



On Tap: A Scholar, Two Shows, One Walk in the Park

Plenty of interesting, entertaining and healthy fare on the synagogue's schedule over the next few months.

The Scholar. The 2018 Scholar's Weekend, March 9-11, focuses on the connection between Judaism and science. Rabbi Geoffrey Mitelman delivers three talks, all at meal functions. See **page 4** for the schedule of events.

Two Shows for music and theater. A concert featuring an *a cappella* group and a local recording artist is set for Sunday, April 15. See **page 8**. Meanwhile Theater J in the District of Columbia has declared March 18 "Tikvat Israel Day" with a group outing to attend a matinee performance of *Becoming Dr. Ruth*. Read more and then order tickets! See **page 6**.

The Walk. A fundraising walk with Rabbi Shull will take place in nearby Rock Creek Park on Sunday, June 10. Read more on **page 7**.

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.

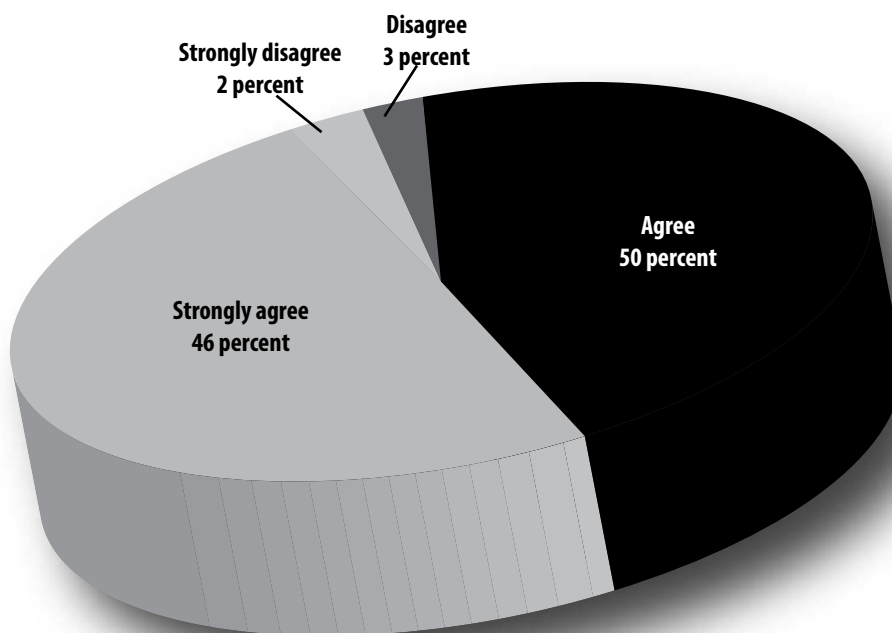
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What Do Fellow Congregants Think?

Agree or Disagree: My religious needs are being met at TI.



In a recent survey completed by almost half of all Tikvat Israel members, the congregation shared its views on several important questions about being served and supported and where the synagogue should invest time and resources. You can learn about what they had to say in a rundown of the findings on **page 3**.

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Shul Shorts

Grief Support Series

The monthly support group for those coping with loss will meet at 8 p.m. on March 22, April 19, May 24 and June 14 at Tikvat Israel. Congregant Stacy Lang leads the program, "Good Grief – A Journey Together." Cost is \$10 per session. For more details, call Lang at 201-675-7151.

Softballers Sought

With spring just around the bend, Tikvat Israel is seeking participants for its recreational softball team, which competes in a countywide synagogue league. Games are played Sunday mornings from April through June. Anyone with a link to TI (staff, congregant or parent of ECC student) is eligible. Contact Stuart Lempert at stuartlempert@yahoo.com.

Interfaith Affair Cancelled

The four-session interfaith dialogue series that included a March 28 panel at Tikvat Israel has been cancelled. The sponsoring organization was the Institute for Islamic, Christian and Jewish Studies.

Bridge Play Monthly

Bridge is played in the Tikvat Israel library on the first Wednesday of each month. Table play begins promptly at 8 p.m. on March 7 and April 4. Refreshments are available. Players of all levels are welcome. A \$5 contribution to TI is appreciated. Contact Linc Hallen at lincoln117@verizon.net with questions.

Board Meetings Open

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.

Search Begins for New ECC Head

A search committee for a new director of the synagogue's early childhood center has commenced its work, chaired by Ellen Kaminow, board vice president for lifelong learning. The administrative position has been posted on several sites and the interview process will be started in the coming weeks.

Michelle Sobel resigned from the director's post in mid-January. She joined TI in 2013.

"Michelle has done an outstanding job of reviving our ECC during her tenure and has created a great program of which we can be proud," TI President Melanie Grishman said. "We wish her well in her new endeavors."

Joining Kaminow on the search panel are Martie Adelman, Joshua Costa, Sarah Hardy, Robin Lempert, Jeremy Schiffer and Allison Zion.

ECC staff members Zion and Marcie Nadler are serving as acting co-directors. "They have a vast amount of experience in many aspects of the pre-school world and our children and school are in great hands," Kaminow said.

Member Survey Finds Wide Satisfaction, Identifies Needs

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN

Tikvat Israel members appear largely satisfied with the congregation's affairs related to the clergy, synagogue management and board governance, according to a recent survey of all congregants.

- **79 percent of respondents have been members of Tikvat Israel for 10 years or longer with 6 percent reporting they have been members for two years or less.**

The findings of the survey, conducted in late fall and compiled in December, carry significance because 134 responses were received from the 298 dues-paying member households who were sent surveys through e-mail and the Postal Service. This represents a healthy 45 percent participation rate. (Industry benchmarks for customer survey feedback typically range between 20 percent and 35 percent.)

Among the findings about the synagogue:

What do you like most about being a member of Tikvat Israel?

Programs Observance Shul Surrounded Cantor Helzner
 Quality Family Education Rabbi Adult
 Congregants Similar Values Services
 Friendliness Community Feeling of Belonging
 Friendly Attitudes Welcoming Leadership
 Clergy Staff Comfortable Nice Participatory
Relationships Contribute Approach

This is called a Wordle, which is a graphic representation of the most common words or phrases that congregants used in responding to this open-ended question on the recent survey: "What do you like most about being a member of Tikvat Israel?"

Long-term members remain committed to our congregation with many respondents highlighting their 20, 30, 40 or 50-plus years of membership.

On a question that allowed open feedback, congregants expressed appreciation by name for the following: Rabbi Shull, Cantor Helzner, Amy Matathias, Melanie Grishman, Sam Freedenberg and Sally Kram. All are professional staff except Kram, a volunteer who heads the Adult Education Committee, and Grishman, president of the Congregation.

- **95 percent of respondents said their religious needs are being met.**

Several suggestions were made for improvements to the length of services and how aliyahs are assigned at religious services. Also referenced were the lack of services and programming for younger children.

- **83 percent issued a favorable rating of Tikvat Israel's lay leadership.**

Survey participants suggested improvements could be made to place greater focus and resources on recruitment and retention of younger families. Others want to see the governing board's adoption of a more proactive long-range strategic plan.

- **88 percent agreed or strongly agreed that their administrative/office needs were being met.**

In their responses, congregants identified the functional areas most in need of improvement: administrative office efficiency and responsiveness and the synagogue's accuracy in billing.

- **99 percent consider improvements to the building and grounds important.**

Sanctuary lighting, the kitchen and the main lobby were identified as areas in greatest need for attention.

- **Congregants identified the qualities they like the most about their membership in Tikvat Israel.**

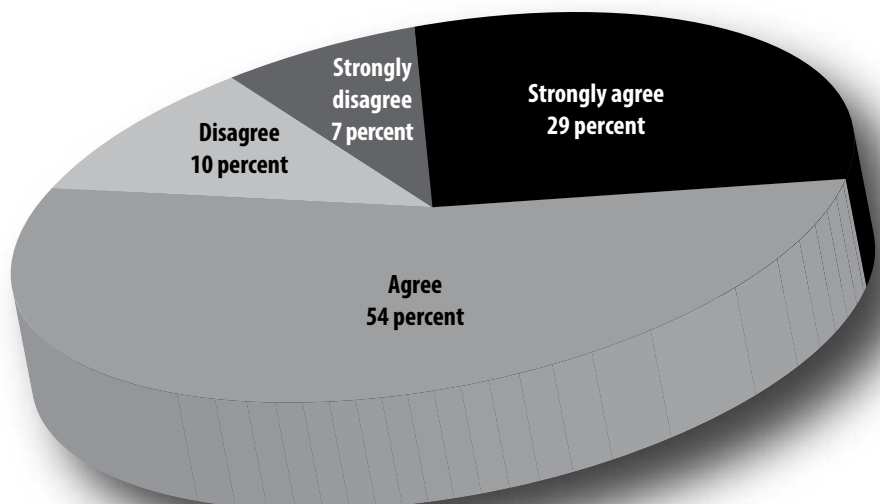
In order, those qualities were the sense of community, feeling of caring, welcoming atmosphere, comfortable environment, sense of family and feeling of belonging.

