



Hailed Widely as 'a Mensch,'

Marc Israel Joins TI as New Rabbi

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, *TIKVAT ISRAEL BULLETIN* EDITOR

Marc Israel has harbored the desire to one day become a senior congregational rabbi and to reconnect alongside his family as residents of the Washington, D.C., area.

In one swoop, he's now accomplished both ambitions, having been named the new spiritual leader at Tikvat Israel Congregation. Rabbi Israel signed a three-year contract on March 24 and plans to start his post during the first week of June.

He was the choice of a 10-member selection committee that launched its work last fall to fill a pending vacancy when Rabbi Benjamin Shull opted not to extend his four-year tenure. The synagogue's board of directors gained congregational approval for Rabbi Israel's selection at a well-attended meeting in late February.

Since 2013, Rabbi Israel, who turns 49 in mid-May, has served as the associate rabbi at the 700-family Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El in Wynnewood, Pa., a suburb 30 minutes west of Center City Philadelphia. Previously, he worked for eight years as rabbi educator at Ohr Kodesh Congregation near East-West Highway in Chevy Chase, Md., where he was responsible for directing the religious school. Both synagogues are affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.



Rabbi Marc Israel (left) after signing his three-year contract alongside TI co-president Jim Perlmutter.

A day after signing his contract in the presence of synagogue co-presidents Warren Berger and Jim Perlmutter, the rabbi said in a Facebook post: "Over the past few months, I have been impressed with the warmth, creativity and deep commitment to learning and Jewish observance of the Tikvat Israel

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Tuesday	7:30 p.m.
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High-Energy Pey Dalid Dazzles Shul Audience

The Walker brothers trio, performing as a rockin' band known as Pey Dalid, delivered a high-energy, 12-song set at the synagogue's annual social hall concert on Sunday, April 7.

Arranged by Cantor Rochelle Helzner with concert planning facilitated by chair James Perlmutter, the band from New York City mixed a number of its original creations with the band's own take on some familiar pop tunes during the 90-minute show, performed without intermission.

One of their most spirited and longest-running numbers, "I Believe in Miracles," included snippets of the refrain from the Beatles' "Hey Jude" and the reggae beat of Bob Marley's composition "Stir It Up." The band also performed "Let It Be" and Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah."

Backed by a single keyboardist, Pey Dalid easily transferred its positive vibes to the audience, coaxing the cantor and her sister Robin Helzner to form a dance line with dozens of concert goers that weaved in and around the aisles of the hall.

Synagogue staff reported attendance at about 180. The concert's revenue, estimated at \$17,000, is important to synagogue budgeting so the strong turnout will help finish the fiscal year in June on a high note.



Jim Perlmutter, who chaired the concert planning, counters dance moves by Pey Dalid's Mordechai Walker. (Photo by Larry R. Levine)



Pey Dalid, consisting of Shlomo, Pesach and Mordechai Walker, put on an energizing 12-song set at TI. (Photo by Larry R. Levine)

An attentive audience greeted the fusion of sound delivered by Pey Dalid in the social hall. (Photo by Larry R. Levine)

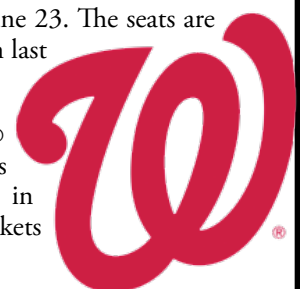


Join Congregants at Nats Park June 23

Tickets now are available for the congregation's annual outing to see the Washington Nationals in action.

The TI Women's Network has purchased a block of \$30 tickets for the Nationals game versus the Atlanta Braves at 1:35 p.m. on Sunday, June 23. The seats are located in the 300 level of the stadium, a section lower than last year, just beyond third base.

To reserve your seats, contact Rebecca Salon at rsalon@verizon.net and send your check, payable to the TI Women's Network, to the synagogue office indicating "Nats game" in the memo line. The purchase deadline is May 23. Any tickets not sold must be returned to the Nationals.



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community. I look forward to building relationships with each member and working together to expand the community's reach. It is also exciting for our family to replant our roots in the Greater Washington area."

Interviews with more than a dozen congregants and staff members at his synagogues in Wynnewood and Chevy Chase yielded a picture of someone who has a masterful ability for forming and sustaining strong personal and professional relationships with those of all ages, and a particular bent toward captivating school-agers.

Illustrating that talent, Rabbi Neil Cooper, the senior rabbi at Temple Beth Hillel, referenced the annual retreats Rabbi Israel organized for 5th and 6th graders "when he would stand before a group of adolescents, generally unable to sit, let alone listen, and have them mesmerized with a story or lesson."

His congregants also painted a picture of a spiritual leader with the uncanny skill to adapt his persona to the needs of the moment – someone comfortable dressing up as "Torah Man," singing at the top of his lungs with a red and sweaty face on the bimah during Simchat Torah, but equally adept at quiet one-on-one pastoral support and consolation in times of family loss.

Several congregants in both Wynnewood and Chevy Chase pointed to his mensch-like personal characteristics. Rabbi Lyle Fishman of Ohr Kodesh recalled such a moment in the aftermath of his mother-in-law's passing. "Marc could have called to express condolences, but instead he drove down from Philadelphia and led a *shiva minyan* one evening," he says.

Randy Goldberg, president of the Wynnewood shul, related a similar experience. "I will never forget Rabbi Israel sitting in my husband's hospital room a couple of years ago when he was recovering from a serious illness — chatting away, keeping us company, as though nothing could be more important. It meant so much to us."

During his tenure at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, Rabbi Israel gained regular experience on the pulpit, something he sought for personal growth as he aspired for an eventual move into a senior rabbinic role. When he had opportunities to deliver Shabbat morning sermons, he apparently left an enduring mark on his congregants through his creative pop culture references and occasional asides expressing an unabashed enthusiasm for all things affiliated with his beloved alma mater, the University of Michigan.

His display of creative risks were particularly memorable. Says Joshua Kohn, vice president at the Wynnewood synagogue: "I was very surprised to see massive cutouts of superheroes make their way into a sermon, but he made it work."

A native of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., Rabbi Israel trained in the Reform movement before formally shifting to the Conservative movement in 2007. (See related article, page 6.)

Rabbi Israel's wife Abbey Frank, whom he met when both were undergraduates at the University of Michigan, works for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia. They are parents of three teenagers. (See related article, page 6.)

Rabbi Israel's colleagues and friends in Philadelphia expressed uniform sadness at the news of his impending return to Maryland. Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El's veteran hazzan, Eugene Rosner, put it this way: "His big leave [behind] with our congregation was his *menschlichkeit*. He was absolutely great with his connections with our congregants. A special gift for sure."

Yasher Koach to a Committee of 10

Tikvat Israel's Rabbi Search Committee, which came into being in October and completed its work in March, was led by co-chairs Danny Bachman and Dalit Baranoff.

Other committee members were Melissa Apter, Rabbah Arlene Berger, Jeff Bernstein, Bobbi Gorban, Aaron Mannes, Gigi Sohn, Judy Waldman and Howard Wilchins. Baranoff, Bernstein and Waldman had also served on the synagogue's last rabbi search panel in 2014-15.

In an e-mail message to the congregation, co-presidents Warren Berger and Jim Perlmutter thanked the committee members for their diligent work, leading to a successful conclusion with the appointment of Marc Israel as the next rabbi.

Rabbi Shull Takes Florida Post

Rabbi Benjamin Shull has relocated with his family to Florida's west coast, and he will be assuming a new full-time post as rabbi of the Jewish Congregation of Venice in Venice, Fla.



Rabbi Shull ended his tenure at TI in mid-March after asking the synagogue's board of directors to end his position about 3½ months earlier than originally planned. The rabbi's contract was set to run until June 30. He told the governing board last September that he would not exercise his option for an extension.

The Jewish Congregation of Venice holds weekly Friday evening services and is not affiliated with a particular movement in Judaism.

Rabbi Shull joined Tikvat Israel in July 2015. He earlier worked for 13 years in Florida – as a congregational rabbi in Palm City and Tampa and as director of the Tampa Jewish Family Services.

Q&A With Rabbi Israel About TI's Appeal, Pulpit Politics,

Bulletin editor, Jay P. Goldman, conducted this interview with Rabbi Marc Israel shortly after his contract signing to join Tikvat Israel. Below, he discusses an array of subjects, including what he found most appealing about our congregation, moving from a substantially larger synagogue, politics as a pulpit topic and his feelings about Bryce Harper. The interview has been edited for clarity and length.

What attracted you to apply for TI's rabbi position?

Rabbi Israel: I was familiar with Tikvat Israel during the years I lived in Washington and Chevy Chase, and I always was impressed with the qualities of the members I met, especially their *menschlekeit*. I also knew Cantor Rochelle Helzner and have admired her voice and the sense of spirituality she brings to the bimah.

When you reviewed the search committee's information about our congregation, what quality or claim prompted you to say, "I want to check out this place over a Shabbat weekend"?

Rabbi Israel: There wasn't one particular thing – it was more of the way members of the committee described the overall *gestalt* of the community – Jewishly well-educated, committed to the community and striving for more.

During your full "tryout" weekend, did anything surprise you?

Rabbi Israel: I was impressed with the strength of the Shabbat community. Obviously, a tryout weekend brings out a larger crowd, but it was clear in my conversations that this is a community that enjoys being with one another.

What in your skill set or experiences makes you an especially comfortable fit for TI's current stage?

Rabbi Israel: My ability to develop strong relationships and reach out to new families is especially important right now. The community already has a strong base. To maintain that strength, we will need to get the word out to the broader Jewish community of what makes Tikvat Israel unique. I especially look forward to getting to know the families of the ECC and the religious school.

At what point, did you decide you wanted to be a lead congregational rabbi and were ready to do so?



Rabbi Israel: From early in my rabbinic career, I recognized that being "in between" the Reform and Conservative movements would make congregational work difficult so I focused on informal and formal education. When I began work at Ohr Kodesh, I found I loved the rhythm and dynamic of being in a synagogue. After joining the Rabbinical Assembly in 2007, I was no longer in between but firmly planted in the Conservative movement. From that point forward, I have worked toward becoming a senior rabbi. After 12 years of preparation, we will find out soon if I'm ready!

Based on what you've seen and learned about TI, how will you spend your first year?

Rabbi Israel: My first priority will be to develop relationships with each family in the Tikvat Israel community and to learn what is important and what they need from their synagogue. We will have some parlor meetings for specific cohorts within the congregation, but I also plan to meet with every family individually within the first year. I also look forward to working with Cantor Helzner, the synagogue staff, board and the rabbinic transition team to determine other priorities and to set goals.

