

Memories from
The Man's Lunch #5
Thursday, September 22nd, 2022



The Crew (from left to right): Sam Sherman, Stephen Kamen, Bill Mechanic, Mark Abraham, Brian Schwab, Rob Katzman, Arnie Blaine and Steve Meretsky.



Mayor Drew Dilkens and Ken Quinn.



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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING-PRESIDENT

December 2022

On Wednesday, November 9th, 2022, myself and Rabbi Galperin, attended a Safety & Security Meeting at the WJCC. It was conducted by Gerry Almendrades of CIJA – UJA Community Services out of Ottawa.

Gerry was a 22-year veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces and works with Security efforts with the State of Israel. Safety and Security concepts is and will be a great concern in the world and more specifically, of respective Institutions.

The concept of Run, Hide and Defend, was enforced, but surprisingly, Gerry brought up specifically, an encounter we had here in Windsor at the Shaar Hashomayim and how we unknowingly handled perfectly.

Back in the spring, a father and son travelling the country, visiting Synagogues, attended a Saturday Morning Shabbat service. Brian Lazarus, myself and the Rabbi, all noticed the pair and we nicely approached them individually and made them feel welcome. Their mannerisms were off. They didn't follow the service, the father's tallit was too perfect, little things that seemed odd. We all had our eyes on them, yet still hospitable. They came back the following day for Shavuot services and we didn't see them again.

Two weeks later, a Synagogue in Edmonton, Alberta contacted Katerina, as the two showed up there and they wanted to know as much information as we could provide to them. Katerina checked the camera footage of them and questioned us on Monday and forwarded the information and accounts to our Executive and to the Edmonton Synagogue.

Gerry from CIJA in the Safety meeting explained we handled this perfectly, no confrontation, but we had our eyes on them. In reality, they were individuals that CIJA investigated, they were located as out of Vancouver, travelling under aliases and part of a Christian-end-of-the-World Society. They were deemed harmless, by CIJA, but travel under false pretences.

Bottom line, Safety and Security is real, even in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. We have cameras, safety concrete bollards, double doors, a security system, and a police presence at the high holidays. We cannot stop investing in security and the threat is real. Gerry is willing to come back and more deeply assess the Shaar and he has an affiliate in town. The Shaar will be safe and we are committed to maintaining our security practises and needs.

Happy Chanukah and a Happy New Year.

Bill



Bill Mechanic
Acting-President

MEETINGS

meeting

THE NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON:

MONDAY,
December 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm

MONDAY,
January 16, 2023 at 7:00 pm

MONDAY,
February 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm

MONDAY,
March 20, 2023 at 7:00 pm

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BINGOS



Congregation Shaar Hashomayim is a proud member of the Paradise Charitable Gaming Centre Association.

Bingos are held at Paradise Bingo, 2340 Dougall Avenue. If you or any of your friends are bingo players, please be sure to use this venue as your preferred location.

Thank you, to the following Bingo Volunteers who have worked the Bingos during the month of **November 2022:**

- Alicia Frenkel
- Nir Frenkel

If you would like to volunteer for a couple hours, please call the Shaar office at 519-256-3123 or email shaar@mnsi.net

LIFE & LEGACY PROGRAM



How will you assure Jewish *tomorrow's*, Windsor? By leaving a legacy *today*.

Contact your Shaar team for more information at 519-256-3123 or email shaar@mnsi.net with your name and phone number and the Shaar team will get in touch with you.

To: Myra, Deborah & Meyer Mechanic
In memory of beloved mother and grandmother, **Cynthia Gasner (AH)**.
By: Rachel, Bill, Liora & Micah Mechanic
(The David Mechanic Endowment Fund)

To: Irene Schen & Family
In memory of beloved husband, father and grandfather, **Gerald Ronald Schen (AH)**.
By: Mary & Brian Lazarus
❖ Lynn & Alan Berger
❖ Barbara & Stephen Cheifetz

GOOD HEALTH WISHES



To: Howard Spinner
Wishing you a speedy recovery. Get well soon.
By: Frances & Jerry Goldberg
❖ Dave & Donna Abraham & Family
❖ Cheryl Gold

