

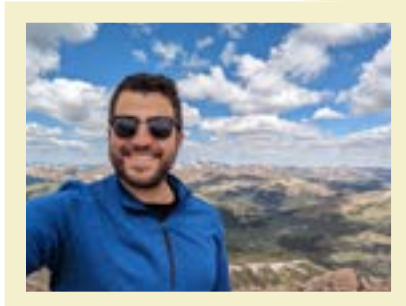
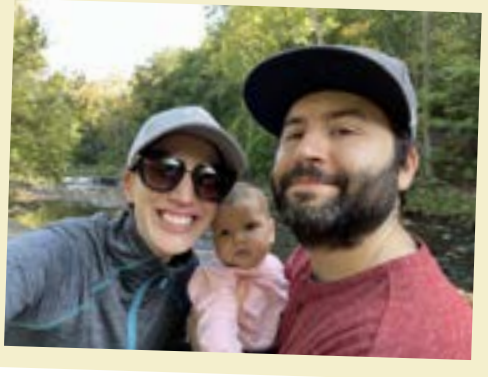
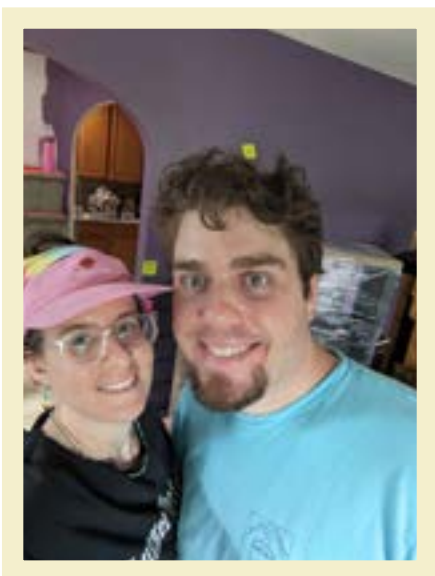


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New Faces of New Members

You probably do not know the names belonging to these faces ... yet. They are among the 19 new family units that have swelled the TI membership ranks in the past four months. You can discover their identities and something about them in a roundup feature on **pages 6-7**.



WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Monday	7:15 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.	
<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i>		6:00 p.m.
<i>Shabbat</i>	9:45 a.m.	
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.

All services are both online and in person.

CANDLE LIGHTING & HAVDALAH TIMES

<i>Shabbat & Holiday Dates</i>	<i>Candle Lighting</i>	<i>Havdalah</i>
11/1-2	5:49 p.m.	6:47 p.m.
11/8-9	4:41 p.m.	5:41 p.m.
11/15-16	4:35 p.m.	5:35 p.m.
11/22-23	4:31 p.m.	5:32 p.m.
11/29-30	4:28 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
12/6-7	4:27 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
12/13-14	4:28 p.m.	5:31 p.m.
12/20-21	4:31 p.m.	5:34 p.m.
12/27-28	4:35 p.m.	5:38 p.m.

Chanukkah

12/25	5:15 p.m. (Night 1)
12/26	5:15 p.m.
12/27	4:35 p.m. (light before <i>Shabbat</i> candles)
12/28	5:38 p.m.
12/29	5:17 p.m.
12/30	5:18 p.m.
12/31	5:19 p.m.
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It's Election Season at TI ... Again

Congregants will be electing a new set of officers and four members to the board of directors during a meeting on Sunday, Feb. 2 at the synagogue.

The congregational meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Under changes to the bylaws that were adopted last June, the congregation's annual election now takes place at a congregational meeting in late January or February to give those newly elected a chance to learn about their duties before taking office officially on July 1.

If you are interested in serving as an officer or a governing board member, contact Warren Berger who, as immediate past president, serves as chair of the nominations committee. Contact him at warren.berger@gmail.com.

The officer posts to be filled are president, vice president for administration, vice president for programming, vice president for education, treasurer, financial secretary and recording secretary. Incumbents may opt to run for another two-year term.

Four of the board's nine seats also will be decided in February with those newly elected taking office on July 1. The four berths currently are filled by Felicia Black, Carol Chelemer, Mark Diamond and Roni Silverstein. Five other board members are serving the first year of their two-year terms.

There are no term limits for officers or board members in the *shul's* bylaws.

Shul Shorts

Dinner to Fete Roz Kram

A dinner to honor longtime congregant and former kitchen manager Roz Kram will be held on Friday, Nov. 22, following *Kabbalat Shabbat*. Details to register for the dinner will be available in *B'kesher*. All reservations must be received by Nov. 12.

In addition to the dinner, a tribute book is planned. Join us in showing Roz our appreciation.

Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments

"KS with I" will be held on Friday, Dec. 13, at 6 p.m., preceded by a pre-service reception at 5:20 p.m. sponsored by Judy Davis in honor of her special birthday. This spirited Friday evening service includes uplifting melodies both traditional and new, led by Cantor Helzner and accompanied by instrumentalists.

Although most impactful in person, the service also will be livestreamed. Future dates are Jan. 31, March 28 and June 13.

Blood Donations

The next Tikvat Israel blood drive will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 6, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the social hall. Here is the link to register: www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=TikvatIsraelRockville. Robbi Cohen is the blood drive coordinator for TI.

Advertising Sales Leads

Bob Silverstein serves as advertising sales coordinator for the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*. He is willing to contact area service providers or retail merchants who might find a potential audience in our synagogue members.

If you are aware of businesses that ought to be contacted, please send Silverstein a contact name at r_silverstein@msn.com so he can follow up with a sales pitch and advertising rates. Non-dues revenue is important to the synagogue's fiscal health.

Pledge Commitments Surpass Expectations in Debut Year

Bolstered by the addition of almost 20 new member households during the past four months, Tikvat Israel has surpassed its goal for annual membership pledges in FY '25, according to Aaron Chusid, executive director.

As of Sept. 26, TI members had pledged \$606,012. "That puts us \$15,462 above our goal, and we still have more households we expect to pledge," Chusid said in a report to the synagogue board of directors.

He shared the following statistical measures:

- Households who have pledged: 218 (84% of total)
- Households not yet pledged: 41
- Total amount pledged: \$606,012 (103% of goal)

- Pledges compared to suggested amount: 111%
- Pledged less than suggested amount: 28%
- Pledged equal to suggested amount: 25%
- Pledged more than suggested amount: 46%
- Average amount pledged per adult: \$1,731

Chusid told the board he estimated another \$40,000 to \$50,000 could still be pledged by families that had not yet done so in order for them to remain members in good standing at Tikvat Israel.

In assessing the first year of TI's voluntary pledge model, he said: "It is a complete affirmation of our faith in our congregation and the reasoning behind this new model. ... I am excited to see what we can accomplish next year when this has fully become the new normal."

Cantor's Tribute Concert May 18 to Feature Hadar Ensemble

BY MARY WAGNER

As we move into the year 5785, we are embarking on the year of celebration of Cantor Rochelle Helzner and her distinguished four-decades-plus career at Tikvat Israel.

Several events will take place during the next eight months, culminating in a major concert to celebrate all we have accomplished together.

We are working diligently on finalizing a suitable venue for this fabulous event, featuring the renowned performing artist Hadar Ensemble. It's expected to take place in mid-May.

The Hadar Ensemble features Joey Weisenberg and other musicians. They bring a joyful collection of *niggunim*, traditional and new songs and joyful harmonies to their performances. Audience members will be invited to sing along, and there will be many ways to participate. The Hadar Ensemble is particularly suited to help us celebrate Cantor Helzner because



the musical group showcases the many types of *niggunim*, songs, and prayers from all around the world that she has taught us at Tikvat Israel over the years.

For more information on the Hadar Ensemble, visit www.joeyweisenberg.com/hadar-ensemble. The website carries samples of the group's work.

Ticket purchasing information and other ways to recognize the cantor's lengthy tenure will be shared soon. We also hope to provide assistance with transportation to the concert venue from Tikvat Israel for those who may need this support in order to attend the tribute.

So mark your calendars now for a major synagogue event of 5785: "A Time to Sing: A Concert Celebrating Cantor Rochelle Helzner." More details will appear at www.tikvatisrael.org/annual-cantors-concert.

