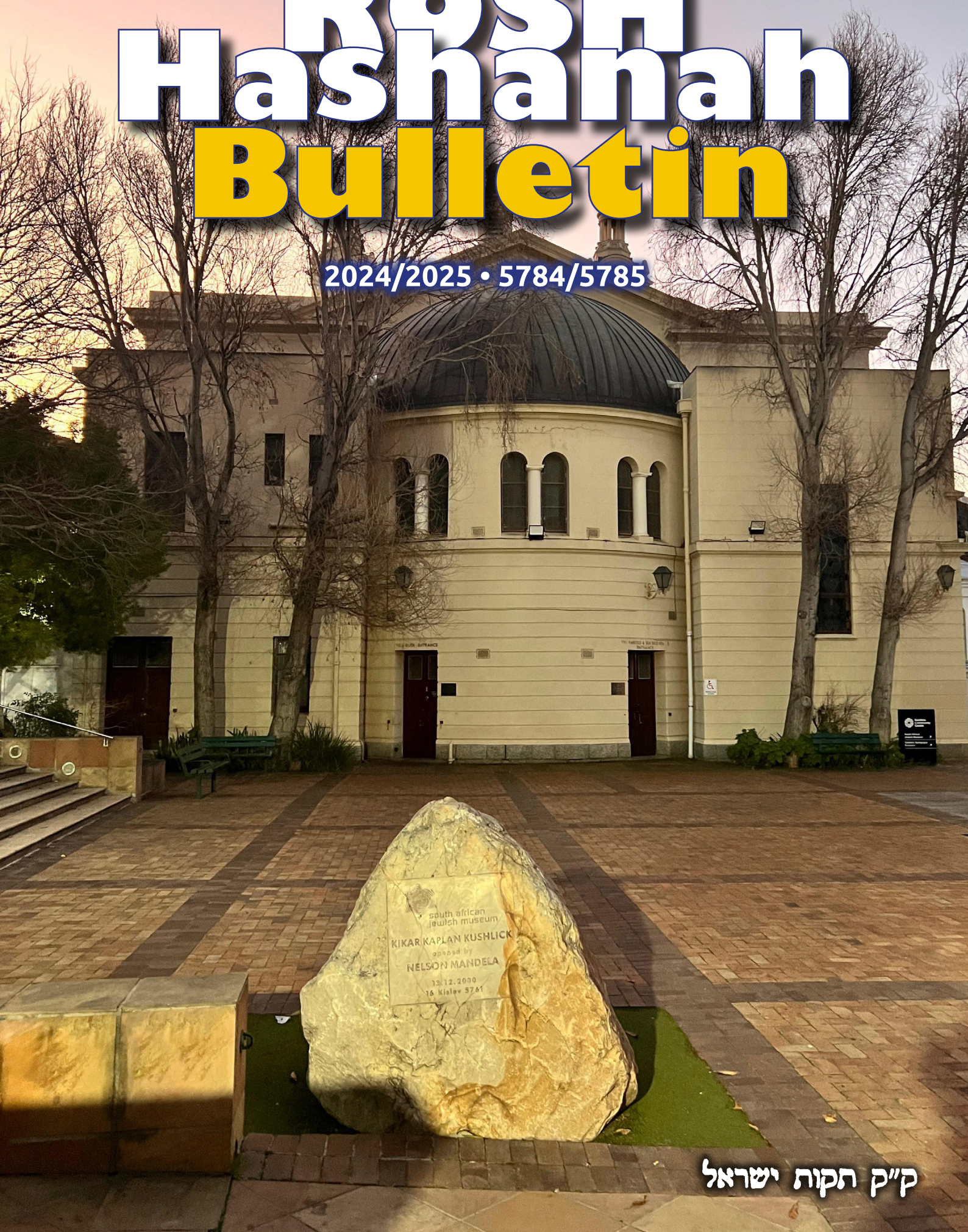


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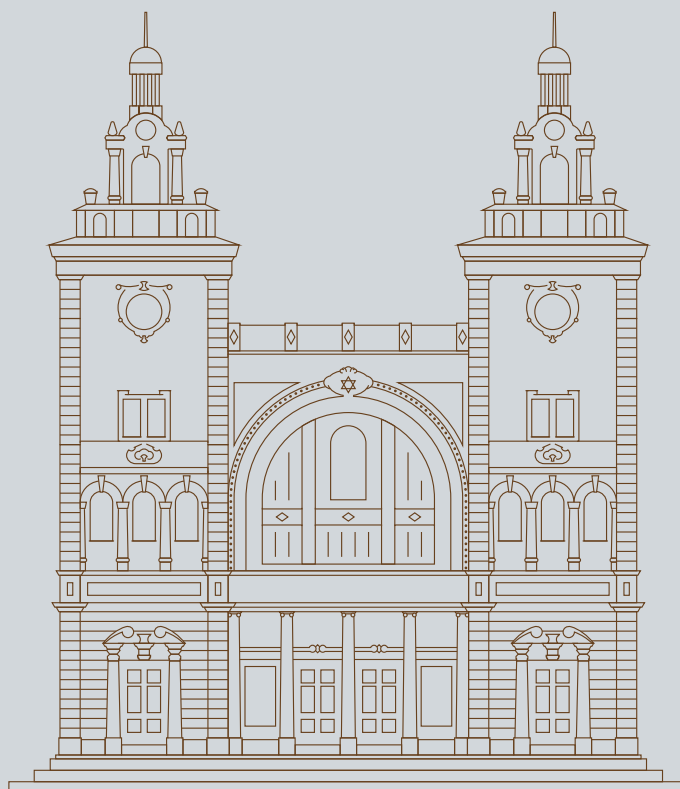
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MESSAGE FROM RABBI OSHER FELDMAN



A Clear Vision Requires a Healthy Heart

Every year I seem to think the past year was the busiest of them all. And I certainly have that feeling now.

Thanks to Hashem's blessings, in the pages that follow you will read reports and see pictures of a vibrant year of activities, learning, and growth.

We have also expanded our rabbinic team at Gardens to better serve the community. The Bochorim, and more recently, Rabbi Mendel and Chayale Goldman, have really infused the community with fresh ideas, meaningful learning, and deeper connection.

The upgraded Sukkah Hall, now called the Kosviner Simcha Center, has been an exciting development and upgrade of the physical infrastructure. And there is please G-d a lot more in the pipeline.

To what can we attribute this growth?

Perhaps, it is connected to an intriguing statement in the Talmud:

'The tendons of the eye are dependent on the valves of the heart' (Avodah Zara 28b).

Putting the physical implications of this statement aside, it points to a powerful symbolic relationship between the eyes and the heart.

When our collective heart is healthy and strong – with love, appreciation, kindness, generosity, and mutual respect – a bold and clear vision can be imagined.

When the heart is healthy, the world becomes

MESSAGE FROM RABBI OSHER FELDMAN

(Continued)

brighter, challenges are more manageable, anxieties less debilitating, and opportunities seem more realistic and attainable.

A healthy heart is the foundation of a healthy vision. And when the communal heart is calm and beating steadily, the elevated and inspired vision becomes grounded in serenity and balance.

I have no doubt that the growth and vibrancy of the Gardens community is linked to the vision that comes from a healthy Gardens Shul heart.

And it starts from on top.

A huge thank you to the Shul lay-leadership team, starting with Chairman Philip Kawalsky, Vice Chairman Steve Arelisky, President Albert Glass, Treasurer Brian Kawalsky, and committee members Barry Shamley, Robert Broll and new recruit, Stuart Norrie.

I would like to pay tribute to a dear friend who passed this year, Solly Berger. Solly was a beloved fixture at the Shul: on the committee, in the choir, and in my life. I have so much gratitude for Solly's vision, love, and guidance throughout the years – which I will cherish forever.

To the Shul elders, trustees Cedric Glick, Albert Glass, Henry Rosenbaum, and newly appointed trustee Jonathan Broll, thank you for your wisdom, advice, and dedicated service.

To the tireless and selfless volunteers such as the incredible Hazel Kosviner, Ada Sher, Sam Sher, Jodi Sher, Jaime Kawalsky – who is heading up the Guardians of Gardens fundraising campaign, Daily Minyanairer organizer Saul Chait, and the full Growing Gardens team – we are truly blessed.

Thank you to the Shul office staff, Carmen Kay, Shelley Witz, Stephanie Joffe and Garron Mendelsohn.

As well as Duncan, Martha and Malusi. They are the ones who keep it all together, day in and day out.

These tributes also include the family members of those mentioned. Thank you for sharing your loved ones with us.

Gardens is blessed with a world-class Chazzan Choni G. Not only does Choni G have a beautiful voice and rhythm, he really is the nicest human being. The choir that accompanies Choni G brings untold joy to all of our hearts. Thank you, Gardens Choir.

Shamash Mark Levinsohn is a legend at Gardens. We thank Mark for his service as well as his good humour.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to the Shul Eyes and Ears team and CSO volunteers, who stand outside rain, hail, or shine, to keep us all safe.

Finally, I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to each and every one of you for being a part of our special Gardens Shul family. It would not be the same without you!

The Gardens Shul, and the Feldman family, are blessed with an incredible role model and *Eisheit Chayil*. Sarah's selfless dedication, wisdom, and grace (and style!), is a huge blessing for her family and the entire community.

A very special thank you to our dear children Menny, Chaim, Laya, Esta, Rosa, and Zali for joining us on this journey, with such openness, love, and generosity of spirit. We are so proud of each of you.

Please G-d may the Gardens heart continue to beat in good health, with strength, and vigor. In this way, may our vision continue to expand and inspire, extending our roots deeper and our branches further, for next year and beyond.

Shana Tovah to you all.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF RABBI DR WARREN GOLDSTEIN

Why Community Matters More Than Ever

According to a recent survey by the American Psychiatric Association, one in three people experience loneliness at least once a week. Younger people (aged 18 to 34) experience higher rates of loneliness, with 30% saying they felt lonely every day or at least several times a week.

