

## Former church hosts folk dancing



The house at 13620 Weston Road, in King City, has a long history and exciting future. It was built in 1860 as a church, after the original church from 1832 was burnt in a fire. It served as the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church until a new church was built in King City. In 1960, the building was converted to a residential home, renovated but kept its natural charm and the large hall.

Stav and Riki Adivi purchased and moved this house in June last year and have decided to open the house for community cultural activities, and host regular folk dancing events that are open to all.

Stav and Riki Adivi were born in Israel and immigrated to Canada 10 years ago. They lived many years in Richmond Hill. They have joined the International Folk Dance sessions in the GTA and found themselves embraced with warmth and friendliness from this amazing community. With the International Folk Dancing there is a place and respect to all cultures and everyone feels welcomed.

Riki completed the folk dance teacher course in 2007 and teaches in several locations in the GTA. Riki teaches adults, families, people with disabilities and seniors. Finding good places to dance was not so easy and the Adivis were looking for a bigger house preferably a small church with wooden floor. They were looking for several years then eventually gave up. Stav is a real estate agent and last year he drove north on Weston Road and saw the house for sale on Weston Road. Moving to this house enabled the Adivis to fulfill the dream, and now it is the time to give back to a community that is so worthy.

New Year's Eve, the Ontario Folk Dance Association had a dance party in the house and people came from all over the GTA. In February they hosted a performance of Neta Elkayam that sings Moroccan Jewish music.

This coming Tuesday, March 15, there will be an open house with light refreshments for everyone that wants to experience, even just taste, or watch International Folk Dancing class. All folk dances classes with Riki Adivi in the house are free of charge. People with special needs, seniors or people with disabilities that would prefer specialized class are also welcome to attend the open house and contact Riki.

Anyone in the community that is looking for a place for a public community activity/event is welcomed to contact the Adivis. Small music or culture events are welcomed and usually free of charge. The place can sit up to 100 people for a lecture or performance and up to 70 for a dance event.

The open house is held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact email [rikiadivi@gmail.com](mailto:rikiadivi@gmail.com) or call 647-985-0605.