



Transition at Tikvat's Top



Sam Freedenberg

Sam Freedenberg touched many lives during his nearly 12-year stint as our synagogue's executive director.

With him leaving the administrative post, Tikvat Israel will be transitioning to new managerial leadership beginning in January. Aaron J. Chusid of Gaithersburg was selected in December to assume the post. **Read about him, page 24.**

A couple of weeks before his departure from the job, Freedenberg granted an exclusive interview with *Bulletin* editor Jay P. Goldman about his work and relationships with members of the congregation that he joined with his family in 1995. **See interview, pages 4-5.**

In addition, several TI members and staff shared their thoughts about his various contributions and the manner in which he carried out that support, often behind the scenes and out of view of most congregants. **See tribute article, page 6.**

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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.	
<i>Kabbalat 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

January 7	4:44 p.m.
January 14	4:51 p.m.
January 21	4:59 p.m.
January 28	5:07 p.m.
February 4	5:15 p.m.
February 11	5:23 p.m.
February 18	5:31 p.m.
February 25	5:39 p.m.

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SHUL SHORTS

Inclusion Shabbat

Kelby Brick, director of the State of Maryland Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing, will speak to the congregation about growing up deaf and Jewish on our synagogue's observance of Inclusion *Shabbat* (date to be announced).

The program is coordinated annually by Judy Waldman.

Instrumental Shabbat

Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14. This spirited service, led by Cantor Rochelle Helzner, will be held in-person in the social hall and on livestream.

Shabbat Family Jam

Bring your children or your grandchildren for this lively musical *Shabbat* experience at TI. Meet in the social hall at 11 a.m. on the following *Shabbat* mornings: Jan. 8 & 22, Feb. 5 & 12, March 5 & 19, April 9 & 30, May 7 & 21 and June 4.

Day School Graduates

Four young members of TI—Adina Schwartz, Eliana Mannes, Eli Liebenson and Maiyan Suskin—are graduating in February from the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. They will be recognized by the congregation during *Shabbat* services on Feb. 12.

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 so he can follow up.

Blood Donors Sought in June

Forty pints of blood from members of Tikvat Israel and a few other donors were contributed to the American Red Cross at a synagogue-based blood drive on Nov. 3.

The chief volunteers staffing the event in the synagogue's social hall were Elyse Bernstein, Robbi Cohen, Jeff Bernstein and Keith Brooks.

The next Tikvat Israel blood drive will take place on Wednesday, June 15, from 1-6:30 p.m. Sign-up details will be announced.

The blood drive originally scheduled at Tikvat Israel for early February has been cancelled.



Staffing the blood drive check-in table in November were TI volunteers Keith Brooks and Robbi Cohen.



Among the donors in November was congregant Richard Lederman.

PROGRAMMING

Don't Hibernate: Explore Winter Programs at Tikvat Israel

BY SALLY KRAM, TIKVAT ISRAEL VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMMING



Is the weather outside frightful? Consider chasing away the winter blues by joining in with Tikvat Israel's winter programming. While some programs will feature an in-person component compliant with TI COVID-19 protocols, many programs will be virtual, making it easy for all to participate. Among programs under development:

Continued Learning for Parents and Grandparents

Under the guidance of Judy Stern, our Vice President for Education, Tikvat Israel will continue its series of lectures for parents and grandparents focused on raising healthy and happy children. As part of the series, pediatrician Dr. Jeff Bernstein will offer his advice during a lecture scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 8:15 p.m. via Zoom. And, on March 7, Rabbi Batya Glazer, Director of *B'Yachad* Community Religious School, will give a presentation via Zoom at 8:15 p.m. (See more detail about these programs on page 16.)

Israel Presents: Two Nights of Israeli Film 2022

This year's signature winter program was still under development as of early December. Nevertheless, selected films will be available for screening virtually (click on a link—watch at home) ahead of an in-person discussion at 8 p.m. on successive Saturday nights, Jan. 22 and 29. (A snow date, if needed, is scheduled for Feb. 5.) Watch *B'Keshet* for more details.

Adult Education with Rabbi Marc Israel

Launching in 2022 will be Rabbi Israel's newest lecture series: "CHANGES: Covid, *Halacha* and the Next Great Evolution for Synagogues." This all-virtual series will take place via Tikvat Israel's main Zoom account at 8 p.m. on 6 consecutive Thursday evenings, Jan. 20 and 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24. Join Rabbi Israel for this insightful and important event.

Tikvat Israel U

On Feb. 27, TI will once again host Tikvat Israel U, Tikvat Israel's showcase for its many talented congregants. A series of lectures on a variety of topics will be presented in learning tracks for TI members and guests to choose among. Mark your calendars and watch *B'Keshet* for more information as the program develops.

Social Action and Social Justice at TI

Planning will begin in earnest early in 2022 to reinvigorate Tikvat Israel's Social Action/Social Justice commitment. All congregants who have spearheaded programs focused on social action and social justice are invited to a meeting on Monday, Jan. 17, at 8 p.m.—aptly scheduled to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The meeting will focus on how TI can better coordinate and enhance its involvement in the greater community. Contact Sally Kram at sallykram939@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in the meeting and/or in the broader sphere of social justice activities.

Search For a Successor Cast a Wide Net

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, EDITOR, TIKVAT ISRAEL BULLETIN

Tikvat Israel's search for a new executive director looked far and wide, inside and outside the circles of synagogue management, to find a successor to Sam Freedenberg.

The promotional materials about the job were distributed by search committee chair Alan Apter to a nationwide organization that supports synagogue administrators, the North American Association of Synagogue Executives, or NAASE. TI's vacancy also was posted on JewishJobs.com, LinkedIn and other employment sites.

Those efforts led to the selection in mid-December of Aaron Chusid, an experienced administrator in communications and marketing with the Boy Scouts of America's regional council. (See page 24 to learn about him.)

Apter said the committee received eight applications in all, and interviewed three candidates. "The search committee spent a lot of time determining what TI's needs are and are going to be," he said.

Susan Kasper, the executive director of the 300-member NAASE, which is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, said Tikvat Israel's job posting appeared on the organization's website in early November and was distributed directly to members expressing interest in making a career change.

She said executive director vacancies in mid-December existed at nine Conservative synagogues of varying sizes across the country. TI, with about 250 member units, ranked among the smallest.

Not all vacancies in these roles are filled by members of her association, and Kasper said the job of executive director ranges widely among synagogues because of "the nuances of skillsets and personalities of a shul."

An interview with the new executive director will appear in the *Bulletin's* March-April issue.

'Never Just a Job': A Parting Interview with Sam Freedenberg



Sam Freedenberg finalizing the setup for a social hall activity.

After almost 12 years in the post, Sam Freedenberg announced during the fall that he would be leaving Tikvat Israel as its executive director early in the new year.

Freedenberg has been a member of Tikvat Israel with his family for 26 years (having joined Beth Tikva in 1995). He served on the governing board and became the congregation's president in 2009-10.

In March 2010, he left the elected leadership post to join the synagogue's professional staff as the interim executive director after an unexpected vacancy and was appointed two months later to the permanent post.

A couple of weeks before his departure from the job, *Bulletin* editor Jay P. Goldman cornered Freedenberg long enough to interview him on his decision, the major challenges of the role and memorable moments. Freedenberg's next professional employment steps have not been finalized as of this issue's deadline.

Responses have been edited for clarity and length.

Q: When you accepted the executive director's job, did you really expect to stay in the role for more than a decade?

Freedenberg: I didn't think in terms of an end point. There was always another holiday, another event coming over the horizon, and I always found new and fresh ways to help make things happen.

Q: You were highly active as a member long before going to work for the shul. What stands out?

Freedenberg: Penina and I moved with our children, Rachel and Eitan, and joined Beth Tikva in 1995, and they were *b'nai mitzvah* in 1996 and 2000, respectively. I wasn't involved much in



Sam Freedenberg joined Cantor Rochelle Helzner in a Doctor Seuss skit on Purim. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)



Sam Freedenberg with Cantor Rochelle Helzner in the synagogue's Flax Library. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

the synagogue for the first several years, but after Eitan's *bar mitzvah*, I told Rabbi [Howard] Gorin that I wanted to do something as a volunteer and offered to paint the patio handrails. He said, "I have a better idea. Terry Horowitz is starting a Torah *trope* class. I think you'd pick it up pretty quickly, and then you can read Torah on *Shabbat*." So I went and learned the *trope* from Terry, along with Jason Levine, Susan Apter and others. That was really the beginning of my involvement at Tikvat Israel.

