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WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Monday 8:00 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 8:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.

Kabbalat

Shabbat 6:00 p.m.

Shabbat 10:00 a.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.

Note: As long as the synagogue is closed during the public health crisis, digital davening will be via Zoom weekdays and Sundays with *Havdalah* on Saturday evening (see *B'keshet* for varying start times). Shabbat morning services will be livestreamed.

CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

January 1 4:39 p.m.

January 8 4:45 p.m.

January 15 4:52 p.m.

January 22 5:00 p.m.

January 29 5:08 p.m.

February 5 5:17 p.m.

February 12 5:25 p.m.

February 19 5:33 p.m.

February 26 5:40 p.m.

Class Commences on Racial History



Jerome Price, shown inside a school classroom in Montgomery County, will lead members of our congregation through chapters of African American history during a seven-session course orchestrated by Rabbi Marc Israel. Read more about Price, an award-winning teacher, and the weekly series, which begins on Jan. 18, on pages 5 and 13.

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Celebrate Purim Together Remotely

Join us as we complete a full cycle of the year on Zoom. Not even COVID-19 can prevent us from having a *freilach Purim*!

Celebrate *Purim* 5781 on Thursday evening, Feb. 25 and Friday, Feb. 26 (on Zoom, of course!)

Plan now so you can put together a smashing costume.



Mark your calendars with these basic details, with more information to follow.

Thursday, Feb. 25

6:30 p.m. - Family Celebration and *Purim* Puppet Production. Rachel and Shaina Lipsy are putting together a Zoom-friendly version of our popular show. Cantor Helzner and Rabbi Israel will participate with songs and stories.

7:30 p.m. - *Maariv* and full *Megillah* reading. Cantor Rochelle Helzner will lead singing. Who knows, we may even have a great *shpiel*! (You'll have to join us to find out.) Afterward, let's *shmooze* with wine, schnapps and/or a cocktail.

Friday, Feb. 26

7 a.m. - *Shacharit* with *Megillah* reading.

Fun Fact

Because Jerusalem is an ancient walled city, its residents celebrate an extra day of *Purim*, known as *Shushan Purim*. However, when *Shabbat* and *Shushan Purim* coincide (as they do this year), *Shushan Purim* gets pushed to Sunday, making this fun-filled celebration into a three-day *chag*! (Not to worry, whenever this happens, Passover starts on a Saturday night, meaning *Shabbat* will go directly into the two-day *Yom Tov* of *Pesach*, creating our own three-day *chag*, whereas Israelis miss out on that third day.) You can decide who gets the better end of that deal and, depending on what you decide, it is never too late to make *aliyah*.

Shul Shorts

Kabbalat Shabbat with Guitar

A "KS with Guitar" service will be led by Cantor Rochelle Helzner on Friday, Jan. 8, at 6 p.m. on Zoom. Enjoy an uplifting introduction to *Shabbat* with spirited melodies. The next musical *Kabbalat* service will be March 12.

Borrowed Books

If you have need for a *siddur* for use with TI's livestreamed *Shabbat* and daily *minyanim*, please contact the shul office to make arrangements for a scheduled pickup.

If you still possess a copy of the High Holidays prayer book belonging to the synagogue, please make arrangements for its return.

Synagogue Sports Sidelined

The public health regulations prohibiting group activities locally means that Tikvat Israel's basketball and softball players have no organized activity this winter and spring. The synagogue sports leagues that operate in Montgomery County have taken a hiatus for the foreseeable future.

Racial Justice Theme Commands Early Focus in 2021 Lineup

BY SALLY KRAM, TIKVAT ISRAEL VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMMING

As 2021 arrives, Tikvat Israel will begin a six-month initiative focused on racial justice issues. Titled “*La’asot Tzedakah U’Mishpat: To Do What Is Just and Right*,” the initiative will feature lectures, classes and events designed to spark a conversation among TI congregants about issues at the heart of recent protests across the country.

These programs are open to all, and will be offered virtually via Zoom.

The events included in the racial and social justice track scheduled for January and February are:

At a kickoff event at 10 a.m. on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 18, Montgomery County Council member Will Jawando will bring greetings; Richard Montgomery High School history teacher Jerome Price will introduce his course on African American history; and a series of moderated discussions will follow. Rabbi Israel will close with a summary of what the initiative is intended to accomplish.

The six-week African American history course will be taught by Price at 8 p.m. on Wednesday nights, Jan. 20 through Feb. 24; and a lecture on sports and racial justice will be presented on the morning of “Super Bowl Sunday,” Feb. 7.

If you like cultural programming, we also have you covered. Tikvat Israel is once again hosting its annual “Israel Presents” with two nights of Israeli film, Jan. 23 and 30, in partnership with the Israeli Embassy. See more details, page 4.

Finally, Tikvat Israel is offering robust *Tu B’Shevat* programming, including a nature walk on Jan. 24 and a lecture about making honey by representatives of the Maryland-based business, The Bee Folks, on Jan. 28. Check *B’kasher* for more details.

Tikvat Israel’s thought-provoking and entertaining fall events established a new tradition of excellence in virtual programming. On Nov. 5, more than 50 congregants joined in a heartfelt emotional release as they discussed feelings about the presidential election. Even though the final results were not known at the time, under Rabbi Israel’s expert moderation, congregants felt they could truthfully vent their feelings in a “safe space.”

On Nov. 15, Tikvat Israel was entertained by prize-winning storyteller Sufian Zhemkov and his colleague Margarite. The two regaled attendees with their stories of love and life with a flavor of intrigue. We hope to bring you additional storyteller events later in the year.

On Nov. 22, about three dozen congregants participated in the first Racial Justice Book Club moderated by Rabbi Israel. The discussion of the book *How To Be An Antiracist*, by Ibram X. Kendi, was an effective rollout of many of the themes that will be considered in the social justice initiative. A second discussion took place on Dec. 20 focused on the best-selling book by Robin DiAngelo, *White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*.

December opened with a bang with two programs held on Dec. 6. Maryland Delegate Anne Kaiser (District 14), a long-time member of TI, gave her annual preview of the upcoming

Maryland legislative session. A record 48 screens joined for Anne’s compelling presentation in which she explained the hot button topics the legislature is likely to address: COVID-19, the budget, taxes, sports betting and police reform. She also shared adorable pictures of her toddler, A.J., to the delight of all.

Later that afternoon, TI’s newest group, TI Millennials, hosted its first event. Author Lauren Meyerowitz Port joined from New York City to describe her grandmother’s experiences during the Holocaust, which are detailed in *Humanity in Auschwitz: Letters From My Grandmother*. The event, titled “Passing the Torch,” was designed to encourage Millennials to learn how to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive even after the generation of survivors dies. More than 27 congregants and friends joined for the discussion moderated by Paul Kutner, a local researcher on Holocaust topics. The Millennials group will continue to design programming for young professionals in their 20s and 30s.

Drive-in dining continued through November and December, with a special program for those seeking to pick up Thanksgiving dinner from Moti’s, and a delicious taste of China from Baltimore’s favorite David Chu’s.

As our virtual programming continues, we welcome ideas and energy from any TI member. If you want to contribute, contact Sally Kram at sallykram939@gmail.com.

Board Approves New Employee Handbook

A new employee handbook governing all facets of working at Tikvat Israel was approved by the synagogue’s board of directors at its November meeting.

The employee handbook outlines the duties and responsibilities of employees and TI’s responsibilities to its employees. It contains the chain of command, avenues for reporting issues, rules of behavior, and protection of congregation information. It also contains information about statutes required by the State of Maryland and Montgomery County in the treatment of employees and students.

Topics addressed include general work hours, holidays observed, remote work, compensation and benefits, leave benefits, employee conduct, professionalism, respect for Jewish traditions, computer and internet access, security and privacy, harassment or abuse, performance reviews and disciplinary procedures, among an array of other aspects.

The purpose of the 14-page handbook is to let all parties involved in running our congregation clearly understand their roles. The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism highly recommends all synagogues have a worker handbook in place to ensure smooth running of the synagogue’s operations.

The Handbook Committee was chaired by Alan Apter. The following members served with him: Keith Brooks, Sally Kram, Sherrie Krauser (chief editor), Jim Perlmutter, Warren Berger, Judy Stern (editor) and Neil Kram (style/formatting editor).

