



Kol Echad

The Voice of Congregation Shir Chadash

From Our Rebbe

It Just Keeps Getting Better!



The High Holy Days are behind us, as are the days of Sukkot through Simchat Torah. In looking back and reflecting, they were great!! New faces combined with old as the spirituality of the High Holy Days filled our sanctuary. The service flowed, honors were bestowed upon all, and the feeling of family prevailed. Attendance was wonderful. In some congregations, sadly, services are cancelled for lack of attendance. We had a "full house" throughout. During Sukkot and Simchat Torah, no honors were given out beforehand to ensure attendance. People came!

Let us not forget the efforts of Linda Epstein, who as *gabbai*, coordinated the efforts of the Ritual Committee to keep the *Bima* "together." Last, but far from least, was the singing of Allan Dolovich as our *chazzan*. His voice was beautiful, davening from the heart with authentic *nusach*, not merely performing. Our congregation is lucky to have the many talented members it does.

Simchat Torah was yet another milestone. For the second year in Shir Chadash's existence, we celebrated our heritage with prayer and dance and joy.

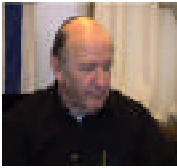
Now Chanukah approaches. Chanukah, whose main symbol is oil, oil for the *Chanukiya* and oil for the latkes. Oil is interesting. Not a

food unto itself, it is a “flavor enhancer”. Not a light unto itself, oil illuminates when combined with wick and flame. The teachings of Kabbalah and Chassidut are compared to oil, “illuminating” our Torah’s teachings. As the Festival of Lights comes upon us, let us all be illuminated with joy and learning as we forge ahead with Maccabean spirit to keep Shir Chadash the “jewel in the crown” it is.

Rabbi Steven J. Kaplan

President’s Message

Benjamin Goldstein



Addressing the members of our shul, on our first Yom Kippur eve together, I suggested “we are a small but great congregation.”

It was true then and is more so now. We have not experienced, since a year ago Yom Kippur, a substantial increase in membership, but we have achieved a great deal since then.

I do not propose to enumerate all our many accomplishments, some of which may be detailed elsewhere herein. However, I would like to highlight that which I believe makes our Shir Chadash a great congregation.

1. We are blessed with a dedicated Rabbi, under whose guidance we have learned to actively participate in Shabbat and Yom Tov services and worship in joy, warmth, and with enthusiasm.
2. Under the Rabbi’s tutelage, we are possessed of a “*chazzan*,” our own Professor Dolovich, whose chanting is a match for any in western Canada.
3. We have Torah study conducted by the Rabbi; we have adult Hebrew classes instructed by Ruth Epstein; and Hebrew school for our young children taught by Suzanne Basker. All are capable and devoted members of our shul.

4. We have a Board of Trustees, each of whom heads a committee of willing workers devoted to their respective tasks.

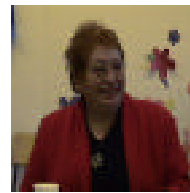
5. Our members not only give of their time and willingly self-assess and contribute the much needed funds to Shir Chadash, but also have become like caring members of a family, rather than mere fellow congregants, to each other.

All this makes Shir Chadash a great congregation. I am proud to have been chosen its President.

Reflections and Gratitude

It just keeps getting better and better....

Linda Epstein



The High Holy Days are a time for reflection, and I have been reflecting on this very special time, Shir Chadash style. At this special time, I realize how truly blessed we are.

During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, our little Shul was blessed with two of the most melodious voices I have ever heard—those of Rabbi Kaplan and Allan Dolovich. And to add to it, the praying was sincere and from the heart. It certainly added to my *kavanah*. I thank both the Rabbi and Allan for creating the atmosphere to make this most holy of Jewish periods extra meaningful.

As many of you know, the High Holy Days period takes extra effort on the part of Rabbi and Cantor and also extra preparation on the part of the Ritual Committee. Rabbi Kaplan has been most generous in thanking me for coordinating the *Aliyot*, but I must say that the entire Ritual Committee was active in these arrangements. Thank you to Sam Gross and his committee and to those who said “yes” when we called.

