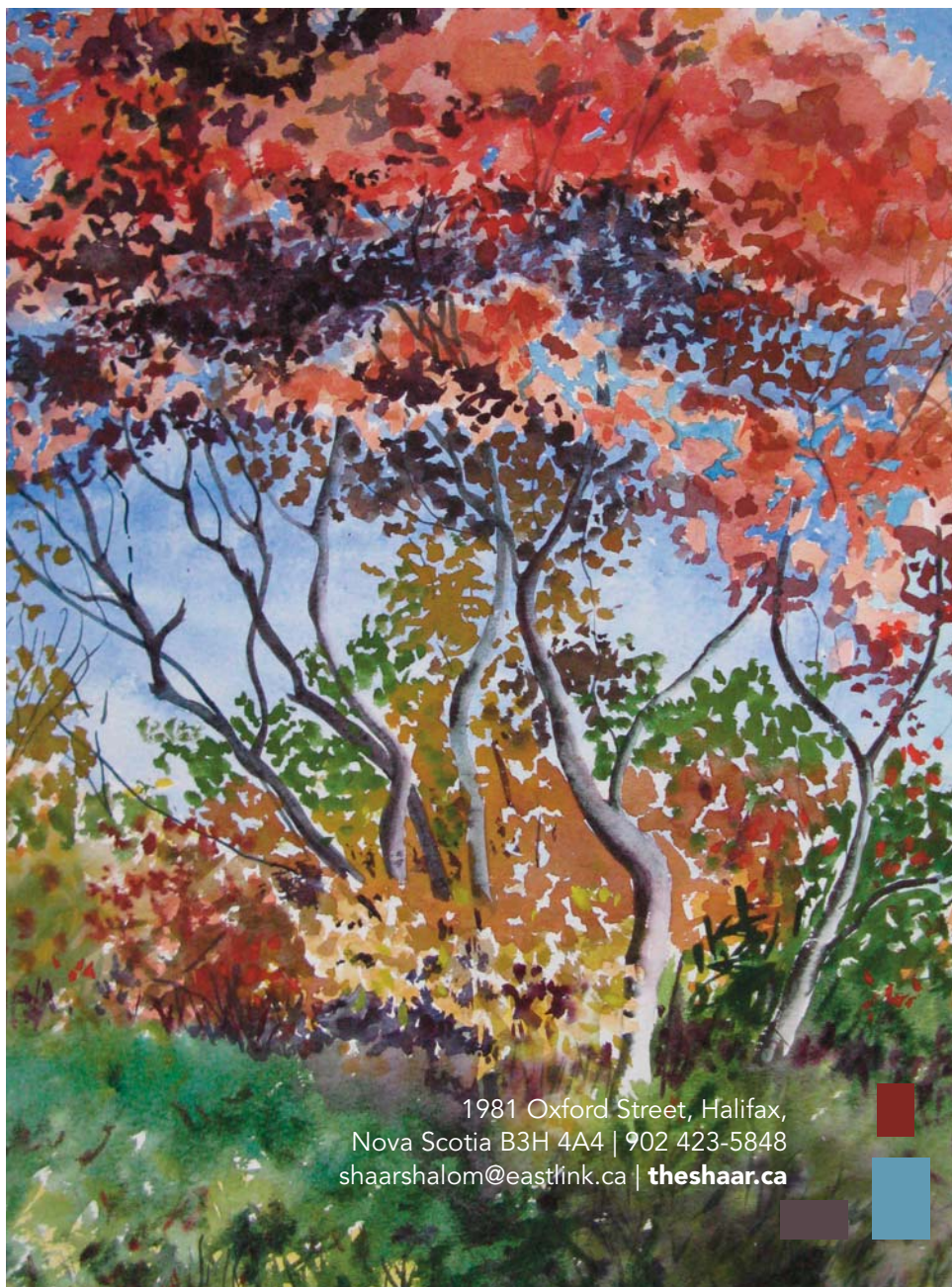


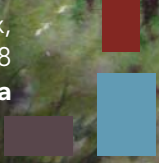


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SERVICE AND CANDLE TIMES 5786 (2025)

HOLIDAY/ SERVICE/EVENT	DATE	SERVICE TIMES
Seliḥot	Saturday, September 13	9:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat	Friday, September 19	6:30 pm
Shabbat Nitzavim	Saturday, September 20	9:15 am
Erev Rosh haShanah	Monday, September 22	6:30 pm
Rosh haShanah Day 1	Tuesday, September 23	9:00 am
Tashlikh (+ Shofar & Minḥah, Bishop's Landing)	Tuesday, September 23	4:00 pm
Rosh haShanah Day 2	Wednesday, September 24	9:00 am
Kabbalat Shabbat	Friday, September 26	6:30 pm
Shabbat VaYelekh (Shuvah)	Saturday, September 27	9:15 am
Kol Nidrei	Wednesday, October 1	6:30 pm (Music 5:40)
Yom Kippur morning (Yizkor)	Thursday, October 2	9:00 am
Yom Kippur Minḥah & Neilah	Thursday, October 2	5:15 pm (Shofar 7:50)
Kabbalat Shabbat	Friday, October 3	6:30 pm
Shabbat Ha'azinu	Saturday, October 4	9:15 am
Erev Sukkot	Monday, October 6	6:30 pm
Sukkot Day 1	Tuesday, October 7	9:15 am
Sukkot Day 2	Wednesday, October 8	9:15 am
Erev Shabbat Ḥol HaMo'ed Sukkot	Friday, October 10	6:30 pm
Shabbat Ḥol HaMo'ed Sukkot	Saturday, October 11	9:15 am
Sh'mini Atzeret (Yizkor)	Tuesday, October 14	9:15 am
Erev Sim at Torah (Children's Procession)	Tuesday, October 14	6:30 pm
Simḥat Torah morning (Special Torah Honours)	Wednesday, October 15	9:15 am
Kabbalat Shabbat	Friday, October 17	6:30 pm
Shabbat Bereshit	Saturday, October 18	9:15 am



5786 (2025) HIGH HOLIDAY SEASON CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

DATE	HOLIDAY	CANDLE LIGHTING
Monday, September 22	Rosh haShanah, evening 1	6:53 pm
Tuesday, September 23	Rosh haShanah, evening 2	7:53 pm
Wednesday, September 24	<i>Holiday ends at 7:51 pm</i>	←
Friday, September 26	Shabbat VaYelekh (Shuvah)	6:46 pm
Saturday, September 27	<i>Shabbat ends at 7:46 pm</i>	←
Wednesday, October 1	Erev Yom Kippur	6:36 pm
Thursday, October 2	<i>Yom Kippur ends at 7:36 pm</i>	←
Friday, October 3	Shabbat Ha'azinu	6:32 pm
Saturday, October 4	<i>Shabbat ends at 7:32 pm</i>	←
Monday, October 6	First evening of Sukkot	6:27 pm
Tuesday, October 7	Second evening of Sukkot	7:27 pm
Wednesday, October 8	<i>Yom Tov ends at 7:25 pm</i>	←
Friday, October 10	Shabbat H'ol HaMo'ed Sukkot	6:20 pm
Saturday, October 11	<i>Shabbat ends at 7:20 pm</i>	←
Monday, October 13	Erev Sh'mini Atzeret	6:14 pm
Tuesday, October 14	Erev Sim at Torah	7:14 pm
Wednesday, October 15	<i>Holiday ends at 7:12 pm</i>	←
Friday, October 17	Shabbat Bereshit	6:07 pm
Saturday, October 18	<i>Shabbat ends at 7:07 pm</i>	←



