



Voluntary Dues Model Adopted for Shul's Use in FY '25

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, BULLETIN EDITOR

Following vigorous questioning of the merits and risks, Tikvat Israel members ventured into somewhat uncharted waters by adopting a new membership dues model that relies on financial pledges to fund synagogue operations and personnel.

Participants at the June 25 congregational meeting gave their blessing in an 82-1-1 vote to the new dues structure, which the synagogue's board had okayed one month prior without an opposing vote.

Under this model, anyone who intends to be a Tikvat Israel member will commit an annual pledge in writing before the start of the fiscal year that begins on July 1, 2024. When submitting a pledge, congregants will be asked to consider what is calculated as the "sustaining amount" – how much it costs per adult to operate the synagogue. That figure in FY '23 amounted to \$2,123.

The minimum annual pledge for a member will be set at \$180.

The voluntary nature of this dues model replaces the longstanding system of structured membership dues based on family size and member age.

The marked change in synagogue financing was brought about by Tikvat Israel's adoption of a comprehensive strategic plan a year ago that included calls to improve the transparency of our budgeting process and to revise our membership dues structure as the congregation's ranks have aged sharply upward. Nearly 70 percent of the shul's 350 adult members are now 70 or older.

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Kram, Smith Assume Co-Presidency for Next Two Years at TI

Sally Kram and Beth Smith will assume the reins of leadership at Tikvat Israel Congregation for the next two years after fellow members elected them as co-presidents on June 25.



Several newly elected officers and board members gathered after the congregational meeting, including (front row, from left) Sally Kram and Beth Smith and (back row, from left) Monica Meyer, Carol Chelemer, Felicia Black, Barry Lipsy, Keith Brooks, Rachel Laveer and Warren Berger. (Photo by Larry M. Levine)

Beginning July 1, they will be joined on the executive committee of the synagogue's governing board until June 30, 2025, by the following officers: VP-administration Keith Brooks, VP-education Judy Stern, VP-programming Rachel Laveer, recording secretary Melissa Apter, treasurer Barry Lipsy and financial secretary Ira Benzion.

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WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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

* In July and August.

All services are both online and
in person.

CANDLE LIGHTING & HAVDALAH TIMES

Friday, July 7	8:19 PM
Friday, July 14	8:16 PM
Friday, July 21	8:11 PM
Friday, July 28	8:06 PM

<i>Havdalah</i>	
Saturday, July 1	9:27 PM
Saturday, July 8	9:24 PM
Saturday, July 15	9:21 PM
Saturday, July 22	9:15 PM
Saturday, July 29	9:08 PM

Friday, August 4	7:59 PM
Friday, August 11	7:50 PM
Friday, August 18	7:41 PM
Friday, August 25	7:31 PM

<i>Havdalah</i>	
Saturday, August 5	9:00 PM
Saturday, August 12	8:51 PM
Saturday, August 19	8:40 PM
Saturday, August 26	8:30 PM

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Congregants overwhelmingly approved a new membership dues structure that relies on voluntary annual pledges of support. The vote was 82-1-1. (Photo by Larry M. Levine)

In a thorough explanation of the new system's merits, Bachman said voluntary dues models have been in place at synagogues across the country for more than a decade, and several large organizations, notably UJA, have documented the experiences of a number of synagogues using a pledge model for financing their operations. Most have seen increases in membership numbers and greater satisfaction of members with the transparency of the process.

Due to the complexity of this switch, and since extensive education and preparation is required (including bylaws changes), the new dues model will take effect a year from now – starting with the 2025 fiscal year, running from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

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All were elected to office at the congregational meeting. The vice president position overseeing education and youth was the lone officer slot contested.

Six congregants vied for five spots on the board of directors. These four will serve two-year terms: Mark Diamond, Felicia Black, Roni Silverstein and Carol Chelemer. Serving one year of an unexpired term will be Monica Meyer.

Brief biographical details about those elected can be found on pages 4 and 5.

Leaving board service are Alan Apter, Stuart Lempert, Eugene Sheskin and David Gorman. Warren Berger will remain a voting member as immediate past president.

The nominations committee was chaired by Jim Perlmutter.

A ceremonial installation for the newly elected officers and board members will be held during *Shabbat* services with a *kiddush* luncheon on July 8, and the new board will hold a retreat on the following day.

Over the past nine months, a Dues Structure Task Force has been studying these issues, led by Danny Bachman as chair. Other task force members were Roni Silverstein, Beth Smith, Steve Raucher, Howard Dickenson, Betty Fishman and Jenny Gendel.

Bachman said the pledge model ought to be more appealing to prospective members and serve as a means for Tikvat Israel to attract younger members, especially those with young children.

A Common Courtesy

Our members are asked to respond by the deadline when an RSVP is requested for a synagogue event, even when there is no participation charge. Whether it's a special *kiddush* or another program where attendance totals make an important difference, your timely RSVP helps event organizers know how much food to prepare, how many chairs and tables to set up and how many copies of materials to have available. It's considered common courtesy.

\$2.1M Budget Approved, But Future Finances Will Be Tight

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, BULLETIN EDITOR

With no rancor and little debate, Tikvat Israel members delivered their collective approval to the proposed spending plan for the next 12 months at the congregational meeting on June 25.

With about 60 members in the social hall and another two dozen participating through Zoom, the FY '24 budget of \$2.07 million sailed through with 84 votes in favor plus one abstention. The budget already had received the unanimous blessing of the board of directors during the preceding week.

Despite the easy approval, the financial picture that treasurer Stuart Lempert painted for fellow congregants was hardly rosy. He said the synagogue will face some difficult realities as costs in almost every category will likely increase as they did, in some cases rather dramatically, in 2022-23. "We do not expect these higher costs to recede back to pre-COVID levels," he warned congregants before the vote.

The adopted budget includes a 5 percent increase in membership dues and a 5 percent boost in Early Childhood Center billing rates starting July 1. Security fees for the coming year also were raised. These increases are necessary to prevent a shortfall in 2023-24.

Membership dues in the most common category — for fami-



With no dissenting votes, TI members approved a \$2.1 million spending plan for the coming year that was spelled out by treasurer Stuart Lempert (left). (Photo by Larry M. Levine)

lies with adults 30-67 — will rise to \$3,570 in the new year.

TI will continue to offer reduced membership fees to ECC families to incentivize their membership in FY '24.

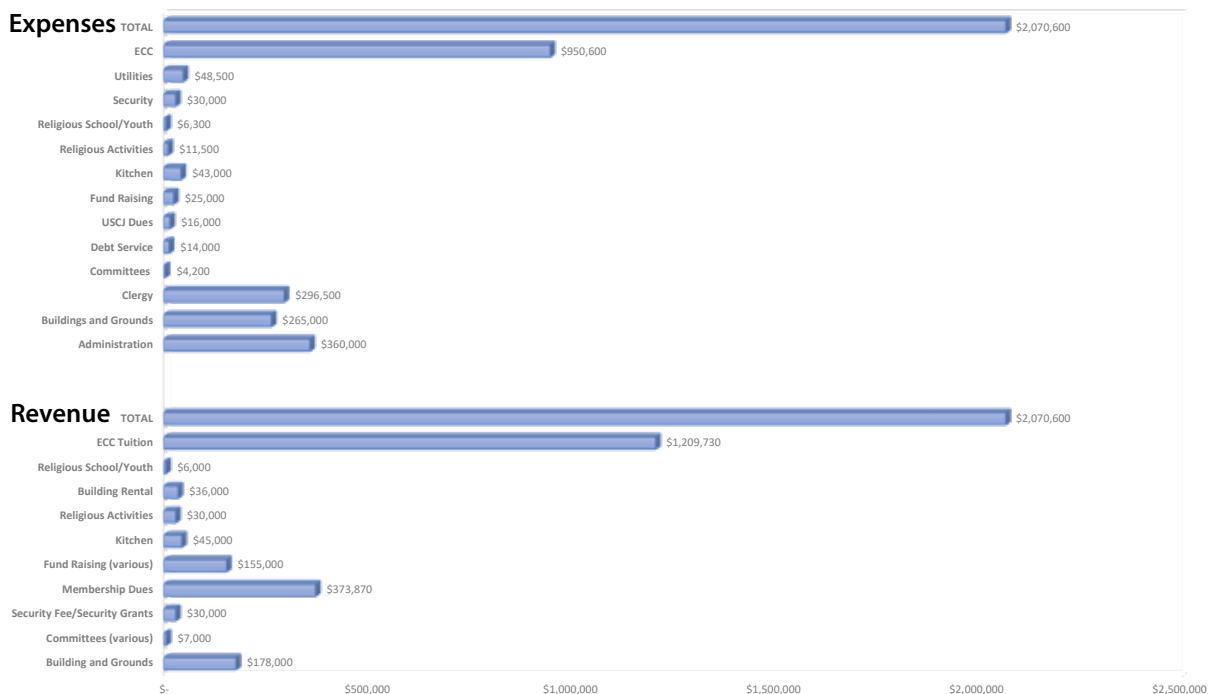
Lempert said the ECC's projected revenues have been exceptional due to the outstanding recruitment and management efforts of ECC Director Debbie Ungar. With as many as 67 ECC students enrolled, the center collected gross revenue of nearly \$1.3 million during the past year.

