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President's Message

Dear friends,

To my readers: This is the address I gave at Rosh Hashanah. Unfortunately, many people at the MNjcc could not hear my words, so I am repeating my message. To those who could hear, my apologies.

I would like to take you on a little trip. Imagine, if you can, that we are going to the Narayever shul on Brunswick Avenue on a typical Shabbat morning. There's a bar or bat mitzvah today and guests are arriving. In the vestibule a physically disabled bubby and zaidy has arrived and cannot get up to the sanctuary or down to the social hall because their wheelchairs cannot fit. It is embarrassing to them.

Downstairs, there are several activities going on: our baby sitter and several babies and the Shabbat B'Yahad group – parents and kids 0-6 are sitting on the floor or little chairs singing Hebrew songs while the caterers are stepping over the children preparing the tables for the post service Kiddush. We ask, "Why don't they go upstairs where we have space?"

We go upstairs. Behind the sanctuary, in the office and the solarium, our Shabbat youth programs are taking place. In the office, where our staff have their computers and the shul records, the kids sit at the staff desks. In the solarium, the program is limited to 16 kids and 2 leaders.

As we go down the back stairs to the social hall, we squeeze by a father sitting on a step with his son; they study a book from our library which is housed on the stair landing. They have nowhere else to go. And if we came back on Monday, we might find the Rabbi in the sanctuary counselling a member while the cleaners are tidying up after Shabbat. They have nowhere to meet in private.

This is a picture of a warm, hamishe, loving place bursting with activity – and bursting at the seams!

About five years ago Rabbi Elkin suggested we build an elevator so that disabled people could use our shul. After much enquiry and many meetings, we realized we couldn't build an elevator in our existing building and that we were desperately short of space for our congregation. We

surveyed other buildings in the downtown area but they were either not available or prohibitively expensive. So we consulted with architects and engineers and came up with a plan for an extension on the back of the building in our backyard. It would give us space for our youth and other activities, a rabbi's study for counselling and finally an elevator for our physically disabled.

The price for this will be a million dollars. A million dollars for our little shul! How can a shul with 650 members raise one million dollars? There are those who say we won't be able to do it. I say yes we can!!

This is not an appeal for money. At this stage, we want your fund-raising expertise, we need your fund-raising advice, we seek your organizational skills, we need your networks. We will take care of the rest. In a little over two years the Narayever will be celebrating its one-hundredth anniversary.

What a wonderful vision to make our shul extension our anniversary project. We need every single one of us to play some part to get the approval of our membership for this extension and make this dream a reality.

If you think you have something to share with us, contact me – president@narayever.ca, our office: admin@narayever.ca or the rabbi at rabbi@narayever.ca or go to our website for contact information.

I recently asked a physically disabled member of our Narayever community her perspective of the shul:

I am the person in shul that you almost never see because the stairs are dangerous for me—when I see stairs, I know that falls and broken bones can and will happen. I am the person who wanted to come to the service, simcha, yahrzeit or Kiddush but couldn't; I hear about it later and wonder what it was like. I am your grandparent, child, friend, fellow shul member, neighbour, parent, and partner and I am disabled.

Shanah Tovah everyone. May you have a good and sweet year.

Joel Edelson



Rabbi's Message

Dear friends,

I first heard of slime moulds at university. My roommate was a biology major, writing his senior thesis on the critters. He asked me to help him type his paper. As I typed, I learned a bit, although it was mostly incomprehensible. Other than the fact that his subject had a particularly unappealing name, I didn't absorb much. I was a Religion major; I thought science was completely outside my realm. We graduated, and I forgot about slime moulds for more than 25 years.

On October 3, 2011, the New York Times Science section did a story on slime moulds; it all came back. It now seems to me that these moulds are quite fascinating, and potentially instructive for human society. Maybe science and religion have more to say to each other than I used to think.

Slime moulds are not related to bread moulds or the kind of mould that grows in houses. They are a remarkable lineage of amoebas, about a billion years old, that live in soil. What's so special about them? Well, it seems that they spend part of their life as ordinary single-celled creatures. But at times, they gather by the thousands to form multicellular bodies, slugs, that can crawl. And when they combine like that, they can do some pretty amazing things.

For example, they respond to starvation by rushing together by the thousands into a single blob, which then crawls like a worm up through the soil toward light. Once it reaches the surface of the soil, some of the cells turn into a stalk, while others crawl to the top of the stalk and form a sticky ball of spores. The spores stick to the feet of passing animals and travel to a more hospitable place.

Inside the slug, some amoebas crawl through in search of infectious bacteria. When they find a pathogen, they devour it. They then drop away from the slug, taking the pathogen with them. These amoebas die of the infection, while the slug as a whole remains healthy.

In the lab, slime moulds figure out together how to navigate a maze in order to reach a food source.

If the slug reaches a dead end in the maze, it turns around and finds another route to the food.

Are you wondering what all this has to do with us? Well, if you think about it, a synagogue is a place where individuals gather together for a common purpose. And while I know we consider ourselves as being much more elevated on the evolutionary scale, in a way all human communities are trying to figure out how to work together as cooperatively and successfully as the slime mould slugs do.

Can we identify our needs, marshal the individuals among us to work on a common strategy to address those needs, change course when we hit a dead end, and perpetuate ourselves over time?

Our society places great value on the life of the individual, and that emphasis has led to great strides in human rights that none of us would want to reverse. We treasure our individual freedom, and few of us seek out the opportunity to become martyrs.

