



What You'll Learn Inside ...

Who's steering the ship?

That would be your synagogue's governing board, and five members are about to join the elected body that makes key decisions about this place and draws up the annual spending plan. Learn who they are and where they come from on **page 4**.

Who's minding the office?

Presumably Amy Matathias, the newest staff hire at TI. She's moved into the full-time post of member services/administrative assistant, where she tries to make everybody feel they are supported. On **page 4**, you can learn about her background.

Who's keeping us fed?

That would be Liora Dahan, who brings a wealth of work experience in the culinary field to her new part-time post here as social events and food services coordinator. She promises to bring new visibility to the shul's kitchen operations and a greater degree of efficiency, too. Sate your appetite with her story on **page 5**.

Who's paying the bills?

Hopefully all of us, as several small fund-raising initiatives – including a pledge walk in Rock Creek Park in the spring – are planned during the next six months to ensure the synagogue meets its budgeted revenue total. See what's coming up for your support on **page 5**.

Welcome to Our Newcomers



Tikvat Israel is pleased to report on a wave of new member families, including those shown above, who have joined us since summer's end. Many are coming to our congregation with children of

school-age or pre-school-age, and others have children who are well grown and living elsewhere. You can read about all of them and see many of their faces on **pages 14-15**.

WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Monday	6:45 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday		7:30 p.m.
Wednesday		7:30 p.m.
Thursday	6:45 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.	
Kabbalat Shabbat		6:30 p.m.
Shabbat	9:30 a.m.	
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.

Services also held at Shiva houses as needed. Morning service times may change for Rosh Chodesh, minor fasts and national holidays.

Watch e-mail for notifications.

CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

January 5	4:42 pm
January 12	4:49 pm
January 19	4:57 pm
January 26	5:05 pm
February 2	5:13 pm
February 9	5:21 pm
February 16	5:29 pm
February 23	5:37 pm

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Year of Science at TI Explores Its Connection to Faith

2018 will mark the “Year of Science” at Tikvat Israel as special programming throughout the next 12 months will examine this question: How do faith and science intertwine in Judaism?

Congregants of all ages will be invited to participate in the following programs and initiatives.

Tikvat Israel U, Feb. 25. This day of learning will feature brief TED-style talks by congregants with expertise on a subject, including a special series of talks focused on science.

Scholars Weekend, March 9-11. Tikvat Israel will host Rabbi Geoff Mitelman, founding director of Sinai and Synapses based at the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership in New York. Weekend events will feature Rabbi Mitelman’s scholarship on the relationship between science and religion; how memory works; neuroscience and moral responsibility; and technology and our relationship to it.

Yom Ha’Atzmaut Celebration, April 18. In honor of Israel Independence Day, Irv Ellenberg, U.S. representative of the Technion in Haifa, Israel, will discuss the latest technological innovations at the world-class university.

Jews, Blues and Brews, May 6. To celebrate *Lag B’Omer*, the blues band “Bad Influence,” featuring TI congregant David Thaler on drums, will play a concert at TI. Prior to the concert, a local brewer will present a talk about the science of brewing beer and offer beer samples for those of age.

Science Fiction Book Club. Congregants Hope and Phil Kott will lead a book club exploring science fiction writing either on Jewish topics or by Jewish authors. The club is forming and dates will be announced soon.

Ma’aseh Moments. Tikvat Israel will feature an electronic display of nature photography on the flat screen in the lobby on a rotating basis. Noted photographer Larry Levine, a congregant, is curating the photographs. Contact Sally Kram if you have digital photos to submit.

Divrei Torah. Throughout the year, congregants will deliver *divrei Torah* with a scientific bent on Shabbat. If you are interested in participating, contact Sally Kram.

Science and Religion Books in TI’s Library. New titles have been added to the library on topics of science and religion. Congregants are invited to check out the books and continue the conversation.

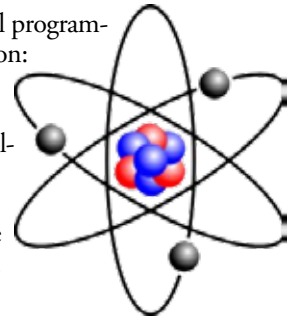
For more information about the Year of Science at TI, check <http://tikvatisrael.org/science> and stay tuned as more events are announced.

If you are a scientist and/or interested in organizing a scientific program or lecture, or might like to assist with the planning of an event, contact Sally Kram at kram@consortium.org.

SHABBAT RETREAT SET FOR MID-OCTOBER

A congregational retreat over the weekend of Oct. 19-21 at the Pearlstone Jewish Retreat Center and Outdoor Education Campus in Reisterstown, Md., is being planned by Rabbi Shull and a committee of congregants.

Committee members visited the site and are working on the full weekend program. Pearlstone sits on 160 acres with rolling hills, wooded trails, a two-acre pond, sport fields and an organic farm with petting animals. Reservation information will be announced shortly for those who wish to commit to this family weekend.



ADULT EDUCATION

Films and TED-Style Talks to Warm Winter Days

BY SALLY KRAM, ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR



As winter arrives, the Adult Education Committee is planning several exciting programs.

On consecutive Saturday nights, Jan. 20 and 27, the shul will host one of the year's premier events – Israel Presents: Two Nights of Israeli Film. (The snow date is Feb. 3.). The film program, in its 13th (*bar mitzvah*) year at Tikvat Israel, will feature the films “The Women’s Balcony” and “Harmonia.”

In this year of exploration of relationships between men and women, both films are particularly apt. “The Women’s Balcony” is an eccentric portrait of a devout community suddenly under pressure from a super Orthodox rabbi to observe their faith in a more rigid way. Though a gentle and affectionate comedy, the film makes some extremely sharp points about fanaticism, sexism masked as holiness, and tolerance among the faithful. “Harmonia” looks at relationships through a different lens, setting the Biblical triangle of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar against the backdrop of modern Jerusalem—specifically the Jerusalem Philharmonic.

Lisa LeBourgeois, cultural affairs officer at the Israeli Embassy in Washington (co-sponsor of the event), will facilitate the post-film discussion both nights. New this year, Israel Presents will have a commercial sponsor, Rockville-based Mayorga Coffee, which promises a delicious finale to the evening.

Tickets will be \$12 per film or \$20 for both films for TI members, \$15 and \$26 respectively for non-members, and \$5 each for students.

On Feb. 25, the Adult Education Committee is once again hosting Tikvat Israel U. This day of learning will feature congregants delivering TED-style talks on subjects of personal interest. Last year’s program ranged from the future of driverless cars to how to cook a brisket. This year’s program promises to be equally fascinating. The committee is seeking at least 20 speakers. If interested in offering a talk, please contact Sally Kram at kram@consortium.org.

The fun doesn’t stop when the snow melts. Spring events are also in the planning stages. Please consider joining the Adult Education Committee for the following programs:

- Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m. — Tikvat Israel Day at Theater J. TI congregants are invited to attend the matinee performance of “Becoming Dr. Ruth” at a discounted price and to participate in the post-play discussion.
- Sunday, May 6 at 7 p.m.— Jews, Brews and Blues. Tikvat Israel is hosting noted local blues band “Bad Influence,” featuring congregant David Thaler on drums. Details will be announced.
- Saturday, May 19 — Adult Education Shabbat. Committee members will participate in an innovative Shabbat service followed by a kiddush lunch with a panel discussion. In concert with the Year of Science, readings and the panel discussion will focus on the relationship between Judaism and science.

If you want to help behind the scenes at any of these activities, contact Sally Kram at kram@consortium.org.

Already, the Adult Education Committee has had an active programmatic year, starting with a pair of presentations on post-World War II Ashkenazi Jewish life and a preview of the 2018 Maryland legislative session.

On Oct. 28 and Nov. 5, the Adult Education Committee sponsored a two-part series looking at what has happened to some communities of Ashkenazi Jews in Europe since World War II. The first event—the film *Man from Munkacs: Gypsy Klezmer*, and a musical presentation by the film’s director Yale Strom and his wife—took place on Oct. 28 and represented a partnership between the Adult Education Committee and the Foundation for Jewish Studies. The film explored the symbiotic relationship between the Rom and Jews who lived together after World War II in Romania. About 150 people attended.

On Nov. 5, the committee hosted a lecture by American University professor Michael Brenner on current Jewish life in Germany. Professor Brenner, chair of the Center for Israeli Studies at AU, spoke movingly about the demise of traditional Jewish life in Eastern Europe and Germany and its rebirth over the past decades. The lecture attracted about 45 people.

TI congregant Anne Kaiser, chair of the Maryland House of Delegates’ Committee on Ways and Means, addressed nearly 40 congregants on Dec. 3 about what she thinks the state legislature will consider when it reconvenes in January.

“Get involved if things are upsetting you on state and national levels,” Delegate Anne Kaiser encouraged 40 congregants during her social hall remarks Dec. 3. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

Kaiser entreated us all to keep an open mind and to practice civility in all political conversations. She noted that even when opinions differ dramatically in Annapolis, an alternative point of view can often help shape important legislation. She also encouraged everyone to get involved in politics at all levels and to vote!

Delegate Anne Kaiser visits with fellow congregants Jonathan Solomon (center) and Harvey Kaplan following her presentation on what to expect from the Maryland legislature during its three-month session beginning in January. (Photo by Amy Matathias)



Five Expect to be Seated on TI Board in January

Congregants get the chance at year's end to refashion the membership on the synagogue's governing board.

In mid-December, a slate of five board members was recommended for two-year terms commencing in January.

Among those nominated were two current board members, Jay P. Goldman and Kelcey Klass, both of whom agreed to commit to another term of service on the board of directors.

Joining them will be three newcomers – Steve Eiserike, Sherrie Krauser and Jeremy Schiffer – who were recommended for office at a congregational meeting on Dec. 10.

All five must be formally approved at a congregational election, which is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 7. All officer positions and several other board berths will be elected a year from now.

Congregants also gave their thanks to three individuals who are leaving board service -- Michael Amster, Michele Eisenberg and Alana Suskin.

Jonathan Solomon served as chair of the nominations committee. Other members are fellow past presidents Rodney Matheson and Ronald Rabin.

Mini-profiles of the board nominees follow.

Steven Eiserike

Member of TI since 1988

Native of Silver Spring

Occupational life: substitute teacher in Montgomery County Public Schools and part-time child care provider for granddaughter; retired engineer with 42 years of experience in computer technology.

Volunteer roles at TI or elsewhere: past TI board member; Shabbat morning usher; High Holidays shomer; Purim Puppet show.



Jay P. Goldman

Member of TI since 1987

Native of Auburn, N.Y.

Occupational life: editor of monthly national magazine, *School Administrator*; adjunct professor at University of Maryland's College of Journalism since 1989.

Volunteer roles at TI or elsewhere: TI board member for about 15 years; chair, TI's strategic communications committee; editor of synagogue *Bulletin*; volunteer leader, monthly Jewish service at Potomac Valley Nursing Home for 25 years.



Kelcey Klass

Member of TI since 1973 (Temple Israel)

Native of Long Island, N.Y.