Q: What have you considered the biggest challenges of the executive director work over the years?

Freedenberg: The challenge, and the excitement of the job really, is the great range of responsibilities that one has to face every day. I could be on the roof checking out a leak and I'll get a text about an issue involving a member and then have to get back down in time for a security webinar. I think that the value of "multitasking" is highly over-rated, but there were times that I found myself conducting multiple meetings simultaneously. I think the record was four – someone in person in my office, someone showing up at my office door, someone on the office phone and someone on my cellphone, all dealing with different issues. I think that one of the conversations was in Hebrew, which added to the excitement.

Q: I saw a USCJ survey of synagogue personnel somewhere that showed shuls of our size tended to have a slightly larger office staff. If that's right, I gather you've been covering a lot of ground with fewer human resources over these years. True?

Freedenberg: Yes. We've had a small staff for the last decade, and we have had to wear many hats, particularly in the COVID era. And technology is not necessarily a panacea. For example, 20-30 years ago, there were really only a couple of ways to pay for things like dues and event fees – check and cash, either by mail or in person. Amy and I have counted eight additional ways for people to pay today and each one requires a different method of processing.



Always cool under pressure on the job, inside and outside TI. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Q: And the means of communication between members and their synagogue have really expanded in recent years, which may complicate the work, I'm guessing.

Freedenberg: There are many more ways to communicate and each requires a different platform, format and expertise. I'm not advocating going back to sending everything by mail, but the different options we now have take an incredible amount of time and staff power.

Q: Has COVID added its own stressors because of the unprecedented set of challenges? Is there a new "normal" emerging at TI?

Freedenberg: COVID has thrown a wrench into just about everything for all of us. At TI, we've overcome some challenges with creativity, common sense and grit, and coped with others as well as we could. We've all learned a lot of new skills. But synagogue communities thrive "in person," and one way or another we have to return, safely, to some form of the "old normal."

Q: Are most congregants largely unaware of the multifaceted role of managing a synagogue plant and operations? What facets of the work, in particular, are out of sight, out of mind?

Freedenberg: I would say that most people are unaware of at least 60-70 percent of what goes into running a modern synagogue. And maybe it should be that way!

Q: Your greatest accomplishment?

Freedenberg: I am proud of all of the renovations and changes made in our building during my watch, from the obvious – renovation of lobby, new roof on the sanctuary, repaving of our parking lot, major repairs to the front patio and walls, and renovation of ADA-compliant restroom – to the less noticeable, such as the recent replacement of an aging electrical circuit panel for the sanctuary section and our upgrade of HVAC equipment. I also oversaw the installation of our rooftop solar power generation station and major security enhancements and upgrades, which included two rounds of funding from the Department of Homeland Security. Although we lost a tenant when the Hebrew Day Institute closed, we picked

up two new Jewish tenants – the Haberman Institute and the regional USY office. I also oversaw the return of Israeli dancing, our venue partnership with Focus Music and our ongoing weekly room rental relationships with three other organizations.

Q: Most memorable moment?

Freedenberg: I will never forget the creative excitement of working with Cantor Helzner, Jules Asher and Shelley Kline on the cantor's "Duet With Myself" at Rabbi Gorin's farewell, which many of our congregants may have seen for the first time this past June when we celebrated Rochelle's 36 years at TI. And I have been honored to work with four different rabbis over the last 11½ years.

But personally, the most fulfilling thing for me has been being here for the members of this congregation and providing them with the connection they needed to be heard and have their needs met.

Q: You've remained active as a member, too. How many times in the last decade do you think you read Torah or chanted *Haftarah* at TI?

Freedenberg: I long ago lost count, although the answer can be found somewhere in our *Yad Squad* spreadsheet archives! I've also led many services over the years and read *Megillah* on *Purim*. I've always been proud to be part of a synagogue community that encourages lay participation.

Q: Will you miss your office colleague Amy Matathias's "nagging voice" in your ear? (She suggested I ask the question this way.)

Freedenberg: Yes! But seriously, I couldn't have asked for a better administrative partner than Amy. It's been one of the great honors of my professional life to have worked with her. She is an extraordinary asset to Tikvat Israel and a wonderful friend.

Q: Parting words to congregants?

Freedenberg: Being executive director of Tikvat Israel was never just a job for me. I will always be honored to have been part of this congregation both as a volunteer and professionally. And I wish everyone a happy 2022 and *kol tuv* in the years to come.



Mary Wagner with Sam Freedenberg. (Photo by Sami Wright)

Tributes to Sam Freedenberg

YES, YOU TOUCH A LOTS OF LIVES AS A SYNAGOGUE EXECUTIVE

Sam Freedenberg's fingerprints can be found on pretty much anything connected, physically or metaphysically, to our synagogue over the past decade. Selected congregants and current/former staff were asked to share memorable dealings with our departing executive director.

Rod Matheson, past co-president:



Sam's parents could not have chosen a better first name as he truly is "Such **A Mensch**." I can honestly say that in all my years interacting with Sam, I never saw him being mean to another person. Completely genuine, kind and caring, Sam is easy to like and, yes, love.

For those who have seen pictures of his college days, Sam has retained some of his bushy beard, tie-dyed shirt and make-the-world-better traits, and Tikvat Israel benefited from his unfailing commitment to *tikkun olam*.

As executive director, Sam got to see both the best and the less flattering sides of us as congregants. It came naturally to Sam to always remain respectful and kind. He is "Such **A Mensch**."

Sheri Brown, former Early Childhood Center director:



During my three wonderful years at Tikvat Israel, I never heard Sam speak ill of anyone. He truly cared about every person with whom he had contact. He was as kind and considerate when dealing with the exterminator (yes, if you think there would never be a pest at Tikvat, you'd be mistaken) as he was with congregants and employees. His work ethic was second to none. He devoted *so many* hours to the shul and has my complete admiration for that.

Sam always considered what was best for Tikvat Israel AND what was best for employees. If there was ever a mismatch between the two, Sam had a knack for finding ways to make sure each felt seen, heard, and respected. Tikvat Israel was fortunate to have had Sam Freedenberg as executive director, and his expertise and kindness will be missed.

Footnote: Ask Sam about the snake man who had to come "relocate" the baby copperheads that showed up occasionally!

Larry Gorban, past president:



It has been a professional and personal joy to work with Sam, the "go to" person for any help or information at TI. There were times when both Bobbi and I were calling Sam separately at the same time on different matters! When I became president, and Sam became the executive director, he was my confidante, colleague and the person I could rely on for almost any matter

involving TI.

He has always "bent over backwards" to assist Bobbi and me and countless other TI members as well. Although there were many things that come to mind in my years-long association with Sam, one that stands out was the period during the renovation of the sanctuary. Sam and I worked closely with the architect and the board to come up with a design that we thought conveyed the warmth and character of TI. I recall the great relationship Sam developed with the lead architect and all the contractors on the project. He was always conscientious, caring and able to solve problems.

Amy Matathias, TI office manager for member services:



Sam's greatest talent is his ability to relate to people and remain calm and professional. I can recall many times when members called to tell of their loved one's passing. Sam's compassion and ability to know what to say seems to just kick in, and he offers comfort. I learned a great deal from Sam and he often goes above and beyond the duties of an executive director.

Debbie Ungar, Early Childhood Center director:



One day this past year, a preschool student got her arm stuck between some bars on the playground equipment. When the teacher requested help, Sam responded. He kept himself and everyone else calm and, with a little bubble mix and some patience, got the arm unstuck. It was just another day at the office for Sam.

He rides his bicycle to work most days, and there are times when he is riding out of the park and an ECC class is walking into the park. They greet him with a big hello. The ECC kids all know Sam and, whether he is on his bike or in his office, they stop to speak with him; and he in turn takes a few minutes to greet them.

Maxine and Jim Perlmutter, longtime volunteer leaders:



Over his 11 years as our executive director, Sam has solved many complex problems, ameliorated or averted innumerable crises, maintained and nurtured strong vendor relationships, overseen the beautification and growth of our physical plant and served the interests of 250 member families—always while pouring his heart and soul into the betterment of our community.