Nevertheless, we still need groups. The slime moulds force us to ask how we can best work together as a group for the common good. Are there times when it might be appropriate for individuals to sacrifice for the sake of the group? If not our lives, then our individual desires?

As human beings, we operate on the basis of free will and not simple instinct. We make conscious decisions about which groups are important to us, and to what extent we're willing to sacrifice some of what we want as an individual for the sake of the larger group. Whether it's our country, our company, our golf club, or our synagogue, membership in a group usually means that we're expected to do our part for the larger community – so that together we can reach our goals in a way that none of us can as individuals. Perhaps that's a lesson we can learn from the lowly slime moulds.

Rabbi Ed Elkin



Fall Holy Day and Holiday Matters

High Holy Days 5772

I'd like to make a public and personal thank you to everyone who helped with High Holy Day services this year. Dozens and dozens of people contributed in so many ways:

- Setting up the MNjcc gym, turning it into a shul for four days
- Leading services—in the shul, at the MNjcc, with the youth, and at our new learning services
- Leyning and reading haftarah
- Preparing divrei torah
- Blowing shofar
- Singing in our Kol Nidre choir
- Rolling and carrying Torahs, serving as gabbais, giving out honours, and otherwise making sure the services went smoothly
- Ushering, and flipping page numbers at the MNjcc
- Running youth programs
- Making sure tickets were taken and children were cared for
- Tidying up between services
- Bringing honey cake to the hungry throngs after Yom Kippur
- Simply showing up and davening and being part of the kehilla

Thank you to our office staff—Marsha Frydenberg, Helene Rosebrugh, and Deena Sherman—for the thousand invisible things they did and do, that would only be noticed if they didn't get done.

Thank you to Kathryn Polson-Ferguson for the food drive. Thank you to Temple Beth David in Rochester for giving us 350 machzorim they no longer needed, and to Stephen Benjamin for driving to pick them up.

May we all go from strength to strength in 5772.

Kivi Shapiro

Apples and Honey & Beyond: Food Committee

Every Tuesday from early spring to late fall our C.S.A. partner Everdale Farm brings their produce to the shul for its members to select their weekly produce. On Tuesday September 20th the Food Committee hosted a "tasting extravaganza" to coincide with Rosh Hashanah. At Apples and Honey and Beyond, we were able to meet the suppliers of our eggs, flour, fruits and vegetables, and learn a bit about how they grow and raise the wonderful produce we have available to us.



Everyone who came had a chance to sample Rachael Cayley's fabulous challahs, as well as Moroccan pumpkin soup, green beans vinaigrette, braised leeks with tomatoes, roasted beet salad, dates and pomegranates. Almost every single ingredient used was local Ontario produce!

Of course we had a sampling of local Ontario apples with a selection of local honeys for dipping. Yum!!



The program was a huge success and the food was absolutely fabulous. Thanks to everyone who helped out!!

Ellen Friedland

Fall Holy Day and Holiday Matters

Sukkot Celebrations

The Sukkot Art Studio, Oct. 9, was a fun and productive event. The Narayever community welcomed friends from the DJCS to make decorations. We also had a chance to share information from learning cards about Sukkot with people from the neighbourhood who dropped by the tables we had outside on a warm and sunny afternoon. Jill Lichtblau designed tapestry weaving and plasticine bas-relief artworks that kids and adults enjoyed doing. Yael Schacter's aluminum stencil cut-outs remain a big favourite for all ages. Roni from our pair of shinshinim helped us start the longest paper chain garland ever! Yael Schacter and the Bar/Bat Mitzvah class created a multimedia mosaic representing the wide variety of ways one could make a sukkah. Thanks to everyone who gave generously of their time and energy to help beautify our Narayever sukkah!

We thank all those who supported the marvellous Sukkot Kiddush luncheon by Rachel Zilberg featuring local and organic produce. And yasher koach to everyone who joined us on Simchat Torah evening for apples and joyous dancing.



Chanukah Party



The Narayever Chanukah party this year will be held on Dec. 25 at 5pm. Come celebrate at the shul with singing, latkes, dreidels and more!

Ann Komaromi

Shul Matters

Membership and Shul Community

The Membership and Shul Community Committee has launched its buddy program to help welcome new members into our community. The program links existing and newer members, with buddies joining each other at services and kiddushim, shul programs, or Shabbat dinners. If you have not been contacted and want to participate, please contact me at membership@narayever.ca or 416.532.9547.

On November 19, we will be holding the annual Havdallah evening for new members at Rabbi Elkin's home. This will be a great chance for new members to meet each other as well as board members and hear a little about the history of the Narayever.

By now all new members should have received an invitation, but if you have somehow been missed, please contact me. Everyone is invited to a community Shabbat dinner to be held at the shul on Friday, January 13, 2012 following the service.

It will be a wonderful evening, with singing, conversation, and of course delicious food. Watch Narayever Net for more details closer to the event.

Liz Bohnen



Mazel Tov to...

