



# NARAYEVER NEWS

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 3 Youth programs start
- Sept. 10 Rabbi Elkin on his sabbatical
- Sept. 11 First BBM Class
- Sept. 17 Rabbi Elkin on the Unetaneh Tokef
- Sept. 20 Apples and Honey: Rosh Hashana around the world
- Sept. 24 Tefillah and Teshuvah with Aviva Chernick
- Sept. 28 – Friday Sept. 29 Rosh Hashana
- Oct. 7 Kol Nidre
- Oct. 8 Yom Kippur
- Oct. 13 and 14 Sukkot services and Harvest Lunch
- Oct. 20 Shmini Atzeret and Yizkor, Simchat Torah evening services
- Oct. 21 Simchat Torah services 9 am
- Oct. 28 Rosh Hodesh Heshvan services 7am
- Oct. 31 Engaging Israel Class 7pm



Shana Tova 5772

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## President's Message

Dear friends,

A young racoon and its three siblings appear on the fence and watch me curiously; a beautiful cardinal chirps frantically on the adjacent tree, no doubt upset by the presence of this young, masked family. The beautiful sound of the cicada periodically pierces the air, signalling for me that summer's end is not far off. It is the August holiday weekend as I sit in my backyard typing my message to you. The sun is bright; the air is hot.

In this dreamy atmosphere, I listen to the radio's hourly news. Thousands are starving to death in Somalia. The Syrians are being massacred by their own government. A massacre of innocent children has just occurred in Norway. Countries in Europe and elsewhere are on the verge of financial collapse. I think back in time. What luck that my ancestors chose to settle in Canada a hundred years ago. What a comparatively good life we live here. We really do have much to be thankful for. Then I think forward. Will our good luck last? What could go wrong to bring it to an end?

Looking back at the past; taking stock of the present; thinking ahead to the future. Our ancient ancestors felt a need to take stock too. I think of the Yamim Noraim, the High Holy Days, which will arrive before too long. It is a time when we take a personal journey of introspection and reflection; a time for taking stock of our lives. Quiet times in which we can contemplate are important as is the time spent together with our Jewish community to take part in the yearly rituals of the Yamim Noraim. It is well recognized that a group experiential happening can have profound effects. Whether it is at the intimate Brunswick shul or the larger gathering at the MNjcc, we meet as the Narayever community in communal prayer and personal reflection. It is with these thoughts in mind that I am looking forward to sharing time with my fellow Jews at the Narayever services.

Rabbi Elkin - fresh from a six-month sabbatical in Israel - will be officiating at the shul services on Brunswick Avenue. Rabbi Dr. David Weiss will lead us at the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre at Spadina and Bloor. Special thanks go to Kivi Shapiro, our High Holy Day Co-

ordinator, for working with shul members on the Ritual, Youth and Social Action committees and the office staff as well as the many volunteer participants at the services, to make everything happen successfully.

The river of change happens in our governance as well. Several people have retired from the Board after years of service, including Bruce Rosebrugh who was our Past

President, and several committee chairpersons: Ali Aber, Membership; Victor Helfand, Building; Sid Feldman and Karen Weyman, Israel and Community; Yael Schacter, Celebrations; and Hart Schwartz, Special Projects. We thank you all for your time and commitment in the service of your shul. We welcome the following new chairpersons to the current Board: Liz Bohnen, Membership; Gary Lichtblau, Building; Micky Fraterman, Israel and Wider Community; and Ann Komaromi, Celebrations. Continuing to serve on the Board are Tammy Brooks, Ellen Friedland,

Ben Geva, Peter Gold, Glenn Rubinoff, Avi Schonbach, Kivi Shapiro, Rosalyn Train, Ed Weinberg, and Orrin Wolpert. I am looking forward to working with all of you and wish you good luck.

We have been looking back and at the present. What is in store for us in the future? If we only knew! But we do know what some of the questions are that the Board will deal with in the months ahead. The Food Committee will be starting to implement its vision of a sustainable food policy for the shul. We will be delving more deeply into the implications of a building extension before a membership vote is taken. I would like the Board to take another look at security for the shul, and dust off the security report that was undertaken a few years ago. And, of course, there is the day-to-day work of our Board chairs and their committee volunteers to ensure that our shul functions in the service of our members.

As you can see the Board is a busy, dynamic place. I am very proud of our veteran and new members of the Board. I look forward to all of us working together for the future of our shul. Shana Tova to everyone. We wish you all a happy and sweet year.

Joel Edelson



## Rabbi's Message

Dear friends,

I so appreciate the warmth of the welcome back that has been extended to me and to my family after our six month sabbatical in Israel. It was of course wonderful to spend an extended period of time in Israel, an opportunity I hadn't had since my student days. But it's also great to be back here in Toronto, and to find that our wonderful and dynamic Narayever community is still thriving.

Now that I'm back, I'd like to focus on my priorities at shul for the coming year. Of course, this time of year, preparation for our fall holiday season takes up a good deal of my time, as it does for so many of the volunteers and for our administrative staff. We want the Yamim Noraim and Sukkot to be both well run and meaningful for the entire community. But even as I prepare for the upcoming holidays, I also want to look beyond. And as I think about what I'd really like to work on for the year ahead, I can't help but think of one of the hidden gems of the Narayever – our Friday night service.

I think of Friday night as a hidden gem because welcoming the Sabbath each week by coming out to the Kabbalat Shabbat service is an opportunity that very few members of our community take advantage of. Our Shabbat morning service is consistently strong, and that's something I feel very good about. Our Friday night service, however, is consistently more "intimate". We do have a minyan – sometimes considerably more, sometimes at the edge. I'd love it if this year, a few more of our members would consider taking part so we can build up our Friday night community commensurate with a congregation our size.