THE 5786 HIGH HOLIDAYS AT A GLANCE

Selihot

Saturday, September 13 @ 9:00 pm

Erev Rosh haShanah

Monday, September 22 @ 6:30 pm

Rosh haShanah, Day One

Tuesday, September 23 @ 9:00 am

Tashlikh & More @ Bishop's Landing

Tuesday, September 23 @ 4:00 pm

Rosh haShanah, Day Two

Wednesday, September 24 @ 9:00 am

Shabbat Shuvah (Parashat VaYelekh)

Friday, September 26 @ 6:30 pm

Saturday, September 27 @ 9:15 am

Kol Nidrei

Wednesday, October 1 @ 6:30 pm

(Music @ 6:10 pm by Shimon Walt and Lynn Stodola)

Yom Kippur Morning

Thursday, October 2 @ 9:00 am (Yizkor)

Yom Kippur Afternoon/Evening

Thursday, October 2 @ 5:15 pm (Shofar @ 7:36 pm)

Sukkot

Monday, October 6 @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 7 @ 9:15 am

Wednesday, October 8 @ 9:15 am

Sh'mini Atzeret/Sim at Torah

Tuesday, October 14 @ 9:15 am

Tuesday, October 14 @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 15 @ 9:15 am (Yizkor)



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:

Tuesday, September 23, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Rosh haShanah Day 2:

Wednesday, September 24, 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur Morning:

Thursday, October 2, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



FROM OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dear Members,

While the last five months have been overshadowed by the demands of the restorations in our shul, there have been many positives to highlight this year as well. We have welcomed new members, built up our Hebrew school, and expanded our programming with a number of lectures and special projects. Thank you for engaging with other members of our community, and also with other communities through outreach, learning and action. The fire on Quinpool Road in April has brought us through a time of loss, as significant damage had us jumping through insurance and renovation hoops to be able to gather together again for the holidays. We deeply appreciate the support our community has shown these last months. You have donated and offered to connect us with resources—from insurance advisors, to building advice and support, and transport of Torahs, and to create an alternate prayer space in the Gold Room. You have been flexible when simchas have needed shifting in location and style. You have also provided emotional support in your words and efforts, and those cheerleaders have helped us keep going in this work.

Rebuild, Renew, Restore

36 hours of active firefighting flooded our basement, destroying our electrical and heating systems. The force of the water from the firehoses pushed open the windows at the back of the sanctuary, allowing water to ruin the floors, and soot to damage the ceilings. The executive was flooded with calls and emails as we assured the congregation that the Torahs, chumashim, siddurim and other ritual items were safe.

Our Space

As we write this, the **sanctuary** is still being worked on, and we hope it has been beautifully redone by the time you read this. Any asbestos has been abated, with the flooring and ceiling replaced and upgraded. A fresh coat of paint marks a new year, and we hope this space will continue to be both a religious space as well as a hub for Jewish life in this city.

The **basement apartment** has been fully gutted, with walls, cabinetry, and flooring redone. It has been decorated to function as a multipurpose



space for Hebrew school and third-party rentals.

The bathroom renovation is the final stage of the R3 project and will be undertaken in the 5786 year. We appreciate your donations to Rebuild, Renew and Restore so that our space can be enjoyed for years and generations to come.

Our **green space** was rented for the duration of the construction of the residential building that will soon be our neighbour. We anticipate this will be ongoing until at least the spring, and perhaps the entire year. We welcome your ideas and thoughts on how we can use this space to stay relevant as a synagogue and a Jewish hub as the city's Jewish community demographic changes.

Internal Programming at the Shaar

Creating value for membership is important to all of us as we need a sustainable plan for the future. Expanded programming and partnerships are a way to enable different access points for membership, and to have a variety of ways for members to use the Shaar's facility. Applying for grants from the Canadian Race Relationship Foundation and the Province of Nova Scotia has allowed us to do more with less, and legacy gifts like the endowments from the Glube, Heinisch, Perlin, Pascal and Wexler families have allowed us to use the interest earned from these funds to expand our capacity to provide meaningful, fun, and interesting programming for members.

Thank you, Rabbi Karlin, for your consistent **adult education** at the shul. Weekly education series on the Mishnah, as well as weekly introduction to Judaism classes have allowed us to continually learn and grow as a congregation.

The **Shaar Shalom Choir** continues, and Ezra Wexler celebrated his 20th year as choir director in 5785. Thank you to Ezra and all of the choir members for adding a spiritual depth to our high holiday services.

We held a number of **Speaker series** this year, including authors Ayelet Tzabari (relocated to the Halifax Public Library due to the Quinpool fire) and Sharon Easton.





We held some interesting lectures with special Q&A with our **On the Ground** in Israel Series by Zoom and in person. These conversations from a variety of diverse voices across the political spectrum were an opportunity to engage in nuance and a deepening of our understanding of Israel and the current conflict. We spoke with three voices on the ground. Dr. David Koren, CEO of the Jerusalem Institute for Policy Research an expert on Hamas ideology spoke to us of the shift in views and ideologies coming out of East Jerusalem. Corey Gil-Shuster, of the You-tube series, “Ask an Israeli, Ask a Palestinian” spoke about his ask project, doing street level interviews amongst a variety of communities across Israeli society, as well as Palestinian communities across Judaea and Samaria (West Bank). We also spoke with Manar Al-Sharif, a Syrian born woman who was wrongfully imprisoned by Hamas in Gaza for organizing coexistence programs between Israelis and Gazans in 2020.

We hosted a **special Shabbat Dinner and Speaker with the Jerusalem Foundation**, where we heard Daniela Seltzer of Jerusalem Food Rescuers discuss food security and sustainability in Israel after October 7.



Sharing your passions as a congregation is a great way to build community. A **Rosh Hashana baking class** with Natalie Zak was a delicious way to start the year, with members baking apple muffins and other

sweet treats for the holiday. Belly Dancing night at the Shaar with dance instructor Jill Chatt was a fun way to gather and break up the winter blues! **Family Story Time** in the library was a success and we plan to continue with more kids’ programming in the coming year. If you have ideas or would like to work on projects or programming, please reach out!

The **Breaking Challah, Building Bridges** grant continued this year. In partnership with the Canadian Race Relations Foundation, we have been exploring Jewish diversity through food. Six programs, Shabbat dinners or Sunday brunches over 5784 and 5785 will look at our connections with different communities, our own internal intersections of cultural traditions, nationalities, and sexual





and gender perspectives. The program continued with Sky Smith at the helm to coordinate volunteers and plan the programming. Unfortunately, due to the fire, several programs were postponed to 5786. The highlight of the year was a **Shabbat dinner with the African Nova Scotian community** and speaker April Howe. This sold-out dinner was very moving for both communities and we are strengthening and expanding this connection over the coming year.

Thank you, Judith Bates, for reinstituting the **Grief Support Group** at the Shaar alongside Rabbi Karlin. This meets an important need for our Shaar community and is part of a network of support at the Shaar.

