



## Celebrating *Purim* with Puppets and Prayers

Tikvat Israel will celebrate *Purim* again in style.

The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 16, with a family celebration that includes a *Purim* puppet production and songs. The family-friendly program is expected to conclude at 7:15 p.m. *Ma'ariv* and a full *Megillah* reading will begin at 7:30 p.m.

*Purim* services continue at 7 a.m. on Thursday, March 17.

As of *Bulletin* press time, the puppet show and services were expected to take place in person at the synagogue with a livestreaming option for those at home.

Watch *B'kesher* for details about purchasing *mishloach manot* (*Purim* baskets) through the Women's Network to fulfill the *mitzvah* of giving gifts of food to family and friends on *Purim*.



## County Grant to Help Fortify TI's Security



Tikvat Israel is taking a serious look at building security and emergency procedures. That work will be supported by the late January award of a security grant from the county government.

TI was awarded a Montgomery County Nonprofit Security Grant totaling \$13,840. In the grant application, synagogue leaders said they would use the money for security staffing, training, drills and assessments. The funding is intended as a one-time grant to assist with the security needs of our facilities.

Before he left his post as TI's executive director in early January, Sam Freedenberg initiated the grant application. "So his efforts on our behalf continue to bear fruit," said his successor Aaron Chusid.

Tikvat Israel was one of about 60 organizations in Montgomery County that received a grant for building security. County Executive Marc Elrich announced the recipients of the funds that the county council approved last May.

In his press release, Elrich said: "Coming on the heels of the terrifying hostage-taking at a synagogue in Texas, recent vandalism at a mosque here in our community and acts of violence against Asian-Americans across the country, these nonprofit security grants are further affirmation of Montgomery County's unwavering support for our neighbors of every religion, race and ethnicity, and for those organizations who serve them."

The \$700,000 in nonprofit grant funds are supporting organizations that applied because they are at risk of a hate crime or have already experienced one. Tikvat Israel's exterior was vandalized with hate-filled images and language during the first month of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020.

Many Jewish organizations were among the recipients, with the grants ranging in size from \$1,350 to \$16,000.

## WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Monday	8:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.	
<i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i>		
<i>Shabbat</i>		6:00 p.m.
<i>Shabbat</i>	10:00 a.m.	
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.

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

## CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

March 4	5:47 p.m.
March 11	5:54 p.m.
March 18	7:01 p.m.
March 25	7:07 p.m.
April 1	7:14 p.m.
April 8	7:21 p.m.
April 15	7:28 p.m.
April 16	8:29 p.m. <i>Pesach</i>
April 21	7:34 p.m. <i>Pesach</i>
April 22	7:35 p.m.
April 29	7:41 p.m.

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## Congregants' Artwork to Aid Synagogue's Refugee Fund



Congregants Shirley Waxman and Avy Ashery are collaborating on an art show in Rockville that will benefit the Tikvat Israel Refugee Fund.

The show, featuring their Judaic and secular art works, will run from March 21 through April 22 at ArtSeen Gallery, 12115 Parklawn Drive, Suite G, Rockville. A reception with the artists will take place from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, March 27, and free tickets for that event are available by request from invites@artseengallery.net.

A portion of the proceeds from the five-week show will benefit the synagogue's refugee fund, which supports projects led by TI member

Debbie Amster. It supports newly settled refugees in the greater Rockville area.

According to Amster, members of the congregation will be volunteering to provide music during the reception, and light refreshments will be served.

The ArtSeen Gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays.

## SHUL SHORTS

### Instrumental Shabbat

A *Kabbalat Shabbat* with Instruments service is scheduled, tentatively, for March 4 starting at 6 p.m., but congregants should watch *B'kesher* in case there's a late COVID-related scheduling change. This spirited service, led by Cantor Rochelle Helzner, will be held in person in the social hall, with a livestream viewing option.

### Our Ballpark Visit

Join the Women's Network for the congregation's annual baseball outing to Nationals Park. A block of 50 tickets has been purchased for the Washington Nationals game versus the Philadelphia Phillies on Sunday afternoon, June 19. Ticket sales will be managed by Rebecca Salon, and details for ordering your tickets will be announced soon.



### Shabbat Family Jam

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

### 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. If you are aware of businesses that ought to be contacted, please send Silverstein a contact name at r\_silverstein@msn.com so he can follow up.

# What the Strategic Planning Team is Learning About You

BY RONALD RABIN, MEMBER, TIKVAT ISRAEL STRATEGIC PLANNING TEAM

In the dynamics of strategic planning, the disastrous effects of groupthink are well known. *Wikipedia* defines groupthink as “the consequence of prioritizing internal harmony such that conflicting evidence and opinions are ignored.”

Examples of groupthink were the Bay of Pigs disaster and the failure of businesses such as Swissair. Groupthink also possibly contributed as much as inadequate polling did to inaccurate predictions of the 2016 presidential election.

If the members of TI's Strategic Planning Team are unanimously certain of one thing, it is that we are not subjecting ourselves to groupthink.

Setting aside that intended irony, I have been impressed by how a team membership spanning three generations, comprising various life stages and different levels of religious observance, is working together to plan creatively for Tikvat Israel's future. Under team chair Rachel Lipsy's leadership, we have approached the question of how to sustain and grow our vibrant community from the outside in.

First, we studied together Ron Wolfson's *Relational Judaism Handbook*. Then we sought information from Conservative synagogues, local and distant, to learn from their experience. Finally, and most importantly, we have reached out to our own Tikvat Israel community, first with focus group discussions, and then with a survey to which 158 congregants responded. Because we are listening and learning from you, we can be confident groupthink is not a problem.

Among the survey respondents, the breakdown by ages roughly matches our overall demographic of the synagogue. Responses included 13 Millennials (ages 26-40), 13 Gen X (ages 41-55), 57 Baby Boomers (ages 56-70) and 75 older Boomers and Silent Generation (ages 71- 85+). Not everyone answered every question, but most people did.

Areas of interest that have been reviewed so far by the Strategic Planning Team include: prayer and alternative services; communications; use of the building; motivation for joining Tikvat Israel; and perception of leadership and TI's worth.

Areas of interest still being reviewed and analyzed include: dues structure and viability; community programming; and food availability at *kiddush* and other times.

