



Digital Davening Sustains Our Communal Spirituality



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

A few days after synagogue leaders made the reluctant but necessary decision to suspend Shabbat observance in the sanctuary on Saturday, March 14, Rabbi Marc Israel conducted what became the first digital religious service in Tikvat Israel's history.

Two days later the evening minyan on Monday, March 16, drew exactly 10 congregants to a Zoom forum the rabbi created for this purpose. Not all of the participants were quite sure what to make of what was unfolding on the screens of their laptops, PCs and cell phones. The following evening, 18 joined the minyan, and the first *Kabbalat Shabbat* service three nights later drew nearly 100 familiar faces on the screen.

Since then, the weekday evening minyan, starting at 7:30 p.m., has sustained high levels of participation, often numbering between 25 and 30 log-ins with multiple daveners and whole families appearing on some screens. Later that first week, the rabbi added

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WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Monday	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	6:00 p.m.
Shabbat	9:30 a.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.

Note: As long as the synagogue is closed during the public health crisis, digital davening via Zoom begins at 8 a.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. Sundays with *mincha/ma'ariv* at 7:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. *Kabbalat Shabbat* begins at 6 p.m. Fridays and ends with *Havdalah* on Saturday evening (see *B'kesher* for varying times).

CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

May 1	7:44 p.m.
May 8	7:51 p.m.
May 15	7:57 p.m.
May 22	8:03 p.m.
May 28 (Shavuot)	8:08 p.m.
May 29	8:09 p.m.
June 5	8:13 p.m.
June 12	8:17 p.m.
June 19	8:19 p.m.
June 26	8:20 p.m.

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Budget Pressures to be Aired at June Congregational Meeting

Congregants will get a detailed report on the state of synagogue finances and a chance to vote on the operating budget for FY '21 at a congregational meeting during the second half of June.

The time and date had not been set as of press time, owing to the shelter-in-place rules that continue during the public health crisis.

The synagogue's proposed budget for the year ahead is expected to be close to the current year's operating budget of \$1.5 million.

Board treasurer Stuart Lempert will describe the factors that have stressed Tikvat Israel's revenues in FY '20. These include the two-time cancellation of the year's major fundraising event, the annual synagogue concert, first in December and then in late March. In addition, the early childhood center has drawn a smaller enrollment than budget planners anticipated and had to cease operations in mid-March owing to the coronavirus spread.

Lempert will detail the need for a likely membership dues increase in 2020-21. He also will detail TI's approval for a Paycheck Protection Program loan from the Small Business Administration that will enable ECC staff to remain employed through mid-June.

Document Shredding Slated

Tikvat Israel will hold a document shredding event at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 7. A paper shredding vehicle will be at the synagogue parking lot to destroy numerous boxes of documents that Tikvat Israel has been storing over the years.



(If synagogue operations have not yet resumed by the beginning of June, this event will be postponed.)

Members may bring their personal documents to TI that day for shredding for a fee. Further details of the event will be announced in *B'kesher* and on the TI listserves closer to the date.

Volunteers will be needed to sort through the boxes before that date to remove any metal binders that are holding papers together. Volunteers also can help process boxes on the day of the shredding. If willing to help, contact Alan Apter (alaniapter@gmail.com).

Shul Shorts

Rescheduling of Two Concerts

Two large-scale musical events cancelled at Tikvat Israel during the past six months will be rescheduled in 2020-21.

The Hanukkah concert featuring Cantor Rochelle Helzner and the Robyn Helzner Trio will take place on Dec. 13. The show coincides with the cantor's double chai anniversary at TI. The concert featuring recording artist Neshama Carlebach, cancelled in late March by the coronavirus pandemic, is likely to take place in June 2021 in the social hall.

Spring Blood Drive

Save the date for the next annual blood drive to be held on Sunday, June 21, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the shul's social hall. As the date approaches, check the TI listserves and *B'kesher* for details about registering for a time slot.

Outpouring of Support in Aftermath of Hateful Vandalism

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

Community response in support of Tikvat Israel came swiftly and forcefully once word spread about an act of vandalism that left disturbing anti-Semitic messages and obscene imagery spray-painted on the front of the building facing Baltimore Road.

Video footage of the act captured by the shul's external security cameras, along with help from tipsters, enabled detectives with the Montgomery County Police Department to arrest a suspect within two weeks, charging him with malicious destruction of property, defacing religious property and damaging property of a group because of the group's religious beliefs. The Montgomery County state's attorney's office also is considering lodging hate crime charges against the accused. That decision will be made after courts reopen in early June.

The 28-year-old suspect resides a few minutes from the synagogue in a Rockville neighborhood where several Tikvat Israel families have homes.

Within a day of the vandalism, which was committed around 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, synagogue staff and volunteers power-washed and scrubbed the outside of the building, removing or disguising all of the work of the vandal and making it invisible from the street. Final remnants were removed over subsequent days.

With news of the rapidly spreading novel coronavirus drowning out most other local news, the first media account did not appear until the following Wednesday.

Even before the crime became widely known, Rabbi Marc Israel and the synagogue staff received an outpouring of support from Jews and non-Jews. One family that apparently noticed the anti-Semitic message while driving or walking past the building affixed an affirmative sign of hand prints to the shul's front door (see above). A few days later, congregants of Kehilat Pardes shared an electronic collage of supportive messaging, including a photo of Rabbi Uri Topolosky and his family (see right).



Public gatherings to rally behind the congregation were not possible owing to physical distancing measures enacted by state and county health officials.

Members of groups that rent the synagogue's social hall — the Washington Metropolitan Gamer Symphony Orchestra (which meets on Monday evenings) and the Society for Creative Anachronism (which gathers on Wednesday nights) — quickly



made financial gifts to the synagogue to signal their sympathy and support.

Here is a sampling of excerpted comments received by the rabbi and synagogue staff within the first week after the vandalism:

Rev. Mansfield Kaseman, interfaith community liaison, Office of Community Partnerships, Montgomery County Council: "We cannot be meeting to extend our hands and arms, but we can pray, extend our hearts in love and send messages that Rabbi Israel can pass on to his people."

Todd R. Eskelsen, Rockville Ward, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints: "We mourn with you over such malevolent thoughts and deeds and stand beside you in condemning and rejecting them. We will renew our efforts among our own congregation and through our members to society at large to educate, encourage and empower people in our shared world to understand and follow Micah's direction of what the Lord requires of us, but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God. Please convey to your members the wishes and hopes of their neighbors for an outpouring of love and respect to be the broader result from this hurtful act."

Tracey Henley, parish administrator, Episcopal Church of Our Saviour: "The church I work at in Silver Spring was vandalized in November 2016. We were supported by people all over Montgomery County. I wish for you the same outpouring of love we received and peace."

Rev. Katie Romano Griffin, associate minister, Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church: "I am so sorry for desecration of your spiritual home. How can we support you, your family and the Tikvat Israel community right now?"

Lily Landau, administrative assistant, Kehilat Pardes - The Rock Creek Synagogue, Rockville: "We cherish the friendship we share with our neighborhood synagogue, and would like you to know that we are thinking of you at this time."

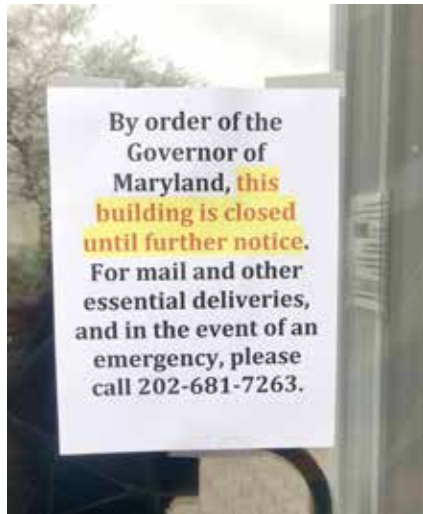
David Lang, member, B'nai Shalom: "We stand with you. One people, one community. ... I will never forget how our parking lot was filled with people from Tikvat. I wish we could crowd your shul tonight."