On the expense side, the budget calls for a limited increase in payroll for all non-contractual employees plus the hiring of a new facility maintenance firm that will be less costly. However, Lempert said, the current employment market for experienced daycare workers is competitive, which makes holding the line on ECC payroll expenses challenging. Ongoing increases in utilities, food and security also are expected.

Lempert, in his final presentation as treasurer, attributed the synagogue's positive financial state in 2022-23 to the receipt of federally funded reimbursements of payroll taxes paid during the COVID pandemic. TI will again receive funds through the ERC payroll tax refund program for a final time during the coming year.

Synagogue Spending and Revenues, 2023-24

Congregants adopted the FY '24 operating budget for Tikvat Israel with these expectations for expenses and income.



Rundown of Newcomers and Holdovers on TI's Governing Body

Congregants elected a new set of officers and five board members to shepherd the synagogue over the next two years during voting on June 25 at the congregational meeting. Three are joining the board for the first time.

Mini profiles of all those elected to the board of directors follow.

Beth Smith, co-president

Hometown: Washington, D.C.

Past leadership: Four years on TI board and chair of cantor's concerts for several years. Past president of the Atlanta Region of ORT, the Maryland Activities Coordinator Society and Washington chapter of Brandeis National Committee.



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

Sally Kram, co-president

Hometown: York, Pa.

Past leadership: TI board member since 2010 and vice president for programs since 2018. Director of TI's Israeli Film Festival since 2008 and developed Tikvat Israel U.



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

Melissa Apter, recording secretary

Hometown: West Hartford, Conn.

Past leadership: Member of TI since 2000 (with parents) and since 2016 (as a separate household). Membership chair and member of Strategic Planning Committee. Contributing editor to *TI Bulletin*.



Goal: Standardize the board reports format, assist the co-presidents in enforcing report deadlines to increase efficiency at board meetings and ensure board meeting minutes are completed in a timely manner and accessible to congregants.

Keith Brooks, vice president for administration

Hometown: Hatboro, Pa.

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



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

Rachel Laveer, vice president for programming

Hometown: Rockville, Md.

Past leadership: Chair of the Strategic Planning Team. As a program officer at the National Academies of Sciences, I streamline grants management and data coordination for multi-million dollar programs.



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

Judy Stern, vice president for education

Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

Past leadership: Current VP of education and youth for past five years. Served as special needs coordinator at CES Jewish Day School.



Goal: We must attract people of all ages to remain viable. By reinstating a religious school, an active teen program, and maintaining a respected Early Childhood Center, we will accomplish this.

Barry Lipsy, treasurer

Hometown: Syracuse, N.Y.

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

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



Ira Benzion, financial secretary

Hometown: Baltimore, Md.

Past leadership: 40 years of experience in financial management and a licensed attorney.

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



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Felicia R. Black, board member

Hometown: Chevy Chase, Md.

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

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



Carol Chelemer, board member

Hometown: Washington, D.C.

Past leadership: Past service as treasurer, program VP and administration VP. Also chaired fundraising for Cantor's 36th anniversary, co-chaired Capital Campaign and chaired Fund for the Future.

Goal: Help Tikvat Israel attain a sounder financial footing and management system. Have programs that reach out to all members and reflect our vibrancy and diverse interests.



Mark Diamond, board member

Hometown: Pittsburgh, Pa.

Past leadership: Current TI board member. Past service on other synagogue boards.

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



Monica Meyer, board member

Hometown: Chico, Calif.

Past leadership: President of neighborhood board in Augusta, Ga.

Goal: For our *shul* to grow, we need to better engage young families, professionals and the LGBTQ community. I will work to develop multiple avenues to make this happen.



Roni Silverstein, board member

Hometown: New York City and Passaic, N.J.

Past leadership: Current TI board member. Member of strategic planning team, education committee chair and dues task force member. Founding member of SEA Change.

Goal: Ensure the viability and growth of our synagogue. Ensure our synagogue is accessible to all who want to make it their spiritual home. Revitalize our Hebrew school and teen groups. Engage in social justice.



Names in the News

Several Tikvat Israel members have gained moments of fame recently by appearing in the press. Here's a brief run-down.

- Feature story of congregant Michael Cohen's passion for bird watching and photography, June 1 issue of *Washington Jewish Week* (see page 32), <https://tinyurl.com/WJW-Cohen>
- Column by Rabbah Arlene Berger on "God's Blessing Flows Through Us," June 1 issue of *Washington Jewish Week* (see page 28), https://bit.ly/WJW_Berger;
- Interview of board member Keith Brooks, June 14 Metro section column by John Kelly, Washington Post, <https://wapo.st/3XrN6NF>.

Also, see the *Mazel Tov* box (page 11) for *Newsweek's* attention to a husband-wife team at TI.

MULTI-FAITH OBSERVANCE



Cantor Rochelle Helzner (second from right), along with TI member Anna Levy, joined members from multiple faith groups and other community leaders at "Zion: A People. A Place. A Praise" in recognition of the Scotland A.M.E. Zion Church and its Juneteenth Festival on June 18 at the Double Tree Hotel in Gaithersburg. (Photo by Anna Levy)

Hope Springs Eternal - Even in the Heat of Summer

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



With newly elected officers and a newly ratified budget, we are at a time of new beginnings. We deeply appreciate the work of the previous officers, even as we look forward to the new energy and ideas that our new officers and board will bring to our community.

Like all new beginnings, everything is exciting, anything seems possible at the outset. We set new goals for areas we want to improve and set a course aimed for success. As we do, we will soon find out our new strengths and challenges. Some plans will succeed better than others. We will need to adjust our expectations and plans as we discover what works and what doesn't. At the beginning, it's important to set our goals high, as it gives us something to strive toward.

With the success of our ECC over the past several years, along with the growth in our membership among ECC families, now is the time to focus on youth education. This year, we will launch *Netivot*, our new religious school program for children in kindergarten and 1st grade. Meeting once a week from 9:30-11 a.m. on Sundays, this program aims to provide our children and their families with a strong sense of Jewish identity and a deepened sense of community.

Netivot will be an entry point for new families and a continuation for our recent ECC alumni. Launching this program with these limited grades is aimed to be the foundation stone for a new program of youth education, while simultaneously providing us with the opportunity to reimagine what Jewish education will be most successful for students as they get older. For our families with younger children, we will expand upon our Young Family *Shabbat* services and dinners, which proved quite popular during their trial period this year. And for our older children, we will continue our Torah Club, our partnership with Shaare Torah and our youth social programs.

We also are actively negotiating a partnership with a Jewish after-care program to provide Hebrew language opportunities for elementary school children who want to improve their spoken Hebrew. I hope to have more to report on this point in the coming weeks.

Of course, we also look to expand our educational programs for adults, continuing our twice-a-month *kiddush* Torah study discussions, offering a series of *Elul* programming to prepare us for the High Holidays and offering a new course to better understand Israel's diverse population. This will have special meaning for those who are joining us on the Israel trip, as we get to know some of the history and background of the various people we will meet, but the course will be designed for all who are interested, regardless of trip participation. I expect we will continue our successful Tikvat Israel U and other traditional opportunities.

There is always room for more. We appropriately tout our synagogue as a place where everyone has something to teach and everyone has something to learn. If there is something you would

like to offer the community or something you would like us to offer, now is the time to let us know – when all seems possible!

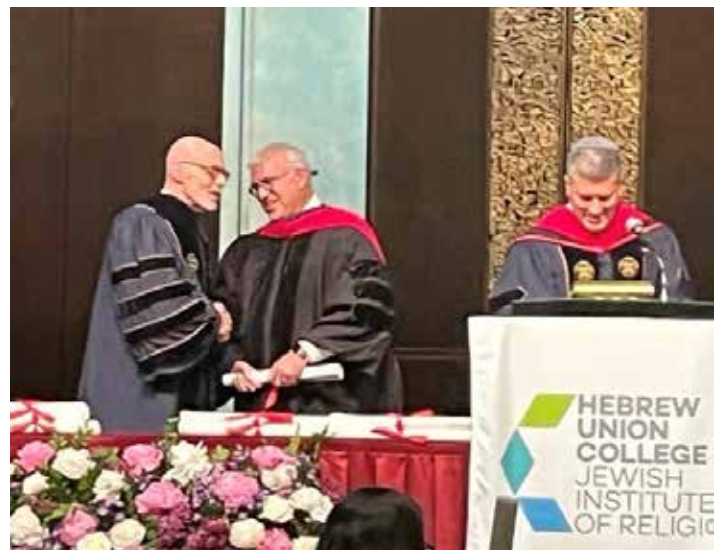
We expanded our *Shabbat* morning offerings this year with the *Rosh Chodesh minyan* (meeting the *Shabbat* prior to each *Rosh Chodesh*), which offers singing, study and discussions in an informal and small-group setting. Sarah Fishman and I are meeting this summer to see how we can take advantage of having an in-house yoga studio and will be working on a *Shabbat* Yoga and Meditation program that we hope to offer on a monthly basis after the fall holidays. Stay tuned!