In terms of personal goals, I look forward to attending more Washington Nationals games and working to create the best balance for my family, given our new living configuration.

What is your approach to collaboration with congregants and staff?

Rabbi Israel: I strongly believe in collaborating with both congregants and staff. I also recognize that there is a danger of "paralysis by committee" that plagues many synagogues. As the rabbi, I see my role as taking in all the information, noticing the patterns of concern and developing a framework

to attend to those needs in a unified manner. I especially enjoy helping to make connections across various groups and individuals who share common concerns or who are able to help someone out but may not be aware of the other.



Moving to a Smaller Congregation ... and Bryce Harper

You've worked at two comparatively large synagogues during the past 14 years, currently at one almost three times the size of Tikvat Israel with considerably greater human and financial resources. Why leave such a well-supported and substantial operation and face a rather significant adjustment?

Rabbi Israel: When I considered what I wanted in the next stage of my career, I quickly decided I was not interested in serving as the rabbi of "too large" a synagogue. The right size for me is a synagogue where I know the names and faces of each member — and not only their names, but their interests and their needs. Once a congregation is above 400 families, I believe that becomes more difficult. Larger congregations may have greater financial resources, but I find smaller congregations tend to have greater human resources. I think this is especially true for Tikvat Israel.

You're coming from a suburban synagogue that probably averages 2-4 b'nai mitzvah each month to a congregation that will host maybe 2 or 3 over the next 15 months. With teaching such a central part of your professional background, how will that interest play out in a synagogue with such a limited number of school-age members?

Rabbi Israel: As a teacher, I always measure my impact by its depth and not by its width. Whether it's with 5 or 50 people, my goal is to help people find greater relevancy in whatever aspect of our tradition that I'm teaching. I also believe Jewish education is a lifetime endeavor. Regardless of how much we know, there is an infinitely greater amount for us to learn.

Finally, I plan to work with the synagogue leadership to help attract and grow our cadre of young families, with the hope that this question will be less relevant in five years than it is today!

This is such a politically obsessed time in America and within American Jewry. Are you inclined to share your political views and your particular ideas about support of Israel from the pulpit?

Rabbi Israel: At all times, rabbis must walk a careful line between addressing moral issues of the day



and the tendency to become political commentators. The words of Finley Peter Dunne, the late 19th century *Chicago Evening Sun* columnist, come to mind when he described the role of the press as "to provide comfort for the afflicted and to afflict the comfortable."

There are times when a rabbi needs to speak out on an issue of moral urgency, but there are also many times when people, especially in Washington, need a break from politics. I work to maintain that balance in my sermons. But I also believe vigorous and respectful discussion on topical issues is important and there are appropriate forums off the bimah to have such conversations. Sometimes I might serve as moderator and sometimes I might present a particular viewpoint. But when I do share a particular perspective, I always seek to create space for differing points of view. Finally, when you come to my Shabbat dinner table, you may hear some of my personal views!

When Bryce Harper announced he was moving from Washington to Philadelphia during the time you were negotiating your new contract, did you say to your family, "Whoa – maybe we ought to be staying in Philly"?

Rabbi Israel: Not for a moment! There was some initial hope that Tikvat Israel might match the Phillies' contract offer to Harper – or even a month of his salary over the next three years– but alas, my swing of the bat was never that strong. If anything, Harper coming to Philly was further incentive for us to leave so we won't have to endure the Phillies fans' taunts on a daily basis!



Page 4 top: Rabbi Marc Israel during a Torah reading exercise with a youngster at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El.

Page 4 bottom: Marc Israel (center), flanked by TI co-presidents Jim Perlmutter and Warren Berger, faced questions from the synagogue board during his tryout weekend in February.

Page 5 top: Marc Israel and Abbey Frank as a royal couple at a Purim celebration a decade ago.

Page 5 bottom: Marc Israel with his daughter Elianna, who graduates from high school in June.

Five Personal Things to Know About Rabbi Marc Israel

No. 1: He and wife Abbey Frank will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in August.

The two met nearly 30 years ago in Ann Arbor, Mich., as undergraduate peer educators at orientation for the campus Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center. (“While I had an inkling from the start, it took me a bit longer to convince Abbey that we were meant for one another!” he says.) For the past three years, Abbey has worked for the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, currently as director of program operations.



Rabbi Marc Israel with wife Abbey Frank and their three teenagers.

No. 2: He has three teenage children.

Daughter Elianna graduates this spring from the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy in Bryn Mawr, Pa., As of early April, her father reported, “She will be going to U of M – just not clear if that M will be Michigan or Maryland!”

Son Micah, 16, is finishing 10th grade and will remain enrolled at Barrack so he can attend the Alexander Muss High School in Israel program for the first third of his junior year with his classmates. “Despite the lure of the Washington sports teams, he will finish high school in Philadelphia and will come to Rockville on weekends and holidays,” the rabbi said.

Youngest son Oren will celebrate becoming bar mitzvah on May 11 and looks forward to 8th grade back where he started kindergarten at what was known at the time as the Jewish Primary Day School and now is the recently rebuilt Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation’s Capital.

No. 3: He and his family remained loyal Washington sports fans despite a six-year relocation to Philadelphia.

“Six years ago, when I first told our children that we were moving to Philadelphia, my middle son Micah’s first words were ‘Fine, but we will NOT become Phillies fans.’ He and the rest of

our family have remained true to his word,” Rabbi Israel says. “We always felt strong ties to this community because of family, friends, our interest in politics and, yes, because of our affinity for its sports teams.”

No. 4: He wears his allegiance to all things University of Michigan on his sleeves.

“Does a University of Michigan banner unfurled outside your home indicate devotion to your alma mater?” asks Rabbi Lyle Fishman of Ohr Kodesh Congregation, where he and Rabbi Marc Israel were colleagues for eight years.

Further, Rabbi Fishman said he quickly learned how to “ingratiate myself with Rabbi Israel” — by humming the tune of the Michigan fight song, “The Victors.”

Rabbi Israel and his wife Abbey Frank, both alumni, have passed along that passion to their children. Their son Micah’s bar mitzvah used a logo that one attendee said “strongly resembled” the Michigan M. He decorates his home mailbox with the Michigan logo, too.

No. 5: He has become enamored with crab fries.

Joshua Kohn, a congregant at Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El in Wynnewood, Pa., tells the story: “Right after he arrived in Philly, the two of us went to a Phillies-Nationals game. ... In case you aren’t familiar with Philly food favorites, Chickie and Pete’s Crab Fries are a staple of Philadelphia sports events. I set my goal for the evening: To convince my new rabbi friend to share an order of crab fries with me. After mild convincing – it’s really just french fries with Old Bay -- he agreed, and it changed the course of history in the Israel family. I am proud to say that crab fries are now a staple of all Israel family sports celebrations.”

(Compiled by Jay P. Goldman, editor of the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*.)

A Distinctive Leap From Reform to Conservative

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, *TIKVAT ISRAEL BULLETIN* EDITOR

Rabbi Marc Israel trained in the Reform movement that was his spiritual home while growing up with his family in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. He completed his rabbinic studies at Hebrew Union College, then went to work for seven years with two Washington, D.C.-based Reform Judaism organizations.

He says he loved his early experiences in youth groups, at summer camp and “with my rabbis [who] inspired me to keep learning, to get involved in the world and to approach Jewish life with an open and honest set of eyes.” Those influences remain an essential part of his rabbinate and, he says, “help me to meet people where they are without judgment.”

Rabbi Israel’s pattern of Jewish observance and ideology were shaped by many factors. His wife Abbey Frank and her family lived a traditional Jewish life, and his contacts with Conservative Jews beginning in his college years in Ann Arbor, Mich., offered him important examples of committed Conservative Jewish life, says Rabbi Lyle Fishman at Ohr Kodesh Congregation in Chevy Chase, Md., where the two were colleagues for eight years.

“I would like to think that our weekly study of Abraham Joshua Heschel’s *Torah Min Hashamayim* fortified his grasp of the approach to the Torah of the rabbis of the *Mishnah*, an approach that character-

izes Conservative Judaism,” Fishman said in an interview.

In 2007, Rabbi Israel made the formal leap to the Conservative movement, joining the Rabbinical Assembly. (Neither the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism nor the Rabbinical Assembly could say how uncommon a move this is.)

The turning point for him came on Dec. 6, 2006, when the Rabbinical Assembly, which governs the profession in the Conservative movement, issued a *teshuvah*, or rabbinic response, that for the first time recognized people who were openly gay or lesbian. (Notably, the official stance was approved on a 13-12 vote of the Rabbinical Assembly’s Committee on Jewish Law and Standards.) The Conservative movement embraced a new openness and egalitarianism that spoke directly to him.

In the decade since, Rabbi Israel has taken on several volunteer leadership posts in the Rabbinical Assembly.

“His move is not at all surprising to me because he embodies the best of what both movements have to offer and to teach us,” says Sharon Parrott, a two-decade member of Ohr Kodesh who served on the religious school committee. “He is committed to tradition and *halacha* and to inclusion and social justice.”

What They're All Saying About Rabbi Israel

A sampling of comments about our new rabbi from those who've known him best over the past 14 years at his congregations in suburban Philadelphia and Chevy Chase, Md. The individuals were interviewed by Jay P. Goldman, editor of the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*.

Randy Goldberg, president, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, Wynnwood, Pa.:

"Rabbi Israel is a *menschy*, wonderful person, who is honest, sincere and a good listener. He's a people person. On Shabbat mornings, he walks around the room and personally greets people. ... A congregation of your size would be the perfect place for him since he is passionate about getting to know and care for everyone in the community."



Rabbi Neil S. Cooper, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El:

"He is perceptive, flexible and anxious to innovate. When discussing Jewish education, Rabbi Israel is rarely satisfied with 'what we did last year.' Each year, each program is analyzed and carefully reconsidered by asking, 'How can we do this better? What will capture the imagination of our audience? How can this program be transformed into something memorable?'"

Rabbi Lyle Fishman, Ohr Kodesh Congregation, Chevy Chase, Md.: "His most enduring contribution to our synagogue community was his championing the idea of an annual congregational retreat. He saw its value to build community, to strengthen the synagogue skills of the participants and to offer significant time for Jewish study and for natural conversations. He worked tirelessly on every aspect of our retreats during his years at Ohr Kodesh. Although we now schedule the retreats about every 18 months, they continue to enhance our community's vitality and depth."

Lisa Richman, religious school director, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El:

"He has a good sense of pop culture and seamlessly works it into sermons occasionally. His mind is extremely creative. Some of the ideas that he implemented in the Religious School are excellent. For example, the idea of having *chugim* (electives) to allow staff and students to go beyond the usual parameters of Religious School is one that has been extremely successful. He has also done Shabbat retreats with the synagogue's middle schoolers. The children return bonded and happy, having experienced Shabbat with their peers and having been immersed in experiential education at its best."

