



Cantor's Year-Long Tribute Leads to May 18 Concert

BY MELISSA APTER, CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Excitement is mounting ahead of “A Time to Sing,” the concert celebration of Cantor Rochelle Helzner’s four decades of musical and spiritual leadership at Tikvat Israel.

The May 18 concert will feature Joey Weisenberg and the Rising Song Ensemble. Weisenberg, known for his *niggunim* (wordless melodies) and his unique “musical bonfire” approach to communal singing, told the *Bulletin* that he is “happy to celebrate Cantor Rochelle Helzner’s tenure at the *shul* and to sing in her honor.” Read more about the concert headliner in an exclusive interview on **pages 8-9**.



Cantor Rochelle Helzner (Photo by Larry M. Levine)

Tickets to “A Time to Sing” are \$54 each and can be purchased online through <https://tikvatisrael.ludus.com>. The online ticketing platform allows purchasers to choose their seats within the 530-seat Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center at Montgomery College in Rockville. The venue is ADA compliant with six fully accessible seating spaces for persons with disabilities. Tickets will be sent by e-mail and will need to be shown on

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Newcomers Join Holdovers on Synagogue's Governing Body

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, EDITOR



Elected to the governing body were (from left) Keith Brooks, Roni Silverstein, Deb Amchin, Felicia Black, Paul Kutner, Beth Smith, Mark Diamond, Sally Kram, Ira Benzion, Barry Lipsy and Rachel Laveer. Not pictured: Spencer Lane and Janaki Kuruppu. (Photo by Jay P. Goldman)

Congregants unanimously elected a set of officers and five board members to shepherd the synagogue over the next two years starting in July. Voting took place on Feb. 2 with 50 congregants in the social hall and another dozen households participating on the digital livestream.

Two of the seven officer posts will be occupied starting July 1 by newcomers: Roni Silverstein, vice president for education, and Janaki Kuruppu, recording secretary. Incumbents were reelected to all other officer positions. Three of the five board members elected also will be serving first terms: Deb Amchin, Paul Kutner and Spencer Lane.

A full biographical rundown of all the individuals elected appears on **pages 6-7**.

Under a bylaws change adopted last June by the congregation, board elections now take place this winter to allow those assuming a new office to learn their duties by shadowing the incumbents for several months. A second congregational meeting will be held in June, shortly before the new board is sworn into office.

The nominating committee was led by Warren Berger, immediate past president.

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

Shabbat & Holiday Dates	Candle Lighting	Havdalah
2/28-3/1	5:42 p.m.	6:41 p.m.
3/7-3/8	5:49 p.m.	6:48 p.m.
3/14-3/15	6:56 p.m.	7:56 p.m.
3/21-3/22	7:03 p.m.	8:03 p.m.
3/28-3/29	7:10 p.m.	8:10 p.m.
4/4-4/5	7:17 p.m.	8:17 p.m.
4/11	7:24 p.m.	
4/18	7:31 p.m.	
4/25-4/26	7:38 p.m.	8:40 p.m.
Passover		
4/12 <i>Erev Pesach</i>	8:24 p.m.	
4/13 <i>2nd Seder</i>	8:26 p.m.	
4/14 <i>Pesach</i>		8:27 p.m.
4/19 <i>Pesach</i>	8:32 p.m.	
4/20 <i>Pesach</i>		8:33 p.m.

Light an additional long-lasting *Yom Tov* candle on April 11 and April 18 to use for lighting the Passover candles marking the first two and last two days of the holiday.

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Transition Visioning Team Chair Appointed



Elissa Schwartz

With Cantor Rochelle Helzner taking emeritus status effective July 1 following a widely admired 41-year tenure, Tikvat Israel Co-Presidents Sally Kram and Beth Smith have asked longtime congregant Elissa (Lis) Schwartz to chair a Transition Visioning Team. Schwartz is a former synagogue board member.

The team's members will include the Chair of the Religious Practices Committee Jason Schwartz and other congregants to be named. The team will seek to assess TI's needs holistically rather than simply hiring a cantorial replacement.

"The team will rethink our next steps about the cantor role," Kram said.

According to the team's mission statement: "The Transition Visioning Team will guide our congregation through a thoughtful, inclusive, and forward-thinking process to determine our needs after the cantor transitions to emeritus status. Rooted in our shared values and traditions, we seek to honor the cantor's enduring legacy while envisioning a vibrant future that nurtures spiritual growth, fosters community connection, and inspires new opportunities for musical and liturgical leadership."

Tikvat Israel will employ part-time cantorial support during the next fiscal year, including this fall's High Holidays services. The synagogue's board of directors were told in late January that negotiations were well underway with a cantorial candidate for *Rosh Hashanah* in September and *Yom Kippur* in early October.

If you have any questions or want to give your feedback, contact Lis Schwartz at elissa.tikvatisrael@gmail.com.

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the ticket holder's phone or printed out for scanning to gain entry to the concert. There will not be a will-call option.

If you need assistance with placing a ticket order, contact the TI office during weekday business hours.

Concert sponsorship opportunities are available now. A new tier of giving, "Concert Patron," has been introduced in honor of this momentous occasion and is accompanied by special program recognition, up to 10 reserved seats and an invitation to a private reception with Cantor Helzner on May 29. Sponsors of all levels will receive tickets and an invitation to the private reception. Details on sponsorship opportunities were mailed to TI households and can be found on the concert website: <https://tikvatisrael.org/concert2025>.

Concert Co-chair Mary Wagner and Robin Lempert are compiling a tribute book to gift to Cantor Helzner. Written tributes and photographs for this purpose should be sent to concert@tikvatisrael.org by March 15.

CANTOR COVERAGE

Washington Jewish Week carried an article headlined "Tikvat Israel Hosts Croatian Holocaust Survivor to Share Her Story" in its Jan. 27 issue. The story featured Cantor Rochelle Helzner's relationship with a Croatian Holocaust survivor whom she invited to be a speaker at TI.

Read the article at https://bit.ly/WJW_TI_hosts



Balanced Budget in Sight, Our Treasurer Reports

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, EDITOR

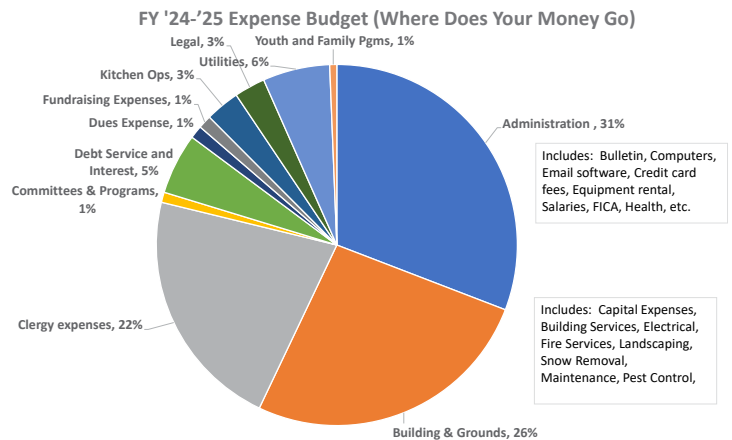
Tikvat Israel stands to end this fiscal year in June with its first balanced budget in at least five years, banking on a record profit from the cantor's tribute concert in May, Treasurer Barry Lipsy told those attending the congregational meeting Feb. 2.

His mid-year financial report indicated the new voluntary dues model implemented last spring has proven successful so far, but he said the collection of \$138,000 pledged by members but not yet received would affect the year-end status. Lipsy expects the May 18 concert in honor of Cantor Rochelle Helzner to clear at least \$100,000 in net revenue for the *shul*. The cantor assumes emeritus status in July.

"Great progress is being made thanks to your generous support," Lipsy told those in the social hall and others participating on the meeting livestream.

During his detailed report, he said the Broadman-Kaplan Early Childhood Center would likely finish the year with \$260,000 in profits applied to the *shul's* bottom line, a major contributing factor to financial health.

Treasurer Barry Lipsy displayed a mid-year status report on synagogue finances at the February congregational meeting. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)



These funds will be critical for the synagogue to address some urgent unfunded projects that fall outside the Capital Campaign, now in its third and final year of pledge collections. These projects include kitchen repairs costing \$20,000 and a building fire alarm replacement system costing up to \$30,000.

Lipsy joined Financial Secretary Ira Benzion in outlining several cost-saving efficiencies that had been made in recent months, including debt reduction against two outstanding bank loans. They noted that TI had paid \$13,000 in interest charges on those loans in 2023-24.

