Wishing the Entire Narayever Community a Happy & Sweet New Year!
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Hello, Narayevernicks.

This is my first message to you as President and I am at once excited, enthusiastic, challenged and somewhat terrified of this new responsibility. In the few weeks since I assumed the role of President I have gained a greater appreciation of the incredible spirit of volunteerism and professionalism of the Narayever Congregation.

Shabbat after Shabbat seemingly effortless, gracious and beautiful services take place in our sanctuary under the direction of our Rabbi Ed with the dedication of a committed and expert group of volunteers. A myriad of volunteers that make sure we have services at Kensington Gardens provide joyous and fun celebrations for Chanukah, Purim, Sukkot and other holidays, organize the High Holiday Services, adult education programs, youth programs and the many other activities that make our community vibrant, active and inclusive.

The Narayever has benefitted enormously from the commitment of the many previous presidents who have built and expanded on a foundation of good governance and accountability to the membership. The efforts of the now past co-presidents Hart Schwartz and Avi Schonbach have been essential for continuing the improvement in our Board and AGM procedures, and for leadership through a very critical juncture in our shul’s history. The Board and I will continue to rely on Avi and Hart for their careful consideration and sound advice. While Liz Bohnen is now off the Board after 8 years of committed service, her wise and patient approach to the important issues of the Board will continue to be a strong influence. She will be very much missed at Board meetings.

So here we are: with 93% congregational approval, the Narayever will move forward with our plans to renew our building. The next phase will focus on design and development and will lead to a construction start in April 2020. The vote in favour was overwhelming confirmation of the desire of our membership to be inclusive and accessible, and it clearly demonstrated that we are ready to have our building meet our needs. In short, it is time to live our vision!

“Living Our Vision” is our capital campaign. It is chaired by Mark Guttman and Anne Golden and through contributions from the Narayever community, it will raise the funds needed to make that vision a reality.

For this project to be successful, our community must come together to make the financial contributions necessary for it to happen. We are asking everyone to dig deep, to support the
current needs of our shul, the sustainability of our congregation, and future generations of Narayeverniks.

Over the next few months, “Living Our Vision” volunteers will be contacting every member to secure pledges and donations. Our financial plan requires $2.55M to be raised through fundraising. However, our goal is to raise $3M in order to reduce the loan needed to finance the construction.

When you are approached to discuss a contribution to the campaign, please take some time to consider how much the Narayever means to you and your family, as well as to our members, and also the important role it plays in the Jewish community of Toronto. Please give generously for the future of the shul.

I wish everyone a happy upcoming yontif.

Anna Pace
President
president@narayever.ca
RABBI’S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Our fall holidays provide an annual opportunity for us to pause and consider human nature more deeply than we do in our regular busy lives. Good and evil. Sin and repentance. Life and death. Judgement and compassion. Humility and arrogance. Truth and falsehood. These fundamental aspects of our experience as human beings surface again and again in the liturgy of these holy days -- enabling us to focus on ourselves as individuals in relation to other individuals, in relation to our community/society, and in relation to God.

This season is therefore a good time to question some of our most basic assumptions. One such assumption that I’ve been thinking about has to do with the relationship between scientific and technological progress on the one hand, and moral progress on the other. It is often tempting to assume that the two go hand in hand. But we don’t have to go too far back in history to discover counter-examples.

The burst of scientific discovery that happened in Western Europe in the days of Columbus, Copernicus and Newton occurred in an environment of religious fanaticism and little tolerance for difference. As Yuval Noah Harari has written, the luminaries of the Scientific Revolution lived in a society that expelled Jews and Muslims, and burned heretics wholesale. Compared to Western Europe, Cairo and Istanbul were a liberal paradise in which Sunnis, Shiites, Orthodox Christians, Catholics, Armenians, Copts, Jews and even the occasional Hindu lived side by side in relative harmony. Everything of course is relative; religious minorities did experience discrimination in the Islamic world. But the surprising ethical contrast between the region of the world where the Scientific Revolution happened and where it didn’t, is instructive.

A more recent and well-known example is the Nazi regime, which combined an advanced scientific and technological society with the murder of millions.

I am not claiming that scientific progress necessarily causes moral degeneration. The precise relationship between the two is far beyond the scope of this column. But what I am asking us to consider at this time of year when Judaism asks us to dive deeper into our souls than at any other, and in this era when technological change is happening at such a dizzying pace, is the extent to which we make easy assumptions about our own virtue because we live in such a technologically advanced society.
Virtue doesn’t come along either as a precursor to or as a by-product of scientific progress. No matter how amazing our gadgets may become, we ourselves are still not so amazing. We still have as much work to do in order to become good people as our earliest ancestors; not one iota less. The temptation to fall into ethical laziness, to justify or rationalize acts of negligence or cruelty to other people and to the earth, is ever-present. All those wonderful gadgets we now have at our disposal of course greatly magnify our capacity to effect good, or to commit terrible evil. The choice is ours.

Our yomtovim are a season for this kind of sober reflection on human nature. They are also a season of great joy as we gather together in community to recommit to our people and our tradition, and give thanks to God for enabling us to reach a new year. I hope each of us experiences both of these sides of the yamim noraim.

I look forward to seeing everyone over the holidays, and I pray that 5780 will be a year of growth for us as human beings and as Jews, as individuals and as a community.

L’shana tovah u-metuka,

P.S. I am tremendously excited by the overwhelming support given our building renewal project at the AGM. My personal thanks to everyone who has already and/or will in the future stretch themselves to make this dream a reality for our community.

Rabbi Ed Elkin
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TEFILLAH COACH’S MESSAGE

The study of prayer is mentioned in a list of deeds which yield both short and long term benefit (Babylonian Talmud, Kiddushin, 39b; in our Lev Shalem siddur, p. 107). To illustrate what can be revealed and gained from delving into prayer, let’s take a look at Aleinu, a prayer we encounter at the end of every daily, Shabbat, and festival prayer service.

Aleinu is one of the earliest of the formulated prayers and its authorship is unknown. Based on its content, traditional legend attributes it to Joshua. He is thought to have composed it following the dramatic conquest of Jericho. In the first section of Aleinu, Joshua expresses praise and gratitude to God and acknowledges God as master of all creation. In the second section, Joshua highlights the unique destiny of the people of Israel in contrast to the surrounding pagan nations.

Based on where it first appeared in our liturgy, in the High Holiday Services, as well as some linguistic features, others maintain that Aleinu was more likely composed by Rav, a prominent 3rd century sage in Babylonia. Rav is credited with having added three special sections to the Rosh Hashanah Musaf service. Each of these sections relate to key themes of this holiday. It is thought that Rav composed the Aleinu as the introduction to the first of those sections, Malkhuyot, since both Aleinu and this entire section focus on the key theme of God’s sovereignty. Supporting Rav’s authorship is the fact that phrases such as melekh malkhei hamelakhim and hakadosh barukh hu were in use in the Rabbinic period and would not have been known in Joshua’s time.

But wait, isn’t Aleinu the prayer we sing at every prayer service? If, at first, it was only part of the Rosh Hashanah service, when and why did it become a feature of every service all year round?

Some suggest that Aleinu’s beautiful, stirring prose might account for its popularity. But historical events might factor in as well. Aleinu entered the daily service sometime in the 12th or 13th centuries. By then, Jews had experienced persecution at the hands of the Crusaders and accusations of blood libel. Each time upon exiting the synagogue into their hostile surroundings, Jews may have asked themselves: will we survive out there? It would have been a comfort to conclude the service with Aleinu, a prayer that reminded them of the Jewish people’s unique role, destiny and relationship with God.

For us, Aleinu offers a most fitting, albeit different, message as we conclude our prayer services. Aleinu teaches us that we are to strive to partner with God, to recognize the unity of all creation and to repair whatever is broken in the world. As we are about to exit the synagogue, Aleinu calls upon us with a challenge: now that the service is over, how are we to be of service?

DID YOU KNOW?

In the course of our services there are times when we are supposed to bow. These include Barekhu, the Amida, and Aleinu, when we bend our knees and/or bow from the waist.

In ancient times people would commonly prostrate themselves in prayer. For us, this is a very rare posture associated only with the recitation of the Aleinu on the High Holidays. Usually, it is only the shaliach tizibur and Rabbi who do this, but anyone in the congregation may do so as well. The actions involved are: at the word kor’im - dropping to one’s knees; at mishtachavim - placing one’s hands and then arms on the ground; and at umodim - touching one’s forehead to one’s arms. Some people prostrate their bodies completely.

It is significant to note that when bowing, whether we are bending our knees and/or bowing from the waist, or fully prostrating ourselves, we straighten up before we pronounce God’s name. Why?