As we began to analyze the survey data, we learned that our congregants value the Conservative egalitarian community that TI provides and want more of it. We agree that TI should grow, but without losing the unpretentious personal feel that we value so much. We learned that our congregants see an opportunity to grow our community from within, by offering a venue to hang out. With some coffee and snacks (everyone was positive on the food issue), younger congregants may come to TI as a place to work virtually but not in isolation. On another day, the synagogue can be a social focal point for retirees.

We learned, or maybe we were simply reminded, how much we value Rabbi Israel and Cantor Helzner as our clergy and as

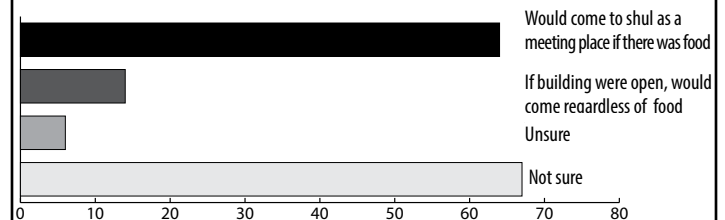
fellow congregants, as well as the value that we have to offer those who have not yet joined our congregation.

You also informed the team that while we value what we have and who we are, we are also ready for change. For example, we value our *Shabbat* and *minyan* services but many like to have separate *Shabbat* services with more discussion and lay leadership. Others want to hear and learn new melodies during our traditional service. Some of these preferences correlated with age. For example, preference for receiving synagogue news via Facebook correlated with age. The older set prefers sticking with e-mail. Have a look at the graphs for examples of our data.

Once the Strategic Planning Team has analyzed the data in greater detail, we will commence writing our recommendations toward sustaining and growing our congregation. Because of what we learned from you, we are confident that our document will be of value to the lay leadership, professional staff, and the congregation as whole.

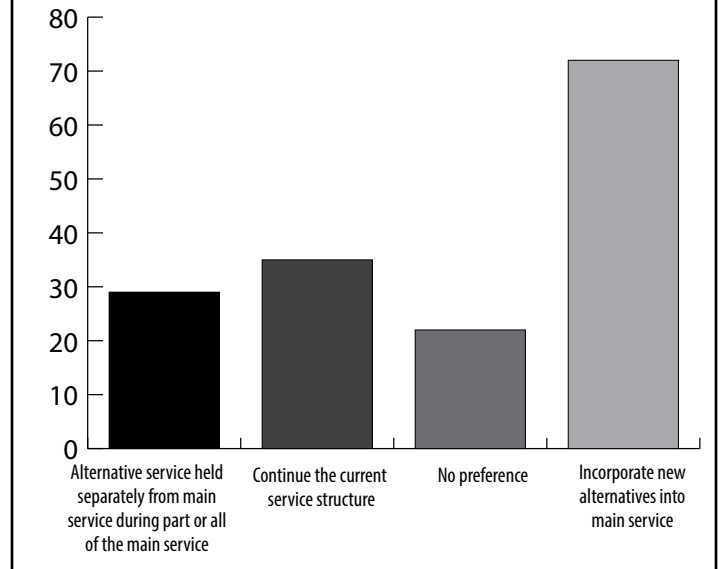
## The Incentive of Food Offerings

**Question:** If coffee and snacks, such as baked goods, were available at the *shul* every day (for a nominal cost or donation per item), would you come to the *shul* as a meeting place just to chat with friends? (Total responses: 151)



## Alternative Prayer Option

**Question:** How interested would you be in these alternative *Shabbat* services separate from the main sanctuary service? (Total responses: 157)





## PROGRAMMING

# Spring Brings Lectures, Concert, Drive-Through Dining

BY SALLY KRAM, TIKVAT ISRAEL VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMMING



The first green of spring is heralding TI's March-May programming as congregants leave winter behind. Spring programs being planned include:

- The continuing TI series of lectures focused on issues of grandparenting and parenting. Rabbi Batya Glazer will deliver remarks at 8:15 p.m. on March 7, and Roni Silverstein will provide a lecture at 8:15 p.m. on April 4. Both will be offered via Zoom. (See more details, page 14.)
- On May 1, Tikvat Israel is staging a musical concert with Kol B'Seder, a long-standing singing duo sure to delight all audience members. It's also the year's major fundraiser for the congregation. (See story below and follow *B'kesher* for ticket sales and sponsorship information.)

- Also on May 1, join TI in supporting a regional *Yom Ha-Shoah* program scheduled virtually at 1 p.m.
- On May 8, in honor of Mother's Day, Tikvat Israel will host a Drive-through Dining event featuring breakfast food. Mothers don't need to cook! *B'kesher* will carry the details.

Additional programming still under development includes:

- Social Action activities. In addition to continuing food preparation for the Stepping Stones Shelter, TI plans to support the Jewish Federation's Good Deeds Week, starting on April 3. Check *B'kesher* for more details.
- Cliff Fishman will return with his popular virtual tour of national parks. The date for this program will be announced shortly.

Members with ideas and energy to help in the planning and implementation of programs should contact Sally Kram at [sallykram939@gmail.com](mailto:sallykram939@gmail.com).



**Tchelet Semel, director of cultural affairs with the Consulate General of Israel in Los Angeles moderated the discussion Jan. 29 about the Israeli film "Asia." At right are Jerry and Ziva Schuchman.**



**Leading a discussion on Feb. 5 about disability issues raised in the Israeli film "Here We Are" were congregants Judy Stern and Uzi Ben-Ami.**

## Musical Act Kol B'Seder to Stage May Concert at TI

Tikvat Israel will host a concert in the social hall with long-running musical recording artists Kol B'Seder on Sunday evening, May 1.

The concert, which also will be available via livestreaming, will honor the contributions of synagogue past president Jim Perlmutter.

Ticket ordering and sponsorship details will be announced by the synagogue office shortly. Watch *B'kesher* for information.

Kol B'Seder, featuring the singing/songwriting duo of Cantor Jeff Klepper and Rabbi Dan Freeland, has been a mainstay on the American Jewish musical scene for nearly a half century. The group's concerts draw on their greatest hits, Israeli and traditional music and the beloved songs of Debbie Friedman with whom they performed for about four decades.