He also credited the Temple Israel Foundation for its \$144,000 gift to cover the expenses of a partial roof replacement project in 2024.

Lipsy displayed the pie chart shown above to illustrate how the synagogue's annual expenses are committed. TI members adopted a \$2.3 million operating budget for FY '25 last June.

Shul Shorts

Passover Seder at Shul

A second night Passover *seder* will take place in the synagogue social hall on Sunday, April 13.

Joe Atkin, our talented kitchen manager, is working with the TI Kitchen Committee to prepare all of the delicious food in-house so it promises to be special – with a promise of some fabulous desserts, too. Plan to celebrate Passover together as a community.

Stay tuned for registration and pricing information in the coming weeks.

Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments

"KS with I" will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 28, in the Flax Library, preceded by a reception jointly sponsored by Howard and Rosie Chernoff and Stan and Fran Kensky.

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 can be accessed via livestreaming. The final KSI event will be June 13.

Eisenberg Shabbat

The third annual commemorative Michele Eisenberg *Shabbat* will be observed on May 3 in memory of those who have died of cancer, in support of those who are fighting cancer, in celebration of those who are survivors, and in gratitude for the family, friends and health professionals who care for them.

Sam Statland, a major benefactor of MobileMed (a nonprofit providing primary healthcare to low-income county residents), will be the guest speaker. A luncheon will follow. The synagogue office welcomes contributions in support of the meal.

Eisenberg, a former board member of TI, died in October 2022.

Our Permanent Commitment to Egalitarian Prayer

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



Last month, we read a familiar, yet strange, passage from the *Torah*, right after the Israelites celebrated with dance and song after crossing the Sea of Reeds. The very next verses read:

In the wilderness, the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots, when we ate our fill of bread! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to starve this whole congregation to death." (Exodus 16: 2-3)

What happened? How could they have been singing and dancing one minute, and then grumbling and wanting to go back to Egypt to die at the hand of Pharaoh the next?

The simple answer: Change is hard!

When it comes to changes in ritual, change is exponentially hard. The fact that the words of the *siddur*, in large part, have been the same for 1800 years is powerful. At the same time, it has never been completely static, as evidenced by the variations of prayers found in *Sephardic*, *Ashkenazic* and *Chassidic* traditions.

As a Conservative congregation with a long-held commitment to egalitarian ideals, we have included an option to include the names of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah in the *Avot* (ancestors) prayer of the *Amidah* for many years. Our *minhag* (established practice) has been to allow the service leader to decide whether to include them. This policy served us well as members and leaders became more accustomed to this change.

At this time, however, I believe it is important to develop a more consistent message and formally adopt the *minhag* that includes the names of the foremothers as our standard practice. After studying this issue in depth, the Religious Practices Committee has adopted this policy.

What Does This Mean?

We will reach out to all of our *daveners* to explain the change and ask that they adhere to include the names of the foremothers when leading communal prayers. Note: consistent with our current practice, we will not be adding the word *imoteinu* (our ancestral foremothers) every time the word *avoteinu* appears, as the latter can be translated as "our ancestors" or "our ancestral forefathers." The inclusion of the names of our ancestral foremothers with the names of our ancestral forefathers makes clear that, in this context, *avot* is a non-gendered term for ancestors.

The rabbi can (and will) make exceptions to the established *minhag* if a situation warrants it. This is similar to what happens now with *haftarot* – when there is an option, it is now our *minhag* is to read the shorter option. However, if someone is marking a *bar/bat mitzvah* anniversary and asks to make an exception, I

generally accommodate them. Similarly, if someone has *yahrzeit* at a daily *minyan* and is not comfortable with the change, they can notify me and we will work it out.

Why This Change Now?

First, this change is consistent with a recent *teshuvah* (rabbinic ruling) from the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards, which ruled that "the *Lev Shalem nusach* (including the foremothers) is the preferred *nusach* (version) for fulfilling the *mitzvah* (obligation) of praying the first blessing of the *Amidah*. This version shall be the authorized text for current and future Conservative movement printings of our liturgy."

Second, it has now been 27 years since the first Conservative *siddur* including the *imahot* was published. While it was novel at the time, it is now standard in most Conservative congregations and at Conservative movement conferences and events. Many of the schools and camps affiliated with the Conservative movement, including Camp Ramah in New England, now teach it as the standard version. For Jews under the age of 40 and raised in the Conservative movement, it may be the only version they were ever taught.

Why Does it Matter?

On the surface, this may seem a minor change, as most of our prayer leaders already follow this practice. For visiting young adults and families, the use of the *imahot* is often a benchmark for judging the egalitarian nature of the community. The consistency is important so that anyone who comes to our synagogue will understand our commitment to egalitarian practice. This will be especially important after Cantor Helzner becomes Cantor emeritus, as there will be more instances when the service is led by men.

Timing

In order to inform our *daveners* and answer questions and concerns they (and you) may have, we will implement this change following *Pesach*.

Weekday Siddur

During the pandemic, we used our old *Sim Shalom for Weekdays, Holidays and Shabbat* (the "blue and grey" ones) to have one *siddur* while many congregants were *davening* at home. Unfortunately, it does not contain the egalitarian language for the *avot*. While we returned to using *Siddur Lev Shalem* as our standard *siddur* shortly after the pandemic ended, we continued to use the older *siddur* on weekdays since many people already had them at home.

As we implement this change, we will use *Siddur Sim Shalom for Weekdays* (the smaller maroon one) as our standard *siddur*, which includes the egalitarian version of the *avot*. We will make a limited number of copies available to borrow and include information on how to purchase or download the services for those who participate in daily *minyan* via Zoom.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please schedule a time to speak with me.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Plenty of Highlights from Busy Six Months

BY SALLY KRAM AND BETH SMITH, TIKVAT ISRAEL CO-PRESIDENTS



Beth Smith

At the mid-point of Tikvat Israel's fiscal year, the TI Board of Directors has been remarkably busy. Here is a snapshot of what your synagogue leadership has achieved since July 1, 2024.

We have more new members.

Under the enthusiastic leadership of Membership Chair Melissa Apter (who also serves as the board's recording secretary), TI added 21 new/returning member households and fielded inquiries from 26 households (including those who joined). In addition, several adults who are part of Makom (formerly known as the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes) also joined this fiscal year.

Our finances are sound.

TI has slightly surpassed expectations for the voluntary contribution model introduced last spring. Thank you to former TI President Warren Berger and Rabbah Arlene Berger for their tireless efforts in rolling out the successful new model of financial support.



Sally Kram

We also are thrilled by the work of our Cantor's Concert Committee Co-chairs Jeff Smith and Mary Wagner and their team which is hard at work creating a special event on May 18 to honor our beloved cantor as she approaches the end of her role at TI and begins new status as cantor emeritus. The concert is projected to raise sufficient funds to balance the TI budget this fiscal year. As promised, this will be the only fundraiser in 2024-25.

Our youth and family programs are growing.

Under the leadership of Judy Stern, vice president for education, with assistance from Acting Religious School (*Netivot*) Principal Roni Silverstein, we have doubled enrollment of the school, expanding from one to two classes with a strong possibility of further growth next academic year.

Judy and Roni also are growing our programming for teens, successfully competing for a USY LEAP grant. The money will be used for expanded teen programming and outreach. (See story, page 12.)

The ECC Family Network, ably run by Abi Mosheim Oyewole and Becky Eisenberg, continues to stage family *Shabbat* dinners throughout the year for its members.

Our building is getting some upgrades.

TI continues to replace old and worn-out HVAC units to make our building more comfortable for members. Thanks to Vice President for Administration Keith Brooks, Executive Director Aaron Chusid, Treasurer Barry Lipsy and, as always, Building Team Chair Alan Apter for their work. Covering the

costs of these upgrades is our Capital Campaign, now in its third and final year, which was spearheaded by outgoing board member Carol Chelemer and congregant Howard Wilchins.

Due to the generous support of the Temple Israel Foundation, TI has completed a partial roof replacement this fiscal year to ensure a longer life for our building.

And finally, the Security Committee has produced a final draft of a Safety, Security and Emergency Plan. We hope to have it available for the congregation to review shortly. Thanks to Keith Brooks and team members Neil Sbar and Jonathan Solomon for their continuous efforts to keep us safe.

Our programming is vibrant.

