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Revamped Bylaws Await Congregants' OK Jan. 12

A streamlined set of rules governing how Tikvat Israel should operate and what constitutes membership and eligibility for voting will be up for a vote by all current members at a congregational meeting in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 12. The proposed changes were aired before more than 45 congregants at a meeting on Dec. 15.

The most substantive bylaws revisions would: (1) consolidate the current three annual congregational meetings into one-to be held in June, and preceded by a notice of candidates for election and the annual budget proposal; (2) redefine a family unit to include everyone in the household; (3) allow all members of a family unit over 18 to vote at congregational meetings; and (4) permit voting on most issues by non-Jewish members of a family unit who qualify as "allied" members.

Board member Sherrie Krauser chaired the bylaws revision work during the past year. Sally Kram had chaired the committee during three previous years.

The Jan. 12 meeting also will host the election of five members to TI's governing board. Read biographies of the nominees on page 3.

Welcome Our Newcomers

Our congregation has been blessed by the addition of more than a half dozen families to the membership ranks in recent months. The staff of the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin* wants them to feel especially welcome so we have captured personal information about all of the newly joined family units. You can find those details, along with seven photos shared by the newcomers on pages 12 and 13.



WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Tikvat Israel BULLETIN

Monday		7:30 p.m.
Tuesday		7:30 p.m.
Wednesda	y	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	6:45 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.	
Kabbalat Shabbat		6:00 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

Jan. 3	4:40 p.m.
Jan. 10	4:47 p.m.
Jan. 17	4:54 p.m.
Jan. 24	5:02 p.m.
Jan. 31	5:10 p.m.
Feb. 7	5:18 p.m.
Feb. 14	5:26 p.m.
Feb. 21	5:34 p.m.
Feb. 28	5:42 p.m.

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Mental Illness Focus on Inclusion Shabbat

A representative of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will be the guest speaker at TI's Inclusion Shabbat on Feb. 22.



Shannon Parkin, a resident of Silver Spring, will speak during Shabbat morning services. A participant in NAMI's "In Your Own Voice Program," Parkin will describe her recovery from mental illness.

"It promises to be informative," says Judy Waldman, who chairs TI's inclusion committee. "As we all know, many families are affected by this illness."

SHUL SHORTS

Early Shabbat Observance

On a trial basis, Kabbalat Shabbat services will commence at 6 p.m., an earlier start, in January and February. Details about three Kabbalat services featuring musical instruments and pre-service receptions in the coming months are detailed on page 11 in this issue.

Honoring Austin

The congregation will honor Austin Kaminow, son of Ellen and David Kaminow, on Shabbat *Beshalach*, Feb. 8, in recognition of his graduation from the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. Public high school and collegiate graduates will be honored on a Shabbat closer to their commencement dates in the spring.

Shomrim Volunteers

Congregants are needed to serve as Shabbat *shomrim* to keep our shul safe and to open the lobby door to those entering to pray at TI. Two individuals share duties each Shabbat, one to cover the first 90 minutes (9:15 - 10:45 a.m.) and another to take the second 90 minutes (10:45 am - 12:45 p.m.). Contact the shul office or use the Signup Genius at *www. tikvatisrael.org/greeters.*

Scholarship Aid

Families at Tikvat Israel in need of scholarship support to send a child or several children to an overnight Jewish camp this summer should contact Rabbi Israel about available funds.

Basketball and Softball Players

Tikvat Israel fields teams in the Montgomery County synagogue conference in both basketball (winter) and softball (spring). Both are recreation leagues for men 18 and older that run all contests on Sunday mornings. If interested in basketball, let Warren Berger know at warren.berger@gmail.com. If softball is your preferred game, contact Stuart Lempert at stuartlempert@yahoo.com.

To be eligible to play, you must be 18 or older and be a member of the synagogue or a parent of a child in the early childhood center or religious school.

Cantor's Bimah Schedule

Cantor Rochelle Helzner plans to daven at Shabbat morning services on the following dates during the first quarter of 2020: Jan. 11 and 18, Feb 1, 8 and 22, and March 14, 21 and 28. (This schedule is subject to change.)

Board Meetings Open

Members of the congregation always are welcome to attend meetings of the synagogue's board of directors, typically held on the fourth Monday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Flax Library. Meeting agendas can be requested a few days in advance from the board co-presidents. The only closed portions of meetings deal with personnel matters or pending litigation affairs.

Congregants to Elect Quintet to Board

Five Tikvat Israel members will stand for election to the synagogue's board of directors during a congregational meeting at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 12. Each will serve a two-year term starting in January.

The five, including three who are incumbents, accepted formal nomination at a congregational meeting on Dec. 15.

The nominees are returnees Jay P. Goldman, Kelcey Klass and Judy Stern. The two newcomers are Roberta Helzner and Beth Smith. Another incumbent, Sherrie Krauser, has agreed to move into the recording secretary vacancy.

Stepping off the board after a term is Steve Eiserike.

Larry Gorban presented the slate for the election, substituting for Melanie Grishman, who chairs the board elections process as immediate past president. She was out of town.

Congregation members will vote on officer positions and several other board berths in December 2020.

Biographical summaries of all five candidates follow.

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 18 years; chair, TI's strategic communications committee; editor of synagogue *Bulletin*; volunteer leader, monthly Jewish service at Potomac Valley Nursing Home for 25 years.

Roberta Helzner

Member of TI since 2001

Native of Rochester, N.Y.

Occupational life: executive assistant to CEO of Hebrew Home of Greater Washington, 1996-2000. Hired in 1987 as Beth Tikva's office manager and then served as administrator until 1996.

Volunteer roles at TI or elsewhere: In 2002, along with a committee, ran "Savor Shabbat" celebrating Cantor Helzner's 18th anniversary with Beth Tikva/Tikvat Israel. Also created a cookbook of recipes for the event and sold copies to benefit the synagogue. Sunflower Bakery, five years. Kennedy Center, 25 years.

Kelcey Klass

Member of TI since 1973 (beginning with Temple Israel, which merged with Beth Tikva in 1997 to form Tikvat Israel)

Native of Long Island, N.Y.

Occupational life: substitute teacher in Montgomery County Public Schools; previously, 17 years

Public Schools; 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 board member and past chair, TI membership directory project.

Beth Smith

Member of TI since 2000

Native of Washington, D.C.

