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## Shared Memories

More than 30 members of the Women's Network displayed mementoes bearing personal meaning during the year's kickoff program on Oct. 10. Among those sharing on the Zoom platform were, clockwise from left, Ziva Schuchman with a sock-darning egg; Phyllis Schwartz fronting her bubbe's secretary desk; Elaine Weinstein with a *Chanukkiyah* from The Hague; Amy Matathias with a Belleek China vase from Ireland belonging to her grandmother; and Shirley Waxman with a horseradish container from China, a wedding gift to her parents. Read about and see others, **page 11**.



## 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.	
<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i>		
<i>Shabbat</i>		6:00 p.m.
<i>Shabbat</i>	10:00 a.m.	
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.

**Note:** Several services are now in-person (*Shabbat* morning and Sunday morning *minyan*). All services continue online. Additional in-person services will be announced in *B'kesher*.

## CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

November 5	5:46 p.m.
November 12	4:40 p.m.
November 19	4:34 p.m.
November 26	4:31 p.m.
December 3	4:29 p.m.
December 10	4:29 p.m.
December 17	4:30 p.m.
December 24	4:33 p.m.
December 31	4:38 p.m.

## Chanukkah Candles

November 28	5:32 p.m.
November 29	5:32 p.m.
November 30	5:31 p.m.
December 1	5:31 p.m.
December 2	5:31 p.m.
December 3	4:29 p.m.
December 4	5:31 p.m.
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## Grab a New Title in TI's New Little Library

BY MELISSA APTER

There's a new structure at the driveway entrance to our synagogue where congregants and community members can pick up some new reading. Jonathan Lantner, with assistance from his father Dan, installed and stocked a Little Library in front of Tikvat Israel in mid-October.

A Little Library, also known as a Little Free Library, is part of a neighborhood book exchange program that operates nationally and globally. Anyone can borrow or add books to the public bookshelf at any time. Jonathan got the collection going with books for all ages on topics of Jewish culture and cuisine, as well as PJ Library books that he'd already read. Congregants may borrow books and drop off others on any topic.

Jonathan, an 8th grader at nearby Wood Middle School, has a particular user audience in mind for the Little Library. Given its location, he envisions Rockville High School students, neighbors and ECC families exploring the titles that show up and hopes they will contribute their own favorite works to create a real community feeling.

As Jonathan shared with the congregation in his *d'var Torah* when he became *bar mitzvah* in June, "One way to see things from a different angle is to read. Books can let you see the world from a new perspective."

He added, "I am doing this because not enough kids like reading, so I am trying to show how great books are. I have also seen that not a lot of Little Libraries have middle-grade books in them, so I will keep a supply of books for that age group in it."



Jonathan Lantner built and stocked the Little Library as his *bar mitzvah* project. He intends to fill it with books for readers of all ages. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

## SHUL SHORTS

### A Live Artist Showcase

To kick off a year devoted to the Jewish contribution to the arts, Tikvat Israel will stage a Winter Coffee House at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18 at the shul.

Organizer Sally Kram seeks congregants willing to perform — singing, dancing, poetry reading or other artistic skills. Contact her at [sallykram939@gmail.com](mailto:sallykram939@gmail.com). "We are also happy to display any paintings, photos or sculpture you might want to share for the evening," she said.

### Blood Needed

The next Tikvat Israel blood drive will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 3, from 1 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. in the social hall. Robbi Cohen is the lead coordinator.

Please sign up for a time slot at <https://bit.ly/TI-drive>.

Additional blood drives are scheduled at Tikvat Israel on a pair of Wednesdays — Feb. 2 and June 15.

### Advertising Leads

Bob Silverstein is serving as advertising sales coordinator for the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*. He is willing to contact area service providers or retail merchants who might find a potential audience in synagogue members. Please send Silverstein a contact name and contact details at [r\\_silverstein@msn.com](mailto:r_silverstein@msn.com) so he can follow up.

### Prayer Book Return

If you have not yet returned your borrowed High Holidays *machzor* to the synagogue, please make arrangements as soon as possible to do so. Contact the *shul* office staff.

# Upcoming Programs Explore Racial Justice, Chanukkah, Maryland Politics and Lots More

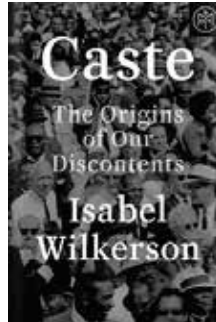
BY SALLY KRAM, VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMMING

As nights grow longer and days shorter, consider spending time with your Tikvat Israel friends through our all ages programming. All programs will be guided by TI's dedication to following strict COVID-19 protocols. Programming specifics will be published in the weekly *B'kesher*.

Among programs under development:

## La'Asot Tzedakah U'Mishpat: To Do What Is Just and Right 2021

- A conclusion to TI's year of exploring racial justice issues is planned and includes the following programs and activities:
- A reconvening of the TI Racial Justice Book Club led by Rabbi Israel on November 7 at 8 p.m. The group will discuss Isabel Wilkerson's *Caste*;
- A proposed tour of the Underground Railroad Experience Trail in Silver Spring, MD. This program is under development for late fall or early spring 2022; and
- The establishment of a Social Action Committee to address ongoing TI support for matters related to our broader community. Interested members should email Sally Kram at [sallykram939@gmail.com](mailto:sallykram939@gmail.com).



## Chanukkah Programming

- Holiday Homecoming, a national effort to celebrate the Holiday of Lights, will take place between Dec. 3-5;
- Latkes and Lights*, TI's beloved celebration of all things *Chanukkah* will take place on Dec. 1 at 5 p.m.;
- Chanukkah Celebration with B'Yachad* will take place on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 9 a.m. to noon; and
- Chanukkah in the 'Hoods*, a new event for TI, will feature lighting the outdoor *Chanukkiyah* at congregants' homes in various neighborhoods.

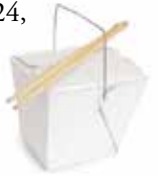


## Additional Fall/Winter Programs

- A special virtual lecture series for TI parents and grandparents of young children on matters of topical interest. (See related story, page 12.)
- The latest iteration of True Stories, TI's beloved showcase for professional storytellers, will take place on Nov. 21. (See

related story, page 8.) This fall's edition will feature noted storyteller Donald Davis presenting "How They Linger: Stories of People Who Will Never Be Forgotten;"

- Delegate Anne Kaiser's annual preview of the 2022 Maryland State Legislative Session will be held in December.
- A performance cabaret featuring the talents of TI's congregants is planned for Dec. 18 at 8 p.m., as a kick-off for the "Year of the Arts;"
- A Family Fun Day will take place on Dec. 24, a federal holiday. In addition to surprise activities, join your fellow congregants for a playdate for families with young children followed by —what else?— Chinese food in the social hall; and
- December 25—Participate in TI's last Family Game Day of 2021. After *Shabbat* services, join your friends in the shul library to play board games and munch on delicious treats. Make sure to drop off your family's favorite board game (labeled) ahead of *Shabbat* so you can share with the community.



## The Gift of the Jews to the Arts

The Jewish people have, over the centuries, been instrumental in all art forms from theater to song writing to dance to painting. Join TI as it celebrates those contributions in 2022. Contact Sally Kram at [sallykram939@gmail.com](mailto:sallykram939@gmail.com) to participate in planning this and other exciting programming!

## Thanks for a Great Show



Synagogue president Warren Berger presented a trinket to Cantor Rochelle Helzner at a late summer reception for those who made contributions to the cantor's "From the Heart" concert. About two dozen congregants enjoyed pastries on the back patio of Tikvat Israel.

The cantor delivered her thanks to all of those who supported what turned out to be the synagogue's largest fundraising event in many years on June 6. The livestreamed concert marked the cantor's 36 years of service.



# Congregation Welcomes New Members Over Past Year

Tikvat Israel is pleased to announce that several families have joined the congregation during the first half of 2021.

Five new member units were asked by the *Bulletin* editor to provide some biographical details and family photos. Several other new members who joined during the second half of the year will be profiled in the January-February issue.