As noted in our latest Welcome Brochure for 5785 (produced by VP for Programming Rachel Laveer in partnership with Recording Secretary Melissa Apter), TI's calendar has been full and varied. TI hosted: meaningful and inclusive High Holiday services; our first *Sukkah* Hop; a forum featuring state legislator Jared Solomon discussing the Maryland Jewish Caucus; a *Chanukkah*-themed *Shabbat kiddush* led by our matchless Cantor Rochelle Helzner; a well-attended Israeli Film Festival; and a lecture by a Holocaust survivor.

Our wonderful Women's Network and Sea Change group have continued to program interesting events.

Kudos to all involved, with a special thanks to Rachel Laveer for keeping the trains running on time.

A Year to Sing is under way.

We have dedicated this program year to celebrate Cantor Rochelle Helzner. Events were kicked off by a joyous meal shared in our community's *sukkah* and the *Chanukkah Shabbat* program. She also led two exuberant *Kabbalat Shabbat* with Instruments services as many of us prepare for the Cantor's Concert, to be held May 18 at the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center at Montgomery College in Rockville. We hope you all will join us in sponsoring this unique musical event. (See page 8.)

Introducing TI's Transition Visioning Team.

At our June 2024 congregational meeting, we announced the transition of Cantor Helzner from part-time cantor to cantor emeritus. We are pleased to present our next steps. Congregant Lis Schwartz has agreed to chair the TI Transition Visioning Team to explore what our future, post-Cantor Helzner, will look like. She will work with Religious Practices Chair Jason Schwartz, Rabbi Israel and synagogue leadership to construct an inclusive process to determine what is possible and practicable for TI's future. We expect this work to take at least 18 months. We are also taking steps to cover the role of *hazzan* for major religious services in the interim.

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Who's Who on Your Next Synagogue Board

Most of the officers reelected at the congregational meeting on February 2 may be familiar faces to many Tikvat Israel members, but several others were elected to the governing body for their first term.

The *Tikvat Israel Bulletin* has created mini-profiles below for each of the seven officers and five board members who will assume office on July 1.

All will serve two-year terms, except Felicia Black, who accepted a one-year term left vacant by someone moving from the board into an officer role.

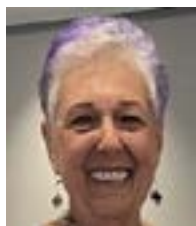
Beth Smith, Co-president

Hometown: Washington, D.C.

Occupation: Retired senior living activity director

Past TI leadership: Board member since 2019, board secretary and chair of multiple cantor's concerts, and *mashgicha*.

Goal: Strengthen the TI community through further implementation of our strategic plan. I also mentor and develop new leadership and establish shared leadership roles. I am working to strengthen the board's operation and its interface with congregants.



Goal: Make the operation of TI more efficient and expand the number of volunteers at the synagogue. Provide transparency to the congregation on how the synagogue operates.

Sally Kram, Co-president

Hometown: York, Pa.

Occupation: Attorney with Office of Congressional Workplace Rights

Past TI leadership: TI board member since 2010 and Vice President for Programming. Director of TI's Israeli Film Festival from 2008-2022. Founding organizer of Tikvat Israel U.

Goal: Continue the tradition of service and excellence created by past presidents of TI with a special focus on streamlining systems and member inclusion and improving the TI experience for all.



Roni Silverstein, Vice President for Education

Hometown: New York City, NY

Occupation: Retired school administrator

Past leadership: Past Education chair, search committee for ECC director, kitchen *mashgicha*, Women's Network.

Goal: The regrowth of our Hebrew School, the continued success of our Early Childhood Center, and enhancing our teen programs. My goal will be to continue to help grow our Sunday School with innovative ideas and programs, enhance our teen activities and support our thriving ECC. All these factors are often what families are looking for when searching for a new congregation.



Rachel Laveer, Vice President for Programming

Hometown: Rockville, Md.

Occupation: Program officer at the National Academies of Sciences

Past TI leadership: Chair of the Strategic Planning Team.

Goal: Build on my work with strategic planning, streamline program planning and enhance transparency for TI's committee structure. I want to revitalize TI's activities to appeal to all ages and family types and increase activities for younger age brackets.



Janaki Kuruppu, Recording Secretary

Hometown: Palo Alto, Calif.

Occupation: Physician

Past TI leadership: I've been increasingly involved over the years, mostly in *leyning* and *davening* but also leading meditation groups and workshops, side trips and as a member of SEA Change.

Goal: I hope we can organize our board minutes, bylaws and other important documents in a way that is easily accessible to the membership, but also appropriately protected and secure. I would like to bring the role of recording secretary into the 21st century by utilizing the latest technology available to promote openness and clarity.



Keith Brooks, Vice President for Administration

Hometown: Hatboro, Pa.

Occupation: Retired administrative attorney

Past TI leadership: Past member of TI board.

As an administrative attorney for 30-plus years, I have extensive knowledge of administrative and regulatory laws and their implementation. I have volunteered with the Montgomery County Water Quality Advisory Group and Manna Food Center.



Barry Lipsy, Treasurer

Hometown: Syracuse, N.Y.

Occupation: Marketing and business management professional and governor appointee to Maryland's Prescription Drug Stakeholder Council.

Past TI leadership: Previous two terms on TI board. Led or co-led two TI strategic planning teams.

Goal: Implement the strategic plan and ensure TI will be on a sound financial footing.



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Ira Benzion, Financial Secretary

Hometown: Baltimore, Md.

Occupation: Financial manager and attorney

Past TI leadership: Current financial secretary.

Goal: Work with the board and congregation to improve the financial stability and outlook for Tikvat Israel's future.



ages; and create more adult education/enrichment programming in evening hours and Sundays.

Spencer Lane, Board member

Hometown: Virginia Beach, Va.

Occupation: Completing doctoral degree in computer science (in May)

Past TI leadership: Since joining in 2023, I helped with several projects as a member of the dues transition task force and leading the *sukkah* construction this year.

Goal: To get more involved in the functioning of the synagogue and to bring my technical and organizational expertise to the board.



Felicia R. Black, Board member

Hometown: Chevy Chase, Md.

Occupation: Retired publication copy editor

Past TI leadership: Enlistment supervisor for greeters for *Shabbat*, High Holidays and festivals. Coordinate four *Kabbalat Shabbat* dinners during current year, creating publicity and setting the menu. Member of communications committee and photographer for *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*.

Goal: Ensure Torah study and innovative programming continue to be high priorities. I want to increase the number of volunteers available to support our programming and ensure we are making use of all appropriate means to communicate about happenings at the synagogue.



Mark Diamond, Board member

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.

Occupation: Retired physician

Past leadership: Past service on other synagogue boards.

Goal: Provide new ideas and topics for discussion that will help TI grow. I want to develop a more welcoming environment for young children and their families.



Deb Amchin, Board member

Hometown: Louisville, Ky.

Occupation: Middle school counselor, Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School

Past leadership: I joined TI in December 2023 after serving as recording secretary and a member of the Board of Trustees for Congregation Keneseth Israel in Louisville, Ky.

Goal: To bring my years of experience on congregational boards to enhance current initiatives. I've often helped to find common ground between disparate points of view, and I will bring that skill to bear if needed. I also will bring ideas and suggestions from my previous congregations when I think they could improve current congregational offerings.



Paul Kutner, Board member

Hometown: New York City, NY

Occupation: Jewish history teacher at Berman Hebrew Academy and doctoral student in history at American University

Past TI leadership: TI strategic plan committee member

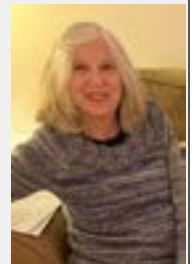
Goal: To help TI navigate a new beginning after Cantor Helzner retires; assist in bringing more young families to services and hosting more family-friendly events for all



A Farewell and Thanks to Judy Stern

BY BETH SMITH AND SALLY KRAM, TI CO-PRESIDENTS

We are sorry to announce that Judy Stern, Vice President Education, has stepped down after five years of service on the board of directors.



Judy Stern

During Judy's tenure, Tikvat Israel's programming for families with young children has expanded dramatically. She instituted *Shabbat* dinners for young families (partially funded through a Jewish Federation of Greater Washington grant that she helped secure) and our twice-monthly *Shabbat* Family Jam with Auntie A.

She also helped develop a new leadership team to revive the ECC Family Network, collaborating closely with the team and ECC Director Debbie Ungar on projects with and for the ECC community. Importantly, these programs have built a stronger connection with the families in the ECC, leading many more of them to join the synagogue.