- Sarah Lambert and Scott Greene, on the birth of their son Ezra Reuben Lambert-Greene on September 13, 2011
- Issie Lyon and Nan Weiner, on the birth of their granddaughter Evelyn Carole Rogers Lyon on September 16, 2011
- Harvey Savage and Ruth Leneman, on the birth of their grandson Shai David on September 27, 2011
- Sara and Terry Borer, on the birth of their daughter on October 12, 2011

We warmly welcome to our community the following members:

- Lynda Batist-Friedman
- Paul Budovitch
- Mira Carniol
- Degan Davis and Alison Pick and their daughter Ayla
- Jeff Dickstein
- Michelle (Malka) Greene
- Louis Kalikow and his children Hadar and Kohava
- Peter Kellner
- Hilla Kirmayer
- Jerry Levitan and his daughter Jaime
- Ursula Susan Loewenstein
- Emil Nachman
- Lindsay Naft
- Timothy Naft
- Rimona Natanson and Adrian Nachman and their son Alex
- Jason Weir and Laura Weir
- Jordan Wosnik and Caroline Silverman and their children Jonathan and Rachel

Condolences to...

- Gene Simon, on the passing of her mother Bertel Simon z"l
- Rhona Phillips, on the passing of her mother Aida Babins Phillips z"l
- Sharon Abron Drache, on the passing of her mother Edith Abron z"l
- Smadar Peretz, on the passing of her mother Latifah Peretz z"l

“ויצרו בצרור החיים את נשמותיהם”

Shul Matters

Post-Kiddush talk: Jews and the Military From Ancient Israel to the Present Day with Derek Penslar

- Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 1:30pm

Jews traditionally see themselves as a people that shuns war, yet there have been Jewish soldiers for thousands of years - first in ancient Israel, then in the diaspora, and then again in the modern state of Israel. This talk will explore how our textual tradition has responded to this reality, how the experience of Jewish military service has changed over space and time, and whether rabbinic Judaism offers answers to the ethical questions that confront soldiers in wartime.

Professor Derek Penslar is the Samuel Zacks Professor of Jewish History at U of T. He has written or edited ten books, most recently "The Origins of the State of Israel: A Documentary History".

The four faces of Bar/ Bat Mitzvah with Stuart Schoenfeld

- Sunday, December 4, 2011; 10 – 11:30am at MNJcc

Bar Mitzvah and Bat Mitzvah are not in the Torah or Talmud, but they have become important times for celebration in contemporary Jewish life. Where did this combination of ritual and celebration originate? What does their contemporary experience say about Jewish identity today? How do bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah connect with the identities of parents as well as life-cycle transitions of children? Are they times of family stress or times of family bonding, and what practical steps can be taken so they are more times of bonding and less times of stress?

No charge. Presented in partnership with the MNJCC & First Narayever Congregation

Professor Stuart Schoenfeld is the Chair of the Sociology Department, Glendon College, York University. He has written extensively on contemporary Jewish life and also works on Middle East environmental issues.

Narayever authors panel: "Creative Connections - Writing through a Jewish lens"

- Sunday, December 4, 2pm at the shul

Join three Narayever writers for an informal panel discussion about how being Jewish has influenced their writing for young readers. Leora Freedman, Marjorie Gann and Lesley Simpson are shul members with new books out this year for children and young adults as well as for older readers. They will reveal the stories behind their books and describe how writing through a Jewish lens affects their work.

The format will be a short panel introduction followed by a communal conversation during which questions will be welcomed. Leora Freedman is the author of *Parachuting* (Sumach), Marjorie Gann is co-author of *Five Thousand Years of Slavery* (Tundra), and Lesley Simpson is author of *Yuvi's Candy Tree* (Kar-Ben).

All are welcome.

This panel is presented by the Daniel Camenietzki Library

The World's Smallest Jewish Fiction Club - Chapter Two

We're going to start Chapter Two of The World's Smallest Jewish Fiction Club on Sunday, November 6 from 3 - 5pm. Thanks to Chapter One it was easy to pick our books: we'll start by reading *Frumkiss Family Business* by Michael Wex.

Meetings will alternate on Sunday and Thursday afternoons, always from 3 - 5pm. Other dates if you're interested in joining are: Thursday, Dec 8 (*The Book of Intimate Grammar* by David Grossman), Sunday, Jan 15 (*Free World* by David Bezmozgis), Thursday, March 1 (*Mr. Mani* by A.B. Yehoshua), and Sunday, April 29 (*A Pigeon and A Boy* by Meyer Shalev).

If you'd like to join Chapter Two please contact me, Sylvia Bereskin at srbcanster@gmail.com for more detailed information and locations.

As you can see, there is a lot going on with Adult Education! Come on out and participate!
Peter Gold

Shul Matters

Hesed

Kudos to the volunteers who on short notice step forward to lead shiva services at the house of mourning. In the last year, the following members of our congregation volunteered to lead services: Sylvia Bereskin, Sarah Colman, Karen Fainman, Dalia Margalit-Faircloth, Andy Gann, Julia Gluck, Dan Gordon, Esther Meisels, Neil Naft, Ruth Rohn, Harvey Savage, Dianne Saxe, Stuart Schoenfeld, and Jeroham Singer.

The way this usually works is that someone in the community who just experienced the loss of a loved one calls Rabbi Ed who counsels and informs the caller of the mourning customs, including deciding on the shiva details. The rabbi then notifies me of the shiva details. If he is able, the rabbi leads services the first day of the shiva. For the other days we rely on volunteers. I send out an email to the list of shiva leader volunteers informing them of the details of the shiva including the service times, and I coordinate the responses ensuring there is coverage for all services.