The Talmud reports a disagreement between Rav and R. Jeremiah over whether or not to straighten up before pronouncing God’s name (PT Ber.4:1, 7a). R. Jeremiah
cited a verse from the prophet Malachi in support of his view: “I had with him a covenant of life and well being which I gave to him, and of reverence which he showed Me, for he bowed in awe of My name.” Based on this text, R. Jeremiah derived that a stance of submission and awe is called for; thus, he remained bowed while pronouncing God’s name. In contrast, Rav’s custom when bowing for a blessing, was to bow for barukh ata and straighten for Adonai. The proof text Rav offered for his practice is: “God lifts up those who are bowed down” (Psalm 146:8). In Rav’s view, prayer is formulated on the basis of trust in divine love, rather than fear and submission. Since Rav’s opinion prevailed, we do as he did when bowing, and we too straighten up before pronouncing God’s name.

**Rosh Hashanah this year begins Sunday evening, September 29 and Yom Kippur begins Tuesday evening, October 8. Once again, we will have services in two locations: at the shul, led by Rabbi Elkin and at the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre (MNjcc), led by Rabbi David Weiss.**

Services at the shul are for members only while services at the MNjcc are open to both members and non-members.

At the MNjcc we also have extensive alternative programming for children, youth and adults. This includes supervised spaces for children on both evenings of Yom Kippur. If you’d like to learn more, please visit the shul’s website at www.narayever.ca.

We are also looking for people to help with the High Holidays and encourage you to volunteer, whatever your skills. The next page lists some areas where we need many people to volunteer. All are welcome.
WAYS TO HELP OUT

Ushering
Are you skilled at helping people find their way? Then consider signing up for a one-hour ushering shift. An usher’s responsibilities include: welcoming people at the door to the sanctuary, helping them find seats and washrooms, and providing large-print prayer books upon request. To volunteer for an ushering shift at the MNjcc, please contact Ellen Friedland at: friedlandellen@hotmail.com.

Keeping Us On The Same Page
Thanks to our Accessibility Committee we now have excellent page number signs at the MNjcc. To keep the congregation on the same page, our place in the service is tracked by volunteers managing these signs. Several volunteers are required for this responsibility, taking turns in shifts. To volunteer to help out with the page numbers, please contact Jill Magen-Lichtblau at: celebrations@narayever.ca.

Meal Matching
If you have room at your table for guests, or if you need a place to go for Rosh Hashanah or breaking of the fast after Yom Kippur, please get in touch with us at fn.meal.matching@gmail.com.

Donate Non-Perishable Food Items
Most of us have the luxury of fasting by choice on Yom Kippur. But not everyone knows what it’s like to have food in the cupboard and fridge every day. Please help out by contributing food items on Erev Yom Kippur for our annual food drive for the Daily Bread Food Bank.

Set Up For Services
Volunteers are needed at the MNjcc to help with set-up and break-down. Volunteers are needed the afternoons of Erev Rosh Hashanah (Sunday, September 29) and Erev Yom Kippur (Tuesday, October 8) at the MNjcc to help with the finishing touches for the High Holidays. This includes setting out flowers and decorations, tablecloths, signage and other visual communications. Volunteers are also needed for the break-down. If you can help, please email Marsha at the office: admin@narayever.ca.

WAYS TO ENRICH YOUR EXPERIENCE OF THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

TEFILLAH CLASSES
with Ruth Rohn
Saturday September 7 (focus on Rosh Hashanah) and October 5 (focus on Yom Kippur) 9:30 am
Let’s prepare for the Days of Awe and add meaning to our shul experience. We will delve into some key High Holiday prayers, learn about their history and discover how the content reflects the themes of these special days. Familiarity with Hebrew text study will be helpful. Texts will be provided in Hebrew and English.

SELIHOT
with Rabbi Elkin & Rabbi Julia Appel
Saturday September 21, 9:30 pm
Join Rabbi Ed and Rabbi Julia Appel for a contemplative, song-filled Selihot service. We’ll enter the holiday period with reflection, intention-setting, and community. We’ll begin at 930 pm with teaching on the theme of repentance towards the Earth. There will be light refreshments and we will conclude the Selihot service before midnight.
WAYS TO ENRICH YOUR EXPERIENCE OF THE HIGH HOLIDAYS CONT’D

RABBI ELKIN’S PRE-ROSH HASHANAH SHIUR
What to Do With Problematic Liturgical Passages?
Saturday September 28, following kiddush

The machzor we will be spending so much time with over the upcoming yamim noraim contains many uplifting and inspiring passages, but also many which may bother or even offend us for all kinds of reasons. This is not a new phenomenon. In this shiur, we will examine some ancient rabbinic strategies for dealing with difficult Scriptural passages, and consider how helpful they might be to us in our own encounter with traditional liturgy. We will consider the tension between our commitments to traditional liturgy and contemporary values. Bring your “favourite” difficult passage for consideration.

RABBI ELKIN’S YOM KIPPUR SHIUR
Forgiveness: How Far Do We Need to Stretch?
Yom Kippur afternoon, 3:15 pm at the shul

In a famous talmudic passage, Rav offends Rabbi Hanina bar Hama. For 13 years in a row, Rav goes to Rabbi Hanina to ask forgiveness, and each time Rabbi Hanina rebuffs him. On Yom Kippur afternoon we will study this text, which opens up powerful questions about the conduct of each of these sages, and about ourselves. How ready should we be to forgive when others have hurt us? How far do we need to go in asking for forgiveness if the other party doesn’t seem receptive?

MYSTICAL & PSYCHOLOGICAL INSIGHTS: THE GUIDE OF THE PERPLEXED
with Rabbi David Weiss

Approximately 6:15 - 6:45 pm at the MNjcc on Yom Kippur Day

Rabbi David Weiss will lead his very popular annual study session on the mystical and psychological insights in The Guide of the Perplexed by Moses Maimonides. The study session will be held at the MNjcc on Yom Kippur day between Mincha and Maariv. No prior experience or knowledge is required. Everyone is welcome!
WAYS TO ENRICH YOUR EXPERIENCE OF THE HIGH HOLIDAYS CONT’D

TASHLIKH
Monday September 30, 4:00 pm

We will meet at street level, next to the entrance to the St. Clair West subway station on Heath St.

Tashlikh is a ceremony which traditionally takes place on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah. It consists of casting bread crumbs into water, symbolically casting away our sins of the previous year. We will walk together down into the ravine for tashlikh. All are welcome. BYOB (Bring your own bread)!

SLOW WALK & REFLECTION ON YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON
Wednesday, October 9, 2:15 - 3:15 pm

Join us for a slow stroll in the neighbourhood through quiet residential streets on Yom Kippur afternoon. Meet Francine Dick, Reuven Shlozberg and Josh Soref in the MNjcc lobby, ready to go at 2:15 pm. We will enjoy a slow walk together, and take advantage of the opportunity to reflect on, or discuss some of our Yom Kippur revelations. Our walk will finish back at the MNjcc at 3:15 pm.

HIGH HOLIDAYS ADULT LEARNING

CHANTING IN SACRED COMMUNITY
with Alon Nashman and Tiferet Nashman

9:00 - 10:00 am at MNjcc on both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur Day

Chanting is a way of tuning the soul in preparation for the High Holidays. We will sit in song and silence as a spiritual ablution, to open ourselves to the divine, and to compose ourselves spiritually, mentally, and emotionally. Participants are asked to arrive on time, as we can build more energy when we share the entire experience in sacred community.

Alon Nashman is an actor and creator of theatre. His work has toured across Canada and internationally, and includes Kafka and Son, Scorched, Alphonce, Hirsch, and Charlotte: A Tri-Coloured Play with Music. Alon is a student of Rabbi Shefta Gold and Reb Zalman Schachter-Shalomi, zt”l, who have guided him in the ways of Jewish chant.

Tiferet Nashman is an educator and outdoor enthusiast. She has worked and learned in the Jewish community across North America, including at Shoresh Jewish Environmental Programs, the National Havurah Committee, Eden Village Camp, Isabella Freedman, and Yeshivat Hadar. Tiferet brings her learning from Joey Wisenberg’s Singing Communities Intensive to Singing Out Shabbat at the Narayever and leading Song Circles at Moishe Pod Toronto.

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HIGH HOLIDAYS ADULT LEARNING CONT’D

HOW DOES THE KABBALISTIC MYSTICAL TRADITION UNDERSTAND THE LIFE OF MORAL BEHAVIOUR, MITZVOT AND PRAYER?
Day 1 of Rosh Hashanah
with Jack Lightstone
10:00 - 11:00 am at MNjcc

HOW HAS RABBINIC TRADITION UNDERSTOOD THE STORY OF ABRAHAM’S ATTEMPTED SACRIFICE OF ISAAC?
Day 2 of Rosh Hashanah
with Jack Lightstone
10:00 - 11:00 am at MNjcc

INTERACTIVE ADULT LEARNING SESSION ON YOM KIPPUR
with Greg Beiles
10:00 - 11:00 am at MNjcc

Jack Lightstone recently retired as president of Brock University in St. Catharines. He is an expert on ancient Judaism and contemporary North American Judaism, has lectured extensively, and written six books including Mishnah and the Social Formation of the Early Rabbinic Guild: A Socio-Rhetorical Approach (2002).