As I recall Sukkot, I must once again comment on how much Shir

Chadash is like a family, supporting each other, going the extra mile. Services were meaningful and our sukkah was amazing. Thank you to Kjell Madsen for his new design, and for building and assembling and dismantling the sukkah single-handedly. And also to the many people who supplied branches for the roof and to the adults and children who decorated it. It was truly beautiful and many passers-by and neighbours asked what it was. As Kjell said, "It's sort of a Thanksgiving gazebo!" Our two potluck lunches in the sukkah were wonderful and God smiled upon us with excellent weather.

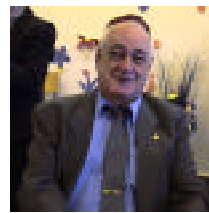
And what can one say about Simchat Torah? Could it be more joyous? Singing and dancing with the Torah. Celebrating in the manner meant for this holiday. And rolling out the Torah as canopy to bless the children. It was truly wonderful.

I'm so glad that we were able to host many friends, visitors, and relatives, in addition to our own members. I look forward to ongoing contact with them—in services throughout the year, perhaps as new members, and next year during the High Holy Days. May you all be sealed in the book of life.

New Column

Kol Echad is introducing a new column to its pages: "We're Proud of You..." This column will profile some of our very special congregants. We hope this will give you the chance to get to know them and their achievements just a little better. Congregation Shir Chadash is proud of every one of its members and we would love to profile each one. Unfortunately, this is impossible with the number of newsletters we produce. So please enjoy this column in the spirit in which it is written.

We're Proud of You... Manny Sonnenschein



More and more, our congregation recognizes the dedication of one of our members in whatever he does—and others recognize it too.

This past year, Emanuel Sonnenschein, Q.C. (known to us as "Manny") has been awarded recognition by both Saskatchewan Legal Education (SKLESI) and the Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers Association (STLA) for participation in their programs. Manny is a charter member and perhaps its longest serving executive member of STLA. He is the first recipient of both these awards, and he will be profiled in the upcoming STLA publication *The Advocate*. Manny now has "frequent flyer points" in the form of free entry for both these organizations. The Concordia Club has also awarded him a twenty-five year certificate. In addition, in this Year of the Volunteer, Manny was given a Volunteer Extraordinaire award by the Progressive Conservative Party "for exemplary service." As the nominators put it, "[Manny] shows not just commitment, but involvement!"

Our congregation has also benefited from Manny's involvement. Early on in our history (all of a year and a half ago), Manny arranged with Customs and Immigration for Rabbi Kaplan to stay in Canada, which allowed him to become our Rabbi. We can't thank you enough for this, Manny. In addition, as our Constitution Chair and legal advisor, Manny has been dogged in his stance that we must be fair and honest in all our dealings. He understands the importance of our moral obligation as Jews and as human beings.

Manny was born in Saskatoon and has two children, Olive who will be married May 26 to Benjamin Tatham, and Max who is twenty-three. He has two stepsons, Jeff and David Stromberg, both married with children. This makes him grandfather to five.

Book Burial

On September 23rd, a large group of Shir Chadash members assembled at our cemetery for a burial of religious articles. Our congregation celebrated this joyous occasion as a family. Kayla Dolovich played the *chalil* beautifully and Allan Dolovich blew the *shofar* to mark the occasion. What a joy for this burial of religious articles to be the first event held at our cemetery. May this be the only visit we need to make for a long time to come.



Upcoming Events

The Rabbi will be holding educational sessions on Monday nights at 8:00 p.m., starting on October 29th. We will be discussing the book of Genesis from a variety of perspectives.

Education Report

Ruth Epstein

Adult Hebrew Literacy classes, taught by Ruth Epstein, started after the High Holy Days. We have a group of regular students, but could always use more! So consider joining us. We have fun and we do learn a great deal. We've begun with a review of last year's vocabulary and reading, but are moving on to greater heights

Suzanne Basker is teaching children's classes. They are doing well and we are always delighted to see their cheerful, seasonal artwork adorning our shul.