Occupational life: Spent 30 years as a professional volunteer executive; operated a home-based corporate gift basket business for 12 years; and worked as activities professional at a



senior living community in Bethesda. Spent 5½ years as activities director at Aspenwood Senior Living in Aspen Hill.

Volunteer roles at TI or elsewhere: Active in TI Women's Network and chaired the Chocolate Coffee, which led to becoming a *mashgiach*. Co-chaired this year's High Tea. Held various Sisterhood positions at Nevey Shalom in Bowie and Shearith Israel in Atlanta, Ga.; Atlanta region president of Women's American ORT.

Judith Stern

Member of TI since 1982

Native of Cleveland, Ohio

Occupational life: Classroom teacher, reading specialist and learning specialist in public and private schools for more than 30 years. Author of books for children on learning disabilities and attention deficit disorder.



Co-author of a book on dyslexia for parents and teachers. National speaker on special needs to professional and parent groups.

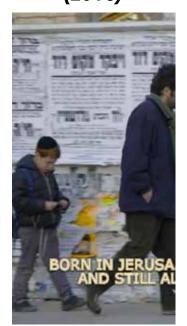
Volunteer roles at TI or elsewhere: Participant in monthly minyan for many years. Kitchen helper on Shabbat mornings.





2 nights of Israeli cinema at Tikvat Israel Congregation

Born in Jerusalem and Still Alive (2016)



Saturday, January 18 @7:45pm

Shooting Life (2018)



Saturday, January 25 @7:45pm



Tikvat Israel Synagogue 2200 Baltimore Road, Rockville, MD 20851



Light Refreshments and discussion will follow each film.

Moderator / Co-Sponsor

Lisa LeBourgeois

Cultural Affairs Officer Embassy of Israel



 \$15 per person for Tikvat Israel members, \$18 for non-members \$5 for students with a valid student ID.
 → Festival Package (both movies): \$25 per person for TI members; \$30 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 1st

TI's Five Delegates at Boston Convention Explore Conservative Judaism's Direction



TI representatives at the 20/20 Judaism convention in Boston in mid-December were (from left) Warren Berger, Rabbah Arlene Berger, Rabbi Marc Israel, Felicia Black and Dan Black.

Five members of Tikvat Israel, led by Rabbi Marc Israel and co-president Warren Berger, spent five days in Boston in mid-December engaged in "20/20 Judaism," a collaborative convention of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) and the Rabbinical Assembly (RA).

The two major organizations serving Conservative Judaism, both based in New York City, decided it would be beneficial to jointly discuss the ways that the movement approaches critical topics—such as the Jewish family, interfaith families, diversity/ inclusion, and spirituality—to better shape the future of the Conservative movement.

The event, which drew more than 1,400 participants and started with a Shabbaton, took place Dec. 6-10 at the Boston Westin Waterfront. In addition to the rabbi and the co-president, TI delegates were Rabbah Arlene Berger, board member Felicia Black and Daniel Black. A financial gift by Bruce Goldin, in memory of his wife, past president Shelly Goldin, supported the TI delegates' participation.

Co-president Berger reported that his favorite things about the Shabbaton and the convention included:

- Participating in Shabbat Sovev, an inspiring and innovative Kabbalat Shabbat service developed at Temple Beth Am in Los Angeles.
- Attending two amazing concerts by Rabbi Josh Warshawsky (especially *Lecha Dodi* (*Hachama*), *Hame'irah*, and *Yah Ribon*; and Joey Weisenberg and the Hadar Ensemble (with amazing *niggunim* that reverberated long after the concert was over because his fans kept restarting them).
- Being inspired by keynote speaker Bari Weiss, author of the critically acclaimed *How to Fight Anti-Semitism*, whose speech was titled "10 Ideas for the Jewish Future."

- Listening to Mishy Harman, co-founder and host of the "Israel Story" podcast, tell his story and play some snippets of the podcast (amazingly, one of them featured a friend of Arlene's!).
- Attending panel discussions—in one about the Conservative Movement, many participants advocated for more coordination (and possible merger) of the different Conservative-related groups (such as USY and Ramah); in another, about interfaith families and intermarriage, one Conservative rabbi argued he should be able to perform intermarriages so that the Conservative movement doesn't lose the Jewish partner forever.
- Hearing Rabbi David Golinkin discuss 10 ways in which we can follow *halakha* (even if we don't believe that all the *mitzvot* were given at Mt. Sinai) to improve our lives and live authentic Judaism.
- Attending sessions on (a) interfaith families (that offered guidance on terminology regarding the issue, and survey results on membership policies and ritual practices); (b) recruitment and retention; and (c) the history of synagogue financing (which concluded that traditional tiered dues categories are no longer the best model).

The buzz around the convention among the lay leaders and Jewish professionals was that Conservative congregations face similar challenges: how to appeal to young families, how to bring more spirituality to services and rituals, and how to welcome interfaith families.

"The excellent speakers at the conference helped us understand the issues," Berger reported. "I came back with presentation materials, data and tools that we can put to practical use."



Rabbi Marc Israel (right) joined other TI delegates at a concert by Joey Weisenberg and the Hadar Ensemble, performing traditional-sounding Jewish melodies and prayers blended with the sounds of contemporary jazz and soul, at the 20/20 Judaism convention. (*Photo by Felicia R. Black*)

Rabbi Marc Israel Installed In Festive Affair at TI

BY BETTY FISHMAN, ASSISTANT EDITOR, TIKVAT ISRAEL BULLETIN



The installation ceremony for Rabbi Marc Israel on Sunday, Nov. 3, began with a "parade" led by Cantor Rochelle Helzner on guitar and Jerry Schuchman on clarinet. They and the congregation's co-presidents and members of the

board of directors escorted Rabbi Israel from TI's Flax Library through the school and administrative wings of the building into the lobby, which was packed to capacity. Nonetheless, space was cleared for some impromptu dancing before the procession continued into the sanctuary, where a standing-room-only crowd attended the hour-long ceremony.

The proceedings began with an explanation by Rabbi Israel of three readings he had chosen for the occasion. He presented a short *drash* on each, after which a member of the congregation offered a reflection.

The first reading (from *Exodus* 4:10-12) dealt with Moses proclaiming his disabilities, which he felt made him unqualified for the job for which he had been chosen. The response by copresident Jim Perlmutter dealt with the need to be inclusive of people with disabilities.