Caitríona McLoughlin Hayes, Michael Bochynski and Méabh Bochynski-Hayes, Rockville family: "Only a coward would take the opportunity in these quiet times, with no eyes on the street, to show their hate. Please know that you have allies in the community who are here to provide support."

Sabrina Dowlut-Beard: "Although I'm not Jewish, I grew up appreciating a lot of the cultural aspects of Judaism. I just wanted to reach out as a reminder that the large Jewish presence in Montgomery County is appreciated. Montgomery County wouldn't be the same place without diversity."

One Historic Timeline

In the nearly six-decade existence of our congregation dating back to its start as Beth Tikva and Temple Israel, there arguably has never been a more disruptive period of religious observance. Here's the timeline of significant moments in our synagogue's life during the first weeks of Tikvat Israel's communal response to the public health crisis brought on by the COVID-19 virus.



Thursday, March 12, 2:27 p.m.: Announcement of an array of new handwashing and other cleanliness measures adopted at the synagogue to allow *Shabbat* services and other activities to take place. This followed the official declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic by the World Health Organization and the first confirmation of coronavirus cases among residents of Montgomery County.

Friday, March 13, 11:44 a.m.: *Shabbat* morning services are cancelled on March 14 and March 21 following the imposition of social distancing guidelines and a statewide ban of events drawing more than 100. TI's ad hoc COVID-19 task force decided *Kabbalat Shabbat* services and weekday *minyanim* will operate as usual because these services generally attract 10-25 people.

Sunday, March 15, 9:02 a.m.: About 15 congregants attending the *Shacharit* service space themselves widely in the sanctuary pews. At completion, rabbi announces no future in-person services will be held at TI for the foreseeable future.

Sunday, March 15, 12:33 p.m.: The lone *shiva minyan* planned for congregant Paul Altman is cancelled by his family in light of the escalating coronavirus crisis.

Monday, March 16, 1:27 p.m.: All in-person activities in the synagogue are suspended through the end of Passover based on recommendations coming from the Centers for Disease Control and state and county departments of health until further notice.

Monday, March 16, 7:30 p.m.: Rabbi Israel convenes TI's first-ever digital religious service followed by the first of what he calls "a community check-in," or sharing of personal experiences or feelings. The service attracts 10 participants using Zoom video and audio conferencing software. The rabbi, following guidance from the Rabbinical Assembly, recites names on the *yahrzeit* list and shares an alternative version of mourner's *kaddish*, known as "*Kaddish L'Yachid*," which can be recited when an in-person *minyan* is not available.

Tuesday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.: The second evening *minyan* attracts 18 participants via Zoom. At the conclusion, congregant Roberta Helzner, in lieu of *shiva minyanim*, is asked to share words about her brother Martin, who passed away a day earlier.

Wednesday, March 18, 7:30 p.m.: Evening *minyan* attendance doubles to 36. Rabbi Israel announces that congregants in mourning or observing a *yahrzeit* now may recite the mourner's *kaddish* during online services when at least 10 congregants are connected with video and audio. Nancy Solomon discusses the life of her brother David, who died four days earlier, in lieu of

shiva minyanim. Members of her family join the service from multiple locations.

Friday, March 20, 8 a.m.: The first morning *Shacharit* service is added to the daily digital schedule.

Friday, March 20, 6 p.m.: Cantor Rochelle Helzner conducts the first digital *Kabbalat Shabbat*, concluding before the 7:03 p.m. candle lighting. It draws about 70 log-ins and more than 90 participants.

Saturday, March 21, 8:15 p.m.: Maxine and Jim Perlmutter, through a Zoom transmission from their dining room, lead a communal *Havdalab/Ma'ariv* service for congregants.

Sunday, March 22, 9:48 a.m.: Rabbi Israel announces non-*Shabbat* morning services will be held digitally on a daily basis.

Sunday, March 29, 9:02 a.m.: Nearly 60 congregants, plus relatives around the world, watch Daniel Malkin, son of congregants Yukiko and Joshua Malkin, chant a Torah portion, marking the first digital *bar mitzvah* in synagogue history. He does so from his family's living room.

Forthcoming: *Shabbat* morning services begin livestreaming from TI to congregants' home, probably by mid-May.

(Dates compiled by *Bulletin* editor Jay P. Goldman)

DONATING AT A DISTANCE



Martin Urban was among the Tikvat Israel members who donated at a March 23 blood drive at Beth Shalom Congregation in Potomac, Md., that was co-sponsored by TI. Social distancing rules meant only a handful of donors were permitted in the donor room at any one time. (Photo by Susan Urban)

Disrupted But Not Deterred, Bar Mitzvah Proceeds from Afar

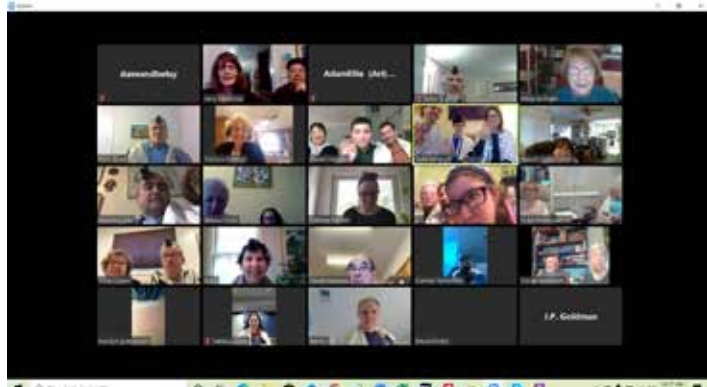
BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, EDITOR, *TIKVAT ISRAEL BULLETIN*

The public health crisis forced the cancellation of 2020's first scheduled bar mitzvah at Tikvat Israel – and the first to be presided over by Rabbi Marc Israel in his nine-month tenure – on Saturday, March 28.

But a day later, Daniel Malkin had the chance to demonstrate publicly all he had mastered when he chanted a Torah portion in front of 60 synagogue members, his grandmother in Japan and other relatives stranded by physical social distancing rules in San Diego, Atlanta, New York, New Jersey and Austin, Texas.

Most distinctively, Daniel managed this from the comfort of his family's dining room in Rockville during a Sunday morning *Shacharit* service conducted by Rabbi Israel and Cantor Rochelle Helzner via Zoom video conferencing software. The two clergy were stationed in their respective homes, too.

The Malkin family realized 16 days prior that their long-held plans were not going to override the impact of COVID-19 restrictions imposed by Maryland state government. Soon after, TI leadership decided to limit access to small groups and ultimately closed the synagogue due to escalating public health concerns.



A gallery image via Zoom video conferencing shows some of the 60 TI members plus relatives in Japan and other remote locations who helped Daniel Malkin mark his bar mitzvah.

“We quickly realized a normal bar mitzvah would not be feasible,” said Joshua Malkin, Daniel’s father. The family had expected about 40 out-of-town guests and planned to host a *kid-dush* luncheon at TI following services with an evening event at the Twinbrook Community Center for invited guests.

Daniel was disappointed by the significant change in plans “since he was really looking forward to celebrating his special day with family and friends in person,” his father reported. “However, I think he understands that we did the best we could given the circumstances to provide him a meaningful opportunity to experience his bar mitzvah and celebrate his hard work.”

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Daniel Malkin, chanting a Torah portion and leading the Torah service from his family's dining room, flanked by his parents, Yukiko and Joshua Malkin

Using Zoom conferencing technology, the clergy led a first-ever event that enabled Daniel to chant a verse from *Vayikra*, the opening chapter in *Leviticus*, to lead the Torah service and to deliver a *d'var Torah*. The latter dealt with personal sacrifices, and Daniel found contemporary meaning, citing his own experience. He referenced his service project, which meant committing free time on weekends to collect food for a small community organization, Small Things Matter.

In his remarks, Rabbi Israel described meeting with Daniel “a few days B.C.” (meaning Before Coronavirus), where he learned about the bar mitzvah boy's personal interests in Disney productions and *Dragon Ball*, a Japanese anime television series adapted from the first 194 chapters of the manga of the same name published over the course of 11 years in Japan.

