



Search Begins Anew for a New Rabbi

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, *BULLETIN* EDITOR

Tikvat Israel will soon launch its second clergy search in five years to find a successor to Rabbi Benjamin Shull.

Board President Melanie Grishman expects to share details with TI members at a congregational meeting at 10 a.m. on Dec. 16, and before that date through electronic letters. The TI board hopes to hire a new rabbi by summer.

Rabbi Shull informed the synagogue's board of directors on Sept. 26 that he would not seek an extension to his four-year contract when it expires next June 30. The rabbi told the board that his decision was prompted by the need to provide greater attention to the health of the mother of his spouse, Stacy Lang, who resides in the Tampa, Fla., area.

The rabbi's resignation letter to the congregation was distributed two days after the meeting with the governing board.

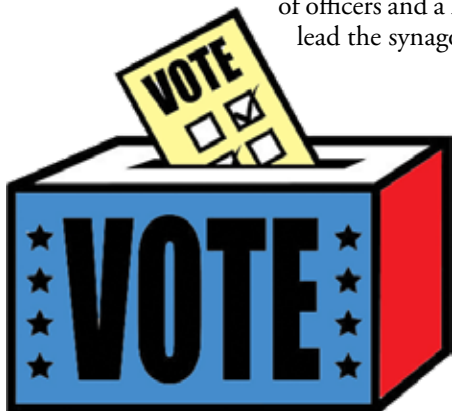
In his letter, the rabbi said: "It has been my privilege to share important moments in your lives and to teach Torah to you and to learn Torah from you. I have always sought to be honest with you, speaking from my heart about the critical issues facing our congregation and the Jewish people."

Rabbi Shull joined Tikvat Israel in July 2015 after nearly 30 years of serving elsewhere in spiritual leadership posts, including stints as a rabbi at synagogues in Palm City, Fla., and Tampa, and as executive director of Tampa Jewish Family Services.

He succeeded Rabbi Howard Gorin, who served as the synagogue's spiritual leader for 31 years and retired in June 2012.

Congregants to Select New Officers, Six Board Members for 2019-20

Tikvat Israel members will select in mid-December a full slate of officers and a half dozen members of the board of directors to lead the synagogue's affairs for the next two years.



A meeting to formally accept nominations for the presidency, three vice presidencies, treasurer, financial secretary and recording secretary will take place in the sanctuary on Sunday, Dec. 16. The congregational meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

A formal vote on the slate of nominees will take place at a second congregational meeting on Sunday, Jan. 6.

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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	6:30 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

November 2	5:47 pm
November 9	4:40 pm
November 16	4:35 pm
November 23	4:30 pm
November 30	4:28 pm
December 7	4:27 pm
December 14	4:28 pm
December 21	4:31 pm
December 28	4:35 pm

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NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS, continued from page 1

Melanie Grishman, who will complete two terms as the congregation's president in December, is not seeking reelection, but several current officers and board members are expected to seek another term.

Jonathan Solomon, a past president, chairs the nominations committee, and he will be responsible for presenting a full slate of candidates for consideration in December.

Six seats on the governing board also must be filled. Five are for two years. The other slot fills the one year remaining in the term of a board member who resigned this fall. Four board members are in mid-term.

The officers and board who are installed in January will be responsible for filling the forthcoming vacancy in Tikvat Israel's rabbinate.

Shul Shorts

CANTOR'S SCHEDULE

Cantor Rochelle Helzner plans to be on the bima two Shabbat mornings during each of the coming two months on this schedule: Nov. 10 and 24 and Dec. 8 and 22.

TAHARA VIDEOS

The informational session at TI on *tahara*, or Jewish mourning/burial practices, on Oct. 7 included a short video. That video and a second that uses a mannequin for demonstration are accessible at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOAaDj7cEFw> and <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=V4bWpbvvhHXw&t=181s>

Contact Marilyn Greenwood at marilynrgreenwood@yahoo.com for more details.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERING

The Tikvat Israel Library Committee could use help creating an electronic database of the books in the Herman J. Flax Library. Especially welcome are teen volunteers, who can earn Student Service Learning hours at the same time. Flexible hours.

Contact Janice Rosenberg at jzevarosenberg@yahoo.com or 301-460-1629.

MELTON COURSE

A 10-week Melton class, "Jewish Mysticism: The History of Kabbalah," will be taught by Rabbi Uri Topolosky starting Jan. 3 at Kehilat Pardes, 13300 Arctic Ave., Rockville. The class meets on Thursdays from 11 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Register for the course at www.events.org/MeltonRockville. Direct questions to Rabbi Benjamin Shull (rabbishull@tikvatisrael.org) or Rabbi Topolosky (rabbi@kehilatpardes.org).

The two Rockville synagogues have collaborated on Melton courses for three years.

ANONYMOUS BANK PAYMENTS

If you use your bank or brokerage firm to make payments to the synagogue, please alert the TI office (office@tikvatisrael.org) that a payment may be forthcoming. These financial houses often do not note on the check whose money is being transferred to the synagogue. This forces staff to wait to hear from the sender when checking on payments due.

Banks and brokerage firms will not share information about their clients who use these direct payment measures, causing delays in crediting members' shul accounts.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Suggestions for Becoming 'My Brother's Keeper'

BY MELANIE GRISHMAN, TIKVAT ISRAEL PRESIDENT



Dear fellow congregants,

In October, as we began a new cycle of Torah reading, we read about Cain and Abel and the dilemma of "Am I my brother's keeper?" In my teens, I went to a BBYO convention and participated in the public speaking contest. After giving our assigned oration, each of us had to draw a topic for an extemporaneous

speech, and this was the one I drew.

My answer to that question was yes. Then I had to explain why. What I said has escaped my memory, but I still think the answer is yes. Let me explain why.

Mankind has pretty much always lived in groups – in family units, clans and tribes. We naturally join together to share work, share the kill and protect each other from danger. Man seems to do better this way. Alone it is hard to hunt big game for food, protect the crops, harvest the crops, etc.

In our *kehilla*, we don't need to hunt or grow crops, but we still need to help protect each other. Some of us need more protection than others. Torah tells us to leave the corners of our fields for the poor to glean; to care for the orphan and the widow; and to be careful not to place a stumbling block before those who are blind.

When my husband, Jacob, ז"ל, was struggling with dementia and losing his sight, members of the congregation were helpful in assisting him when he had an aliyah, greeting him on Shabbat and engaging with him in a few words of Spanish (which he loved to speak). So that I could attend synagogue board meetings each month, some of you came over to visit with him while I was out of the house. This assistance is something for which I will be forever grateful to the Tikvat Israel community.

Currently, we have members who are struggling with dementia or other debilitations of aging. Please ask how you can be helpful. Here are a few of my suggestions.

- When a member is confused and searching for their spouse, we can speak to them reassuringly, offering to help them locate their spouse or sit and chat with them for a few minutes until the spouse returns.
- If someone is unsteady walking up a step or along a row of pews, we can offer a hand or our arm. We can offer assistance in stowing a walker or cane.
- Caregivers need a break once in a while, so we should call and offer to visit. When you arrive at the house, bring something along to ease the visit. Photos from a recent trip or a picture book is a great choice for exploring together.
- Often the one struggling with dementia no longer can maintain a conversation. With those more able, be prepared to discuss something of interest to them.

- If you live near a member who no longer drives, offer a ride to shul on Shabbat, for special events or for evening minyan.

Actively caring for each other will make us a stronger community, and we will be closer to truly achieving a *kahilla kadosha*.

ADULT EDUCATION

Exciting Fall and Winter Programming Slated

BY SALLY KRAM, ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHAIR



Once again, the Adult Education Committee has scheduled a busy and exciting program schedule over the coming months.