The second reading (from BT *Brachot* 7a) focused on judgmentalism versus mercy. Janice Balin, president of the Women's Network, delivered a response focusing on the need for openmindedness and compassion from our leaders.

The third reading (from *Genesis* 18:20-32) dealt with the negotiation between God and Abraham over the punishment of Sodom and Gemorrah. The response from Yael (Ellie) Schwartz, co-president of TI's USY chapter, focused on the need for leaders to be merciful, humble and receptive to the needs of their people.

Between *drashes*, the *a cappella* group Chai Dynamics performed short pieces, including an inspiring rendition of Leonard Cohen's *Psalm* 150 ("Hallelujah").

The formal installation was performed by Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal, spiritual leader until recently of Shaare Torah Congregation in Gaithersburg and now chief executive of the Rabbinical Assembly. He began by commenting about his ties to our congregation (for example, as a teenager he was a member of the USY group and a bar/bat mitzvah tutor). He then spoke about the *parasha* for the coming week—*Lech Lecha*—and how appropriate it was for celebrating new ventures. He stressed that although Rabbi Israel is beginning a new chapter in his life, he also brings a wealth of experience with him, from which the community will benefit. He then led a communal blessing of Rabbi Israel and recitation of the *Birkat Ha-Cohanim*. Rabbi Israel expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve this community. He gave tribute to important people in his life—family, friends and mentors—and explained that he viewed his partnership with Tikvat Israel like the making of the "right *shiddach*," and compared the process to the *sheva brachot* of a wedding celebration. He closed by quoting the great sage Davey Martinez (manager of the World Series champion Washington Nationals): "Rough roads can lead to beautiful places."

The ceremony closed with brief remarks, including thanks to the event's organizers from co-president Warren Berger, and the singing of Debbie Friedman's "Holy Place" led by Cantor Helzner. At the celebratory brunch that followed, entertainment was provided by our klezmer ensemble, Eine Kleine Tikva.

Following the festivities, TI's youngest members celebrated with Rabbi Israel by creating hand-tracing crafts, organized by Lis Schwartz, interim youth and education director. Parachute games followed.

(Photos by Larry M. Levine)





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(Photos by Larry M. Levine)























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RABBI'S CORNER Our Prayers for the Sick

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



There is an advantage and a disadvantage of a liturgical tradition dating back thousands of years. On the positive end, many people, myself included, feel a deep connection to God and the Jewish people, knowing that the words we recite are (with some variations) the same words prayed by Jews throughout the world and across two millennia. For some, this connection is

powerful enough to supersede the specific meaning of a particular prayer and makes our services meaningful even if one doesn't understand all of the words. However, such a rich prayer tradition can be problematic as well – the sheer number of words that we speak can be overwhelming, not to mention the language barrier for those who don't speak Hebrew. Many people complain that they find it difficult to access a true sense of spirituality using the traditional words in our *siddur*.

On top of the question of language, there are also theological challenges: To what extent do we believe in God? Do we believe God plays an active role in human events? If so, how do we explain the classic question of why bad things happen to good people? On the other hand, if God doesn't intervene at all, why should we pray?

For most people I know, there are no easy answers to such questions, and I will not attempt to provide answers to such large questions in the space of a *Bulletin*

column. (I would, however, always welcome the opportunity to discuss such issues in depth with any member of the community.)

I raise these issues about prayer in general in relation to a question about a specific prayer that I have been thinking about over the last few months – the prayer on behalf of the sick.

When it comes to the prayer for the ill, many people I know are able to put aside all the questions and challenges they may have about prayer in general. One doesn't need to know a great deal of Jewish history or be an expert in liturgy to understand why we pray on behalf of our friends and loved ones who are in need of healing. It is something that we get in our *kishkas*.

But what do we expect such prayers will do? Will God intervene and heal one individual over another because more people prayed for that person? I cannot believe that is true. And yet I feel, like so many of us, that praying on behalf of a specific loved one does have a positive impact. There are studies that show that people who know there are people praying on their behalf are more likely to fight and try to get better. If so, the efficacy of prayer doesn't depend on God's intervening, but on the strength that it provides the individual.

Alternatively, perhaps praying on behalf of the ill is a way of strengthening the one praying, as it provides an outlet for us to express our fears and our desires. Also, if we are in a situation where we may feel helpless, praying can be a way of doing something on behalf of our loved one.

Liturgically, we have many opportunities to pray for the ill. Whenever we read from the Torah, we have an opportunity to offer a *mi she-berakh* for the ill. Traditionally, this is based on a belief that prayers said at the Torah or in front of the ark have greater efficacy. We have tried a number of different methods to recite this prayer in a way that creates space to pray for individuals without causing an undue delay to the congregation during the Torah service. Currently, I recite the names quietly and quickly while people who are praying on behalf of an individual stand and add in their names quietly while the rest of the congregation sings *El Na Rafa Na* (Please God, Provide Healing) – a quote from Moses, praying on behalf of his sister Miriam. This balance seems to be working.

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In addition, in each weekday *Amidah*, there is a section asking God to heal the sick in general. In the midst of that paragraph, there is also an opportunity to pray for the healing of specific individuals. For the last few years, we have developed a custom in our daily minyan of also reciting that special section for individual healing after the *Amidah*, shifting the individual prayer to a communal one. I believe this was instituted in order to provide a greater sense of communal comfort to those individuals who are offering the prayers (and may be suffering themselves because of the

loved one who is ill).

I understand and support this ideal, but am not sure that our current practice achieves its goal in the best way possible. My biggest concern is that using a prayer intended for an individual to recite and making it a communal prayer appears to diminish the power of an individual's prayer. In Jewish tradition, the *shaliach tzibbur* (the leader of the service), rabbi and cantor do not have special access to God or to a healing power. Whether or not that is the intention of the practice, I believe the impact of using this prayer in such a way suggests that communal prayer is more effective. Yet, I understand and want to honor the power of having a community support you through a difficult time period.

Over the next few months, I will be exploring and trying out several alternative ways to accomplish that goal using different liturgical tools during the daily *minyan*. Some you may find effective, some you might not. As you experience these alternatives, I invite you to share your feedback on them and to suggest other ideas.