Linda Epstein teaches Bar and Bat Mitvah classes. Currently there is only one student preparing for the big event, but we hope to have many, many more in future (hint to Lehrers; hint to Reznicks; hint to Zacks). It's never too early to start planning!

Announcement

We now have a shelf for our library collection. Thank you Harold and Jeff Gonick for setting this up.

Kashrut Committee Notes

Myra Goldstein and Suzanne Basker

Except for those who maintain an approved kosher kitchen at home, hostesses are to bring into Shir Chadash premises only those foods and pastries bearing a kosher hechshar.

Since City Bread of Winnipeg no longer bears a "Kosher Hechshar," sisterhood is now importing from Calgary's Kosher Bakery. Henceforth, Oneg Shabbat hostesses are to purchase the challah from sisterhood; the price is \$5 for the required two loaves.

Oneg hostesses are requested to

- Bring one jar of herring for Saturday Kiddush
- Clean up following Friday night Oneg.

Cooperation of Shir Chadash members has been most fratifying. Please continue to say "yes" when asked to host an Oneg Shabbat.

And Speaking of Food

The Rabbi's Latke Recipe

(for 4 people)

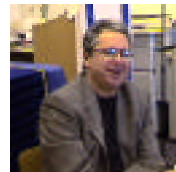
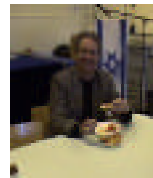
8 potatoes	approx. 1/2 cup matzah meal
1 large onion	1/2 teaspoon pepper
2 eggs	a "few pinches" of kosher salt

Grate potatoes on fine side of grater (who knows what the grater is called in Yiddish?). Do Not use a blender or food processor—the taste just isn't the same. Mix/stir all ingredients together and scoop up a tablespoon at a time. Place ingredients of each spoon into hot oil in frying pan. Latkes should not be submerged in oil. Add additional oil as needed. When the side is golden brown, turn the latke over. Place on paper towel when finished to prevent the cholesterol from forming before the latke hits your stomach.

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Visiting Speaker

Richard Weisberg, the Walter Floersheimer Professor of Constitutional Law at Yeshiva University's Cordozo Law School in NY, was a featured speaker at Shir Chadash. On Tuesday, October 30, members of our congregation were privileged to hear this scholar speak on some unique aspects of law and history regarding the holocaust. The Professor shared his experiences, focusing on his work with the French government to seek restitution for those Jews who were subject to the specially created laws and punishments by the French. Prior to his talk, Professor Weisberg was the recipient of our famous Shir Chadash warmth and hospitality, as we sat and ate a wonderful breakfast and shared some good conversation. Our thanks to our Rabbi for coordinating this enlightening and fascinating experience.





Sam Gross

A list of old Jewish sayings: Some wise and some witty.

Other people's problems are never hard to endure. *Ah makeh unter yenem's oren is nit shver tzu trogen.*

A wise man knows what he says a fool says what he knows. *A kluger vaist vos er zogt, a nor zogt vos er vaist.*

Nerve succeeds. *Chutzpah gilt.*

Man plans and God laughs. *Menshen machen planner oon Got Lacht.*

If you have money, people think you are wise, good-looking and sing well. *Az meh hot gelt is men klug, shayn, oon men goot zingen.*

Love is sweet; with bread it's better. *Di Libba is zeesh; mit broit iz zee besser.*

A heavy heart says a lot. *Ah Shver hartz redt ah sach.*

Petty thieves get hanged; big thieves get pardoned. *Klainei ganavim hengt men; groissh shenkend men.*

Laughter is heard farther than weeping. *A gelechter hert men veiter vee a gavain.*

When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father both cry. *Az a tateh shainkt dem zun lachen baida, az a zun shainkt dem tateh vaynen badeh.*

Shoemakers go barefoot. *Aleh shusters gayen burves.*

He who understands his foolishness is wise. *Der vas farshtain zein narishkeit iz a klugher.*

Wherever you're not seems like a good place to be. *Dorten is goot vee mir seinen nit.*

He who has not tasted the bitter cannot know the sweet. *Der vos hot nit farzricht bittereh vaist nit vos zeesh ez.*

Simchas, Thank Yous, & Announcements

Mazel tov to:

Bette-Ellen and Harold Gonick on their 40th anniversary.

