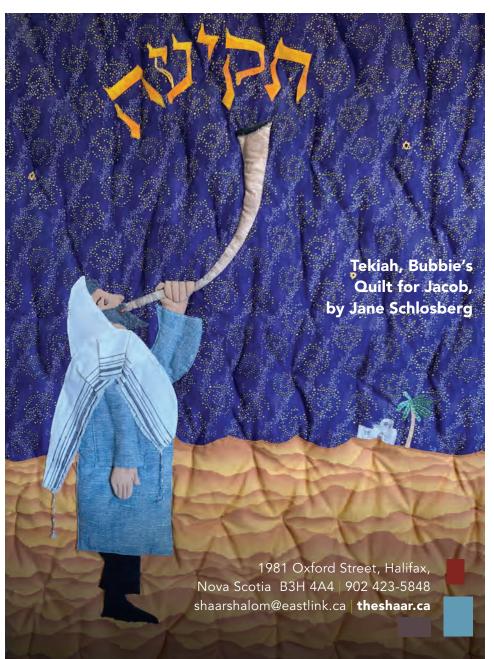


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5784 (2023) HIGH HOLIDAY SEASON SERVICES

HOLIDAY/ SERVICE/EVENT	DATE	SERVICE TIMES
Seliḥot	Saturday, September 9	9:00 p.m.
Erev Rosh haShanah	Friday, September 15	6:00 p.m.
Rosh haShanah Day 1	Saturday, September 16	9:00 a.m.
Rosh haShanah Day 2	Sunday, September 17	9:00 a.m.
Tashlikh (+ Shofar & Minḥah, Bishop's Landing)	Sunday, September 17	4:30 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	Friday, September 22	6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Ha'azinu (Shuvah)	Saturday, September 23	9:15 a.m.
Kol Nidrei	Sunday, September 24	6:40 pm (Music 6:20 p.m.)
Yom Kippur morning	Monday, September 25	9:00 a.m.
Yom Kippur Minḥah & Neilah	Monday, September 25	5:30 pm (Shofar 7:50 p.m.)
Erev Sukkot	Friday, September 29	6:00 p.m.
Sukkot Day 1	Saturday, September 30	9:15 a.m.
Sukkot Day 2	Sunday, October 1	9:15 a.m.
Erev Shemini Atzeret	Friday, October 6	6:00 p.m.
Shemini Atzeret	Saturday, October 7	9:15 a.m.
Erev Simḥat Torah (Children's Procession)	Saturday, October 7	7:00 p.m.
Simḥat Torah morning (Special Torah Honours)	Sunday, October 8	9:15 a.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat	Friday, October 13	6:00 p.m.
Shabbat Bereshit	Saturday, October 14	9:15 a.m.
Shabbat Bereshit	Saturday, October 14	9:15 a.m.

5784 (2023) HIGH HOLIDAY SEASON CANDLE LIGHTING

HOLIDAY	DATE	CANDLE LIGHTING
Rosh haShanah, evening 1	Friday, September 15	7:07 pm
Rosh haShanah, evening 2	Saturday, September 16	8:07 pm
Rosh haShanah ends at 8:05 p.m.	Sunday, September 17	←
Shabbat Ha'azinu (Shuvah)	Friday, September 22	6:54 pm
Shabbat ends at 7:54 p.m.	Saturday, September 23	←
Erev Yom Kippur	Sunday, September 24	6:50 pm
Yom Kippur ends at 7:50 p.m.	Monday, September 25	←
First evening of Sukkot	Friday, September 29	6:41 pm
Second evening of Sukkot	Saturday, September 30	7:41 pm
Festival ends at 7:40 p.m.	Sunday, October 1	←
Erev Sh'mini Atzeret	Friday, October 6	6:28 pm
Erev Simḥat Torah	Saturday, October 7	7:28 pm
Festival ends at 7:26 p.m.	Sunday, October 8	←
Shabbat Bereshit	Friday, October 13	6:15 pm
Shabbat ends at 7:15 p.m.	Saturday, October 14	←



Erev Rosh haShanah

Friday, September 15, 6:00 p.m.

Rosh haShanah, Day One

Saturday, September 16, 9:00 a.m.

Rosh haShanah, Day Two

Sunday, September 17, 9:00 a.m.

Tashlikh & More at Bishop's Landing

Sunday, September 17, 4:30 p.m.

Kol Nidrei

Sunday, September 24 @ 6:40 pm (Music @ 6:20 pm)

Yom Kippur Morning

Monday, September 25, 9:00 a.m.

Yom Kippur Evening

Monday, September 25, 5:30 p.m. (Shofar at 7:50 p.m.)

Erev Sukkot

Friday, September 29, 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Shaar welcomes our new members over the past year!

Jonas Goldman

Naomi Heighton (Arron)

Natalie Rosen and Matthew Schnurr

Michael Schneiderman

Carl and Ruth Wolpin

Erika Yazer



SERVICE PROTOCOLS

Decorum

When you enter our sanctuary for prayer, please turn your phones off completely. Disconnect from the mobile world so you can speak and hear your prayers and feel your connection with the whole community.

Children

Children are always encouraged to participate in the main sanctuary's service. A break room will be available for children and parents to use.