They used the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) definition of loneliness: the feeling of not having close or meaningful relationships, or a sense of belonging. Ironically, when asked how they dealt with their feelings of loneliness, 50% said they sought solace in some kind of distraction, like TV or social media, which obviously exacerbates the problem.

In modern Western culture, loneliness is increasingly described by social scientists as an epidemic – affecting not only mental health, but physical well-being. A world that promises more connectivity offers, instead, connections that are virtual rather than real, digital rather than human, on screens rather than in person.

We have a deep craving for *human* connection. But loneliness is not alleviated simply by being around other people. The antidote to loneliness touches on something more existential – being part of something

greater, a sense of belonging.

Judaism has offered us this solution for thousands of years: community. And it is expressed most powerfully through our Shuls, which have long been the heart of Jewish community life, hubs of connection for generations. Being part of a Shul and coming regularly is about more than seeing familiar faces. It offers something far deeper: a sense of community, the ultimate antidote to loneliness.

**Community means belonging to
a group with a shared identity –
a circle of people who can
support and hold you, a place
where you belong.**

This is the beauty of Shul. The founders of our community instinctively understood this. Arriving on these shores from Eastern Europe to escape persecution and poverty, one of their first priorities was to establish Shuls – beginning with the first in Cape Town more than

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Message from the Chief Rabbi (Continued)

180 years ago and then spreading across the country and dotting the countryside. Even as demographics shifted from rural areas to the big cities – and within Johannesburg and Cape Town, from one suburb to another – Shuls have remained the lifeblood of the South African Jewish community.

Shuls are an island of connectivity, love, and real human connection – a place where we feel part of something greater than ourselves. As *Pirkei Avot* teaches: “Do not separate yourself from the community.” The commentators explain this to mean that mitzvahs should not be done in isolation, but together with others (Rabbeinu Yonah), and that we must genuinely care for the welfare and needs of those around us who make up the community (Rav Ovadiah Bartenura).

Being part of a community is also about praying together (Rabbeinu Bechaya). Our sages teach that when we come together to pray, the community's collective merit before Hashem is far greater than when we pray as individuals – and that merit carries a powerful spiritual charge, uplifting the entire community, and each one of us within the whole.

The Maharal explains that the mishna's call to “not separate from the community” applies especially to times of uncertainty. Life in this world is filled with uncertainty. Our response to such times, he teaches, is to face the future as part of a community; to connect with something greater than ourselves, that, in turn, connects us to eternity, deepening our bond with Hashem in the most profound way.

This Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, as you page through this magazine – seeing all that your Shul is offering and reflecting on your own Shul experiences – realise that our Shuls embody every facet of community: doing mitzvahs together, learning Torah, caring for and helping each other, praying together, sharing life's joys and sorrows.

Let us all resolve that in the new year we will deepen our connection to community, taking an active role in making our Shuls thrive. In doing so, we will emerge a stronger, more unified community, enriched as families, inspired by shared purpose, with the resilience, strength and confidence to meet the future.

May Hashem bless all the wonderful people at the Gardens Shul with a good and sweet year, held together by the loving bonds of community and connection.



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Cantor's Report

Choni Goldman

To the Gardens Shul Family,
This year has been quite
eventful for the choir.

We said goodbye to our beloved Solly Berger, our longest-serving chorister, who joined the choir at the age of seven. Solly also served as chairman of the choir and was a past chairman of the Shul. He will be dearly remembered.

Clive Rabinowitz celebrated his 80th birthday and 25th wedding anniversary. We wish Clive and Christine many more beautiful years together. Clive has contributed significantly to the choir over the past few years.

We wish Refuah shleimah (a complete recovery) to Evan Samols, Elfie Friedman & David Woolfson.

We are delighted to welcome new choir members, Menny Feldman and Joel Shamley. It is wonderful to see younger individuals getting involved, and we look forward to more new members joining us.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are truly special times when we deeply feel the unique spirit of our community. Singing Avinu Malkeinu with everyone is always a highlight. We encourage you to join us in singing all the beautiful melodies.

I would like to congratulate and applaud the choir for their consistent effort and dedication, showing up week in and week out. Their singing, whether for a grand simcha or a regular Garden Shabbos, is truly commendable. The beautiful sound they produce in our gorgeous, historic Shul consistently impresses both tourists and locals alike.

Wishing everyone an inspiring and
meaningful Rosh Hashanah &
Yom Kippur.

Shana Tova Umetuka



Chazzan Choni & the Gardens Choir

Tenors 1:

Herschel Price, David Woolfson

Tenors 2:

**Elfie Friedman, Harry Gurwitz, Evan Samols,
Clive Rabinowitz, Menny Feldman**

Alto:

Theo Ruditzky, Joel Shamley

Bass:

Charles Melzer, Colin Bloch

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Chayale Goldman**

Dear Friends,

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the way this incredible community has welcomed us and how Rabbi Oshy and Rebbetzin Sarah have embraced us.

Though we both come from vibrant Jewish communities – Hollywood, Florida and Philadelphia – the warmth and love we have already experienced here in Cape Town is truly second to none and has been humbling.

In just over a month, we already feel at home and are beginning to integrate meaningfully. Our Elul Learning Program has launched with Torah classes taking place every single day! At the same time, we are catering to the youth at Gardens Shul, with newly organized Shabbat children's programming and developing exciting new teen initiatives, young couple programs both at the Shul and in our home.

It is worth noting that 102 years ago, Rabbi Meir Shapiro of Lublin chose Rosh Hashanah as the day to launch the global "Daf Yomi" study cycle. As the head of the year, Rosh Hashanah infuses energy and direction into the year that follows. The manner in which we choose to begin our year in Tishrei sets the tone for the entire year.

With that in mind, I warmly encourage you to join one of the many learning opportunities we'll be offering this year. By making a strong beginning together, we can pave the way for ever-increasing Torah study and Jewish growth throughout the year.

May G-d bless our Gardens family with a year of health, joy, growth, and abundant blessing.

Shana Tova Umetuka

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Chairman's Report

Philip Kawalsky

As we reflect on the past year, it is clear that our congregation continues to grow in depth and purpose. We have come together through challenges and embraced new opportunities with enthusiasm.

From our deep roots in Jewish tradition to the exciting new initiatives that continue to draw people in, this year has shown just how much we can accomplish when we come together as a community.

The Gardens Shul is more than a building – it is a home to all. This year has been marked by exciting growth, new beginnings, and the continued energy of a deeply engaged congregation. I am proud to highlight some continued successes, as well as new initiatives.

Our Rabbi has further expanded the Gardens Global initiative and strengthened our connection with community members both near and far. His dedication to making each Chag, Shabbos, and service a meaningful experience has enriched our communal life. Initiatives such as the “Minyanaires Club” and the vibrant “Friday Night Live” have been instrumental in bringing the community together regularly and with great energy. Rebbetzin Sarah’s launch of the Kinderlach program, along with her “Soul Circle”, have been standout successes this year. These beautiful programs have welcomed a new generation of young families and created a warm space to grow and learn. We are deeply grateful for their continuous enthusiasm and dedication to ensuring our activities are dynamic and inspiring.

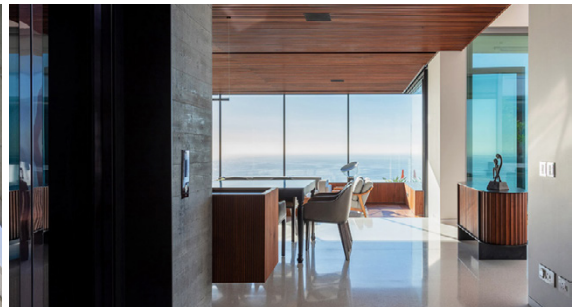
We are delighted to welcome our new Youth Rabbi and his wife, Mendel and Chaya’le Goldman, who will be spearheading youth programming and shiurim. Their presence brings a renewed vibrancy and focus to our



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youth engagement, and we look forward to the impact they will have in the year ahead. In addition, we have just concluded a meaningful chapter with the close of our bochurim programme, and we look ahead with anticipation as we welcome a new bochurim in the coming months.

Fundraising is important to help us maintain the quality of our services and programs, and we’re grateful for the ongoing support from both members and donors. Last year we updated our website with an easy-to-use online system for forms, donations, and general enquiries. The new site now allows for online payments, which has made our online Yom Kippur Appeal simple and accessible for community members everywhere. Thank you to my daughter, Jamie, who kindly volunteers to manage and coordinate the online campaign – helping us to continuously



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Chairman's Report (Continued)

improve our fundraising efforts.

Due to the extraordinary generosity of the Kosviner family, we have been able to embark on an exciting upgrade to our Sukkah Hall and kitchen facilities. These improvements are long overdue, and we are truly grateful for the opportunity to enhance the spaces that serve as the heart of so many communal gatherings. This project is dedicated in loving memory of Neville Kosviner, a long-standing and deeply valued member of our congregation. A special thank you to Denise Bryer for overseeing the project and ensuring that every detail has been thoughtfully managed from start to finish.

I extend my deep gratitude to our small but remarkably strong committee, whose dedication and countless hours of hard work continue to enhance and improve every aspect of our Shul. Their behind-the-scenes efforts are the backbone of so much of what we achieve. I also wish to thank our devoted office staff, Shamas, and ground staff who work tirelessly throughout the year to ensure that everything runs smoothly and efficiently. In addition, my heartfelt thanks go to our Chazzan, Choni,

and his talented choir, whose beautiful music enriches our services.

A heartfelt thank you to Hazel Kosviner and Ada Sher for their exceptional contributions. Their commitment to ensuring that every simcha, brocha and Chag is beautifully catered and thoughtfully presented continues to make a meaningful impact.

As we look forward to the year ahead, I am filled with gratitude to our entire Gardens Shul community. It is through each of you – our members, volunteers, leaders, and staff – that this congregation continues to thrive and grow as a place of faith, connection and belonging.

I would also like to take a moment to sincerely thank my family – my wife Lara, our children, and grandchild – for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout the year.