The survey was constructed and managed by Rodney Matheson, a past co-president of TI who works in organizational development at the Charles E. Smith Life Communities. Matheson said he will be setting up focus groups in coming months to allow members to expand on the meaning of the survey feedback and to comment on areas not covered, such as communication.

He previously provided the survey findings to the synagogue's board of directors and shared them separately with the professional staff.

(Jay P. Goldman is editor of the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*.)

Agree or Disagree: My expectations regarding TI's lay leadership and board are being met.



Shabbat Retreat Featuring Outdoor Services, Farm-Fresh Kosher Meals Set for October Weekend

Kallah 2018, Tikvat Israel's Shabbat retreat, will take place Oct. 19-21 at the Pearlstone Center in Reisterstown, Md.

The weekend retreat will feature Kabbalat Shabbat with *nigunim* and spirited singing; outdoor services in a peaceful, rural environment (weather permitting); campfire Havdalah with s'mores; hiking; petting of farm animals; farm-to-table kosher Shabbat meals; yoga and meditation; Torah study sessions; social programs; and children's programming.

To reserve a space, a non-refundable \$50 per person deposit is required by May 4. (Deposits will be refunded if TI has to cancel the event.) By July 2, a 50 percent payment will be required, and no refunds will be available after July 16. Payment in full is due by Aug. 15. Checks are payable to Tikvat Israel Congregation.

The retreat registration fees are as follows (per person) and include all kosher meals from Friday night Shabbat through Sunday morning breakfast: single occupancy guest room, \$305; double occupancy guest room, \$225; triple-plus occupancy guest room (for 3 or more teens or adults) \$205; cabin per adult, \$185; child 5 and younger, \$38; child 6-12, \$105. Each cabin accommodates 8-9 individuals. Two families can share one cabin.

These fees do not include Maryland's 2.4 percent hospitality tax. (Tikvat Israel is exempt from Maryland state sales tax.)

For additional information, contact *Kallah* chair Felicia Black at feliciarblack@msn.com. She is joined on the organizing committee by Rabbi Shull, Stacy Lang, Richard Lederman, Jim Perlmutter, Rabbah Arlene Berger, Dan Black and Melanie Grishman.

More details about the features of the Pearlstone Center are available at www.pearlstonecenter.org.



During an exploratory visit to Pearlstone by several congregants last August, Kate Jennes-Kahn got acquainted with the farm animals. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Scholar's Weekend Examines Science and Judaism Links



Rabbi Geoffrey Mitelman

A leading authority on the connection between science and religion will present three times to congregants during Tikvat Israel's Scholar's Weekend, March 9-11.

Rabbi Geoffrey Mitelman, founder and director of Sinai and Synapses, a New York City-based organization, will join the congregation during Shabbat services and on Sunday morning.

In addition to addressing science and religion, he will talk about how our brains work.

Scholar's Weekend is returning to Tikvat Israel after a long absence thanks to the generosity of TI President Melanie Grishman, who is sponsoring the weekend in honor of the memory of her late husband, Dr. Herman Jacob Flax.

The Scholar's Weekend schedule is as follows:

- **Friday, March 9.** Congregational Shabbat dinner featuring Mitelman's talk, "How Do We Talk About Science and Religion?"
- **Saturday, March 10.** Shabbat kiddush lunch featuring the talk, "There are Places I Remember—How Memory Works and How It Doesn't."
- **Sunday, March 11.** Sunday brunch featuring the talk, "Is Neuroscience Undercutting Moral Responsibility?"

Rabbi Mitelman's organization, Sinai and Synapses, bridges the scientific and religious worlds with its work, and his writings have been featured in *The Huffington Post*, *Nautilus*, *Science*, *Religion Today* and the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He completed his training at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He is an alumnus of Princeton University. He appeared as a contestant on Jeopardy in March 2016.



Mitelman's appearance as this year's scholar was made possible by his longtime friendship with congregant Rabbi Alana Suskin who first met Mitelman when both served as fellows with the prestigious Rabbis Without Borders. This is a national program that positions rabbis as American religious leaders and spiritual innovators who contribute Jewish wisdom to the American spiritual landscape.

More information about Scholar's Weekend, including reservation details and prices for the Friday evening dinner and Sunday brunch, will be shared in *B'keshet* and posted on the website at <http://tikvatisrael.org/year-science-2017-18>.

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Sally Kram serves as primary organizer of the Scholar's Weekend.

Varied Year of Science Slate Continues at TI through 2018

Tikvat Israel's Year of Science has had an exhilarating rollout with December's "Science Cinema" and a lineup of Tikvat Israel University speakers in late February on climate science, forensics, economics, health care, mathematics and computer science.



Year of Science programming will continue with Scholar's Weekend in March (see article, page 4) and Yom HaAtzmaut festivities in April featuring Irv Ellenberg, the U.S. representative for Israel's Technion, which is Israel's equivalent of MIT and CalTech rolled into one. On April 18, Ellenberg will discuss the latest technological innovations at the Technion, located in Haifa, and its major impact on the Israeli economy. Check the TI website for more information.

On May 6, Tikvat Israel will host the blues band Bad Influence featuring TI member David Thaler, in an 8 p.m. concert in the social hall. Prior to the concert, a local brewery will host a discussion of the science of beer and sell beverages during the concert. More information on reservations and costs will be available through *B'kesher*, the Shabbat sheet and TI's website.

Additional Year of Science activities are being planned or are underway. A fledgling Science Fiction Book Club, led by Hope and Phil Kott, launched in February (see story, at right), and Ma'asseh Moments featuring a display of nature photography by congregants have been appearing on the lobby screen on a rotating basis. (If you have photography you would like to contribute, contact Sally Kram at kram@consortium.org.)

In addition, the Year of Science initiative is supporting congregants in their delivery of Shabbat *divrei Torah* on scientific topics. Already, congregants Debby Berlyne, Harvey Kaplan and Phil Kott have delivered their informed views about the weekly parsha and what it can teach us about science. Additional Year of Science *divrei* are under development by congregants Danny Bachman, Anita Brenner and Cliff Fishman. The Year of Science Committee is seeking additional Torah interpreters. (Contact Kram at kram@consortium.org if interested.)

All Year of Science programs are promoted on the Tikvat Israel website at <http://tikvatisrael.org/year-science-2017-18>. Take a look and join in the exploration!

SHABBAT SHEET SPONSORS

The synagogue is seeking congregants to serve as sponsors of the Shabbat sheet distributed weekly to those attending religious services. The sponsorship can be done in honor or memory of a family member or friend. Contact Sam Freedenberg at sam@tikvatisrael.org.

Science Fiction Book Club to Meet Monthly

BY HOPE KOTT

As part of Tikvat Israel's Year of Science, we have formed a Science Fiction Book Club. Despite the nasty weather on Feb. 4, five synagogue members got together after minyan to establish ground rules and select a book to read before the next meeting.

In memory of Science Fiction Grand Master Ursula K. LeGuin, who passed away recently, the group agreed to read the classic *The Left Hand of Darkness*. Winner of both the Nebula and Hugo awards (the highest honors that can be granted for fantasy and science fiction works), this thought-provoking novel tells the tale of first contact with an alien planet where all the inhabitants are of one sex, and the single earthman is forced to understand the equality of all beings.

The book club will meet on the first Sunday of every other month, except when there is a conflict with a religious or federal holiday. To avoid meeting on Passover, our next club date will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 8.

Members will alternate presenting four books for consideration and selection by all present members of the club. All forms of writing – novels, short story collections, first books in a series or standalone books in a series may be presented so long as they are available in the Montgomery County library system.

In addition to the written form of science fiction, fantasy or alternate history, the club also may consider written story/movie combinations.

All TI members are welcome to join us to read and discuss our selection. Contact me at hkott@aol.com with your questions.



Shown displaying their favorite works at the inaugural meeting of the shul's science fiction book club are (clockwise from top left) David Harris, Phil Kott, Hope Kott and Susannah Challis. (Photo by Alan Apter)

ADULT EDUCATION

A Flourishing Second Half of Our Program Year

BY SALLY KRAM, ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR



The Adult Education Committee continues its programmatic year with a series of events exploring both the religious and the secular aspects of Jewish life.

In March, the committee is co-hosting Scholar's Weekend March 9-11 in partnership with the Year of Science Committee (see story, page 4).

After delving into the relationship between religion and science, congregants can explore Jewish humor when TI partners with Theater J to host Tikvat Israel Day on March 18 at the downtown D.C. theater. Congregants are invited to attend the matinee performance of *Becoming Dr. Ruth*. As an added incentive, TI members can get 15 percent off their ticket prices by logging onto TheaterJ.org and using the special code, TIRuth, for the 2 p.m. show. Theater J is located at 1529 16th St., N.W.

In May, two events, religious and secular, are scheduled. On May 6, the committee is hosting a synagogue fundraiser titled "Jews, Brews and Blues." In partnership with the Year of Science Initiative, the event will include a presentation on the science of beer, a beer tasting and a concert by the blues band Bad Influence. David Thaler, a TI member, is the band's drummer. Ticket information will be available on TI's website.

