



TI VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

From left, Marcelle Copaken, Phil Kott, Ellen Eisner, Bobbi Cohen, Mike Amster, Debbie Amster and Moira Green were some of the TI volunteers who delivered Passover goods to our neighbors in need last month. (See story, page 2.) Photo by Leon Green

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Visionaries Support TI's Fund for the Future

A growing number of members have made commitments to include the Tikvat Israel Fund for the Future in their plans for current and future charitable giving. On page 6, you'll discover what compels three TI families to make supporting our synagogue for future generations a philanthropic priority.

Hannah Simpson to Speak at Women's Network Shabbat

Transgender advocate and educator Hannah Simpson will address Tikvat Israel as the keynote speaker for Women's Network Shabbat May 19-20. On page 8, you can read Hannah's insightful responses to Melissa Apter's thought-provoking interview questions. See page 10 for details about Women's Network Shabbat, a celebration of diversity.

Traveling Back to Brighton Beach

Neil Simon's "funniest, richest and consequently the most affecting of his plays." – *New York Daily News*
Join us as we head to Theater J on May 7 to see Simon's much-loved coming-of-age comedy, Brighton Beach Memoirs. Check out pages 3 and 16 for the scoop.

"All Israel is Responsible for One Another"

Tikvat Israel has piloted a program called B'nai Mitzvah Service Learning Corps, which allows 6th- and 7th-grade students the opportunity to learn the importance of community service. Our students have donated food to Manna Food Center, baked cookies with guests staying at the Safra Family Lodge at NIH, sorted donations at A Wider Circle and picked up litter in Rock Creek Park. See page 11 for more information about this meaningful project.

WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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

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

Watch e-mail for notifications.

CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

May 5	7:47 p.m.
May 12	7:54 p.m.
May 19	8:00 p.m.
May 26	8:06 p.m.
May 30	8:09 p.m. - Shavuot I
May 31	9:10 p.m. - Shavuot II
June 2	8:11 p.m.
June 9	8:15 p.m.
June 16	8:18 p.m.
June 23	8:20 p.m.
June 30	8:20 p.m.

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Members to Vote on Shul's Budget

Tikvat Israel members will have a chance to ratify the synagogue's spending plan for 2017-18 at a congregational meeting at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 11, in the sanctuary.

The FY '18 budget, which goes into effect on July 1, was still being finalized as of late April, but it is expected to be close in size to this year's \$1.65 million budget.

Congregants will be able to pose questions to treasurer Stuart Lempert, who oversaw the building of the FY '18 spending plan with input from the synagogue's standing committees.

Other items on the congregational meeting agenda were not set by press time. President Melanie Grishman is expected to lead the meeting.

Passover Goods Transported to Needy by TI Volunteers

Tikvat Israel volunteers delivered 32 bags filled with Passover foods to members of the community needing help to observe the holiday. (Please see photo on page 1.)

They took to the roads across Montgomery County on Sunday, April 2, in an annual holiday giving program run by the Jewish Social Service Agency and B'nai Brith. Moira and Leon Green serve as the synagogue's coordinators each year.

The delivery crew this year was made up of Mike and Debbie Amster, Muriel Asher, Janice Balin, Bobbi Cohen, Marcelle Copaken, Ellen Eisner, Jay Goldman, Phil and Hope Kott and Hilda Springer.

Springer captured the feeling of those who delivered the reusable grocery bags filled with boxes of matzah, kosher wine, matzah meal, gefilte fish, macaroons and other Passover supplies. She said: "Once you do this good deed and meet these warm, welcoming and gracious people, it gives one a perspective of how fortunate and blessed we are."

Washington Nats Tickets Available for TI's Annual Summer Outing

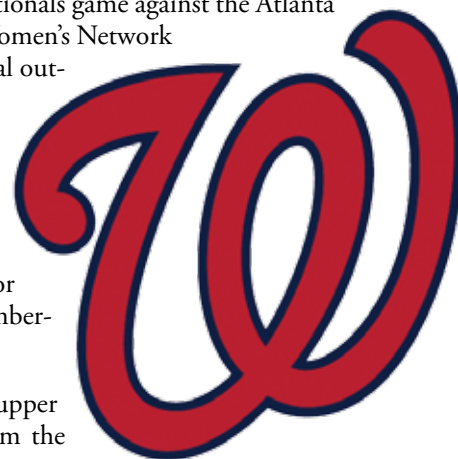
Join fellow members of Tikvat Israel at the Washington Nationals ballpark this summer.

You can order your tickets now for the Nationals game against the Atlanta Braves at 1:35 p.m. on Sunday, July 9. The Women's Network has purchased a block of tickets for this annual outing of synagogue members.

Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from Rebecca Salon by e-mailing her at rsalon@verizon.net. Checks should be made payable to "Tikvat Israel Women's Network," and they can be left at the synagogue office or mailed to Rebecca (her address is in the membership directory).

Our seats are once again located in the upper deck near home plate in an area shaded from the afternoon sun.

Please contact Rebecca if you have any questions.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Important Role of Committee Members

BY MELANIE GRISHMAN, TIKVAT ISRAEL PRESIDENT



In the last *Bulletin*, I wrote about the importance of committees and what we are doing to strengthen them. This time, I want to focus on the role of committee members.

A committee chair can accomplish nothing without the support of the committee members. Each committee develops a yearly plan of activities which support the shul's mission. The plan is presented to the budget committee each March as we begin to formulate the budget for the next fiscal year, beginning in July.

Opportunities sometimes arise in serendipitous ways for great programming. For instance, when we received the donation of a first edition of Roman Vishniak's book, *A Vanished World*, the library committee planned a reception to thank the donor. A presentation on the importance of Vishniak's work was featured.

These events, as well as those placed on the calendar during the budget planning process, require the participation of active committee members. This is where you, as a congregation member, enter the mix. Each committee is composed of members who assist with planning and the committee's other work. Tasks are divided so that the work is shared.

Volunteering to be a committee member is a great way to meet members of the congregation if you are a new member, or to meet new people if you want to broaden your horizons. One of my goals is to have every member serve on a committee. The active committees are listed on page 8 of the directory. Please review the listing to find one you might be interested in or one you might want to learn more about. Call the committee chair or me, and we will facilitate your joining the committee. The more members we have involved on committees, the greater our programming will be.

May we go from strength to strength.

ADULT EDUCATION

Town Hall Meeting, Theater Excursion and a Day of Learning

BY SALLY KRAM

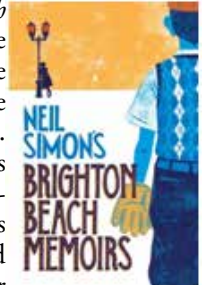
Congressman Jamie Raskin to Hold Town Hall at TI



Congressman Jamie Raskin (D-District 19) is holding a town hall meeting at Tikvat Israel on Monday, May 8 at 8 p.m. Delegate Anne Kaiser, TI member who represents State District 14, Montgomery County, and who chaired the state Ways and Means Committee in the just-completed Maryland state legislative session, will introduce the congressman. Congressman Raskin will give brief remarks and then invite audience questions in an hour-long event.