December

Building on its partnership with Theater J, the Adult Ed committee is hosting an afternoon at the production of *Talley's Folley* at the Gala Hispanic Theater, 3333 14th St., N.W. (Theater J is hosting performances around town this year as its Washington DC JCC space is renovated.) Join fellow TI members at this romantic comedy about a Jewish accountant's wooing of an old maid in 1944 Missouri, on Dec. 16 at 2 pm. A post-play meal outing will be planned.

Join us on Dec. 24 for Tikvat Israel's Dinner and a Movie, a homage to a modern Jewish tradition. Film selection and pricing for dinner will be promoted closer to the event. All ages are welcome.

January

A Tikvat Israel favorite, "Israel Presents: Two Nights of Israeli Film," returns on Jan. 19 and 26 (snow date Feb. 2). Discussions are underway with the Israeli Embassy as various film titles are under consideration. A delicious dessert reception and facilitated discussion will follow both films. Join us for one of TI's signature evenings. Volunteers are welcome. Contact Sally Kram at kram@consortium.org if you are interested in helping out.

February

The committee seeks instructors for Tikvat Israel University 2019, scheduled for Feb. 24 (snow date March 3). All instructors are asked to prepare a 10-minute presentation on any topic of interest and be prepared to answer questions about the talk. Join us for one of the most exhilarating events hosted by the committee. Contact [Kram@consortium.org](mailto:kram@consortium.org) if interested.

SHULL TO SHUL Reflecting on Contentious Times

BY RABBI BENJAMIN SHULL



I am writing this column in the wake of the Kavanaugh hearings, and you are reading this as the midterm elections near. This is a contentious time in the life of our nation. We are deeply divided and emotions are running high. What then is our responsibility as Jews during this difficult period in our nation's history?

As I see it, we have two primary responsibilities. We must be pursuers of justice and pursuers of peace. These are two values about which our tradition instructs us "*lirdof*," meaning to chase after. In Leviticus 16:20, we read "*Tzedek, tzedek tirdof*," or "Justice, justice you shall pursue." And in Pirke Avot 1:12, we read "Hillel says: 'Be like the disciples of Aaron, loving peace and pursuing peace...'" (*ohav shalom, v'rodef shalom*).

Now, it would be wonderful if these two values, peace and justice, lived together in harmony. Sadly, this is not always the case.

Pursuing justice means standing firm for what you believe, determining who is right and who is wrong, distinguishing between truth and falsehood.

Pursuing peace often means compromise, letting go of past grievances and accepting the fact that "your side" might not always be right. Justice and peace can live together, but not without some considerable tension.

We are Americans and we are Jews. We are about to vote. Let us pursue justice and peace with equal vigor. Let us advocate, with great determination, for the political positions we hold dear. Let us also extend a loving hand with an equal amount of determination to our fellow Americans with whom we disagree. For in the end, if "our side" wins by demonizing "the other side," all of America loses.

True Stories Set for Nov. 4

The sixth annual True Stories show will be staged at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4, in the Tikvat Israel social hall.

The show will feature short entertaining tales ranging from heavy drama to light humor told by some of the finest professional and amateur storytellers in the D.C. area. (Some adult themes may not be suitable for pre-teens.)

Tickets can be ordered in advance (\$20, with \$2 discounts for students and senior citizens) at tikvatisrael.org/truestories. Tickets at the door are \$22. Sponsorship levels are \$180 (six tickets) and \$72 (two tickets).

The show will be hosted by Tikvat Israel's Toastmasters Club. John Melmed is the principal organizer.

Board Adopts New Process for Minyan Attendance

BY ELLEN EISNER AND WARREN BERGER

Daily minyan has had a strong presence at TI since its inception in 1980. That is, until the last few years.

Recognizing that the decline in attendance has been discouraging and frustrating, both to those in mourning or observing a *yahrzeit*, and to those who regularly come to support their fellow congregants, the Religious Practices Committee appointed a minyan subcommittee to try to build up minyan participation.

For several years, the subcommittee has been actively involved in efforts to boost the numbers on TI's voluntary participant list. However, it hasn't been enough.

At its September meeting, the Board of Directors decided to take further action, passing a motion to revise TI's all-volunteer minyan practice to include both volunteer and assigned minyan attendance for member families. This follows on the board's decision two years ago to make minyan an "expectation" of synagogue membership.

During the coming month, TI households that have not previously made a minyan commitment will receive a letter assigning them to attend one minyan night each month. Assignments will focus on days most in need of additional participants. Only one Jewish family member (age 13 and older) is needed to fulfill the family obligation.

The board of directors understands that not every household is in a position to participate in minyan for a variety of reasons. Every effort will be made to avoid assignments to those with health issues, for example. Assignment days also may be changed easily, if a different day is preferred.

Both Rabbi Shull and board president Melanie Grishman addressed the importance of minyan over the High Holidays. On Rosh Hashanah, Grishman noted how well we do in supporting *shiva minyanim* for our congregants, but she underlined the need to continue comforting the bereaved beyond *shiva* by coming to daily minyan.

In his sermon on Yom Kippur, Rabbi Shull movingly reminded us that "we can help God heal broken hearts ... [through] the comfort we provide by being part of regular weekday minyan." He also reminded us that "assuring a daily minyan for those in mourning is a basic and essential service of a Conservative congregation."

May we all step up and make a difference through our presence at minyan once a month.

LOBBY RENOVATION STATUS

Tikvat Israel finally received its construction permit from Montgomery County government, allowing the synagogue's lobby renovation project to commence. The project is now expected to be completed in late December. Watch *B'kesher* for status reports.

Newcomers Join Our Membership Ranks

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

Tikvat Israel has welcomed several newcomers to the membership ranks and one returning member since last spring.

The newcomers are Amanda Flores and her children Aiden and Ava Flores, and Sandra Schwartz and son Steven. The returnee is Aaron Fineman.

Each provided some biographical information, which follows. Please welcome our newest members when you spot them in shul.

Amanda Flores



Members of the Flores family (from left) are Amanda, Ava, Alonso and Aiden.

Amanda Flores and her husband Alonso have resided in Rockville since 2007. Son Aiden, 4, and daughter Ava, 3, attend the early childhood center at TI.

What prompted Amanda to join TI? “My children attend the ECC and have really enjoyed being a part of the community,” she said. “Since living in Rockville, I have not joined a temple. This seemed like the right time and fit for our family.”

In her own youth, Amanda says she attended Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria, Va., and was active in youth programs. “I hope my children can have a similar experience,” she says. Occupationally, she works at the Food and Drug Administration’s Center for Tobacco Products, in the human capital and strategic recruitment department.

Sandra Schwartz



Sandra Schwartz

Sandra Lee (Katz) Schwartz has resided with her family in Rockville since 1962. Her son, Steven Arthur Schwartz, also has joined as a member.

“We look forward to being active members of Tikvat Israel. We were looking for a friendly, active and *hamishe* congregation and have found it,” she says.

Following two decades as an occupational therapist, Sandra says she now spends time “dispensing advice and lending a hand as the need arises.”

She adds: “Although there is already a lovely young member of TI who shares my name, I am certain that there should be no difficulty telling us apart.”

Aaron M. Fineman

A resident of Rockville since the mid-’60s, Aaron Fineman began attending services at Beth Tikva around 1963 when the congregation was meeting in the Rockville Civic Center. During his family’s first period of membership, Aaron served as board treasurer for two years during the presidency of Larry Berger.

Aaron’s older children attended the day care program at Beth Tikva, and all four children had b’nai mitzvah at the shul. His

parents’ memorial plaques and donation plaques at TI bear his name. He has four grandchildren.

“We took a five-year hiatus in our membership. Although we were taking steps to rejoin, my wife Leslie died (in February) before that happened. Her funeral was held at TI with the rabbi and cantor officiating. That was her request,” Aaron says.

“Subsequently, I rejoined and was welcomed back by the TI community. It is a great source of comfort to me and a true spiritual home,” he adds.