Klepper has composed hundreds of Jewish songs, such as "Lo Alecha," "Modeh Ani" and "Shalom Rav" (co-written with his musical partner). He was ordained at Hebrew Union College in 1980. He co-edited the song section in the Reform prayerbook, *Mishkan T'filah*, and co-founded the annual *Hava Nashira* song-

leader workshop. Klepper is cantor emeritus of Temple Sinai of Sharon, Mass., and he teaches at the School of Jewish Music at Hebrew College in Newton, Mass.

Rabbi Freeland recently retired as president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. He served for 40 years as a senior officer of the Union for Reform Judaism. His career has focused on the evolution of Progressive synagogues with a special emphasis on the central role of Jewish music. He was the founding director of the Commission on Synagogue Music and the annual North American Jewish Choral Festival.

Check out this brief retrospective on YouTube celebrating their concerts over the past 50 years: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_ztT4uXx7a8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ztT4uXx7a8).



**The concert artist Kol B'Seder consists of Cantor Jeff Klepper (left) and Rabbi Dan Freeland.**

# RABBI'S CORNER

## Spring's Eternal Hope

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



Of the many names for *Pesach*, I like *Chag HaAviv* – the Spring Holiday. Because this is a leap year, I am especially aware of this aspect of the holiday. As Rambam explains in his *Mishneh Torah*: “A leap year is a year to which an extra month is added. *Adar* is the only month that is ever added. Why is just this month added? Because of the spring season, so that *Pesach* should be observed during the barley season, as it is written: ‘Observe the month of *Aviv* and keep the Passover ...’ (*Deuteronomy* 16:1), implying this month of *Nissan* should occur during the spring. Without the addition of this month of *Adar*, Passover would occur sometimes in the summer and sometimes in the rainy season [of winter].”

Given my penchant for optimism, it should come as no surprise that spring is my favorite season. I love the smells of spring – the trees and flowers blooming, the freshly lain mulch, the first cuts of grass. I love the sights of spring – the cherry blossoms, neighbors talking at the end of a driveway, people working in their gardens. I love the sounds of spring – the birds’ song, the children’s squeals on the playground, a bat hitting a ball on the diamond. I love to feel the warmth of the sun on my face, and I love the taste of the first barbecues. Spring is a full sensory experience, but beyond the physical senses, I love the sense of hope that spring brings.

It is no accident that the exodus from Egypt is set in the spring – throughout history, many liberation movements have been associated with spring (although not all of them worked out well for those seeking freedom). After enduring the bleakness of the winter months, the human spirit awakens. Just as the buds on trees sprout and trees shed their pollen and samaras (“helicopters”), spring is often a time we see people spread ideas and plans for how to create a better life. As the saying goes, hope springs eternal – or perhaps it should say that spring brings eternal hope.

But spring is also a reminder that promises of a better future may not flower immediately. Charles Dickens wrote, “It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”

Spring has an in-between quality, moving quickly back and forth from the sun’s heat to the wind’s chill, which reminds us that the road to a better future is rarely straight and free of hazards.

One challenge I have faced during the Covid pandemic has been the repeated crushing of hope. Each time we seem to near a point of moving past the dangers of the virus, a spike in cases or a new variant comes along and sets us back. Time after time, we made plans only to later alter or cancel them. Looking at my previous columns in this *Bulletin*, I see announcements of programs

that never happened and predictions for in-person services and events that we were forced to delay.

As I write this column, the prevalence of coronavirus is plummeting as quickly as it rose in January. And so once again, here I sit, thinking about the warmth of the spring sunlight, imagining what our world might be when you read these words and, further down the road, when we celebrate *Purim* and *Pesach*. However, this time, rather than make predictions or promises for what will be, I will keep Dickens’ words in mind and temper my unbridled optimism with a measure of caution.

There is an additional lesson of the extra month during this leap year – sometimes it may take a little longer, but if we persevere, we know that *Pesach* and its promise for freedom lie just ahead.



### FINAL TOPICAL LECTURES SET IN SCHOLARSTREAM SERIES

ScholarStream 5782 has three remaining series of lectures that explore who we are as Conservative Jews, where we are in relation to others and how we move forward in this complicated world.

Because of our synagogue’s role as a sponsor, the registration fees are waived for TI members. Use discount code *TikvatIsrael21* during the signup.

ScholarStream is a program of the Conservative movement with classes taught by scholars from the Jewish Theological Seminary and other Jewish education sites.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

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

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

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

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

# Getting to Know Our *Shul's* New Executive Director

BY MELISSA APTER



As executive director, Aaron Chusid has been focusing on finance and safety issues at the *shul*. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

Aaron Chusid joined Tikvat Israel as our new executive director in early January, coming to our *shul* after 10 years of management work with the local council of the Boy Scouts of America.

A Gaithersburg resident who has served on the board of Temple Beth Ami in Rockville, Chusid also worked for Hillel as campus life director at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

Recently, the *Bulletin* sat down for a conversation with Chusid after about one month on the job. The following interview has been lightly edited for length and clarity.

## How has your first month been thus far?

**Chusid:** Eventful. It's been exciting to get to know people and *daven* with a new community. It's been great to meet the new community, including the youngest members. I'll have a group of 3-year-olds tell me about their hike and bring me a cup of ice because they thought I'd like it. That's a perk of the job.

## What attracted you to apply for the opening at Tikvat Israel?

**Chusid:** Two reasons I've always liked nonprofit work. One is having that deep obvious connection to the impact of what I'm doing. Being able to see the people I'm serving and the difference I'm making. The second is being part of a community and watching it grow. That all ties back to Jewish life.

My mom started a day camp for the Jewish federation in Oklahoma, so every summer after that was spent at camp, working at camp, working around the temple. That's where community was. Where there's a community that will help me do something good in the world, it brings me back to Jewish life.

## What are your main priorities as executive director in the short term?

**Chusid:** My No. 1 priority is security—both financial and physical. We've identified the risks, and we're on a good course where we've dealt with all the urgent issues. Everything else can then be dealt with in a planned-out fashion.

Behind those priorities is really looking at communications. What are we putting out to the community? How do we reach people? How do we expand our membership? We need to make sure we're listening as well as broadcasting.

## And in the long term?

**Chusid:** Long term is going to be driven by the Strategic Planning

Team once we've had a chance to really review what they've found, process it and see where we want the congregation to be in five, 10, 15 years.

I come from growth-minded organizations, where success is having more members this year than you did last year. But not everyone wants to be a big congregation. One thing that struck me about TI is that it really is *hamish*. I don't want to assume that growing big as fast as we can is the best course. I want a sense of what is best for this community as we make plans.