Wishing everyone a Shana Tova and an easy, meaningful Fast. We look forward to the year ahead with hope and a continued commitment to growing our community together.

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President's Report

Albert Glass

Another year,
but what a year!

So much has been written and spoken of this year so far, that puts it in a category of both the unbelievable and frightening! What a period it has been with the world at odds, with so much conflagration in the Middle East with Israel at that fulcrum and the order of relationships on some shaky ground where it applies to the social fabric of citizens of countries across the globe. Plus, the rise of MACHER movement! Disorder prevails and social interactions are very delicate, almost precipitous. This is the breeding ground for creating anarchy.

There is (unfortunately) no "Garden of Eden" anywhere! Our dear Rabbi has spoken about and used his energies in pursuing the challenge of "history meeting destiny" as far as Gardens going Global is concerned. Its purpose is to maintain links with ex-patriots who find themselves outside of our shores. And the reports on that front have been nothing but favourable. We appreciate that that is a huge challenge.

It's very worrying that amongst those who have relocated, some are now having second thoughts! All because of the current anti-social climate. The toxic environment pervades virtually in all corners of the globe. And those thoughts and utterances pervade our community too. We are not immune. These thoughts lead onto the need to anchor our home at Gardens, shaping its viability for the present and future social climate.

That translates to adapting the change for the member who gets meaning and understanding within the Shul environment. And that includes how to make those who may be on the fringes of community, feel welcome and at home. And at the same time factoring in the critical need for maintenance of the congregation, the site and buildings to weather the test of time on infrastructure that is priceless and in need of titivation.



Keeping the lights on is not just to show the outside world that there was a community housed in a magnificent building in the Gardens, but to stay and be "live"! There is a living (thriving) community at Gardens and it is your community! A community with lots of ideas and opportunities for you and your children, and to harness those ideas for the future.

Our focus has and is on ensuring that the community is a viable and active one. And that in turn applies to you and I as members, not just in word but in action and deed too.

This includes participating and attending services, and celebrating smachot, Shabbat and services and encouraging the "little people" in our lives that Shul is a fun place to be, to learn and to play at. The younger

President's Report (Continued)

members, our children should be active and participate within the communal context. Waiting in the wings whilst someone eventually vacates a seat or a position on a committee is not the way of today's world.

So many of us were nurtured in our yiddishkeit at Hatfield Street. It was an extension of our families and family homes. Our determination in maintaining this is, thus, unshakeable. So many visitors who link with us for a Shabbat, simcha or Yomtov come away in genuine awe of the Gardens family and our community and community spirit.

Last year we asked the question "Aykeka" (where are you?) We continue that enquiry now and wait for your response. **Your Shul needs you!** To achieve the goals we have set involves ways and means to make the Shul campus a "want to be at" place for the community.

Children can grow from Gardens, and members too can develop a link and love of their community and Shul. Great store has been set in getting the right people to nurture our children because they (the children) are the future. Please support the children wanting to come to Shul and their mentors.

Whilst one may feel "comfortable" with the Shul and what happens there, but feels strange in the language of the Siddur, nothing prevents one using it but following in English and just being swept up in "Gardens going Gospel" vibe. The vibe is both electric and catchy very ably led by Cantor Choni Goldman and the choir.

We trust the response to the question, as above is **Ani Po ... ve mishpachti (my family). I am here ... We want to grow as part of this vibrant community.**

And on the subject of the choir, like the maintenance of our souls so too the choir needs nurturing and support. On going injection of new voices young and old is more than welcome.

In the background but playing a role in belonging to Gardens should be the goal for the very young and the older, as they grow up in the Hatfield Street environment. The bachurim Tzvi and Mendel have been central to that effort. Thank you to you both Tzvi Stolik and Mendel Schneier or all the efforts. They have been most appreciated by all. Yisha Ko'ach! Kol Tov!

Our dear Rabbi Oshy Feldman continues to lead us in both word and deed. Aided very ably by our dear Rebbetzin Sarah they have continued to trail blaze in our community as well as the city as a whole. Yisha Ko'ach for all your efforts and drive! The bar they have set is very, very high. PG for long in the future.

And then there is Chazan Choni whose laid back style and continued involvement in services and community play a role in "Gardens being alive".

There are a host of backroom folk whose efforts for the Shul are invaluable. This includes Hazel Kosviner who's love of the Shul knows no bounds. Caterer, organiser "extraordinaire", she encapsulates devotion and sincere efforts for our Shul, almost 24 /7! And that devotion includes all the assistance Hazel gets from the Gardens family. A Huge Yisha Ko'ach to you Hazel and all who assist.

Almost sight unseen, there are lay leaders who debate and manage Shul activities. Lots of time and effort is spent discussing the Shul and Shul affairs. Yisha Ko'ach to all in those roles.

Leaders need to serve and then be replaced when new, enthusiastic ones come forward. No modern thinking institution can just carry on as if the next few years were like the past. New blood, new ideas are what keeps the community going.

And in the background, but also in the foreground of effort to ensure that those decisions are implemented is the able office and maintenance staff. It is teamwork that ensures that the multitude of needs are handled as efficiently as possible. We highlight and thank Carmen Kay, Stephanie Joffe, Shelley Witz, Garron Mendelsohn, Duncan Banda, Malusi Mkile and Martha Komana for they have done and are doing. It's not taken for granted, its appreciated. Yisha Ko'ach to all!

And if there is someone who is always there for us to handle almost any task and complete witty smile and maybe a bit of mirth, it is our dear Shamash Mark Levinsohn. Thank you for all you do Mark, your efforts are most appreciated by one and all. Yisha Ko'ach!

It has been another pleasurable year to have presided over the congregation. I feel privileged to have served in the role.

My dear family join me in wishing everyone in the Gardens Family a bright and exciting year. PG that in the new year 5786 the community will prosper and go from strength to strength.

Treasurer's Report

Brian Kawalsky

It gives me pleasure to present my report for the financial year ending 31 December 2024.

This year there was a small deficit of R27 000.00. Our expenses were covered by a huge fundraising campaign. It is encouraging that so many congregants gave so generously to the Yom Kippur Appeal. For the first time we are also seeing donations from the Gardens Global community. The generosity of everyone is what keeps the Shul sustainable. I am hoping that the 2025 appeal will be as successful.

I would like to thank our bookkeeper Carmen Kay for assisting me during the year.



The financials for 2024 are available for perusal in the Shul office.

On behalf of myself, my wife Michelle and children Tarryn and Lauren I take this opportunity in wishing the congregation a Shana Tova and well over the Fast.

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Security Report

Albert Glass

Never say never.... who would have thought back in 1991, when PAGAD (remember them?) set off bombs in Camps Bay and at the V&A Waterfront?

From that time the community would require its own members to act as observers of the area, around where they gathered to ensure, as the best as possible, that their community would be protected from (possible) outside protestation and attack.

That signalled a turning point in community consciousness. The upshot has been the evolvement of the CSO into an active security arm plus the "Eyes & Ears" volunteers of the Shul supplementing the work of the CSO began to look after the community. Their goal was and has remained that Jewish communal life to not be threatened and that we could do our "communal thing" safely.

At Shul we urged members to come forward and undertake to maintain an "Eyes and Ears" observer team, to guard the campus when the community came together at services or communal functions.

Volunteers did support the initiative and their services were appreciated for the selfless dedication to this role. That role has continued and it has become essential

too. Recruitment to that end is an on-going process. All are encouraged to assist and do duty stints. As members grow older, more of the younger members of the community need to come forward and volunteer a stint.

The system is running smoothly and many a visitor has remarked how efficiently we look after our own.

One can and should never take that dedication for granted. A word of thanks needs to be heaped on those who direct the initiative and who fulfil their tasks.

To David Sheinbar who leads our volunteers and all the Gardens volunteers, we cannot say thank you sufficiently. The volunteers do more than expected and carry out their tasks as professionally as one can. The dedication is most appreciated by all. Yisha Ko'ach!

To maintain a satisfactory level of security surveillance requires on going recruitment and training of volunteers. And this is what is given, both whilst on duty and by the CSO (a communal "gem"!) whose dedication to the task is legend. The Gardens family extends a HUGE Yisha Ko'ach to all!

We extend the wish to all our "Eyes and Ears" as well as the CSO best wishes for a Happy New Year. PG may the year 5786 be a safer, more peaceful one, for all!



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Children's Service Report

Josh Daniel

Shalom Gardens Community

It is with tremendous gratitude and excitement that I share our 2025 annual report as Youth Director of the Gardens Shul. This past year has been a truly rewarding journey, filled with moments of growth, learning and joy as I've watched our youth flourish and our community come alive through meaningful experiences.

I am incredibly thankful for the dedicated team of young leaders who made this year such a success: Zoë Arelisky, Nina Buchholz and Zack Daniel, whose commitment and creativity brought so much life to our programs. We were also fortunate to welcome bochrin Mendel and Tzvi, who contributed tremendously throughout the year. Their energy, knowledge and willingness to jump in and help made every Chag and Shabbat more enjoyable, it was an absolute pleasure working alongside them.