Occupational life: substitute teacher in Montgomery County Public Schools and former principal of a private preschool and kindergarten; previously, 17 years with U.S. Department of Education as budget analyst and program and management analyst.

Volunteer roles at TI or elsewhere: past member, Montgomery County Commission on Children and Youth; current TI board



member; supervised youth members in babysitting services during High Holidays; past chair, TI membership directory project.

Sherrie Krauser

Member of TI since 2016

Native of Washington, D.C., and Adelphi, Md.

Occupational life: retired judge, Circuit Court for Prince George's County; former adjunct professor at Columbus School of Law, Catholic University; private mediator and arbitrator with JAMS in Washington, D.C.

Volunteer roles at TI or elsewhere: TI kiddush; program leader at Cohen-Rosen House; volunteer in TI kitchen.



Jeremy A. Schiffer

Member of TI since 2016 (ECC parent since 2012)

Native of Tucson, Ariz.

Occupational life: senior counsel at U.S. Dept. of Commerce, where I help the National Institute of Standards and Technology fund scientific and advanced manufacturing research programs; affiliate assistant professor of law and social responsibility in the Sellinger School of Business, Loyola University Maryland.

Volunteer roles at TI or elsewhere: assistant principal clarinet in the Rockville Concert Band.



Matathias Takes Permanent TI Assistant Position

Amy Matathias, a Tikvat Israel congregant for 23 years, has been named the synagogue's member services/administrative assistant, a post she has held on an interim basis for the past several months.



She reports to Executive Director Sam Freedenberg, filling a position vacated by Marla Sevi, who resigned after about eight months for health reasons.

Matathias' knowledge of synagogue life and the computer software programs used in daily synagogue operations has contributed to a smooth transition in the TI office. She knows many synagogue members and says she looks forward to meeting even more.

As a volunteer, she has been involved in various TI committees, including the Youth Commission as co-chair, membership committee and the board of directors. She currently serves on the TI Strategic Communications Committee, contributes to the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*, and manages the website and the Facebook page.

Matathias grew up in Cleveland and graduated from Clark University with a bachelor's in chemistry and from Case Western Reserve with a master's in genetic toxicology. She worked for 20 years as a molecular biologist.

Amy and Dan Matathias and their two children joined Tikvat Israel in 1995 when their oldest child, Samuel, was enrolled in the ECC and daughter Rebecca was a newborn.

Four Revenue-Raising Initiatives Set for Coming Months

Congregants will have at least four opportunities in the coming months to support the synagogue's important fundraising goal for fiscal year 2018.

These four initiatives are being conducted for the shul to meet its budgeted fundraising target of \$108,000, which was adopted by the congregation for the year ending June 30. Current financial reports show that roughly half of that total must be generated during the next half year.

- **An a capella and klezmer concert.** This April 15 show will feature a half-hour performance by Rak Shalom, the award-winning University of Maryland *a capella* group, and a 45-minute klezmer concert featuring Seth Kibel and his band. Kibel is a local talent known for his virtuosity on saxophone, clarinet and flute. Jim Perlmutter is serving as the event's project leader with assistance from Cantor Helzner. A volunteer committee is needed to manage the event.
- **A 5K Rabbi's walk.** This event will take place in nearby Rock Creek Park in May or June (date to be determined) to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Israel. Distances will be marked off along the trail to represent landmarks in Israel. Sponsorship at different monetary levels will provide the primary funding support. Also, commercial and community institutional support will be solicited. Project leaders are Sam Gilston, Betty Fishman and David Kaminow.

- **Dedications for a new *Lev Shalem siddur*.** With TI overdue for a new Shabbat and holiday *siddur*, congregants will be solicited to purchase and/or dedicate copies of the prayer book at \$54 (3 times *chai*). "While we may not realize all income (from the book sales) in FY 2018, this initiative is clearly a need, which has the additional benefit of being a built-in fundraiser," Perlmutter said. "We anticipate having an educational program or orientation for the new *siddur*."
- **2018 Membership Directory.** Tikvat Israel expects to solicit commercial advertisements for the next directory as well as personal ad placements in memory or in honor of loved ones.

In addition, congregants now have the opportunity to sponsor a weekly Shabbat sheet (for \$50) in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone's birthday, anniversary or other milestone.

The fundraising activities were planned by members of the Ways and Means Committee, working jointly with the Rabbi, the Executive Director and several additional congregants. Perlmutter, TI's vice president for programming, coordinated the planning group.

Food Services Veteran Named Overseer of TI Kitchen

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, *BULLETIN* EDITOR

A veteran of culinary operations, Liora Dahan of Silver Spring has been hired as Tikvat Israel's social events and food services coordinator. She began her duties, a part-time post, in late October.

The coordinator's responsibilities will include ordering food, working with caterers and coordinating volunteers and hired staff. Synagogue members will continue to serve on a volunteer basis to handle the setup and cleanup for Shabbat kiddushim. Dahan will not be in the synagogue on Shabbat, but will handle all food preparation in advance.

Executive Director Sam Freedenberg said of Dahan's appointment: "She is very well qualified and has extensive kitchen management experience as well as experience as a chef."

During the past year, Dahan worked as an area director in the D.C. Public Schools for Sodexomagic, a private-sector food service. She was responsible for planning, management and execution of food service operations at 12 sites. Previously, from 2014 to 2016, she worked as general manager for Sodexo's food service operations at Sandy Spring Friends School.

Earlier in her career, Dahan was the food service manager at Capital Camps and food service director at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School.

"I felt it was time for me to give back to the community. Tikvat Israel is a broad-minded, diverse, traditional and caring



New staffer Liora Dahan is managing food operations at TI. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

community and I felt it would be a good fit," she said.

In the near term, Dahan said she aspires to grow the food service and social events to a higher level. "At the same time, I aim to increase the options available for life-cycle events regarding food choices and service. I hope to encourage the congregation to use the social hall and other facilities more often while offering them a variety of quality services," she said.

In the longer term, Dahan said she wants to make the food service at Tikvat Israel "as professional and profitable as possible but at the same time staying mission focused." She hopes to attract outside customers by offering "more value for our services, therefore encouraging them to book events at TI."

Her post-secondary education includes a degree from Hadassah Community College in Israel and studies at Beckleys College in South Africa. She holds a certified food service manager certificate.

SCI-FI BOOK CLUB FORMING

As part of our synagogue's Year of Science, a Science Fiction Book Club is being launched. Contact Hope Levy Kott at hkott@aol.com if interested.

The club's meeting dates and places will be announced on the TI listserv and in *B'keshet*.

Interfaith Dialogue Series

Visits TI March 28

Tikvat Israel will be one of the hosts of a four-part program series of interfaith dialogue and reflection titled “Abraham’s Children.”



The four sessions will be held on consecutive Wednesday evenings in March from 7-9 p.m. as follows:

- March 7 at Church of the Ascension (205 S. Summit Ave, Gaithersburg);
- March 14 at Kehilat Shalom (9915 Apple Ridge Road, Gaithersburg);
- March 21 at Islamic Center of Maryland (19411 Woodfield Road, Gaithersburg); and
- March 28 at Tikvat Israel

Developed by the Institute for Islamic, Christian and Jewish Studies in Baltimore, “Abraham’s Children” offers text study and dialogue among the three Abrahamic faiths in an effort to engage “the complexities of what is shared and what is unique in the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim traditions,” according to program organizers.

The Faith Community Working Group of Montgomery County and the Greater Gaithersburg Interfaith Alliance joined with Church of the Ascension, the Islamic Center of Maryland, Kehilat Shalom and Tikvat Israel as co-sponsors of the series.

For more information, contact TI’s Richard Lederman at ledermanrc@gmail.com or 240-441-8074.

FIRST LOOK AT A LOBBY IN THE MAKING



The synagogue board’s lobby renovation committee has selected Michael Asbacher of CDS Architectural Design of Rockville to serve as the architect for the lobby remodeling project. He will work with the committee, chaired by Alan Apter, to generate a design that meets the shul’s functional and aesthetic needs. Asbacher provided the accompanying rendering based on a preliminary design to show what could be done to upgrade the main lobby.

SOFTBALLERS ALERT FOR SPRING

Tikvat Israel fields a recreational softball team in a countywide synagogue league that plays Sunday mornings from April through June. The TI team is seeking new members — anyone who has some connection to the shul (staff, congregant or parent of ECC student). Any male who is teen-age or older is eligible. Reach out to Stuart Lempert at stuartlempert@yahoo.com.

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Protecting Our Bottom Line and Going Beyond

BY MELANIE GRISHMAN, TIKVAT ISRAEL PRESIDENT



Shalom,

The Washington Post carried an interesting article in its Oct. 24 edition: “Churches and synagogues in the state are increasingly merging and closing,” written by Jonathan M. Pitts of the *Baltimore Sun*, where the story originally appeared.

The reasons discussed for so many mergers and closings? The bottom line often has to do with the bottom line, and declining membership is hurting all denominations.

The article reported that more than 20 percent of Americans say they are unaffiliated with any religion—the highest number ever. It goes on to report “the number of Jews who call themselves culturally but not religiously Jewish is rising sharply among millennials.”

Tikvat Israel’s bottom line is presently in good shape. We ended the last fiscal year with an excess in the budget, which we placed into a reserve fund for emergencies. In the FY '18 budget, we projected a total fundraising amount of \$108,000. We had a successful Chai Campaign in the fall and we have about \$50,000 yet to accomplish. Several weeks ago, lay leadership and the Rabbi met with the members of the Ways and Means Committee to outline the remaining fundraising activities for the budget year. We plan for a concert in April, dedication of the new *Siddur Lev Shalem* to replace our current worn *siddurim*, and a Rabbi’s walk to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Israel.

In the past our biggest fundraiser of the year has been the Cantor’s Concert, but we will not have one this year since Cantor Helzner has become half-time. Instead, this April’s concert will feature Rak Shalom, the award winning *a capella* choir from the University of Maryland, and a klezmer band. We also discussed the possibility of a silent auction with a dessert reception. All of these events need volunteers to help with planning and execution.

The Ways and Means Committee consists of experienced members who know how to execute their plans but they need a leader. The several people that I have approached for this position have declined. If any of you are interested in serving in this critical role, please contact me.

The congregation has added new members in the past few years. It is our task to maintain and grow these numbers. I think the best way to attract new members is to have innovative, meaningful programs for all age levels; show strong participation in the community; support a thriving school community; and communicate our values.

I am personally proud to be a member of Tikvat Israel because we live our values. A few examples are that we provide educational opportunities, work with refugees, support the less fortunate in the community, care for each other, and have meaningful participatory religious services.

Ancient Wisdom, Modern Times

BY RABBI BENJAMIN SHULL



“New and improved” is the byword of our society. Whether it is laundry detergent or social values, we Americans are convinced that “old and time-tested” just doesn’t cut it. We are always looking for the newest model, the newest features. Life version 10.0 has to be better than Life version 1.0

So, what is a synagogue community to do? Alas, we are in the business of passing on tradition, ancient tradition. “New and improved” just isn’t going to be our strong suit. Sure, we can add a better website here or an innovative program there, but, bottom line, we are in the “old and time-tested” business.