The Religious Practices Committee is continuing to evaluate our services and policies to ensure that we are as inclusive as possible. And, of course, our High Holidays committee is in high gear working to create meaningful holiday experiences for everyone in person and online.

Finally, our SeaChange committee will be launching a series of one-to-one conversations to better get to know all of our members, your interests and your areas of passion for improving our community. Working with partners in the community, we seek to find those areas where Tikvat Israel can make a significant contribution to improve the lives of members of our broader community.

Do you have additional ideas for ways to enhance our community? Now is the time to make your suggestions – and, even more importantly, to volunteer your passion, expertise and time to help us make these dreams a reality. It is an ambitious agenda, to be sure. We likely won't reach all of our goals. I hope that we can follow the advice of Norman Vincent Peale, who taught that we should "shoot for the moon, for even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

I look forward to taking this journey with you!



Rabbi Marc Israel (center) received his doctor of divinity degree in May from Andrew Rehfeld, president of the Hebrew Union College, and David Edelson, dean of the rabbinic school. (Photo by Abbey Frank)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

So Long, Farewell, But Not Goodbye

BY WARREN BERGER, TIKVAT ISRAEL IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT



I was a big fan of the Apple TV+ show *Ted Lasso*. This paragraph is a little spoilery, so skip to the next paragraph if you haven't watched the last couple of episodes which aired at the end of May. In the finale, Ted tells the owner of AFC Richmond that he is leaving his role as manager and says goodbye to the players and staff who have become his family for the past three years. In turn, the "football" players say goodbye to him with a hilarious version of the "So Long, Farewell" song from *The Sound of Music*. Even though I am not going away like Ted, I am switching roles, and I want to thank everyone who has helped me during my two terms.

I want to thank Larry Gorban, who encouraged me when I approached him (years ago!) about joining the Board; recent past presidents Rodney Matheson, Jonathan Solomon, and Melanie Grishman; and other past presidents (from before I joined the Board). They all provided valuable advice and filled valuable roles on committees or task forces when asked.

Of course, I never would have agreed to be president (or been successful) without the partnership and dedication of Jim Perlmutter, my initial co-president. I am grateful for the officers and directors who work (volunteer) long hours and perform vital roles in the operation of our synagogue. I also very much appreciate my wife and other family members for being tolerant of my time commitment – and who are looking forward to my upcoming transition to the most coveted role in a synagogue: Immediate Past President!

In the spirit of Rabbi Israel's 25 lessons that he learned in his 25 years in the rabbinate, here are some of the things that I have learned as TI president. I will compare being synagogue president to my day-job as a federal IT project manager (where I lead teams developing software for federal agencies):

1. Plans

- a. Project Manager: A plan might not be accurate, but it is much better to have one that can be adjusted later than to not have one at all. It also serves as a good starting point for the next time you do something similar so that you establish a culture of continuous improvement.
- b. President: Man plans and God laughs (old Yiddish proverb). Most officers and committee chairs have never had "project management" training, so guide them in planning their tasks/events. Save plans (we do have templates) so we don't have to "re-invent the wheel" each time, and do a lessons-learned study to improve our processes.

2. Skills

- a. Project Manager: Encourage professional development to teach new best-practices.
- b. President: Utilize USCJ resources (people and electronic) for advice and leadership development.

3. Responsibility

- a. Project Manager: The buck stops with you. Even if you aren't writing the actual code, you are responsible for making sure that it gets written properly and is tested.
- b. President: The buck stops with you. You are responsible for everything that does (or doesn't) get done, and you should listen to all suggestions/complaints patiently and respectfully. If something isn't happening – such as a volunteer has gotten sick – fill the role yourself, or find someone else.

4. Delegation

- a. Project Manager: Create a team that is empowered to make decisions (even though you are ultimately responsible for the results).
- b. President: You don't have to do everything, but make sure that officers and committees have a clear purpose and responsibility, with the authority to do their jobs. Step back when appropriate and let others (who are more expert in an area) make decisions.

5. Relationships

- a. Project Manager: Develop productive relationships with customers and company points-of-contact to develop trust; they will be important if/when something goes wrong.
- b. President: Develop productive relationships with congregants and staff (particularly the rabbi, cantor, and executive director) so that everyone works together toward common goals to achieve the synagogue's mission. Then, the day-to-day operations will go more smoothly and the crises can be more effectively addressed and resolved. (Firefighting is unfortunately a common duty of the president.)

Finally, in both roles, you should serve as a conductor (as for an orchestra) who sets up an organization or team that will function effectively and efficiently. You cannot control everything – nor should you – but if you lead by example, try to model desired behavior, and point folks in the right direction, you have a good chance to accomplish your goals.

It has been my privilege to serve as your president. I sincerely believe that I am leaving TI in good hands and that the incoming administration will continue to make good progress implementing the strategic plan that is our road map to the future.

May we go from strength to even more strength.

Our New Website: Coming Soon to a Screen Near You

BY BOB SILVERSTEIN

Engage, embrace, inspire and empower is the mission for Tikvat Israel as spelled out in the synagogue's 2022 strategic plan.

Among the plan's recommendations is an increase in communications both to our members and to the greater Jewish community. To achieve this, Tikvat Israel's internet presence will be upgraded with a new, vibrant and informative website whose content can easily be updated. We are now in the process of doing just that.

Recently, Tikvat Israel awarded a contract to a website development firm, Addicott Web in Raleigh, N.C., which specializes in designing websites for synagogues.

TI's website will be organized for easy access to information about the many programs and services that the synagogue offers. It is being planned for easy-to-use navigation as well as a current industry-standard content management system, known as WordPress, that will enable staff and volunteers to add and update information so the content remains current.

Work on the new site will continue over the summer with hopes of launching in early fall. Executive Director Aaron Chusid is managing the project with help from a volunteer.

The screenshot below offers a rendering of how the new site may look. Note that this is not final but serves as a proposed look of what we expect will be a clean and easy-to-use design.

We are looking forward to the new website and seek to incorporate it into meeting the goals of our strategic plan while becoming an integral part of Tikvat Israel's communications with our members and wider community.



Spring Activity for Long-Running Havurah

Members of a 22-year-old Tikvat Israel *havurah* took a trip to Hillwood Estate, Museum and Garden in Washington, D.C., on May 7. The group took a docent-led tour of the gardens and another of the mansion-turned-museum, and explored the special exhibit, *Determined Women*. Those at TI interested in forming new *havurot* should contact Melissa Apter.



Shown (back row from left) are Alan Apter, Tony Freedman, Barry Lipsy, Jamie Freedman and Susan Apter and (front row from left) Bobbi Espinoza, Amy Matathias, Daniel Matathias and Lisa Wishman.

Baseball Outing to Nats Park

About 45 members of the congregation joined in Section 227 of Nationals Park on Sunday, June 4, to watch the Philadelphia Phillies drub the hometown team, 11-3, during the annual baseball outing sponsored by the Women's Network. Rebecca Salon served as organizer.



Among those in the stands (from left) were Cliff Fishman, Rabbi Marc Israel with family members and Bob and Roni Silverstein. (Photos by Betty Fishman and Jay P. Goldman)

WOMEN'S NETWORK

Spring Bloomed with Vibrant Activity

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



Women's Network had an extremely busy and diverse variety of activities in May and June.

Our annual Shelly Goldin Women's Network *Shabbat* held on May 13 was a huge success. It was a beautiful service, which was enhanced even more by our guest speaker, Meredith Weisel, who is the regional director of the Anti-Defamation League in Washington. She not only gave a passionate talk about anti-Semitism in

Montgomery County during the service, but also delivered remarks and answered questions during the *kiddush* lunch. It was an inspirational experience, which everyone appreciated.

In addition, we enjoyed the delicious lunch hosted by Women's Network. Thanks to all who were involved with the planning and execution of the service and lunch that day.

On May 21, we held a book group discussion led by Susan Apter on the *House on Endless Water* by Emuna Elon in the TI library. This engaging book lent itself well to a lively discussion with lots of participation.

In June, we had four Women's Network events. First, a *Kabbalat Shabbat* with Instruments held on June 2, honored Janice Balin at the end of her long term as Women's Network President. The evening began with a delicious and bountiful pre-service reception. We then delighted in a beautiful service and accompanying music, followed by remarks of great appreciation for Janice from Marjorie Fuhrmann, president of the Seaboard Region of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, and from Rabbi Israel.

