Shana Tova!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT Jack Luxemburg

The old joke ends with a knock on the door and the delivery of a telegram. The telegram reads, "Start worrying. Details to follow."

It can feel like we are living that punch line. We wake to a new day, and despite the reassurances baked into our morning prayers, we begin the day steeped in worry even before we open the daily newspaper, boot up our computer, or turn on the TV news station we deem most reliable. It's not as if we don't have good reason to be anxious these days. The American political scene, the threat of widening conflict in the Middle East, the human and

moral toll of the Israel-Hamas war, the hijacking of Israeli government and society by right-wing forces, anti-Jewish and anti-Zionist turmoil on college campuses affecting Jewish students, post-Covid impacts on Jewish communities and institutions, ecological/social/political climate change... and the changes in our own lives brought on by the years. Need I go on?

Our desire is to be rid of anxiety; to be relieved of the psychological, emotional and spiritual toll and to no longer feel drained by the tumult and uncertainty. The English cleric Charles Spurgeon observed that "Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow, but only empties today of its strengths." And strength is what we need to meet the challenges of today, let alone those that tomorrow may bring.

Is getting rid of anxiety even possible? The philosopher and counselor Samir Chopra, in his book *Anxiety, A Philosophical Guide*, asserts that human beings are wired for anxiety. It is intrinsic to our humanity. He writes, "Anxiety appears to be a universal, perennial human condition." He goes on to suggest that anxiety can serve an important purpose when we understand it as being the distress we experience when our ideals, values, dreams and aspirations, our very wellbeing, sense of security and place in

the world, are

threatened by obstacles, circumstances or forces that make their realization or preservation seem unlikely. While on the surface, that can be discomforting -- if not dispiriting -- Chopra observes that anxiety can be a reminder that we harbor in our minds and hearts vision, ideals and values that are essential to our sense of self. They persist even in difficult times, and they are worth fighting for. One response to anxiety he proposes is action – a response but not necessarily a relief.

The Book of Proverbs says this about anxiety:

דָאָגֵה בְלֵב־אֵישׁ יַשְׁחֵנָּה וְדָבֶר טְוֹב יְשַׂמְחַנָּה:

If there is anxiety [de'agah] in a man's heart, let him quash it, and turn it into joy with a good word. (Proverbs 12:25).

The rabbis of old knew that this was easier said than done. In Talmud we read: "If there is anxiety in a man's heart, let him quash it [yashhena]" (Proverbs 12:25). Rabbi Ami and Rabbi Asi dispute the verse's meaning. One said: He should forcefully push it [yashhena] out of his mind. One who worries should banish his concerns from his thoughts. And one said: It means he should tell [yashhena] others his concerns, which will lower his anxiety. (Yoma 75a)

Quashing anxiety is difficult, especially by

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oneself. But lowering anxiety by sharing thoughts and feelings -"good words" -- with others is doable. One of the roles NAORRR plays in the lives of its members is exactly that -- offering monthly gatherings where we can learn and share together; programming our annual convention to provide time for members to express to each other their thoughts and concerns, and to be compassionate listeners to one another. We have a common bond which enables us to understand each other, to learn from each other, and even to be comforted by

each other in ways that are unique. In this time of heightened anxiety, our opportunity to gather and to support each other is especially important. One of the issues being addressed by our Board of Directors and by an ad hoc committee is how to make our annual convention more inviting as regards the time of year and the location of the convention, so as to increase attendance and the personal contact that is so valuable. We are already at work on this and shortly, the entire membership will be asked to chime in via an online survey. When that happens, I hope each NAORRR member will take the few minutes required to respond. I am also hopeful that many will come to San Diego in January of 2025 to share not only "good words" but good companionship and take part in worthy endeavors that can help... in some small way...to transform today's anxiety into tomorrow's strength.

Barbara joins me in wishing that 5785 will be year of peace, security, wellbeing and good will for us, for all Israel and for all people, everywhere. *Shanah Tova!*

Hesed/Mitzvah Fund stands ready to help.

Many of our members continue to contribute to the Hesed/Mitzvah Fund, which helps support colleagues and their spouses/partners who have fallen on financial hardship. Through your generosity over the years, our combined NAORRR/CCAR Hesed/Mitzvah committee has been blessed to ease the burden of hundreds of rabbinic families. We continue to help support surviving spouses, retired rabbis, as well as younger colleagues. This past year has created a financial crisis for several of our MARAM Israeli rabbis. The Hesed/Mitzvah fund has generously supported a number of them as this year has progressed. Those rabbis serving in Israel during this year of enormous stress, pain and suffering have expressed their deep gratitude to us for all the help and support we have given. We continue to monitor the situation, helping where the need arises. Please continue to support this important endeavor.