Join TI at Theater J

On Sunday evening, May 7, Tikvat Israel will head to Theater J to see Neil Simon's *Brighton Beach Memoirs*. In this much-loved coming-of-age comedy, 15-year-old Eugene Morris Jerome lives in 1930s Brooklyn and thinks of little else but playing for the Yankees... and girls. Eugene's witty commentary about his life, his overworked father, overbearing mother, overconfident brother and overly-gorgeous cousin makes this tender journey through young adulthood both poignant and joyful. The cast features four teen actors and is suitable for ages 11 and up. Tickets are available online or by calling the box office at 202-777-3210. Use the code TIKVAT for a 20% discount (good for the May 7 evening performance only).



Share Your Talents with Fellow Congregants at TI University

Sunday, June 4 | 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Got a hidden talent? Want to share? The Adult Education Committee is looking for congregants willing to participate in a new program, TI U (Tikvat Israel University), a day of learning featuring congregants offering "TED talks," dynamic short talks (about 10 to 20 minutes) about a topic of interest. TI U participants will be invited to register for the talks of their choice. Presenters should expect to answer questions after their talks. TI U classes will be about 30 minutes, with a short break in between. The program is free; lunch will be offered after the program for a fee.

Congregants are invited to submit suggested topics. The committee will review submissions and select presenters who offer the most interesting and diverse talks. Whether you know something about canning, fixing a car, fashion or motivating people, submit your idea for participation in TI U to Sally Kram (kram@consortium.org).

LINKING TO FACEBOOK

Tikvat Israel maintains a Facebook page with periodic updates of news and information and photos of congregants. Each issue of *B'kesher*, the e-newsletter, is posted to the synagogue's page.



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

WIRELESS ACCESS @ TI

When you are inside the synagogue and need to connect to the WiFi, come to the TI office to obtain the current WiFi code. Using the old guest access code will no longer connect your device to the Internet inside the shul.

SHULL TO SHUL

The Six-Day War - 50 Years Ago A Special Anniversary

BY RABBI BENJAMIN SHULL



I was nine years old and I knew that Israel depended on me. It was early June 1967. Our homeland, our family was facing enemies on all sides and the situation was desperate. So I concocted a plan with my neighbor and friend Barry to open up a lemonade stand to raise money for our brothers and sisters fighting for their lives. We even came up with a mobile sales strategy; I used my red wagon to bring lemonade to the school yard across the street. After a long day's work, we raised \$10 and brought the sum to our rabbi, who accepted our contribution with a big smile. We had done our part and we were proud.

I share this personal story with you because I believe that it is **not** unique. The Six-Day War, the miraculous Israeli victory which resulted in the reunification of Jerusalem and the expansion of Israeli territory with all of its mixed consequences, had a major impact on many, many Jews throughout the world. We felt a sense of overwhelming pride and optimism. It is not an exaggeration to claim that the Jewish world has not been the same since those fateful days in early June of 1967.

This coming May 24, the 28th of Iyar, marks the 50th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. I feel certain that we will be reading and hearing a great deal of commentary in the media (perhaps appearing on the secular anniversary, June 5) about the meaning of this milestone anniversary. A good deal of that commentary will, no doubt, be very negative. Commentators will criticize, if not condemn, Israel's handling of the aftermath of the war and the administration/occupation of the Palestinian population in the territories. In my view, some of that criticism will be deserved but, I am afraid, that some will be motivated by a desire to delegitimize the entire Zionist enterprise.

Given this anticipated onslaught of hostility towards Israel (I hope I am wrong) and this upcoming anniversary fraught with meaning, I feel that it's incumbent upon us to engage in some thoughtful reflection on the Six-Day War and its consequences. The best starting place for that reflection is a book by **Yossi Klein Halevi** entitled *Like Dreamers - The Story of Israeli Paratroopers Who Reunited Jerusalem and Divided a Nation*. The following brief description of the book is offered on *Amazon.com*: "Following the lives of seven young members from the 55th Paratroopers Reserve Brigade, the unit responsible for restoring Jewish sovereignty to Jerusalem, Halevi reveals how this band of brothers played pivotal roles in shaping Israel's destiny long after their historic victory. While they worked together to reunite their country in 1967, these men harbored drastically different visions for Israel's future."

I encourage everyone to read this book. It is widely available for purchase on the internet and, no doubt, available at our local

libraries. Halevi is a brilliant journalist who passionately seeks the truth about Israel, exposing her flaws and celebrating her attributes. **I will share my thoughts on this book on Shabbat morning June 3 (Grad Shabbat) as part of my Dvar Torah and welcome your input during Kiddush.**

As lovers of Israel, spanning the political spectrum, we must come to grips with the shock waves that were emitted on those fateful days in June 1967. Whether we were 9 or 39 or not even born, the Six-Day War changed our world. I look forward to commemorating this special anniversary with all the special consideration it deserves.

Shabbat at HomeS

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Be a host! Be a guest! Be a part of the best!
New Shabbat tradition at Tikvat Israel

It's easy! Call and let us know that you would like to participate, either as a host or a guest. We will help match you with a welcoming group of members.

But there's more! To enhance your celebration of Shabbat, each host will receive one of Bonnie Cowan's home-baked challahs. In addition, a pamphlet with the Shabbat blessings (transliterated), along with fun Shabbat facts and trivia, will be included.



Place your challah order by May 8. Challahs can be picked up at the synagogue on Thursday, May 11 at 7:15 p.m. (and perhaps, help make a minyan) or on Friday morning, May 12.

Roz and I look forward to helping make your **Shabbat at HomeS** a meaningful experience.

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Dates for Monthly Mincha Services

Study and mincha will be held after kiddush on Saturdays, May 20 and June 10.

CANTOR'S CORNER

Honoring Graduates and Celebrating with Song

BY CANTOR ROCHELLE HELZNER



Graduate Shabbat

With joy, we will honor our 2017 high school, college and post degree graduates on Shabbat Naso, June 3. We would like the graduates to come up for an aliyah on that Shabbat, and to list them in our Shabbat sheet. If you have a graduate in your family, please contact Martie Adelman at martieadelman@gmail.com.

Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments

The last Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments of the year will be held on Friday, June 9. The service will begin at 6:15 p.m. A sponsor is needed for a pre-service reception at 5:45 p.m. Please contact the synagogue office or Cantor Helzner.

Jonas Concert Kudos

Special thanks to Mary Wagner, chairperson of all concert events, for her successful efforts. Also, much appreciation goes to Michelle Sobel, ECC director and director for Tikvat Israel Engagement for Young Children, and to Sam Freedenberg for their work and support. (Editor's note: For a recap of the event, including a listing of sponsors and volunteers, please see page 9.)

CANTOR HELZNER'S SCHEDULE IN NEW FISCAL YEAR

Cantor Rochelle Helzner will move to a half-time schedule at Tikvat Israel beginning July 1.

Her schedule change is taking place as she begins the final year of a three-year contract signed in 2015. It stipulates she will serve half-time during the FY '18 fiscal year, which runs until June 30, 2018.

The cantor will continue to lead congregants in prayer two Shabbat mornings each month, one Friday night (some of them Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments) a month, holidays and High Holidays.

She also has agreed to officiate at b'nai mitzvot and, subject to her availability, will participate at funerals and weddings in the Washington metropolitan area when requested by Tikvat Israel members in good standing.

A statement from the synagogue's governing board leadership said: "Cantor Helzner will continue to work together with Rabbi Shull to help our congregation move forward from strength to strength. We look forward to our participatory and caring congregation stepping up and contributing to the continued success of Tikvat Israel as a loving, energetic and holy community. As the cantor adjusts her schedule and availability, we thank her for her many years of service and look forward to many more."