Janice spoke about her experience leading Women's Network and other positions at Tikvat Israel. It was obvious to all she has been a vital and active member of our congregation. This was followed by a short presentation in which Janice was given a gift of framed artwork in appreciation for all that she's done as our group's president. Thanks to all who donated to this event.

Next in June, we had our annual "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at Nationals Park on June 4, which was a fun afternoon attended by about 45 in our group. On June 8, members took a field trip to Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens in Washington, where we enjoyed an interesting docent-led museum tour and had lunch on the beautiful grounds.

A *Rosh Chodesh* program followed on June 11 in the TI Library. It was called "Getting Your House in Order," and featured Brenda



Susan Apter moderated vigorous discussion of the Women's Network book club event in May.



Janice Balin (right) was honored during a Kabbalat Shabbat With Instruments on June 2. She is shown with (from left) Elaine Weinstein and Nadgy Roey.

Holt, a professional home organizer. She gave us lots of ideas and useful information about decluttering and downsizing.

Our final event this spring was a planning meeting for the Women's Network's 2023-24 year, held at Janice Balin's home on June 19. We thank her for hosting this event and promise to give her a break this summer. Members who attended provided lots of program ideas resulting in a full calendar of events for the coming year.

Thanks to all for your participation and support this year. Have a wonderful summer!

JEWELS OF THE CROWN BESTOWED ON TI'S WOMEN'S NETWORK

The Tikvat Israel Women's Network will be given the Jewels of the Crown honor at the Women's League of Conservative Judaism's International Convention in Schaumburg, Ill., July 16-19.

Tikvat Israel will be receiving this award based on its programs in the categories of education, community service/Israel affairs/world affairs and participation in Women's League activities. Unfortunately, no one from TI's chapter is able to be at the convention to accept in person.

In 2010, Women's League of Conservative Judaism began the tradition of bestowing Jewels in the Crown awards to Sisterhood affiliates that met certain standards of education, engagement and participation during a three-year period. A crown signifies sovereignty. Sisterhood affiliates who achieve this award are the best at educating, inspiring and helping others.

Tikvat Israel's Women's Network is an award-winning organization. Programming for the past three years has been diverse, educational, engaging, exciting, fun, imaginative, inclusive and interesting. Thanks to all the women of our congregation who helped plan the programs and those who enjoyed them.

Field Trip for a Garden Stroll Through Hillwood Estate

Thirteen members of the Tikvat Israel Women's Network took a field trip to the Hillwood Estate, the home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, on June 8.

They enjoyed a docent-led tour of the mansion, now a museum dedicated to French and Russian fine arts and furnishings from the 18th - 20th centuries.

Following the tour, the participants enjoyed a lovely lunch at the outdoor café and a stroll through the gardens.

Despite the purple air quality, everyone who attended enjoyed the museum collections, even those who had been to Hillwood one or more times before.

The Women's Network outing was coordinated by Sandra Sheskin and Ellen Eisner.



Women's Network members on the grounds of the Hillwood Estate in Washington, D.C.



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EDUCATION AND YOUTH New Programs Planned for Youngsters and Teens

BY JUDY STERN, VICE PRESIDENT
FOR EDUCATION AND YOUTH



Netivot Religious School Begins in the Fall at Tikvat Israel

Tikvat Israel is opening a program for children who will be in kindergarten or first grade in the fall.

The class will be held for an hour and a half on Sunday mornings. Hands-on activities, music, art and learning about what it means to be Jewish will all be included.

Children and grandchildren of TI members are invited to attend. In addition, children from the outside community are welcome to participate in the program. For further information and registration, please use the following link to the TI website: <https://tikvatisrael.org/netivot/>.

TI Teens Will Return in the Fall

Events for teens in grades 7-11 are being planned for the next school year. If you know any interested teens, please pass their contact information on to me (judystern7@aol.com), so we can include them on our mailing list.

Shavuot Picnic

A family picnic was held in the early evening before *Shavuot*. Lots of families attended and enjoyed a dairy dinner in the area in front of the synagogue building. Tables were set up, and many people also sat on blankets on the grass. Adults and children enjoyed treats provided by an ice cream man parked in the lot. Auntie A entertained the entire crowd. The atmosphere was festive and friendly. If you missed the event this year, be sure to attend next year. It was definitely fun!

Have a good summer!



The synagogue hosted a family picnic shortly before *Shavuot*.

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Get Your Steps in by Visiting TI's Library

BY JANICE ROSENBERG

The Herman J. Flax Library is located past the synagogue offices at the end of the school wing. If you are at Tikvat Israel for services, a meeting, a special occasion, or any purpose, visit the library and get your steps in at the same time! Even if it's just to take a quick look. The library's doors are always open.

Here are a few books you may come across while visiting TI's library:

Fiction:

The Tenth Song, by Naomi Ragen

Tells the sudden travails of a successful, wealthy Jewish American modern Orthodox family.

The Jazz Palace, by Mary Morris

Captures the dynamic atmosphere and the dazzling music of the Jazz Age.

Only Yesterday, by S.Y. Agnon

A seemingly simple story about a man who immigrates to Palestine hoping to work the land.

Non-Fiction:

The American Jewish Album: 1654 to the Present, by Allon Schoener

Documents Jewish contributions to American politics, commerce, industry, finance, labor, and the arts.



Volunteers keep the stacks orderly at TI's Flax Library.
(Photo by Janice Rosenberg)

The Haunted Smile: The Story of Jewish Comedians in America, by Lawrence J. Epstein

Details how American comedy has drawn its strength and soul from the comic genius of Jewish performers and writers.

Biography:

In Our Hearts We Were Giants, by Yehuda Koren and Eilat Negev

A story of the Ovitiz family, famous performers and how dwarfism helped them survive the Holocaust.

Staying Tuned: A Life in Journalism, by Daniel Schorr

A bio of Daniel Schorr, one of America's most honored journalists.

The Herman J. Flax Library has over 1500 books—fiction, non-fiction, and biographies—on its shelves. To borrow a book, send an email to TikvatIsraelLibrary@gmail.com, and include the book title, your name, and your contact information. As a reminder, the library accepts donations in good condition published since the year 2000.

Happy reading!

A Shabbat Alternative: The Rosh Chodesh Minyan

BY RACHEL LAVEER

Thank you to everyone who attended the inaugural session of the new alternative *Rosh Chodesh Minyan* in March and its followup sessions in May and June.

The next iterations of this *minyan*, which runs parallel to the regular *Shabbat* services at TI, are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on July 15 and Aug. 19.

The alternative service includes new multi-part songs, traditional songs, a bit of impromptu Israeli dancing and a text discussion about the purpose and impact of *Rosh Chodesh* as a holiday. Egg shakers and other percussion instruments are provided for use by participants throughout the *minyan*.

At our first *minyan*, some folks dropped in and out throughout the hour and a half, while others stayed for the entire time. Melissa Apter described it as "lots of camp-style singing and a good text discussion." She added she hopes to attend ensuing sessions.

If you'd like to join in with this creative, start-up *minyan*, please stop by one of the upcoming dates.

Mazel Tov

... to **Sandy and Larry Levine** on the birth of grandchild Dora Tirzah Thal, daughter of Aliza Levine and Rebecca Thal

... to **Ellie and Mark Diamond** on granddaughter Anna Packer's *bat mitzvah* June 17 at Ohav Shalom in Albany N.Y.

... to **Sherman and Ellen Eisner** whose cockapoo Sophie recently was named *Newsweek's* "Pet of the Week" for her antics as an eight-week-old puppy. (See <https://bit.ly/sophie-pet>)

... to the following B.A. and B.S. graduates:

Jacob Mannes, son of Sonia Castillo and Aaron Mannes

Jacob Schwartz, son of Lis and Jason Schwartz

Jordan Herling, son of Shani Zebooker

Elianna Israel, daughter of Abbey Frank and Rabbi Marc Israel

... to **Molly Schneider**, daughter of Martie Adelman and Marc Schneider, who received her M.D. degree from SUNY Downstate College of Medicine and will begin a residency at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.



Berger's Extraordinary Tenure

Warren Berger's two terms as president of our congregation (including a first term as co-president) came to a close effective June 30. We all owe a deep debt of gratitude to Warren for his steady leadership and the many accomplishments during his tenure.

As a former co-president, I had the privilege of seeing up close his collaborative leadership style, his wisdom, dedication, compassion and extraordinary record of accomplishments in the face of many challenges, including guiding our community through a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic. Warren's steady leadership, composure, patience, problem-solving ability and vision has made our community stronger and better prepared to meet the many challenges ahead.

Under his watch, a strategic plan was developed by an extremely talented committee led by Rachel Laveer (formerly Lipsy), and task forces were created to prepare for High Holidays. The congregation, under his leadership, addressed the health-related effects of COVID-19 and examined the membership dues structure.