Greg Beiles is a Jewish teacher and learner. He holds a PhD in Religion from the University of Toronto and serves as the Head of School of the Toronto Heschel School. He is also the Director of The Lola Stein Institute for Leadership in Education. In June 2019 Greg was selected by the Covenant Foundation as a recipient of the 2019 Covenant Award, which is among the highest honours in the field of Jewish education.
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| 12:05 pm¹        | Yizkor                                        | Shul & MNjcc           |
| 12:30 pm - end of services (2:00 pm¹)| Supervised Lounge for Kids | MNjcc Room 318         |
| 1:00 pm - end of services (2:00 pm¹)| Musaf                                      | Shul & MNjcc           |
| 3:15 pm          | Rabbi Elkin’s Shiur                          | Shul                   |
| 5:00 pm - end of services (8:00 pm¹)| Babysitting & Childcare                     | MNjcc Nursery Area     |
| 4:30 pm          | Mincha & Neilah                              | Shul & MNjcc           |
| 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm| Rabbi Weiss’s Shiur                          | MNjcc                  |
| 7:27 pm          | Shofar & Havdalah                            | Shul & MNjcc           |

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¹ Time is approximate.
² There is time from 10:45 am to 11:00 am for children and teens to transition from the first 10:00 am block of programs to the second 11:00 am block of programs.
³ The shofar is also sounded in the services and programs for children, youth and teens.
SUKKOT/SHEMINI ATZERET/SIMHAT TORAH

Following closely on the heels of the Yamim Noraim are the festivals of Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah. Sukkot was known by the rabbis as HeHag, “the festival”, because of its crucial importance in the religious life of the people, and because of the great joy associated with the festival. We will honour that tradition by holding services on Sukkot, on Monday October 14 and Tuesday October 15, beginning at 9:00 am.

Members are encouraged to purchase lulav/etrog sets from one of the Judaica stores around town and bring them to Sukkot services (except on Shabbat). To order a set from Israel’s Judaica that can be picked up at the shul, please contact Jodi at 905-881-1010, ext. 23 or email him at jsegal@israelsjudaica.com.

Members are also encouraged to build their own sukkah at their homes. For information about how to do so, please contact Rabbi Elkin. Our shul sukkah will be erected on Thursday October 10, beginning at 10:00 am — help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Building Chair, Mickey Narun — building@narayever.ca.

The Rabbi and Linda invite the whole Narayever community to their annual open sukkah on Shabbat afternoon October 19 after the shul Kiddush, 2:00 - 5:00 pm. 217 Lippincott St., between Harbord and Ulster.

Shemini Atzeret, with Yizkor and Tefilat Geshem, will be observed on Monday October 21, beginning at 9:00 am. That night at 7:30 pm and the next Tuesday morning October 22 we will dance with the Torah at our wonderfully festive Simchat Torah celebration, to close out this year’s yom tov season.

Remember – the holidays don’t end at break-the-fast at the end of Yom Kippur. All are welcome and encouraged to celebrate all the fall yom tovim at our shul.

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

By now, you should have received your membership renewal by email. If you have not yet renewed your membership for the 2019 - 2020 year, please refer back to the email and follow the instructions. You are also welcome to call the Narayever office (416 927-0546) as soon as possible to complete your renewal. A quick response will help the office process your High Holiday ticket order. High Holiday tickets will be issued upon receipt of payment.

Our shul has always ensured that nobody is denied membership due to their financial situation. Last year we were able to grant over $40,000 in member subsidies. Members who are in need are granted subsidies tailored to their individual circumstances. The Membership Subsidy Fund takes pressure off our budget. Members who are in a position to do so are encouraged to donate generously to this fund when completing their renewal form.

If you have any questions or concerns about renewing your membership, financial or otherwise, please contact Membership Chair, David Barkin at: membership@narayever.ca.
LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Last year we welcomed 43 new members and saw our membership numbers increase to over 700 individual adult members. At the Narayever we believe that we offer our members a special and unique shul experience at a very competitive price. If you have family or friends interested in joining our community please encourage them to check us out either in person on any Shabbat morning or on our website (www.narayever.ca). If they have questions I welcome the opportunity to speak with them.

SOCIAL PROGRAMS

If you have ideas for social programming or wish to get involved in planning events please contact Francine Dick at fdick@rogers.com

We Warmly Welcome our New & Returning Members:

- Terri Cherniack
- David Cronsilver
- Howard Freedman
- Nadira Kahn
- Ivan Kalmar and Diane Davidson
- Zahava Lambert
- Faye Librach
- Rochelle and James Moncarz
- Michael Palef
- Emmett Ruth Penslar
- Myra Piat
- Josee Marie Posen
- Adele Reinhartz and Barry Walfish
- Karen Rosen
- Mary-Martha Starkman
- Teresa and Larry Swern
- Simone Theeboom

SOCIAL ACTION

We again offer our deepest of thanks to all who contributed the Yom Kippur Appeal fund last year. The committee distributed $68,000. For the list of grantees, please see https://www.narayever.ca/social-action-info. As always, we encourage contributions for the upcoming year so we can continue to provide much needed support to essential organizations and programs. There will be an announcement about this on Yom Kippur. Over the past year, the committee also undertook the following activities:

- Donated funds (1k) to respond to the disaster caused by Cyclone Idai in Mozambique
- Assisted in moving forward a board resolution that resulted in the shul further responding to issues of Reconciliation between Indigenous Peoples and others in Canada
- Assisted a shul member in celebrating their 125th blood donation
- Coordinated a program for Shabbat Itanu, which focussed on issues related to disability
- Undertook a review of shul policies in relation to accommodation of disabilities
- Communicated with organizations regarding potential sponsorship of refugees

We look forward to continuing our work in the upcoming year, and we wish you all a happy and healthy new year. Zay Gezunt.

Ryan Peck
On June 23, 150 members attended the Annual General Meeting. The assembled vigorously discussed the resolution recommended by the Board to proceed with the Building Renewal Project as well as the three amendments put forward by members.

With a vote of 93% in favour, the membership overwhelmingly and enthusiastically supported proceeding with the design and development of the project, and of securing the funding and financing necessary. The objective is to start construction in April 2020 with completion before the 2021 High Holidays.

The AGM was the culmination of a great deal of work by the Building Renewal Steering Committee and the Board over the past few months. In January, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (formerly the OMB) released the decision to provide us with all the zoning approvals we requested. Since then, much work has been undertaken to determine the construction and project cost and to develop a solid financing plan. Three information evenings provided members with the opportunity to hear more about the project, and to raise concerns and ask questions.

The Board together with the Building Committee, which is chaired by Mickey Narun, will now work through the details of the design with LGA Architects, and with Bozcko and Verity Construction. Through the Accessibility and Design Committee, chaired by Lorne Cappe, and through information meetings and regular updates, members will continue to have input and stay apprised of developments. In addition, the Relocation Committee, chaired by Phyllis Berck, will secure space for our relocation during the approximately 16 months of construction. The Building Finance Committee will provide oversight to ensure the financial viability of the project.

**Building Renewal by the Numbers**

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Building Renewal Members

BUILDING COMMITTEE
• Mickey Narun, Chair
• Lorne Cappe, Chair, Accessibility and Design Committee
• Phyllis Berck
• Gary Lichtblau
• Anna Pace

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: LIVING OUR VISION
• Anne Golden, Co-chair
• Mark Guttman, Co-chair
• Jane Rimmer, Communications
• Benjy Cohen
• Lili Little
• Jill Magen
• Anne Matlow
• Mickey Narun
• Ellen Roseman
• Harry Schachter
• Avi Schonbach
• Peter Sevitt

BUILDING FINANCE COMMITTEE
• Stephen Benjamin, Chair
• Mark Guttman
• Mickey Narun
• Peter Sevitt

RELOCATION COMMITTEE
• Phyllis Berck, Chair
• Lorne Cappe
• Rabbi Elkin

ACCESSIBILITY & DESIGN COMMITTEE
• Lorne Cappe, Chair
• Lawrence Aronovitch
• Rabbi Elkin
• Ali Engel-Yan
• Scott Greene
• Sarah Lambert
• Gary Lichtblau
• Jill Magen
• Orrin Wolpert

LIVING OUR VISION

Our Capital Campaign, titled “Living Our Vision”, is officially launched! The name signifies the forward-thinking nature of our congregation and our commitment to creating an inclusive, welcoming and vibrant community. The campaign truly will provide space for us to gather as a community, room for our youth programming to thrive, and safe and dignified access for all. It marks an important step toward ensuring the vitality and ongoing viability of our shul.

We are proud to say that more than $2M has already been promised. Real estate developer and philanthropist Sam Mizrahi has committed $1M. Another $1.07M in early pledges has been committed by synagogue members, and this is being paid into the Building Renewal Fund account.

Our carefully considered financial plan requires us to raise $2.55M through fundraising. However, in an effort to reduce the loan required to finance construction, we have set our sights on raising $3M.

This is an ambitious undertaking and all Narayever members will have the opportunity to contribute to this initiative. Indeed, the success of the project is dependent on the support of our entire community. Now, as never before, we must come together and stretch ourselves to make good on this renewal project. We must rally our sense of commitment, our energy and our resources, so that Living Our Vision becomes a reality.