Through the use of these alternative prayers and methods, I hope that we can find the best way to provide strength to one another while honoring the value our tradition places on the unique powers of both individual and communal prayer.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER Reminders from My Kol Nidre Remarks

BY WARREN BERGER, CO-PRESIDENT, TIKVAT ISRAEL CONGREGATION



Since it was a few months ago, I want to summarize what I said from the pulpit at Kol Nidre services and remind fellow congregants of some important information. That night, I mentioned a few of our accomplishments over the previous year, and I thanked those who made them happen by asking them to stand and be recognized. The accomplish-

ments included:

- We completed a Rabbi Search, and hired Rabbi Marc Israel as our new Rabbi. We owe many thanks to everyone on the Rabbi Search committee, particularly the cochairs Danny Bachman and Dalit Baranoff, and to all those skilled congregants who played the "rabbi role" or led services over the prior 6 months.
- We completed the renovation of our lobby and a refresh of our social hall. The driving forces behind these efforts were Melanie Grishman and Alan Apter. Also making major contributions were the Furniture and Art subcommittees, particularly Shirley Waxman who designed and guided the creation of the beautiful wall hanging and those who crafted it, Larry Levine for donating photographs, and Tamah Graber for creating the new stained glass windows. The lobby is truly a beautiful "first impression" when entering the synagogue and is now a modern, comfortable and functional space.
- We improved our minyanim attendance in early 2019 by assigning families who had not already made a vol-

unteer commitment to the days with the smallest lists. It is heart-warming to see that people are attending when asked to support their fellow congregants, and we are now more reliably getting at least 10 people

In the second part of my speech, I referenced Rabbi Israel's Rosh Hashanah Day 1 sermon in which he charged us to "Just Say Yes" by challenging congregants to commit to volunteering more to help make this place an even better community. I explained that we need both leaders and volunteer workers for our committees. Ask me which committees need help.

My goal is not to force people to do something that they hate or are not qualified for. For example, if you don't have the skills to lead a service, we're not going to make you do it (though we may offer to teach you how, if you are interested). But if there are things that you do have skills in, we would love to take advantage of them (in a good way). We want to know what you do or did in your professional career or if you have other abilities and experience that could benefit TI.

There is a Rabbinic saying "*mitzvah goreret mitzvah*" - that one *mitzvah* leads to another *mitzvah*. Each person volunteering at TI inspires others, and pretty soon we will have so many volunteers that we will have to turn some away (right?).

In closing, we had a great past year and foresee a bright future with Rabbi Israel and Cantor Helzner and many new families. Our current volunteers are wonderful, but we have many opportunities for others to help us go from strength to (even more) strength.

TI Members Learn about *Tahara*, Judaism's Greatest Act of Kindness

Twenty-five people gathered in the Flax Library at TI for a workshop on Nov. 17 on *tahara*, the ritual cleansing of the body for burial, presented by social worker Judy Frank.

The lecture was organized by Tikvat Israel's Bereavement Committee as part of its ongoing program to educate congregants on Jewish mourning rituals and practices.

Louise Chatlynne, one of the "founding mothers" of Tikvat Israel's *Hevra Kadisha* (the group of men and women who perform *tahara*) gave an introduction, including a short history of *tahara* at our synagogue and her own involvement.

Rabbi Marc Israel spoke about *tahara* as *hesed shel emet*, Judaism's greatest act of kindness.

Frank, who has been a member of a *hevra kadisha* for 30 years, began her presentation with a prayer and demonstrated the use of *tahrihim*, the ritual clothing for burial. A brief film, "The Ultimate Kindness — *Hevra Kadisha* and *Tahara*," was shown, followed by a Q-and-A session.

Marilyn Greenwood, chair of the Bereavement Committee, spoke briefly about the need for more volunteers, particularly men, if Tikvat Israel wants to continue performing the mitzvah of *tahara*. Contact Greenwood at bereavement@tikvatisrael.org if you might be interested in participating or have any questions.



Judy Frank (standing) led an informative session at TI on the ritual cleansing of the Jewish body before burial. (*Photo by Sam Freedenberg*)

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER Registration Begins for Fall; Live Theater Coming Up

BY SHERI BROWN, ECC DIRECTOR



Even though it seems as if the year has just started (and 2020 has indeed just started!), we are beginning ECC registration for the 2020-21 school year. Our Hebrew immersion program expects a waitlist and our under-2 program has been filling up, so we are happy to provide a way for parents to lock in their spots for next year.

We have an online registration system this year that will make filling out paper forms a thing of the past. With our online form, families need not write their child's name and birthdate on multiple sheets of paper. Our autofill feature provides us with the 20-plus pages of paper required by the Maryland State Department of Education in one easy step. Links to registration materials should be available on the Tikvat Israel website by Jan. 2 when registration opens for the coming school year.

One of our favorite winter ECC activities is our Interact Theater program. We received a grant from the state and funding from our ECC Family Network, enabling us to offer four live theater experiences for our students in house. Past offerings have included a storyteller, an African drummer, puppeteers and a dancer. Whatever programs we have this year, we're sure they'll enrich our students' lives.

Another program we've started at the ECC is monthly visits by therapy dogs. Tikvat Israel congregants Ziva and Jerry Schuchman bring their large and loving dogs to spend time with the children of the ECC. These dogs are trained to interact with the public and are different from most service dogs in that they are happy to be handled by members of the public. Students find the animals calming and especially enjoy watching the dogs follow commands given in Hebrew.

January brings one of our most highly anticipated programs of the year. *PJ Havdalah* will take place on Jan. 11. Students and their families come to Tikvat Israel dressed for bed in pajamas, bathrobes and slippers. We sing songs, read bedtime stories

and eat a bedtime snack. We bid Shabbat farewell with the *havdalah* ritual. Rabbi Israel and our music teacher Ellie Schuchman (niece of the dog-training Schuchmans) will lead this program.

While some ECC programs are full, we do have openings available in a few classes. If you have friends or neighbors looking for a top-notch place for their children to learn and grow, please remind them to consider Tikvat Israel's own ECC. We're happy to give tours and answer questions any time. More details can be found at *www.tikvatisrael.org/ecc*.



Therapy dogs owned by congregants Ziva and Jerry Schuchman visit ECC classrooms regularly.