## Can you tell us a bit about your professional background?

**Chusid:** My first full-time job out of college was working for the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and really being engaged in every aspect from fundraising to recruitment to running the summer day camps. From there, I went into marketing consulting. When we moved back to D.C., I went back to the Scouts and focused on communications and marketing.

Throughout all of that, I focused on taking a strategic approach. Most organizations very quickly get past the point of 'How do we do this?', so then you need to focus on the 'Why are we doing this?' and 'What do we want to achieve?' When you're at a big corporation or nonprofit, it's very easy to just throw money at a problem and keep chugging along. But when you're at a smaller nonprofit, you really need to synthesize those problems and solve them because you don't have those resources. You can't do something just to do it. You can only do it if it achieves the goals.

## What organizational practices might you adapt from your time with BSA?

**Chusid:** The Scouts were very good at measuring things. How many Scouts do we have? How many went to camp? How many earned a merit badge? While it's definitely possible to get too focused on the number side of measurement, what's good is it helps you think about what you want to achieve and how we'll know when we've achieved it.

The point of having Scouts earn more merit badges is not to sell



Aaron is shown with son Ziggy on one of his previous calling cards as a Scout-ing executive.

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little patches. It's for more young people to learn more skills. There's a lot we want to do at TI that can't be fully captured in a number, but thinking about what that number could be can help us understand what we want to accomplish.

### At the last synagogue board meeting, you brought up a topic of the month. Can you explain your philosophy of bringing up a monthly topic?

**Chusid:** I want to be a driver of conversations and to make sure the right conversations are happening with the right people. I'm not coming in with the answers. I'm coming in trying to find the questions.

What I'm hoping to do with these questions is to start conversations about important areas. Some months it will be re-engaging our board members with Jewish memories — "What is your favorite holiday? How do you celebrate *Chanukah*?" I want to marry the business side and the Jewish side of the congregation. And sometimes, it will be more operational, like "What is your dream of where we should be?"

### How do you envision your relationship to the congregation — members, lay leadership, staff and clergy?

**Chusid:** There is definitely a part of me that thinks if I'm doing my job really well, then no one will see me because it's all going smoothly. My first boss in the Scouts told me once, "I can't be successful unless you're successful." That's really stuck with me through the years and has become my guiding philosophy.

### Tell us about your Jewish background. Did you grow up in synagogue or participate in a youth group, Hillel, etc.?

**Chusid:** I grew up in Oklahoma City at Temple B'nai Israel. I grew up Reform, but in Oklahoma City there was one mid-size Reform temple and one small-to-midsize Conservative *shul*, so we did a lot of things together. From the beginning, I was getting a broader approach to Judaism. I attended the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where I was in a Jewish *a cappella* group at Hillel.

Eventually I went to Los Angeles. My mom is a Jewish music teacher in Chicago. She said to me for years, "Go to temple, join the choir and meet a nice girl." Well, I went to L.A., joined a new temple, joined the choir. On the first night, before practice even began, there was a woman practicing a solo at the piano. Now I have to call my mom every year and tell her that she was right because I met my wife, Alexandra (Alex), in choir. We have one son, Ziggy, and many cats. We belong to Temple Beth Ami.



During first weeks on the job, Aaron Chusid has been checking out all the nooks and crannies of the building. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

### Any hobbies or anything you want to share with the congregation?

**Chusid:** Besides music, I love to read. One of the things I first loved about my wife is that she had more books than I did. I'm a fencer. Just a general-purpose nerd.

### Final thoughts? Anything I didn't ask?

**Chusid:** The pandemic has created a real opportunity for us to reevaluate what it means to be a congregation and how we do things. I love that TI has been able to have so many popular online events. It shows there's really been engagement in the congregation beyond a shared building. The sense of community goes beyond the place. That's going to be a strength moving forward.

I want to get back to the point where the building is full and active, bursting with celebration. But knowing that we're going to be able to reach, teach and share with people who might not be able to make it to *Shabbat* on Saturday morning or to the film festival, knowing that we're going to be able to reach them virtually, opens up a lot of potential for where we can go.

## Mazel Tov to...

**Elyse and Jeff Bernstein** on the birth of grandson Ilan Alvin Simhai (Ilan Daniel is his Hebrew name), born Jan. 29 to Julia and Natan Simhai of Denver.

**Naomi and Harvey Kaplan** on the birth of granddaughter Freyla Haviv Kaplan, born Jan. 6 to Moriel Kaplan of Fulton, Md.

## Congregational Condolences

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

to **Marcelle Copaken, Leon Green and Rianne Melmed** on the loss of their brother Leslie Green

to **Jeff Baer** on the loss of his mother Shirley Baer

to **Hope Levy Kott** on the loss of her mother Arlene Minott

to the **Berman family** on the loss of Howard Berman

to the **Cohen family** on the loss of Adele Hochberg Cohen

## 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 long-standing 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](mailto:epcowan@gmail.com).

# Congregation Welcomes Newbies To Our Membership Ranks

Tikvat Israel is pleased to bring under its membership tent four families in the past few months.

Three of the family units are new to our congregation, while one is returning to the ranks after several years apart.

*The Bulletin* asked the newcomers to share a few details, as well as family photographs, so that fellow congregants can welcome them in person during the coming months.



**Rabbi Jill Levy and Matt Silverman and their daughters Nava and Miri.**

D.C. Matt is the executive director of the Haberman Institute of Jewish Studies.

**Relocation:** From Houston, Texas

**Why affiliate with Tikvat Israel:** We met Marc Israel and Abbe Frank living in the neighborhood and were excited to become part of our local Aspen Hill Jewish community.

**First impressions of our synagogue:** That the *shul* is very warm and is in a great position to grow and engage new families.



**Adult members:** Harvey W. Small and Ava W. Small

**Children:** Daughter Shira Lantner, her husband Dan and grandchildren Elanor and Reuben joined TI about a couple of years ago.

**Residences:** King Farm in Rockville and Port Hueneme, Calif.

**Occupations:** Harvey is a retired dentist. Ava managed the dental group that she and Harvey founded in St. Louis, Mo.

**Why affiliate with Tikvat Israel:** Although we visited Tikvat Israel earlier and liked it, the key to our becoming members was the fact that our daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren are members.