Two Nights of Israeli Film Set for Jan. 23 and 30

Tikvat Israel will again showcase some of the finest of recent Israeli cinema as part of the 2021 version of "Israel Presents: Two Nights of Israeli Film."

Like all TI programming, the '21 edition will be virtual. Congregants will be asked to pay a viewing fee and then will be given a code to screen the film at a convenient time on their home PCs, laptops and connected flat-screen TVs.

Tickets will be available for purchase at www.tikvatisrael.org. Pricing was not available at *Bulletin* press time so check *B'kesher* and synagogue home page for these details.

A discussion about each film will be offered via Zoom at 8 p.m. on Jan. 23 and 30. Lisa LeBourgeois, cultural affairs officer with the Israeli Embassy, will lead the online discussions, which will be accessible at no charge.

Two films have been selected for this year's viewing. They are as follows:



➤ *Mossad!* an action-comedy, parodying the feared Israeli intelligence service. In the film, the Mossad and CIA team up to save the world from the "Really Bad Guys" terrorist organization. After an American tech-billionaire is kidnapped in Israel, the Mossad rushes to save him while the CIA sends its top agent to help. The Mossad agent and the CIA agent must work together even though they clash like everything else in the Middle East. Should they fail at saving

the world, the retiring director of the Mossad will lose his chance to light a torch in the Independence Day torch-lighting ceremony. The film features wacky humor and stunts.



➤ *Crescendo*, a drama that tells the story of a world-famous musical conductor who attempts to create an Israeli-Palestinian orchestra. It requires all his skill, patience and resources to overcome the discord among the players and get them to play in harmony, rising to a tense and emotional finale.

Details on how congregants can stream the films into their living rooms will be announced in *B'kesher* and other TI communication.

Driving By But Keeping Us Fed



Roz Kram, who spent years as an event caterer, is the principal coordinator of dinner pickup events in the Tikvat Israel parking lot taking place since mid-summer. She has arranged for the finest kosher eateries in the Washington and Baltimore areas to deliver pre-ordered meals to hungry congregants about every other Thursday evening. Some events have drawn more than three dozen orders. Shown are volunteers working at late fall food pickups with social distancing enforced. (Photos by Amy Matathias)



PERSONAL SUPPORT HOTLINE AVAILABLE FOR AREA JEWS

The Jewish Community Support Line is available for anyone in the Washington, D.C., area who feels overwhelmed and uncertain about options for support. Call 703-J-CARING.

The support line is a partnership between the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, Jewish Social Services Agency and a network of human service organizations.

For additional information, visit the JSSA website at <https://www.jssa.org/jcaring/>.

Seven-Session Class on Black History Begins Jan. 18

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

Richard Montgomery High School teacher Jerome Price will lead a multi-week course, “Seven Chapters in African American History,” for Tikvat Israel members and others in January and February.

The seven-session course, which starts on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, will examine the history and culture of the African American experience. It will begin and end with candid conversations and reflection on the recent nationwide protests with special attention to the social justice protests that took place over the summer in Rockville.

The course, which was arranged by Rabbi Marc Israel and will take place on the synagogue’s Zoom videoconferencing channel, will trace the struggle for African American equality on a range of topics. Participants will hear oral presentations and analyze both primary and secondary sources to engage in meaningful dialogue as a community. People of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to take part.



Jerome Price (left) took his high school students on field trip to the U.S. Capitol where they spent time with Rep. John Lewis (center) about a year before the legendary congressman’s death.

A week-by-week outline of the series appears on page 13. Each class, except the kickoff session, starts at 8 p.m. and will run about 90 minutes. Tikvat Israel members may participate at no charge. The cost for non-members is \$54 for the series (or \$9 per class). The opening session at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 18, is free with all ensuing sessions at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Register at <https://tikvatisrael.org/black-history> or call the Tikvat Israel office at 301-762-7338.

Price is a teacher of Advanced Placement U.S., Honors U.S. and African American history at Richard Montgomery, where he serves as faculty adviser of the Jaguars Scholars Leadership Program, an award-winning organization to build leadership capacity of African American and Latino students.

He was awarded the Milton Wolf Prize in teaching from Centropa, a Jewish historical institute based in Vienna, Austria. Price was honored for building a lesson plan around the history of humanitarian aid in Sarajevo, where the Jewish community aid society opened its synagogue to its neighbors — Muslims, Serbs, Croats — during the Bosnian war in the 1990s.

After graduating from Denison University in 2012, Price joined Teach for America in Washington, D.C. He earned a master’s degree in education at George Mason University. He taught at a middle school before moving up to Richard Montgomery.

How This History Course at TI Came to Be

Jerome Price, the high school teacher who will lead the African American history course at Tikvat Israel in January and February, granted an exclusive online interview to the editor of the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*, Jay P. Goldman.

The following Q&A has been edited for clarity and length.

Q. How did you and Rabbi Israel manage to get linked up on this unusual initiative?

Price: Rabbi Israel reached out to me following the Rockville protests last summer. During this period of racial reckoning, he was interested in sharing diverse stories with his congregation.

Lauren Payne, Nora Elsayed and Alexis Crawley, the organizers and leaders of the Rockville protest, are all former students of mine. These three young ladies shared their experience with the Tikvat Israel Congregation earlier this year. Rabbi Israel thought it would be a wonderful opportunity for me, their teacher, to present a series of lessons that spoke to the African American experience in a creative, thoughtful and informative way. I am honored to lead this wonderful opportunity.

Q. You’ve been a high school and middle school teacher in Montgomery County for a half dozen years. Have you conducted such a seminar for adults previously?

Price: I have taught many middle and high school students about the history of African Americans. I am proud to say that this will be the first time I am teaching this history and leading conversations about race with adults.

Q. Do you address some of these topics in your classes at Richard Montgomery, presumably in somewhat less detail?

Price: Every topic listed in this seven-session series is covered in the African American history course I designed and teach at Richard Montgomery High School. It is impossible to teach everything about the history of African Americans in seven sessions. So I pulled together a combination of the lessons my students really enjoyed that span a range of topics and time periods. I think this provides great perspective for students of all ages and lends itself well to the rich conversations we will have as a community of learners.

Q. How much more challenging is your high school teaching in virtual mode during this pandemic compared to what you experienced prior to last March?

Price: My passion and energy for teaching history has not really changed since March. What has changed dramatically is how instruction is delivered. I tend to have and exude a great deal of energy when teaching history. I think it’s the most important subject there is! Understanding the past is golden. We can all learn from it.

Still, technology does have its drawbacks. As a teacher, you have to be very intentional about building a strong classroom community. It can be difficult to read students and understand how the pandemic has impacted their families and individual lives when you are not afforded those daily organic encounters in the hallways between periods.

I still have hope that we will get through this period. I tell my students all the time that they are living through a chapter in history.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Learning About Racial Justice

BY WARREN BERGER, TIKVAT ISRAEL CO-PRESIDENT



Learning), to name just a few causes.

Often, we have adopted a major cause encouraged by our rabbi. During Rabbi Howard Gorin's tenure, one cause he cared about was the environment. Many of us participated in the Weed Warrior Program to remove invasive non-native species (such as certain varieties of wisteria) from Rock Creek Park. This year, Rabbi Marc Israel is challenging us to learn more about racial equity and social justice.

The rabbi delivered a powerful *Yom Kippur* sermon titled "Why 'Black Lives Matter' Matters." His admission that he has "benefited from systems of racial bias without doing enough to try and end it" was powerfully self-reflective and a call to action for all of us. He persuaded many of us that the movement (even though we may not agree with the BLM organization) that has grown out of recent violence against Blacks deserves and needs our support.

As Rabbi Israel taught in his *d'var Torah* on *Parashat Vayishlach*, we can learn from a meeting between Jacob and Esau when they were both adults with large extended families. Both looked beyond their earlier patterns and saw their now-old brother in a different light. We need to make the effort to go beyond our limited vision

and see the world differently. Speaking from personal experience, I know I am trying to better see and recognize instances of racial injustice that I didn't recognize before.

I also appreciate the nudge that our Racial Justice book series has given me to read books I never considered previously. From *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi, I learned that even if I don't hold racist ideas or commit racist acts, I need to better recognize racist structures and policies in our society and be an "anti-racist" by actively working to improve the systems that are unfair to many people.