More information will be forthcoming, so stay tuned. In addition, in the coming weeks and months, our volunteers will be contacting all of our members in order to discuss the campaign and the ways in which you can support it. Please be ready to take their call.

Anna Pace
President@narayever.ca
LITERATURE OR PROPAGANDA? HOW DO CHILDREN’S AUTHORS WRITE ABOUT THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT? 
*with Marjorie Gann*

Saturday September 14, following kiddush

Children’s author Marjorie Gann will compare how authors from different interest groups (Israeli, Arab, and outside the invested communities) depict the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict and the lives of Jews and Arabs in Israel and the West Bank. Do they simply set out to tell a story, or does their writing have other purposes as well?

Marjorie Gann is a Canadian author of non-fiction books for middle grade and young adult readers. Her two most recent books, *Five Thousand Years of Slavery* and *Speak a Word for Freedom: Women Against Slavery* tell the stories of slavery from antiquity to the present and of women abolitionists past and present.

VAKHT OYF CULTURE, POLITICS AND SECULAR YIDDISHKAYT IN CANADA 
*with Ester Reiter*

Saturday September 21, following Kiddush

The Bolshevik Revolution caused great excitement on the Jewish Street [Yiddish gas] Radical women, in particular, actively worked to live their politics by their support of unions, the secular Yiddish shuls, organizing summer camps for working people, and singing. They felt that it was in their hands to build the kind of community they wanted to be part of, to live their socialism, to live a rich, full life of song, dance, literature, culture, politics, concern for working people all over the world and even to contribute to creation of a just world and lasting peace.

Ester Reiter taught Sociology and Women's Studies at York University until her retirement in 2011. She wrote a book on the “Linke”, the Jewish left in Canada published by Between the Line Press. It is called *A Future Without Hate or Need: the Promise of the Jewish Left in Canada*. She grew up in the Jewish left in New York.
SINGING OUT SHABBAT

October 19, 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the Sukkah (weather permitting or in the solarium)

Building on the chanting circles Alon and Tiferet Nashman lead during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the shul will continue to host monthly gatherings on Saturday afternoons to “Sing Out Shabbat.” Please join Alon and Tiferet to sing our way through the precious conclusion of Shabbat into Havdalah. Participants are asked to arrive on time, as we can build more energy when we share the entire experience in sacred community.

KIDDUSH BOOK CHAT

I am launching an innovative program called Kiddush Book Chat. It’s a platform to connect passionate readers of Jewish books after kiddush on Shabbat.

Format?
The program is a 45-minute panel featuring six Jewish book lovers at our shul. Panelists will share one favourite book and talk about it. Panelists will be chosen first come first served by replying to me by email.

As a panelist you choose one date, and speak for 10 minutes or less about your book. You may share an excerpt to read or suggest why this book is a must in your own words. Audience members are not required to have read the books. The program is a way to enlarge your Jewish reading repertoire.

Here are the three dates and themes for 2019 to choose from.

1. The Bedtime Wreckers. Jewish books that ruined your bedtime
   October 26, 2019

2. The Rib Ticklers. Jewish books That Made You Laugh Out Loud
   November 30, 2019

3. Moving Women’s Voices From Periphery to Centre.
   Jewish Female Writers of Fiction and Non-Fiction
   December 21, 2019

If you have questions or would like to be a panelist reach out to me at kiddushbookchat@narayever.ca.

Lesley Simpson
WORLD’S SMALLEST JEWISH BOOK CLUB: CHAPTER 3

We’re going to start Chapter 3 of our active book club; this will be a daytime group. Once we have an idea of who is interested in meeting during the daytime everyone will have an opportunity to choose which day of the week (likely Wednesday or Thursday afternoon); when you email to say you’re interested please indicate whether Wednesday or Thursday works better for you. We have a tentative great list of books to read next year and you’ll still have an opportunity to make additional suggestions. We will meet approximately every six weeks giving us a bit more time to get the reading done. All are welcome.

Please contact Sylvia Solomon at sylviasonomon.1@gmail.com if you are interested.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Among the initiatives at Narayever this year, an ad hoc environment committee to advocate on environmental issues from an informed Jewish perspective was started. Thanks to Sylvia Solomon, on Sunday June 2 the Narayever opened its doors to the wider community and hosted one of over 150 Green New Deal Town Halls held across Canada. Using a collaborative brainstorming process, we outlined essential points for a Green New Deal. As one congregant noted, ‘it was impressive to realize the level of expertise in the room’.

Shortly after the town hall a smaller group of Narayever members met to begin to shape a vision of how we can address issues of climate justice through the shul community.

Possible actions include:
1. Advocating to have the building renovation be as sustainable as possible
2. Giving an environmental focus to children and youth programming
3. Studying the possibility of having the shul attain a Hazon Seal of Sustainability
4. Organizing a study group – each session led by a different congregant/expert
5. Participating in the September 20-27 Global Climate Strike Week of action

If you’re interested in participating in the environment committee, contact Jill at celebrations@narayever.ca.

If you are between 15 and 25 and are interested in being a spokesperson, planner or participant in the September 20-27 Global Climate Strike Week of action please contact Andrea Most andrea.most@utoronto.ca.

Please look for information about upcoming activities in Narayever Net.

Jill Magen
CELEBRATIONS

When does the end come before the beginning?

One of the highlights of my Jewish year occurs during the Simchat Torah morning service. The shul celebrations begin the evening before with a young families' program during which the Torah is unscrolled and children are surrounded by the beauty and sweetness of the Torah. Singing and dancing inside and outside of the shul follow while the community rejoices in the Torah. The next morning, services are quieter, allowing everyone present a chance to cradle a Torah. For those in the know, the surprise arrives during the Torah service when the Hatan Torah and the Kallat Bereshit are called up. Neither they nor anyone present knows who will be honoured. When the rabbi calls up the Kallah and Hatan the rabbi extols their virtues and describes how they contribute to the community. This past year, Janet Horowitz and Joel Edelson were honoured as Kallat Bereshit and Hatan Torah for their many years of service to our shul community. I hope you will discover the joys of this service and witness the delight of this year’s honorees on Tuesday morning October 22nd.

Join the Celebrations committee on Sunday September 15 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm to create new decorations to brighten our sukkah. If you can, please bring empty transparent plastic water bottles.

Are you looking for a way to celebrate a milestone? Consider honoring a loved one by donating to the Sukkot luncheon. Please contact the shul office at 416.927.0546 or donate through ShulCloud.

Come enjoy Sukkot services and stay for Rachel’s delicious harvest luncheon in the sukkah Monday and Tuesday October 14 and 15.

Join us for Simchat Torah services to listen to the end, followed by the beginning of the Torah; Monday night October 21 and Tuesday morning October 22.

Please look for information about upcoming celebrations in the weekly Narayever Net or contact Jill at celebrations@narayever.ca to find how you can participate.

Jill Magen
Celebrations@narayever.ca

YOUTH & FAMILIES

FIRST SHABBAT BACK!

Our first Shabbat back to regularly scheduled kids programming will be Saturday September 7. Come say hello to your teen Program Leaders, and introduce yourself to our new ShinShiniyot, Danna and Gaya. Remember to check out the ShinShiniyot section in Narayever Net and mark Gaya and Danna’s first programs in your calendars.

There are lots of plans in the works for the High Holiday teens’, kids’ and family programming — check out the High Holiday section of the Newsletter for more information.
EVENTS FOR FAMILIES*

FAMILY SHABBAT SERVICES
Multiple Saturday mornings throughout the year, 10:30 am
Our families have asked and we have heard you! Our three pilot Family Shabbat Services were a hit last year - and we’re thrilled to continue this wonderful venture as part of Narayever Family and Youth’s 2019/2020 program offerings. These are robust Shabbat morning services meant for kids of all ages and their grown-ups to enjoy, sing, learn and pray together, with a shortened but traditional Torah service, co-led by our wonderful parents and shul professionals. Family Services are in the basement Social Hall or in the Narayever’s backyard (weather permitting), and replace kids programming for that date. Babysitting will be provided as usual.

Save the Dates:
Saturdays September 21, November 2, December 7, February 22, March 21, April 18, May 16, and June 20.

SUHKKOT
Monday October 14 and Tuesday October 15
Sabrina and the Teen Leaders will provide babysitting (10:00 am) and kids programming (11:00 am), as on a typical Shabbat, for this special holiday! Check Narayever Net closer to these dates for more details.

SIMCHAT TORAH FOR FAMILIES
Monday, October 21, 6:00 pm
Celebrate our Tree of Life, the Torah, with some family-friendly singing, dancing and crafting with Sabrina, Rabbi Ed, and the Shinshiniyot. We will unroll the Torah and get a chance to look at it and learn about it! A light snack will be served.

HIGH HOLIDAY GROOVE!
Sunday October 20, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm, at Artscape Youngplace
The Narayever is an active partner in the downtown Grooves, which are an excellent way for families to connect with our wider downtown Jewish community and partners. The Grooves provide a space for families to explore multiple dimensions of Judaism through fun activities!