Judy has been instrumental in revitalizing teen programs. With the support of volunteer Shira Lantner, Judy has planned activities to engage our teens, a small but mighty group. For her latest achievement, she and Roni Silverstein were able to secure a USY LEAP grant, which will be used for expanded teen programming and outreach, including a new project to create a congregational garden.

And last, but not least, Judy has worked closely for the last few years with the Rabbi and Roni Silverstein to revive our religious school, *Netivot*. The school went from an idea to a reality, starting with just four students and almost tripling in size to 11 students this year. This fall, we expect it to grow again.

For five years, Judy put her heart into supporting the youth of our congregation. *Yasher koach* for making all that she has touched successful. We wish her all the best.

We are grateful that TI board member Roni Silverstein has agreed to step up to finish Judy's term through June and then continue as the newly elected Vice President for Education.

Q&A with “A Time To Sing” Headliner Joey Weisenberg

“A Time to Sing” musical celebration of Cantor Rochelle Helzner’s 41-year tenure at Tikvat Israel will feature Joey Weisenberg and the Rising Song Ensemble. The show will take place at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 18, at the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center at Montgomery College in Rockville.

The musician, composer and author spoke with Melissa Apter, *Bulletin* assistant editor, in January. This interview has been lightly edited for space and clarity.

How would you describe your musical style?

I play music that I wrote that is highly connected to the *niggun* tradition. I sing *niggunim*, which are wordless spiritual melodies, and I also compose music for ancient prayers and ancient Jewish text. The music sometimes sounds very traditional and other times it borrows heavily from the American soundscape. You’ll hear aspects of blues, bluegrass, classical music, flamenco and all kinds of music from around the world that I have participated in as a musician, with deep participation with the communal song, communal *niggun*.

You’ve created new *niggunim* – we’ve used some of those melodies in our *Shabbat* services recently – that, while new, have an ancient quality to them. How do you thread the needle of being inventive with your Jewish music while still respecting tradition?

Well, in any artform, the goal is to fill up one’s cup with the tradition and then the cup overflows. And when it overflows it tends to come out speaking in a traditional way that is also current.

What can the audience expect from a Joey Weisenberg show? Can we expect audience participation?

My dream is that the entire community is singing together. That everybody is joining in the song in some way, punctuated by bursts of performance music where we get to hear the musicians who have practiced their whole lives expressing something unique. There’s a dialogue of outpouring of song from the community and the individual styles of the performers.

I’ll be playing – I play guitar and I play other instruments. We’ll have trombone and harmony singing, percussion, bass. You’ll have the sound of an instrumental ensemble with a jazz-like exploration of music, but that’s all connected to the outpouring of prayer song.

Where did your musical journey begin?

When I was 11 years old, I read a book called *Harmonica for the Musically Hopeless*, and I learned how to play harmonica from that, and very quickly I started playing harmonica and guitar in blues bars in Milwaukee. I really learned how to play music on the bandstand from local musicians who were generous and taught me a lot. At the same time as I was absorbing the blues, I was also spending time on the other side of Milwaukee as a teenager absorbing *niggunim* from Michel Twersky, who is a famous Hasidic *rebbe* from Milwaukee.



Multi-talented Joey Weisenberg is the featured performer for “A Time to Sing” on May 18. (Photo by Erika Kapin)

My roots in music as a teenager were connected to the very mundane blues and the very heavenly Hasidic *niggun*. Both of those musics felt to me like they were communicating the prayers and longing of the heart.

You are a founder of the Rising Song Institute at Hadar. When and why did you become involved with Hadar? What was the motivation for starting a musical branch of the organization?

In 2004, Rabbi Elie Kaunfer, one of the founders of Hadar, invited me to teach a class on *niggunim* at the Hadar retreat. I had the 5 o’clock in the morning slot and my job was to keep people awake until *Shacharit*. Ever since then, we’ve been making music together. There was a tremendous need in the Hadar world and broader Jewish landscape for singing and for expressing prayer and expressing ancient prayer through song.

What has been the response to the Rising Song Institute?

We have many thousands of listeners and students all over the world. It’s been a big privilege to work with them and help share the music that I’ve learned from my teachers and share it forward into other realms, including that we have this series of master classes of videos available at joeyweisenberg.com. We’ve had thousands of people learn to lead *niggunim* in their showers, at their *Shabbat* tables, and learn to play instruments. And it’s been so rewarding to get to share music that way.

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Celebrating *Purim* with Fun and a Flashback

BY RACHEL LAVEER, VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMMING

Tikvat Israel will be putting on a panoply of *Purim* activities in March, so come join in the festivities at one (or more) of our planned activities.

The festive month of *Adar* will kick off with our third annual *Hamantaschen* Bake 'n' Take on March 2 in the TI kitchen. Register ahead of time to bake your homemade *hamantaschen* without the mess at home!

The following Sunday, March 9, will include two *Purim* events: a Women's Network event reimagining Vashti's Banquet through a feminist lens and a SEA Change event to help pack *mishloach manot* for our state legislators in Rockville and Annapolis, in partnership with Jews United for Justice.

Erev *Purim*, March 13, will begin with our second year of Puppet Show Plus! The TI Teens will be providing special treats and activities for kids (and adults) starting at 5:30 p.m., and the annual puppet show will begin at 6:30 p.m., concluding with a children's costume parade.

Come early to get your cotton candy and balloon animals, and stay through the evening to enjoy the *megillah* reading and *Purim shpiel*. *Purim 5785* will feature "Encore: *Purim Shpiels of Yore*," a presentation of highlights from previous hilarious and creative TI *Purim shpiels*. It will be performed following the 7:15 pm *megillah* reading on March 13.

And to close out the *Purim* weekend, come demonstrate your baking prowess and try some experimental *hamantaschen* at our second annual Cookie Swap and Competition! Winners will be

selected by popular vote and entries can be made in a number of categories. You also may attend and taste rather than competing. This event will be happening on Sunday, March 16, which also happens to be *Purim Meshulash*, a special version of *Shushan Purim* for years (such as this year) when *Shushan Purim* falls on *Shabbat*.

EVERYTHING *PURIM* AT TIKVAT ISRAEL

- *Hamantaschen* Bake 'n' Take, Sunday, March 2, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Vashti's Banquet: Sunday, March 9, 1-4 p.m.
- *Mishloach Manot* packing with Jews United For Justice, Sunday, March 9, 3 p.m.
- Women's Network *Mishloach Manot* distribution, March 9-13
- Morning *minyan*/Fast of Esther, Thursday, March 13, 7:15 a.m. (fast ends at 7:45 p.m.)
- Puppet Show Plus with games, balloons and cotton candy, Thursday, March 13, 5:30 p.m.
- *Purim* Puppet Show, Thursday, March 13, 6:30 p.m.
- *Megillah* and *Shpiel*, Thursday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.
- Morning *Minyan* & *Megillah* reading, Friday, March 14, 7 a.m.
- *Hamantaschen* Swap & Competition, Sunday, March 16, 3:30-5 p.m.

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You're an author of *The Torah of Music*, a National Jewish Book Award winner, and *Building Singing Communities*, a guide to bringing people together through song. Can you please share with the *Bulletin*, briefly, a nugget of wisdom from your books?

When I got started in working with Jews, I realized that it was a great advantage to have books because Jews understand books — if you have a book on something, it's legitimate. I wrote *Building Singing Communities* in 2011 with the idea of trying to describe the steps to creating a musical bonfire in your community. ... If [*Building Singing Communities*] was technical and strategic, *The Torah of Music* was explaining why we might want to do that. Why do we sing? In order to answer that question, we turn to the old Jewish sages and explore their musical dreamscape.

What are you most looking forward to from the May concert?

I can't wait to get to sing with the D.C. and Maryland communities. I hope that it can be a super beautiful opportunity for communal question. I don't always know what's going to happen. I'm curious to find out what we can all make together.

I'm really happy to celebrate Cantor Rochelle Helzner's tenure at the *shul* and to sing in her honor.



Communal singing is a key element of a Joey Weisenberg concert or masterclass. (Photo by Erika Kapin)

WOMEN'S NETWORK

Rejoicing with Our *Purim* and Other Spring Programs

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

Women's Network is proud of the very successful Shelly Goldin annual *Shabbat* service and *kiddush* lunch that we held on Jan. 25. Our speaker Julie Fisher, who is deputy associate executive director at the Good People Fund, gave an enlightening talk about her organization and the exceptional work they do. We also thoroughly enjoyed our congregation-wide *kiddush* lunch. Thank you to all our Women's Network volunteers that day, including our service participants and kitchen helpers, as well as those who made donations toward this event.