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To: Howard Spinner
In honour of your 70th Birthday.
By: Jeff & Estelle Slopen



To: Steven & Marlene Majer & Family
In honour of the birth of your first grandchild, Leo Arthur Majer.
By: Dave & Donna Abraham & Family



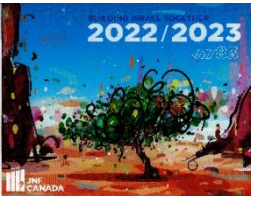
To: Edith Majer & Family
In honour of the birth of your great-grandson, Leo Arthur Majer.
By: Dave & Donna Abraham & Family

2022 DONATIONS

The tax deadline is almost here!
Pay your pledge (dues assessment) before Friday, December 30th, to get your tax credits for 2022!

A reminder that only payments for dues or donations received by **Friday, December 30th, 2022** will be included in your 2022 tax receipt. The office will be open **9am to 4pm** on **Friday, December 30th**.

JNF CALENDARS & BLUE BOXES



The Shaar Office has JNF Calendars for 2022/2023 available for pick up.

If you need a Blue Box, we have those, too. Pick up from our office, Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Congregation Shaar Hashomayim welcomes our newest members:

- Julieth Aguado
- Marla Howard
- Esther (Mechanic) Stein

EVENTS / HOLIDAYS

▪ Annual Community Menorah Lighting at Devonshire Mall	Sun Dec 18, 2022 at 5:00 pm
▪ Chanukah	Sun Dec 18 to Sun Dec 25, 2022
▪ Tu B'Shevat	Mon Feb 6, 2023
▪ Family Day	Mon Feb 20, 2023
▪ Purim	Tues Mar 7, 2023
▪ Shushan Purim	Wed Mar 8, 2023

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES



Howard Spinner	Monday	December	12
Natalie Slopen	Wednesday	December	14
Jerry Udell	Saturday	December	17
Sharon Strosberg	Tuesday	December	20
Esther Schwartz	Saturday	December	24
Max Abraham	Sunday	December	25
Richard Manson	Sunday	December	25
Chani Galperin	Monday	December	26
Dr. Sheldon Lewis	Thursday	December	29
Jack Blaine	Thursday	December	29
Mary Lazarus	Saturday	December	31
Vera Rosenbaum	Sunday	January	1
Menachem Mendel Galperin	Sunday	January	1
Rafael Sionov	Tuesday	January	10
Susan Berger	Sunday	January	15
Josh Lazarus	Sunday	January	15
Mushky Galperin	Sunday	January	15
Jay Waltman	Sunday	January	15
Herb Brudner	Monday	January	30
Liora Mechanic	Monday	January	30
Kelly-Lynn Abraham	Tuesday	January	31

PRAYER FOR THE SICK



When the Torah reading is completed, prayers are offered for those seeking recovery from illness (*mischeberach*). The congregants tell the *Gabba*/the sick person's name and mother's name, preferably in Hebrew, i.e., Rivka bat Sara.

An interesting item to note: Prayers for the sick reference the sick person's mother's name and prayers for someone who is receiving an *aliyah* reference the person's father's name. According to Jewish law, a father's name is like a surname, used only for the purpose of identification. A mother, however, is associated with life and the soul. To request a prayer, please visit: <http://www.shaarwindsor.org/request-a-prayer>

UNVEILINGS & FUNERALS

Dear Community Members:
We kindly request you to advise the Shaar office of any Funeral and Unveiling date. The Shaar office will attempt to announce the unveiling in advance if so desired. If an unveiling is private, please inform the Shaar office in order that we may advise the Shaar Cemetery caretaker to make the necessary preparations at the cemetery. Phone: 519-256-3123 • Fax: 519-256-3124 • E-mail: shaar@mnsi.net

FUNERAL SERVICE PHONE #

The phone number for the Windsor Jewish Community Funeral Services is **519-564-6788**

CHEVRA KADISHA

Male and female volunteers are desperately needed. The Chevra Kadisha is desperately in need of a few more members. Please consider volunteering for this ultimate Mitzvah. We invite anyone interested in joining the women's group to contact the Shaar. We are ready to provide training. Call or E-mail the Shaar Office: 519-256-3123 / shaar@mnsi.net



IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE PERETZ HOUSE COMMUNITY MINYAN

The Peretz House Minyans that were on Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:15 AM, have been cancelled for the time-being. If you would like to have a minyan at any other time during the week, contact the Shaar Hashomayim Office at 519-256-3123 or E-mail: shaar@mnsi.net

THE CEMETERY GATES ARE OPEN:

APRIL - NOVEMBER M-F 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
SUN 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

DECEMBER - MARCH BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
PLEASE CALL THE NUMBERS BELOW

CLOSED ON SATURDAY AND JEWISH HOLIDAYS

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THE WINDSOR JEWISH COMMUNITY FUNERAL SERVICES
PHONE NUMBER IS

519-566-8039 or 519-564-6788

PRE-PLAN YOUR FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS - FOR PEACE OF MIND -

Addressing one's mortality can be sobering. Pre-planning provides a way to move beyond anxiety, towards clear, thoughtful decision making. It makes sense for families to have a plan in place.

Call the **Windsor Jewish Funeral Services** phone number at **519-564-6788** and one of our Funeral Directors can answer all of your questions, such as:

- What type of service, location
- Picking your plot location
- Who you want as pall bearers
- Who you would like to deliver the eulogy
- Halachic Guidelines
- Prices
- Special requests

Your wishes will be recorded, saved and kept confidential.

Pre-planning a funeral is one of the most important things you will do and feel good once it's done.

Make the call today.



Windsor Jewish Burial Fund Appeal

Respectful treatment of the recently deceased and a prompt burial is one of the greatest mitzvot of the Jewish faith. This is the only truly selfless act; a mitzvah you can do for another with no expectation of it being returned.

Costs of proper Jewish burials have continued to rise. On occasion, a member of our community will pass with no means or family to assist in covering these costs. The Windsor Jewish Federation & Community Centre, Chabad of Windsor, Congregation Beth El, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and Jewish National Fund of Windsor are partnering to launch a Windsor Indigent Jewish Burial Fund to ensure that every member of our community has access to a dignified Jewish burial.

To contribute to this special appeal, please make your donation out to the Windsor Jewish Community Centre and designate your donation to "Windsor Jewish Burial Fund Appeal". You can make your donation online by using the link below, or by contacting Rosalie Hartenberg Watson at rosalie@jewishwindsor.org to drop a cheque off at the WJCC. We thank you for helping us with this special mitzvah. Donations can be made online at: <https://www.jewishwindsor.org/online-payments>

KIDDUSH SPONSORS



A Kiddush was held on Saturday, November 12th, 2022: In honour of the birth of a son, born to Michelle and Noah Zalev. Sponsored by the Zalev Family.



A Kiddush was held on Saturday, November 19th, 2022: In honour of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. Sponsored by Eshai and Renee Hirshberg.



A Kiddush was held on Saturday, November 26th, 2022: In memory of beloved parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, **Laszlo & Ernesztina Hensz (AH)**. Sponsored by George & Janis Hensz & Family and co-sponsored by the Aziza Family, in honour of the birth of a daughter, Michaela Lielle, born to Nilah and Josh Aziza.



A Kiddush was held on Saturday, December 10th, 2022: In memory of beloved husband, father and grandfather, **Carl Zalev (AH)**. Sponsored by The Zalev Family.



Saturday, January 7th, 2023: In memory of beloved parents, **Haya Lashiker and Abba Livshetz (AH)** and beloved grandparents, **Leya and Leyba Lashiker (AH)**. Sponsored by Lilia and Semyon Epshteyn.



Saturday, January 14th, 2023: In memory of beloved parents, **Elena and Peter Tcherkeзов (AH)**. Sponsored by Nona Tcherkeзova.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST



Sunday, December 18th, 2022: In memory of beloved father, Max Gumprich (AH). Sponsored by Terry Peretz, Allen and Carole Gumprich.

