event

GREAT HOCKEY at a Great Price



Singles, families, couples and friends, join us to cheer on the Toronto Marlies!

Sunday March 8, 2015 | 3:00 pm
 Ricoh Centre | Cost \$20 per ticket

For tickets and more Information, contact Michael Freeman at *mfreeman@ehpnf.com*

Social Committee Event

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

for Passover with Marni Wasserman



Monday, March 16, 2015 | 7 - 9 pm
 Cooking Studio | 510 Eglinton Ave. West
 Cost \$40 PP | Geared for adults and teens

Vegan cooking will include a new take on Charoset, Quinoa Pilaf, Squash Kugel and Marni's Marinated Kale Slaw Salad.

To reserve your spot or for more information, contact Francine: *fdick@rogers.com*

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SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT

So much of today's news is so shocking that we risk becoming numbed to shock. So much of today's news is so outrageous that we risk becoming inured to outrage. Tikun Olam demands otherwise. It demands that we remain attentive, stay informed and continue to dedicate our individual and collective resources to do what we can to protect the physical world and to improve the social one.

Through fund-raising for righteous causes, encouraging participation in local initiatives, and raising awareness about important social issues, the Social Action Committee (SAC) has been supporting the First Narayever Congregation's fulfillment of our collective responsibility to Tikun Olam.

The congregation's major fund-raising activity occurs at Yom Kippur. On Erev Yom Kippur, the Social Action Committee distributed flyers and pledge cards while Dianne Saxe, a member of the Social Action Committee, delivered an appeal at the shul and Morley Beiser, chair of the committee, delivered an appeal at the MNjcc. The approximately seventy thousand dollars the congregation pledged in response to the appeal was heart-warming. To date, about 90 percent of the pledges have been collected and committee members are now hard at work "nudging" the stragglers. The committee has painstakingly reviewed applications for these funds both from organizations in Israel and in the local community. The list of recommended recipients will be announced shortly.

The deadline for applications for the next round of Yom Kippur funding is November 1, 2015.

Members of the Social Action committee continue to selflessly devote themselves to local initiatives such as *Out of the Cold*, *Hands Across the Sands* and *Kensington Gardens*.

Future issues of the Newsletter will describe some of

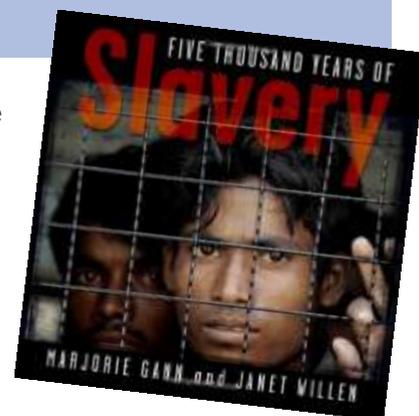
these activities in the detail they deserve.

Human Rights Shabbat is a T'ruah initiative to educate Jewish communities about the intersection of Jewish values and universal

human rights. The Human Rights Shabbat is usually held on one or both weekends bookending December 10th, International Human Rights Day. On December 6, 2014, we joined nearly 200 congregations, Hillels, hospitals, and chavurot in Israel and North America in observing Human Rights Shabbat. Sarah Zelcer delivered the Dvar Torah which dealt with the reconciliation between Jacob and Esau and its links to healing the wounds the residential school system inflicted on Aboriginal culture in Canada. Lorraine Weinrib delivered a post-kiddush talk on "The Post-WWII Human Rights Revolution: Jewish and Canadian Perspectives". Shayne Robinson, the immediate past-chair of the SAC, chanted Musaf.

The SAC is now organizing a second Shabbat with a human rights theme. For many of us, Pesach, the celebration of freedom, is our most important holiday. Many are not free. On March 28 2015, the Shabbat preceding Pesach, the SAC is honored to announce that two well-known authors will be with us to take an important part in this Shabbat Hagadol. Marjorie Gann, author of *Five Thousand Years of Slavery*, will deliver the dvar Torah, and Judie Oron, author of *Cry of the Giraffe*, will lead a post-kiddush discussion. The stories these authors have to tell are compelling and surprising.

Membership in the SAC has increased this year, but there is no shortage of work to do. For anyone who is interested in joining, or discussing what membership entails, please contact Morley Beiser at socialaction@narayever.ca.



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RITUAL COMMITTEE

Shabbat Morning Service Initiatives

If you've been at shul on a Shabbat morning over the last few months, you may have noticed that our heimish, participatory, traditional egalitarian services have just a touch more spirit than they did before. The service leaders are more confident, there are more new tunes, and transitions are happening more smoothly. You may even have noticed that the services are ending on average fifteen minutes earlier than in the past. This is not an accident. It's the result of conscious effort on the part of several groups of people.