Morris Altman on the publication of his book *Workers Satisfaction, Economic Performance* (M.E. Sharpe Press).

Rebecca Klein on the acceptance into the Honors Philosophy Program at U of S.

Geoff Guttman, who has been elected a Basic Science Councillor for the Governing Council of the American Association of Clinical Anatomists.

Manny Sonnenschein on his volunteer (extraordinaire) award from the Progressive Conservative Party.

Bette-Ellen Gonick, Sisterhood's new President.

Adina Madsen on her Replacement Contract with the Saskatoon Board of Education. She is teaching .5 grade 2 and .4 grade 6 at Lakeview School.

Thank you and yasher koach to:

Pat and Morrie Basker who will be returning home to Israel. It's been a pleasure...hurry back!!

Today rabbah to:

All who helped or contributed to our summer garage sales. They were a great success!

The Madsen family who created New Year's cards as a fund raiser for Shir Chadash.

Kjell Madsen for the design and construction of our sukkah.

Jeff, Aleyna, and David Gonick for the donation of a *chumash* in honor

of their parent's fortieth wedding anniversary.

Bon voyage to:

Brian Madsen who is off to Australia and to Shayna Gersher who is also travelling to Australia.

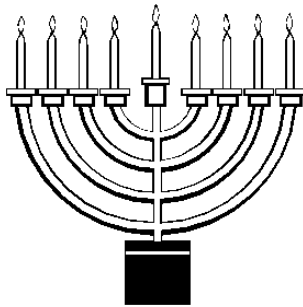
Happy birthday to:

Aleyna, David and Bette-Ellen Gonick, Anna Gersher, Malvina Gersher, Tillie Taylor, Sylvia Reznick, Paula Isaakov, and Nadine Avivi.

Get well wishes to:

Alf Baron, Barb Brown, Barb Donen, Peter Holdstock, and Bev Shiffman.

*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 or Kayla Dolovich know when you have something to share.



Yahrzeits

Heshvan 22–Tevet 20, 5762
November 2–February 27, 2002

Observed on	Name
November 2 and 3; Heshvan 22	Lily Swartz
November 9 and 10; Heshvan 26	Nathan Buller
November 16 and 17; Kislev 2	Sarah Sharzer
	Moishe Gross
	Adolf Lehrer
November 16 and 17; Kislev 3	Julie Sarblut
	Anette Sternberg
November 23 and 24; Kislev 9	Sarah Sharzer
November 23 and 24; Kislev 10	Joseph Segal
November 23 and 24; Kislev 11	Isaac Goldenberg
November 30 and December 1; Kislev 17	Jacob Neumann
December 7 and 8; Kislev 24	Haim Kolominsky
December 14 and 15; Tevet 1	Beatrice Chapman
	Margaret Cohen
December 14 and 15; Tevet 2	Chaje Goldenberg
December 14 and 15; Tevet 5	Berta Golod
December 21 and 22; Tevet 7	Joseph Donen
December 21 and 22; Tevet 8	Sarah Basker
December 28 and 29; Tevet 15	Leon Dragushan
December 28 and 29; Tevet 18	Minnie Cramer
	Sheina Zeldin
December 28 and 29; Tevet 20	Sarah Epstein
	Sarah Goldenberg
	Charlotte Fine
January 11 and 12; Tevet 28	Chaim Reznick
January 11 and 12; Shevat 3	Mizal Isaakov
January 11 and 12; Shevat 4	Lilian Holdstock
January 18 and 19; Shevat 9	Celia Reznick
January 18 and 19; Shevat 10	Chaim Friedman
January 18 and 19; Shevat 11	Hymie Orolowitz
January 18 and 19; Shevat 11	Rose Gonick (Rachel)
January 18 and 19; Shevat 12	Pearl Gurstein
January 25 and 26; Shevat 13	Louis Spector
January 25 and 26; Shevat 18	Lida Isaakov
February 1 and 2; Shevat 22	Meyer Gurstein
February 1 and 2; Shevat 23	Joseph Gonick (Yosef)
February 1 and 2; Shevat 25	Freda Katz
February 8 and 9; Adar 3	Millie Diamond
February 15 and 16; Adar 5	Arthur Brown (Asher)
February 22 and 23; Adar 14	Irene Abramson
February 22 and 23; Adar 15	Jennie Brown
	Jacob Columbia

