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Letter from the President

L'Shana Tova! We leave the lazy, laid back days of summer behind and move forward to the High Holidays, a time for reflection and planning for the future. Another year has passed and, as Jews, we again take a moment to reflect on the past and plan for the future. This can be an uplifting and frustrating experience all at the same time. There are so many new ideas and challenges to embrace. We cannot wait to get started on the new projects. At the same time, have we really changed and improved from last year? Or are we still working on the same issues that we were facing last year with no real change?

At SHALVA, we give our clients their own time for reflection and planning, whenever they need it. Our masters level therapists provide a safe environment for women to talk about their situations and gain the strength they need to make sound decisions for themselves and their families about their futures. For these women, the time spent with our therapists reflecting on their unique situations is like getting an extra set of High Holidays when they really need it most.

It is a time for reflection and change in the SHALVA organization as well. We look forward to strengthening old relationships and building new ones. We have recently completed our strategic planning process and have developed several new initiatives that will bring so much to our clients and the community. Each president of this organization has faced unique challenges during her term of office, but I feel fortunate to have a strategic plan that so many people have worked on to guide me during my two years in office. SHALVA will be presenting more information about these exciting initiatives at the Unity Dinner and in future newsletters. We at SHALVA are looking forward to real change in the New Year. I can assure you that the organization will be stronger and better able to serve the needs of our community.

I wish each of you a peaceful, healthy and happy new year.

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We've Got A Friend!

My name is Ariella, and I'm in the eighth grade. I became a Bat Mitzvah on April 28th, 2007. I learned about SHALVA as I was preparing for this special day, and I'd like to tell you how SHALVA became a part of my mitzvah experience.

My Torah portion was Achrei Mot-Kedoshim. In Kedoshim, God tells Moshe to tell B'nai Yisrael, "Kedoshim Tihiyu ki Kadosh ani Adonai," - "You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy." I wanted to understand what it really means to be holy. For me, one answer is that holiness is really about what we do and don't do. I think that people can feel close to God in different ways and places. Even though I may feel close to God when I pray, I feel a sense of holiness and closeness to God in a different way when I am helping others. For one of my mitzvah projects, I volunteered at The Enterprising Kitchen, a non-profit organization in Chicago that helps

underprivileged and unemployed women. The women have a factory where they hand-make beautiful soap and spa products - I call it a "soap kitchen." I worked with them over the summer, as well as selling their products at the Chanukah Fair at my shul. At the Kitchen, the women learn about all the different parts of working in a business or any job, and they learn about teamwork. They begin to feel "empowered" and more self-confident.

When we were planning my Bat Mitzvah party, we decided to use baskets of the Enterprising Kitchen spa products as our centerpieces. Some of the soaps in the baskets were those that I helped make. We wanted to donate the soap baskets, and since my Bat Mitzvah was right before Mother's Day, we wanted to give them to women who may not have a chance to get something special on that day. I thought of the women at SHALVA who



might like to receive the baskets. Just like the Enterprising Kitchen, SHALVA is an organization that helps women to feel empowered and better about themselves. I think that the work that organizations like SHALVA and The Enterprising Kitchen do is what is meant by "Kedoshim Tihiyu." Becoming a Bat Mitzvah - a Jewish woman - means that now, I, too, have the responsibility to help others, in my community and in the world around us.

Cyber bullying: How Much Do You Know?

Cyber bullying: definition: being cruel to others by sending or posting harmful material using the internet or cell phone.



• A nationwide survey on bullying in the United States, funded by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), involving 15,686 students in grades 6 through 10 found that:

- 10.6% of the students reported that they engaged in bullying sometimes, and 8.8 % admitted to bullying once a week or more.
- Students reported being victimized at similar rates, with 8.5 % reporting being bullied sometimes and 8.4 % reporting being bullied once a week or more.

Do you know what your child is writing on the internet in shorthand?

- KPC = (Keep parents clueless)
- P911 = (Parents are coming)
- POS = (Parents over shoulder)
- A?S?L? = (Age, Sex, Location)

These are just a few of the short hand methods used to communicate without your knowledge.

What can adults do about Cyber-bullying?

- 1. Be clear about your expectations of how your child should behave on the internet.**
- 2. Be clear about unacceptable behavior:**
 - Revealing your password or the password of others;
 - Sending e-mail messages, Instant Messages or text messages to others disguising yourself as another person;
 - Spreading rumors or false information about others;
 - Sending rude, harassing or threatening e-mail messages, Instant Messages or text messages;
 - Creating websites that ridicule, humiliate, or intimidate others;
 - Posting on websites or disseminating embarrassing or inappropriate pictures or images of others.

If your child engages in unacceptable behavior online, make certain that there are immediate consequences to his or her activities.