Toys

Just as we ask adults to turn off their smartphones, we also ask that electronic children's toys and colouring materials stay out of the main sanctuary. Children are welcome to bring puzzles, books, stuffed animals, and the like instead.

Sanctifying Space

You are encouraged to pace yourself throughout services and attend as you see fit. Please make every effort to keep the main sanctuary doors closed after you enter and exit so those in services will not be distracted by outside noise.

Security for the High Holidays

On High Holidays additional security is provided by contract with the Halifax Regional Police in the form of uniformed officers on the street.

Additionally, volunteer ushers and ticket takers will be positioned inside both doors.

The exterior doors are not locked during High Holiday services, and the role of greeter is shared by the caretaker and volunteers.

Seating

High Holiday tickets are eTickets once again this year. Please check in with the greeters upon your arrival.



Child Care During High Holiday Services

There will be childcare services provided during the High Holidays.

In the Gold Room upstairs there will be snacks, juice, and supervision for younger children. The library upstairs will remain open for older children to rest and talk quietly during services.

Childcare will be provided during the times below.

Rosh haShanah Day 1:

Saturday, September 16, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Rosh haShanah Day 2:

Sunday, September 17, 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur Morning:

Monday, September 25, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Dear Members,

This High Holiday season it feels like we have turned a corner. As we reclaim familiar patterns of simchas and services, we are also seeing how Jewish life in Halifax is changing.

Returning to normal feels good. We know how important our shul continues to be in celebrating holidays and simchas, providing support for Jewish life cycle rituals, and offering the comfort of prayer. We are grateful to Rabbi Karlin for leading our congregation so skillfully over this time. Last year we enjoyed regular in-person services on Friday nights and Saturday mornings, adult education classes online, as well as pastoral care and b'nei mitzvah.

Still, even as we return to many of our traditions, this is also a time of change for us. Sometimes change is difficult, and sometimes it is exciting, encouraging us to respond to new opportunities and adapt to new circumstances.

Expansions in 5783

We celebrated the first Sukkot in our new Heinish-Glube sukkah. In 5784, thanks to Richard Kassner and Michael April, the sukkah will be even larger to serve more people and programs.

Under the project management of Linda Law and the help of summer intern, Madelyn Herb, we finished the library renovation, and it is beautiful! Several of last year's Kol Nidre donations, as well as donations from other generous members, were used to complete the space.

New Yahrzeit boards were installed. Another huge thank you to Tim Margolian and Dawn (Fig) Frail for their leadership on this project.

Programming and Partnerships

The official opening of the library was a wonderful way for Shaar members to connect; for many, this was the first time since Covid they had been able to attend an in-person event at the Shaar. Madelyn Herb



During Channukah, a small Kabbalat Shabbat dinner was prepared by volunteers and enjoyed by the membership, offering a lovely way to celebrate a family style holiday dinner. Holiday events also included cookie baking and decorating and the annual latke fry, all involving different sets of volunteers. Thank you to all who helped and participated.

We had a great turnout for hamantaschen baking and for the Purim event during March break. A huge thank you to Lysa April, Dan Drory, Devorah Gillard, Dawn "Fig" Frail, Beth Donald, and Gaby Macklin.

Over the last few years, the Board of Directors has worked hard to expand programming and partnerships. These initiatives allow us to craft sustainable models to keep a vibrant Jewish space in Halifax and have it happen here at the Shaar Shalom! We welcomed Hillel into our renovated apartment space, and the building was full of students with challah baking, Shabbat dinners and student programming. We partnered with the Atlantic Jewish Council on Channukah and Purim events, producing celebrations of food and fun that bustled with over 200 attendees.

In addition to the university students, the AJC continued to rent our space for several initiatives in 5783, including youth programming for PJ Library, a parent and tot group. Canadian Young Judaea also ran programs for youth and teens. We are expanding these partnerships in 5784 and look forward to a growing vibrant Jewish space at the Shaar.

Outreach

We are part of a larger community in Halifax, and we are proud to contribute and build relationships with our neighbours and friends.

Rabbi Karlin is active in the Interfaith community and was invited to speak this year at Iftar during Ramadan at the Ummah Mosque. Our



Last year's Shaar Shalom Lecture at Dalhousie University featured Bob Rae, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, and Lieutenant-General (ret) Roméo Dallaire, founder of the Dallaire Institute for Children, Peace, and Security. A key theme that emerged from the sold-out event was the danger of complacency in Canada and the need for a global strategy to stop the recruitment of children in conflicts around the world. Many thanks to Seth Bloom for once again representing the Shaar for this event.

The Shaar welcomed visitors for a Shabbat service and was active in a variety of ways in Interfaith Harmony Halifax again this year. Rabbi Karlin offered an online study session and we had Shaar representation on the organizing team as well as participation in the youth event.

We gathered for a very successful fundraising walk benefiting the homeless on the Coldest Night of the Year, led by Greg Hirsch and Andrea Hilchie-Pye of the Tikkun Olam Committee. Thank you to all who participated in helping those in need in Halifax.

Fundraising

We were fortunate to have had many generous donations to help with the library renovation: thanks go to Roz and Phil Belitsky, Jim Spatz and Val MacDonald, Dan Drory, Linda Law, and Joanna Wexler.