Please introduce yourselves to these newcomers should you encounter them at Tikvat Israel in the coming months.

**Family members:** Ben Grimley, Julie Grimley and daughter Anne, 21

**Residence:** Rockville. We relocated from Gaithersburg.

**Occupations:** Ben is CEO and Julie is an editor with Speak Agent, an education technology company Ben founded. Anne is a school counselor in the Boston area.

**Why affiliate with TI?** We moved into the neighborhood this summer.

**First impressions of our synagogue:** It's warm and vibrant.

**Family members:** Steven Gendel and Barbara Gendel. Our daughter Jennifer Gendel and her 1-year-old daughter, Ava, joined in 2020 and were profiled in the January-February 2021 issue of the *Bulletin*.

**Residence:** The post office says we live in Silver Spring, but we are actually just south of Olney. We previously lived in Columbia and Rockville.

**Occupations:** Steve is a biologist with US Pharmacopeia in Rockville, working on food safety. Barb is retired, a full-time grandmother.

**Why affiliate with TI?** We found Tikvat at the start of the pandemic when we looked at the online services. We liked the rabbi and cantor, and our daughter found many new friends. We also appreciate the friendliness of the office staff and the preschool teachers.

**First impression of our synagogue:** This first impression has been reinforced now that we are moving back to in-person events.

**Family members:** Paul Kutner and Melissa Bailey Kutner. Son, Michael Morris Kutner, was born on April 16, 2021.

**Residence:** Rockville, the Flower Valley neighborhood. Paul moved here from New York City, Melissa from Texas.

**Occupations:** Paul is a high school French teacher at the DC International School. Melissa is a college professor, teaching archaeology and Latin at UMBC.



Julie and Ben Grimley with daughter Anne

**Why affiliate with TI?** We like the small familial feel of the *shul*. We have made many friends through the *shul*.

**First impressions of our synagogue:** It's welcoming, small, much like our *shul* back home in New York.



**Family members:** Rachel Lipsy and AJ Lanphere

**Residence:** Silver Spring

**Occupations:** Rachel is a contractor at NOAA, working on the National Environmental Policy Act and other environmental resource coordination. AJ is a data engineer for Guardian Glass.

**While affiliate with TI?** Rachel's parents have been affiliated with TI since she was in middle school. After college, Rachel attended a few other young professionals Jewish groups in the D.C. area before re-affiliating with TI and beginning the Millennials cohort.

**Anything else?** AJ and I are looking forward to getting married this year or next. COVID put a pause on those plans, and we're just starting to plan again.



**Family members:** Colleen Raucher and Ben Raucher

**Residence:** Catonsville, Md.

**Occupations:** Ben is a registered nurse, finishing nurse practitioner school in December. Colleen is a court secretary.

**Why affiliate with TI?** Steve Raucher is my grandfather. We had our wedding at Tikvat Israel in November 2020.

**First impressions of our synagogue:** "I enjoy it, I have been going for High Holidays, though, for a long time with my grandpa."



Steve and Barbara Gendel



Paul and Melissa Kutner with son Michael



Rachel Lipsy and AJ Lanphere



Colleen and Ben Raucher

# Our Quest to Find a New *Shul*

BY PAUL KUTNER, STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM MEMBER

In 2018, my wife, Melissa, and I moved to Rockville after a long-distance relationship that encompassed our dating life, engagement and even the first two years of our marriage. When her faculty position at UMBC became permanent and I was able to get a job in the area, we picked Rockville because of its proximity to Washington, D.C. And, thanks to the ICC, Melissa could get to Catonsville in about 30 minutes.

We first moved to the townhouses behind the shopping center on Norbeck Road and Bauer Drive. When we started exploring the neighborhood, we found there was a synagogue right down Baltimore Road. We decided to investigate on the Saturday after the first full week we lived there, and we found Tikvat Israel to be a warm and welcoming community.

That first *Shabbat*, we were invited to lunch and later we spent *Sukkot* in various members' *sukkahs*. As time went on, we met more and more wonderful people. When we bought a house and later had a baby, so many members helped us to land on our feet.

Finding a *shul* was a delicate matter for us in 2018. Growing up in Manhattan, I went to a tiny *shul* on East Eleventh Street in a converted stable house. The sanctuary holds up to a maximum of 80 people. My *bar mitzvah* had to be in a different physical space because the building could not accommodate the members and our guests. Despite the space issue, given that a New Yorker has about 10 million neighbors, it was lovely to feel connected to the few dozen families of our community. After going to weddings, *b'nai mitzvah* ceremonies and funerals at larger congregations, I really appreciated our little community. So I have always wanted to be a part of a small-to-medium size *shul*.

My wife grew up as a Protestant outside of Houston, land of the megachurch. She has been to houses of worship where there were traffic jams in the parking lots, much like at a stadium when the game is over. We were a happy interfaith couple, and I did not even know about her wish to become Jewish until we moved to Maryland. She wanted a place where she could learn, engage in

the tenets of Judaism and grow into being a Jew. However, that is not what Tikvat Israel offers the working person because classes often run during working hours. So, despite our warm welcome, we had to explore other congregations.

We went to one very large *shul* where there was a *b'nai mitzvah* every week and easily two-thirds of the guests changed with each event. We never sat with the same people twice at *kiddush*, and while the clergy were really interesting and offered engaging classes, we did not sense the community for which we thirsted. We attended services at a third *shul* in a beautiful space, but we felt that its lay leadership was always marketing to us. In contrast, at Tikvat Israel, there is an effort to really know us.

Getting to know people and their needs is a big part of the work of the Strategic Planning Team on which I serve. The team's work presents us all with the opportunity to sustain and expand what is good about TI, and introduce structural and programmatic improvements, too, so that everyone can get a bit more of what they need and want.

TI is not perfect for everybody, but no place is, really. The Strategic Planning Team is an opportunity for us to think about what we, together, can do to perpetuate what is great about TI, improve what is not, and bring in new ideas for the future. To do this, we need your input.

As a new member with experiences from other *shuls*, it is easy for me to come in as an outsider and make comparisons to my previous experiences, but that is only one type of perspective. Many of you who are reading this have been members for years, even decades, and have valuable insights.

Our team has put in place two mechanisms to hear these insights. One is the focus groups for which volunteers have been selected at random. The other is our specific Strategic Planning Team email address, [strategicplan@tikvatisrael.org](mailto:strategicplan@tikvatisrael.org), where you can send us questions, comments and concerns at any time. Tell us: What would make you feel more at home at Tikvat Israel?

## ScholarStream Offers Many Free Topical Classes

Tikvat Israel is a 2021-22 co-sponsor of ScholarStream, a program of the Conservative movement offering classes taught by scholars from Jewish Theological Seminary and other leading Jewish education centers.

Because of our synagogue's role as a sponsor, TI members can register at no charge for the classes throughout the year. Use coupon code *TikvatIsrael21* to avoid charges.



ScholarStream 5782 features three distinct arcs of learning that stand alone or flow into each other. Cultivating Our Relationships (series 1 and 2), Defining Our Sacred Spaces (series 3, 4 and 5) and Renewing Our Resilience (series 6, 7 and 8) will offer an exploration of who we are, where we are in relation to others and how we move forward in this complicated world.

The classes began in October. The full schedule of the remaining seven series is as follows:

**Series #2: Ethics:** Tuesdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 at 1 p.m.

**Series #3: The Roots of Conservative Judaism.** Tuesdays, Dec. 7, 14, 21 at 8 p.m.

**Series #4: The Other Within - Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity in a Pluralistic Movement.** Wednesdays, Jan. 19, 26 and Feb. 2, 9 at 8 p.m.

**Series #5: Halakha - The Process Moving Forward & the Forward-Moving Process.** Wednesdays, Feb. 16, 23 and March 2, 9 at 8 p.m.

**Series #6: The Power of the Prophets.** Tuesdays, March 22, 29 and April 5, 12 at 8 p.m.

**Series #7: Liturgy of Miracles - Chanukkah, Purim, and Yom Haatzmaut.** Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 at 8 p.m.

