

## Schedule of High Holiday Services 5769 - 2008

### Annual Cemetery Visit

Sunday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

### Rosh Hashanah

Monday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Ma'ariv  
Candle Lighting before 6:40 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Shacharit  
10:30 a.m. Junior Congregation  
5:00 p.m. Tashlich @ Bishop's  
Landing  
6:00 p.m. Ma'ariv  
Candle Lighting before 7:39 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m. Shacharit  
10:30 a.m. Junior Congregation

### Yom Kippur

Wednesday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Musical Opening  
After music: Kol Nidre + Ma'ariv

Thursday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> 9:15 a.m. Shacharit  
10:30 a.m. Junior Congregation  
11:15 a.m. Yizkor  
  
5:15 p.m. Mincha  
6:15 p.m. Neilah  
7:23 p.m. Shofar and fast ends  
Community Break-fast at the Beth Israel  
After our services at the Shaar.

### Sukkot

Monday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Ma'ariv

Tuesday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 9:15 a.m. Shacharit  
6:00 p.m. Ma'ariv

Wednesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 9:15 a.m. Shacharit

## **Sh'mini Atzeret & Simchat Torah**

Monday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Ma'ariv

Tuesday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 9:15 a.m. Shacharit  
10:45 a.m. Yizkor

**6:00 p.m. Ma'ariv, Dancing and Hakafot**

Wednesday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:15 a.m. Shacharit  
10:00 a.m. Dancing and Hakafot

## Holiday Calendar 5769 - 2008/2009

<b>Chanukah</b>	<b>Dec. 21/08</b>
<b>Tu' B'Shevat</b>	<b>Feb. 09/09</b>
<b>Purim</b>	<b>Mar. 10/09</b>
<b>Pesach</b>	<b>Apr. 08/09</b>
<b>Holocaust Remembrance</b>	<b>Apr. 21/09</b>
<b>Israel Independence</b>	<b>Apr. 29/09</b>
<b>Lag B'Omer</b>	<b>May 12/09</b>
<b>Shavuot</b>	<b>May 28/09</b>
<b>Tisha B'Av</b>	<b>July 30/09</b>

### Participate in Shaar Services

~ Want to chant a Haftorah or deliver a d'var Torah (sermon)? It's easy! Contact the head of our Ritual Committee, Avi Ostry.

~ If you would like to lead Early Shabbat services on any Friday evening while the Cantor is away, would you please contact Howard Heyman at 423-2543 or e-mail him at [howandhal@yahoo.com](mailto:howandhal@yahoo.com). Howard has a CD of the service and would lend it to anyone interested in leading services.

## A Message from our President



I am a big fan of the Olympics and try to watch every event that would include a Canadian athlete. What links these athletes to each other and to all the other athletes is that their athletic excellence will be relatively short-lived. Eventually, all of them will 'move on' and build post-competition lives.

The High Holidays are our spiritual Olympics. They are the zenith of communal worship, when the largest numbers of us come together to be close to each other and to God. Just as competitors must plan for lives after the end of their athletic careers, we too must not restrict our focus to only the high points in our yearly cycle. While the shul continues with day-to-day programs and serves the needs of our members, our community, and the Jewish world, we as individuals must nurture our spiritual and religious lives throughout the year, not just during the High Holidays.

If you are not connected with our synagogue on a regular basis, I encourage you to increase your involvement. Come to shul for Shabbat and during the week for other holidays, attend a lecture sponsored by the Shaar or a Breakfast Club presentation or a Shabbat dinner, and join one of our many committees to add your voice in making the Shaar a more spiritual place. It is our stronger connection to the synagogue and to our religious lives that leads to true fulfillment.

As we enter the year 5769, may we all be blessed with personal growth and fulfillment while maintaining a constant connection to our synagogue, the Jewish people, and God.

On behalf of Renee and myself, we wish all of you a healthy and happy New Year blessed with peace and prosperity. L'Shannah Tovah Tikatevu!!

Phil Warman (Fivel Reuben), PhD, PAg

*"Indifference, to me, is the epitome of evil" Elie Wiesel*



## From The Cantor's Study

Dear Congregants

While the following is a story you might have heard me recount in recent months, I deem it quite relevant and appropriate for this edition of the Shaar's High Holiday bulletin.

As many of you know, I spent a week in Poland this past spring as part of the March of the Living experience. All four of my grandparents were born in Poland and, unlike the fate of most of their siblings and every one of their parents, they evaded death and eventually made it to Pier 21, where they boarded trains headed further west. I was the first in my family to return to that country and, naturally, was overcome with emotion during most of my visit.

A short story I wish to share with you focuses on the day of the march itself. While the entire trip was called the March of the Living, all 8000 participants joined together on Holocaust Remembrance Day – Yom Hashoah – to march in silence from Auschwitz concentration camp to Birkenau extermination camp.

Preparing for the march, however, was all but inspirational, all but reflective, all but emotional, and all but respectful. In short, there was complete chaos. Someone over a loudspeaker was attempting to get the various affiliates and groups to line-up in a specific order. It was a logistical nightmare. People were screaming and yelling, trying to find their groups and positions in line. Others who felt slighted by their ranking in the line began complaining to the organizers. We waited and waited and were unsure what the delays were about.

Eventually more messages over the loudspeaker informed us that we were waiting for the Chief Rabbi of Israel and the Chief of Staff of the Israeli army to arrive by helicopter. We waited. There was so much noise – and yet, the actual March itself is meant to be a silent one. We are standing in Auschwitz and people are complaining, people are smoking, people are listening to their ipods, people are joking, laughing, arguing – everyone is impatient.

Then all of a sudden, seemingly out of nowhere, the blast of the shofar! One long tekiah gedolah.

Cigarettes fell to the ground, jaws dropped, silence overtook the crowd. Nothing needed to be said. The sound of the shofar said it all. I have never heard the shofar the way I did that morning. Could the Jews buried in mass graves in Poland's forests hear that tekiah gedolah, I wondered? I hoped so. Could our enemies who wished and many who still wish to wipe us off the map hear that shofar? I hoped so. I thought about all who have heard the shofar throughout our vast history as a People, and its prominence in every single generation dating back to the children of Israel wandering in the desert. It was the blast of the shofar that brought me to tears and beyond that day.

This year, with each of the 200 blasts of the shofar that we will hear on Rosh Hashanah, may you feel inspired, invigorated, and connected to your fellow Jew and community. May each blast provide you with insight, wisdom, as well as greater knowledge about yourselves.

I will return to Halifax from New York on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and remain with you for most of the High Holiday period. I look forward to seeing you then.

Your Cantor and friend,

*Ari*

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# The YEAR IN REVIEW

The following lists the activities and events that have been directly associated with the Shaar for the past year (November 2007 to September 2008)

Shaar Shalom Presents - the **Kosher Ceilidh Concert** was held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at Pier 21. It was a resounding cultural, social and financial success.