Although I have only started reading the next book, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin DiAngelo, I am starting to understand why white people – myself included – feel defensive when discussing white privilege and racism as a system. I strongly encourage everyone to read the books in this series with an open mind.

The rabbi has arranged for Jerome Price, a Black history teacher at Richard Montgomery High School, to offer a seven-part course in African American history for our congregation beginning in mid-January. I hope that you all consider taking these opportunities to learn about topics that are new to many of us. (See details on pages 5 and 13.)

Thank you, Rabbi Israel, for leading us along the path toward recognizing bias in ourselves and reducing racial injustice in our society. I hope that many of you will consider joining us in taking these opportunities to learn — and eventually to take action.

Our Favorite Symbols of Chanukah

More than 30 congregants contributed images to a *Chanukah* project slideshow created by congregant Elyse Bernstein as a Women's Network program.

The slideshow was shared with the congregation during *Chanukah*.

Among the slides submitted were the following.



The Apter family showed the Chanukiyah used on the last night of Chanukah 5780



Tamah Graber shared one of the favorite Chanukiot that she created.



Cantor Helzner illustrated a creative way to send Chanukah wishes.

Why Should Jews Study Black American History?

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



As a synagogue educator, deciding what to teach was always a difficult challenge. There is a limit to what children can comprehend in 5 hours a week, especially after school and on Sunday mornings. We had to consider age-appropriateness, practical skills versus inquiry-based learning, informal education versus traditional classroom learning, modern Hebrew versus prayer-book Hebrew, etc. And what topics to cover: synagogue skills, home rituals, Jewish values, Jewish history, holidays, Holocaust, Torah and rabbinic literature, and Israel – just to name a few.

I used the following questions to guide my decisions: Was this something they need to know now? Were they likely to learn it elsewhere? Could it be taught meaningfully in the time available? Would it engage the students and inspire them to keep learning?

Limited hours of class, short attention span of students and high expectations of parents and members of the congregation made these questions particularly difficult in the Hebrew school setting. However, the questions are equally applicable in developing programs for congregational adult Jewish education.

I am excited to announce that we will offer a new Adult Education course (via Zoom) titled “Seven Chapters in African American History,” taught by Jerome Price. The course will kick off on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Monday, Jan. 18), and run for six additional sessions on Wednesday evenings through Feb. 24. (See pages 5 and 13 for more details and registration information.)

Price teaches Advanced Placement U.S. history and African American history at Richard Montgomery High School. I met him on Twitter earlier this summer and in our subsequent conversations, I was impressed by his knowledge, passion and kindness and believe he is the right teacher for this class.

Some may ask why we would offer a course in African American history when there is so much to learn about Torah and rabbinic texts, Jewish history, Hebrew and Israel. I agree they are all important. Looking at the questions I raised earlier, we can evaluate how African American history fits into our priorities.

We need to understand this history now. A visit to the Museum of African American History a few years ago showed me how little I knew of the history of Blacks in America, despite having studied American history extensively. We need to understand this history if we want to participate and play a productive role in our nation's current conversations.

There are other places one could learn this information, but it is unlikely many of us would. And nothing like this class is being taught elsewhere in the Jewish community, as far as I know.

While it is impossible to learn a people's entire history in seven sessions, Price has developed a curriculum that focuses on seven units to significantly advance our knowledge of the topic.

I have no doubt that both the topics and the teacher will engage us and inspire further learning. In fact, if there is enough interest, we may offer a second series in the spring.

Analytically, I think there is a strong argument for why we should teach it. But the most important reason, for me, goes beyond these individual factors.

I supported the Never Again Education Act, which was passed by Congress and signed into law last May. The Holocaust was both uniquely Jewish and extraordinarily universal in its impact. However, recent survey data indicates a woeful lack of knowledge about it, especially among Millennials and GenZ (18 to 29-year-olds). Holocaust education should be required for all American teens so that they can recognize and try to prevent similar horrors from occurring today and in the future.

Similarly, I believe everyone must study and learn from African American history if we don't want to repeat the mistakes of past generations. The rabbis teach that Creation began with one human being to emphasize our common lineage and equality – there is nothing inherently different among the races that could explain the level of inequality in today's America.

To understand why our society has deviated from God's ideal, we must understand the history of Blacks in America – and to do so without the usual filters through which many of us have learned. This class can move us one step closer toward making God's vision into our reality. Please join us.

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY FORTHCOMING

Work is continuing on Tikvat Israel's new membership directory, which is expected to be published and distributed to all congregants during the first quarter of 2021.

Check with directory chair Beth Smith at bethsmith20853@gmail.com or 301-603-9470 to learn if it's too late to submit overdue information for the directory.

The deadline has passed to submit your membership data form that includes a chance to share information about children living in the same home with parents along with details about *simchas*, *mitzvot* and memorials. Paid advertisements will serve as an important source of non-dues revenue for the synagogue. Several commercial advertisers agreed to placements in the directory too.

The shul's first member directory since 2016 will contain the names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of all members. It also will include important information about synagogue life, such as a calendar of Jewish holidays; *minyan* schedules; a listing of synagogue leadership; information about our religious school and early childhood programs, youth groups and committees; and whom to contact when you need help.

The Little Sukkah on the Prairie

BY SALLY KRAM

If there is any upside to living during a pandemic, it might be that in adjusting our routines and expectations to a new reality, we've discovered new truths and perhaps deeper meanings. I had such an experience during an unexpected trip to the Midwest with my family during *Sukkot* 2020.

My daughter Aviva turned 18 in August. Rather than going to college immediately, she decided, as had her sister before her, to take a gap year. Unlike big sister Sophia, who spent her gap year in Israel until she was recalled due to COVID-19, Aviva applied to and was admitted to AmeriCorps, a national social service program funded by the federal government. In September, she received her work assignment to report to Aurora, Colo., on Oct. 13 — smack dab in the middle of *Sukkot*.

Because of COVID-19 pandemic concerns, husband Neil and I decided to drive the 4,000-mile round trip rather than put Aviva on a plane. Without Aviva's AmeriCorps assignment, we would never have been pulling into the parking lot of Maccabee's Kosher Deli that October afternoon.

Maccabee's is located in an unassuming store front facing out onto a small side street in Des Moines, Iowa. I had searched via Google for "kosher restaurants in Iowa" as we drove by harvested corn fields, assuming that the state that produces much of the nation's kosher meat would certainly be home to at least one decent kosher delicatessen. We got lucky finding Maccabee's, which received glowing reviews online from patrons.

What the reviews did not reveal was the warm-hearted couple behind the deli counter. Rabbi Yossi and his wife Chana Jacobson were delighted to have Jews from Maryland taste their corned beef (part of a gigantic meat smorgasbord called "The Whole Megillah"). As usual, Jewish geography was at play.

The rabbi and his wife knew (or knew of) most of the Jewish families living anywhere in Iowa and spoke warmly of one — Rabbi Hershy — who, it turns out, is the head of Chabad at Penn State University where Sophia had enrolled in August. Sophia has spent many *Shabbats* with Chabad and Rabbi Hershy in recent months, exploring her Judaism under his guidance.

We were in for yet another surprise when Rebbetzin Chana led us to the small *sukkah* set up next to the restaurant to shake the *lulav* and smell the *etrog*, fulfilling the *mitzvah* of celebrating *Sukkot*. When we left Maryland it never occurred to me that I would have the opportunity to celebrate my favorite holiday in Iowa, of all places, and learn a lesson about the universality of Judaism.

As we drove away from the small outpost on the prairie, I marveled at what unexpected joy can be found in the most unlikely places.

Vandal Sentenced for March Defacing of Synagogue

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

The 28-year-old Rockville man accused of vandalizing the exterior of Tikvat Israel with anti-Semitic imagery last March has pleaded guilty in Circuit Court in Rockville to a charge of damaging the property of a religious entity.

Andrew Costas, who resided a few blocks from the synagogue, was sentenced by Judge Jill Cummins to three years in prison, the state's statutory maximum on the charge, along with credit for the 218 days served in county jail before he was sentenced.

The judge also ordered \$131.07 in restitution from the defendant to the synagogue and imposed a no-contact order with Tikvat Israel.

Costas simultaneously was sentenced on an unrelated charge of arson in the second degree, manufacture of a destructive device and a hate crime committed at St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church in Wheaton. He was sentenced to 10 years total for the various crimes with all but seven years suspended, according to Ramon Korionoff, public affairs director for the Montgomery County state's attorney's office.