In 2025, our Shabbat Youth Services continued to grow, offering engaging, age-appropriate programs that encouraged active participation in tefillah while strengthening our children's connection to Jewish life. Our Chaggim celebrations were lively and inclusive, creating lasting memories through hands-on activities, interactive storytelling, and creative holiday workshops, from the fun and excitement of Purim to the

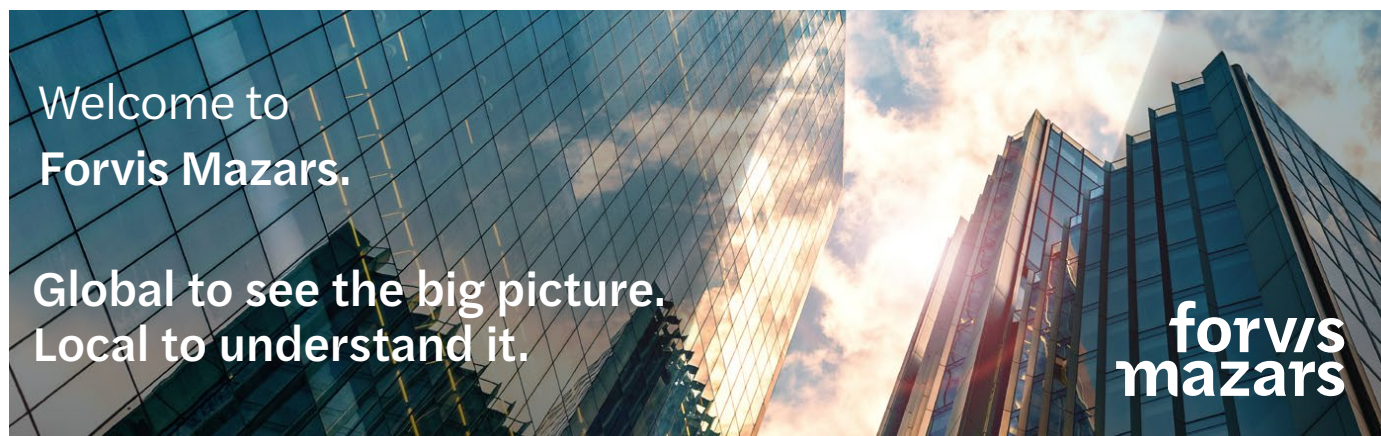


meaningful reflections of Pesach and beyond.

This year, we saw greater participation than ever before, with more children and families joining our programs and events. It's been inspiring to watch our youth deepen their sense of Jewish identity and truly feel that they are part of something larger than themselves.

As we step into the next year, I am filled with excitement to continue building on this momentum, nurturing our youth and creating even more meaningful experiences together. None of this would be possible without the teamwork, dedication and support of everyone involved in our youth programs.

Thank you to the entire Gardens Shul community for your unwavering support and trust. As we prepare to welcome the holidays, I wish the Gardens Shul community a Shana Tova and a year filled with brocha, joy and connection.





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PARLIAMENT

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MEMBER OF
PARLIAMENT

DARREN BERGMAN
MEMBER OF
PARLIAMENT

MONDAY, MAY 19 AT 7:00 PM - GARDENS SHUL

NO CHARGE - TEA, COFFEE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

— RSVP TO GARRON AT CTHC@GARDENSSHUL.CO.ZA —

**These Pictures are a Snapshot of a
Fabulous Year at Gardens!**







Gardens Global
Presents
INTERNATIONAL JEWISH MUSIC FESTIVAL
Celebrating the Light and Joy of Chanukah!
Thursday, December 26 at 6:30 pm
on the Piazza of the Gardens Shul

South Africa Choni G & the Khayelitsha Mambazo Child Soloist Yankel Goldman	United Kingdom Caryn Cohen on Violin Joshua Abrams
United States The Shluchim Shebang	Belgium DJ Nate Ambach

Concert Host
Nik Rabinowitz

Pre-booking at Quickset: Adults R100 pp, 12 and under R50
At the door: R120 pp, 12 and under R70
<https://www.quickset.co.za/events/295571-jewish-international-music-festival/#/>

FOOD STYLE: Festival dairy for sale, Latkes and Donuts on the house
MENORAH LIGHTING: Gardens Shul Youth
In honor of the late beloved Bella Silverman





Purim Celebrations







Gardens Global
IN SYDNEY

SUNDOWNERS BY THE SEA
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

At a private home in the Eastern Suburbs
POP-IN AND JOIN RABBI OSHY FOR AN INFORMAL, LEKKER 'SOUTH AFRICA MEETS SYDNEY' GET-TOGETHER

VENUE DISCLOSED UPON BOOKING FOR SECURITY PURPOSES
RSVP TO INFO@GARDENSGLOBAL.COM

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 *Richard and Joanne Goldstein and family in loving memory of their late beloved father and grandfather Cecil Jowles
 *Tami Kaplan towards building a global community
 *Janice & Anne Epstein, Stephen and Debbie Sher & Lisa and Vanessa Sher & all the grandchildren in honor of their late beloved father and grandfather Harry Sher



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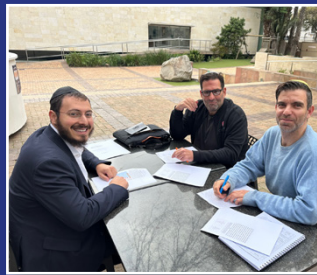
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Welcome Rabbi Mendel and Chayale Goldman

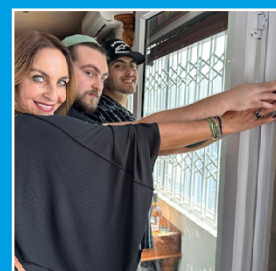


Learning at Gardens



Thank You

Bachurim Mendel
and Tzvi



Milestones in Motion



Milestones in Motion



Noa Argamani Honouring the Heroes



From Every Angle



From Every Angle



A Year on the Notice Board

YOM KIPPUR

HIGH HOLIDAYS KIDS CLUB AT GARDENS SHUL

Children services ages 3-6 (Auditorium)
Ages 7-12 (Sukkah Hall)

Youth Leaders

Gardens Bochrin Mendel and Tzvi
Gardens Youth Maddies Josh, Zac, Gabi,
Nina, Aaron, Gilad, Jonah, Zoe

Yom Kippur Evening
Friday, October 11 at 6:40 pm
Kol Nidrei
No formal children's service,
Join parents in Shul.

Yom Kippur Day
Shabbat, October 12
Morning Youth Services at 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
End of Yom Kippur service: 6:00 pm
Mega Games Tournament, Storytime,
and Snacks for Kids

YOM KIPPUR GRAND RAFFLE

First Prize: Drone
Second Prize: H&M Voucher
Third Prize: Premier League Merch

Gardens Shul Presents

TASHLICH by the Pond

Kids Special

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3
AT 5:00 PM**

**Followed by second
night Rosh Hashanah
kids service**

Meet our youth leaders at the
Gardens Shul at 5:00 pm for
the Pilgrimage to the Pond in
the Company Gardens

Tashlich Packs, Snack Bar, Cupcake
Decorating and lots more fun!

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Gardens Shul

COMMUNAL SEDER

**DELICIOUS, INTERACTIVE,
MEANINGFUL FIRST NIGHT SEDER**

Led by Rabbi Oshy and Sarah Feldman and Family

Saturday Night April 12

Pesach Seder Service at 6:00 pm
followed by Communal Seder.

GARDENS MEMBERS
Adults: R495
Seniors (70+): R280
Teens: R220
Kids 5-11: R150
Kids under 5: FREE

NON-MEMBER QUESTS
Adults: R650
Seniors (70+): R360
Teens: R280
Kids 5-11: R180
Kids under 5: FREE

RSVP to Garryn: ehc@gardensshul.co.za

PURIM DRESS-UP AT GARDENS SHUL

Thursday, 13 March, 2025

Doors open at 5:45 pm

6:15 PM
Adults: Purim Shul Service
Kids: Magic Show, Face Painting,
Jumping Castle, Hot Dogs, & Hamantaschen

6:45 PM
Megillah reading
Followed by Kids Costume Parade

7:25 PM
Fast of Esther ends
Every Child Dressed Up Wins A Prize
FREE OF CHARGE

8:30 PM
Festive Supper Purim Farbrengen
at the home of Rabbi and Sarah
Please RSVP to the Farbrengers by
Garryn at ehc@gardensshul.co.za

Shavuot Dairy Dinner

How Well Do You Know Your Spouse?

Sunday, June 1

Shavuot evening service at 5:45 pm
followed by Delicious and Fun Shavuot Dinner

COURAGEOUS COUPLES

Clinton and Liat Beinart
Philip and Lara Kowalsky
Stanley and Shirley Norrie
Adam and Cora Querido
Craig and Casey Sheldon
Surprise Couple

Post-Dinner Learning
Rabbi Osher Feldman
Drama: Brothers or Sisters?
Bachukas Mendel and Tzvi
Making the Right Turn: Engineering Ethics into Driverless Vehicles

Adults: R280, Seniors 70+: R195, Teens 12-18: R195, Kids 5-11: R120, Under 5 Free

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SHAKE THE LULAV + ETRUG!

MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA!

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@THE GARDENS SHUL SUKKAH
AGES 9+

GARDENS SHUL PRESENTS

SHAVUOT ICE CREAM PARTY

MONDAY, JUNE 2 AT 9:45 AM

ICE CREAM BAR!
MAKE YOUR OWN ICE CREAM!
CANDY TORAH!

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME!

ROSH HASHANAH

HIGH HOLIDAYS KIDS CLUB AT GARDENS SHUL

Children services ages 3-6 (Auditorium)
Ages 7-12 (Sukkah Hall)

Youth Leaders

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Rosh Hashanah First Night
Wednesday, October 2 at 6:00 pm
Bachukas Mendel and Tzvi's Sukkah Bar

Rosh Hashanah First Day
Thursday, October 3 at 10:00 - 1:00 PM
First night of Rosh Hashanah Service
First night of Rosh Hashanah Second Day

Rosh Hashanah Second Night
Thursday, October 3 at 6:00 pm
First night of Rosh Hashanah Service
First night of Rosh Hashanah Second Day

ROSH HASHANAH GRAND RAFFLE
Tickets given out at each of the Rosh Hashanah Services
Gaffe drawn on Rosh Hashanah Second Day
First Prize: R6000 Toy Kingdom Voucher
Second Prize: First Prize Board
Third Prize: 3 Board

Head of the Garden Shul at 5:00 pm in the Garden Shul. Special Haggadah
Tashlich grounds pack for each child, Bear Mound, Cemetery Shul Bar

PLEASE JOIN THE GARDENS SHUL FOR A

Musical Sukkot High Tea

TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER | 10:30AM
SUKKAH HALL

WITH MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT BY THE TALENTED
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SIMCHAS TORAH CELEBRATIONS

Dedicated to Peace in Israel and the Return of the Hostages

Thursday, October 24 | Mincha: 5:30 pm | Youth Program: 5:45 pm

All children who attend the youth program will receive a special
Simchas Torah Goodies Bag and Dance 105

Kiddush, festive Hakafot with dancing, flags, stick and open bar from 6:30 pm
Followed by delicious Simchas Torah Brash
FREE OF CHARGE, ALL WELCOME!