Community Havdalah Services for Refugees

On Saturday evening, Feb. 11, and on Wednesday evening, March 29, Cantor Helzner and Tikvat Israel congregants were among the Jews from the D.C. area who participated in two community gatherings in support of refugees. Tikvat Israel was one of 50 area synagogues and Jewish organizations that co-sponsored the March 29 event at Adas Israel. These programs were organized by HIAS and the Jewish Community Relations Council.



TI Cantor Rochelle Helzner (third from right) was among the clergy members from area congregations who participated in the March 29 Havdalah service for refugees at Adas Israel. Photo by Lincoln Hallen.

TI Teens to Dance in Memory of Israeli Girl



Hallel Ariel

Five teenage members of Tikvat Israel will perform as dancers on May 14 in memory of a 13-year-old Israeli girl, Hallel Ariel, who was killed in a terrorist attack last June.

The TI dancers, members of the Kesem and Yesodot Israeli dance troupes, will be participants at the 2017 Israeli Folk Dance Festival at the Hebrew Academy. It starts at 3 p.m. on May 14. They are Ellie Schwartz, Adina Schwartz, Eliana Mannes, Matthew Kaminow and Miriam Gardsbane.

TI's Marnina Cowan serves as director of the Kesem Israeli dance troupe.

A short documentary was made about Hallel, also a dancer. The video can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVLyjoHwVXo>

Kesem and Yesodot are engaging in acts of chesed in Hallel's memory and are raising money for a playground, Ginat Hallel, to be built in Hallel's memory at the school that she attended (and where her younger sister still attends) in Kiryat Arba. They are collecting donations through GoFundMe (www.gofundme.com/hallel-ariel-fund).

Tikvat Israel Members Pledge Support to Fund for the Future

BY SAM GILSTON, CHAIR, FUND FOR THE FUTURE

As the Tikvat Israel Fund for the Future has seen its endowment increase, a growing number of members have made commitments to include the fund in their plans for current and future charitable giving.

In some cases, the donations have come through immediate contributions; in others, they are part of members' estate planning, including in their wills.

Among Tikvat Israel members who have made such commitments are Betty and Cliff Fishman, Carol Chelemer, and Jay Goldman and Rebecca Salon.

Betty and Cliff have been members of the congregation since 1981. Their daughters, Rebecca and Sarah, both celebrated their bat mitzvahs here, and then became haftorah tutors for other students.

Both Betty and Cliff have served as president of the congregation, as well as on many committees and in their positions on the board.

Betty now serves on both the Ways and Means Committee and as a trustee for the Fund for the Future. Cliff is a regular minyan davener and Torah reader.

The Fishmans made their commitment to the Fund for the Future through provisions in their wills, which include language designating a specific percentage of their estate to go to charity. Of the total amount going to charity, Tikvat Israel will receive 18 percent.

Tikvat Israel, and Beth Tikva earlier, has been an important part of their lives. "We feel very strongly about Tikvat Israel," Betty says. "It is practically a second home for us," she adds, noting that she and Cliff have a very small family. "So when we joined the congregation and found people who felt the same way that we did, it became our second family," she says.

Cliff also emphasizes how the synagogue has affected his life. "I have changed so much and grown so much and have gotten so much from the synagogue over the years," he says, citing the friends he has made, his appreciation of Judaism and his growing knowledge and ability to do things related to Judaism.

"It has enriched my life so incredibly, and I want Tikvat Israel to be there for other people who come along like I did, wanting something but not being sure what, and being able to find it," Cliff says.

In addition to including the synagogue in their wills, Cliff and Betty decided recently to make annual donations to the fund. These donations are separate from other contributions they will continue to make each year to the congregation, including the annual Chai Campaign.

Carol Chelemer has also made a commitment to the Fund for the Future, but she is making her contributions in the form of annual payments.

Carol and her family joined what was then Beth Tikva in 1978. Her three children, Becky, Jordan and Michael, all attended the Beth Tikva Hebrew school and celebrated their b'nai mitzvah in our synagogue.

Over the years, Carol has served in many positions in the congregation, including on the board of directors and as vice president, treasurer and corresponding secretary. She also has been a member of the education committee and adult education committee, and currently serves as a trustee on the Fund for the Future.

In 2014, after her mother passed away, Carol donated part of her inheritance to the fund. The money was used to establish the Chelemer-Smith Family Volunteer Appreciation Fund within the fund.

"My goal is to augment that every year until it gets up to the amount I am aiming for, \$20,000," Carol explains. At that point, the fund is to be used to support an annual event in honor of members who have volunteered to help the synagogue. In the meantime, Carol has been making separate contributions to the synagogue to fund an annual volunteer appreciation program.

Carol says she was inspired to set up the fund by the late Jesse Kaiser. "This is in some ways in honor of my dear friend Jesse Kaiser," she says. "He was a friend and a mentor, and he always was interested in making sure that every year the synagogue did something to recognize and appreciate the efforts of volunteers," she adds.

There was another reason for her donations. "I think it is very important that our synagogue remain. I am very committed to my synagogue. It is the only synagogue I have ever belonged to as an adult," Carol explains.

Jay Goldman and Rebecca Salon have been members of the congregation since 1988. Their children, Abby and Seth, both attended Hebrew school here. Jay has served on the board for over 12 years and has been editor of the *Bulletin* for seven years. Rebecca has been president or co-president of the Tikvat Israel Women's Network for six years and, in that position, also is a member of the board.

For the last 28 years, Jay and Rebecca have volunteered at the Potomac Valley Nursing Home in Rockville. They lead Shabbat services there once a month, as well as on major Jewish holidays.

When they updated their wills four years ago, they decided to designate a specific dollar amount to the Fund for the Future. "We were at a point where we wanted to support a few organizations and Tikvat Israel was definitely at the top of that list," Jay explains.

They have not earmarked their donation for any specific purpose. "We didn't know what the synagogue might need at the point it gets the money," Rebecca says.

"Beth Tikva and Tikvat Israel have really been an important part of our life," Rebecca says. "We joined right before we had kids and the kids grew up in the synagogue," she adds.

"It has always been this really comfortable place. We have so many close friends. It has allowed us to grow over the years," she says.

"Tikvat Israel really represents a very distinctive brand of conservative Judaism," Jay notes. "What I see as components of

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ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Hasbara: Focus on Israeli Innovation

BY HARVEY T. KAPLAN

Some years ago, I served as one of our congregation's representatives at the Israel Educators' Institute (IEI) sponsored by our Federation through its Board of Jewish Education (BJE, no longer existent). I wrote a series of articles about interesting events in Israel's history—and a few current themes, too. This is the first in a new series of *Bulletin* submissions in the arena of *Hasbara*—public affairs communications in the media about the bipartisan U.S. relationship with Israel and information we as a congregation need to share with the wider American community. Our congregation's Israel Affairs Committee, chaired by Avy Ashery, recognizes that the Jewish community in the USA has a lot of work to do in this area. We will share these articles with other organizational members of the Israel Affairs Hevra of the Washington, DC Jewish community.