Save the Date! Chanukah Groove will be Sunday December 15, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm, at MNjcc

*When it is indicated that a program is for “families”, the content is targeted for kids under bar/bat mitzvah age.

Sabrina Friedman
Director of Family and Youth Engagement
sabrina@narayever.ca
OUR NEW 2019/20 SHINSHINIYOT

The Narayever is thrilled to welcome our new Shin-Shiniyot, Gaya and Danna to our community. Their first Shabbat with us will be Saturday September 7, so be sure to stop by and say hello and Bruchot Ha’Ba’ot (welcome)!

Danna and Gaya’s first two evening programs for the adults of our community will be Tuesdays October 29 and December 3. Times and programs will be announced in the Narayever Net closer to these dates, but mark your calendars so that you can enjoy what will surely be excellent offerings from our new young Israeli emissaries.

MAZEL TOV TO…

Sylvia Bashevkin, on the birth of her grandson
Greg Beiles, for receiving the 2019 Covenant Award in Jewish Education
Alison Cohen and Andrew Jacob, on the birth of their grandson
Margie and Andy Gann, on the birth of their granddaughter
Nora Gold and Rabbi David Weiss, on the marriage of their son Joseph to Daria Lambroso
Ricki and Marc Grushcow, on the birth of their grandson
Tirzah Meacham and Harry Fox, on the birth of their grandson
Rishona and Moishe Moshinsky, on the marriage of their son Jacob Moshinsky to Sara Werb
Bea and Lou Myers, on the birth of their great-grandchild
Sarah Olver and Ben Rosen, on the birth of their son
Rhona Phillips and Ben Carniol, on the birth of their granddaughter
Jessica Radin and Mark Clamen, on the birth of their daughter
Jane Rimmer and Benji Cohen, on the marriage of their son Yoav to Sara Levine
Ruth Rohn and Paul Pascal, on the birth of their granddaughter
Shirley and Sam Rubenzahl, on the birth of their great-granddaughter
BE A MENSCH! Join the Mitzvah Team at Kensington Gardens

Want to be part of a hamishe and meaningful community? Join some of your fellow Narayeverniks on either the 2nd or 4th Shabbat of each month at the Kensington Gardens mini-minyan. We create community and participate in a short 1-hour service for the Jewish residents who live at 25 Brunswick Ave. Find us in the first floor all-purpose room of the south building. Our service runs from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, with time to walk back to shul for Kiddush. We run High Holiday services on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur as well. We also meet on Chanukah, which is a special way to celebrate with the whole family. Teens are welcome to earn community service/mitzvah hours. Always check the weekly Narayever Net for last minute changes to the regular schedule.

For more information, contact Janis Rubenzahl at janis.rubenzahl@gmail.com

NARAYEVER 2020 ISRAEL TRIP

Registration Deadline October 18, 2019

Rabbi Elkin will be leading a shul trip to Israel February 18 - 27, 2020. This is a different kind of trip than the last two Narayever trips in 2003 and 2012, or indeed most Israel trips. This is what is called a “dual-narrative” trip. Participants will have the opportunity to understand different narratives about the Middle East conflict by meeting people and visiting sites both within Green Line Israel and in the West Bank. On the West Bank, we will be visiting Palestinian towns and cities, as well as Israeli settlements. We will also be learning about a variety of inspiring peacebuilding and coexistence initiatives that are taking place which belie the headlines.

For more information about the trip, please check out the website, and/or call the rabbi: https://www.mejditours.com/open-tour/narayever2020/.
KESHER SHABBAT

Kesher is the Hebrew word for connection. Kesher Shabbat is about deploying Shabbat dinner as a way to create connections in our shul community. The program offers three ways to participate: as a host, as a guest or my favourite category—the flexitarian for people who are happy be either hosts or guests. The third Kesher Shabbat unfolded June 7 in the homes of Marina and Josh Schuster, Lesley and Peter Sevitt, Sylvia Solomon and David Wintre, Jackie Silverberg, as well as Jill Magen and Gary Lichtblau.

Marina Schuster hosted her Shabbat dinner in her backyard. Her son, who is in Grade 2, was puzzled that the man sitting at his table, new member Adrian Witol, 21, (who is in medical school at the University of Toronto) would still have to study for quizzes, just like someone in Grade 2! Trudy Shecter brought cookies in the shape of the beloved Raptors and a Hungarian babka that contained more chocolate than cake; an instant hit with the boys. Margie Gann made her own challah and was hosted by Jackie Silverberg, who reported her Shabbat dinner was notable for fantastic benching to close the evening down. Guests at the Magen/Lichtblau home reported lively conversations unfolding until well past 11 pm. Guests at Sylvia’s home raved about her culinary prowess and the warm environment.

At the home of Peter and Lesley Sevitt, Peter wrote customized dvar torahs for Mark Guttman and Lesley Simpson. He related them to the parsha and explained that Mark’s effort at fundraising may look like it’s about numbers but numbers, according to Peter (who is an accountant) are about more than numbers—they illuminate feelings. For Lesley, Peter had composed a dvar torah about what it means to build a community.

When I started this program I wanted to build community and have social opportunities for us to get to know each other better. I never dreamed of customized dvar torahs! Who knows what may unfold in the next round!?

Lesley Simpson

JUST ONE PIECE OF A MUCH LARGER PUZZLE

So many parts of our shul life and programs help to make us more connected to one another. For many of us, the best part of coming to shul is to feel a bond with others — in some cases, even if we do not know each other, we feel connected by shared values. Some of us remember the theme song from “Cheers”: “Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name…” No doubt, when we come to the Narayever, our experience is enriched when we feel comfortable and connected to those around us.

In the year ahead, the Hesed Committee will be building a community of volunteers from within the congregation, to help support members who are facing a particular challenge — an injury, illness, loss, or other — and can benefit from a helping hand. While we recognize that a visit, a call, or even a meal can only go so far in helping us through hard times, there is value in being part of a caring and connected community.

If you are in a position to volunteer and offer support, please reach out to hesed@narayever.ca! All help is welcome — we recognize that many are balancing multiple commitments, and our goal is to have enough helping hands that the time commitment for any one volunteer will be light. Likewise, if you — or another member of the congregation whom you know of — can benefit from added support, please call the shul office or reach out to hesed@narayever.ca.

Jodi Block
hesed@narayever.ca
ABOUT HESED

by Julia Gluck

When is a bowl of soup not just a bowl of soup?

A bowl of soup is comfort food. And when it is soup made by members of the Narayever Hesed Committee’s soup crew (of which I am a member) in the shul kitchen, kept in the shul’s freezer, and brought to your home by a member of the shul, it reminds me of what Hillel said so long ago: “Do not separate yourself from the community”.

Recently, my husband Ted was hospitalized for a week. When I cancelled a meeting with members of the Hesed crew, one of them texted me to tell me she was dropping off some of her own home-made soup and a dinner for me (she said in her message “I bet you’re not eating properly” — and she was right). Two days later, the shul grapevine was working, and more soup came, delivered to the hospital for me to take for supper. That night, I was invited for Shabbat dinner to friends from shul who had heard the drumbeat. When Ted came home a few days later, I was relieved of the need to cook for a week; it seems everyone who brings a meal actually brings two.

This is what it means to belong to a community, a shul, a place where a bowl of soup is so much more…

With gratitude to those who helped us get through a difficult time, and encouragement to those who’d like to be part of something bigger than themselves…

FROM THE SHUL SHELVES

by Denise Drabkin and Lesley Turner

Did you know that the Narayever has a unique collection in the administrative office? Its official name is The Daniel Camenitzki Memorial Library. Did you also know that as a member of the congregation, you have borrowing privileges?

Borrowing is simple, just remove the card from the pocket in the back of the book you wish to borrow, write the date, your name and email on the card and place it in the green checkout box located on the shelf. Books are due back in one month.

On Shabbat or a Yom Tov, find the member card (filed in boxes alphabetically) with your name on it and clip it to the card from the pocket in the back of the book with a paperclip from the green checkout box. Leave both in the little green box.

You might ask what you would find in the library. Come and browse through books on Torah commentary, prayer, the Jewish life cycle, holidays and practice, Feminism and Judaism, and Jewish Canadiana, even books authored by fellow Narayever congregants. The bulk of the remainder of the collection includes subjects such as Israel and the Holocaust, mostly through the lens of their relevance to the original region of Narayev and congregants.

The library has grown recently, with the acquisition of some interesting books, all of which may be borrowed by shul members.

A few form part of a publisher’s series called Jewish Encounters, which describes itself as a “project devoted to the promotion of Jewish literature, culture and ideas”.

**FROM THE SHUL SHELVES CONT’D**

For those who attended Rabbi Ed’s lecture series on *Rashi* and want to read further, there is *Rashi*, authored by Elie Wiesel, who introduces the Talmudic commentator, and aims to satisfy much curiosity regarding the times in which he lived and his perspective on contemporary religious questions. (799 W545)

Other books in this series include biographical portraits of Maimonides, Marc Chagall and the underknown Emma Lazarus.

Come browse, borrow, and read and watch your knowledge grow!