Shiva Support

Dear Tikvat Israel Congregants:

The family of Jacob Armoza sends its appreciation for your love, caring and support prior to and following the passing of our dear Yakov.

At the *shiva* house, our hearts were lifted by hearing your stories of Jacob. These were added to our stories and thereby the memory of Jacob was honored by your presence.

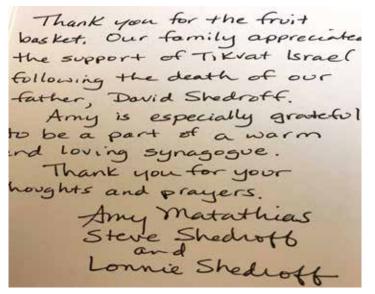
Harriet Armoza, David Armoza and Elaine Krichevsky

Bikur Cholim's Impact

Thanks to Fortuna Scheige for linking me up with *Bikur Cholim* of Greater Washington (*www.bikurcholimgw.org*). I visited an 80-year-old woman at Sunrise Senior Housing in Rockville and plan to make additional occasional visits.

Bikur Cholim provides year-long support to Jewish patients and families at NIH and other facilities around the greater Washington area. Services include friendly visitors, driving to medical appointments, providing kosher food at hospitals and offering temporary housing near NIH for patients' families.

Art Fabel



Manna Donations

Thank you for your generous contribution to Manna Food Center. Your synagogue's donation of 700 pounds of food on Oct. 10 deeply impacts our work and mission to eliminate hunger in our community through food distribution, education, and advocacy.

Your donation is multiplying our resources, allowing us to further our mission in bettering the lives of families across Montgomery County. Last year alone, our "Food for Families" program served over 39,000 packages to 26,401 neighbors facing hunger in your community.

> Jackie DeCarlo Chief Executive Officer, Manna Food Center Gaithersburg, Md. TIKVAT ISRAEL JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2020

WOMEN'S NETWORK Something for Everyone

BY REBECCA SALON



At a discussion of the book *Strangers and Cousins* in mid-November, from left, Betty Fishman, Ellen Eisner and Amy Matathias were among those sharing opinions on the work. (*Photo by Rebecca Salon*)

Tikvat Israel's Women's Network continues to be active, offering something for everyone. Our Women's Network is a wonderful way to get to know the women of TI, while engaging in fun activities and learning new things. New members are always welcome. You do not need to be a paid member to participate in Women's Network activities, although your membership makes us stronger.

Starting in December, the Women's Network began supporting *Kabbalat Shabbat* on the 2nd Friday of each month. Please join us whenever you can.

Please mark your calendars for these other upcoming events, all led by talented and creative women from Tikvat Israel.

- On **Jan. 12**, Debbie Amster will offer a program on nutrition: "Beyond Chicken Soup: Soups and Stocks for a Healthier Winter."
- On Jan. 15, the Women's Network Book Group will discuss *Winds over Jerusalem*, by Debbi Perkul.
- On **Feb. 2**, Beth Smith will engage us in creative *hamantashen* baking.
- On **March 1**, Shirley Waxman will lead a Rosh Chodesh Study Session.
- On **March 14**, the Women's Network will sponsor the annual Shelly Goldin Women's Network Shabbat, led by women congregants.



From left, Sara Harris, Bobbi Cohen and Susan Apter enjoyed their time in period garb at the Women's Network High Tea in October at Tl. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

- On **March 18**, the Women's Network Book Group will discuss *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity & Love*, by Dani Shapiro.
- In April, Robin Lempert will offer a session on self defense.
- In May, Marsha Lyons will lead us in a crafts program.
- On May 20, the Women's Network Book Group will discuss *What You Did Not Tell*, by Mark Mazower.

For information about membership, contact Brenda Brooks at bbrooksx@gmail.com.



Baked goods were plentiful at the opening event of the year for the TI Women's Network, an old-fashioned high tea that included a guest presenter. (*Photo by Felicia R. Black*)

Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments

This uplifting Shabbat evening service includes spirited melodies, both traditional and new, accompanied by guitar, piano, bass, clarinet and percussion. It is held in the Flax Library at 6:15 p.m. on special Shabbatot. A pre-service sponsored reception starts at 5:45 p.m.

The next three events are as follows:

- ➢ Jan. 24, reception sponsored by Eine Kleine Tikva klezmer band members in memory of Dudley Schwartz, z"l.
- ➤ April 24, reception sponsored by the Chernoff/ Kensky clan.
- **June 5**, reception sponsor(s) needed. (Contact the cantor if interested.)

Led by Cantor Rochelle Helzner, the service is open to people of all ages.

TIKVAT ISRAEL JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2020

Welcome to Our Shul's Newest Congregants

Several families and individuals have become members of Tikvat Israel over the past six months, and we wish to welcome them all into our community.

The staff of the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin* asked all of the newcomers to provide information about themselves. What follows is a rundown of what they shared, and most provided a photo as well, so members can greet them warmly when they see them in shul.

If you know anyone else who might consider joining Tikvat Israel, please share their contact information with Amy Matathias (office@tikvatisrael.org).

Simmie Berman and Andrew Leach

Other family: Eloise (Lulu), 3; and Rosemarie (Rosie), 1

Residence: Rockville (right around the corner from TI)

Occupations: Simmie works as a

mechanical engineer. Andrew is a wealth manager.

Why affiliate with TI: Lulu attends the ECC at TI, and she loves it!

First impressions: It's such a friendly, welcoming place. Everyone we have met has been quick to greet us and has been so kind.

Abby Goldman and Eliad Peretz

Other family: Shoshana, 2 (and baby girl expected in December 2019)

Residence: Silver Spring

Previous residence: Moved last March from Ithaca, N.Y. Previously, we lived in Haifa, Israel.

Occupations: Abby is a materials scientist turned science policy research analyst at the Science Technology Policy Institute in Washington. Eliad is lead researcher for new space missions at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.



Why affiliate with TI: Abby grew up in the area. "My parents (Jay Goldman and Rebecca Salon) are still active members, as are some close childhood friends, like Melissa Apter and her family."

Anything else: We take very seriously our weekend *shakshukah* cooking and *challah* baking. Also for fun, we like to learn about outer space. Shoshana's favorite planet is Saturn.

Leilani (Leah) Lansing

Other family: Two grown daughters, Rosalind Sawadogo and Alexandra Newton, and two granddaughters, Maria Sawadogo and Nadia Sawadogo (her name means "Hope," like "Tikvat").