Our committee recently decided to take on an initiative to encourage the issuance of a new Forever U.S. postage stamp in May of 2018, the 70th anniversary of President Harry S. Truman's timely recognition of the brand new State of Israel, which had just declared its establishment—independent from the rule of other nations. This effort to gain final approval of an appropriate stamp will require a great deal of work, perhaps even a design contest by the federal agency that decides on new USPS stamps. In promoting such a stamp, the Jewish community will have an opportunity to share the remarkable story of Israel, a start-up nation that has made so many contributions to all citizens of the world since its establishment in 1948. That's what *Hasbara* is all about!

On a smaller scale, in this series of articles I hope to update our members on innovations and scientific breakthroughs coming out of Israel, many—but certainly not the majority—with the moral support, financial assistance, and behind-the-scenes encouragement of the United States, but all of which contribute something of significance to the troubled world in which we live. Most Americans benefit from Israeli innovation in medicine, technology, botany and agriculture, human security and other areas, but have no idea that these miracles emanate from Israel. That's the story I'd like to tell in the months ahead. Please share with me any subjects for future articles that you believe are worthy of my further research for eventual publication.

In this first issue, I'd like to tell you about a new product called Umamix, as reported in the February 2017 issue of the *World Jewry Digest*, published by the American Section of the World Jewish Congress. In brief, we all need to consume salt but medical experts caution that too much salt is dangerous—and can lead to a range of diseases. Further, low sodium diets can prove less than appetizing. An Israeli company, Salt of the Earth, developed a salt in liquid form and demonstrated that its proper use can reduce excessive sodium consumption. It has the appearance of soy sauce, is made from vegetable products, and contains only a tiny amount of salt. The company claims that one can reduce sodium intake substantially by using it in place of salt (both in manufacturers' preparation of foods before packaging and in home use). They assert that if a can of tuna fish contains 400 mg of sodium, with their product you can reduce that by 29% without any sacrifice in the flavor! The sodium reductions are even somewhat greater, they assert, for other

foods that are seasoned with Umamix (such as 45% less sodium for hamburgers and 31% less sodium in mayonnaise).

Umamix is not yet available to consumers in the United States, though the company's marketing manager, Revital Ben Shachar, is working with a variety of agencies and companies here. Salt of the Earth claims to be Israel's major salt manufacturer, and currently exports salt products to more than two dozen nations. You can read more about this new product at <http://bit.ly/2nJqc1W>.

ISRAEL BOOSTERS



Tikvat Israel members participated in AIPAC's 2017 national policy conference in Washington, D.C. in March. Shown, from left, inside the Washington Convention Center in between the event's proceedings are Mimi Meltzer, Rabbi Ben Shull, Harvey Kaplan, Naomi Kaplan and Michael Kabik. More than 15,000 delegates attended this year's three-day conference, with more than 275 synagogue delegations on hand.

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that is a warmth and commitment to personal relationships. The egalitarian stance of our shul for years and years is certainly an important part of that brand," he adds.

"I think it is important to support those particular qualities within Judaism. There just aren't a lot of religious organizations out there like Tikvat Israel. We want to perpetuate it well beyond our time," Jay says.

Editor's Note: The Fund for the Future would like to know about other families and members who have also made a commitment to the fund through either current or planned giving. We would like to tell their stories in future Bulletin articles. Please contact Fund for the Future chairman Sam Gilston (301-924-5424 or sgilston@comcast.net) to share your plans.

Embracing Diversity: Q&A with Hannah Simpson

BY MELISSA APTER

Transgender advocate and educator Hannah Simpson will address Tikvat Israel as the keynote speaker for Women's Network Shabbat May 19-20. Hannah has been a featured guest on numerous television programs, including Fox 5 Good Day New York, and has been published in such publications as *Moment* magazine, *Times of Israel* and the *Baltimore Jewish Times*. Recently, she was a driving force behind having One World Trade Center lit up in blue, pink and white for Transgender Day of Visibility 2017. You can follow her on Twitter at @hannahsimp.

You have an extraordinarily clear way of explaining how you knew you were a woman. Can you please share that with us?

I often ask people to put a pencil or pen in their nondominant hand and write their name. How does it feel? Usually they'll say, "Awkward." How long did it take them to realize that? "Not long at all." And how do you know that it's the wrong hand? "I just know." Exactly. That is the best way I can describe being trans.

There are more right-handed people in the world than left; nobody quite knows why it isn't 50/50. Being rarer doesn't make this experience any less valid, even though generations were told to move that pencil or pen over. For some of us, the distinction between hands is not so binary and our handedness is more fluid – and not everyone has two hands in the first place.



Hannah Simpson, transgender advocate and educator, will be the keynote speaker for Women's Network Shabbat in May.

On social media, you have described yourself as "visibly trans." What does that mean and why do you choose to be visible?

I believe that not hiding my past as a transgender person might help enable others to stop hiding their futures. Our country is seeing more and more people come out as transgender and non-binary, not because there is something in the water or the air, but because this was always within them and they are finally seeing a light and a path toward an authentic presentation.

How does Judaism play into your transgender rights activism?

As Jews, we take pride in the pursuit of knowledge. I love that Torah is the first book we seek out for questions, but not the last book we consult for the answers. In Torah, we describe crustaceans as shellfish and cetaceans as big fish. For a certain level of conversation that might be sufficient, but Hashem gave us the intellect to look beyond the simplistic. Seeing only male and female in the world, is seeing only fish. It does a disservice to the other animals, but also to the fish themselves. If we close our eyes to diversity, we cannot be effective stewards of the world and its creations, as Hashem demands of us.

You're also a pro-Israel advocate. Can you tell us about some of your pro-Israel activities?

When you actually meet a transgender person, you might just find they are a little less threatening and a lot harder to deny a right to exist than whatever misconceived hypothetical a vocal minority has placed in your head. Sounds a little like Israel, right? I have staffed three Birthright Israel trips, and brought more than 100 young adults to Israel, particularly on busses reserved for LGBTQ self-identified participants. When you can be your truest self, you can see Israel in the best possible light, as a liberal democracy that not only embraces diversity now, but genuinely strives to improve.

TI to Show Appreciation to Those Who Serve

On Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m., Tikvat Israel's officers and board of directors will host an event to thank the congregants who have assumed the leadership responsibilities that enrich the TI community. Invitees are identified by our president in consultation with our committee chairs and executive director. Invitations were scheduled to be sent out at the end of April.

MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT

A monthly support group, "Good Grief – A Journey Together," is being conducted by Stacy Lang at Tikvat Israel.

Evening sessions are slated on Thursdays, May 11 and June 8. After a summer break, the group will resume in the fall.

The series is intended to serve those who are coping with loss. Topics will cover normal grief reactions, complicated grief, Jewish traditions around mourning, meditation and guided imagery, and expressions of grief through art. Lang is a licensed psychotherapist experienced in working with individuals affected by losses related to death, illness and trauma.

The cost is \$10 per session. Contact Lang at 201-675-7151 or drslang1@gmail.com for more details.

Billy Jonas Band Rocks the TI House

The Billy Jonas Band loves to engage and delight both young and adult audiences, and it did just that on March 19 at Tikvat Israel. The band used its homemade “industrial re-percussion” instruments, vocal harmonies, piano, guitar and bass to create a memorable experience for all.

At the afternoon concert, Michelle Sobel, TI’s ECC director, introduced the Billy Jonas Band to families with children. The band delighted the crowd and brought audience members on stage to participate in making funky family folk music.

During the evening show, Cantor Rochelle Helzner introduced the band to a crowd of 200, slightly older than the afternoon’s audience. The band combined its secular music with Judaic tunes. Helzner joined Jonas on several songs, lending vocal harmonies to the band.