CONDOLENCE CARDS



"MAY G-D COMFORT YOU AMONG OTHER MOURNERS OF ZION AND JERUSALEM"

- To: SuSu Sosnick & Family**
In memory of beloved mother and grandmother, **Estelle Miller (AH)**.
By: Brenda Kovinsky & Family (The Kovinsky Family Fund)
- To: Robert Toll & Family**
In memory of beloved wife, **Donna Toll**.
By: Marsha & Stephen Kamen
- To: Robert & Julea Gasner**
In memory of beloved mother and mother-in-law, **Cynthia Gasner (AH)**.
By: Rachel, Bill, Liora & Micah Mechanic (The David Mechanic Endowment Fund)
- To: Jon & Ellise Gasner**
In memory of beloved mother and mother-in-law, **Cynthia Gasner (AH)**.
By: Rachel, Bill, Liora & Micah Mechanic (The David Mechanic Endowment Fund)
- To: Brenda & Brian Lass**
In memory of beloved mother and mother-in-law, **Cynthia Gasner (AH)**.
By: Rachel, Bill, Liora & Micah Mechanic (The David Mechanic Endowment Fund)

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<p>4 10 kislev Service 8:30 am Hebrew School 10 am to 12 pm</p>	<p>5 11 kislev</p>	<p>6 12 kislev</p>	<p>7 13 kislev</p>	<p>8 14 kislev</p>	<p>9 15 kislev Candles 4:42 pm</p>	<p>10 16 kislev Service 9:00 am Havdalah 5:46 pm <i>Vayishlach</i></p>
<p>11 17 kislev Service 8:30 am Hebrew School 10 am to 12 pm</p>	<p>12 18 kislev</p>	<p>13 19 kislev</p>	<p>14 20 kislev</p>	<p>15 21 kislev</p>	<p>16 22 kislev Candles 4:43 pm</p>	<p>17 23 kislev Service 9:00 am Havdalah 5:48 pm <i>Vayeshev</i></p>
<p>18 24 kislev Service 8:30 am No School - Winter Break Annual Community Menorah Lighting at Devonshire Mall 5 pm 1st Candle of Chanukah</p>	<p>19 25 kislev Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm 2nd Candle of Chanukah</p>	<p>20 26 kislev 3rd Candle of Chanukah</p>	<p>21 27 kislev 4th Candle of Chanukah</p>	<p>22 28 kislev 5th Candle of Chanukah</p>	<p>23 29 kislev Candles 4:46 pm 6th Candle of Chanukah</p>	<p>24 30 kislev Service 9:00 am Havdalah 5:51 pm <i>Miketz</i> ROSH CHODESH 7th Candle of Chanukah</p>
<p>25 1 tevet Service 8:30 am No School - Winter Break CHRISTMAS DAY ROSH CHODESH 8th Candle of Chanukah</p>	<p>26 2 tevet OFFICE CLOSED BOXING DAY HANUKKAH</p>	<p>27 3 tevet OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>28 4 tevet</p>	<p>29 5 tevet</p>	<p>30 6 tevet Candles 4:51 pm</p>	<p>31 7 tevet Service 9:00 am Havdalah 5:56 pm <i>Vayigash</i></p>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8 tevet Service 8:30 am No School - Winter Break NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 9 tevet OFFICE CLOSED	3 10 tevet Fast begins 6:26 am Fast ends 5:44 pm FAST OF 10TH OF TEVET	4 11 tevet	5 12 tevet	6 13 tevet Candles 4:57 pm	7 14 tevet Service 9:00 am Havdalah 6:02 pm <i>Vayechi</i>
8 15 tevet Service 8:30 am Hebrew School 10 am to 12 pm	9 16 tevet	10 17 tevet	11 18 tevet	12 19 tevet	13 20 tevet Candles 5:04 pm	14 21 tevet Service 9:00 am Havdalah 6:09 pm <i>Shemot</i>
15 22 tevet Service 8:30 am Hebrew School 10 am to 12 pm	16 23 tevet Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 pm MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	17 24 tevet	18 25 tevet	19 26 tevet	20 27 tevet Candles 5:13 pm	21 28 tevet Service 9:00 am Havdalah 6:17 pm <i>Va'era</i>
22 29 tevet Service 8:30 am Hebrew School 10 am to 12 pm	23 1 shevat ROSH CHODESH	24 2 shevat	25 3 shevat	26 4 shevat	27 5 shevat Candles 5:22 pm	28 6 shevat Service 9:00 am Havdalah 6:25 pm <i>Bo</i>
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