He noted Daniel's connection to his heritage, both Jewish and Japanese. His grandmother in Japan was one of those tuned in to the electronic ceremony.

Before logging off, congregants signaled their good wishes to Daniel with an outpouring of hand clapping symbols available on the Zoom screen.

Melissa Apter served as his tutor, conducting initial sessions in person before moving online to join in on the rehearsal.

Said Joshua Malkin: “We truly appreciate the rabbi and cantor working with us to come up with a solution to allow things to proceed It was certainly memorable and we hope meaningful for all who attended.”



TI members Marjorie and Steve Eiserike were among those cheering on Daniel Malkin during his bar mitzvah conducted digitally on March 29.

TI's Infectious Disease Expert In the Throes of Health Crisis

BY MELISSA APTER & JAY P. GOLDMAN, *BULLETIN* EDITORS



Janaki Kuruppu probably did not fully realize how the lives of her professional colleagues in epidemiology would take on an entirely new dimension just a couple of weeks after she shared her expertise with members of Tikvat Israel.

Kuruppu, a researcher on infectious disease (though not on COVID-19 at this time), delivered an informative session titled "Coronavirus ... Responding to Pandemics" at Tikvat Israel University on Feb. 23. Her 45-minute session covered the Plague, the 1918 Flu Pandemic ("Spanish Flu"), HIV and the COVID-19 global pandemic. During her talk, she delivered prescient advice regarding the likely need to cancel future religious services and public gatherings weeks before Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan issued orders to that effect.

Kuruppu discussed how the public ought to view infectious challenges. Global outbreaks have "happened before, will happen again, and we need to be better prepared next time," she said. Ironically, "in the 1970s, infectious disease specialists thought with the advent of antibiotics ... infectious disease was going to die out as a specialty because we fixed it."

She added: "Bugs are smarter than us ... the genetics of the viruses work toward weak points that they can take advantage of, as do bacteria. It's a constant battle between us and them."

As scary as that may seem, there is a simple, effective method to slow the spread of disease: Wash your hands. "The virus has no wings. It has no legs. It cannot walk so the only way it can go from a surface to you is by your hands, so just wash your hands every time you've touched something you think might have been contaminated," said Kuruppu in an exclusive interview with the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*.

This is a crucial point to remember when there is so much misinformation floating around social media about COVID-19. The World Health Organization has a mythbusters page on its website (<https://bit.ly/2VHV9q9>) as does FEMA (<https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control>).

Kuruppu works as a staff clinician for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease at the National Institutes of Health, where she handles research on HIV and other infectious diseases. She and her colleagues who are not directly working on research related to COVID-19 have been working from home.

Kuruppu has been volunteering at the Occupational Medical Service call center for NIH employees. As an assistant professor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine previously, her practice included hepatitis-C treatment, and referrals of patients suspected of having Lyme disease, travel-related infections or fevers of unknown origin. She trained under Dr. Anthony Fauci previously at NIH.

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morning services at 8 a.m. Most have easily reached the requisite number of participants, sometimes with a second family member being grabbed into view of the video camera to reach a minyan.

The electronic nature of observance has been a learning experience for professional staff and congregants alike, many of whom now are using video conferencing software for the first time.

Rabbi Israel has become learned in Conservative Judaism's rules regarding religious observance by virtual communities. Initially, he relied on a 2001 *teshuva* "Wired to the *Kadosh Barukh Hu: Minyan* via Internet," which indicated a properly constituted minyan must consist of 10 people in the same physical space. Then, on March 17, the Rabbinic Assembly's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (the official *halakhic* ruling body in the Conservative movement) issued a revised interpretation, allowing for 10 people connected electronically to count as a minyan for the purposes of saying *kaddish*. The ruling made clear that its decision applied only to the current pandemic and only "where most of the synagogues are closed for the crisis."



Rabbi Marc Israel uses a background image on Zoom that makes it appear he's officiating on familiar turf.

While sympathetic to this viewpoint, Rabbi Israel admitted he worries "that people will become accustomed to virtual minyan and make it more difficult to have an in-person minyan after the crisis has passed." Upon further consideration that included listening to congregants' views and raising the matter during an electronic meeting of TI's Religious Practices Committee, the rabbi revised his decision, permitting recitation of the mourner's *kaddish* at each digital service, so long as 10 people are signed in with both video and audio at the time.

Previously, mourners at the digital services used an alternative prayer called *Kaddish LYachid* (the individual *Kaddish*), which shares many of the same phrases as the traditional mourner's *kaddish*.

For some families, the temporary shuttering of the synagogue has scuttled long-planned festivities, including Tikvat Israel's first bar mitzvah of 2020. The family of Daniel Malkin had to rescale his plans for a bar mitzvah on March 28. Daniel got a chance the following day to read from the Torah from the comfort of his family's living room during a *Shacharit* service conducted remotely by Rabbi Israel and Cantor Helzner. (See related story, page 5.)

Other congregants have been buoyed by the support they experienced during a digital service in the aftermath of a family member's passing when it was not possible to open a *shiva* house.

Nancy Solomon used a few minutes following the evening minyan on March 22 to share stories about her brother David (who died several days earlier in Baltimore) in front of about 50 fellow congregants. "Without the online service, I would have felt much more alone with my grief," she said. "It was especially comforting to be able to say *kaddish* for the first time during the online minyan that evening."

Major decisions about synagogue operations during the public health crisis are being handled by Tikvat Israel's ad hoc COVID-19 task force, consisting of Rabbi Marc Israel, Cantor Rochelle Helzner, synagogue staff and medical professionals.

RABBI'S CORNER

Counting Our Days

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



In normal times, as I prepare to write my *Bulletin* article, I look ahead two months to see the upcoming events. As I sat down to write this in late March, shortly after we began social distancing, I planned to write about two concerts – a joint *Lag Ba'Omer* event with Kehilat Pardes and our rescheduled concert with Neshama Carlebach in mid-June.

Surely, I thought innocently enough, staying at home won't last more than 2-3 weeks. But alas, as the days and the weeks went on, it became clear a joint *Lag Ba'Omer* event would not take place in May and soon realized a live concert with Neshama in June would not be reality either.

For me and for many others, one of the most difficult aspects of the stay-at-home order is that we know when it began, but we have no idea when it will end. And so we keep counting, day after day, with great anticipation, but also with fear and trepidation, about a time that will come when we will be able to see people other than our family members, the delivery people and our grocery store clerks. As of late April, we still don't know when that day will be or what will happen when it arrives.

In the Jewish calendar, we are similarly in a time of counting days – the counting of the *Omer*, the 50-day period that leads from Passover to *Shavuot*. Similar to the counting of the days for coronavirus quarantines, we count up from day 1 until we reach the destination. I, like many other rabbis, often teach about the difference between counting up and counting down.

Counting up indicates the increased excitement and anticipation we have each day as we approach *Shavuot* and its celebration of the giving of the Torah. Counting down suggests we will reach an end point, whereas counting up leads us to a way-station along our path, a mile marker that will bring us to Torah, and then continue to a lifetime of study. Counting up is an act of faith, whereas counting down is an act of (perhaps arrogant) certitude.

However, an important difference exists between the counting days for the *Omer* and our current counting of days at home. The Torah tells us exactly how many days to count the *Omer* – seven times seven weeks, 49 days in total, and celebrate *Shavuot* on the 50th day. Unfortunately, no one can give us that information for when the stay-at-home orders will be lifted.

While the *Omer* has an exact and known number of days, there was another time

of counting days in the Torah whose end was unknown, which also connects us to *Shavuot*. When Moses went up to Har Sinai to receive the Torah, the people did not know how long he would be gone. In fact, they had been warned that no one could go up the mountain and live. Even when Moses had gone up previously, he had stopped halfway up the mount. And because of their fear and distress, they despaired that perhaps he had died and urged Aaron to make a molten idol for them to worship. The result was 3,000 people killed that day followed by a deadly plague upon the Israelites.