Late night Farbrengen at the Rabbi's home

ICE CREAM PARTY FOR THE KIDS
Friday, October 25
Services commence at 9:00 am
Hakafot and Ice Cream Party at 9:45 am

GARDENS SHUL

BIJUL LEARNING SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SEP 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30

AT GARDENS SHUL AT VARIOUS HOMES L2 TEST NAMED STUDY KIDS PROGRAM TEEN SERVICE

COMING NOVEMBER:
NEW LEARNING SERIES AND OPPORTUNITIES
FOR MORE INFO AND TO SET UP A CHAIR/CHAIR (ON ONE ONE STUDY)
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GARDENS SHUL

LAG RAOMER Youth Program

S'MORES N' BONFIRE FOOD CRAFT

FRI MAY 16 @ 5:45 PM
WITH MENDEL & TZVI

Gardens Shul Presents

SUKKOT YOUTH FUN

Candy Sukkah Model Contest
First Day Sukkot, Thursday, October 17
Children's Service starts at 10:00 am at the Gardens Shul
For all ages

Sukkah Hop
Thursday Afternoon, October 17
Join us as we Hop from Sukkah to Sukkah in Town
Leaving from Gardens Shul at 12 midday

Pizza In The Hut
Sunday, October 20 at 11:00 am
Make your Own Pizza with Toppings
at the Gardens Shul Sukkah, Ages 9+

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LIKE PICKING UP YOUR FRIEND TO WALK ON THE PROMENADE, BUT FOR SHUL.

Launching, Friday, September 27 at 5:45 pm

Cape Town Shul Revolution

BACK TO SCHOOL

GRAND RAFFLE

BINGO

SHABBAT YOUTH SERVICE
PRIZES | SNACKS | STORIES

Shabbat | May 24 | 10:30 am
Gardens Shul

CARDENS SHUL

kinderlach group

Shabbat 10:30 am

Join Sarah and Zali for Jewish themed songs and snacks

Meet other moms in a friendly atmosphere

For little ones 0-3 years

MAY 17 - JUNE 21
No RSVP | No Charge

The Shabbat Project

November 15-16 2024

WE HAVE A PRECIOUS GIFT. LETS KEEP IT. #KEEPtogether

Join Gardens Shul and Live Inspired for an inspirational Shabbat as we "Keep it Together" with Jewish families all around the world. DON'T MISS the chance to recharge, rejuvenate and reconnect

Don't be left behind
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KINDERLACH CIRCLE

With Sarah FOR AGES 0-3

SHABBAT, JUNE 14 AT 10:30 AM AT GARDENS SHUL

Join Sarah and other moms and tots for interactive Jewish themed songs and nurturing play

Healthy Snacks. No Charge. All Welcome

Gardens Shul

SHABBAT KINDERLACH GROUP

Ages 0-3
Featuring Music4Mini's With Candice Bernstein

Shabbat | May 24 at 10:30 am

Meet other parents in a friendly, relaxed setting. Songs and Snacks. Free of Charge.

INTERSHUL

SOCCER Tournament

AGE: ANY | 27 APRIL | PER TEAM: R400

INTER SHUL TOURNAMENT

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Friday Night

6:00pm Magical Communal Candle Lighting under the stars

6:15pm Kabbalat Shabbat followed by Maundy

7:45pm "Caravan: Vodka and Crumbs & Cream" / Cholim for the whole community

8:00pm Scrumptious Friday Night Supper with inspirational insights from Neil Couzens

10:00pm Walk back to hotel

Shabbat Day

8:45am Shacharit

9:30am Uplifting Women's Soul Circle: "What being a 'Jewish Woman' means to me - A panel Discussion"

11:30am Delicious Shabbat Brocha

12:00pm Lunch on the Plaza with Neil Couzens

2:00pm Walk to hotel

3:00pm FAMILY BINGO at the Pool with Steve Sherman and amazing prizes

6:45pm Shabbat afternoon Mincha

7:15pm Seudah Shabbat with Special Guest: Daniel Yakobovitch "Kavodizing the Shabbat Guest" - connecting and semitum one community at a time

8:15pm Havdalah of hope

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Gardens Shul Presents

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

BRANDY & BOUREKAS

FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 | 5:45 PM

Taste SA'S FIRST EVER Kosher produced Brandy

Welcoming Rabbi Mendel and Chayale to the growing Gardens family

Exciting TEEN Service with Tavi and Davi
Fun KIDS Service ages 3-12

Teen Prize
Apple AirPods
Kids Prize
Crabby Store Voucher

The Friday Night Live is dedicated by an Anonymous friend in honor of the special Gardens Shul Family

CARDENS SHUL

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Shabbat 10:30 am

Join Sarah and Zali for Jewish themed songs and snacks

Meet other moms in a friendly atmosphere

For little ones 0-3 years

MAY 17 - JUNE 21
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Gardens Global

SPIRITUAL GET-TOGETHER IN NEW YORK

A MEETING OF SOULS

THE CHEL QUEENS NEW YORK

MONDAY FEBRUARY 24 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Join Rabbi Dohy at the holy resting place of the Lubavitcher Rebbe in Queens New York for a powerful spiritual experience of prayer and connection

+ RSVP: info@gardensglobal.com or for more information

Dedicated by Gardens Global NY Ambassador Blanca Sigal, in honor of her late beloved grandfather Shlomo Sigal, a devoted champion of the Rebbe's vision and work in South Africa.

KINDERLACH GROUP

IN HONOR OF Zali's first birthday

SHABBAT MORNING, AUGUST 2 AT 10:30 AM AT THE GARDENS SHUL

Join Sarah and other moms and tots ages 0-3 for a beautiful hour of Jewish themed singing and play.

CARDENS SHUL

kinderlach circle

with Sally Burton

Join Sally of 'be play learn' and support your baby's sensory, motor, and cognitive development

Healthy snacks and relaxed social with other moms

For little ones 0-3 years

Shabbat JUNE 21 10:30am
No RSVP | No Charge

GARDENS SHUL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CHABAD ON CAMPUS PRESENTS

THE SHABBAT SHOWDOWN

SHABBAT DINNER & PUB QUIZ

FRESH OFF THE AWESOME GARDENS GLOBAL EUROPEAN TOUR

FOR 20'S AND 30'S

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5

Preceded by Friday Night Live 'Brandy & Bourekas For A Bright Future' at 5:45 pm

The Shabbat dinner is dedicated in loving memory of the Yarezt of Chana bas Henach Rachmiel

Delicious Dinner
Open Bar
Fun Quiz

R180 PP
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Gardens Shul Presents

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

HAMANTASHEN & HAPPY HOUR

FRIDAY, MARCH 14 5:00 PM

Pre-Shabbat Music, Snacks & Open Bar

5:30 PM Communal Megillah Reading

6:15 PM Adults: Festive Shabbat Service

Kids: Exciting Purim Carnival and Prizes

The Friday Night Live is dedicated by Ian & Helen Smith in honor of the beautiful Gardens Shul Community



The Princess

A parable by the famous Preacher of Dubno

Once upon a time there lived a great king, who had an only daughter. The princess was noble and fair, and when she grew up, the king looked for a worthy young man to be his daughter's husband. Many dukes and princes wooed the royal princess, but she turned them down one after another. "This one is a glutton," she said, and "that one is too fond of wine." The king became impatient and swore that the next young man that would come to the gates of the palace would be the princess' husband.

It so happened that the next man to come to the palace gates was a simple peasant. But true to his word, the King married off his daughter to the peasant. The bridegroom took his bride to his village, where he set up his home. To the peasant, the princess was just a wife, and he treated her as he had always thought he would treat his wife. She worked hard, until her pretty face and hands became rough from toil. The villagers often made fun of her and insulted her.

The poor princess was very unhappy. She began writing to her father every day, bitterly complaining to him about her lot. The king felt sorry for his beloved daughter and sent word to her that on a certain day he would come to visit her. The news

soon spread through the village that the king was coming to visit his daughter, and there was a great to-do. Everybody came to the house of the king's son-in-law to help scrub and clean up the place and decorate it. The king's daughter was now treated with great respect. No more dirty work for her! She was given a beauty treatment and dressed up in fine clothes. Everybody was very friendly and respectful to her.

The time came when the king's runner came dashing into the village, bringing news that the king was on his way, approaching the village. Everybody turned out to greet the king. "Long live the King!" "Long live the Princess!" they shouted, as they accompanied the king and his daughter into the decorated and illuminated village. The king entered the home of his son-in-law and found it clean and spotless, and decorated with bunting and flowers.

He saw the great honor and respect that his daughter enjoyed and he was pleased. He wondered why his daughter had been sending him such alarming letters. Father and daughter spent a wonderful day together, and the king then prepared to take his leave. The princess embraced her father and cried bitterly, "O' father, dear father,

The Princess

(Continued)

don't leave me here! Take me with you! Please, take me back home!"

"But my dear daughter," the king replied, "you seem to be happy here; the way they seem to treat you here, I am sure no princess has enjoyed more honor and affection."

"O' dear father," the princess cried, "all this honor and affection they showed me today is for your benefit. They heard you were coming, so they made a big fuss about me. But the moment you leave, they will begin to treat me as before, insult me, and make me unhappy."

The king called his son-in-law to his side, and asked him, "Is this the way to treat my daughter? Don't you know that she is a princess?"