Aaron is a retired federal employee, having served for years as director of budget for the National Endowment for the Arts.



Aaron Fineman

WOMEN’S NETWORK 'Tea with Chocolate' and Other Events

BY BRENDA BROOKS, WOMEN’S NETWORK TREASURER

Women’s Network hosted its first major event of the year, a special Membership Tea with an intriguing title, “The Dark Side of Chocolate - A Tea and Talk,” on Sunday, Oct. 28. Attendees enjoyed many homemade goodies and learned about fair trade in chocolates. Prospective members who have not yet joined the Women’s Network should contact me at bbrooksx@gmail.com.



Women’s Network is overseeing the congregation’s support of Linkages to Learning this year through a grocery store gift card drive, to be held from Nov. 1 to Dec. 16. Sandra Sheskin is coordinating this important initiative. The staff at Linkages will use the cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, either by gifting the cards to families during the holidays, or by using them to purchase food for families in need.

The ever-popular book group met on Oct. 17 to discuss *A Remarkable Kindness*, by Diana Bletter. The next meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 19, following evening minyan (approximately 7:45 pm), will be held in the Flax Library. We will be discussing *The Marriage of Opposites*, an historical novel by Alice Hoffman, which takes place in St. Thomas, in the Virgin Islands. The novel opens in 1807 and follows the life of a young Jewish woman, Rachel Pomie, (mother of Camille Pissarro, the famous Impressionist painter.) The novel weaves details about Jewish life on St. Thomas, including the synagogue, which is now a popular tourist destination. There are many copies available in the Montgomery County library system. Sara Harris will lead the discussion.

Lastly, mark your calendars for Israeli dancing on Sunday, Jan. 6, from 1:30 - 3 p.m., to be led by Shirley Waxman in the social hall. You don’t need to be an experienced dancer to participate—all levels are welcome. Shirley has many years of experience teaching Israeli dance, and was formerly the Director of the Israeli Dance and Folklore department at the JCC in Rockville, among other positions. This event will be coordinated by Felicia Black.

Board Retreat Applies Congregants' Data to Action Steps

BY RODNEY MATHESON

A half-day planning retreat on Aug. 26 involving 23 Tikvat Israel board members and professional staff developed some short-term measures to address membership recruitment and retention.

The participants applied findings from a congregation-wide membership survey plus focus groups during the past year. They also heard a presentation by Gil Preuss, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, on the demographics and synagogue affiliation status of Jews in Montgomery County, D.C. and Northern Virginia.

The over-arching purpose of the board retreat was to turn data into action plans.

Contained within both the 2016 Pew study of American Jewry and the 2017 Jewish Federation of Greater Washington Jewish Community Demographic study is a lot of data, much of it disheartening and some of it uplifting.

The professional and lay leaders of Tikvat Israel made the commitment to not passively wait to see what happens in the future but instead to build upon the many positive aspects identified by TI congregants in the written member survey as well as in the follow-up focus group meetings.

Our community's leaders assumed responsibility to "See It" (the data), "Own It" (the implications), "Solve It" (develop solutions) and "Do It" (take action).

One goal was to discuss tangible action plans to retain and recruit Tikvat Israel congregants.

Board members, professional staff and committee chairs developed action plans that focused on improving Tikvat Israel's



Gil Preuss, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, detailed demographics of synagogue affiliation in Montgomery County at the board retreat. (Photo by Sam Freedenberg)



About two dozen board members and committee chairs generated action goals to move the synagogue forward. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

performance in one or more of the following areas:

- Connection among congregants of all ages;
- Communication among congregants, clergy, lay leaders and professional staff; and
- Learning (both Jewishly and otherwise).

The retreat participants committed to these 30- to 60-day outcomes:

- Lshannah Tovah and thank you phone calls made by board members to all congregants (recommended to be repeated by each board in the future);
- Professional staff to attend board meetings on a pre-set schedule to track and report progress on recruitment and retention of congregants, as well as to debrief new and existing programs. This should result in improved communication and coordination across the organization; and

- Increased Facebook postings tied to *B'kesher*, event publicity and *Bulletin* articles.

The retreat generated these 60- to 90-day outcomes:

- Re-introduce Tot Shabbat with new ideas and perspectives; and
- Publicize broadly beyond TI (advertise early and often).

The 90-day-plus outcome was this: Broaden planned Hanukkah events to include additional cross-generational programming.

Congregant Grabs Gusto in Senior Olympics

Longtime Tikvat Israel member Judy Davis won four medals this year in the Maryland Senior Olympics. Her haul included a pair of gold medals in badminton and a pair of silver medals in swimming.

By virtue of her dominance in these events at the state level, Davis qualifies to compete at the 2019 National Senior Olympics in Albuquerque, N.M., next June.

Ever modest, Davis told the *Bulletin* in an exclusive interview: "It's easy to win medals in tiny Maryland, especially in my age category (75-79). If I go to Albuquerque, I'll be considered 80, since I'll turn 80 next August, before Dec. 31, so my chances might be better. But still, there are a lot of women competing, and

they are the best athletes from every state so I have little hope of winning a medal or even a ribbon, given to the first eight winners. But just to be there will be an exciting experience."

The Maryland medals have a new design this year that clearly announces Maryland. "The new design is prettier than the old medals, which had just a black and yellow stripe on the necklace," Davis said.



Congregants Journey Spiritually During *Kallah* 2018

BY BETTY FISHMAN, *BULLETIN* ASSISTANT EDITOR

Forty-two congregants from Tikvat Israel traveled to the Pearlstone Retreat Center in Reisterstown, Md., for *Kallah* 2018 over the weekend of Oct. 19-21.

The retreat center is a large compound featuring overnight accommodations, meeting spaces, farmland that produces fruits and vegetables (which we enjoyed at our meals), farm animals and spacious open grounds. Pearlstone is so spacious that other overnight guests included a group practicing silent meditation. (We heard their beautiful chimes from time to time calling them together but otherwise nary a peep. TI members' joyous participation probably made up for their silence!)

The weekend combined the spiritual with the social.

The Torah portion was *Lech Lecha*, the story of Abraham's journey from Ur to Canaan, and the theme of the *Kallah* was "Lech Lecha—Get Movin'." We focused on the types of journeys experienced by us as individuals and by the Jewish people as a whole—physical, spiritual and emotional.

A special edition of the Shabbat sheet was thoughtfully prepared by Amy Matathias and Sam Freedenberg, and we even had our own theme song, "*Ozi ve-zimrat Yab, Va-yehi li lishu'a.*"

The *Kallah* opened with a Friday afternoon orientation by the Pearlstone event coordinator and a welcome by event chair Felicia Black that carried greetings from Rabbi Shull, who was unable to attend. (His personal health, though, was definitely on the minds of participants during the *Kallah*.)

After Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner Friday evening, we studied "Reasons for Keeping Mitzvot." Four primary reasons were identified: reverence toward God; refinement (i.e., making us better people); sustaining the community; and *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world). On Saturday afternoon, we discussed four specific mitzvot: Shabbat,



Before *Kallah* 2018 came to an end, most participants held to one spot long enough for a group shot. (Photo by Sherman Eisner)



In rear from left, Danny Bachman, Richard Lederman and Dan Black lent instrumental backing to a Saturday night sing-along that included plenty of familiar folk favorites. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)



The *Kallah* campfire sing-along had to be relocated indoors, but the venue change did not diminish the enthusiasm. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)



From left, Edna Breit, Judy Davis and Shirley Waxman greeted retreat participants with a welcome bag, folder containing study materials and a songbook. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Talmud Torah, welcoming guests/feeding the hungry and preserving the Earth.