New Manager Takes Over TI's Kitchen Operation



Joe Atkin

Joe Atkin has joined Tikvat Israel as the new kitchen manager, making him responsible for all group events involving food and beverages at the synagogue.

Atkin studied culinary arts at L'Academie de Cuisine Culinary School and holds a minor in business. He has been actively working in a

variety of kitchens while sharing his love of cooking through preparing his favorite dishes.

"We are excited to have him as a member of our TI staff, and even more excited to try all of his delicious food," said Monica Meyer, who chairs the kitchen committee.

If you would like to sponsor a weekly *kiddush* or plan an event involving food, reach out to Atkin, who will be pleased to discuss menu ideas with you. Reach him at kitchen@tikvatisrael.org.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Change is in the Air

BY BETH SMITH, TIKVAT ISRAEL CO-PRESIDENT

(This column is based on Beth Smith's Kol Nidre speech to the congregation.)



Beth Smith

John F. Kennedy said, “Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”

So what is change and why do so many people find it difficult? One aspect of change: replacing something comfortable with something else, especially something that is newer, can be terrifying but necessary to move into the future.

At Tikvat Israel we've seen a lot of changes in the last few years. They've been good changes, important changes, but these changes have not been easy. In June 2022 we adopted a strategic plan. I vividly remember Cliff Fishman standing at the microphone during our congregational meeting that year and clearly directing the congregation to accept this new plan if we wanted Tikvat Israel to survive into the future.

Now, in the third year of the plan, we have achieved what many thought was impossible. The boldest proposal in the plan—a change from set dues to the voluntary commitment model—has set TI on a path of unprecedented rapid growth. In the past few weeks, we have gained 19 new family units, and inquiries keep coming. (See related story, page 6.) Melissa Apter and the membership committee have been busier than ever.

In a more modest step, but in some ways just as important, we have used information gained from various trainings and advice from USCJ to improve how the TI Board of Directors operates. With the Executive Committee setting the board agenda in advance, members have information well ahead of each actual board meeting, enabling them to thoughtfully consider new policies and efficiently conduct TI's business with maximum input and (we hope) minimum fuss.

The board's business is done using Basecamp, a technology tool introduced to us by Executive Director Aaron Chusid. Basecamp helps small teams move faster, coordinate better and create a record for future boards on a project- and topic-specific basis. We have stopped reinventing the wheel.

I must admit that when Aaron first introduced Basecamp, I *hated* it. Why? Because it required me to adapt to change and move out of my comfort zone. It took me a little while before I understood how to use it. But, by spring 2023, when I knew I'd be chairing my last Cantor's Concert, Basecamp was invaluable in helping me to organize the event and keep track of steps I knew my successor would find invaluable. Change, it turned out, could be good!

But that doesn't mean that change is easy. ... It's especially difficult for those of us who are technologically challenged. But at Tikvat Israel we don't have to meet challenges alone. We're known for our warmth, our camaraderie, our big family attitude.

We have members with all kinds of talents and skills who can help one another. We just need to know who can do what and when.

I believe our TI community, our *kehillah*, has a deep-seated commitment to collective responsibility, support, and inclusiveness. I believe most members of our community have helped in various ways in the past. I also believe that due to a variety of circumstances, many people have ended up doing the same thing for years and years.

People like Marsha Lyons, who chaired the kitchen committee for at least 30 years. What an act of love and dedication!

Then there's Jeff Bernstein, who has been working behind the scenes for years making sure all the *Torah* scrolls are rolled to the right places and in the proper positions. He has tirelessly worked with the rabbi to make sure that the *Torahs* are rotated so no one scroll gets too worn out. Thank you, Marsha and Jeff, for your outstanding commitment.

There are so many other people who make themselves available when there is a need, people like Barbara Katz, Sara Harris, Melissa Apter, and Sandra Sheskin, who help in the office whenever they can. There's Sandra Schwartz, who has been setting up wine and grape juice for *kiddush* almost every week for years. And, of course, Alan Apter, who's no longer on the board, but has continued to chair the Building Committee.

If I were to name all the wonderful people who make TI the special place it is, we'd be here for many extra hours, so to all of you who help in so many ways, I'll just say thank you for everything you have done. And that brings me to my appeal for tonight.

No, I am not asking for money. We're not doing that any more. What I am asking for is a small but exceedingly important commitment of your time. We need each member, regardless of age, to make a promise to yourself that you will do one thing to help Tikvat Israel this year that has nothing to do with money. You have made your voluntary pledge, so the money part has already been decided.

Here are other ways you can strengthen our *kehillah*:

- We need technical support—a TI Tech Squad—to help members fill out our new forms and spreadsheets that aid us in collecting invaluable data.
- We need nontechnical support—a TI Mail Squad—to help get mailings ready to be sent to the Congregation.
- We need a *Kiddush* Squad on *Shabbat* mornings—both before and after—to help set up or clean up. Perhaps you can volunteer for one *kiddush* during the year.
- Or perhaps you could help staff an event. We'd be happy to match your interests with our volunteer needs.
- Perhaps you could lead a discussion after *kiddush*.
- Or maybe you have a special talent not on this list that you can share. TI is a small pond where we invite you to be a big fish. Contact me and together we'll find the right fit.

We committed to change in June 2022, and this course is making Tikvat Israel a better, stronger community. Be part of it. Join us in our sacred work as we take Tikvat Israel into the future.

RABBI'S CORNER

Being Thankful in a Divided America

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



We are in the final days of the presidential and congressional election campaigns – an election whose result is likely to be extremely emotional. Polling indicates that just a few votes in a few key districts in a small number of states may flip the House of Representatives, the Senate and the White House one way or the other.

No matter who wins, nearly half the country will not only be disappointed, but will despair about the direction of our country.

I am willing to make a bold prediction: On Thursday, Nov. 28, Americans will gather around their dinner tables with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving, regardless of what happens on Nov. 5. When we do, we all will face the question: What are we thankful for this year?

I pray that the answer, at least in part, is that we are thankful to live in a country in which there will be a peaceful transfer of power, even if we disagree with the results. There may be legal challenges or protests, but I hope the majority of supporters of whichever candidate loses will accept the results.

There is a famous teaching in the *Mishnah* (200 CE) that reminds us of why we must respect the structure of authority, even when you know in your heart that the authority is wrong.

For a society to operate well, there must be an agreed upon calendar, and in ancient rabbinic times, that calendar was determined by the Great Sanhedrin, based on witnesses spotting the new moon.

In *Mishnah Rosh Hashanah* 2:8, Rabbi Yehoshua and Rabbi Dosa ben Hirkanas, two leading rabbis of the time, raise valid concerns that a certain set of witnesses' testimony could not be accurate, despite knowing that Rabban Gamliel, the head of the rabbinic court, had already accepted their testimony. Upon hearing about their challenge, Rabban Gamliel sent a message summoning Rabbi Yehoshua to appear at the Great Sanhedrin with his staff and his money on the day that Rabbi Yehoshua believed was *Yom Kippur* (one day after *Yom Kippur* by Rabban Gamliel's calculation). This would mean Rabbi Yehoshua would be breaking the laws of *Yom Kippur* based on his own calculation.

Rabbi Akiva went and found Rabbi Yehoshua distressed. He quoted a verse from the *Torah* for him: "These are the appointed seasons of the Lord, sacred convocations, which you shall proclaim in their season" (*Leviticus* 23:4). Rabbi Akiva taught that this verse indicates that the words "You shall proclaim them," means that the community determines the calendar, not just the moon and stars. Therefore, as head of the Sanhedrin, Rabban Gamliel correctly asserted his authority to make this decision, even if it was inaccurate.

The *Mishnah* tells us that Rabbi Yehoshua, still upset, went to see Rabbi Dosa ben Hirkanas, who had agreed that the wit-

nesses' testimony was not valid. Ben Hirkanas told him that if we come to debate and question the rulings of the court of Rabban Gamliel, we must debate and question the rulings of every court that has stood from the days of Moses until now.

At that point, Rabbi Yehoshua took his staff and his money in his hand and went to Yavne to Rabban Gamliel on the day on which *Yom Kippur* occurred according to his own calculation. Upon seeing him, Rabban Gamliel stood up and kissed him on his head. He said to him: Come in peace, my teacher and my student. You are my teacher in wisdom (Rabbi Yehoshua was considered to be the wisest rabbi of his generation), and you are my student, as you accepted my statement, despite your disagreement.