To be clear, I do not believe the coronavirus plague is a Divine punishment, and I am offended by anyone who would make such a pronouncement. The lesson I learn from this episode is not about Divine punishment but the consequences of giving in to our fears and our impatience. We already see such impatience — churches that hold mass services, protesters who gather at state capitals, and, in a small part of the ultra-Orthodox community, people still gathering in large numbers for funeral services. I realize none of us like the feeling of being stuck in our own homes, but the consequences for people and institutions that ignore or flaunt the warnings to stay home have been devastating. The fact that Israel's highest per capita outbreak is in Bnei B'rak (an ultra-Orthodox enclave outside of Tel Aviv) is not a coincidence. Nor is the growing number of cases in and around Lynchburg, Va., where Liberty University decided to remain open.

Truthfully, living through this time period makes me more sympathetic to the Israelites waiting for Moshe to come down from Har Sinai. I now better understand – in a more visceral way — how it might feel not to know when or if Moshe might return. But I am also quite aware of the dire consequences that result if we act upon that impatience – both for the Israelites and in our world today.

And so, I will continue to count up the days of the *Omer* from *Pesach* to *Shavuot*, not knowing how we will celebrate the holiday this year. I won't be scheduling events in May or in June. But I have faith that our patience — by following the directions of experts and responsible governmental leaders — will be its own

reward. I know that just as Moses came down from that mountain, the day will come when we come out from our homes. The road ahead will still be difficult, but it will lead us to the promised land – in this case, a time when we gather together safely in large groups once again.

In the meantime, I will stay at home and keep counting the days and pray that God will “teach us to number our days, that we may acquire a heart of wisdom.” (Psalm 90:12)

LIVESTREAMING LANDS @ TI

Shabbat morning services will be delivered digitally to the homes of TI members now that the synagogue has purchased livestreaming equipment. Likely starting in mid-May, Rabbi Israel and Cantor Helzner will lead services from the *bimah* after the equipment has been tested.

Wider reuse of the shul, the rabbi says, will likely be phased in, once stay-at-home measures are relaxed. “Initially just the 10-15 people necessary to conduct a service. It will increase gradually, based on the guidelines we receive from the state, county and our own COVID-19 task force,” he adds.

Livestreaming (a broadcast over the Internet) is expected to continue beyond the shul's reopening to enable people who cannot be physically present to take part in our services from their homes.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Challenging Times with Silver Linings

BY WARREN BERGER, CO-PRESIDENT, TIKVAT ISRAEL CONGREGATION



This certainly has been a hectic time. I hope that everybody has been safe and healthy.

During the initial stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, we had hoped that extra cleaning and disinfecting would be enough to continue with daily and *Shabbat* services at the synagogue and to continue operating our Early Childhood Center. Then we thought that services with social/physical distancing would be enough to carry on.

That all changed when the viral infections accelerated so quickly and widely. We had to close the building and the ECC and pivot quickly to all virtual services. Many extra hours of work were put in by Rabbi Israel, Cantor Helzner, Sheri Brown and Sam Freedenberg. On behalf of the congregation, I would like to thank them for the leadership they have provided during this ongoing crisis.

I also want to thank the members of TI's ad hoc COVID-19 task force (see box below). Thanks to them, we never felt overwhelmed, and we achieved consensus on the measures to take.

One of the concerns of a mostly empty building is that it provides a tempting target. Unfortunately, we were vandalized with blue spray paint in the early morning hours of Saturday, March 28. The anti-Semitic and crude words and images were shocking and disturbing. Because we didn't hold in-person services that morning, we were somewhat fortunate that few congregants had to suffer the pain of seeing it. We shared our security camera footage with the police to help them identify and charge a suspect.

I want to thank Sam Freedenberg, Alan Apter (and his power washer) and two non-Jewish men who drove by and couldn't let this damage stand without helping to clean it. I also want to thank and acknowledge the outpouring of concern and support from our neighbors and those in the greater Jewish community. (See related story, page 3.)

During this difficult time, good things are still happening. As many congregants know, our son Alex and his wife Madeline had a baby recently. It is amazing to hold our granddaughter Brianna, our first grandchild, and we are so proud that our son has become an amazing father. I was going to write more about how synagogues can mold the next generation of Conservative Jews, but that will have to wait for another article.

Both co-president Jim Perlmutter and I were very gratified that after our financial letter in the middle of March, many people

paid the remaining balance on their accounts, gave extra donations and some even paid next year's dues in advance. This is really an amazing place.

So in the midst of a barrage of challenges — the COVID-19 crisis that seems to be growing worse (even making it difficult to predict what society will be like when this issue of the Bulletin is published) and a shocking desecration of our building — there is hope in a new grandchild and in our community pulling together to transition to virtual services, recover from vandalism and contribute to our financial stability. We are truly blessed to be part of such a caring and resilient community.

Stay safe everyone.

CANTOR'S CORNER

Gratitude for Many Volunteers

BY CANTOR ROCHELLE HELZNER



Purim Acknowledgements

The first comes from Shaina Lipsy, director of the puppet production:

"Thank you to everyone who made this year's Purim Puppet Show possible!

"To the puppeteers: thank you for practicing until your arms were noodly — your effort (literally) showed. To the voices, both veterans and new: thank you for your hard work, fun voices, and patience while I made the puppeteers practice their bows again and again. And to everyone, thank you for contributing jokes, helping each other out with cues and adapting to all of our last-minute changes. You made this possible and made my job much easier!

"I hope to work with you all again next year."

From the Cantor

A special thank you to Shaina and Rachel Lipsy who in memory of their mom, Karen Lipsy ז"ל, made sure that the Purim Puppet Production went on. Through her direction, Karen made the puppet show one of the events that has defined Purim at Tikvat Israel. We thank Shaina and Rachel for ably taking over her legacy!

Thanks to Marcia Bronstein, Judy Davis and Dan Black for playing for the family Purim celebration. They created excitement and spirit that lasted from the beginning to the end.

Kudos to Jeff Smith, Aaron Mannes and David Kaminow, who entertained us with "Purim Torah" in between the *megillah* chapters. Thanks to Jim Perlmutter for leading *maariv*.

Mazel Tov

A mazel tov to Liesl Rose Feinman and her parents Bruce and Carla on the occasion of her becoming a bat mitzvah. Liesl's bat mitzvah will take place via Zoom videoconferencing on Sunday morning, May 10, a day after her intended date. All congregants invited.

OUR VIRUS TASK FORCE

The congregation appreciates the work of TI's ad hoc COVID-19 task force. Members are Dr. Janaki Kuruppu, Dr. Jeff Bernstein, Dr. Stu Turkewitz, Dr. Dan Matathias, Elliot Cowan, Ph.D., Rabbi Marc Israel, Cantor Rochelle Helzner, Sam Freedenberg, Sheri Brown, Amy Matathias, Warren Berger and Jim Perlmutter.

Congregants Stay Active in Virtual Yoga Each Week



Sarah Fishman demonstrates a side angle pose over video conferencing software during her weekly yoga class in early April.

More than 20 Tikvat Israel members have regularly taken advantage of a virtual yoga course that's been run by Sarah Fishman during the coronavirus epidemic.

The classes meet from 4 to 5:15 p.m. on Thursdays, taking place via Zoom video conferencing software. "We start the session around 3:40 so that we can see each other's faces and connect and to get any technical troubleshooting out of the way," Fishman said.

She does not charge for the online class but encourages donations to Tikvat Israel. Her yoga classes have run in the synagogue's Flax Library for the past decade, and she did not want the state government's order to stay home during the public health crisis to stop folks from remaining physically active.

"It is very important that we keep moving and keep our bodies, minds and hearts healthy during this time," Fishman said. "The class is currently designed for *bubbes* and *zaydes*, though having children or grandchildren is not a pre-requisite."

Her classes incorporate a lot of strengthening and stretching, and she teaches various yoga poses, as well as exercises that emphasize function, balance, joint stability and mobility, and above all else, what she calls "deep, calm and continuous breathing." The yoga exercises work on the floor, standing, leaning on a chair and positioning against a wall.



Nearly two dozen TI members, including Cantor Helzner and Rabbi Israel, have spent some time in Sarah Fishman's class learning yoga virtually.

fall to Southern California, have logged on to participate.