**Series #8: Israel - Models of Resilience.** Wednesdays, May 11, 18, 25 and June 1 at 1 p.m.

Further details on the sessions and registration information is at <https://bit.ly/scholar5782>.

## RABBI'S CORNER

# Where Do We Go from Here?

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



Conservative Judaism has never been more relevant or more needed than it is today.

I realize this is the opposite of what many in the Jewish community proclaim. In fact, every demographic study shows that the Conservative movement is shrinking at a faster rate than other denominations. The number of day schools affiliated with the movement has shrunk almost to the point of irrelevance (replaced by community day schools).

Like Tikvat Israel, most Conservative congregations are seeing their religious schools shrink and the average age of their members rise. USY and USCJ, like the other movements, is grappling with past cover-ups of rabbinic and youth worker misbehavior that were ignored for decades. With the exception of Ramah, there are not a lot of data points to support my opening statement.

Amidst all this doom and gloom, how can I make such a claim? Because the Conservative movement is uniquely situated ideologically and theologically to meet the needs of American Jews in rapidly changing society.

Consider this:

- On March 4, 2020, the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS) issued its first set of guidelines for Conservative synagogues to adapt to the pending pandemic. It recommended hand washing and refraining from kissing the Torah and advised people at risk to stay at home. This initial ruling forbade constituting a minyan via Zoom and advised, "If a congregation is in quarantine and not able to bring together a *minyan* for services, the leadership should provide guidance for home *davening* and Torah study and/or provide a virtual link to another congregation [meeting in person] through livestreaming."
- One week later, the committee maintained the same overall position *vis-a-vis-minyan* but recognized, "There is joy and comfort that comes from being together (*hevrach*) ... For communities that cannot meet in person, we recommend that they gather virtually to *daven* on weekdays, even if they do not technically constitute a *minyan*."
- The next week (March 17), they issued a new guideline: "In this crisis situation in an area in which civil and/or medical authorities decree that it is unsafe for people to gather in person and recommend or order the closure of houses of worship, it is permitted to constitute a *minyan* whose constitutive participants (10 adult Jews) are not located in one physical place."

With its initial reluctance and later agreement to make changes, some might view this progression as playing loose with the rules an indication of our movement's weakness. I believe it is a sign of our strength and the unique and necessary position we play in American Jewish life. Over the course of the pandemic,

the CJLS issued 18 rulings to guide our movement in responding to a constantly changing environment. These rulings have covered topics beyond synagogue practice to advise on vaccine mandates, the ethics of vaccine distribution and other issues. They often included a range of options, recognizing the diversity of our movement, but all of them have been well-grounded in the traditional *halakhic* process of investigating precedents while considering the needs of the moment.

From its founding, Conservative Judaism has been defined by finding a proper balance between preserving tradition and adapting to current circumstances, as we have seen during the pandemic. I strongly believe this process is exactly what is needed for American Jewry to survive and thrive. While I might quibble with certain positions I believe are too lenient and others as too stringent, the last year and a half has proven exactly why Conservative Judaism and our *halakhic* process is important.

At Tikvat Israel, guided by these CJLS rulings and local health regulations, we instituted several changes to our practices during the pandemic. Because of the ever-changing needs, many of these decisions have been made quickly and sometimes unilaterally and all have been regarded as temporary. As I stated in my March 19, 2020 letter announcing that we would start saying *kaddish* during our Zoom *minyan*, "This decision only applies during this time of social distancing and where the government has banned people gathering together in groups larger than 10."

Over the course of the pandemic, we have experienced the benefits and shortfalls of Zoom *minyanim*. Many people have appreciated the streamlining of our service, while others prefer that we restore the liturgy that we have abbreviated. These are important conversations for us to have and now is an opportune time for us to carefully consider what our practices should be as we move forward. I want to invite you to be a part of that process.

Over the course of several weeks in November and December, I will be teaching some of the most recent CJLS responses that have been issued to guide congregations on how to move forward once the dangers of the pandemic have passed. During these sessions, we will learn about the process of determining *halakhah*, study traditional source material and consider the benefits and challenges of various options. These sessions will not decide our future practices – those decisions will ultimately be made by our Religious Practices Committee, within the *halakhic* guidelines I determine as your *mara d'atra*. But the discussions will help inform our decisions and provide those who participate with a deeper understanding of what it means to be a Conservative Jew. Details regarding the timing and venue for the classes will be sent via email and in the weekly *B'kesher*.

By taking part in these conversations and through the decisions we will make, I hope you will share in the pride that I feel when I say that I am a Conservative Jew.



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## What Energizes You?

BY WARREN BERGER, TIKVAT ISRAEL PRESIDENT



I am always energized after the High Holidays. Yes, I know that services are long (though they were somewhat streamlined this year), and there are a lot of them. From *Rosh Hashana* to *Simchat Torah*, there are seven that are considered to be a *chag* (holy day) within a period of three and a half weeks. Many people are burned out by all those

services – which can be noticed by lower-than-average attendance at *Shabbat* services the first few weeks afterward. But not me.

I see them more as an endurance test – a long-distance run rather than a sprint. Each one builds on and enhances the one before, with an extra-long effort needed for *Yom Kippur Neilah*. That concluding service is my favorite, and I sometimes stop singing just to hear the fervent voices of my fellow congregants chanting the traditional tunes with the hope of being sealed for a good upcoming year. Although I am a somewhat regular *Shabbat* attendee, the High Holiday season gives me a chance to recharge my spiritual batteries. Rabbi Israel and Cantor Helzner did a great job inspiring me and I hope you all also had good experiences – whether in person in our Social Hall or watching from home.

What energizes you? If the Jewish value of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) motivates you, consider joining others like you on our Social Action committee. We plan to resurrect our Social Action committee to better coordinate and integrate the *tikkun olam*-focused activities undertaken by our congregants. Do you want to take the next step and actually perform actions to combat

racial injustice in our community? Do you want to protect the environment and try to reduce climate change? Do you want to help refugees? We know that many of our congregants are passionate about these causes, and others, so please join us to collectively address some of the problems in our area and the world. For some people, Judaism is more about ethics and values rather than belief and religious services – and that's fine. Let Tikvat Israel provide the opportunity for you to apply these values.

Some people (extroverts) who are energized by talking to others would be perfect for our Membership committee. Others get satisfaction by planning and executing events. There are places for all of these skills at TI. We have established standing committees for those who know they want to commit to a long-term effort, while we also have task forces and temporary committees for those who only want a time-bound, short-term commitment. For an even shorter task, we need additional volunteers for the easy role of Greeter or Usher for *Shabbat* morning services. It does feel good to help your *shul* operate smoothly. Try it!

I hope that TI can provide services and opportunities that energize you in the new year. If not, then let me know (or participate in our Strategic Planning process!).

## Congregational Condolences

Condolences to those Tikvat Israel members who lost loved ones recently (August through early October):

- to **Joseph Bogage** on the loss of his sister Carolyn Schlan
- to **Melvin Altman** on the loss of his sister Maxene E. Rosenthal
- to **Michael Gellman** on the loss of his mother Toba Eileen Gellman
- to **Marlene Chait** on the loss of her husband Edward Chait
- to **Marcia Bronstein** on the loss of her mother Bette Bronstein
- to **Jamie Freedman** on the loss of her mother Estelle Waxman
- to **Rachel Jacob-Weiss and Ariella Weiss** on the loss of their husband and father, respectively, Jeffrey Weiss
- to **Roslyn Godfrey** on the loss of her husband Lewis Godfrey
- to **Judith Katz** on the loss of her husband Robert Katz
- to **Shani Zebooker** on the loss of her brother Carl Zebooker

## A Place to Remember



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## True Stories Show Nov. 21 at TI Focuses on Unforgettable People

BY JOHN MELMED, TRUE STORIES CHAIR

The 10th in the series of True Stories shows will be presented at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 21, on stage in the Tikvat Israel social hall. The show also will be accessible via livestream.



Donald Davis

The live audience at the synagogue will be limited to a maximum of 250 masked and fully vaccinated individuals.