We are grateful also for the fundraising leadership of Karen Conter, who solicited donations from grandparents of our Hebrew school students to provide a large-scale TV for the library to be used for classroom and programmatic purposes. Our thanks go to Howard and Karen Conter, Rhonna Gaum, Tom Jockel, Ethel Cooper-Rosen and Mark Rosen, and Cheryl Wexler. Thanks also to Peak Audio who donated back some of the cost to help support us.

The biennial Yard Sale is a major fundraiser for the Shaar and was very

successful last year when it ran in the fall for the first time rather than the spring. Thank you to Lysa April and her team for all their hard work putting the sale together.

Johanne Solomon, Alice Bruce, Linda Law, and Madelyn Herb spearheaded our first in-person Chanukah sale in years, where we had Judaica for sale, as well as crafts, books (supplied through partnership with The Bookmark), toys, latkes, and sufganiot for the holiday. Thank you to all who participated both in planning and executing the event. It was the most successful Chanukah sale we've had in many years.

Grant For a Communication Specialist

This year, once again, we received a grant under the Canada Summer Jobs program, and thank Andy Fillmore, MP for Halifax, for supporting our application. The grant allowed us to hire a summer intern to improve and expand our communications infrastructure, including work on the website and social media options. With the grant we were able to bring back Madelyn Herb whose work culminated in a new member package, a visitor welcome pamphlet, improvements to our website, our presence now on Instagram, and the selection by the Board of a new membership database program. We were able to review and merge Hebrew school and gift shop data with our website content. Linking our social media with Instagram and Twitter jumpstarted our outreach, which will require ongoing volunteer work to keep current. Please reach out if you are interested.

Legacy Gifts That Leave A Lasting Impact

In 5783 we erected the Heinish-Glube Sukkah, co-sponsored by the Noa and Sarah Heinish Fund and the Joe and Mildred Glube Fund. The Irving Perlin Education Fund and the Max Pascal Endowment Fund once again helped to defray some of our Hebrew School costs. With gifts from family and friends, the Marty Wexler Community Living Fund continues to grow with ongoing donations for social and cultural programs. We want to thank the Estate of Jack Baig for a significant gift to the Shaar. These gifts continue to make a difference to our shul and synagogue community.



Thanking You For Your Time

Thank you to our ba'alei keriyah, gabbaim, and all those who led services and helped make the minyan week after week. The ability to gather for group prayer, either from the Shaar sanctuary or from our own homes, has been incredibly meaningful to many of us, and is the heart of what we do and who we are.

We are grateful to our longtime office and Hebrew school administrator, Tamara Daiman, and our caretaker, Luba Kuzmicheva, who consistently went the extra mile for us as we launched new programs and hosted large and small events. They are truly part of our Shaar family.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to those who serve on the following committees: Ritual, House, Gift Shop, Kitchen, Membership, Cemetery, Chevra Kadisha, Simon Gaum Bereavement, Education, Library, Book Club, Fundraising, Garden Club, The High Holiday Bulletin, Tikkun Olam, Finance, and the Board of Directors, as well as the Trustees of the Shaar Shalom Capital and Endowment Fund. Your collective contributions make a difference every day to our members' lives.

As always, we need more of you to help in many areas of shul life and for new initiatives, so please reach out if you are able.

Wishing you a happy, healthy new year this 5784. Shana Tova U'Metukah.

Joanna Mirsky Wexler Dan Drory Linda Law

FROM OUR RABBI

Simon the Righteous was one of the last of the Men of the Great Assembly. He used to say: al sh'losha d'varim ha-olam omed—the universe stands upon three things: Torah study, worship of God, and on displays of caring compassion. (Pirkei Avot 1.2)



At first, I thought to open my yearly greeting with the familiar saying, "It is better to give than to receive." Not knowing the origin, I asked an expert (Google), and discovered, much to my surprise, that it comes from Christian scriptures, specifically from their book of Acts 20:35.

A rabbi quoting the New Testament! Not as crazy as it may seem. A simple aphorism from any source, even if clichéd, often contains a kernel of universal truth. Certainly, it is important to give—to contribute, to help, to display generosity—but it is vital to acknowledge that it is necessary and legitimate to take as well. So I amend the wisdom of our neighbours: It may be better to give than to receive, but receiving is also good and important.

Following the two-thousand-year-old insight of Simon the Righteous, synagogues exist to foster three essential and foundational Jewish values: *shuls* foster Jewish learning, they facilitate *tefillah* (prayer) and observance, and they encourage the human connections that make our world a better place. These three pillars constitute the ends of Judaism, what we're trying to do on this earth. The means are how we get to these ends: all the many things we gladly contribute, including the time, talents, and resources of our members. We give in order to receive; giving provides the means, while taking is all about the ends.

Say you need some help cooking a big meal. You ask a group of friends to help you: shopping, prepping, cooking, arranging the food and setting the table. Could you turn around and tell your helpers, your friends, "Thanks, but my guests will be here soon. I'll give you all a call."

Certainly, you're going to invite them to enjoy the fruits of their labour as well. All that work—the work of volunteers—is there for the benefit of the members of the community. I so appreciate all the many volunteers and donors of the Shaar. They make it all possible. But now I say, "Come enjoy the meal you have helped prepare."