Managing expectations is no easy task when so much is expected of an executive director. Everyone wants *their* priority to be the top priority. You could always count on Sam's willingness to balance the myriad of responsibilities and priorities with equanimity and *menschlichkeit*.

Sam will leave a void that will be very hard to fill. Not only does he leave behind irreplaceable institutional knowledge, but he also leaves behind many close friends who will always hold him close to their hearts!

Clifford Fishman, past co-president:



I think we will fully realize everything Sam did for us—and did so well—when we discover how difficult it will be to replace him. His only "shortcoming" is that there weren't two or three of him!

Congregants widely:

May Sam go forward from strength to strength and may he be reassured knowing that the bonds he has created with many of our congregants will last forever!

RABBI'S CORNER

Welcoming *Shabbat*: Boi Kallah, Boi Kallah!

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



In early December, I went to my nephew's wedding in Florida. For my family, this was the first wedding of my children's generation, and it was a large and joyful event. It was also the first time that I have had to RSVP for a wedding with a proof of vaccination! But most importantly, it was the first family *simcha* since COVID-19 began, and the first time we were all in a room together to celebrate and not to mourn.

Over these past nearly-two years, many of us have delayed events, moved to outdoor venues with fewer people, or found a way to mark lifecycle events via Zoom. Often, we had no choice, so we made the best of the situation and figured out how to make it work. But we were also painfully aware of the sacrifice that keeping socially distant required.

And while all lifecycle events during this time were hard, weddings were especially difficult. The Talmud asks: "*Keitzad mrakdin lifnei hakallah?*" — "How should we dance before the bride?" The answers make clear that dancing is meant both literally and as a metaphor for joyful celebration. During those long months, we had to ask: "How can we celebrate when we can't even dance?"

My nephew's wedding reminded me that there is a major difference between celebrating in person and doing so virtually.

During these same months, our synagogue also refrained from meeting in person for our *Kabbalat Shabbat* services on Friday night. While we succeeded in attracting people to come back in person on *Shabbat* morning, our few attempts to do so on Friday nights during the summer rarely yielded a *minyan*. Therefore, like our daily *minyan*, we continued to meet via Zoom.

The problem is that *Shabbat* is not supposed to feel like a daily *minyan*. When the great mystics in Tzfat created the rituals we now observe as *Kabbalat Shabbat*, they were trying to make a clear demarcation between our davening during the week and that of *Shabbat*. They were not the first to come up with this idea. In the Talmud, we see that "Rabbi Hanina robed himself and stood at sunset of Sabbath eve and exclaimed, 'Come and let us go forth to welcome the queen *Shabbat/Shabbat Malka*.' And Rabbi Yannai donned his robes on Sabbath eve and exclaimed 'Come, Bride! Come, Bride! Boi Kallah.'" (*Shabbat* 118b-119a)

Shabbat is imagined as a queen or a bride, and we are meant to welcome and celebrate her arrival. Indeed, even our legal codes tell us: "Be joyful as *Shabbat* enters, like one going out to greet the amazing King or the Bride and Bridegroom." (Tur OH 262).

Just as a Zoom wedding is a poor facsimile of an in-person celebration, welcoming *Shabbat* on Zoom does not have the same feeling that one gets when we are in the same space together, joining our voices in the familiar melodies. The majestic liturgy of *Kabbalat Shabbat* feels merely ordinary when we are each on

our own screen with our sound muted. While Zoom filled the need when it was necessary, the time has come for us to celebrate *Kabbalat Shabbat* in person and welcome in the Sabbath bride with a full sense of joy.

On January 14, we will have our next *Kabbalat Shabbat* with Instruments. The following week we will begin to have weekly *Kabbalat Shabbat* services at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are still committed to providing access to all of our services online, so *Kabbalat Shabbat* will be available on our Livestream, just as *Shabbat* morning services are. (While we all like the interactive nature of Zoom, there is no way to run a service in the synagogue on Zoom that would be in keeping with our *Shabbat* observances.)

I have repeatedly said that in everything we do, we are not looking to "go back to" the way things were before the pandemic, but to move forward in ways that integrate the best of what once was with what we have since learned. The same is true for *Kabbalat Shabbat*.

Prior to the pandemic, we were regularly getting a *minyan* on Friday night, but often not much more. It was very nice, but there is a notable difference between ten people *davening* together and 20 or more. When considering why turn-out was low, we realized that one reason was that, unlike *Shabbat* morning, Friday night offered little opportunity to build a stronger sense of community. And nothing facilitates community-building like food!

Therefore, we will be trying two things to ensure our return to *Kabbalat Shabbat* will be a success. First, we will precede the service with a brief "Happy Hour" beginning at 5:45. There will be light snacks and drinks to encourage people to arrive early and have a chance to chat before the service begins. We will also be asking various sub-groups within the synagogue to "adopt" a *Shabbat* and encourage the members of these groups to come on particular nights. Just like a wedding celebration takes careful preparation, so too, we will take measures to make Friday nights more spiritual and joyful. But note that this will be like an Israeli wedding — everyone is always invited!

The author Noam Zion from the Hartman Institute writes that "Jews go forth to greet *Shabbat* in a spiritual, spatial and temporal sense as one welcomes an honored and beloved guest who is coming to stay with us." For a community that is known for its warmth and hospitality, it is time for Tikvat Israel to come and welcome our beloved guest, *Shabbat*, by joining together in person and in celebration.

PRAYER BOOK RETURN

If you were not able to return your borrowed High Holidays *machzor* to the synagogue yet, please make arrangements as soon as possible to do so. The TI office staff is eager for their return to their rightful home.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Community and Choices

BY WARREN BERGER, TIKVAT ISRAEL PRESIDENT



Recently, my wife and I hosted the last of the TI *Chanukkah in the 'Hoods'* events. Though a little cold, it was a nice opportunity to see congregants in a setting that was different from our synagogue building. Although we had some people from our immediate neighborhood, which was the main intent, we also had attendees from other neighborhoods, either because we were the closest to where they lived, or because that night (Sunday, 8th candle) was the most convenient for them.

I'm grateful to Melissa Apter for planning and running this program. It shows that TI is more than just a building in which to hold programs. This could be a small initial step towards bringing Judaism out into the community to find unaffiliated Jews and perhaps meet some of their needs.

It is no secret that TI (and other synagogues, too) are trying to find ways to be relevant to unaffiliated Jews. Our Strategic Planning Team is tackling this challenge in attempting to envision where TI should be in the future. You can give us valuable information about what is important to you by answering the Strategic Planning survey that was sent out in mid-December. If you have already responded, thank you for providing your input!

Another way that Tikvat Israel has evolved beyond relying on our building has been by providing ways to view our services remotely. Through technology and the extraordinary efforts of Rabbi Israel, Cantor Helzner, Sam Freedenberg, and Amy Matathias (and our volunteers), we kept our community strong and connected during the lockdown phase of the pandemic, so that when rules were relaxed and we were able to resume in-person services, our connections to each other were easy to re-establish. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Roz Kram, who ensured that our *kiddushim* (following appropriate COVID safety protocols) provided the opportunity for many post-*Shabbat* service conversations.

We are trying to meet our congregants' differing needs and preferences. One example is elevating the former "Backyard *Minyan*" (which now meets on the TI back patio, or in the library when the weather is rainy or cold) to an official alternative TI *Shabbat* morning service – which will be held on the first *Shabbat* of each month. I want to thank Rabbi Alana Suskin for organizing this lay-led "Patio *Minyan*" and Jeff Smith for facilitating during the service as its permanent *Gabbai Gadol*. (Ask one of them for more information about it.)

I completely agree with Rabbi Israel's philosophy of providing choices for our members so that our community can also appeal to those who prefer a service whose style or elements are different from our main service.

That's also what the *Chanukkah in the 'Hoods'* program did. It provided a very short service (two prayers!) that appealed both to our *Shabbat* "regulars" and to congregants who prefer their

Judaism to focus on holiday observance/celebration with their community without having to sit through a long traditional service. *Kol Hakovod* (well done – literally, "all the respect") to those who provided this opportunity.

We will continue trying to provide choices to meet the diverse needs of our congregants, such as with alternative *Shabbat* morning services, *Kabbalat Shabbat* with Instruments (thanks to Cantor Helzner, Marcia Bronstein, and Eric Marks!), online viewing options for in-person services and programs, and out-of-the-synagogue events.

I'm writing this just as the COVID-19 Omicron variant is starting to scare people, so I have no idea what's next, but I hope everyone has a healthy and safe winter.