Many played a role in the *Kallah's* religious services. The daveners were Danny Bachman, Rabbah Arlene Berger, Joel Bressler, Richard Lederman, Jim Perlmutter and Nancy Solomon. Reading Torah on Shabbat were Susan Apter, Bachman, Berger, Louise Chatlynnne, Michele Eisenberg, Cliff Fishman and Lederman. Everyone received an *aliyah* (in groups) during the Torah reading. The Haftorah was chanted by Parasha Partners Edna Breit and Kate Jennes-Kahn.

After Havdalah on Saturday night, Shirley Waxman led us in Israeli dancing. Others played table tennis and various games. A planned sing-along around the campfire unfortunately was rained out, but an enthusiastic *kumsitz* moved indoors using songbooks prepared by Lederman that included such familiar tunes as "Leaving on a Jet Plane" and "Down by the Riverside." Lederman and Bachman played guitar and Dan Black performed on his drum. The trio was a hit with the crowd, which insisted on an encore.

The merits of the *Kallah* are certain to endure. At the Sunday morning wrap-up, Lederman asked each attendee to fill out a postcard identifying his or her commitment to perform a particular mitzvah. The cards will be mailed to each participant in six months as reminders of the pledges.

Thanks to the event organizers: chair Felicia Black, Rabbi Shull, Rabbah Arlene Berger, Dan Black, Melanie Grishman, Stacy Lang, Richard Lederman and Jim Perlmutter.

Toastmasters Offering Pizza to Attract Newcomers

BY AARON MANNES, PRESIDENT, HOPEFUL COMMUNICATORS



Tikvat Israel's Toastmasters Club, known as Hopeful Communicators, is holding an open house with pizza and snacks on Thursday, Nov. 8, following evening minyan.

The Toastmasters organization has been helping people develop their leadership and communications skills for over a century. Whether you dread public speaking or love to talk, Toastmasters can be a lot of fun.

The Hopeful Communicators of Tikvat Israel have been meeting regularly for more than a decade. Anyone teen-age or older is welcome to join our regular meetings, usually the 2nd and 4th Thursday evening of every month starting at 8 p.m. in the Flax Library. For more information visit our website (<https://hopefulcommunicators.toastmastersclubs.org>).

If you've been thinking Toastmasters is for you or are just curious, the open house is a great way to get a taste of what we do. We will hold an abbreviated meeting that features a prepared speech, extemporaneous speaking, speech evaluations and opportunities for guests to learn about Toastmasters.

RSVPs are not necessary but would be helpful to make sure we have enough food. To RSVP or ask questions, contact me at aaron.mannes@gmail.com.

I look forward to talking to you on Nov. 8.

B'nai Mitzvah Set for Pair

Tikvat Israel members will celebrate when two teens are called to the Torah in the coming months.

Aiden Schwartz will have a bar mitzvah on Nov. 10. Elijah Pollack has his bar mitzvah on Jan. 5.

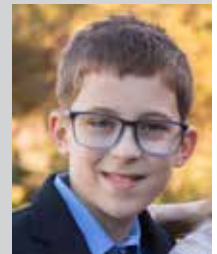
The following information was provided by their parents.

Aiden Ezra Schwartz is the son of Elissa and Jason Schwartz. He has two sisters, Yael and Adina, and a brother, Jacob. He is a 7th grader at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School.



Aiden's personal interests include art, reading, entomology and dogs. And, his mother adds: "He is a very funny kid!"

Elijah Baranoff Pollack (better known as Elie) is the son of Dalit Baranoff and Joshua Pollack. He has a sister, Aviva, and attends Parkland Magnet Middle School, where he is a 7th grader.



Elie's personal interests are sports, geography, cartography, history, chess and cats.

His service project will be to improve and expand the use of recycling at Tikvat Israel.

An Exciting Step Forward for Flax Library

BY JANICE ROSENBERG

Two student volunteers are helping to create an electronic catalog of the books in the Flax Library's collection using cataloging and circulation software purchased this year. Data to be entered include title, author and call number.

The students are volunteering their time on Sunday afternoons and will receive Student Service Learning hours, which are required for high school graduation in Montgomery County.

Meet our student volunteers:

• **Rebecca Fuchs** is a 10th grade student at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda. She participates in a ham radio club and enjoys photography. Her favorite subject in school is science.



• **Christian Sabes** is in 10th grade at Wootton High School in Rockville. He enjoys playing video games and writing code in Java. His favorite subject in school is computer programming.



Books About Science

The following books from the Flax Library are on display near the entrance to the sanctuary to support the Year of Science at Tikvat Israel:

- *Einstein: His Life and Universe*, by Walter Isaacson (Simon and Schuster: New York, N.Y., 2007);
- *Einstein and the Rabbi: Searching for the Soul*, by Naomi Levy (Flatiron Books: New York, N.Y., 2017);
- *God and the Folly of Faith: The Incompatibility of Science and Religion*, by Victor J. Stenger (Prometheus Books: Amherst, N.Y., 2012);
- *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief*, by Francis S. Collins (Free Press: New York, N.Y., 2006).

To borrow these books, or any other books in the Flax Library, please contact me at jzevarosenberg@yahoo.com.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Teaching Resilience in Children

BY LUISA MOSS, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING



The Talmud teaches us that “a father is obligated to teach his son how to swim.” Basic understanding of this text is the obligation of a parent to teach life skills to his or her child.

A deeper meaning is the reminder that ultimately children do not belong to their parents. They are a gift from

God; parents' obligation is to raise their children to become independent and move on and ultimately create lives of their own.

One of the most important skills parents can teach their children is resiliency. I just read a *Kveller* article, “My Daughter’s Friends Can Be Total B*tches and I Told Her So.” Author Sarah Tuttle-Singer tells of how her daughter came home one day and related that she was being excluded from activities by other girls. Tuttle-Singer responded to her daughter by reassuring her that she had done nothing to deserve this treatment and to seek out friends that make her feel good about herself and channel activities she is good at.

Tuttle-Singer reminded her daughter that while it can be hard to feel like one does not fit in, focusing on the places where she does excel and friends that care about her are the important things to focus on.

For some kids, it can be hard to accept that they are not going to be friends with some groups of people. It is an important reminder to adults who play a role in children’s lives to remind them they are important and to help them identify and surround themselves with those who care about them. Parents should encourage honing the skills and talents they excel at.

“*Lech lecha* - Go forth and move!” (This is our congregational theme for the year, coincidentally.) God told Abraham when it was time for him to leave the land of his father to venture out into the unknown Promised Land. The phrase literally means “go to yourself.” As Wendy Mogel says in her book, *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee*, “Unless your child ventures forth into the world, he won’t get a chance to learn how to master it and find his place. Having a clear goal in raising your child – ‘I want this young person to learn to swim’ – can help you figure out what to do when your child prefers to remain on the shore, or when your own fears threaten to stall his growth.”

May we all have the strength to confront our own fears and support others in taking the leap to grow stronger and more resilient.

Atid Learning Center 3rd graders explore the ark and the Torahs, their covers and pointers with educator Luisa Moss.



TIKVAT ISRAEL NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2018

YOUTH EVENTS CALENDAR

Nov. 3	Junior Congregation
Nov. 3	Kehilat Kids
Nov. 4	Bonim (K-2nd grade) event
Nov. 11	Professional Day (No Atid classes)
Nov. 21-25	Thanksgiving break
Nov. 28	Classes resume
Dec. 1	Junior Congregation
Dec. 1	Kehilat Kids
Dec. 8	USY Latke Party
Dec. 9	Latke and Lights Party
Dec. 16	Machar (3rd-6th grade) event
Dec. 23-31	Winter break (No Atid class)

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

‘Learning Is the Outcome’

BY SHERI BROWN, ECC DIRECTOR



Our Early Childhood Center is one busy place!

Even though we’ve missed several days due to the fall holidays, already our children have been busy cementing old friendships and creating new ones. They are planning and executing complex play scenarios to build the all-important executive functioning skills. They are building and dismantling structures to enhance spatial relationship and mathematical skills.