At this time of year, I say todah rabbah—many thanks—to all once again. Shaar Shalom is blessed with incredibly generous people, who give freely of their time, talents, and resources to better our community. But it is just as important that these gifts enrich our lives by being used by everyone. My wish for all our friends and members this year of 5784 is that we continue to be generous with our time, talents and resources, and also deepen our lives by using what we have contributed: by participating in enriching Jewish study and growth, by adding our voices and hearts to meaningful public tefillah, and by reaching out to others, near and far, in acts of powerfully unified caring and justice.

Finally, I close on one more note of gratitude, and thank all the members of Adat Shaar Shalom for the privilege and honour of serving as your rabbi and spiritual leader. I look forward to learning and praying, to sharing happy and challenging times with you over the Tishrei holidays and throughout the new year.

Shanah tovah metukah u'veri'ah—a good, sweet, and healthy year of 5784.

Rabbi Gary Karlin



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MY SUMMER TRIP TO ISRAEL WITH BILUIM

It might be cliche to say, but this summer was the summer of a lifetime. I got to spend five weeks traveling and experiencing new places as well as bonding with many new people. As I experienced new and exciting things, I got the chance to grow and learn about myself and my Jewish identity. I'm beyond thankful to have gotten this opportunity.

On July 6, we started this summer off in Poland and got immersed in the past tragedies of the Holocaust. The time spent in Poland was something completely unexpected for me. Going into it I knew how impactful it would be, but I didn't know how much it would change my perspective and make me want to learn more about my family and our history. It felt very surreal to walk through the camps because we've all learned and prepared so much but to just be faced with the sheer intensity of it was like nothing I've ever felt before. Majdanek, Auschwitz 1 and 2, and Belzec are just some of the camps we experienced and learned about.

On July 12, we flew into Ben Gurion airport where I soon learned that my luggage was still in Krakow! This didn't stop us and so we continued on our journey to the first Kibbutz up north. Being in a Kibbutz environment was so nice because it gave everyone the opportunity to bond and connect with each other. I was nervous going into this trip—I just hoped it would end up being a good summer for myself and others. To nobody's surprise, I was able to make a really great group of girlfriends as well as staying close with my guy friends from Camp Kadimah.





Some of the most memorable things for me in Israel were the amazing hikes we got to do such as Masada, Banias Waterfall, Mount Arbel, and Nahal Kviz; relaxing on the beach with friends, like Carmel Beach, Ashdod's Kshotat Beach, and Trumpeldor Beach; as well as touring the cities, some of my favourite being Tel Aviv, Tzfat, and Jerusalem. Being able to have some stretch of independence as we walked through the shuks and streets of these beautiful cities was so nice. Those moments with friends where we got to choose which street food to eat or which shops to go into made me feel present, it gave me a sense of I'm on this trip choosing things, enjoying the city for myself. Not just following a guide, eating what is given to me, and staying put in specific areas but truly being in Israel and experiencing it for myself.

Another amazing experience was being able to break off from the group for a weekend and stay with my family. Being able to meet and connect with family members who I've only otherwise heard stories about felt really nice. Everyone welcoming me into the family with open arms truly made this trip even better. Although it is very bittersweet not knowing when I'll be able to see them next.

I'm not the most religious person ever, shocker, but being able to visit some of the more religious sights was so amazing. I absolutely loved the Western Wall, although part of me wishes my trip did more there, such as give us the opportunity to pray or at least say something, other than just a quick walk in, notes and pictures. Seeing some of the old synagogues of Israel and Poland was just fascinating. The architecture and attention to detail in the buildings was so gorgeous. Above all the biggest part religiously for me was being in Israel surrounded by other Jewish teens like myself, which reinforced the importance of carrying on Jewish traditions and culture in my personal life. I learned so much about myself and others this summer and I feel like I was truly able to grow as a person. Being in Israel was truly the trip and summer of a lifetime for me and I would not have changed it for a thing—although I do hope never to see corn schnitzel again.

Tzipporah Wolfe—August 22, 2022

FROM CENTRAL NEWFOUNDLAND TO THE CENTER OF THE WORLD

This past winter I spent a semester in Israel studying at the Fuchsberg
Jerusalem Center yeshiva in the heart of
Jerusalem—a life-changing experience for me. Studying at a yeshiva has enhanced my study and love of Torah. My former knowledge of Torah was confirmed,



challenged, and expounded upon. The atmosphere of learning about all things Jewish was one of respect, joy, inclusiveness, and hope for all of us to live in harmony with each other and with those who share our land.

Building on my own foundation of a personal pursuit of Judaism has led me to a new confidence, helping me find my place in the Jewish narrative among the sacred texts and through the acceptance of my teachers and colleagues.

I leyned Torah for the first time, learned more Hebrew, and debated with rabbis daily.

Israel's geography and history just gripped my heart and soul and left me at times elated and other times heartbroken for what has been, and what will be a long and difficult task to reestablish: Peace without bloodshed. The desert may indeed be blooming like a rose but until the fallow grounds of political hardened hearts are ploughed anew the idea of real peace is elusive, both from within our nationhood and with the enemies that surround us. Experiencing Israel's problems firsthand has helped me gain a new perspective on her national struggles. Standing with the Women of the Wall each Rosh Chodesh, fighting for our right to pray at the Western Wall, was indeed an honour and a responsibility.

