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Message from the President

Dear Members and Friends:

It is with a great deal of humility that I prepare my first message as the new President of our wonderful Congregation Shir Chadash.

Our Congregation has, in the last six years, had considerable blessings and has grown and prospered. We have our own Cemetery. We have built a viable library, named in honour of Rachel Neumann. We have a beautiful new Torah Scroll and a magnificent Tree of Life. Over the years, we have had generous contributions from the Neumann Family; the Reznick/Donnelly Family in honour of Sylvia Reznick; the Vancouver Goldenbergs; as well as many others who have helped to enhance our "little shul on the prairies." These are things that are blessings. Many other events have helped propel the Congregation to success.

Unfortunately, on the other side of the ledger is the loss of some cherished, respected, and active members. Some have left for opportunities elsewhere and others, sadly, have departed on their passing.

Ben Goldstein and Linda Epstein have managed to organize and conduct regular, religious services. Members take turns as "Readers and Leaders" to conduct Friday night services. Each member and "friend" has assumed responsibility for providing Oneg and Saturday lunches. These provide an opportunity for conversation and friendship. As your President I accept some responsibility for ensuring our Congregation continues to thrive.

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Donation Cards

Shir Chadash cards

Happy birthday to Burna Purkin from Bette Ellen and Harold Gonick, Linda Epstein, and Perry Millar.

Get well wishes to Barb Donen from Linda Epstein.

Condolences to Dr. Michael Cottrell from Linda Epstein.

Sisterhood cards

Get well to Larry Wine from Mary and Adam Melnychuk.

Happy birthday to Burna Purkin from Barbara and Harley Donen.

Mazel tov to Elaine Adelman on her Bat Mitzvah from Barbara and Harley Donen.

Get well to Sara Furman from Mary and Adam Melnychuk.

Condolences to Ben and Myra Goldstein on the death of Phillip Goldstein from Burna Purkin and Manny and Max Sonnenschein, Barbara and Harley Donen, Mary and Adam Melnychuk.

Simchas & Announcements

Mazel tov

to Linda Epstein on the birth of her third grandchild. A brother for Samara and Naomi, Elliot Kenneth Zack was born on October 1, 2007 to Aviva and Alon Zack.

to Hanna Jodrey and Matt Cooper on the birth of their daughter Ruth Eva Cooper Jodrey, a sister to Joey. Ruth was born at home in the wee hours of December 3 and made the family's holidays very special.

to Anna and David Gersher and family on the recent marriage of their daughter Malvina to Kelly Rapko. The marriage took place in Bohol in the Philippines.

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Yahrzeits

January 25 and 26	Joseph Gonick	Shevat 23
February 8 and 9	Millie Diamond	3 Adar I
	Arthur Brown	5 Adar I
	Bessie Baron	7 Adar I
February 15 and 16	Frances Larter	11 Adar I
	Irene Abramson	14 Adar I
	Jacob Golumbia	15 Adar I
February 22 and 23	Itta Golumbia	20 Adar I
	Rebecca Segal	24 Adar I
February 29 and March 1	Eva Kolominsky	29 Adar I

Simchas & Announcements continued

Happy birthday

to Mary Melnychuk, Seymour Neumann, Jack Neumann, Zachary Sparks, Hanna Jodrey, Allan Dolovich, Lawrence Clein.

Condolences

to the Epstein–Madsen families on the death of their uncle Art Epstein in Oakville, ON on January 28, 2008. He will be interred with his wife Ida in White Rock, BC.

Contacts for Sending Cards

Shir Chadash cards: Kayla Dolovich, 955-2801

Sisterhood cards: Barb Donen, 244-8864

Tree of Life: Gertie Gross, 343-7430

Hadassah-WIZO: Anna Gersher, 955-1028

Services

Erev Shabbat	8 PM
Shabbat	10 AM
Traditional Service, February 2	10 AM

Upcoming Events

Purim

Start planning your costumes! On March 20 at 7 PM at the shul, we will celebrate Erev Purim. We will begin with the story of Esther in English for children, followed by hamentaschen. Once the sun has set we will read the Story of Esther in Hebrew for the adults.

As in the past few years, we ask people to bring boxes of macaroni and cheese or other “noisy” foods to use as “graggers” (noisemakers), which will then be donated to the Food Bank.

Pesach

Erev Pesach is Saturday, April 19. The holiday continues to sundown April 27.

Watch for details on our Community Seder in the next issue.

Board

Next Board Meeting: Sunday, March 16, 10 AM.

President's Message continued

We appreciate the great efforts from all the congregants and encourage them to continue their valuable participation.

May this year and the future be a blessing for all in our Congregation.

Manny Sonnenschein, Q.C.
President, Shir Chadash