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**IN MEMORY OF RON GOLDEN Z”L**

*by Barbara Kay*

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A curiosity of our culture is that the word “in-law” tends to trigger associations with people you’d rather not have in your life. Mothers-in-law come in for particular abuse, but the word “brother-in-law” also features in innumerable cartoons and jokes, with the common theme of brothers-in-law as the epitome of bumbling incompetence.

This always seemed a bit odd to me. My cherished brother-in-law, Ron Golden, who died after a long illness was, in all the ways that mattered to creating a good life for himself and those who were important to him, the most competent man I ever knew. He cooked, drove and planned often-complex holidays with superior competency. Ron was a periodontist; I am told that when he injected his patients’ gums, the needles didn’t hurt.

Ron entered my life when I was 12, and my sister Anne, his future bride, was 14. They met on a double date, when they found themselves more interested in each other than in their respective companions. Ron was then 17 and owned a second-hand car, impressive in itself in our era, but not as compelling an attraction as his intensely blue eyes, athletic frame and confident air. They both knew almost at once that the other was their “bashert”.

At Anne’s Sweet Sixteen, my father announced to everyone that Anne and Ron would marry each other. Nobody thought he was kidding. In fact they did marry a month after Anne’s 19th birthday, which was considered young even in 1960 — the family joke had it that the bridal registry was at Toys R Us — and settled into a lifetime of high achievement, productivity and happiness. In contradiction to current assumptions, early marriage acted as a catalyst for both Ron and Anne. He established a successful practice, while Anne finished her postgrad studies and went on to “break the glass ceiling” in a high-profile career,
producing two beautiful daughters, Beth and Karen, along the way.

They built a wonderful life around shared passions — the girls, their Lake Simcoe cottage, travel, sports, friends, civic engagement — and their four grandchildren, with each of whom Ron built a personal and meaningful relationship. I never knew a couple more dissimilar in temperament — Ron was laidback, Anne is intense — but so totally in sync on life’s priorities and so smoothly collaborative in realizing them.

At the funeral, the rabbi said Ron was “woke” to gender equality before it became the received cultural wisdom. Everyone knew what he meant: there weren’t many men of Anne’s generation happy to serve as “the good husband” so their wives could shine in their careers. Still, “woke” implies he was once asleep. But he wasn’t ever asleep, and he didn’t have to change. Those were the values he was raised with. Shared parenting came naturally to him. He was happy to be the one who attended parent-teacher meetings, happy to be the family rock in the swirl of everyday life. At Anne’s business conferences, Ron was bemused rather than embarrassed to be the only male spouse participating in the “wives'” excursions to museums or architectural tours.

Everyone knew of Ron’s passions for boats — all kinds, but especially sailboats. He even designed one, the Arrow, and sold a bunch. All his sailboats were named “Apple Annie” and featured an image on the sail of an apple with a bite out of it. (Steve Jobs has some ‘splaining to do.) What I hadn’t known, but learned from a bio-video Ron made in his last year, was that in retirement, when his own competitive sailing life ended, Ron volunteered as a sailing coach for the blind and disabled at Toronto’s Harbourfront Sailing club.

The diagnosis of lung cancer was received as a shocking irony to us all, because nobody had led a healthier life than Ron. He had never smoked and was ridiculously fit. In fact, he was such an ardent cyclist that in his 60s he successfully completed two Paris-Brest-Paris randonneur cycling marathons, a gruelling 1,200 km marathon that must be completed within 90 hours.

In the first few years after diagnosis, surgeries and treatment allowed for a fairly good quality of life, in his final months not so much. Through it all, Ron accepted creeping physical limitations with stoicism, remaining fully engaged with family, friends, current events, and sports on TV.

Ron was a blessing in my life. When I visited them, Ron fussed over me. He always had wine I liked chilling, the cappuccino machine at the ready. In our generation, Ron was my first role model for manliness. How lucky was I? (I think it’s no coincidence that defending men from cultural misandry is a niche journalistic topic for me.)

Anne once told me that she was attracted to Ron because “I feel safe with him.” Everyone felt safe with Ron. What greater gift?

Narayever member Ron Golden, husband and father of shul members Anne and Karen, passed away on July 10.
April 6, 2019
Kiddush donations were made by: Peikang Dai, with gratitude to Rabbi Ed and Linda; Francine Dick, in honour of the aufruf of Rena Ashton and Leth Altmann; Joel Edelson, in honour of Margie and Andy Gann's 50th anniversary; Susan, Karen, Trevor and Jack Hoffmann and family, in honour of their mother and wife Marion Joseph on the publication of her Jewish fiction novel "Eva's Daughters"; Elizabeth Ennis and Warren Milne, in honour of the yahrzeit of Elizabeth's father Bernard "Bunny" Ennis; Laizer Kaminsky, in honour of the yahrzeit of father Abram Kaminsky.

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Kiddush donations were made by: Jerry Austin, in honour of the yahrzeit of his father Leon Ofshany; Peikang Dai, with gratitude to Joel Edelson; Anne Matlow and John Bohnen, in honour of the birth of their new grandson; Dianne Saxe, in honour of the birth of Laraine and Neil Naft's granddaughter; Ronald Sherman, in honour of the yahrzeit of his wife Sandra Sherman.

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Kiddush donations were made by: Sarah Colman and Jared Peck, in memory of Miriam Schlanger and in honour of what would have been her 100th birthday; Moe Cooper, in honour of the yahrzeit of his father Max Cooper; Dianne Saxe, wishing mazel tov to Rhona Phillips and Ben Carniol on the birth of their granddaughter; Jodi Segal, in memory of his father Joshua Segal; Larry Wässer, in honour of the yahrzeit of his father Leonard Wässer.
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Kiddush sponsored by Naomi and Dan Strumpf, in honour of the bat mitzvah of their daughter Ophir.
Kiddush donations were made by: Sylvia Bashevkin, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Irving Bashevkin; Sharon Drache, wishing happy birthday to Mordecia Drache’s husband Rio Lexmana Purta; Sharon Drache, in honour of Mordecia Drache’s summer visit to Canada; Joan Judge-Fogel & Josh Fogel, in honour of Sabrina Friedman for another year of excellent children’s programming; May and Dan Friedman, in honour of the 50th anniversary of Rose and Rubin Friedman; Lesley Simpson and Mark Gutman, in honour of their 12th anniversary.

OTHER DONATIONS

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• Lesley and John Belzer, in memory of Michal Er-el’s father Elyakim Er-el
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• Leslie and Harvey Starkman, in honour of Elaine Gold for Yiddish Spring at the Canadian Language Museum
• Brenda and Jerry Enchin, in memory of Benjy Rubin’s mother Berte Rubin
• Lesley and Peter Sevitt, wishing Laraine and Neil Naft mazel tov on the birth of their granddaughter
• Lesley and Peter Sevitt, in memory of Berte Rubin
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• Liz Bohnen and Allen Piggott, wishing Anne Matlow and John Bohnen mazel tov on the birth of their new grandchild
• Jill Magen and Gary Lichtblau, in honour of the yahrzeit of Jill's brother Michael Magen
• Liz Bohnen, wishing Helen (Schlanger) Grande mazel tov on the birth of her twin grandchildren
• Roz Train, in memory of Berte Rubin
• Sydney and Susan Muskat, in honour of the yahrzeit of Sydney's father Icek Muskat
• Sheila Roth, with gratitude for her daughter Aviva's complete recovery and return to good health
• Phyllis Berck and Bruce Kidd, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Miriam Diamond, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Michal Er-el, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Jill Magen and Gary Lichtblau, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Anne Matlow and John Bohnen, with condolences to Mitchell Marcus and family on the passing of his Savta
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• Sue Weinstein and Shaun Singer, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Alisa Weyman, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Celia Hornung
• Liz Bohnen, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Liz Bohnen, wishing mazel tov to Rhona Phillips and Ben Carniol on the birth of their granddaughter
• Liz Martin Landau, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Rachel Melzer and Shayne Robinson, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Judy Mintz, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Gordon Zwicker
• Peikang Dai, in honour of Rabbi Elkin and Linda Lipsky
• Gayle and Stephen Benjamin, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Rhona Phillips-Carniol and Ben Carniol, in honour of Brenda and Jerry Enchin's 50th anniversary
• Brenlee Robinson, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Tama Sobel and Hart Schwartz, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Liz Bohnen, wishing Lili Little refuah shlemah
• Ann Komaromi and Leonid Livak, in memory of Jeannot
• Allan and Sherri Palef, in honour of the yahrzeit of Allan's mother Millie Palef
• Difat Jakubovicz and Tama Sobel, in recognition of Avi Schonbach and Hart Schwartz for their years of service as Co-Presidents
• Abigail Carpenter-Winch, thanking the Narayever community for their support and help as she tries to move around the building with a broken foot
• Jill Magen and Gary Lichtblau, in honour of Lesley Simpson and Mark Guttman's anniversary and dedication to the shul community
• Anne Matlow and John Bohnen, in honour of Brenda and Jerry Enchin's 50th anniversary
• Anne Matlow and John Bohnen, wishing mazel tov to Rhona Phillips-Carniol and Ben Carniol on the birth of their granddaughter
• Roz Train, in honour of Brenda and Jerry Enchin's 50th anniversary
• Roz Train, wishing Lili Little a refuah shlemah
• Roz Train, thanking Liz Bohnen for her insight, leadership and service to the good governance of the Narayever
• Georgina and Jerry Bagelman, in honour of Brenda and Jerry Enchin's 50th anniversary
• Peikang Dai, in honour of Rabbi Ed and Linda
• Cynthia Lazar and Marvin Kurz, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Cynthia Lazar and Marvin Kurz, in memory of Jeannot
• Ann Komaromi and Leonid Livak, in memory of Mazal
• Lucille and Mickey Narun, wishing Lili Little a refuah shlemah
• Lucille and Mickey Narun, thanking Anna Pace for the remarkable job she has done leading the building renewal team
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• Joanne Yolles and Lorne Cappe, in honour of Lesley Simpson and Mark Guttman's anniversary
• The Marcus-Wolpert Family, wishing Josh Engel-Yan happy birthday