The dispute between Rabban Gamliel and Rabbi Yehoshua is never resolved on its merits. I'm sure that Rabbi Yehoshua went to his death bed thinking Rabban Gamliel was wrong. However, for society to operate, Rabbi Yehoshua's friends persuaded him that preserving the legal system was more important than being right.

I believe all Americans have a lot to learn from this story. Regardless of who wins the 2024 elections, half the country will be relieved, and half the country will feel despair. My prayer is that each of us, and all Americans, will learn from the wisdom of both Rabbi Yehoshua and Rabban Gamliel.

It will be easy to be thankful this year if the candidates and parties you support win. The challenge, if your candidate loses, is to remember that the blessings of living in a still-functioning democracy (God-willing) are greater than the cost of the opposition winning.

Our Informative Website, Your Reliable Source

For the latest information about upcoming events affiliated with Tikvat Israel, be sure you visit the shul's website at www.tikvatisrael.org.

When you need more details than *B'kesher* or the *Shabbat* Sheet can provide, turn to the website for the full picture.

Webmaster Bob Silverstein welcomes feedback from congregants about sections of the site that could benefit from updating. He's also seeking volunteer help. Drop him a note about either matter at r_silverstein@msn.com.

Meet the Newest Members of Our Congregation

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

During the past two months, the membership ranks at Tikvat Israel have swelled considerably.

Nineteen new family units have joined since July 1, the start of the synagogue's fiscal year, with most of these additions having come since the beginning of September, owing to the substantial promotional and recruitment work of membership committee chair Melissa Apter.

Apter reports the synagogue also is fielding a steady stream of inquiries about membership, and the *shul* is looking at the possibility of adding Makom residents to our rolls. (Makom is the local human service agency formerly known as the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes. Their residents regularly attend *Shabbat* and holiday services at TI.)

The *Tikvat Israel Bulletin* asked all of the newcomers who have joined since our September-October issue was produced to share some biographical information about themselves. Responses from 15 new family members follow. (Contact information is searchable in the online membership directory.)

Sandra (Sandy) Schwartz and Tony Maiolatesi

Children: Talia, 5 months

Residence: Kensington, Md.

Occupations: Sandy is an architect with Gensler. Tony is an architect with Hickok Cole.

Why affiliate: We are happy to be back in Maryland after living in D.C. for several years and we are now closer to family. Our affiliation goes beyond convenience, though, as there are several synagogues even closer to us. We appreciate the familiarity of TI because it is where Sandy grew up attending with her family, who are also members. We enjoy the events and inclusive programming, and we are excited to be part of such a welcoming community that will help us guide Talia as she grows up.

First impressions of TI: Sandy: My first impressions are from when I was very young. I have fond memories of preschool song sessions, youth group events, and receiving a Jewish education at Beth Tikva and Tikvat Israel. Tony: I like that TI has a welcoming atmosphere and a very forward-looking attitude while being firmly planted in rich tradition.



Rebecca (Becky) Miller

Children: Gemma, 18 months

Residence: Rockville

Occupation: Dialectical behavior and expressive arts therapist, Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents and the DBT Center of Greater Washington

Why affiliate: I'm not actually new to TI. My mom, Gabriela Miller, is a member. I grew up at TI. I was in the Torah Club, attended Hebrew school, had my *bat mitzvah*, was in a *chavurah* and worked in the *ulpan* class as a teacher's aide as a high schooler. I am excited to finally be an official member.



Rachel and Adam Clifton

Children: Benjamin and Eric, both 4 years old.

Residence: Damascus.

Occupations: Rachel is a manager at a veterinary clinic. Adam is an MRI technician at Walter Reed.

Why affiliate : Rachel: My parents (Jason and Debbie Levine) are longtime members of Tikvat Israel, and both children attend pre-K at the ECC.

First impressions: We have found Tikvat Israel to be really inviting and have really enjoyed a lot of the family-friendly activities.

Sue Sandler

Residence: Silver Spring

Children: Adults living elsewhere

Why affiliate: I was a former member of Beth Tikva. My children became *bat mitzvah* there. My granddaughter was named there. My partner had a second *bar mitzvah* there, so we were pretty active and then things came up and we stopped going. I'm happy to be back and looking forward to being a member.

Ruth and Melvyn (Mel) Grossman

Children: Two adult children, Sarah in Gastonia, N.C., and Kenneth in Olney

Residence: Rockville

Occupations: Both retired. Ruth spent 27 years with the Food and Drug Administration. Mel worked in the defense industry as a consultant.

Why affiliate: We decided to return because it is convenient and we have many friends at TI.

First impressions: Our first impressions were back in 1969 when we moved to Maryland and joined Beth Tikva because it was a very friendly small synagogue.

Elana Levine and Justin Wilson

Children: Evie Naomi Wilson-Levine, 15 months

Residence: Montgomery Village

Occupations: Justin works at the Federal Reserve Board as a senior software developer. Elana has been a stay-at-home mom but is looking to return to the job market.

Why affiliate: Elana: I have been going to Tikvat Israel since I was a little girl. Now that I have a family of my own, I thought it was important to become members of this community. (Her parents are Jason and Debbie Levine.)

First impressions: Elana: Homey, familiar and welcoming. TI is truly special and dear to my heart.



Judith (Judi) and Bernard (Bernie) Fleitman

Children: Two adult daughters

Residence: Laurel, Md., recently relocated from Princeton, N.J.

Occupations: Both retired. Bernie worked in computer technology project management. Judi worked as a grants manager for a regional arts council. Both were active at the Jewish Center in Princeton with Judi serving as VP of administration and Bernie serving on the finance committee.



Fleitman (continued)

Why affiliate: It was difficult for us to leave our synagogue in Princeton and we were looking to affiliate with another warm and welcoming Conservative congregation.

First impressions: TI was recommended to us by our Princeton rabbi, Andi Merow, and after meeting with Rabbi Israel, we felt she made a good recommendation. We have been made to feel very much at home by the warm welcome at services and at a recent Women's Network event. We are anxious to be involved with our new community.

Drew Grossman and Christa Maiorano

Children: Expecting first child in December

Residence: Rockville

Occupations: Both are attorneys, Drew with the Securities and Exchange Commission and Christa with Amis, Patel & Brewer.

Why affiliate: Proximity to our home (we enjoy walking to *shul* when we can); the mix of traditionalism and forward-thinking ideas; and a place that is welcoming and supportive for our mixed family.

First impressions: Everyone was super friendly and welcoming.



Rebecca Matathias

Children: Axel Jacob Matathias, 2 years old

Residence: Brookeville

Occupation: Freelance makeup artist

Why affiliate: I have been with Tikvat Israel since I was born so why not affiliate? Also, the community is amazing.

First impressions: This is going to be my family for the rest of my life.



Carla and Wesley Obenshain

Children: Henry, 5 years old

Residence: Silver Spring

Occupations: Carla is an English language development teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School. Wesley works in software development.

Why affiliate: We have friends that have attended preschool at TI and we want to be able to celebrate the holidays together.

First impressions: Carla: Henry and I have enjoyed visiting for *Purim* and *Shabbat* with Auntie A and looked forward to joining for the family service for *Rosh Hashanah*.



Anne and Joe Miller

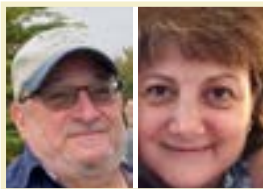
Children: Two adult children.

Residence: Gaithersburg

Occupations: Both retired.

Why affiliate: We both grew up in Conservative temples.

First impressions: Looking forward to getting involved. Lots of activities for the whole family.



Carrie Waldman

Residence: Makom Group Homes (formerly Jewish Foundation for Group Homes)

Occupation: Classroom aide in the preschools at the Jewish Community Center and B'nai Israel.

Why affiliate: Carrie is the daughter of longtime congregants Judy and Marvin Waldman. She became *bat mitzvah* at Beth Tikva. She has presented



through a sign language interpreter on Inclusion *Shabbat* at TI and several other area synagogues.