Standing in the Dead Sea and being in the quietness of the desert, realizing that our ancestors stood in the same place and struggled 40 years to take possession of this sacred land, filled me with a sense of awe for my country Israel.

I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to Mercaz-Masorti Judaism, the AJC, and the Fuchsberg Center for the generous scholarships that enabled me to fulfill a 20-year long dream. And to all my friends who supported me with prayers and weekly phone calls, it was a beautiful opportunity that I am so grateful for.



Jerusalem is indeed a place not just for learning but experiencing. I am so blessed and honoured to have been able to study in such a historical and holy place.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

Devorah Rivkah Gillard

LIBRARY RENOVATION COMPLETED



The transformation of the Shaar Library was completed early last winter. The renovation involved both the collection and the space itself. Madelyn Herb, our summer intern, spent many weeks going through the collection, culling duplicates and damaged books as well as items that no longer suited the library's purpose such as encyclopedias and outdated periodicals. With input from the Library Committee,

Madelyn instituted a colour-coded system of organizing the collection to make it more accessible to readers and volunteers managing check outs and returns.

Linda Law managed the renovation of the physical space, which involved new wall-to-wall bookcases and new furniture organized to create various zones--a meeting zone, social zone, and kid zone. The project was completed early last winter and was officially launched at its grand opening on March 5, 2023.

The Shaar underwrote most of the renovation cost, but individual donors also stepped in to help, for whose contributions we are very grateful: Rosalind and Phil Belitsky, Jim Spatz and Valerie MacDonald, Dan Drory, Linda Law, and Joanna Wexler.



Other donors came on board (thanks to the work of Karen Conter) to fund a large-screen TV to use in Hebrew School and events such as movie screenings. Thanks go to the generous contributions of Howard and Karen Conter, Rhonna Gaum, Tom Jockel, Ethel Cooper-Rosen and Mark Rosen, and Cheryl Wexler. Thanks also to Peak Audio who donated back some of the cost to help support us.

The renovation could not have been completed without significant time donated by volunteers. Thank you to the Library Committee for their guidance and insights, and to Alice Bruce, Conor Falvey, Madelyn Herb, Linda Law, and Charles Salmon for the countless hours they spent colour-labelling the thousands of books in the collection.

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MAKING A TRIBUTE DONATION TO THE SHAAR

A tribute donation is a thoughtful way to celebrate a special person or occasion while contributing to the Shaar's mission of being a centre of Jewish life providing egalitarian religious services, and educational and cultural programs, to enhance Judaism for its individuals, its families, and its community. Here are some ways you can help us achieve our mission while also honouring a person or occasion.

GIFT CARDS

If you would like to send a card of condolence, tribute, or congratulations to someone, contact the Shaar office at 902 423-5848 or by email at info@theshaar.ca and for a donation, they will do that for you! You may also place an order for a gift card through our website: theshaar.ca/product/donation.

SHABBAT SIDDUR OR HIGH HOLIDAY MAHZOR DEDICATION

Dedicating a Shabbat Siddur or High Holiday Mahzor is a lasting way to honour a person or occasion. Create your own inscription and the Shaar will put a book plate with that inscription in the front of the siddur or mahzor. Every time the siddur or mahzor is opened, the reader will see the inscription. You may inscribe a Shabbat Siddur for \$54, or a High Holiday Mahzor for \$72. To inscribe either, please contact the Shaar office at 902 423-5848 or by email at info@theshaar.ca. You may also place an order through our website: theshaar.ca/product/donation.

SPONSOR A KIDDUSH

The kiddush that follows Shabbat services on Saturday morning provides a friendly social environment for congregants to interact with their spiritual leader and guests. Sponsoring a kiddush also provides an opportunity to honour a loved one or celebrate a simcha with the community and guests.



- 1. Haifa (Regular Weekly Kiddush) at \$100
- 2. Tel Aviv (Regular Weekly Kiddush with Extra Food Items) at \$200
- 3. Kiddush Sponsorship for Special Events (cost depends on number of attendees, menu, and format)

For details on sponsoring a kiddush, go to the Kiddush Sponsorship Policy on the Shaar website: https://theshaar.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Kiddush-Sponsorship-June-21-2023.pdf

TREE OF LIFE

The Tree of Life has spiritual significance—the Torah "is a tree of life to all who grasp it", sustaining and nourishing life—and symbolic significance—it is a symbol of family and connection to our ancestors and the past. It reminds us that we are deeply connected to the world around us and dependent on it to grow and thrive. At the



Shaar, two Tree of Life installations are mounted in the main hall. They commemorate former and present congregants; and the celebration of simchas. They are a record of the people and events that have shaped and are shaping our history. In fact, these Trees provide a living history of the Shaar—they are the one place where, fifty years from now, future members will find recorded the births, deaths, anniversaries, and simchas of those who came before them. Today, when we inscribe a foundation stone or leaf, we are helping to write and preserve that living history.