The Annual General Meeting was held November 20, 2007. The following members were elected to act as the new Board:

## **Board of Directors (effective February '08)**

President	Phil Warman
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Honourary Lifetime member	Irving Perlin

## ***Board Members – at large***

Lysa April , Jason Brown, Sarah Cohen, Rosalie Fine, Marcie Gilsig, Susan Lehman, Avi Ostry , Jana Wieder, Bobbi Zahra

Two initiatives were begun the previous year – a new Web site for the Shaar and the development of a Strategic Plan.

The **Web Committee**, now chaired by Sharon Waxman, chose David Diskin as our web provider. A contract was signed, website requirements developed and information collected with the expectation that a new site would be up-and-running in the spring of 2008.

The **Strategic Planning** group met over the summer in 2007 to work on a Vision, Mission and Five Strategic directions (indicated below). A Strategic Planning Commission, chaired by Philip Belitsky, has been set up to execute the plan, primarily choosing co-chairs to initiate the five components indicated below.

## **Strategic Planning Commission**

1. Build, and connect with our membership
2. Create a friendly and inviting place and program
3. Become a community resource and partner
4. Strengthen our religious and spiritual base
5. Secure the necessary financial resources

November 25, 2007 – The new Board and the six new member units of the Shaar had the opportunity to attend a '**Meet and Greet**' at the home of Renee and Phil Warman at Boutuliers Point.

A **Shabbat dinner** celebrating Chanukkah was held December 7, 2007 following Kabbalat Shabbat/Maariv Services. There was excellent attendance; the latke makers provided hundreds of latkes for the dinner.

December 13, 2007 - Jack Novack, President of the Beth Israel, and Phil Warman signed the **Community Support Agreement** for the Nova Scotia Provincial Nominee Program on behalf of their respective Synagogues.

**Bar Mitzvah** – Benjamin Givner, son of Leigha and Elliot Givner and grandson of Eleanor and Morris Givner, chanted his haftarah on December 29, 2007.

**Breakfast Club Presentation** - February 10, 2008 “The Changing Face of South Africa”, by Dr. Phil Belitsky

**Aaron Kischel**, Executive Director for the New England Region of the **United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism** (USCJ), visited us from February 22 -25. He spoke with the congregation on Saturday, after Kiddush, and again on Sunday morning about the programs and activities of the USCJ and how we can become more involved and use their services.

The Annual **Hammantashen Bake** took place on Sunday March 2 in the morning; hammantashen were on sale immediately following the baking. Lysa April made the dough and organized the event.



The **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lecture on Multiculturalism in Canada**, co-sponsored by the Shaar Shalom and Saint Mary's University, took place on March 13 at the Scotiabank Theatre, Sobeys School of Business, Saint Mary's University Campus. The topic of the lecture was – **“What keeps our cultures apart and how can we be drawn more closely together for a more cohesive Canadian society”**. The speaker was Irwin Cotler, MP and former Minister of Justice.

**Purim** celebrations - There was an exceptional turnout of adults and children, many in costumes, for the traditional reading of the Megilla on March 20.

**Breakfast Club Presentation** - March 30 “Looking for Knitting Yarn and Synagogues on Our Trip to Europe”, by Dr. Murray Schwartz.

The **Web Site Committee** (co-chaired by Sharon Waxman and Susan Lehman) continued their efforts to produce a new and expanded web site for the Shaar. The revised web site began functioning in June.

**Cantor Isenberg** was interviewed on Monday April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York as part of their admissions policy; he was accepted to begin rabbinical studies in September, 2008.

The Congregation established **The Simon L. Gaum Bereavement Centre** in memory of Simon L. Gaum, Q.C, who passed away last September. The Centre sponsored a one day workshop: "Understanding Grief and Supporting Family and Friends Through Difficult Times". The workshop was offered to all interested Jewish residents in the Maritimes on Sunday, May 4 at the Shaar. Marianne Arab, Bereavement Coordinator, Palliative Care Service, QEII Health Sciences Centre presented the programme.

**Paul Kochberg**, representing the Canadian region of the **USCJ**, came from Toronto to speak to the Shaar Board at the May 13 meeting. Paul spoke about the programs and services of the USCJ and updated the Board regarding the membership of the 16 synagogues comprising the Canadian region. Phil Warman represented the Shaar at a meeting of the Canadian region presidents on May 28 in Toronto.

A night of appreciation honouring **Cantor Ari Isenberg** was held May 25. The Shaar was the scene of a glorious party (cocktails, dessert buffet, dancing, etc.) to pay tribute to our Cantor and to show him how much we care about him.

**Bar Mitzvah** - Jacques Wolff, son of Rosalie Fine and Steven Wolff, chanted his haftorah on June 21, 2008.

A **Special Meeting** of the congregation was held in the evening of August 7 to approve the one-year contract of Cantor Ari Isenberg.

A **Memorial Service** for Ehud Goldwasser z"l and Eldad Regev z"l was conducted at Shaar Shalom on August 14. The service was led by Cantor Ari Isenebrg in conjunction with our P2K partners and the AJC.

**Bar Mitzvah** Shael Brown son of Sondra Rutman and Jason Brown chanted his haftorah on August 16, 2008.

**Bat Mitzvah** Hyla Silburt daughter of Barbara and Bruce Silburt chanted her haftorah on August 23, 2008.

## **Some Humor**

### **Angry Rabbi**

Moshe goes to see his Rabbi. "Rabbi, last week I missed saying grace after meals." "Why," asked the Rabbi. "Because I forgot to wash my hands before the meal." "That's twice you've broken the law but you still haven't told me why." "The food wasn't kosher." "You ate non-kosher food?" asked the Rabbi. "It wasn't a Jewish restaurant." "That makes it even worse," said the now angry Rabbi. "Couldn't you have eaten in a kosher one?" "What, on Yom Kippur?"

### **Heavenly Intervention**

Mrs. Friedman, the third grade Hebrew teacher, needed some supplies from a supply cabinet that was seldom used and was secured with a lock. She didn't know the combination, and called Rabbi Weinstein to give it a try. Rabbi Weinstein placed his fingers on the lock's dial and raised his eyes heavenward for a moment. Then he confidently spun the dial and opened the lock. Seeing how impressed Mrs. Friedman was with this demonstration of faith, he smiled and confided, "The numbers are written on the ceiling."

## Lecture Series Attracts Interest



The Dr. Saul Green Memorial lecture was established in 2006. The purpose of the lectureship is twofold: to establish Shaar Shalom as a centre for Jewish culture and to provide the Synagogue with an opportunity, through partnering, to make a contribution to the larger community.

The focus of the lectureship is the intersection of humanitarianism, medicine and Judaism, subjects Saul Green was passionate about in his lifetime. To date, through the funds available for the lectures, the synagogue has staged two very successful events in cooperation with the Medical Humanities and Bioethics Programs at Dalhousie University's Faculty of Medicine. The inaugural lecture in September 2006 saw a packed house at the Sir Charles Tupper Medical Building auditorium. Dr. David Novak, a distinguished scholar of religion and bioethics at the University of Toronto spoke about the issue of physician-assisted suicide. In October 2007, Gary Goldsand, a clinical ethicist at Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton, delivered the second lecture on permission and consent when dealing with those who are gravely ill.