The program year will conclude with Adult Education Shabbat on May 19. The committee is planning a special service with Cantor Helzner and congregant Danny Bachman to create a unique Shabbat experience featuring committee members. A kid-dush lunch following services will feature a panel discussion on a topic aligned with the Year of Science initiative.

The entire Tikvat Israel community is invited to participate in these programs. If you want to get involved, contact Sally Kram at kram@consortium.org. We are always looking for new members and ideas.

Join Tikvat Israel at Theater J
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By Mark St. Germain | Directed by Holly Twyford
Sunday, March 18 at 2:00
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Tikvat Israel to Acquire New Shabbat, Festival Siddur

This spring, Tikvat Israel will adopt a new siddur for Shabbat and festival services to replace our current 30-year-old prayer book.

The new siddur, *Siddur Lev Shalem*, follows the same format and style as the popular mahzor our congregation adopted eight years ago for the High Holidays.

Synagogue members and friends can support the acquisition of these new siddurim through donations that will allow them to dedicate one or more prayer books in memory or honor of family members or friends.

Siddur Lev Shalem is designed for use by individuals as well as for congregations, at home and in the synagogue. It begins with preparation for Shabbat — including meditations on candle lighting, a song that incorporates halakhic instructions, a passage about the *neshamah y'teirah* (additional spirit) of Shabbat, an introduction to Shabbat from the Zohar, and much more.

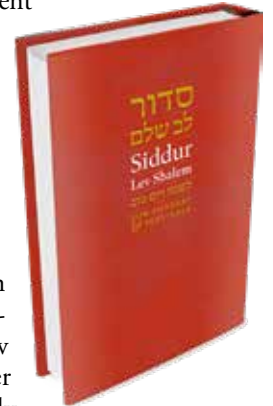
In the tradition of *Mahzor Lev Shalem*, the siddur includes an array of sources and commentary — historical, halakhic and spiritual on — the border of each page. While it includes all the traditional prayers, psalms, and songs that are familiar to us, it serves also as an anthology, offering readings to celebrate Shabbat as well as material for study.

The new siddur's highly readable translation uses more contemporary language than previous editions. In addition, all of the blessings, psalms and songs are transliterated to let people from all backgrounds fully participate in services. There is also extensive commentary geared to both the novice and the learned.

Our current *Siddur Sim Shalom* was first issued more than 30 years ago and already has undergone one new edition prior to *Lev Shalem*. As a result, it lacks many of the changes in language and style that Judaism's Conservative movement has adopted since then, such as gender neutrality.

The campaign to raise funds for the new siddurim was launched earlier this year with a letter to all members that explained the benefits of the new prayer book and asked for donations to dedicate a copy. The requested donation to dedicate a prayer book is \$54 each. Forms for providing the wording of the dedications are available from the synagogue office.

The synagogue aims to have the new siddur in place in time for *Shavuot* in May. Before then, Rabbi Shull will offer members an opportunity to sample *Lev Shalem* and hear an explanation of its new features at the start of Shabbat services on March 3. In lieu of preliminary services, he will conduct a prayer/study session using highlights from the new siddur (from 9:30 - 9:50 a.m.).



SHULL TO SHUL

Kallah 2018 - One Shabbat as One

BY RABBI BENJAMIN SHULL



With great anticipation, we are making plans for *Kallah 2018*, our Shabbat retreat at the Pearlstone Center in the lovely countryside northwest of Baltimore. This inter-generational get-away from Friday, Oct. 19, through Sunday, Oct. 21, at the nation's premier Jewish retreat center, will be a chance to relax, recharge and renew.

Please take a look at the details of *Kallah 2018*, including a proposed agenda, on page 4 in this issue. We are planning a truly special program for people of all ages.

My purpose in highlighting *Kallah 2018* in this edition of Shull to Shul is not to persuade you that this wonderful Shabbat experience will make a major difference in your life — though it certainly will. My purpose is to persuade you that this wonderful Shabbat experience will make a major difference in the life of our congregation. Yes, Tikvat Israel will be changed by several dozen of our members sharing a full Shabbat in a stunning natural setting. How is that so?

Well, since I am writing this article during the week of Shabbat Yitro in early February, let me make the case by drawing on an important lesson the rabbis teach about the second verse of the Torah portion from Exodus 19:2: “*Having journeyed from Rephidim, they entered the wilderness of Sinai and encamped in the wilderness.*” Ever attuned to the wording of the Torah, Rashi (Rabbi Shlomo ben Yitzhak), in 11th century France, points out that the verbs referring to Israel have been plural — “they entered,” “they journeyed.” Yet here in this verse, the Hebrew word for “encamped” is singular — “*va’yichan*” rather than “*va’yachanu.*” This change in person suggests that only when Israel put aside their quarrels and differences to become one people were they fit to receive the Torah.

Of course, Rashi makes a critical point and teaches a valuable lesson about unity, but I would like to suggest a different take on this verse. Having experienced the power of Jewish summer camping as a child and as an adult, I see in this verse a lesson in the power of encampment together. Israel started by encamping as many (*va’yachanu*, “they encamped”), but the experience of making a home away from home, of building a community of shared experience changed them. Out of many, they became one (or as the American motto states, “E Pluribus Unum”).

OK, perhaps I am stretching this a bit. The foot of Mt. Sinai was not the Pearlstone Center or a seven-week Jewish summer camp, but allowing for some rabbinic license, I am confident that spending one Shabbat together, from lighting candles on Friday night through lighting the Havdalah candle on Saturday night and beyond will bring us, all of us, together as one. Let me explain.

Those of us who will attend *Kallah 2018* will participate not only as individuals or as family members, but as “*shlichim*,” that is representatives of our entire congregation. We will sing together, eat

together, laugh together and learn together. We will come to know the joy of Shabbat “*b’yachad*,” (meaning together as one), and we will bring back this “*ruach Shabbat b’yachad*,” this special Shabbat spirit, to our entire congregation. We will be witnesses to those who do not attend of the power of Shabbat as one. Friday night together, praying and eating and singing, will be an experience to be replicated as will Havdalah as the stars come out.

Yes, *Kallah 2018*, hopefully, will turn into *Kallah 2019* and *2020*, but even more importantly, *Kallah 2018* will turn into a more unified and spirited Tikvat Israel for years to come.

Haverim, I want to thank Felicia Black for spearheading our efforts at organizing *Kallah 2018* and the committee members who are deeply involved in planning the program. We hope you and your family will join us. “One Shabbat as One.” Try it, you’ll like it.

Rabbi’s Walk to Mark Israel’s 70th Anniversary

Rabbi Shull will lead the congregation on a 5-kilometer walk through Rock Creek Park on June 10 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Israel’s independence.

With details still being worked out, the Rabbi’s Walk is intended to be fun and educational, giving participants the chance to learn more about Israel’s history and modern Israel.

The walk is being co-sponsored by the Ways and Means Committee and the Israel Affairs Committee. USY and the Outdoors Havurah have also been involved with the planning.

A 5-kilometer walk is about three miles. For those who can’t make the whole trek, there will be waystations along the route with water and information about Israel. The walk will culminate with a barbecue back at the synagogue.



The event also will also be a fundraiser for the congregation, and supporters will be invited to join him along the way and to become sponsors of the event. Details on donation levels will be mailed to the congregation ahead of the walk.

Anyone interested in volunteering to be part of this exciting effort should contact the Ways and Means Committee or the Israel Affairs Committee. There will be plenty of opportunities to help with the day’s activities.

So get out your walking shoes, start warming up, and mark your calendars to be ready to join Rabbi Shull on this stroll into Israeli history and today’s Israel.

Congregants Taking Lead on Creating Synagogue Archives

BY CAROL CHELEMER



Carol Chelemer with some early posters promoting synagogue concerts featuring Cantor Rochelle Helzner. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

facility blueprints and photographs, and are now organizing and preparing an inventory. This work is taking place in a second-floor classroom.

Our plan is to eventually decorate the space before it is opened for access by members of the congregation interested

Paula Kasper, Betty Fishman and I recently resumed working on a project to create and organize historical archives for Tikvat Israel and its legacy synagogues.

We have accumulated a wealth of documents and other materials, such as

in learning about our synagogue. Tikvat Israel came into being in 1997 with the merger of Beth Tikva (which existed on our current site in Rockville) and Temple Israel (which operated on University Boulevard in Silver Spring).

What have we found? Among the more unusual discoveries are these:

- hand-written meeting notes about the founding of Beth Tikva (which took place in the 1960s);
- copies of Temple Israel newsletters (*The Light*) going back many decades; and
- cantorial concert posters from over the years.

We are reaching out to you, our congregants, for some help. If you have materials in your homes related to Temple Israel, Beth Tikva or Tikvat Israel that you would like to contribute, contact the synagogue office (301-762-7338) and one of us will be in touch. If we've piqued your interest and you'd like to help with this historical archives project, we'd love to have you join us.