**Harvey Small (rear, second from right) and Ava Small (front, second from right) with family members.**

**Adult members:** Rabbi Jill Levy and Matthew Silverman

**Children:** Nava, 12; Miri, 10

**Residence:** Aspen Hill

**Occupations:** Rabbi Levy is the director of the Ramah Day Camp Greater

**Adult member:** Abioye (Abi Ella) Mosheim

**Children:** Edmund, 22 months

**Residence:** North Bethesda

**Occupation:** Federal attorney, Consumer Product Safety Commission

**Why affiliate with Tikvat Israel?** I want to be a part of the same community where my son attends day care. I also love the services and the adult education offerings.



**Abi Ella Mosheim and her son Edmund.**

**First impressions of our synagogue:** A warm place.



**Adult members:** Denise and Howard Dickenson

**Children:** Michael, 18; Melissa, 11

**Residence:** Brookeville, Md.

**Occupations:** Denise is physical therapist with the Montgomery County Public Schools. Howard works in finance with the National Nuclear Security Administration.



**Denise and Howard Dickenson with Michael and Melissa as younger children.**

**Why affiliate with Tikvat Israel?** We believe TI's approach to Torah is the closest there is to what Torah is supposed to be all about. We also absolutely love the supportive TI community. (The Dickensons previously held membership at TI before a several-year interruption.)

**First impressions of our synagogue:** Rabbi Israel really makes you think about what Torah wants from us. The community was also incredibly welcoming and friendly.



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

# Change and Opportunity

BY WARREN BERGER, TIKVAT ISRAEL PRESIDENT



During January, we said thank you and good-bye to Sam Freedenberg, our executive director of more than 11 years. We will miss his steady hand, calm demeanor and wealth of institutional knowledge.

Although the COVID-19 Omicron variant derailed our plans for a fancy, sit-down *kiddush* honoring Sam, we shifted gears and divided the celebration into two parts. During the *Shabbat* morning service on Jan. 8, Rabbi Israel gave him a special *misheberach* (blessing) and Sam read Torah (as he often does). After the service, Jim Perlmutter, immediate past president, recounted Sam's many accomplishments and gave him a thank you gift from the congregation — a *shofar* stand created by Gary Rosenthal and inscribed with "You answered the call." (A big *Yasher Koach* to Jim and Maxine for finding such an appropriate gift.)

The fancy *kiddush* lunch, which was planned and prepared by many folks (led by Roz Kram and Larry Gorban), was packaged in to-go bags (and it was still delicious!). As a testament to Sam's achievements and high regard, more than 50 congregants donated to Tikvat Israel in Sam's honor. Thank you all.

The second part of the program was held that Saturday night via Zoom, where Cantor Helzner began by leading us in an appropriate song — "Lo Alecha," which includes words from *Pirkei Avot* meaning "It is not your duty to complete the work, but neither are you free to avoid it."

Next, I recounted one example of Sam's *menschlichkeit* and then read a letter of appreciation from Jo-Anne Tucker-Zemlak, our USCJ synagogue liaison and adviser. Then we heard additional stories and tributes about Sam from Shirley Waxman, Cliff Fishman, Maxine Perlmutter, Larry Gorban, Amy Matathias and the rabbi. Sam also spoke, and then we had an "open mic" where other congregants thanked Sam and wished him well in the future.

Although we were disappointed to see Sam leave his position, we were very happy to welcome a new executive director, Aaron Chusid, at the beginning of January. Aaron started before Sam left, which provided a useful overlap to help with the transition and transfer of knowledge.

Thank you to the Search Committee for their hard work, their commitment to this time-critical effort and for the excellent result. We owe a debt of gratitude to chair Alan Apter, along with Marsha Lyons, Steve Raucher, Sally Kram, Barry Lipsy and Jenny Gendel. I also want to thank Amy Matathias, our office manager, for her patience. She has been a stabilizing force during this time of change.

I am particularly excited about Aaron's prior experience in planning and managing multiple large projects (involving both staff and volunteers), organizing operations, enhancing communications and developing branding and strategic marketing plans. We have a good opportunity for him to lead our efforts to update, streamline and optimize our synagogue operations. As we look to the future, I am confident that Aaron's skills and leadership will enable Tikvat Israel to continue to grow and thrive. Please welcome him and his family to our community, and may we go from strength to even more strength.

## The Gift of Blood



Stu Turkewitz (left) was one of the donors who contributed to the 47 units of blood collected on Feb. 2 during the latest Tikvat Israel blood drive in the social hall. Approximately one-fourth of the donors were *shul* members. Handling check-in duties in the lobby were volunteers David Gantz (left) and Keith Brooks. Robbi Cohen served as the overall coordinator and liaison with the American

Red Cross. The next TI blood drive is Wednesday, June 15.  
(Photos by Robbi Cohen)



## WOMEN'S NETWORK

# Programs Run the Gamut, From Rockville to Hollywood and Beyond

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.

COVID ... will we ever be able to meet again in person? I hope so, although participation on Zoom has been terrific. Thank you everyone for supporting our programs!

January was a busy month for the women of Tikvat Israel. We offered three Sunday programs — a *Rosh Chodesh* program, a book discussion and an awesome virtual trip to Paris.

Our *Rosh Chodesh* program on Jan. 9 continued our intergenerational theme for this year. Fortuna Scheige introduced Leah Bradley, executive director and co-founder of Empowering the Ages. She led an informative conversation on creating opportunities to thrive while aging. Her local non-profit focuses on transforming lives through facilitating and nurturing relationships across all generations. (See related story, page 11.)



**Susan Apter led a well-attended group discussion of *The Only Woman in the Room* in mid-January.**

On Jan. 16, the Women's Network Book Group, led by Susan Apter, had a captivating discussion about *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. The book is a fictionalized account of the early life of Hedwig Kiesler in Austria, who landed in Hollywood and became screen star Hedy Lamarr. This book was recommended by everyone who read it.

The month ended with a fabulous virtual tour of Jewish Paris presented by Karen Reb Rudel, the founder of Sight Seekers Delight. The program was a perfect balance of juicy stories, important historical facts and enthusiastic comedy. The pictures she presented made us feel like we were personally in the Jewish sections of Paris. The program was offered in partnership with three other synagogues and there were more than 244 computers logged in to view it. The audience was so enthusiastic that they didn't want to disconnect even after two hours. Hopefully, we can bring Karen back for another program next year. Thank you to all those who made donations to the Women's Network in support of this program. Your donations are used to offer many other free programs throughout the year.