Tickets for the in-person show will be \$18 for adults, \$15 for students under 22 years old. Family tickets for the livestreaming event are \$20.

They can be purchased at [www.tikvatisrael.org/truestories](http://www.tikvatisrael.org/truestories). You should book early for the in-person performance.

The featured storyteller is Donald Davis, widely regarded as one of America's foremost storytellers. Davis hails from small-town America in the mountains of North Carolina. He titles his show, "How They Linger: Stories of People Who Will Never be Forgotten. They Transform Us into the Person We Become." If you'd never met these unforgettable people, your life would have been different.

Davis's wonderful stories are filled with unbelievably interesting people who he believes changed his life in a positive way. He will transport us into a world few people have experienced as he vividly brings to life fascinating people with whom he has interacted. His style is understated yet mesmerizing, while his story content is funny and moving. His stories always have a powerful moral that will inspire his audience. When his yarns conclude, you will wish they didn't have to come to an end.

I recommend audience members be at least 13 years old, though younger sophisticated children may enjoy his stories too.

This show could raise more money for Tikvat Israel than any other storytelling show. We have already raised over \$2,000 before selling a ticket. Several local groups and nonprofit organizations will promote the event.

In appreciation for the quality programming that Tikvat Israel is bringing to its congregants, we would really appreciate your donation over and above the cost of your ticket.

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# The Funny Side of Bringing Events to *Shuls*

BY JOHN MELMED, TRUE STORIES COORDINATOR



John Melmed

Since January, I have been planning and organizing the next True Stories show in November featuring the brilliant storyteller Donald Davis. This planning and organization for the event has involved not just those at Tikvat Israel, but also the typically minimalist administrative staffs at multiple synagogues in the greater Washington area.

I call my experience “Dealing With Synagogue Administrations 101.” No coherent textbook exists that could guide me, but after some months of planning, I began to notice almost identical trends among all 19 synagogues that I contacted to co-sponsor and help promote this event.

Beginning in January, the message I got was, “It’s only January. There’s plenty of time to plan. You’ve got to pace yourself. Relax.” So I relaxed.

April rolled around and when I realized I had only seven months to complete this massive task, I began to panic. So I made some phone calls, sent several text messages and followed up by e-mail to many of the *shuls*. When I got no response, I made some more calls and sent more texts and e-mails. Eventually I was told, “I can’t do anything now because *Pesach* is coming up and we’re absolutely swamped in the office. We just don’t have the time or the staff to help get your event plans going. Relax.”

So I relaxed, but felt a sense of impending doom hanging over me.

I waited a few weeks to give everybody’s *matzah*-related intestinal problems time to subside, then made contact again. I was greeted time and again with, “I’m sorry but we can’t do anything now because our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up in May. You’ll have to wait.” So I waited.

After the big synagogue events had taken place, I tried again. This time it was, “Sorry, you’ll have to hold off ‘til after *Shavuot*. So I held off and waited until summer when I knew things would be quiet in synagogue life. Then I was informed, “This is not a good time because in summer, so many people are out of town.”

Now True Stories was just four months away, but I waited as requested until summer vacations were over. At that point, the message from shul offices was “John, you’ve chosen a very bad time to ask us to help you. The High Holy Days are upon us. Why didn’t you do this earlier? We’ll get to this soon. Be patient.”

By this time, I was actually *becoming* a patient. What could I do? I was patient.

*Yom Kippur* was on a Thursday so I waited until Monday, then realized that *Sukkot* started on Monday night. It’s an eight-day

holiday period, yet by some miracle of biblical proportions, it stretched into two weeks.

It was less than two months before show time, and I still had a mountain of work to do, but I knew that in the post-Jewish holidays melee, this was my chance to pounce and finally get some attention.

As we moved into October, I realized October is the month when roofs leak. Synagogue roofs leak so frequently in October that I fear October will be declared a *chag*. Time to relax, wait and be patient again! I’ll fill my time by enrolling in “Dealing with Synagogue Administrations 201.”

## Pushka Contributions Accepted Online

BY DAVID GANTZ

The virtual *pushka* is administered by the *Tzedakah Havurah* at Tikvat Israel.

We all remember the real (metal) *pushka* that was synonymous with in-person *minyanim*. It will, of course, return when we go back to in person weekday prayer services.

In the meantime, for those who want to support that kind of *tzedakah*, you must make an intentional effort to direct your support toward it. When making any online contribution to the many worthy choices that the synagogue offers, you must indicate and direct that donation towards your particular choice, including the *Tzedakah Havurah*. Donations will *not* reach the *Tzedakah Havurah pushka* otherwise.

The *Tzedakah Havurah* discusses and allocates the monies received from donations to the *pushka*, as well as from *Purim* celebrations at TI.

The *Havurah* was started in 1987 by members of then-Beth Tikva Congregation. We are a small group of volunteers whose purpose is to receive funds contributed by members of the congregation and distribute those funds to various *tzedakah* projects.

The *Tzedakah Havurah* welcomes your interest and would be delighted to add you as a member. Please contact the TI office or any member of our committee (David Gantz, Robbi Cohen, Elyse Bernstein, Debbie Amster, Dan Jacobs and Hope Kott) if you are interested in joining us.



## WOMEN'S NETWORK

# Our Network is Ready for a Packed Year of Programming

BY JANICE BALIN, WOMEN'S NETWORK COORDINATOR



Janice Balin

Welcome to the Women's Network corner! This is the place to learn about recent programs and future programming. If you haven't already joined the Women's Network, you can still get onboard. Contact Brenda Brooks at [bbrooksx@gmail.com](mailto:bbrooksx@gmail.com).

The Women's Network started off the new year with a stimulating discussion, led by Sara Harris, of Jennifer Rosner's revelatory memoir *If a Tree Falls*, which explores family, silence and what it means to be heard.

The group was fortunate to have a guest participant, Judy Jonas, join our discussion. Judy is a friend of Shirley Waxman's and the co-author of a book, *Deaf and Hearing Siblings in Conversation*. She provided added insight into the subject of the deaf and hearing impaired.

On Oct. 10, Beth Smith and her committee of Sara Harris, Roz Kram, Marsha Lyons, Fortuna Scheige, Hilda Springer and Janice Balin pulled off a Welcome Back Virtual Picnic, complete with red checked napkins to black "bugs" (black beans) in the salads! A picnic lunch was prepared by the committee and distributed to all participants through pickup at the synagogue. As people consumed lunch, each shared a memorable item from their home. (See related story, page 11.)



More than 20 TI members participated in the group analysis of Jennifer Rosner's memoir *If a Tree Falls*.

The *Rosh Chodesh* Committee will present its first of four *Rosh Chodesh* programs at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 7. New moon programming will focus on intergenerational events with an emphasis on new rituals, and address how rituals have changed in our homes and in the synagogue. Rabbah Arlene Berger will lead a meaningful and spiritual *midrash* on renewal. We are grateful to our *Rosh Chodesh* Committee: Roberta Helzner, Amy Matathias, Maxine Perlmutter, Jane Robinson and Fortuna Scheige.

## A Blast in the Neighborhood

Rabbi Marc Israel has a Rockville neighbor, Adelle Banks, a long-time journalist with Religion News Service in Washington, D.C. She also has a keen eye for a good visual element.

Banks took the accompanying photo of Janice Balin, coordinator of our synagogue's Women's Network, and her two granddaughters Ella and Avery sounding the *shofar* as part of The Blast, a community-wide event to mark the approach of *Rosh Hashanah* on Sept. 6. Balin had joined other members of Tikvat Israel and a few curious neighbors outside the home of Rabbi Israel and his family.



Religion News Service featured it as one of the company's photos of the week on its website in a gallery that featured images of religious scenes in Serbia, Greece, Manhattan and San Antonio, Texas. See the gallery at <https://bit.ly/RN-blast>.

(In the small-world department, Banks worked early in her career at the Syracuse, N.Y., *Herald-Journal*, alongside Tikvat Israel *Bulletin* editor Jay P. Goldman, who was the newspaper's education reporter in the mid-1980s.)