Dr. Saul Green was a founding member of Shaar Shalom Synagogue and a graduate of Dalhousie University's medical school. A general surgeon and family doctor, he practiced medicine in Halifax for almost fifty years.

[www.saulgreenlecture.com](http://www.saulgreenlecture.com)

# Mazel Tov!

## **Bat/Bar Mitzvot**

*to Ben Givner* son of Elliott & Leigha, grandson of Morris & Eleanor.

*to Maya Kovacs* daughter of George & Sandy Kovacs.

*to Jacques Wolff* son of Steven Wolff and Rosalie Fine.

*to Hyla Silburt* daughter of Dr. Bruce and Barbara Silburt.

*to Shael Brown* son of Jason Brown and Sondra Rutman.

## **Births**

*to Ruth & Richard Golbloom* on the birth of their first great-grandchild. Samuel Noah Kardish was born to Dr. Ellen Golbloom and Joshua Kardish on August 1, 2007 in Ottawa. Also, they are proud to announce the birth of their second great-grandchild, Jack Emlyn Bosek, born to Kate and Michael Bozek of Hamilton, Ontario. Jack is the first grandchild of Barbara Golbloom-Hughes and Anthony Hughes.

*to Denise & Natan Nevo* on the birth of their granddaughter Sarah who was born in Rehovot, Israel on October 20, 2007. Sarah is the sister to Itai and daughter to Drs. Tamy & Igal Nevo.

*to Ian Epstein and Erin Awalt* on the birth of their first child, Lena Estelle who was born Feb 12th, 2008 at 7lbs, 5 oz. with beautiful copper red hair. Proud grandparents are Paula & Stanley Epstein of Toronto, Ont., and Linda & Reginald Awalt of Fall River, NS. A Baby Naming was held at Shaar Shalom on Saturday, August 2, 2008. **Lena Estelle Epstein** was given the Hebrew name of Lena Esther bat Yitzchak Yehudah v' Liba.

*to Sharon Waxman and her family* on the birth of a granddaughter, Mikaela, in Ottawa. Mikaela is the daughter of Sharon's son, Daniel and his wife Marijana, and the sister of Evan.

*to Harriette Laing* on the birth of her first grandchild a beautiful little girl, Kiley Maia, born on June 7th, 2008. The proud parents are Marcy

and John Lillard. Harriette is thrilled that they live in Toronto so she can visit every day! Marcy and John moved here last August after John completed his Master of Food Science degree at North Carolina State University. He is presently working at Campbells in their research and development department. Joy, Harriette's older daughter also moved to Toronto last July and is working as a social worker with the Toronto School Board. Harriette moved to Toronto 10 years ago, but usually comes "home" to Halifax once a year.

**to Dena and Brian Kingstone** of Ottawa who are delighted to announce the adoption of their daughter, Sarah Ruth. Sarah, eight months old, joins her sisters, Julia Kingstone and Hilary Hendin. Proud grandparents are Gordon and Renee Dankner and Sheldon and Sandra Kingstone.

**to Tova Sherman & Joe Lang** on becoming grandparents on Thursday, July 30. In Jerusalem. Israel, Their daughter Bracha and son-in-law, Ari Sprung became parents of a baby boy. The Bris took place Thursday, August 7 in Jerusalem.

### **Engagement**

**to Lori & Paul Goldberg and Miriam and Leonard Goldberg** on the recent engagement of their daughter and granddaughter, Sarah, to Adam Chodos of New York.

**to Alan and Janet Stern** on the recent engagement of their daughter Debra Ruth Stern to David Rootman, son of Irv and Barb Rootman of Vancouver, B.C.

### **Weddings**

**to Linda and David Schroeder** on the marriage of their daughter Emily to Paul Alexander, son of Beryl and Doug Alexander, of Twizel, New Zealand. The wedding took place on Oct. 13, 2007, in Napa, California. They are living in Ottawa, where Emily is working for the Canadian International Development Agency.

**to Ken Offman** on the occasion of the wedding of his daughter Stacey to Oz Lubling. The ceremony took place in Brooklyn, New York on Sunday, June 15, 2008. Stacey is the daughter of Wendy and Ken Offman and Oz is the son of Varda and Moshe Lubling of New Jersey.

## **Anniversaries**

*to Leonard and Miriam Goldberg* on the occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary.

*to Harvey & Millie Meretsky* on their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The wedding took place Sept. 1, 1968 at Shaar Shalom Synagogue, Rabbi Wallach and Dr. Irving Perlin officiating.

## **Graduations**

*to Joshua David*, son of Mark and Sue, who graduated from Halifax West High School in June, 2007. He graduated with Honours and also received a music award. He is now attending Acadia University where he is pursuing a Bachelor of Music degree.

*to Eric Goldberg*, son of Judith and Victor Goldberg, who graduated from McGill University with a Bachelor of Arts (History) with GREAT DISTINCTION. Eric's immediate plans include law school at the University of Toronto.

## **Accomplishments**

*to Ruth Goldbloom*, who is the 2007 Red Cross Humanitarian Award Recipient. The Red Cross Humanitarian Award was established in 1997 by the Canadian Red Cross to recognize the humanitarian efforts of individuals and to highlight the mission of the Red Cross movement in this province. The goal is to bring recognition to some of the leaders in this province who strive to better the quality of life in our communities in the hopes of inspiring others to do likewise.

*to Vincent Richman, son of Alex and Shifra Richman* who received recognition from the Jewish Community Free Clinic for Outstanding Volunteer Service to the Uninsured Families of the North Bay Area, CA. In the Jewish tradition of tzedakah (charity) and tikkun olam (repairing the world), this Jewish Free Clinic offers free medical care for anyone in need, without regard to ethnicity, race or religion. Vincent Richman served on the board for a number of years and was Chairman of the Finance Committee.

*to Marcia Aronson( daughter of Roselle and Saul Green)* who is the inaugural recipient of a Leadership Award given by the Ontario Public Library Association. Criteria for the award is as follows: enhanced

service to adult readers in their community, strong advocacy for readers advisory services, active involvement in the public library profession, innovation and assisting others in acquiring readers' advisory services.

Marcia is the manager of adult and reader advisory services for the Ottawa Public Library. She is a frequent presenter at local, provincial and national conferences on how to start book clubs, public library services for the print disabled, and library literacy partnerships. She is the project leader for a strategic initiative titled *Building a Learning and Literate Community*. In addition to developing training workshops for library staff, she has served as the lead person in the production of a bilingual adult library literacy manual, the implementation of assistive technology in seven branch libraries and the Library Settlement Partnership Program in cooperation with Citizenship and Immigration Canada. Marcia is a native of Halifax. She was enrolled in the Shaar Shalom Hebrew School and celebrated her Bat Mitzvah with family and friends in the Synagogue. She holds a Master's degree in Library Service from Dalhousie. Marcia is married to Steven Aronson, also of Halifax.

*to Dr. Susan Goodman (daughter of Roselle and Saul Green)* who was named the March Volunteer of the Month for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (Ontario Region). Susan is the governance chair and a representative on the National Board of the Foundation. She was an instrumental voice in the development of the Foundation's Code of Volunteer Involvement.