The husband's eyes were filled with tears, as he replied, "Your Majesty, I know she is a princess, but what can I do? I am a poor man and I must work very hard for a living. I am unable to give her the kind of life she really deserves. Besides, I live in a village, among people full of wickedness and envy. They do not appreciate your daughter's qualities and take every opportunity to insult her. But you are a great king. Since you found it wise to take me for a son-in-law, take me away from here! Lift me up to your position! Give me an estate worthy of your daughter and of the king's son-in-law, and I will then be able to give your daughter the kind of life she really deserves!"

The King of Kings, the Holy One, Blessed be He, wanted to give his daughter — the Torah — to Adam, the first man, whom G d created with His own hands. But the Torah said, "He is a glutton; he ate of the Tree of Knowledge against your express command." Then G d wished to give the Torah to Noah, and the Torah said, "He is too fond of wine; did he not plant a vineyard and did he not get drunk?" Finally G d gave the Torah to the

children of Israel, whom He had just brought out of Egyptian bondage.

All year round the Torah is often neglected and even shamed. Day after day the Torah sends a message to the king, complaining about her treatment, as it is written: Every day a heavenly voice calls out, "Woe to the creatures for shaming the Torah!"

Then come the king's messengers to announce the arrival of the king—they are the days of Elul heralding the coming of Rosh Hashanah. We then wake up and begin feverish preparations; we pray and learn and recite Psalms, as never before. Rosh Hashanah does not find us unprepared. We sound the shofar and hail the King of Kings. G d is among us, and we enjoy His Divine light, and our hearts are filled with the nearness of G d, with reverence and love for His Divine Majesty.

Yom Kippur comes, and G d finds all Jews repenting, pure and holy, like angels. But after neilah is over and the shofar is sounded to announce the departure of the shechinah, the Torah begins to cry, "Father, father, don't leave me! Take me with you, for soon they will take away all the glory from me, and forget who I am, and mistreat me again!"

Then G d says to His people, "Is this the way to treat my daughter? Don't you know that the Torah is a Divine princess!" And the Jewish people answers, "Master of the Universe! Indeed, we know the greatness of the Torah. But what can we do? We live in poverty and have no proper home. We live among the nations of the world, who do not want to know about the Torah. So please take us away from here; take us back to our holy land, for all the world is yours; give us back our holy land as an inheritance, and we shall be able to keep the Torah in glory!"

That is why we pray, immediately after the shofar is sounded on the night of Yom Kippur, "Next year in Jerusalem, through our Righteous Messiah, and there we shall serve You as in the days of old!"



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Jokes

Paul goes to see his boss one day and says, "My wife Natalie says I should see you. She says I should ask for an increase in my salary. She says I'm entitled." Paul's boss replies, "Come back tomorrow. I'll ask my wife if I should give you one."

לזכר זמן

The Committee deeply regrets the death of the following members and non members buried by the Gardens Shul during the past year and offers its sympathy and condolences to all those who have been bereaved during this period.

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Why Do We Blow the Shofar at the End of Neilah After Yom Kippur?

The blowing of the shofar at the conclusion of Yom Kippur is the culmination of a day spent fasting and praying for a sweet new year.

There are a number of reasons given for blowing the shofar at this time. Here are some of them:

Commemorating the Jubilee

Back in Temple times, they would blow the shofar on the Yom Kippur that ushered in the Jubilee (fiftieth) year. That shofar blast would signal that all slaves were free to go, and all properties would return to their original owners. Now there is no Jubilee, but we still blow the shofar every Yom Kippur to commemorate what once was, and to express our hopes for the future.

Additionally, the shofar blast signifies that now, at the conclusion of Yom Kippur, our souls are "freed" from their sins.

Victory and Confusion

By the time Yom Kippur draws to a close, we are certain that we've been granted a sweet year. Like soldiers returning triumphant in battle, we blow the shofar to celebrate our victory over the prosecuting angel, Satan. This blowing of the shofar has the added value that it "confounds" the Satan as he prepares to resume his "regular job," since it sounds uncannily similar to the great shofar that will herald the final redemption and put him "out of business" for good.

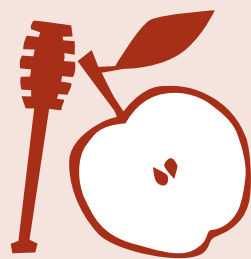
The Ascension of the Divine Presence

When G-d gave us the Torah, His divine presence rested upon the mountain. Afterward, a shofar blast heralded the ascent of the divine presence, the Shechinah. This is reflected in the verse in Psalms that states, "G-d ascends with a teruah [sound of the shofar]." Similarly, following the closeness with G-d we've experienced over Yom Kippur, the shofar blast symbolizes the ascent of the divine presence, which has rested upon us throughout the day.

Time to Celebrate the Holiday

It's been an otherworldly experience, and now we've come out the other end. The blowing of the shofar publicizes to all that the evening following Yom Kippur is a holiday, and it is now time to celebrate the closeness we've achieved and the forgiveness we've secured during this awesome day. Indeed, it is a widespread custom to wish people "Good Yom Tov" ("Happy Holiday") following Yom Kippur for this very reason.

**May we all be sealed
for a sweet new year!**



New Fruit on Second Night of Rosh Hashanah

When do we eat a new fruit on Rosh Hashanah – on the first night, the second night, or both? Is this done in addition to the special fruits we eat as a sign for the new year?

What you are referring to seems to be a cause of confusion for many people. On the first night of Rosh Hashanah there is a widespread custom to eat special foods, most notably a slice of apple dipped in honey, as a sign of our wish for a good year. A short prayer is said together with each food. Most do this only on the first night of Rosh Hashanah, while some do it on the second as well.

Unrelated to this, there is a custom on the second night of Rosh Hashanah to eat a new fruit (i.e., a fruit from the new season which you haven't eaten yet this year). This is done because of a dilemma in Jewish law. There is an unresolved question in the early authorities regarding the two days of Rosh Hashanah. Do we view them as one single long holiday or two separate ones? This question is relevant when we make Kiddush and light candles on the second night. For a "new" holiday, we recite the blessing of *"She'he'chiyanu"* when we do these mitzvot. This is a blessing which thanks God for allowing us to reach this important occasion. But if the second day of Rosh Hashanah is merely a continuation of the first day, we would not recite this blessing.

To resolve this question, it is proper to buy a new fruit (or a new suit or dress) for the holiday which is saved for the second night of Rosh Hashanah. A new fruit, as well as expensive new clothing, also warrant the blessing of *"She'he'chiyanu"*. The fruit is placed on the dining room table before the candles are lit and Kiddush is made. You then

include *"She'he'chiyanu"* with the candle lighting and/or at Kiddush, and have in mind that that blessing is for the fruit as well. (Note that you won't say another *"She'he'chiyanu"* when you eat the fruit since it was already said earlier.) This avoids the question of whether or not the other mitzvot require *"She'he'chiyanu"*.

The new fruit should be eaten at the very start of the meal, right after washing on the bread – as close to its *"She'he'chiyanu"* as possible. Also, its regular blessing of *"ha'eitz"* should be said on it, since fruit is generally not covered by the blessing said on the bread.

Note that you need not take an exotic fruit for this, as some people do. It merely has to be one from the new season, and the first time you're eating it.

Note also that the fruit you save for the second night should not be taken on the first night for a good omen. In Israel pomegranates become in season shortly before Rosh Hashanah. We sometimes save that for the second night and do not eat it on the first – as it's far more important to save a new fruit for the second night than to have an additional special fruit on the first.

Finally, even if you cannot find a new fruit for the second night of Rosh Hashanah, you should still say *"She'he'chiyanu"* on the candles and Kiddush. By the letter of the law, this is the more proper practice. We take a fruit only as a precaution – to be stringent for the minority opinion that the blessing should not be said on the holiday alone.



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A Jewish grandmother is giving directions to her grown grandson, who is coming to visit with his wife:
"You come to the front door of the apartment complex. I am in apartment 14T. There is a big panel at the door. With your elbow push button 14T. I will buzz you in. Come inside,

the elevator is on the right. Get in, and with your elbow hit 14. When you get out I am on the left. With your elbow, hit my doorbell." "Bubbe, that sounds easy, but why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?"
"You're coming empty handed?"



Recipes



Ginger-Infused Roasted Carrot Soup

Ingredients

- 5 purple onions
- ¼ cup + 1 tablespoon olive oil (divided)
- 2 teaspoons salt (divided)
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar (optional)
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 kg carrots
- 3 cups water
- 3cm cube of fresh ginger, peeled
- 2 cups unsweetened almond milk

Directions

Cut purple onions in half rounds. Sauté the onions, with the balsamic vinegar, brown sugar, garlic powder, ¼ cup of oil and 1 teaspoon salt over high heat for a few minutes, and then cover, turn down the flame to low, and cook for another 30-40 minutes.

Transfer the onion mixture to a pot and add 3 cups

of water and the cube of ginger. Bring to a boil and then simmer in a low flame for 30-60 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 200°C.

Peel the carrots and cut then into strips. Toss the carrots with 1 tablespoon oil and 1 teaspoon salt. Lay them flat on a baking sheet and bake for 15-20 minutes.

After the onion broth has simmered, add in the roasted carrots and simmer for another 30 minutes.

Remove the pot from the fire and let cool slightly. Remove the ginger and throw it away or use it for something else.

Blend the onion carrot mixture with 2 cups unsweetened almond milk, heat and enjoy.

Sweet and Sour Brisket

Ingredients

- 2kg brisket
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup ketchup
- ½ cup white vinegar
- 2 onions, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon salt

Directions

Heat brisket in a large skillet or casserole dish over medium-high heat. Cook until browned on

all sides. Stir in water, ketchup, vinegar, onions, garlic, brown sugar, and salt. Bring to a boil, then cover and reduce heat to medium-low. Continue simmering until tender, turning brisket occasionally, 2 hours and 30 minutes to 3 hours and 30 minutes.

Remove brisket and allow to cool before slicing the meat against the grain. Place brisket slices in a large baking pan or platter and pour gravy on top. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Remove any excess fat and reheat before serving.