Jeremy Brooks

Residence: District of Columbia

Occupation: program analyst with Federal Emergency Management Agency

Why affiliate: It's been a home for me for years and I've been a member of TI through my parents since I was born. I had my *bat mitzvah* and went to Hebrew School at Tikvat Israel. I'm just making it official at this point. My parents are longtime congregants Keith and Brenda Brooks.

First impressions: That was a pretty long time ago, but I've found it to be a welcoming and supportive community with strong values that I'm proud to be a member of.



Elizabeth (Liz) Adams

Children: Two adult daughters

Residence: Kemp Mill

Occupation: Retired college professor of computer science

Why affiliate: TI has provided me with a place to say *kaddish* daily since my husband died unexpectedly in February.

First impressions: A friendly place.



Isaac Zhukovsky and Dani Marek

Residence: Rockville

Occupations: Dani is a stagehand and works for IATSE Local 22 (Capital One Arena, Kennedy Center, etc.) and at the Rockville JCC theater. Isaac is a business analyst and works for Capital One.

Why affiliate: We chose to join because of the welcoming atmosphere, its proximity to where we live and work, and the fact that Dani grew up in Conservative synagogues so TI's affiliation felt comfortable.

First impressions: We have felt very welcomed at TI — and we're very impressed with the length of the *tekiyah gedolahs* at the *Rosh Hashanah* morning service!



Jazmin and Sam Portnow

Children: Ava, 4 and Micah, 2 years old

Residence: Rockville

Occupations: Sam is a statistician with the Government Accountability Office. Jazmin is owner and creative director of Anyvent Event Planning.

Why affiliate: Sam: We've been looking for a synagogue to join, and I know several TI members from Toastmasters.

First impressions: Fantastic! Everyone has been extremely welcoming.



Also, joining recently as members: **Rebecca Benzion** (daughter of longtime congregants and current board members Ira and Lynne Benzion); **Josh and Sara Levine** (Josh is the son of longtime congregants Debbie and Jason Levine); and **Jack and Janet Eisenberg** (parents of congregant Becky Eisenberg and grandparents of Lenna and Faith).

Welcome Back Bash Draws Enthusiastic Participants

The Tikvat Israel community joined together for an evening of food and fun at the third annual Welcome Back Bash on Sept. 15.

More than 80 community members, cutting across generations, joined together in the blue-and-white balloon-festooned social hall to nosh on “walking tacos,” create paper chains, play board games, write out new year hopes (which they attached to a Wishing Tree) and decorate the synagogue’s *sukkah* canvas. The warm weather enabled the younger children to make use of the outdoor playground and bubble blasters.

New this year was pub-style trivia, where teams competed to show off their knowledge in the categories of Jewish food, history, language, religion and celebrities. Team “Kosher Bergers”—comprised of Rabbah Arlene and Warren Berger, Alex and Madeline Berger, Aaron Chusid and Barry Buchbinder—was victorious, beating the second-place team by one point. Their prize: bragging rights for the year and a 3-D printed trophy created by Amalia Cowan.

Special thanks go to the 23 volunteers, clergy, and staff—especially new kitchen manager Joe Atkin—for their hard work in making this event a great success.



Team “Kosher Bergers” won the Welcome Back Bash’s trivia contest, whose members included (from left) Alex Berger, Warren Berger, Rabbah Arlene Berger and Barry Buchbinder. (Photo by Larry Levine)



Ilana Raucher and mom Linden Wolf created paper chains to decorate the synagogue *sukkah*. (Photo by Larry Levine)



The Welcome Back Bash brought together congregants from all generations. In the foreground, Elliot Cowan greets Manny Helzner as Michael Kutner and his mom Melissa Kutner enter the TI lobby. (Photo by Larry Levine)

A Fresh Look for Two Benches in Sanctuary

BY JANICE ROSENBERG

Over the summer, my husband David and I re-covered the two benches located in the corridor adjacent to the sanctuary near the youth lounge.

The foam remains in good shape, so we re-covered rather than re-upholstered the benches.



One of the two benches with a fresh look along the left side corridor of the sanctuary. (Photo by Janice Rosenberg)

We purchased four fabric samples we thought would match the color scheme of the sanctuary from G Street Fabrics in Rockville. Looking at the samples in the sanctuary helped us choose the fabric that matched best.

Next, we transported one bench at a time from the synagogue to the basement of our home. Using a drill, David removed the screws holding the cushion to the base of the bench. I cut the fabric to cover the cushion, making sure there was enough fabric to cover the underside of the cushion. I also made sure that the fabric pattern was symmetrical on the topside of the cushion. I then used a staple gun to attach the new fabric to the underside of the cushion.

David reattached the cushion to the base of the bench using the original screws. He then used a dark marker, especially made for wood, to make the base look (almost) like new. We transported each re-covered bench, again one at a time, back to the synagogue to its rightful place.

WOMEN'S NETWORK

Brimming with Activities in 5785

BY BRENDA BROOKS, CO-PRESIDENT, TI WOMEN'S NETWORK

Susan Apter and I want to welcome our returning and new Women's Network members to our 5785 program year. We already had several successful programs in September and October that were well-received with enthusiastic participation.

To start off, we were delighted to assist Rabbi Israel with arranging a speaker from the Israeli food bank *Leket*, Carol Marcus, to give an inspirational presentation during *Shabbat* services on Sept. 21. Women's Network previously made a charitable contribution to *Leket* using proceeds from our *mishloach manot* project. Another previous contribution supported Manna Food.

In our opening program the following day, we ran a hands-on project to make individual silk floral centerpieces, led by our talented artist Bobbi Gorban. (She is an experienced instructor who, at the end of October, convened a virtual workshop with the Seaboard Region's Women's League of Conservative Judaism to make family memory boxes.) We also enjoyed a bountiful assortment of canapes, cakes and drinks.

In addition, we were pleased to welcome Barbara Finkel, president of the Seaboard Region of WLCJ. Anita Brenner provided information about Torah Fund and Sandra Sheskin gave a presentation about Roz Kram and her many years of dedication to our Sisterhood. Roz displayed her impressive Torah Fund pin collection, which is mounted on a wall hanging made by Bobbi Gorban.

An online book discussion of *The Matchmaker's Gift* by Lynda Cohen Loigman on Sept. 25 was led by Sara Harris.

On Oct. 20, we were delighted to participate in an event hosted in the *sukkah* of Abbey Frank and Rabbi Israel. The topic was the Maryland Reproductive Freedom Amendment, which is included on November's election ballots. Lesley Frost of the National Council of Jewish Women spoke about the constitutional amendment.

On Nov. 3, Women's Network member and past president Rebecca Salon, along with member Judy Waldman, will convene a program called "Engaging and Supporting People with Physical, Mental and Developmental Disabilities." Rebecca is an expert on this topic, working on disabilities issues for the past 45 years.



Women's Network members stand behind the the silk floral centerpieces they and others created at a September program. (Photo by Felicia Black)

Women's Network has helped arrange for a talk during *Shabbat* services on Nov. 9 by *Forward* reporter Arno Rosenfeld, who writes extensively about antisemitism. He will answer questions after his talk.

On Dec. 8, Women's Network will hold an event to practice Qigong, led by congregant Nancy Goldberg. Qigong is a gentle practice for mind, body and spirit. It provides many health benefits, including improvements in our cardiovascular and pulmonary systems, bone density, balance and mental health.

On Dec. 30, Women's Network members are invited to volunteer at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring. Ellen and Sherman Eisner have been long-time coordinators for this initiative to provide food for those in need.

Susan and I look forward to more Women's Network programs in 2025. For an overview, see this year's bookmarks. For further details, see the Women's Network-newsletters.



Roz Kram displayed her impressive array of Torah Fund pins, collected over several dozen years. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

Four Titles Remain for Book Discussions

The Women's Network Book Group has four titles remaining in 2024-25. The next two discussions will take place on Zoom with the final pair taking place in person. All are open to those teenage or older who are affiliated with Tikvat Israel.