And, therefore my friends, we must make the case that our ancient ancestors and their wisdom are worth listening to. In this world of rapid change and instant communication, we must advocate for constancy and a patient, persistent unfolding of the truth. (Perhaps we should have taken a closer look at the fine print when we accepted the Torah at Mount Sinai. What are you going to do!)

Ancient wisdom for modern times... I can think of no better place to start than with ancient Jewish wisdom about death and dying, healing and living. Actually, “start” is not entirely accurate because for the past year, beginning with my Yizkor sermon, “Confronting Death Together” and continuing with our “End-of-Life Matters Symposium” in October, we have been emphasizing ancient Jewish wisdom about comforting the bereaved and mourning the dead. We have argued that such wisdom is critical for maintaining us as a *kehilla kedusha*, a sacred community. And so, rather than start, let’s continue with ancient wisdom for modern times about life and death, death and life.

“It is better to go to a house of mourning than to a house of feasting; for that is the end of every man and a living one should take it to heart.”

These are the words of *Kobelet* 7:2, traditionally ascribed to King Solomon. Our wise ancestor is telling us something that we don’t want to hear. Funerals are sad. Shiva homes are uncomfortable. Cemeteries can be unsettling. Who would prefer a house of mourning over a house of feasting? And that is the point. We prefer laughter over tears, celebrations over sadness, but, in truth, a house of mourning is better for us than a house of feasting.

In a house of mourning, we learn to listen more than we speak. In a house of mourning, we learn the inadequacy of words and the power of an embrace. In a house of mourning, we learn about the meaning of life and the fullness or brevity of our years.

In my life as rabbi, I have been blessed to learn so much from the stories children tell of their parents’ lives. From the forests of Poland to the streets of the Lower East Side, it has been my honor to hear the tales of lives led with dignity and determination. Though I cannot say that I look forward to visiting a house of mourning, I know that I will leave with a better appreciation for

the value and beauty of life.

“Tov la’lekh et bayt ayvel...” It is better to go to a house of mourning... I recommend this bit of wisdom to you and I recommend a modern echo of this ancient advice, the book *Have a Little Faith*, by Mitch Albom. Mitch, author of *Tuesdays with Morrie*, writes about two religious leaders, an inner-city reverend and a suburban rabbi. The rabbi, Albom’s childhood rabbi Albert Lewis, asks him to deliver his eulogy. Mitch spends time with Rabbi Lewis until his death and chronicles what he learns about Rabbi Lewis and about life. Rabbi Lewis was also my inspiration. He was one of my favorite teachers at Camp Ramah in the Poconos. He was one of the reasons I became a rabbi.

Sometimes we must look backward in order to move forward. Ancient wisdom in modern times... God knows, we need it now more than ever.

Congregants Explore End-of-Life Matters

Approximately 50 congregants attended the Bereavement Committee’s symposium, “End-of-Life Matters,” on Oct. 15.

Rabbi Shull began the panel program with a short talk on pastoral care. Other panelists briefly described their areas of expertise: Stacy Lang on coping with grief and loss; Louise Chatlynne on *tabara*; Rabbi Sandy Rubenstein on hospice care; Marvin Waldman on legal affairs; and Sam Freedenberg on local funeral homes.

Representatives from Judean Memorial Gardens and Garden of Remembrance (Gan Zikaron) participated in the three breakout sessions.

The revised “A Guide to Jewish Mourning Practices” will be published soon and accessible on the Tikvat Israel website.

If you have any questions regarding burial plot purchases or funeral practices, contact Sam Freedenberg.



A full panel took part in the end-of-life symposium at TI in October that was organized by Marilyn Greenwood (standing), who chairs the synagogue’s Bereavement Committee. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

CANTOR'S CORNER

First Call for Purim Puppeteers

BY CANTOR ROCHELLE HELZNER



Revised Dates for Instruments

Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments will be held at 6:15 p.m. in Flax Library on Jan. 19, April 20 (not May 4) and June 15. This uplifting Shabbat evening service includes spirited melodies both traditional and new accompanied by guitar, piano, bass and percussion.

Each service – open to those of all ages – is preceded by a sponsored reception at 5:45 p.m. Future sponsors are being sought.

Puppets Unite!

Puppeteers and character voices are needed for the Purim Puppet Show to be held *erev* Purim on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, Feb. 11 and Feb. 25 from 4-6 p.m., with one other date to be determined.

Involvement in this show is fun and the enjoyment received from parents and children is rewarding. If you are an adult or older teen and would like to participate, contact Karen Lipsy at bkrsl@verizon.net.

Purim Festivities

Tikvat Israel's Purim festivities begin on Wednesday evening, Feb. 28, with a family celebration including a Purim Puppet Show and costume parade from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the social hall.

Maariv and a full *Megillah* reading begin in the sanctuary at 7:20 p.m., including this year's Purim shpiel.

Purim services continue at 6:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 1.

Wear costumes and bring tzedakah!

Shabbat Davening Schedule

Cantor Helzner will daven on Jan. 13, 19, 27; Feb. 2, 10, 24; March 9, 10, 24; and April 14, 20, 21. Future dates will be announced.

IN MEMORY OF FOLK GREATS

Cantor Rochelle Helzner performed along with other members of the Seaboard Region Cantors Assembly on Nov. 19 at Ohr Kodesh in Chevy Chase at a concert titled "Holy and Unbroken." The show featured music by Ben Zion Shenker and Leonard Cohen and commemorated the first yahrzeits of both musical legends. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)



TI WOMEN'S NETWORK

Hands-on Arts Set for Next Two Programs

BY REBECCA SALON

The Tikvat Israel Women's Network continues to be active and to offer many opportunities for involvement.

Our first event of 2018 will be a hands-on art activity conducted by fiber artist Shirley Waxman at her home on Sunday, Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Shirley first will give us a tour of her studio and textile collection, followed by the opportunity for each of us to paint a silk scarf in an abstract motif. The event is limited to 16 people and will cost \$10 per person. (The RSVP deadline has passed so check with Ellen Eisner at 301-598-0635 or eeisner@comcast.net for any remaining slots.) Carpooling to Shirley's home is requested due to limited parking.

A fused glass program is set for Sunday, March 18, at Tamah Graber's studio. There will be a limited number of spaces so you will need to register early. A \$20 charge covers the materials needed for making a fused glass plate or bowl. Watch for more information soon. In the meantime, save the date!

The next three dates and titles for the Women's Network Book group are:

- Feb. 21, *Through the Door of Life* by Joy Ladin with discussion leader Rebecca Salon;
- April 18, *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gondar-Goshen with discussion leader Susan Apter; and
- June 20, *Rosalind Franklin – The Dark Lady of DNA* by Brenda Maddox with discussion leader Sara Harris.

Each book group meets in the Flax Library at 7:45 p.m., immediately following evening minyan.

We will offer additional Rosh Hodesh and other programs in 2018. Also, mark your calendars for our annual Women's Network Shabbat on May 12. Watch for information about upcoming activities on the TI listserves and in *B'kesher*.

We hope you will participate in some of the upcoming programs and get to know other women at Tikvat Israel. If you are interested in helping with a program, contact Janice Balin.

It's never too late to join the Women's Network and to support the Torah Fund (see related story, page 17).

BOARD MEETINGS OPEN TO ALL

Members of the congregation always are welcome to attend meetings of the synagogue's board of directors. These meetings typically happen on the fourth Monday of each month, except in summer. Meetings start at 8 p.m. in the Flax Library.

Meeting agendas can be requested a few days in advance from President Melanie Grishman.

The only closed portions of the meetings deal with personnel matters or legal matters.

TI's Storytelling Show Leads to Three-Part TV Series

BY JOHN MELMED

The 5th annual True Stories was presented on Nov. 12 in front of a very receptive audience of about 170 people in the Tikvat Israel social hall.

The consensus seems to have been that this was the best True Stories show because of the excellent quality of the storytellers.

We heard stories about the tribulations involved in sailing, about what it's like for a man to have a mammogram and about a young woman's attraction to her ophthalmologist. We laughed at the burial shenanigans for a pet gerbil and at a paraplegic's battle over bathroom access at a McDonald's. We were entertained by the efforts of two storytellers to find soul mates and another storyteller's fears about his Birthright Israel trip. And we were touched by the heartfelt story of a transgender man's attempt to be accepted by his mother.



The full lineup of storytellers lined up at the conclusion of November's True Stories. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

The show was filmed by an Emmy-winning producer, Rodney Minor, and his television crew. The show will be aired on cable television in early 2018 as a three-part series of half-hour programs. (Broadcast times will be announced on the synagogue listserve.)

Each of the three shows will feature three storytellers who appeared on the Tikvat Israel stage, along with brief interviews with each. Additionally, each televised show will include a one- to two-minute profile about different aspects of Tikvat Israel. This will be a great promotional benefit to the synagogue, at no cost.

If this three-part series is successful, Minor intends to push for a 10-part TV series in which storytellers will be pitted against each other in a knockout competition called "America's Greatest Storyteller." He hopes TI will be one of four venues for this series, with each venue hosting two of the preliminary competitions. The caveat is that sponsors have to be found to fund each show, while all proceeds will benefit the venues hosting the shows. Minor believes our synagogue is a perfect venue because of the large capacity auditorium and because of the excellent acoustics in the social hall.



John Melmed was chief organizer of the True Stories show at TI.



A camera crew captured the story telling at TI for an expected three-part series on public television. (Photos by Felicia R. Black)

Women's Network Wakes Up and Smells Coffee

Tikvat Israel's Women's Network kicked off the year with a coffee social at Mayorga Organics in Rockville Oct. 22. Nineteen members met for a coffee tasting, a tour of the coffee roasting and packaging facility, and an informative discussion led by Mayorga's barista Eduardo Choza about how the coffee tree berry (called a cherry) progresses from seed to bean.

The group was invited to smell, touch and taste several types of roasts and grinds of coffee. Choza fielded questions about the differences between grinds from fine to coarse, how roasting times affect flavor, the best way to store coffee (not in the refrigerator or freezer) and how long it can be stored before freshness is affected.

During a tour of the facility, Choza showed participants where Mayorga's 15,000 lbs. of coffee per day are roasted and packaged.

The tasting involved light, medium and dark roasts and was accompanied by muffins, banana bread and fruit. During the social, members shared their personal coffee stories, including which blends were their favorites. Several had gotten hooked on

coffee as children when they were given coffee that was mostly milk with lots of sugar.

Named for its founder, Mayorga produces coffee that is certified organic and kosher.

Sara Harris, one of the tour participants, said of her experience: "Learning more about my daily brew was great. Coffee, sweets and good company — a great combination."



The art of coffee-making drew an interested group of members of the TI Women's Network to Mayorga in Rockville. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Musical Tour of Israel Set for Congregants in October

A unique two-week tour of Israel titled “*Mifgashim Muzicali'im: Musical Encounters with People and Places*,” organized by TI congregant Barbara Ridberg, is set for Oct. 10-23.

A post-trip option to visit Petra is scheduled for Oct. 24-27.