Let me tell you why you should consider coming out on Friday night. Kabbalat Shabbat is one of the most beautiful services in the week – filled with joyful melodies and spirited singing. The atmosphere is warm and informal. There are no simchas being celebrated on Friday night, so everybody who is there is there because they want to take part in this wonderful Jewish tradition – and not for any other reason. The service is relatively short -- we start at 6 and finish up by 7:30, including time for a brief Dvar Torah

or discussion. Everyone who attends can testify that participating in this service is a particularly meaningful way to transition from the workweek to Shabbat.

I know that it's very hard to get to shul for 6 pm on a Friday. There's work, school, errands, and the need to get dinner on the table. But maybe, if planned in advance, perhaps you can find a way to participate – let's say once a month to start?



If you have any ideas about how we can make Friday night at the shul more appealing or more doable for you, please let me know. Would changing the time of services help? We have some flexibility on that – especially to move earlier during the winter or later during the summer – so your input is crucial. Should we have some social time following the service, and light refreshments? Should we sponsor a

children's program during services? Should we set up a participants' roster like we have for Sunday mornings? Should we facilitate groups of people to share Shabbat dinner following services? I'm eager to hear what might make it feasible for you to come out to shul on a Friday night – so please do contact me.

The month of Elul is a good time for us all to review how much we have done in the areas of Torah study, the doing of good deeds, and participation in the communal worship of our people. We all have room to improve in each of these areas in the coming year. Whether you've been a regular participant on Shabbat morning, or not, I invite you to consider taking part in our Narayever Friday night service -- at least from time to time -- as one way to deepen your Jewish commitment in the year 5772. Your presence on a Friday night would not only help our community, it would also help you as an individual mark an important moment in the flow of the Jewish week in a meaningful and enriching way.

Questions? Comments? Please contact me. I'll see you on Friday night!

Shana Tova,  
Rabbi Ed Elkin

## Fall Holy Day and Holiday Matters

### High Holy Days (Sept. 28–30, Oct. 7–8)

Shana tova! As the sound of the shofar reminds us, Elul is here and that means Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are not far behind. The Narayever always has a lot going on at the High Holy Days, and this year is no exception.

First and foremost, of course, are our main services, led by Rabbi Ed Elkin at the shul and by Rabbi Dr. David Weiss at the MNjcc. Tickets for the MNjcc services are open to the wider community, and will be available via the office or the MNjcc right up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. If you know someone who you think would enjoy our services, feel free to let them know.

By now, you should have received your renewal forms for your membership and your tickets to the High Holy Day services. Please send in your renewal forms to receive your tickets. If you renew your membership at the Narayever sooner rather than later, you can make sure to get a seat at the location of your choice. Space at the shul is limited and booked on a first come, first served basis.

The MNjcc is also where we have our popular children's programs. From babysitting to teens' programs, we have something for all ages.

This year, a selection of alternative morning services will be made available at the MNjcc. Last year's acclaimed Shevet Achim and B'Yachad children's services are returning, and new this year we are introducing learning services for adults, led by Ruth Rohn and Rabbi Aaron Levy. See your ticket mailing for more information on both.

We could still use some day-before and day-of volunteers to make all this happen. Help is needed with setting up the MNjcc gym the day before Rosh Hashanah and the day before Yom Kippur and packing up afterward, with youth programming and family services, and with ushering and page number flipping. Get the new year started with a mitzvah or two! Please contact Kivi Shapiro, our High Holy Day Coordinator ([hhd@narayever.ca](mailto:hhd@narayever.ca)) or the shul ([admin@narayever.ca](mailto:admin@narayever.ca) or 416.927.0546), and in the case of the MNjcc choir, Lili Little at [lililittle@natmatch.com](mailto:lililittle@natmatch.com).

LeShana Tova Tikateivu,  
Kivi Shapiro

### Shiur in preparation for the Yamim Noraim. Who Shall Live and Who Shall Die?

Shabbat, September 17 at 1:30pm  
(post-Kiddush study session)

Join Rabbi Elkin for an examination of the Unetaneh Tokef prayer which has such an important place in the liturgy of the High Holy Days. What is the history of this prayer? What are the theological implications of the Books of Life and Death? How can we apply the message of this prayer about fate, faith, and the power of repentance in our own lives?

### Apples & Honey & Beyond: Exploring Rosh Hashana Food Traditions from Around the World

Tuesday September 20. Check Narayever Net in September for more details.

Ellen Friedland and the Food Committee invite you to stop by the Narayever after work or school on Tuesday September 20th from 5 - 6:30 for a lively and informative tasting of Rosh Hashana foods from around the world.

- Taste delectable and unexpected Rosh Hashana treats!
- Learn how to incorporate a global Jewish cuisine into your holiday menus using local and sustainable ingredients.
- Sample a variety of local apples and a selection of honeys and choose favourites to bring home.
- Learn about the symbolism and special blessings associated with fruits and vegetables eaten on Rosh Hashana (and take home a packet of recipes to try.)
- Meet our CSA farmers and hear how they grow the wonderful produce used in our tasting.
- Bring cash to purchase local apples and honey for your holiday tables. You will also have the opportunity to pre-order freshly-picked bushels and half-bushels of apples for pick up that day.



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### Preparing our soul for returning (Teshuvah) The Power of Tefillah and Piyut



Shabbat, Sept. 24, after  
Kiddush,  
1:30 - 2:30pm.

Join Aviva Chernick to unravel some of the melodies of the upcoming season of Awe and time of returning. In this second session of Piyutim, we

will include the psalms, also part of the collection of penitential prayers which make up the service of Selihot. We will prepare by making the material more familiar, more intimate, by owning it through song and musical meditation. No previous singing experience is necessary. So come, treat yourself.

Aviva Chernick is a Shlichat Tzibur, and familiar face at the Narayever. A Cantorial Soloist, she sings at Oakville's Shaarei Beth El Congregation and at a monthly Kabbalat Shabbat service at Holy Blossom. Aviva has been teaching, studying and singing piyutim for more than a year. She is also known as the singer for the Juno-nominated Jaffa Road.