Our February event was a tremendous cooking program on Zoom expertly led by Debbie Amster called "Soups, Stews, and Sides." We watched Debbie prepare some fabulous vegan recipes in her home. The food choices were perfect for the winter. The recipes were circulated to all who attended the program.

As we welcome *Purim* and our spring programs, Women's Network is hosting several events with wide appeal. We again will prepare and distribute *mishloach manot* for *Purim* congregation-wide. We are excited about this year's Maryland theme. Look for a variety of foods and memorabilia from our home state. Volunteers to help with preparing and distributing the *mishloach manot* will be very appreciated, and contributions are encouraged. Orders must be placed online by Feb. 28 with distribution set for March 9-13. Further information will be circulated through the Women's Network newsletter and *B'kesher*.

Women's Network is hosting a Vashti's Banquet, a new and exciting *Purim*-related event for our group at 1 p.m. on Sunday, March 9. We will feature a presentation by Abbey Frank on reframing the story of Vashti, a belly dancer, a craft project led by Bobbi Gorban, as well as delicious food, including Mediterranean and Persian desserts. It will be a festive event.

Our next book group meeting will be held March 16 in the synagogue. The book to be discussed is the *The Heaven and Earth*

Grocery Store by James McBride. Our discussion leader will be Paula Kasper. *The New York Times* called this book "a charming, smart, heart-blistering and heart-healing novel," in which the author tells a story where "against seemingly impossible odds, even in the midst of humanity's most wicked designs, love, community and action can save us."

Women's Network's April program is still in the planning stages. An announcement will be made in future communications.

Looking further on the calendar, the Seaboard Region of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism will host a retreat at the Pearlstone Center in Reisterstown, Md. on May 4. This special event will feature workshops that focus on the theme of sustainability. Registration for this retreat ends on Feb. 28. See the Women's Network newsletter for the registration link. Carpools will be arranged from Tikvat Israel.

We look forward to seeing you at our programs. Volunteers and event donations are always welcome. Please feel free to reach out to me at bbrooksx@gmail.com.



Ellie Diamond was the moderator of the Women's Network book discussion session in mid-January. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

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More remains to do.

We are thrilled to have knowledgeable congregants able to lead our services, write *duars*, read *Torah* and *Haftarah*, as well as care for our *Torah* scrolls. Our volunteers have helped in the TI office, worked in the kitchen, written grant proposals, created our new website and helped with countless projects when asked.


Yet we continue to need even more volunteers for program planning and implementation. More importantly, we need people willing to step into the shoes of our current leaders to guide us into the future. If you are one of these people, see the co-presidents so we can help you find the right path as a volunteer leader.

As TI enters the last four months of the fiscal year, the synagogue continues to be strong, with a vibrant congregation ready for the future. *Yasher koach* to all who helped bring us to this point, including our beloved Rabbi Israel and inspiring Cantor Helzner. May we go forward from strength to strength.

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You Can Do Something: Sea Change Provides Opportunities

BY ANNA LEVY AND RONI SILVERSTEIN

The significant challenges of recent months that are affecting our communities and the world inspire us to take action. Each one of us can make a small difference that is magnified by the numbers of individuals who show up and speak up and reach out.

In February, Tikvat Israel SEA Change (www.tikvatisrael.org/get-involved/sea-change) hosted a screening of the film, "Ain't No Back to a Merry-Go-Round," documenting how small numbers of individuals from diverse communities in the Maryland suburbs were able to jointly influence the desegregation of the privately owned Glen Echo Amusement Park. The film inspires us to overcome barriers to make positive change.



us on March 9, from 3-5 p.m. in the Flax Library to fill bags. Travel to Annapolis on Monday evening, March 10, or to Rockville on Tuesday afternoon, March 11.

For more information and to register, access juff.org/event/md-purim-25.

➤ **Coming in spring:** Join TI SEA Change for a docent-led visit to the Josiah Henson Museum (montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/josiah-henson-museum-and-park).

The museum is at the site of the former plantation property of Isaac Riley in what is now North Bethesda, where the Rev. Josiah Henson was enslaved. His 1849 autobiography, *The Life of Josiah Henson, Formerly a Slave, Now an Inhabitant of Canada*, inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's landmark anti-slavery novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Henson's legacy is an important part of American history. Watch for more details.

Contact Anna Levy at anna_levy@verizon.net, Debbie Amster at debbieamster@comcast.net or Roni Silverstein at roni.silverstein@gmail.com for more information.

Keep up with new opportunities to make a difference through the SEA Change Update email. Subscribe by contacting Bob Silverstein at r_silverstein@msn.com.

- Upcoming opportunities to make a difference include the following.
- **March 9, 10 and 11:** *Purim* is a joyful holiday commemorating the story of the biblical heroine Queen Esther, who used her power to help those in her community who were under threat. Every year around *Purim*, our SEA Change partner, Jews United for Justice delivers *mishloach manot* to state and local legislators, along with a reminder of what our legislative priorities are for this year.
 - TI SEA Change, Netivot and TI teens will be decorating bags, baking *Hamantaschen* and filling *mishloach manot* bags. Join

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'Keshet* or the *Shabbat* sheet can provide, turn to the website for the full picture.

Webmaster Bob Silverstein also 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.



At the Sanctuary Cinema



Two Israeli films drew good-sized turnouts to the synagogue in January. Rabbi Marc Israel welcomed the first-night audience and lent technical support. Ron Rabin served as coordinator of the Israeli Film Festival, which included a moderated discussion in the social hall following each showing. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Final *Shabbat* Dinner on Tap

BY JUDY STERN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION



Family *Shabbat* Dinners

The ECC Family Network *Shabbat* Dinners have been a popular activity over the past year, and our last Young Families *Shabbat* Dinner for the school year will be held on Friday, June 6.

The dinners have been funded, in part, by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. This year, there has been a good turnout for each of the dinners. We will restart the program in the fall.

Family services, led by Rabbi Marc Israel, start at 5 p.m. with the dinner following in the social hall.

Tikvat Israel Teens

The TI Teens will be packing *hamantaschen* and distributing them to members of the Maryland State Legislature to request their support for the state's Youth Justice Initiative. The teens also will help at TI's *Purim* celebration this year.

Netivot Religious School

An open house for parents of this year's religious school students, as well as those interested in enrolling their children in next year's classes, is set for 9:30 a.m. on March 2. Next year, the program will educate children in kindergarten through 3rd grade.

Contact the synagogue office for additional details.

BLOOD DONORS SOUGHT

The next Tikvat Israel blood drive run by the Red Cross is set for March 5 in the social hall. Walk-ins are welcome, though organizers prefer advance signup. Contact Robbi Cohen at peezer200@yahoo.com.

Accessing *Bulletin* Back Issues

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

This QR code will also give you access.

Bob Silverstein, our *shul's* webmaster, is responsible for making this resource available to congregants.



USY Grant Backs Our Teens' Conservation Project

BY RONI SILVERSTEIN

Our Tikvat Israel Teen group has been awarded the United Synagogue Youth Local Engagement and Partnership Grant for Innovation.

The \$1,000 LEAP grant was awarded to Tikvat Israel to increase engagement of our teens by supporting an innovative program and staff support.

Our new USY project, led by Luke Jessup, will be held in two phases this spring and hopefully, if awarded a second grant, a final phase next fall. The goal of the initiative is to have the teens learn about conservation, how to capture rainwater runoff and discover which native plants would be healthy for our synagogue's gardens. Ultimately, the group will design and plant a sustainable garden on the congregation's grounds next fall.

The teens will not only benefit by learning about nature, garden design and conservation, but they will have the added bonus of contributing to the ongoing beauty of their synagogue. The two programs will be held on April 6 and April 27. Look for detailed notices in the weeks ahead.

Tikvat Israel was the lone recipient of LEAP Grant award in the greater Washington region, according to a national USY newsletter.



How to be a Welcoming Presence on *Shabbat*

Would you consider being an official greeter to welcome those coming to *Shabbat* services at Tikvat Israel?