I feel like a matchmaker when I send out a shiva services call to the list of volunteers and I receive wonderful feedback from the people sitting shiva as well as from the volunteers. The people sitting shiva are very grateful that at their time of need people from our congregation, often strangers to the mourners, come to their help. The volunteers benefit from the warm appreciation they receive. This is a wonderful way of getting to know and making connections with fellow congregants. These connections are remembered and cherished.

We need to enlarge the group of volunteers. As a volunteer, you should be able to lead services (Shacharit, Mincha or Ma'ariv). Rabbi Ed could provide training if you need. We ran a training session a couple of years ago, and we will repeat it if there is enough interest. If you are interested, please contact me at hesed@narayever.ca

If you are unable to lead services, come for the shiva. It is important, you often can help complete a minyan, and it's a mitzvah.

Avi Schonbach

Youth Committee

We are off to a brilliant start this year with the highly successful High Holy Day programmes. Children from ages 0 to 14 engaged in activities and study focused around the holidays and the meaning of the New Year.

We are looking forward to even more wonderful programming under the leadership of our new Makom Young Emissaries (shinshinim) from Israel, Roni Ben Zikry and Itay Buchnik.

The CHALUTZIM YOUTH MOVEMENT for ages 12 and up is hosting a number of events throughout the year including Israeli Iron Chef on November 24 and Israeli Movie Night on December 12. Please check the Narayever Net for more details or look for our shinshinim on Facebook.

Our regular Shabbat youth programming continues with the same high quality activities and learning you have come to know and appreciate:

SHABBAT B'YAHAD is a bi-weekly, parent-led Shabbat service for children 0–6, with great stories, song and a lot of spirit. Parents are requested to stay with their children for this program, which is held downstairs in the social hall.

RIMONIM is a bi-weekly (alternating with Shabbat B'Yahad), teen-led prayer-singing and Torah-story telling Shabbat program for children 2–6. Parents who wish to stay in the program with their children are invited to do so.

ARAZIM is our Shabbat service and program for kids 7-12. Arazim is led by several of our own teens who will share the leadership of our Shabbat programs with Roni and Itay. The program will include tefillah (prayer), learning new melodies, creative exploration of the Torah parsha and the festivals, and a segment during which the shinshinim will share their Israeli perspective with the kids.

Youth Shabbat

Youth Shabbat will be held on December 10. This is an excellent opportunity for all post bar bat mitzvah teens, and any other interested youth, to participate in a meaningful and joyous annual Narayever tradition. Those interested in leyning or leading any portion of the service should contact Tama Soble at tamasoble@gmail.com. Support for learning all portions of the service is available.

Tamara Brooks and Rosalyn Train

Shul Matters

Israel and External Community

Our focus in the first two months of this year has been on getting our shinshinim up and running. Here's their first report.

Makom Israel Engagement

Shalom Narayeverniks! We are Roni and Itay – your 2011-2012 shinshinim, young emissaries, from Israel. We have an amazing opportunity to take part in the Narayever community and work with you this year. We can't believe it's been two months since we got to Toronto! Here's what we have done:

Sept. 10: The weekly youth programs started. Every other Saturday at 11 we shinshinim are working together with Candice and Josh doing programs connected to the Parsha and to Israel. You won't be just sitting for an hour, you'll be busy! And after shul, we will be happy to meet each of you at Kiddush.

Sept. 11: The Bar/Bat Mitzvah program started and we are working together with Rabbi Ed and Beth Komito-Gottlieb, one Sunday a month, to make the BBM experience at the Narayever a unique one. At the last meeting, we exposed the BBM youth, who are taking a step into the adult world, to charities and volunteering organizations in Israel. The BBM class chose two charities to raise Tzedakah money for. The Israeli organization is ELEM which helps youth at risk and the Canadian organization is Free the Children which works to help child labourers.

Sept. 20: At the Apples and Honey and Beyond, we met more Narayeverniks and had such a great and sweet way to open the year with! Believe us - there were no leftovers.

Oct. 2: High Holy Days at Castleview Wychwood, Long Term Care Facility. Working with Ernie and Lori Gershon, we met fascinating people, talked about Israel, prayed together and even tried to blow the shofar – we'll practice for next year!

HHD Youth Programs: Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. As we were getting used to the experience of Yom Kippur away from home - we led more than 100 children in learning about the importance of these holidays and how

they are celebrated in Israel, all through challenging and creative games like Human Snakes & Ladders.



Oct. 9: At the Sukkot Art Studio, our partnership institutions – the Downtown Jewish Community School (DJCS) and the Paul Penna Downtown Jewish Day School (DJDS) and the First Narayever – worked together and made the longest Israeli chain (coloured blue and white).

Oct. 14: At a Shabbat dinner, we inaugurated the Narayever Chalutzim (Pioneers), a group for 12 and up. It's the new youth movement for Toronto's downtown Jewish community. Come join us to understand why the Narayever is more than awesome!! Have we mentioned that there are no adults??

Oct. 18: We brought the DJDS kids to visit the Narayever Sukkah.

What's happening in November and December?

Nov.: Every Monday there is a program on Israel Engagement with Rabbi Ed and we will be there to contribute our perspective.

Nov. 24: Israeli Iron Chef for Teens. Who thinks they control the Israeli kitchen ...?!

Dec. 10: We will join in the annual Narayever Youth Shabbat - it is our turn to lead the shul.

Dec. 12: Israeli movie night with teens. Can you smell the popcorn yet??

There is more.....

Shabbat at Kensington Gardens, Out of the Cold participation, Shabbat afternoons with your shinshinim. Israeli Iron Chef for adults, Israeli movie night and deep discussion for adults.....