Editor's Note:

In acknowledging the generous donations of our members to the annual campaign, we neglected to list Roberta Schwartz, who donated stock to NAORRR.



YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

Bennett Miller, First Vice President

Many of us will recall *The Reform Movement in Judaism*, by David Philipson. I think it was required reading at HUC Cincinnati. Maybe that is because Philipson was a member of the first ordination class, or because he was the Rabbi of Rockdale Temple. The first edition was published in 1907. The second edition came out in 1930, and in that second edition, Solomon B. Freehof, of Pittsburgh, PA, wrote the following words in the introduction:

When civilization is in a period of stability the generations follow each other in friendly succession but when the world changes rapidly, each young generation feels that the adult generation represents a dying past, while it itself represents the future. Our world in the last two centuries has undergone drastic changes in technology, in the relationship between the classes, in the organization of governments and in the mood and mind of men. Thus, there has hardly been a generation in the last two hundred years which did not feel itself sharply at variance with the generation which was its parent. Sometimes this tension is merely the frustration but when the changes are rapid the tension between the generations becomes actual hostility. Nowadays we might paraphrase Ecclesiastes' statement and say, "A new generation cometh. It opposes the generation that goeth, for the world no longer remains the same."

You and I, rabbis and spouses of NAORRR, have followed a Reform Judaism "in friendly succession." But according to Freehof, we represent that "adult generation," even though we have lived through years and generations of significant change in our Reform Movement, in American Jewish life, in Israel, and throughout the world. Our great era is diminishing, and we are witnessing significant change – change in our beloved Reform Movement, change in American Jewish life, change in Israel, change in the place of Jews in the world. The future is unknown, but there will certainly be a future.

When we gather in San Diego this coming January for our annual NAORRR convention, our theme will be *Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.* We will celebrate the past (HUC is about to be 150 years young!), our present (50 years for the class of 1975, the first class to spend its year in Jerusalem to begin rabbinical studies), and the future. What role will you and I play as we encourage the next generation to take hold of tomorrow with strength and determination?

When we gather, we will also hear from scholars in residence Ed Feinstein and Shirley Idelson. Joining us as well will be leaders of our Reform institutions Andrew Rehfeld, Jonah Pesner and Josh Weinberg, among others. There will be exciting workshops from fellow NAORRR members, and much more. Most of all, our days together will be a time for renewal of old friendships and forging new ones.

Plan now to be at NAORRR 2025. Make your plane reservations, register for the convention, ask friends to join, and get ready for meaningful days of remembrance and celebration.

Bennett Miller





REACH OUT AND CONNECT

Barbara Goldman-Wartell

Every year, I look forward to another *Elul* of reflection, taking the time to catch my breath, in loving relationship with God and others, to assess the past year and prepare for the new year. This has been a year of change and challenges, and the journey continues. As an interim rabbi, my energies are divided between my congregation, my family and friends, NAORRR and the issues which concern me greatly. This time

helps me to be grounded and centered.

We are approaching the first anniversary of *Shabbat Shachor*, October 7th, with hostages still in captivity in Gaza, communities displaced, ongoing fighting, alerts and so much suffering, death and bloodshed, to say nothing of the long-term impact on the people experiencing all of this. I gravitate to the One America Movement and other approaches to engagement across difference. The divisiveness in the United States and Israel and threats to democracy concern many of us. I opted to get training to be a poll chaplain on election day in an effort to support the election process. There are many ways we can do our part, along with voting, in support of our country as a democracy. Watch for upcoming NAORRR programs to help us stay connected to our colleagues and friends in Israel and to assess the election after Election Day. By the time we gather for our convention in San Diego, the US elections will be behind us, and we will be anticipating the presidential inauguration.

My hopes for the coming year include meaningful reflection, ongoing repentance and repair work, and fostering and deepening relationships. I look forward to our connecting with one another as colleagues and people, lifting up our wealth of life experiences and accumulated wisdom and our continued living, hopes and dreams.

I will be reaching out to many of you to help us check in with one another, find out how you are doing and what NAORRR can do for you in the new year. Loneliness and isolation are increasing concerns in our world, especially as we get older. As a person living by herself these past 12 years, this realm came home to me, especially during the pandemic. I hope NAORRR can help us connect with each other more this year, both for learning and for connecting and supporting one another.