The assignment is simple but meaningful: Opening the *shul's* front door as worshippers arrive and welcoming them with a warm *Shabbat Shalom*. If someone is new to our synagogue, you direct them to the sanctuary (or point them to the coat room if they have a garment to hang).

A walkie-talkie should be ready and waiting on the supply table outside the sanctuary entrance for you to use in an emergency. It is connected to the county police officer in the parking lot and should be used to alert them of any trouble.

Greeter coordinator Felicia Black provides on-site support. Contact her with your interest at feliciablack@msn.com. Or use the sign-up site for greeter volunteers at: <https://bit.ly/TI-greeter>.



Home Hospitality for Passover

As a look at any newspaper will tell you, we are living through difficult times. Now is the moment to think about giving to those in need. There are many ways to do so: financially, emotionally or spiritually. *Hashem* helps us give to others by providing resources we can share. Telling the *Pesach* story allows us to share something we all have to give — our memories and experiences — as we tell the *Pesach* story at the seder table. Both hosts and guests can participate in the *mitzvah* of hospitality.

If you do not have a *seder* to attend or have space at your *seder* table for more people, please fill out the form below **by April 4** and return it to the synagogue office or contact Hope Levy Kott at (301) 921-8268 or hkott@aol.com.

Name _____

Phone number/e-mail _____

Yes! We would like to host up to _____ people on Saturday, April 12

Yes! We would like to host up to _____ people on Sunday, April 13

Yes! We would like to attend a *seder* on Saturday and/or Sunday

List the names and ages (of children) of all who will be attending:

Indicate whether your family:

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Conducts/prefers the *seder* mostly in English or mostly in Hebrew

Please tell us anything else your host would need to know (allergies, etc.):

TI's Library Statistics Tell a Good Story

BY JANICE ROSENBERG, LIBRARY COMMITTEE CHAIR

There has been an increase in the number of congregants who are borrowing books from TI's Herman J. Flax Library. We also have seen a boost in the number of books that have been borrowed.

The library began tracking circulation statistics in 2023. Since that time, the library has loaned 33 different books from its collection to 29 different congregants. *The Golem*, *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*, *Hello Darkness My Old Friend*, *Kaddish.com*, *Kissing Kosher* and *100 Most Jewish Foods* have each been borrowed two times by 10 different congregants.

Tikvat Israel's pop-up library, located in the synagogue's lobby adjacent to the entrance to the sanctuary, has been well received. Created last September with a total of 18 titles from the Flax Library, it has loaned 16 books to nine different congregants to date.

Here are a few books currently available to borrow from TI's pop-up library:

- *Chasing History: A Kid in the Newsroom* by Carl Bernstein. Bernstein recalls the origins of his renowned journalistic career.
- *Florence Adler Swims Forever* by Rachel Beanland. Details three generations of the Adler family over the course of one summer.
- *The Gates of Gaza: A Story of Betrayal, Survival, and Hope in Israel's Borderlands* by Amir Tibon. A gripping first-person account of how Tibon helped rescue two generations of his family on October 7, 2023.
- *Lilyville: Mother, Daughter, and Other Roles I've Played* by Tovah Feldshuh. Feldshuh shares the highs and lows of her illustrious career.
- *The World That We Knew* by Alice Hoffman. With the Nazis closing in on Berlin, a mother's act of courage offers her daughter a chance of survival.



Books available to borrow from TI's pop-up library. (Photo by Janice Rosenberg)

Flax Library Catalog

Remember, you can search TI's library's online catalog to find books in the collection. Open TI's website and under "Study," click on "Flax Library Catalog."

To reserve books using the Flax Library catalog, conduct a search and click on the 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." You will be notified when the books you reserved are available for pickup.

You also can borrow books from the Flax library by sending an email to TikvatIsraelLibrary@gmail.com. Be sure to include the book title, your name and your contact information.

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.



Todah Rabah for the Support

My mom recently passed away at the age of 103½. Many congregants knew her personally, and others heard me talk about her for the past 10 years as she lived at the Ring House. She knew what a special place Tikvat Israel was and would have been overwhelmed with joy by the outpouring of support our family received from the rabbi, cantor and so many congregants during the *shiva* period.

Our home was bursting with congregants during the services, and our bellies were full of yummy food and treats brought to our home. I want to thank everyone who made the week easier for us and for those who made donations to the synagogue in

her memory. Tikvat Israel is a special place and very dear to our hearts because of the people that make up the congregation.

Janice & Bob Balin, Gary & Leni Buff, and Alan & Pat Buff

Convenient Minyanim

I think it's terrific that our synagogue has a daily *minyan* both at the synagogue and on Zoom. The participation is wonderful, and I hope both continue for a long time. Some just can't get to the synagogue and therefore the *minyan* on Zoom is much needed. Evening *minyan* is well-attended, and those who lead it are very good. We have a great community.

Mimi Meltzer



Our values are at stake and the WZO needs our voice to be heard.

Are you ready to vote MERCAZ USA?

WHO: Any Jewish adult over 18 who lives permanently in the U.S. and didn't vote in the last Knesset election

WHAT: Voting MERCAZ USA in the 2025 World Zionist Congress elections

WHERE: Fill out the form at mercazusa.org/votemercap2025, and we'll let you know the moment the election begins.

WHEN: Voting opens on March 10, 2025.

WHY: MERCAZ USA claims space for Conservative/Masorti Jews in the Zionist future.

As extremists threaten to assert their narrow view of Judaism on us all, MERCAZ USA works with the World Zionist Congress and its affiliates to:

- ✓ Advocate for our shared values of democracy, inclusion, and respect and preserve a pluralistic Jewish society
- ✓ Secure millions in funding for comprehensive Israel education through Ramah (especially the shlichim program), USY, synagogue programming, and more
- ✓ Rebuild Israel in the aftermath of October 7 and support our hostages
- ✓ Direct resources into our communities to combat antisemitism
- ✓ Promote an understanding of the Zionist vision and counter misinformation



Questions? Email campaignmanager@mercazusa.org or Abbey Frank at abbey@frankstrategies.net

BROADMAN-KAPLAN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Trees, Tzedakah and Celebrating Families

BY DEBBIE UNGAR, DIRECTOR, BROADMAN-KAPLAN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



The ECC started the winter with snow days, exciting activities and celebrations. For the first time in several years, the children were able to build a snowman and go sledding while at school. They enjoyed the outdoors and all it has to offer.

The ECC prepared for *Tu B'Shvat* by studying trees. The children planted their own seeds, which they will watch grow. All classes will celebrate with a feast of fruits in honor of the holiday.

For *tzedakah*, the ECC is participating in a program through the Jewish National Fund to purchase trees in Israel to help replenish the forests destroyed in Israel's north and south. The donations will help restore natural beauty, build habitats and renew the

health of the land. (You can donate to the JNF at <https://shop.jnf.org/collections/plant-trees>.)

On Friday, Feb. 28, the ECC celebrated *Yom Hamishpacha*, or family day, which is a holiday in Israel which has replaced Mother's Day and Father's Day. This day more easily honors all family structures. Families celebrated *Shabbat* in their child's classroom, where they recited the blessings and enjoyed *challah* and grape juice. The whole school then came together for a special *Shabbat* Sing with Auntie A.

The ECC has commenced registration for the 2025-26 school year and summer session. We have amazing flexible scheduling options. Classes are available for children 14 months up to 5 years old. We invite prospective families to set up tours by calling our office at 301-251-0455 or by contacting Debbie Ungar at debbie@tikvatIsrael.org.



After sowing seeds, ECC pupils took turns with the watering.



Jonathan Solomon demonstrated his skills as a volunteer congregant reader.



With the first substantial snowfall in several years, ECC children tried sledding on TI property.

Feeding the Hungry at Shepherd's Table

If you want a hands-on way to help those in our larger community who suffer from food insecurity, join the TI assemblage at Shepherd's Table in Silver Spring.



TI volunteers who served dinners at Shepherd's Table on Dec. 30.

Four to five times a year, TI volunteers serve dinner, cafeteria-style, at the oldest food pantry in Montgomery County. TI has been volunteering there (first as Temple Israel) since its inception 40 years ago.

Most recently, on Dec. 30, TI volunteers served dinner to a record number of clients – nearly 250. Those helping included Susan Apter, Anita and Mel Brenner, Brenda and Keith Brooks, Karen Cohen, Ellen and Sherman Eisner and Ziva Shuchman.

Future scheduled dates are March 31, July 30, Sept. 29 and Dec. 29 (all Monday nights). Time commitment is 2½ hours, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Check *B'kasher* and the TI website for information closer to each date.