New Initiatives at the Halifax Hebrew School

Under the guidance of co-chairs Ariela Conter and Robyn Brown, Hebrew school has been reviewing curriculum and structure to address the demographic shifts in the wider Jewish community and the changing needs of our membership. To this end, we expanded the reading program to include a native Hebrew speaker group and held a special Hebrew School Shabbat dinner to give students a chance to participate in a Friday night service and enjoy a fun Shabbat dinner together. The Quinpool fire significantly impacted our school, and we are tremendously thankful to the Beth Israel and Armbrae Academy for opening their doors so that Hebrew School could continue. We look forward to an **expanded Hebrew School** that will open an outreach program with a **Hebrew immersion stream for 5786**.

Partnerships with Other Institutions

Students from **Hillel**, working closely with Rabbi Karlin, used the Shaar apartment as well as the Gold Room for Shabbat dinners throughout the year. The AJC also ran one class of **Kachol Lavan** students at the same time as Hebrew School. For 5786, the Hebrew School will be absorbing the Hebrew Immersion class as an outreach and integration initiative.

Outreach Initiatives

Sometimes our security is provided by police officers, and sometimes it is invested in our building relationships with our neighbours. Both are strategic and contribute to our safety, with many of these initiatives having been in place for a number of years. Despite the strain of the past year, these partnerships have been important contacts for us to connect and advocate for the Shaar and the wider Jewish community moving into

the future. Working with the AJC, **Training of Incoming Halifax Regional Police Officers** took place at the Shaar, complete with a tour of the Shaar for the trainees.

The Shaar welcomed visitors for a Shabbat service and was active in a variety of ways in **Interfaith Harmony Halifax** again this year. We had Shaar representation on the organizing team, and hosted



a new initiative, **Interfaith Harmony Halifax Paint night**. Despite poor weather, we had a lovely group from several communities, and it was a nice chance for us to interact and get to know each other better.

The **Saul Green Memorial Lecture** was held again this year, after a bit of a



hiatus. This year's lecture was **Disability Distributive Justice and the History of Ventilator Allocation Protocols**, by Dr. Mara Mills. A sincere thank you to Roselle Green and the members of the Green family for sponsoring this lecture and

special dinner with the President of King's College.

Our **Dalhousie Shaar lecture**, with a focus on Human Rights, is a high-profile feature of our outreach in the community. We thank the series donor and Seth Bloom for his long-time work on this lecture series.

Because of the disappointing Dalhousie response to campus antisemitism, the Shaar Board of Directors has chosen to pause participation in the series again this year and will continue working with Dalhousie on steps to better ensure the safety of Jewish students and faculty on campus. We hope our efforts will be successful, and there will be meaningful change.

Policy Changes in the 5785 Year

At the AGM, a new **Inclusion Policy for Interfaith Families** was officially approved by the congregation. This policy codifies our inclusive practices and gives us ways to further support diverse families. It is part of our mandate to help Jewish families keep connected to community and spiritual



practice. At a SGM (Special General Meeting) we also approved **creating a separate, hedged-in interfaith area within the larger cemetery for a non-Jewish spouse or child to be buried alongside a Jewish member of the Shaar**. Landscaping to ensure this area is separated by flowering shrubs will ensure compassionate inclusion of our members as much as possible under Halacha (Jewish law). **Please check the Shaar website for full details of all our policies.**

Fundraising

We are pleased to share that we had several successful fundraisers last year. The **Kol Nidre campaign** and **High Holiday Bulletin** brought in needed funds to continue valuable programs and initiatives. Thank you, Linda Law, for your leadership on the Bulletin. It is a real highlight of the work that we do at the Shaar. The Shabbat dinner program has also received additional donations from members who would like to encourage their continued success.

Alice Bruce, Johanne Solomon, and Linda Law hosted a very successful **Hanukkah Sale**, where we had beautiful Judaica for sale and benefited from our long-standing partnership with Woozles and Bookmark. Thank you for all your support. We could not continue this work without your contributions.

Legacy Gifts Leave a Lasting Impact

In 5785, we received a generous gift from the Estate of Lloyd Newman (z'l), a longtime Shaar member who served in important roles as President of the Shaar Shalom and Chair of the Trustees of the Capital and Endowment Fund. **Noa and Sarah Heinich Fund** and the **Joe and Mildred Glube Fund** supported several of the programming initiatives this year. The **Irv-ing Perlin Education Fund**, **Gordon Dankner Education Fund** and the **Max Pascal Endowment Fund** once again helped to defray some of our Hebrew School costs. Thanks to the Wexler family, the **Marty Wexler Community Living Fund** received another significant donation to build an endowment for social and cultural programs. These gifts continue to make a difference to our shul community as they support programs that add to the vibrancy of the Shaar. Please contact us if you wish to include the Shaar Shalom in your legacy gift.



Thank You for Your Time

We are grateful to our longtime office and Hebrew School administrator Tamara Daiman and our caretaker Luba Kuzmicheva. Both Tamara and Luba go the extra mile for Shaar members, and it is because of their consistent efforts that we have been able to work on initiatives to expand our reach. They are truly part of our Shaar family.

Thank you to our *ba'alei kerieh*, 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.

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, 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. You have the power to make a huge difference, doing things you care most about.

Wishing you a happy, healthy new year this 5786. *Shana Tova U'Metukah.*

Joanna Mirsky Wexler

Linda Law

Yariv Wolfe



FROM OUR RABBI

The *Yamim haNora'im* are a time to look backward and forward: back at our lives during the past year, and forward to the year upcoming. We assess, consider, decide on changes we want to make. We judge ourselves and resolve to improve. We perform ***heshbon hanefesh*** ("figuring our souls out") and ***teshuvah*** ("returning to righteousness") in our own lives and the lives of our families.



As the Rabbi of Shaar Shalom, this time of year also brings me to another sort of ***heshbon***, looking back at the entire span of time in which I have enjoyed the privilege and responsibility of leading the Shaar, to start to think about what the future might bring.

None of us can judge events as if they existed in a vacuum, isolated and removed from any context. The past years have been incredibly complicated and surprising. First there was the two-year challenge of Covid. Then, October 7 and the war against Hamas, now almost two years on. And, most recently, the damage to our synagogue building and reconstruction since last Pesah. If God blesses me with grandchildren and they ask, "Saba, tell us what life was like in Halifax?", I know I'll have some stories that will make their eyes open wide.

Each one of these three challenges came to us from the outside: from nature, from enemies, and from the carelessness of neighbours. There have been other trials to Jewish life in Halifax: The weakening of the ties that bind community – real, physical, proximal community, not social media connections. The increasing secularization of life and focus on the individual, not the collective. The decline in identification with the State of Israel among our people and lessening of support for the Jewish State in Canada and much of the western world generally. In a nutshell, we need to consider how all these changes will impact the future of Jewish life in Halifax generally, and the Shaar in particular.

Synagogues like ours are unique in the Jewish world, as they embody the heart and soul of what it means to live as a Jew. To paraphrase the



famous words of Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, Judaism may be the full and varied civilization of our people, but it is a **religious** civilization. Torah (in the widest sense, encompassing all Jewish wisdom and holy literature) is at the very core of Judaism – a legacy that infuses our values, gives us meaning and direction, and shapes our ritual and ethical living.