First, the *Spirit of Services Committee*. This was an ad hoc advisory committee constituted in January 2013 by then president Joel Edelson, with the mandate of finding ways to maintain and even improve the level of spirit in our services. The group had several brainstorming and evaluation sessions, and came up with a list of ideas, each one rated for both feasibility and desirability. They handed over their report to the Ritual committee and disbanded. The Ritual committee made a point of discussing at least one item from the report at each meeting until all of the high-priority, high-feasibility ideas were fully reviewed. The best ideas were marked for implementation, and a plan of action created for each.

The actual implementation involved a variety of groups. The Rabbi was key, of course, as were the shelichei tzibur and gabbais. Some highlights:

- ❑ Sharone Bar-David created a series of inspirational videos for the shelichei tzibur which continue to be rolled out.
- ❑ Presidents (current and former) spent time determining how to improve the weekly announcements.
- ❑ Individual misheberachs were eliminated in favour of one group mi sheberach at the end of the Torah reading, and early parts of the service were tightened.

Congregational response has been terrific. People have noticed the changes, and even more so they have noticed the result of the changes. There's more ruach in the singing, more *kavanah* in the *tefilah*, and the spirit of services only continues to improve.

All in all, an inspiring start to our second century. Kol hakavod to all responsible.

Kivi Shapiro, Ritual Committee Chair
ritual@narayever.ca

YOM HASHOAH

Wednesday April 15, 2015
6:45 - 8:30 pm



Please join us at shul as we come together as a community to honour the memories of those murdered in the Shoah.

Mincha service will begin at 6:45 pm. From 7 to 8:30 pm, 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 at bmcauley@web.net.

Yom HaShoah candles

The 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 call Marsha or Ariella at the shul office at 416.927.0546, or admin@narayever.ca.

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ISRAEL and WIDER COMMUNITY

Bringing Israeli life and culture into our shul is the mission of the Israel Committee. Adult and youth members of the Narayever are exposed to rich Israeli experiences and programming to a large extent thanks to our ShinShinim (young emissaries). This year we have had the pleasure of hosting Hili and Dor. Some of their recent Israel themed programming for adults and families have included:

- ❑ weekly "60 seconds" update from the bimah on Shabbat
- ❑ exposure to interesting Israeli street names each week after the Shabbat Kiddush
- ❑ film nights intended to offer a glimpse into Israeli society and culture followed by lively discussions over Israeli snacks and warm drinks
- ❑ new conversational Hebrew gatherings at Aroma connecting our youth with Israel is vital.

For our youth the ShinShinim have helped to run programs like the Israeli Iron Chef, youth retreats, and holiday celebrations. The ShinShinim also regularly attend the Bar and Bat Mitzvah class. They share Israeli perspectives on the various mitzvot we explore with the kids.

As we celebrate Israel Independence Day this April, a special tribute and commemoration will be led by our ShinShinim as we observe *Yom Ha'zikaron*, Fallen Soldiers and Victims of Terrorism Remembrance Day followed by *Yom Ha'atzmaut* festivities. Scheduling Yom HaZikaron right before Yom Ha'Atzmaut was intended by the government of Israel to remember the sacrifice soldiers and their families and friends have made for Israel's independence and security. Please join us on April 19 from 4 - 6 pm, as we remember the fallen and support their families and friends.

We thank this year's ShinShinim, Hili and Dor, for their time and hard work in bringing Israel closer to our congregation. They have enriched us and our support enriches them.

Eitan Shvartsman
israel@narayever.ca



YOM HA'ZIKARON and YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Sunday April 19, 2015 | 4 - 6 PM

Join us to honour those who lost their lives defending Israel and to comfort those they left behind.

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Then stay to celebrate Israel's 67th birthday with family-friendly games and good food!

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We would love to hear from you!

Please send comments to newsletter@narayever.ca

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MEMBERSHIP & SHUL COMMUNITY

On January 10th new members were welcomed into the Narayever community at a lovely havdallah reception hosted by Rabbi Ed and Linda at their home. Over 50 people were in attendance as board members, committee members and our office staff had the opportunity to meet our new members over a scrumptious meal prepared by our own Rachel Zilberg. The feeling in the room was warm and enthusiastic. It is always a treat to share our love for the Narayever with new members. We all look forward to seeing our new members throughout the year and for many years to come.