Synagogue Concert in April to Feature Area Performers

Two exciting local musical groups will headline Tikvat Israel's annual concert this year. The April 15 show will feature the Seth Kibel Klezmer Band and Rak Shalom, the University of Maryland's Jewish *a cappella* singers.

The 7 p.m. concert, presented by Cantor Rochelle Helzner in cooperation with the synagogue, continues our congregation's tradition of excellent musical programs. Featured will be a wide variety of klezmer, Hebrew and popular music.

Kibel is one of the mid-Atlantic's premier woodwind specialists, working with some of the best bands in jazz, swing and klezmer and recording several record albums.



Seth Kibel

Wowing audiences on saxophone, clarinet and flute, he has made a name for himself in the Washington/Baltimore region, performing at the Kennedy Center and the Carter Barron Amphitheatre, as well as on several European tours.

Founded in 2005 at the University of Maryland, Rak Shalom is one of the most dynamic groups in Jewish *a cappella*. The group brings excitement to all its performances, traveling across the country to sing for both public and private audiences at differ-

ent venues. Its truly unique and diverse repertoire spans American and Israeli pop to traditional Jewish melodies.

Tickets will \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door.

Tikvat Israel's annual concerts are a major source of revenue for the shul. Their financial success has depended on the contributions of members and friends who have stepped up to be sponsors for the programs.

Sponsors will receive extra tickets for family and friends. Those who contribute \$360 or more will be invited to attend a private reception after the evening concert.

Watch *B'kesher* and the TI listservs for more details.



Rak Shalom

TI WOMEN'S NETWORK

Fiber Arts, Book Chats Create Busy Start to 2018

BY JANICE BALIN

The Women's Network started off 2018 with an astoundingly successful program presented by fiber artist Shirley Waxman. More than 30 women participated in a scarf-painting workshop and tour of her studio over two Sundays in January.

The projects made during the hands-on workshops are lovely and will be modeled for all to see at our upcoming Women's Network Shabbat in the spring. Ellen Eisner organized the program.

Another talented Tikvat Israel artist will present a hands-on project to the members of the Women's Network on March 18. Tamah Graber will teach the art of fused glass at her home studio. Space is limited so, if needed, additional workshop dates may be announced.

The always successful Women's Network Book Group drew a sizeable crowd in December. The lively discussion of *An Officer and a Spy* was led by Eisner. The group also met in mid-February to discuss *Through the Door of Life: A Jewish Journey through Gender* by Joy Ladin. This discussion was led by Rebecca Salon.

When the Women's Network Book Group Committee decided to include this book as a selection for our reading this year, the committee had no idea that it would be highlighted as a HotTOPIC in the January issue of the Women's League publication. To learn more about Ladin (formerly known as Jay Ladin), his/her journey and discussions from the Conservative movement on the topic of gender and sexual identity, follow this link: <http://wlcj.org/2018/01/transgender-jews-new-outlook/>.

On April 11, the Book Group will discuss *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen. Questions related to that discussion should be referred to Susan Apter, who will be the discussion leader. All book group discussions meet in the Flax Library at 8 p.m., following evening minyan.



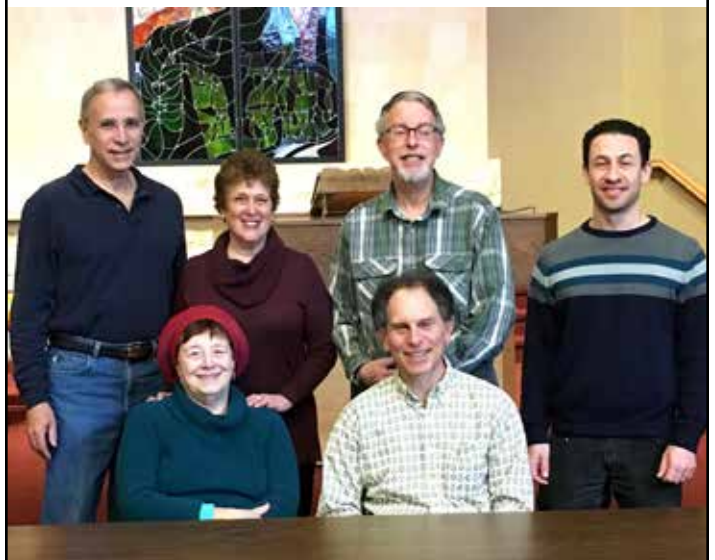
Shirley Waxman gave tours of her art studio and textile collection during two January programs for the Women's Network. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)



Stacy Lang (left) and Marilyn Greenwood apply colored dyes to silk scarves they designed during a hands-on fiber arts event sponsored by the TI Women's Network at the home studio of artist Shirley Waxman. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Women of Tikvat Israel should save May 12 on their calendars, when we will conduct Shabbat morning services and host the kiddush. Elaine Weiss, author of *The Great Fight to Win the Vote - The Women's Hour*, will speak at services and after the luncheon. Many participants and volunteers will be needed. There is a part for everyone, regardless of your knowledge and experience. Watch *B'kesher* for a volunteer announcement.

CONGREGANTS APPROVE BOARD SLATE



A quorum of Tikvat Israel members approved a slate of five members for the board of directors at a congregational meeting on Jan. 7. Approved for two-year terms were two current board members, Jay P. Goldman and Kelcey Klass, plus newcomers Steve Eiserike, Sherrie Krauser and Jeremy Schiffer. Shown in photo are: (front row) TI President Melanie Grishman and Jonathan Solomon, a past president; and (back row, from left), Eiserike, Krauser, Goldman and Schiffer. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

CANTOR'S CORNER

Instruments on Shabbat Set for April, June

BY CANTOR ROCHELLE HELZNER



"Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments"

KS with I will be held April 20 (not May 4 as previously announced) and June 15. This uplifting Shabbat evening service includes spirited melodies, both traditional and new, accompanied by guitar, piano, bass and percussion. It is held in the Flax Library at 6:15 p.m. on specially scheduled Shabbatot.

A pre-service sponsored reception at 5:45 p.m. precedes the service. Please consider being a sponsor. The service is open to people of all ages.

Davening Schedule

Cantor Helzner's Shabbat davening is scheduled for March 9, 10, 24; April 14, 20, 21; May 11, 12, 26; and June 2, 15, 30.

Holocaust Remembrance

The Washington community will observe Yom Hashoa with a commemoration program from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 15 at Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Road, Rockville.

Visit the Jewish Community Relations Council website (www.jcouncil.org) for more information and the latest schedule. Members of Tikvat Israel are encouraged to attend.

Shabbat at HomeS

Connect with fellow Tikvat Israel members by inviting families and individuals to your home for Shabbat during Shabbat at HomeS on June 1. There will not be a Friday night service on that date at Tikvat Israel. Contact Roz Kram (rozspace@yahoo.com, 301-929-1542) for more information.

Graduate Shabbat

With joy, we will honor our 2018 high school and college graduates and graduate degree earners on *Shabbat Beha'alotecha*, June 2. If you have a graduate in your family, please contact Nancy Matheson (nskmatheson@gmail.com). We would like to invite the graduates to come up for an aliyah on that Shabbat and to list them in our *Bulletin*.

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 is invited to participate. The synagogue office is maintaining a list of b'nai mitzvah anniversary dates for future Shabbats at TI. Please send yours to office@tivkatisrael.org.

Monthly Class Exploring Shabbat Morning Prayers

An ongoing monthly educational series on Shabbat mornings titled "Invitation to Shabbat Morning Prayer" is being led by Rabbah Arlene Berger for adults who want to better appreciate the service.



This series takes place on the third Shabbat of each month from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Remaining dates are March 17, April 21 and May 19.

The series caters to those who are new to Judaism and religious services; those who feel the need to deepen their understanding of the service; those who are considering conversion; or those who want to feel more at home in synagogue on Shabbat.

Contact Berger at rabbaharlene@gmail.com.

What's New in Your Shul Library?

BY JANICE ROSENBERG, LIBRARY COMMITTEE CHAIR



Tikvat Israel's library committee would like to thank those who have donated books to the Herman J. Flax Library. At this point, though, please hold off on future donations with the following exceptions. We will continue to accept books published since 2000, "classic" titles, and books of historical significance.

When making a contribution to Tikvat Israel, please consider designating your donation to the library so we can purchase new books to add to the collection. Because this is the year of science at TI, we would appreciate donations of books about science, or monetary donations to purchase books on this topic.

We encourage you to visit the library to see what the committee has been up to. We have big plans for 2018, including purchasing cataloging and circulation software with a donation made by Tova and Oren Kaplan. This software will allow us to begin cataloging donated books and to create an electronic catalog of the books in the collection. An exciting step forward for our library!

A special thank you to the committee members who have donated countless hours: Rosie Chernoff, David Gorman, Tamah Graber, Paula Kasper, and Sandra Sheskin.

The library committee still needs your help. If you have a few hours to spare on Sunday afternoons, please contact me at jzevarosenberg@yahoo.com or 301-460-1629.