One of the obligations of any rabbi is to inspire individuals to move from conviction to action: toward repairing relationships, toward ethical living, toward greater meaning and spiritual striving, toward observance of mitzvot, toward deepening connections to God and our Jewish community. This work will certainly be undertaken by each individual, but the fruits are felt widely throughout the congregation and the wider community. Like the threads of a fabric made into a garment, the results of these little pieces of **teshuvah**, nurtured by family, community and rabbi, often yield surprising and wonderful outcomes.

No individual, and no rabbi, can do this work alone. A rabbi only succeeds (or fails, God forbid) in the context of days and months and years of working with others. Little by little, over the years, our personal lives and our community are strengthened. We all gain from this growth. As we begin the new year of 5786, I invite you to join me and the other members of Shaar Shalom Congregation to continue to labour in this **avodah kedoshah**, this holy work. As Rabbi Tarfon taught (Avot 2:15-16),

The day is short, but the work needed is huge. The laborers are indolent, but the reward is great. The master of the house is insistent. You may not neglect the task, even if it is not your duty to finish it alone.

Shanah tovah u'metukah – a good and sweet year,

Rabbi Gary Karlin



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TO LIVE JEWISHLY

Rosh Hashana marks the creation of the world, according to Jewish tradition. Truly, it is a celebration of creation and the possibilities that abound in this world for the year to come. If Hashem created humanity in Hashem's own image, are we not imbued with a divine capacity to create as well? Marking this holiday reminds me that over the course of the year, my inherent creative spirit quickly wanes, overtaken by the flurry of responsibilities and tasks that mark the life of a working parent of a preschooler, a wife, daughter, sister, friend, and mentor. This Rosh Hashana, I am committing myself to finding a more enduring sense of creativity.

The great secular prophet, Oscar Wilde, wrote: "To live is the rarest thing in the world: most people exist, that is all." Over the past few years, my impression is that the Jews and non-Jews alike are focused on Jewish existence – should they, why, where, at whose expense? In these discussions, the existence of Israel has somehow become tied to the existence of Jews. The views of Jews, Jewish families, Jewish communities, and the rest of the world on these foundational questions painfully diverge.

To me, existence alone is an unsatisfyingly passive goal. Jewish living, by contrast, strikes that creative spark within me. I find myself asking, what does it mean to live, and not merely exist, as a Jew? Many texts have been written around the theme of being a Jew. Some that have recently inspired me are:

- *Why Be Jewish*, by Edgar M. Bronfman,
- *To Be a Jew Today: A New Guide to God, Israel, and the Jewish People*, by Noah Feldman, and
- *The Jewish Way to a Good Life: Find Happiness, Build Community, and Embrace Lovingkindness*, by Rabbi Shira Stutman.

And below, I present some personal ideas for Jewish living. To carry myself forward into the new year with intention, to be active and creative, my personal mitzvot/commandments for how I will try to live Jewishly are:

ואהבת לרעך כמוך – *Ve-ahavtah l'reacha kamocha* – Love your fellow as yourself. I will try

to actively empathize with others and hope that others will do the same for me.

עֲדֵק עֲדֵק תִּרְדּוֹף – *Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof* – Justice, justice, you shall pursue. I will seek ways to actively rectify and make whole, where I perceive there to be error and loss.

בְּכֹל דּוֹר וָדוֹר תִּיב אָדָם לִרְאוֹת אֶת עַצְמוֹ כְּאִלוֹ הוּא יֵצֵא מִמִּצְרַיִם – *B'chol dor vador chayav adam lir'ot et atzmo k'ilu hu hatza mimitzrayim* – In every generation, one must look upon themselves as if they personally had gone out of Egypt. I will not squander my freedom and will support those striving for freedom.

קדימה – *Kadima* – onwards! I will endeavour not to give up in the face of challenge and not to give in to an easier path, in order to propel myself and others forward.

I believe that by actively living Jewishly, I can help to sustain Jewish existence and, also, coexistence with others. I wish everyone a year of life and living – creatively, actively, happily, and Jewishly.

Submitted by Yael Wexler

A WORD ABOUT OUR 5786 BULLETIN COVER



The title of the cover image, by our own Jane Schlosberg, is *Variety in Repetition*. Jane finds the concept of variety in repetition fascinating. She sees it as “a celebration of both our differences and our essential similarities”, and it is the tension between the two, she says, that “we need to appreciate”.

Jane has exhibited in a variety of shows and galleries, and her work is in corporate and public collections as well as private collections in Canada and the U.S. She serves on the Advisory Board of the Craig Gallery in Alderney Landing and is a member of Shaar Shalom's Library Committee.



OUR STONES

Stones, and pebbles, and gravel and sand,
They tell the story of one sacred land,
With grass and wood structures rising since 1943,
Children joyously play and run free.
These stones are the escort to the dining room, the pavilion, and
the docks.
Treading with sneakers, sandals, or even just socks,
Stones which have absorbed all of our Jewish pride,
Songs and skits relaying what we feel inside.
Mifkad for eighty two years running strong,
Two national anthems sounding like a sing-song.
Camp Kadimah is our treasure in the sun.
Relationships, friendships, and just simple fun,
Identity solidified to make our future so clear.
Stones on the ground yet so very dear.

Submitted by Judith Goldberg

OUR 5786 CHAZZAN

We are very grateful that David Zer Aviv has agreed to be our chazzan for the 5786 High Holiday services.

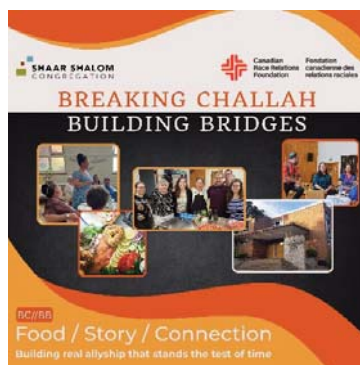
David joined the Shaar in 2006 and has been “leading and reading” at Shabbat and holiday services since then. As a key lay leader of the synagogue, he has been, and continues to be, a vital part of the Shaar community.

Many thanks, David!



BREAKING CHALLAH, BUILDING BRIDGES

Since its launch in early 2024, Breaking Challah, Building Bridges has used food and conversation as the foundation for building stronger community connections. With the Shaar Shalom Synagogue as its home, the program offers two distinct types of gatherings: Shabbat dinners, featuring a culturally inspired meal and a keynote speaker; and Bagel & Talks brunches, with lox, cream cheese, and a panel discussion designed to spark dialogue.



The first Shabbat Dinner celebrated the traditions of the Bene Israel Jewish community of India, with speakers Nishka Rajesh and Ranjeev Chopra sharing stories of history, culture, and connection. Later that summer, in August 2024, a Pride Brunch moderated by Schuyler H Smith brought together Yuval Caspi and Jennifer Jacobson for an engaging discussion about the experiences of queer Jews, emphasizing the



importance of representation and allyship. Together, these events set the tone for the program's blend of cultural sharing and open dialogue.

In April 2025, the series welcomed community leader April Howe, whose reflections on belonging and inclusion sparked meaningful conversation and will help shape the program's direction moving forward.



The fire next door to the Shaar created unexpected delays, but with the synagogue's support the program was extended to ensure nothing would be lost. That resilience has allowed us to continue with strength and confidence.