Costas initially faced multiple counts in the vandalism case at the synagogue, all of them misdemeanors, Korionoff said. He pleaded guilty only to the property damage charge as part of a plea agreement reached with prosecutors.

Rabbi Marc Israel was invited to deliver a victim impact statement, which he did as part of the court's sentencing conducted via Zoom on Nov. 13. (Only the defendant, his lawyer and mother and the judge were physically present in the courtroom.) Excerpts of the rabbi's statement appear on page 9.

The hate crime committed by Costas against Tikvat Israel is considered a misdemeanor because it involved actions connected to property damage. The felony offense in Maryland applies when the hate crime targets a person.

Federal hate crime charges have not been lodged against Costas, according to Marcia Murphy, media officer for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Greenbelt, Md. Given his prosecution and prison sentence on the state charges, federal prosecution is not considered likely.

Costas was arrested April 10 and accused of spray-painting swastikas and derogatory epithets on the front exterior of TI around 1:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, according to Montgomery County police. Because synagogue operations had been suspended two weeks earlier owing to the coronavirus pandemic, most congregants did not see the results of the vandalism, which was largely removed a day later by TI staff and volunteers.



Neil and Aviva Kram at Maccabee's Kosher Deli in Des Moines, Iowa.

Impact Statement for Sentencing of Synagogue Vandal

Editor's note: *What follows are excerpts of testimony delivered in Circuit Court on Nov. 13, by Rabbi Marc Israel at the sentencing of Andrew Costas, who pleaded guilty to committing a hate crime by vandalizing the exterior of Tikvat Israel Congregation. He received a three-year sentence on the misdemeanor.*

"On March 28, 2020, my Sabbath afternoon rest was disrupted by a phone call from our synagogue's executive director, Sam Freedenberg, who informed me that the building had been vandalized with anti-Semitic images and phrases.

"If that morning had been a regular (pre-COVID) Saturday morning, I would have arrived to the synagogue around 9:15 a.m. and likely would have been the first to discover these shocking and hateful images. However, the outbreak of COVID-19 had forced us to close our building and we did not yet have the capability for online Sabbath services, so none of us were there that morning. But that was a matter of luck, not planning.

"Were it not for the closures forced upon us by the virus, we had planned to celebrate the *bar mitzvah* of a young man who grew up in the community and would have been joined by friends and family from around the world. ... The attendees would have included individuals whose families narrowly escaped the Holocaust when they were children, as well as children of survivors of Hitler's death camps. There also would have been young children who would be experiencing anti-Semitism for the first time, asking their parents why someone would hate us just because we are Jewish. It is hard to measure how shocking and painful that experience would have been.

"That was the potential impact of this act, but, in fact, it is not what happened. Instead, a caring neighbor drove by, saw it and called the police, who informed our synagogue executive director,



Neighbors of Tikvat Israel posted this supportive message on the shul's front door shortly after discovering anti-Semitic imagery painted on the synagogue.

Sam Freedenberg, and then Sam called our synagogue presidents and me. ... We were able to quickly clean the building of most of the paint the next morning. We were careful to avoid publicly sharing the pictures and videos that were entered as evidence for the trial and requested that the media who covered it to do likewise.

"Because of the circumstances and our actions, very few people directly experienced this act of hatred.

"Therefore, it is hard to quantify the impact of this crime. Financially, the direct impact of the clean-up was almost negligible. Because of COVID-19, the emotional impact of witnessing the hatred was minimized. However, it also came at a time when our community, like most Americans, were already traumatized, living in fear with all of the unknown issues related to the virus and living in isolation from their friends and family. It came at a time when incidents of anti-Semitism in America have been increasing at an alarming rate. ... The fact that we couldn't gather together in person to console one another or to receive messages of support in-person from our neighbors, local churches and civic groups, added to our level of trauma. And personally, as the rabbi of the community, it diverted my attention from tending to the increased pastoral needs of our community, as we struggled with coronavirus and stay-at-home orders.

"How does one quantify this impact? Knowing that Mr. Costas committed additional crimes intended to damage religious institutions (and is alleged to have had plans for more) makes me nervous, especially since I, and many of our members, live in the same neighborhood where he grew up. At the same time, I am not aware of many examples of people who learned to stop hating and ended bigotry while serving time in prison. As a rabbi, I also believe in the power of atonement and repentance, if there were evidence that Mr. Costas is truly ready to atone and repent.

"In short, while I can describe the impact of his actions, I cannot specify the amount of damages that might indicate a sentence that would be appropriate restitution for the crime. I appreciate the Court's willingness to consider this statement as you contemplate your decision. ...

"Even as we remember the hatred of the past and are concerned about the rising number of anti-Semitic crimes in the present, we recognize that America is not Germany and these acts do not represent our society. I pray that Mr. Costas and others who would commit such acts will wake up and realize that celebrating America's diversity is, and always will be, what makes our nation great."

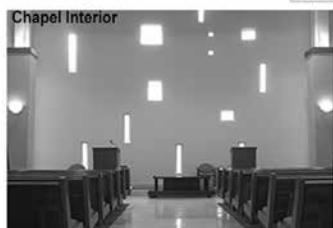


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Membership Ranks Blessed With Recent Additions

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, EDITOR, TIKVAT ISRAEL BULLETIN

Tikvat Israel is pleased to welcome several new and returning members over the past 18 months. A rundown of these members includes details and photographs they provided to the *Bulletin*.

Ellen and Mark Diamond



Ellen and Mark Diamond

Residence: Kensington. We moved here to be near our daughter and family. We had lived in Pittsburgh, Pa., all our lives.

Occupations: retired pediatrician (Mark). Retired elementary school teacher and interior designer (Ellen).

Why join TI: We decided on the recommendations of several friends who are members, Janice and Bob Balin and Karen and Mike Cohen.

First impressions: Before COVID, we had a few chances to attend services and meet a few people. Mark has gotten involved in several of Rabbi Israel's classes and worked on the High Holiday Task Force. He has also read Torah several times in person and virtually. Ellen joined several Women's Network events and book club. TI seems like such a warm and caring shul.

Elaine Weinstein



Elaine Weinstein

Residence: Rockville since 1977 when our family moved here from New York.

Occupation: Retired early childhood educator.

Why return to TI: We joined Beth Tikva in fall '77 and signed up our girls up for the Hebrew school and the nursery school and soon made friends with families we met. For various reasons, we left sometime before the merger (in 1997) but almost all our friends remained.

Early impressions: I've been attending and enjoying lots of activities and have been made to feel very welcome. I've even managed to make some new friends. So I decided to rejoin and give TI my support.

Nadgy and Shep Roey



Nadgy and Shep Roey
(with grandchildren)

Residence: Rockville

Occupations: Retired human resources director and program analyst with National Library of Medicine (Nadgy). Retired senior systems analyst and statistical methodologist with Westat (Shep).

Why rejoin TI: We have been involved with TI since 1983. Shep was president of Men's Club and in charge of building and grounds. Nadgy was involved with Sisterhood and Youth Commission. Family

responsibilities caused us to spend most of our time out of town and we were somewhat disenchanted with the direction of the synagogue so we left. We are very pleased with the new rabbi and regime at the synagogue and that gives us the opportunity to renew our old friendships and establish new ones while fulfilling our spiritual needs.

Early impressions: We are very pleased and excited to return to "our home" here. Everyone has been wonderful. We are appreciative of the effort made for the High Holidays. Even before we formally returned, TI was there for me (Nadgy) in my moment of need while I was in mourning for my mom.

Jennifer Gendel



Jennifer Gendel (with daughter Ava)

Residence: Silver Spring
Occupation: Registered nurse

Why join TI: It is an active synagogue, even with COVID-19 limitations. The rabbi delivers good sermons, and the early childhood education is a plus. (Daughter Ava is 6 months old.)

Early impressions: Amazingly active community. The people I have met have been extremely welcoming. I am looking forward to getting to know more people and participate in more events.

Bobbi Espinoza



Bobbi Espinoza

Residence: Olney

Occupation: retired informational technology software professional.

Why return to TI: I came back because I like the rabbi and cantor. The members are friendly and down-to-earth. The shul has great programs.

Early impressions: The atmosphere in the shul is warm and inviting. There is a real sense of community.