Judith Scarani, early childhood center director, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El:

"One particular Kabbalat Shabbat we were teaching the importance of doing specific things in order. Rabbi Israel came into the sanctuary with his pajamas, brushed his teeth and then ate a bagel. The kids really loved how silly he could be on occasion. I also remember an unplanned lesson where he asked all the grandparents and parents who came for their significant King or Queen to join us on the floor in small circles so that we could tell each other how much of a blessing they are to us. We came to the priestly blessing in the Torah that

Rabbi Israel (rear) checks in with students in the religious school at his shul in Wynnwood, Pa.

week. Rabbi Israel always has wonderful ideas for helping me concretize the portion for our preschool children."

Barbara Libbin, president, Ohr Kodesh Congregation: "Perhaps the most memorable experience was the first time our children saw him leading the family service on Simchat Torah, decked out in a full-body Torah costume. This really captured his love of Torah and ability to connect with people of all ages."

Joshua Kohn, synagogue vice president, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El:

"He has an amazing ability to connect with people. He gets to know people personally. This is pretty amazing in a 700-family congregation, so he'd be even better in your congregation."

Eugene Rosner, cantor for 29 years, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El: "His big leave {behind} with our congregation was his *menschlichkeit*. He was absolutely great with his connections with our congregants. A special gift for sure. It was surely on display with his interactions with congregants after services."

Rabbi Jeffrey Tigay, retired Biblical scholar and longtime congregant, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El: "Rabbi Israel gives thoughtful, well-prepared and lucid *divrei Torah* with messages that are meaningful for current times. What touches me most about them is his heartfelt manner of delivery; you can tell that he really feels what he is talking about."



Marc Israel (left) and his sons Oren (second from right) and Micah flanking hot dog eating champion Joey Chestnut at the Major League Baseball All-Star Game in Washington, D.C., in July 2018.

Sara Crimm, inclusion committee co-chair, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El:

"His most significant contribution for me has been his ability to transform our Religious School from a setting where students with learning differences or other disabilities were not welcomed -- and parents did not even ask about whether their child could attend -- to a school with an inclusion specialist, special supports, a welcome environment and a K-1 class specifically designed for students leaving our special needs preschool classroom."

Sharon Parrott, congregant of 20 years, Ohr Kodesh Congregation:

"Our daughter was a student at the religious school and was having some issues with her knees. On a couple of occasions, Rabbi Israel waited for her at the bus stop near Ohr Kodesh to make sure she could make the short walk to religious school."

Larry Nathanson, men's club co-chair, Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El:

"One of my favorite memories occurred during Rabbi Israel's first year at our temple when he led our Sunday morning service outside on a beautiful summer day, so we could be surrounded by nature during our prayers."

At Tikvat Israel, Upgraded Security Takes Precedence

BY MICHAEL AMSTER, CHAIR, TIKVAT ISRAEL SECURITY COMMITTEE, AND SAM FREEDENBERG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Over a typical week, hundreds of individuals, young and old, come to Tikvat Israel. Our Early Childhood Center operates from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. every weekday. Morning and evening minyanim attract dozens of daveners. Our Atid religious school meets Sundays and Wednesdays from September to May, and our synagogue office is staffed daily.

Our building also has two tenants with their own staffs and volunteers in second-floor offices — the Haberman Institute for Jewish Studies and the Seaboard Region office of United Synagogue Youth.

We host weekly study by the Adult Hebrew Language Institute, re-creations of Medieval European cultural activities by the Society for Creative Anachronism, Hopeful Communicators Toastmasters meetings and monthly bridge sessions, as well as committee, board and congregational meetings, some running until late at night.

Events, such as our annual concert, Focus folk concerts and Israeli films, bring people to our building — from just a few to hundreds. There are 52 Shabbat services, up to 10 festival services, plus High Holidays and Hanukkah and Purim celebrations. We run outdoor programs, such as the ECC Truck Touch and Sukkot dinners.

Every day brings a stream of visitors, including mail carriers, food deliverers, salespeople, repair personnel, fire prevention inspectors and elevator maintenance crews. Families new to the area visit as potential members or ECC enrollees. With joy, we host occasional weddings and, with sadness, funerals in our sanctuary.

TI is, in fact, a major community center. And no more important responsibility exists at Tikvat Israel than ensuring the synagogue is a safe place for everyone who enters to pray, learn, teach, enjoy companionship and, for some of us, work and earn a living.

The tragic murder of 11 people by a gunman at the Tree of Life—Or L'Simcha Synagogue in Pittsburgh on Shabbat last Oct. 27 was a wake-up call for synagogues nationwide. Many, including Tikvat Israel, are spending time, effort and funds to harden their facilities to mitigate such an attack. In recent years, TI received grants through the Department of Homeland Security totaling \$175,000 that partially financed improved security devices. We are installing new equipment and upgrading existing security devices through grants from Montgomery County and the Maryland Center for School Safety.

The need to provide security must co-exist, sometimes uneasily, with our desire to be a warm and welcoming community, and we have taken several steps to reduce our vulnerability.

The three most significant changes that we have made in our security protocols, post-Pittsburgh, are these:

- **The building is now locked at all times, and entry is almost exclusively limited to the main doors leading to our lobby.** Those who need regular access have been issued time-limited key fobs, and others are admitted (remotely) by TI staff as needed. Visitors who need to enter the building through the education wing or through the back door leading into the kitchen must be met by a staff member or a responsible volunteer.

- **Volunteer *shomrim* (“guards”) are assigned to stand inside the front doors on Shabbat and holidays.** They admit individuals from the beginning of services through kiddush. While we sometimes hire private security for the building for the High Holidays and special events, we rely on Shabbat on volunteers who recognize our congregants and who can offer a warm “Shabbat Shalom.”
- **An off-duty Montgomery County police officer is stationed in a squad car in front of the building during every Shabbat service.** We are grateful for the experience these officers bring, but we also are mindful that it comes at an additional expense of approximately \$15,000 a year, which was not factored into this year’s operating budget.

Plans are in the works for community emergency response training and drills at TI.



Those attending a morning or evening minyan at TI use a low-volume bell to alert those inside to grant them entry.

These changes, while jarring to some at first, have been widely accepted. Front doors no longer are left unlocked for hours at a time in the evening. Over time, congregants regularly attending minyanim have obtained fobs from the synagogue office or know to ring the minyan bell outside the building to summon someone already in the chapel to let them in.

All of the improvements we have made to our security, both high- and low-tech over the past several years, have little value without support from our congregation. That support must come in the form of participation, vigilance and awareness.

- **Participation.** Security is a collective responsibility, and we all need to participate. If you regularly attend minyanim, committee meetings and other programs and do not have a key fob for access, contact Executive Director Sam Freedenberg (301-762-7338 ext. 111 or sam@tikvatisrael.org). Also, our corps of *shomrim* needs to be expanded. If you are able, please let us know and we’ll add you to the list. Generally, we break a Shabbat morning into two shifts so it’s not too physically demanding.
- **Vigilance.** If you see something, or someone, that looks suspicious, tell someone in authority immediately. Call 911. You can read more about this highly effective approach to community protection at www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something.

- **Awareness.** Tikvat Israel is a big building with nooks and crannies. Pay attention. Get to know the building, especially the emergency exits, and make sure your fellow congregants and guests are aware. What you know and who you know could make all the difference in an emergency.



Key volunteers and staff use individually coded plastic fobs with the keyless entry pad at TI’s front entrance.

Synagogue Budget Gets First Boost from Endowment Fund

BY BETTY FISHMAN, FUND FOR THE FUTURE CHAIR

For the first time since its inception, the Tikvat Israel Fund for the Future is able to contribute funds to the congregation's coffers for synagogue operations this year.

The allocation of about \$10,000 represents earnings on the Fund for the Future's investments, which have been accruing since it was established in 2012. As the endowment grows, its contributions to the synagogue's annual operating budget also will grow. \$8,200 will be transferred to the general fund, and up to \$1,800 will be made available for the purchase of books for the Atid religious school.

The monies donated to the TI fund are deposited into the United Jewish Endowment Fund, an investment vehicle that combines accounts from 38 Washington, D.C.-area non-profits (Jewish congregations and communal organizations) along with several large private endowments. As of Dec. 31, 2018, the UJEF portfolio totaled \$190 million in liquid assets. The share of the portfolio belonging to the 38 non-profits is approximately \$30 million. Tikvat Israel's portion of the investment at year's end totaled \$504,615. (All amounts under a million have been rounded to the nearest dollar.)

Under the bylaws of the Fund for the Future, or FFF, our funds are divided into "restricted" and "unrestricted" accounts. Donors may establish "restricted" accounts within the FFF by giving \$10,000 or more. We currently have two restricted funds, with a combined balance of \$42,555. They are:

- The Herman J. Flax and Melanie H. Grishman Library and Education Fund, established for the purpose of purchasing "reading, audio or audio-visual materials, computer software and similar materials relating to Judaism;" and
- The Chelemer and Smith Family Volunteer Recognition Fund, established for the purpose of funding an annual public recognition event for TI volunteers. Any distributions available above the cost of the recognition event may be used to support TI adult education activities.

This year's distribution of \$8,200 comes from the unrestricted account. The books will be purchased through a grant from the Flax/Grishman Fund.

Donations can be made at any time. Many congregants have chosen to name the Tikvat Israel Fund for the Future in their wills. Others are making contributions of cash or stock to the FFF.

Trustees of the FFF who were elected in January are myself, Howard Chernoff and Melanie Grishman (three-year terms); Ellen Eisner, Rebecca Salon and Fortuna Scheige (two-year terms); and Eugene Sheskin (one-year term). Incumbents Harold Diamond and Stephen Raucher continue to serve through the end of 2019. The congregation's co-presidents, treasurer and the ways and means committee chair are ex-officio members. Any of us would be pleased to discuss ways you can become part of this effort to secure the future of our congregation through planned giving.

Park Cleanup, Food Preparation the Object of Good Deeds Volunteers

More than 60 Tikvat Israel and Kehilat Pardes members of all ages turned out to participate in the Sara & Samuel J. Lessans Good Deeds Day on Sunday, April 7.



Adina Schwartz was one of the Tikvat Israel teens who prepared food stuffs and other supplies inside the social hall for area clients of Nourish Now. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

The volunteers performed some cleanup work at nearby Rock Creek Park located just a few hundred yards from the synagogue's property and prepared 500 packages of food for Nourish Now clients inside the social hall.

Luisa Moss coordinated the contingent of TI volunteers on a beautiful spring day. All volunteers received a T-shirt for their efforts.