Looking ahead, the program will resume this fall with a Bagel & Talks brunch, followed by a Shabbat Dinner on Friday, November 21 or 28. Together, these two events will bring fresh voices, meaningful stories, and the shared warmth of community meals to close out the year.

We are deeply grateful to the Shaar Shalom Synagogue for its hospitality and commitment to this initiative. By opening its doors to Breaking Challah, Building Bridges, the Shaar continues to foster dialogue, learning, and friendship across communities.

Submitted by Schuyler (Sky) H Smith

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The membership committee has established a protocol for welcoming new members. A "welcome to the Shaar" letter goes out to new members upon the Board's acceptance of their membership. This letter functions as a how-to guide--how to connect with various committees, the Rabbi, or the office; how to volunteer; and how to find information. Once the letter has been sent, a member of the committee reaches out to the new member directly to welcome them.

In the past, the MC chair has had a position on the Board and presented new member applications to the Board for approval. When the previous MC chair (who was also a member of the Executive) moved away last year, the committee was left without a formal representative on the Board. Going forward, they have appointed Ben Schelew, a member of the MC as well as the Board, to take on the role of presenting new



applications for approval and letting other MC members know when applications have been approved, so the new member protocol can be launched.

Throughout the year, at Shabbat services and other events, committee members continued to welcome new members and attendees at the door, engage them in conversation and, when possible, introduce them to other members of the Shaar.

Many thanks to all members of the committee: Alice Bruce, Georgette Macdonald, Ben Schelew

Submitted by Georgette Macdonald

RITUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The fire on Quinpool Road that affected the synagogue building so drastically also kept the Ritual Committee busy from April until September. Torah covers and scrolls, Judaica silver, siddurim, and chumashim all had to be checked for smoke damage (they were unharmed). For safe keeping, sifrei Torah were moved into storage at the Nova Scotia Archives on Robie Street.

Even though the building lost power, there was no interruption of Shabbat services while renovations were going on. Until the building was deemed safe, Shaar members were warmly invited to attend services at the Beth Israel. Some services and b'nai mitzvah were held at the Atlantica Hotel; for these, the Beth lent their smallest Torah so that Rabbi Karlin, who lives a few blocks from the hotel, could walk it over and back. In advance, the Rabbi had worked with the kitchen at the Atlantica to kasher it for us.

By mid-May, once the building was cleared, seating in the Gold Room upstairs was reorganized so that services could be held there, with kiddushim being prepared out of the small kitchen by Luba.

All during the upheaval, friends and neighbours helped in whatever way they could, with the generosity of Beth Israel especially appreciated.



The RC was grateful this past year to the gabbaim and Torah/Haftorah readers who led services week in and week out for the rest of the congregation: Gabi Macklin, Yariv Wolfe, David Zer-Aviv, and Marty Zelenietz.

The Ritual Committee continues to look for volunteers on a number of fronts: to perform Gabbaim duties, participate in services, read haftorot, or to serve in any capacity they can. Please contact Yariv Wolfe or the Rabbi to discuss how you can contribute to this central function of the synagogue.

RC members: Yariv Wolfe (Chair), Marty Zelenietz, Alice Bruce, Beth Donald, Edwin Rosenberg, Rachael Goldberg

Submitted by Yariv Wolfe, Ritual Committee Chair

SIMON L. GAUM BEREAVEMENT CENTRE REPORT

Annual Report 2025, The Simon L. Gaum Bereavement Centre

The Simon L. Gaum Bereavement Centre (SGBC) at Shaar Shalom Congregation helps congregational families going through a loss by providing them with guidance and support immediately after the death and throughout the difficult Shiva period. The Centre works to ensure that its services continue to be aligned with its original mandate while meeting the ongoing needs of the congregation during their bereavement period.

Some of the services the Bereavement Centre was involved with this past year include:

- Providing timely information to congregants regarding funerals, burials, and Shiva.
- Extending sympathy to congregants who have suffered a loss.
- Providing a Shiva basket to mourners of an immediate family member who were observing Shiva locally (which includes a book on mourning and a yahrzeit candle).
- Supplying the Shiva home with Shiva chairs, prayer books, kippot, and tallisim.



- Providing community resource information to mourners for a variety of needs during this period and helping to meet these needs.

While not a part of the SGBC, the **Shaar Shalom Grief Support Group** collaborates with the committee by providing congregants with resource and contact information.

The Bereavement Centre committee members who served during this past year are Sue David, Karen Gaum, Lesley Gaum, and Nancy Cieplinski.

We are actively recruiting new committee members. If you are interested in joining the committee to help with the important work the Bereavement Centre does, please contact Lesley Gaum at 902-489-2867.

Submitted by Sue David

TIKKUN OLAM COMMITTEE REPORT

After October 7, 2023, the Tikkun Olam Committee suspended their regular activities, instead urging people to send money to the various organizations responding to the situation in Israel. Early in 2025, committee members met to discuss new ways of getting involved either for one-time events or through an ongoing contribution of volunteer time. The TO committee has been reaching out to Shaar members for ideas and input.

The TO committee is actively seeking new recruits. Please consider how you can contribute not just ideas but also your time and expertise to this all-important pursuit of social action and justice. Contact Jane Schlossberg for questions or comments: dschlosb-g@ns.sympatico.ca

Submitted by Jane Schlossberg



GIFT SHOP COMMITTEE REPORT

While there have been some challenges with the Shaar gift shop this year, we are pleased to share some wins. Despite the Canada Post strike preventing the delivery of a significant amount of our Hannukah Fair inventory, the gift shop made a profit of about \$2,200, all of which was reinvested into the Shaar and the shop itself.

Our next big order will be before Hannukah, so please email Alice (address below) if you have any special requests (they don't have to be Hannukah specific). In the meantime, please continue to email the Shaar office if you would like to purchase anything from the gift shop.

We are also proud to share that this year the gift shop launched its own affiliate link to ModernTribe, an online store with an array of Judaica and Jewish-themed goods, including jewelry, clothing, and decorations. This affiliate program gives Shaar members access to thousands of items not possible for the gift shop to stock. And, when members access ModernTribe using the QR code or entering the URL below, the Shaar receives a commission at no additional cost to the member. Shop and share with the Shaar!

Just remember to use the weblink below or the Shaar will not get its commission.

Please note that the Shaar Gift Shop Committee is looking for volunteers and someone to act as committee chair. If you are interested in either, please contact Alice (x2018tzk@gmail.com).

Shanah Tova!

ModernTribe QR Code



Scan to shop and
share with the Shaar!

ModernTribe Website URL:

<https://moderntribe.com?aff=165>

Submitted by Alice Bruce



EDUCATION COMMITTEE HEBREW SCHOOL REPORT, 2024-2025

Hello, Members of the Halifax Jewish Community!

It was another exciting year in Hebrew School! Our teaching staff of seven welcomed approximately 40 students this past September in the joint Hebrew School. As usual, we navigated through the High Holidays and into the Hanukkah seasons with special Sukkot and Hanukkah programming, in addition to our regular classes. The 2025 year started off



with an Education Committee shuffle and we welcomed some new members as others had to take a step back. Ariela Conter joined our team and with Robyn Brown undertook

a significant review of how the Hebrew School has functioned and how we need to change so we can continue to meet the needs of the community.