### Selihot

As the month draws to a close, special Selihot (penitential) prayers are recited. This year we will screen a short Israeli film entitled "Kipur" (2010, 26 minutes) the themes of which are directly related to the High Holy Days. Following the film, we will have a discussion, light refreshments, and Selihot prayers which will finish around midnight. Please join us on Saturday night September 24 at 10 pm at the shul for Havdalah and the program.

### Rosh Hashana

Rosh Hashana starts Wednesday night, Sept. 28, and continues until Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday, Sept. 30. Services start at 9:00 am at the shul and at the MNjcc, led by Rabbi Ed Elkin and Rabbi David Weiss respectively. All Youth programming will take place at the MNjcc.



### Tashlikh

Tashlikh is a ceremony which traditionally takes place on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashana. It consists of casting bread crumbs into water, symbolically casting away our sins of the previous year. We will be meeting next to the entrance to the St. Clair West subway station on Heath St., at 4pm on Thursday Sept. 29 and we will walk together down into the ravine for Tashlikh. All are welcome. BYOB (Bring your own bread!).

### Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur starts Friday night, Oct. 7. Kol Nidre services start at 5:45pm at the shul and at the Miles Nadal JCC. All Youth programming will take place at the MNjcc. Bring your non-perishable food items in a bag to either the shul or the MNjcc to support the First Narayever Yom Kippur Food Drive.

### Yom Kippur shiurim

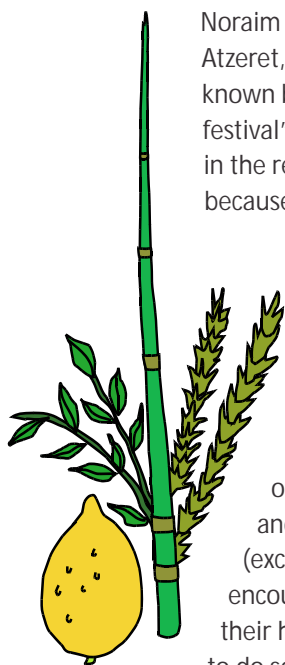
On Yom Kippur afternoon, at 4 pm, Rabbi Elkin will be offering a study session on Yom Kippur themes at the shul (187 Brunswick). Shul and MNjcc ticketholders are both welcome to come to the shul during the break to participate in this shiur.

A shiur led by Rabbi Dr. David Weiss at the MNjcc, between Minha and Maariv, is also open to all ticketholders. Rabbi Weiss will continue the exploration of Maimonides "Guide to the Perplexed", discussing Maimonides' reasons for and constraints in writing The Guide and what he intended to achieve. Even if you have not attended this shiur in the past, you are welcome to join in.

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### Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simhat Torah

Following closely on the heels of the Yamim Noraim are the festivals of Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simhat 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, as per the schedule on the calendar grid.



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). Members are also encouraged to build their own sukkah at their homes. For information about how to do so, please contact Rabbi Elkin.

### Our Sukkah Building and Decorating Project

Gary Lichtblau and the Building Committee invite you to help put up the Shul's sukkah on Sunday October 9, 2011 at 10:30am following the Sunday morning minyan and breakfast. Come back again two weeks later to take the sukkah down and store it, again after the minyan and breakfast at 10:30am on Sunday, October 23.

If you will be able to help with the sukkah, please send an email to [building@narayever.ca](mailto:building@narayever.ca). Last minute volunteers are always welcome! If you have a tool belt, come wearing it. And while we are erecting and taking down the sukkah, we can talk about any concerns or observations you may have about the physical state of the shul and how best to address them.

### Ann Komaromi and the Celebrations

Committee invite adults and kids to come to the sukkah Art Studio on Sunday October 9th from 1-4 pm. There will be activities for ages 2-102 – everyone can help make our Sukkah beautiful. Stay on after 4 pm to put up the decorations and see the fabulous result!

### Narayever's annual Sukkot harvest lunch

One of our wonderful annual Narayever traditions is our famous Sukkot harvest lunch. On Thursday and Friday, October 13th and 14th, join us to partake of seasonal, locally grown sustainable produce from Everdale Farm and other local suppliers. Weather permitting we will eat this delicious lunch in our beautifully decorated Sukkah.

Please consider a donation to help the shul provide this very special Kiddush meal to our community; honour a special occasion or the memory of a loved one. Call the office with your donation, or donate online at [www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org) and click on Narayever.



### Shemini Atzeret & Simhat Torah

Shemini Atzeret, with Yizkor, will be observed on Thursday October 20. That night at 7:30 and the next morning Friday October 21, we will dance with the Torah at our wonderfully festive Simhat Torah celebration, to close out this year's yom tov season. Please see the calendar grid for exact dates and times for these services. 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 "yomtovim" at our shul.

## Shul Matters

### Membership and Shul Community

The Membership and Shul Community Committee is looking at ways to welcome new members into our community and enhance the experience of existing members. As our first activity, the committee is setting up a "buddy" system to match up existing members with newer members. We will also be organizing a welcome event for new members to be held at Rabbi Elkin's home later in the year.



### We welcome the following new members to our congregation

- Robert Allison
- Elias Cristante
- Hilary and Ronald Goldenberg
- Jeffrey Goldenberg
- Neil Goldenberg
- Michael Murray
- Jane Rimmer and Benjamin Cohen and their children Yoav, Amichai and Elah
- Gillian Singer
- Josh Soref
- Molly Swartz
- Erica Webb and Elisha Denburg

If you would like more information about the committee or would like to join us, please get in touch with me at [membership@narayever.ca](mailto:membership@narayever.ca) or 416.532.9547.