DONORS SOUGHT FOR BLOOD DRIVE

Blood donors are needed for American Red Cross bloodmobile at Tikvat Israel from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 27. Register for a particular time slot at <http://rcblood.org/2Wp1SWF>.

The Red Cross follows all health and safety protocols for donors and staffing volunteers.

Masked Nuptials in Pandemic Grace TI's Sanctuary

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, EDITOR, TIKVAT ISRAEL BULLETIN



The "masked" ceremony at Tikvat Israel has been one of the few events to take place at the shul since mid-March.

One of the few group events to take place inside or outside Tikvat Israel since the official shutdown of building operations in mid-March was a "masked" wedding affair.

The ceremony, officiated by Rabbi Marc Israel, took place in the synagogue sanctuary on Nov. 7 and involved a grandson of long-time members Helen and Steve Raucher. Benjamin Seth Raucher married Colleen Robinson in the sanctuary. The couple live in Catonsville, Md.

Thirty persons were present for the wedding and the social hall reception that followed. According to one event organizer, everyone wore facial masks at all times except while eating or drinking. Bridal party favors consisted of masks created for the occasion.



Ben Raucher and Colleen Robinson accepted well wishes after taking their vows Nov. 7.

Pews in the sanctuary carried temporary markings to ensure socially distanced participation, and plastic bottles of hand sanitizer were distributed to all attendees. The Raucher family even hired a security guard to conduct temperature checks and COVID questionnaires at the building's entrance.

Because of the small number of individuals permitted on site owing to COVID-19 health-related protocols, the ceremony was broadcast via the synagogue's livestreaming equipment, and a video of the event was created to share with other family members unable to access the livestream.



Dinner tables were socially distanced during the wedding reception in the social hall.

A socially distanced reception followed the ceremony inside the social hall.

"We were thrilled to be able to host Ben and Colleen's wedding ceremony and celebration, and we want to thank everyone involved who made it a safe and enjoyable experience for all -- in the midst of a pandemic," said TI Executive Director Sam Freedenberg.

"Although the circumstances of this *simcha* were very different, there were many things that we can learn from it to help us in the future, whether we host another wedding during the pandemic and, we hope, for afterwards," he added.

Freedenberg said the event represented one of the few in-person, in-building Jewish weddings in the Washington area since mid-March.

"We're now four weeks out," Steve Raucher told the *Bulletin* in mid-December, "and *kayn ena hura*, no positive cases!"

Mazel Tov to...

Melissa Cohen, daughter of Robbi and Larry Cohen, on her new role as communications manager at Hadassah.

Allie Freedman, daughter of Jamie and Tony Freedman, on her new position as director at Banner Public Affairs.

Rabbah Arlene Berger for contributing a commentary on the week's *parasha*, "When Using Your Words Isn't Enough," in the Oct. 23 issue of *Washington Jewish Week*.

Jay P. Goldman for receiving the Friend of Scholastic Journalism Award from the Journalism Education Association.

Congregational Condolences

Condolences to those Tikvat Israel members who lost loved ones in recent months (mid-October through mid-December):

Ela Pelish on the loss of her mother **Renata Lidert**.

Aaron Fineman on the loss of his brother **Alvin Fineman**.

Judy Davis on the loss of her husband **Harold Davis**.

Carol Krakaur on the loss her brother **George Baroff**.

Jeannette Eisler on the loss of her husband **Ronald Eisler**.

WOMEN'S NETWORK

Coming Attractions in January and February

BY ELLEN EISNER

Following our many fall activities, the Women's Network has a plethora of programs lined up for winter – all in a virtual format.

January will start with a Zoom book discussion of Jennifer Rosner's novel *The Yellow Bird Sings*, a World War II story about a mother-daughter relationship, the power of music and sacrifices made for love. The discussion, which will be led by Bobbi Gorban, takes place at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 10.

A *Rosh Chodesh* program, arranged for 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 17, will feature Israel Maya, a Sephardic cantor for 30 years and a certified master hypnotherapist, who will conduct a meditation and self-reflection session.

Scheduled for February are two events. Nutritionist and congreant Debbie Amster will conduct a Zoom session on "Healthy Cooking and Eating" at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 7. Avy Ashery, co-chair of TI's Israel Affairs Committee, will deliver remarks at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21 on "Cultural Diversity and Our Own Cultural Expressions (Beyond Bagels): What Do We Know?"

An ongoing, congregation-wide Women's Network project, organized by Shirley Waxman and Edna Breit, is encouraging congregants to submit photos of their creative endeavors in any medium that has stimulated their creative juices and helped sustain them during the pandemic. (Hint: Think beyond arts and crafts to baking, poetry, gardening, woodworking, etc.)



Rabbah Arlene Berger hosted a Rosh Chodesh session for the Women's Network on staying grounded during the pandemic.

Photos initially will be made into a slide show. The actual items hopefully will be displayed at TI sometime following the COVID-19 pandemic. (See related story, page 14.)

This past fall included many exciting programs. In mid-December, Women's Network participated in a fascinating virtual tour, led by a docent from the Jewish Museum of Maryland, of the traveling exhibit "Jews in Space: Members of the Tribe in Orbit." The show was curated by the Center for Jewish History

in New York City and the YIVO Institute.

In November, Rabbah Arlene Berger conducted a *Rosh Chodesh* session focused on ways to achieve gratitude and "groundedness" in the difficult time we're living through. Each of the 22 Zoom participants shared what she personally has been doing to stay grounded.

Also in November was a lively discussion of Mary Morris' book *Gateway to the Moon*, moderated by Susan Apter.

Watch for details about upcoming events in *B'kesher* and the weekly Women's Network newsletter prepared by Janice Balin and Amy Matathias.

Not yet a member of this network? Consider joining. Contact Balin or Brenda Brooks for more information.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Making the Best Happen Under Pandemic Protocols

BY SHERI BROWN, ECC DIRECTOR

As the winter settles in, the ECC continues its important work, providing a safe, stimulating and responsive place for children to thrive each day.

Our COVID-19 protocols continue to be as effective as we can make them. And while they pervade everything we do, we try not to make them the center of attention for our children. We continue to celebrate the Jewish holidays, learn about Jewish values and find ways to relate to *Eretz Yisrael* in our classrooms. We gather outside on the patio for *Shabbat* Sing, even when it's cold outside!

To get the school in the mood for holiday celebrations, we came back after Thanksgiving break in pajamas. This kicked off a week of *mitzvot* and dressing up. The week's schedule looked like this:

- Monday - Pajama Day: Donate breakfast items such as oatmeal or cereal.
- Tuesday - Team Day: Wear a jersey and donate "teamed up" food (e.g., PB & J or pasta and sauce).
- Wednesday - Favorite color: Donate canned fruit or veggie

that matches your outfit.

- Thursday - SOUPer hero day: Dress like your favorite super-hero and donate a can of soup.
- Friday - Dress in white for *Shabbat* and donate a white food (e.g., shelf-stable milk, potatoes or rice).

Everyone had fun and we collected boxes of food for Manna Food Center.

As 2021 begins, we are beginning to plan for 2021-22. The hope is to be able to operate in a more typical school environment. We look forward to regaining the sense of "one ECC family." This means we hope not to have to keep each class in a discrete bubble and allow for rich interactions that occur when children mix with other school friends not in their class.

The ECC is launching a marketing plan (see related story, page 13). If you or anyone you know would want to know more about the ECC, please have them contact Sheri Brown at 301-251-0455 or sheri@tikvatisrael.org.

ECC STARTS MARKETING TO RECRUIT STUDENTS

BY BARRY LIPSY

The TI Early Childhood Center, whose enrollment has run lower than projected owing to COVID-19 pandemic fears, plans to launch an active marketing program in January to recruit more students.

The enrollment campaign is vital to the synagogue's financial health. Each student represents significant school revenue and an opportunity for the shul to gain new members.

The synagogue's board of directors approved the marketing plan, which has four key elements:

- a referral program for ECC parents to encourage their friends to enroll their children in the TI center;
- a new, more visible sign on the TI campus, plus continued use of promotional yard signs for other highly trafficked areas;
- digital marketing to make the ECC website more easily discovered by search engines, plus paid digital ads targeted to young adults in our geographic zone; and
- a donation request program to other "essential worker" organizations, with a discount offer for their staff when they enroll a child in TI's center.