The tentative day-to-day tour itinerary will be shared with anyone interested during an informational meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21, at the home of the Ridbergs, 13702 Drake Drive, Rockville.

The tour will feature up to 10 distinctive musical experiences in addition to visits to significant historical, cultural and religious sites around the country.

Ridberg expects the ballpark price for the tour, including breakfasts and dinners and round-trip transportation, to be \$4,500 to \$5,500 per person, double occupancy. Single occupancy will be accommodated for an additional fee. Final pricing will depend upon the number of participants.

In addition to the itinerary, details about confirmed overnight accommodations, overseas flights and pricing will be shared at the meeting.

Ridberg said she was inspired to organize this themed excursion by her love of Jewish music, Israeli music, music of the



Tour participants will see a performance by this Israeli musical group.

ethnic communities in Israel and the collaborative music of the Israeli/Palestinian/Jewish/Muslim young people and adults in Israel's shared society.

The tour's agenda will include visits with an Israeli vocalist/musician, who will share stories and songs of Naomi Shemer and the Jezreel Valley, and with the coordinator for music and culture at Kibbutz Givat Hayim, Me'uchad.

Participants also will meet two unique musical groups formed during the past decade. Aaron Shneyer and Micah Hendler are gifted musicians (both originally from Maryland) who have channeled their passion, talents and love of music into Israeli/Palestinian peace work. The two believe music has the power to transcend the fears, conflicts and differences that exist between the Israeli Jewish and Palestinian communities. Their creative work in vocal and instrumental music offers opportunities for understanding and friendship.

The YMCA Jerusalem Youth Chorus and the musical ensemble Heartbeat in Haifa will share their musical journeys with participants during the tour.

In advance of the organizational meeting, TI members can connect with Ridberg at barbararidberg@gmail.com or 301-871-6887.

HOLIDAY SURPRISE FOR OUR COLLEGIANS



The synagogue's college outreach committee sends care packages to college students of Tikvat Israel members, often with a Jewish holiday theme. This year's Hanukkah-themed package, assembled and mailed last month by coordinators Nancy Matheson and Nancy Solomon, came complete with lots of goodies, a beautiful Hanukkah card signed by the Rabbi and Cantor, chocolate gelt and a dreidl. (Photo by Nancy Solomon)

HAZAK LEARNS ABOUT GREEK JEWS



More than two dozen HAZAK members turned out at TI in mid-October to hear Karen Batshaw discuss the Nazi occupation in Greece and a short history of the Greek Jews. Batshaw is the author of *Hidden in Plain Sight*, a story that follows a young Jewish woman from Thessaloniki who moves to Athens in the early years of World War II and lives as a Christian to avoid arousing suspicion. The author (center), shown with Fran Tropp, signed copies of her work for the attendees. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

A Critic's Review: Museum of the Bible

BY SUE URBAN

The Museum of the Bible opened on Nov. 17 in a renovated brick warehouse located a few blocks south of the National Mall near the Federal Center SW Metro station.

The new museum draws heavily from the extensive collection of historical artifacts amassed by Steve Green of Hobby Lobby fame, including five fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls and some 2,000 Torah scrolls.

Using the latest in museum technology, the museum, also known as MOTB, strives to offer something for people of all faiths, ages and backgrounds. On our recent visit, my husband Martin and I were pleasantly surprised to find that it actually does that.

Much of the museum addresses the history and development of the Bible as incorporated in various religious and cultural traditions and does so in an engaging and respectful way. The Children's Experience is full of colorful hands-on, interactive stuff. The World Stage Theater consumes part of the top two levels. (The current show, "Broadway's Amazing Grace: The Musical," will be performed there through Jan. 7.)

The museum also includes a beautiful ballroom, a variety of state-of-the-art meeting spaces, and—of course—a large gift shop.

One of MOTB's current special exhibits is "Amsterdam: A City of Books," featuring historic handwritten and printed materials borrowed from Amsterdam's Ets Haim Library and Bibliotheca Rosenthaliana. I tried to ascertain how long that exhibit would remain at MOTB and was told "until sometime in January." If you can visit MOTB soon, I highly recommend you check out this exhibit.

The long-term "Israel Antiquities Authority" exhibit includes many artifacts on loan from the IAA plus three videos produced by the organization. An attraction called "In the Valley of David and Goliath" requires an entry fee, and we didn't see it on this visit.



The front façade of the Museum of the Bible features 40-foot-tall brass Gutenberg Gates and is topped by the Glass Galley, made of the world's clearest glass. (Photo by Sue Urban)

The museum's primary restaurant, Chef Todd Gray's fast-casual Manna, features Mediterranean-inspired foods and offers a small Biblical garden à la Israel's Neot Kedumim. Apparently, at some point, Manna will offer kosher food, but no details about this were available during the time of our visit. A coffee shop sells beverages, snacks and other light fare.

Not every aspect of MOTB is a win. As you might expect, there are plenty of

Christian-themed components, and some of the attractions are on the hokey side. Some relevant topics aren't addressed at all. Perhaps feedback from visitors during the site's opening months will yield some future improvements.

One advisory: The ownership history of some of the museum's objects has been challenged. These items are discussed on the museum website's provenance page.

Although some of the Museum of the Bible's featured attractions carry a separate admission fee, general entry to the museum is free. For more information and to reserve timed-entry tickets, go to www.museumofthebible.org.



Rabbi Menasseh ben Israel's *Sefer Nishmat Hayyim*, in Hebrew and Latin, was printed in Amsterdam in 1651. The book is on loan from the Bibliotheca Rosenthaliana. (Photo by Martin Urban)

Monthly Class to Explore Shabbat Morning Prayer

Tikvat Israel will hold an ongoing monthly educational series on Shabbat mornings titled "Invitation to Shabbat Morning Prayer" for adults eager to better appreciate and understand the service.

The ongoing series, led by Rabbah Arlene Berger, a congregant at TI, will take place on the third Shabbat of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon starting on Jan. 20. The series will continue on Feb. 17, March 17, April 21 and May 19.

An introductory session is scheduled for 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4, for anyone considering the course. At this meeting, Berger will solicit the participants' desires for the course, allowing her to plan a learning experience about Shabbat prayer that will meet the needs of a diverse group.

"We will look at the structure and choreography of the service as well as the intent and meanings of specific prayers," she said.

- Berger believes the series will be of particular interest to:
- those who are new to Judaism and religious services;
 - those who may not be new but feel the need to deepen their understanding of the service; and
 - those who are considering conversion or just want to feel more at home in synagogue on Shabbat.

RSVP to her at rabbaharlene@gmail.com if you plan to attend on Jan. 4 or the opening session, or have questions.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Instilling Jewish Life-Cycle Skills

BY LUISA MOSS, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING



In *Ecclesiastes* 3 we read “To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to be born and a time to die”

Life is filled with a maze of milestones and experiences. As Jews we have a series of events that guide and mark different points along our life just as *Ecclesiastes* states. In order to help our students learn about their own Jewish journey, our 5th and 6th graders are studying about the Jewish life cycle.

The students began their study with birth, exploring the biblical context for *brit milah*, *simchat bat*, and the Jewish traditions that guide how parents choose their child’s name. Our students asked their parents about their English and Hebrew names. Rabbi Shull and I then held a special assembly for the students and parents where the students shared with their parents what they have learned about in this unit. Rabbi Shull explained that names always have held special meaning tracing back to the Bible. He then called up each child with his or her parents just as the child will one day be called to the Torah (child’s name ben/bat father’s name v’ mother’s name).

Each parent then had the opportunity to share with her or his child and the entire class the reason for choosing the child’s name and what goals and dreams they had for their child when they chose it.

Rabbi Shull concluded the program with a blessing for the parents and the children. The parents recited a prayer giving thanks for their children and offering hopes they will continue the tradition of their own parents and the Jewish people to maintain their heritage and live their names with honor.

This program was special on many levels. First, it brought together the parents and the students to learn together. Over the course of learning, I hope to make personal connections to the learners: How does their own life fit into the Jewish life cycle?

Second, this learning opportunity gave our students the opportunity to learn Jewish life skills that they will need at various points in their life. They now know their Hebrew name and their parents’ Hebrew names so that when they are called up to the Torah they know what to say to the Gabbai. While it is a long ways away, G-d willing, one day if these students have children they will continue this tradition of naming their own children following the intentions and traditions of Jewish names.

As our life-cycle curriculum continues, the students and parents will have the opportunity to learn about *tallit* and *tzitzit* when they study as *bnai mitzvah*. For the study of Jewish marriage, the parents will be invited to share their *ketubot* (wedding certificates) with their children.

At the conclusion of the life-cycle journey, a field trip to a cemetery for a book burial is in the works. The ultimate goal of these learning opportunities is to offer experiences for our students to connect with both their own personal experience and as members

of the Jewish community, and to give them direction and a guide for life as a Jewish person.

Upcoming Youth Events

- Jan. 3 Atid Learning Center classes resume
- Jan. 6 Junior Congregation (grades 3-6) 10:30 a.m.
- Jan. 6 Kehilat Kids (grades K-2) 11 a.m.
- Jan. 13 Torah Club (grades 4 and up) approx. 10:30 a.m.
- Jan. 14 No school (MLK weekend)
- Jan. 15 MLK Day of Service program
- Jan. 20 Drama on Shabbat (children age 6 through adults report at 10 a.m.; children under 6 at 11 a.m.)
- Jan. 21 Bonim/Machar Lego event 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Jan. 27 Torah Club

- Feb. 3 Junior Congregation (grades 3-6) 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 3 Kehilat Kids (grades K-2) 11 a.m.
- Feb. 10 Youth Shabbat
- Feb. 10 Game afternoon
- Feb. 18 No school (Presidents Day Weekend)
- Feb. 24 Torah Club
- Feb. 25 Bonim event
- Feb. 28 Purim pizza dinner plus puppet show and *Megillah* reading

MONTHLY CELEBRATION



A sheet cake each month recognizes congregants with birthdays and anniversaries. Keeping an eye on (but their hands off) the November cake were (from left) Amy Matathias, Barbara Katz and Toby Altman.

Minyan Matters

BY MARGIE EISERIKE

After my parents died, I began going to minyan every night to say *kaddish*. Coming from a traditional home, I knew this was something I was obligated to do. After a few weeks, the prayers became more familiar and I started to become more comfortable with the service. Minyan became a peaceful way for me to connect with the memories of my parents and to mark the end of every day.

As the year progressed and the seasons changed, one particular prayer had special significance to me. During the silent *Amidah*, I felt a strong connection to my parents and other relatives when I recited *Baruch Aleinu Adonai Eloheinu et ha-shanah ha-zote, v'et kol menei t'vuah-tah l'tovah* – “Bless this year for us, Adonai, and all our days for good. ... Praised be You, Adonai, who blesses our years.”

Reading these words, I remembered how our large extended family always celebrated each and every holiday, each and every season. This prayer gave me strength. It comforted me to think about the cycles of the seasons and the cycles of life.

Minyan was, and continues to be, important to me. Surrounded by my Tikvat Israel family at minyan, I receive strength and support, and I hope I can provide this to other congregants who experience a loss.