Our Shul is always open to welcoming new members. If you have friends or family who may be interested in joining our community please encourage them to check us out in person on any Shabbat or on our website: www.narayever.ca.

We can also be found on Facebook: www.facebook.com/FirstNarayever. If your friends or family have any membership questions we will be happy to answer them personally.

In the last Newsletter, we introduced our new Social Committee and its chair, Francine Dick. Francine has embraced her new role but she needs some committee volunteers. Francine has already organized and hosted a skating night and she has many activities in the planning stages. We encourage everyone to support this initiative and come out to programs. Francine will be highlighting programs in the Newsletter on a regular basis (see p. 7).

David Barkin
membership@narayever.ca



Community Shabbat Dinner

FRIDAY APRIL 24, 2015

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 late March.

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YOUTH NEWS

As this newsletter is reaching you, we are moving from Purim to March Break, and before we know it, it will be Pesach! Over the winter months, Narayever children and youth have been keeping busy and warm in a variety of ways.

At the B'Yachad Parents Brainstorming Meeting in November, parents shared that they are happy with the teen-led B'Yachad program. Children and parents enjoy the services and activities, with parents preparing the weekly Parshah story. Regular B'Yachad attendees have access to a chart for parents to sign up. Erica Denburg led the way with two great weeks of dramatic and engaging parasha stories. Kol HaKavod to our awesome B'Yachad teen leaders, Alex Barkin, Hannah Feldman, and Rachel and Sam Brooks, for their continued enthusiasm and commitment.

Upstairs on Shabbat, our teen leaders Benjamin Feldman, Antigone Fogel, Max Ackerman and Sivan Piatigorsky-Roth have been working hard to engage our kids from grades 2 through Bar/Bat Mitzvah age with creative Parsha-based activities. Over the years, the Jewish edition of *Apples to Apples* has been a favorite Shabbat morning game while we wait to see who will arrive. We have now designed our own *Apples to Apples* with questions about each parsha. Kids are enjoying this activity; we still start with the sillier version of the game. For now we are joining everyone (Netivot and Solelim) together like a one-room-shul-house because attendance has varied from week to week. The parsha-based *Apples to Apples* game works for kids of all ages. Our ShinShinim add Israeli flavour with Hebrew vocabulary from each parsha.

In January, Chalutzim teens had our first Shabbat "Brunch and Banter". We will be holding these on the 3rd Shabbat of each month. It is a low-key time to for the teens to be together with our ShinShinim on Shabbat where they can chat about Jewish current events.

On the social scene, ten Chalutzim gathered on a Saturday night in January for pizza and frozen yoghurt. Yum! We also held a successful skating event in February. Coming up in March and April will be two more Brunches and a Shul-In (see the Narayever Net for details) as well as a Yom Ha'Zikaron / Yom Ha'Atzmaut event on April 19 from 4 - 6 pm.

Any parents who are interested in helping to enhance youth programming are encouraged to take part in the youth committee. Don't hesitate to contact us.

Teddy Bercovici, Chair, Youth Committee
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Beth Komito-Gottlieb,
Family and Youth Engagement Coordinator
beth@narayever.ca

Anticipating a 2017 Bat or Bat Mitzvah?



If you would like to make a bat or bar mitzvah for your child in 2017, be aware that dates are being booked at this time. Please look at the Bar/Bat Mitzvah guidelines on the shul website for information about eligibility and requirements, and contact Bar/Bat Mitzvah chair Simon Houpt at bbm@narayever.ca if you have any questions.

To receive a booking form, please contact Marsha in the shul office at admin@narayever.ca.

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ISRAEL ENGAGEMENT: SHINSHINIM REPORT

In January 19 - 24, 2015 I joined the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto Israel Engagement trip to select the ShinShinim (young emissaries) who will be coming to our community next August. In addition to the ShinShinim selection, the trip provided me with insights into contemporary Israel. The experiences were so meaningful that I will share them over a few Newsletters. Future editions will include introductions to our new ShinShinim, news on Sderot, and updates on our alumni ShinShinim. Our current Narayever Newsletter will focus on identity related experiences and bridging the secular-religious gap.

On our first evening of the trip we drove to South Tel Aviv for a visit at BINA, a secular yeshiva. To me, a secular yeshiva was an oxymoron. Describing it as a centre for Jewish identity and Hebrew culture didn't help. However, I learned that BINA is a place for Jewish studies and social action. Its leaders strive to strengthen Israel as a democratic pluralistic society by emphasizing Judaism as a culture, through Jewish values of Tikkun Olam ("repairing the world"). Jewish traditions and texts are studied emphasizing their connection to social action. BINA students live in South Tel Aviv, a poor neighbourhood, and work as volunteers with refugees from Sudan and Eritrea, migrant workers and at-risk Jewish populations. For more details about BINA (there is also a centre in Jerusalem) and the various programs and opportunities for learning and volunteering, visit their website at www.bina.org.il/en.