Streaming down Baltimore Road toward Rock Creek Park were eager volunteers from TI. (Photo by Amy Matathias)



A contingent from Tikvat Israel stood ready to pitch battle against polluters in Rock Creek Park on Good Deeds Day. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

USCJ's Lessons For Making a Congregation Thrive

BY WARREN BERGER, CO-PRESIDENT, TIKVAT ISRAEL CONGREGATION



As my Co-President Jim Perlmutter mentioned in the last *Bulletin*, we are very honored and humbled to be taking on this important role at Tikvat Israel. We will do our best to fulfill this responsibility and invite you to contribute suggestions at any time.

Many congregants ask why we are affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism; why do we pay dues to them and what do we get out of this relationship?

The first answer that usually comes to mind is participation in the USCJ youth programs—Kadima and USY—which our youth attend at the local, regional and international levels, and which creates vital connections with other Jewish teens.

In addition, USCJ provides valuable assistance when a congregation is searching for a new rabbi. USCJ guided us through the detailed process, and our Kehila relationship manager, Jo-Anne Tucker Zemplak, gave us invaluable advice. USCJ also offers many leadership training courses (called “*Sulam*” which means ladder) and provides educational materials and resources.

From March 7-10, Jim and I attended one of these USCJ training courses, “*Sulam* for New Presidents.” The topics we discussed included “Developing a Shared Mission & Vision,” “Understanding Leadership Styles,” “Financial Management,” “Building a More Effective Board,” and “Creating Lay-Staff Partnership.” We met other brand-new presidents, and some who were going to be starting their terms in July. There were folks from all over the eastern U.S., from Florida to Texas to Chicago to Boston. Many had similar challenges, such as recruiting young families and energizing their religious schools.

It was inspiring to be around leaders committed to the Conservative movement’s brand of “Authentic and Dynamic” Judaism. By the way, I didn’t make this term up—it’s on the USCJ web site (see <https://uscj.org/beliefs#what-is/>). Doesn’t it sound better than “We are between Orthodox and Reform”?

Before we attended, we were overwhelmed by what we didn’t know. After four days of learning, praying, and exchanging stories with other presidents, we were overwhelmed by the new knowledge and ideas that we were trying to absorb. There were excellent rabbi-teachers as well as management consultants—all teaching us methods for establishing thriving congregations.

Here are some tidbits from what we learned:

- Leaders should be role models.
- Our mission/vision should guide our objectives and plans.
- Board members and staff should have goals and be held accountable.
- It’s not enough to say we are a “warm and welcoming” congregation; we have to back that up with activities and actions to make it a reality.

I want to thank Bruce Goldin for establishing the Shelly Goldin Memorial Leadership Development Fund, which covered the costs so that Jim and I could attend. This fund will also enable additional leader training for board and Women’s Network members for many years to come.

Many of you have approached Jim and me with ideas or have even asked how you could help. It turns out, **we do need volunteers.** There are many committees that are low on members due to attrition and others that could use new energy and ideas. These include:

- Membership Committee (led by Jaime Smith)
- Youth and Education Committee
- Ways and Means Committee
- Yad Squad (These folks schedule volunteers to read Torah. Thanks to Jason Levine and Michele Eisenberg who have been doing this for many years.)
- Rabbi Transition Committee (This new group will be led by Danny Bachman and will be involved in many things such as installation, congregant introductions and publicity.)

As I stated at the beginning, Jim and I are getting a handle on everything we need to steer the large ship that is TI, and although our recent USCJ training has taught us some of the necessary skills and techniques, we need your help, too.

I hope everyone had a good Passover. Be sure to join us for our Shavuot services and learning sessions in June!

A WELCOME TO OUR TWO NEW FAMILIES

Since the start of the school year, two families with young children enrolled in the Early Childhood Center have joined the membership ranks of Tikvat Israel Congregation. A warm welcome goes out to Meredith and Joe Calvarese and to Jacob and Adina Konikoff.

What follows are brief introductions to both families.

Calvarese family



Meredith and Joe Calvarese have two children – Lily, a 6-year-old kindergarten pupil, and Amelia, a 3-year-old enrollee at the ECC. She’s part of the Tootim (strawberries) class.

The family lives in Manor Woods and joined the shul in September. “We love watching Amelia thrive at the ECC,” says Meredith. “The staff provide a warm, loving and fun environment where she is learning so much. It has also been great to become part of the Tikvat Israel community, where we have felt welcomed and have met a lot of wonderful families.”

Joe works as e-discovery supervisor at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, while Meredith is a freelance graphic designer.

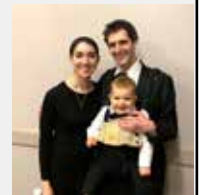
Konikoff family

Adina and Jacob Konikoff are parents of Tzvi, an 18-month-old who is enrolled in the ECC.

The family lives in Aspen Hill and became TI members in December 2018. “We joined after being impressed with the ECC,” Adina says.

Jacob works as a consultant, and Adina is an engineer.

“We especially love how close the shul is to Rock Creek Park,” says Adina. “It makes picking up the little one and taking him on a walk an easy and enjoyable experience.”



Upgraded Purim Carnival Deemed a Success



Face-painting was one of the popular Purim carnival attractions. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

The synagogue's Purim Carnival and Silent Auction attracted about 50 children and babies, along with their parents and grandparents, to the social hall. The two-hour event on March 24 featured an array of games and fun activities plus food.

The silent auction, coordinated by Atid parents Samantha and James Cole, conducted in the shul lobby, raised \$804 with congregants contributing products and services. Among the latter were a challah-making session with congregant Beth Smith and Shabbat dinner for six offered by Roz Kram. Both attracted spirited upward bidding.

Melissa Apter served as the event's chief organizer and brought several upgraded facets to the carnival, including the single-fee wristband for all participants. She thanked the many volunteers who contributed to the event. "Your assistance with planning, publicity, set-up, running booths, preparing food and clean-up is greatly appreciated," she said.

She seeks feedback so the carnival can be improved for next year. Please email her directly at mwapter@gmail.com.



Ellen Kaminow maintained control of the carnival's duck pond. (Photo by Felcia R. Black)

WOMEN'S NETWORK

Final Book Discussion and Rosh Hodesh Program

BY MELISSA APTER

The Women's Network spring slate is packed with spiritual and creative programming that kicked off with a women-led Shabbat service on March 9.

The first annual Shelly Goldin Women's Network Shabbat truly honored its namesake, as woman after woman ascended to the bimah to daven and leyn the Saturday morning services.

Goldin, a past president of Tikvat Israel, was a champion of Jewish women's causes. For several years, Goldin ran Tikvat Israel's Sisterhood and, as Janice Balin related in her remarks, it was Goldin who insisted on the name change to Women's Network so as to better appeal to young Jewish women. Goldin's husband Bruce attended along with family and friends from the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, who traveled from far and wide to be at Tikvat Israel to honor her memory. Goldin passed away in June 2018.

Founder of Out-of-the-Box Judaism, Esther Goldenberg, was the featured speaker and she gave two presentations that highlighted her skills as a storyteller, including an amusing tale about a man wandering from *shtetl* to *shtetl* seeking to answer the question "Where is G-d?" Goldenberg is the author of several books, among them, "Out-of-the-Box Bat Mitzvah" and "A Story Every Week." Goldin was also well known for her story-telling skills!



Brenda Brooks

The following Sunday, approximately 30 congregants gathered for a multi-generational Purim mask-making workshop conducted by Shirley Waxman. Colorful full-face masks were brought to life using paints, yarn, fabric scraps, beads, buttons and sequins. You may have seen these glittering masterpieces on display during Purim festivities.



Nancy Matheson

The Network's book club was slated to meet following minyan on April 24 to discuss *In the Unlikely Event* by Judy Blume. The book club will meet again on June 12, its final session of 2018-19, to delve into *The Faith Club* by Ranya Tabari Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner. Congregants of any reading age are welcome to participate in the discussions.

A Rosh Chodesh program presented by Rabbah Arlene Berger will take place Sunday, May 19, from 10-11:30 a.m. Please keep an eye on *B'Keshet* for program updates.



Jason Schwartz

The congregation's annual summer baseball outing to a Washington Nationals game, organized by the Women's Network, is slated for Sunday, June 23. Find details on ordering your game tickets (before the May 23 deadline) on page 2.

CANTOR'S CORNER

Shabbat With Instruments, Holocaust Remembrance, Graduate Shabbat on June 1

BY CANTOR ROCHELLE HELZNER



Instrumental Shabbat and Yom Ha'atzmaut

The next Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments will be held at 6:15 p.m. on May 10. We will be marking Yom Ha'atzmaut by including Israeli melodies.

This uplifting Shabbat evening service includes spirited melodies, both traditional and new, accompanied by guitar, piano, bass, clarinet and percussion. An Israeli-

themed pre-service reception will begin at 5:45 p.m., sponsored by Howard and Rosie Chernoff, Fran and Stan Kensky, Marilyn Pontell, and Ethel and Ira Levine.

Shabbat Morning Davening Schedule

Cantor Helzner will daven on the bima on Shabbat mornings May 4 and 18 and June 1 and 22. The davening roles on the other Shabbatot will be covered by teams. If you have not been assigned a team and would like to be part of helping to lead services or would like to learn a part of the service, contact Susan Apter who would be glad to connect you with a team and/or a coach.

Holocaust Remembrance Observance

The Washington-area community Yom Hashoa observance and commemoration program will be held on Sunday, May 5, at 1 p.m., at B'nai Israel in Rockville, sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council. Our Tikvat Israel community is encouraged to attend.

Graduate Shabbat

With joy, we will honor our 2019 high school and college graduates and those earning graduate degrees on Shabbat *Bechukotai* on June 1. If you have a graduate in your family, please contact the synagogue office. We would like to invite the graduates to come up for an aliyah on that Shabbat. (If your graduate is not listed on page 20, notify the TI office.)

Shavuot

Tikkun Leil Shavuot will begin on Saturday night, June 8, with services continuing on Sunday and Monday mornings, June 9 and 10. More information to come.

Purim Kudos

What a festive Purim at Tikvat Israel, full of great costumes and lively spirits! Our celebration involved so many people.

The family celebration began and ended with the music of *Eine Kleine Tikva*. Thanks to musicians Judy Davis, Sam Elowitz, Chuck Chatlyne, Elaine Krichevsky, Marcia Bronstein and Neil Sbar. Our famous puppet production was again directed by the most capable Karen Lipsy with the cast including Tony Freedman, Shaina Lipsy, Amy Matathias, Ellen Kaminow, Sandra Schwartz, Sandy Schwartz, Neil Kram, Rachel Lipsy, Samantha Cole, Josh Pollack, Aviva Pollack, Jerry Schuchman and Becca Matathias. Elliot Cowan gave us a taste of *Megillah*.