Adapting Your Family's Seder to Personal Learning Styles

BY LUISA MOSS, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMMING



As Passover nears, I always enjoy exploring different artistic creations that represent the four children in the Haggadah.

In the Haggadah titled *A Different Night*, I love the subtle ways some artists distinguish one child from another, and how other pieces tell not only of the four children but also of views of Judaism throughout history. The Passover Haggadah delineates a clear responsibility to the seder leader to tell the Passover story to the next generation.

Perhaps the four children also are a reminder for the leader to keep the audience in mind. The four children are typified as the one wise, one wicked, one simple and one who does not know how to ask. How are you going to engage the different people coming to your seder?



Two students make mezuzot in the 3rd-4th grade class with teacher Lisa Marsh.

As a Jewish educator, every time that I engage with learners, like the seder leader, I too must think about the activities I plan in order to help each student be successful. The four most common types of learners are visual, auditory, kinesthetic, and reading-and-writing learners.

Visual learners best comprehend information by visualizing relationships and ideas. Auditory learners prefer listening to information. Kinesthetic learners learn by doing. Reading-and-writing learners prefer to consume information by reading texts and can further absorb information by condensing and rephrasing it.

This year as you plan your seder, who is going to be at your table? How can you tailor a seder to meet your participants where they are? To help get you started, I can give you four ideas based on the different types of learners for how you might present the four children at your seder. Drop me a note at luisa@tikvatisrael.org, and I'll be happy to respond.

Our USY Chapter's Support of Tikkun Olam

BY MELISSA APTER, USY CHAPTER ADVISER

Social Action/Tikkun Olam is a core tenet of the United Synagogue Youth experience. Each chapter is encouraged to include SA/TO programming throughout the year and raise funds, a portion of which goes to USY international charitable projects and a portion of which the chapter can designate to a charity of their choice.

Under the guidance of our SA/TO vice president Jacob Mannes, TI for the past two years has designated a portion of its TO funds to the Ramah Tikvah Network. Many of TI's teens attend Camp Ramah each summer where they are immersed in a unique Conservative Jewish camping experience. Ramah Tikvah extends those same experiences to Jewish children, teens and young adults with learning, developmental, cognitive and social disabilities.

To raise funds, TI's USY chapter hosted a bake sale at the end of January where the members raised \$105. We are grateful to Liora Dahan and Dalit Baranoff for their assistance in the kitchen, and all of the Atid parents and Sunday morning minyan goers who purchased coffee, hot chocolate and muffins, brownies and cookies baked by our USYers.

The annual macaroni grogger sale at Purim services (only \$1 per box) is another way our chapter raises TO funds. This ends up being a double mitzvah as any macaroni boxes given back at the end of the chag are then donated to the Manna Food Center.

I'm proud of our teens — and I hope you are too — for their thoughtfulness in fundraising for an inclusive Jewish identity-building experience.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

- March 3 Junior Congregation
- March 3 Kehilat Kids
- March 10 Torah Club
- March 18 Bonim/Machar Chocolate Seder
- March 24 Torah Club
- March 25-April 1
Spring Break (no school)
- April 4 Classes resume
- April 7 Junior Congregation
- April 7 Kehilat Kids
- April 14 Torah Club
- April 15 Machar Event
- April 21 Drama on Shabbat
- April 27 Atid Family Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner
- April 28 Torah Club
- April 29 Good Deeds Day

Maryland Jewish History Just Up the Road

BY SUE URBAN

Nineteen TI members and guests learned about nearly 200 years of Jewish life in Baltimore during a Jan. 28 visit to the Jewish Museum of Maryland, co-sponsored by the Adult Education Committee and the Outdoors Havurah.

The museum's permanent exhibit, "Voices of Lombard Street," chronicles a place of constant change. Two historic synagogues -- Lloyd Street and B'nai Israel -- form bookends to the museum complex.



Shown in the group photo are (front row, from left) Stan and Barbara Labovich, Fran and Bob Tropp, Ruth Grossman, Bobbi Cohen, Helen Raucher, Margie Eiserike, Martin Urban, and Felicia Black and (back row from left) Chuck Chatlyne, Cindy Renteria, Warren Berger, Steve Eiserike, Steve Raucher, Dan Black, Sue Urban, Mel Grossman and Ed Laskin.

The Outdoors Havurah runs periodic outings to locations throughout the Washington, D.C., area, and TI members and their friends are invited to participate. This spring they plan to visit the Baltimore Zoo, with an optional Penguin Experience.

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

YOSSI SOHN BECOMES BAT MITZVAH



Yosselin Sohn, daughter of Gigi Sohn and Lara Ballard and granddaughter of Roma and Marvin Sohn, will be called to the Torah on her becoming a bat mitzvah on Shabbat Shemini, April 14.

Yosselin, better known as Yossi, attends Alice Deal Middle School in the District of Columbia, where she is a 7th-grader.

Her leading personal interests are music, basketball and Tae Kwon Do.

For her bat mitzvah service project, Yossi intends to raise money for neglected, abused and abandoned horses.

As part of her bat mitzvah celebration, she and her moms will travel to Central America this summer to visit Mayan ruins in Belize and in Guatemala, where Yossi was born.

Musical Tour of Israel Scheduled for October

A two-week guided 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.

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

The tour itinerary 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 experience at least two different musical groups: The YMCA Jerusalem Youth Chorus, founded by Maryland native Micah Hendler, and Heartbeat, founded by another Marylander, Aron Shneyer. Heartbeat is a musical ensemble of young Israelis and Palestinians, based in Haifa and Jerusalem. The tour participants will learn from both artists how music has become a change agent in Israel.

The price for the tour will be \$3,700 to \$4,000 per person, double occupancy, not including airfare. Single occupancy will be accommodated for an additional fee. Final pricing will depend upon the number of participants.

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

Contact Ridberg for more details, including a draft of the daily itinerary, at barbararidberg@gmail.com or 301- 871-6887.

SORTING FOR OUR NEEDIEST NEIGHBORS



A recent volunteer crew at Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg consisted, from left, of Pete Xydias, Hilda Springer, Marsha Fabel, Sara Black, Debbie Amster and Art Fabel. The latter organizes the shul's periodic volunteer outings to Manna, where they sort and package donated food products for those in need in Montgomery County. Fabel can be contacted about future participation at 301-802-2535 or rockvilleart@gmail.com. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Passover Home Hospitality 2018

Passover seders will be held on Fri., March 30 and Sat., March 31. As we begin our seders, we say, "All who are hungry, let them come and eat." It is said that Abraham and Sarah placed such great importance on welcoming others that they kept the walls of their tents open so that they could see potential guests from a long way off and "ran" to prepare for them.

At Tikvat Israel, we strive to emulate the example of our ancestors and offer members of our community the opportunity to be either a host or a guest at a Passover seder.

If you do not have a seder to attend in 2018 or if you have open seats at your seder for others, please fill out the below form by March 20 and return it to the office or contact Hope Levy Kott at 301-921-8268. Completed forms may be scanned and sent to hkott@aol.com.

Name _____

Phone number/e-mail _____

Yes! I would like to host up to _____ people on:

First night, and/or

Second night

Yes! I would like to attend a Seder on first and/or second night.

Indicate names (and ages of any children) of all who will attend:

Please indicate as well if your family:

does does not observe the Sephardic custom of eating kitniyot or legumes on Passover.

does does not keep kosher.

does does not eat exclusively vegetarian meals.

does does not observe traditional Yom Tov restrictions.

Tell us anything else your host would need to know (allergies, etc.):

Hosts should indicate if their home is accessible to those with disabilities (no stairs at the entrance, seder area on one level, wheelchair-accessible bathroom with grab bars, etc.).

Thank you in advance for participating in our shared celebrations.



Expressions of Gratitude

The family of Elliott Kleinman acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Thank you so much for the wonderful fruit basket sent to us in memory of my husband Elliott (and sent as well to Rod and Nancy). It was very thoughtful of you.

I will probably be moving to Rockville in the near future and may be able to thank you personally.

*Rita Kleinman
Pittsburgh, Pa.*

Thank you so very much to Sandra and Gene Sheskin and to the entire Tikvat Israel Congregation for your continuous care and support of our programs here at Linkages to Learning.

The families we serve are so grateful for the extra assistance with groceries, winter coats, school supplies and donations of books to help them lead happier lives. Your generosity means so much to us. We would not be able to serve our families in the capacity in which we are able to do without the support of wonderful community donors such as you.

*Kate Yoo
Harmony Hills Coordinator,
Linkages to Learning*

LOST-AND-FOUND RULES

The synagogue office asks congregants to make a concerted effort to leave the shul with their 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.



Appreciated Stock Is Always Appreciated

BY SAM GILSTON, TI FUND FOR THE FUTURE CHAIR

23,000, 24,000, 25,000, 26,000, 25,000, 24,000, 23,000

Anyone who has watched the Dow Jones Average recently has seen it reach new highs almost daily and then hit some big bumps, sending it down again. Of course, as mutual funds always warn, past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Nonetheless, current market conditions have presented many people with a pleasant problem: We hold stocks that have appreciated significantly over the past few years. That raises the age-old conundrum: Hold or sell?