Our students explore in the J-STEM room (Jewish Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) and read books often. They write, sing, dance and laugh.

At the Tikvat Israel ECC, we follow the motto expressed by Amanda Morgan (*notjustcute.com*): “Play is the method and learning is the outcome.”



We hope you’ll stop by the ECC and listen to the laughter, smell the challah baking and see the faces of our youngsters as they discover new things every day.

Challah baking is one of the sensory learning experiences for the pre-schoolers in the early childhood center at TI.



Messages of Support

I want to stop for a moment — take a cleansing breath, relax and then give a *todah rabbah* to the congregants who were so supportive of me and my family following the loss of my mother. I thank you for the dinner, the arrangement for the shiva minyanim and for those who came to ensure I always had a minyan.

We're also very grateful for those who made donations in my mother's memory. I will be ever thankful for the support of such a caring community in my time of loss.

Roz Kram

It is with sincere appreciation that we write you as we enter the New Year of our Hebrew calendar 5779.

On behalf of the residents who attend the Shabbat services held each Friday evening at the Five Star Premier Residences of Chevy Chase, we are so grateful for the services provided by your congregants Maxine and Jimmy Perlmutter during the past year.

Thanks to both of them for so eloquently conducting our Shabbat services as well as their insightful descriptions of the *parasha* of the week. It is an amazing contribution to our community.

Reggie Schatz

Thank you so much to the Bereavement Committee for the beautiful fruit basket you sent after my sister's death. It is such a good feeling to know that the members of our congregation are so caring and helpful.

Joan Margolies

A Thought for the New Year

I received this greeting from a cousin, and thought it was worth passing along: "While it's important to act properly between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, it is perhaps more important to act properly between Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah." (Source: www.positivejewishliving.com).

I hadn't heard it phrased quite like that before, but I do like it!

Larry Levine

SUKKAH DINING BEYOND THE SUKKAH



At Tikvat Israel's Bring-Your-Own Sukkah Dinner, a few families managed to enjoy a few bites inside the sukkah before the rains began to pour. A short while later, the soggy diners were joined in the social hall by a handful of others, while Harley Liebenson instructed Linda Schwartz (left) and Phyllis Schwartz on proper use of a lulav and etrog on the holiday. (Photo by Sue Urban)

OUTDOORS HAVURAH PURSUING FALL FOLIAGE

Members of TI's Outdoors Havurah explored part of the C&O Canal Towpath at Dickerson Conservation Park in upper Montgomery County in early August.

The Outdoors Havurah runs periodic outings to locations throughout the Washington, D.C., area. TI members and their friends are invited to participate. Their next event, on Nov. 11, will be a fall-foliage hike at Catoctin Mountain Park.

For information about the next event or to be added to the havurah's events list, contact Sue Urban at 301-928-8881 or surban@comcast.net.



Under a large, historic tree along the C&O Canal are: Sue and Martin Urban, Warren Berger, Louise and Chuck Chatlynne, Keith and Brenda Brooks, and Cindy Renteria. (Photo provided by Sue Urban)

Gen L'ders Havurah Sets Varied Year-Long Plans

BY STEVE RAUCHER

The Gen L'ders Havurah is a group of friends [seniors] committed to pursuing cultural and fun-filled activities within the Tikvat Israel community. Theater, museums, sports, food and fellowship are the basis of our activities. At our annual potluck dinner and planning meeting, we settled on a range of activities.

Foremost, we will publish a list of our yartzeiten to ensure every havurah member will have a minyan on those occasions.

We plan to offer at least one activity per month, each coordinated by a different member/couple. As you will note, food is a very important component of each of our activities. Our plans follow.

- Oct. 14, Bonsai Gardens @ National Arboretum and Sunday dinner
- Nov. 10, *Brigadoon* @ Fitzgerald Theater and dinner
- Dec. 16, Civil War Medical Museum in Frederick and Sunday dinner
- Jan. 12, 2019, Game Night at home and potluck dairy dinner
- Feb. 3, 2019, Super Bowl Party and stadium food
- March 16, 2019, *Gypsy* @ Toby's Dinner Theater
- April 20, 2019, Second Seder at TI
- May 11, 2019, Italian bowling (bacci) and dinner
- June 15, 2019, Father's Day at minor league baseball game

Our havurah feels strongly that having a second Pesach seder at the shul would be highly recommended. Our group would be willing to work with TI staff to make this happen for everyone, not just us.

Directing Your Bequest

BY SAM GILSTON, CHAIRMAN,
TIKVAT ISRAEL FUND FOR THE FUTURE

I recently spoke with a family who had gone to their lawyer to have their wills updated. I'm editing our conversation to avoid identifying the family, while maintaining the essentials of their story.

One of the topics of discussion they had with the lawyer was about their desire to have some of their estate go to specific organizations in the form of endowments after their deaths.

Their lawyer asked them about their current financial needs and their existing assets. It became clear that their assets provided more than they needed for many years to come and still would allow them to make bequests in their wills.

Then the lawyer asked a question. Why wait until you have died to have these gifts go to your designated charities? Wouldn't you enjoy seeing these gifts being used while you are alive?

After considering those questions, the family decided to initiate an endowment while they were still alive. Just as important, they were able to designate how the endowment was to be used.

Under the bylaws of Tikvat Israel's Fund for the Future, bequests or gifts of \$10,000 or more can be designated for specific uses to benefit the synagogue. Our congregation has many activities and programs that could use financial help to assure their successful functioning.

An endowment might fund a broad range of activities, such as youth and adult education, facilities and beautification, religious practices, Israeli affairs or community outreach. Others can be more limited and very specific, such as maintenance of our Torah scrolls.

Perhaps you have an interest in one or two specific functions of Tikvat Israel that you want to ensure will have long-term financial support. Trustees of the Fund would be happy to discuss with you how you could make a capital contribution now, or a bequest in your will, to support a designated purpose.

Under the terms of such a gift or bequest, only the income from that donation would be used for the purpose you designate; the original capital contribution could not be touched. If you are able to make that capital contribution while you are still alive, you will be able to enjoy seeing how your gift is being used in your lifetime. That can be a very rewarding feeling.

As the Fund for the Future grows, it will be able to make larger and larger contributions to Tikvat Israel's annual financial needs. This will have greater importance over the coming years and will help sustain our synagogue and reduce the financial burden on our members.

The Fund for the Future can provide you with information you can discuss with your accountant, lawyer or financial advisor, to see how a contribution now or in the future can fit into your estate planning and give you the opportunity to enjoy seeing your gift at work. Feel free to contact me at sgilston@comcast.net.

FOOD COLLECTED AT HIGH HOLIDAYS

Dozens of Tikvat Israel members came to Kol Nidre services bearing loads of food products to be donated to Manna Food Center. The center's staff came by the synagogue the morning after Yom Kippur to pick up our collection.

The bags' contents will be sorted by volunteers at Manna's warehouse in Gaithersburg and placed on shelves for distribution to the many needy people who come by for food for their families. As the leaders at Manna put it: "Hunger doesn't take a holiday."



TI members interested in volunteering as a group to sort donations periodically at Manna Food Center should contact Art Fabel at rockvilleart@gmail.com.

Elyse Bernstein helped to collect the food donations before the chanting of Kol Nidre at Tikvat Israel. (Photo by David Gantz)

Help the Chai Campaign Hit Its Target for 2018

BY JAYME SOKOLOW, CHAIR, CHAI CAMPAIGN

The Chai campaign is underway. To those of you who have already contributed, on behalf of the synagogue I would like to thank you for your contribution. For those of you who have not yet contributed, there is still time to help make a difference.

As you know, our membership dues cover only part of what is needed to maintain our staff, facility, and programs. It is up to us to put into action what we committed ourselves to in prayer during the High Holidays. Please be as generous as your circumstances allow.

Last year, we almost achieved our goal of raising \$60,000. This year, we intend to raise \$65,000, but we can only do it with your support.