Appreciation goes to Jim Perlmutter for davening *maariv*. Two thumbs up for our *Megillah* readers Jeff Bernstein, Richard Lederman, Jason Levine, Danny Bachman, Adina Schwartz, Jason Schwartz, Wendy Morrison and Elliot Cowan plus Susan Apter and Sam Freedenberg (both morning readers).

Our "A Patriotic Purim" musical revue was skillfully directed by Nancy Goldberg, with creative compositions by Michele Eisenberg, Steve Raucher, Judy Katz, Nancy Goldberg, Beth Smith and Cantor Helzner. Additional performers included Dan Black, Susan Meiselman and Susan Urban.

Thanks to Education Director Luisa Moss for organizing youth to help put together Mishloach Manot packages, to those handing out hamantashen on erev Purim and to David Gantz for collecting tzedakah.

Because of all these folks, our joy was increased!



Cantor Rochelle Helzner warmed up the youthful crowd before the start of the annual Purim Puppets Show in TI's social hall. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

TI QUARTET FINISHES MYSTICISM COURSEWORK IN MELTON PROGRAM

Four Tikvat Israel members recently completed a 10-week course on Jewish mysticism taught by Rabbi Uri Topolosky of Kehilat Pardes at the Hebrew Academy in Rockville.

The course, Jewish Mysticism: Tracing the History of Kabbalah, was part of the Melton course offerings promoted last fall by Rabbi Topolosky and Rabbi Ben Shull.

The course presented the rich history of Jewish mysticism, along with understandings of many of the texts that have been so central to that tradition. The course ended with a lunch and learn *shiur* in which participants shared their favorite texts and talked about why they were drawn to those particular texts.



Studying Jewish mysticism over 10 weeks were TI students (from left) Ellen Eisner, Bonnie Cowan, Al Godley-Davis and Felicia R. Black.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Why Did the Chicken Come to Tikvat Israel?

BY LUISA MOSS, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING



“Why did the chicken come to Tikvat Israel” sounds like the beginning of a bad joke. Rather, it is the beginning of a meaningful program that built community and taught gratitude to its youthful participants.

Families in the Atid Learning Center, Tikvat Israel’s religious school, gathered for a special program called *Ha-motzi Lechem Min Ha’aretz*, or “Who brings forth bread from the earth” on February 24 at the synagogue. I oversaw the program, which was facilitated on site by Amanda Herring, a 2018-19 fellow with the Jewish Outdoor, Food, Farming and Environmental Education program in Washington, D.C., which promotes Jewish experiential education.

Students learned how to make challah, explored the science of yeast, mastered challah-braiding techniques, discovered how we get flour from grain with mortar and pestle and participated in the mitzvah of *hafrashat challah*, the separation of challah.

A special guest provided evidence of the origin of the eggs that were added to the challah dough and used in a wash on top of the completed challot. That guest was Harriet, a laying hen of Earle Scott Stibitz of Kensington, Md. Students got to see Harriet’s gorgeous blue-green egg shells and compare them to the white shells of the store-bought variety. Students also observed the beautiful large yolks of Harriet’s eggs compared to grocery store eggs.

Parents participated in a special text study with Herring, exploring Shabbat and the opportunity it gives for rest and rejuvenation.

Ultimately, the families came away from the event with their own loaf of challah, but even more valuable, they learned about the partners who work together to create the food we consume and gained a deeper sense of gratitude, one of the special opportunities that Shabbat allows us each week.

This program at TI was funded by a Quick Turn Around Grant through the Initiative in Congregational Education, tied to the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.



Students in TI’s Atid Learning Center greeted Harriet, an egg-laying hen, during a program on challah baking and gratitude.



Atid students got hands-on experience creating a challah at a special program underwritten by the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.

USY’S ‘BE OUR GUEST’ FUNDRAISER ON MAY 3

BY MELISSA APTER, USY CHAPTER ADVISER

The third annual “Be Our Guest” Kabbalat Shabbat and Fundraiser benefiting our middle and high school youth groups is slated for May 3.

Tikvat Israel youth will lead Kabbalat Shabbat services followed by a congregational dinner. Details regarding timing and pricing will be shared in *B’kasher* and the weekly Shabbat sheet.

The gratuities given to the USY dinner workers following the meal will be used to fund scholarships that enable our Kadimaniks and USYers to participate in conventions and summer programs, including trips to Israel. A portion of donations also will be used to complete the youth lounge renovation. Phase one, the replacing of the imitation paneling with sheetrock and a fresh coat of paint, was completed this past fall. Phase two will see the replacement of the carpet and sofas.

We are grateful for the generosity Tikvat Israel congregants have shown toward our youth programs. Direct donations can be made to the main office (include a note in the memo line of the check for “Youth Scholarships”). Direct questions to Youth and Education Programming Director Luisa Moss at luisa@tikvatisrael.org.

A DIRECTOR BIDS FAREWELL

As the school year is winding down, I hope everyone will have a fun and safe summer.

In addition, I would like to use this opportunity to thank everyone who has been a partner in my work as the youth and education director over the past three years at Tikvat Israel.

L’hitraot... ... Luisa Moss

Youth Events

May 4	Junior Congregation
May 4	Kehilat Kids
May 15	Last weekday of Atid
May 19	Closing day of Atid
June 1	Junior Congregation
June 1	Kehilat Kids
June 1	Graduate Shabbat

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Truck Touch Revisits

TI's Lot May 5

BY SHERI BROWN, ECC DIRECTOR



Beep beep. Honk honk. Truck Touch is coming on Sunday, May 5, to Tikvat Israel's Early Childhood Center.

Under the leadership of Francie Levita (mom of Esther and Channa in the Zayteem and Sabres, respectively), this popular event returns to the TI parking lot. Truck Touch runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine! Admission is \$5 per

person age 2 and over.

The ECC Family Network plans this fun-filled experience and kosher food will be available for purchase. Tell everyone you know about this popular child-friendly affair.

The ECC is gearing up for its summer program and registration is also well under way for fall. Parents have their choice of weeks in the summer (minimum 4) and many flexible scheduling options. Our summer program is open to all. One need not attend the ECC during the school year to participate. Summer programming features water play, art, music, games, science and many more experiences.

Due to its popularity, Wondrous Wednesdays returns, bringing entertainment and other special activities to us. Join us as we explore the works of Eric Carle, a children's author, and connect his books to our activities.

The ECC is still accepting applications for the fall program. We have an amazing staff, flexible schedules and a superb facility. Please tell your friends about our program as the vast majority of our students hear about our school from friends.



A student in the Sabres group in the Early Childhood Center decorates a pot for donation to the Purim carnival's silent auction.



TI congregant Rosie Chernoff volunteers each Monday to entertain students with stories, poems and finger plays.



PRESCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM TIKVAT ISRAEL EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Join us for fun in the sun.

Our summer program offers variety, fun, and a stimulating environment with a diverse staff and student body. Our theme this summer is Eric Carle. Art, music, science, and physical play merge together for an unforgettable experience.



Tikvat Israel Early
Childhood Center
SUMMER PROGRAM

Wondrous
Wednesdays with
special surprises

Water play galore!

Flexible
Scheduling
Options

(7am - 6pm)

Choice of Weeks
(minimum 4)

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Call for info or to set up a tour.

tikvatIsrael.org/ECC

June 24 - August 23

Our Olympic Athlete Vies for National Glory in June

Tikvat Israel's Senior Olympic athlete is moving to the national stage for her next competition.

Having medaled in swimming and badminton in the 2018 Maryland Senior Olympics, Judy Davis has qualified to compete with some 10,000 athletes in the 2019 National Senior Olympics, June 14-25 in Albuquerque, N.M.

This marks the second time she will attend the National Senior Olympics, held every two years. She will be competing in the 80-84 age grouping. That may give her just a bit of an edge over her fellow competitors as Davis will turn 80 in August. Dec. 31 is the cutoff for determining age group qualification, so she ought to be one of the younger contestants in her age category.

In the Maryland Senior Olympics, Davis captured gold medals in women's doubles and mixed doubles in badminton and silver medals in two 50-yard swim events—women's breast-stroke and freestyle. In New Mexico, she expects to compete in the same swim events and in one badminton event—mixed doubles. She found a partner from Seattle on the National Games' website.

Whether or not she brings home to Rockville a medal or a ribbon, Davis says she'll be perfectly content. "I do it for fun," she says. "This time, I'm staying for the Celebration of Athletes, where I will march in with all the other athletes from Maryland."

Davis has been a member of the congregation for nearly 40 years and is an original member of the shul's Eine Kleine Tikva klezmer band.

ADULT EDUCATION

Talent Shines at TI U 2019

BY SALLY KRAM, ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR

Around 60 congregants and guests attended the third annual iteration of Tikvat Israel U on Feb. 24, a day of learning featuring the unique expertise of TI congregants.

Learning tracks included history and law; travel and leisure; arts and culture; science and religion; and self-improvement/self-care and involved almost 30 congregants as presenters, including the TI house band known as Eine Kleine Tikva. Four time blocks each offered five activity options, ensuring rich variety.

TI U was pleased to feature one guest lecturer from Theater J, associate producer Kevin Place. He gave a talk about how to appreciate a play. Other presenters included Danny Bachman, Arlene Berger, Debby Berlyne, Edna Breit, Louise Chatlynn, Cliff Fishman, David Kaminow, Sally Kram, Ellen Lederman, Aaron Mannes, Wendy Morrison, Jim Perlmutter, Josh Pollack, Steve Raucher, Jonathan Solomon, Nancy Solomon, Martin Urban, and Shirley Waxman.

Kudos to all who came to teach and all who came to learn, fulfilling the mission of Tikvat Israel Congregation.

The Adult Education Committee appreciates all the support it receives for this program from committee members, TI staff and the TI community. Want to be part of it? E-mail Sally Kram at kram@consortium.org if you are interested in joining the committee.



Sally Kram, organizer of the annual TI University, alongside the program strands offered at the 2019 day of learning in February. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

CONGREGATION TO WEIGH NEW BUDGET

Members of Tikvat Israel will have a chance to consider the board of directors' proposed spending plan for the coming fiscal year at a congregational meeting in June. The date and time were not announced by press time.

The annual budget is expected to be close in size to the FY '19 budget of \$1.57 million. It takes effect July 1. A quorum of synagogue members must be present to approve the budget.

Medical Magic's Clowns Endorsed by Tzedakah Havurah

One of the real joys of being a part of the Tikvat Israel Tzedakah Havurah is discovering organizations doing good work in places where it might not be expected.



The primary interest of the havurah is seeking out lesser-known organizations that make things happen with exceptional fiscal responsibility and a minimum of bureaucracy. "We think we have discovered just such a group of organizations," said Hope Levy Kott, a member of the Tzedakah Havurah.