“*Kol Han shamah* was beautifully done and my favorite, and I had heard it at several Shabbat services leading up to the concert,” remarked concert attendee Amy Matathias.

Mary Wagner was chief organizer of the concert, which served as the largest single-event fundraiser on the Tikvat Israel calendar. Sponsors of the show were treated

to a Ben and Jerry’s ice cream reception following the performance.

We thank the following volunteers for their help with the concerts: Martie Adelman, Debbie and Mike Amster, Warren Berger, Art Fabel, Sara Harris, Nancy Matheson, Julie Mazur, Sandra Sheskin, the Smith family (Ellen, Jeff, and Maya) and Sue Urban.

We also thank the following sponsors who have generously underwritten the event:
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Melanie Grishman

Rhythm Section
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Barbara Katz
Nancy & Rodney Matheson
Jayme Sokolow

Bell Ringers
Elyse & Jeffrey Bernstein
Sonia Castillo & Aaron Mannes
Barbara & Irving Cohen
Tami & Sam Gilston
Roberta & Manny Helzner
Amy & Daniel Matathias
Gale & Marc Pressman
Nancy & Jonathan Solomon

Drum Beaters
Martie Adelman & Marc Schneider
Susan & Alan Apter
Debby Berlyne & Danny Bachman
Michele & Steve Eisenberg
Marjorie & Steven Eiserike
Ellen & Sherman Eisner
Naomi & Harvey Kaplan
Sally & Neil Kram
Rianne & John Melmed
Celia & Leonard Schuchman
Sandra & Eugene Sheskin
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Shelly & Bruce Goldin
Phyllis Leise
Sandy & Larry Levine
Leah & Josh Lipsky
Maxine & James Perlmutter
Rebecca Salon & Jay Goldman
Hilda Springer
Sue & Howard Wilchins
Mary & Fred Wagner



WOMEN'S NETWORK

Be Inspired, Find Meaning and Root for the Home Team

BY REBECCA SALON, TI WOMEN'S NETWORK CO-COORDINATOR



The Women's Network has lots of activities planned for this spring and summer.

On May 19 and 20, the Women's Network will be collaborating with USY to organize a Shabbat weekend. The USY members will lead Friday night Shabbat services and sponsor a Shabbat dinner, which will serve as a fundraiser for their planned activities. Details about times and the cost are in *B'kesher* and on the website. Saturday's service will be organized as a Women's Network Shabbat. It's not too late to play a role in the service or to commit to learning something new.

At both Shabbat services, we will be joined by a wonderful speaker, Hannah Simpson (please see interview on page 8). Hannah is a transgender advocate, comedian, marathoner, traveler, supporter of Israel, and unabashed nerd based in New York City. She served as the statewide LGBTQ organizer for the North Carolina Democratic Party in last year's elections, and has helped to lead LGBTQ delegations of Birthright Israel for three seasons. Hannah frequently comments on LGBTQ issues, often intersected with Judaism, and has been featured as a guest on the *Melissa Harris-Perry* show on MSNBC, as well as on WNYW Fox 5's Good Day New York. She will introduce herself at the Shabbat dinner and then, on Saturday, will speak during the service. Her topic is "Now Available in Female: Discovering my Strength as a Jewish Woman by Becoming One." Hannah will continue the discussion and take questions after the Kiddush.

Our final book group meeting will be on Wednesday, June 14, when we will discuss *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf. If you have suggestions for books for next year, please let us know. Our thanks to Sara Harris and Shelly Goldin for coordinating our current year's book groups.

We will have another inspiring Rosh Chodesh program on Sunday, June 25 from 10:30-11:30 a.m., coordinated by Nancy Matheson and Felicia Black. Cantor Rochelle Helzner will lead participants in songs of renewal and, to further enhance the experience, participants will express their creativity by coloring their favorite Jewish designs from a selection of Jewish-themed adult coloring books. No artistic skill is required and we will provide everything you need for a creative and inspiring hour.

Our last event for the year is our annual family baseball outing on Sunday, July 9, when the Nationals will host the Atlanta Braves for a 1:35 p.m. game. Tickets are only \$20 each and the seats are in a shaded area. If you're interested in reserving tickets, email me at rsalon@verizon.net.

The Women's Network is being co-coordinated by Hilda Springer, Fortuna Scheige and me. It's not too late to join the Women's Network and to support the Torah Fund. If you don't have the forms, please contact one of us. Also, please let us know if you are interested in helping with any of this year's events or if you have suggestions for other activities for the Women's Network.

Look for details about upcoming activities on the TI listserv and in *B'kesher*.

Rosh Chodesh Study Group

Eighteen Tikvat Israel congregants attended a Rosh Chodesh program on Feb. 26 at TI led by Rabbah Arlene Berger and sponsored by the Women's Network. The discussion centered around what it means to be commanded. Rabbah Berger presented a comparison of the two places where the Ten Commandments appear in the Torah and pointed out the differences between the two versions. She offered possible explanations while asking the participants to also think about how the commandments relate to them individually. She asked: Do we follow the commandments because we are commanded to do so, or because it is the right thing to do?



These photos taken at the Women's Network Rosh Chodesh study group on Feb. 26 show how engaged the participants were (not to mention, well fed!). (Photos by Felicia R. Black)

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Helping the Community, Accepting Responsibility for One Another

BY LUISA MOSS, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH



Many preteens complete a mitzvah project as they prepare for bar and bat mitzvah. Tikvat Israel has piloted a program called B'nai Mitzvah Service Learning Corps, which allows 6th- and 7th-grade students to engage with the community six times during the school year. Finding organizations that allow a group of 12- and 13-year-olds to volunteer on a Sunday has not been an easy task. So far this year, we donated food to Manna Food Center, baked cookies with guests staying at the Safra Family Lodge at NIH, sorted donations at A Wider Circle, and picked up litter in Rock Creek Park.

Each of the projects focused on a different type of mitzvah from *Bikkur Cholim*, visiting the sick, to *Baal Tashchit*, not wasting natural resources. We begin each session with a text study that helps frame a Jewish value of the volunteer activity. We also meet with an employee or volunteer from the organization. It is a meaningful process to learn together and hear students' questions as they try to understand how each organization works to help their respective population. One student inquired at A Wider Circle if the organization is allowed to benefit from a valuable piece of donated furniture. We learned that A Wider Circle's bylaws mandate that all donated items that meet quality criteria are to be given to clients, and the organization may receive no financial benefits.

The B'nai Mitzvah Service Learning Corps has been a meaningful opportunity for families going through the b'nai mitzvah process to build community; learn about options to help the community; and have the special opportunity to learn, in a Jewish framework, that the work we are doing is important and deeply rooted in our Jewish heritage. As our youth accept the obligations of bar and bat mitzvah, community service projects are often a tangible way for them take on new responsibility; this program has been a lovely experience to help them build on that foundation. As we learn in the Talmud, Shavuot 39, Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Bazeh, "all Israel is responsible for one another." Tikvat Israel b'nai mitzvah students are proudly exemplifying this value.