The remaining schedule:

- **Nov. 20:** *Hello Darkness, My Old Friend* by Sanford D. Greenberg. Zoom discussion to be led by Susan Apter.
- **Jan. 15:** *The Thread Collectors* by Alyson Richman and Shauna Edwards. Zoom discussion to be led by Ellie Diamond.
- **March 16:** *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. In-person discussion at Tikvat Israel to be led by Paula Kasper.
- **June 8:** *Lilyville: Mother, Daughter and Other Roles I've Played* by Tovah Feldshuh. In-person discussion at TI to be led by Wendy Bauman.

Major Developments in TI's Flax Library in 2024

BY JANICE ROSENBERG, LIBRARY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Our synagogue library is thriving and we hope you will take advantage in the coming months. Here are some of the highlights of its growth over the past year.

One way to borrow books is to visit the library and physically pull the books off the shelf yourself. Send an email to TikvatIsraelLibrary@gmail.com with the book's title, borrower's name and contact information.

You can also reserve books while searching the Flax Library catalog.

Online Library Catalog

The Herman J. Flax Library catalog is available online. It's a searchable database, making it easy to discover books in the library's collection without physically visiting the library.

To start searching, go to TI's website. Under "Study," click on "Flax Library Catalog." You can search the online catalog by keyword, author, title or subject to find fiction, non-fiction, short stories and biographies.

Click on a book title to view the full record. Then, click on "Reserve" on the left-hand side. Fill in your name and email address and hit "Send".

To reserve multiple items, click on "Add to Book Bin" on the left-hand side. Continue searching until done. Open "Book Bin" at the top of the page and click "Reserve" in the blue band. Fill in your name and email address and hit "Send".

You will be notified when the books you requested are available for pickup.

Pop-up Library in Lobby

A pop-up library, with books from the Flax Library, is located on a wall-mounted display in the synagogue's lobby adjacent to the entrance to the sanctuary. The pop-up library has both fiction and non-fiction books. Each book has a bookmark with instructions on how to borrow, return and find more books in the collection

that may interest you.

Books borrowed from the Flax Library or pop-up library can be borrowed for three weeks with one renewal. Return books in the box marked "Returns" in the Flax Library or the one below the pop-up library in TI's lobby.

Books Recently Added

(Note: Titles below marked with an asterisk are among the 2024-25 Women's Network Book Group selections.)

A Bend in the Stars by Rachel Barenbaum. An account of modern science's greatest race amidst the chaos of World War I.

The Escape Artist: The Man Who Broke Out of Auschwitz to Warn the World by Jonathan Freedland. Rudolf Vrba, one of the very first Jews to escape from Auschwitz, revealed the truth of the death camp to the world.

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride.* Even in dark times, it is love and community—heaven and earth—that sustain us.

Kantika by Elizabeth Graver. One family's displacement across four countries.

Lilyville: Mother, Daughter, and Other Roles I've Played by Tovah Feldshuh.* The author shares the highs and lows of a remarkable performance career in an insightful, often funny, memoir.



The Thread Collectors by Alyson Richman and Shaunna Edwards.* Two women risk everything for love and freedom during the U.S. Civil War.

Some of the books recently added to the collection in TI's Flax Library.
(Photo by Janice Rosenberg)

Mazel Tov

... to **Debby Berlyne** for winning the grand prize in the 2024 Maryland Natural Resources Photo Contest for her shot of a green heron at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton.

... to **Jonathan Solomon** for penning an article, "Affecting School-Wide Health Through Active Minds," for the National Association of School Psychologists' *Communicative* magazine in September (with front-cover billing).

... to **Judy and Paul Schwartz**, who celebrated the *bar mitzvah* of grandson Isaac Solomon Schwartz at Congregation Beth Israel in La Jolla, Calif. (Isaac's father Dan Schwartz had his *bar mitzvah* at Beth Tikva 37 years ago.)

Congregational Condolences

Tikvat Israel Congregation shares its condolences with the following:

Nancy Matheson, whose mother Rita Kleinman died Oct. 8 (4 *Tishrei* 5784)

Jane Robinson, whose father Alan Michael Robinson died Sept. 22 (19 *Elul* 5784)

Denise Dickenson, whose mother Esther Friedman died Sept. 14 (11 *Elul* 5784)

Rabbi Alana Suskin, whose mother Harriet Klausner Suskin died Sept. 12 (9 *Elul* 5784)

Nancy Goldberg, whose father Isadore "Larry" Goldberg died Sept. 3 (1 *Elul* 5784)

The family of member **Sylvia Pachenker**, who died Sept. 21 (18 *Elul* 5784)

The family of **Lynn Berk**, Tikvat Israel's former youth director, who died Sept. 18 (15 *Elul* 5784)

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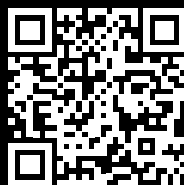
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MARKING THE HOLIDAYS FOR SHUT-INS



Emma Maphis brought the sounds of the holiday to Potomac Valley with a mighty blast. (Photo by Uzi Ben-Ami)

Jewish residents at Potomac Valley Nursing Home in Rockville were able to mark the High Holidays with the blowing of the *shofar*.

The distinctive sound of the fall holidays was generated by Emma Maphis, teenage granddaughter of Judy Stern and Uzi Ben-Ami. She joined TI members Rebecca Salon and Jay P. Goldman in leading an abbreviated service that

incorporated prayers from both *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*.

The participating residents also enjoyed slices of apple with honey.

Salon and Goldman conduct a monthly service at Potomac Valley, either on *Shabbat* afternoon or during a holiday (*Chanukkah*, Passover, High Holidays).

Emma also blew the *shofar* for TI member Joelle Black at the Hebrew Home in Rockville.



Rebecca Salon and Jay Goldman led the High Holidays service at Potomac Valley Nursing Home. (Photo by Uzi Ben-Ami)



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EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Family Shabbat Dinners and Teen Movie Night Slated

BY JUDY STERN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION



Family Shabbat Dinners

The Early Childhood Family Network, affiliated with the Early Childhood Center, is running *Shabbat* dinners.

The next one is set for Friday, Dec. 6. Dinners begin at 5 p.m. and include a short *Shabbat* service and activity prior to the meal. The meal includes a child-friendly menu, as well as a tasty meal for older siblings and adults.

Enjoy celebrating *Shabbat* together with other families of young children. ECC and *Netivot* families, as well as congregants and their guests, are all invited. Check *B'kesher* for registration information.

Netivot News

The *Netivot* Sunday morning religious school is a lively and fun educational program for grades K-2 this year. The two classes,



Netivot pupils spent creative time on art projects relating to the High Holidays, including miniature *sukkot* to take home following class. (Photos by Roni Silverstein)

Congregants, Cantor Explore Jewry in the Balkans

Several TI congregants and Cantor Rochelle Helzner were among a group of 25 who recently traveled to the Balkans on a Jewish Heritage Tour organized and led by Robyn Helzner, the cantor's sister.

Over the course of 11 days in September, their itinerary included celebrating *Shabbat* in Dubrovnik at the second oldest synagogue (1352) still in use in Europe (after Prague); visiting 16th-century synagogues in Split and Sarajevo and historic Jewish cemeteries in Zagreb, Dubrovnik, Split and Sarajevo; and meeting with representatives of the Jewish communities. They also viewed the renowned *Sarajevo Haggadah* and enjoyed the sights and cultures of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The group toured beautiful Plitvice Lakes National Park, the largest national park in Croatia, known for its chain of 16 terraced lakes, joined by waterfalls that descend into a limestone canyon.

The trip also included a visit to the Jasenovac Memorial Site, a concentration and extermination camp that operated from August 1941 until the end of April 1945. Run by the Croatian fascists,

taught by *Morah* Limor (kindergarten) and *Morah* Gale (grades 1 and 2) have enjoyed learning about the High Holidays, which included listening to Rabbi Israel blow the shofar, creating new year's cards and picking apples to dip in honey.

Children are being introduced to the Hebrew language and Bible stories, with lots of hands-on activities included.

Registration is open to new students for the second semester of *Netivot*, which begins in January. For further information, contact me at judymstern7@gmail.com.

TI Teens

Our annual teen night with pizza and a movie will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, for boys and girls in grades 6-12. Join us for *Havdalot*, followed by a pizza dinner. We will then watch the first few episodes of the Israeli police comedy "*Hashoter Hatov*."

This event, which is always a lot of fun, will be hosted by the Lantner family. Contact Shira at shirayona@gmail.com for more information. Registration is required by Nov. 13.