On Sunday, Feb. 6, Anita Brenner, our Torah Fund chair, introduced Rishe Goner, a Jewish Theological Seminary rabbinical student. Rishe is studying at JTS in NYC and is a director of education at the Beacon Hebrew Alliance in the Hudson Valley,

N.Y. She was born in Melbourne, Australia, to a Chabad family, and it was interesting to learn about her journey to becoming a Conservative rabbi. All donations to this program were sent directly to the Women's League Torah Fund and will be credited toward the Tikvat Israel Torah Fund goal, established by Women's League.

On Sunday, Feb. 20, Melissa Apter offered an intergenerational *Purim* craft program virtually. The program also included a presentation on cosplay by Barri Shrager. It was the perfect opportunity for moms and grandmothers to assist their children/grandchildren with the projects.

On Sunday, March 6, the mother/daughter team of Judith Frank and Abbey Frank will lead a *Purim*-themed *Rosh Chodesh* conversation. They will compare the portrayals of Vashti and Esther in the *Megillah*, discussing their unique contributions to the story and considering whether their actions make them feminist role models. They also will share their personal family connections to the holiday.

On Wednesday, March 9, at 8:00 p.m. the Women's Network Book Group will meet to discuss the book, *The Color of Love: A Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl*. Beth Smith will lead this discussion. In this award-winning memoir, a mixed-race Jewish woman recounts her journey from adoption and prejudice to helping the family that once shunned her.

On Saturday, June 18, we plan to hold our annual Shelly Goldin Women's Network *Shabbat* with members of the group leading the congregation in prayer and sharing a luncheon with our community. We certainly hope to hold this event in person.

One day later, the Women's Network hosts the congregation on our annual summer baseball outing. Fifty tickets have been purchased as a block for the afternoon game between the Washington Nationals and Philadelphia Phillies. Ticket ordering details will be shared after the season begins.

We still have lots of programs planned for the year. Details are sent out weekly in the WN newsletter and in *B'kesher*. If you have any questions about our programs, contact me at [balinfive@gmail.com](mailto:balinfive@gmail.com).



**The Women's Network's virtual tour of Jewish Paris was conducted by guide Karen Reb Rudel.**

# Being Empowered Across the Generations

BY FORTUNA SCHEIGE, TIKVAT ISRAEL'S WOMEN'S NETWORK



**Fortuna Scheige (left) was among the TI members who engaged Leah Bradley, executive director of Rockville-based Empowering the Ages, at a Women's Network program.**

As part of the celebration of *Tu B'Shvat*, the Women's Network on Jan. 9 hosted a *Rosh Chodesh* presentation by Leah Bradley, executive director of Rockville-based Empowering the Ages.

Bradley focused on the Jewish value of the natural flow and the need for human beings to interconnect in meaningful ways, to be interwoven and bonded across generations through the ages.

Bradley addressed intergenerational opportunities that mutually benefit all ages, families, the community at large, teenagers and older adults. Through an activity she introduced to the 18 attendees, we individually developed a list of values, focusing respectively on the needs of teenagers and older adults and what teenagers and older adults have to offer. I found it striking there were so many similarities of the needs and what each generation has to offer (such as affirmation, inclusion, support, patience, being listened to and the need for stimulation).

Empowering the Ages facilitates the generations to communicate and to understand each other's values and needs. Its varied programs help both young and old thrive together through age-integrated activities, connecting and improving communication across all generations within families and within the larger community. Bradley said her group seeks to eliminate social isolation, estrangement and loneliness, all of which plague many during the pandemic.

Empowering the Ages provides programs for "social improvement" across the generations, where talents, wisdom, imagination, technology, and so much more is shared, enriching each others' lives and perspectives. Volunteers are always welcomed.

For more information or to volunteer with the group, contact Empowering the Ages (15800 Crabbs Branch Way, Suite 300, Rockville, Md. 20855) at 301-476-0186. Lots of information appears at <https://empoweringtheages.org/>.

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# Major Gift to Fund for the Future Bolsters Training of ECC Staff

BY BETTY J. FISHMAN, *BULLETIN* ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Tikvat Israel Fund for the Future recently received a substantial donation from Stephen Raucher to establish the Helen P. Raucher Memorial ECC Staff Development Trust.

As a “restricted” fund, the earnings from this trust will underwrite in-service staff development for Early Childhood Center teachers at TI.



**Helen and Stephen Raucher on a Caribbean cruise in 2015. (Photo provided by Stephen Raucher)**

Helen passed away last May.

Steve, a former public school business official, laments that in-service training budgets are infamously targeted when school budgets need to be reduced. “The fund I set up in Helen’s memory comes from our understanding of the vital need for teachers to continually improve their skills through in-service education so they can continue to help children succeed.... It is my hope that the Helen Raucher Memorial ECC Fund will continue to allow the ECC to provide these opportunities for its staff for as long as the ECC exists,” he said.

The idea for the ECC was born in 1971 when the Rauchers’ then 4-year-old daughter Melissa “aged-out” of the nursery school she had been attending and wouldn’t make the cut-off that year for kindergarten. “We looked all over for a nursery school but came up empty,” Steve recalls, “so Helen decided we should start one at Beth Tikva. I think we were playing bridge with fellow congregants Nancy (z”l) and Dave Via when the subject came up. Nancy was a certified nursery school teacher, and I was VP of the *shul*. We approached the synagogue board and were given permission to try it.”

The preschool opened in the 1971-72 school year with three classes: a 5-day program for 4- to 5-year-olds, a 3-day program for 3- to 4-year-olds and a 2-day program for 2- to 3-year-olds. Steve recalls that Helen was the administrator and student recruiter. She helped potential clients find carpools and handled advertising and marketing. She also developed the curriculum.

When enrollment grew to fill two classes at each level, additional teachers and aides were hired, Nancy Via was named head teacher and Helen became administrator/registrar. A new position, nursery school comptroller, was created because the synagogue’s existing financial officers were overloaded. Later, Marian and Jesse Kaiser (z”l) became ECC comptrollers and served in that capacity for many years.