When Warren and I began our journey as co-presidents, I already had great respect for him but now that I have seen him take the reins as our president alone over these past two years, I marvel at how much he has contributed to our effectiveness and growth as an organization. He was the right leader at a very difficult time.

I look forward to the day when we recognize the many contributions that he and his wife Rabbah Arlene have made to our special community. May he and Arlene continue to go from strength to strength. Be sure to thank them for their service to our community.

Jim Perlmutter

Thanks for the Recognition

I want to formally thank the Women's Network for honoring me at the *Kabbalah Shabbat* with Instruments service on June 2.

The reception prior to the service was special in so many ways. The committee and volunteers who worked for days in the kitchen preparing the food were amazing. Every last detail was beautiful and yummy, made with love.

All the congregants and friends who came were there especially for me, to thank me for my hard work as president of the Women's Network for so many years. It was touching to know I really did impact so many women in the congregation. The speakers offered such lovely words and thanks. And the Woman of Valor piece of art presented to me was the icing on the cake. What a touching way to say thank you.

As I said in my remarks, I am not going anywhere. I will continue being a part of this wonderful group, supporting our new leaders and helping to plan programs, just not at the helm.

Thank you to Brenda Brooks, Paula Kasper, Roz Kram and Amy Matathias from the Women's Network who coordinated the reception and all the volunteers who helped. May the Women's Network go from strength to strength.

Janice Balin

Revitalizing TI's *Havurah* Program

H.A.V.U.R.A.H. *Havurot*, or friendship groups, are a longstanding tradition at Tikvat Israel. Recognizing that it has been quite a few years since a new *havurah* has formed, the Membership Committee has revamped the *havurah* web page and interest form with the goal of assisting members seeking to form or join a friendship group.

At TI, *havurot* are typically comprised of six to 12 member households that are self-directed, meaning the group members set their own activities calendar. There are approximately a dozen long-established TI family *havurot* that were originally organized around families with children in the same ages and

stages. Though many of those children have since left the nest, the adults continue to socialize regularly.

In addition, there are *havurot* organized around shared interests, such as music and theater, art, hiking, joint *Shabbat* meals and more.

The original *havurah* concept was developed by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan, founder of the Reconstructionist Movement. He envisioned small Jewish groups coming together for study and observance of Jewish rituals and life-cycle events.

To learn more about *havurot* and/or to fill out the interest form, visit tikvatisrael.org/havurah-program.

On Completing *Shloshim* for Bonnie

Editor's note: Elliot Cowan delivered these remarks about his wife on April 28 (8 Iyar, 5783).

Several congregants asked him for copies so the Bulletin has offered to reprint them.

I think many of you, if not all of you, are aware of the extraordinary coincidences surrounding Bonnie's passing and the birth of our second grandchild, Natan. One soul exited when the other arrived. I'm comforted by the thought that they were moving in opposite directions, with a brief loving conversation as they met. The one singing the praises of where it had been for 67 years and the other hanging onto bits and pieces it could use at the start of a new life.

There is yet another coincidence, and that is the timing of the end of *Shloshim* for Bonnie when we read from the *parsha* is *Acharei Mot*, translated as "after the death." Granted, the reference is to the death of two of Aaron's sons, Nadav and Avihu, but at this point in my journey, I look for meaning wherever I can find it.

Shloshim marks 30 days after the burial of a loved one. Like *shiva*, which was cut short for my family due the beginning of *Pesach*, *Shloshim* ends after *shacharit* and marks the lifting of certain restrictions according to the *Yoreh De'ah*. Fortunately, attendance at a *brit milah* was permissible during *Shloshim*, so I was able to accept the high honor of serving as the *sandek* for Natan. *Shloshim* also marks the end of saying *kaddish* for any relation other than for a parent, for whom *kaddish* is said for 11 months. It is customary at this time of completing *Shloshim* to do some teaching, with this dedicated to, and inspired by, Bonnie.

During the weekday *Amidah*, we recite the following:

סְלַח לָנוּ אֱלֹהֵינוּ כִּי חָטָאנוּ. מְחַל לָנוּ מִלְכּוּנוּ כִּי כָשַׁעְנוּ. כִּי מוֹחֵל וְסוֹלֵם אַתָּה. בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה', חֲנוּן הַמִּרְבֶּה לְסִלַּח

"Forgive us for we have sinned, pardon us for we have willfully transgressed, for You pardon and forgive. Blessed are You, Hashem, Who is gracious and ever willing to forgive."

Traditionally, during this blessing we strike the left side of our chest (that is, over the heart) twice – once when reciting the word *chatanu* (we have sinned) and once when reciting the word *pashanu* (we have transgressed). According to the *Midrash* in *Kohelet Rabbah*, striking the heart symbolizes the idea that every thought and action originates in the heart. Of course, this is the same explanation for why we strike our chests during the recitation of the *Vidui* and the *Al Chets*, both on *Yom Kippur*.

Note that the *Amidah* says "*lanu*" – we and not I. Just as on *Yom Kippur*, we ask forgiveness not only for what we ourselves have done, but for what we as a people have done. Carrying through the theme of coincidence, *Parshat Acharei Mot* describes in detail the *Yom Kippur* ritual.

I've noticed that the action of striking the chest has many variations, from a light "tap-tap" to a much more audible "thump-thump." I haven't really paid much attention to these differences in style, other than to serve as an audible marker of where I was in my individual recitation of the *Amidah* compared to others. Was I ahead or lagging behind? Did I need to adjust accordingly? Of course, that did get somewhat in the way of my *kavana*, but that's for a different conversation.

For now, I want to share with you that I now have a very different response that I just can't shake. I came to realize that I've heard

that "thump-thump" in a very different context before, completely outside of the *Amidah*. It wasn't the sound of a heart being struck. It was the sound of a heart being broken. It was the sound made by the first clods of dirt when I took the shovel at the cemetery to begin the process of burying Bonnie. As difficult as that was, I want to share with you some words written and shared with me by Glenn Easton, the executive director at Garden of Remembrance cemetery, coincidentally, shortly after Bonnie's funeral.

Glenn's words: "I have attended hundreds, if not thousands, of funerals in my personal and professional life, but it wasn't until the recent loss of my mother that I was reminded of the hardest sound for a family member to hear – that first upside-down shovel full of earth landing on the lowered casket.

"The 'thud' of the earth hitting the wooden casket of a loved one is jarring and upsetting. I know all of the reasons that family and friends place earth on the casket, but the act and sound wake you out of the fog of loss and make the death real, irrevocable, and final. The juxtaposition of performing the ultimate *mitzvah* and loving kindness of personally burying a loved one with loving hands in an act that can never be thanked or repaid, combined with the loud, upsetting, and hardest sound one can hear, is an unforgettable experience.

"But it wasn't until the burial of my mother that I realized and noticed what happens as family and friends line up at graveside to show their love, respect, and support by dropping a spade or two of earth upon the casket. That first shovel or two of earth by the immediate family creates a crashing, painful, and heart wrenching sound that is difficult to listen to and even more difficult to forget.

"But as more and more family members and friends lovingly place earth on the casket, that hardest and difficult sound begins to muffle and become less harsh and unsettling. As I listened to the crash of earth upon my mother's casket morph into a softer muffle of earth falling upon shovels-full of others, I began to truly feel the transition from feeling alone, bereft, and bereaved to feeling comforted and relieved by the softening sound of support and love by family and friends as the grave filled with a blanket of soft earth.

"It was at that point during the difficult days up to and following death, the planning, the eulogizing, and the burying [of] my mother that I began to feel the shift of those around me from focusing on honoring my mother's memory to supporting me and my family as mourners. Their love, support and acts of lovingkindness enabled me to move from the hard, harsh, and wrenching feelings of loss to their embracing, subdued, needed and appreciated presence."

Back to Elliot's words: The chest thumping during my *Amidah* will now not be a bookmark for me, but a reminder, not only of my or our deficiencies referred to in *slach lanu*, but as an opportunity to hold onto all of the love and all of the support you in our community have selflessly given to me and my family. Know that I and my family have you in our hearts.

Zichrona livracha. May Bonnie's memory be for a blessing.

Capital Donations Move Repairs, Renovation Work Ahead of Schedule

BY SAM GILSTON

The work program envisioned by the Tikvat Israel Capital Campaign and generously supported by our members is making significant progress at a faster pace than expected. Due to the early payment of pledge commitments, the synagogue has been able to complete major parts of the campaign's goals.

An important mandate for the campaign was to ensure all funds would be dedicated solely to much-needed and identified repair and renovation projects. Members can feel confident that is how the money is being spent.

As of mid-June, Executive Director Aaron Chusid reported we have received more in payments than had been projected for Year 1 based on the payment schedules donors selected. The campaign expected \$243,983 by the end of the fiscal year on June 30 but had received several hundred dollars beyond that. The campaign's total pledges at the time were \$539,763.