*to Cantor Ari Isenberg* who has been officially appointed to the position of Associate Chaplain at Dalhousie University. According to Dalhousie sources, this marks the first time that a member of the clergy from Shaar Shalom has held an appointment of this nature at Dalhousie.

*to Philip and Rosalind Belitsky* whose son's band, The Sadies (<http://www.thesadies.net/>) has been nominated for a Juno award for "Roots & Traditional Album of the Year: Group".

*to Shifra and Alex Richman* who have nachas to report from their South Carolina family. David Harry Richman did very well in his Scholastic Aptitude Tests with perfect scores in his 3 generic subjects as well as in his 3 subject tests. This was the first time any student from his School

District had achieved these results. In the recent South Carolina Science Fair, David's project on the "Mathematics of Origami" received first place, an outstanding achievement certificate from the South Carolina Teachers of Mathematics, and first place on the overall Grand Awards. This is the first time a math project received a Grand Award in the past 12 years.

*to Stacey Offman, (daughter of Wendy and Ken Offman),* premiered her latest documentary "Where in the World is Osama bin Laden" in New York on April 18th. Stacey is the producer and Morgan Spurlock (of "Super Size Me" fame) is the director.

*to Wendy Katz* who was awarded the rank of Professor Emerita at Saint Mary's University in recognition of her teaching, research, and contributions to the administration and development of the University. The title was given at the convocation on May 23rd. She will be fully retired from Saint Mary's at the end of Aug. 2008.

*to the entire Goldberg family* on the special occasion of the dedication of the Goldberg Computer Science Building at Dalhousie University on Friday, June 21, 2008. This week, Dalhousie officials also announced that a Goldberg family connection has led to the creation of a scholarship fund donated by philanthropist Seymour Schulich, of Montreal. Mr. Schulich is a supporter of post-secondary education who has given millions of dollars to universities and who is married to Tanna Goldberg of Halifax.

*Best Wishes to Lea McKnight* on her retirement as a guidance counsellor at Halifax West High School. Lea has been in the school system for over 30 years and many students have benefited from her guidance; some of them children of our own Shaar Shalom members. Lea, whatever you plan to do now, we wish you well. May you have good health and happiness for years to come.

*Happy Birthday*

*to Leonard Fineberg* who celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

*to Philip Belitsky* who celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.

Best wishes to all who celebrated their birthdays this year, and a wish for many more celebrations to come.



## Condolences

### *Our Heartfelt Condolences*

*Our sincere condolences to Ruth Goldbloom and her family* on the loss of Ruth's brother Bram Schwartz.

*Our sincere condolences to Karen Gaum and her family* on the loss of her husband, Simon Gaum.

*Our sincere condolences to Jim Spatz and his family* on the loss of his father, Simon Spatz.

*Our sincere condolences to Michael Argand and his family* on the passing of his mother, Mrs. Rose Argand.

*Our sincere condolences to Michael Zatzman, sister Karla,* and the entire Zatzman family on the loss of Joe Zatzman.

*Our condolences to Jack Baig* on the loss of his sister in Ontario.

*Our sincere condolences to the Rose family,* on the passing of long time Shaar member Fred Rose. To his wife Sara and children Susan Strug and Norman Rose and their families, our prayers and thoughts are with you.

*Our sincere condolences to the Green family* on the passing of Pinnie Green.

*Our sincere condolences to the Newman family* on the passing of Daniel (Danny) Newman, son of the late Lillian and Sam Newman.

### **When the Time Comes**

When a death occurs, you should immediately contact Jon Goldberg of the Chevra Kadisha at 492-2838 (home) or 422-7491 ext. 222 (work). Jon will call Cruickshank's Funeral Home, where the Chevra Kadisha will perform the ritual preparations for burial. If you cannot make contact with Jon Goldberg, then please call Mark David 455-4735 (home), 478-2160 (cell) or Marty Zelenietz 463-0687 (home) of the Chevra Kadisha and they will assist you. Also, very important, make sure that you arrange to collect the death certificate as soon as possible.

## ***Welcome to our new members!***

Please join me in extending a hearty and warm welcome to all of the new members who have joined the Shaar Shalom Community since the publication of the last bulletin.

Ben Arie	Saul & Kimberly Offman
Michael Argand & Jo-Anne Nozick	Derek Ross
Philip Barkow	Dr. Tom & Karen Traves
Rebecca de Champlain	Bobbi Zahra
Dr. David Wolfe & Susan Hirshberg	

The current members of the **Agudath Achim Congregation, Yarmouth**, which closed in 2007 are now full time members of the Shaar Shalom Congregation.

Annette Dubinsky	Philip Star
Victor & Rosalie Indig	Esther Strug
Ruth Pink	Shirley Throp
Gert Star	

We all look forward to meeting you and to seeing you participate in the Shaar's services and programmes.

Molly Rechnitzer, Membership Chair

## **NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S PRESIDENCY AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Shaar Shalom congregation is now seeking nominations for President and for Board membership for the next fiscal year, to be effective November 2008.

Nominations must be supported by 5 named, active members of the congregation and have the approval of the nominee.

Nominations can be submitted in original hard copy, or by fax 422-2580 or email [shaarshalom@eastlink.ca](mailto:shaarshalom@eastlink.ca) addressed to the Secretary of the Board, Sharon Waxman.

Philip Belitsky  
Chair, Nominating Committee

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Edith Schneiderman - 477-2796 Honourary Member

Myrna Sherman - 443-7191

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**CRUIKSHANKS FUNERAL HOME 423-7295**

## **Simon L. Gaum Bereavement Centre**

The Shaar Shalom Congregation is pleased to announce the establishment of the **Simon L. Gaum Bereavement Centre**, in memory of Simon Gaum, a loyal and devoted member of our community and synagogue.

The Simon L. Gaum Bereavement Centre consists of a group of volunteers who will assist the Chevra Kaddisha Committee during the Shiva period and will continue to support a grieving person/family during the difficult months that follow. All volunteers have participated in a grief workshop that was presented by Marianne Arab, Bereavement Coordinator, Palliative Care Service, Capital Health.

With the establishment of a volunteer Steering Committee, our goals for the upcoming year include;

- creating a grief reference library at the Shaar Shalom Synagogue, including books for children and youth;
- developing and coordinating alternate programs under the supervision of Cantor Ari Isenberg to help remember loved ones during the holiday season;
- providing written literature to those supporting a family member or friend who is going through a difficult time;
- assisting with unveilings;
- compiling and organizing resource information from other Jewish Bereavement Centres, and,
- coordinating all information to ensure that it is easily available and accessible to our congregants and community.

This fall, The Bereavement Centre will distribute wallet size cards to Shaar Shalom members with necessary and pertinent contact numbers to be used during times of need.

The Bereavement Centre is administered under the direction of the Shaar Shalom Board and The Simon L. Gaum Bereavement Committee. Its services are available to all Jewish persons/families living in the Maritime Communities.

If you would like more information, please contact Murray Schwartz, Chairperson of Volunteers, at [schwartz@eastlink.ca](mailto:schwartz@eastlink.ca).

