



ק'ק' שיר חדש

# Kol Ehad

*The Voice of Congregation Shir Chadash*

## *From Our Rebbe*

### **Judaism's "Golden Rule"**



Although many people pay lip service to it, few truly understand what the "Golden Rule" of our tradition implies. Whether the wording is "Love your neighbor as yourself" or "What is harmful to you, don't do to others," the meaning seems clear. The *implication*, however, goes deeper. It implies not simply acting or

behaving in "nice" or appropriate ways, but realizing *why* one is doing that. It means developing a sense of *gemeinschaftsgefühl*, of genuinely being interested in the interests of others. It means empathizing with the hurt another may be feeling. It means feeling a sense of altruistic happiness for another when she or he is joyous. Often, it means going against one's knee-jerk reaction to show power or anger, while knowing, feeling, and believing that that reaction is simply not the right thing, not the nice or kind thing to do.

How may one "change" if this "Golden Rule" is not being felt, believed, or acted upon? Fake it. Act as *if* you felt and believed. Start talking to yourself, reminding yourself of how it would feel if something negative were done to you. You'll be amazed at the results, and you'll develop a deeper understanding of our tradition's golden rule.

Rabbi Steven J. Kaplan

## *Message from the President*



It is an honour and privilege to be the latest President of Congregation Shir Chadash. In some ways, the task before me appears somewhat daunting. I follow in the footsteps of great past presidents who provided sound leadership and nurtured our Shul as it has prospered and continued to be a source of great joy for its members. I am comforted, however, by two

inescapable facts.

First and foremost, it is clear to me that we are all part of an ongoing miracle. I see Shir Chadash as a gift from G-d. We are continuously provided with what we need to daven and celebrate our Judaism in a place that is warm and caring. We have a full time Rabbi, as well as experts in legal aspects, health care, accounting, constructing, leading, music, cooking, arranging, editing, lifting heavy Torahs, and the list goes on. I, personally, do not believe that this is all by accident. Any person walking into our Shul is quickly aware that there is something very special and unique about our synagogue. It would appear that Hashem is watching over us.

I am also comforted from knowing that I am surrounded by wonderful people who have already offered and provided their help in many ways. Perhaps the challenge of this job won't be insurmountable after all.

Thank you for your support. I am looking forward to a wonderful year.

Allan Dolovich

## *Sisterhood*

Having just chaired my first Sisterhood meeting, I'm in awe of all that we do so matter of factly and of all who make it look so easy.

Sisterhood has always been known as the right arm of a synagogue and, as a reminder, here are a few of their activities. Sisterhood arranges for the hosting of the Onegs and ensures that all supplies—cups, utensils, plates, napkins...and food—are purchased or baked. All Onegs and two upcoming special ones—Tu'B' Shevat and Purim—are supported from Sisterhood funds.

Sisterhood also hosts the breaking of the fast at Yom Kippur and recently organized the Chanukah party. This year, Sisterhood will again organize a Kosher community seder at Pesach, and Sheryl Madsen and Kayla Dolovich will chair this committee.

Where does the money come from to pay for all this? Through dues of the women from our congregation who join Sisterhood and through our other fundraiser: card sales. Barb Donen has capably handled the Sisterhood cards since our inception and has cards for all occasions.

As you can see Sisterhood members are kept busy and we have a busy year planned. We thank all who support Sisterhood through cards and membership and ask for your continued support.

Mary Melnychuk

## *Chanukah*



This year, at the invitation of Ben and Myra Goldstein, we took our Chanukah celebration to the party room in their apartment block. In the glow of the lights, we held a short service and sang traditional Chanukah songs. Later, we feasted on latkes, prepared by some of our community family and enjoyed the music of our very talented Klezmer musicians, Allan, Kayla, and Hanna. Although the setting differed from our usual location, as always, we enjoyed the warmth and camaraderie of our community family.



## *Calendar*

### **Services**

Weekly Friday Evening Service	Fridays, 8:00 p.m.
Weekly Shabbat Morning Service	Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.
Kosher Community Seder	April 5, 6 p.m.

## *Purim*

A Purim party will be held on Saturday, March 6 at 7 p.m. The Megillah will be read that evening and again Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

A prize donated by one of Shir Chadash's renowned cooks will be awarded for the best costume. Please bring macaroni and cheese in a box (or loosely packaged food) instead of a grogger. As part of the children's Hebrew School project, the food will be donated to a charitable organization that helps feed the poor.

## *Pesach*

Shir Chadash Sisterhood will sponsor a Kosher community seder for Pesach on Monday, April 5.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$10 for children 7-13, and children under 6 are free. Members and their family and guests must pay by March 1 to reserve a space. You are asked to bring donations of wine and matzoh. Non-members must reserve by March 12.