Advise your child that Cyber-bullying may be a criminal offense.

Online Resources about Internet Safety:

- www.staysafe.org
- www.onguardonline.gov
- www.getnetwise.org
- www.wiredsafety.org
- www.safeteen.com

If you are interested in programming on Cyber-bullying please contact Debbie Korman at SHALVA, 773-583-4673.

Suzanne Ballew Price

The SHALVA Service Award Recipient

In recognition of her ongoing commitment to SHALVA and her work to make Chicago a safer place for Jewish families.

Suzanne Ballew's life philosophy is based around the concepts of inclusion, openness, generosity and kindness. Suzanne believes in and helps to empower the many people she encounters through both her business relationships and volunteer projects.



As an active generator of ideas and action-motivator, Suzanne joined SHALVA's Board of Directors in 1999. Her tenure has guided the agency through years of growth and has left a legacy of organizational strength and success by assisting in the recruitment of many of its strongest and most capable Board members.

Reared in the southern United States, Suzanne has a varied and eclectic history, having traveled extensively through Israel during college years to learn more about Judaism and eventually becoming Observant in her religious practice. Upon marrying and relocating to Chicago, Suzanne actively volunteered in organizations such as Hadassah, FREE, and her synagogue.

For the past twenty years, Suzanne has been a successful and determined Realtor and a Mortgage Broker as proprietor of the Prop-R-T-Group. Prior to her real estate business, Suzanne's varied background allowed her to be instrumental in the formation of several educational Hebrew School programs for the learning disabled and assisted in the development of the first Illinois Adult Day Care programs in Chicago and at Condell Memorial Hospital in the suburbs. Additionally, her personal interests inspired her to own and operate The Native American Art Gallery in Evanston, Illinois, specializing in authentic native art and artifacts.

Suzanne has a Masters of Science in Learning Disabilities from Northwestern University in Evanston and a Bachelor of Arts in Educating the Mentally Handicapped from the University of Illinois in Champaign.

In 2004, Suzanne married Harry Price; together they are blessed to share her four children, three sons and a daughter, their fantastic spouses and 15 grandchildren and Harry's three daughters, their loving spouses and 11 grandchildren. In addition to charitable activities and family, their time is spent traveling as much as possible.

Neil Greenbaum

Rodef Shalom Award (Pursuer of Peace) Recipient

In recognition of his lifelong dedication and visionary leadership throughout our local community, as well as for Jews around the world.

Neil Greenbaum has been committed to Jewish causes for his entire adult life, working tirelessly for his principal passions: Jewish education and refugee resettlement.



For over 25 years Neil has served on the Board of Directors (Board) of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), the American Jewish Community's refugee and immigration agency. Neil, a Life Director, served as both Chair of the HIAS Board, the agency's top volunteer position, and as President and CEO, the agency's top professional position, as well as in many other capacities.

Neil presided over major HIAS initiatives to help Jews and others in trouble spots around the world. These included Argentina, Iraq, and Kenya. Under Neil's leadership HIAS strongly advocated for comprehensive reform of U.S. immigration laws - a process essential to America remaining a nation that welcomes immigrants and refugees while also protecting our country from terrorism through enhanced security.

For over 25 years Neil has served on the Board of Directors of the Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA), the American Jewish Community's central planning, coordinating and service instrument for Jewish education. Neil, a Life Director, served as Chair of JESNA's Board of Directors, the agency's top volunteer position, as well as in many other capacities.

In addition to HIAS and JESNA, Neil has had active roles in many other Jewish organizations. These include the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the Council of Jewish Federations, where Neil served on the Executive Committee, the Covenant Foundation, the North American Commission on Jewish Identity and Continuity, the Council of Initiatives in Jewish Education, where Neil was a Vice Chair and the Jewish Federation and Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago, where Neil served as a Vice Chair and in many other capacities.

Neil received Young Leadership Awards from each of The American Association for Jewish Education (JESNA's predecessor) and the Jewish Federation/Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago. Chicago's Board of Jewish Education (BJE) recognized Neil and his wife, Rachel, a former director of JESNA as well as the only woman President of Chicago's BJE, by presenting them with the Joshua Ben Gamala Award.

Neil received business and law degrees from Northwestern University and is a veteran of the United States Navy. Neil was the Managing Partner of the Chicago law firm of Greenbaum & Browne which merged with Sachnoff & Weaver. Neil is currently Senior Counsel with the Chicago office of the international law firm of Reed Smith Sachnoff & Weaver. Neil and Rachel live in Glencoe, Illinois. They have four children Lisa (Paul) Applebaum, Steven, Robert and David and three grandchildren,

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Steven Greenbaum (Steve) is a Principal with the Chicago-based real estate firm of Urban Innovations (UI), preserving and rehabilitating affordable senior housing. Steve's company has successfully preserved and improved close to 2,400 apartments, all of which are reserved for low-income elderly. Prior to joining UI and turning his business focus towards socially-conscious real estate investing, Steve was a commercial real estate attorney with Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal. Since 2005, Steve has been on the Board of Directors of the National Leased Housing Association, a Washington-based advocacy organization focused on federally-assisted housing for low-income renters.