A fixture in hospitals across the world improving both medical care and outcomes are the Hospital Clowns.

For the past 30 years, Kott said, medical clowns using low-key makeup, costume uniforms that might be worn by health professionals, and improvisation have not just distracted patients from their setting but have actually improved personal health outcomes in areas as diverse as infertility, increasing pregnancies, lowering stress by decreasing blood pressure and increasing the release of endorphins, decreasing the need for pain killers or sedation and, amazingly, improving the mood and communication skills of seniors with dementia.

While Israel has been a leader in including clowns in medical settings (Hadassah Hospital, field hospitals in Nepal and other disaster areas—see also the *Hasbara* article on page 18), medical clowns can be found locally at Children's and Johns Hopkins medical centers. Internationally, one Argentine state requires the use of medical clowns in all its hospitals. An Austrian organization of medical clowns serves most of Eastern Europe. Australian and Canadian clowns can be found in many medical settings. In the U.S., St. Louis, California and Washington are leaders in providing clowns in medical settings.

Kott said the following organizations are worth exploring if you are considering contributing to this fun and important new area of medicine.

- The Dream Doctors Project (<http://dreamdoctors.org/ill>)
- The Medical Clown Project (<https://medicalclownproject.org/who-we-are>)
- I Clown You (www.iclownyoudoc.com)

COMMUNICATION MEETING SLATED JUNE 2

The synagogue's Strategic Communications Committee plans to meet at 10 a.m. in Room A on Sunday, June 2. The committee seeks congregants with an interest in communicating information to congregation members and external audiences. Those with interests and skills in writing, editing, publicity and promotion, marketing, website posting, social media, etc., are encouraged to attend. Contact chair Jay P. Goldman at jgoldman@aasa.org.



Second Seder a Year Away

Thank you to the many congregants who responded to our recent survey to determine the feasibility of Tikvat Israel conducting a community seder on the second night of Passover. While a significant number indicated an interest in participating, unfortunately we will have to wait to try again next year.

Three factors won out over our zeal to have a community seder this year.

First, we did not have sufficient numbers to be financially viable. While there were several offers of sponsorships and donations, the high cost of labor to *kasher* the kitchen; to prepare a kosher-for-Passover seder meal; and to serve and clean up after the event just couldn't be accommodated. Next year we will start earlier to seek sponsorships and grants.

Second, while many of us are experienced in leading *sederim*, this year we find ourselves without a rabbi in place. Halachic decisions and seder leadership need a rabbi for advice and guidance. Thankfully, Rabbi Israel will be in place next year to help us plan and conduct a meaningful seder.

Third, this year the second seder fell at the end of Shabbat, an unusual circumstance. One may not light seder candles or drink the first cup of wine (and say kiddush) until after havdalah is recited—roughly 8:32 p.m. that evening. Next year, the second seder falls on a Thursday night so we can start much earlier.

For all these reasons, I am optimistic we will be successful next year.

Steve M. Raucher

Chair, Second Seder Committee

Remembering Shelly

I'd like to thank the Tikvat Israel Women's Network for dedicating the Sisterhood Shabbat in Shelly's memory. I cannot tell you how much it meant to me. The services and kiddush luncheon were wonderful. I especially want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it happen, and everyone who generously contributed to the kiddush. I know Shelly would have been honored by the recognition and outpouring of love.

Bruce Goldin

Community's Support

Thank you to the many Tikvat Israel congregants who offered their love and support following the death of my grandmother Rosalind Apter in March. The strong sense of community is precisely why we joined Tikvat Israel.

Melissa Apter

Snack Providers

Thank you to all the congregants who generously contributed snack items for us to make snack packs for Nourish Now on Good Deeds Day. We made over 300 snack packs!

Luisa Moss

Director of Education and Youth Programming

The Congregation's Care

To say thank you for all of the kind support offered by so many from the TI community following the death of my father, Stanley Zelman Marder, *z"l*, does not seem sufficient. The meal from Shalom was delicious and abundant; the calls and visit from Rabbi Shull and Cantor Helzner were caring and comforting; and the support of the congregation to fill my home for the shiva minyanim was heart-warming. I feel incredibly grateful to be part of such a warm and compassionate congregation.

Naomi Baer

Masterful Planner

The congregation owes its gratitude to Melissa Apter for planning and managing a wonderful Purim carnival in our social hall. She promoted it as an upgraded event and indeed she delivered—with some new games of chance, inflatables and even a snow cone truck parked outside the front doors. A silent auction—with some appealing services contributed by TI members—added to the revenue-raising potential for youth and education programming.

The fact this event took place the same week Melissa lost a grandmother and was sitting shiva with her family makes her accomplishment that much more significant. A deserved *yasher koach*.

Jay P. Goldman

TI Group Wanders Onstage at Wolf Trap National Park

BY BRENDA BROOKS

In early March, 16 members and spouses from the Women's Network and two Tikvat Israel havurot enjoyed a backstage tour at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts led by a park ranger.

We totally enjoyed learning about Wolf Trap's enormous, versatile stage as well as the tremendous effort that goes into putting on a production. We also got to see the dressing rooms and the VIP lounge where the musical performers hang out and prepare before show time.

Our guide was an expert on the national park and the intricacies of the Filene Center at Wolf Trap. He was the perfect host, answering all of our questions in depth and making us feel welcome. Afterwards, the group enjoyed lunch at the nearby Amphora Restaurant. It was a very fun day.

If you are interested in future group tours or hikes, contact Brenda Brooks at bbrooksx@gmail.com or 301-318-0621.

TI members gained backstage access at Wolf Trap's Filene Center. (Photo by Sue Urban)



HOMETOWN EXPERTS FACE HAZAK



The Tikvat Israel chapter of Hazak often draws on expertise of congregation members when it schedules its brown-bag lunch programs monthly. At recent Hazak events, Rabbah Arlene Berger (above) discussed the growing presence of women in the rabbinate while Harvey Kaplan (right) discussed his long career in the Army

Hazak is an organization for senior members. Ask Toby Altman at altman4@aol.com to add you to the event mailing list. (Photos by Amy Matathias)



Volunteers Advance Library's Book Processing

BY JANICE ROSENBERG

Tikvat Israel's library committee is making excellent progress creating an electronic catalog of the books in the collection.

Since August, the committee has entered more than 800 titles, which will make them searchable by author and subject, as well as title and sub-title.

One of the committee's goals is to provide a link to the electronic catalog on Tikvat Israel's website so congregants can search the collection and eventually borrow books from the library.

Committee members have been committed to this task to ensure the collection in the shul's Herman Flax Library remains useful and accessible to congregants of all ages. The members are Tamah Graber, Paula Kasper, Sandra Sheskin and Robin Simon and student volunteers Rebecca Fuchs and Amy He.



The diligent volunteer catalogers at the TI library include, in left photo, Tamah Graber (left) and Paula Kasper, and at right, Robin Simon. (Photos by Janice Rosenberg)

Barbershop Quintet Sings Appreciation to TI Duo

It's been a longstanding custom that barbershop quartets deliver singing valentines to spouses, significant others, parents and good friends during the week of Feb. 14 each year.

So Gene Sheskin, a longtime TI member, suggested bringing four-part harmony to a pair of unsuspecting synagogue office staffers.

He arranged for a quartet from the Hometowne USA Chorus, of which he's been a member for 10 years, to show up at Tikvat Israel one morning in mid-February to offer appreciation in harmonious song to TI staff members Amy Matathias and Audrey Hatfield for their dedicated work on behalf of the congregation. Sheskin informed the pair on Valentine's Day that he'd be stopping by with a little surprise the next day.

All songs performed by barber shoppers typically have four parts – a lead singer, who generally carries the melody, and three others parts (tenor, baritone and bass) to harmonize with the lead. The quartet asked Sheskin to join them in the lead role for the synagogue occasion, forming a distinctive sounding quintet.

Prospective singers who might like to join the chorus are welcome to visit a practice session. (Note: None of the 15 members of Sheskin's group has ever been a barber.) Beginning in 2018, women have been permitted to sing in a barbershop chorus. Practice takes place at Brookdale, an assisted living venue, near the Cabin John Shopping Center on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Contact Sheskin at gssheskin@verizon.net for more details.



Gene Sheskin (center) joined a barbershop quartet during a performance in front of synagogue staff members to mark Valentine's Day.

SOFTBALL PLAYERS SOUGHT

The men's softball team at Tikvat Israel is seeking to fill out its roster for the spring season in the Montgomery County Synagogue Softball League. Anyone interested must be affiliated with TI as a member or the parent of a child enrolled in the early childhood center or Atid religious school. Contact Stuart Lempert at stuartlempert@yahoo.com.

HASBARA: Focus on Israeli Innovation

(#13 in a Series)

BY HARVEY T. KAPLAN

At the 2019 AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, D.C., in March, Naomi and I attended a program entitled “Shark Up Nation,” sort of a combination of the TV show Shark Tank and new technologies from Israel. Three startup technologies from Israel (itself frequently referred to as the “Startup Nation”) were introduced to the large audience and critiqued by a panel of tech-savvy innovators/venture capitalists. Here’s a brief overview of innovative Israeli technology with worldwide applications:

- Tarek Issa, a computer engineer and the founder of Lofik in Israel, explained her company’s new techniques to connect communities of musicians worldwide. She referred to the approach as a “recording studio in your pocket,” designed to enable musicians to express their own ideas musically without signing contracts with large companies. The Lofik app is furnished free of charge to musicians, who are encouraged to record their own unheard music. Lofik performs the scouting for the participating musicians. Based on what has been done so far, I expect we’ll hear more about this venture over the coming year.
- Orly Rappaport, founder of MyFavorEats, discussed her innovative technique designed for individuals who are attempting to change their diets—for health, medical needs, allergies, kashrut observance, weight control, etc. Personalizing meals and snacks takes into consideration various restrictions, such as a low-sodium, gluten-free, kosher diet. It also provides a variety of recipes and food options using a software algorithm which combines input from chefs and nutritionists to create food options that can suit each individual. The company’s new website, <https://www.myfavoreats.com/>, offers a fascinating video about personalizing recipes without trial and error.
- Tamar Isla Cassit of Tel Aviv has established an R&D company, CASSIT, which developed a splint that can be customized for the hands of adults and children. Moving beyond the realm of the traditional, cumbersome plaster cast, the new splint can be crafted in an average of 40 minutes from plastic and prefabricated adjustable straps. (The special plastic is prepared for immediate application by boiling it in water for only one minute.) In future applications, CASSIT’s technology is expected to be very useful for leg splints also and in sports first-aid kits, as well as for a range of military purposes. More background information is available at <https://cassit-ot.com/>.