Thanks to a small gathering of rabbinic spouses, we hope to have two online social gatherings in October during Sukkot, one for spouses and another for rabbis. The group suggested we have some time online to schmooze and reconnect before making our plans to be part of the convention in January. We will also be exploring other connection times during the upcoming year.

I am also looking forward to the NAORRR Convention in San Diego in January when we will come together, many of us in person, others online, to reconnect, celebrate Shabbat and one another, expand our knowledge and experiences and embrace one another as valued people.

Praying for the release of the hostages, an end to the ongoing violence and wishing you a healthy, happy and fulfilling new year. *Shanah Tovah u'Metukah!!*

Barbara Goldman-Wartell





Rabbi Shirley Idelson, Ph.D. is Director of the Zelikow School of Jewish Nonprofit Management (Zschool). She previously served as Dean of the New York campus and as Leon A. Jick Director of the Hornstein Jewish Professional Leadership Program at Brandeis University.

Idelson is the author of *We Shall Build Anew: Stephen S. Wise*, the Jewish Institute of Religion, and the Reinvention of American Liberal Judaism (University of Alabama, 2022), and co-editor of Lesbian Rabbis: The First Generation (Rutgers University, 2001). She has also contributed to numerous books and publications.

Earlier in her career, Idelson was a producer and newscaster for Minnesota Public Radio, Director of Arts and Religion in the Twin Cities, Associate Chaplain at Carleton College, and Director of Religious Activities and Chaplaincy Services at Vassar College. A graduate of Dartmouth College and ordained at HUC-JIR in 1991, she earned her doctorate in History from the CUNY Graduate Center, and her MS in Journalism from Columbia University.



Elie Wiesel wrote that "God created humanity, because God loves stories." Rabbi Ed Feinstein loves stories too, and has spent his adult life sharing the stories of the Jewish people. Teacher, lecturer, storyteller, Rabbi Feinstein is rabbi of Valley Beth Shalom in Encino, California and Lecturer at the Ziegler Rabbinical School of the American Jewish University. He has served on the faculty of the Wexner Heritage Program, Milken Community High School, the Chautauqua Institution, and the Shalom Hartman Institute. Raised in the back of his parents' bakery on the wild frontiers of the West San Fernando Valley, Ed graduated from the University of California at Santa Cruz, Columbia University Teachers College, and the Jewish Theological Seminary of

America, where he was ordained a rabbi and earned his doctorate in education. He was the founding head of the Solomon Schechter Academy of Dallas, Associate Rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel in Dallas, and Executive Director of Camp Ramah in California. He came to Valley Beth Shalom in 1993.

Rabbi Feinstein is the author of five books, including *Tough Questions Jews Ask*, which is taught in schools and synagogues across North America. *The Chutzpah Imperative* traces the history of theological humanism in Jewish sacred literature. *Capturing the Moon* retells the greatest Jewish stories. His latest book, *In Pursuit of Godliness and a Living Judaism*, is an intellectual biography of his mentor, Rabbi Harold Schulweis.

Ed shares life with Rabbi Nina Bieber Feinstein, their three children and spouses, and two beautiful new grandchildren. Every Friday afternoon, he bakes brownies from a recipe revealed to his ancestors at Mount Sinai.





VIEWS אלו ואלו

Rabbi Gary Glickstein

I was a wild child of the 60s. Influenced by Jack Kerouac, I began hitchhiking alone when I was 15 years old. I

began with the Western states of California, Nevada, Arizona and branched out to cross country journeys to Detroit, traversing both the southern Route 66 and the northern Route 80. During the summer of 1966 following my freshman year at UCLA, I took a charter flight to Amsterdam and hitchhiked to Ostend, where I caught the boat to Dover, England. I spent the next two months traversing the British Isles. My last two weeks were spent back in Belgium and Holland. However, I ventured for one day into Germany and I spent one night at a converted lighthouse in Hamburg that was used as a youth hostel. Among the others staying there, I met a young man from Egypt. He immediately attacked me as a Zionist murderer. I was 18 and fresh off my battle-worn slog through the backroads, so I was having none of that. Our argument quickly escalated into a physical confrontation which was broken up by the manager of the hostel. He separated us by placing us on two different sleeping floors for the night with his bed on the floor between us. I did not sleep much that night and I left Germany the next day finishing out my time in a little town outside of Amsterdam call Broek In Waterland.