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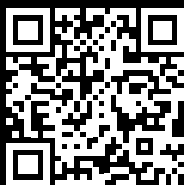
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Congregational Condolences

Tikvat Israel Congregation shares its condolences over the following recent deaths:

... to **Sandy Broadman**, on the loss of her husband Ira, on Jan. 7 (7 *Tevet*, 5785)

... to **Janice Balin**, on the loss of her mother Lotte Buff, on Jan. 19 (19 *Tevet*, 5785)

... to family and friends of congregant Barbara Altman on her death on Feb. 2 (4 *Sh'vat*, 5785)

... to **Irene Pasternak**, on the loss of her husband Richard Pasternak, on Feb. 11 (14 *Sh'vat*, 5785)

Mazel Tov

... to **Sue and Howard Wilchins**, on the *bar mitzvah* of their grandson, Ezra Wilchins, on Feb. 1 at the East Mid-wood Jewish Center in Brooklyn, N.Y.

... to **Rabbi Marc Israel**, on receiving an honorary degree from the Jewish Theological Seminary for 25 years of service in the Conservative Judaism movement.

...to **Drew Grossman and Christa Maiorano**, on the birth of their daughter, Yana Grossman, in late December.



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Sylvia Goldin
Simi Goodman
Freda Kahn
Freda Lankin
Faigi Levine
Irwin David Olin
Samuel Rosenhaft
Judy Rosenthal
Gertrude Schuchman
Arthur J. Schwartz
Max Weingross
Sidney Weiss

MARCH 2

2 ADAR

Edith Baron
Hilda Frank
Morris Hein
Sarah Jarcho
Norman Levy
Minnie Rubinstein
Norbert Schimmel
Leon Smith

MARCH 3

3 ADAR

Sadie Eckstein
Harry Field
Tillie Gaspin
Gloria Halpern
Esther Kaminsky
Betty Klein
Lillian Rosen
Baruch Schwarz
Morris Shapiro
Nancy Strong
Morris Tranen

MARCH 4

4 ADAR

Lillian Feingold
Annie Goldstein
Alan Kaufman
Jamilia Dweck Marcus
David Scucimarra
Sandra Segal
David Siskind
Alan Jay Smith
Yetta Steiner
Rose Walder

MARCH 5

5 ADAR

Shirlye Berman
Esther Bloom
Robert Bredt
Saul Diamond
George Goldstein
Mike Gross
Alan Grossmann
Arlene Kahn
Charles Kandalis
Carl Lang
Helen Lantz
Laura Raucher
Irving Schwartz
Esther Simon
Norman Yudkoff

MARCH 6

6 ADAR

William Wells Adams
Alvin Bernstein
Jacob Blafkin
Annie Colodne
Ann Gilman Miller
Samuel Podgor

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MARCH 7

7 ADAR

James Gorelick
Lillian Kensky
Louis Krepchin
Bessie Marco
Samuel Romm
Elizabeth Zusman

MARCH 8

8 ADAR

Dorothy Ashery
Shulamit Sproen Breit
Stephen Cohen
Mary Fine
Adelle Lapin

MARCH 9

9 ADAR

Rosalind Apter
Barbara Goldstein Durand
Israel Erdman
Milton H. Feig
Lena Feingold
Lewis Frank
Alex Liebenson
Pauline Oppenheimer
Irving Reich
Emma Tiller

MARCH 10

10 ADAR

Avrom Armoza
Ida Berly
Guadalupe Castillo
Bernard Cohen
Josephine Erdheim
Michael Hersh
Helen Kaplan
Nathan Lampert
Joshua Leise
Zev Aria Ludwinowitz
Marge K. Martin
Milton Multz
Gary Reider
Sidney Rosen
Murray Rothman
Nina Silverstein

MARCH 11

11 ADAR

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Ida Friedman
Richard Klein
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K. Gordon Oppenheimer
Aaron Pressman
Hilda G. Robbin
Alexander Rothberg
Gertrude Schwartz
Pearl Solet
Cynthia Spritzer
Benjamin Suskind

MARCH 12

12 ADAR

Filemon Castillo
Bessie Danoff
Fanny Izen
Sara Lebowitz
Belle Lerner
Emily Livingston
Louis D. Robbin
Frank Sobovinsky

MARCH 13

13 ADAR

Abraham Brooke
Shulamit Elster
Eva Glater
George Rosenberg
Marshall Silverstein

MARCH 14

14 ADAR

Paul Altman
Burton Boroff
Fannie Curchack
Lena Fineman
Solomon Gorschman
Corina Nichols
Karen Schubert
Ruth Anne Sheskin

MARCH 15

15 ADAR

Elaine Kasper
Bert Levin
Zahava Nevet
Anna Shapiro
Zandel Smith

MARCH 16

16 ADAR

Harry Balin
Celia Bliss
Morris Gellman
Sam Jorban
Max Katzen
Milton Kensky
Jacob Pear
Joseph Podgor
David Ronis
Philip Schnitzer
Abraham Selwyn
Ascher Wolf

MARCH 17

17 ADAR

Carl Boden
Friedrich Breit
Sigmund Brown
Erna Casper
Murray Grand
Abraham Kabot
Freda Kagan
Jayson Levine
Milton Moss
Gerda Reich
Isadore Schwartz
Harry Weinstein

MARCH 18

18 ADAR

Stephen Edwards
Lynne Eisman
Frances First
Helen Gross
Rebecca Kauffman
Rose Ludwin
Colin Melmed
Susan Meyers
David Stuart Pearl
Morris Polansky
Jacob Sage
Fannie Salzer
Lena Sandler

MARCH 19

19 ADAR

Dudley Schwartz
Herman Hamburg
Maurice Krause
Gloria Levinrad
Tillie Lieberman
Joseph Salzer

MARCH 20

20 ADAR

Marguerite Eldredge
Abraham Isaac Levy
Rabbi Jerome Weistrop
Renne Katz
William Raucher
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MARCH 21

21 ADAR

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Tillie Beard
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Theresa Kabik
Anne Larrick
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Phyllis Newman
Mary Nussbaum
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MARCH 22

22 ADAR

Sylvia Abramson
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MARCH 23

23 ADAR

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MARCH 24

24 ADAR

Lillie Becker
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MARCH 25

25 ADAR

Irving Ashery
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MARCH 26

26 ADAR

Helen Cohen
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MARCH 27

27 ADAR

Albert Bressler
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MARCH 28

28 ADAR

Carl Fishman
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MARCH 29

29 ADAR

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MARCH 30

1 NISAN

Harold Botkin

MARCH 31

2 NISAN

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APRIL 1

3 *NISAN*

Debbie Bloom
Maurice Gabes
Ruth Gilston
Lottie Greenwood
Ernest Gruenfeld
Emma Klein
Mark Morrison
Leroy Moses
Rose Silverman

APRIL 2

4 *NISAN*

Joseph Bogage
Pillie Grossman
Eugene Katz
Edward Raine
Minnie Sakoff
Esther Salit

APRIL 3

5 *NISAN*

Lillian Brecker
Pearl Bredt
Ronna Esther Butterworth
Leah Feinsilber
David Krauss
Edward Rabin
Harry Silverman
Beatrice Binnie West

APRIL 4

6 *NISAN*

Sara Berman
Moshe Cohen
Hyman Grand
Alice Katz
Abraham Moskowitz
Isadore Romm
Herman Schrier
Pauline Seiler
Irwin Suson
Rhoda Zuskin

APRIL 5

7 *NISAN*

Hannah Barrack
Saul Ehrlich
Stephen Harris
Matthew Kessler
Doris Lampert
Anna Rom
Bertha Seiler
Reuven Shacham
Helen Shulman
Samuel Wagman

APRIL 6

8 *NISAN*

Harriet Cohen
Sylvia Copaken
Bonnie Cowan
Elizabeth Grishman
Martin Kronenberg
Carolyn Wermiel
Sophie Zaccagni

APRIL 7

9 *NISAN*

Ann Eisler
Samuel Frank
Salome Gardsbane
Louis Goldstein
Nathan Markovitz
Bernard Pleeter
Isaac Silverman

APRIL 8

10 *NISAN*

Jacqueline Cohen
Feliciano Cruz
Gerhard Gruenfeld
Anne R. Kaiser
Herman Markovitz
Ruth Schimmel