Residence: Leisure World

Previous residence: Leesburg, Va.

Occupation: Retired from the federal government.

Why affiliate with TI: Found TI through a friend, Avy Ashery, and the advertisement in the Leisure World newspaper.

First impressions: Beautiful stained glass and fabric arts. Friendly. Very much like the daily *ma'ariv* services.

Shira and Dan Lantner

Other family: Jonathan, 11; Elanor, 10; and Reuben, 7

Residence: Rockville

Previous residence: Shira is originally from St Louis, Mo. Dan is a Rockville native and grew up at Adas Israel in D.C.

Occupations: Dan is a government contractor doing software development. Shira is a paraeducator at Bel Pre Elementary School in the Montgomery County Public Schools.



Why affiliate with TI: We knew we wanted an egalitarian conservative synagogue, and we're glad to find one so close to us with a welcoming community. We were members of another synagogue before, but it was more of a schlep to get there.

First impressions: We have found TI to be very welcoming and friendly. It seems like a close-knit congregation that we look forward to being part of. All three of our children are BIG fans of the Drama Shabbat/Act it Out, and Elanor and Jonathan are enjoying the Torah Club.

Anything else: Jonathan loves reading and making graphic novels (comics). Elanor loves chess, origami, playing ukulele and singing. Reuben loves drawing cars. All three and Shira are taking piano lessons. (Dan took lessons as a child.) We have three cats and one dog.

Reut Naim and Noam Aricha

Other family: Avigail, 4; Itamar, 18 months **Residence:** Rockville

Previous residence: Moved from Israel in August 2018.

Occupations:

Reut is a

psychologist, doing a post-doc at the NIH. Noam recently completed his real estate license and is looking for a position in real estate.

Why affiliate with TI: Friends are part of the ECC.

First impressions: Feels very much like home and welcoming.

Eva and Ryan Stevenson

Residence: Rockville

Previous residence: Moved from Detroit in summer 2018.

Occupations: Eva is a dental hygienist. Ryan is a second-year law student at American University Washington College of Law.

Why affiliate with TI: We were looking for a conservative synagogue

that felt like home and was accepting of us as an interfaith couple.

First impressions: Everyone was incredibly warm and welcoming. I (Eva) was shocked when on my second visit people remembered my name!

Anything else: We have two lovely cats named Roxanne and Beebee.

Linden Wolf and Michael Raucher

Other family: Newborn Ilana Rose

Residence: Silver Spring (Aspen Hill)

Previous residence: Linden has lived in Silver Spring for nearly three years. Michael moved from Annapolis when we bought our house this past year.

Occupations: Michael is a systems engineer for Rockwell Collins. Linden is a contract technical lead at NOAA.

Why affiliate with TI: Michael's paternal grandparents, Helen and Stephen Raucher are long-time members, and we were married by Rabbi Israel.

First impressions: We have enjoyed the welcoming environment and the music during services and other events. **TIKVAT ISRAEL JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2020**

Meaghan Ward and Brandon Scherr

Other family: Gavin, 6; and Gabriel, 3

Residence: Derwood

Previous residence: Brandon is Baltimore-born and raised, and Meaghan grew up in this area. We've been in our house now for about 10 years.

Occupations: Both work for the federal government in the Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Why affiliate with TI: The ECC was recommended by a family whose daughter



transferred into it when our now 6-year-old was younger. We kept it in mind when it was time to explore options for the little guy.

First impressions: A very warm environment, with a history to it.

Anything else: We are happy to be a part of the community, and hope to get more involved as scheduling with two young ones allows.

Jill and Raphael (Rafe) Yedwab

Residence: Rockville

Previous residence: Sterling, Va.

Occupations: Rafe is a senior computer support technician. Jill is looking to re-enter the job market.

Why affiliate with TI: We came to Tikvat Israel because of its reputation for community.

First impressions: We have found people to be welcoming, and the quality of Jewish life associated with TI to be excellent.

Anything else: We are

passionate and unashamed

nerds. We met at an Anime convention and our shared interests, from media and books to the Maryland Renaissance Festival, keep us lively.



Social Activism in Israel Focus of TI Event Feb. 13

Dror Israel, a movement of urban educators' kibbutzim and social activism in Israel in the 21st century, will be the subject of an Israel Affairs Committee program at 7:45 p.m. (following *minyan*) on Thursday, Feb. 13, at TI.

The presenter is Leah Silverberg, central *shlicha* from *Dror Israel* to *Habonim Dror* North America based in Brooklyn, N.Y.

According to Anna Levy, an Israel Affairs committee member, Silverberg will share her story of growing up as a member of *Habonim Dror* North America at Camp Gesher and her *aliyah* from Canada to become a member of *Dror Israel*. She will talk about life as a member of an urban *kibbutz* in Sderot.

Dror Israel is a pioneering educational movement whose mission is to effect meaningful, long-term educational and social change in Israeli society in order to promote solidarity, social activism, democracy and equality. The aim is to form the grassroots nucleus of an exemplary society in Israel based on the vision of the prophets of Israel and the founders of Zionism.

Dror Israel emphasizes participation from every sector of Israeli society, including Ethiopian and Russian immigrants, Arab Israelis, Druze and Bedouins, and middle-class and working-class communities. In the past decade, *Dror Israel* has established 16 educators' *kibbutzim* in the social and geographic periphery of Israel.

There are 1,500 young adults, in their 20s and 30s, living communally in these urban *kibbutzim*, some of whom are beginning to raise families. They work daily in the organization's educational, cultural and social activities with over 100,000 children, teens and adults.

Major partners for educational programs include eight different Israeli governmental ministries, UJA Federations (including the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington), United Jewish Israel Appeal (England and Wales), Ness Foundation, Shahaf Foundation, Gandyr Foundation and more than 100 local municipalities.

For more information, see http://drorisrael.org.il/english/about-us/#.

NEW EDUCATION DIRECTOR NAMED

Elana Moss has been named Tikvat Israel's new director of youth and education programming, and will begin her duties on Jan. 21.

The position is considered half-time at TI. Moss will also teach part-time in our early childhood center.

Moss has held a variety of congregational educator positions in South Florida, Orlando and Memphis. She is relocating here from Hollywood, Fla., with her husband Daniel.