This became even more important as we have officially welcomed the Hebrew language program, formally under the umbrella of the Atlantic Jewish Council. This means that in the coming year we hope to welcome even more students to a wider range of programming.

April, as you all know, brought the fire in the neighborhood and the Hebrew School was displaced, along with the rest of the Shaar Shalom congregation. This



presented a significant challenge as we needed space for two days a week on very short notice. With a truly wonderful coming together of community, we were able to relocate to the Beth Israel, Armbrae Academy, and Chabad House and, while we weren't able to be together as we usually are, the students and staff worked through the changes and



we were able to finish off the year in fine form. We enjoyed some pretty fun Yom Ha'atzmaut activities and a lovely graduation for our students who celebrated their B'nai Mitzvah, thereby finishing their formal youth Jewish education.

As we enter the 2025-2026 school year, we look forward to welcoming new students and families to our community.

Submitted by Co-Chairs Ariela Conter and Robyn Brown

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Any report from the House Committee will be dominated by news about the damage to the building caused by the April fire on Quinpool Road. Water damage to the basement and smoke damage to most of the building meant we went without power for several months and cleaning had to be done to all the floors, walls, and most of the ceilings. The insurance pay-out and donations from the R3 (Rebuild, Renew, Restore) fund have allowed us not just to restore but also to rebuild.

- The heating system has been upgraded to natural gas
- The ceilings and flooring in the main sanctuary have been replaced, as well as walls, flooring and cabinets in the basement apartment.
- The sanctuary flooring has been upgraded to a durable vinyl product that looks like wood, with a 30-year durability rating for industrial flooring. This has given us an updated design without sacrificing durability.
- The main sanctuary, kitchen, side classroom, and basement have all been freshly painted.

The damage to our contents was quite limited and most of the main sanctuary was undamaged. The Torahs, chumashim, siddurim, chairs, lights, carpets, and bima have all remained the same. The sanctuary looks and feels like home, with a bit of a refresh.

Thanks to your donations to the R3 (Rebuild Renew Restore) Fund, we have raised a significant amount towards these upgrades so far. The board has also approved moving forward with bathroom renovations to



increase accessibility for our members for 2025/2026 and this upgrade, once quotes are collected and approved, will be incorporated into our R3 fundraising push in the fall.

We are so grateful to be back “home” for the High Holidays.

Submitted by Linda Law and Lysa April

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 Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*; *The Family Tabor*; *Songs for the Brokenhearted*; *A Reason to See You Again*; *The Love Elixir of Augusta Stern*; *A Gorgeous Excitement*; *The New Internationals*; *How To Share an Egg: A True Story of Hunger, Love and Plenty*; *Mrs. Lilienblum’s Cloud Factory*; and *A Play for the End of the World*.

Please join us, new readers are always welcome!

In June, we were delighted to host Ayelet Tsabari (*Songs for the Brokenhearted*) at the Halifax Central Library, an event organized by Linda Law and hosted by Lynn Bessoudo. Ayelet, who teaches creative writing at the **University of King's College** MFA Program, spoke about the history of Yemeni songs (particularly songs sung by women) as a form of oral storytelling and transmission of history. Ayelet discussed being inspired to write *Songs for the Brokenhearted* while listening to and learning these songs, exploring the nature and power of the female voice to transmit personal stories and national histories.

Thank you to our committee members: 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,

Submitted by Rebecca Winn



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

During 5785, the Shaar Shalom was delighted to welcome the following new members:

Moriya & Danny Dechtiar
Beth Derible
Naomi & Yariv Gadish-Zamir
Sarah Goodman
Oshrit & Ari Harel
Sara Lawlor

Jacqueline Link
Lilach & Lior Raich
Lynn Rotin
Sky Smith
Josh Hanff
Karin Reznikov

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

BIRTHS

Mazel tov to Jane Weckman Alexander and David Alexander on the birth of their grandson, Leon Ezra Alexander, to Sharon Alexander on October 28, 2024, in Halifax. Mazel tov to Sharon's brother and sister-in-law, Ben Alexander and Katie Addleman-Frankel. Ben and Katie's daughter, Ada, is delighted to have a new cousin!

Mazel tov to Craig Garson and Cathy Smith on the birth of their granddaughter, Violet Jean, on December 23, 2024, in Murin County near San Francisco. Mazel tov to the proud parents, Ellen and Nate Mihalovich, and to Irving, who is very excited to have a little sister.

B'NAI MITZVAH

Mazel tov to Zev Nagler and his parents, Solomon Nagler and Catherine Bryan, and their entire family, on his Bar Mitzvah on October 26, 2024.

Mazel tov to Alex Morris and his parents, Hilary Doda and Richard Morris, his sister, Jenny, and their entire family, on his Bar Mitzvah on November 2, 2024.

Mazel tov to Briella Robertson and her family on her Bat Mitzvah on November 9, 2024. Mazel tov to her proud parents, Kayla Wexler-



Robertson and Matt Robertson; her brother, Zaven; grandmother, Cheryl Wexler; and to Ezra, Joanna, Boaz, and Dov Wexler.

Mazel tov to Ronen Wolfe and his family on his Bar Mitzvah on November 16, 2024. Mazel tov to his proud parents, Georgette and Yariv, and his siblings Ma'ayan, Tzipi, and Ari.

Mazel tov to Henry Offman and his entire family on his Bar Mitzvah on November 30, 2024. Mazel tov to his proud parents, Andrew and Laura; his brother, Jacob; and his grandmothers, Wendy Offman and Marilyn Webster.

Mazel tov to Lorri Goldberg and the entire Goldberg family on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson, Eli Chodas, in Vancouver on November 9, 2024. Mazel tov to Eli's proud parents, Sarah and Adam Chodas; his brother, Henry; Uncle Ben and Aunt Sheila; and his Aunt Lisa, Uncle Adam and cousins William and Owen Haller. Eli's great grandparents, Miriam and Leonard Goldberg, z"l, were founding members of the Shaar Shalom.

Mazel tov to Lily Greenwood and her entire family on her Bat Mitzvah on December 28, 2024. Mazel tov to Lily's proud parents, Darah and David Greenwood; sister, Marlo; and grandparents, Rhonna and Tom Gaum.

Mazel tov to Issac Wolfe Pink and the entire Pink family on his Bar Mitzvah on May 10, 2025. A special mazel tov to his proud mother, Leah Pink; grandparents, Rita and Joel Pink; Aunt Jen Pink and Uncle Scott, Freya, and Joshua Neilson; and great uncle Ron Pink and Amanda Whitewood.

Mazel tov to Molly Heighton and her entire family, on her Bat Mitzvah on May 17, 2025. Mazel tov to Molly's parents, Naomi Arron and Bill Heighton, and to her sister, Kyla.

ENGAGEMENTS AND MARRIAGES

Double mazel tov to Mark and Sue David on the engagements of their daughters: Jennie David to Ian Rodgers and Rebecca David to Andrew Caume.



HONOURS, AWARDS, ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mazel tov to David Kravitz, whose granddaughter, Daphne Rogers, was elected to the B'nai Brith Youth Organization (BBYO) International Board in 2025, where she has served as the Gold Coast AZAABGG Committee Member. The Gold Coast Region BBYO provides meaningful and exceptional program experiences for Jewish teens throughout Broward and Palm Beach Counties in Florida.