Recipes



Fudgy Brownies

Ingredients

- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup vegetable oil, divided
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water
- 2 cups white sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt

Directions

Preheat the oven to 175°C. Grease and flour a baking pan.

Stir cocoa and baking soda together in a large bowl. Mix in boiling water and $\frac{1}{3}$ cup oil until well blended and thickened. Stir in sugar, remaining $\frac{1}{3}$ cup oil, and eggs. Mix in flour, vanilla, and salt just until flour is absorbed. Spread evenly into the prepared pan.

Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the centre comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Let cool completely before cutting into 24 squares.



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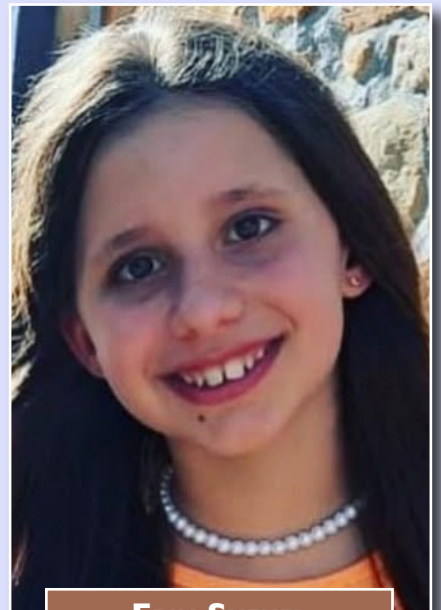
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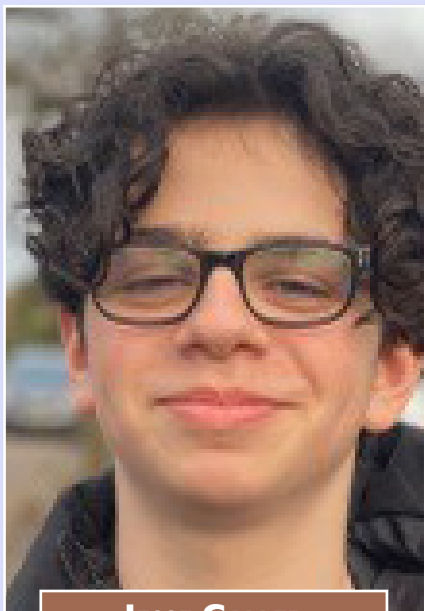


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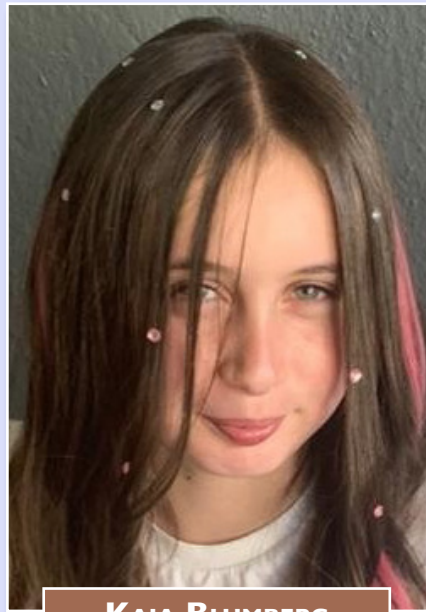
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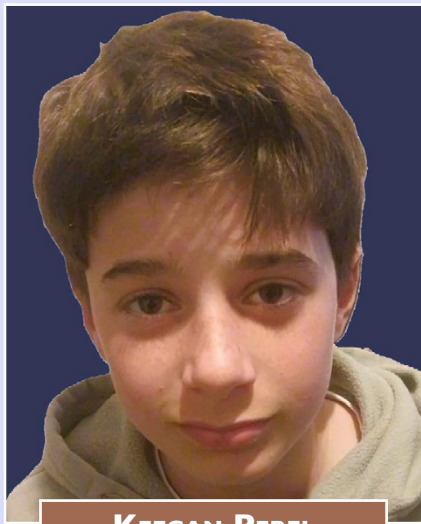
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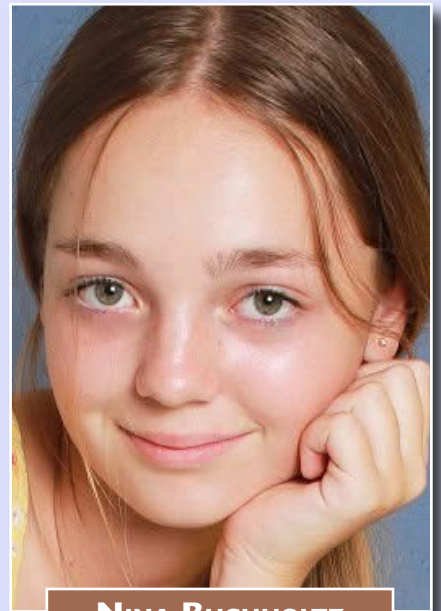
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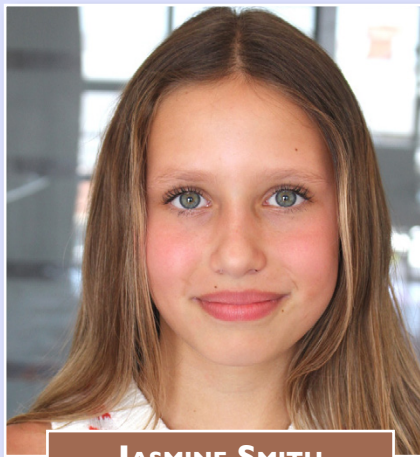
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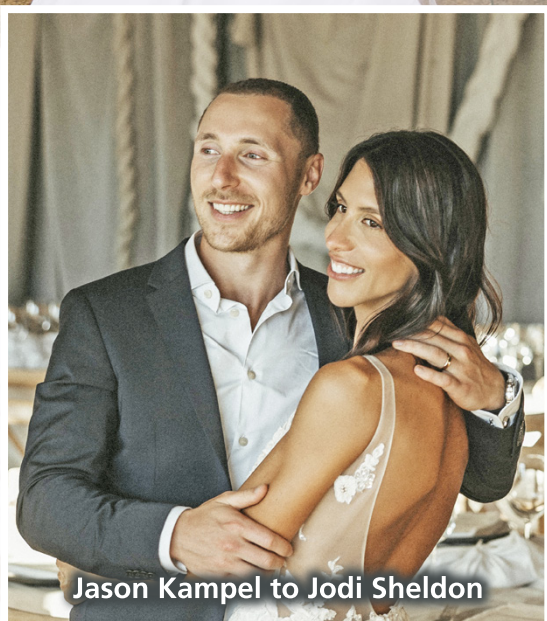
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Wulf and Moira Utian – 60th

Bryan and Natalie Miller – 25th

Darren and Larissa Epstein – 25th

Ryan and Peta Broomberg – 30th

Arieh and Terry-Anne Stevenson – 30th

John and Myrna Katz – 60th

Jeffrey and Irene Moss – 61st

Leslie and HESSIE Isaacs – 66th

Jonathan Jacobson and Debbie James – 30th

Allan and Shirley Saus – 50th

Jonathan and Sheli Schlosberg – 40th

Selwyn and Patricia Jacobson – 63rd

John and Lucille Levin – 60th

Joel and Debby Norrie – 30th

Avron and Susan Buirski – 50th

Gary and Vivienne Anstey – 40th

Abram and Leina Sank – 68th

Alan and Elise Alperstein – 25th

Warren and Karen Kaimowitz – 25th

David and Verona Forman – 67th

Alan and Ruth Sher – 40th

Steven and Franki Cohen – 30th

Ralph and Lily Mayer – 60th

Ivan and Sylvia Solomon – 68th

Leith and Donna Whitesman – 25th

Michael and Arline Wolffe – 61st

Rory and Jenee Cohen – 30th

Harol and Meril Siren – 60th

Harold and Hilary Wingrin – 65th

Weddings

The following weddings were solemnised by our Synagogue during the past year and we extend a hearty Mazal Tov to the couples and their respective families:

Daniel Behrman to Janna Rubin

Justin Breger to Lauren Kawalsky

Stuart Norrie to Martine Sandler

Jordan Cohen to Dalit Anstey

James Green to Ariella Aaronson

Jason Kampel to Jodi Sheldon

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Balu Nivison – Granddaughter
Chad and Jessica Faurie – Son
Ben and Esta Levitas – Granddaughter
Shirley Nurick – Great Granddaughter
Asher and Helen Saks – Great Grandson
Graham and Janine Barnett – Grandson
Rafi and Debbie Weiner – Granddaughter
Estelle Levenson – Great Grandson
Lawrence and Shelley Kaplan – Granddaughter
Alan and Silvana Silverman – Grandson
Dennis and Lauren Fabian – Granddaughter
Ruth Rodger – Grandson
Brian and Adele Goldberg – Grandson
Julius and Elizabeth Maisel – Great Grandson
Michael and Linda Gawronsky – Granddaughter
Diane Bravo Chakim – Granddaughter
Rona Friedman – Great Grandson
Saul and Sheri Witz – Son
David and Shelley Witz – Grandson
Karen Fig – Granddaughter
Mike and Lin Sack – Granddaughter
Cyril and Moira Ferber – Great Granddaughter



The following babies were named/circumcised in the Shul during the past year and we extend a hearty Mazal Tov to their parents and families

Gabriella daughter of Justin and Georgina Ferguson
Luca Rae daughter of Ross and Kayle Markovitz Foreman
Sienna daughter of Uriel and Erin Jablonski
Sienna daughter of Daniel and Jenna Mirkin
Ayva Marlow daughter of Benji and Georgia Weiner
Rylie son of Byron and Jenna Spilkin
Benjamin son of Saul and Sheri Witz
Ruby Lou daughter of Shaun and Dani Reznik
Kira Ziv daughter of Yoav and Advah Burstein
Tao son of Neil and Danielle Lifschitz
Kaia daughter of Benji and Gaby Meltzer
Stella Isy daughter of Tyron and Talia Ginsberg
Max Riley son of Matthew and Megan Cigler
Kai Scotty son of Gavin and Samantha Stoch

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"You're coming empty handed?"