# New Tree of Life

## Great news!

We are hoping to have the new tree installed on the wall beside the chapel in time for the High Holidays. With the approval of the Board, we were able to retain the services of Brodie McGruer, a local artist from NSCAD, whose original design, using local artisans and local materials, was approved by the Art Committee under the direction of Lysa April. Michael Argand and Jim Spatz have very generously donated the funds necessary for this project. The central foundation stone is dedicated to the memory of their parents, Rose Argand and Simon Spatz.

The costs of the leaves and foundation stones have not been raised. A leaf remains at \$180 and is a lovely way to commemorate any occasion. A foundation stone is still \$1800. You will receive a tax receipt for your charitable donation. Molly Rechnitzer, 443 4770, [mollyr@eastlink.ca](mailto:mollyr@eastlink.ca), will be pleased to process your orders.

The following leaves will be engraved and planted on the  
**New Tree of Life**

In Memory of **Simon Gaum**  
1942 to 2007

Rhonna & Tommy Gaum

~

In Memory of  
Our Good Friend

**Simon Gaum**

from

Maxine & Frank Cordon

~

In Memory of

**FRED ROSE**

February 5, 2008

From your loving wife,  
Children & Grandchildren

~

In Loving Memory of

**Fred Rose**

1915 – 2008

From Morris Strug

~

In Honour of

**Roy Argand**

Bar-Mitzvah August 31, 2003

With Love, Mom and Dad

~

Mazel Tov

**Jacques Alexander Wolff**

On Your Bar Mitzvah

June 21, 2008

Love, Mom, Dad and Rebecca

~

Mazel Tov on your

65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Miriam & Leonard Goldberg**

Love

The Morris Goldberg Family

~

**Ray Caplan**

80<sup>th</sup> Birthday June 26, 2008

Marilyn Anne Cohen

~

In Honour of  
**Miriam & Leonard  
Goldberg's**  
65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Love, Harriette Laing & Family  
~

**Pinnie Green**  
A Woman of  
Style and Grace  
The Saul Green Family  
~

In Memory of  
**Isadore Peritz**  
Deeply Loved by  
The Saul Green Family  
~

In Memory of  
**Daniel Newman**  
June 2008  
Norman & Sharron Ross  
~

Many, Many Thanks  
**To Ari and to all of the  
Hebrew School Teachers**  
for their Dedication and  
Kindness over the years  
From Maya Kovacs 5768/2008  
~

**Benjamin Givner**  
Mazel-Tov on your  
Bar-Mitzvah  
December 29, 2007  
With Love and Pride  
Mom, Dad, Jacob & Hannah  
~

In Honour of  
**Millie & Harvey Meretsky**  
40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
September 01, 2008  
Kenny Offman  
~

## SOME HUMOUR

### Mezuzahs

A wealthy Jewish man buys a fabulous home in Beverly Hills, California. He brings in a local workman to decorate the place. When the job is finished, the homeowner is delighted but realizes that he's forgotten to put mezuzahs on the doors. He goes out and buys 50 mezuzahs and asks the decorator to place them on the right hand side of each door except for the bathrooms. He's really worried that the decorator will chip the paint work or won't put them up correctly. However, when he comes back a few hours later, he sees that the job has been carried out to his entire satisfaction. He's so pleased that he gives the decorator a bonus. As the decorator is walking out of the door he says, "Glad you're happy with the job..." "By the way, I took out the warranties in each one and left them on the table for you!"

## Web Report for New Year's Bulletin 2008

The Shaar Shalom Web Committee (Susan Lehman, Jamie Blustein, Sharon Waxman, Florence Slaunwhite, and Cantor Isenberg) are very pleased to announce that the Shaar Shalom's new website is up and running at <http://www.theshaar.ca/>

There is something for everyone on this site and we hope that both congregants and visitors to the site will find the information useful and easily accessible. A very special feature is the event calendar that will provide everyone with current information about what is going on at the Shaar Shalom and within the greater Halifax Jewish community.

We are proud to have our wonderful Gift Shop online! Browse the merchandise at your leisure and pick out what you would like either for yourself or for that special gift and check out the sale items for terrific bargains.

Members of the congregation will be able to access a password protected area which will allow them to view Yartzheit lists, The Shaar Shalom Times, and photos of special events.

We thank all the congregants who were involved in helping the Committee and for all those who supplied us with information. The Shaar Shalom website is a work in progress and we welcome all your comments and suggestions to continually improve our website. This website belongs to you!

### **Entertainment Books 2009 Are Here!**

Order yours now, only \$30 tax included, and take advantage of the great savings on restaurants, hotels, car rentals, museums, sports, recreation and much, much more. This has been a very profitable fundraiser for Shaar Shalom in the past and with up to 50% savings using these coupons the book pays for itself very quickly. These books are great for your own use and welcomed gifts for any holiday or occasion. Don't miss out. Take advantage of these savings and support Shaar Shalom.

#### **To order, please phone:**

Shaar Shalom Office - 423-5848

Lea McKnight - 457-3331

Molly Rechnitzer - 443-4770

## **NEW YEARS MESSAGE FROM THE RITUAL COMMITTEE**

The chair of the ritual committee would like to thank those serving on the committee for making time for meetings and assisting in deliberations of ritual importance to the congregation. The entire committee thanks and pays tribute to the individuals that participate in delivery of Shabbat services and other commitments of ritual significance.

The end of summer and upcoming holidays marks a period where participation, volunteered or requested, will take on additional importance with the Cantor's absence for extended periods of time. For those of you not aware, while pursuing Rabbinical studies, the Cantor will be returning for most major holidays and in lieu of any, once per month. We are lucky to have a few individuals that have committed to *Iain Torah*. Our energies are being focused on identifying others to assist with davening, Haftorahs and *D'var Torahs*. The most difficult area may be the latter and I would appeal to anyone able to string several sentences together, to deliver a *D'var Torah*. You will be hard pressed to find a less threatening introduction to public speaking. Anyone that has had a bar or bat mitzvah is already experienced. The topic does not have to be related to any particular Parsha or Haftorah and really need only have a Jewish theme. There are innumerable resources on the web. Baring a flood of phone calls or e-mails from congregants, you may receive a call or e-mail to participate in some manner. Please consider these requests seriously. For those of you wishing to give consideration to this request, my numbers and e-mail are below.

Shanah Tovah

Avi Ostry

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# Shaar Shalom Gift Shop

**WHO** - The co-ordinator of the Gift Shop is **Rona Schwartz**, 477-3456. The Gift Shop is for anyone who wants some Judaica, either for themselves or for a gift, for the home, for adults, for children, for birthdays, bar/bat mitzvahs, holidays, etc.

**WHAT** - We carry a wide variety of articles, from basic needs (yahrtzeit and shabbat candles, cards, kippot, kiddush cups, mezuzah scrolls) to jewellery, table items, toys, holiday and gift ideas. We try to keep prices reasonable, and taxes and shipping are included in your cost - you pay nothing extra. If there is something you want that we don't have, (e.g. a special tallit) I would be glad to search out some possibilities, and send you pictures and prices.