Work already completed includes the following: sanctuary HVAC, social hall HVAC 1 (including new drain pan), social hall HVAC 3 (including new drain pan), kitchen door to rear parking lot and windows, lobby HVAC, elevator repair (with an inspection scheduled) and a dangerous tree removed in front of the playground.

Additional work will be undertaken this summer to build a cage to protect the sanctuary HVAC as it is ground level; sensors for duct work for the sanctuary for better control of the HVAC unit; work in sanctuary furnace room to repair cement floor and to upgrade electrical wiring panel; and HVAC balancing of ECC classrooms to ensure proper cooling and heating (sensors/vent work).

The next big project when funds become available will be the back parking area and exit driveway. Both need replacing and regrading. Currently, the back parking lot floods and pushes water against the building that caused some of the repairs that had to be done. Also next year we would like to replace the roofing over the old kitchen area at the back of sanctuary as the asphalt shingles are near the end of expected life.

As this work goes on, members are making additional generous financial commitments. It's not too late for you to make your pledge if you haven't so far. Contact the synagogue office to do so.

We are pleased to extend our thanks to these new Capital Campaign donors: Irv Cohen (Leader), Judy and Marvin Waldman (Leader), David and Alice Gantz (Defender), Richard Gelula and Ellen Singer (Friend), Jeanette Eisler (Friend) and David and Alyssa Drucker (Friend).

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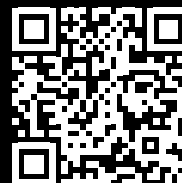
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Off and Running: The 5784 *Chai* Campaign

BY JAYME A. SOKOLOW, CHAI CAMPAIGN CHAIR

Although the High Holidays seem far away, with *Rosh Hashanah* beginning at sundown on Friday, Sept. 15, the synagogue is launching its annual *Chai* Campaign as we move into summer.

To continue to thrive and fulfill our mission, Tikvat Israel needs a financial commitment from all of us through our annual *Chai* Campaign. This is especially true this year because we continue to face many institutional challenges from the impact of COVID-19 and from inflation.

Last year, the Early Childhood Center celebrated its 50th anniversary with a strong, dedicated cadre of vaccinated teachers. We have continued our daily *minyanim* and *Shabbat* and High Holiday services on Zoom and in person. We continue to offer a wide variety of stimulating and creative programs. We continue to create a warm, welcoming environment for congregants to study, pray and perform charitable deeds.

Our membership dues cover only part of what is needed to maintain our staff, facility and programs. It is up to us to put into action what we commit ourselves to in prayer at this special time of year. Please be as generous as your circumstances allow.

Last year, we raised almost \$80,000. This was a *Chai* Campaign record, and it testifies to the generosity of our synagogue members. Let's achieve it again this year!

Our donation levels take into consideration all income levels of our members, allowing every family the *mitzvah* of giving: Diamond (\$5,400), Platinum (\$3,600), Gold (\$1,800), Silver (\$1,000), Double *Chai* (\$720) and *Chai* (\$360).

Thanks to your generosity, the *Chai* Campaign has helped the congregation balance its budget and continue providing outstanding programs and services to all congregants. The *Chai* Campaign also helps support those congregants who may need financial assistance during the year.

Over the summer, you will be receiving a letter asking you to contribute to the *Chai* Campaign. Please give as generously as your circumstances allow.

Tikvat Israel would like to acknowledge the generosity of the following congregants who supported the *Chai* Campaign in 5783 with a contribution of \$720 or higher (Double *Chai*):

- **Diamond** (\$5,400): Melanie Grishman
- **Platinum** (\$3,600): Susan and Alan Apter, Hope and Phil Kott, Clifford and Betty Fishman

- **Gold** (\$1,800): Ron Rabin, Steve Raucher, Celia and Leonard Schuchman, Debby Berlyne and Danny Bachman, Tami and Sam Gilston, Sue and Howard Wilchins, Roni and Robert Silverstein, Elyse and Jeff Bernstein, Bobbi and Larry Gorban, Jayme Sokolow, Larry Berger, Elizabeth Ellison, Michael and Shannon Gellman, Barbara Katz, John and Rianne Melmed, Jonathan and Nancy Solomon, Hilda Springer
- **Silver** (\$1,000): Roberta and Larry Cohen, Denise Kanuck, Robert and Janice Balin, Carol Chelemer, Nancy and Rod Matheson, Linda and Edward Silverstein, Joel Bressler and Shirley Waxman, Ellen and Sherman Eisner, Bruce Goldin, Michael and Karen Cohen, David and Alice Gantz, Neil and Lois Sbar, Marvin and Judith Waldman
- **Double Chai** (\$720): Marc Schneider and Martie Adelman, Brenda and Keith Brooks, Rosemarie and Howard Chernoﬀ, Aaron Fineman, Jay Goldman and Rebecca Salon, Sara Harris and Maxine and Jim Perlmutter

Trustees Release Status of Fund for the Future Holdings

The annual public meeting of the trustees for our Fund for the Future took place via Zoom on May 22. Participating were the eight trustees plus two congregants.

The two main agenda items were the financial condition of our endowment fund and our slate of new trustees.

The newest financial report, dated March 2023, showed a balance of \$743,034. This includes a deposit of \$4,500. The quarterly report, maintained by Stuart Lempert, showed the amount of funds in the General Unrestricted Account and in two of the three Restricted Accounts which are available for distribution in 2023.

Larry Gorban reported on the slate of three candidates to fill trustee positions for members whose terms expired in June. Susan Apter, Steve Raucher and Jayme Sokolow received congregants' approval to become trustees at June's meeting. Those leaving the board of trustees are Carol Chelemer, Harold Diamond and Gene Sheskin.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Summer Brings the Sea to the ECC

BY DEBBIE UNGAR, DIRECTOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



The past few months have been exciting at the ECC. Families were invited to celebrate *Yom Ha'atzmaut* for an outdoor in-person event. The children paraded with flags and festive blue-and-white hats they created. They performed dances led by our Israeli Dance teacher Sharon Gelboin Katz. It was wonderful to celebrate together as a community.

We continued our fun with a "trip" to Israel. The trip included visiting a *kibbutz* to squeeze oranges to make juice; stopping at the Western Wall where children built a model and wrote personal notes to put in the *Kotel*; and fishing in Eilat. The celebration culminated with a snack of Israeli salad and falafel, which the children helped prepare.

In honor of *Shavuot*, the children visited the sanctuary where Rabbi Israel, dressed in costume in the role of God, presented the story of how the Jewish people accepted the *Torah* on *Har Sinai*. The children also danced with the *Torah*. This was a meaningful and educational experience for everyone.



Rabbi Israel, dressed in a costume in the role of God, works with children in the sanctuary in the leadup to *Shavuot*. Teacher Limor Dahan is dressed as Moses.

The theme this summer is "Under the Sea." The ECC will be studying different sea animals and their habitats. We will also have a special under-the-sea show with sea life to further our study.

On hot summer days, the children love to cool off with water play outside. The children enjoy exploring with sprinklers and water tables. In addition, during the summer, we enjoy "Wonderous Wednesdays." This includes in-house field trips, spirit days and Lego week. We also use the natural resources of Rock Creek Park and the local area for nature walks and exploration.

Registration is open for the 2023-2024 school year. We have limited spaces available.

Please contact the ECC office at 301-251-0455 or email Debbie Ungar at debbie@tikvatisrael.org if you would like more information or to schedule a tour.



Children in the ECC marked *Yom Ha'atzmaut* with some outdoors dancing.

Bikes Collected at TI Headed to Africa

TI hosted a bicycle collection in conjunction with Bikes for the World in the *shul's* parking lot on Sunday, June 4.

Nineteen (*chai* plus one) bicycles were collected, mostly from TI congregants. They will be refurbished and combined with bikes from other collection sites. This shipment was expected to leave for Sierra Leone on June 9. Stu Turkewitz served as the primary coordinator.

Bikes for the World is a charitable organization that collects bikes to be used as transportation in many parts of the world, particularly Africa and Central America.



Bicycle collection volunteers were (from left) Sherman Eisner, Molly Turkewitz, Stu Turkewitz, Jonathan Solomon and Michael Amster.

After Pandemic Break, TI Revisits Shepherd's Table

BY SHERMAN EISNER

After a three-year hiatus due to COVID, 11 Tikvat Israel volunteers eagerly returned to Shepherd's Table on Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring on May 29. We worked together preparing the dining room, serving dinner to 157 adults and children and cleaning up afterwards. It was an exhausting evening but very satisfying.

That sentiment was echoed by the Shepherd's Table volunteer coordinator, Mindy Hofmann, who thanked us for our hard work and remarked how much she enjoyed meeting our team. Our



Edna Breit shows off the latest TI dishwashing fashion.

group felt the same way about her. In fact, several TI volunteers invited Mindy to visit Tikvat Israel.

Tikvat Israel (and the former Temple Israel before the merger 26 years ago) has served food at Shepherd's Table continuously since its inception about 40 years ago. It takes place on the fifth Monday of any month with more than four Mondays.