The Chai campaign has helped the congregation balance its budget and continue providing outstanding programs and services to all congregants. The campaign also supports those congregants who may need financial assistance.

We have these categories of giving: Diamond (\$5,400), Platinum (\$3,600), Gold (\$1,800), Silver (\$1,000), Double Chai (\$720) and Chai (\$360).

As you think about making a contribution, consider how much Tikvat Israel has meant over the years to you and your family. Consider also how the synagogue has supported you and your family and others in joy as well as in sorrow.

HASBARA: Focus on Israeli Innovation

(Tenth in a Series)

BY HARVEY T. KAPLAN

During the Torah Service on Yom Kippur, we read in the Haftarah in Isaiah 57, "...*Solu-solu panu derech; bareemu michshol miderech ami.*" [...Make a path, clear the way, remove the stumbling-block out of the way of my people.] The emphasis, according to the High Holiday Prayer Book of the United Synagogue of America (1951), was to master ourselves so that we can "...be true to our better selves and to develop our capacities for the enrichment of our personalities and for the service of our fellowmen." The verse also reminded me of what I did on a continuing basis during my 27 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: we built and paved roads, we cleared routes of mines and other obstacles, and we enabled things and people to move forward.

Over the past 18 months, I have provided in this column a broad spectrum of examples of how the State of Israel and its resourceful citizens have contributed to eradicating "stumbling-blocks" for Jews and non-Jews alike. Here are just a few of the new developments I've uncovered recently.

- Members of the Wolfson Faculty of Chemical Engineering (at the Technion in Haifa) are working on a technique to make selected surgical procedures less invasive. The concept is that enzymes can serve as natural tissue-remodeling tools. The body already regularly uses enzymes to repair itself. A major problem with traditional surgery is that blades are not able to distinguish between healthy and diseased tissue. Surgery also involves longer recovery times, is more painful to the patient, and is likely to cause unnecessary damage. In the future, some surgical tasks will likely be performed using "a combination of nanotechnology and a controllably activated proteolytic enzyme." These experimental procedures demonstrate the interface of physics, engineering, chemistry, biology, and materials science.
- I've written before of Israeli technology's contributions to make America safer. Here are five more examples, about which you may not have heard much news:

1. Trophy APS—or Active Protection System (developed by Rafael Advanced Defense Systems)—to be used to shield U.S. Army tanks, by intercepting anti-tank and other projectiles "in mid-air with a shotgun-like blast." If this is of special interest to you, I recommend the following link: www.rafael.co.il/4320-3827-EN/Marketing.aspx.



Rafael's Trophy Active Protection System on an Israeli Merkava battle tank. The U.S. purchased APS last June for use on about 250 of its own M1 Abrams Tanks.

2. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, deployed by the United States in Afghanistan and elsewhere for real-time surveillance—with U.S. Air Force and U.S. Marine Corps applications of other systems.

3. What American troops call the "Israeli Bandage"—officially the Emergency Bandage—is now in each U.S. soldier's first aid kit. It slows the loss of blood, "prevents infection and allows non-medically trained people to stabilize" some wounded individuals.
4. Advanced wheelchairs (developed by Softwheel, purchased by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs), have a flexible shock absorption system built into the wheel resulting in a faster, more stable, and smoother ride.
5. Onscreen images to drone operators provided by Edgybees, for AR (augmented reality). There are numerous other applications of AR for disaster relief, emergency response, and defense. Edgybees assisted our U.S. first responders during hurricanes Harvey and Irma, and in fighting the California wildfires during 2017.

According to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the value of Israeli technology to our own citizens continues. "[A] range of cutting-edge technology helps keep Americans safe. As Israel develops and perfects new technologies, America will continue to benefit from its special relationship with the Jewish state." See the American Israel Education Foundation's Near East Report (July 2018) for more details on some of these innovations: www.aipac.org/ner.

I'm planning to focus on a range of very different Israeli developments in other arenas in my next issue. May we continue our efforts to circumvent all roadblocks and delays and address the social and economic problems being experienced around our troubled world throughout the balance of 5779!

P.S. Check out Safeway's new and free illustrated calendar for 5779-5780 titled "Celebrating 70 Years: Israel Then and Now." The contrast between old and new photographs from all around the country each month is fascinating and beautiful. Israel has come a long way in the past 70 years!

VOLUNTEERS BRING HOLIDAYS TO NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Members of Tikvat Israel led an abbreviated High Holidays service for a dozen Jewish residents of Potomac Valley Nursing Home in Rockville and their family members.

Jim Perlmutter provided his cantorial expertise and Sam Gilston demonstrated his fitness with his shofar blowing during a service that combined selected prayers and melodies from the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur prayer books.

Tikvat Israel members have led a monthly Shabbat service at Potomac Valley, as well as family dinner/services at Hanukkah, Passover and the High Holidays, for more than 30 years. For most of that period, the services have been led by Rebecca Salon and Jay P. Goldman. They are seeking additional volunteers. Contact jgoldman@aasa.org to learn more about this occasional opportunity.

Folk Music Series at TI Continues on Dec. 9

TI's partnership with Focus (focusmusic.org) continues in 5779 with several concerts expected during the year ahead.

The next event, featuring the band Lox & Vodka, will take place on Sunday, Dec. 9 (the final night of Hanukkah), at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$18 for TI members. Advance tickets are available at www.focusmusic.org.

Lox & Vodka grew out the members' love of the music, the rich traditions, the holiday celebrations and the deep spirituality that Judaism offers. Precious memories of Friday nights with grandma and grandpa, teenage Shabbatonim with non-stop singing and dancing, and treasured family simchas filled with ritual and music inspired the creation of this upbeat, uplifting, spirit-filled band.

Klezmer music, or in this case Jewish soul music, has been in existence since the Middle Ages when klezmerim (itinerant musicians) would travel from shtetl (village) to shtetl to play for Jewish weddings and other celebrations. Lox & Vodka is part of the revival of this spiritually endowed musical form, sometimes with a touch of classic rock, Motown, swing, country and big band music.

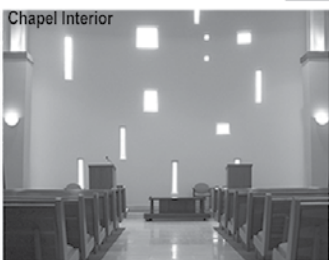
"Focus has brought us incredible talent in the past and this upcoming show will continue that tradition," said Michael Amster, primary coordinator of the folk music shows at the shul. "There is nothing like experiencing music live ... and the fact that it's being presented in the warmth, comfort and intimacy of our spiritual home makes it all the more special."



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NOVEMBER 1

23 HESHVAN
Bessie Bachman
Robert Coblitz
Sadje Grand
Ronald Hamburg
Sarah Labovich
Oscar Lifshutz
Clara Osofsky
Amy Strong
Kurt Tuchler

NOVEMBER 2

24 HESHVAN
Joshua Bass
Abraham Bernstein
Joseph Bernstein
Joshua Borushok
Hyman Gardsbane
Ellen Halpern
Herbert Kammerman
Rose Schmetterling
Samuel Steinberg

NOVEMBER 3

25 HESHVAN
David Barrish

NOVEMBER 4

26 HESHVAN
Howard Blafkin
Helen Jaffe
Sam Krick
Eleanor Miller
Samuel J. Mollen
Jack Rosen

NOVEMBER 5

27 HESHVAN
Sol Baron
Samuel Braunstein
Nathan Cohen
Louise Deutchman
Meyer David Green
Philip Grossmann
Anna Lichterman
Rachel Maran
Resel Zeidman