Mazel tov to Lynn Rotin on receiving a 2025 Halifax Regional Municipality Volunteer Award at a ceremony on April 30, 2025. Lynn is a dedicated volunteer who has been a key figure in sharing Jewish culture and history in Halifax for over 15 years. As Chair of the Atlantic Jewish Film Festival, she has inspired and organized numerous events, including art exhibitions and Holocaust education initiatives. Lynn's leadership, creativity and passion for fostering understanding have a significant impact on the community.

Mazel tov to Marty Zelenietz on receiving a 2025 Halifax Regional Municipality Volunteer Award at a ceremony on April 30, 2025. Marty has been a steadfast leader at Shaar Shalom Congregation for over two decades, profoundly shaping the Halifax Jewish community. From serving as lead gabbai, chairing the education committee, and mentoring future leaders, Marty's dedication spans all aspects of Jewish life. His work with the Chevra Kadisha, synagogue Board and broader community highlights his selfless commitment, making him a true pillar of both the synagogue and the Halifax region.

Mazel tov to Sofia Rachel Lebovics, granddaughter of Victoria and Eddie Rosenberg, previous winner of the Gold Key Award for Canada granted by the Scholastic Alliance of Young Writers and Artists, on being chosen Gold Medal winner for North America. She received her award at a ceremony held at Carnegie Hall in June 2025. The award read, "Your voice was selected by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts for excellence in originality, skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision." Her art will be published in Scholastics' online galleries. Sofia is the daughter of Tova Rosenberg and Gary Lebovics. She celebrated her Bat Mitzvah at the Shaar in August 2021.



Mazel tov (again!) to Sofia Rachel Lebovics, granddaughter of Victoria and Eddie Rosenberg and great granddaughter of founding Shaar members Drs. Anne and James Hammerling, on being awarded the University of Toronto President's Scholarship for Excellence. She begins her studies in September 2025.

CONDOLENCES

The following was omitted, in error, from last year's High Holiday Bulletin: Condolences to Conor Falvey and Josh Judah on the death of Conor's father, Denis Michael Falvey, z"l, on September 14, 2023, in Upper Kingsburg, Nova Scotia. Condolences to the entire Falvey family.

Condolences to Linda Law on the death of her husband, Lloyd Newman, z"l, on September 30, 2024, just one day after his 90th birthday. He was an important leader in the Jewish community and a tireless volunteer at the Shaar Shalom. Condolences to the entire family: his son, Mark Newman (Barbara); daughters, Amy Newman Brown (Mitchell) and the late Shawna Newman, z"l, (Charley Kummel); six grandchildren; and his niece and nephews.

Condolences to David Kravitz and the entire family on the death of David's wife, Carole Elaine Joyce Kravitz (Nahogaloak/French), z"l, in Liverpool on August 13, 2025.



IN MEMORIAM

LLOYD MERRILL NEWMAN, z"l

September 30, 2024



Lloyd Merrill Newman died at home in Halifax on September 30, 2024, one day after his 90th birthday.

He was the loving husband of Linda Law and the proud father of Mark Newman (Barbara), Amy Newman Brown (Mitchell), and the late Shawna Newman (Charley Kummel).

Born in Detroit, Michigan, on September 29, 1934, Lloyd graduated from the University of Michigan in 1956 before becoming a first lieutenant, US Air Force, from 1956 to 1959 (navigator, electronic warfare officer). In 1960 he moved to Halifax where his first wife, Iris Cappell, had grown up, and started from the ground up working at a small local family business which he subsequently built into a 20-store Atlantic Canadian chain of women's fashion stores called the Arcade Ladies Shoppe in Nova Scotia and Nortell's in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. At the chain, he was universally beloved as a fair and supportive boss, encouraging young talent and seeing potential where they themselves often did not.

When the chain closed, Lloyd took a one-year position in London, Ontario, as executive director of the London Jewish Federation, before moving back to Halifax, marrying Linda, and becoming the managing director of the Northwood Foundation, a position he held for 14 years. At Northwood he was credited with putting the foundation on the fundraising map, so to speak, founding signature events such as the annual Appetite for Life fundraising gala (now called Live More Awards) and other smaller events that raised the profile of Northwood.

Lloyd was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Miriam "May" Newman; his brothers Ray and Robert "Bob"; and his beloved daughter Shawna. He is survived by his wife of many years Linda "Linnie" Law; his son Mark and daughter Amy; his grandchildren Joseph "Joey" (Noelle), Eli, Leah (Adam Birnbaum), Hannah, Chloe, and Max; as well as niece and nephews Richard, David, and Nancy Newman.

Lloyd was a generous and trusted volunteer for the Jewish community in Halifax and Atlantic Canada: past president of the Atlantic Jewish Council;



past chair, Congregation Shaar Shalom Capital and Endowment Fund; past president (twice) of the Board of Directors of Shaar Shalom Synagogue; and past national secretary of the Canada–United Israel Appeal.

Throughout his life he was a passionate lover of and volunteer for the arts. He loved all forms of artistic expression: theatre, music, dance, the visual arts.

At various points in his life, he was past president and life director of Neptune Theatre in Halifax and long-time governor of the National Theatre School of Canada. He was president of Symphony Nova Scotia and widely credited with helping to resurrect it from the ashes of the bankrupt Atlantic Symphony. In 1990 he was appointed to set up and chair the Nova Scotia Film Development Corporation, which was established to promote and subsidize Nova Scotia's motion picture industry (in 2008 the Crown corporation's name was changed to Film Nova Scotia). From 1984 to 1989 he was appointed to represent Atlantic Canada on the board of The Canada Council, the country's federal arts funder, whose mandate is to foster and promote the arts. He was a former member of the Board of Governors of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD); vice-chair, Board of Governors of Nova Scotia Museums; and member of the Prince Edward Scholarship Committee for the Province of Nova Scotia.

In 1992 he was awarded a Canada 125 Medal in recognition of his contribution to the arts.

Before Alzheimer's intervened, Lloyd was a passionate and inventive cook—noisy, messy, fearless: steam rising, pots rattling, opera blasting in the background. Neighbours always knew when he was preparing for a dinner party. He loved entertaining guests at home and enjoyed his own cooking unabashedly, often interrupting the table conversation to exclaim, "Wow, this is really good!"

Lloyd's friends were lucky, and they knew it. He was the best of friends to many, many people: non-judgmental, supportive, and generous. Throughout his life Lloyd was a passionate golfer and tennis player for whom the social aspects of the game (and post-game activities) were nearly as compelling as the game itself.

The arts and Jewish community have lost a dedicated and zealous advocate.