To register, use this link: <https://forms.gle/pSubuRBjqKgnSS1w7>

TI Volunteer Readers

Each Wednesday morning, a Tikvat Israel member reads a book or two to happy pre-school children in the ECC. Thanks to our volunteers Roni Silverstein, Ellie Diamond, Cliff Fishman, Carol Chelemer, Sandra Schwartz and Larry Gorban.

We are currently scheduling volunteers to read during the winter. Please let me know if you would like to be a reader. Contact me at judymstern7@gmail.com

the Ustashe, it was the third largest concentration camp in Europe and has been referred to as "the Auschwitz of the Balkans."

Throughout the tour, Robyn Helzner led the group in singing Ladino and Yiddish songs sung by the Jews of Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Their singing resounded in every synagogue visited, uplifted their *Shabbat* meal and brought the group together with a spirit of unity and resilience.

(Helzner is planning another tour to Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina for May 2025. For more information, contact her at robynhelzner@verizon.net.)



From left, Felicia Black, Mel Brenner, Anita Brenner, Dan Black and Cantor Rochelle Helzner shown in front of the ark in the 16th-century synagogue in Split, one of the oldest Sephardic synagogues in Europe.



Grateful for Support

My family and I would like to thank the Tikvat Israel community and Rabbi Israel for all of their support after the death of my father, Isidore “Larry” Goldberg, in September. I am grateful that a *shiva minyan* at the synagogue was provided and even more grateful that I was able to participate on Zoom after coming down with COVID right after the funeral.

Thank you to all who provided *shiva* platters, led the services, made contributions in my father’s name and participated in *minyan*.

Nancy Goldberg

Prayerbook Dedications

Do you find yourself, as I do, examining the inside front cover of the *Siddur Lev Shalom* or our *Etz Hayim chumash* that you are using to read the dedicatory inscription? Behind every inscription is a story of love, loss or appreciation. Our sanctuary has many volumes that do not yet have dedications.

I’d encourage everyone to dedicate a prayerbook (in honor or in memory) before year’s end. Call the office staff at TI for information.

Carol Chelemer

Holiday Helpers

I would like to thank the volunteers and staff of the High Holiday team for their dedication and hard work so that we could enjoy our High Holidays at TI. Kudos to all!

Mark Diamond

Personal Art Therapy

After a year of cancer treatment – with the added problem of not being able to walk easily and learning how to climb stairs again, I was able to go to my studio in the basement. To celebrate, I made the first glass piece after that year. (Image at right)

I call it *Shehechianu*.

Tamah Graber



Cliff’s Study Notes

Yasher koach to Cliff Fishman for conducting his study session on a *Shabbat* in mid-September on “Apology, Forgiveness, and *Teshuva*.” It was a stimulating and timely topic for conversation. The different backgrounds of all who attended made for a very interesting discussion.

Carol Chelemer

Charitable Gifts

Thank you for TI’s generous contribution of \$225 on June 28 to Manna Food Center. Your donation deeply impacts our mission to eliminate hunger in Montgomery County, especially now, as many of our neighbors are facing new economic realities during this unprecedented time, resulting in more families turning to Manna for food support.

This donation is crucial to our effort to fight hunger now and throughout the year. Your generosity has positioned Manna to be able to respond quickly to the changing needs of Montgomery County residents.

Thank you for fighting hunger and feeding hope.

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Israeli Relief Fund

The donation of the Tikvat Israel *Tzedakah* Fund will be used to support Ogen’s efforts in Israel. We sincerely appreciate your support of Ogen, which provides affordable and accessible loans and financial guidance to families, small businesses and non-profit organizations.

The recent outbreak of war has severely disrupted Israel’s economy, particularly impacting small businesses, and pushing the country towards recession. As Israel’s sole non-profit social lender, Ogen has swiftly responded by launching Ogen’s Swords of Iron Emergency Economic Relief Fund.

Your support plays a critical role in helping those facing substantial losses during these challenging times. Find details at <https://support.ogen.org>

Ari H. Jaffe
President, Ogen

Social Justice Body SEA Change Seeks More TI Members

Tikvat Israel is part of SEA Change, a growing regional network of local synagogues seeking to create more equitable and inclusive communities.

SEA Change congregations ground their work in Jewish values and community organizing principles. The SEA in the group’s name relates to studying, engaging and acting,

describing the recurring cycle of work.

We want more TI involvement. For more information, visit the TI web page at www.tikvatisrael.org/get-involved/sea-change.

If you have questions, send them to Anna Levy at anna.t.levy@gmail.com.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Holiday Sounds, Tastes Dominate Fall Classrooms

BY DEBBIE UNGAR, DIRECTOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



The fall is a busy time at the ECC. We celebrated many holidays together combined with adjusting to the new classrooms and routines.

To mark *Rosh Hashanah*, Rabbi Israel came to visit each class and blow the shofar. The children enjoyed hearing the different sounds the *shofar* makes, as well as touching a real *shofar*. Many of the classes sampled different varieties of apples and voted for their favorites.

To further our study of *Rosh Hashanah*, we had a special visit from beekeeper Fred, father of Danielle Hirrlinger, a teacher in the *Yanshufim* (Owls) class. He showed us the process the bees use to make honey. Everyone was able to taste honey from a real honeycomb.

The classes have been exploring and adjusting to new classrooms and routines. We have music with Ms. Ellie, Israeli dance with Ms. Sharon and *Shabbat* Sing with Auntie A. Many classes have baked *challah* for *Shabbat* and honey cake for *Rosh Hashanah*. Some classes picked vegetables from the ECC garden. The children also have hiked to Rock Creek Park.



Rabbi Marc Israel demonstrated his prowess with the shofar in front of an ECC audience.

We are off to a great start and can't wait for more exciting activities and events we have planned.

We still have a few 2-year-old spaces available for full- and part-time care in the ECC. All other age groups are full. Please refer family and friends. We are always happy to give tours or answer questions about the school.

STATE LEGISLATOR TO DISCUSS NEW JEWISH CAUCUS AT TI

The 2024 legislative session in Annapolis saw the creation of a Jewish Caucus of Maryland for state legislators. On Sunday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m., Tikvat Israel will host Delegate Jared Solomon (18th district, Montgomery County) for a conversation about the caucus, its goals and priorities.



Jared Solomon

Solomon is caucus co-chair with state Senator Shelly Hettleman.

Solomon started his career as a high school social studies teacher in Baltimore through the Teach for America program. He has worked as a senior policy adviser for U.S. Senator Bob Casey. He now serves as deputy speaker *pro tem* and sits on the Appropriations Committee. He chairs the Personnel Subcommittee and is a member of the Capital Budget Subcommittee. He is also the House Chair of the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee.

He was first elected to the House of Delegates in 2018.

There will be time for discussion following his remarks. Light refreshments will be available.

Please RSVP on the TI website or call the *shul* office if you plan to attend.

TI VOLUNTEERS FEED CROWD AT SHEPHERD'S TABLE



TI dishwashers at Shepherd's Table were (from left) Fortuna Scheige, Edna Breit and Mel Brenner.

Tikvat Israel volunteers did another excellent job of serving dinner at Shepherd's Table on Sept. 30, serving a meal to 208 individuals. It was a long evening for the TI crew, but a satisfying one.

"Many of the guests thanked us for our efforts," said organizers Sherman and Ellen Eisner.

The cast of volunteers handling participant check-in, food service and dishwashing included Ziva Schuchman, Janice Balin, Jayme Sokolow, Fortuna Scheige, Edna Breit, Stuart Turkewitz, Robert Balin, Mel Brenner and the Eisners.

The upcoming dates for Shepherd's Table duty are Dec. 30 (handled primarily by the Women's Network), March 31 and June 30.

Bulletin Back Issues Accessible

Issues of the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin* dating back to January 2017 are now accessible on the synagogue's website at www.tikvatisrael.org/happenings/bulletins.

They also can be accessed through this QR code.

Bob Silverstein, as webmaster, is responsible for making this resource available to everyone.



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The congregation gratefully acknowledges the following donations to the various funds of Tikvat Israel. The donor lists that follow reflect gifts received at the synagogue in August and September. If your donation during this time does not appear in the list, or if there is an error in the listing, please contact the synagogue office at 301-762-7338.