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• Elizabeth Ennis, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
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• Lesley Simpson and Mark Guttman, in memory of Berte Rubin
• Lesley Simpson and Mark Guttman, thanking Ben Carniol for sharing his personal history at this year’s Zikaron Basalon
• Lesley Simpson and Mark Guttman, thanking Sabrina Friedman and our ShinShinim Lian and Nir for their help with Zikaron Basalon
• Ann Komaromi and Leonid Livak, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
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• Roz Train, in honour of Margie and Andy Gann’s 50th anniversary
• Roz Train, wishing Francine Dick mazel tov on the marriage of her daughter Rena Ashton
• Sherry and Rick Glazier, in honour of the engagement of their daughter Jacqueline Glazier to Amir Davidovits of Israel
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• Noah and Ashley Vale and family, thanking the Narayever for being so welcoming
• Rachael Cayley and Mitch Davis, in honour of Brenda and Jerry Enchin’s 50th anniversary
• Victor and Sandra Press, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob, and with thanks for the support shown by Rabbi Elkin and the congregation
• Marcia Zamble, in honour of the yahrzeit of her sister Louise Herzfeld
• Jack Micner, thanking the Narayever for being so welcoming
• Sharon Bar-David, in memory of Berte Rubin
• Lili Littler and Mitchel Smith, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Sylvia Solomon, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Lili Littler and Mitchel Smith, in memory of Miriam Schlanger and in honour of what would have been her 100th birthday
• Lili Littler and Mitchel Smith, wishing Rhona Phillips-Carniol and Ben Carniol mazel tov on the birth of their granddaughter
• Micky Fraterman, in memory of Jeannot
• Jodi and Eric Block, in memory of Jeannot
• Elizabeth Neswald, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Dennis Neswald
• Lili Littler and Mitchel Smith, in memory of Rabbi Ben David’s sister Mazal
• Lili Littler and Mitchel Smith, wishing Liz Bohnen mazel tov on her new retirement
• Laraine and Neil Naft, in memory of Mazal

HESED FUND

• Jodi Segal, in memory of Miriam Schlanger
• Roz Train, wishing Shanye Train a refuah shlema
• Mark Guttman and Lesley Simpson, in honour of the yahrzeit of Mark’s father Herb Guttman
• Lesley Simpson and Mark Guttman, in honour of Margie and Andy Gann’s 50th anniversary
• Lesley Simpson and Mark Guttman, wishing Brian Cohen a refuah shlema
• Lesley Simpson and Mark Guttman, in memory of Rob Weinstein’s husband Norbert Kolb
• Lesley Simpson and Mark Guttman, in honour of Rabbi Elkin who enriches our Jewish lives
• Lesley Simpson and Mark Guttman, in honour of Shelly Weiss and Ken Goodman for being awesome neighbours
• Lesley Simpson and Mark Guttman, wishing Anne Matlow and John Bohnen mazel tov on the birth of a new grandson
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• Leslie and Harvey Starkman, in honour of the yahrzeit of Leslie’s father David Abrams
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• Leslie & Harvey Starkman, in memory of Hélène Silverman’s brother Jeannot
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• Sylvia Solomon, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Lili Littler and Mitchel Smith, in memory of Miriam Schlanger and in honour of what would have been her 100th birthday
• Lili Littler and Mitchel Smith, wishing Rhona Phillips-Carniol and Ben Carniol mazel tov on the birth of their granddaughter
• Micky Fraterman, in memory of Jeannot
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• Elizabeth Neswald, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Dennis Neswald
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• Laraine and Neil Naft, in memory of Mazal

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• Esther and Ben Geva, in honour of the yahrzeit of Ben’s father Avraham Greenberg
• Difat Jakubovicz and Avi Schonbach, wishing Francine Dick mazel tov on the marriage of her daughter Rena Ashton to Leth Altmann
• Ann Komaromi and Leonid Livak, to help families in need at the Passover season or beyond
• Rhona Phillips-Carniol and Ben Carniol, in honour of Rabbi Elkin
• Leslie and Harvey Starkman, in honour of Rabbi Elkin
• Ruth Sheps, in memory of Berte Rubin
• Janice Beiles, in memory of Sarah Finkelstein’s father David Finkelstein
• Sarah Finkelstein and Daniel Beiles, with sincere appreciation of Rabbi Elkin
• Frieda Forman, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Katriel Johles
• Tammi Goldstein, in memory of Israel Goldstein
• Sandra Kamenir, with appreciation to Rabbi Ed
• Laraine and Neil Naft, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Brenda Wolpert, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Hymie Beinash
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• Dianne Saxe, in memory of Jeannot
• Shelley Adler & Paul Cohen
• Rachael Cayley and Mitch Davis, thanking Rabbi Elkin for all his help with Eli’s bar mitzvah
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• Janet Horowitz, in honour of Margie and Andy Gann’s 50th anniversary
• Laraine and Neil Naft, wishing Anne Matlow and John Bohnen mazel tov on the birth of their grandson
• Pazit Cahlon, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Shaul Cahlon
• Elizabeth Ennis and Warren Milne, in memory of Berte Rubin
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• Janet Horowitz, in honour of her grand-nephew Asher Katz who received a presidential citation as an outstanding IDF soldier on Israel’s Independence Day
• Julia Gluck and Ted Overton, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Sylvia Bashevkin and Harry Hazan, wishing mazel tov to Rhona Phillips and Ben Carniol on the birth of their granddaughter
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• Evelyn and Stephen Schaefer, wishing mazel tov to Rhona Phillips-Carniol and Ben Carniol on the birth of their granddaughter
• Difat Jakubovicz and Avi Schonbach, wishing mazel tov to Rhona Phillips-Carniol and Ben Carniol on the birth of their granddaughter
• Julia Gluck and Ted Overton, in honour of Brenda and Jerry Enchin’s 50th anniversary
• Sharon Drache, wishing mazel tov to Noa and Sheldon Schwartz on the birth of their grandson
• Sharon Drache, in memory of Bob Applebaum
• Sharon Drache, wishing May and Dan Friedman mazel tov on the bat mitzvah of their daughter Molly
• Sharon Drache, wishing Rose and Rubin Friedman mazel tov on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter Molly
• Sharon Drache, wishing Sabrina Friedman mazel tov on her recent promotion to full-time Narayever Youth Director and on the bat mitzvah of her niece Molly
• Julia Gluck and Ted Overton, in memory of Mazal

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• Esther and Ben Geva, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
• Esther and Ben Geva, wishing Rhona Phillips-Carniol and Ben Carniol mazel tov on the birth of their granddaughter
• Difat Jakubovicz and Avi Schonbach, in memory of Jeannot
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- Dianne Saxe, in memory of Berte Rubin
- Miriam Diamond, in memory of David Finkelstein
- Miriam Diamond, thanking Rabbi Ed for his continued leadership
- Miriam Diamond, with thanks to Jill Magen and Gary Lichtblau for all that they do for the shul and community
- Miriam Diamond, wishing Laraine and Neil Naft mazel tov on the birth of their granddaughter
- Galia Shaked and Paul Milgram, in memory of Berte Rubin
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- Audrey Macklin and Frances Macklin, in honour of the yahrzeiten of their parents Helen and Jacob Melvin Macklin
- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
- Dalia Margalit-Faircloth, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
- Olga Palmateer, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
- Shaya Petroff, in memory of Anita Shir-Jacob
- Rachael Cayley and Mitch Davis, with thanks to Nathaniel Callen for his help in preparing Eli for his bar mitzvah

### YOUTH FUND

- Fay and Habib Siahou, wishing their granddaughter a refuah shlemah
- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, wishing Laraine and Neil Naft mazel tov on the birth of their granddaughter
- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, wishing Anne Matlow and John Bohnen mazel tov on the birth of their newest grandson
- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, wishing Sylvia Solomon mazel tov on the birth of her grandson
- Micky and Justin Fraterman, wishing Anne Matlow and John Bohnen mazel tov on the birth of their grandson
- Ruth Rohn and Paul Pascal, in honour of the yahrzeit of Ruth’s father Aryeh Rohn
- Sarah Colman and Jared Peck, in honour of their daughter’s 9th birthday
- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, wishing mazel tov to Rhona Phillips and Ben Carniol on the birth of their granddaughter
- Galina Vaisman and Paul Winestock, wishing all our young people much success as they take their next steps
- Anna Korteweg, Jim Davis and family, in honour of Ophir Strumpf’s bat mitzvah

### YAHRZEIT ANNIVERSARIES

“May their souls be bound up in the bond of everlasting life.”