In Jerusalem we met with Dr. Micah Goodman, an Israeli-American Jewish philosopher, author and teacher at Hebrew U. and at Princeton. He is also the director of the Ein Prat Midrasha, a pluralistic Beit Midrash where secular and religious Israelis study together. A very dynamic speaker, he paced for an hour

and a half holding his kipa in his hand, handling it like rosary beads.

Dr. Goodman talked about changes in Israeli society. He started with how the early Zionists viewed the diaspora Jew as appeasing and neurotic, serving both God and the Goy. Two approaches to create a 'free Jew' in Israel were proposed. The first, promoted by Berdichevsky, an early 20th century writer, journalist, and scholar, was to create a free Jew by breaking away from both God and Goy. Berdichevsky appealed for the Jews to change their way of thinking, to free themselves from dogmas ruling the Jewish religion, tradition and history. The result was the reinvented Israeli Jew, a Zionist who has a strong connection to the land, who is focused on the present and future with no connection to the past, nor to the Jewish diaspora which for him/her represents that past.

The other approach was by Ahad Ha'am, a Hebrew essayist and one of the foremost pre-state Zionist thinkers. Ahad Ha'am thought that the new Jew should not break with the past, but rather redefine his or her relationship with the past. He promoted a secular vision of a Jewish "spiritual center" in Israel. Unlike Herzl, the founder of political Zionism, Ahad Ha'am strived for "a Jewish state and not merely a state of Jews".

The Ahad Ha'am view has been strengthening in the last few years. There is new interest within secular Israel in Jewish tradition and in maintaining the connection with the past.

Please contact me at avis@magma.ca if you are interested in hosting one of our SshinShinim for three months between the end of August 2015 and June 2016.

Avi Schonbach, ShinShinim Committee

SHUL MATTERS

Our Condolences to...

- Karen Bass, on the loss of her mother Bessie Leah Bobrow
- Jim Davis, on the passing of his brother Jeffrey Bernard Davis
- Isaac Dwosh, on the passing of his mother Pearl Dwosh
- Sharon Freeman, on the loss of her father George Fineberg
- Albert Kerzner, on the passing of his brother Joseph Kerzner
- Rebecca Smollett, on the passing of her half-brother Joel Smollett



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DANIEL CAMENIETZKI LIBRARY NEWS

Spotlight on
Author Alison Pick

Rabbi Ed and I were remarking to one another how great we found *Between Gods*, Alison Pick's memoir of her conversion to Judaism. We also found out that after reading her memoir, both of us sought out and immediately read her exquisite novel, *Far to Go*. Both books are intimately linked, in that Alison's family history is braided into the Holocaust novel. Her award winning poetic background is evident in both works. They are now in our library and my interview with Alison includes making some connections between the two books that I recommend as a set. Alison and her daughter recently have become members of our shul. She gave a wonderful reading of her memoir at our shul in February to a large, appreciative audience.

What inspired you to write *Between Gods*?

When I started to research *Far to Go* in 2007, I started to learn about Czechoslovakia at the time of the Munich Agreement and I also started to explore Judaism as it related to my family. I started to take a second set of notes just about the things I was uncovering as I researched my family's Judaism and about the sense of immediate visceral recognition that I had. At first I thought it was one book and then it became clear that these notes were for a second book, a non-fiction book. So I finished writing *Far to Go* and at the same time was taking these more personal notes and then when *Far to Go* came out, I turned them slowly but surely into a book.

As I read your memoir first and then immediately read your novel *Far to Go* it was fascinating, knowing your father's family history in Czechoslovakia and about those who perished in the Holocaust.

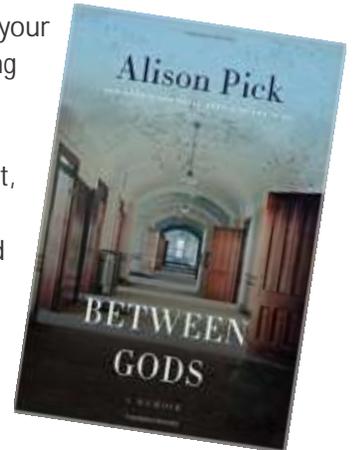
Not only is some of your novel autobiographical, but it is a finely structured, complex narrative where the hidden story is slowly revealed, keeping the reader anticipating knowledge that never truly arrives. Do you think that you formulated the plot this way as a reflection of your life of knowing and not knowing your family history?