COLLECTING TOILETRIES

Don't forget Tikvat Israel's toiletries collection, which benefits the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless. Gather your small, unopened toiletries collected from your last hotel stays and add them to the collection basket in the synagogue's main office.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUTH K-12

APRIL

30 Regional USY/Kadima Kings Dominion Day

MAY

6 Drama Shabbat
7 Bonim (K-2) and Machar (3-5) Ice Cream Social
17 Last 5th/6th-Grade Class ALC
19 Be Our Guest, TI USY Hosts a Congregational Shabbat Dinner (fundraiser to improve the youth lounge)
21 Last Day of Atid Learning Center
21 B'nai Mitzvah Service Learning Corps
26-28 USY Spring Convention

JUNE

3 Minyan Yeledim
3 Junior Congregation
3 Graduate Shabbat



Truck Touch

WHEN: Sunday, May 21, 2017, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (rain or shine)

WHERE: Tikvat Israel Congregation, 2200 Baltimore Rd., Rockville

PARKING: FREE! Next door at Rockville High School



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PURIM WAS POPPING AT TI

TI was buzzing with activity during the Purim holiday, with religious services, a Broadway revue, a puppet production and costume parade. These photos capture the merriment of the holiday! *(Photos by Felicia R. Black)*



TI CONGREGANTS LEAD SENIORS IN PURIM OBSERVANCES

Members of the Tikvat Israel Social Action Committee staged a Purim program on March 12 at Aspenwood Senior Living Center.

Marvin and Roma Sohn provided the Jewish residents with mishloach manot baskets that the shul's ECC children had made.

Roma read the Megillah and led the group in songs. Together they feasted on *hamantaschen* and drank grape juice. "A good time was had by all," Roma reported.

Meanwhile, at Potomac Valley Nursing Home, which has had a three-decade connection to Tikvat Israel, the Jewish residents received a delivery of homemade *hamantaschen* prepared by Rebecca Salon and Jay P. Goldman. However, the Purim program they planned to lead on March 11 was cancelled due to a flu outbreak at the Rockville facility.



Marvin and Roma Sohn, shown front left and center, led a Purim event at Aspenwood Senior Living Center.



Pre-schoolers at TI's ECC created gifts at Purim for senior citizens.

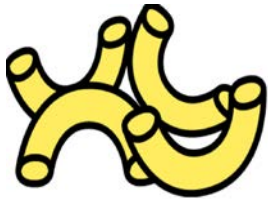
2nd Annual Tikvat Israel

Pasta Extravaganza

What: Multiple-pasta dinner to thank TI's regular Minyanaires.



Who is invited: Minyan attendees (including their families) who have made a commitment to attend minyan (morning or evening) and have been doing their part to keep TI's minyan going.



When: Sunday, June 4, 2017
5:30 – 7:30 PM

How to RSVP: Call/email Marla in the TI office by Tuesday, May 30, to let her know how many adults and children are coming, and if there are any food allergies (301-762-7338, office@tikvatisrael.org).



There is no charge!
This appreciation dinner is sponsored by
Roz and Ted Kram
and the TI RPC Minyan Subcommittee.



Two Teens Celebrating Spring B'nai Mitzvah

Tikvat Israel will celebrate two b'nai mitzvah in May and June.

Maiyan Suskin will be called to the Torah on May 27, and **Maya Smith** will have a bat mitzvah on June 17.



Maiyan Suskin

Maiyan is a 7th-grade student at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville. He is the son of Rabbi Alana Suskin and Leon Suskin.

Maiyan identifies his personal interests as competing in cross country and track, reading, personal technology and cooking.

Maya is in 7th grade at Earle B. Wood Middle School. She is the daughter of Ellen and Jeff Smith (and the niece of congregants Elyse and Jeff Bernstein).



Maya Smith

For a bat mitzvah project, Maya has committed to an ongoing effort that involves the use of polymer clay. She creates and sells mini-food charms, magnets and collectibles, and donates her profits to Manna Food Center. She also has been volunteering at Manna.

Maya's personal interests center on MarVaTeens, where she is on the competitive gymnastics team. When she's not tumbling around, she can be found crafting or reading. She will return to Camp Ramah in Palmer, Mass., for her fifth summer.



My thanks and appreciation for all the caring, generosity and *g'milut chasadim* as I have had my 2 recent surgeries. Looking forward to sharing many future *smachot* together.

Sincerely,
Edna Breit

Dear Tikvat Israel Congregation,

Thank you to all of you who reached out to my family and me during this difficult time. It means a lot to have your support.

Sincerely,
Luisa Moss

Dear Friends,

We can't thank you enough for the incredible love and support we have felt from the Tikvat Israel community both preceding and following the death of my beloved husband, Jerome (Jerry) Boden z"l. It is indeed difficult to lose someone you love. Your caring and thoughtfulness has made a sad time easier to cope with. It has been comforting to be surrounded and buoyed by our amazing Tikvat Israel community.

Sue Boden and Family



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TIKVAT ISRAEL MAY-JUNE 2017

Mazel Tov to ...

Alexander Berger, son of Rabbah Arlene and Warren Berger, who graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with a minor in Jewish Studies. Also, there will be an *auf ruf* on May 13 for Alexander's upcoming wedding to Madeline Paul in June.

Moira and Leon Green upon the birth of grandson Aksel Manato (Abshalom Zalman ben Adam Benjamin) to their son Adam and his wife Ayumi on Feb. 19 in Costa Mesa, Calif.

Maiyan Suskin and his parents, Rabbi Alana and Leon Suskin, as Maiyan is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on May 27.

Maya Smith and her parents, Jeff and Ellen Smith, as Maya is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on June 17.

Jonathan and Nancy Solomon on the engagement of their daughter Shayna to Alex Margolis of Oxford, England.

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**Cemetery Sites Available at
Special Rate for TI Members**

Are you considering the purchase of cemetery sites for yourself or your family?

It is the responsibility and honor of Tikvat Israel to respect the dead (*kavod ha-met*) and comfort the living (*nihum avelim*). For many years our clergy, Bereavement Committee and staff have assisted families in this most sensitive time, and will continue to do so.

As a service to members, the synagogue purchases blocks of cemetery plots, in sections set aside for Tikvat Israel congregants and members of their family, for resale at a lower price than if they were purchased directly from the cemetery. This is a significant up-front investment for the synagogue. There are now Tikvat Israel sections at Judean Memorial Gardens in Olney, Md., and at Garden of Remembrance/Gan Zikaron Memorial Park in Clarksburg, Md.

We currently have 8 sites available for purchase at Judean Gardens for \$2,000 per site and 10 sites at Garden of Remembrance for \$1,875 per site. Other than the difference in location and price, the primary difference is the ability to erect headstones at Garden of Remembrance and the use of ground level markers at Judean Gardens. The purchase of sites does not include burial costs or the costs of markers or headstones; these costs are available from the individual cemeteries. Additionally, those making end of life decisions need to make plans with a funeral home.

We recognize that purchasing cemetery sites, and other end-of-life decisions, can be difficult for some, whether deciding for themselves or for other members of their family. But it is far better to do so when one has the time to visit one or more cemeteries, consult with family and make financial arrangements, rather than in a rush, as sometimes happens. Know, as well, that the cost of sites will likely rise over the coming years. If you are considering the purchase of a burial site, please contact Executive Director Sam Freedenberg at 301-762-7338, ext. 111, or via email at sam@tikvatisrael.org. He will put you in touch with the appropriate people at the respective cemeteries and also assist you in the process of choosing a funeral home. When appropriate, Rabbi Shull will be consulted regarding matters of Jewish law and practice.