Woooooow this going to be a busy year ... Can't wait for you to join us! Makom - where Toronto and Israel meet. Roni and Itay

Shul Matters

Social Action

Giving Back At the Gardens

Start 5772 off on the right foot! If you've always thought about helping to make someone's life a bit brighter, join the Narayever mini minyan at Kensington Gardens on the first or third Shabbat of the month. For those of you who love the haimish feeling at the shul, come and help to create that warmth in the chapel of the south building at 25 Brunswick Ave. Our service is one hour long from 11:00 am on these upcoming dates: Nov. 5, 19, Dec.3, 17, Jan. 7 and 21. We'd also love to see you come and help light Chanukah candles, especially those teens looking for mitzvot opportunities. Keep your eye on the Narayever Net for confirmed dates and times. If you would like more information, please email Janis Rubenzahl at jan.r@rogers.com.

Yom Kippur Tzedakah Appeal

The First Narayever Congregation continues to demonstrate a keen commitment to Tikkun Olam. With all the talk of donor fatigue, our community has come through again. The total commitment made was \$80,000.00, an amazing opening of our hearts to those who need our help. Statements will be issued shortly, and we encourage you to honour your commitment promptly so we can begin to disburse the funds to our chosen charities. Please stay abreast of our other efforts in Tikkun Olam through the Narayever Net and through future editions of the Narayever News.
Orrin Wolpert

Bar/Bat Mitzvah

To parents with children celebrating a Bar or Bat Mitzvah in 2014:

There will be an orientation meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the shul. The Rabbi will outline the Congregation's traditions regarding having a simcha at the Narayever. We will also discuss recent changes in the synagogue's Bar/Bat Mitzvah policies and take reservations for dates at that time. If you require any more information, please visit the shul's website at www.narayever.ca. Click on Bnei Mitzvah at the bottom left of the screen. Or email any questions to me at ewarchitect@rogers.com.
Ed Weinberg

External Community

Planning for community activities began at our October Meeting and will continue. Familiar events such as Walk for Israel and celebrations of Yom Hazikaron, Yom Ha'Atzma'ut and Lag Ba'omer will be on our agenda while we explore new ways to connect with the wider community and look for exciting speakers with an Israeli focus. Watch Narayever News for more updates. If you want to join the committee and take an active role, you're welcome to get in touch with me at israel@narayever.ca.
Micky Fraterman

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

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

Adult Education

- ▼ Elaine and Peter Gold, in honour of Harvey & Lesley Starkman on the occasion of the birth of their grandson Micah Ray
- ▼ Brenda and Jerry Enchin, in honour of Julia Gluck and Ted Overton on the occasion of Ted's 75th birthday and Julia and Ted's double chai wedding anniversary
- ▼ Ilana Singer, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Abraham Singer z"l

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- ▼ Bea Myers, in honour of the yahrzeiten of her parents Fanny and Hyman Kleiman z"l

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- ▼ Susan Friedman, in honour of Jack and Helen Friedman

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- ▼ Ruth Rohn, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Rachel Rohn z"l
- ▼ Elaine and Peter Gold, in honour of Leslie and Harvey Starkman on the occasion of the birth of their grandson Micah Ray Starkman
- ▼ Sarah Colman, Jared Peck, Morris and Shana, in honour of the 10th wedding anniversary of David Moscovitch and Leora Schaefer
- ▼ Jacob Langer, in honour of Jacob Grinspun Katz
- ▼ Jacob Langer, in honour of Leo Grinspun Katz
- ▼ Rosalyn Train, welcoming back Rabbi Ed, Linda and Tali

Donations

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ▼ Anonymous
- ▼ Alice Nusbaum and Mitchell Brown, in memory of David Brown and Julia Brown z"l
- ▼ Evelyn and Stephen Schaefer, in memory of Aida Babins Phillips z"l
- ▼ Ilana Singer and Garry Ostrovsky, in honour of Aiden Ostrovsky's brit milah
- ▼ Zipporah Dunsky, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Shimshon Dunsky z"l
- ▼ Mickey and Lucille Narun, in memory of Pearl and Jack Goldberg z"l and Florrie and Jacob Narun z"l

Rosh Chodesh Breakfast Fund

- ▼ Francine Dick, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Irene Dick z"l

Siddur Fund

- ▼ Anna Solomon and David Watkins, in honour of the birth of their daughter Isabella Cloe Watkins
- ▼ Dorothy Garfinkel, in memory of Ben and Jessie Berck z"l
- ▼ Paul Garfinkel
- ▼ Rona Sherebrin and Glenn Rubinoff, in honour of Al Rubinoff's 80th birthday
- ▼ Miriam Diamond, in memory of Tova and Hillel Diamond z"l
- ▼ Maggie Siggins and Gerald Sperling, in memory of Sam Sperling z"l, Leah Sperling z"l and Elizabeth Siggins z"l
- ▼ Natalie Fingerhut and Robert Winters, welcoming back the Elkin/Lipsky family
- ▼ Lili Little, in memory of her mother and father Sara and Alex Chernick z"l
- ▼ Marshall Korenblum, in memory of Toba Korenblum z"l
- ▼ Marshall Korenblum, in memory of Harold Korenblum z"l
- ▼ Ruth, Ivan and Robert Joffe, in memory of Norman Loewenstein z"l
- ▼ Michael Long and Valerie Weiss, in memory of Gerald Julius Long z"l
- ▼ Simcha Ben Abraham, in memory of his mother Chemda Tuchler z"l
- ▼ Sam Kohn, in memory of Goldie Kohn z"l
- ▼ Lesley Goldenberg, in memory of Gerald Joseph Goldenberg z"l
- ▼ Georgina Steinsky-Schwarz, in memory of Kenneth Lyle Wyman z"l
- ▼ Phyllis Berck, in memory of her parents Ben & Jessie Berck z"l
- ▼ Lubov Vasserman
- ▼ Suzan Schneeweiss and Bruce Stanley, in memory of Malcolm Stanley z"l

