



ק'ק' שיר חדש

# Kol Echad

*The Voice of Congregation Shir Chadash*

## *From Our Rebbe*

It's to Kvell Fr om!



Let's take a look at the events of the past month or so and see what the kvelling is all about. High Holy Day services were simply amazing. Our sanctuary was at capacity with members and members-to-be. The Ritual Committee, under Sam Gross's leadership, arranged all ritual aspects, and Linda Epstein, as Gabbai, implemented the job of coordinating Aliyot. Both members and guests participated in all aspects of honors. Allan Dolovich, as our Shaliach Tzibbur/Cantor, chanted the service masterfully, with a pure nusach. Everyone helped with our wonderful break-fast.

We then gathered together again for Sukkot, Shmini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah. Once again, a joyful gathering coupled with delightful, appropriate holiday nusach provided a warm, spiritual experience for congregants. We danced and sang with our Torahs and were thankful to be Jews as well as thankful for the vitality our congregation displays. There are shuls with far larger membership that did not have services for all the holidays as we did! As a result, we even had some members ask to participate in areas of the davening.

So you tell me—is this not to kvell from?!?

Rabbi Steven J. Kaplan

## *The Joy of the High Holy Days*

With joy in our hearts, our congregation gathered once again to observe our fourth High Holy Days together. The shul was full on Erev Rosh Hashanah as we gathered to usher in the New Year with solemnity and pleasure—and so it continued. We were all moved by the beauty of the Kol Nidrei as the Rabbi and Allan's voices surrounded us with spirituality, raising our kavanah.

On Yom Kippur, we were able to forget our hunger as our Rabbi and Cantor's voices drew us into their heartfelt prayers. As Allan chanted the Hin-ni, all were moved to faith and a turning towards G-d filled our hearts. The final blast of the tekiah g'dolah sounding on the shofar closed our observance. Afterward we gathered once more to break the fast as a family. A big thank you to the organizers (who never want their names mentioned) and to all those who contributed with food and cooking. Many hands did, indeed, make light work.

With the closing of the gate at Yom Kippur it was time to prepare for Sukkot. Once again, we must thank Kjell for erecting our wonderful Sukka or, as it is known by the neighbours, the Jewish gazebo, with love. Thank you also to all who contributed greenery for the roof, especially Yaakov who, I'm told, hauled branches home in a grocery cart. After Sukkot services, we gathered in the warm sun in our Sukkah as we celebrated a kosher kiddush luncheon.

The dancing with the Torah during our Simchat Torah services was truly joyful. Though many of our members have many years behind them, "our energy and enthusiasm shows that we will not get old." Simchat Torah, the "season of our joy" personifies the heart and soul of this congregation.

I have attended High Holy Days services all my life...which is many, many years. But this year, I paused during my prayers as I was enveloped by recognition that we are blessed to have Allan Dolovich and Rabbi Kaplan. Their wonderful voices blended together to bring us great happiness and help us in our observance. But the amazing

thing is how much genuine faith they evoke through their prayers, surrounding us with kavanah and helping draw us in. It is the depth of faith conveyed in their chanting that makes our High Holy Days so special.

Sheryl Madsen



## *Tillie Taylor Inducted into Council of Women Hall of Fame*



In a moving ceremony, our very own Judge Tillie Taylor was inducted into the Saskatoon Council of Women Hall of Fame on October 21.

Tillie was nominated by Kate Waygood, with support from Ken Norman, former head of the Human Rights Commission; Donna Scott, current head of the Human Rights Commission; Judith Martin, family/balance advocate; Ailsa Watkinson, Elizabeth Fry Society; and me. She was in good company with the other three inductees: Ruth Horlick, Lusya Pavlachenko—dance arts, and Flo Lavallee—Tamara’s House.

I had the pleasure of sitting between Tillie and Kate for the lunch. In the formal presentation, Kate gave a brief summary of the many contributions that Tillie has given this city, province, and country, and her “firsts” such as leading the way as the first female magistrate (judge) in Saskatchewan and her appointment as the first head of the Human Rights Commission.

I’m quite sure that many people present were quite taken with Tillie’s acceptance speech. Simple and honest. In her parting words she acknowledged the problems in the Aboriginal community and said she wished she had the energy to help them. That’s the true Tillie shining through—always aware of the issues and still wanting to make this world a better place.