Fellow Congregants:

As I conclude my 11 months of mourning my mother's death, I would like to thank all of you for your love and support during this difficult time.

Wishing all of you a Happy Hanukkah.

Dan Matathias

Our family wants to thank the members of Tikvat Israel Congregation for their support after Allan's mother passed away. It was comforting to have you attend the service and the shiva minyans. Thank you also for contributions in her memory. The TI community is supportive and comforting.

Allan and Mimi Meltzer

Tikvat Israel Atid Learning Center Families:

The ladies of the YMCA cookie baking group want to thank you for the notes. We included them in each of the seven boxes of cookies we sent to the soldiers stationed in Afghanistan. That was very special for the soldiers and I am sure it meant a good deal to you. We all share one special thing: WE CARE A LOT.

Cookie Kless and "The Ladies of Lyndhurst, Ohio"

Tikvat Israel Tzedakah Fund:

The Central Fund of Israel acknowledges, with grateful appreciation, your thoughtful contribution. It is commitment like yours that has been instrumental in the strengthening of Eretz Yisrael.

Over 30 years ago, CFI was incorporated as a U.S. tax-exempt charity...to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East; to promote the advancement of the cause of the Israelites to live in peace in the land of their Fathers in accordance with the Five Books of Moses; to do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or in the advancement thereof.

CFI is run totally by volunteers, so 100% of the donors' gifts go to charity.

Arthur Marcus

Central Fund of Israel President

FOLK MUSIC LIVES ON



The next Focus folk concert at Tikvat Israel will be staged at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 18, featuring the music of the Brad Yoder Duo, with special guest Heather Mae. Learn more about the artists at www.bradyoder.com and www.heathermae.net. Shown above are the two sets of musical trios who performed at the Focus show on Dec. 3 at TI. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

PARASHA PARTNERS FOR SHABBAT

One *aliyah* each Shabbat morning – typically the fifth – is dedicated to Parasha Partners: any individual whose *bat mitzvah* or *bar mitzvah* included that day's parasha. The synagogue office is maintaining a list of *bnai mitzvah* anniversary dates for future Shabbats at TI. Please send yours to office@tivkatisrael.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT SERIES



A monthly, one-hour support group for those coping with loss meets monthly at 8 p.m. on Thursday evenings at Tikvat Israel.

Congregant Stacy Lang leads the group, “Good Grief – A Journey Together.” Meeting dates are Jan. 18, Feb. 22, March 22, April 19, May 24 and June 14. Cost is \$10 per session.

Call Lang at 201-675-7151 for more details.

Congregation Welcomes New Member Families

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, BULLETIN EDITOR

Tikvat Israel has welcomed several new congregant families to its membership ranks during the final months of 2017.

Please make a point of saying hello to those who have joined our congregation.

The following summaries and photographs were provided by the members (in most cases). They are listed alphabetically.

Anita and Melvin (Mel) Brenner reside in Silver Spring.

Anita is an engineer working in the Cryospheric Sciences Lab at NASA/Goddard in Greenbelt. She studies ice sheets using remote sensing data and is working on a new mission set to launch in September. Mel is a CPA and a self-employed financial adviser.

“We have known about Tikvat Israel for years,” Anita said, adding she and her husband had been members of another area shul for many years “but decided to change to an egalitarian synagogue.”

Joshua Costa and Bethanie Weitz, along with children Jacob (6), Zachary (3) and Benjamin (2).

Jacob is in kindergarten at Rock Creek Valley Elementary School, while Zachary and Benjamin are enrolled in the Tikvat Israel ECC.

The family has resided in Rockville for eight years. Joshua, originally from Long Island, is a physical therapist. Bethanie, a native of Kensington, is a special education teacher.

“We joined TI as a result of the kids being enrolled in the ECC and enjoying the community,” said Bethanie.

Scott and Natalie Davis, along with son Thomas (10), who previously attended the TI ECC. An older daughter Ashley lives in Virginia.

Scott works as a home remodeler and carpenter, and Natalie operates a family daycare at her home.

Albert (Avi) and Rosalind (Roz) Feldman, who have resided in Rockville for 51 years, have three grown children and 11 grandchildren. They are rejoining TI.

Avi worked as a solid state physicist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, where he worked on diamond coatings. Roz worked as a school nurse, taught at the Catholic University and Georgetown University, and worked as a psychotherapist at the Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents in Rockville. Both are retired.

This is Roz and Avi’s third go-around at TI. “It is the synagogue where we feel most at home,” said Avi, who in retirement designs machine embroidery and art quilts and has competed successfully in quilt contests nationally. Roz also works on quilts and fiber arts and attends the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Johns Hopkins University twice weekly.

Michael and Tiffany Kaufman, along with son Jordan (3).

The family lives in Rockville. Tiffany, originally from south Florida, works as a counselor in the Montgomery County Public Schools. Michael, originally from New York, is a software tester in quality assurance for CoStar Group.

“We were drawn to the TI community because of the reputation of the ECC program,” Tiffany said. “In looking for a new school for Jordan, this had everything we wanted. We are excited to be part of this community and look forward to meeting new people.”



Scott and Mara Miller with daughters Leah and Hayley.



Joshua Costa and Bethanie Weitz and their children (from left) Benjamin, Zachary and Jacob.



Scott and Natalie Davis and their daughter Ashley and son Thomas.

Josh and Yukiko Malkin, along with son Daniel (10), who is a 5th grader enrolled at Atid.

The family lives in Rockville, having recently relocated from Carlsbad, Calif. They previously lived in Silver Spring between 2008 and 2013.

Josh is a civil engineer, and Yukiko works as a Japanese translator. “We learned about Tikvat Israel through the website and by looking at synagogues in close proximity to our new home,” said Josh.

Mel and Charlotte Marquis reside in Rockville. They have grown children and grandchildren, some of whom attended public school with members of TI.

Mel worked as a patent examiner and Charlotte worked as a manager of a medical office. Both are retired.

Sahar Melamed and Reut Shainer reside in Rockville, along with son Alon (5) and daughter Ella (who will be 2 in February), both of whom attend the TI ECC.

Sahar, born in Jerusalem, and Reut, born in Binyamina (a small town near Caesarea), are scientists who work at the National Institutes of Health. Sahar is a microbiologist and Reut is an immunologist.

They moved to Rockville two years ago for a postdoctoral fellowship at the National Institutes of Health.

Scott and Mara Miller, along with daughters Leah (10) and Hayley (4).

The family lives in New Mark Commons in Rockville after relocating from Bethesda.

Mara works at the Food and Drug Administration as a lead regulatory project manager, and Scott works in finance at the Aspen Institute.

“We learned about Tikvat through our research and referrals,” said Scott.

Steve and Shoshana Tessler reside in Rockville’s Manor Woods neighborhood, along with son Jonah (8) and daughter Nava (4), who attends the ECC.

The family moved from North Potomac to the Manor Woods neighborhood of Rockville in 2016.

Steve works as an engineer in the cybersecurity field and Shoshana is a preschool teacher in the Kofim class at TI. Shoshana’s grandmother, Freyda Schwartz, worked as a religious school teacher at TI for many years, “so we knew about the synagogue from hearing great things about it from her in the past,” Steve said. “We’re excited to raise our kids as part of the TI community and we look forward to making friends and memories here over the years to come.”



Michael and Tiffany Kaufman and their son Jordan.



Anita Brenner



Mel Brenner



Sahar Melamed and Reut Shainer and their son Alon and daughter Ella.



Josh and Yukiko Malkin and their son Daniel.



Steve and Shoshana Tessler with children Jonah and Nava.

No Need to Wait to Give Gift

BY SAM GILSTON, CHAIRMAN, FUND FOR THE FUTURE

At the end of 2017, the Tikvat Israel Fund for the Future was nearing a milestone: \$500,000 in invested capital. That means we are well on the way toward reaching a goal of having \$1 million in the long-range capital fund.

It also is a sign that the Fund for the Future will be in a position in the next year or so to start contributing toward Tikvat Israel's annual expenses.

Having an endowment of this nature will be a key factor in assuring the sustainability of our congregation and its financial health for many years to come.

In past columns, I've talked about how you could be part of that effort in your estate planning by including the fund in your will or as a beneficiary of your investments.

We are very pleased that several members of Tikvat Israel have already stepped up and included the synagogue in their estate planning and their wills. Of course, we hope they live *eine hundert und zwanzig jahrs* and those gifts will be way off in the future.

In addition to those commitments, the Fund for the Future has received many current contributions that have helped it reach its growing value. Such gifts will continue to be a major source of financing for many years.

Capital gifts to the fund are distinct from contributions made annually to the synagogue as part of its regular budget, income and expenses. It is in no way intended to diminish or take away from contributions that are made either in the form of dues or extra payments to support congregation activities.

Nonetheless, the Fund for the Future invites you to consider making a capital gift now, if your financial situation permits.

You may want to consult your accountant or financial adviser about how a gift to the fund from a retirement account or IRA might reduce your taxable income if you are now taking a required minimum distribution.

In addition, appreciated stock that might face a capital gains tax could be donated. If you have windfall income for some reason, the fund would be a great place to share your good fortune.

In each case, accounting or legal advice should be sought to understand your options.

A capital gift of \$10,000 or more can be earmarked for specific uses and identified as a gift from you or in honor or memory of someone.

A capital gift now to the Fund for the Future will have greater value over the years as its investment grows and produces future income.

If you would like to discuss making a capital contribution to the fund now or in the near future, please contact me or a member of the committee to examine your options. I can be reached at (301) 924-5424.

Refugees Make Integration Strides With TI Support

BY DEBBIE AMSTER AND JUDITH DAVIS

Tikvat Israel continues its efforts as a welcoming congregation. In the past few months, we have donated three van loads of household items to the Ethiopian Community Development Council for incoming immigrant families. The two families with whom we are considered "first friends" are both integrating well into American life.

Thanks to the efforts of various congregants, Tanya and Igor from the Ukraine have attended Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments, the Fabrengen Fiddlers concert at the Jewish Community Center, Focus concerts at the shul and Shabbat dinners, all of which they enjoyed immensely. The couple participated in the hiking havurah's outing to the Black Hills Park in November, and Tanya has been part of the team volunteering at Manna Food Bank. She also participated in the coffee factory tour organized by TI's Women's Network.

Tanya and Igor have benefitted from English language tutoring by members of the congregation, supplementing their English classes at Montgomery College. They are making great strides with their language proficiency. Igor passed his driving test and is now on the road. In December, the couple planned to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Israel.

The Afghan family we are aiding in Prince George's County is doing well. The father recently purchased a car and congregants donated car seats for the youngest children. Blankets for the winter were needed and once again the congregation came through. The father now is working near home at a bakery. It is a minimum wage job but steady work. He would welcome additional part-time work for mornings or weekends (his bakery work shift is 2-10:30 p.m.). He has plans to attend a job training session at A Wider Circle.