Torah Fund

- ▼ Helene Jacobs and Bruce Rosebrugh, in memory of Steven Propas z"l
- ▼ Rosalyn Train, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Louis Train z"l
- ▼ Kathryn and Mark Levene, in memory of Tamara Levene z"l
- ▼ Anne Matlow Bohnen and John Bohnen
- ▼ Daria Norma Latsonas, in memory of her mother Celia Lees z"l
- ▼ Rosalyn and Jerome Pauker, in honour of the Pauker and Swartz families
- ▼ Karen Weisman and Arthur Ripstein
- ▼ Anita Shir-Jacob and Cyril Press, in honour of the engagement of Anne Matlow and John Bohnen's son Michael Bohnen to Rachel Lipsky
- ▼ Sue Weinstein and Shaun Singer, to mark the end of the kaddish period for Sue's mother Ethelda Weinstein z"l
- ▼ Andrea Most and Alan Ackerman
- ▼ Elizabeth Ennis, in memory of Edita Ennis z"l
- ▼ Bezalel Elan Dresher and Alana Johns, in memory of Isidore and Sara Dresher z"l
- ▼ Robert Schwartz, in memory of Leah and Wolf Perelmutter z"l
- ▼ Brenda and Jerry Enchin, in memory of Beatrice and Abe Letovsky z"l
- ▼ Gene Simon, in memory of her mother Bertel Simon z"l and with thanks to Rabbi Elkin
- ▼ Debbie Nightingale and Shain Jaffe
- ▼ Arlene Mayers, wishing Rabbi Ed Elkin and family a happy new year

Tzedakah/Social Action Fund

- ▼ Lorne and Mel Cappe, in honour of the yahrzeit of their father David Cappe z"l
- ▼ The Cappe/Yolles family, in memory of Abe Letovsky z"l, father of Eric Letovsky

Youth Fund

- ▼ Alana Johns and Bezalel Elan Dresher, in memory of Isidore and Sara Dresher z"l
- ▼ Brenda and Jerry Enchin, in honour of Julia Rosebrugh becoming a Bat Mitzvah

Kiddush Donations

August 13, 2011

Kiddush: The shul. Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Glenn Rubinoff and Rona Sherebrin, in celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary; Mikhel Adirim and Aaron Kashin, in honour of their daughter's baby naming; Jennie Lai and Jason Applebaum, in honour of their daughter's baby naming; Gary Lichtblau, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Gitta Lichtblau z"l; Ruth Rohn, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Rachel Rohn z"l; Leah and Helene Jacobs, in honour of the yahrzeit of Leah's brother David Gercowski z"l.

August 20, 2011

Kiddush: The shul. Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Beverly Harris, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Charles Lewis z"l; Victor Helfand, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Gitel Helfand z"l; Robyn Penslar, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Lewis Penslar z"l; Janice Graham, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Heleen Graham z"l; Anita Shir-Jacob and Cyril Press, in honour of Batsheva Garnett; Leslie and Harvey Starkman, in honour of the birth of their grandson Micah Ray Starkman, on August 12, 2011.

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

August 27, 2011

Kiddush: The shul. Donations to the Kkiddush fund were made by Anna Solomon and David Watkins, in honour of the baby naming of their daughter Isabella Chloe; Miriam Simor and Wilfred Walker, in honour of the baby naming of their daughter Ellie Emma; Andy Simor and Mary Lou Smith, in honour of the baby naming of their granddaughter Ellie; Sheldon Silverman, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Ruth Silverman z"l; and Timothy Hunt and Morton Beiser, in honour of the yahrzeit of Timothy's father James C. Hunt z"l.

September 3, 2011

Kiddush: The shul. A donation to the Kiddush fund was made by Sharon Weintraub, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father Jacob Weintraub z"l

September 10, 2011

Kiddush: The shul. Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Meredith and Paul Gertin, in honour of their daughter Molly's baby naming; Herb Guttman, in honour of

the yahrzeit of his father Yosef Alta Guttman z"l; Anita Shir-Jacob and Cyril Press, in honour of the yahrzeit of Anita's mother Ada Katzman z"l.

Youth Kiddush: Karen Weyman and Sid Feldman, in honour of their daughter Hannah's 12th birthday.

September 17, 2011

Kiddush: The shul. Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Julia Gluck and Ted Overton in honour of Karen Weyman and Sid Feldman, on the occasion of their chai anniversary, and in honour of Candice Barkin, on her debut at the TIFF; Annette Gruno, in honour of the yahrzeit of her father James Gruno z"l; and Zipporah Dunsky and Arnold Schonberg, in honour of the yahrzeit of Zipporah's brother Menachem Dunsky z"l.