NOVEMBER 6

28 HESHVAN
Selma Kubitz

NOVEMBER 7

29 HESHVAN
Herb Curchack
Harold Davis
Jean Hale

NOVEMBER 8

30 HESHVAN
Pearl Fink
Lucille Kram
Rosalie Taylor

NOVEMBER 9

1 KISLEV
Marvin Apter
Zenita Berman
Edward Hallen
Rose Kopp

NOVEMBER 10

2 KISLEV
Alick Abramson
Manuel Cohen
Myra Pasternak
Sam Schuchman
Jean Zalevsky

NOVEMBER 11

3 KISLEV
Rosalind Bloom
Florence Cohen
Jesse Curchack
Leonard Hardis
Miriam Stein

NOVEMBER 12

4 KISLEV
Ida Hamburg
Esther Sax
Arnold Springer
Tom Zusman

NOVEMBER 13

5 KISLEV
Jacob Bernstein
Jerome Feingold
Morris Pachenker
Louis Pelish
Henrietta Roth

NOVEMBER 14

6 KISLEV
Rosemary Birrell
Rose Fischer
Paul Flacks
Barbara Herman
Gordon Miller
Herbert H. Miller
Jack Sheskin
Harry Weil

NOVEMBER 15

7 KISLEV
Bernard Cohen
Melford Cohen
David Fleitman
Nathan Halpern
Robert Kandalis
Ernest Nash
Harry Ohr

NOVEMBER 16

8 KISLEV
Ellen Berman
Shirley Blau
Joseph Cohen
Sophye Cohen
Samuel Rosenberg
Theodore L. Tetenbaum
Lewis Weinbrom

NOVEMBER 17

9 KISLEV
Doris Amster
Sidney Brittner
Fred Curchack
Shirley Fishman
Reuben Lapin
Rose Oppenheim Levin
Ezra Menachem Marcus
Moe A. Robinson

NOVEMBER 18

10 KISLEV
Arthur Amster
Minnie Jorban
Muriel Sandler
Ada Taylor

NOVEMBER 19

11 KISLEV
Max Blum
Herbert Brotman
Richard Copaken
Isaac Eiserike
Harry Selinger
Aaron Weinstein

NOVEMBER 20

12 KISLEV
Fannie Fleitman
Alfons Reich
Sam Spiegel

NOVEMBER 21

13 KISLEV
Henry Aronson
Toby Baum
Louis Kensky
Beryl Newman
William W. Radin
Melvyn Spector
George Waltzer

NOVEMBER 22

14 KISLEV
Samuel Altschuler
Jeremy Copaken
Daniel Kaiser
Kieve Marquis

NOVEMBER 23

15 KISLEV
Isidor Schechter

NOVEMBER 24

16 KISLEV
Dorothy Goldstein
Joseph Goldstein
Elizabeth Jennes
Irvin Lerner
Florence Nachamkin
Nicky Papageorge
Samuel Salit
Doris Schlessinger
Meyer Taubman

NOVEMBER 25

17 KISLEV
Irving Baron
Harry Brodofsky
Sonya Dunie
Max Feinsilber
Rebecca Gershowitz
Max Glick
Samuel Kier
Abe Lavine
Charlotte Lowenfeld
Lilian Lowenfeld
Saul Reiter
Sharon Silberberg
Solomon Zimmerman

NOVEMBER 26

18 KISLEV
Khana Klig
Bobbie Leman
Anna Levin
Suzanne Lifschitz

NOVEMBER 27

19 KISLEV
Paula Beck
Leon Cohen
Heinz Eric Gerstle
Bernard Prosnit
Samuel Rosenthal
Jeanette Sohn
Joseph Spiegelberg

NOVEMBER 28

20 KISLEV
Celia Blum
Riva Fishman
Regina Grossmann
Sam Hendler
Herschel Herscovitz
Sarah Kensky

NOVEMBER 29

21 KISLEV
Jacob George Bloom
Norman Franklin Jacob
Elliott Kleinman
Carl Solomon

NOVEMBER 30

22 KISLEV
Philip Abramowitz
Maurice Binder
Robert Eisner
Gisela Glaser
Morris Katz
Joseph Levy
Bertha Phillips
Alice Sachs
Bessie Schreiber



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DECEMBER 1

23 KISLEV

Esther Adelson
Louis Blum
Ann Brotman
Marilyn Burdett
Alana E. Fishman
Jair Kaplan
Abraham Kensky
Nettie Koeppel
Joseph Milenky
Abraham Schuchman
Herman Sheskin
Lazar Volin

DECEMBER 2

24 KISLEV

Lena Burdett
Donna Faye Frank
Margaret Gerstle
Jean Katz
Morton Lerner
Alice Regensteiner
Fannie Stein

DECEMBER 3

25 KISLEV

Fay Avery
Bonnie Brafman
Edna Cohen Goldstein
Gilda Greene
Julia Gruenfeld
Herman Linsenberg
Charles Prince

DECEMBER 4

26 KISLEV

Fannie Burdoo
Leon Louis Cohen
Samuel E. Herman
Ruth Katzen
Cheryl Lang
Alexander Lewis
Kate Selinger

DECEMBER 5

27 KISLEV

Otto Lohwasser
Freda Willander

DECEMBER 6

28 KISLEV

Irma Pazo
Steven Prince
Arnold Schwartz
Selma Shapiro
Jacob Sperling

DECEMBER 7

29 KISLEV

Mildred Baron
Jerome Boden
Morris Kagan
Milton Rodes
Fannie Selwyn
Arlene Simon
Henrietta Zoltrow

DECEMBER 8

30 KISLEV

Rose Feinman
Max Keusch
Dorothy Wolfe

DECEMBER 9

1 TEVET

Bernard Fattman
Frank Feinsilber
Jacob Golding
David Greenberg
Doris Kalman
Joshua Krepchin
Sidney Sandler
Mark Stern
Irwin Jan Stolovy

DECEMBER 10

2 TEVET

Louis Burdoo
Peter Schwartzman
Judith Sue Sussman

DECEMBER 11

3 TEVET

Louis Broadman
Jacob Dall
Sol Danoff
Max Douma
Pauline Greene
Miriam Hoffman
Miriam Matathias
Theresa Romm

DECEMBER 12

4 TEVET

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

DECEMBER 13

5 TEVET

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

DECEMBER 14

6 TEVET

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

DECEMBER 15

7 TEVET

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

DECEMBER 16

8 TEVET

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

DECEMBER 17

9 TEVET

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

DECEMBER 18

10 TEVET

Lydia Black
Steven Bowen
Mark Levi
Henry Roth
Carl Seide

DECEMBER 19

11 TEVET

Julia Auerbach
Irene Berger
Fred Buff
Morris Gorinson
Margaret Peisner

DECEMBER 20

12 TEVET

Geraldine Linden
Ellen Rosenthal
Mollie Radin Schragger
Jennie Strassman

DECEMBER 21

13 TEVET

Rose Blackstone
Eli Dannemann
Ellen Jacob
Allen Katz
Anna Krooler
Nathan Nachamkin
Lois Renee Nisenson

DECEMBER 22

14 TEVET

Irving Joseph Kaplan
Moshe Kritz
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DECEMBER 23

15 TEVET

Harry Brafman
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Benjamin Feinman
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Jennie Schnitzer
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DECEMBER 24

16 TEVET

Benjamin Kay
Roslyn Mollen
Milton Thaler

DECEMBER 25

17 TEVET

Mildred Brook
Rachel Cohen
Hyman Goodman
Adele Mainen
Harriet Miller
Samuel Nadel
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DECEMBER 26

18 TEVET

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

DECEMBER 27

19 TEVET

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

DECEMBER 28

20 TEVET

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

DECEMBER 29

21 TEVET

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Fay Blum
Julius Landy
Havivah Levy
Hilda Levy
Michael O. Miller
Julius Novack
Ida M. Schiffman
Carolyn (Kitty) Strauss
Richard W. Winograd
Richard Wottitzky

DECEMBER 30

22 TEVET

Morris Cohen
George Ray Davis
Anne Kristal
Maurice Levinsohn
Abraham Peck

DECEMBER 31

23 TEVET

Samuel Asen
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Tzedakah Havurah Packs Long-Term Power of Support

BY DAVID GANTZ

One of our longstanding recipients of the Tezedakah Havurah's yearly allocations, The Israel Free Loan Society, has informed us that over a 30-year period, our synagogue (with its own dedicated fund) has donated a total of \$17,617.