A CASSIT splint (from cassit-ot.com)



Also, in the realm of medical care is the Dream Doctors Project. This is a unique non-profit organization integrating medical clowns—“Dream Doctors”—into the healthcare system in Israel (“Medical Clowning in Action”). Last year at AIPAC we had met Israeli clown “DuSH” (his real name is David Barashi), and we connected with him again this year for a discussion on what Dream Doctors are actually accomplishing today. The project now has about 100 clowns active in 29 Israeli hospitals, working with both children and adults. More than 200,000 youngsters are served each year. (Read more about Medical Clowns on page 15.)

Their work is part of the curriculum of the medical schools of Bar Ilan University, The Technion, and Ben Gurion University of the Negev. Dream Doctors participate in a wide range of medical procedures, and can specialize in areas such as autism, oncology, sexual abuse treatment, youth-at-risk, burn treatments, rehabilitation, dementia, etc. Across Israel, these clowns are supporting 35 scientific research studies with a broad spectrum of patients since 2002. Their current team operates in Israel from Ziv in the Golan and the Western Galilee north of Haifa, down to Soroka (Beer Sheva).

DuSH himself works in “Therapeutic Clowning for PTSD” (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder), for veterans of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). He also works with survivors of terror attacks. Dream Doctors working with soldiers and veterans are recognized as reservists in the Field Hospital Unit of the IDF.

To learn more, visit the organization’s website at <https://www.dreamdoctors.org.il/>. One “full-time” clown can be funded at \$18,000 for a year—and in that time he or she can treat 1,500 patients.

Next time, I hope I will be able to share some new information from SpaceIL (Israel Aerospace Industries). In 2019 (the 50th anniversary of the first Apollo soft landing on the moon!), Israel hopes to become the fourth nation in the world—behind the United States, Russia, and China—to make a soft moon landing with its “Bereshit” rocket/landing craft. See <http://www.spaceil.com> for additional background. Yonatan Weintraub, co-founder of Space IL, told all of us at the AIPAC Conference that “When America and Israel dream, nothing is impossible. We hope that wherever we go next, we’ll go there together.”

Judaica Art Expert Spotlights Culture 'Beyond the Bagel'

BY FORTUNA SCHEIGE



At a Women's Network function, Avy Ashery dispelled falsehoods about Jewish culture.

Judaica artist and Tikvat Israel congregant Avy Ashery conducted a seminar sponsored by the Women's Network titled "Cultural Diversity and Our Own Jewish Cultural Expressions – Beyond the Bagel" in the Flax Library last Dec. 2.

Ashery tackled head-on the misconception that Jewish culture is limited to bagels, lox and chicken soup. He underscored the fallacy that the entirety of the Jewish family and culture is Ashkenazi, descended from the Yiddish-speaking Jews of Eastern Europe.

Besides the Ashkenazim, he told about 20 participants, there is a large population of Sephardic Jews, descended from the survivors of the Spanish Inquisition. Having settled largely in Turkey and North Africa, these Jews speak Ladino, a language derived from medieval Spanish, with overtones from the countries in which they settled.

To these Jews, Ashery said, bagels with lox is a foreign food. Instead, they eat foods based on Middle Eastern cuisine, featuring ingredients unknown to a traditional Ashkenazi cook.

Participants also learned of the many smaller cultural groups of Jews, such as the Roma, who settled in the Roman Empire, the Mizrahi from the Middle East, the Jews of Yemen and the Beta Israel from Ethiopia. Each of these groups has their own linguistic variations and their own cultural distinctions, from song to dance to literature.

By the end of the seminar, Ashery impressed upon the participants the rich tapestry of Jewish culture extends far beyond the bagel.

USCJ'S NATIONAL CONVENTION IN BOSTON

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Rabbinical Assembly will hold a joint national conference in Boston from Dec. 6-10, and Tikvat Israel members are welcome to participate.

The theme is "20/20 Judaism: A Collaborative Convention." Full details are available at www.uscjconvention.org.

TI Team Handles On-Site Sorting for Manna

BY ART FABEL

Many of our ancestors came from countries like Russia, Poland and Greece where the government supplied the basic needs of the people like food and housing. But when the supplies ran low or the goods weren't given evenly to some groups, our ancestors left to go to the land of opportunity called America.

Yet even in Montgomery County, which ranks among top 10 highest per capita income counties in the United States, many residents fall through the safety net. That's where charitable organizations such as Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg step in to fill the needs. Manna runs on donated money, goods and lots of volunteers. Last year, Manna received 62,489 hours of volunteer service time to help distribute 3.5 million pounds of food to feed 63,000 people. Tikvat Israel members contributed slightly to that total.

In February, Tikvat Israel's team of 8 *schvitzed* and *schmoozed* for two hours while sorting out 3,500 pounds of canned goods, bottled items and boxes of non-perishable foodstuffs into categories such as cereals, snacks, beverages, kitchen staples, rice, beans and pasta.

Participating were Art and Marsha Fabel, Bobbi Cohen, Dan and Rebecca Matathias and Pete Xydas (whom we have designated an honorary congregant whenever he pitches in with the TI team).

Groups like this have been helping about once every two months. But TI's champion Manna volunteers have been Marilyn and Michael Greenwood, who organize food to fill cardboard boxes every Friday.

What's next? Some of our volunteers have started helping at the Interfaith Clothing Center, located two blocks from Tikvat Israel. At this large former school, qualified Montgomery County residents can shop for free clothing that has been donated by the community and organized by volunteers. Contact me at rockvilleart@gmail.com if you'd like to join in.



TI member Dan Matathias found it easier to sort canned goods while squatting inside a large bin at Manna Food Center in Gaithersburg.

College, High School Grads to be Recognized

Tikvat Israel will honor those who are completing their formal collegiate and high school studies at Shabbat services on June 1.

The 2019 graduates on the collegiate level are the following:

Elan Rubin, son of Laurie Goldman and Aaron Rubin, graduating from University of Maryland with a degree in kinesiology.

Josh Lempert, son of Robin and Stuart Lempert, graduating from Binghamton University's School of Management in business administration/marketing.

Ben Kaminow, son of Ellen and David Kaminow, graduating from Johns Hopkins University in biomolecular/chemical engineering.

Micah Cowan, son of Bonnie and Elliot Cowan, graduating from Columbia University's College of General Studies and the LIST College of Jewish Theological Seminary.

Abby Goldman, daughter of Rebecca Salon and Jay P. Goldman, graduating with a Ph.D. in materials science at Cornell University.

The high school graduates this June are as follows:

Aviva Pollack, daughter of Dalit Baranoff and Joshua Pollack, graduating from the Nora School and matriculating this fall at Maryland Institute College of Art.

Sophia Kram, daughter of Sally and Neil Kram, graduating from Wootton High School and taking a gap year in Israel at Nativ Program and Rothberg International School at Hebrew University before matriculating at Penn State University in 2020.

Several graduates of the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School were recognized in February at TI.



Passover Staples Delivered to Rockville-area Shut-ins

Volunteers from Tikvat Israel fanned out across the roads of Rockville and surrounding neighborhoods in Montgomery County to deliver Passover supplies to shut-ins and the needy on Sunday, April 14, as part of Project H.O.P.E.



Delivering the bags of Passover staples – which included bottles of grape wine, matzah, matzah ball soup, matzah meal and horseradish – were Janice Balin, Edna Breit, Louise Chatlyne, Bobbi Cohen, Steven Eiserike, Marsha Fabel, Robin and Stan Hein and Hilda Springer. The coordinators were Moira and Leon Green.

Most of the synagogue volunteers who delivered Passover supplies to the needy in the Rockville area. (Photo by Leon Green)

“We had an abundance of volunteers offering to participate in this Mitzvah, and we thank them too,” Moira Green said.

Project H.O.P.E. — Help Our People Everywhere — is a community action project whose major goal is the collection and distribution of food packages to poor and elderly Jews during Passover. The project is organized across the Northeastern U.S. by B'nai B'rith.

USCJ Starts Digital Magazine

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism is publishing *Journeys*, a new monthly digital magazine for congregants.

Each issue features six stories, ranging from first-person accounts to articles on holidays, families, Israel, social action and more.

To get on the mailing list to receive the publication, sign up at <https://uscj.org/forms/signup?email=>

Wagner Brings 'Oz' to TI Stage



TI member Mary Wagner annually brings a President's Day theater presentation by the Blake Children's Theater to the shul's social hall. “A Wizard of Oz” was presented to synagogue children, parents and grandparents. This was the fifth year, and close to 100 attended.

PROVIDING BIRTHDAY CHEER



A Chai Dynamics quartet performed for a resident's birthday party at the Hebrew Home on March 17 by adding a touch of Purim fun in the mix. The performers were (from left) Sue Meiselman, Nancy Solomon, Susan Urban and Neil Kram. (Photo by Harold Krauthamer)

Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose Yahrzeits Occur From 26 Nissan through 26 Iyar – May 2019

MAY 1

26 NISSAN

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

MAY 2

27 NISSAN

Ellis Goldman
Julius Lifshutz
Meyer Puner
Stuart Schaffman
Cora Weil
Oscar Zaccagni

MAY 3

28 NISSAN

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

MAY 4

29 NISSAN

Esther Duker Pollack
Sidney Polster

MAY 5

30 NISSAN

Evelyn B. Kaplan
Ethel Melmed
Irving Suskin
Paul Waltzer
Harry Yudkoff

MAY 6

1 IYAR

Herbert Horowitz
Theodore Perlman
Raula Stern
Joseph Wagman
Gary Yudkoff

MAY 7

2 IYAR

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

MAY 8

3 IYAR

Linda Bressler
Lily Rose Kerman
Frances Penenburgh
Stella Suskind
Ethel White

MAY 9

4 IYAR

Reva Bloch
Hannah Edelman
Esther May Feinsilber
Herman Flax
Celia Linden
Carol Miller
Sylvia Prosnit
Jacob Sweet

MAY 10

5 IYAR

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

MAY 11

6 IYAR

Herba DelMonte
Nathan Kerson
Harry Lifshutz
Toba Ohr
Harry Sneiderman

MAY 12

7 IYAR

Max Bloom
Marilyn Bloomberg
Nachman Burdett
Ilan Cohen
Ethel Freedenberg
Vincent Gesumaria
Ruth Goldman
Samuel Katz
Hyman Kram
Gela Marmor
Samuel Marmor
Libby Deutsch Rosen
Renel Silver
Philip Wilchins
Josephine Wottitzky

MAY 13

8 IYAR

Dora Alper
George Boroff
Abraham Friedman
Morris Gateman
Louis Harrison
Yaakov Lichter
Nachama Williamowsky