Yes, certainly, to a certain extent, growing up in a situation that was ambiguous and fraught and where there were different versions of the truth kicking around [lent itself to wondering], is there a truth and is there a knowable truth?

Then outside of my own family experience in the Holocaust or any genocide where so many people are wiped out, we lose so many stories. I was trying to get at that, thematically, also. [I think of] the sheer magnitude of stories that were lost and of truths that we can't ever know in the wake of the Holocaust.

Alison Pick is an author to watch.

Lesley Turner, Assistant Librarian



We warmly welcome
to our community
these new members

Cheryl Epstein

Martin Koyle

ברוכים הבאים!



SHUL MATTERS

FOOD COMMITTEE

The Food Committee has been busy over the fall and winter months! In November, members of the Food Committee, in collaboration with other ambitious shul members, sponsored and prepared a tasty, economical and healthy kosher Shabbat kiddush lunch. We incorporated as many local and organic ingredients as possible. Those in attendance were moved and delighted with the idea of a self-catered kiddush and were amazed it was undertaken entirely by volunteers.

The Food Committee is now looking for another team of volunteers to take up the challenge of preparing a self-catered kiddush (funded by the shul) that is aligned with the Narayever's kosher and sustainable food principles. If you are interested in putting together your own team of "lay chefs" or connecting with other willing individuals to fill the hearts and stomachs of Narayeverniks, please contact Sue Weinstein, Food Committee Chair at food@narayever.ca. Sue will assist you to find a date in 2015 for your self-catered kiddush lunch and will provide you with more information about planning and preparation. As well, Sue will share support and guidance for your volunteer group as they embark on this wonderful contribution to our shul community.

In January the Food Committee sponsored a post-kiddush talk featuring David Loewith, a Jewish dairy farmer in the Hamilton area. David addressed his family's multigenerational farming history, discussed some of his dairy farm's ethical farming practices, particularly as they relate to good business practices, and shared his views on GMOs and organic/local farming issues. A large group of shul-goers were in attendance and were fascinated by David's farming knowledge and experiences. David invited our community to tour his family-owned farm. Anyone interested in touring the Loewith farm on their own or organizing a shul trip should contact the Food Committee Chair.

In February the shul's Tu'Bishvat seder featured Food Committee member and former Committee Chair, Andrea Most, as a guest speaker. Reflecting the holiday theme of environmental re-birth, Andrea described her work with Shoresh on Bela Farm, and introduced a number of upcoming tree-related activities, including a major re-forestation project on the land. More details coming this summer!

In March, families in the shul community and volunteers from both the Food and Celebrations Committees were up to their ears in hamantaschen ingredients. The collaborative effort resulted in 500 delectable and delicious hamantaschen served at the shul's Purim festivities. Kudos to Food Committee members Yasmine Abbasakoor and Naomi Loewith for heading up the baking extravaganza!

Our thanks go out to Harry Fox and Tirzah Meacham, Sarah Colman and Isabella Meltz for their generous contributions to new glassware for the shul.



With the kitchen closed for Pesach, the Food Committee and our caterer Rachel Zilberg, wish you a Chag Sameach and invite you to join us after the holiday for our spring and summer fresh, local, organic, and sustainable Shabbat kiddushim.

Sue Weinstein and Andrea Most, Food Committee
food@narayever.ca

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 and click on Narayever.

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- Josh Soref

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- Anna Teper

GENERAL FUND

- Josh Soref
- Rose and Rubin Friedman and family, in memory of Jim Davis' brother Jeffrey Davis
- Elaine and Peter Gold, in memory of Isaac Dwosh's mother Pearl Dwosh

HESED FUND

- Ronnie Burbank, in memory of Stewart Saxe
- Ronnie Burbank, in memory of Kathryn Ferguson's mother Daully Polson
- Sam Rubenzahl, in memory of Karen Bass's mother Bessie Leah Bobrow
- Sharon Abron Drache, in memory of Jayne Lemon

SHINSHINIM FUND

- Julia Gluck, in honour of Marsha Frydenberg's milestone birthday - bis hundred zvanzik
- Micky Fraterman, wishing mazel tov to Karen Weyman on receiving an award from the University of Toronto for her outstanding contribution to the Family Medicine Undergraduate Program
- Sharon Abron Drache, wishing mazel tov to Harvey and Ruth Kehan-Goldberg on the marriage of their son Ari Goldberg to Franceska Littman