The biggest problem was space. At that time, Beth Tikva’s classrooms were behind sliding doors along the outer walls of today’s sanctuary. The nursery school and Hebrew school shared the same space. The solution was that all the pre-school furniture was on wheels and was moved into and out of the space daily.

It remained that way until about 1975 when portable classrooms were erected on the hill where the TI library wing now stands. The two buildings contained two rooms each and were designed to meet code for nursery schools. “Moving the preschool up to the hill solved our space issue,” Steve relates. “We used those portable classrooms for over 20 years.”

Teaching and mathematics were always Helen’s passion. In 1976, when the Rauchers’ youngest child started 1st grade, Helen returned to her first love – teaching math, first by starting a volunteer math lab at Barnsley Elementary School, then as a substitute at Wood Junior High School, and finally landing at the Berman Hebrew Academy.

Helen spent most of her 35-plus years as the math department chair at the Hebrew Academy, where she taught every grade level. During summers, she scored AP calculus exams for the College Board and taught a methods of teaching course at Trinity College for future teachers.

The Rauchers’ son, Dr. Len Raucher, told the following story at her funeral, and it beautifully sums up her career: “I was discussing the medical background of a mutual patient with a leading Johns Hopkins cardiologist/professor, when he asked if I knew a Helen Raucher as Raucher was an unusual name. I responded that she was my mom. The professor then told me, ‘She was the best and most caring teacher I ever had.’”



**From left, President Warren Berger, Stephen Raucher, FFF Chair Betty Fishman and ECC Director Debbie Ungar at the signing of the document establishing the Helen P. Raucher Memorial ECC Staff Development Trust. (Photo by Amy Matathias)**

## OUR RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Helen P. Raucher Memorial ECC Staff Development Trust is the third restricted fund established under the umbrella of the Tikvat Israel Fund for the Future. The Flax/Grishman Fund supports religious and educational programs, and the Chelemer/Smith Fund supports recognition of TI’s volunteers.

The minimum donation for establishing a restricted fund is \$10,000. But donations of any amount are welcome to the unrestricted portion of the FFF, which has distributed over \$50,000 to the congregation’s operating budget over the past three years.

Congregants can contribute via cash, check or credit card. Or you can make a gift to the fund as part of your overall financial plan, your will, an annuity or a Qualified Required Minimum Distribution from a retirement account. For information, contact Betty Fishman at 301-871-6162 or [bjfcsf@gmail.com](mailto:bjfcsf@gmail.com).

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

# Staff Upgrades Its Teaching Acumen During In-Service Training

BY DEBBIE UNGAR, DIRECTOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



The ECC started the winter with snow days, exciting activities and celebrations. We prepared for *Tu B'Shvat* by studying trees. As part of the JSTEM program, the pre-kindergarten studied drip irrigation and its use in the Israeli desert. Children made their own drip irrigation system for parsley seeds, whose growth they will monitor before use at Passover.

On Feb. 1, the ECC celebrated *Yom HaMishpacha*, or family day, a holiday in Israel that replaced Mother's Day and Father's Day. The day more easily honors all family structures. The classes made gifts for families and shared family photos.

For *Tzedakah*, though our Pajama *Havdalah* program, the ECC collected about 40 pairs of pajamas to donate to Interfaith Works. The *Arayot*, *Dubim* and *Yonim* classes will take a walking field trip to the center along with the donations. We appreciate how the children can witness the act of charity.

The ECC has begun registration for 2022-23 and for the summer session with flexible scheduling options for children 14 months to

5 years old. We invite prospective families to set up tours by calling 301-251-0455 or e-mailing Debbie Ungar at [debbie@tikvatisrael.org](mailto:debbie@tikvatisrael.org).

On another matter, ECC staff members recently completed their winter in-service training, made possible by the Helen P. Raucher Memorial ECC Staff Development Trust. (See related story, page 12.)

The morning workshop focused on team building and working with different personalities. Teachers participated in role playing and learned new strategies for working with young children. Staff members also practiced mindfulness and yoga techniques for use in the classroom.

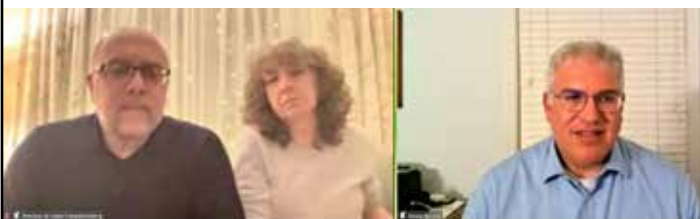


Families with young children participated in a PJ *Havdalah* event in January led by Rabbi Israel.

## A Farewell Tribute



Congregants' faces filled more than 60 Zoom screens during an hour-long program on Saturday evening, Jan. 8, to bid goodbye to outgoing Executive Director Sam Freedenberg. Among those extending messages of gratitude for his 11 years of service were Rabbi Marc Israel, Cantor Rochelle Helzner, Warren Berger, Shirley Waxman, Cliff Fishman, Maxine Perlmutter, Larry Gorban and Amy Matathias. A *Shabbat kiddush* lunch-to-go in his honor earlier in the day was managed by Roz Kram and Gorban. (Photos by Amy Matathias)



## Our Shabbat Volunteers

Thanks to all our volunteers who keep our in-person *Shabbat* morning services running smoothly, from our greeter who opens the door and wishes you a *Shabbat Shalom*, the usher who lets you know where we are in the service, *daveners* who fill in when Cantor Helzner is not with us, *gabbaim*, Torah readers and *Haftarah* chanters, and, of course, those who assist in the synagogue's kitchen.

While we're a dedicated small group (some of whom pull double duty), we can certainly use more help to continue to make our *Shabbat* services a meaningful experience for all. As you are able, please answer the call from our volunteer leaders to help out. Likewise, you may contact me at [apter4@gmail.com](mailto:apter4@gmail.com) or 301-460-9657 with questions.

Susan Apter  
Chair, Religious Practices Committee

## Film Fun and Gratitude

I want to commend Sally Kram for arranging the movie night discussions about the films "Asia" and "Here We Are." She did a good job pulling it all together.

I also want to thank Bruce Goldin for underwriting the costs of the Israeli Film Festival.

Judy Stern and Uzi Ben-Ami did an excellent job leading the discussion about "Here We Are." It was a very moving movie and a very informative discussion.