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20 Elul Raymond Mandel husband of Judith Mandel
21 Elul Benjamin Davidowitz father of William Davidowitz
22 Elul Max Brook father of Shelley Brook
22 Elul Yeheuda Brull father of Esther Geva
23 Elul Nathan Ruter father of Helen Szamoni
23 Elul Fanny Kleiman mother of Beatrice Myers
23 Elul Leo Hornung father of Alisa Weyman
23 Elul Percy Weinrib father of Ernest Weiss
24 Elul Ellen Joseph mother of Marion Hoffmann
24 Elul Stanley Gordon father of Daniel Gordon
26 Elul Nathan Teitelbaum father of Linda Wise
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29 Elul Harry Caplan father of Rhoda Becker
29 Elul Benjamin Stucker father of Maiar Kushner
1 Tishrei Theodor Kantor father of Beatrice Tzaub-Werner
1 Tishrei Roger Simon husband of Wendy Simon
2 Tishrei Ronald Danmelin father of Mark Danmelin
2 Tishrei Sam Singer father of Shaun Singer
2 Tishrei Hannah Solomon mother of Charles Solomon
3 Tishrei Bernice Zwi mother of Doctor Ariella Danmelin
3 Tishrei Sarah Brull mother of Esther Geva
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4 Tishrei Melvin Shapiro grandfather of Liz Martin Landau
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5 Tishrei Isiaah Carpenter-Winch brother of Abigail Carpenter-Winch
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6 Tishrei Fay Hershkovitz mother of Linda Hershkovitz
8 Tishrei Emanuel Lightstone father of Jack Lightstone
8 Tishrei Edythe Abron (née Learinter) mother of Sharon Drache
8 Tishrei Pearl Goldberg mother of Lucille Naran
8 Tishrei Murray Abron father of Sharon Drache
9 Tishrei Harry Federnoth father of Bernard Federnoth
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10 Tishrei Latisa Peretz mother of Smadar Peretz
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10 Tishrei Miriam Weisz mother of David Weisz
10 Tishrei Chana Karz mother of Marvin Karz
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16 Tishrei David Cappe father of Mel Cappe and Lorne Cappe
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18 Tishrei Avisor Shefer brother of Dan Sroopf
18 Tishrei Sharen Merker Freeman mother of Laila Lipetz
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22 Tishrei Samuel Greenstein father of Elaine Minsky
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24 Tishrei Lev Mark Roth Son and brother of Sheila Roth, the late Stephen Roth, Darn Roth-Edney, Ava Roth, and Elie Roth
24 Tishrei Ronald Wolpert husband of Brenda Wolpert and father of Orrin Wolpert
24 Tishrei Morris Rubenzahl father of Sam Rubenzahl
24 Tishrei Stuart McAuley brother of Beth McAuley
25 Tishrei Nathan Cohen brother of Suzanne Shootat
25 Tishrei Sidney Iadore Shiffman father of Bishona Mosheisky
26 Tishrei Miriam Schonbach mother of Avi Schonbach
26 Tishrei Molly Lyons Bar-David mother of Sharmone Bar-David
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28 Tishrei Max Slemion father of Gayle Benjamin
28 Tishrei Clarice Michel mother of Isabel Malkin and Kathryn Levene
28 Tishrei Beatrice Roness mother of Anna Greenblatt
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28 Tishrei Gloria Milkoff father of Michael Milkoff
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29 Tishrei Theodore Richmond father of Anne Golden
29 Tishrei Leonard Cohen father of Paul Cohen
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OUR CONDOLENCES TO...

Sam Bucovtsky, on the passing of his father Meyer Bucovtsky
Rabbi Joseph Ben David, on the passing of his sister Mazal
Beverley Davis, on the passing of her mother Evelyn Davis
Sarah Finkelstein, on the passing of her father David Finkelstein
Anne Golden and Karen Golden, on the passing of their husband and father Ron Golden
Rosemary Li-Houpt, on the passing of her mother Sylvia Jean Li
Cyril Press, on the passing of his wife Anita Shir-Jacob
Benjy Rubin, on the passing of his mother Berte Rubin
Hélène Silverman, on the passing of her brother Jeannot
Aaron Willis, on the passing of his father Brad Willis

BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2019-20

BOARD OF GOVERNORS UPDATE

At the AGM on June 23, our new slate of Board members was approved. Most of the Board members will be familiar to you as they are staying on the Board, serving on the Executive or Chairing Committees. Thank you to Georges Bennaroch, Chair of the Israel Committee, and Barry Pervin, Chair of the Governance Committee and past Vice President, Liz Bohnen, who are leaving the Board after a number of years of service. We all very much appreciate their contributions to the Narayever.

Here are short bios of our new Board members, and our new President. We are very grateful to them for coming forward to serve on our Board:

Phyllis Berck – Vice President
Phyllis was born and raised in Winnipeg in a culturally Jewish environment. When she moved to Toronto and discovered the traditional, egalitarian and socially active membership of the First Narayever, she found a community that she was at home in. She has been a member of the First Narayever for about 30 years. In her forties, she learned Hebrew and had her bat mitzvah at the shul, a goal and achievement she says was only possible because of the remarkable environment of this shul. She served as Board Secretary previously and has been involved with the Building Renewal Committee for the past six years. In addition to a long career in the public sector, she is an active volunteer and a Masters distance runner.

Lorne Cappe – Special Projects: Coordination, Design and Outreach: Building Renewal Project
Lorne was the Chair of the Food Committee. He is staying on the Board as Chair of Special Projects: Coordination, Design and Outreach: Building Renewal Project. Lorne is a professional Architect and City Planner with over 35 years of experience working in both the public and private sectors. Lorne worked for many...
years for the City of Toronto in City Planning, Urban Design and Heritage Preservation Services and as a Project Manager on many large City building projects. He currently teaches at the Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design. Lorne is a past Chair of the Toronto Society of Architects and on the Ontario Association of Architects Governing Council. For the past three years, Lorne has been the Chair of the Narayever Food Committee and was previously on the Founding Board of the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School and on the Board of Kehilla Residential Program.

**Anna Pace - President**

Anna has been a member of the First Narayever for more than 15 years and previously served on the Board as Chair of the Youth Committee and of Bar and Bat Mitzvah. Since 2016 she co-chaired the Building Task Force and chaired the Building Renewal Committee. For the past two years she has been Vice-President.

Anna and her husband Barry Pervin are attracted to the Narayever’s strong sense of community and commitment to the traditions of Judaism within an egalitarian, progressive and inclusive environment. Having been the lead on the building renewal project Anna recognizes the importance of change to meet member needs and the imperative of investing in our community for future generations.

Anna was raised in Niagara Falls and Hamilton. She spent almost 40 years in transit planning and governance with the City of Toronto, the TTC and Metrolinx working on some of the major transit projects in the city. She is now semi-retired and continues consulting work on current transit issues and in 2018 Anna was appointed by the Province to Chair the Local Planning Appeal Support Centre. Anna was also a founding member of the Toronto Chapter of the Women’s Transportation Seminar. Anna and Barry’s adult daughter, Isabel, is the apple of their eyes.

**Melanie Segal - Israel**

Born and raised in Montreal, Melanie attended and graduated from Talmud Torah Herzlia before studying at the University of Western Ontario where she graduated with a BA. Melanie has lived in Toronto since then, and is a Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager at BMO Nesbitt Burns, leading an investment management team. She and her husband Dan have two daughters at Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School. Melanie has been active in UJA’s Bay Street Cabinet and a participant of several UJA overseas missions, including trips to the Former Soviet Union, Ethiopia, Poland and Israel. She is an active member of the Women’s President Organization. Melanie and her family have been members of the shul since 2016.

**Liz Bohnen**

*Previous Past President*
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First Narayever Congregation

Presents

Kidney Donation Awareness Event

Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the shul

Founded in 2009, Renewal Toronto is an organization dedicated to assisting people suffering from chronic kidney disease. Renewal facilitates and coordinates live donor kidney transplants while providing guidance and support to patients and their families.

P: 416.628.7633
www.renewal.org

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How Can Renewal Help?

Opening Address: Rabbi Ed Elkin

Altruistic Kidney Donor: Michael Koch

Founding Director, Renewal Toronto: John Anhang

HIGH HOLIDAY NON-MEMBER TICKETS AVAILABLE

Do you have friends or family who would like to attend the High Holiday services at the MNjcc?

The shul will once again be having services which are both beautiful and meaningful, and non-members are warmly welcome to share these holidays with our community at the Miles Nadal JCC. Please help spread the word.

For more program details and ticket prices refer to our website at www.narayever.ca/high-holidays.