Tikvat Israel members can help this effort in two ways:

First, for the essential worker donation-discount program, if you know a senior-level administrative person in an essential worker organization (e.g., hospital or health system, a delivery company, restaurant or grocery chain), we would love for you to make an introduction to that person for us.

Second, if you live on a high-traffic street, ask about getting a yard sign to place at your home.

For information about either way to help, contact Barry Lipsy, ECC marketing committee chair, at BNLipsy@yahoo.com or 240-620-8217. Use "ECC help" in your subject line.



SEVEN CHAPTERS IN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

Instructor: Mr. Jerome Price

The 7-session course will examine the history and culture of the African American experience, beginning and ending with a candid conversation and reflection on the recent nationwide and local protests sparked by the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd. Participants will trace the struggle for African American equality on a range of topics, using oral presentations, analysis of both primary and secondary sources, and meaningful dialogue with one another. Participants of all ages and backgrounds are welcome and encouraged to take part.

COURSE OUTLINE

Session 1: Monday, January 18, 2021 at 10:00 am
(Kick-Off Session Martin Luther King Day)

Topic: 2020: Where Are We? A Conversation about the nationwide and Rockville Protests

Session 2: Wednesday, January 20

Topic: Africa, The Birthplace of Humanity

Session 3: Wednesday, January 27

Topic: The History of Slavery & Reconstruction in the DMV

Session 4: Wednesday, February 3

Topic: The Birth of American Music (Blues, Jazz, & Gospel Music, Motown, and Hip Hop)

Session 5: Wednesday, February 10

Topic: The Black Freedom Struggle, 1947-1968

Session 6: Wednesday, February 17

Topic: The 13th Amendment & American Criminal Justice System

Session 7: Wednesday, February 24

Topic: 2020: What Now? Black Lives Matter & Antiracism

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Wednesday Sessions will be from **8 - 9:30 pm online via Zoom**. This course is open to the public for a nominal fee of \$54. There is no charge for members of Tikvat Israel.

For more information and to register go to <https://tikvatisrael.org/africanamericanhistory> or call the synagogue office at (301) 762-7338.



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Jerome Price is a teacher of Advanced Placement United States History and African American History for Montgomery County Public Schools. He founded and coordinates the Jaguars Scholars Leadership Program, which aims to build the leadership capacity of its African American and Latino student members at Richard Montgomery High School.



Third-Time Support

I want to thank my friends at Tikvat Israel from the bottom of my heart for helping me through yet another loss. My mother Renata Lidert passed on Oct. 30 in Sweden, a few days after her 100th birthday.

Your letters of condolence gave me much comfort. So did your tuning in to the Zoom *shiva*. It was so comforting to see faces of my old friends! I also want to thank you for donations to Tikvat Israel in my mother's memory.

I now continue to receive from you the comfort daily as I am welcomed as a participant in Tikvat Israel Zoom services to say *kaddish*.

This is the third time Tikvat Israel has come through for me. Fifteen years ago, you helped me while I mourned my husband, Louis Pelish, and 11 years ago you were there for me again after the passing of my father, Menachem Lidert.

A few years ago, I moved to Newton, Mass., to be closer to my children, but I miss Tikvat Israel and greatly appreciate my ties to this wonderful community.

Ela Pelish

Our Creativity Can Flourish Even in Public Health Crisis

BY SHIRLEY WAXMAN AND EDNA BREIT



Avy Ashery, who created "Shalom Bayit" to promote family love prior to the pandemic, has contributed political cartoons to TI's virtual show.

Are you bored, lonely, aimless? Are you missing companionship and social interaction?

Do you paint, sculpt, draw, quilt, crochet, knit or embroider or do you make beautiful cakes and pastries, write poetry, compose, journal, blog, sing or take photographs? What do you do to fill your creative itch?

The two of us are establishing a Tikvat Israel virtual gallery that we are titling "Creativity Flourishes in the Time of COVID." Topics can be of Judaic interest, nature, abstract, political or whatever your creativity inspires you to make. There are no confines -- just ensure it is suitable for all audiences. Use whatever medium you enjoy.

Tikvat Israel is a congregation full of artists and creative people. We want to harness these qualities and use them to inspire and entertain others.

If you would like to connect with others, consult, collaborate, use the phone, use Skype or use Zoom to create and share, please do so -- in the name of survival! Who knows what collaborations may result? We are suggesting creative endeavors to engage individuals and then encourage them to share what's been created with the congregation.

The carrot we dangle in front of you is that one day, when we are liberated to have an exhibit in person in the social hall, we will share these works together in person.



Submit your work or your idea to one of us. Include a brief description of your work along with a photograph. Contact Shirley Waxman at shirleywaxman@verizon.net or Edna Breit at dancept@aol.com.

Embroidery artwork titled "COVID-19 Embroidery Doodles #1" that Shirley Waxman created from Hungarian fabric and Turkish beads and sequins.

Millennials Group Paints a Colorful Start

BY RACHEL FAYE LIPSY

We had a glorious late Autumn day appear just in time for the kickoff event for a new *havurah*-like group, Tikvat Israel Millennials.

Elana Moss organized a tie-dyeing activity for her generational cohort in the TI Millennials, and the weather cooperated to give us the perfect situation for both messy crafts and COVID pandemic safety. White masks were helpfully donated by the synagogue, and group members brought t-shirts and baby onesies to add to the tie-dye extravaganza.

Because the dye required a minimum of six hours to set, projects were unwrapped and rinsed at home, and participants shared images via the Tikvat Israel Millennials Facebook group.

We welcome all millennials at TI to join our private Facebook group. Find us at www.facebook.com/groups/tikvatmillennials/. After answering the screening questions (to prove you're not a bot), one of our administrators will review and admit you.

Our group is a welcoming space to chat with one another, discuss Jewish and local topics, pitch ideas and plan online and in-person COVID-19 safety-compliant events. If you're a millennial who's not on Facebook, send an email to RFLipsy@gmail.com and we'll add you to the announcements-only e-mail list so you don't miss out on activities.



Shaina Lipsy shows off her tie-dye work of art after the TI Millennial Group activity.

Q: What is the age range for Millennials at TI?

A: Our target age range is 24-39 years old, which is the most widely accepted definition of the millennial generation. This is not a hard and fast rule. Exceptions can be made for new college graduates, spouses, siblings and preferred age cohort.

Q: Will I age out of the group?

A: No, our intention is to grow a millennial cohort for the long term. Depending on interest, we may eventually spin off into one or two *havurot*.

Q: Do I have to be a member of TI?

A: No, you do not have to be a dues-paying member of TI. However, the expectation is that TI is your primary source of Jewish community. This is not intended as a TI alumni group.

Q: What do you do?

A: Our goal is to provide online and, when safely possible, in-person events.

Q: Who's in charge?

A: All of us! Anyone can propose an idea or an event to the group. We collaborate to make each event a success.

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HASBARA: Focus on Israeli Innovation

(#23 in a Series)

BY HARVEY T. KAPLAN

In recent months, I've identified a number of significant accomplishments in Israeli technology, which I'm certain our readers will find quite interesting and highly relevant. A number of Israeli organizations are involved in these developments.

We'll begin with a new lifesaving project, called "The Smart Ambulance." Magen David Adom in Israel (MDA) is working hard with other Israeli entities to combat the ongoing coronavirus pandemic by outfitting dozens of ambulances with special equipment, including camera systems and devices to monitor the vital signs of a patient being transported.

The primary benefit is to isolate the patient from EMT personnel—thereby guaranteeing the responding team's safety. In standard ambulances, these personnel need to ride alongside patients being transported to monitor vital signs. The project was reported in the November 2020 issue of *The Pulse*, a publication of American Friends of Magen David Adom.

Also in medical news: Researchers at the Technion have been busy in the battle against two degenerative diseases, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. As the number of older Americans increases, so will the number of cases of these diseases. A major probable cause of Alzheimer's is the body's accumulation of the protein amyloid beta, which blocks and kills neurons and damages motor function. Work at the Russell Berrie Nanotechnology Institute at the Technion suggests that another protein (called "neural growth factor") can slow the progression of the disease.

However, the blood-brain barrier filters its transfer from the bloodstream to the brain. Associate Professor Ester Segal (Technion Faculty of Biotechnology and Food Engineering) and colleagues at Bar-Ilan University have developed a nanoscale silicon chip which is tiny enough to carry the neural growth factor through the blood-brain barrier. For more about delivery-by-chip and other advances in combatting Parkinson's, see *Technion USA*, July 2020—a publication of the American Technion Society.