In advance of Thanksgiving, Rabbi Shull and Debbie Amster led a small but mighty group in a discussion about the world refugee crisis. We shared stories of our families' journeys and studied Jewish sources about welcoming the stranger. We reflected on how we have helped and ways we can do more. If you would like to get more involved by assisting the families we are currently working with, be in touch with Debbie Amster (debbiamster@comcast.net) or Judy Davis (judith.davis07@comcast.net).

LOST-AND-FOUND RULES

The synagogue office asks congregants to make a concerted effort to leave the shul with your personal belongings: eyeglasses, *kippot*, *tallit* bags, personal *siddurim* and other texts, cell phones, umbrellas, keys, etc.



Office staff have limited time to search for misplaced items. *Tallit* bags left behind are now stowed on the top shelf of the coat room, and the main office maintains a small lost-and-found box.

Torah Fund Supports Future Leaders of Jewish World

BY SUSAN APTER, TI WOMEN'S NETWORK TORAH FUND CHAIR

Torah Fund is the dedicated philanthropy of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. It supports Jewish learning at the highest levels -- college, graduate school and professional. The recipients whom we support become the rabbis, cantors, educators, chaplains, summer camp directors, scholars and leaders of the Jewish world.

To correct one misconception: The Women's League Torah Fund campaign does not raise funds to buy new Torahs every year.

The fund began in 1942 as a scholarship fund for the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City. In 1963, it merged with the Mathilde Schechter Residence Hall campaign to provide housing for undergraduate college students. Over the years, the campaign identified new needs and raised funds for specific projects, including Women's League Educational Pavilion (Kripke Tower); Women's League Seminary Synagogue; H.L. Miller Cantorial School; Davidson Graduate School of Education; Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (Los Angeles); Seminario

Rabinico Latinoamericano (Buenos Aires); Schechter Institutes of Judaic Studies (Jerusalem); and Zacharias Frankel Rabbinical College (Potsdam, Germany).

The Torah Fund campaign each year runs from July 1 through June 30. The theme in 5778 is "Mah Tov - How Good" ("How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwellings places, O Israel," *Numbers* 24:5). We count the many blessings as individuals within the community of Israel. We are blessed in our synagogue with depth of learning, prayer and acts of kindness that bind us together.

Thank you to the women of Tikvat Israel who have supported Torah Fund thus far — from the smallest donation to the benefactor level and beyond. (A gift of \$180 is the minimum to receive this year's pin commemorating the 100th anniversary of Women's League.) Please consider supporting this year's Torah Fund Campaign by completing the form below and making your check payable to "Torah Fund." Any amount is gratefully appreciated.

TIKVAT ISRAEL WOMEN'S NETWORK 2017-18 TORAH FUND

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Contact Apter with questions about the Torah Fund at (301) 460-9657 or apter4@gmail.com.

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NEW BABY SUPPORT



TI congregants provide meals for synagogue families with newborns. Sarah Hardy coordinates this occasional activity to support those with new babies. Contact her at saraehardy@yahoo.com.

LINKING TO FACEBOOK

Tikvat Israel maintains a Facebook page with periodic updates of news and information and photos of congregants.



Each issue of *B'kesher*, the e-newsletter, is posted to the synagogue's page.

Please consider following Tikvat Israel when you next spend time on your Facebook account.

HASBARA: Focus on Israeli Innovation

(Fifth in a Continuing Series)

BY HARVEY T. KAPLAN, WITH INPUT FROM PAUL GRAYSON

We never had a shortage of water during my overseas service in the U.S. Army. In fact, my Engineering Battalion in Vietnam dipped into local sources of water (even contaminated ones) and purified it, making it potable for the American military units in our area. We used a truck-mounted chemical/mechanical “laboratory” of sorts, called an ERDLator. (If interested in more details, see: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ERDLator/>.)

But how does a nation like Israel—two-thirds of which is desert!—provide adequate water at the right time and place to meet the needs of its citizens, businesses (including an entire agriculture industry), and its military? It has had to be most resourceful in conserving what water is available, and in transporting and using water wisely. This fifth article in the Hasbara series will explore some of the techniques developed by Israel to manage its water supply.

Drip irrigation is an excellent example of a technology Israel developed and has shared with other nations around the world. Others include desalination, reclamation, and finding unusual sources of water.

Desalination. Israel is one of the few nations that currently operate large-scale salt-water desalination plants. These use modern reverse-osmosis technology, very different from the ERDLators of earlier years. Six such plants now operate along Israel’s Mediterranean coast, and the Israel Water Authority reports it can now desalinate water of very high chemical composition from the sea at a base cost of \$.52 to \$.80 (US) per cubic meter, depending on the plant—a very competitive cost by international standards.

Sorek, the world’s largest and likely most cost-effective desalination plant, is located about 10 miles south of Tel Aviv. At full capacity, it can produce 627,000 cubic meters of water daily from sea water. (At about 264 US gallons of liquid per cubic meter, that equals over 165 million gallons per day.) Further, it is estimated that Israel meets approximately 40% of its water needs today through desalination. More details can be found at a MIT Technology Review website (from 2015): <https://www.technologyreview.com/s/534996/megascale-desalination/>.

Reclamation. Desalination is merely a part of the solution. In those locations where water is normally plentiful, such as the Sea of Galilee (Kinneret) and the headwaters of the Hermon River, water supplies are overtaxed. Curbing wasteful usage and encouraging conservation could prevent serious problems. According to *Israel 21c*: “Israel ... reuses more than 80% of its wastewater for irrigation—the highest percentage in the world by far. (The United States, for the record, reuses about one percent.)” For additional information, see: <https://www.israel21c.org/welcome-to-israels-water-revolution/>.

“Plug and Drink” Technology. An Israeli company named Water-Gen has developed technology to extract water from the air. Several members of our congregation witnessed an impressive demonstration in DC last March during the AIPAC Policy Conference. I am confident that we’ll be hearing a lot more in the years ahead about this valuable work. For a more details, see: <http://www.israeltrade.org.au/water-gen-ltd/>.

US/Israel Cooperation. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel recently visited Israel to promote joint water research at Israeli and Illinois educational institutions. Emanuel noted that he made the trip to Israel because he wanted to take advantage of Israeli expertise in water (a) reclamation, (b) recycling, (c) desalination, and (d) purification. The Mayor asserted, “Working together to develop solutions to water challenges will strengthen economic development and protect public health in both Israel and the US and far beyond.” To learn more about this academic/research initiative, see: <https://www.israel21c.org/chicago-mayor-signs-water-and-innovation-deals-in-israel/>.

For anyone interested in more background and history on the subject of water supply and sanitation in Israel, I recommend this comprehensive online article: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Water_supply_and_sanitation_in_Israel.



The Hadera Desalination Plant on the Mediterranean Sea, 28 miles south of Haifa, which opened in December 2009. It was designed so that it can function as two separate plants, operated independently.

Synagogue Hoops League Opens Its Winter Campaign

The seven teams in the Montgomery County Synagogue Basketball League – including Tikvat Israel – will play six regular season contests plus at least one playoff game this winter.

Games will be played on Sunday mornings, beginning Jan. 7, at Blake High School.

Warren Berger has relinquished his coaching duties after nearly 15 years but intends to extend his playing career for the TI forces. The new team manager and player-coach is Jeremy Ehrlich.

The TI team welcomes newcomers. Team members must have a direct association with the synagogue through membership or enrollment of a child in the synagogue pre-school. Contact Ehrlich at jehrllich55@gmail.com.



Grateful Recognition of Our Kiddush Sponsors

During the second half of 2017, Tikvat Israel had several sponsored Shabbat kiddushes. Our appreciation to all of the following,

New college and high school graduates and youth service leaders, June 3: Contributors to the kiddush in their honor were Martie Adelman & Marc Schneider, Debby Berlyne & Danny Bachman, Brenda & Keith Brooks, Rachelle Fobe, Carol & Daniel Haft, Debra & Jason Levine, Amy & Dan Matathias, Helen & Steve Raucher, and Mary & Fred Wagner.

Mazel tov to Maya Avigail Smith on becoming a *bat mitzvah*, June 17. The kiddush was sponsored by her parents, Ellen and Jeff Smith.

Geri and Jerry Kaiz sponsored the June 10 kiddush in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary and their 50 years as synagogue members.

Our simcha kiddush celebrating May and June birthdays and anniversaries was sponsored by Susan Apter, Joyce Fischer, Judy Katz, Robert Katz, Dan Matathias, Sandra Schwartz, Betty & Cliff Fishman and Helen & Steve Raucher.

Mazel tov to Julia Bernstein, daughter of congregants Elyse & Jeff Bernstein, and Natan Simhai, son of Sousan Aminfarid & Bijan Simhai on their marriage. Their parents sponsored the kiddush in honor of their *aufruf* on Aug. 12.

Our simcha kiddush celebrating July and August birthdays and anniversaries was sponsored by Dan Black, Keith Brooks, Amy Matathias, Rebecca Matathias, Debby Berlyne & Danny Bachman, Michele & Steve Eisenberg, Judy & Robert Katz, Sandy & Larry Levine, Debra & Jason Levine, Karen & Barry Lipsy, Gale & Marc Pressman and Amy & Dan Matathias.

Louise & Chuck Chatlyne sponsored the kiddush luncheon on Sept. 2 in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Lauri Joseph's 80th birthday was celebrated with a sponsored kiddush luncheon on Sept. 9. Members of the adult bat mitzvah class of 1987 – Toby Altman, Judy Davis, Betty Fishman, Denny Kanuck, Nadgy Roey and Roni Silverstein – contributed to the kiddush.

Mazel tov to Hadas Sharon Kabik on becoming a *bat mitzvah* on October 7, 2017. Her parents Shira and Michael Kabik sponsored the kiddush in her honor.

The Simchat Bat of Naomi Miriam Loving was celebrated on October 21, 2017. The kiddush was sponsored by Robert Minkoff, Rachel & Ben Loving, and Elaine Minkoff in Naomi's honor. We also celebrated the September and October birthdays of Felicia Black, Sandy Levine, Sam Matathias, Sue Plafker, Molly Schneider, Ken Schwartz, and Phyllis Schwartz and the anniversary of Felicia & Dan Black, who helped sponsor the kiddush.

Mazel tov to Toby Barnett on becoming a *bar mitzvah* on Oct. 29, with kiddush lunch sponsored by the Brecher and Barnett family in his honor.

Thank you to Rosie & Howard Chernoff and Fran & Stan Kensky for sponsoring the Oct. 28 pre-Shabbat reception in honor of the musicians of Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments.

Our November simcha kiddush was sponsored by Danny Bachman, Michele Eisenberg and Linda Schwartz in honor of their birthdays.

Note: If you want to sponsor a future kiddush on Shabbat or a small reception at Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments, contact Executive Director Sam Freedenberg (sam@tikvatisrael.org), well in advance of the desired date if it is tied to a commemorative event.

TI Runners Join 5K for JCADA

BY CLIFFORD FISHMAN

On October 22, more than two dozen members of Tikvat Israel were among the 300 or so people who participated in a 5K run/walk to raise money for JCADA, the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse.