In making the announcement in mid-December, Rabbi Marc Israel said, "We are excited to welcome Elana to Tikvat Israel." A fuller account about the director and her role will appear in the March-April issue of the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*.

SAVE THE DATE

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Sweet Holiday Goodies Sent to TI Collegians



Nancy Solomon added chocolate gelt to the Hanukkah care packages before sending them to all TI member's children attending college out of town.

Tikvat Israel's College Outreach Committee mailed Hanukkah-themed care packages to our members' children who are in college to help them stay connected to our community.

Although the students might have been home for most or all of the holiday, given its later start this year, the care packages were intended to help them get in the mood for the holiday, and the great snacks were designed to assist them in studying for final exams in December.

Nancy Solomon and Nancy Matheson co-chair the College Outreach Committee (though only one has a child still attending college).

ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HASBARA: Focus on Israeli Innovation

(#17 in a Series) BY HARVEY T. KAPLAN

For the past three years, I've been sharing updates on new Israeli innovations and products. For this issue and the next one, I'd like to focus on the timeliness and accuracy of what the media report about Israeli accomplishments. I am confident that you'll find this matter of significance to all of us.



Patients in the Philippines waiting for medical assistance at an Israeli field hospital.

showed a list of nations that sent teams to help. Israel was not on her list—although Israel had sent a medical team of well over 100, who set up a field hospital and remained on site for 11 days. I told her that Israel was missing from her list, and she promised to update her slide.

My point is that Israel is committed to the notion of helping others around the world (including responding to floods in *our* country during 2019)—without any request for reimbursement. It does not publicize that kind of assistance much, even though the people who receive it are most appreciative and well aware of who was helping them. There's enough negative news about Israel in the media nowadays; if the media won't cover Israeli aid in instances such as the Philippine mission, then we have to be instru-



We all know about Israel's

commitment to Tikkun Olam

(the Jewish value of repairing

our damaged world). Several

years ago, I attended a presen-

tation by a retired US Public

Health Service admiral who

shared her personal experi-

ences in aiding the people of

the Philippines after the major

typhoon Haiyan in 2013. She

Israel Defense Forces team decorating children's ward in Israeli mobile hospital in Bogo City, the Philippines.

mental in getting that information out. That's why we need to do more in the realm of *Hasbara* (public relations)!

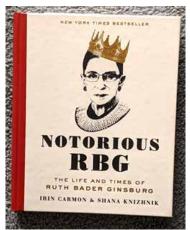
My wife and I recently attended a program sponsored by CAMERA (Committee on Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America). CAMERA strives to set the record straight about Israel and the rest of the Middle East. [See *camera.org.*] Unquestionably, omitting the good that the State of Israel is doing in the world is part of the problem. CAMERA's slogan is "...because facts matter," and it endeavors to share accurate and complete info about current issues. One major issue is that bad journalism is a dangerous fuel for antisemitism. At that program, Melanie Phillips, an eminent British journalist (and quite a fearless defender of Israel) gave an excellent presentation entitled *The West—A Civilization in Crisis—with the Jews at the Eye of the Storm.* She also wrote an article about it on The Algemeiner Blog (September 7, 2018). Here's a sample from the text: "...Jewish principles lie at the very core of Western civilization. In Britain and America, a culture war is being waged against the west.... Who can be surprised, therefore, that the Jews are at the very center of that battleground?"

By way of another example, a number of readers commented to me that they had known nothing about Israel's help in rescuing the soccer team from a flooded Thailand cave last year until they read about it in my article. Yes, it was covered in the media, but not extensively except in media sources coming out of Israel. There are many other examples of distortions or omissions, many (but certainly not all) due to antisemitism—or alleged anti-Zionism.

I plan to continue this discussion on media coverage (or noncoverage) of Israel through a continuation of this article in the March-April issue of the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*.

On a more pleasant note, I highly recommend the exhibit on the life and contributions of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg at the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia. The temporary exhibit will remain open only through January 12, 2020. Justice Ginsberg's life is in a significant way a pursuit of Jewish values, both from the Torah, and also as exhibited by the modern State of Israel. She has championed justice throughout her professional career (*Tzedek tzedek tirdof – Deut.* 16:20 / "Righteousness, righteousness shall you pursue....").

The exhibit demonstrates clearly how she fought for racial and gender equality, and other elements of fair treatment for *all* residents of our country. If you go, allow at least three hours to tour the 5th floor exhibit-and make a stop at the special section in the lower level of the Museum to better understand the gowns and collars that RBG wears (perhaps even take a photograph in one!). If you can get a docent-led tour of the special exhibit, I'd highly recommend that. Among other things, you'll learn why she earned the title, "Notorious."



This beautifully-illustrated book currently is available in conjunction with the RBG Exhibit at the National Museum of American Jewish History

In summary, during an MSNBC interview four years ago, Justice Ginsberg included in her remarks the things for which she would most like to be remembered: "...to help repair tears in society, to make things a little better through the use of whatever ability [I have]." I'd say those are traditional values of the Children of Israel.

Lobby Finishes Its Long Journey to Loveliness

BY ALAN APTER, TI VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION

"Bruchim Habaim," words of welcome, adorn the wall of Tikvat Israel's newly renovated lobby. The project, which began in March 2017 under the direction of then-president Melanie Grishman, has transformed the entrance to our synagogue into a truly welcoming space.

The Lobby Committee consisted of Rod Matheson, Nancy Matheson and Nancy Solomon. Congregation co-president Warren Berger preceded me as the initial chair of the renovation committee. TI's executive director Sam Freedenberg provided valuable insights and joined me in interviewing architects and contracting firms. After reviewing multiple competitive bids, Mike Asbacher of CDS Architectural Design was selected to create the design, and the construction contract was awarded to HBW of Rockville.

Renovations of this scale are rarely without hiccups, as the committee soon learned. The permitting process took longer than anticipated, necessitating a delay in demolition work until after the 2018 High Holidays. Once construction was under way, two sub-committees were formed to handle the finishing touches.

Nancy Solomon, Nancy Matheson and Bobbi Gorban served on the furniture sub-committee, selecting the stylish and comfortable sofas, chairs and tables now in the lobby. The conversation area to the right of the social hall (where the gift shop used to stand) has become a frequently used spot.