Another significant development comes from Hadassah (discussed briefly on the cover page of its Fall 2020 issue of *Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow*). I believe we'll be hearing more about this finding in 2021. It has been learned that about 30 percent of COVID-19 patients are afflicted by a deadly blood-clotting complication of the disease, causing lethal blockages in the lungs, kidneys, heart and brain. The mechanism that causes the clots has been identified through the work of Dr. Abd Al-Roof Higazi, head of Hadassah Medical Organization's Department of Clinical Biochemistry and Division of Laboratories.

A peptide called alpha-defensin speeds up the creation of blood clots and prevents their disintegration. Dr. Higazi and his laboratory are testing new anti-coagulants to reduce alpha-defensin levels and clots. They are using colchicine (an oral medication currently used for gout and other issues) in mice, and are waiting for approval to commence human trials. Dr. Higazi's hope is that the results will reduce blood clots substantially and, therefore, reduce

the numbers of patients requiring respirators. He is hopeful that "we can give the drug to those with mild symptoms to prevent the development of blood clots."

I recommend a short, very impressive video clip that demonstrates current Israeli technological ingenuity in combatting COVID-19. It was shared by another member of our congregation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkpO5CIk6i8>.

In other areas, a number of Israeli technologies are fighting the threat of drones at airports and other key locations. It is worth noting that not all such threats are malicious. According to Sarig Lev, business development manager for drones and anti-drone solutions at ELTA Systems, "You have uneducated hobbyist operators who just don't know all the regulations about drones ... [But also] there are malicious operators who intend to cause harm."



ELTA Systems Drone Guard on the job

Before the COVID-19 pandemic started grounding planes, back in February 2020 the airport in Madrid had to close for two days due to drone activity. Over the past couple of years, drones have caused the temporary closure of two large London airports, and others in Newark, Singapore, Dublin, and Dubai (UAE). Effective technologies to combat these unmanned aerial vehicles are considered in "hot demand."

About four years ago, ELTA began developing Drone Guard, and hundreds of systems have been sold. It has both civilian and military applications, and the technology is continually being improved. According to Lev, "The drone business is like smartphones—there are always new models and new threats, and we must adapt.... The variety of drones and the easy accessibility is increasing all around the world." Drone Guard is designed to track all varieties of drones without interfering with the radar systems of airports.

Additional drone defense is being provided by Rafael Systems (also maker of the Iron Dome). For details, see <https://www.israel21c.org/the-israeli-technologies-fighting-the-drone-threat-at-airports/>.



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Jews in Orbit

More than 30 congregants participated in a guided tour of the "Jews in Space" exhibit at the Jewish Museum of Maryland in Baltimore on Dec. 13.

Tour stops included exhibits spotlighting Jewish astronauts and Jewish artists, writers, comedians and thinkers, both religious and secular. Visitor Services Coordinator Talia Makowsky led the Zoom-based, hour-long tour.

The museum is open to in-person visitors, and the Jews in Space exhibit will run until April 11.

The event was organized by the TI Women's Network and underwritten by congregants Paula and Marvin Kasper.



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Outpouring of Empathy

I'd like to thank Rabbi Israel, Cantor Helzner, Eine Kline Tikva band, those who expressed their condolences and the entire TI congregation for the wonderful support and empathy after the death of my husband, Harold Davis.

I was overwhelmed by the sympathy that I received from my TI family at a difficult time during very difficult times in our country. Even on Zoom and in isolation, I have felt uplifted during the daunting healing process, and I am so grateful.

Judy Davis

A Furry Fellow Observer

Thank you for allowing me to join you for High Holiday services and for being so welcoming. You all did such a terrific job of it. As you'd hoped, it was meaningful and beautiful. It may turn out to be a challenge to get folks in for a full-length service once we can all go about our business again.

A funny story for you. I'm singing along with the cantor during *Yom Kippur* services when a squirrel comes up on the porch where the door is open. It stands there and stands there and eventually it sits down. It continues to sit through several prayers.

At some point, the squirrel starts chewing on its acorn. I suggest that if he's going to attend *Yom Kippur* services that he probably shouldn't eat. He stops gnawing at the acorn and stays for another prayer or two before dashing off.

Who knew we had Jewish squirrels in the neighborhood? Maybe he came over from Kemp Mill.

Madeleine Barris

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JANUARY 1

17 TEVET

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

JANUARY 2

18 TEVET

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

JANUARY 3

19 TEVET

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

JANUARY 4

20 TEVET

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

JANUARY 5

21 TEVET

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

JANUARY 6

22 TEVET

Morris Cohen
George Ray Davis
Anne Hoffman
Anne Kristal
Maurice Levinsohn
Abraham Peck

JANUARY 7

23 TEVET

Samuel Asen
Albert Blonder
Ruth Halpern
Cathy E. Lerman
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Rebecca Louise Soldano
Eugene Thompson
Warren Weinstein

JANUARY 8

24 TEVET

Stanley Bergstein
Harry H. Cohen
Mollie Jacobs
Solomon Meltzer

JANUARY 9

25 TEVET

Sarah Cohen
Hilda Diamond
Mollie Flax
Bernard Gross
Jacob Kanner
Davida Kline
Norman F. Kline
Rebecca Lipofsky
Nathan Plafker
Henry Schwartz
Eleanor O. Stillman
Louis Waxler

JANUARY 10

26 TEVET

Benjamin Robert Bliss
Moishe Chaim Chait
Bert Herman Chatlynne
Benjamin Futrovsky
Sam Gorin
Marcus Jacobs
Morris Silverman

JANUARY 11

27 TEVET

Marie Gabes
David Kushner
Lena Rosenblum
Della Whittaker

JANUARY 12

28 TEVET

Richard Alan Goodman
Meyer Kensky
Florence Lentchner
Max Levine
Reubin Rosenberg
Joyce Blumberg Schwartz
Dora Stutz

JANUARY 13

29 TEVET

Lena Berlin
Samuel D. Bredt
Saul Cohen
Mathilde Eichtersheimer
Malcolm First
David Benjamin Grishman
Moody Grishman
Harold Kaplan
Shoshana Kolirin

JANUARY 14

1 SHEVAT

Lawrence Blonder
Nathan Gershowitz
Marion Goldstein
Sidney Labovich
Samuel Lerner
Joseph Seiler

JANUARY 15

2 SHEVAT

Alyssa Michelle Kasse
Sarah G. Kravitz
Frances Nadel
Sylvia Seiler
Esther Blake Wilchins

JANUARY 16

3 SHEVAT

Fred Cutler
Raymond Eldredge
Sarah Gorin
Bertha Grossman
Celia Hecht
Anna Hoffman
Nat E. Koeppl
Morton Leman
Carl Lerman
Jacob Schneider
Bess Snyder

JANUARY 17

4 SHEVAT

Edith Chefer
Leo Pachenker
Isaac Zipin

JANUARY 18

5 SHEVAT

Eva Brooke
Dorothy Caplan
Gutman David Cohen
Mordechai Costa
Bernard Einbinder
Belle Krasner Fabel
Samuel Helzner
Ben Kalman
Anna Linsenberg
Rachel Mandel
Maxwell Rosenlicht

JANUARY 19

6 SHEVAT

Robert L. Gellman
Martin Hershenhorn
Leroy Lowenfeld
Celia Bress Radin
Marion Salon

JANUARY 20

7 SHEVAT

Frances Kanner
Jennie Lerner
Stanley Nasoff
Jack Zoltrow

JANUARY 21

8 SHEVAT

Ludwig Klein
Harry Levinstein
Elsa Neuwirth
Joseph Steinberg

JANUARY 22

9 SHEVAT

Mildred Brafman
David Caplan
Goldie Chelemer
Jerome Danoff
Molly Levinson
Max Mendelson
Harry Miller
Hans Moses
Zanvel Nisenson
Edith Plesset
Rose Schwartz
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JANUARY 23

10 SHEVAT

Seymour Engel
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Pauline Levy Hein
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Yefim Sandler

JANUARY 24

11 SHEVAT

Paul Berman
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JANUARY 25

12 SHEVAT

Sara Dick
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Ruth Hochberg
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JANUARY 26