Besides myself, TI-ers who ran, walked, or volunteered included: Mark Becker, Simon Becker and Sarah Hardy; Warren Berger; Jeff and Elyse Bernstein; Bonnie Cowan; Bobbi Gorban; Janaki Kuruppu; Eli Liebson; Aaron, Jacob and Eliana Mannes; Mimi Meltzer; Jason, Jacob, Aiden, Adina and Ellie Schwartz; Rabbi Ben and Micah Shull; Jeff and Maya Smith; and Rabbi Alana and Maiyan Suskin. JCADA staffers at the event included Elissa Schwartz, Dr. Stacy Lang, and Claire Bernstein.

The youngest runners were Eli Liebson (age 14; he finished 2nd in his age group and 8th overall), and Maiyan Suskin (age 13).

JCADA's goal was to raise \$50,000. It didn't do too badly: it raised \$67,000!

The event was hosted by Berman Hebrew Academy on Arctic Avenue. The scene was typical of such events: volunteers directing traffic (vehicular and pedestrian), handling registration, and manning information tables; dozens of people stretching and jogging; tables with high energy snacks and drinks; and upbeat music blaring over a loudspeaker.

The route started at the Academy entrance and went steadily downhill into Rock Creek Park for roughly the first 2 km, which of course was delightful ... until the turn-around point. What goes down must come up, and those same 2 km felt a lot steeper coming back. The final km was through Berman's parking lot to its track. All in all, it was a demanding course.

But it was worth it. Since 2000, JCADA has delivered comprehensive services to 2,500 individual victims and survivors of domestic and dating abuse (physical, verbal, financial and electronic), while simultaneously working to break the cycle of abuse in future generations through community education and prevention initiatives. The organization takes extraordinary steps to preserve the confidentiality of those who seek its help, which is provided without regard to race, national origin, ability, background, faith, gender or sexual orientation, and all of its clinical and legal services are free.

Anyone experiencing domestic or dating abuse (or who knows someone who is) can contact one of JCADA's licensed clinicians on its free, confidential hotline at 1-877-88-JCADA (52232).



Havurah Enjoys Fresh Air With Exercise During Outings

Members and guests of TI's Outdoors Havurah took in gorgeous fall foliage and refreshing vistas of Little Seneca Lake during a hike at Black Hills Regional Park in upper Montgomery County on Nov. 10.

The Outdoors Havurah runs periodic outings to locations throughout the Washington, D.C., area, and TI members and their friends are invited to participate. Their next event, sometime in early January, will be in Baltimore and will include a visit to the Jewish Museum of Maryland.

For information about this event or the havurah generally, contact Sue Urban at 301-928-8881 or sburban@comcast.net.



Outdoors Havurah members, from left, are Louise Chatlyne, Keith and Brenda Brooks, Igor Lvovsky (a Ukrainian immigrant receiving resettlement assistance from TI members), Sue Urban, Chuck Chatlyne, Tanya Aleksandrova (Igor's wife), Warren Berger and Martin Urban. (Photo courtesy of Sue Urban)

USY Convention Grows Our Jewish Identity

BY SOPHIA KRAM, USY CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Just before Thanksgiving, five members of TI's USY chapter attended the Seaboard Region fall convention, one of six regional events throughout the year, at the beautiful Capital Camps Retreat Center in Waynesboro, Pa. I was joined by 140 teens from the region, which spans Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia and northern North Carolina.

As our chapter president, it brought me much pride to see our chapter members engage in the convention. Austin Kaminow, TI USY's religion and education vice president, *leyned* Torah on Shabbat, and Aviva Pollack, in her capacity as a member of Seaboard's regional general board, documented the convention by taking wonderful photos.

The great thing about the fall convention is that cell phone use is prohibited throughout all activities and especially on Shabbat. This allows each and every person to fully participate and engage in the activities before them, enabling a stronger experience. There were amazing events from Havdalah, to grade bonding, to Seaboard Sailor, which is a talent show produced by the high school seniors to raise *tzedakah* for our *Tikkun Olam* fund. Each senior who participates presents a talent to bring in more *tzedakah*. The acts included a skit about learning to do yoga without getting out of bed, a presentation on proper table etiquette and a session on crazy karate. Overall, we raised more than \$1,000.

Of all these activities, the most meaningful one to me was the hair donation that took place the last morning of convention. Twelve girls, including Sasha Bloch, Seaboard's regional director, donated more than 100 inches of hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths and Locks of Love. These organizations take donated hair and make wigs for those suffering hair loss due to cancer and other illnesses.

USY's fall convention is one of only a few times over the year where friends from Baltimore can be with friends from Raleigh, N.C. There are so many memorable experiences that allow you to make close friendships and grow into your Jewish identity.



Sophia Kram greets Nathan Moskowitz of Congregation Beth Emeth at an icebreaker event at the USY regional convention.

ISRAEL PRESENTS...2018

2 nights of Contemporary Israeli Cinema at Tikvat Israel

THE WOMEN'S BALCONY (2016)

Saturday, January 20 @7:45pm

HARMONIA (2016)

Saturday, January 27 @7:45pm

Tikvat Israel Synagogue
2200 Baltimore Road, Rockville, MD 20851

Light refreshments and discussion will follow each film.

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\$12 per person for Tikvat Israel members, \$15 for non-members
\$5 for students with a valid student ID.

→ Festival Package (both movies): \$20 per person for TI members; \$26 for non-members ←
Fees are used to pay for film screening rights to support the Israeli film industry.

RSVP to the Adult Ed Committee at israelifilms@tikvatisrael.org or 301-762-7338

Snow Date: Saturday, February 3rd
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Mazel Tov

to **Jayme Sokolow** upon the publication of his new book, *Size Matters: Heights of Americans and What They Mean.*

to **Aliza Levine**, daughter of Larry and Sandy Levine and Julia Mack on her wedding to Rebecca Thal in Worcester, Mass., on Oct. 22.

to **Cantor Rochelle Helzner and Rob Agus** on the birth of granddaughter Natalie Charlotte Bregman, born Dec. 11 to Jessica Agus & Ben Bregman.

to **Judy and Harold Davis** on the birth of their fourth grandson, Nathan Ari, born Nov. 16 to Dottie and Alan Paderofsky. Nathan's brother Aaron is 3.

to **Marcia Bronstein** on the birth of her granddaughter, Alice Bronstein, born June 24, 2016, to Anna and Nathaniel Bronstein. (Alice was born on the 100th birthday of her great grandmother, Bette Bronstein.)

to **Rebecca Salon and Jay P. Goldman** on the birth of granddaughter Shoshana Mirel Peretz, born Oct. 30 to Abby Goldman and Eliad Peretz.

to **Gerald and Geraldine Kaiz** upon reaching the 50-year membership rank at the synagogue.



A Place to Remember

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14 TEVET

JANUARY 1

Irving Joseph Kaplan
Moshe Kritz
Jacob B. Levin
Julius Rom
Anne Rosenberg
Rebecca Rosenberg

15 TEVET

JANUARY 2

Harry Brafman
Ilsa Cutler
Benjamin Feinman
Henrietta Shantz Levine
Jennie Schnitzer
Lillian Walder

16 TEVET

JANUARY 3

Benjamin Kay
Roslyn Mollen
Milton Thaler

17 TEVET

JANUARY 4

Mildred Brook
Rachel Cohen
Hyman Goodman
Adele Mainen
Harriet Miller
Samuel Nadel
Mildred Schreiber

18 TEVET

JANUARY 5

Tamara Chidakel
Blanche Cohen
Irwin Fishman
Max Hershbaum
Paul Jaffe
Pauline Katz
Lillian Liss
Marjorie Nash
Abe Silkoff
Joseph Sully

19 TEVET

JANUARY 6

Sam Fermon
Abraham Pelish
Gertrude Rosenwald
Joseph Scolnik
Lesley Teitelbaum
Caren Thaler
Henrietta Zebooker

20 TEVET

JANUARY 7

Walter Blumberg
Beatrice Boroff
Frieda Cohen
Louis Hecht
Sara Kaplan
Sadie Koeppel
Clement Ezra Marcus
Mildred Stein
Sol Tropp

21 TEVET

JANUARY 8

Elaine Bernstein
Fay Blum
Julius Landy
Havivah Levy
Hilda Levy
Michael O. Miller
Ida M. Schiffman
Carolyn (Kitty) Strauss
Rabbi Richard W. Winograd
Richard Wottitzky

22 TEVET

JANUARY 9

Morris Cohen
George Ray Davis
Anne Kristal
Maurice Levinsohn
Abraham Peck

23 TEVET

JANUARY 10

Samuel Asen
Albert Blonder
Ruth Halpern
Cathy E. Lerman
Sidney Sirkis
Rebecca Louise Soldano
Eugene Thompson

24 TEVET

JANUARY 11

Harry H. Cohen
Mollie Jacobs
Solomon Meltzer

25 TEVET

JANUARY 12

Sarah Cohen
Rose Finster
Mollie Flax
Bernard Gross
Jacob Kanner
Norman F. Kline
Nathan Plafker
Henry Schwartz
Eleanor O. Stillman
Louis Waxler

26 TEVET

JANUARY 13

Benjamin Robert Bliss
Moishe Chaim Chait
Bernard (Burt) Herman
Chatlyne
Benjamin Futrovsky
Sam Gorin
Marcus Jacobs
Morris Silverman

27 TEVET

JANUARY 14

Marie Gabes
David Kushner
Lena Rosenblum
Della Whittaker

28 TEVET

JANUARY 15

Richard Alan Goodman
Meyer Kensky
Florence Lentchner
Max Levine
Reubin Rosenberg
Joyce Blumberg Schwartz
Dora Stutz

29 TEVET

JANUARY 16

Lena Berlin
Samuel D. Bredt
Saul Cohen
Mathilde Eichtersheimer
Malcolm First
Moody Grishman
Harold Kaplan
Shoshana Kolirin

1 SHEVAT

JANUARY 17

Lawrence Blonder
Nathan Gershowitz
Marion Goldstein
Sidney Labovich
Samuel Lerner
Joseph Seiler

2 SHEVAT

JANUARY 18

Alyssa Michelle Kasse
Sarah G. Kravitz
Frances Nadel
Sylvia Seiler
Esther Blake Wilchins

3 SHEVAT

JANUARY 19

Fred Cutler
Raymond Eldredge
Sarah Gorin
Bertha Grossman
Celia Hecht
Anna Hoffman
Nat E. Koeppel
Morton Leman
Carl Lerman
Jacob Schneider
Bess Snyder

4 SHEVAT

JANUARY 20

Eva Brooke
Edith Chefer
Leo Pachenker
Isaac Zipin

5 SHEVAT

JANUARY 21

Dorothy Caplan
Gutman David Cohen
Mordechai Costa
Bernard Einbinder
Belle Krasner Fabel
Samuel Helzner
Ben Kalman
Anna Linsenberg
Rachel Mandel
Maxwell Rosenlicht

6 SHEVAT

JANUARY 22

Robert L. Gellman
Martin Hershenhorn
Leroy Lowenfeld
Celia Bress Radin
Marion Salon

7 SHEVAT

JANUARY 23

Frances Kanner
Jennie Lerner
Jack Zoltrow

8 SHEVAT

JANUARY 24

Ludwig Klein
Harry Levinstein
Elsa Neuwirth
Joseph Steinberg

9 SHEVAT

JANUARY 25

Mildred Brafman
David Caplan
Goldie Chelemer
Jerome Danoff

9 SHEVAT

JANUARY 25 (cont.)