Our Torah Scrolls Get a Scrubbing

Rabbi Moshe Druin, who operates a business known as *Sofer on Site* (<https://soferonsite.com/>), evaluated all six of the *sifrei Torah* that belong to Tikvat Israel.

During his time on our premises in late November, he made minor repairs to the scrolls, including cleaning smudges from the parchment, stitching *claf* together and spot-checking for errors.

Druin, who helped to found the company, which is based in North Miami Beach, Fla., is expected to return to TI to do additional work on the scrolls and to conduct a lesson for students in the ECC.

This is the first time our shul's *sifrei Torah* have been checked in recent memory (at least since the acquisition of the most recent Torah in 2007). Rabbi Marc Israel made the arrangement with *Sofer on Site*.

Rabbi Israel said he hoped Tikvat Israel might enroll in a plan to have the *sofer* visit us once a year and to use those opportunities to allow people to get *mezuzah* scrolls checked.



Rabbi Moshe Druin handled spot cleaning of the six Torah scrolls that are used during religious services at Tikvat Israel. (Photo by Rabbi Marc Israel)

The Importance of Our Community

BY ROBERT SILVERSTEIN, MEMBER, TIKVAT ISRAEL STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM

In an article recently published by Rabbi Jill Jacobs on *MyJewishLearning.com*, the author discusses how Jewish life has always focused on the synagogue. She says: "In addition to being places of prayer, synagogues are the site[s] of lifecycle events celebrating births, weddings, and *b'nai mitzvah*. The communities that form around synagogues generally take care of the members of that community."

For me and my family, this has been the driving factor in our commitment to Tikvat Israel.

Roni and I joined what was then Beth Tikva in 1981, where we had a naming ceremony following the birth of our daughter, Laura. Although we knew only a couple of families who were members at the time, we were warmly welcomed and made to feel at home by the entire congregation.

We made lifetime friendships with people with whom we have shared milestone events. We attended the *b'nai mitzvah* of the children of our friends, danced at the weddings of their sons and daughters, and supported them during the difficult times following the deaths of their loved ones. And they did the same for us.

I will never forget the evening when we came back from the funeral in New Jersey for my father. As we rounded the corner of our street, I saw the front yard of my house filled with people who were there to assure that we had a *minyán* and to express their friendship and support for my family during that difficult time.

Tikvat Israel continues to fulfill the needs of our family and we continue our support and involvement in our synagogue because of the important role it plays in our lives and the lives of so many others.

But there have been many changes since the year we joined, both within the Jewish community and in the greater community in which we live. The needs that Tikvat Israel fulfilled for us may not coincide with the needs of the next generation of Jewish families.

Our society in general has also changed significantly since we joined back in 1981. The greater acceptance of intermarriage, the increasing visibility of the LGBTQ communities, demographic shifts, and the decline of interest in organized religion by members of the Millennial and GenX generations present challenges for the long-term sustainability of Tikvat Israel and other congregations. Simply put, the reasons that led us and our friends to join may no longer be the reasons that will inspire the next generations to join.

The Strategic Planning Team was created last year by the two past presidents to address these very issues. It is the role of our team to identify and suggest ways in which Tikvat Israel can fulfill the needs of the younger generations while continuing to serve those of the members who have been part of our community for so many years.

Through the work of the Strategic Planning Team, we have learned a lot about how members and non-members feel. And we have heard one clear message: being part of a community is universally important to all. Whether it be social, religious, secular, or spiritual, providing a place for Jewish people with common interests and needs to connect with each other and build a community together is very important. That is the foundation upon which Tikvat Israel was built, and it will be the foundation for our strong and vibrant future. It is the work of our Team to propose a road map to assure that this happens.



SCHOLARSTREAM'S TOPICAL CLASSES OFFERED TO TI MEMBERS IN FIVE SERIES

Tikvat Israel members can sign up for ScholarStream, a program of the Conservative movement, offering classes taught by scholars from the 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. Use coupon code *TikvatIsrael21* to avoid charges.

ScholarStream 5782 has five remaining series that explore who we are, where we are in relation to others and how we move forward in this complicated world.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

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 - Hanukkah, 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 and registration information are at <https://bit.ly/scholar5782>.

MONTHLY 'PATIO MINYAN' ADDS DISCUSSION TO SHABBAT WORSHIP

Tikvat Israel has resumed the so-called "patio *minyan*" on *Shabbat* mornings that places participatory discussion as its centerpiece. The service will take place on the first *Shabbat* of each month.

The service will be conducted on the *shul's* rear patio (weather permitting) or in the synagogue library during the same time as the service in the sanctuary. It is usually coordinated by Rabbi Alana Suskin.

The patio *minyan* begins at 10 a.m., then joins with the sanctuary service for Torah reading and returns to the library for a rich discussion of the week's Torah portion and conclusion of the service. Everyone will have *kiddush* together.

The patio *minyan* offers a less formal environment, opportunities for thoughtful discussions involving all participants, and a place that may feel less intimidating to get up and lead something new. It is lay-led, meaning that those who attend are able to shape the prayer experience in the way they best see fit.

Rabbi Marc Israel called himself "a strong supporter" of the alternative *Shabbat minyan*. "From my experience, empowering people to create their own *davening* experience helps more people feel like they have a place within the *shul*," he said.

Congregational Condolences

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

to **Michael and Linda Krakaur** on the loss of their mother Carol Krakaur;

to **Robert, Matthew and Eli Tettelbach** on the loss of their wife and mother Ellen Ungerleider, a TI ECC teacher; and

to **Gene Ridberg** on the loss of his sister Ellyn Polonsky.

Mazel Tov to...

Penina and Sam Freedenberg upon the birth of granddaughter Eve Hadasa, daughter of Eitan Freedenberg and Molly Tarbell, born Nov. 26 in Rochester, N.Y.

Roni and Bob Silverstein upon their 50th wedding anniversary in January.

Irving Cohen, upon the 20th birthday of his grandson Joseph La Fiandra.

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Her Fanciful Lyrics Call Us to Pray Together

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

The call to worship each week carries a creative flair at Tikvat Israel. We can thank Michele Eisenberg for that.

Every Thursday morning, the longtime congregant posts on TI's listserve a parody of a show tune or a familiar pop number whose purpose is to encourage congregants to tune in for the Friday morning *minyan* on the synagogue's Zoom channel. She's been handling these imaginative exhortations to group prayer since December of 2020, several months after the start of pandemic-forced remote services at TI.

Michele took up her poetic license in response to the literary *minyan* reminders being posted by fellow congregant Cliff Fishman, a self-described "poet lariat." (An array of his poetic works were captured in the September-October 2020 issue of the synagogue's newsletter.)

Below, the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin* reprints five of her parodies. The final piece relates to horseback riding, Michele's passionate hobby, particularly as she continues her battle against pancreatic cancer.

Sung to the tune of "Happy Talk" from "South Pacific"

Friday *minyan*, we need you there.
It's a very short service.
It is a great way to start the day.
You don't have to be nervous.

Put down your coffee, open the *siddur*.
You will be guided to each page anew.
Dress is casual, I'm not a kidder.
Amidah, *Ashrei*, *ruach* seeds you will sow.

Friday *minyan*, we need you there.
It's a very short service.
It is a great way to start the day.
You don't have to be nervous.

If *minyan*'s not your thing,
how will it be for *Shabbat*?
Join us at 8AM on the dot!

Sung to the tune of "The Morning After" from "The Poseidon Adventure"

There's gonna be a *minyan* after
you've wiped the sleep from your eyes.
You have a chance to do a *mitzvah*
for mourners, gals and guys.

Oh, won't you come to *minyan* after
the tea or coffee has gone cold.
The *Shma*, *Amidah*, prayers for healing.
You will be welcome to our fold.

Please don't be late, it will not take long.
You don't have to lead the prayers



Michele Eisenberg shown with Benji, one of the horses she rides at the Woodland Horse Center in Silver Spring.

Please don't be late, join us in song.
It shows that you truly care.

There's gonna be a *minyan* after.
seven fifty-nine on the dot.
I know you'll be there Friday morning.
Let the *ruach* enter.
Please give the *minyan* a shot.

From a familiar summer camp song.

Rise and shine and give God your praises, praises.
Rise and shine and give God your praises, praises.
Rise and shine and say the prayer phrases.
Children of the Lord.