Liz Bohnen



### Mazel Tov to...

- Rachele Mazin and Mark Hines, on the birth of their daughter, Naomi Mira on June 8, 2011.
- Jason Applebaum and Jennie Lai, on the birth of their daughter Elizabeth Tse Yin on June 13, 2011.
- Anna Solomon and David Watkins, on the birth of their daughter Isabella Chloe on June 22, 2011.
- Elaine and Peter Gold, on the birth of their granddaughter Tziporah on June 9, 2011.
- Andy Simor and Mary Lou Smith, on the birth of their granddaughter Ellie Emma on June 10, 2011.
- Brenda and Jerry Enchin, on the birth of their granddaughter Reyah Yael on June 30, 2011.
- Leslie and Harvey Starkman, on the birth of their grandson Micah Ray on August 12, 2011.
- Marjorie and Andy Gann, on the marriage of their daughter Devorah to Leon on August 21, 2011 in Bethesda, Maryland.

### Communications

The Communications Committee is happy to report that the shul website redesign is in full development and we expect to have the new site up and running in the fall. Current and upcoming programs and services will be updated regularly and online registration and donations will be available as part of the redesigned site.

Glenn Rubinoff





## Shul Matters

### Youth

The Narayever is committed to joyous, creative and engaging programming for all our young people, regardless of age. Our leaders are trained and guided by Samara Carroll, our Youth Coordinator, with support from Rabbi Ed.

#### Shabbat Activities for 2011-2012 Start September 3!

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 will be led by several of

our own teens who will share the leadership of our Shabbat programs with our Makom Young Emissaries (shinshinim) from Israel, Roni Ben Zikry and Itai Buchnik. 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.

Roz Train and Tammy Brooks

### Social Action

As you will see from the two “ads” below, there are excellent opportunities for Tikun Olam right in our neighbourhood. Your chance to engage in social action is right here!

#### The Mitzvah Club at Kensington Gardens!

Looking for a place to do a mitzvah? Join us on the first or third Shabbat of most months at Kensington Gardens Nursing Home for a haymische shortened service with Jewish residents as well as fellow Narayeverniks. Our service begins at 11:00am in the chapel of the south building at 25 Brunswick Avenue, just north of College. We sing and pray together for approximately one hour, share wine, challah, and community with about 8-10 residents from the home. In addition, we run High Holy Day services and celebrate Hanukah. Feel free to drop in and join our Narayever Mitzvah club once in a while or on a regular basis. Children and dogs are welcome! Dates of services are always listed on the Narayever Net. For more information, please contact Janis Rubenzahl at [jan.r@rogers.com](mailto:jan.r@rogers.com).

#### The Castlevew Wychwood Towers Volunteer Team

Join us at Castlevew Wychwood Towers to create a community for the Jewish residents there. Once a month, we provide Shabbat dinner at 4:30pm on Friday afternoon; as well, we celebrate the holidays. We also provide individual pastoral care to some of the residents. Our next meeting is a celebration of the High Holy Days on Sunday, October 2. We need your support to continue to deliver this valuable service. Please join us! For more information contact Lori or Ernie Gershon at [lori.gershon@capco.ca](mailto:lori.gershon@capco.ca).

Orrin Wolpert

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### Israel and the Wider Community



**Israel Engagement**  
Roni and Itai are here! Our Makom shinshinim arrived in late August and are very excited about delivering Israel-focused

programs to the Narayever. If you have not yet met them, you can get a sense of their energy and creativity by going to this link, where you will find their introduction video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VmoP1Eud4h0>.

Roni and Itai are working with our own teen leaders to deliver Shabbat youth and High Holy Day programs, and they are in the midst of planning other programs for both adults and teenagers.

#### Teenagers!

Friend Narayever Youth on Facebook to keep up with what's happening with Roni and Itai. Tell your friends too. If you don't have access to Facebook, make sure we have a current email address and telephone number for you – not your parents! Send them to [youthcoordinator@narayever.ca](mailto:youthcoordinator@narayever.ca).

Stay tuned to the Narayever Net and future issues of the Narayever News for more information about how Roni and Itai will bring their perspective on Israel to us. And when you come to shul, please welcome them to the Narayever personally!

#### The Wider Community

Our committee is considering other opportunities to reach out to the wider community in which we live. If you have any ideas, or are interested in joining this committee, please get in touch with me at [Israel@narayever.ca](mailto:Israel@narayever.ca).  
Micky Fraterman



### Bar & Bat Mitzvah

The New Year approaches and so does the start of a new season of simchas for a number of Narayever families. This fall we will see a half dozen boys and girls come of age and in 2012 we can look forward to over 20 Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies.

The 2012 class will start their education in the fall with a brand new instructor. Brenda Enchin has stepped down after four years as our wonderful Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class Coordinator. Brenda, who has been an active member of the Narayever Congregation for many years, will continue her participation in the education of our youth by accepting a position on the BBM Committee (in addition to serving on the Ritual Committee). Many thanks and Yashar Koach for the work you have done!

We welcome our new BBM Class Coordinator, Beth Komito-Gottlieb ([beth@narayever.ca](mailto:beth@narayever.ca)). Beth comes to the Narayever with extensive experience in working in synagogues and with kids, especially those with special needs. Beth has served as a Bar/Bat Mitzvah tutor for the last 10 years at Temple Kol Ami, and before that with Temple Sinai; as well, she served as a special education consultant for the Jewish Board of Education and as a program director and teacher for children with autism. We wish Beth a hearty "brucha ha'ba'ah" to the Narayever.



#### Bat & Bar Mitzvah and our Shinshinim

We are happy to announce also that our Bar/Bat Mitzvah youth will benefit from the participation in their program of our new shinshinim from Israel, Roni Ben Zikry and Itai Buchnik.