Molly Levinson
Max Mendelson
Harry Miller
Hans Moses
Zanvel Nisenson
Edith Plesset
Rose Schwartz
Sheldon Wagner
Rose Weinstein

10 SHEVAT

JANUARY 26

Seymour Engel
Sarah Miriam Green
Howard Gudelsky
Pauline Levy Hein
Louise Pasternak
Yefim Sandler

11 SHEVAT

JANUARY 27

Paul Berman
Libby Gordon

12 SHEVAT

JANUARY 28

Sara Dick
Jacob Finster
Lillian Gorinson
Ruth Hochberg
Jules Liss
John Gordon Phillips
Morton Salit
Bernice Zimlin

13 SHEVAT

JANUARY 29

Edith Adler
Frank Ehrlich
Edith Lazarus
Issy Matheson
Sumner Meiselman
Rose Murdock
Norman Tubiash

14 SHEVAT

JANUARY 30

Fannie Rose Cohen
Irvin A. Lavine
Ruth Milenky
Nathan Osofsky

15 SHEVAT

JANUARY 31

Mordechai Armoza
Rose Auerhahn
Rosalind Graber
Miriam Kagan
Jalle Koricki
Sara Sokolow
Charlotte Turkanis

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16 SHEVAT

FEBRUARY 1

Selma Oppenheim
Max Rothman
Dr. Stephen Smith
Eli Herman Stein
Albert Toney

17 SHEVAT

FEBRUARY 2

Alex M. Kravitz
Benjamin Newman
Beatrice Venetsky
Charles Walder

18 SHEVAT

FEBRUARY 3

Judith Flax Elustondo
Abe Goldstein
Laura Hoffman
Isadore Kramer
William Mazaroff
Ruth Rosen
Kate Schefter
Bernice Schwartz

19 SHEVAT

FEBRUARY 4

Rabbi Robert Chernoff
Bernard Glaser
Jacob M. Greenbaum
Ernest Rosenwald

20 SHEVAT

FEBRUARY 5

Milton Ackerman
Leo Greenberg
Michael Hamburg
Rosie Kasper
Morris Oppenheimer
Fanny Stoll

21 SHEVAT

FEBRUARY 6

Samuel Cohen
Sarah Cohen
Elaine Danovitz
Alan D. Hillerson
Eliezer Kishner
Joseph Kolirin
Rebecca Pear
Mildred Schwartz
Celia Sobovinsky

22 SHEVAT

FEBRUARY 7

Martha Barrish
Goldie Goldman

23 SHEVAT

FEBRUARY 8

Benjamin Adelson
William Edlowitz
William Gershowitz
Samuel Helfant
Norman Kanner
Ada Milder
Jay L. Zebooker

24 SHEVAT

FEBRUARY 9

Doris Lillian Asher
Fay Gardner
Ruth Yudkoff Love
Freda Stutz

25 SHEVAT

FEBRUARY 10

Jerie Cohen
Ruth Fogel
Charlotte Helzner
Lois Klion
Vera Meyerson
Rose Rosenthal
Fannie Sills
Emanuel Thaler

26 SHEVAT

FEBRUARY 11

Elizabeth Davis

27 SHEVAT

FEBRUARY 12

Haskel Chigorsky
Benjamin Cohen
Yetta Horowitz
Alvin Kabik
Eli Miller
William Renfrew

28 SHEVAT

FEBRUARY 13

Shoshana Natovich Ben-Ami
Philip Braunstein
Harry Cohen
Doris Kanner
Mae Mukasey
Beina Schwartz

29 SHEVAT

FEBRUARY 14

Isador Bilsky
Edward Rosenbloom

30 SHEVAT

FEBRUARY 15

Hyman Gilston
Jacob Teitelbaum

1 ADAR

FEBRUARY 16

Florence Eber
Sylvia Goldin
Simi Goodman
Freda Lankin
Faigi Levine
Samuel Rosenhaft
Gertrude Schuchman
Arthur J. Schwartz

2 ADAR

FEBRUARY 17

Edith Baron
Hilda Frank
Morris Hein
Sarah Jarcho
Norman H. Levy
Minnie Rubinstein
Leon E. Smith

3 ADAR

FEBRUARY 18

Sadie Eckstein
Tillie Gaspin
Gloria M. Halpern
Esther Kaminsky
Baruch Schwarz
Morris Shapiro
Nancy Strong
Morris Tranen

4 ADAR

FEBRUARY 19

Annie Goldstein
Alan Kaufman
Jamila Dweck Marcus
David Scucimarra
Sandra Segal
David Siskind
Alan Jay Smith
Yetta Steiner
Rose Walder

5 ADAR

FEBRUARY 20

Shirlye Berman
Esther Bloom
Robert Bredt
George Goldstein
Mike Gross
Alan Grossmann
Arlene Kahn
Charles Kandalis
Carl Lang
Helen Lantz
Laura Raucher
Irving Schwartz
Esther Simon
Norman Yudkoff

6 ADAR

FEBRUARY 21

Jacob Blafkin
Annie Colodne
Ann Gilman Miller
Samuel Podgor

7 ADAR

FEBRUARY 22

Dr. James Gorelick
Lillian Kensky
Louis Krepchin
Bessie Marco
Samuel J. Romm
Elizabeth Zusman

8 ADAR

FEBRUARY 23

Dorothy Ashery
Shulamit Sporen Breit
Mary Fine
Adelle Lapin

9 ADAR

FEBRUARY 24

Barbara Goldstein Durand
Israel Erdman
Milton H. Feig
Lena Feingold
Lewis Frank
Alex Liebenson
Pauline Oppenheimer
Irving Reich
Hyman Rosenthal
Emma Tiller

10 ADAR

FEBRUARY 25

Avrom Armoza
Guadalupe Castillo
Bernard Cohen
Josephine Erdheim
Michael Hersh
Helen Kaplan
Joshua Leise
Zev Aria Ludwinowitz
Marge K. Martin
Milton Mulitz
Sidney Rosen
Murray Rothman

11 ADAR

FEBRUARY 26

Morris Cohen
George Eber
Ida Friedman
Richard Klein
Donna I. Malkin
Arthur Musher
K. Gordon Oppenheimer
Aaron Pressman
Hilda G. Robbin
Alexander Rothberg
Gertrude Schwartz
Pearl Solet
Cynthia Spritzer
Benjamin Suskind

12 ADAR

FEBRUARY 27

Filemon Castillo
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Tikvat Israel and Twinbrook Baptist Church will collaborate on a community service project from 10 a.m. to noon on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day--Monday, January 15--in the TI social hall. Volunteers will assemble "comfort cases" for foster care children. The activity is intended for all ages, and includes a light lunch as well as inspirational songs.

Watch *B'kesher* for a list of items to collect in advance for the kits.

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January 2018


14 Tevet - 15 Shevat 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	14 Tevet 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	2 6:30PM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan	3 4:30PM <u>Afid LC Classes</u> 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Study With Rabbi Brandriess 8:00PM <u>Bridae</u>	4 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <u>Invitation to Shabbat Morning Prayer</u>	5 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull 4:42p Candle-lighting 6:30PM <u>Kabbalat Shabbat</u>	6 9:30AM <u>Shabbat Services</u> (Parashat Shemot) 10:30AM Junior Congregation 11:00AM Kehilat Kids
7 9:00AM <u>Afid LC Classes</u> 9:00a Minyan 10:00AM Women's Network: Silk Scarf Painting 4:00PM <u>Congregation Meeting: Elections</u> 7:30p Minyan	8 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	9 6:30PM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan	10 4:30PM <u>Afid LC Classes</u> 7:30p Minyan	11 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <u>Toastmasters</u>	12 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull 4:49p Candle-lighting 6:30PM <u>Kabbalat Shabbat</u>	13 9:30AM <u>Shabbat Services</u> (Parashat Vaera) 11:00AM Torah Club 12:30PM Study With Rabbi Alana Suskin & Rabbi Morris Faterstein
14 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	15 6:45a Minyan 10:00AM <u>MLK Day of Service</u> 7:30p Minyan	16 6:30PM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan	17 4:30PM Rosh Chodesh <u>Afid LC Classes</u> 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Study With Rabbi Brandriess	18 6:45a Minyan 12:15PM <u>Hazak Meeting</u> 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <u>Good Grief - A Journey Together</u>	19 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull 4:57p Candle-lighting 5:45PM <u>Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments</u>	20 9:30AM <u>Shabbat Services</u> (Parashat Bo) - Simcha Kiddush 10:00AM Drama Shabbat 10:30AM <u>Invitation to Shabbat Morning Prayer</u> 7:45PM Israel Presents: "The Women's Balcony"
21 9:00AM <u>Afid LC Classes</u> 9:00a Minyan 12:00PM <u>Bonim/Machar Event</u> 7:30p Minyan	22 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <u>Board Meeting</u>	23 6:30PM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan	24 4:30PM <u>Afid LC Classes</u> 7:30p Minyan	25 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <u>Toastmasters</u>	26 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull 5:05p Candle-lighting 6:30PM <u>Kabbalat Shabbat</u>	27 9:30AM <u>Shabbat Services</u> (Parashat Beshalach) 11:00AM Torah Club 12:30PM Study With Rabbi Alana Suskin & Rabbi Morris Faterstein 7:45PM Israel Presents: "Harmonia"
28 9:00AM <u>Afid LC Classes</u> 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	29 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	30 6:30PM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan	31 4:30PM Tu B'Shevat <u>Afid LC Classes</u> 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Study With Rabbi Brandriess			

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February 2018

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4 9:00AM Atid LC Classes 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	5 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	6 6:30PM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan	7 4:30PM Atid LC Classes 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Bridges	8 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Toastmasters	9 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull Candle-lighting 6:30PM Kabbalat-Shabbat	10 9:30AM Shabbat Services/Youth Shabbat (Parashat Mishpatim/Shabbat Shekalim) 11:00AM Torah Club 12:00PM Games Shabbat 12:30PM Study With Rabbi Alana Suskin & Rabbi Morris Faterstein	
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18 9:00a Minyan 7:00p Focus Concert- Brad Yoder duo. with Heather Mae	19 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	20 6:30PM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan	21 4:30PM Atid LC Classes 7:30p Minyan 7:45PM Women's Network Book Group	22 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Toastmasters 8:00PM Good Grief - A Journey Together	23 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull Candle-lighting 6:30PM Kabbalat-Shabbat	24 9:30AM Shabbat Services/Inclusion Shabbat (Parashat Tetzaveh/Shabbat Zachor) 11:00AM Torah Club 12:30PM Study With Rabbi Alana Suskin & Rabbi Morris Faterstein	
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(Watch *B'kesher* and the synagogue listservs for full details.)