CELEBRATIONS

- Karen Weisman, Arthur Ripstein and Aviva and Noah, in celebration of Hanukkah

MEMBERSHIP SUBSIDY FUND

- Janet Horowitz, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Manny Kirschenbaum
- Sharone Bar-David, in memory of Alexandra Simsilevich's grandmother Reisz Sandorne Vogel
- Laraine and Neil Naft, in memory of Stewart Saxe
- Aurora Mendelsohn and Louis Kalikow, in memory of Jim Davis' father Robert Davis
- Aurora Mendelsohn and Louis Kalikow, in memory of Sharon Freeman's father George Fineberg
- Josh Soref

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

- Laraine and Neil Naft, in memory of Kathryn Polson Ferguson's mother Daully Polson
- Lesley Simpson and Mark Guttman, in support of the Rabbi's work
- Rebecca Smollett and family, thanking Rabbi Elkin for his help and support during their time of need
- Aurora Mendelsohn and Louis Kalikow, in memory of Rabbi Elkin's mother Gertrude Elkin
- Anne and Bram Walters, in support of the Rabbi's work
- Rachel Melzer and Shayne Robinson, in memory of Jim Davis' brother Jeffrey Davis
- Leslie Starkman, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Mabel Laine

ROSH CHODESH BREAKFAST FUND

- Josh Soref
- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, in memory of Albert Kerzner's brother Joseph Kerzner

TORAH FUND

- Gayle and Stephen Benjamin
- Sharon Abron Drache, in memory of Stewart Saxe
- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, wishing mazel tov to Anita Shir-Jacob and Cyril Press for their golden anniversary
- Helene Jacobs and Bruce Rosebrugh, in memory of Jim Davis' brother Jeffrey Davis

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- Sylvia Davis, in memory of Stewart Saxe
- Medina Robbins & Glen Hoffmann, in memory of Alexandra Simsilevich's grandmother Reisz Sandorne Vogel
- Jackie Silverberg, in memory of Stewart Saxe
- Brenda Yakir and Marty Shukster, in memory of Kathryn Polson Ferguson's mother Daully Polson
- Keren and Shalom Camenietzki, in memory of Rebecca Smollett's half- brother Joel Smollett
- Lawrence Cherney, in honour of the yahrzeit of his father Harry Cherney
- Rona Sherebrin and Glenn Rubinoff, in memory of Jim Davis' brother Jeffrey Davis

YOUTH FUND

- Linda and Roy Wise and family, wishing mazel tov to Dianne Saxe and Harry Fox and Tirzah Meacham, on the birth of their grandson Onias
- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, wishing mazel tov to Dianne Saxe on the birth of her grandson Onias Stewart Saxe Yoreh

KIDDUSH SPONSORS and DONATIONS

■ December 6, 2014

Kiddush: The shul.

Donations to the kiddush fund were made by Percy Schacter, in honour of the yahrzeit of his father-in-law Isaac Yomstock; Ursula Loewenstein, in honour of the yahrzeit of her husband Norbert Loewenstein; Anonymous; Shelly Weiss, in memory of her father Ernest Weiss; Joel Yaphe, in honour of the yahrzeit of his father Wilfred Yaphe; Joel Edelson, in memory of Stewart Saxe.

■ December 13, 2014

Kiddush: Mitch Davis and Rachael Cayley, in honour of Jacob's Bar Mitzvah.

Donations to the kiddush fund were made by Beverly Harris, in honour of the yahrzeit of her husband Peter Harris; Marcia Beck and Mischa Levine, in memory of Stewart Saxe; Earl Weinstein, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Molly Weinstein; Lesley Simpson and Mark Guttman, in honour of Sue Weinstein for spearheading the self-catered kiddush for the community; Max Dublin, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Gail Dublin; and David Weyman, in honour of the yahrzeit of his father Stanley Weyman.

■ December 20

Kiddush: The shul.

Donations to the kiddush fund were made by Percy Schacter, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother-in-law Sophie Yomstock; Percy Schacter, in honour of the yahrzeit of his brother Frank Schacter; Shayne Robinson, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Connie Robinson; Ruth Leneman, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Solomon Nusbaum; Rachel Melzer and Shayne Robinson, in memory of Stewart Saxe; Rachel Melzer and Shayne Robinson, in memory of Alexandra Simsilevich's grandmother, Reisz Sandorne Vogel; Laraine and Neil Naft, in memory of Stewart Saxe; Laraine and Neil Naft, in memory of Kathryn Polson Ferguson's mother Daully Polson; Ruth Leneman and Harvey Savage, in honour of the yahrzeit of Ruth's sister Alice Nusbaum.