The book group will meet again on Nov. 17 to discuss Kirsty Manning's book *The Song of the Jade Lily*, a historical novel that tells the little-known story of Jewish refugees who fled to Shanghai during WWII. Future book group discussion dates and book titles can be found on the Women's Network bookmark that you received on the High Holidays or read the *Women's Network Newsletter* for details.

Two new exciting programs are planned for the winter. On Dec. 12 at 4:30 p.m., Sandra Sheskin has organized a virtual program with the Tenement Museum of New York. The cost to attend the program is \$10. Space is limited. On Jan. 23, Women's Network will take a Virtual Jewish Paris Tour. Details will be published in the *Women's Network Newsletter*.



Sara Harris led the year's first book discussion organized by Women's Network.



# Personal Mementoes for Public Display

The Women's Network called it a "virtual picnic," the first opportunity in 5782 for members to gather socially.

While they missed the sun, grass and bugs of an in-person get-together at an actual picnic venue, more than three dozen women affiliated with Tikvat Israel discovered that a Zoom platform could not diminish their enthusiasm for being together. Over two-plus hours on Oct. 10, the Women's Network participants each shared a personal memento that carried significant meaning.

During the program, each attendee was given one minute (most took somewhat longer) to share a memorable item from her home. The range of displayed objects included photographs, statues, sculptures, clothing, Judaica, letters, furniture, jewelry, building equipment, books, artwork and even trees in a yard.

The program ran much longer than planned, but no one wanted to cut it short because of the intriguing nature of the sharing exercise. As Maxine Perlmutter commented afterward, "We are blessed to have such a wonderful community."

Many picked up their picnic lunches from the shul parking lot in advance. The food was prepared by a committee chaired by Beth Smith. The lunch fare included a pair of vegetarian sandwiches, two cold salads and three cookies prepared by Janice Balin, Anita Brenner, Sara Harris, Roz Kram, Marsha Lyons and Hilda Springer.

Many donated bags of groceries at the lunch pickup as part of a Women's League program called Stock the Shelves. The food has been donated to an interfaith food donation bank in Rockville.



**Ruth Kramer displays a hand-crocheted dresser scarf made by her grandmother.**



**Brenda Brooks with the first professional photo taken of her family.**



**Beth Smith shows off a greeting card created on a Cricut machine.**



**Felicia Black's china collie, resembling her real dog.**



**Sandra Sheskin with a figurine, "The Lady," one of her mother's favorite keepsakes.**



**Roberta Helzner with an image of a cherished Steinway parlor grand piano.**



**Wendy Bauman with a favorite necklace.**

**Amy Sanders shares the portrait of her grandmother.**



**Ava Small with a book about a first cousin, Mordecai Hod, commander-in-chief of the Israeli Air Force during the Six Day War.**



**Dalit Baranoff displays a "Wheel of Reality" etching created by her grandfather.**



# Speaker Series for Parents and Grandparents Set for Tikvat Israel Over Winter and Spring

BY JUDY STERN, TIKVAT ISRAEL VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION AND YOUTH

There is always something more to learn when you are a parent or grandparent. Children change, times change, we change. Please join us for presentations given by experts in a variety of fields and add something new to your own set of skills.

The series of five presentations will be held on Zoom. All sessions will include a question and answer period. Sessions are open for Tikvat Israel members and their guests. There is no charge, but donations to the synagogue are welcome to help support these programs.

Pre-registration is required for each. Registration is open now for the November and December programs. To register and receive the link, send an email with the name and date of the program(s) you wish to attend to [judymstern7@gmail.com](mailto:judymstern7@gmail.com).

The schedule is as follows.

## **Topic: *Chanukkah*: Beyond the Presents, Wednesday, Nov. 17, 8:15 p.m.**

Competing for children's attention on *Chanukkah*, with anything other than presents, is a challenge. Understanding that the focus of children is on gifts, we can still use this holiday to teach Jewish values and celebrate our heritage in creative and meaningful ways that will be fun for children ages 2 and older.

Rabbi Israel will share his ideas and provide time for parents to share some of their favorite ways to make the most of this celebration.

Presenter is Rabbi Marc Israel of Tikvat Israel. He earned his rabbinic ordination in 1998 from Hebrew Union College. Rabbi Israel previously was the associate rabbi of Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El in Wynnewood, Pa. Previously, he worked as the rabbi educator at Ohr Kodesh in Chevy Chase.

## **Topic: Reading with Children, Monday, Dec. 13, 8:15 p.m.**

Sharing books with children at home can build language skills, vocabulary and comprehension. Reading together is also a great means of creating emotional connections between children and family members.

Learn how to help children use strategies to sound out unfamiliar words and how you can ask comprehension questions on a variety of cognitive levels. Do you want to know the meaning of lexile levels, decoding, phonological awareness, and reading fluency when you hear them referenced at a parent-teacher conference?

Intended for parents and relatives of pre-school through elementary school children.

The presenter is Judith Stern, an experienced classroom teacher, reading specialist and special educator. She is a national speaker and co-author of four children's books on learning and attention disorders, plus a book for parents and teachers on dyslexia. She is an educational consultant in private practice.

## **Topic: Inter-generational Pediatrics, Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022, 8:15 p.m.**

A discussion for parents, grandparents and others interested in child and adolescent health. Over the course of the last few decades,

what's new and what has stayed the same on topics such as nutrition, allergies, immunizations, sleep and managing common illnesses?

Presenter is Dr. Jeff Bernstein, a primary care pediatrician in practice for 33 years, all with Pediatric and Adolescent Care of Silver Spring (long enough to follow many patients from their infancy through the privilege of being able to take care of their children). Bernstein is co-chair of the Pediatric Council of the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

## **Topic: How to Raise Jewish Children Without Having to be Perfect, Monday, March 7, 2022, 8:15 p.m.**

In actions and words, parents and grandparents play an important role in passing down so many aspects of Judaism to children. Whether through celebrating holidays, reading stories, discussing Jewish values, or modeling *mitzvot*, adults are teachers in the home. This session will provide ideas and reassurance about doing these things well, without feeling required to do it all perfectly.

Presenter is Rabbi Batya Glazer, director of the *B'Yachad* Community Religious School in Montgomery County, which brings together students from Tikvat Israel, Shaare Torah and Kol Shalom. She has decades of experience in Jewish education. Rabbi Glazer was the director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Philadelphia.

## **Topic: A Child's Mindset, Monday, April 4, 2022, 8:15 p.m.**

How can we help our children be successful? We will be examining effective feedback, guiding our children to use struggles and failure to grow their brains and discussing how a growth mindset sets children up for success.

Presenter is Roni Silverstein, a former principal and administrator in Montgomery County Public Schools for many years. She served as the Director of Leadership and Development for MCPS. She has done coaching and designing professional development for educators and has presented nationally at conferences on education. She is co-author of the book *Innovative Voices in Education: Engaging Diverse Communities*.

## **Mazel Tov to...**

...**Shirley Waxman**, whose twin grandsons, Benjy Waite and Billy Waite, were married this summer and their older brother and his wife, Andrew Waite and Kaitlin Burgos, had a baby girl Elli, making Shirley a first-time great grandmother.

...**Bobbi and Larry Gorban** on the marriage of daughter Jodi to Trent Wycoff on Oct. 9.

...**Melissa Apter and Avi Bardack**, whose son **Barak Matan** had his *upsheerin* on Sept. 26 with grandparents and great-grandparents present.

...**Harley and Vivian Liebensson**, who celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary on Nov. 12.



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## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

# Busy Fall with New Year, Sukkot Celebrations, Tzedakah Projects

BY DEBBIE UNGAR, DIRECTOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



Fall at the ECC is a busy time! We celebrated many holidays together at the beginning of the school year. In honor of *Rosh Hashanah*, Rabbi Israel came to blow the *shofar*. The children enjoyed hearing the different sounds the *shofar* makes, as well as touching a real *shofar*.