Contact Fishman for how to access the Zoom videoconferencing site at namastesarah@gmail.com.

Congregants' Artwork Off Limits, But Accessible on Museum Site

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

Three Tikvat Israel artists had a chance to celebrate the opening of a multifaceted art exhibit titled "An American Story: Jewish & Muslim Perspectives," but just a week later the show came to an abrupt and unanticipated end, another victim of the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Shirley Waxman, Larry Levine and Gale Pressman participated in a public reception on March 8 at the Sandy Spring Museum to mark the start of a three-month run of their creative work, part of JAMMART (Jews and Muslims Making Art Together). The show had been scheduled to run at the Sandy Spring venue through May 31. The museum has not yet announced if it will extend the show once the facility reopens.

Art works from the exhibit can be viewed as part of a virtual tour on the museum's web site at <https://www.sandyspringmuseum.org/at-home-activities/>.

JAMMART is a group of Muslim and Jewish artists that formed in 2008 for the purpose of creating art and learning about each other's beliefs and values.

Levine contributed photographs that explore several relevant themes — freedom of religion, freedom of the (Yiddish) press and people of different faiths working together.

Pressman's displayed works included a porcelain 14-inch doll which represents a Jewish girl coming from Poland; a shadow box made with silk and porcelain clay to represent Adam and Eve hiding in the garden after encountering the evil serpent; a high priest with a porcelain head and cloth body who advised the Jews during their wilderness travels; and a Judah Maccabee Hanukkah made of polymer clay.

Waxman contributed fiber artwork to the show.



Celebrating the opening of the JAMMART show on March 8 were, from left, TI's Larry Levine, Gale Pressman and Shirley Waxman. They flank one of Pressman's works. (Photo by Sandy Levine)

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Our Operation is 'Virtual Mode'

BY SHERI BROWN, ECC DIRECTOR



Purim was the last time most of us were physically together. As we remember it fondly, we want to publicly express our thanks to the ECC staff volunteers who helped at the Purim family pizza dinner: Dee Moyer, Sharon Applebaum and Marcie Nadler.

We also want to give a special thanks to these donors for supporting our *Mishloach Manot* fundraiser: Omer & Maya Cohen, Susan Kang, the EFN (ECC Family Network), Amy & Dan Matathias, Ezra Epner & family, Anna Levy, Susan & Alan Apter, Hilda Springer, Schwartz Central, Jenny Silverman, Sheri Brown, Sherrie & Peter Krauser, Maxine & Jim Perlmutter, Nancy & Rod Matheson, Phyllis & Ken Schwartz, Barry Lipsy, Mona Ehrlich, Bonnie & Elliot Cowan and the Konikoff family.

As of this writing in mid-April, our Early Childhood Center is functioning in "virtual mode." This means ECC staff members meet with their students via Zoom calls. We have staff meetings on Zoom. We have training via Zoom.

Like the rest of the world, we are staying safe with physical distancing. We've even held parent meetings online. We've been fortunate to have music teacher Ellie Schuchman, Rabbi Israel and Cantor Helzner join us for some of these sessions.

Our volunteer synagogue publicity team has been active, and the synagogue lay leaders have been leading efforts to keep our staff financially afloat. We are truly grateful for everyone's cooperation.

We are continuing to register for the summer and fall and are ready to hit the ground running whenever we are able. Registration materials are on the Tikvat Israel website, and we're happy to answer questions about the registration process.

Congregational Condolences

Condolences to those Tikvat Israel members who lost loved ones in recent months (February 2020 through March 2020):

Harriet Armoza and **Elaine Krichevsky** on the loss of their sister, Rheta Kruger.

Bryan Benesch on the death of his father, Charles Benesch.

Maira Green on the loss of her mother, Hase Marie Hershbaum.

The family of **Lillian Feingold** on the loss of our fellow congregant.

Barbara Altman on the death of her husband, Paul Altman.

Nancy Solomon on the loss of her brother, David Stuart Pearl.

Roberta Helzner on the death of her brother, Martin Robinson.

WOMEN'S NETWORK

Lament Over a Cancellation, Uncertainty About Next Events

BY JANICE BALIN

There isn't much to report, as of mid-April, because it is unclear when scheduled activities will resume. Programs on hold include a wire *kippah* making class with Bobbi Gorban, a self-defense program with Robin Lempert, a craft program for the NIH Children's Inn patients, book group discussions and the annual "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" in mid-July (see related story, page 24).

Please read the electronic synagogue announcements for rescheduled dates once life returns to normal.

Unfortunately, one of the highlights of our year, the 2nd annual Shelly Goldin Women's Network Shabbat had to be cancelled at the 11th hour due to the coronavirus pandemic. I want to use this opportunity to thank those who worked hard to make sure that *Shabbat Ki Tisa* would have been a special Shabbat in memory of Shelly:

- Rabbi Israel and Cantor Helzner for all their support and suggestions in the planning process.
- Susan Apter for assigning Torah readers and the Haftorah reader, and Elyse Bernstein for assigning all other parts in the service. All those who learned Torah portions and the Haftorah for this special Shabbat.
- Fortuna Scheige and Hilda Springer for working with Li-ora Dahan to guarantee a beautiful and tasty luncheon for the congregation. Marsha Lyons, Larry Gorbin and Dalit Baranoff for volunteering to serve as *mashgiachs* for the luncheon. Hilda Springer and Mona Ehrlich for packaging the uneaten prepared luncheon food and assisting in distributing it to elderly congregants in the area.
- Amy Matathias, Audrey Hatfield and Sam Freedenberg for the office support leading up to Shabbat.
- Congregants who generously contributed to the luncheon.
- Bruce Goldin for his generous contribution and continued support of anything Women's Network.

We had a beautiful morning planned. The clergy and office staff agonized over whether to cancel the special Shabbat. But even Bruce said when he heard that we were cancelling, "Shelly would have definitely concurred with the decision." We look forward to a future Shabbat in memory of Shelly.

Mazel Tov

to **Rabbah Arlene and Warren Berger** on the birth of their granddaughter, Brianna Mae Berger, to Maddie and Alex Berger on March 20 in Richmond, Va.

to **Cliff Fishman** for composing the weekly Torah commentary, "Mayor Laguardia Through God's Eyes," in the April 3 issue of *Washington Jewish Week*.

Fund For The Future Doubles Its Allocation to TI Budget

BY BETTY J. FISHMAN, FUND FOR THE FUTURE CHAIR

For the second year in a row, the Tikvat Israel Fund for the Future has been able to make a contribution to the congregation's operational budget. In 2019, the amount was \$8,200. This year, the FFF has transferred \$18,800 into the synagogue's general fund.

In addition, a disbursement of \$1,800 has been authorized from the Flax/Grishman restricted fund to be used in support of TI's religious school curriculum.

The FFF was created by the TI Board of Directors in 2012. It is governed by its "Establishment and Organizing Principles" (bylaws) and by the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of Maryland. By nature, endowment funds are created with preservation of capital as the main objective, and the proviso that only income generated by the investments will be used for the charitable purposes of the fund.

A complicated formula is specified: After three years in existence, the market value of the fund is determined quarterly, and those 12 quarterly values are averaged. If the average exceeds the total of original investment(s), the amount of "excess" is available for distribution; 4% of the fair market value is considered a "prudent" amount to disburse. UPMIFA cautions that expenditure of more than 7% creates a "presumption of imprudence" and must be reported to the state attorney general. Our recent disbursement of \$18,800 was well within those guidelines.

Donations made to the FFF are deposited into the United Jewish Endowment Fund, a multi-million-dollar investment that combines accounts from 38 D.C.-area non-profits (Jewish congregations and communal organizations) along with several private endowment accounts. This investment portfolio is managed by Graystone Consulting, a division of Morgan Stanley.

As of Feb. 29 (after the disbursement to the congregation), the Fund for the Future's portion of that endowment totaled \$541,036.