If you are interested in more information about the Bar/Bat Mitzvah program at the Narayever, please note that our policies can be found online on the Narayever's web site. A copy of the existing Handbook can also be requested from the shul's office. If you have any feedback for us, please send it on to me at [ewarchitect@rogers.com](mailto:ewarchitect@rogers.com)  
Ed Weinberg

## Shul Matters

### Adult Education

#### Israel Engagement Adult Education Program

Rabbi Elkin has just spent six months living and learning in Israel. He would like to share with our community some of his experiences and observations on the Jewish state through the structure of a mini-course entitled "Engaging Israel". This class will consist of five sessions in the fall and five sessions in the spring. It will be structured around materials put together for use by Diaspora Jewish communities by the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem, where Rabbi Elkin studied at the end of his sabbatical. The class will cover such issues as:

- The purpose of establishing/maintaining a Jewish state
- The place of religion in the Jewish state
- The ethics of power
- Conflicting values around the Occupation
- Morality on the battlefield
- Democracy in the Jewish state
- Religious pluralism and minority rights in Israel



- The peace process
- The legitimacy of criticizing Israel
- The alienation or disengagement of some Diaspora
- Jews from Israel

The will include clips of videos provided by the Hartman Institute's top scholars on the various topics, hevruta study of source materials by pairs or small groups of students, and discussion among the whole group led by Rabbi Elkin.

The fall dates are Monday nights, October 31, November 7, 14, 21, and 28, from 7-9 pm. Spring dates will be announced later in the year. There is a \$45 charge for the course. While discussion may refer to material covered in previous sessions, each class will have its own topic and people may sign up even if they know they can't make all the sessions. To register, please call the shul office at 416.927.0546 or email [admin@narayever.ca](mailto:admin@narayever.ca).

This class is cosponsored by the shul's Adult Education and Israel committees.

Peter Gold

### Daniel Camenietzki Library

The shul library is open to all members of the congregation.

We have a Reference Collection which holds the Talmud, the Encyclopedia Judaica, dictionaries and other items. The Circulating Collection, from which you may borrow books, consists of Bible commentaries, Judaica, books on Jewish life, Israel, and biographies. Our collections have been growing in recent years to reflect the traditional-egalitarian values and commitments of our community.

The library is located in the shul office and is open during office hours. An outline of the classification system and detailed rules on how to borrow books are posted in the library. A list of library titles is also available.

To consult with library staff, to volunteer with the library, and for any other inquiries, please contact Keren Camenietzki, Librarian, at [c.shalom@sympatico.ca](mailto:c.shalom@sympatico.ca).



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### Hesed

People often ask me about the benefits that membership at the Narayever provides related to a death in the family.

At the time of death, after calling a doctor and a funeral home, you should also call Rabbi Elkin (see page 8). The Rabbi will come over immediately if you wish, and will be available to help you at this difficult time in any way that you require, including an explanation of Jewish mourning customs and grief counseling.

If you would like Rabbi Elkin to officiate at the funeral service, he will want to meet with you to discuss the life of the deceased and details regarding the funeral. If the deceased was a shul member in good standing, the shul office and/or a Hesed committee member who carries the emergency pager (416.563.2283) will confirm for the funeral home their entitlement to a burial plot in the shul cemetery. If needed, Rabbi Elkin will contact the Hesed committee on your behalf to send shul volunteers trained in leading Shiva prayer services and/or enough volunteers to form a minyan for your period of Shiva. You will be offered a set of prayer books, which belong to the Narayever, for the shiva house. Finally, the Rabbi or the office will notify the shul community by email about the funeral and Shiva details. If the Rabbi is out of town when the death occurs, contact information will be left on his voicemail.

The Narayever provides burial plots at Bathurst Lawn Cemetery exclusively for members in good standing. Very few plots are still available at the Narayever section of

Dawes Road Cemetery, which was our first cemetery. The available plots in Dawes Road will be used only for burying members whose close relatives are already buried there.

Plots for relatives or other non-members can be purchased through the funeral homes, usually in the community sections of Pardes Haim or Pardes Shalom cemeteries.

As long as the deceased is a member in good standing of the shul:

- He or she will have interment rights at Bathurst Lawn
- There is no cost for our rabbi to officiate at the funeral, and
- There is no cost for the burial plot

It is important to note that there are a number of costs not included with shul membership that are incurred by the shul and for which members are responsible. These costs, a one-time total of \$650, include the care and maintenance costs of the grave and the gravestone, as well as the cost of the gravestone foundation. We do not assign or reserve plots except when a spouse is already buried in our cemetery, in which case we reserve the adjacent plot if so requested.

More information is available in the "Brief Guide to Death and Mourning" which is available in the Hesed committee section of the shul's website.

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## NARAYEVER NEWS

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## Donations

The shul gratefully acknowledges the following donations made to our various funds from mid-February to mid-April. 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](http://www.canadahelps.org) (click on Narayever)

### Adult Education

- ▼ Roger Simon, honouring the yahrzeit of his mother Elka Simon z"l
- ▼ Shalom and Keren Camenietzki, in celebration of the marriage of Andy and Marjorie Gann's daughter Deborah

### Daniel Camenietzki Library Fund

- ▼ Shalom and Keren Camenietzki, in memory of their son Daniel Camenietzki z"l

### Kiddush Fund

- ▼ Harry Schachter, in memory of Anna Pace's mother Loretta Pace z"l
- ▼ Harry Schachter, in memory of Phil Gold's mother Ruth Gold z"l
- ▼ Harry Schachter, in memory of Linda Cherney's father Thomas A. Kelly Jr. z"l
- ▼ Andy and Marjorie Gann, in memory of Andy's aunt Jessie Solomon z"l
- ▼ Andy and Marjorie Gann, in memory of Andy's uncle Herman Climan z"l
- ▼ Julia Gluck and Ted Overton, in memory of Rabbi Michal Shekel's father-in-law Leonard Ehrlich z"l
- ▼ Julia Gluck and Ted Overton, in honour of Nina Fainman-Adelman receiving a Duke of Edinburgh Gold Medal
- ▼ Julia Gluck and Ted Overton, in honour of Joel Edelson on his assumption of the President's chair on the Shul Board
- ▼ Julia Gluck and Ted Overton, in honour of Reut Rozner and Yuval Gur, our pioneer shinshinim
- ▼ Mark David, in honour of the shul
- ▼ Ronald Medoff, the honour of the yahrzeit of his father Samuel Shalom Medoff z"l
- ▼ Lili Little and Mitchel Smith, in honour of Julia Rosebrugh's Bat Mitzvah