■ December 27, 2014

Kiddush: Harry Fox and Tirzah Meacham, in honour of the bar-qayama celebration for both their new grandsons Onias Stewart and Elisha Isaac (this means they are now both at least one month old and vigorously vibrant).

Donations to the kiddush fund were made by Mitchell Brown, Jackie and Danielle, in honour of the yahrzeit of their wife and mother Alice Nusbaum; Yosh Halberstam, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Sandy Halberstam; Marion and Jack Hoffmann, in honour of the yahrzeiten of Jack's sister Joan Hope and Marion's brother Ron Joseph; Susan Hoffmann, wishing refuah shlemah to Miriam Schlanger; Ellen Friedland and Arthur Vanek, in memory of Stewart Saxe; Sharoni Sibony, thanking Micky Fraterman and Janet Horowitz for all their great work on the Centennial; Elaine and Peter Gold, in honour of the birth of Onias Stewart Saxe Yoreh.

■ January 3, 2015

Kiddush: The shul.

Donations to the kiddush fund were made by Linda Lipsky, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Molly Lipsky; Janet Horowitz, in memory of Kathryn Polson Ferguson's mother Daully Polson.

■ January 10, 2015

Kiddush: The shul.

Donations to the kiddush fund were made by Andrea Parker-Simhon, in honour of the yahrzeit of her parents Sylvia and Earl Parker; Morton Beiser and family, in honour of the yahrzeit of his father Joseph Beiser; Anita Shir-Jacob and Cyril Press, in honour of their golden anniversary; Trevor and Zal Hart, in honour of the birth of their sons Ariel Matan and Ilan Asher; Liz Bohnen, in honour of the birth of Trevor and Zal Hart's sons Ariel Matan and Ilan Asher; Anne Matlow Bohnen and John Bohnen, in memory of Stewart Saxe; Anne Matlow Bohnen and John Bohnen, in honour of the birth of Dianne Saxe and Tirzah Meacham and Harry Fox's grandson Onias Stewart Saxe Yoreh; Anne Matlow Bohnen, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Esther Matlow; Rebecca Shandling, mazel tov to Anita Shir-Jacob and Cyril Press for their golden anniversary; the Shul, in honour of David Loewith, with thanks for his post kiddush talk addressing ethical farming practices from a Jewish perspective.

■ January 17, 2015

Kiddush: The shul.

A donation to the kiddush fund was made by Marion and Jack Hoffmann and family, wishing mazel tov to Anita Shir-Jacob and Cyril Press, in honour of their golden anniversary.

■ January 23, 2015

Kiddush: Elena Cherney and Michael Daum, in honour of Jacob's Bar Mitzvah.

Donations to the Kiddush Fund were made by Lori Albert, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Henry Albert; Yael Schacter, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Barry Schacter; Elaina Gold, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Libbie Gold; Jerry, Brenda and Joel Enchin, in honour of the yahrzeit of Jerry's mother Rose Enchin.

■ January 31, 2015

Kiddush: The shul.

Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Ziporah Dunsky, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Esther Dunsky; Etti Miller, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Sonia Blitz; Mendl Malkin, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Mary Malkin; Liz Bohnen, in honour of the yahrzeiten of her parents, Judith and Daniel Bohnen; Roz Train, wishing refuah shlemah to Shirley Train; Roz Train, in honour of the birth of Diane Saxe's grandson Onias Stewart Saxe Yoreh; Karen Weisman, Arthur Ripstein, Aviva and Noah, in memory of Jim Davis' brother Jeffrey Davis; Roz Train, in memory of Jim Davis' brother Jeffrey Davis; May and Dan Friedman, in memory of Jim Davis' brother Jeffrey Davis; Shula and Uzi Dalume, in memory of Jim Davis' brother Jeffrey Davis; May and Dan Friedman, in honour of the baby naming of their new daughter.

Youth Kiddush: Leslie and Harvey Starkman, in honour of the birth of their grandson Max.