Please consider purchasing a leaf or a foundation stone to commemorate important events and special people. The cost of a leaf is \$180 and the cost of a foundation stone is \$1,800. To purchase and inscribe a foundation stone or leaf, please contact the Shaar office at 902 423-5848 or by email at info@theshaar.ca or place an order through our website: theshaar.ca/product/donation.



YARZHEIT PLAQUES

Yahrzeit is the Jewish tradition of honoring those who have passed away on the anniversary of their death. One way to permanently honour the memory of your loved one is by ordering a Yahrzeit plaque to be placed on the Yahrzeit Boards in the synagogue sanctuary.

Each Yahrzeit plaque contains the name and date of the deceased. Beside each plaque is a memorial light, which is lit annually on the anniversary of their Hebrew date of death (yahrzeit) and at Yiskor services. Each week the list of yahrzeits for that week is included in the Shaar Update, posted on the Shaar website, and read at Shabbat services.

You may purchase a Yahrzeit Plaque for \$360. To purchase and inscribe a Yarzheit Plaque, please contact the Shaar office at 902 423-5848 or by email at info@theshaar.ca or place an order through our website: theshaar.ca/product/donation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The year 2022-2023 was a stellar one for Hebrew School. The committee, chaired by Kim Offman and Darah Greenwood, was composed of Judith Goldberg, Robyn Brown, and Rachael Goldberg (the Shaar Board representative).



In total, we had forty-two students. The ten children from Pre-Primary to Grade One had Bassie Feldman as their teacher, and she was outstanding as always. Her volunteer, Eden O'Leary Judah, attended consistently. Grades Two and Three had Joanna Wexler, Gabrielle Macklin, Solomon Nagler, and Maya Lotan as teachers, divided between Tuesdays and Sundays. Rachael Goldberg replaced Maya Lotan when she went on maternity leave. Rachael continues this year until March 2024. Rabbi Karlin and Rabbi Kerzner are responsible for Grades Four through Seven with Joanna Wexler. Eli Offman and Violet Epstein received their Siddurim in June.

Special events included a wonderful outdoor Sukkot event, with Solomon Nagler at the helm. The Chanukah concert was well attended, with the wider community as our guests. Classes celebrated Tu Bi'Shevat with a traditional seder and sampled a variety of fruits. Sue David, through JNF, provided an interesting program one morning that involved lots of interaction from our students.



Purim was mostly a community event, and the participation involved costumes, pizza, Megillah reading and fun.

For Passover, we had model Seders

with the children learning and participating at the same time. It is always

heartwarming to hear little voices chanting the Four Questions.

Lag B'Omer is a Chabad event, and many of our students went directly to the BBQ at Conrose Field, participating in the commemoration of Rabbi Akiva and his students.

Shavuot was marked in Hebrew School and through shul events. Our closing was delightful and well attended. Parents were happy to note in report cards that most students saw progress from our 'trial' reading groups.

For the coming year, Darah Greenwood has stepped down from the committee, and we welcome Robyn Brown as our new chair.

From the Hebrew School Committee and the children, Shana Tova!

LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Shaar Reads, the library committee run book club, has continued to meet again this year virtually, getting together monthly on Zoom. The books we've read and discussed this year include: The Books of Jacob; Jacob's Folly; The Netanyahus; The Matzah Ball; The Betrayers; Bookish People; When the Angels Left the Old Country; Thistlefoot; The Red Balcony; Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth; Evening; and Apeirogon.

Please join us regularly each month, or on a more ad hoc basis. New readers Are always welcome!

Thanks to all the hard work put in by Madelyn Herb and Linda Law on the library renovation project. The library has become a beautifully revitalized space for the Shaar and the wider Jewish community, hosting events and programs.

Thank you to our committee members: Nancy Cieplinski; Conor Falvey; Jane Schlosberg; Linda Schroeder; and Sharon Waxman. Stay tuned for upcoming titles for book club, and event programming in the library!

Shana Tova, Rebecca Winn



5783 was a relatively quiet year for building maintenance, changes, and repairs, given that so much monumental work had been done in the previous two years.

New and donated yahrzeit boards were rewired and installed, and wall repairs done.

The functioning of the sanctuary microphone was improved.

The library renovation was completed (more on that from the Library Committee) and the space continues to be used for Hebrew School and special events.

In the kitchen, the old refrigerator and freezer were replaced with newer, more energy-efficient models. One of the old food processors finally gave out, but a new, larger, and better Cuisinart was generously donated by Ed and Victoria Rosenberg.

Submitted by Linda Law and Lysa April

TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Our annual Coldest Night of the Year walk to fight homelessness, marginalization, and housing insecurity was organized by Greg Hirsch. This year's walk in February took place after Shabbat with 15 walkers raising \$3,715! This made us the second largest fundraising team!



This year, our committee encouraged Shaar members to help our neighbours near and far. As a result of the devastating Nova Scotia forest fires in the spring, we encouraged members to give to the Red Cross or the United Way. The situation resulting from the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria in February requires our ongoing neshamot to



ameliorate. The Jewish Federations of Canada (parent of our own AJC), along with the wider Jewish Federations of North America, set up a relief fund. The committee encouraged members to contribute.

Our committee is small and plans to increase activities this fall. If you are interested in joining TOC to help us fight social injustice in our community, please contact Andrea Hilchie-Pye at andrea@hilchie-pye.com.