Each class also prepared for *Sukkot* by making decorations for the Tikvat Israel *sukkah*. You may have seen beautiful apples and *lulav* decorated with markers and sequins by our students. It was wonderful to eat snacks and lunch in the *sukkah* and see the beautiful decorations made by all the classes. The school had music class with Ms. Ellie in the *sukkah*, and one class even had nap time there! In addition, the children had the opportunity to touch, smell and shake a *lulav* and *etrog*.

Lastly, the entire school had a special JSTEM activity using graham crackers, pretzels and cream cheese or frosting to construct their own mini *sukkah*. This was a challenging, fun and delicious endeavor.

Our first *tzedakah* project of the school year aided families in our community who were displaced and lost their belongings during a September storm that flooded a nearby apartment complex.



Ms. Ellie, an ECC teacher, led music class during *Sukkot* in the synagogue's *sukkah*.

The pre-K class beautifully decorated the *tzedakah* collection box and many ECC families donated items to this important project.

We welcomed Jenny Gendel, mother of Ava, as the new head of our ECC Family Network. As of early October, we were eagerly anticipating our first family network program of the fall, a *tzedakah* box project event and story time with Rabbi Israel in late October. Parent volunteers are greatly appreciated to assist with future family network events and projects, such as our annual truck touch and teacher appreciation week. Please contact Jenny at [jenny.gendel@gmail.com](mailto:jenny.gendel@gmail.com) to sign up.

We do still have spots available for full-time and part-time care. Those who are interested in learning more about the ECC should contact Debbie Ungar at [debbie@tikvatisrael.org](mailto:debbie@tikvatisrael.org) so we can schedule a tour or a follow-up call.

## Millennials Mingle



Rabbi Marc Israel and his wife Abbey Frank hosted the TI Millennials group in their *sukkah* in September. TI's youngest members played nicely together while their parents and friends enjoyed a nosh. (Photo by Abbey Frank)

TI Millennials, a cohort for 20-and-30-somethings, were hosted by Rabbi Marc Israel and Abbey Frank in their home *sukkah* this past fall. TI's littlest members enjoyed playing with each other and inspecting the *sukkah* decor while their parents and friends chatted and ate brunch fare. At press time, the Millennials group planned to go for a local hike, host a backyard Jewish spooky theme storytelling night, attend a baking class and gather for a *Chanukkah* celebration. Those in the millennials age range who would like to join our group should contact Melissa Apter at [mwapter@gmail.com](mailto:mwapter@gmail.com) or request access to our Facebook group.

## New Religious School Program Begins

The *B'Yachad* Community School of Montgomery County held its first day of classes on Sunday, Oct. 3.

Students in kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade from Tikvat Israel, Kol Shalom and Shaare Torah are attending classes together each week. Classes are held on Sunday mornings at Shaare Torah, as well as during the middle of the week. The mid-week classes are held virtually on Tuesday afternoons or in-person on Wednesday afternoons. Students may choose either option.

For the first part of the year, classes will be held at Shaare Torah. For the second half, they will be at Kol Shalom. Special events will be staged at Tikvat Israel.

Space remains for more students in *B'Yachad*. Families do not need to be synagogue members to enroll a child.

For further information, contact Rabbi Batya Glazer, who serves as the school's director, at [bglazer@byachadcommunity.org](mailto:bglazer@byachadcommunity.org).





## Wrecking Crew Demolishes Sukkah in Record Time

BY ALAN APTER

### Thanks for the Support

My beloved husband Ed passed away in August of COVID pneumonia after only being ill for two weeks.

My daughters Renee and Bryna join me in thanking Rabbi Israel, Cantor Helzner and the many congregation members who called, sent cards and made contributions to Tikvat Israel and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. We also appreciate the meal that was delivered from the congregation.

Ed will be missed dearly by family and friends.

We have been members of the synagogue since moving to Rockville in 1975.

*Marlene Chait and family*

### Kudos to Clergy

I want to commend Rabbi Israel and Cantor Helzner on the services for *Kol Nidre* and *Yom Kippur*. For those at the synagogue and those on Zoom, the services were very, very good and made the holiday extra special.

*L'shana tova* to the entire congregation. May it be a healthy year for all.

*Mimi Meltzer*



Members of TI's sukkah wrecking crew carry the rolled schach into the building to be stored carefully for next fall.

The Tikvat Israel sukkah was taken down on Oct. 3 in the fastest time yet. Crew members carefully took apart the sukkah and stored the parts for ease of setup next year. The whole job took 90 minutes, beating the record by two minutes! Many hands make light work.

Wrecking crew members were Alan Apter, Barry Lipsy, Jonathan Solomon, Harvey Small, Janice Balin, Bob Balin, Sandra Schwartz, Ava Small, Amy Matathias, Dan Matathias and Warren Berger.

I am also appreciative of the many volunteers who put up our sukkah this year: Barry Lipsy, Rachel Lipsy, Jonathan Solomon, Amy Matathias, Daniel Matathias, Elanor Lantner, Reuben Lantner, Jonathan Lantner, Amy Sanders, Sandra Schwartz, Steven Schwartz, Neal Kram, Jeff Baer, Jeff Bernstein, Warren Berger, Harley Liebenzon, Aaron Fineman and Sandra Schwartz.

Our sukkah canvas was beautified by congregants and friends of all ages prior to the High Holidays. We intend to hold another canvas painting day in the future.



Above left: A triumphant selfie following setup of the TI sukkah with some of those who assisted. (Photo by Rachel Lipsy) Above right: Eli Liebenzon, son of Harley and Vivian Liebenzon, attaches a decorative gourd to the sukkah.



## Taking a Turn at Davening

Tikvat Israel is in need of in-person *Shabbat* services leaders (a/k/a *daveners*) on the days when Cantor Helzner isn't on the *bima*.

Three roles are available for *daveners* each *Shabbat*, with responsibility for one or more of these roles: *Shacharit*, Torah service and *Musaf*.

Additionally, some *Shabbatot* carry other roles:

- *Psukei D'zimra* (introductory prayers);
- *Birkat HaChodesh* (blessing of the new month); and
- *Hallel*.

If you would be comfortable with any of the above, Jason Schwartz wants to hear from you once you're finished reading this issue of the *Bulletin*.

If you've never had a *davening* experience at TI but have experience elsewhere, Schwartz is eager to hear from you. And anyone willing to learn a portion of the service can let him know. With sufficient interest, he will arrange tutoring or even group classes.

Contact Schwartz at [jason@schwartzcentral.com](mailto:jason@schwartzcentral.com).



## TRACKING TI EVENTS

There's usually a lot of stuff happening at Tikvat Israel, so it can be overwhelming to take it all in when reading *B'kesher*. Another way to stay informed is the calendar on the Tikvat Israel website where you can see at a glance what's happening day-by-day, month-by-month, including daily *minyan*, *Shabbat* and holiday schedules.

Access the up-to-date calendar at <https://tikvatisrael.org/calendar>. The embedded links will take you to more information about the events on our website.

# ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

## HASBARA: Focus on Israeli Innovation

(#27 in a Series)

BY HARVEY T. KAPLAN

Danny Weissberg worked as a software developer at a number of high-tech companies for more than 20 years. He knew that machines could develop the ability, like humans, to understand varied speech patterns, and he wondered if that learning could be applied to impaired speech as well. He went on to found a company called Voiceitt in Ramat-Gan, Israel, which produces an app that “empowers individuals with non-standard speech to communicate with others and to control smart-home devices using their own voice.”

According to Weissberg, “This innovation is not just for person-to-person communication but also for smart homes and smart cars, for video conferencing with real-time closed captions, and many more scenarios.” He notes that Moses is described in the Bible as a person with some form of speech impediment, who needed to communicate through his brother Aaron, who could understand what he was saying. Weissberg believes that his technology is “like the Aaron of the 21st century.”

Videos of the technology in action can be viewed on the company’s website: [voiceitt.com](http://voiceitt.com).

I’ve written before about work at the Technion in Haifa, Israel. The American Technion Society in New York recently shared some news about cancer research. We all know that cancer patients often have to wait for weeks before finding out the full results of biopsies. Without question, those results are critical in medical treatment decisions.