David took his girlfriend Sarah to a football game.

The young couple found seats in the crowded stadium and were watching the action. A substitute was put into the game, and as he was running onto the field to take his position, David said to Sarah, "Take a good look at that guy. I expect him to be our best man next year."

Sarah's face lit up as she said, "That's the strangest way I've ever heard for someone to propose, but regardless of how you said it, I accept."

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Barmitzvahs

The following Barmitzvahs were celebrated
in our Synagogue during the past year.

We congratulate the boys and wish
them every success in the future.

Jack Raphaely	Jordan Gradner
Rafael Palmer	Josh Cartmel
Daniel Berman	Jesse Caller
Joseph Allardice	Adam Rabinowitz
Elijah Sareli	Lucca Klotz
Jaime Rayne	Zac Aufichtig
Joshua Fried	Dor-El Katz
Daniel Cohen-James	Keegan Perel
Ruben Levin-Vorster	Levi Herson
Max Bass	Noah Herson
Jake Sandler	Yonatan Melnik
Noah Kaye	Jamie Harris
Raphael Doron	



Batmitzvahs

The following Batmitzvahs were celebrated in
our Synagogue during the past year.

We congratulate the girls and wish
them every success in the future.

Hannah Reinders	Jenna Levenberg
Bailey Stone	Olivia Reznik
Nina Buchholtz	Ava Rodgers
Azura Gelvan	Kayla Salkinder
Kaia Blumberg	Hannah Shapiro
Emily Jocum	Erin Shekel
Liv Dorrington	Jasmine Smith
Eve Dorrington	Mikayla Wilensky

Birthdays

The following members celebrated very special birthdays in the past year

Karen Tollman
Steve Arelisky
Darien Arcus
Leon Cohen
Theodore Weber
Aimee Friederich
Michaela Perkel
Dean Joffe
Pierre Sarembock
Sylvia Fischhoff
Lisa Blacher
Mike Ostrofsky
Neil Musikanth
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Jared Kahn
Simon Arcus
Jonathan Myerson
Laura Chin
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Gillian Markovitz
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Stanley Norrie
Julien Ghighi
Ashli Gradner
Haley Rogoff
Nadine Glick
Talia Varkel
Carla Roytowski
Rhita Russon
Mervyn Shabason
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Stewart Cohen
Jared Abrahams
Stephen Levetan
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Saul Gorin
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Calendar 5786 (2025 – 2026)

First Night Of Selichot	Sat 13 Sep 2025	Shabbat preceding New Moon & Shabbat Hachodesh	Sat 14 Mar 2026
Erev Rosh Hashanah 5786	Mon 22 Sep 2025	New Moon Nissan	Thu 19 Mar 2026
Rosh Hashanah 5786 1st day	Tue 23 Sep 2025	Shabbat Haggadol	Sat 28 Mar 2026
Rosh Hashanah 5786 2nd day	Wed 24 Sep 2025	Searching for Chometz at night	Tue 31 Mar 2026
Fast of Gedalia	Thu 25 Sep 2025	Fast of the First Born	Wed 1 Apr 2026
Shabbat of Repentance (Shuvah)	Sat 27 Sep 2025	Erev Pesach	Wed 1 Apr 2026
Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei)	Wed 1 Oct 2025	Pesach 1st day	Thu 2 Apr 2026
Yom Kippur	Thu 2 Oct 2025	Pesach 2nd day	Fri 3 Apr 2026
Erev Succoth	Mon 6 Oct 2025	Pesach 7th day	Wed 8 Apr 2026
Succoth 1st day	Tue 7 Oct 2025	Pesach 8th day	Thu 9 Apr 2026
Succoth 2nd day	Wed 8 Oct 2025	Shabbat preceding New Moon	Sat 11 Apr 2026
Hoshana Rabbah – Erev Yom Tov	Mon 13 Oct 2025	Yom Hashoa	Tue 14 Apr 2026
Shemini Atzeret	Tue 14 Oct 2025	New Moon Iyar 1st day	Fri 17 Apr 2026
Simchat Torah	Wed 15 Oct 2025	New Moon Iyar 2nd day & Shabbat Rosh Chodesh	Sat 18 Apr 2026
Shabbat preceding New Moon & Shabbat Bereishit	Sat 18 Oct 2025	Yom Hazikaron	Tue 21 Apr 2026
New Moon M'Chesvan 1st day	Wed 22 Oct 2025	Yom Ha'Atzmaut (77)	Wed 22 Apr 2026
New Moon M'Chesvan 2nd day	Thu 23 Oct 2025	Lag B' Omer	Tue 5 May 2026
Shabbat preceding New Moon	Sat 15 Nov 2025	Shabbat preceding New Moon & Machar Chodesh	Sat 16 May 2026
New Moon Kislev	Fri 21 Nov 2025	New Moon Sivan	Sun 17 May 2026
Shabbat preceding New Moon	Sat 13 Dec 2025	Erev Shavuot	Thu 21 May 2026
Chanukah 1st day	Mon 15 Dec 2025	Shavuot 1st day	Fri 22 May 2026
New Moon Tevet 1st day, Shabbat Chanukah & Shabbat Rosh Chodesh	Sat 20 Dec 2025	Shavuot 2nd day	Sat 23 May 2026
New Moon Tevet 2nd day	Sun 21 Dec 2025	Shabbat preceding New Moon	Sat 13 Jun 2026
Chanukah 8th day	Mon 22 Dec 2025	New Moon Tammuz 1st day	Mon 15 Jun 2026
Fast of 10th Tevet	Tue 30 Dec 2025	New Moon Tammuz 2nd day	Tue 16 Jun 2026
Shabbat preceding New Moon	Sat 17 Jan 2026	Fast of Tammuz	Thu 2 Jul 2026
New Moon Shevat	Mon 19 Jan 2026	Shabbat preceding New Moon	Sat 11 Jul 2026
Shabbat Shirah	Sat 31 Jan 2026	New Moon Av	Wed 15 Jul 2026
New Year for Trees	Mon 2 Feb 2026	Shabbat Chazon	Sat 18 Jul 2026
Shabbat preceding New Moon & Shabbat Shekalim	Sat 14 Feb 2026	Fast of Tisha B'Av	Thu 23 Jul 2026
New Moon Adar 1st day	Tue 17 Feb 2026	Shabbat Nachamu	Sat 25 Jul 2026
New Moon Adar 2nd day	Wed 18 Feb 2026	Shabbat preceding New Moon	Sat 8 Aug 2026
Shabbat Zachor	Sat 28 Feb 2026	New Moon Elul 1st day	Thu 13 Aug 2026
Fast of Esther	Mon 2 Mar 2026	New Moon Elul 2nd day	Fri 14 Aug 2026
Purim	Tue 3 Mar 2026	1st Night Selichot	Sat 5 Sep 2026
Shushan Purim	Wed 4 Mar 2026	Erev Rosh Hashanah 5787	Fri 11 Sep 2026
Shabbat Parah	Sat 7 Mar 2026		

Time Of Services for the Ensuing Holy Days

5786 (2025 – 2026)

2025

New Year (Rosh Hashanah)

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd September (1st and 2nd evenings)	6.00 pm
Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th September (1st and 2nd mornings)	8.30 am
Reading of the Torah (both days)	10.00 am
Rabbi's Sermon (both days) (approx.)	10.45 am
Shofar Blowing (both days)	11.00 am
Musaf (both days)	11.15 am
Tashlich in the Company Gardens (1st day)	5.30 pm

Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei)

Mincha: Wednesday 1st October	1.00 pm
Kol Nidrei: Wednesday 1st October	6.40 pm
Rabbi's Sermon (approx.)	7.15 pm

Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur)

Thursday 2nd October (morning)	8.30 am
Reading of the Torah	10.30 am
Rabbi's Sermon	11.30 am
Memorial Service (Yizkor)	11.45 am
Musaf	12.30 pm
Mincha	4.30 pm
Neilah	6.00 pm
Rabbi's Sermon	7.00 pm
Shofar blowing and end of Fast	7.24 pm

Feast of Tabernacles (Succot)

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th October (1st and 2nd evenings)	6.00 pm
Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th October (1st and 2nd mornings)	8.30 am
Hallel and Reading of the Torah (both days) (approx.)	9.15 am

Hoshana Rabbah

Monday 13th October (morning)	7.30 am
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Eighth Day of Solemn Assembly (Shemini Atzeret)

Monday 13th October (evening)	6.00 pm
Tuesday 14th October (morning)	8.30 am
Hallel and Reading of the Torah (approx.)	9.15 am
Memorial Service (Yizkor) (approx.)	10.15 am

Rejoicing of the Law (Simchat Torah)

Tuesday 14th October (evening)	6.00 pm
Wednesday 15th October (morning)	9.00 am
Hallel and Hakafot	9.45 am

2026

Passover (Pesach)

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd April (1st and 2nd evenings)	6.00 pm
Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd April (1st and 2nd mornings)	8.30 am
Hallel and Reading of the Torah (both days) (approx.)	9.15 am
Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th April (7th and 8th evenings)	6.00 pm
Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th April (7th and 8th mornings)	8.30 am
Hallel and Reading of the Torah (both days) (approx.)	9.15 am
Memorial Service (Yizkor) 8th day Thursday 9th April (approx.)	10.15 am

Feast of Weeks (Shavuot)

Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd May (1st and 2nd evenings)	5.45 pm
Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd May (1st and 2nd mornings)	8.30 am
Hallel and Reading of the Torah (both days) (approx.)	9.15 am
Memorial Service (Yizkor) 2nd day Saturday 23rd May (approx.)	10.15 am

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Kaye, Jonathan and Sybil
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Levine, Roy
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Marcow, Lisa
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Minnaar, Candi

N

Nurock, Ann

P

Passchier, Bata

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Rosmarin, Harry

S

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