## *Shir Chadash Cards*

Mazel tov to Lisa and Harold Shiffman on the birth of their daughter from Linda and Ruth Epstein, Sheryl and Kjell Madsen, Joan Holdstock, Gertie and Sam Gross, Myra and Ben Goldstein.

Congratulations to Judge Tillie Taylor on being inducted into the Saskatoon Council of Women Hall of Fame from Linda and Ruth Epstein, Sheryl and Kjell Madsen.

Congratulations to Karen and Scott Cranston on their marriage from Linda Epstein.

Happy birthday to Sylvia Reznick from Linda and Ruth Epstein, Sheryl and Kjell Madsen.

Happy anniversary to Anna and David Gersher from Linda Epstein.

Happy Chanukah to Sheryl Madsen and Linda Epstein from Ruth Epstein.

Get well to Alex Lehrer from Suzanne and Ivor Basker, Sam and Gertie Gross, Sara and Semyon Furman, Joan Holdstock.

Get well wishes to Tillie Taylor and Sylvia Reznick from Joan Holdstock.

Condolences to Rachel Neumann and family from Gertie and Sam Gross, Linda and Ruth Epstein, Perry Millar, Sheryl and Kjell Madsen, Lori Lavitt, the Basker family, the Moore family, Gladys, Ralph and M.F. McCallum, Jennifer Solem and Cameron Cline, Burna Purkin, Manny and Max Sonnenschein.

NOTE: For donation cards for Shir Chadash, the Peter Holdstock Memorial Fund, and the Jennie Altman Torah Fund, contact Kayla Dolovich (955-2801).

## *Sisterhood Donation Cards*

Mazel tov to Mary and Alex Lehrer on their 65th anniversary and on Alex's 90th birthday from Mary and Adam Melnychuk, Bev and Jack Shiffman, Barbara and Harley Donen.

Congratulations to Gwendolyn Adrian on her acceptance to Osgoode Hall School of Law from Herman and Rachel Newmann.

Congratulations to grandparents Sheryl and Kjell Madsen and to parents Carrie and Nolan Nestorik on the birth of Gabriel from Kayla and Allan Dolovich.

Happy birthday to Sylvia Reznick from Kayla and Allan Dolovich.

Happy birthday and semi-retirement wishes to Irving Goldenberg from Mary and Adam Melnychuk, Kayla and Allan Dolovich, Barbara and Harley Donen.

Get well wishes to Alex Lehrer from Bev and Jack Shiffman.

Get well wishes to Anne Sheckman from Rachel Neumann.

Get well wishes to Jack Shiffman from Mary and Adam Melnychuk, Kayla and Allan Dolovich, Barbara and Harley Donen.

Condolences to Larry and Liz Kliman from Harold and Bette Ellen Gonick, Mitch and Judy Kassen, Barbara and Harley Donen.

Condolences to Suzanne Basker and family from Mary and Adam Melnychuk, Barbara and Harley Donen.

Condolences to Burna Purkin from Kayla and Allan Dolovich.

Condolences to Tillie Taylor and family from Kayla and Allan Dolovich, Mary and Adam Melnychuk.

Condolences to Rachel Newmann from Mary and Adam Melnychuk.

Condolences to Zara Gurstein from Mary and Adam Melnychuk.

Condolences to Mayer Shulman from Mary and Adam Melnychuk.

Condolences to Mrs. Bill Mitchell from Mary and Adam Melnychuk.

## *Simchas, Thank Yous, & Announcements*

### **Mazel tov to**



Lisa and Harold Shiffman who are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Millia Irene Shiffman on October 15, 2003 at 8:35 p.m. She weighed 8lbs. 3oz. at birth.



Sheryl and Kjell Madsen on the marriage of their son Jared to Mandy Kelly.

Linda Epstein on the birth of her granddaughter Naomi Aliyah, born to her daughter Aviva.



Katherine Rafoss on the birth of her great nephew Tristan Jenkins, born to her niece Ashlee Jenkins.

NOTE: Sharing our joys and sorrows is the most important part of this newsletter, but it can only be as complete as *you* make it. Please let Sheryl Madsen (652-9015) know when you have something to share.

### **Happy birthday to**

Bette-Ellen Gonick, Burna Purkin, Talya Gryn, Rachel Donen, Silvia Reznick, Mary Melnychuk, Alf Baron, Hanna Jodrey, Allan Dolovich, Sheryl Madsen.

## *Thank You*

To the members of Congregation Shir Chadash:

Words alone cannot express the grateful thanks we extend to the members of this congregation for the compassion and affection extended to our family following the death of our beloved husband and father, Herman Neumann.

For fear of omitting inadvertently the name of anyone who did so much for us at this difficult time, we shall not mention any specific names. Suffice to say, the congregation assisted and comforted us in every way possible—over and above the mere call of duty.