This commitment, funded by congregants' donations, has resulted in 19 loans totaling \$81,903. These were no-interest loans to individuals to see them through difficult times.

The Israel Free Loan Society also informed us that the organization is launching the Social Loan Fund and planning to establish the Israel Social Bank. The group also changed its formal name to Israel Free Loan/Ogen. The goal is to create Israel's first digital, non-profit social bank.

In the future, our havurah hopes to continue contributing to our own fund (number 144), which carries the name of our synagogue. Please check out the organization's website at www.ogen.org.

A SHORT STRUCTURAL LIFE



The sukkah built on the back patio of Tikvat Israel has a limited life each fall. Its construction and demolition are managed by Alan Apter. He had many volunteers in setup and teardown, including Ross Apter, Harley Liebenson, Eli Liebenson, Jonathan Solomon, Rod Matheson, Dan Matathias, Amy Matathias, Sandra Schwartz, Steven Schwartz, Sandy Schwartz, Warren Berger, Gene Sheskin, Neil Kram, Danny Bachman, Barry Lipsy and Aaron Fineman.

November 2018

23 Cheshvan - 22 Kislev 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9:00AM Atid LC Classes 9:00a Minyan 10:00AM Science Fiction Book Club 2:00PM True Stories 7:30p Minyan	5 7:30p Minyan	6 7:30p Minyan	7 4:30PM Atid LC Classes 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Bridge	8 6:45a Minyan 11:00AM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Toastmasters	9 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull 4:40p Candle-lighting 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat	10 9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Toldot) - Aiden Schwartzbar mitzvah
11 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	12 7:30p Minyan	13 7:30p Minyan	14 4:30PM Atid LC Classes 7:30p Minyan	15 6:45a Minyan 11:00AM Melton Class 12:15PM Hazak Meeting 7:30p Minyan	16 12:00AM Nov. 16-18 - Seaboard USY Fall Convention 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull 4:35p Candle-lighting 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat	17 9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Vayetzal) - Simcha Kiddush 12:45PM Study with Rabbi Alana Suskin & Rabbi Morris Fainerstein
18 9:00AM Atid LC Classes 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	19 7:30p Minyan	20 7:30p Minyan	21 7:30p Minyan	22 9:00a Minyan 11:00AM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan	23 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull 4:30p Candle-lighting 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat	24 9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Vayishlach)
25 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	26 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Board Meeting	27 7:30p Minyan	28 4:30PM Atid LC Classes 7:30p Minyan	29 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Toastmasters	30 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull 4:28p Candle-lighting 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat	3 9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Chayei Sara) 10:30AM Junior Congregation 11:00AM Kehillat Kids 12:45PM Study with Rabbi Alana Suskin & Rabbi Morris Fainerstein

December 2018

23 Kislev - 23 Tevet 5779

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 24 Kislev Erev Chanukah Atid LC Classes Minyan "Cultural Diversity and Our Own Jewish Cultural Expressions - Beyond the Bagel" 9:00AM 9:00A 10:30AM	3 25 Kislev Chamukah (1) Minyan 7:30p 7:30p	4 26 Kislev Chamukah (2) Minyan 7:30p 7:30p	5 27 Kislev Chamukah (3) Atid LC Classes Minyan Bridge 4:30PM 7:30p 8:00PM	6 28 Kislev Chamukah (4) Minyan Melton Class Minyan 6:45a 11:00AM 7:30p	7 29 Kislev Chamukah (5) Minyan Study with Rabbi Shul Candle-lighting Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00a 9:00AM 4:27p 6:30PM	8 30 Kislev Chamukah (6) Rosh Chodesh USY Latke Party (time TBA) Shabbat Services (Parashat Miketz) 9:30AM
9 1 Tevet Chamukah (8) Rosh Chodesh Atid LC Classes Minyan Latkes and Lights Minyan Focus Music: Lox & Vodka 9:00AM 9:00a 3:45PM 7:00p 7:30PM	10 2 Tevet Chanukah Minyan 7:30p 7:30p	11 3 Tevet Minyan 7:30p 7:30p	12 4 Tevet Atid LC Classes Minyan 4:30PM 7:30p 7:30p	13 5 Tevet Minyan Melton Class Minyan Toastmasters 6:45a 11:00AM 7:30p 8:00PM	14 6 Tevet Minyan Study with Rabbi Shul Candle-lighting Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00a 9:00AM 4:28p 6:30PM	15 7 Tevet Shabbat Services (Parashat Vayigash) - Simcha Kiddush Study with Rabbi Alana Suskin & Rabbi Morris Fajerstein 9:30AM 12:45PM
16 8 Tevet Atid LC Classes Minyan Congregational Meeting Theatre J Minyan 9:00AM 9:00a 10:00AM 2:00PM 7:30p	17 9 Tevet Minyan Board Meeting 7:30p 8:00PM	18 10 Tevet Fast of Tevet Minyan 7:30p 7:30p	19 11 Tevet Atid LC Classes Minyan Women's Network Book Group 4:30PM 7:30p 7:45PM	20 12 Tevet Dec. 20-27 - USY International Convention Minyan Melton Class Minyan 12:00AM 6:45a 11:00AM 7:30p	21 13 Tevet Minyan Study with Rabbi Shul Candle-lighting Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00a 9:00AM 4:31p 6:30PM	22 14 Tevet Shabbat Services (Parashat Vayechi) 9:30AM
23 15 Tevet Minyan Minyan 9:00a 7:30p	24 16 Tevet Dinner and A Movie Minyan 5:00PM 7:30p	25 17 Tevet Minyan 7:30p 7:30p	26 18 Tevet Minyan 7:30p 7:30p	27 19 Tevet Minyan Melton Class Minyan Toastmasters 6:45a 11:00AM 7:30p 8:00PM	28 20 Tevet Minyan Candle-lighting Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00a 4:35p 6:30PM	29 21 Tevet Shabbat Services (Parashat Shemot) 9:30AM
30 22 Tevet Minyan Minyan 9:00a 7:30p	31 23 Tevet Minyan Minyan 6 7:30p					



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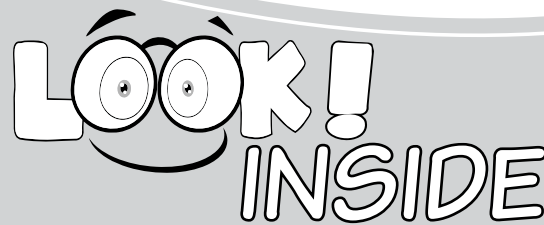
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Inside This Issue...



➤ **YOU SAY YOU WANT A SAY?**

Opportunities await you right now on the synagogue's governing board. Read the **page 1** story of the many vacancies that must be filled by TI members in December. Here's your chance to set the parameters for selecting the next rabbi.

➤ **A POTPOURRI OF ADULT FUN.**

Yes, the Adult Education Committee has lots of enjoyable activities — including a Theater J outing, two Saturday nights at the movies and Tikvat Israel U 2019 — slated in coming months. The story on **page 3** fills in the particulars.

➤ **A COMMENT ON CONTENTION.**

Rabbi Shull's column on **page 4** discusses Jewish principles in this deeply divided time as emotions run rampant over politics and personalities across our nation.

➤ **TWO NEWBIES, ONE RETURNEE.**

Our membership ranks expanded in recent months. The synagogue welcomed two new families and one returning member (who was part of Beth Tikva back in the early 1960s!). See our congregation's newest faces on **page 5**.