Furthermore, cancer cells frequently spread from primary tumors, and some 90% of cancer-related deaths are caused by spread to other areas of the body. According to the Society, Professor Daphne Weihs of the Technion’s Faculty of Biomedical Engineering and her team have developed “a technology to predict whether a tumor is cancerous, and if so, the likelihood of it spreading—giving anxious patients an answer within hours of a biopsy.” The objective is to quickly arrive at a treatment protocol that is patient-specific. We hope to learn more about this in the months ahead from the Rappaport Technion Integrated Cancer Center in Israel.



**The Voiceitt app allows people with speech impairments to converse with others and to control Alexa-enabled smart devices using their own voices.**

## A Reminder to Support Tikvat Israel’s *Chai* Campaign

BY JAYME SOKOLOW, CHAI CAMPAIGN CHAIR

The High Holidays have passed, but the *Chai* campaign will be happy to accept donations through Dec. 31.

Our membership dues cover only part of what is needed to maintain our facility, pay our staff and provide outstanding programs and services to all congregants. The *Chai* campaign also supports those members who may need financial assistance during the year. It is up to us to put into action what we committed ourselves to in prayer during the High Holidays.

Last year, we raised approximately \$73,000 and we intend to raise the same amount this year. In August, you received a letter asking you to contribute to the *Chai* campaign. If you have not done so already, we encourage you to contribute to our 5782 campaign.

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

others in joy as well as in sorrow. Please give as generously as your circumstances allow so that Tikvat Israel can remain a vibrant synagogue.

In 5782, be among our congregants who, in the words of our *siddur*, “unite to establish synagogues for prayer” and who “give funds for heat and light, and wine for *kiddush* and *Havdalah*.”

Please note: Sue and Howard Wilchins’ Silver contribution and Cliff and Betty Fishman’s Platinum contribution to the 2020 *Chai* campaign were inadvertently omitted from a list of donors appearing in the September-October issue. The *Chai* campaign gratefully acknowledges their generosity.

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

## NOVEMBER 2

### 27 CHESHVAN

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

## NOVEMBER 3

### 28 CHESHVAN

Selma Kubitz

## NOVEMBER 4

### 29 CHESHVAN

Herb Curchack  
Harold Davis  
Pearl Fink  
Jeanne Hale  
Lucille Kram  
Rosalie Taylor

## NOVEMBER 5

### 1 KISLEV

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

## NOVEMBER 6

### 2 KISLEV

Alick Abramson  
Manuel Cohen  
Myra Pasternak  
Sam Schuchman  
Jean Zalevsky

## NOVEMBER 7

### 3 KISLEV

Rosalind Bloom  
Florence Cohen  
Jesse Curchack  
Leonard Hardis  
Miriam Stein

## NOVEMBER 8

### 4 KISLEV

Ida Hamburg  
Arnold Springer  
Tom Zusman

## NOVEMBER 9

### 5 KISLEV

Jacob Bernstein  
Jerome Feingold  
Morris Pachenger  
Louis Pelish  
Henrietta Roth

## NOVEMBER 10

### 6 KISLEV

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

## NOVEMBER 11

### 7 KISLEV

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

## NOVEMBER 12

### 8 KISLEV

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

## NOVEMBER 13

### 9 KISLEV

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

## NOVEMBER 14

### 10 KISLEV

Arthur Amster  
Minnie Jorban  
Muriel Sandler  
Ada Taylor

## NOVEMBER 15

### 11 KISLEV

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

## NOVEMBER 16

### 12 KISLEV

George Baroff  
Fannie Fleitman  
Fredalynne Pleet  
Alfons Reich  
Sam Spiegel

## NOVEMBER 17

### 13 KISLEV

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

## NOVEMBER 18

### 14 KISLEV

Samuel Altschuler  
Jeremy Copaken  
Daniel Kaiser  
Kieve C. Marquis

## NOVEMBER 19

### 15 KISLEV

Isidor Schechter

## NOVEMBER 20

### 16 KISLEV

Ronald Eisler  
Dorothy Goldstein  
Joseph Goldstein  
Elizabeth Jennes  
Irvin Lerner  
Florence Nachamkin  
Nicky Papageorge  
Samuel Salit  
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## NOVEMBER 21

### 17 KISLEV

Irving Baron  
Harry Brodofsky  
Sonya Dunie  
Max Feinsilber  
Rebecca Gershowitz  
Max Glick  
Samuel Kier  
Abe Lavine  
Charlotte Lowenfeld  
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Saul Reiter  
Sharon Silberberg  
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## NOVEMBER 22

### 18 KISLEV

Khana Klig  
Bobbie Leman  
Anna Levin  
Suzanne Lifschitz

## NOVEMBER 23

### 19 KISLEV

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

## NOVEMBER 24

### 20 KISLEV

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

## NOVEMBER 25

### 21 KISLEV

Jacob George Bloom  
Norman Franklin Jacob  
Elliott Kleinman  
Carl Solomon

## NOVEMBER 26

### 22 KISLEV

Philip Abramowitz  
Maurice Binder  
Robert Eisner  
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Morris Katz  
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## NOVEMBER 27

### 23 KISLEV

Esther Adelson  
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## NOVEMBER 28

### 24 KISLEV

Lena Burdett  
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## NOVEMBER 29

### 25 KISLEV

Fay Avery  
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## NOVEMBER 30

### 26 KISLEV

Fannie Burdoo  
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Maurice R Dunie  
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## DECEMBER 1 27 KISLEV

Otto Lohwasser  
Freda Willander

## DECEMBER 2 28 KISLEV

Irma Pazo  
Steven Prince  
Arnold Schwartz  
Selma Shapiro  
Jacob Sperling

## DECEMBER 3 29 KISLEV

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

## DECEMBER 4 30 KISLEV

Rose Feinman  
Max Keusch  
Dorothy Wolfe

## DECEMBER 5 1 TEVET

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

## DECEMBER 6 2 TEVET

Louis Burdoo  
Peter Schwartzman  
Judith Sue Sussman

## DECEMBER 7 3 TEVET

Louis Broadman  
Jacob Dall  
Sol Danoff  
Max Douma  
Jay Stefan Gorban  
Pauline Greene  
Miriam Hoffman  
Miriam Matathias  
Julius Novack  
Theresa Romm

## DECEMBER 8 4 TEVET

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

## DECEMBER 9 5 TEVET

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

## DECEMBER 10 6 TEVET

Virginia Jeanne Andrews  
John Larry Baer  
Mauricio Battino  
Salomon Battino  
Anita Cowan  
Irving Fischer  
Philip L. Helman  
Jackie Hoffman  
Karen Goldstein Lipsy  
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## DECEMBER 11 7 TEVET

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

## DECEMBER 12 8 TEVET

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

## DECEMBER 13 9 TEVET

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

## DECEMBER 14 10 TEVET

Lydia Black  
Steven Bowen  
Cantor Mark Levi  
Henry Roth  
Carl Seide

## DECEMBER 15 11 TEVET

Julia Auerbach  
Irene Berger  
Fred Buff  
Morris Gorinson  
Margaret Peisner

## DECEMBER 16 12 TEVET

Geraldine Linden  
Ellen Rosenthal  
Mollie Radin Schrager  
Jennie Strassman

## DECEMBER 17 13 TEVET

Samuel Berly  
Rose Blackstone  
Eli Dannemann  
Ellen Jacob  
Allen Katz  
Anna Krooler  
Nathan Nachamkin  
Lois Renee Nisenson  
Miriam Sarah Roey

## DECEMBER 18 14 TEVET

Elaine Feinberg  
Irving Joseph Kaplan  
Moshe Kritiz  
Jacob B. Levin  
Julius Rom  
Anne Rosenberg  
Rebecca Rosenberg

## DECEMBER 19 15 TEVET

Harry Brafman  
Ilsa Cutler  
Benjamin Feinman  
Henrietta Shantz Levine  
Jennie Schnitzer  
Lillian Walder

## DECEMBER 20 16 TEVET

Benjamin Kay  
Judith Lipofsky  
Roslyn Mollen  
Milton Thaler

## DECEMBER 21 17 TEVET

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

## DECEMBER 22 18 TEVET

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

## DECEMBER 23 19 TEVET

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

## DECEMBER 24 20 TEVET

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

## DECEMBER 25 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

## DECEMBER 26 22 TEVET

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

## DECEMBER 27 23 TEVET

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

## DECEMBER 28 24 TEVET

Stanley Bergstein  
Harry H. Cohen  
Mollie Jacobs  
Solomon Meltzer

## DECEMBER 29 25 TEVET

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

## DECEMBER 30 26 TEVET

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

## DECEMBER 31 27 TEVET

Rena Cora Block  
Marie Gabes  
David Kushner  
Lena Rosenblum  
Marilyn Teitelbaum  
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Members of the synagogue's board of directors distributed hundreds of *machzorim* in advance of the High Holy Days for home use by congregants during the livestreamed services, but dozens of those books have yet to be returned. The synagogue office staff asks that you contact them in the coming days to make arrangements for the return of the prayer books.