VOLUNTEERS PITCH IN ON GOOD DEEDS DAY



Tikvat Israel joined more than 8,000 fellow volunteers across our community on Sunday, April 2, for the sixth annual Sara & Samuel J. Lessans Good Deeds Day. TI congregants, USYers, B'nai Mitzvah Service Corp, ECC families and ATID students and parents came together for cleanup activities at nearby Rock Creek Park.

Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose Yahrzeits Occur From 5 Iyar through 6 Sivan - May 2017

5 IYAR MAY 1

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

6 IYAR MAY 2

Herba DelMonte
Nathan Kerson
Harry Lifshutz
Toba Ohr
Harry Sneiderman

7 IYAR MAY 3

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

8 IYAR MAY 4

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

9 IYAR MAY 5

Pauline Dunsmore
Samuel Lebowitz
Max Regensteiner

10 IYAR MAY 6

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

11 IYAR MAY 7

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

12 IYAR MAY 8

Lane Godley-Davis
Edna Gorfine
Helyn Multz
Celia Shetzich
Isadore Zeidman

13 IYAR MAY 9

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

14 IYAR MAY 10

Bertha Abramson
Bertha Apt
Edith Pressman
Liba Scheige
Bernard Yudkoff

15 IYAR MAY 11

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

16 IYAR MAY 12

Sadie Bauman
Philip Danoff
Hannah Herscovitz
Lillian Horowitz
Robert Lerner
Louis Saltzman

17 IYAR MAY 13

Rae Danoff
Harry Eisler
Anna Knopp
Rebecca Podgor
Eli Rubinstein

18 IYAR MAY 14

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

19 IYAR MAY 15

Morris Gisser
Ethel Gold
Bernard Grob
Bertha Luchs
Helen Zitter

20 IYAR MAY 16

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

21 IYAR MAY 17

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

22 IYAR MAY 18

Lee Buchbinder
Gladys Pearlstein
Frieda Sneiderman

23 IYAR MAY 19

Jennie Fischer
Solomon Koricki
David Rubin
Anne Slonin

24 IYAR MAY 20

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

25 IYAR MAY 21

Fannie Kerson

26 IYAR MAY 22

Frank Goldstein
William Hoffman
Alex Weiss

27 IYAR MAY 23

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

28 IYAR MAY 24

Eva Gross
Hilde Joseph
Fred Rosenberg
Elaine Beth Silverman

29 IYAR MAY 25

Nissim Armoza
Esther Bernstein
Bernard Horowitz
Morton Pearlman
Marcy Yanoff

1 SIVAN MAY 26

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

2 SIVAN MAY 27

Rose E. Diamond
Yvette Weiss
Dora Witt

3 SIVAN MAY 28

Toby Gorschman
Bertha Koricki
Jack Lebowitz
Samuel Miller
Marian Sheskin

4 SIVAN MAY 29

Anna Battino
Philip Katz
Beatrice Sandler

5 SIVAN MAY 30

Esther Goldberg
Samuel Negrine
Anne Rosenberg
Goldie Simon

6 SIVAN MAY 31

Leon Benham
Anna Deckelbaum
Joseph Greenfield
Albert Sirmai

Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose Yahrzeits Occur From 7 Sivan through 6 Tammuz - June 2017

7 SIVAN JUNE 1

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

8 SIVAN JUNE 2

Jacob Isaac Bass
David Edward Haft
Jacob Kirschbaum
Dave Lieberman

9 SIVAN JUNE 3

Wolf Benzion
Rose Sigel Hallen
Gertrude Iskow
Jennie Migdal

10 SIVAN JUNE 4

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

11 SIVAN JUNE 5

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

12 SIVAN JUNE 6

Frances Fierman
Yetta Jaffe
Florence Landy
Maurice Schottenfeld
Phyllis Ann Stathopoulos

13 SIVAN JUNE 7

Edith Eisenberg
Jack Finder
Leslie Arthur Pike
Phyme Pitkin

14 SIVAN JUNE 8

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

15 SIVAN JUNE 9

Harry Fierman
Sadie Klein
Florence Askow Loeb

16 SIVAN JUNE 10

Joshua Laken
David Joseph
Williamowsky

17 SIVAN JUNE 11

Pearl P. Gantz
Ricki Jane Nachamkin
Morris Rosenblum

18 SIVAN JUNE 12

Sol E. Cohen
Lewis Greenwood
Louis Jacob
Esther Taubman

19 SIVAN JUNE 13

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

20 SIVAN JUNE 14

Rachel Leah Mandelblatt
Ethel Rothman

21 SIVAN JUNE 15

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

22 SIVAN JUNE 16

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

23 SIVAN JUNE 17

Gustave Benzion
Gelu Greenbaum
Freda Prince
Molly Silverstein
Feiga Smolar

24 SIVAN JUNE 18

Mollie Karlin
S. Barbara Katz
Philip Salon

25 SIVAN JUNE 19

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

26 SIVAN JUNE 20

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

27 SIVAN JUNE 21

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

28 SIVAN JUNE 22

Abraham Abramowitz
Nathan Adelman
Isadore Danovitz
Annette Hershenhorn
Arnold Kramer
Joseph Sandler
Maynard Ugol
Sarah Yudkoff

29 SIVAN JUNE 23

Bert Gross
Ronald E. Kirschner
Rose Weinstein

30 SIVAN JUNE 24

Henry Finder
Lottie Finkelstein
Kenneth Goldin
Celia Kaiser
Max Lacoretz
Solomon Shapiro
Charlotte R. Teller

1 TAMMUZ JUNE 25

Esther Leise
Sadie Rosenthal
Samuel Tranen

2 TAMMUZ JUNE 26

Clara Benzion
Louis Fishman
Ben Friedman
Rose Harad
Seymour Kaiz
Emmy F. Keusch
Reuben Kramer
Mollie Pelish
Frances Shapiro
Stuart Volin

3 TAMMUZ JUNE 27

Jeanette Benzion
Clayre Blavett
Irving Edelman
Ellis Hyman
Rosalyn Licht
Marion L. Pike
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MAY 2017