The UJEF portfolio is designed to withstand fluctuations. Therefore, it doesn't gain as much as the market leaders when the market is doing well, but doesn't lose as much when the market declines. The portfolio as a whole was down 10% in March and has lost 14% year to date. (For comparison, the Dow Industrials Average was down 18% in March, 26% YTD. The S&P was down 16% in March and 24% YTD.)

The UJEF investment committee's strategy is based on value and diversification, according to Ross Charkatz, Graystone's institutional consulting director. The portfolio is invested approximately 70/30 in equities/bonds, including approximately 2% in Israel bonds. There is no exposure to REITs and little to high-yield bonds, and there is a higher-than-usual position in cash. Sixty-eight percent of the portfolio is actively managed; 32% is passive. Management fees are about 1%.

HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUND FOR THE FUTURE?

There are many ways to make a contribution to the Fund for the Future that will support the future of Tikvat Israel:

- In your will
- Through a transfer from your IRA or other retirement account
- Through an annuity
- By donating stock or real estate
- In cash, by check or by credit card

The last one is easy. We all know how to do that. It's the easiest and the quickest. But perhaps you don't have extra cash at the moment, beyond what you want to give to Tikvat Israel for its immediate needs. We understand! Tikvat Israel's immediate needs are very real and very urgent.

Have you considered putting the TI Fund for the Future in your will? It won't cost you a cent right now, and it can help ensure our wonderful community for the next generation. Contact Betty Fishman, FFF chair, at 301-871-6162 or bjfcsf@gmail.com.

Fresh Farm Produce Brings Congregants Flocking



Boxes of farm produce purchased by TI members.

Tikvat Israel's parking lot served as the distribution center for local farm produce for use during congregants' Passover *seder* meals.

Calvert County, Md., farmer Pam Stegall exhibited physical distancing practices as she and her farm assistant loaded more than 150 boxes of various spring vegetables and boxes of eggs into the trunks of synagogue members' vehicles on April 5.

Pickup ran smoothly with drivers remaining in their automobiles. Those who hadn't paid in advance provided exact change in envelopes that were collected in a shoe box. There was minimal contact between customers and farm staff.

Through drivers' open windows, Stegall said she learned many planned to share their produce with family and friends. Grateful to be on synagogue property for the first time in three weeks during the coronavirus crisis, many buyers donated extra funds, which the farm used to send produce to local families in need and to charity food pantries.

"All the credit for the event goes to Dalit Baranoff and Rabbi Alana Suskin," Stegall said. "They work hard to coordinate the effort, and they got the word out."

The Calvert Farm CSA has been delivering seasonal vegetable boxes to TI since 2007.

Scenes from Ages Ago (at least it seems so)

It was only weeks ago, during the first 10 days of March, that Tikvat Israel celebrated Purim in its usual festive style. It marked the final public events taking place at our synagogue before its required closing because of the public health crisis that continues.

The Purim schedule included a carnival (organized by Elana Moss, TI's education and youth coordinator), a puppet production (managed by Shaina and Rachel Lipsy) and a lively *megillah* reading in the sanctuary.

Kudos to the planners and operators of the Purim Carnival: Shira and Dan Lantner, Amy and Dan Matathias, Sophia Glod, Barbara Katz, Alan Apter, Mona Ehrlich, Warren Berger, Jeff Smith, Maya Smith, Jim Perlmutter, Ellie Schwartz, Adina Schwartz, Aviva Kram, Dalit Baranoff, Annick Gershwind, Melissa Apter, Liora Dahan, Sheri Brown, Sam Freedman and Rabbi Marc Israel.

Enjoy these photos from another moment in time. Photographers were Amy Matathias, Felicia R. Black and Sam Freedenberg.



Key players in Purim puppet story



The puppet production crew



Rabbi Israel as a friendly shark



Cantor Helzner as Queen Esthernaut



Alan Apter with grandson



Enthusiastic young fans



Shira Lantner with son Jonathan at the crafts table



Dan Lantner and daughter Elanor play a carnival game



Face painting by Ellie Schwartz



Janaki Kuruppu as Queen Corona



The cast of megillah readers



The cantor with her family

READER APPRECIATION

Thank you to the 5780 *Megillat Esther* readers on March 9 and 10 during our celebration of Purim: Richard Lederman, Abbey Frank, Jason Schwartz, Jeff Bernstein, Jason Levine, Adina Schwartz, Melissa Apter, Susan Apter, Wendy Morrison, Danny Bachman and Elliot Cowan.

Need A Booster Shot for Speaking in Public?



Friendly feedback is shared at Toastmasters' meetings.

"We can't meet in person, but that won't stop us from talking!"

That's Aaron Mannes' pitch to promote the merits of Tikvat Israel's Toastmasters chapter. The group meets virtually for fun and conversation at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, using Zoom video conferencing. Contact Mannes for the log-in information at aaron.mannes@gmail.com.

The Toastmasters group provides training and support for developing public communication and leadership skills. Participants learn by doing. (In normal times, they take place in the Flax Library.) Members offer feedback on others' presentations.



Comforted By Support

Dear Tikvat Israel family,

We are blessed to belong to such a caring community at Tikvat Israel. The support our family received after the loss of our beloved mom was very comforting.

Thank you Rabbi Israel, Cantor Helzner, the Bereavement Committee and all who ensured we had a minyan every night while we sat *shivva*. The Shabbat dinner was so thoughtful and much appreciated.

*Moira Green, Joy Kramer
and families*

Special Financial Aid

On behalf of the congregation, we would like to thank the Tikvat Israel Women's Network, which made a substantial contribution from the organization's reserve fund to help the synagogue overcome some recent financial challenges. We very much appreciate it.

*Warren Berger and Jim Perlmutter,
TI Co-Presidents*

Rabbi's Advisory Council Ready to Gather Feedback

Congregants are invited to contact any member of the Rabbi's Advisory Council with concerns they want brought up at the council's quarterly meetings.

Four congregants have been selected to serve two-year terms on the advisory body, which is being headed by Danny Bachman. They are Ellen Eisner, Cliff Fishman, Shira Lantner and Bethanie Weitz.

Created by TI's board of directors at Rabbi Marc Israel's suggestion, the council will serve both as a sounding board for the rabbi and a means of keeping the rabbi informed about congregant concerns and desires.

According to the council's mission statement, finalized at its first meeting with Rabbi Israel in February, the "purpose of the Rabbi's Advisory Council is to provide feedback to the rabbi on his activities, help the rabbi set goals and help the rabbi determine whether those goals are being accomplished. The council also will act as a liaison between the rabbi and individual congregants, where congregants are reluctant to bring matters to the rabbi's attention directly."

The agenda for each council meeting will consist of two parts: (1) discussion of items or issues raised by the rabbi on which he wants the council's advice or opinion; and (2) discussion of items, issues or suggestions that council members wish to bring before the rabbi.

However, congregants also should be aware that Rabbi Israel welcomes direct input and feedback from congregants, and TI members need not be shy about going to talk with him. A third option is to submit comments to rabiadvisory@tikvatisrael.org.

Bachman's role as chair includes periodic reporting to the synagogue president(s) about the council's activities and may include, at the president's request, providing advice to the board of directors.

All internal discussions of the council, as well as the identity of any congregants who bring matters to the council's attention, will be kept confidential.

Questions about the Rabbi's Advisory Council may be addressed to any of its members.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR LEISURE WORLD

Tikvat Israel occasionally fields calls from Leisure World residents, members and non-members of TI, who would like to attend a program or prayer service at our synagogue but are in need of a ride. TI events are promoted regularly to the Leisure World community.

To meet this need, the shul office is putting together a list of congregants living in Leisure World who would be amenable to providing rides to their fellow Leisure World residents on an occasional basis. These rides, of course, would be only to TI events that you're already planning to attend.

Contact Amy Matathias in the office (office@tikvatisrael.org or 301-762-7338) to be put on the contact list. Also let her know whether you are available during the daytime and/or the evening.

ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

HASBARA: Focus on Israeli Innovation

(#19 in a Series)

BY HARVEY T. KAPLAN

Chloroquine-primaquine was an anti-malarial drug I had to take weekly, over a two-year period in Vietnam, to minimize the chances of getting that disease. My father-in-law had experienced malaria as an agricultural worker in Palestine in the 1930's, and I knew I never wanted to experience that horrible illness.