# November 2021

## 26 Cheshvan - 26 Kislev 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>7</b> 9:00a Minyan 10:30AM Women's <a href="#">Network Rosh Chodesh Program</a> Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <a href="#">Racial Justice Book Discussion</a></p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>26 Cheshvan</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>27 Cheshvan</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>28 Cheshvan</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 1:00PM <a href="#">Blood Drive</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>29 Cheshvan</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>1 Kislev</b> Rosh Chodesh Minyan 5:46p Candle lighting 6:00PM <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat</a></p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>2 Kislev</b> 10:00AM <a href="#">Shabbat Services</a> (Parashat <a href="#">Toldot</a>) 6:45p Havdalah</p>
<p><b>7</b> <b>3 Kislev</b> 9:00a Minyan 10:30AM Women's <a href="#">Network Rosh Chodesh Program</a> Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <a href="#">Racial Justice Book Discussion</a></p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>4 Kislev</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>5 Kislev</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>6 Kislev</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>7 Kislev</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>8 Kislev</b> 8:00a Minyan 4:40p Candle lighting 4:40p Candle lighting 6:00PM <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat</a></p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>9 Kislev</b> 10:00AM <a href="#">Shabbat Services</a> (Parashat <a href="#">Vayetzei</a>) 10:30AM <a href="#">Torah Club</a> 5:39p Havdalah</p>
<p><b>14</b> <b>10 Kislev</b> 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>11 Kislev</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>16</b> <b>12 Kislev</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>17</b> <b>13 Kislev</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Women's <a href="#">Network Book Group</a> Parent / Grandparent Education Program</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>14 Kislev</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>15 Kislev</b> 8:00a Minyan 4:34p Candle lighting 6:00PM <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat</a></p>	<p><b>20</b> <b>16 Kislev</b> 10:00AM <a href="#">Shabbat Services</a> (Parashat <a href="#">Vayishlach</a>) 5:35p Havdalah</p>
<p><b>21</b> <b>17 Kislev</b> 9:00a Minyan 4:00PM <a href="#">True Stories with Donald Davis</a> Minyan 7:30p</p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>18 Kislev</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>19 Kislev</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <a href="#">Board Meeting</a></p>	<p><b>24</b> <b>20 Kislev</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>25</b> <b>21 Kislev</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>26</b> <b>22 Kislev</b> 8:00a Minyan 4:31p Candle lighting 6:00PM <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat</a></p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>23 Kislev</b> 10:00AM <a href="#">Shabbat Services</a> (Parashat <a href="#">Vayeshev</a>) 10:30AM <a href="#">Torah Club</a> 5:32p Havdalah</p>
<p><b>28</b> <b>24 Kislev</b> Erev Chanukah 9:00a Minyan 5:32p Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>29</b> <b>25 Kislev</b> Chanukah (1) 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 5:32p Candle lighting 7:30n Minyan</p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>26 Kislev</b> Chanukah (2) 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 5:31p Candle lighting 7:30n Minyan</p>				<p><b>All events subject to change. Please read B'keshet for the latest status.</b></p>

# December 2021

## 27 Kislev - 27 Tevet 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5</b> <b>1 Tevet</b> Chanukkah (7) Rosh Chodesh 9:00AM B'Yachad Community Religious School Chanukkah Celebration Minyan Candle lighting Minyan 9:00a 5:31p 7:30p	<b>6</b> <b>2 Tevet</b> Chanukkah (8) 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan	<b>7</b> <b>3 Tevet</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan	<b>8</b> <b>4 Tevet</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan	<b>9</b> <b>5 Tevet</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>10</b> <b>6 Tevet</b> 8:00a Minyan 4:29p Candle lighting 6:00PM <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat</a>	<b>11</b> <b>7 Tevet</b> 10:00AM <a href="#">Shabbat Services</a> (Parashat Vayigash) 10:30AM Torah Club 5:31p Havdalah 7:30PM Focus Music Presents Ilyaimy's Winter Festival
<b>12</b> <b>8 Tevet</b> 9:00a Minyan 4:30PM Women's Network / Tenement Museum Minyan 7:30p	<b>13</b> <b>9 Tevet</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Parent / Grandparent Education Program	<b>14</b> <b>10 Tevet</b> Fast of Tevet 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan	<b>15</b> <b>11 Tevet</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan	<b>16</b> <b>12 Tevet</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>17</b> <b>13 Tevet</b> 8:00a Minyan 4:30p Candle lighting 5:45PM <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat</a> with Instruments	<b>18</b> <b>14 Tevet</b> 10:00AM <a href="#">Shabbat Services</a> (Parashat Vayechi) 5:33p Havdalah 8:00PM Winter Coffee House
<b>19</b> <b>15 Tevet</b> 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>20</b> <b>16 Tevet</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan	<b>21</b> <b>17 Tevet</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan	<b>22</b> <b>18 Tevet</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan	<b>23</b> <b>19 Tevet</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>24</b> <b>20 Tevet</b> 8:00a Minyan 4:33p Candle lighting 6:00PM <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat</a>	<b>25</b> <b>21 Tevet</b> 10:00AM <a href="#">Shabbat Services</a> (Parashat Shemot) 10:30AM Torah Club 12:15PM <a href="#">Shabbat Family</a> Game Day 5:37p Havdalah
<b>26</b> <b>22 Tevet</b> 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>27</b> <b>23 Tevet</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan	<b>28</b> <b>24 Tevet</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Board Meeting	<b>29</b> <b>25 Tevet</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30p Minyan	<b>30</b> <b>26 Tevet</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>31</b> <b>27 Tevet</b> 8:00a Minyan 4:38p Candle lighting 6:00PM <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat</a>	<b>All events subject to change. Please read B'keshet for the latest status.</b>





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## **Biking for a Black History Lesson**

You might say that Rabbi Israel has put his pedals where his mouth is. Or, more fittingly, the rabbi and 10 Tikvat Israel members took part in an eight-mile bicycle tour of historically important sites in Rockville.

The ride on Oct. 17 served as a journey, literally and figuratively, toward increasing personal knowledge of the local African-American experience, part of a program started by Rabbi Israel titled “*La’asot Tzedakah U’ Mishpat* (To Do What is Just and Right 2021).” The Rockville Black History Bicycle Ride was led by members of the Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee. Committee member Carl Peterson served as both ride leader and historical guide, assisted by TI’s own Jonathan Solomon.

The first stop down Baltimore Road from TI was the Glenview Mansion. “We learned about the role of slaves there as well as hearing about Maryland’s involvement in the Civil War,” Solomon said. “Along the route, we visited historically Black communities in Rockville, hearing about historical figures, stories of segregation, courage and triumph.”

Other interpretive stops included Lincoln Park, Unity Bridge, the Carver School, Haiti Cemetery and several locations in downtown Rockville.



**About a dozen TI members had a sunny day for an eight-mile group bicycle outing around Rockville.**



**From left, Rabbi Marc Israel with ride leader Carl Peterson and TI member Larry Cohen.**