September 24, 2011

Kiddush: The shul. Donations to the Kiddush fund were made by Anita Shir-Jacob and Cyril Press, in honour of the yahrzeit of Anita's father Eli Katzman z"l; Sue Weinstein and Shaun Singer, in honour of the yahrzeit of Shaun's father Sam Singer z"l; Simcha Ben Avraham, in honour of the yahrzeit of his mother Chemda Tuchler z"l; David Weyman, in honour of Sid Feldman and Karen Weyman on the occasion of their chai anniversary and their contribution to Israel and the community; and Miriam Schlanger, in honour of the yahrzeit of her sister Rosa Vinograd z"l.

October 9, 2011

Kiddush: Carol Hofmann and Murray McKay, in honour of their daughter Tera's Bat Mitzvah. A Kiddush donation was made by Dawn Berney, in honour of the yahrzeit of her mother Carole Berney z"l.

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

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

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















“ויצרור בצרור החיים את נשמותיהם”

Heshvan 4	Fay Hershkovitz	mother of Linda Hershkovitz	Kislev 8	Nechama Schlanger	sister of Miriam Schlanger
Heshvan 4	Morris Myers	father of Louis Myers	Kislev 9	Vera Barr	mother of Howard Barr
Heshvan 5	Abram Krusner	father of Jeffrey Krusner	Kislev 9	Edah Goldstein	mother of Evelyn Schaefer
Heshvan 5	Ben Willer	father of Phillis Willer-Haimovitz	Kislev 10	Molly Lyon	mother of Israel Lyon
Heshvan 8	Joseph Horowitz	father of Sylvia Bereskin	Kislev 12	Rifca Dembo	mother of Sharon Dembo
Heshvan 8	Aaron Lowenstein	father of Marjorie Gann	Kislev 12	Jack Goldberg	father of Lucille Narun
Heshvan 10	Rose Benjamin Schwartz	mother of Stephen Benjamin	Kislev 12	Max Saltsman	husband of Dorothy Saltsman
Heshvan 10	Nita Frenkel	wife of Bernard Feder	Kislev 14	Goldie Title	mother of Nancy Sternberg
Heshvan 11	Malka Johles	mother of Frieda Forman	Kislev 14	Isaac Yomstock	father of Percy Schacter
Heshvan 11	Adele Rosenberg	mother of Mona Kornberg	Kislev 15	Devorah Dublin	sister of Max Dublin
Heshvan 12	Toba Korenblum	mother of Chana and Jacob Korenblum	Kislev 15	Stephen Roth	husband of Sheila Roth and father of Ava Roth and Dara Roth Edney
Heshvan 12	Julius Leikin	father of Steven Leikin	Kislev 16	Norbert Loewenstein	husband of Ursula Susan Loewenstein
Heshvan 13	Markus Hirs	father of Abraham Hirs	Kislev 17	Solomon Nusbaum	father of Ruth Leneman and Alice Nusbaum
Heshvan 13	Aida Krauze	sister of Ruth Benedikt Krauze	Kislev 17	Albert Peretz	father of Smadar Peretz
Heshvan 14	Rose Kotzer	mother of Betty Colt	Kislev 18	Gertrude Kaplan	mother of Ceceil Levinson
Heshvan 17	Sadie Naft	mother of Neil Naft	Kislev 19	Arnold Clairman	husband of Holli-Ellen Clairman and father of Hayyah and Sarah Clairman
Heshvan 19	Samuel Fisher	father of Cynthia Fisher	Kislev 19	Abraham Press	father of Cyril Press
Heshvan 19	Isaac Kanter	father of Ron Kanter	Kislev 21	William Singer	father of Jeroham Singer
Heshvan 20	Sally Presement	mother of Ricki Grushcow	Kislev 21	Lila Zuker	mother of Elaine Gold
Heshvan 20	Maru Fantl Werner	mother of Daniel Traub-Werner	Kislev 22	Gerald Smith	father of Mitchel Smith
Heshvan 21	Arthur Levita	father of Ursula Susan Loewenstein	Kislev 22	Rose Weyman	mother of David Weyman
Heshvan 21	Steven Lichtblau	father of Gary Lichtblau	Kislev 24	David Isaac	husband of Barbara Schacter
Heshvan 21	Sylvia Simon	mother of Charles Simon	Kislev 24	Isaac Jacobson	father of Edythe Jacobson
Heshvan 21	Ernest Jerome Weiss	father of Shelly Weiss	Kislev 24	Alex Rothman	father of Ben Rothman
Heshvan 22	Daniel Camenietzki	son of Shalom & Keren Camenietzki	Kislev 25	Molly Weinstein	mother of Earl Weinstein
Heshvan 23	Salmon Isaac James	father of Frances Enchin	Kislev 26	Aryeh Haimovitz	husband of Phillis Willer-Haimovitz
Heshvan 23	Jack Starkman	father of Harvey Starkman	Kislev 29	Frooma Epstein	mother of Aura Kagan
Heshvan 24	Harry Golden	father of Ronald Golden	Kislev 29	Margot James	mother of Frances Enchin
Heshvan 24	Harry Silverberg	father of Jackie Silverberg	Kislev 29	Hinda Basha Lehrer	mother of Keith Lehrer
Heshvan 26	Norma Harris	mother of Brenda Singer	Kislev 29	Sidney Levinson	father of Ronnie Levinson
Heshvan 26	Rachel Kofsky	sister of Lawrence Lofchick	Kislev 29	Sidney Levinson	Burbank husband of Ceceil Levinson
Heshvan 26	Belmore Weinstein	father of Sue Weinstein	Kislev 29	Connie Robinson	mother of Brenlee Robinson and Shayne Robinson
Heshvan 27	Cela Kuperhause	mother of Jacob Kuperhause	Tevet 1	Rachel Edelson	mother of Joel Edelson
Heshvan 27	David Weidman	father of Michael Weidman	Tevet 1	Willem Evan Murray	brother of Michael Murray
Heshvan 27	Ethelda Weinstein	mother of Sue Weinstein	Tevet 1	Dova Beryl Savan	mother of Robert Savan
Heshvan 28	Joseph Krauze	father of Ruth Benedikt Krauze	Tevet 1	Sophie Yomstock	mother of Estelle Schacter
Heshvan 29	Marion Meacham	mother of Tirzah Meacham	Tevet 2	Albert Joseph Presement	father of Ricki Grushcow
Kislev 1	James Blugerman	father of Olga Palmateer	Tevet 2	Chaim Rubinoff	father of Alfred Rubinoff
Kislev 1	Bernard Mass	father of Philip Mass	Tevet 2	Gittle Rubinoff	mother of Alfred Rubinoff
Kislev 2	Israel Lichtshein	father of Dan Mendelsohn-Aviv	Tevet 2	Jack Schoenfeld	father of Stuart Schoenfeld
Kislev 3	Chana Rachela Margalit	mother of Dalia Margalit-Faircloth	Tevet 3	Jacob Jacobs	husband of Leah Jacobs and father of Helene Jacobs
Kislev 3	Donna Schachter	wife of Harry Schachter	Tevet 3	Frank Schacter	brother of Percy Schacter
Kislev 4	Edward Ezra Cohen	brother of Ben Carniol	Tevet 4	Linda Richman	sister of Alan Banack
Kislev 4	Myles Sheldon Robinson	father of Brenlee Robinson and Shayne Robinson			
Kislev 5	Sol Feferman	father of Irv Feferman			
Kislev 5	Sima Schonberg	mother of Arnold Schonberg			
Kislev 6	Regina Beiser	mother of Morton Beiser			
Kislev 6	Eva Rubenzahl	mother of Sam Rubenzahl			
Kislev 7	Mina Katz	mother of Steve Katz			
Kislev 8	Alexander Chernick	father of Lili Little			