There is a third option that resolves that dilemma: Donate.

Holding stock poses the uncertainty of whether it will continue to rise or go down. Selling can result in large capital gains taxes even at reduced rates for long-term investments. Sometimes a sale can push a seller into a higher tax bracket, even with recent changes in the law.

A gift of appreciated stock to the Fund for the Future could be an excellent way to liquidate such holdings without facing a tax bill but actually getting a tax deduction.

The fund can accept stocks and invest them. The value of the stocks on the day received is the amount that may be deductible as a charitable contribution. You may need to consult your own accountant or financial adviser.

One Tikvat Israel family that has already contributed to the fund through the gift of appreciated stock is Alan and Susan Apter. They donated stock that Susan had received as a gift when she was a child.

In Susan's case, she had received shares of AT&T before it was split up in the 1980s into seven so-called Baby Bells. Subsequently, those companies merged into Verizon, AT&T and Century Link. As a result, Susan's original AT&T shares were replaced by shares in the seven Baby Bells and then by shares in the three surviving firms.

Trying to track the peregrinations of these stocks over a 30-year period to determine the cost basis for tax purposes was an impossible job. Instead of dealing with that complex task, the Apters opted to donate the stock to the Fund for the Future.

"Why not get it all together and donate it to the synagogue to help the future of the synagogue," Susan says. "It takes a burden off of you and will help the synagogue."


She said Julia Pitkin-Shantz, former chair of the fund, "was very helpful during the process, getting me the forms, providing instructions. So that was important. She went the extra mile."

If you have stock you would like to donate to the Fund for the Future, please contact me at 301-924-5424 to discuss the mechanics of how you can make that gift. Your gift will be appreciated.

ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HASBARA: Focus on Israeli Innovation (Sixth in a Continuing Series)

BY HARVEY T. KAPLAN

As Israel approaches its 70th anniversary, let's focus on the significant contribution Israel and its people have made to all mankind over the past seven decades. I will share several examples of Israeli innovation which I consider indispensable. Of course, with only these few items, this list is far from exhaustive (and does not reflect any prioritizing), but I'm willing to bet that it includes technology you use today!

- 1. Cell phones.** All over the world today people rely on cell phones. Israeli tech firms developed the basic technology and continue working on making phones more convenient, less cumbersome, and more economical.
- 2. GPS and Ride-sharing.** Do you use a GPS system when you drive? Do you ever use Uber (or the equivalent) for getting around? Nearly half of the 12 current companies in the ride-sharing market were built in Israel. *Techcrunch.com* provides new and interesting information on this subject. 
- 3. Cyber security.** We all benefit from the Israeli development and continual enhancement of cyber security. Israel has shared much of its know-how with governmental agencies and high-tech companies. IBM, Intel, Google, Microsoft, HP, Cisco, and Apple all have large research operations within Israel. And did you know that the inventor of the thumb drive (the "disk-on-key" portable storage device) was Israeli Dov Moran?
- 4. Medical imaging.** Whoever could have imagined a generation ago that a camera could be made in the form of a pill that one would swallow to enable a doctor to get clear photos of a person's gastrointestinal system? The PillCam from Israel is now the "gold standard" for intestinal visualization. (For details, see: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Given_Imaging.)
- 5. Drugs.** In 2017, Teva Pharmaceuticals was identified as the largest producer of generic medications in the world. Like at least five other major Israeli pharmaceutical producers, it engages in ongoing and extensive medical research.
- 6. Military applications.** Israel has worked with the United States on military technology and data sharing for many years. The two nations have collaborated on developing and/or deploying defensive systems (e.g., Iron Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow for missile defense systems). The U.S. military also has benefited from Israeli medical technology (such as exo-skeletal systems to aid wounded military personnel as well as enhance individual abilities in strength-based skills). Other Israeli innovations are the Helmet Mounted Display System, Emergency Bandage (now in every U.S. soldier's first aid kit) to minimize blood loss and prevent infections, the Coral-SD portable concealed weapons detector, and new automated devices to assist in detecting enemy intruders (SPIDER system). (Many of these technologies have civilian applications as well.) For more in this area, see the fact sheets at: www.aipac.org/AmericasPartner.

(Kaplan originally provided more detail and additional developments, which we could not fit into this issue. He will share the full version on the listserv.)

Congregants Join Church Volunteers in Building Comfort Cases

BY FELICIA R. BLACK AND AMY MATATHIAS

About 100 individuals affiliated with Tikvat Israel and neighboring Twinbrook Baptist Church gathered on Martin Luther King Jr. Day to assemble backpacks and small duffel bags for foster children, teenaged and younger.

The participants filled 123 of these comfort cases with essential personal items, including a blanket, pajamas, a stuffed animal, a coloring book and crayons or a journal and pen and pencil set, and toiletries. Each case provides the essentials for the first few days in a new home as well as comfort items to help ease a scary transition.

In addition, the synagogue and church volunteers packed 70 lunches in the TI social hall for a local homeless shelter. Children designed greeting cards, and 40 blankets were created to add to the Comfort Cases.

A highlight of the day of service was a presentation by Rob Scheer, founder of the non-profit organization Comfort Cases. Scheer spent his childhood in foster care and expressed the pain he experienced in packing his personal belongings in a trash bag that he took with him into each new place. In recent years, when



An orderly process in the TI social hall ensured every Comfort Case received an array of personal items.
(Photo by Felicia R. Black)

he and his partner adopted four foster children, Scheer said he was surprised to discover that the children were still using tattered trash bags some 30 years later.

The goal of the Comfort Cases organization (www.comfortcases.org), he said, is to ensure the dignity of children entering foster care by providing them with a backpack or duffel bag of their own in which to pack their personal belongings.



Hilda Springer assisted in creating blankets for donation to foster children in the area.
(Photo by Felicia R. Black)

In another presentation, Jaime Smith, a TI congregant, talked about her experiences in adopting her three daughters. Cantor Helzner led participants in singing songs of freedom and hope. Rabbi Ben Shull spoke about passages in *Exodus* related to God's four promises of redemption, and the Rev. Jill McCrory of Twinbrook Baptist Church preached about the importance of helping others, based on passages in *Genesis* and *Exodus*.



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Kiddush Sponsors During Past Two Months

During December and January, Tikvat Israel had several sponsored kiddushim.

Dec. 16: December simcha kiddush sponsors celebrating birthdays and anniversaries were Melissa Apter, Mel Brenner, Bob Balin, Steve Eiserike, Melanie Grishman, Amy Sanders and Sue Wilchins, plus Margie & Steve Eiserike and Phyllis & Ken Schwartz.

Dec. 30: *Aufruf* of Shayna Solomon, daughter of Nancy & Jonathan Solomon, and Alex Margolis, son of Caroline Schloss & Andrew Margolis. The Solomons sponsored.

Jan. 6: Roz Kram sponsored the kiddush in honor of her anniversary with Ted and the latter's chanting of the *Haftorah*. Felicia Black provided a cake in honor of Dan Black's retirement.

Jan 13: Cantor Rochelle Helzner & Robert Agus and Roberta & Manny Helzner contributed to the kiddush in honor of the cantor's milestone birthday.

Jan 19: Judy Davis and Marcia Bronstein sponsored the reception before Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments.

Jan. 20: January simcha kiddush sponsors celebrating birthdays and anniversaries were Mark Becker, Louise Chatlynne, Margie Eiserike, Cliff Fishman, Harvey Kaplan, Elie Pollack and Josh Pollack.

Sue and Howard Wilchins sponsored the Jan. 6 issue of the Shabbat Sheet in honor of their grandchildren.

Obituary: Cantor Mark Levi



Mark Levi, who served as cantor for Beth Tikva Congregation, now known as Tikvat Israel, died on Dec. 28. He was 103.

Cantor Levi began his cantorial career at Beth Torah in Hyattsville, Md., in 1958, serving there until

1964 when he was hired as cantor at Beth Tikva. He retired in 1984 as our synagogue's cantor emeritus.

With a vibrant baritone voice, Cantor Levi was known for his traditional *hazzanut* style of chanting the liturgy and his devotion to the *nussach* or melodies handed down by some of the most famous cantors of the last century.

He became the cantor at Beth Tikva when the congregation was just four years old.

In 1985, Cantor Levi and his wife, Otilia, moved to Florida where he became cantor at Beth Ami synagogue in Boca Raton. The couple moved back to Rockville a few years later and lived in Leisure World. For the last few years they have lived at Asbury Village in Gaithersburg.

When Cantor Levi first returned to Rockville, Tikvat Israel's cantor, Rochelle Helzner, invited him to participate in *Yiskor* memorial services on Yom Kippur for several years and, while he was still able, Cantor Levi would chant the *El Meleh Rachamin* prayer for the departed. "I don't think there were many dry eyes in the congregation when he finished," recalls Sam Gilston.