APRIL 9

11 *NISAN*

Lina Hoffman
Beatrice Klein
Jacob Levi
Julie Melmed
Molly Oppenheim

APRIL 10

12 *NISAN*

Ida Baroff
Louis Bernstein
Gerald Lempert
Patricia Teller
Sandra Tolpin
Sonia Trachtenberg

APRIL 11

13 *NISAN*

Rachel Brown
Ann Engel
Marjorie Kaiz Offer
Morris Pike
Sam Prince
Samuel Solsky

APRIL 12

14 *NISAN*

Henry Goldberg
Jacob Goldstein
Dora Kishner
Akhtar Saadian
Michael Sanders
Michael C. Shapiro
Hana Shaw
Diane Katz Shedroff

APRIL 13

15 *NISAN*

Edward Lankin
Tillie Pressman
Harry Shooman
Kalman Sokolow
Sol Wachovsky

APRIL 14

16 *NISAN*

Stanley Berger
Harry Blackstone
Joseph Burdoo
Samuel Grossman
Lauri Joseph
Irving Kaplan
David Klein
Ida Licht
Irwin Lowenfeld

APRIL 15

17 *NISAN*

Dayna Leslie Dubin
Benjamin Fleitell
Joseph Gordon
Harriet Raine
Dorothy Robinson
Rose Stahler

APRIL 16

18 *NISAN*

Irving Curchack
Jennie Kornhauser
Leonard Mitchel

APRIL 17

19 *NISAN*

Aaron Feinmark
Samuel Nathan Leavitt
Rita Shetzich

APRIL 18

20 *NISAN*

Alfred Cowan
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Dianna Hamburg
Jeanne Krause
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Fannie Saltzman
Sol Schwartz
Helen Sharlot
Samuel Shull
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APRIL 19

21 *NISAN*

Benjamin Bogage
Stephen Gary
Mary Ruth Glucksman
Aaron Polansky

APRIL 20

22 *NISAN*

Lorraine Cohen
Jenny Fierman
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Yaakov Havakuk
Samuel Taylor

APRIL 21

23 *NISAN*

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Nadia Schuchman
Jackie Tievy
Daniel Wexler

APRIL 22

24 *NISAN*

Samuel Appel
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Diane Finkelstein
Ruthanne Osheroff

APRIL 23

25 *NISAN*

Lenore Kline Bain
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APRIL 24

26 *NISAN*

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

APRIL 25

27 *NISAN*

Ellis Goldman
Esdra Jose
Julius Lifshutz
Meyer Puner
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Oscar Zaccagni

APRIL 26

28 *NISAN*

Allan Beck
Sarah Cowan
Tillie Grand
Evelyn Spector
Marcelle Tangy
Anna Teitelbaum
Gertrude VanAalten

APRIL 27

29 *NISAN*

Philip Caplan
Esther Duker Pollack
Sidney Polster

APRIL 28

30 *NISAN*

Esther Engelstein
Evelyn B. Kaplan
Ethel Melmed
Irving Suskin
Paul Waltzer
Sonnie Wolf
Harry Yudkoff

APRIL 29

1 *IYYAR*


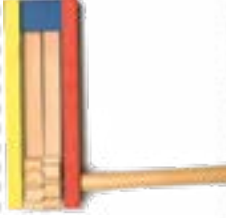
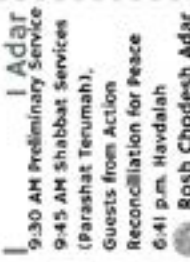








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APRIL 30

2 *IYYAR*

Sarah Bachman
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MARCH 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
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						9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Terumah), Guests from Action Reconciliation for Peace 6:41 p.m. Havdalah  Rosh Chodesh Adar
						8 8 Adar
						9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Tetzaveh) 11:15 AM Auntie A Shabbat Family Jam, Torah Club 6:48 PM Havdalah
						7 7 Adar
						8:00 AM Minyan 5:49 PM Candle Lighting 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat
						6 6 Adar
						7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan
						5 5 Adar
						8:00 AM Minyan 10:00 AM Blood Drive 7:30 PM Minyan
						4 4 Adar
						8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan
						3 3 Adar
						7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan
						2 2 Adar
						9:00 AM Minyan 1:00 PM WN Vashti's Banquet 3:00 PM Pack Mishloach Manot w/JUFJ 7:30 PM Minyan
						1 1 Adar
						9:00 AM Minyan 10:30 AM WN Book Club 3:30 PM Hamantaschen Cookie Exchange 7:30 PM Minyan  Purim Meshulash
						15 15 Adar
						9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Ki Tisa) 7:56 PM Havdalah  Shushahn Purim
						14 14 Adar
						7:00 AM Purim Morning Service 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 6:56 PM Candle Lighting  Purim
						13 13 Adar
						6:04 AM Fast Begins 7:15 AM Minyan 6:30 PM Purim Puppet Show Plus 7:30 PM Minyan & Megillah 7:46 PM Fast Ends  Erev Purim
						12 12 Adar
						8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan
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						8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:03 PM Candle Lighting
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						15 15 Adar
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MARCH-APRIL 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 9:00 AM Minyan 2:00 PM Visit Josiah Henson Museum 7:30 PM Minyan Rosh Chodesh Nissan	1 2 Nissan 7:15 AM Minyan 5:00 PM Shepherd's Table 7:30 PM Minyan	2 3 Nissan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	3 4 Nissan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	4 5 Nissan 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	5 6 Nissan 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:17 PM Candle Lighting	6 7 Nissan 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Vayikra) 8:17 PM Havdalah
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13 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Pesach Morning Service 7:00 PM Second Seder 8:26 PM Candle lighting Pesach, Begin Counting Omer	14 15 Nissan 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Pesach Morning Service 9:45 AM Pesach Morning Service 8:30 PM Minyan & Havdalah	15 16 Nissan 7:15 AM Pesach Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	16 17 Nissan 7:15 AM Pesach Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	17 18 Nissan 7:15 AM Pesach Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	18 19 Nissan 7:15 AM Pesach Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:31 PM Candle Lighting	19 20 Nissan 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services 8:32 PM Candle Lighting
20 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Pesach Morning Service 11:15 AM Yickor 8:33 PM Minyan & Havdalah	21 22 Nissan 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan 8:00 PM Board Meeting	22 23 Nissan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan 8:00 PM Board Meeting	23 24 Nissan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	24 25 Nissan 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Yom HaShoah	25 26 Nissan 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:38 PM Candle Lighting	26 27 Nissan 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Shemini) 10:30 AM Torah Club 8:40 PM Havdalah
27 9:00 AM Minyan 10:30 AM Volunteer Appreciation 7:30 PM Minyan	28 29 Nissan 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	29 1 Iyyar 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Rosh Chodesh Iyyar	30 2 Iyyar 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Yom HaZikaron	<p>All events subject to change. Please read B'Keshet for the latest status. The Broadman-Kaplan ECC will close for Spring Break from April 11-21.</p>		

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NURSING HOME SERVICES

Tikvat Israel volunteers have led monthly *Shabbat* services and holiday services at the Potomac Valley Nursing Home in Rockville for more than 30 years, using enlarged type prayer booklets created by the Jewish Chaplaincy Service. If you might like to assist regulars Rebecca Salon and Jay Goldman lead a service on occasion, please let them know at jgoldman@aasa.org or rsalon@verizon.net.

OPEN BOARD MEETINGS

Meeting of the Tikvat Israel Board of Directors take place on the fourth Tuesdays of most months at 8 p.m. (following evening *minyan*) via Zoom. Congregants are permitted to join as observers (with the only closed portions relating to personnel or legal discussions). Agendas for meetings, as well as the Zoom links, can be obtained in advance from TI's Recording Secretary, Melissa Apter, at mwapter@gmail.com, or from the synagogue office.

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Inside a Congregant's Kitchen: Vegan Food Prep

Congregant Debbie Amster took 24 attentive members of the Women's Network inside her home kitchen via Zoom during a 90-minute program on vegan cooking on Feb. 9 that she titled "Soups, Stews and Sides."

Michael Amster, Fortuna Scheige and Brenda Brooks assisted Debbie with her multi-task cooking and the technical aspects of the live program.

While preparing what viewers could only assume were pleasing fragrances of delicious stove-top recipes, Debbie dispensed counsel about freezing food, storing food, utensil use and more.



Debbie Amster at work at her stove top. (Photo by Amy Matathias)



Fortuna Scheige (left) and Brenda Brooks lent a hand in the Amsters' kitchen. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)