SPECIAL THANKS

THANKS TO THE MANY PEOPLE WHO HELPED CREATE THIS YEAR'S HIGH HOLIDAY BULLETIN:

Dawn ("Fig") Frail for Congregational News

Linda Law for securing ads, chasing down reports, and pulling the bulletin together

Sharon Waxman, Lea McKnight, and Linda Law for securing greetings

Joanna Wexler and Rabbi Karlin for their reports and Rabbi Karlin for the High Holiday schedules

Yael Wexler, Judith Goldberg and Schuyler (Sky) H Smith for their articles and submissions

Committee chairs for their committee reports

Wendy Katz, Victoria Rosenberg, and Linda Law for proofreading

PERSONAL NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

*Wishing You
a Happy
and Healthy
New Year*



LINDA RAND AND
BARRIE GREEN AND FAMILY

*Warmest Wishes
for the New Year*

DAVID AND JANE ALEXANDER
AND FAMILY

*Best Wishes for
a Happy and Healthy
New Year to All*

BEVERLY PARSONS

*Shanah Tovah
to Everyone.
With Wishes
for Peace*



NANCY AND MENASHE
CIEPLINSKI AND FAMILY

*Warmest
Wishes
for the
New Year*



DEBBIE RINZLER

*Best Wishes for a
Happy and Healthy
New Year*

HARRY GLUBE

*Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy
New Year*

LYSA, MICHAEL AND ALLAN APRIL
SAMANTHA APRIL, YONI AND ELI KAMIL

PERSONAL NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

*Wishing You and Your Loved Ones
Shanah Tovah U'Mitukah*

REBECCA, BOBBY, CATE, CLAIRE, JOHNATHAN
AND ELIZABETH PRETTY

*L'Shana Tova to Rabbi Karlin and
All members and Friends of Shaar Shalom.*

*May the New Year bring us peace, security,
good friendships, and new learning.*

*With blessed memories of family and friends
no longer with us but who will always
live on in our hearts and minds.*

JUAN HECTOR RIVAS AND PENNY MARGOLIS

*Wishing Everyone
a Healthy and Happy
New Year*

CARA AND TED TAX
AND FAMILY

*L'Shana Tova
Tikatevu! Best
Wishes from*

LILI FALK
AND SONS



PERSONAL NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

*Warmest Wishes for a
Healthy and Happy New Year*

CINDY GILLIES
KIMBERLEY, SAUL, ELI AND NAOMI OFFMAN



*Proud to be Jewish!
Here's to a Happy
and Healthy
New Year to all...*

LYNN ROTIN AND FAMILY

*Warmest Wishes for
the New Year*

LINDA AND DAVID, DANIEL,
SYLVIE AND
FELIX SCHROEDER, EMILY,
PAUL, JAYDEN AND MILES
ALEXANDER

Shanah Tovah to All From

IAN, ERIN, LENA, VIOLET
AND HARRIS EPSTEIN



L'Shana Tova



IRMA JUUTI, PHILIP BARKOW,
SARAH BARKOW, JOSHUA,
EVELYN AND SIMON KALB

PERSONAL NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

*Wishing you
Health and Peace*

FRAN ORNSTEIN AND FRED WENDT



Best Wishes for a Happy New Year

THE VICTOR GOLDBERG FAMILY
VICTOR, JUDITH, RACHAEL, ERIC, GENNA, ADDISON MOE
AND ISABELLE BRODIE

*A Happy
New Year
to All*

WENDY KATZ
AND FAMILY



*Best Wishes for a
Happy and Healthy
New Year*

LEA AND JACK WAGNER
AND FAMILY

*Wishing You All L'Shana Tova
in the Year to Come*

NANCY, SETH, ALIYAH AND Yael BLOOM



PERSONAL NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

*Best Wishes for a
Happy and Healthy
New Year*

SHARON WAXMAN AND
CHARLIE CAMPBELL

*Wishing the
Year Ahead Brings
Peace to All*

SHERI LECKER, MARK EVANS,
BESSIE, JOEY AND SAM

*Shana Tova. May Your New Year
Be Filled with Health,
Happiness and Peace*

SHARI AND PAUL OSTROM



*L'Shana Tova To
Everyone*

DAVID GILES, ANDREA
HILCHIE-PYE AND FAMILY

*Wishing you
Shana Tova*

DAVID ZER-AVIV



*Best Wishes for a Happy
and Healthy New Year*

LAUREN, DAN, JACKSON AND LYLA MACDONALD

PERSONAL NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

Peace, Joy and Health

VICTORIA AND ED ROSENBERG



L'Shana Tova to All

PHIL STAR AND FAMILY



*Shanah
Tovah
U'Metuka*

DEBBIE PESTELL,
LUKAS,
AND EMELINE



*Best Wishes for a
Good and Sweet
New Year*

HOWARD HEYMAN
AND HAL WALSH

PERSONAL NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

*Best Wishes
for a Happy
New Year*

THE COLLINS
FAMILY: SHIRA,
JEFF, LEAH
AND JORDAN



L'Shana Tova to All

LAURA, ANDREW, HENRY AND
JACOB OFFMAN

L'Shana Tova U'metukah to All

FROM THE ZELENIEZT FAMILY



*Best Wishes for a
Peaceful, Happy, and
Healthy New Year*

THE NEVO FAMILY

*Best Wishes
for a Sweet
and Happy
New Year*

JENNIFER PINK,
SCOTT, FREYA
AND JOSH NEILSON



*Best Wishes for a
Happy and Healthy New Year*

RITA AND JOEL PINK
LEAH, AARON AND HOLLY
DANIEL AND ELISSA AND GRANDCHILDREN

PERSONAL NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

Shana Tova From the Wolfe Family

YARIV, GEORGETTE, MA'AYAN, TZIPI, ARI AND RONEN



*Best Wishes for a
Healthy and Happy New Year*

ANNETTE AND WILL STRUG AND FAMILY

L'Shana Tova

FAY COHEN



*Best Wishes
for a Happy
and Healthy
New Year*

BEV HYMES AND
HERB VANDERMEULEN,
AND FAMILY



PERSONAL NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

*Warmest Wishes to all
for a Healthy and Happy New Year*

JUDITH AND STEPHEN BATES
JOSHUA, SARA, IRA, ALENYA &
JACK BATES AARON, HANNAH &
TESSA BATES & JULIE STINSON



*Warmest Wishes
for a Happy
and Healthy
New Year
to All*



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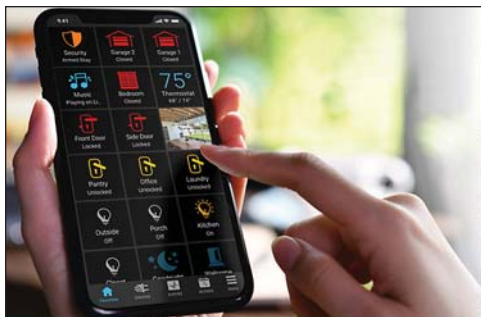
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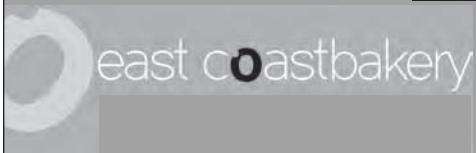
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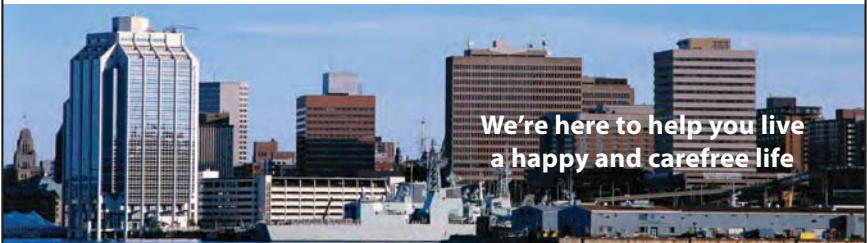


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