MAY 14

9 IYAR

Pauline Dunsmore
Samuel Lebowitz
Max Regensteiner

MAY 15

10 IYAR

Sarah Benesch
Leonard Ehrlich
David Fein
Selma Goldstein
Robert Kopp
Benjamin Lerner
Lillian Miller Murphy
Arthur Peisner
Ridia Phillips
Louis Rothlin

MAY 16

11 IYAR

Joe Cohen
Frank Einbinder
Joseph Engel
Meshel Kirschbaum
Sylvia Krauser
Howard C. Penenburgh

MAY 17

12 IYAR

David Fessler
Lane Godley-Davis
Edna Gorfine
Helyn Mulitz
Celia Shetzich
Isadore Zeidman

MAY 18

13 IYAR

Eva Fessler
George Fine
Esther Goldman
William Prince
Edward E. Rosner
Max Shetzich
Harry Shulman
Arnold Silverman
Paul Trachtenberg
Rose Weiss
Nathan Wermiel

MAY 19

14 IYAR

Bertha Abramson
Bertha Apt
Edith Pressman
Liba Scheige
Bernard Yudkoff

MAY 20

15 IYAR

Joseph Axelrod
Sandra Baruch
Belle Cooper
Irving Goldman
Hugh Hochberg
Myrna Matheson

MAY 21

16 IYAR

Sadie Bauman
Philip Danoff
Hannah Herscovitz
Lillian Horowitz
Joan Kaiser
Robert Lerner
Margaret Levine
Louis Saltzman

MAY 22

17 IYAR

Rae Danoff
Harry Eisler
Paul Grayson
Anna Knopp
Rebecca Podgor
Eli Rubinstein

MAY 23

18 IYAR

Louis Grossman
Samuel Nathan Kaplan
Reba Leavitt
Alexander Levine
Andrew A. Levinrad
Irene Miller
Martin Miller
William Shapiro

MAY 24

19 IYAR

Morris Gisser
Ethel Gold
Bernard Grob
Bertha Luchs
Helen Zitter

MAY 25

20 IYAR

Sheldon David Abrams
William Fessler
Adolph Fullenbaum
Frank Gantz
Robert Goldberg
Ida Kirschbaum
Thelma Shapiro
Philip Solowey

MAY 26

21 IYAR

William Berk
David Bloom
Dorothy Engel
Richard Futrovsky
Melvin Goldstein
Mindl Mina Lustig
Faye Toporek
Sam Weiser

MAY 27

22 IYAR

Lee Buchbinder
Gladys Pearlstein
Frieda Sneiderman

MAY 28

23 IYAR

Jennie Fischer
Solomon Koricki
David Rubin
Anne Slonin

MAY 29

24 IYAR

Lillian Boker
Robin Freedman
Ruth Grayson
Elizabeth Levin
Bernice Elvin Meiselman
Rose Seligman

MAY 30

25 IYAR

Fannie Kerson

MAY 31

26 IYAR

Frank Goldstein
William Hoffman
Alex Weiss



Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose Yahrzeits Occur From 27 Iyar through 27 Sivan – June 2019

JUNE 1

27 IYAR

Maier Auerhahn
William R. Horowitz
Bella Kensky
Betty Lewis
Hersch Herman Lustig
Ida Plesset
Helen VanAalten
Rosenfeld

JUNE 2

28 IYAR

Phillip Brenner
Sylvia Grob
Eva Gross
Madeline Haft
Hilde Joseph
Fred Rosenberg
Elaine Beth Silverman

JUNE 3

29 IYAR

Nissim Armoza
Esther Bernstein
Simon Gottesman
Bernard Horowitz
Morton Pearlman
Marcy Yanoff

JUNE 4

1 SIVAN

Jean Becker
Esther Leah Bernstein
Celia Braunstein
Lillie Brodofsky
Ruth Einbinder
Isaac Krick
Paul Spector
Pearl Teitelbaum

JUNE 5

2 SIVAN

Rose E. Diamond
Yvette Weiss
Dora Witt

JUNE 6

3 SIVAN

Toby Gorschman
Bertha Koricki
Jack Lebowitz
Samuel Miller
Marian Sheskin

JUNE 7

4 SIVAN

Anna Battino
Philip Katz
Beatrice Sandler

JUNE 8

5 SIVAN

Esther Goldberg
Samuel Negrine
Anne Rosenberg
Goldie Simon
Claire Weiser

JUNE 9

6 SIVAN

Leon Benham
Paulette Buchbinder
Anna Deckelbaum
Joseph Greenfield
Albert Sirmai

JUNE 10

7 SIVAN

Celia Arcus
Irving Baroff
Selma Danovitz
Lillian Friedman
Minnie H. Goldberg
Albert Helzner
Benjamin Sidney Miller
Joseph L. Rein
Nathan Weiner

JUNE 11

8 SIVAN

Jacob Isaac Bass
David Edward Haft
Jacob Kirschbaum
Dave Lieberman

JUNE 12

9 SIVAN

Wolf Benzion
Rose Sigel Hallen
Gertrude Iskow
Jennie Migdal

JUNE 13

10 SIVAN

Mattatia Battino
Jerome Finster
Anna Goldman
Philip Hershenhorn
Elizabeth Kensky
Gertrude Molodow
Leon Rosenberg
Esther Steinberg
Bertha Sunshine
Minna Williamowsky

JUNE 14

11 SIVAN

Dorothy Berar
Sophie Binder
Mary Jeweler
Isadore E. Kahn
Julius Oppenheim
Adele Rein
Sol Schwartz
Dorothy J. Stanshine
Michael Tuchler
Frank Weiser
Ada Young

JUNE 15

12 SIVAN

Frances Fierman
Yetta Jaffe
Florence Landy
Maurice Schottenfeld
Phyllis Ann Stathopoulos

JUNE 16

13 SIVAN

Edith Eisenberg
Jack Finder
Leslie Arthur Pike
Phyme Pitkin

JUNE 17

14 SIVAN

Rivkah Faierstein
Sander Goldberg
Ruth Katz
Dora Lang
Sarah Oken
Fannie Schaechter
Morris Stolzenberg

JUNE 18

15 SIVAN

Harry Fierman
Sadie Klein
Florence Askow Loeb

JUNE 19

16 SIVAN

Joshua Laken
David Joseph
Williamowsky

JUNE 20

17 SIVAN

Pearl P. Gantz
Ricki Jane Nachamkin
Morris Rosenblum

JUNE 21

18 SIVAN

Sol E. Cohen
Lewis Greenwood
Louis Jacob
Joan Riegel
Esther Taubman

JUNE 22

19 SIVAN

Jacob Caplon
Ellen Ehrlich
Linda Ehrlich
Anna Friedman
Susan Grunewald
Diane Kammerman
Marion Sully
Masey Volk
Margaret Sirmai
Weinstein

JUNE 23

20 SIVAN

Rachel Leah Mandelblatt
Ethel Rothman

JUNE 24

21 SIVAN

Evelyn Benham
Hyman Cohen
Shirley Drucker
Gertrude Krick
Edwin Rosenblatt
Irvin White
Michael Yanoff

JUNE 25

22 SIVAN

Terry Cooper
Aaron Kott
Beatrice Krantz
Milton Krauser
Jacob Kristal
Audrey Lankin
Robert Lerner
Muriel Schaffman
Sylvia Schottenfeld
Marvin Sohn

JUNE 26

23 SIVAN

Gustave Benzion
Gelu Greenbaum
Freda Prince
Molly Silverstein
Feiga Smolar

JUNE 27

24 SIVAN

Mollie Karlin
S. Barbara Katz
Evelyn Marquis
Philip Salon

JUNE 28

25 SIVAN

Pearl Ackerman
William Berger
Ben Finkelstein
Sylvia Freedman
Lena Hockstein
Louis Kahn
Esther Silbert

JUNE 29

26 SIVAN

Betty Hirshon
Chava Krugman
Yitzhak Levy
Frederick Malkin
Ida Newman
Marian Schwartz
Rachel Sher

JUNE 30

27 SIVAN

Rose Abramson
Sophie Brenner
Milton Chorvinsky
Etta Krick
Samuel Pasternak
Selma Phillips
Charles D. Stoll

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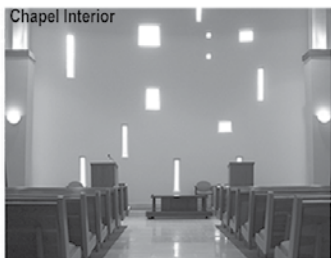
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12 7 Iyar (Omer 22) 9:00AM <u>Ahid LC Classes</u> 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	13 8 Iyar Lag B'Omer (Omer 23) 7:30p Minyan	14 9 Iyar (Omer 24) 7:30p Minyan	15 10 Iyar (Omer 25) 4:30PM <u>Ahid LC Classes</u> 7:30p Minyan	16 11 Iyar (Omer 26) 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <u>Isreal Affairs</u> <u>Committee Presents:</u> <u>Arie Dubnov ~ The</u> <u>Nation-State Law</u>	17 12 Iyar (Omer 27) 8:00a Minyan 6:30PM <u>Kabbalat Shabbat</u> 7:58p Candle-lighting	18 13 Iyar (Omer 28) 9:30AM <u>Shabbat Services</u> (<u>Parashat Emor</u>) 12:45PM <u>Sincha Kiddush</u> <u>Study with Rabbi</u> <u>Alana Suskin &</u> <u>Rabbi Morris</u> <u>Faierstein</u>
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A Good Deed, a Staffer's Grit and a Reconnected Tallit

BY LUISA MOSS

One of the unique things about a synagogue is the array of Judaica people will drop off for donating. Often, when people are cleaning up an estate and trying to get rid of a relative's kippot or Jewish books they otherwise do not know what to do with, they look up the location of the nearest synagogue.

Recently at Tikvat Israel, we received an interesting delivery. A man was driving in the area and found a tallit and tefillin bag along with a shoulder bag in the roadway. There was a *tikkun* and a siddur in the tallit bag. Recognizing these as Jewish items, he thought the best place to bring them would be Tikvat Israel.

Looking for any form of identification among the items, Amy Matathias found a piece of mail with a name and address. She looked up the information and called the phone number associated with the name. The person who answered the phone informed Amy that the individual identified on the envelope was deceased. Amy asked if anyone in her family might have lost some Judaica in the area. The woman said she would ask her son and get back to her.

Lo and behold, the tallit and tefillin bag belonged to the grandson, whose mother stopped by the shul later to gratefully collect his items. The family is extremely grateful and made a donation to TI.

Kol hakavod to the observant community member who found the items in the road and delivered them to Tikvat Israel, and to Amy Matathias, whose resourcefulness and determination reunited the tallit bag with its owner.