While known for his marvelous voice, Cantor Levi was also remembered for his kindness, humility and quick smile, as well as his desire to help the congregation in any way he could. He gave annual cantorial concerts to help the synagogue raise money.

As an example of his humble nature, Steve Raucher, who was president of Beth Tikva during part of Cantor Levi's tenure, recalls when a salary discussion came up one year, Cantor Levi didn't ask for a raise. All he asked for was a closet where he could store his robes and coat.

Cantor Levi was born in 1914 in the Transylvania region of Romania. He was the youngest of 10 children and his family home was the center of the small Jewish community of the town, serving as a grocery store and farm as well as a *chadar* where the village's Jewish children went to school.

During World War II, he was arrested and spent three years in a forced-labor camp. At the end of the war when he returned home, he found his village burned to the ground. His parents are believed to have perished at Auschwitz.

While in Romania he met his wife, Otilia, and they married in 1947. They moved to Israel in 1950 and then to the United States in 1953. After a few years in New York, Cantor Levi learned about

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14 ADAR

MARCH 1

Fannie Curchack
Lena Fineman
Solomon Gorschman
Corina D. Nichols
Karen Schubert
Ruth Anne Sheskin

15 ADAR

MARCH 2

Elaine Kasper
Bert Levin
Zahava Nevet
Anna Shapiro
Zandel Smith

16 ADAR

MARCH 3

Harry Balin
Celia Bliss
Morris Gellman
Sam Jorban
Max Katzen
Milton Kensky
Jacob Pear
Joseph Podgor
Philip Schnitzer
Abraham I. Selwyn

17 ADAR

MARCH 4

Carl Boden
Friedrich Breit
Sigmund Brown
Erna Casper
Murray Grand
Abraham Kabot
Freda Kagan
Dr. Milton Moss
Gerda Reich
Isadore Schwartz
Harry Weinstein

18 ADAR

MARCH 5

Stephen Edwards
Frances First
Helen Gross
Rebecca Kauffman
Rose Ludwin
Colin Melmed
Morris Polansky
Jacob Sage
Fannie Salzer
Lena Sandler

19 ADAR

MARCH 6

Herman Hamburg
Maurice Krause
Gloria Levinrad
Tillie Lieberman
Joseph Salzer

20 ADAR

MARCH 7

Marguerite Eldredge
Abraham Isaac Levy
William Raucher
Benjamin Rosenthal
Mae Shulman
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21 ADAR

MARCH 8

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MARCH 9

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Edna Eisner
Clem Fishman
Benjamin Lederman
Paul Margolis
Howard Paul Morrison
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Nyusya Sapozhnikova
Pearl Simon

23 ADAR

MARCH 10

Linda Beaumont
Isadore Chait
Anita S. Herman
Charlotte Zeidman

24 ADAR

MARCH 11

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Robert Davidson
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Morris Freedman
Miriam Bobys Green
Henry J. Land
Minnie Parzow
Max Steinberg

25 ADAR

MARCH 12

Irving Ashery
David Ray Cheslock
Pearl Gottesman
David Lefkowitz
Sarah Robinson
Sophie Schwartz

26 ADAR

MARCH 13

Helen Cohen
Samuel Dicker
Annie Edlowitz
Burnell Goodman
Samuel Halperin
Mark Kabik
Jesse Kaiser
Betty Mae Kramer
Esther Lerner
Donald Linden
William Myers

27 ADAR

MARCH 14

Albert Bressler
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28 ADAR

MARCH 15

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Samuel Kaplan
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MARCH 16

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Bernard N. Flax
Edward Krick
Meyer Kushner
Donald Lewis
Sidney Migdal
Louis Newman
Henry Oppenheim
Sylvia Panitz
Freda Shevitz
Leonard E. Cohen

1 NISAN

MARCH 17

Judith Weinstein

2 NISAN

MARCH 18

Lea Chernoff
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MARCH 19

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MARCH 20

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MARCH 21

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6 NISAN

MARCH 22

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MARCH 23

Hannah Barrack
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8 NISAN

MARCH 24

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9 NISAN

MARCH 25

Ann Eisler
Samuel Frank
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Nathan Markovitz
Isaac Silverman

10 NISAN

MARCH 26

Jacqueline Cohen
Feliciano Cruz
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Anne R. Kaiser
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11 NISAN

MARCH 27

Lina Hoffman
Beatrice Klein
Jacob Levi
Molly Oppenheim

12 NISAN

MARCH 28

Ida Baroff
Louis Bernstein
Gerald Lempert
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13 NISAN

MARCH 29

Rachel Brown
Ann Engel
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Samuel Solsky

14 NISAN

MARCH 30

Henry Goldberg
Jacob Goldstein
Dora Kishner
Akhtar Saadian
Michael Sanders
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15 NISAN

MARCH 31

Edward Lankin
Tillie Pressman
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16 NISAN

APRIL 1

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Harry G. Blackstone
Joseph Burdoo
Samuel Grossman
Irving Kaplan
Ida Licht
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17 NISAN

APRIL 2

Dayna Leslie Dubin
Benjamin Fleitell
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18 NISAN

APRIL 3

Edith Adler
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19 NISAN

APRIL 4

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20 NISAN

APRIL 5

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Ray Kramer Gesumaria
Dianna Hamburg
Jeanne Krause
Jacob (Jack) Matathias
Fannie Saltzman
Sol Schwartz
Helen Sharlot
Bernice Singer
Albert Stutz

21 NISAN

APRIL 6

Benjamin Bogage
Mary Ruth Glucksman
Aaron Polansky

22 NISAN

APRIL 7

Lorraine Cohen
Jenny Fierman
Susana Nardea Gorelick
Charles Haberman
Helen Haberman
Yaakov Havakuk
Samuel Taylor

23 NISAN

APRIL 8

Irv Apatoff
Nathan Bloom
Norman Goldman
Isaac Kaplan
Nadia Schuchman
Jackie Tievy
Daniel Wexler

24 NISAN

APRIL 9

Samuel Appel
Diane Finkelstein
Ruthanne Osheroff

25 NISAN

APRIL 10

Lenore Kline Bain
Maurice Levy

26 NISAN

APRIL 11

Dorothy Daffe
Joseph Glucksman
David Leise
Faye Raff
Nettie Waltzer
Joseph Zalen

27 NISAN

APRIL 12

Ellis Goldman
Julius Lifshutz
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28 NISAN

APRIL 13

Allan Beck
Sarah Cowan
Tillie Grand
Evelyn Spector
Marcelle Tangy
Anna Teitelbaum
Gertrude S. Van Aalten

29 NISAN

APRIL 14

Esther Duker Pollack
Sidney Polster
Evelyn B. Kaplan

30 NISAN

APRIL 15

Ethel Melmed
Paul Waltzer
Harry Yudkoff

1 IYAR

APRIL 16

David Fischer
Herbert Horowitz
Theodore Perlman
Raula Stern
Joseph Wagman
Gary Yudkoff

2 IYAR

APRIL 17

Sarah Bachman
Isidore Cohen
Louis Fainberg
Harold Gorschman
Morris Sirmai
Hilda Klein Vinokur

3 IYAR

APRIL 18

Linda Bressler
Lily Rose Kerman
Frances Penenburgh
Stella Suskind
Ethel White

4 IYAR

APRIL 19

Reva Bloch
Hannah Edelman
Esther May Feinsilber
Dr. Herman Flax
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Sylvia Prosnit
Jacob Sweet

5 IYAR

APRIL 20

Celia Bressler
Allan Danoff
Sylvia Weinstein Levine
Mona M. Martin
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Gisela Reich
Hilde Scheraga
Bernard Stern

6 IYAR

APRIL 21

Herba DelMonte
Nathan Kerson
Harry Lifshutz
Toba Ohr
Harry Sniderman

7 IYAR

APRIL 22

Max Bloom
Marilyn Bloomberg
Nachman Burdett
Ilan Cohen
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Vincent Gesumaria
Ruth Goldman
Samuel Katz
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8 IYAR

APRIL 23

Dora Alper
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Nachama Williamowsky

9 IYAR

APRIL 24

Pauline Dunsmore
Samuel Lebowitz
Max Regensteiner

10 IYAR

APRIL 25

Leonard Ehrlich
David Fein
Selma Goldstein
Robert Kopp
Benjamin Lerner
Lillian Miller Murphy
Arthur Abraham Peisner
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11 IYAR

APRIL 26

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Meshel Kirschbaum
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12 IYAR

APRIL 27

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13 IYAR

APRIL 28

Eva Fessler
George Fine
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14 IYAR

APRIL 29

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In honor of Rabbi Ben Shull, with our deepest appreciation, by Tami and Sam Gilston
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In honor of Shelly and Bruce Goldin's anniversary by Shelly and Bruce Goldin
In honor of the birth of Avigayil Dorit Jaffa, daughter of Mara and Scott Jaffa and granddaughter of Elyse and Jeff Bernstein, by Rebecca Salon and Jay Goldman

In honor of the Gilston Family by Paula and Marvin Kasper
In honor of the Gilston Family by Debbie Yanoff
In memory of Cantor Levi by Mr. and Mrs. Vic Behar
To assist refugee family by Fortuna and Steve Scheige

SOCIAL ACTION

In memory of Mildred Coblitz by Anita and Mel Brenner

TZEDAKAH CHAVURAH

In honor of the birth of Avigayil Dorit Jaffa, daughter of Mara and Scott Jaffa and granddaughter of Elyse and Jeff Bernstein, by Robbi and Larry Cohen

YOUTH COMMISSION

In memory of Mae Bernstein by Sara and David Harris

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a job opening for an embroiderer in Washington, D.C., and the family moved to Hyattsville, Maryland, in 1958.