The quinine-based pills must have made a difference, as nobody in my engineer battalion (of about 700 people) caught malaria. Today, related drugs are being suggested as possible protection against the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Teva Pharmaceuticals, Israel's largest pharmaceutical company, is planning to donate over 10 million tablets of hydroxychloroquine sulfate to hospitals in America. That quinine product already is approved by the U.S. FDA to treat several diseases (rheumatoid arthritis, malaria and lupus erythematosus). The hope is that it can be effective (possibly in combination with other drugs) against COVID-19.

Teva Executive Vice President Brendan O'Grady said: "We are committed to helping to supply as many tablets as possible ... at no cost."



Teva, Israel's largest pharmaceutical company, specializes in generic drugs. Its U.S. headquarters are in Parsippany, N.J.

In the last issue of the *Bulletin*, I shared some information on Israeli innovations in laundering and reusing medical masks. [As of the date of publication, there is a monumental shortage of masks across the U.S., making this research still highly topical.]

I'll now turn to new technologies that are coming out of Israel amidst the medical challenges we are all facing.

There has been a great deal of discussion around the world on ways to diagnose COVID-19 easily and rapidly. The Israeli company BATM is ramping up production on a diagnostic kit that can detect a coronavirus infection from saliva samples within 50 minutes, according to Dr. Zvi Marom, the company's CEO.

The current hospital-based method still takes a few hours to process. Further, BATM is working on the development of a home diagnostic kit for the disease, hopefully to be available



Israeli researchers are developing more efficient tests to detect COVID-19.

this summer. For more details, see www.israel21c.org/israeli-rapid-covid-19-lab-diagnostic-kits-in-production.

Especially intriguing is a unique screening method that is being developed by Vocalis Health in Israel. It involves collecting voice samples called "voiceprints" of COVID-19 patients as well as of healthy persons, for comparison. This methodology involves no physical contact whatsoever and, if successful, it will employ artificial intelligence and voice analytics to "enable an alert about early symptoms and [monitor patients] at home by only using a smartphone."

For additional details on this approach, see www.israel21c.org/diagnosing-coronavirus-by-listening-to-your-voice.

There are many other new developments coming out of Israel that could decrease the tremendous burden on healthcare systems around the world. I'll summarize a few; more information is available from CTECH, online at www.calcalistech.com/ctech/articles/0,7340,L-3803020,00.html.

- Israeli-American RADLogics Inc. now offers a way to identify presence of the virus and claims it can provide results "within seconds instead of hours" by analyzing noninvasive CT scans. The company has applied for advanced approval from FDA.
- Another Tel Aviv-based company, Sight Diagnostics Ltd., uses portable equipment that analyzes blood tests and provides results in minutes, not hours or days. In addition, the device may prove ideal for quarantined coronavirus patients.
- Kamada Ltd. is working on developing coronavirus antibodies. It had "successfully developed serums for the treatment of rabies and zika, and is currently working with health authorities to create an expedited review for coronavirus."
- Clew Medical Ltd. is developing a system that enables remote monitoring of a patient's condition and alerts medical care providers when a patient's condition is likely to worsen to a dangerous level. This system may enable experts in a control center to assist small hospitals and makeshift care units at remote or distant sites.

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- Another approach to dealing with coronavirus: the Israeli-based company EarlySense Ltd. is using a patient-monitoring system that is totally noninvasive and can be especially useful in tracking non-symptomatic carriers. The company's monitoring platform is contactless, and resembles a cutting board. It is put beneath the mattress and monitors the patient's breathing around the clock, many times per minute.

Clearly, a lot of research is ongoing at many locations around the world to deal with COVID-19. The group of projects and programs I have summarized here display that the State of Israel is very much involved in the worldwide effort to detect, monitor and treat the novel coronavirus more efficiently and effectively. We all can expect that new research will reveal even more effective techniques for use by medical personnel in dealing with patients during the pandemic around the globe.



This is a contactless monitoring platform made by EarlySense Ltd. to track carriers of disease.

HAVURAH FOR 50-PLUS SINGLES FORMING AT TIKVAT ISRAEL

Tikvat Israel is forming a *havurah* (circle of friends) for singles over 50 to connect.

If this interests you, contact Amy Matathias at office@tikvatisrael.org or 240-353-7189. A planning meeting is tentatively scheduled via Zoom or in person if possible at TI on Sunday, May 3, following minyan at 7:45 p.m.

Joining a *havurah* is a great way to get to know other members of the congregation. *Havurot* have flourished at Tikvat Israel for many years, resulting in many lifelong friendships.

At Tikvat Israel, each *havurah* group is self-directed, planning its activities based on the interests of its members. Some groups are more social in nature, while others focus more on religious, family or study-related activities. Each group decides what will be on its agenda.

Belonging to a *havurah* at TI can be fun and enriching. Whether new to the synagogue or a longtime member, it is a way to meet people with similar interests, get to know others and build friendships. Groups are usually formed on the basis of life stage, and we are currently looking to form a *havurah* (or *havurot*) for those who are single and 50 and older.

Members' Expertise on Display While Sharing With Others

Tikvat Israel staged its fourth annual Tikvat Israel University, an event on Feb. 23 showcasing the particular expertise and talents of our own congregants.

Drawing about 70 attendees, the event consisted of four 45-minute time blocks with topical sessions offered in five learning tracks: Public Affairs, Law and History, Judaism and Israeli Affairs, How Do I...? and Health. Among the topics: "Advocating for Israeli Achievements Creatively," "Getting the Most Out of Your Doctor's Appointment," "Coronavirus: Responding to Pandemics," "Concise Writing" and "From Deuteronomy to Dershowitz: A History of Lost Meaning."

"This people-powered, once-a-year event helps to promote TI's mission that 'Everyone has something to teach and everyone has something to learn,'" said event organizer Sally Kram, chair of the Adult Education Committee.



Attorney Matt Lavine delivered a history session he called "From Deuteronomy to Dershowitz: A History of Lost Meaning." (Photo by Amy Matathias)



Aaron Mannes offered a discourse on "When Aaron Burr Saved America and Other Tales of My Favorite Veeps." (Photo by Amy Matathias)

Tikvat Israel Bulletin



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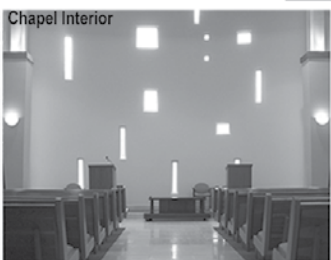
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MAY 1

7 IYAR

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Ruth Goldman
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MAY 2

8 IYAR

Dora Alper
George Boroff
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Louis Harrison
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Nachama Williamowsky

MAY 3

9 IYAR

Pauline Dunsmore
Samuel Lebowitz
Max Regensteiner

MAY 4

10 IYAR

Sarah Benesch
Leonard Ehrlich
David Fein
Selma Goldstein
Robert Kopp
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Arthur Peisner
Ridia Phillips
Louis Rothlin

MAY 5

11 IYAR

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

MAY 6

12 IYAR

David Fessler
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MAY 7

13 IYAR

Eva Fessler
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MAY 8

14 IYAR

Bertha Abramson
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Liba Scheige
Bernard Yudkoff

MAY 9

15 IYAR

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

MAY 10

16 IYAR

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

MAY 11

17 IYAR

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

MAY 12

18 IYAR

Louis Grossman
Samuel Nathan Kaplan
Reba Leavitt
Alexander Levine
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Martin Miller
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MAY 13

19 IYAR

Morris Gisser
Ethel Gold
Bernard Grob
Bertha Luchs
Helen Zitter

MAY 14

20 IYAR

Sheldon David Abrams
William Fessler
Adolph Fullenbaum
Frank Gantz
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Thelma Shapiro
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MAY 15

21 IYAR

William Berk
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MAY 16

22 IYAR

Lee Buchbinder
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MAY 17

23 IYAR

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MAY 18

24 IYAR

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25 IYAR

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MAY 20

26 IYAR

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MAY 23

29 IYAR

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MAY 24

1 SIVAN

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Esther Leah Bernstein
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MAY 25