5 Iyar - 6 Sivan 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:45a 7:30p Yom HaAtzmaut (Omer 20) Minyan Minyan	2 6:30PM 7:30p Melton Class Minyan	3 4:30PM 7:30p 8:00PM 8:00PM Ahd LC Minyan Study With Rabbi Brandriss Brideg	4 6:45a 7:30p 8:00PM 8:00PM Minyan Minyan Good Grief - A Journey Together Toastmasters	5 8:00a 9:00AM 6:30PM 6:30PM 7:47p Minyan Rabbi's Class Kabbalat Shabbat Kabbalat Shabbat Candle-lighting	6 9:30AM 11:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim) Drama Shabbat
7 9:00AM 9:00a 10:00AM 12:00PM 1:00PM 7:30PM 7:30p 11 Iyar (Omer 26) Ahd I.C Classes Minyan "Paper Clips" at Beth Joshua - Screening and Discussion Bonim & Machar Ige Cream Social Board Sulam Training Theater J. Brighton Beach Memoirs Minyan	8 6:45a 7:30p 8:00PM 12 Iyar (Omer 27) Minyan Minyan Adult Education Presents: Rep. Jamie Faskin	9 6:30PM 7:30p 6:30PM 7:30p 13 Iyar (Omer 28) Melton Class Minyan	10 4:30PM 7:30p 14 Iyar (Omer 29) Ahd LC Minyan	11 6:45a 7:30p 8:00PM 8:00PM 15 Iyar (Omer 30) Minyan Minyan Good Grief - A Journey Together Toastmasters	12 8:00a 9:00AM 6:30PM 7:54p 16 Iyar (Omer 31) Minyan Rabbi's Class Shabbat at HomeS Candle-lighting	13 9:30AM 11:00AM 11:00AM 17 Iyar (Omer 32) Shabbat Services (Parashat Emor) Tot Shabbat Torah Club
14 9:00AM 9:00a 7:30p 18 Iyar (Omer 33) Ahd I.C Classes Minyan Minyan	15 6:45a 7:30p 19 Iyar (Omer 34) Minyan Minyan	16 6:30PM 7:30p 20 Iyar (Omer 35) Melton Class Minyan	17 4:30PM 7:30p 8:00PM 21 Iyar (Omer 36) Ahd LC Minyan Study With Rabbi Brandriss	18 6:45a 12:00PM 7:30p 22 Iyar (Omer 37) Minyan Hazak Meeting Minyan	19 8:00a 9:00AM 6:30PM 6:45PM 23 Iyar (Omer 38) Minyan Rabbi's Class Kabbalat Shabbat USY & Women's Network Shabbat Dinner Candle-lighting	20 9:30AM 7:30PM 24 Iyar (Omer 39) Shabbat Services (Parashat Behar-Bechukotai): Women's Network Shabbat Minchah, Seudah, Study, Maariv, Havdalah
21 9:00AM 9:00a 11:00AM 7:00p 7:30PM 25 Iyar (Omer 40) Ahd I.C Classes (Last Class of the School Year) Minyan Truck Touch Minyan Focus Music: The Boxcar Lilies	22 6:45a 7:30p 8:00PM 26 Iyar (Omer 41) Minyan Minyan Board Meeting	23 6:30PM 7:30p 27 Iyar (Omer 42) Melton Class (next to last class) Minyan	24 7:30p 28 Iyar (Omer 43) Yom Yerushalayim Minyan	25 6:45a 7:30p 8:00PM 29 Iyar (Omer 44) Minyan Minyan Toastmasters	26 8:00a 9:00AM 6:30PM 8:06p 1 Sivan Rosh Chodesh (Omer 45) Minyan Rabbi's Class Kabbalat Shabbat Candle-lighting	27 9:30AM 11:00AM 11:00AM 2 Sivan (Omer 46) Shabbat Services (Parashat Bamidbar) Shabbat Sing-a-Long Torah Club
28 9:00a 7:30p 3 Sivan (Omer 47) Minyan Minyan	29 9:00a 7:30p 4 Sivan (Omer 48) Minyan Minyan	30 6:45a 7:30PM 8:09p 5 Sivan (Omer 49) Erev Shavnot Minyan Minchah, Study Sessions, Maariv Candle-lighting	31 9:30AM 6:30PM 7:30PM 9:10p 6 Sivan Shavnot Yom Tov Service BYO Dairy Picnic Yom Tov Minchah, Yizkor and Maariv Services Candle-lighting			

JUNE 2017

7 Sivan – 6 Tammuz 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
4 9:00a 10:00a 5:30PM 7:30p	10 Sivan 6:45a 7:30p	11 Sivan 6:30PM 7:30p	12 Sivan 7:30p 8:00PM 8:00PM	13 Sivan 7:30p 8:00PM 8:00PM	14 Sivan 6:45a 7:30p 8:00PM 8:00PM	15 Sivan 8:00a 9:00a 5:45PM 6:15PM 8:15P	16 Sivan 9:30a 10:30a 11:00a 11:00a 1:50PM
9:00a 10:00a 5:30PM 7:30p	Minyan Tikvat Israel University Pasta Extravaganza Minyan	Minyan Minyan	Melton Class (last class) Minyan	Minyan Bride Study With Rabbi Brandriis	Minyan Minyan Good Grief - A Journey Together Toastmasters	Minyan Rabbi's Class Pre-Shabbat Reception Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments Candle-lighting	Shabbat Services (Parashat Nasso): Graduation Shabbat Junior Congregation Minvan Yeledim (K-2) Shabbat
11 9:00a 10:00a 7:30p	17 Sivan 6:45a 7:30p	18 Sivan 6:30PM 7:30p	19 Sivan 7:30p 7:45PM	20 Sivan 7:30p 7:45PM	21 Sivan 6:45a 12:00PM 7:30p	22 Sivan 8:00a 9:00a 6:30PM 8:18p	23 Sivan 9:30a 10:00a 11:00a 1:50PM
Minyan Congregational Meeting Minyan	Minyan Minyan	Minyan Minyan	Volunteer Appreciation Reception Minyan	Minyan Women's Network Book Club	Minyan Hazak Meeting Minyan	Minyan Rabbi's Class Kabbalat Shabbat Candle-lighting	Shabbat Services (Parashat Shlach)
18 9:00a 7:30p	24 Sivan 6:45a 7:30p	25 Sivan 7:30p	26 Sivan 7:30p	27 Sivan 7:30p 8:00PM	28 Sivan 6:45a 7:30p 8:00PM	29 Sivan 8:00a 9:00a 6:30PM 8:20p	30 Sivan Rosh Chodesh Shabbat Services (Parashat Korach) Torah Club
25 9:00a 10:30a 7:30p	1 Tammuz 6:45a 7:30p 8:00PM	2 Tammuz 7:30p	3 Tammuz 7:30p	4 Tammuz 7:30p	5 Tammuz 6:45a 7:30p	6 Tammuz 8:00a 9:00a 6:30PM 8:20p	
Minyan Women's Network Rosh Chodesh Program Minyan	Minyan Minyan Board Meeting	Minyan	Minyan	Minyan	Minyan Minyan	Minyan Rabbi's Class Kabbalat Shabbat Candle-lighting	



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Shavuot is the season of the giving of the Torah. In keeping with tradition, Tikvat Israel will observe the holiday with prayer, study and celebration from Tuesday evening, May 30, through Thursday, June 1 (5-7 Sivan 5777). Join us for our annual *Tikkun Leil Shavu'ot*—the kabbalistic custom of studying Torah late into the night—on the first night of Shavuot. We will also have a congregational picnic on Wednesday evening (RSVPs encouraged). Come, participate, learn and enjoy!

TUESDAY, MAY 30

7:30 p.m. Minchah Service

7:45 p.m. First Study Session

8:30 p.m. Ma'ariv Service [Dairy refreshments will be served.]

9:00 p.m. Second Study Session

9:45 p.m. Third Study Session

[Candle Lighting: 8:09 p.m.]

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

9:30 a.m. Yom Tov Services. Bring fruits in baskets; your bikkurim will be placed on the bimah during the service and fruit will later be donated to Manna. Kiddush following services.

6:30 p.m. BYO Dairy Picnic (inside in case of rain).

TI will provide drinks and dessert.

RSVP to the synagogue office by noon Thursday, May 25.

7:30 p.m. Minchah, Yizkor and Ma'ariv Services

[Candle Lighting: 9:10 p.m.]

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

9:30 a.m. Yom Tov Services (including *Megillat Rut* and Yizkor)

7:30 p.m. Minchah Service

No Ma'ariv Service

[Chag ends at 9:10 p.m.]