Shana Tova, Andrea Hilchie-Pye, Chair

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to Josh Spatz and Samantha Bell on the arrival of Tyler Jones Spatz on September 21, 2022, in Toronto. Tyler's brother Jake is very excited! Mazel tov to Tyler's proud grandparents Jim Spatz and Val MacDonald, and former Shaar member Marcie-Ann Gilsig, as well as his uncle, Avram Spatz.

Mazel tov to Jane Weckman Alexander and David Alexander on the birth of their granddaughter, Ada Devorah Alexander, in Ithaca, New York, on March 23, 2023. Mazel tov to Ada's delighted parents, Ben Alexander and Katie Addleman-Frankel, and her aunt, Sharon Alexander.

MILESTONES

Mazel tov to Morris and Eleanor Givner who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 20, 2022.

ENGAGEMENTS AND MARRIAGES

Mazel tov to Devorah Gillard and Fivel Warman on announcing their engagement at Shabbat services on June 10, 2023.



GRADUATES

Mazel tov to Joanna Wexler on receiving her Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from Athabasca University, class of 2023.

HONOURS, AWARDS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mazel tov to Devorah Gillard who attended the Lishma Program of the Conservative yeshiva at the Fuchsberg Jerusalem Center for the first six months of 2023.

Mazel tov to Tzipi Wolfe on her election as President of ECRUSY (Eastern Canada Region of United Synagogue Youth). This region of the international youth movement of Conservative Judaism includes the large Jewish communities of Ontario and Quebec, so it is especially noteworthy that we have a Haligonian of such distinction.

Congratulations to Roselle Green who was recently presented the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal (Nova Scotia) in recognition of her dedicated service to her peers, her community, to Nova Scotia and to Canada.

Congratulations to Rabbi Karlin who was among a small group of Nova Scotia faith leaders invited to speak at the Halifax Memorial Service for Queen Elizabeth II, and was also awarded a QE II Platinum Jubilee Medal for service to our Province.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Nancy, Seth, Aliyah, and Yael Bloom as well as Nancy's entire family on the death of Nancy's Father, Richard Allyn Clarke, z"l, on January 23, 2023.

Condolences to Jennifer Baig Jacobson and Barbara (Phil) Alberstat on the death of their cousin, Jacob David (Jack) Baig, z"l, on January 29, 2023.

Condolences to Rabbi Gary Karlin and his family on the death of his father, Lawrence Karlin, z"l, on May 3, 2023.

Condolences to Sam Kalman and his family on the death of Sam's brother, Benjamin (Ben) Kalman, z"l, on June 6, 2023, in Montreal.

Condolences to Phil Star and Rosalie Indig and the Star and Laufer families on the death of their brother, Wayne Zev Star, z"l, in Yarmouth on June 29, 2023.

Condolences to Lloyd Newman and Linda Law on the death of Lloyd's daughter and Linda's stepdaughter Shawna Newman, z"l, on August 23, 2023, in New York. Shawna was the granddaughter of Shaar founding members Norman and Bertha (Bert) Cappell, z"l, and celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at the Shaar.

IN MEMORIAM

JACOB DAVID 'JACK' BAIG, Z"L

January 29, 2023

Anyone looking for an example of a mensch need look no further than Jack Baig, z"l. Jack was the embodiment of a gentleman whose motto was "live and let live". He was humble and unfailingly



charitable. A peaceful man with an incredible memory, he always had many stories to share. Anyone having a conversation with Jack always came away having learned something interesting and new.

Born in Amherst, Nova Scotia, on December 10, 1925, Jack was the son of the late Max and Minnie Baig. He is predeceased by his sisters Vera and Daisy and brother Burton and survived by his cousins Barbara (Phil) Alberstat and Jennifer Baig Jacobson. With Jennifer, who is also a Shaar Shalom member, he formed a special relationship that enriched the lives of both over Jack's last few years.

Jack graduated from Mount Alison University (Engineering) in 1946. Then, in 1948, he graduated with distinction from TUNS with a mechanical engineering degree. His entire career was spent in Halifax



At the time of his death, he had been long retired, pursuing interests (when his health allowed) that



included bowling, baseball, and his community at the Shaar Shalom, where he regularly attended services until Covid intervened, and had been part of the Masada Club for many years. He was a consistent and generous donor to the Shaar, for which we are very grateful.

Jack was able to live independently for the last years of his life in his home on Cedar Street, the home he had shared with his mother from 1948 until her death in 1978. He was a beloved part of the neighbourhood for all those years. His daily routine was simple: most days he would head to the Superstore on Quinpool Road, then over to Wendy's where he'd linger over a coffee and snack while reading the paper. He was so well liked by the staff at Wendy's that he was routinely invited to their annual holiday party.

Jack is, and will continue to be, missed by everyone who knew him—his family, his friends, and his community at Shaar Shalom.

WAYNE ZEV STAR, Z"L

June 29, 2023

Any person lucky enough to have had Wayne Star, z''l, in their lives experienced, through him, a world open to daily possibility, filled with adventure, livened by laughter, and lightened by fun.