**WHERE** - The showcase for the gift shop itself is located in the foyer of our synagogue. Seasonal items are packed away, so if you don't see something, ask. If you are out of town, I can send you pictures of anything you might be interested in, and we can arrange for shipping.

**WHEN** - Items can be purchased any time the synagogue is open. Florence has the keys and will be happy to assist you. We can also accept credit card purchases. If you would like something at another time, or require some information, please call me (Rona at 477-3456) and I'll try to help.

**WHY** - By making purchases from the Shaar Shalom Gift Shop, you avail yourself of a local source of Judaica, and in so doing, also support our synagogue.

**WWW** - The Shaar Shalom Gift Shop is now on-line at [www.theshaar.ca](http://www.theshaar.ca) For the opening of the new website we are offering a 10% discount on all items in the Gift Shop whether on-line or in the synagogue store.

The Gift Shop now has Gift Certificates. If you cannot think of what to get for someone, let them pick it out. You can't go wrong with a Gift Certificate.

## **ONGOING PROJECTS**

**Todah Rabbah to all of the dedicated congregants who keep our projects going year after year. Your hard work and commitment is outstanding. Interested in helping? There is always room for more volunteers.**

## **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

The Entertainment Book drive has been taken over by Lea McKnight and Molly Rechnitzer. We send a great thank you to Florie Fineberg and Carol Ann Silverman for the many successful years they gave us.

## **GIFT CARDS**

A Shaar Shalom gift card is a perfect way to acknowledge any occasion or event. Call Molly Rechnitzer at 443-4770. For a minimum donation of \$10 she will send a card on your behalf.

## **GIFT SHOP**

The gift shop gets better every year, thanks to Rona Schwartz. She seems to know what we like and continues to stock beautiful Judaic items for every occasion. Drop by or give Rona a call at 477-3456 if you have a special request. Gift certificates are now available. Now On-Line at [www.theshaar.ca](http://www.theshaar.ca).

## **GROCERY SLIPS**

Sobey's will no longer be running this programme after Sept. 12 Constance Glube had graciously volunteered to take over from Rosalind Belitsky and although the project will come to an end, we thank you Constance for your support.

## **KIDDUSH**

On a special occasion or to honour someone special, why not sponsor a kiddush? It is as easy as calling the office to make arrangements.

## **LIBRARY**

The Library is in need of volunteers. If you can assist in getting the Library functioning again, please call the office.

## **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

Sharon Waxman has made our Shaar Shalom Times a first class publication that we eagerly await. We look forward to each edition with anticipation. Sharon is always looking for your input and ideas. You can email her at [timesnewsletter@eastlink.ca](mailto:timesnewsletter@eastlink.ca).

## **PASSOVER CANDY SALE**

Sue David continues to coordinate this important Hebrew School fundraiser. Don't miss out on Barton's Passover Chocolates this year.

## **SHAAR SHALOM TABLECLOTH**

Over the years this beautifully embroidered tablecloth has become an archive of simchas in our congregation. Full of names and dates of milestone events in our lives, it needs someone to keep this project going. Please contact the office if you are willing to embroider.

## **TREE OF LIFE**

Molly Rechnitzer devotes untiring commitment to this project. **Leaves or Foundation Stones** are a beautiful way to commemorate any occasion. Thanks to your generosity the original Tree of Life has now been completed. Please call Molly at 443-4770 to place an order for the new Tree of Life. **Yahrzeit Plaques** can be ordered through the office.

## **TORAH REPAIR FUND**

Established by the Adult B'not Mitzvah class of 2004, the Torah Repair Fund will eventually cover the cost of repairs to our Torahs. We have already repaired four Torahs. This fund continues to build with your support. All Yahrzeit donations go toward the Torah Repair Fund.

## **TELEPHONE COMMITTEE**

Barbara Silburt and Cynthia Guzner, along with their committee, do a wonderful job in keeping us informed of any important event concerning the congregation. The committee members are: Nancy Cieplinski, Celia Fried, Ruth Garson, Margaret Green, Dawn Frail, Helena Jockel, Rona Schwartz, Debbie Whitzman and Bobbi Zahra. Jane Alexander and Molly Rechnitzer are alternate callers when in need.

## **HEBREW SCHOOL**

The approach of Rosh Hashana brings the start of the new school year. Refreshed from the summer holidays, the students and teachers at the Shaar Shalom Hebrew School and the Halifax Co-operative Hebrew School return to the classrooms. As we look ahead to our studies to come, let us also look back on the year gone by.

Congratulations to our graduates of June 2008: Shael Brown, Ben Givner, Hyla Silburt, and Jacques Wolff. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Many thanks to our devoted teaching staff. Bracha Koren and Gordon Dankner will continue in their key roles as teachers for the Shaar and the Co-operative program. Yoli Wassersug and Michelle Arbus again taught the Preschool/Primary class. We will miss them this year, as they move on to other pursuits. And we'll also miss our Cantor, Ari Eisenberg, as he leaves to begin his rabbinic studies in New York.

Thanks also to the dedicated volunteers who support and sustain the school. Sheri Lecker and the members of the Education Committee oversee our operations and ensure the maintenance of our high standards, as well as providing crucial personnel for our programs. Sue David again organized the Pesach Candy Sale, our only fund-raiser: kol hakavod, Sue.

I also want to thank all the parents who, despite crowded schedules, bad weather, and traffic jams, make sure that their children get to Hebrew School and Junior Congregation on time. Your cooperation makes our work in Jewish education that much easier: your dedication sets an example for your children to follow.

All the best for a happy and healthy year ahead. L'shana tova u'metukah.

Marty Zelenietz,  
School Administrator



## *Menu for Rosh Hashanah*



### **Chopped Herring**

- 1 – 8 oz jar herring in wine sauce
- ¼ cup Spanish onion, cut up
- 1 hardboiled egg
- 1 peeled and cored apple
- 1 slice rye bread
- 1 ½ tablespoons white vinegar
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 tsp. Sugar
- 2 dill pickles
- Chopped yolk of hardboiled egg.

Drain herring. Grind or chop herring and onion. Add egg, apple, pickles and bread, which has been soaked in vinegar and oil. Chop all together until very fine. Add sugar to taste. Garnish with chopped egg yolk. Serve as appetizer with Challah.



### **Mushroom Soup**

- 2 Tbsp parve margarine
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 lb. mushrooms (any kind or a mixture of different kinds)

Saute in large pan. Sprinkle with 1/3 cup flour. Put in large pot together with 3 cups of stock or soup mix and 2 cups Coffeerich. Simmer 15 minutes. Adjust seasonings. Puree in food processor. Serve hot.



## **Cranberry Chicken**

1 can whole cranberry sauce

½ package onion soup mix

2 tbsp. red wine

8 oz. bottle Russian dressing

2 cut up chickens, skinless

Mix first four ingredients well. Place chicken in a shallow pan. Pour the mixed ingredients over the chicken. Bake at 350 for 1½ hours.

Can easily be doubled. Serve with mashed potatoes or rice and peas.