We always have room for you on zoomy, zoomy.
Friday at 8AM in the zoomy, roomy,
there's no feeling of doomy, doomy

Children of the Lord.

Amidah, a prayer for those to heal, heal,
Ashrei, *Kaddish*, I try to appealy, appealy.
And a prayer for Friday, really, REALLY!
Children of the Lord.

Sung to the tune of The Beatles' "A Hard Day's Night"

It's been a hard day's week, with all the serious news.
It's been a hard day's week, no telling when we'll fill the pews.
So at least while you're home, praying you aren't alone.
You'll see us, a comfort.

Friday, 8AM on the dot, time doesn't take a lot.
Mourners need you, it's a *mitzvah*, you know you ought.
So with *Siddur Shalom*, help me to end this pome
by joining us Friday.

The *Shma*, *Amidah*, *Shomer*, just a few
and a *drash*, it is relevant and new, new
yeah!

It's been a hard day's week, at home, you don't need a mask.
It's been a hard day's week, this is an easy task.
With us you are not alone, with prayer you're in the zone
and we'll be OK.
Yes, we'll be OK.

Sung to the tune of "Yes Sir, That's My Baby"

Yes folks, that's my horsie.
I'm no Tommy Dorsey.
Yes folks, that's my horse for now.
Yes folks, she's a roan mare.
Red and white hair.
Yes folks, she's my mount for now.
By the way (by the way)
By the way (by the way)
Per Ms. Karen we cantered Sunday!
(No doubt about it!)

Yes folks, she's the horsie.
Munchkin, you can now see.
Yes folks, she's my mount for now.



Thoughts About a Major Transition in Life

Dear friends:

After nearly 27 years living in the same townhouse, I am moving to an apartment at Riderwood in Silver Spring. Of course, I will have to leave many things behind — furniture that won't fit, stuff I haven't used or worn in years — but it's hard to say goodbye even to those things because every light switch, storage bin, wall hanging, cushion or bookshelf carries memories. The rack on my kitchen counter reminds me of someone who brought a home-baked treat when I was under the weather. I remember the fire of April 2002, when fire turned everything black with poisonous smoke and soot, and you came to help me clean up and sort through the rubble on the patio to salvage whatever the firefighters tossed out.

I remember receiving valuable advice when I was distraught and didn't know what to do next. I remember being comforted for the two beautiful tortoiseshell cats that I lost to the smoke. I remember getting help with vet bills and so many other expenses. Many of the items that I can't bear to part with are reminders of friends who are no longer with us. I'm even bringing my old piano, seriously damaged in the fire but still functional, because it is laden with memories of my fellow musicians and the time we spent rehearsing, arguing and laughing.

Memory is a funny thing. As I say goodbye to my house, my neighbors, my beautiful cherry tree and the steep hill that freezes over every winter, countless memories, names and faces come crowding in. People I haven't thought about for many years will suddenly pop into my mind. This overload of memory-activity seriously slows me down. When I go out to shop, get a haircut or visit the doctor, every face is familiar. Each encounter is accompanied by intense wondering: Who is that, how do I know them, do they know me, will they think I'm snubbing them if I don't say something? The Covid mask requirement is not helping.

I've been reaching out to the younger generation on Facebook. This has been scary for me because unless I tutored you for your *bar* or *bat mitzvah*, I know very little about you. For a while there, we seemed to be sprouting babies and toddlers right and left, and I was overwhelmed. Now that so many of you are grown, and some even have college degrees and a professional life, I can relate more easily. I'm interested in learning who you are and what you've been doing. You are my family. So please forgive me if I seem to ask a lot of questions and if some of the questions are really lame. Social media has become so complicated; I barely know how to operate FB. Now they've roped me into this Messenger thing, which frustrates me no end, and I am resisting Instagram because it will just be one more thing I don't know how to use. My hands are not entirely steady, and my phone is very eager to prematurely send incomplete texts. It takes me quite a while to compose a message and correct Apple's autofill. I would much rather video chat with you or FaceTime if you have that. I expect things to calm down once I'm in my new home, so don't hesitate to keep in touch.

I am so very fond and proud of my Tikvat Israel family. I owe you so much for how you have supported and cared for me and tolerated my shortcomings all these 35 years. A big thanks, a *groysen dank* and *todah rabbah!*

Wendy Morrison

Gratitude for a Holiday Partnership

The Jewish Social Services Agency is delighted that Tikvat Israel partnered with Shaare Torah and B'nai Shalom to support JSSA this holiday season. Thank you so much for the prepared meals.

Because of your partnership, JSSA is able to allow our recipients to feel acknowledged and valued by the Jewish community during this challenging time. Your generosity is critical in bringing joy to many.

As partners to make life more joyful for those in need, please accept our gratitude for your valued support. I hope we will find more opportunities to work hand in hand in our shared commitment to *tikkun olam*, acts of kindness to repair our world.

Todd Schenk

CEO, Jewish Social Services Agency
Rockville, Md.



Rachel Lipsy and A.J. Lanphere explained and demonstrated the sport of fencing. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Talents on Display

Tikvat Israel members showed off their varied talents at a coffee house program in the social hall on Dec. 18. The event, organized by Sally Kram, featured a trio of story tellers, a poetry reading, musicians and fencers. The *a cappella* group Chai Dynamics also performed. Several dozen attended, fully masked and socially distanced.



Sally Kram served as MC of the two-hour variety show. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)



Wendy Morrison performed a Yiddish number with Sam Gilston offering translation. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

WOMEN'S NETWORK

January's Warming Slate of Activities

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 on board. Contact Brenda Brooks at bbrooksx@gmail.com.

On Nov. 7, Rabbah Arlene Berger led an inspiring and thought-provoking *Rosh Hodesh* discussion enjoyed by more than 20 women. Rabbah Arlene helped us use our emotional toolbox to reimagine ways of creating new or enhanced rituals in our daily lives. By exploring the place of ritual in our lives, we give ourselves the opportunity to open our hearts and minds to examine what we do now, what feels stale or rote, and what we can do personally as a community to create new ways to re-energize and support ourselves—and each other—at times of joy, sadness, trauma, personal growth and blessings.



Rabbah Arlene Berger (right) delivered a *Rosh Hodesh* program on creating new rituals for daily living, sparking interest in Maxine Perlmutter and other attendees.

The Women's Network continues to increase the numbers of participants in our virtual book discussions. On Nov. 17, two dozen women joined on Zoom to discuss *The Song of the Jade Lily* by Kirsty Manning. Bobbi Gorban led a stimulating discussion of the historical novel that tells the little-known story of Jewish refugees who fled to Shanghai during WWII. Some of the WN participants shared their own distant family experiences escaping to Shanghai during the war. That added an interesting perspective to the book discussion. The consensus of the group was that this was one of the best books that our group has read in many years. If you haven't read the book, you might want to consider reading it soon.

On Dec. 12, the New York Tenement Museum presented a virtual visit to the 1950's home of the Epstein Family. The program introduced our Zoom participants to Kalman and Rivka Epstein and their two daughters, Bella and Blima. We learned how they started anew in New York as refugees after surviving the Holocaust and how they and their daughters found support, friendship and discovery in an increasingly diverse Lower East Side neighborhood. Thank you to Sandra Sheskin for coordinating the program and to the participants who supported it.

January will be another busy month for the Women's Network. It might be cold outside, but we will be safely warm at home with our Zoom programs to excite and energize us. Please stay

connected. We will meet again in person. I am confident that the day will come soon!

Details of upcoming programs are sent out weekly in the WN newsletter and through *B'kesher*. Here is a summary of what to expect in January:

- Jan. 9 (10:30 a.m.) - *Rosh Hodesh* Program
- Jan. 16 (10:30 a.m.) - Book Group Discussion of *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. Discussion will be led by Susan Apter.
- Jan. 21 (6 p.m.) - Women's Network support of in-person *Kabbalat Shabbat* services.
- Jan. 23 (11:30 a.m.) - A 90-minute virtual walking tour of Jewish Paris, presented by Karen Rudel and the Sight Seeker's Delight Team. This program is open to all members of the synagogue. The WN is partnering with three other congregations to offer this program.

The tour guide walks around the Jewish quarter of Paris, pointing out cultural landmarks that would be otherwise overlooked while at the same time giving insight into what it was like to be a Jew in France during several fraught periods. Rudel artfully and soulfully manages to present the information in a way that is filled with humor, life and hope.