### New Humash Fund

- ▼ Esther and Benjamin Geva, in memory of Esther's parents Sarah and Yehudah Brull z"l
- ▼ Esther and Benjamin Geva, in memory of Benjamin's parents Raya and Avraham Greenberg z"l

### Rosh Chodesh Breakfast Fund

- ▼ Sandy and Harvey Roff, in honour of the birth of Brenda and Jerry Enchin's granddaughter Reyah Yael

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- ▼ Esther and Baruch Levy, in memory of Anna Pace's mother Loretta Pace z"l
- ▼ Lorne Cappe, in memory of Avrum Baum z"l

### Torah Fund

- ▼ Brenda and Jerry Enchin, to thank Julia Gluck for her leadership and counsel as president.
- ▼ Brenda and Jerry Enchin, wishing Joel Edelson Mazel Tov on his new role as president.
- ▼ Lisa Rosen and Kivi Shapiro, in memory of Phil Gold's mother Ruth Gold z"l
- ▼ Charles Simon
- ▼ Shalom and Keren Camenietzki, in honour of Rabbi Ed Elkin's return and to thank Dalia Margalit-Faircloth for her work during the sabbatical and ongoing support of our shul

### Tzedakah/Social Action Fund

- ▼ Anna and Wilfred Teper

### Yom Ha'Shoah Fund

- ▼ Anna and Wilfred Teper

### Youth Fund

- ▼ Dawn Berney, Christopher and Tanya Geggie, in honour of Brenda Enchin for the wonderful gentle teacher that she is
- ▼ Nora Gold and David Weiss, in memory of Anna Pace's mother Loretta Pace z"l

### Condolences to...

- The family of Judy Goldman z"l of our congregation
- Monica Miller and Lorne Propas, on the loss of their husband and brother Steven Propas z"l
- Eric Letovsky, on the loss of his father Abe Letovsky z"l

“ויצרו בצרור החיים את נשמותיהם”

## *Kiddush Sponsors & Donations*

JUNE 18, 2011

Kiddush: Shul. Kiddush fund donations were made by Liz Bohnen, thanking Julia Gluck for her excellent leadership over the last 2 years and welcoming Joel Edelson into his position as President; Peikang Dai, wishing Miriam Schlanger continued good health; and Miriam Schlanger, wishing Kalil Melzer Robinson and Rachel Melzer very happy birthdays.

JUNE 25, 2011

Kiddush: Dawn Berney and Christopher Geggie, in honour of their daughter Tanya's Bat Mitzvah. Kiddush fund donations were made by Elisabeth Kende, honouring the yahrzeit of her mother Rose Kohn z"l; Ilene Golvin, honouring the yahrzeit of her mother Sharon Golvin z"l; Miriam Schlanger, honouring the yahrzeit of her mother Golda Chana Aaron z"l; and Micky Fraterman, honouring her son Justin's graduation cum laude from Georgetown Law School.

JULY 2, 2011

Kiddush: Shul. Kiddush fund donations were made by Allison Cohen and Andrew Jacob, honouring the yahrzeiten of their mothers Shirley Cohen z"l and Judit Jacob z"l; Jackie Silverberg, in honour of Zoe's 22nd birthday and the 10th anniversary of her Bat Mitzvah; and Bruce Rosebrugh, honouring the yahrzeit of his father Keith Rosebrugh z"l.

JULY 9, 2011

Kiddush: Shul. Kiddush fund donations were made by Beverly Harris, honouring the yahrzeit of her mother Yhetta Swartz Lewis z"l; Judah and Susan Denburg, in honour of the aufruf and upcoming marriage of their son Elisha Denburg to Erica Webb; Issie Lyon, honouring the yahrzeit of his wife Carole Yellin z"l; Julia Gluck and Ted Overton, in honour of Jerry and Brenda Enchin's new granddaughter, Reyah Yael; Dalia Margalit-Faircloth and Roger Faircloth, in honour of having their whole family together for a few days this summer; Betty and Neil Colt, honouring the yahrzeiten of their fathers Norman Kotzer z"l and Sidney Colt z"l; and Andy and Marjorie Gann, in honour of the engagement of their daughter Deborah Gann.

JULY 16, 2011

Kiddush: Shul. Kiddush fund donations were made by Beverly Harris, Esther Meisels, Beth McAuley, Liz Martin Landau, Ben and Esther Geva, Julia Gluck and Ted Overton and Marsha Frydenberg welcoming back Rabbi Ed, Linda and Tali; Magdolna Volgyesi, honouring the yahrzeit of her

mother, Gabriella Steiner z"l; Andrew Simor, honouring the yahrzeit of his father Imre Simor z"l; Goldie Kurtz and Benjamin Fisher, in honour of Dalia Margalit-Faircloth's hard work during the Rabbi's sabbatical; and Goldie Kurtz, in honour of her husband Benjamin Fisher, who successfully defended his PhD thesis.

JULY 23, 2011

Kiddush: Shul. Kiddush fund donations were made by Julia Gluck and Ted Overton, thanking Hashem and their family and friends for their support on their double chai anniversary; Mark and Kathryn Levene, honouring the yahrzeit of Mark's mother Tamara Anne Levene z"l; Mendl and Isabel Malkin, welcoming back Rabbi Ed, Linda and Tali, and to thank Dalia Margalit-Faircloth for all that she has done for the shul in the past year and in appreciation of the Shul being a wonderful and welcoming place; and Anita Shir-Jacob, honouring the yahrzeit of her uncle Jacob Katzman z"l.