2 SIVAN

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MAY 26

3 SIVAN

Toby Gorschman
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MAY 27

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MAY 28

5 SIVAN

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MAY 29

6 SIVAN

Leon Benham
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MAY 30

7 SIVAN

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MAY 31

8 SIVAN

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JUNE 1

9 SIVAN

Wolf Benzion
Rose Sigel Hallen
Gertrude Iskow
Jennie Migdal

JUNE 2

10 SIVAN

Mattatia Battino
Jerome Finster
Anna Goldman
Philip Hershenhorn
Elizabeth Kensky
Gertrude Molodow
Leon Rosenberg
Esther Steinberg
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JUNE 3

11 SIVAN

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JUNE 4

12 SIVAN

Frances Fierman
Florence Landy
Maurice Schottenfeld
Phyllis Ann Stathopoulos

JUNE 5

13 SIVAN

Edith Eisenberg
Jack Finder
Leslie Arthur Pike
Phyme Pitkin

JUNE 6

14 SIVAN

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

JUNE 7

15 SIVAN

Harry Fierman
Sadie Klein
Florence Askow Loeb

JUNE 8

16 SIVAN

Joshua Laken
David Joseph Williamowsky

JUNE 9

17 SIVAN

Pearl P. Gantz
Ricki Jane Nachamkin
Morris Rosenbaum

JUNE 10

18 SIVAN

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

JUNE 11

19 SIVAN

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

JUNE 12

20 SIVAN

Deborah Comstock
Rachel Leah Mandelblatt
Ethel Rothman

JUNE 13

21 SIVAN

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

JUNE 14

22 SIVAN

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

JUNE 15

23 SIVAN

Gustave Benzion
Gelu Greenwood
Freda Prince
Molly Silverstein
Feiga Smolar

JUNE 16

24 SIVAN

Mollie Karlin
S. Barbara Katz
Evelyn Marquis
Philip Salon

JUNE 17

25 SIVAN

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

JUNE 18

26 SIVAN

Betty Hirshon
Chava Krugman
Yitzhak Levy
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JUNE 19

27 SIVAN

Rose Abramson
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JUNE 20

28 SIVAN

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Sarah Yudkoff

JUNE 21

29 SIVAN

Bert Gross
Ronald E. Kirschner
Rose Weinstein

JUNE 22

30 SIVAN

Henry Finder
Lottie Finkelstein
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JUNE 23

1 TAMMUZ

Esther Leise
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David Sturm
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JUNE 24

2 TAMMUZ

Clara Benzion
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JUNE 26

4 TAMMUZ

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JUNE 27

5 TAMMUZ

Siegfried Ermann
Bernard Finstein
Shelly Goldin
Norris Halpern
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Sarah Weiser

JUNE 28

6 TAMMUZ

Harry Belson
Ruth K. Davis
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JUNE 29

7 TAMMUZ

Yetta Oppenheim
Murray Susswein
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JUNE 30

8 TAMMUZ

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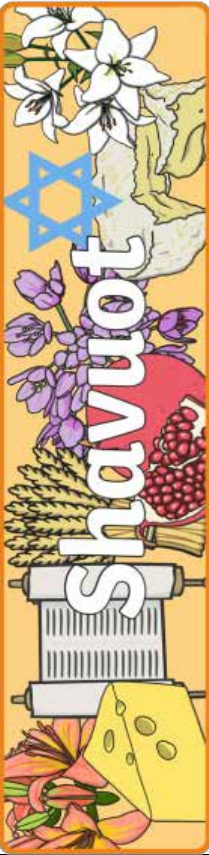
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May 2020

7 Iyar - 8 Sivan 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				<p>All events subject to change. Please read B'Keshet for the latest status.</p>			2 8:00a Minyan 9:30AM Study with Rabbi Israel 11:00AM Kabbalat Shabbat 11:00AM Candle-lighting
							1 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Israel 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:44p Candle-lighting
3	9 Iyar (Omer 24) 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM 50+ Havurah Meeting	4 7:30p Minyan	10 Iyar (Omer 25) 7:30p Minyan	5 7:30p Minyan	11 Iyar (Omer 26) 7:30p Minyan	6 7:30p Minyan	
10	16 Iyar (Omer 31) 9:00AM Bat Mitzvah - Liesl Feinman 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	11 7:30p Minyan	17 Iyar (Omer 32) 7:30p Minyan	12 7:30p Minyan	18 Iyar (Omer 33) 7:30p Minyan	13 7:30p Minyan	
17	23 Iyar (Omer 38) 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	18 7:30p Minyan	24 Iyar (Omer 39) 7:30p Minyan	19 7:30p Minyan	25 Iyar (Omer 40) 7:30p Minyan	20 7:30p Minyan 7:45PM Women's Network Book Group	
24	1 Sivan (Omer 45) Rosh Chodesh 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	25 7:30p Minyan	2 Sivan (Omer 46) 7:30p Minyan	26 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Board Meeting	3 Sivan (Omer 47) 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Board Meeting	27 7:30p Minyan	
31	8 Sivan 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan						
					21 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Israel Affairs Program 8:00PM Toastmasters	28 Iyar (Omer 42) 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Israel Affairs Program 8:00PM Toastmasters	
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					23 Yom Yerushalayim (Omer 43) 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Israel 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:03p Candle-lighting	30 9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Bamidbar)	
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June 2020

9 Sivan - 8 Tammuz 5780

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
All events subject to change. Please read B'Keshet for the latest status.	1 9 Sivan 7:30p Minyan	2 10 Sivan 7:30p Minyan	3 11 Sivan 7:30p Minyan	4 12 Sivan 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	5 13 Sivan 8:00a Minyan 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:13p Candle-lighting	6 14 Sivan 9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Naso) 11:00AM Tot Shabbat
7 15 Sivan 9:00a Minyan 10:00a Shredding Event 7:30p Minyan	8 16 Sivan 7:30p Minyan	9 17 Sivan 7:30p Minyan	10 18 Sivan 7:30p Minyan 7:45PM Women's Network Book Group	11 19 Sivan 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Toastmasters	12 20 Sivan 8:00a Minyan 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:17p Candle-lighting	13 21 Sivan 9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Beha'alotekha) - Graduation Shabbat
14 22 Sivan 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	15 23 Sivan 7:30p Minyan	16 24 Sivan 7:30p Minyan	17 25 Sivan 7:30p Minyan	18 26 Sivan 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	19 27 Sivan 8:00a Minyan 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:19p Candle-lighting	20 28 Sivan 9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Shelach Lekha) 11:00AM Tot Shabbat
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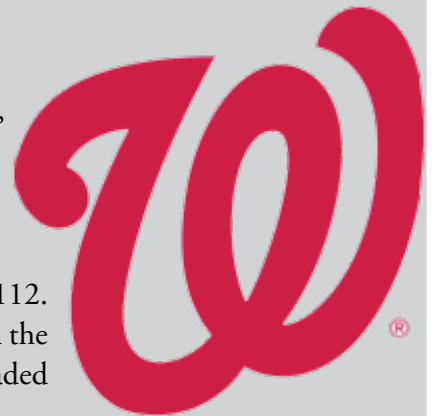
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Tickets Available for TI's Baseball Outing

Assuming Major League Baseball opens the 2020 season in the next two months, Tikvat Israel members will have a chance to jointly root for the Washington Nationals, the 2019 World Series champions, against the Philadelphia Phillies on Sunday afternoon, July 12.

The TI Women's Network has purchased a small block of tickets in Section 112. Tickets are more expensive this year, priced at \$54 each. These seats are located in the lower level of Nationals Park, in an area between 3rd base and left field that's shaded from the sun (although there may be direct sun briefly at the start of the game).



To reserve tickets, e-mail Rebecca Salon at rsalon@verizon.net by June 12, indicating how many tickets you wish to reserve.

Payment arrangements will be announced closer to the reservation deadline, once we know if the game (and baseball season) will take place in front of fans. Do not send money at this time.