November 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			Holocaust Education Week Program 7pm		 5:47	Lech-Lecha Services 9am Kensington Gardens 11am Mika Kaeja Bat Mitzvah
		1 Cheshvan 4	2 Cheshvan 5	3 Cheshvan 6	4 Cheshvan 7	5 Cheshvan 8
Shacharit 9am 6 Cheshvan 9	Engaging Israel Course 7pm 7 Cheshvan 10	8 Cheshvan 11	9 Cheshvan 12	10 Cheshvan 13	Services 6pm  4:39	Vayera Services 9am 12 Cheshvan 15
Shacharit 9am 13 Cheshvan 16	Engaging Israel Course 7pm 14 Cheshvan 17	15 Cheshvan 18	2014 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Meeting 16 Cheshvan 19	17 Cheshvan 20	Services 6pm  4:32	Chayei Sara Services 9am Kensington Gardens 11am New Member's Havdallah Evening 5:30pm 19 Cheshvan 22
Shacharit 9am Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 4:30pm Board Meeting 7pm 20 Cheshvan 23	Engaging Israel Course 7pm 21 Cheshvan 24	22 Cheshvan 25	23 Cheshvan 26	Teen Iron Chef Cooking Program with shinshinim 5:30pm 24 Cheshvan 27	Services 6pm  4:27 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class Dinner	Toldot Services 9am Hesh Troper Talk 1:30pm 26 Cheshvan 29
Shacharit 9am Rosh Hodesh Miles Gilbert Bar Mitzvah 27 Kislev 1	Engaging Israel Course 7pm 28 Kislev 2	29 Kislev 3	30 Kislev 4			

December 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Derek Penslar talk 1:30pm	Services 6pm  4:24	Vayetzei Services 9am Kensington Gardens 11am Max Ackerman Bar Mitzvah
				1 Kislev 5	2 Kislev 6	3 Kislev 7
Shacharit 9am Stuart Schoenfeld Bar/Bat Mitzvah talk 10am Narayever Writers Prog. 2pm 4 Kislev 8	5 Kislev 9	6 Kislev 10	7 Kislev 11	8 Kislev 12	Services 6pm  4:23	Vayishlach Services 9am Youth Shabbat 10 Kislev 14
Shacharit 9am Board Meeting 7pm 11 Kislev 15	Teen Movie Night with Shinshinim 12 Kislev 16	13 Kislev 17	14 Kislev 18	15 Kislev 19	Services 6pm  4:24	Vayeshev Services 9am Kensington Gardens 11am Seth Gordon Bar Mitzvah 17 Kislev 21
Shacharit 9am Bar/Bat Mitzvah class 4:30pm 18 Kislev 22	19 Kislev 23	1st Candle Chanukah  20 Kislev 24	 21 Kislev 25	 22 Kislev 26	Services 6pm  4:26  23 Kislev 27	Miketz Services 9am  24 Kislev 28
Shacharit 9am Chanukah Party 5 pm  25 Kislev 29	 26 Kislev 29	 27 Tevet 1	28 Tevet 2	29 Tevet 3	 4:31 30 Tevet 4	Vayigash Services 9am 31 Tevet 5