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In memory of Esther Friedman by Bobbi and Larry Gorban

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In appreciation of Rabbi Israel and everything involved with Madeline's naming by Aaron Krupkin and Gabrielle Matuzsan
In honor of Sam Gilston and the *d'var Torah* he presented during *Shabbat* services by Susan and Jay Plafker
In honor of Ilan and Nicole's *aufbruch* by Edna and Daniel Breit
In memory of Harry Berlin by Sandra and Larry Levine

Service Honors

In appreciation of High Holiday *aliyah* by Sandra and Larry Levine

Tzedakah Fund

In honor of Bruce Goldin by Alice and David Gantz
In honor of David Gantz by Marilyn and Michael Greenwood
In honor of Melissa Apter by Sandra and Larry Levine
In honor of Michael Amster by Alice and David Gantz
In memory of Isadore "Larry" Goldberg by Amy and Daniel Matathias

Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose *Yahrzeits* Occur From from 30 *Tishrei* - 29 *Cheshvan* — November 2024

NOVEMBER 1

30 *TISHREI*

Maurice Berk
Naomi Cohen Berman
Alan Eisenberg
Pearl Krepchin
Jerome Seiler
Sandra Beverly Shore
Phillip Edward Sokol
Ida Spector
Kenneth Bradley Urban
Alexander S. Zelenka

NOVEMBER 2

1 *CHESHVAN*

Evelyn Berlin
Robert W. Birrell
Esther Feller
Karen Hirsch-Harari

NOVEMBER 3

2 *CHESHVAN*

Claire Licht
Fanny Raucher
Jacob Shedroff
Louis Steiner
Abraham Tempchin

NOVEMBER 4

3 *CHESHVAN*

Nathan Beck
Morris Fine
Alice Levin
Dorothy Low
William Nussbaum
Eugene Schwartz
Franklin Yasmer

NOVEMBER 5

4 *CHESHVAN*

Jerry J. Brown
Paul Kasper
Marvin Podgor
Louis Sandler

NOVEMBER 6

5 *CHESHVAN*

Jacob Armoza
Stephen Shulman

NOVEMBER 7

6 *CHESHVAN*

Samuel Einbinder
Samantha Jane Kessler
Jeanette Meyers
Naomi Rothstein
Arthur Spanier

NOVEMBER 8

7 *CHESHVAN*

Geraldine Braunstein
Philip Bress
Robert Jarcho
Philip Phillips

NOVEMBER 9

8 *CHESHVAN*

Michael Bailey
Alexander Ben Ami
Phyllis Berger
Lena Gantz
Dorothy Glaser
Jacques Kahn
Mary Seslan

NOVEMBER 10

9 *CHESHVAN*

Daniel E. Berlyne
Mae Bernstein
Lester Earl Cohen
Sylvia Gorban
Carol Krakaur
Judy Lerman
Leon Morrison
Lee Rosen
Julia Rosenlicht
David Norman Shedroff
Dora A. Thaler

NOVEMBER 11

10 *CHESHVAN*

Max Hirschman
Abraham Krugman
Bernard Levitt
Clara Reinhardt

NOVEMBER 12

11 *CHESHVAN*

Arthur Aronson
Margit S. Elkins
Eva Epstein
Harry Gordon
Jacqueline Harris
Ruth Levinstein
Menachem Lidert
Belle Meyers
Benjamin Raucher
Irving Shantz

NOVEMBER 13

12 *CHESHVAN*

Irving Allen
Bertha Gudelsky
David Kline
Renata Lidert
Nancy Kanow Simpson

NOVEMBER 14

13 *CHESHVAN*

Dora Fraeman
Morris Hanig
Clara Kandalis
Rose Kaplan
Ruth Nagelbush
Anne K. Robinson
Solomon Zeidman

NOVEMBER 15

14 *CHESHVAN*

Lester Finkelstein
Mollie Ginberg
Bessie Helzner
Anna Marmor
Jacob Marmor
Morton Aaron Rosen
Benjamin Saperstein

NOVEMBER 16

15 *CHESHVAN*

Nathan Askow
Arthur Henry Bowen
Lorraine Fried Gelula
Louis Kornhauser
Rose Krepchin
Rose Rosenbloom
Sadie Steckler

NOVEMBER 17

16 *CHESHVAN*

Harry Kensky
Morry Nisenson
Danny Presman

NOVEMBER 18

17 *CHESHVAN*

Lena Glick
Mary Goldstein
Ada Punitzer
Muriel Rosenberg

NOVEMBER 19

18 *CHESHVAN*

Alvin Fineman
Donald Futrovsky
Judy Katz-Berger
David Jacob Lerner
Mark Sandler
Benno Stein
Estelle Stolovy

NOVEMBER 20

19 *CHESHVAN*

Louis Bogage
Daniel Bronstein
Harold Davis
Estelle Freedman
Selma Horwitz
Maida Nussbaum
Shirley Rubinstein Rodes

NOVEMBER 21

20 *CHESHVAN*

Jennie Jaffe Flax
Martin Rosenlicht
Russell Keith Rosner
Saul Stutz
Max Wottitzky

NOVEMBER 22

21 *CHESHVAN*

David Joseph First
Bertha Greenfield
Max Klein
Martha Lohwasser
Esther Sax
Sidney Teitelbaum
Paula Weiser
Mollie Wexler

NOVEMBER 23

22 *CHESHVAN*

Rachel Armoza
Kurt Hering
Joey Pearl
Ann Rubin
Stefan Zweig

NOVEMBER 24

23 *CHESHVAN*

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

NOVEMBER 25

24 *CHESHVAN*

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

NOVEMBER 26

25 *CHESHVAN*

David Barrish
Elaine Brown

NOVEMBER 27

26 *CHESHVAN*

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

NOVEMBER 28

27 *CHESHVAN*

Sol Baron
Samuel Braunstein
Nathan Cohen
Louise Deutchman
Meyer David Green
Philip Grossmann
Anna Lichterman
Rachel Maran
Ron Meyers
Howard Schwartz
Resel Zeidman

NOVEMBER 29

28 *CHESHVAN*

Selma Kubitz

NOVEMBER 30

29 *CHESHVAN*

Herb Curchack
Jeanne Hale



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DECEMBER 1 30 *CHESHVAN*

Pearl Fink
Lucille Kram
Rosalie Taylor

DECEMBER 2 1 *KISLEV*

Robert Agus
Marvin Apter
Zenita Berman
Edward Hallen
Rose Kopp
Philip Warren

DECEMBER 3 2 *KISLEV*

Alick Abramson
Manuel Cohen
Myra Pasternak
Sam Schuchman
Jean Zalevsky

DECEMBER 4 3 *KISLEV*

Rosalind Bloom
Florence Cohen
Jesse Curchack
Leonard Hardis
Miriam Stein

DECEMBER 5 4 *KISLEV*

Ida Hamburg
Arnold Springer
Tom Zusman

DECEMBER 6 5 *KISLEV*

Jacob Bernstein
Jerome Feingold
Morris Pachenker
Louis Pelish
Henrietta Roth
Ellen Ungerleider

DECEMBER 7 6 *KISLEV*

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

DECEMBER 8 7 *KISLEV*

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

DECEMBER 9 8 *KISLEV*

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

DECEMBER 10 9 *KISLEV*

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

DECEMBER 11 10 *KISLEV*

Arthur Amster
Minnie Jorban
Muriel Sandler
Ada Taylor

DECEMBER 12 11 *KISLEV*

Max Blum
Zelda Bowen
Herbert Brotman
Richard Copaken
Isaac Eiserike
Max Goldberg
Harry Selinger
Aaron Weinstein

DECEMBER 13 12 *KISLEV*

George Baroff
Louise Chatlynne
Fannie Fleitman
Hilary Goldmann
Fredalyn Pleet
Alfons Reich
Sam Spiegel