This activity is only one of the many social action activities TI is involved with that also fosters a sense of fellowship. If you're interested in participating, our next serving date is Monday, July 31. Watch *B'kesher* for sign-up information or contact TI's coordinator Sherman Eisner at shermaneisner147@gmail.com.



Volunteering at Shepherd's Table were (from left) Karen Cohen, Mindy Hofmann (volunteer coordinator for Shepherd's Table), Linc Hallen, Willie Thompson (chef), Marian Hallen, Marsha Lyons, Rich Nisenson, Bruce Goldin, Ellen Eisner, Jayme Sokolow, Edna Breit and Mel Brenner.

CONGREGANTS GIVE UP THEIR BLOOD

The blood drive at the Tikvat Israel social hall in late May drew 23 donors, who contributed 19 pints of whole blood and three pints of red blood cells.

"We are grateful for your partnership and hope we can continue to rebuild our numbers," said David Hull, account representative of the American Red Cross Blood Services.

Robbi Cohen served as primary organizer.



TI's Jonathan Solomon checked in blood donors at the latest Red Cross event in the social hall.

Congregational Condolences

... to **Martie Adelman**, on the loss of her mother, Dorothy Adelman

... to **Avy Ashery**, on the loss of his sister, Miriam Ashery David

... to **David Thaler**, on the loss of his mother, Renee Thaler

MUSICIANS SOUGHT

Interested in playing easy versions of Klezmer music, Israeli tunes and '40s pop hits? A Tikvat Israel musical group is seeking anyone who plays an instrument. Especially needed are rhythm players. Music is from the D.C. Klezmer Workshop and Klezmer Arts Institute of Los Angeles.

The musicians try to gather at TI every other Tuesday from 10:15 a.m. until noon.

Contact Mike Cohen for details at 202-802-0621 or mncohenster@gmail.com.

Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose Yahrzeits Occur From 12 *Tamuz* through 13 *Av* — July 2023

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12 TAMUZ

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JULY 2

13 TAMUZ

Irving Binder
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JULY 3

14 TAMUZ

Harry Levin
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JULY 4

15 TAMUZ

Barnett Bauman
Rebecca Bogage
Sarah Chernoff
Harold Gorin
Mary Hershbaum
Gaston Lellouche
Simon Mensh
Edward Milenky
Barbara Nena Rosenberg

JULY 5

16 TAMUZ

Devera Danovitz
Hyman Edlowitz
Anna E. Feinmark
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Frank Knott
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JULY 6

17 TAMUZ

Sidney Davis
Rebecca Kramer
Rose Levy
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Solomon Nahum

JULY 7

18 TAMUZ

Sarah Bassin
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Gladys Nederlander
Charlotte Podgor
Gerald Raine
Harriet Richman Suson
Louis Rosen
Sandra Wagner
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JULY 8

19 TAMUZ

Tillie Cooper
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Bernard Kaplan
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Susan E. Reich

JULY 9

20 TAMUZ

Harry Freedenberg
Esther Solomon
Michael Weiss

JULY 10

21 TAMUZ

Clinton Berger
Luba Borushok
Sanford Count
Margaret Marcus
Davidson
Leah Marcus Feig
Sophie Deena Fertel
Ina Sherri Fineman
Norma Belson Honick
Charles Kaplan
Allan Pleet
Pearl Sakwa
Abraham Silverstein

JULY 11

22 TAMUZ

Lucille Liebenson
Harry Rosen
Dolores Sachs
Frank Smith
Ruth Spiegelberg
Peggy Wilchins

JULY 12

23 TAMUZ

Mary Davis
Charlotte F. Hart
Ida Rose
Helen Rosenblum

JULY 13

24 TAMUZ

Bessie Cohen
Ben Zion Mauda
Manfred Scheige
Fannie Simball
Simon Strassman

JULY 14

25 TAMUZ

Morris Beard
Abraham Bellman
Yetta Bendett
Mark Dubbin
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JULY 15

26 TAMUZ

Miriam Agus
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JULY 16

27 TAMUZ

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JULY 17

28 TAMUZ

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JULY 18

29 TAMUZ

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JULY 19

1 AV

Irving Bernstein
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JULY 20

2 AV

Rose Gordon
Ruth Kaiz
Louis Simball
Sidney Stolzenberg

JULY 21

3 AV

Anna Bernstein
Abigail Lefkowitz
Ralph A. Robinson

JULY 22

4 AV

Gussie Glaser
Fred Hamburg
Benjamin Larrick
Paul Ludwin
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Evalyn Waldman

JULY 23

5 AV

Jinky Barnett
Milford Hillerson
Edith Meyers
Dorothy Pearl

JULY 24

6 AV

Charles Chidakel
Edith Kaplan
Marvin Laubgross
David Lederman

JULY 25

7 AV

Stan Labovich
Jerome Pasternak
Joseph Samuel Brudner

JULY 26

8 AV

Harry Greene
Jennie Mazaroff
Anita Perlmutter
Eugene Perry

JULY 27

9 AV

Philip Cohen
Harry Cooper
Phyllis Menduke
Cynthia L. Shnider
Frank David Spiegelberg
Abe Stahler

JULY 28

10 AV

Irene Kaplan
Sarah Krick
Betty Morrison
Bertha Polster
Bertha Tranen
Shirley Zoltrow

JULY 29

11 AV

Fanny Feigin
Ruth Freed
Bertha Alice Kaplan
Jerome Livingston

JULY 30

12 AV

Morton A. Davis
Trudy Finstein
Anna Moskowitz
Leo Plesset
Anne S. Prince
Kate Hayley Schaffman
Carolyn Schlan
Betty Stein
Rose Wadler

JULY 31

13 AV

Adele Boden
Hertha Ermann
Yetta Gellman
Israel Kauffman
Mary Klass
Estelle Kornhauser
Jennie Levy



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AUGUST 1

14 Av

Usher Feinsilber
Fannie Green
Roslyn Kalinsky
Samuel E Laddon
Fannie Raine
Rose Saldinger
Marvin Schneider
Rabbi H. Jonah Waldman
Jennie Wein

AUGUST 2

15 Av

Victor Battino
Dr. Israel Levin
Neftali Pazo

AUGUST 3

16 Av

Bruce Ballard
Rose Cohen
Etta Schneider
Mordko Smolar
Belle Wagman

AUGUST 4

17 Av

Frances Berger
Harry Feldman
Meyer Holtzman
Isidore Kreisman
Milton Levy
Harry Reiter
Isidor Sohn

AUGUST 5

18 Av

Rose Altschuler
Morris Bloomberg
Louis Coren
Samuel Goldstein
Arthur Milder
Murray Wadler

AUGUST 6

19 Av

Victor Issac Bigio
Ester Danoff
Burton Drucker
Henry Edlowitz
Hyman Geller
Morris Prince
Rose Schrier
Abraham Vainer
Sidney Zalevsky

AUGUST 7

20 Av

Abram Berlin
Irving Gedanken
Jack Kornhauser
Abraham Sterman

AUGUST 8

21 Av

Emil Glater
Jeanne Claire Godley-Davis
Nathan Pitkin
Ronald Pitkin
Albert Sbar
Herschel Wartofsky

AUGUST 9

22 Av

Naomi Kaplan

AUGUST 10

23 Av

Anne Bernstein
Markus Eichtersheimer
Don Margolies
Helen Schechter
Rosella Silverstein
Sadie Wartofsky
Idelle Weiner

AUGUST 11

24 Av

Lucille Feinman
Faye Glater
Annie Mollen
Edythe Podolsky
Sadie Smith
Ruth Weiner

AUGUST 12

25 Av

Rudy Fischer
Tillie Nisenson
Alfred Steiner

AUGUST 13

26 Av

Melville Ehrlich
Rebecca Feldman
Marian Kaiser

AUGUST 14

27 Av

Hilda Shulman

AUGUST 15

28 Av

Jack Chelemer
Shirley Cohen
Marilyn Ehrlich
Barbara Goldberg
Harold Goldstein
Sylvia Holtzman
Claire Kahn
Richard Spector

AUGUST 16

29 Av

Rose Blonder
Yetta Cohen
Max Feingold
Rachel Pachenker
Rabbi Leivy Smolar

AUGUST 17

30 Av

Larry Bloom
Pearl Cohen
Toba Eileen Gellman
Lina Goldstein
Sonia Goldstein
Sarah Kay
Saul Lubar
Lloyd Oppenheim
Edith Smith
Elias Wolfe
Charlotte Zimmerman

AUGUST 18

1 Elul

Philip Goldsmith
Hans Joseph
Irving Kabik
Max Katz
Julia Notovitz
Pearl Plesset
William Rosenfeld
William Stein
Esther Stolzenberg
Harry Vinokur
Helen Wexler