13 SHEVAT

Edith Adler
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JANUARY 27

14 SHEVAT

Fannie Rose Cohen
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Ruth Milenky
Nathan Osofsky

JANUARY 28

15 SHEVAT

Mordechai Armoza
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Jalle Koricki
Sara Sokolow
Charlotte Turkanis
Leonard Wagman

JANUARY 29

16 SHEVAT

Selma Oppenheim
Max Rothman
Stephen Smith
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Albert Toney

JANUARY 30

17 SHEVAT

Miriam Ginsburg
Alex M. Kravitz
Benjamin Newman
Beatrice Venetsky
Charles Walder

JANUARY 31

18 SHEVAT

Judith Flax Elustondo
Abe Goldstein
Laura Hoffman
Isadore Kramer
William Mazaroff
Beverly Pasternak
Ruth Rosen
Kate Scheffer
Bernice Schwartz

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FEBRUARY 1

19 SHEVAT

Rabbi Robert Chernoff
Bernard Glaser
Jacob M. Greenbaum
Debbie Rosen Kron
Ernest Rosenwald

FEBRUARY 2

20 SHEVAT

Milton Ackerman
Leo Greenberg
Michael Hamburg
Rosie Kasper
Morris Oppenheimer
Mark Schaffman
Fanny Stoll
Morris Yonks

FEBRUARY 3

21 SHEVAT

Samuel Cohen
Sarah Cohen
Elaine Danovitz
Alan D. Hillerson
Eliezer Kishner
Joseph Kolirin
Rebecca Pear
Mildred Schwartz
Celia Sobovinsky

FEBRUARY 4

22 SHEVAT

Martha Barrish
Goldie Goldman
Les Lampert

FEBRUARY 5

23 SHEVAT

Benjamin Adelson
William Edlowitz
William Gershowitz
Samuel Helfant
Norman Kanner
Ada Milder
Lori Schwartz
Jay L. Zebooker

FEBRUARY 6

24 SHEVAT

Doris Lillian Asher
William Berly
Fay Gardner
Ruth Yudkoff Love
Freda Stutz

FEBRUARY 7

25 SHEVAT

Jerie Cohen
Ruth Fogel
Charlotte Helzner
Lois Klion
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Vera Meyerson
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Fannie Sills
Emanuel Thaler

FEBRUARY 8

26 SHEVAT

Elizabeth Davis
Sidney Katz

FEBRUARY 9

27 SHEVAT

Haskel Chigorsky
Benjamin Cohen
Leslie Fineman
Hase Marie Hershbaum
Yetta Horowitz
Alvin Kabik
Eli Miller
William Renfrew
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FEBRUARY 10

28 SHEVAT

Shoshana Natovich Ben-Ami
Philip Braunstein
Harry Cohen
Doris Kanner
Mae Mukasey
Beina Schwartz

FEBRUARY 11

29 SHEVAT

Isador Bilsky
Edward Rosenbloom

FEBRUARY 12

30 SHEVAT

Hyman Gilston
Edward Schwartz
Jacob Teitelbaum

FEBRUARY 13

1 ADAR

Florence Eber
Sylvia Goldin
Simi Goodman
Freda Lankin
Faigi Levine
Irwin David Olin
Samuel Rosenhaft
Judy Rosenthal
Gertrude Schuchman
Arthur J. Schwartz

FEBRUARY 14

2 ADAR

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

FEBRUARY 15

3 ADAR

Sadie Eckstein
Tillie Gaspin
Gloria M. Halpern
Esther Kaminsky
Lillian Rosen
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Nancy Strong
Morris Tranen

FEBRUARY 16

4 ADAR

Lillian Feingold
Annie Goldstein
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Sandra Segal
David Siskind
Alan Jay Smith
Yetta Steiner
Rose Walder

FEBRUARY 17

5 ADAR

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Helen Lantz
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FEBRUARY 18

6 ADAR

Jacob Blafkin
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FEBRUARY 19

7 ADAR

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

FEBRUARY 20

8 ADAR

Dorothy Ashery
Shulamit Sporen Breit
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FEBRUARY 21

9 ADAR

Rosalind Apter
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Lewis Frank
Alex Liebson
Pauline Oppenheimer
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Hyman Rosenthal
Emma Tiller

FEBRUARY 22

10 ADAR

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

FEBRUARY 23

11 ADAR

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12 ADAR

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FEBRUARY 25

13 ADAR

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15 ADAR

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17 Tevet - 18 Shevat 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 19 Tevet 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	4 20 Tevet 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	5 21 Tevet 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	6 22 Tevet 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Lessons from "The Good Place"	7 23 Tevet 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	8 24 Tevet 8:00a Minyan 4:45p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat with Guitar	9 25 Tevet 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Shemot) 5:30PM PJ Havdalah 5:48p Havdalah
10 26 Tevet 9:00a Minyan 10:00AM Women's Network Book Group 10:30AM Religious School 1:00PM Family Tie Dye Event 7:30p Minyan	11 27 Tevet 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	12 28 Tevet 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	13 29 Tevet 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Lessons from "The Good Place"	14 1 Shevat Rosh Chodesh 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Toastmasters	15 2 Shevat 8:00a Minyan 4:52p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat	16 3 Shevat 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Ve'era) 1:00PM USY Shabbat & Chill 5:55p Havdalah
17 4 Shevat 9:00a Minyan 10:30AM Women's Network Rosh Chodesh Featuring Cantor Maya 4:00PM Zoom Open House 7:30p Minyan	18 5 Shevat 8:00AM Minyan 10:00AM MLK Day: Racial Justice Featuring Will Jawando and Jerome Price 7:30p Minyan	19 6 Shevat 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	20 7 Shevat 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM African American History with Jerome Price	21 8 Shevat 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	22 9 Shevat 8:00a Minyan 5:00p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat	23 10 Shevat 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Bo) 6:02p Havdalah 8:00PM Israel Presents
24 11 Shevat 9:00a Minyan 10:30AM Religious School 2:00PM Tu B'Shevat Nature Walk 7:30p Minyan	25 12 Shevat 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	26 13 Shevat 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:15PM Board Meeting	27 14 Shevat 8:00AM Minyan 10:00AM Tikvat Israel Blood Drive 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM African American History with Jerome Price	28 15 Shevat Tu B'Shevat 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Toastmasters 8:00PM Tu B'Shevat Honey by The Bee Folks	29 16 Shevat 8:00a Minyan 5:08p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat	30 17 Shevat 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Beshalach) 6:10p Havdalah 8:00PM Israel Presents
31 18 Shevat 9:00a Minyan 10:30AM Religious School 7:30p Minyan					All events subject to change. Please read B'Keshet for the latest status.	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	19 Shevat 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	2 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	3 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM African American History with Jerome Price	4 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	5 8:00a Minyan 5:17p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat	6 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Yitro) 6:17p Havdalah
7 9:00a Minyan 10:00AM Sports and Racial Justice School 10:30AM Religious 12:00PM MUSY/Kadima Rock Painting 1:00PM Women's Network Event Featuring Debbie Amster 3:30PM Puppet Show Rehearsal 7:30p Minyan	8 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	9 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	10 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM African American History with Jerome Price	11 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Toastmasters	12 8:00a Minyan 5:25p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat	13 Rosh Chodesh 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Mishpatim/Shabbat Shekalim) 6:25p Havdalah
14 9:00a Minyan 12:00PM Family Rock Painting 4:30PM Puppet Show Rehearsal 7:30p Minyan	15 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	16 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	17 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM African American History with Jerome Price	18 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	19 8:00a Minyan 5:33p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat	20 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Terumah/Shabbat Zachor) 6:33p Havdalah
21 9:00a Minyan 10:30AM Religious School 11:00AM Women's Network Event Featuring Avi Ashery 4:30PM Puppet Show Rehearsal 7:30p Minyan	22 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	23 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:15PM Board Meeting	24 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM African American History with Jerome Price	25 8:00a Minyan 6:30PM Purim Puppet Show 7:30PM Ma'ariv and Full Megillah Reading 7:30p Minyan	26 7:00AM Shacharit with Megillah Reading 5:40p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat	27 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Tetzaveh) 6:40p Havdalah
28 9:00a Minyan 10:30AM Purim Activities 7:30p Minyan						All events subject to change. Please read B'Keshet for the latest status.





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