LIVELY BOOK CHATS ON FOUR DATES

Book discussions hosted by the Tikvat Israel Women's Network always are quite lively affairs with lots of rich insights and give and take.

Most recent gatherings, all conducted on Zoom, have drawn more than 20 participants. The book discussions are open to anyone teen-age and older. A different network member serves as the discussion moderator each time.

The group's upcoming book discussions are these:

- *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict, Jan. 16, 10:30 a.m.
- *The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl* by Maria Gad, March 9, 8 p.m.
- *A Backpack, a Bear, and Eight Crates of Vodka* by Lev Gollinkin, May 18, 8 p.m.
- *Wunderland* by Jennifer Cody Epstein, July 17, 10:30 a.m.



Bobbi Gorban hosted the November book chat from the comfort of her home.

Appalachian Storyteller Regales TI Audience

About 70 people were on hand in the Tikvat Israel social hall to hear a masterful storyteller, Donald Davis, during the 10th in the series of True Stories shows conducted at the *shul*.

The Nov. 21 stage event also attracted about 1,000 livestreaming log-ins from people's homes.

The live audience at the synagogue was fully masked and all attendees had to be fully vaccinated to be admitted.

Davis, who spent 25 years as a United Methodist minister before moving into professional storytelling, titled his presentation "How They Linger: Stories of People Who Will Never be Forgotten." He resides in Ocracoke, N.C., in the Appalachian Mountains.

Congregant John Melmed served again as the principal organizer of True Stories and delivered an opening story. He arranged for multiple corporate sponsors, which he said should net about \$3,000 for the synagogue.

Melmed said the next True Stories show is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 22. The performer will be nationally acclaimed Israeli-American storyteller Noa Baum, who has performed at TI previously. Her provisional theme is "A Taste of Eden: Traditional and Personal Stories from a Jewish Tradition."



Donald Davis draws on his life in Appalachia for many of his stories. (Photo by Sue Urban)

TZEDAKAH GROUP SENDS GIFTS TO SEVEN CHARITIES

Tzedakah collection at Tikvat Israel came to \$2,628.70 during the past 15 months, according to an annual accounting reported by congregant David Gantz.

Some of the donations came from the daily *minyanim*, which have been conducted remotely other than Sunday mornings. As part of the need to pivot and adapt during COVID-19, funding also came from individual donations to the *Tzedakah Havurah*, which Gantz chairs.

The *havurah* made allocations that came to \$2,520, leaving \$108.70 in the account to begin the 2022 *tzedakah* year.

Gifts of \$360 were sent to these seven organizations selected by the *havurah*: Manna Community Food Bank, Ogen (Israel Free Loan Association), Rockville Emergency Assistance Program, World Central Kitchen, Mazon, Food for Montgomery and B'nai B'rith's Project Hope.

Said Gantz: "The *Tzedakah Havurah* has been able to make such allocations because of the everyday generosity of the Tikvat Israel congregants. Thank you!"

Until the congregation moves completely back to in-person *minyanim*, individuals may give *tzedakah* using the virtual *pushke* (<https://tikvatIsrael.org/donate>). Direct your donation by entering *Tzedakah Havurah* in the note section.

You may contact Gantz at 301-460-4674. His fellow *havurah* members are Hope Kott, Dan Jacobs, Robbi Cohen, Elyse Bernstein and Debbie Amster.



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True Stories audience members remained masked while inside Tikvat Israel. (Photo by Sue Urban)

Lighting Up Our Neighborhoods

Some 60 Tikvat Israel members and friends got to celebrate *Chanukkah* on the sidewalks, driveways and front yards of congregants in Rockville, Olney and Silver Spring during a new program, *Chanukkah in the 'Hoods*.

TI's large *chanukkiyah* made the rounds to Flower Valley, Leisure World, Twinbrook, Olney and Aspen Hill. After saying the necessary blessings, participants joined together in song, noshed on holiday treats and sipped cider.

Melissa Apter served as the primary event organizer. "This was a wonderful way to be together as a community and shine a little light. I hope these neighborhood gatherings will continue into the future," she said after the final night.

A hearty thank-you to the program hosts: Roz and Ted Kram, Ellen and Richard Lederman, Danny Bachman and Debby Berlyne, Robert and Roni Silverstein, Rabbah Arlene and Warren Berger. Thank you also to Roz Kram, Dalit Baranoff, Sally Kram, Amy Matathias, and Rabbi Israel for assisting with event logistics.



From left, Ellie and Mark Diamond, Larry and Robbi Cohen were among those who attended the first night. (Photo by Felicia Black)



Rabbi Marc Israel led candlelighting on several evenings, including this one hosted by Roz and Ted Kram. (Photo by Felicia Black)



Amy Matathias joined *Chanukkah in the 'Hoods* on one of the chillier evenings. (Photo by Hilda Springer)

Roni Silverstein lights the *chanukkiyah* on the fifth night. (Photo by Robert Silverstein)



Rabbah Arlene Berger had the final night candlelighting honors on the front sidewalk of her home. (Photo by Warren Berger)

Dreidels, Donuts and Frosty Faces

The chill in the air and the gloves on hands may have prevented the spinning of tops on the asphalt but dozens of Tikvat Israel members turned out for the first *Dreidels and Donuts* event outside the front entrance of the synagogue on the fourth night of *Chanukkah*.

More than 75 people attended. One of the night's highlights: Cantor Rochelle Helzner called on her father Manny to sing a holiday tune, and he did so beautifully in Yiddish. The donuts and *gelt* were distributed to eat on the way home.



Rabbi Marc Israel and Cantor Rochelle Helzner lent their voices to a few *Chanukkah* songs. (Photo by Amy Matathias)



Sufganiyot and *gelt* were distributed for consumption in the outdoors. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

BY JUDY STERN, VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Tri-Synagogue Religious School Commences Second Term

The second session of classes of the *B'Yachad* Community Religious School program, which includes students in kindergarten through 7th grade from Tikvat Israel, Kol Shalom and Shaare Torah congregations, will begin in mid-January. Classes will be held at Kol Shalom in Rockville.

Openings remain in *B'Yachad*. Parents do not need to be members of the synagogue to enroll their children. For further information, contact Rabbi Marc Israel (rabbim@tikvatisrael.org) or Judy Stern (judymstern7@gmail.com).

On Sunday, Dec. 5, a *B'Yachad Hanukkah*-Paloosa was held at Tikvat Israel for all *B'Yachad* students. The students rotated around many stations throughout the morning. Activities included making *sufganiyot*, eating *latkes*, Israeli dancing, musical fun, a *tzedakah* activity and an activity that included art.

B'Yachad student Reuben Lantner said of the day's program: "It was so much fun! We did lots of arts and crafts projects and I learned some new Israeli dances. Plus, it was great because it was at Tikvat Israel." Reuben and his family are TI members.

Parents of the students were invited to drink coffee, eat doughnuts and talk with each other on the front patio. For many, this was the first time they had met each other.

Our first two programs of the Parent/Grandparent Speaker Series were held on Zoom in November and December. There was a good turnout, along with interesting questions and discussions at each of the programs. (For details of upcoming sessions, see right.)

Volunteer Mentors Needed

The City of Rockville is looking for high school students and adults who can serve as mentors once a week after school in area schools. The time commitment is about an hour and a half once a week. If you have questions, or are interested in serving as a mentor, contact judymstern7@gmail.com.

USY Group

Plans are moving along to form a USY chapter at Tikvat Israel in early 2022. High school students are invited to join. Contact Judy at judymstern7@gmail.com for further information.



Students participate in an art activity at the *B'Yachad* Community Religious School Chanukkah party on Dec. 5.

Speaker Series Continues for Parents and Grandparents

There is always something more to learn when you are a parent or grandparent.

Join fellow TI members for upcoming presentations in February and March by experts in a variety of fields. Both will be held on Zoom and conclude with a question-and-answer period.

There is no charge for the sessions, but donations to the synagogue are welcome. Programs will be open to the public, and pre-registration is required. To register and receive the program link, send an email with the name and date of the program you wish to attend to judymstern7@gmail.com.

The schedule is as follows:

Topic: Inter-Generational Pediatrics Wednesday, Feb. 9 at 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 at 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 was director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Philadelphia before moving to her current position in Montgomery County.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Year-End Holidays Consume Our Attention

BY DEBBIE UNGAR, DIRECTOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



November and December were busy months for children in the Early Childhood Center.