Mazel tov from your congregational family at Shir Chadash, Tillie.

Linda Epstein

# Calendar

## Services

Weekly Friday Evening Service

Fridays, 8:00 p.m.

Weekly Shabbat Morning Service

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.

Kristallnacht Observance

Sunday, November 9

## Chanukah

Packages of Chanukah cards, one of our fundraising initiatives, are available. At \$5 a packaged, they're perfect for sending to friends or make a lovely gift.



## *Shir Chadash Cards*

Mazel tov to Barb and Harley Donen on their son Joel's marriage to Risa from Tillie Taylor, Sylvia Reznick, and Sam and Gertie Gross.

Mazel tov to Sheryl and Kjell Madsen on the birth of their first grandchild from Linda and Ruth Epstein, and Perry Millar,

Get well wishes to Mrs. Furman from Rachel and Herman Neumann, Linda and Ruth Epstein, Sheryl and Kjell Madsen.

Condolences to Burna Purkin from Linda and Ruth Epstein, Sheryl and Kjell Madsen, Myra and Ben Goldstein, Ivor and Suzanne Basker, Rachel and Herman Neumann, Gertie and Sam Gross, Perry Millar, and Joan Holdstock.

Condolences to Tillie Taylor from Rachel and Herman Neumann, Linda and Ruth Epstein, Sheryl and Kjell Madsen, Gwendolyn Adrian, Joan Holdstock, Mary and Alex Lehrer, and Perry Millar.

## *Sisterhood Donation Cards*

Condolences to Will Arscott from Bev and Jack Shiffman.

Condolences to Sid, Camie, Faye, and Chan Katzman and family from Tina and Morley Lehrer.

Condolences to Sarra Furman from Rachel and Herman Neumann.

Happy 95th birthday to Herman Neumann from Barb and Harley Donen, Jack and Bev Shiffman, Sarra and Semyon Furman, the Clein family, and Mary and Adam Melnychuk.

Happy 50th anniversary to Bev and Jack Shiffman from Adam and Mary Melnychuk, Tina and Morley Lehrer, Barb and Harley Donen.

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

## *Simchas, Thank Yous, & Announcements*

Congratulations to

Tillie Taylor who was inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame at a luncheon on Tuesday, October 21.

Burna Purkin, one of the candidates for school board trustee.

Kjell and Sheryl Madsen on the birth of their grandson, Gabriel Lawrence Nestorik.

Harold and Lisa Shiffman on the birth of their daughter and to the grandparents, Bev and Jack Shiffman.

Happy Birthday to

Suzanne Basker, Joan Holdstock, Harold and Jeff Gonick.

Happy Anniversary to

Bette Ellen and Harold Gonick.

Condolences to

Rabbi Kaplan on the loss of his uncle.

Thank you to

R. Saidman for her donation.

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.

# *Yahrzeits*

Heshvan 5, 5764–Tevet 5, 5764  
October 24–December 27, 2003

Civil Date	Name	Observed on
October 24 and 25	Edward Larter	5 Heshvan
October 31 & November 1	Asher Lehrer	9 Heshvan
	Clara Goldenberg	11 Heshvan
	Rose Anna Rivkin	
	Bella Spector	
November 7 and 8	Abe Sonnenschein	16 Heshvan
November 14 and 25	Lily Swartz	22 Heshvan
	Nathan Buller	26 Heshvan
November 21 and 22	Moishe Gross	2 Kislev
	Adolf Lehrer	
	Julie Sarblut	3 Kislev
November 28 and 29	Annette Sternberg	5 Kislev
	Sara Sharzer	9 Kislev
	Joseph Segal	10 Kislev
	Annie Shiffman	
December 5 and 6	Isaac Goldenberg	11 Kislev
	Jacob Neumann	17 Kislev
December 12 and 13	Arnold Goldstein	23 Kislev
	Chaim Kolominsky	24 Kislev
December 19 and 20	Beatrice Chapman	1 Tevet
	Margaret Cohen	
December 26 and 27	Chaje Goldenberg	2 Tevet
	Berta Golod	5 Tevet

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