Steve is currently active in a variety of non-profit and political organizations including serving as a member of the United Jewish Communities' National Young Leadership Cabinet. He has Co-Chaired missions to Israel on behalf of Cabinet and will Co-Chair UJC's Washington Conference in March 2008. In 2001, Steve joined the Board of Directors of CityPAC, a Chicago-based, bipartisan pro-Israel political action committee and continues to serve on its Executive Board. He served a two-year term as President during the 2004 federal election cycle and also spent two-years as Chairman of the PAC's Candidates Research Committee during the 2002 election cycle. He is an active member of AIPAC's Illinois Young Leadership Council and is a member of AIPAC's Windy City and Washington Clubs.

Steve served on the Board of Directors of Mt. Sinai Medical Institute Council where he helped to raise funds and plan programming for Mt. Sinai Hospital on Chicago's southwest side. Prior to starting his legal career, Steve spent a year in Jerusalem volunteering for the Association for the Advancement of Equal Opportunity in Israel, pursuing equal rights for women and minorities. Steve started his professional career with the Washington Action Office of the Council of Jewish Federations where he lobbied Congress on many issues of importance to the Jewish community. Over the years, Steve has also been a member of JacPAC, the American Jewish Committee and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Steve received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and his B.A. from the University of Michigan. Steve is also a graduate of New Trier High School, Solomon Schechter Day School, The High School of Jewish Studies and is a Camp Ramah alum. Steve's parents are Neil and Rachel Greenbaum and his siblings are Lisa (Paul) Applebaum, Robert, and David. Steve is currently single and lives on the north side of Chicago in Lakeview, close to all his siblings and his three nephews, Levi, Caleb and Malachi Applebaum.

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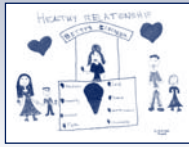
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for Domestic Violence Awareness month

TRIBUTE CARDS

New Design by photographer
Robin Razowsky.

6 cards for ONLY! \$24

To order call 773-583-4673
or use the enclosed envelope.

Client needs: WISH LIST

Many women come to SHALVA seeking emergency funds for basic needs – often clothing, food and household products. Your donation of gift certificates is an easy way for you to directly assist these women and children.

Gift Cards from:

- *Dominick's*
- *Jewel*
- *Osco*
- *Target*
- *Walgreen's*
- *Wal-Mart*

Other needs:

- *Donated legal consultation*

11,500+ Cell Phones Collected

Special thanks to volunteer extraordinaire, Leslie Berger, who coordinates this program.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CELL PHONES!



Cell Phones for Funds

YOU can make a difference in the lives of those affected by domestic violence by donating your old and used cell phones.

CHOOSE to make a difference in the lives of women and children impacted by abuse.

YOUR donated cell phone will be sold, refurbished or recycled and the proceeds will benefit SHALVA. Each cell phone is worth an average of \$4.00 to SHALVA.

So, for every 100 cell phones collected \$400 is raised to support SHALVA's counseling services and programs.

This is a unique and simple fundraising opportunity for SHALVA.

Thank you to our organizational and business supporters for collecting cell phones and for so generously providing space for cell phone drop offs!

Cell Phone Drop Off Locations:

Business Partners

Drop Off Locations:

ABT Electronics
847-967-8830

Hungarian Kosher Supermarket
847-674-8008

Rosenblum's World Of Judaica
773-262-1700

Rush Hospital (Chicago)
312-942-5000

Contact: Sandy at ext. 28714

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to our list.
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SHALVA HAPPENINGS

SHALVA 4TH ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON

Barbara Siegel received the Distinguished Service Award from SHALVA for her 10 years of work at SHALVA providing counseling to survivors of domestic abuse. Her work has empowered countless women to break the cycle of violence.

The speaker was Diane L. Rosenfeld who is a Lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School. She spoke about the current legal system

and Orders of Protection. She explained how women who are victims of the abuse are forced to leave their homes when they and their children are most vulnerable. Ms Rosenfeld believes that the criminal justice system is not currently set up to offer real protection to victims. She is working towards a societal paradigm shift in how the legal system addresses domestic violence.



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Barbara Siegel (left) received the SHALVA Distinguished Service Award from Eileen Tarnoff.



Speaker Diane Rosenfeld (center) Roland Burris (left) and Fred Lebed (right)