The art subcommittee, made up of Shirley Waxman, Tamah Graber, Larry Levine and Bobbi Gorban, is responsible for the beautiful artwork adorning the walls, including the paintings of the late Marsha Goldfine, generously loaned by her family. Special thanks to Waxman for designing and supervising the team that created the wall hanging; Graber for creating and leading a crew of people in the formation of the stained-glass windows; and Larry Levine for his "Aspects of Jewish Life" photo series.

On behalf of the lobby committee, I extend our immense gratitude to Bruce Goldin for sponsoring the stained-glass windows in memory of his beloved wife Shelly; the Women's Network for underwriting the lobby furniture and Torah display case; and all those who contributed to the dinner honoring Grishman. This was truly a community-supported endeavor!

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JANUARY 1

4 TEVET David Cohen Samuel Grossman Ida Levitan Ethel Pear Ruth Seide Gary Shuken Max Teitel Freda Weiss

JANUARY 2 5 TEVET

Hilda Cohen Ida Fattman Louis "Luck" Goldberg Max Klein Lewis Levy Sarah Margolies Nina Matathias Alvin Reiner

JANUARY 3 6 Tevet

Virginia Jeanne Andrews John Baer Mauricio Battino Salomon Battino Anita Cowan Irving Fischer Philip Helman Jackie Hoffman Ben Perlmutter Frances Saperstein Fred Stryker

January 4 7 Tevet

Jack Bendett Helen Berger Eve Hoffman Daniel Jeremias Sol Leise Anne Segal

JANUARY 5

8 TEVET June Balin Esther Berk Morris Gaspin David Glass Belle Schechter Eva Kramer Weinshelbaum

JANUARY 6 9 Tevet

Max Bassin Jason Leif Irving Reiner Doris Klion Taylor Philip Weinstein Dora Zlotnick

JANUARY 7 10 TEVET Lydia Black Steven Bowen Cantor Mark Levi Henry Roth Carl Seide

JANUARY 8

11 TEVET Julia Auerbach Irene Berger Fred Buff Morris Gorinson Margaret Peisner

JANUARY 9

12 TEVET Geraldine Linden Ellen Rosenthal Mollie Radin Schrager Jennie Strassman

JANUARY 10

13 TEVET Samuel Berly Rose Blackstone Eli Dannemann Ellen Jacob Allen Katz Anna Krooler Nathan Nachamkin Lois Nisenson

JANUARY 11

14 TEVET Elaine Feinberg Irving Joseph Kaplan Moshe Kritz Jacob B. Levin Julius Rom Anne Rosenberg Rebecca Rosenberg

JANUARY 12

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

JANUARY 13

16 Tevet Benjamin Kay Judith Lipofsky Roslyn Mollen Milton Thaler

JANUARY 14

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

January 15 18 Tevet

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

JANUARY 16

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

JANUARY 17 20 Tevet

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

JANUARY 18

21 TEVET 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

JANUARY 19

22 TEVET Morris Cohen George Ray Davis Anne Hoffman Anne Kristal Maurice Levinsohn Abraham Peck

JANUARY 20

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

January 21 24 Tevet

Stanley Bergstein Harry H. Cohen Mollie Jacobs Solomon Meltzer

JANUARY 22

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

JANUARY 23 26 Tevet

Benjamin Robert Bliss Moishe Chaim Chait Bert Chatlynne Benjamin Futrovsky Sam Gorin Marcus Jacobs Morris Silverman

JANUARY 24

27 TEVET Marie Gabes David Kushner Lena Rosenblum Della Whittaker

JANUARY 25

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

JANUARY 26

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

JANUARY 27 1 Shevat

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

JANUARY 28

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

JANUARY 29

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

JANUARY 30

4 Shevat Edith Chefer Leo Pachenker Isaac Zipin

JANUARY 31

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

Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose Yahrzeits Occur From 6 Shevat through 4 Adar – February 2020

FEBRUARY 1 6 SHEVAT

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

FEBRUARY 2 7 Shevat

Frances Kanner Jennie Lerner Jack Zoltrow

February 3 8 Shevat

Ludwig Klein Harry Levinstein Elsa Neuwirth Joseph Steinberg

FEBRUARY 4 9 Shevat

Mildred Brafman David Caplan Goldie Chelemer Jerome Danoff Molly Levinson Max Mendelson Harry Miller Hans Moses Zanvel Nisenson Edith Plesset Rose Schwartz Sheldon Wagner Rose Weinstein

FEBRUARY 5 10 Shevat

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

FEBRUARY 6 11 SHEVAT Paul Berman Libby Gordon

FEBRUARY 7

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

FEBRUARY 8 13 SHEVAT Edith Adler

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

FEBRUARY 9 14 SHEVAT Fannie Rose Cohen Irvin Lavine Ruth Milenky

February 10 15 Shevat

Nathan Osofsky

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

FEBRUARY 11

16 Shevat Selma Oppenheim Max Rothman Stephen Smith Eli Herman Stein Albert Toney

FEBRUARY 12

17 SHEVAT Miriam Ginsburg Alex M. Kravitz Benjamin Newman Beatrice Venetsky Charles Walder

FEBRUARY 13

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

FEBRUARY 14 19 SHEVAT Rabbi Robert Chernoff Bernard Glaser Jacob Greenbaum Ernest Rosenwald

FEBRUARY 15 20 SHEVAT Milton Ackerman Leo Greenberg Michael Hamburg Rosie Kasper Morris Oppenheimer Mark Schaffman Fanny Stoll

February 16 21 Shevat

Morris Yonks

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

FEBRUARY 17

22 Shevat Martha Barrish Goldie Goldman Benjamin Adelson

FEBRUARY 18 23 SHEVAT William Edlowitz William Gershowitz Samuel Helfant Norman Kanner Ada Milder Lori Schwartz Jay Zebooker

FEBRUARY 19 24 SHEVAT

Doris Asher Fay Gardner Ruth Love Freda Stutz

FEBRUARY 20

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

FEBRUARY 21 26 SHEVAT Elizabeth Davis

February 22 27 Shevat

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

FEBRUARY 23 28 Shevat

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

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FEBRUARY 25 30 SHEVAT Hyman Gilston Edward Schwartz Jacob Teitelbaum

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FEBRUARY 28 3 Adar

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

February 29 4 Adar

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