Wayne passed away peacefully in Yarmouth on Thursday, June 29, 2023, and his grieving family are only too ready to employ the obvious pun to describe their loss: 'Today there is one less star shining brightly in the sky.'

Born in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, on December 9, 1954, he was a son of the late Danny, z''l, and Gertrude, z''l, Star. Wayne is survived by his sister, Rosalie (Victor) Indig; brother, Phil (Francine), a member of Shaar Shalom; nephews Brian (Sandy) and Steven (Mattea); great nephew and nieces Dani, Phoenix, and Roxie; uncle and aunt Saul and Barbara Laufer; as well as many cousins and friends.

Wayne was born with a physical and intellectual disability that never diminished his great sense of humour and zest for life.

Although he didn't have a full-time job, he was constantly working—at the family-owned Midtown Motel, the Kay-Nickerson Centre, and the Shanty Café. When not 'working' he was busy with other things he loved: movies, barbecues, sleepovers, synagogue services, joy rides—especially joy rides, either with brother Phil as they bombed down Maine Street in Phil's truck, or with his nephews in the family car.

Uncle Wayne loved being 'big brother' to nephews Steve and Brian with whom he attended baseball and hockey games, went swimming, bowling, and grocery shopping. To them Wayne was a friend to hang with, the helpful buddy who would eat the peas off their plates when their parents weren't looking.

He had a great fashion sense, always dressed impeccably for every occasion and Jewish holiday, and noticing if others did not. If your



beard needed trimming or your clothes weren't clean and pressed, he'd remind you to "wear your Sunday best!"

He always spoke his mind, but not in a mean-spirited way. He was just incapable of lying. Once, during a joy ride with the boys, Brian (at the wheel a week after getting his driver's license), inadvertently hit a bird and all three pledged to keep the news from Steve and Brian's parents. 'No problem', promised Wayne before walking into the house shouting, 'Brian hit a bird!'

And he wasn't cowed into silence by momentous events, either, like the time Brian arranged to have Wayne meet Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson, of WWE fame, in Toronto. Johnson was late, and when he finally showed up Wayne wanted to know what took him so long, why he was late, and did he have cookies for Wayne who had waited so long it was now time for his coffee break.

Wayne gave so much yet asked for so little. He was the person everyone loved to be with. Pleased by the smallest things, never blasé about what he was seeing or doing, never bored. Even the smallest activities were an adventure to him, and so they became adventures to those he shared them with. When you were with Wayne you couldn't help but see the world through his eyes. It was impossible to be cynical.

Knowing Wayne invited people to think about another way to live. How would my life be different if I was never on automatic pilot? If I played basketball for the sheer joy of throwing the ball, unencumbered by the desire to score points? If I embraced what I had so fully I didn't waste time yearning for what might have been?

In the end, Wayne's life embodied the principle articulated by Arthur Rubinstein, that "If you love life, life will love you back."

Life loved Wayne Star fiercely.



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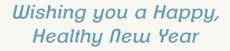


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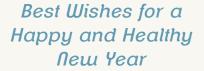


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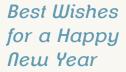
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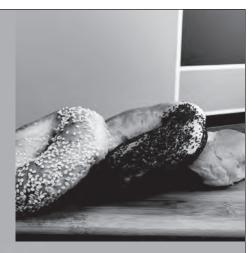
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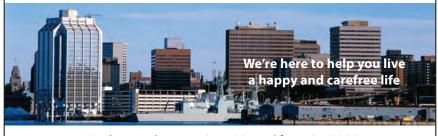
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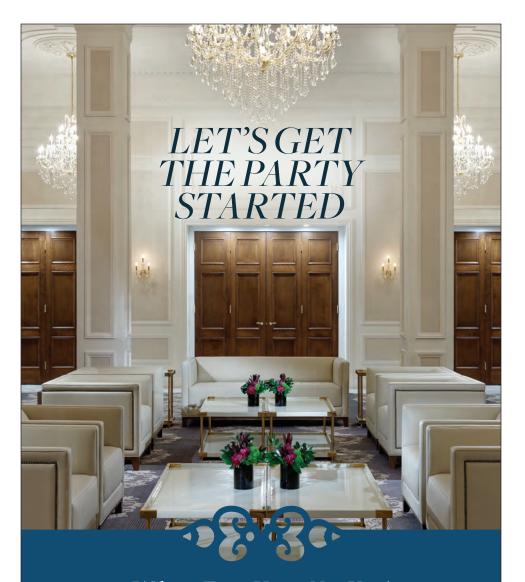
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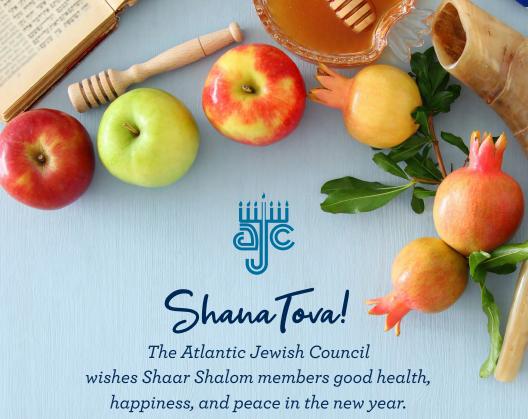


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