JULY 30, 2011

Kiddush: Helene Jacobs and Bruce Rosebrugh, in honour of their daughter Julia's Bat Mitzvah. Kiddush fund donations were made by Sherry and Rick Glazier, honouring the yahrzeit of their son Daniel Glazier z"l; Elisabeth Kende, honouring the yahrzeit of her grandson Daniel Glazier z"l; Holli Clairman, honouring the yahrzeit of her father Louis Schlosser z"l; Bernice Schwartz, honouring the yahrzeit of her husband Harold Schwartz z"l; Gill Lefkowitz and Gary Clement, honouring the yahrzeit of Gill's father Max Lefkowitz z"l; Laraine and Neil Naft, honouring the yahrzeiten of Laraine's father Harvey Wagman z"l and her sister Elinor Gertner z"l; and Julia Gluck and Ted Overton, in honour of Julia Rosebrugh becoming Bat Mitzvah.

AUGUST 6, 2011

Kiddush: Shul. Kiddush fund donations were made by Norma Latsonas, honouring the yahrzeit of her mother Celia Lees z"l; Michael and Esther Levin, honouring the yahrzeit of their father, Harry William Levin z"l; Percy Schacter, honouring the yahrzeit of his mother Molly Schacter z"l; Sue Weinstein and Shaun Singer and Arlene Lax and Leonard Vanek, in honour of Ellen Friedland's milestone birthday; Janet Horowitz, in honour of Micky Fraterman's special birthday.

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








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

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Elul 4	Milton Savan	father of Robert Savan	Tishrei 12	Sheila Kurtz	mother of Goldie Kurtz
Elul 6	Louis Roseberg	father of Judy Roseberg	Tishrei 12	Hughey Zimmerman	father of Sondra Lofchick
Elul 6	Leah Shimmerman	mother of Alan Shimmerman	Tishrei 13	Samuel Gann	father of Andrew Gann
Elul 6	Jacob Weintraub	father of Sharon Weintraub	Tishrei 14	Shimshon Dunsky	father of Zipporah Dunsky
Elul 6	Bernice Zubata	mother of Sharon Mimran	Tishrei 14	Ben Gold	father of Peter Gold
Elul 10	Eric McAllister	son of Carol Tanenbaum	Tishrei 14	Jack Meltz	father of Isabella Meltz
Elul 11	Anne Caen	sister of Francine Watkins	Tishrei 14	Murray Simon	father of Charles Simon
Elul 11	Ada Katzman	mother of Anita Shir-Jacob	Tishrei 15	Sophie Milgram	mother of Paul Milgram
Elul 14	Sidney Blumenthal	father of Brian Blumenthal	Tishrei 16	David Cappe	father of Lorne and Mel Cappe
Elul 15	Yosef Alta Guttman	father of Herb Guttman	Tishrei 16	Sondra Davis	mother of Carrie Beth Davis
Elul 18	James Gruno	father of Annette Gruno	Tishrei 16	Leo Kaplan	father of Ceceil Levinson
Elul 20	Raymond Mandel	husband of Judith Mandel	Tishrei 16	Hyman Saltsman	father of Terry Saltsman
Elul 20	Justus Oostra	father of Micky Oostra Fraterman	Tishrei 16	Esther Singer	mother of Shaun Singer
Elul 22	Max Brook	father of Shelley Brook	Tishrei 17	Ben Schacter	father of Percy Schacter
Elul 22	Yehudah Brull	father of Esther Geva	Tishrei 18	Sharon Merkur Freeman	mother of Celia Hirsh and Laila Lipetz
Elul 22	Menachem Dunsky	brother of Zipporah Dunsky	Tishrei 18	Simon Sevitt	father of Peter Sevitt
Elul 22	Hilda Mandel	mother of Michael Mandel	Tishrei 18	Avior Shefer	brother of Dan Strumpf
Elul 23	Leo Hornung	father of Alisa Weyman	Tishrei 19	Sholem Altman	brother of Dov Altman
Elul 23	Percy Weinrib	father of Ernest Weinrib	Tishrei 20	Sally Martin	mother of Liz Martin Landau
Elul 24	Stanley Gordon	father of Daniel Gordon	Tishrei 22	Samuel Greenstein	father of Elaine Minsky
Elul 24	Rolf James Schonberg	brother of Arnold Schonberg	Tishrei 23	Norma Sirett	mother of Joanna Slone
Elul 26	Nathan Teitelbaum	father of Linda Wise	Tishrei 23	Pearl Wetstein	mother of Cheryl Wetstein
Elul 26	Rosa Vinograd	sister of Miriam Schlanger	Tishrei 24	Stuart McAuley	brother of Beth McAuley
Elul 28	Jack Gordon	father of Richelle and Sheri Gordon	Tishrei 24	Lev Roth	son of Sheila Roth, brother of Ava Roth and Dara Roth Edney
Elul 29	Eli Katzman	father of Anita Shir-Jacob	Tishrei 24	Morris Rubenzahl	father of Sam Rubenzahl
Elul 29	Benjamin Stocker	father of Maire Kushner	Tishrei 25	Nathan Cohen	brother of Suzanne Shuchat
Tishrei 1	Theodor Kantor	father of Beatrice Traub-Werner	Tishrei 26	Molly Lyons Bar- David	mother of Sharon Bar-David
Tishrei 2	Sam Singer	father of Shaun Singer	Tishrei 26	Miriam Schonbach	mother of Avi Schonbach
Tishrei 2	Hannah Solomon	mother of Charles Solomon	Tishrei 27	Greta Cohen	mother of Ben Carniol
Tishrei 2	Chemda Tuchler	mother of Simcha Ben Abraham	Tishrei 28	Harry Edelson	father of Joel Edelson
Tishrei 3	Sarah Brull	mother of Esther Geva	Tishrei 28	Heime Geffen	father of Martin Geffen
Tishrei 3	Charles Harris	father of Brenda Singer	Tishrei 28	Clarise Michel	mother of Isabel Malkin and Kathryn Levene
Tishrei 4	Nell Gluck	mother of Julia Gluck	Tishrei 29	Isya Pertzovsky	sister of Miriam Schlanger
Tishrei 4	Morris Woroner	father of Ken Woroner	Tishrei 29	Theodore Richmond	father of Anne Toby Golden
Tishrei 4	Anne Zimmerman	mother of Susan Carole Zimmerman	Tishrei 29	Phillip Schachter	father of Harry Schachter
Tishrei 5	Carole Berney	mother of Dawn Berney	Tishrei 30	Izaak Jacob Cvi	father of Anna Teper
Tishrei 5	Myer Lofchick	father of Lawrence Lofchick	Heshvan 3	Albert Fineberg	father of Rosalie Shapiro
Tishrei 5	Seina Teper	mother of Wilfred Teper			
Tishrei 6	Bella Gaber	mother of Pat Rayman			
Tishrei 6	Al Hershkovitz	father of Linda Hershkovitz			
Tishrei 8	Pearl Goldberg	mother of Lucille Narun			
Tishrei 9	Harry Federbush	father of Bernard Feder			
Tishrei 10	Betty Kirschenbaum	mother of Janet Horowitz			
Tishrei 10	Chana Kurz	mother of Marvin Kurz			
Tishrei 10	Sheila Weidman	mother of Michael Weidman			
Tishrei 10	Miriam Weiss	mother of David Weiss			
Tishrei 11	Tillie Colt	mother of Neil Colt			
Tishrei 11	Abraham Singer	father of Ilana Singer			
Tishrei 12	Murray Abron	father of Sharon Abron-Drache			