I have been thinking about that incident as this past year has progressed. In 1966 I knew I was a Jew but I knew very little about Judaism or Israel for that matter. I did not have a clue as to where my life would lead. However, when that Egyptian saw me, he saw a Zionist enemy and he hated me. During my Rabbinate I truly thought that antisemitism in the U.S. was a

dying phenomenon. I was wrong. How many of our teens and young men and women have now had a similar experience where they were attacked simply because they were Jewish? I still carry the feeling of that night in Hamburg with me in my *kishkes* after almost 60 years. Events like that are rarely forgotten. However, that incident, I am positive, helped reshape my self-image which eventually brought me to HUC and the Reform rabbinate.

This year, more than most, I need to be with my people. I went to Israel in November, where I felt uplifted by the strength and resilience of our people. I felt embraced at our NAORRR convention in Boca by our members who supported each other in our rising anxiety. This year I need our gathering even more than last year's. The NAORRR convention is always a joy and a pleasure. This year it is an obligation. For any of our members who can physically attend, I entreat you, come. Be there in San Diego as we support, strengthen and comfort each other in this troubling, sobering time. And if you cannot afford to attend, NAORRR, through the Wallach Fund, will give you all you need to be with us. As Kohelet wrote: "To everything there is a season; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing." I could use some embracing. How about you? See you in San Diego, January 2-6, 2025.

Gary Glickstein

Co-Executive Vice President NAORRR



Message From

Joanie Glickstein

Co-Executive Vice President, NAORRR

Part of my portfolio as Co-Executive Vice-President of NAORRR is processing your payments for dues, convention, and donations, as well as the forms that

(usually) accompany those payments. It always pleases me to see that both Rabbi and Spouse/Partner are joining or renewing membership. What, I wonder, goes into the decision of the spouse not becoming a member? Is it financial? Are people not aware that spouses receive full membership benefits?

NAORRR is the only professional Jewish organization that confers full membership on spouses and surviving spouses of rabbis. Spouses and surviving spouses hold positions on our Board of Trustees, including officers, and are active members of our committees (Program, Convention, Caring, Nominating), as well as Ad Hoc Task Forces. Many of our member spouses have conducted workshops at annual conventions, consisting of a wide variety of fascinating topics reflecting both their professional and personal interests. Our presence at monthly NAORRR online programs is consistent, as is our involvement in a variety of convention sessions, from services to scholars' lectures to workshops of all kinds. The role of rabbinical spouse has evolved over the years since most of our partners were ordained. Likewise, NAORRR's demographics are changing along with those of the CCAR. We are now blessed with male spouses, same sex spouses, as well as rabbinic couples. We have much to offer to this organization from the standpoint of experience and knowledge, apart from previously traditional "support" roles. Under the leadership of our 2nd Vice-President, Barbara Goldman-Wartell, a group of spouses is exploring how we can better attract and serve those men and women who are not yet officially part of NAORRR.

As we look ahead to a new year, we are hopeful that NAORRR will provide a welcoming home for more of our colleagues and their partners as, together, we navigate changes in our post-retirement professional and personal lives.

Along with Gary, I wish you all *L'shana tova tikateyvu*...May we all be inscribed for a year of peace, health, and the blessing of camaraderie of those with whom we share so much in common.

NAORRR

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NAORRR 2025 CONVENTION REGISTRATION & MEAL CHOICES

NAORRR 2025 CONVENTION REGISTRATION San Diego Marriott Mission Valley, California | January 2-6, 2025

Registration deadline – December 19, 2024

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The 2025 NAORRR convention is being held at the San Diego Marriott Mission Valley, California (8757 Rio San Diego Drive, San Diego, CA 92108). The room rate is \$159.00 plus taxes. This special room rate is also available three days before and three days after the convention. The room rate does not include the \$19/night parking fee. To get this special NAORRR convention rate, you MUST book reservations by December 9, 2024. Scan the code at right using your phone's camera, to be taken to the Marriott website. You may also register via the NAORRR Website by going to https://naorrr.com. If you have any questions or problems concerning your reservations or getting NAORRR's special rates, or you have mobility requests, contact Joanie and Gary Glickstein at 786-261-1124. Once you register and pay the applicable fees, you will receive details about volunteer opportunities and workshops.

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Available assistance includes an airfare subsidy of \$200 per member and underwriting from the Wallach Fund. To inquire, please send a confidential email to naorrrglickstein@gmail.com

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2024-2025 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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