To our wonderful *Chevra Kadisha*, to those who did the final act of loving kindness, to those who sat *shomer*, to all who came very night to observe *shiva* service, and to those wonderful ladies who brought food and gave us needed comfort and solace, we thank you and shall never forget your outstanding, truly outstanding compassionate love and care.

To Rabbi Kaplan, thank you for your comfort and support.

It is a privilege indeed to be a member of such a congregation, which exemplifies the basic tenets of Judaism: compassion, care, and love for one another.

Thank you each and every member of Congregation Shir Chadash.

Sincerely

Rachel, Jack, and Seymour Neumann



## *Der Yiddish Vinkel*

Dedicated to the late Herman Neumann.

Herman loved to hear and tell stories about the fictional city of Chelm in eastern Europe, a city that was entirely inhabited by fools. One of Herman's favourite put downs was: "What!...do you think I am from Chelm?" Here, now, are a few stories about the good people of Chelm.

### **The Wisdom of Chelm**

A sage of Chelm went bathing in the lake and almost drowned. When he raised an outcry other swimmers came to his rescue. As he was helped out of the water he took a solemn oath: "I swear never to go into the water again until I know how to swim!"

"Which is more important, the sun or the moon?" a citizen of Chelm asked his Rabbi.

"The moon, of course," replied the Rabbi. "It shines at night when it is needed. The sun shines only during the day, when there is no need for it at all."

Two sages of Chelm went out for a walk. One carried an umbrella, the other didn't. Suddenly it began to rain. "Open your umbrella, quick!" suggested the one without an umbrella.

"It won't help," answered the other.

"What do you mean, it won't help? It will protect us from the rain."

"It's no use, the umbrella is as full of holes as a sieve."

"Then why did you take it along in the first place?"

"I didn't think it would rain."

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Rabbi of Chelm and one of his Talmud students were spending the night at the inn. The student asked the servant to wake him at dawn because he was to take an early train. The servant did so. Not wishing to wake the Rabbi the student groped in the dark for his clothes, and in his haste, he put on the long rabbinical gabardine. He hurried to the station, and as he entered the train, he was struck dumb with amazement as he looked at himself in the compartment mirror.

"What an idiot that servant is!" he cried angrily. "I asked him to wake me, instead he went and woke the Rabbi."

## *Yahrzeits*

*Tevet 7, 5764–Iyar 1, 5764*

*December 27, 2003–May 1, 2004*

<b>Civil Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Observed on</b>
December 26 and 27	Joseph Donen	7 Tevet
	Sarah Basker	8 Tevet
January 2 and 3	Zvi Eliashev	14 Tevet
	Leon Dragushan	15 Tevet
January 9 and 10	Minnie Cramer	18 Tevet
	Sheina Zeldina	
	Esther Pentol	20 Tevet
	Sarah Goldenberg	
January 16 and 17	Peter Holdstock	22 Tevet
	Charlotte Fine	28 Tevet
January 23 and 24	Chaim Reznick	3 Shevat
	Mizal Isaakov	4 Shevat
January 30 and 31	Celia Reznick	10 Shevat
	Hymie Orolowitz	11 Shevat
	Rachel Gonick	12 Shevat
	Louis Spector	13 Shevat
February 6 and 7	Lida Isaakov	18 Shevat
February 13 and 14	Joseph Gonick	23 Shevat
	Freda Katz	25 Shevat
February 20 and 21	Millie Diamond	3 Adar
	Arthur Brown	5 Adar
February 27 and 28	Bessie Baron	7 Adar

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March 5 and 6	Irene Abramson	14 Adar
	Jennie Brown	15 Adar
	Jacob Golumbia	
March 12 and 13	Itta Columbia	20 Adar
	Rebecca Segal	24 Adar
March 19 and 20	Rebecca Forgan	28 Adar
	Sam Sternberg	
	Eva Kolominsky	29 Adar
	Clara Lehrer	1 Nissan
	J.M. Goldenberg	3 Nissan
	Kariton Kolominsky	4 Nissan
March 26 and 27	Sam Caplan	6 Nissan
	Joe Goldenberg	
	Max Goldenberg	10 Nissan
	David Katz	19 Nissan
April 9 and 10	Goldie Filer	23 Nissan
	Maria Furman	24 Nissan
	Bertha Roe	28 Nissan
April 16 and 17	Luba Zeldina	30 Nissan
	Max Swartz	1 Iyar
	Simon Clein	6 Iyar
April 23 and 24	Lena Sector	7 Iyar
	Riva Friedman	8 Iyar
	Max Sharzer	10 Iyar
April 30 and May 1	Linda Grace Rafoss	13 Iyar
	Sarah Adelman	16 Iyar

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