While being a part-time cantor, Cantor Levi set up his own business, the American Monogram Company. The firm was mainly involved in the stitching of names and initials on shirts, towels and even the lining of fur coats, but for Cantor Levi it was much more than that; he was an embroidery artist.

Using his embroidery skills, he would sew portraits of famous people, John Kennedy, Richard Nixon, Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and even Tennessee Ernie Ford. Perhaps one of his most important assignments, however, was when he was asked to embroider the patch worn by the Apollo 8 astronauts.

Cantor Levi is survived by his wife, Otilia, of Asbury Village, his sons Ron (Debbie) of North Potomac and Allen of Annapolis, Md., grandchildren Erin (Brad), Adam, Haley and Brianna, and great grandchildren Orly and Augie.

March 2018

14 Adar - 15 Nisan 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p></p> <p>4 9:00AM Ahd.LC.Classes 9:00a Minyan 10:30AM Derech Mirzech 11:30AM Purim Carnival 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p>5 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p>6 6:30PM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p>7 4:30PM Ahd.LC.Classes 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Study With Rabbi Brandriess 8:00PM Bricks</p>	<p>8 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Toastmasters</p>	<p>9 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull 5:51p Candle-lighting 6:00PM Scholars Weekend 6:30PM Congregational Dinner 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat</p>	<p>10 12:00AM Scholars Weekend 9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Vavakhelel) Pekudei, Shabbat Parah 11:00AM Torah Club 7:15PM USY Mid-Winter Kininus</p>
<p>11 9:00AM Ahd.LC.Classes 9:00a Minyan 9:45AM Scholars Weekend: Bagel Brunch 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p>12 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p>13 6:30PM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p>14 4:30PM Ahd.LC.Classes 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p>15 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p>16 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat 6:58p Candle-lighting</p>	<p>17 9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Vaikraz/Shaabbat HaChodesh) - Simcha Kaddush 10:30AM Invitation to Shabbat Morning Prayer 10:45AM Shabbat Speaker: Alie Freedman, AIPAC 12:30PM Study With Rabbi Alana Suskin & Rabbi Morris Fajerstein</p>
<p>18 9:00AM Ahd.LC.Classes 9:00a Minyan 10:00AM Women's Network 10:00AM Fused Glass Program 10:00AM Signs of Shickel (Grades 10-12) 11:30AM Kadima-Smithsonian 11:30AM Zoo Trip 11:30AM Ronin and Machar 2:00PM Chocolate Sefer Theater J 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p>19 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p>20 6:30PM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p>21 4:30PM Ahd.LC.Classes 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Study With Rabbi Brandriess</p>	<p>22 6:45a Minyan 12:15PM Hazak Meeting 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Good, Grief - A Journey Together 8:00PM Toastmasters</p>	<p>23 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:05p Candle-lighting</p>	<p>24 9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Tzav/Shabbat HaGadol) 11:00AM Torah Club</p>
<p>25 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p>26 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>27 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p>28 7:00p Minyan</p>	<p>29 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p>30 8:00a Minyan 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:12p Candle-lighting</p>	<p>31 9:30AM Pesach I Shabbat Yom Tov Services 8:13p Candle-lighting</p>

April 2018

16 Nisan - 15 Iyar 5778

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30AM 7:30PM 16 Nisan Pesach II (Omer 1) Yom Tov Morning Service Minivan	2 6:45AM 7:30PM 17 Nisan Hol Hamoed Pesach (Omer 2) Minivan Minivan	3 7:30PM 18 Nisan Hol Hamoed Pesach (Omer 3) Minivan	4 4:30PM 7:30PM 8:00PM 19 Nisan Hol Hamoed Pesach (Omer 4) Atd L.C. Classes Minivan Bride	5 6:45AM 7:18p 7:30PM 20 Nisan Hol Hamoed Pesach (Omer 5) Minivan Candle-lighting Minivan	6 9:30AM 6:30PM 7:19p 21 Nisan Yom Tov Pesach (Omer 6) Yom Tov Morning Service Kabbalat Shabbat Candle-lighting	7 9:30AM 10:30AM 11:00AM 12:30PM 22 Nisan Yom Tov Pesach (Omer 7) Shabbat Services Junior Congregation Kehillat Kids Study With Rabbi Alana Suskin & Rabbi Morris Feisterstein
8 12:00AM 9:00AM 9:00a 10:00AM 7:30p 23 Nisan (Omer 8) USY: Goes Downtown Atd L.C. Classes Minivan Science Fiction Book Club Minivan	9 6:45a 7:30p 24 Nisan (Omer 9) Minivan Minivan	10 6:30PM 7:30p 25 Nisan (Omer 10) Melton Class Minivan	11 4:30PM 7:30p 7:45PM 8:00PM 26 Nisan (Omer 11) Atd L.C. Classes Minivan Women's Network Book Group Study With Rabbi Brandiss	12 6:45a 7:30p 8:00PM 27 Nisan Yom HaShoah (Omer 12) Minivan Minivan Toastmasters	13 8:00a 9:00AM 6:30PM 7:26p 28 Nisan (Omer 13) Minivan Study with Rabbi Shull Kabbalat Shabbat Candle-lighting	14 9:30AM 11:00AM 29 Nisan (Omer 14) Shabbat Services (Parashat Shmini) Torah Club
15 9:00AM 9:00a 11:30AM 12:00PM 6:30p 7:00PM 30 Nisan Rosh Chodesh (Omer 15) Atd L.C. Classes Minivan Machar Event Ha'Shoah V'Ha'avurah Commemoration (off-site) Minivan Annual Concert	16 6:45a 7:30p 1 Iyar (Omer 16) Rosh Chodesh Minivan Minivan	17 6:30PM 7:30p 2 Iyar (Omer 17) Melton Class Minivan	18 4:30PM 7:30p 8:00PM 3 Iyar (Omer 18) Atd L.C. Classes Minivan Yom HaAtzmaut Program	19 6:30a 12:15PM 7:30p 8:00PM 4 Iyar Yom HaAtzmaut (Omer 19) Minivan Hazzak Meeting (Tentative) Minivan Good Grief - A Journey Together	20 8:00a 9:00AM 5:45PM 7:33p 5 Iyar (Omer 20) Minivan Study with Rabbi Shull Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments Candle-lighting	21 9:30AM 10:00AM 10:30AM 12:30PM 6 Iyar (Omer 21) Shabbat Services (Parashat Tazria-Metzora) Drama Shabbat Invitation to Shabbat Morning Prayer Study With Rabbi Alana Suskin & Rabbi Morris Feisterstein
22 12:00AM 9:00AM 9:00a 4:00PM 7:00p 7:30PM 7 Iyar (Omer 22) Kings Dominion Day (USY and Kadima) Atd L.C. Classes Minivan Memorial for Steve Eisenberg Minivan Focus: Reggie Harris and Greg Greenway "Deeper Than the Skin"	23 6:45a 7:30p 8:00PM 8 Iyar Lag B'Omer (Omer 23) Minivan Minivan Board Meeting	24 6:30PM 7:30p 9 Iyar (Omer 24) Melton Class Minivan	25 4:30PM 7:30p 8:00PM 10 Iyar (Omer 25) Atd L.C. Classes Minivan Study With Rabbi Brandiss	26 6:45a 7:30p 8:00PM 11 Iyar (Omer 26) Minivan Minivan Toastmasters	27 8:00a 9:00AM 6:30PM 7:39p 12 Iyar (Omer 27) Minivan Study with Rabbi Shull Atd Esmilv Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner Candle-lighting	28 9:30AM 11:00AM 13 Iyar (Omer 28) Shabbat Services (Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim) Torah Club
29 12:00AM 9:00AM 9:00a 7:30p 14 Iyar (Omer 29) Good Deeds Day Atd L.C. Classes Minivan Minivan	30 6:45a 7:30p 15 Iyar (Omer 30) Minivan Minivan					Happy Passover



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Interfaith Art Show Includes TI Trio

Three members of Tikvat Israel — Gale Pressman, Shirley Waxman and Larry Marc Levine – have their artwork on display in a group exhibit at the Jewish Community Center in Rockville. The exhibit is titled “Freedom, Justice and Equality: An Interfaith Perspective.” It began Feb. 22 and runs through April 8. The three are members of Jews and Muslims Making Art Together, or JAMMART. Levine’s work appears on the left ,Waxman’s in the center, and Pressman’s on the right.