AUGUST 19

2 Elul

Anne Altman
Marsha Fleisher
Eva Gunther
Shirley Hardis
Vera Israel
Rabbi Joseph Kaplan
Harry Klion
Ben Levin
Alvin Peck
Regina Rosenberg
Mina Rothberg
Marion Soypher
Samuel Steckler
Irving M. Yanoff

AUGUST 20

3 Elul

Batya Band
Pesach Band
David Lipofsky
Max Sommer
Charles Teller

AUGUST 21

4 Elul

Conrad Glaser
Dorothy Harris
Ethel Miller

AUGUST 22

5 Elul

Lawrence Bardack
Norman Freedman
Sarah Freda Golding
Max Herman
Jean Hirschman
Marcia Lieberman
Rose Lifshutz
Marsha Papageorge

AUGUST 23

6 Elul

Ronald Black
Raizia Chigorsky
Samuel A. Hale
Joel Hoffman

AUGUST 24

7 Elul

Morris Fineman
Rabbi Simeon Kobrinetz
Mark D. Rosen
Aaron Sobell
Leonard Suskind

AUGUST 25

8 Elul

Charles Larry Blair
Mollie Broadman
Sam Klass
Sam Sharlot
Pearl Zipin Tubiash
Sol Shalom Wexler
Fannye Zlotnick

AUGUST 26

9 Elul

Abraham Fierman
Bessie E. Miller
Maxene Rosenthal
Minnie Teitelbaum

AUGUST 27

10 Elul

Ben Ami Barsky
Shirley Gendel
Morris Kanow
Hilda Schwartz
Dick Stein
Rose Volin

AUGUST 28

11 Elul

Evelyn Goldberg
Cornelis Hartendorp
Bertha Knott
Harry Witt

AUGUST 29

12 Elul

Eugene Brooks
Doris Grossmann
Frances Karlin
Louis Karlin
Florence M. Novack
Rabbi Chaim Tevya
Williamowsky

AUGUST 30

13 Elul

Gertrude Bender
Kenneth Grossman
Morris Alex Jacobs
Morris Weintraub
Norman Winson

AUGUST 31

14 Elul

Daniel Barash
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Abram Fraeman
Emil Notovitz
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Mazel Tov to Rebecca Miller, on the birth of her daughter Gemma Anne Miller, by Gabriela Miller

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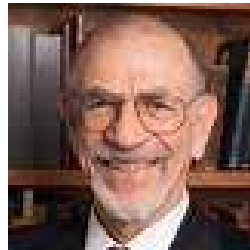
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Enriching Fellow Congregants with Your Torah Insights

Editor's note: Earlier this year, congregant Cliff Fishman delivered a Shabbat morning *d'var Torah* relating to the custom in Judaism of sharing informed insights about the weekly Torah portions. It led into his remarks about the eight Tikvat Israel members – Sam Gilston, David Gantz, Barry Lipsy, Rob Kline, Matt Levine, Rob Podolsky, Phil Kott and himself – who have been part of a rotation in recent years that delivers such commentaries at morning minyanim. Excerpts of his lightly edited remarks follow.



Cliff Fishman

Rabbis and scholars in every generation have enriched our lives by sharing with us *their* insights to the written and oral law. But some rabbis do even more. Each rabbi who has led this congregation has empowered and enabled its members to study Torah and derive their *own* insights on how to apply Torah to their own lives.

"If you are a morning *minyan* regular here at Tikvat Israel, then you know that a rotating roster of eight lay people—none of us with any significant background in Torah or Talmud or even Hebrew—have been giving *d'verei Torah* on weekday mornings for several years now, and each will tell you that doing so has enriched our lives in ways we never could have imagined. We

hope our efforts have also enriched the lives of those who have heard us.

"Other members, too, from time to time have given *d'verei Torah*, at minyan and on occasional *Shabbatot*, and shared their insights with all of us. ...

"To study, to teach, to question—yes, in Judaism these are forms of worship. Moses' gift to the Israelite people—and our rabbis' gift to us here at Tikvat Israel—empower each of us to carve our own tablets for the words of Torah.

"Right now at morning *minyan*, there are about eight of us, but there is always room for more. Pick out a *parashah*, let me know you'd like to do a *d'var*, and one of us will be happy to work with you to develop your *d'var*. That way *you, too*, can enjoy to the fullest, God's gift to Moses, and Moses' gift to us, and we can benefit from the insights you arrive at."

Niggunim for Your Listening Pleasure



Jason Schwartz

Those who attended Jason Schwartz's learning session on *niggunim* at TI's *Tikun Leil Shavuot* in May requested a way to listen again to recordings of the *niggunim* that were shared and discussed.

Here are the YouTube links provided by Schwartz:

- *Klimovitcher Niggun*, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Cx2o4Cu9Dw>

(Distinctive recording by RAZA, a project of Rising Song Institute featuring a

group of some 20 women's voices singing traditional *Chassidic niggunim*)

- Harvest *Niggun*, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxMz3p1aiFo>

(Written by Michael Shapiro and performed by Raz Hartman)


- Lincoln's *Niggun/Yamin U-S'mol*, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CbtTCLrXjQ>

(Written by Joey Weisenberg)

- Harvest *Niggun*, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pU6BxgzNfMk>

(The story of a *niggun* that was transformed into a hip-hop video that went viral, eventually making its way to the Tomorrowland music festival in Europe.)

JULY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						I 12 Tamuz 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Chukat-Balak) 9:27 PM Havdalah
2 13 Tamuz 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	3 14 Tamuz 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	4 15 Tamuz 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Independence Day *TI Office & ECC Closed*	5 16 Tamuz 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	6 17 Tamuz 4:07 AM Fast Begins 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan 9:16 PM Fast Ends ☆ Tzom Tamuz	7 18 Tamuz 8:00 AM Minyan 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:19 PM Candle Lighting	8 19 Tamuz 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Pinchas) 9:24 PM Havdalah *Installation Shabbat*
9 20 Tamuz 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	10 21 Tamuz 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	11 22 Tamuz 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	12 23 Tamuz 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	13 24 Tamuz 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	14 25 Tamuz 8:00 AM Minyan 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:16 PM Candle Lighting	15 26 Tamuz 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Matot-Masei) 10:30 AM Rosh Chodesh Alternative Minyan 9:21 PM Havdalah
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AUGUST 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
		14 AV	15 AV	16 AV	17 AV	18 AV
		8:00 AM Minyan	8:00 AM Minyan	7:15 AM Minyan	8:00 AM Minyan	9:30 AM Preliminary Service
		7:30 PM Minyan	7:30 PM Minyan	7:30 PM Minyan	6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Elkev)
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	19 AV	20 AV	21 AV	22 AV	23 AV	24 AV
	9:00 AM Minyan	8:00 AM Minyan	8:00 AM Minyan	7:15 AM Minyan	8:00 AM Minyan	9:30 AM Preliminary Service
	7:30 PM Minyan	7:30 PM Minyan	7:30 PM Minyan	7:30 PM Minyan	6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Re'eh)
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	26 AV	27 AV	28 AV	29 AV	30 AV	1 Elul
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	7:30 PM Minyan	7:30 PM Minyan	7:30 PM Minyan	7:30 PM Minyan	6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Shoftim)
				🌙 Rosh Chodesh Elul	7:41 PM Candle Lighting	8:40 PM Havdalah
					ECC Last Day of Summer Session	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	3 Elul	4 Elul	5 Elul	6 Elul	7 Elul	8 Elul
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	7:30 PM Minyan	7:30 PM Minyan	7:30 PM Minyan	7:30 PM Minyan	6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat	9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Ki Tetzai)
		Meeting			7:31 PM Candle Lighting	8:30 PM Havdalah
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27	28	29	30	31		
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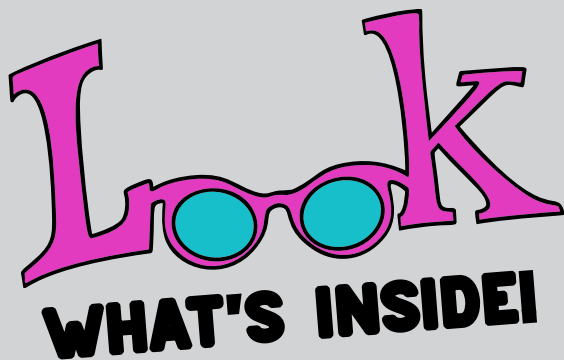
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- **Match up the names and faces** of those who've just been elected as officers and new board members of the congregation. See **pages 4 - 5**.
- **Our digital face is changing.** The Tikvat Israel website will have a new look and feel sometime this fall. Read what is coming up on **page 8**.
- **Tops in the nation.** Our Women's Network is receiving well-earned recognition during an international conference in mid-July. Learn where and why on **page 9**.
- **Newsweek featured two congregants** for the antics of their new puppy. Find out who and why in the Mazel Tov section on **page 11**.
- **Common courtesy is appreciated.** Volunteer organizers of synagogue events tell you why you need that reminder on **page 2**.