We conducted a schoolwide *tzedakah* project to collect Thanksgiving foods for Interfaith Works, a non-profit that distributes food to families in need. The younger classes decorated the collection bins. The 3- and 4-year-old classes took a field trip to visit Interfaith Works. On the trip, the children placed food items in the collection bins and saw where the clothing and household items were placed. The classes observed volunteers packing more than 500 bags of food for Thanksgiving meals. The children also saw the garden where vegetables and fruits will be grown and distributed in warmer months. The children will return to work in the garden in the spring. It was a meaningful visit for everyone.

All the ECC children celebrated Thanksgiving with their class and enjoyed a special feast they prepared themselves. We also came together as a school on the front patio for a Thanksgiving sing-along. Each class led the school in a special Thanksgiving song. We finished our program with everyone dancing the Turkey (Hokey) Pokey. It was a wonderful way to start our Thanksgiving holiday!

After our exciting Thanksgiving weekend, we enjoyed eight days of *Chanukkah* celebrations. The classes celebrated with *latkes* for a snack, playing dreidel and lighting the *chanukkiyah* every day in their classrooms.

As part of a JSTEM program, the pre-K class participated in science activities that related to *Chanukkah*. First, they used Magnatiles and filled in stencils of *Chanukkah* shapes like dreidels and candles. Then they built their own edible *chanukkiyah*.

They used raisins, craisins and chocolate chips to be the flames on toothpick candles. They had to make sure the *shamash* was taller when constructing their *Chanukkiyot*. Our *Gurim* class, the Hebrew immersion class, celebrated with a family party and Hebrew musical performance. They ended the program with *sufganiyot* (donuts) as a treat.

We look forward to the PJ *Havdalah* program, which will take place at 6 p.m. on Jan. 8. Our music teacher Ms. Elie will lead this exciting and interactive program. Families with young children are welcome to attend the *Havdalah*, which will take place on Zoom this year. We will be collecting donations of children's pajamas in preparation for our program.

The ECC is excited to welcome five new students to the school in January.

As the ECC heads into 2022, we are thinking about registration for the 2022-23 school year. If you know a child who would enjoy a top-notch school with a superb faculty, contact Debbie Ungar at Debbie@tikvatisrael.org for more information.



The *Gurim* class staged a *Chanukkah* party with musical accompaniment on the synagogue's front patio.



The youngsters get briefed before touring the garden at Interfaith Works.

TORAH CLUB SPURS READING ABILITY

Under the direction of congregant Elliot Cowan, students in grades four and up can learn Torah *trope* with the goal of becoming proficient in reading Torah.

The longstanding TI Torah Club meets every second and fourth *Shabbat* morning of the month. Students are encouraged to attend Torah service (beginning at approximately 10:30 a.m.) and then, after the dressing of the Torah, the class will commence in the social hall.

Contact Cowan with any questions at epcowan@gmail.com.

Torah Trope	
1.	מִקְרָא שְׁמַע מִקְרָא אֶתְנָתָא
2.	מִקְרָא שְׁמַע מִקְרָא מִקְרָא
3.	מִקְרָא שְׁמַע מִקְרָא מִקְרָא וְקִיבִלְוּ
4.	יְהוָה מִקְרָא וְקִיבִלְוּ
5.	מִקְרָא מִקְרָא רִבְעִי
6.	מִקְרָא מִקְרָא מִקְרָא מִקְרָא
7.	מִקְרָא מִקְרָא מִקְרָא
8.	מִקְרָא מִקְרָא מִקְרָא מִקְרָא
9.	מִקְרָא מִקְרָא מִקְרָא מִקְרָא
10.	מִקְרָא מִקְרָא מִקְרָא מִקְרָא
11.	מִקְרָא שְׁמַע מִקְרָא מִקְרָא

TI SEEKS TO FIELD MEN'S HOOPS SQUAD

Except for last year due to COVID, Tikvat Israel has fielded a team in the local synagogue Men's Club Basketball League for more than 10 years.

League play is on Sunday mornings, from the first weekend in January through March at a nearby high school, with games starting at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Men must be somehow affiliated with the *shul* as members or have children enrolled at the *B'Yachad* Religious School or the ECC. Members' sons 18 or older are welcome, too. Referees keep the games under control and fouls are called (but points are awarded rather than free throws).

"For the past few years, we didn't have enough guys from TI so we partnered with Kehilat Pardes, but we are always looking for new TI recruits," said veteran player-coach Warren Berger. Contact him if interested at warren.berger@gmail.com.



Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose *Yahrzeits* Occur From 28 Tevet through 29 Shevat – January 2022

28 TEVET

JANUARY 1

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

29 TEVET

JANUARY 2

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

1 SHEVAT

JANUARY 3

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

2 SHEVAT

JANUARY 4

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

3 SHEVAT

JANUARY 5

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

4 SHEVAT

JANUARY 6

Edith Chefer
Leo Pachenger
Isaac Zipin

5 SHEVAT

JANUARY 7

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

6 SHEVAT

JANUARY 8

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

7 SHEVAT

JANUARY 9

Frances Kanner
Jennie Lerner
Stanley Nasoff
Jack Zoltrow

8 SHEVAT

JANUARY 10

Ludwig Klein
Harry Levinstein
Elsa Neuwirth
Joseph Steinberg

9 SHEVAT

JANUARY 11

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

10 SHEVAT

JANUARY 12

Seymour Engel
Sarah Miriam Green
Howard Gudelsky
Pauline Levy Hein
Rheta Kruger
Louise Pasternak
Yefim Sandler

11 SHEVAT

JANUARY 13

Paul Berman
Libby Gordon

12 SHEVAT

JANUARY 14

Sara Dick
Jacob Finster
Lillian Gorinson
Ruth Hochberg
Jules Liss
John Gordon Phillips
Morton Salit
Bernice Zimlin

13 SHEVAT

JANUARY 15

Edith Adler
Mildred Rothman Coblitz
Frank Ehrlich
Edith Lazarus
Issy Matheson
Sumner Meiselman
Rose Murdock
Norman Tubiash

14 SHEVAT

JANUARY 16

Fannie Rose Cohen
Irvin A Lavine
Ruth Milenky
Nathan Osofsky

15 SHEVAT

JANUARY 17

Mordechai Armoza
Rose Auerhahn
Charles Benesch
Rosalind Graber
Miriam Kagan
Jalle Koricki
Sara Sokolow
Charlotte Turkanis
Leonard Wagman

16 SHEVAT

JANUARY 18

Selma Oppenheim
Max Rothman
Stephen Smith
Eli Herman Stein
Albert Toney

17 SHEVAT

JANUARY 19

Miriam Ginsburg
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Benjamin Newman
Beatrice Venetsky
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18 SHEVAT

JANUARY 20

Judith Flax Elustondo
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19 SHEVAT

JANUARY 21

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20 SHEVAT

JANUARY 22

Milton Ackerman
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21 SHEVAT

JANUARY 23

Samuel Cohen
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22 SHEVAT

JANUARY 24

Martha Barrish
Goldie Goldman
Les Lampert

23 SHEVAT

JANUARY 25

Benjamin Adelson
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William Gershowitz
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24 SHEVAT

JANUARY 26

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

25 SHEVAT

JANUARY 27

Jerie Cohen
Ruth Fogel
Charlotte Helzner
Lois Klion
Stanley Zelman Marder
Vera Meyerson
Rose Rosenthal
Fannie Sills
Emanuel Thaler

26 SHEVAT

JANUARY 28

Elizabeth Davis
Sidney Katz

27 SHEVAT

JANUARY 29

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

28 SHEVAT

JANUARY 30

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

29 SHEVAT

JANUARY 31

Isador Bilsky
Edward Rosenbloom

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30 *SHEVAT*

FEBRUARY 1

Hyman Gilston
Jacob Teitelbaum

1 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 2

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

2 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 3

Edith Baron
Morris Hein
Sarah Jarcho
Minnie Rubinstein
Leon E. Smith

3 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 4

Tillie Gaspin
Gloria M. Halpern
Esther Kaminsky
Baruch Schwarz
Morris Shapiro
Morris Tranen

4 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 5

Lillian Feingold
Annie Goldstein
Alan Kaufman
Jamila Dweck Marcus
Sandra Segal
Alan Jay Smith
Yetta Steiner