## **A Different Kind of Apple Cake**

3 eggs

1 ¾ cup sugar

1 cup oil

1 tsp. vanilla

2 cups flour

¼ tsp. salt

1 tsp. baking soda

¾ tsp. cinnamon

¼ tsp. nutmeg

6 medium apples, cored and pared

¼ cup powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350. In an electric mixer, on high speed, beat eggs. Add sugar and beat until pale and thickened. Add oil, vanilla, flour, salt, baking soda and spices. Slice apples into ½ inch pieces. Fold into batter.

Pour into an ungreased 13 x9 inch pan. Bake 1 hour or until cake is lightly brown. Sprinkle with powdered sugar when cooled a little. Makes 12 servings.

## **THE AGUDATH ACHIM CONGREGATION**

This Yarmouth-based congregation has now closed its doors after over a century in existence. The remaining eight members are now full time members of Shaar Shalom Congregation. To commemorate their history we present an article that first appeared in the December 2005 issue of the Shaar Shalom Times.

## **AGUDATH ACHIM SYNAGOGUE 100 YEARS**

Thanks to Barbara Silburt for this article.

This High Holiday season my family and I attended services at the historic Agudath Achim Synagogue, in Yarmouth, to help celebrate its 100th year. Not only were we warmly welcomed, but we were all thoroughly captivated by the beautiful sanctuary with its dark wood interior and raised, old European style bimah, its stained glass windows and antique lighting, and its ornate ark and Torah accessories. For me, the perfect setting to enjoy one of Judaism's oldest traditions, - the sounding of the shofar.

Officially founded in 1906, the Agudath Achim Congregation actually represents a much older Jewish community. The cemetery records nearly 100 Jewish graves, with tombstones dating back to the late 1800s. The synagogue itself, a large, wooden, Gothic building, was originally constructed in 1835 by the Free Will Baptist Church in Arcadia. It was moved to Yarmouth in 1870, where it was enlarged and improved, before being sold to the Agudath Achim Society, who also made extensive renovations. Situated in the heart of Yarmouth, a major fishing and ferry port, and formerly a busy shipbuilding center, the Agudath Achim can be found on William Street, a lovely, tree-lined avenue boasting many large, historic homes and churches.

Though much has changed over the years, it is easy to envision the synagogue that Mr. Samuel Epstein, the Agudath Achim's first shochet, teacher and chazzan, found when he arrived in March of 1910. Mr. Epstein was followed by a continuous line of resident rabbis, including Rabbi Spiro, and Rabbi Cohen. Today, services are led by our very own David Korn, known to the Yarmouth crowd as simply "The Rabbi". David has been filling this role for the past 7 or 8 years as a result of an affiliation between our two synagogues.

Although my family and I were charmed by our surroundings, and the memorable service, the thing that touched and impressed me most was the Agudath Achim's rich history. During a brief intermission, congregants shared their many cherished memories: the pew, darkly stained, where Irving Pink would stand and tap so as to speed up the Rabbi if services moved too slowly; the balcony, no longer in existence, where the women would gather and gossip during services; and all around the seats permanently claimed by families with surnames like Pink, Star, Garson, Strug, Nelson, Shane, Shapiro, Parelman, Epstein, Cohen, Margolian, Finkelstein, Lynch, Stone, Abraham, Attis, Smofsky, Dubinsky, Gilis, and Zatzman - to name but a few.

Perhaps the highlight of our visit was the warm hospitality of Rosalie and Victor Indig, who graciously invited all 8 Silburts to their home for lunch over the two days of Rosh Hashanah. It was here that we savoured not only Rosalie's kugel, and pickled herring, but many wonderful stories of Yarmouth's Jewish history. Apparently, the first Jewish immigrants arrived in the mid 19th century, most earning their livelihood as peddlers. The town proudly remembers Mr. George Fox, a junk dealer, who eventually left to establish the Fox Fur Company of Boston, and Mr. Louis Meyer, a junk peddler, who emigrated to the U.S., where he became the founder of the famous film giant, MGM (Metro Goldwyn Meyer).

Next, came the golden years, when Jewish merchants ruled Main Street. "In those days," someone explained, "it was the only occupation Jews were allowed." Those gathered around the table fondly recalled Nelson's Grocery Store, Margolian's Department Store, Margolian's Shoe Store, Shapiro's Ladies' Wear, Shapiro's Men's Wear, Star's Men's Clothing, Lynch's Clothing, Parelman's Grocery, Parelman's Hotel, Smofsky's Grocery, Strug's Gift Shop, Dubinsky's Gifts, Gilis's Knitting Goods, Pink's Fruits and Confectionary, Epstein's Soda Pop, and Attis's Kosher Meats, among others.

Today, with the Jewish merchants gone, the character of Yarmouth has changed considerably. Fortunately, the Agudath Achim, literally "The Society of Brothers", survives to remind us of the rich Jewish heritage we all share and should be proud of.



Thank you, Agudath Achim, for your marvellous hospitality, and a very hearty Mazel Tov from our congregation to yours as you begin your centennial year ... 100 years of serving the Jewish community of Yarmouth.

May you go from strength to strength and thrive for another century to come!

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Silburt



**AGUDATH ACHIM SYNAGOGUE  
YARMOUTH, NS**

**SHAAR SHALOM SYNAGOGUE**

Halifax's Egalitarian Conservative Community

**WEBSITE REVEALED**



***The Shaar Shalom Congregation of Halifax is excited to announce  
the grand opening of its brand new website:***

**[www.theshaar.ca](http://www.theshaar.ca)**

**September 1, 2008**

With up to date information about the community and an online gift shop available for browsing, the reasons to visit the website are endless!

To celebrate this special occasion, the Shaar Shalom Gift Shop is offering a 10% reduction on all online and in Synagogue store items until Sept.28/08

Make sure to enter our contest to win a \$25.00 gift certificate from the Gift Shop! Visit our website and find the answers to the following questions.

- 1.Name 3 Standing Committees of the Board.
2. How much does it cost to buy a “Kosher for Passover” oven mitt from the Gift Shop?
- 3.How long has the Shaar Shalom choir been in existence?
- 4.Name one of the articles written by Cantor Ari Isenberg.
- 5.When did the Shaar Shalom “Ground Breaking Ceremony” take place?

Email your answers to [shaarshalom@eastlink.ca](mailto:shaarshalom@eastlink.ca) making sure to include your name and telephone number. One lucky contestant with the correct answers will be selected at random.