Shir Chadash Sisterhood Donation Cards

Thank you for the generosity of the following for their donations. For more information, contact Barbara Donen, 244-3879. Please indicate if you do not you want your name mentioned in the newsletter.

- Get well wishes to Adam Melnychuk, from Rachel and Herman Neuman.
- Get well wishes to Peter Holdstock from Mary and Alex Lehrer.
- Get well wishes to Alf Baron, from Barb and Harley Donen, Mary and Adam Melnychuk, Linda Epstein.
- Get well wishes to Sam Landa, from Mary and Adam Melnychuk.
- Get well wishes to Bev Shiffman from Joan and Peter Holdstock.
- Condolences to Rabbi Kaplan on the death of his mother, from Rachel and Herman Neumann, Sam and Gertie Gross, Linda and Ruth Epstein, Sheryl and Kjell Madsen, Myra and Ben Goldstein.
- Condolences to Art Epstein on the passing of his wife Ida, from Linda and Ruth Epstein, Sheryl and Kjell Madsen.
- Condolences to Linda and Ruth Epstein and Sheryl Madsen on the passing of your aunt Ida Epstein, from Gertie and Sam Gross.
- Condolences to Dr. and Mrs. A. Levine and family on the death of father Mandel, from Suzanne and Ivor Basker, Linda Epstein.
- Condolences to Holly Ann Knott on the passing of her mother Holly, from Linda Epstein.
- Condolences to Bill Clements on the loss of his beloved mother, from Mary and Adam Melnychuk.

- Condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Donen and family on the passing of sister Anne Vasserman, from Barb and Harley Donen.
- Condolences to Mrs. M. Solomon, Lil Slutchuk, Shirley Walker and family from L. Lavitt.
- Condolences to Mrs. Sylvia Green and family from Myra and Ben Goldstein.
- Hi to Sarina Gersher from Hannah.
- Hello to Jackie Dolovich from Hannah.
- Happy 55th anniversary to Rachel and Herman Neumann from Gertie and Sam Gross, Mary and Adam Melnychuk.
- Happy Birthday to Joan Holdstock from Barb and Harley Donen.
- Congratulations to the Lehrer family on the birth of baby Anthony from Linda and Ruth Epstein and Sheryl and Kjell Madsen.
- Congratulations on your new condo Myra and Ben Goldstein, from Tina and Morley Lehrer, Sarah and Semyon Furman.



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*Go with the miracle
Join Shir Chadash*

A Kosher Dr. Seuss

Ruth Epstein

The National Education Association is celebrating "Read Across America" by encouraging adults to read to children. Of course, "Green Eggs and Ham" is one of the most popular Dr. Seuss books. And there's the dilemma: How can Jewish kids celebrate with green eggs and *ham*?

So, in honor of (and with apologies to the estate of Dr. Seuss), here's a new ending for the story:

Ham and Eggs,
 I'll Never see,
 They are not KOSHER,
 So let me be!
 I will not eat green eggs and ham.
 I will not eat them, Sam-I-am.
 But I'll eat green eggs with a biscuit.
 Or I will try them with some brisket.
 I'll eat green eggs in a box.
 If you serve them with some lox.
 And those green eggs are worth a try
 Scrambled up in matzoh brie!
 And in a boat upon the river,
 I'll eat green eggs with chopped liver!
 So if you're a Jewish Dr. Seuss fan,
 But troubled by green eggs and ham,
 Let your friends in on the scoop:
 Green eggs taste best with chicken soup!

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