5 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 6

Shirlye Berman
Esther Bloom
Saul Diamond
Mike Gross
Arlene Kahn
Charles Kandalis
Carl Lang
Laura Raucher
Irving Schwartz
Esther Simon

6 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 7

Alvin Bernstein
Jacob Blafkin
Annie Colodne
Ann Gilman Miller
Samuel Podgor

7 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 8

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

8 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 9

Shulamit Sporen Breit
Mary Fine

9 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 10

Barbara Goldstein Durand
Israel Erdman
Milton H. Feig
Lena Feingold
Lewis Frank
Alex Liebenson
Hyman Rosenthal

10 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 11

Ida Berly
Guadalupe Castillo
Josephine Erdheim
Michael Hersh
Helen Kaplan
Nathan Lampert
Joshua Leise
Zev Aria Ludwinowitz
Gary Reider
Sidney Rosen
Murray Rothman
Nina Silverstein

11 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 12

Morris Cohen
George Eber
Ida Friedman
Richard Klein
K. Gordon Oppenheimer
Hilda G. Robbin
Alexander Rothberg
Gertrude Schwartz
Pearl Solet
Cynthia Spritzer
Benjamin Suskind

12 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 13

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

13 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 14

Abraham Brooke
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14 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 15

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FEBRUARY 16

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FEBRUARY 17

Celia Bliss
Morris Gellman
Max Katzen
Jacob Pear
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Abraham I. Selwyn
Ascher Wolf

17 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 18

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

18 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 19

Stephen Edwards
Helen Gross
Rose Ludwin
Susan Meyers
David Stuart Pearl
Jacob Sage
Lena Sandler

19 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 20

Tillie Lieberman
Joseph Salzer

20 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 21

Renne Katz
William Raucher
Benjamin Rosenthal
Mae Shulman

21 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 22

Sarah Bass
Tillie Beard
Theresa Kabik
Phyllis Newman
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Martin Robinson
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Anna Zipin

22 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 23

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Nyusya Sapozhnikova
Pearl Simon
Ben A. Williamowsky

23 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 24

Anita S. Herman

24 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 25

Lillie Becker
Robert Davidson
Ruth Davis
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Minnie Parzow
Max Steinberg

25 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 26

Sophie Schwartz

26 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 27

Helen Cohen
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Annie Edlowitz
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Samuel Halperin
Jesse Kaiser
Betty Mae Kramer
Esther Lerner
William Myers

27 *ADAR I*

FEBRUARY 28

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In appreciation for virtual *minyans* by Shani Zebooker

PERFORMERS IN SUNDRY ARTS




The Tikvat Israel talent included poetry readings by Sam Gilston (left) and a three-song set by the a cappella group Chai Dynamics (right). These performers were part of a two-hour coffee house in the shul's social hall on Dec. 18. (Photos by Felicia R. Black)

28 Tevet - 29 Shevat 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Tevet 2 9:00a Minyan Israeli Dancing 7:30PM Minyan 7:30p	1 Shevat 3 Rosh Chodesh Minyan 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p	2 Shevat 4 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	3 Shevat 5 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	4 Shevat 6 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	5 Shevat 7 8:00a Minyan 4:44p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat	28 Tevet 1 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Vaera) 10:00AM Patio Minyan 5:41p Havdalah
7 Shevat 9 9:00a Minyan 10:30AM Women's Network Rosh Chodesh Program 7:30PM Israeli Dancing 7:30p Minyan	8 Shevat 10 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	9 Shevat 11 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	10 Shevat 12 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	11 Shevat 13 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Toastmasters	12 Shevat 14 8:00a Minyan 4:51p Candle lighting 5:45PM Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments	13 Shevat 15 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Beshalach) 5:54p Havdalah
14 Shevat 16 9:00a Minyan 10:30AM Women's Network Book Group Israeli Dancing 7:30PM Minyan 7:30p	15 Shevat 17 Tu B'Shevat 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Social Action Meeting	16 Shevat 18 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	17 Shevat 19 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	18 Shevat 20 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM CHANGES - Rabbi's Class	19 Shevat 21 8:00a Minyan 4:59p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat in-person & on StreamSpot	20 Shevat 22 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Yitro) 10:30AM Torah Club 11:00AM Rhythm 'N' Ruach Shabbat Family Jam with Auntie A 6:01p Havdalah 7:45PM Israel Presents
21 Shevat 23 9:00a Minyan 11:30AM Women's Network Jewish Paris Virtual Experience Israeli Dancing 7:30PM Minyan 7:30p	22 Shevat 24 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	23 Shevat 25 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Board Meeting	24 Shevat 26 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	25 Shevat 27 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM CHANGES - Rabbi's Class Toastmasters	26 Shevat 28 8:00a Minyan 5:07p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat in-person & on StreamSpot	27 Shevat 29 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Mishpatim) 6:08p Havdalah 7:45PM Israel Presents
28 Shevat 30 9:00a Minyan 7:30PM Israeli Dancing 7:30p Minyan	29 Shevat 31 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan					All events subject to change. Please read B'kasher for the latest status.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 30 Shevat Rosh Chodesh 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	2 1 Adar I Rosh Chodesh 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	3 2 Adar I 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM CHANGES - Rabbi's Class	4 3 Adar I 8:00a Minyan 5:15p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat in-person & on StreamSpot	5 4 Adar I 10:00AM Patio Minyan 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Terumah) 11:00AM Rhythm 'N' Ruach Shabbat Family Jam with Auntie A 6:10p Havdalah
6 5 Adar I 9:00a Minyan 7:30PM Israeli Dancing 7:30p Minyan	7 6 Adar I 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	8 7 Adar I 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	9 8 Adar I 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:15PM Parent / Grandparent Education Program	10 9 Adar I 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM CHANGES - Rabbi's Class Toastmasters	11 10 Adar I 8:00a Minyan 5:23p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat in-person & on StreamSpot	12 11 Adar I 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Terumah) 10:30AM Torah Club 11:00AM Rhythm 'N' Ruach Shabbat Family Jam with Auntie A 6:24p Havdalah
13 12 Adar I 9:00a Minyan 7:30PM Israeli Dancing 7:30p Minyan	14 13 Adar I 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	15 14 Adar I Purim Katan 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	16 15 Adar I Purim Katan 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	17 16 Adar I 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM CHANGES - Rabbi's Class	18 17 Adar I 8:00a Minyan 5:31p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat in-person & on StreamSpot	19 18 Adar I 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Ki Tisa) 6:31p Havdalah
20 19 Adar I 9:00a Minyan 7:30PM Israeli Dancing 7:30p Minyan	21 20 Adar I 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	22 21 Adar I 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Board Meeting	23 22 Adar I 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	24 23 Adar I 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM CHANGES - Rabbi's Class Toastmasters	25 24 Adar I 8:00a Minyan 5:39p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat in-person & on StreamSpot	26 25 Adar I 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Yavakhel / Shabbat Shekalim) 10:30AM Torah Club 6:39p Havdalah
27 26 Adar I 10:00AM Tikvat Israel University 9:00a Minyan 7:30PM Israeli Dancing 7:30p Minyan	28 27 Adar I 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan					All events subject to change. Please read B'keshet for the latest status.



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New Executive Director Comes from Scout Ranks

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



Aaron Chusid

An experienced administrator with two decades of work in marketing and communications in the nonprofit sector will join Tikvat Israel Congregation as its new executive director.

Aaron J. Chusid is expected to start Jan. 3.

Chusid has spent the past 10 years as chief communications officer with the Boy Scouts of America's National Capital Area Council, where he has led marketing teams, program membership, social media campaigns and media relations. The Bethesda-based operation employs 80 staff and generates \$12 million in revenue annually.

Previously, he spent four years as operations and social media director for a product marketing and architectural technology

firm based in Tarzana, Calif. He also worked for one year as campus life director with Hillel at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

Chusid serves on the board of directors at Temple Beth Ami, a Reform congregation in Rockville, and chairs that synagogue's 50th anniversary steering committee.

"I am excited to be joining the Tikvat Israel community," Chusid said. "I look forward to meeting all of you in the near future and working together to create meaningful shared Jewish experiences."

He holds a master's degree in organizational and interpersonal communication and a B.A. in speech communication, both earned at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Chusid resides in Gaithersburg with his wife and young son.

An interview with Chusid will run in the March-April issue of the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*.