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.

# September 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Services 6pm  7:35	<b>Shoftim</b> Services 9am Shabbat Youth Programs Begin
<b>1</b> Elul 2					<b>2</b> Elul 3	<b>3</b> Elul 4
Shacharit 9am	Labour Day	CSA 3:30pm			Services 6pm  7:22	<b>Ki Tetze</b> Services 9am Rabbi Elkin discussing his sabbatical, 1:30pm
<b>4</b> Elul 5	<b>5</b> Elul 6	<b>6</b> Elul 7	<b>7</b> Elul 8	<b>8</b> Elul 9	<b>9</b> Elul 10	<b>10</b> Elul 11
Shacharit 9am Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class and Dinner 4:30pm		CSA 3:30pm	Ritual Committee Meeting 7:30pm		Services 6pm  7:09	<b>Ki Tavo</b> Services 9am Rabbi Elkin on the Unetaneh Tokef, 1:30pm Kensington Grdns, 11am
<b>11</b> Elul 12	<b>12</b> Elul 13	<b>13</b> Elul 14	<b>14</b> Elul 15	<b>15</b> Elul 16	<b>16</b> Elul 17	<b>17</b> Elul 18
Shacharit 9am Board Meeting 7pm	Membership and Shul Community Committee Meeting 7pm	CSA 3:30pm Apples & Honey Program 5 - 6:30pm			Services 6pm  6:57	<b>Nitzavim-Vayeilech</b> Services 9am Aviva Chernick on Tefillah and Teshuvah 1:30pm, Selichot 10pm
<b>18</b> Elul 19	<b>19</b> Elul 20	<b>20</b> Elul 21	<b>21</b> Elul 22	<b>22</b> Elul 23	<b>23</b> Elul 24	<b>24</b> Elul 25
Shacharit 9am Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 4:30pm		CSA 3:30pm	Erev Rosh Hashana Services 6pm  6:47	Rosh Hashana I Services 9am, 6pm Tashlikh 4pm	Rosh Hashana II Services 9am Kensington Gardens 11am Services 6pm  6:44	
<b>25</b> Elul 26	<b>26</b> Elul 27	<b>27</b> Elul 28	<b>28</b> Elul 29	<b>29</b> Tishrei 1	<b>30</b> Tishrei 2	

# October 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>Ha'azinu Shabbat Shuva</b> Services 9am Tera Hofmann Bat Mitzvah
						<b>1</b> Tishrei 3
Shacharit 9am Tzom Gedalia		CSA 3:30pm			Kol Nidre 5:45pm  6:31	<b>Yom Kippur</b> Services 9am, 4:45pm Kensington Gardens 11am
<b>2</b> Tishrei 4	<b>3</b> Tishrei 5	<b>4</b> Tishrei 6	<b>5</b> Tishrei 7	<b>6</b> Tishrei 8	<b>7</b> Tishrei 9	<b>8</b> Tishrei 10
Shacharit 9am	Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class 4:30pm Board Meeting 7pm	CSA 3:30pm	 6:23	<b>Sukkot I</b> Services 9am	<b>Sukkot II</b> Services 9am  6:19	<b>Sukkot III</b> Services 9am
<b>9</b> Tishrei 11	<b>10</b> Tishrei 12	<b>11</b> Tishrei 13	<b>12</b> Tishrei 14	<b>13</b> Tishrei 15	<b>14</b> Tishrei 16	<b>15</b> Tishrei 17
<b>Sukkot IV</b> (CH"M) Shacharit 9am	<b>Sukkot V</b> (CH"M)	<b>Sukkot VI</b> (CH"M) CSA 3:30pm	<b>Sukkot VII</b> (CH"M)  6:11	<b>Shmini Atzeret</b> Services 9am (Yizkor) <b>Simchat Torah</b> Services 7:30pm (Hakafot)	<b>Simchat Torah</b> Services 9am (Hakafot)  6:08	<b>Bereshit</b> Services 9am Nathaniel Kohn Bar Mitzvah
<b>16</b> Tishrei 18	<b>17</b> Tishrei 19	<b>18</b> Tishrei 20	<b>19</b> Tishrei 21	<b>20</b> Tishrei 22	<b>21</b> Tishrei 23	<b>22</b> Tishrei 24
Shacharit 9am		CSA 3:30pm	Engaging Israel Class 7pm		Rosh Chodesh Heshvan 7am  5:57	Services 9am <b>Noach</b>
<b>23</b> Tishrei 25	<b>24</b> Tishrei 26	<b>25</b> Tishrei 27	<b>26</b> Tishrei 28	<b>27</b> Tishrei 29	<b>28</b> Heshvan 1	<b>29</b> Heshvan 2
<b>30</b> Heshvan 3	<b>31</b> Heshvan 4					