DECEMBER 14 13 *KISLEV*

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

DECEMBER 15 14 *KISLEV*

Samuel Altschuler
Jeremy Copaken
Daniel Kaiser
Kieve C. Marquis
David Podolsky

DECEMBER 16 15 *KISLEV*

Isidor Schechter

DECEMBER 17 16 *KISLEV*

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

DECEMBER 18 17 *KISLEV*

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

DECEMBER 19 18 *KISLEV*

Khana Klig
Bobbie Leman
Anna Levin
Suzanne Lifschitz

DECEMBER 20 19 *KISLEV*

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

DECEMBER 21 20 *KISLEV*

Avrum Ashery
Celia Blum
Riva Fishman
Regina Grossmann
Sam Hendler
Herschel Herscovitz
Sarah Kensky

DECEMBER 22 21 *KISLEV*

Jacob George Bloom
Norman Franklin Jacob
Elliott Kleinman
Ellyn Polonsky
Carl Solomon
Daniel Witt

DECEMBER 23 22 *KISLEV*

Philip Abramowitz
Maurice Binder
Gisela Glaser
Morris Katz
Joseph Levy
Bertha Phillips
Alice Sachs

DECEMBER 24 23 *KISLEV*

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

DECEMBER 25 24 *KISLEV*

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

DECEMBER 26 25 *KISLEV*

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

DECEMBER 27 26 *KISLEV*

Fannie Burdoo
Leon Louis Cohen
Maurice R. Dunie
Glenda Goodman
Samuel E. Herman
Ruth Katzen
Cheryl Lang
Alexander Lewis
Kate Selinger

DECEMBER 28 27 *KISLEV*

Irene Barris
Irwin Chornock
Otto Lohwasser
Freda Willander

DECEMBER 29 28 *KISLEV*

Irma Pazo
Steven Prince
Arnold Schwartz
Selma Shapiro
Jacob Sperling

DECEMBER 30 29 *KISLEV*

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










DECEMBER 31 30 *KISLEV*

Rose Feinman
Max Keusch
Dorothy Wolfe

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 30 Tishrei 7:15 AM Minyan 5:49 PM Candle Lighting 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	2 1 Cheshvan 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Noach) 6:47 PM Havdalah Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan
3 2 Cheshvan 9:00 AM Minyan 10:00 AM Women's Network: Engaging & Supporting People with Physical, Mental, and Developmental Disabilities 4:00 PM Rosh Chodesh Well Circle 7:30 PM Minyan	4 3 Cheshvan 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	5 4 Cheshvan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan *ECC Closed (Professional Day)*	6 5 Cheshvan 8:00 AM Minyan 10:00 AM Blood Drive 7:30 PM Minyan	7 6 Cheshvan 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	8 7 Cheshvan 8:00 AM Minyan 4:41 PM Candle Lighting 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	9 8 Cheshvan 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Lech-Lecha) 11:15 AM Torah Club, Shabbat Family Jam w/Auntie A 5:41 PM Havdalah
10 9 Cheshvan 9:00 AM Minyan 10:00 AM What's New w/MD State Jewish Caucus? 7:30 PM Minyan Veteran's Day	11 10 Cheshvan 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Veteran's Day	12 11 Cheshvan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	13 12 Cheshvan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	14 13 Cheshvan 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	15 14 Cheshvan 8:00 AM Minyan 4:35 PM Candle lighting 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	16 15 Cheshvan 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Vayera) 5:35 PM Havdalah & TI Teen Event
17 16 Cheshvan 9:00 AM Minyan 7:00 PM Jewish Fertility Foundation presents: "Loving Someone with Infertility" 7:30 PM Minyan	18 17 Cheshvan 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	19 18 Cheshvan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	20 19 Cheshvan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan 8:00 PM Women's Network Book Group via Zoom	21 20 Cheshvan 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan *ECC School Picture Day*	22 21 Cheshvan 8:00 AM Minyan 4:31 PM Candle Lighting 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 6:30 PM Shabbat Dinner Honoring Roz Kram	23 22 Cheshvan 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Chayer Sarah) 10:30 AM Torah Club 11:15 AM Shabbat Family Jam w/Auntie A 5:32 PM Havdalah
24 23 Cheshvan 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	25 24 Cheshvan 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	26 25 Cheshvan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	27 26 Cheshvan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan *ECC Closed*	28 27 Cheshvan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Thanksgiving Day *ECC Closed*	29 28 Cheshvan 8:00 AM Minyan 4:28 PM Candle Lighting 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat *ECC Closed*	30 29 Cheshvan 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Toldot) 5:30 PM Havdalah *ECC Closed*

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	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	30 Cheshvan 9:00 AM Minyan 4:00 PM Rosh Chodesh Well Circle 7:30 PM Minyan  Rosh Chodesh Kislev	1 Kislev 3 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan  Rosh Chodesh Kislev	2 Kislev 4 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	3 Kislev 5 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	4 Kislev 6 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	5 Kislev 7 8:00 AM Minyan 4:27 PM Candle Lighting 5:00 PM EFN Young Families Shabbat Dinner 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	6 Kislev 8 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Vayetzei) 5:30 PM Havdalah
8	7 Kislev 9:00 AM Minyan 10:00 AM Women's Network Learning Session: Qigong 7:30 PM Evening Minyan	8 Kislev 10 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	9 Kislev 11 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	10 Kislev 12 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan <small>*ECC Early Dismissal: 1:00 PM*</small>	11 Kislev 13 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	12 Kislev 14 8:00 AM Minyan 4:28 PM Candle Lighting 5:20 PM Pre-service Reception 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat w/ Inst.	13 Kislev 15 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Vayishlach) 11:15 AM Torah Club, Shabbat Family Jam w/ Auntie A 5:31 PM Havdalah
15	14 Kislev 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	15 Kislev 17 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	16 Kislev 18 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	17 Kislev 19 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	18 Kislev 20 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	19 Kislev 21 8:00 AM Minyan 4:31 PM Candle Lighting 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	20 Kislev 22 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Vayeshhev) 5:34 PM Havdalah
22	21 Kislev 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	22 Kislev 24 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	23 Kislev 25 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	24 Kislev 26 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan  Chanukkah Night 1 5:15 PM Candle Lighting	25 Kislev 27 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan  Chanukkah Night 2 5:15 PM Candle Lighting	26 Kislev 28 7:15 AM Minyan 4:35 PM Candle Lighting 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat  Chanukkah Night 3 4:35 PM Candle Lighting	27 Kislev 29 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Miketz) 10:30 AM Torah Club 5:38 PM Havdalah  Chanukkah Night 4 5:38 PM Candle Lighting
29	28 Kislev 9:00 AM Minyan 2:00 PM Chanukkah Party/Dreidel Tournament 4:00 PM Rosh Chodesh Well Circle 7:30 PM Minyan  Chanukkah Night 5 5:17 PM Candle Lighting	29 Kislev 31 7:15 AM Minyan 5:00 PM Shepherd's Table 7:30 PM Minyan  Chanukkah Night 6 5:18 PM Candle Lighting	30 Kislev 7:15 AM Minyan 5:00 PM Rosh Chodesh Tevet 7:30 PM Minyan  Chanukkah Night 7 5:19 PM Candle Lighting	31 Kislev 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	All events subject to change. Please read B'Keshet for the latest status. *The ECC is closed from December 23-January 1 for Winter Break.*		



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Gift Givers Get a Distinctive Gift of Their Own

About 70 Tikvat Israel members who contributed to the past year's Chai Campaign became beneficiaries this fall of colorful new *kippot* as an unexpected thank-you gift.

The *kippot* were designed and produced by longtime congregant Shirley Waxman, a fabric artist renowned for being the provider of hundreds of *tallitot*, *tallit* tote bags and *kippot* over the years.

In a letter of thanks to donors, Chai Campaign chair Jayme Sokolow said the purple and gold *kippot* are made of fabric that Waxman bought on the island of Djerba in Tunisia. She purchased the cloth from a vendor located in front of the city's historic synagogue. The blue and white striped *kippot* received by other congregants came from Jerusalem's Old City with the fabric woven in Damascus before it was transported into Jordan and then Israel.

Sokolow said everyone who contributed to the campaign with a gift of \$720 or above during the past fiscal year received *kippot*. The Chai Campaign no longer exists under TI's new voluntary pledge model of financial support.

The *kippot* are among the final products that Waxman expects to create in what has been a long and distinguished career as a Jewish fabric artist.



Two of the *kippot* given as thank-you gifts to Chai Campaign donors.