Best Wishes For A  
Happy And Healthy  
New Year

*Henry Ferguson*

May You Have A  
Happy & Healthy  
New Year

*Rhonna & Thomas Gaum*

Greetings For A Happy  
And A Healthy New  
Year

*Freda & Irving Perlin*

Best Wishes For A  
Happy New Year

*Harry Glube*

Every Good Wish  
For The Holidays  
And Always

*The Silburt Family*

Best Wishes For  
A Happy New Year

*Louise, Len,  
Adam & Jasper Sonmor*

Best Wishes for A  
Happy And Healthy  
New Year

*Sharon Waxman  
& Charlie Campbell*

Best Wishes For A  
Happy New Year

*Ray Caplan  
& Marilyn Anne Cohen*

A Happy, Healthy And Peaceful  
New Year

*Linda Law & Lloyd Newman*

L' Shana Tova

*Mary Kanner  
Henry Stern & Jen Mckay  
& Mike Stern*

Warmest Wishes For a  
Happy & Healthy  
New Year

*Helen Offman*

Warmest Wishes  
For A Happy And  
Healthy New Year

*Rona & Murray Schwartz*

A Happy & Healthy  
New Year

*Linda Rand & Barrie Green  
And Family*

All The Best For The  
New Year

*Linda, David & Daniel  
Schroeder and  
Emily & Paul Alexander*

L' Shana Tova  
To All

*Leigha, Elliot, Benjamin,  
Jacob & Hannah Givner*

<p>May You Have A Happy New Year</p> <p><i>Irma, Jerry, Philip &amp; Sarah Barkow</i></p>	<p>Best Wishes For A Happy And Healthy New Year</p> <p><i>Jack Baig</i></p>
<p>Best Wishes For The Year 5769</p> <p><i>Maxine &amp; Frank Cordon David &amp; Ki nam Cordon Danielle Cordon &amp; Steve, Oliver &amp; Fletcher Lohrentz</i></p>	<p>Best Wishes For A Good Yom Tov</p> <p><i>Renee &amp; Gordon Dankner</i></p>
<p>Best Wishes For A Happy And Healthy New Year</p> <p><i>Lysa, Michael, Allan &amp; Samantha April</i></p>	<p>With Best Wishes For A Happy And Healthy New Year</p> <p><i>Sue, Mark, Joshua, Jennie &amp; Rebecca David</i></p>
<p>Warmest Wishes For The New Year</p> <p><i>Lili &amp; Mike Falk and Sons</i></p>	<p>Happy New Year</p> <p><i>Donna Assh &amp; Rod, Matthew &amp; Benjamin Burgar</i></p>

<p>L' Shana Tova To All</p> <p><i>Roselle Green And Family</i></p>	<p>Wishing Everyone L' Shana Tova</p> <p><i>The Lehman Family</i></p>
<p>Our Best Wishes For A Happy New Year</p> <p><i>Margaret &amp; Allan Green</i></p>	<p>A Happy &amp; Healthy New Year To All</p> <p><i>Gertrude &amp; Aubrey Shane</i></p>
<p>Best Wishes For A Happy New Year</p> <p><i>Harriette &amp; Joy Laing Marcy , John &amp; Kiley Lillard</i></p>	<p>Wishing You A Happy And Healthy New Year</p> <p><i>Nancy &amp; Menashe Cieplinski And Family</i></p>
<p>Our Best Wishes For A Happy And Healthy New Year To All</p> <p><i>Fig, Tim, &amp; Jessica Margolian</i></p>	<p>L' Shana Tova U' Metukah</p> <p><i>Jill Grant &amp; Marty, Sari &amp; Caleb Zelenietz</i></p>

Best Wishes For A Happy  
And Healthy New Year

*Marianne, Lawrence & Randy Ferguson  
Lea, Simon, Matthew & Jen McKnight  
Jamie Ferguson & Jennifer Jones, MacKenzie & Noah  
Rebecca & Tim Bochoff & Hannah*

Wishing You A Happy  
And Healthy New Year

*Victoria & Ed Rosenberg*

Best Regards to the  
Shaar Community

*Fran Ornstein, Fred,  
Emma & Daniel Wendt*

Warmest Wishes To All  
For A Happy New Year

*Judith & Steven Bates  
Aaron & Joshua*

May You Have A  
Happy And Prosperous  
New Year

*Sheri, Bernie, Bronia,  
David, Marc & Sarah  
Myer*

Warmest Wishes For  
The New Year

*Jane, David, Benjamin  
& Sharon Alexander*

L' Shana Tova  
To All

*Rosalind & Philip Belitsky  
And Family*

Best Wishes for a Happy New Year

*Marcie Gilsig & Jim Spatz  
And Family*

Best Wishes For A  
Happy And Healthy  
New Year To All

*The Rayson Family*

L' Shana Tova  
To All

*Cheryl & Marty Wexler*

Wishing You A Happy  
Holiday

*Peggy, Shimon,  
Josh & Hannah  
Walt*

Warmest Wishes For A  
Happy And Healthy  
New Year

*Janet & Alan, Debra,  
Adam, Debbie, Gabriel &  
Madelyn Stern*

Every Good Wish For  
The New Year

*Ruth & Richard  
Goldbloom*

L' Shana Tova To All

*Jana Wieder,  
Yolana Wassersug  
& Helena Jockel*



<p>A Happy And Healthy New Year To All</p> <p><i>Bracha &amp; Jacob Koren And Family</i></p>	<p>Best Wishes For A Happy New Year</p> <p><i>Naomi Judah &amp; Family</i></p>
<p>New Year's Greeting For 5768 To All</p> <p><i>Wendy Katz &amp; Alan Young And Family</i></p>	<p>Best Wishes for Good Health and Happiness in the New Year</p> <p><i>Lorraine Hurtig</i></p>
<p>Warmest Wishes For The Coming Year</p> <p><i>Peter Herschorn</i></p>	<p>A Happy And Healthy New Year To All</p> <p><i>Martin &amp; Joseph Herschorn</i></p>
<p>Best Wishes For A Happy And Healthy New Year</p> <p><i>Lorri, Paul, Sarah, Lisa &amp; Ben Goldberg</i></p>	<p>A Healthy And Happy New Year To Everyone</p> <p><i>Ruth &amp; Ralph Garson</i></p>

L' Shana Tova  
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A Happy And Healthy  
New Year To All

*Jennifer, Gary, Lena  
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Warmest Wishes *For the New Year*

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For the New Year

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L' Shana Tova To All

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Lauren & Brendan  
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Wishing A Healthy  
& Happy New Year To  
The Whole Community

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Wishing You Joy,  
Happiness, And Good  
Health Throughout  
The Coming Year

*Florie & Leonard Fineberg*

L' Shana Tova to All

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Best Wishes For A  
Happy New Year

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Our Best Wishes For A  
Happy & Healthy  
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A Happy & Healthy  
New Year

*Sara Rose*

Best Wishes For A  
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New Year

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Many Blessings In The Coming Year  
May Good Health, Peace And Happiness  
Grace Your Homes

*Bunny & Lowell Shore And Family*

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<p>L' Shana Tova To All</p> <p><i>Krystyna &amp; Roman Panek</i></p>	<p>A Wish at Rosh Hashanah that the Coming Year will be Filled with Happiness</p> <p><i>Cindy Gillies</i></p>
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Best Wishes For A  
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New Year

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Best Wishes For A  
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Best Wishes For  
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L' Shana Tova To All

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Best Wishes For A Happy & Healthy  
New Year

*Constance Glube*

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May You Have a  
Happy And Prosperous  
New Year

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And Happiness In The  
Coming Year

*Anetta & Janet Chernin*

Warmest Wishes For A  
Happy And Healthy  
New Year To All

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We Wish You A Very  
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L' Shana Tova  
To All

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