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

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

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Adar 10	Dovid Leib Aaron	father of Miriam Schlanger	Nissan 8	Fred Pauker	brother of Jerome Pauker
Adar 10	Harry Silverman	father of Sheldon Silverman	Nissan 10	Avraham Greenberg	father of Benjamin Geva
Adar 11	Pinkus Birencwajg	father of Lala Loon	Nissan 10	Paul Owsiany	brother of Gerald Austin
Adar 11	Hannah Nusbaum	mother of Ruth Leneman	Nissan 11	Max Propas	father of Lorne Propas
Adar 11	Pnina Strumpf	mother of Dan Strumpf	Nissan 12	Jessie Berck	mother of Phyllis Berck and Dorothy Garfinkel
Adar 12	Jack Banack	father of Alan Banack	Nissan 12	Max Shecter	father of Trudy Shecter
Adar 13	Abraham Colman	father of Jack Colman	Nissan 12	Harold Tanenbaum	brother of Carol Tanenbaum
Adar 13	Arnold Keppler	father of Suzanne Keppler	Nissan 13	Herb Guttman	father of Mark Guttman
Adar 13	Yitzchak Petroff	father of Shaya Petroff	Nissan 13	Max Schonberg	father of Arnold Schonberg
Adar 13	Esther Teitelbaum	mother of Linda Wise	Nissan 14	Rose Horowitz	mother of Sylvia Solomon
Adar 14	Morris Dublin	father of Max Dublin	Nissan 14	Chonon Levitan	father of Jerry Levitan
Adar 14	Gertrude Elkin	mother of Rabbi Ed Elkin	Nissan 14	Adele Zilberman	mother of Helene Silverman
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Adar 16	Ralph Snow	father of Margot Feferman	Nissan 19	Flora Meltz	mother of Isabella Meltz
Adar 17	Bella Minsky	mother of Sam Minsky	Nissan 19	Della Overton	mother of Ted Overton
Adar 17	Andre Werner	brother of Daniel Traub-Werner	Nissan 21	Molly Primack	mother of Faigie Klein
Adar 19	Sol Malkin	father of Mendl Malkin	Nissan 21	Samuel Szmuiłowicz	father of Julio Szmuiłowicz
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		Solomon	Nissan 22	Jack Mendelson	father of Leslie Mendelson
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Adar 22	Joseph Kuperhause	father of Jacob Kuperhause	Nissan 23	Chana Kopelov-Nosek	mother of Hindy Nosek-Abelson
Adar 22	Molly Medoff-Kopelow	mother of Ronald Medoff	Nissan 23	Rochelle Rusen	mother of Janis Rusen
Adar 22	Jordan Propas	son of Lorne Propas	Nissan 23	Henry Wise	father of Roy Wise
Adar 23	Harry Elkin	father of Richard Glazier	Nissan 24	Rodica Nachman	mother of Adrian Nachman
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Adar 23	Joyce Glazier	mother of Richard Glazier	Nissan 25	Michael Magen	brother of Jill Magen-Lichtblau
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Adar 27	Steven Letovsky	brother of Eric Letovsky	Iyar 5	Ida Fox	mother of Mark Fox
Adar 27	Constance Dorris Roseman	mother of Ellen Roseman	Iyar 5	Srul Glick	father of Paula Glick
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Adar 28	Sylvain Caen	father of Francine Watkins	Iyar 5	Aryeh Rohn	father of Ruth Rohn
Adar 28	David Shukyn	father of Claire Simon	Iyar 6	Alan B. Gold	father of Nora Gold
Adar 29	Louis Cohen	brother of Suzanne Shuchat	Iyar 6	Aaron Leib Schwartzberg	father of Barbara Fisher
Adar 29	May Judith Davidoff	mother of Jennifer Hoffmann	Iyar 6	Shoshana Shier	mother of Joy-Anne Jacoby
Adar 29	Anne Greenstein	mother of Elaine Minsky	Iyar 7	Maurice Geffen	father of Benita Friedlander
Adar 29	Rachel Jacobson	mother of Edythe Jacobson	Iyar 7	Paul Natanson	father of Rimona Natanson
Nissan 1	Al Lofchick	brother of Lawrence Lofchick	Iyar 7	William Platt	father of Priscilla Platt
Nissan 1	Lazarus Solomon	father of Charles Solomon	Iyar 8	Heymann Hoffmann	father of Alan Hoffmann and Jack Hoffmann
Nissan 3	Louise Levin	mother of Robin Levin Penslar	Iyar 9	Norman Latowsky	father of Shari Cherney
Nissan 3	Rose Pascal	mother of Paul Pascal	Iyar 11	Olga Honig	mother of Rosanna Honig
Nissan 5	Seymour Mayers	father of Arlene Mayers	Iyar 11	Morris Vanek	father of Arthur Vanek
Nissan 5	Elsa Singer	step-mother of Nancy Singer			
Nissan 6	Lolly Propas	wife of Lorne Propas			
Nissan 6	Molly Willer	mother of Phillis Willer-Haimovitz			

MARCH 2015

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APRIL 2015

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