Mimi Meltzer



## EDUCATION AND YOUTH

# First Bar Mitzvah of 2022, Parenting Series, Free Books

BY JUDY STERN, VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH

### Our Next Bar Mitzvah



JJ Rabin

**Junet Jeremiah Rabin**, better known as JJ, son of Janaki Kuruppu and Ron Rabin, will celebrate his *bar mitzvah* on Saturday, March 12. He will participate in *mincha/havdalah/maariv*. Given the uncertainty of the COVID situation, the services will be livestreamed.

A 7<sup>th</sup>-grader at Earle B. Wood Middle School, JJ enjoys playing the piano and video games, as well as participating in sports. He is interested in learning about coding. He really likes pizza and had fun learning how to prepare sushi. He claims it is easy because “you just need a good roller.”

JJ has attended Camp Ramah in New England for several years, and he looks forward to going again this summer.

JJ moved to Maryland in January 2010 when he was adopted.

According to his parents, JJ is a good friend to others, has a strong sense of justice and a good sense of humor. He is inquisitive and has always asked many questions.

We wish JJ and his family *Mazal Tov* on this *simcha*!

### Young Congregant Makes History

Daniel Malkin will be called to the Torah for an *aliyah* on the morning of March 12, in honor of his *bar mitzvah*, which was held in March 2020. Daniel's was the first virtual *bar mitzvah* ever held at Tikvat Israel. He chanted his Torah portion from his dining room. Rabbi Israel and Cantor Helzner conducted the service from their own homes.

Josh Malkin, Daniel's father, said: “Although we weren't able to celebrate in a traditional ceremony, the virtual option actually gave more people the chance to attend than might have otherwise been able to.”

Daniel was joined on Zoom that day by his grandmother in Japan, friends and family from California, Georgia, New York, New Jersey and Texas, as well as Tikvat Israel congregants.

### Parent/Grandparent Speaker Series

Join the next presentation in a series led by parenting experts titled “How to Raise Jewish Children Without Having to be Perfect.” It begins at 8:15 p.m. via Zoom on Monday, March 7. The presenter is Rabbi Batya Glazer, director of the B'Yachad Community Religious School in Montgomery County, which has students enrolled from Tikvat Israel, Shaare Torah and Kol Shalom.

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

The final program in the series, titled “A Child's Mindset,” is tentatively set for 8:15 p.m. on Monday, April 4. The presenter will be Roni Silverstein, a former principal and director of the program for Leadership and Development in Administration for

the Montgomery County Public Schools. She is co-author of the book *Innovative Voices in Education: Engaging Diverse Communities*.

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

Both programs are open to the public, but pre-registration is requested. To register and receive the link, send a request with your name and date of the desired program(s) you wish to attend to judymstern7@gmail.com.

### Free Jewish Books for Children

Are you the parent, grandparent or relative of a child from newborn to age 12? Did you know that PJ Library will deliver free Jewish storybooks and activities to children each month?

For children from birth to 8 years old, sign up on: <https://bit.ly/pjlibrarysignup>.

For children ages 9-12, sign up at [pjjourway.org](http://pjjourway.org).

### 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.



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# Tikvat Israel *Pesach* Guide

Preparing for *Pesach* can be a daunting task. This guide is meant to make the process less intimidating and to answer common questions about getting ready for the holiday. In cases of doubt, check with Rabbi Israel.

## I. Cleaning and the Selling of *Chametz*

A person must remove any edible *chametz* (leavened product) that is the size of an olive or greater from her or his possession; thus, one must clean one's home, car, office, etc. Legumes, corn and rice (*kitniyot*) are not *chametz*, but Ashkenazic custom traditionally forbids them from being eaten on *Pesach*. In 2015, the Conservative Movement adopted the position to permit the eating of *kitniyot* on *Pesach*. Those who refrain from eating *kitniyot* do not need to sell them, but they should be placed in a cabinet that will be closed during the holiday. Only *chametz* that was sold for *Pesach* may be consumed after *Pesach*.



Any room or other part of the house that may have had *chametz* in it at some point during the year should be checked thoroughly. Floors should be swept and cleaned. Kitchen cabinets should be cleaned, but do not have to be covered. Clothes should be checked for food and crumbs (e.g., in pockets). Books that may have come into contact with *chametz* should also be checked (for example, *benchers*) or put away and not used during the holiday. Remember to check backpacks and other bags that may have contained food for *chametz*. In checking for *chametz* it is important to remember to be extremely careful and, at the same time, remember that *chametz* only refers to an item that is in an edible form. *Shmutz* is not *chametz*!

Many dishes, pots, and silverware used during the rest of the year can be *kashered* for *Pesach* – if one is using separate dishes for *Pesach*, however, the year-round dishes should be cleaned and stored away for the duration of the holiday. Any *chametz* that is not disposed of must be placed in a sealed cabinet or container and sold through Rabbi Israel or another *halakhically* appointed agent. Many communities offer this service, and some facilitate appointing an agent on-line.

When selling one's *chametz*, it is customary to make a donation for kosher-for-Passover food for needy Jews (*ma'ot chittim*). You can also fulfill this *mitzvah* by making a donation to the synagogue or online at <http://www.yadchessed.org>.



Following the holiday, one should not make use of any *chametz* that was sold for the holiday until at least 20 minutes after the holiday ends, in order to allow time for Rabbi Israel to reacquire the *chametz* on your behalf. If you will be in a different time zone when the holiday ends, ask when selling your *chametz* about when it will revert to your possession.

## II. Kashering

There are four main methods of *kashering* for *Pesach*:

1. **Hag'ala**—immersion in boiling water.
2. **'Irui mi-keli rishon** (or called simply **'irui**)—pouring boiling water from the vessel in which it was boiled onto the object to be *kashered*. This may also be achieved by using a steam iron.
3. **Libun gamur**—applying enough heat to some metal object such that sparks could be produced by hitting it.
4. **Libun kal**—applying enough heat to a metal object such that straw would burn if it touched it.

Different methods are appropriate for various items, as discussed below. All *kashering* should be completed before *zeman issur chametz* (the time when it is forbidden to benefit from *chametz* – check the *Bulletin* for *Pesach* times here in Rockville. If you will be away, exact times are available online at various sites such as *MyZmanim.com*). If you are *kashering* items later that day, consult a trusted *halakhic* authority, as the details will differ somewhat.

## III. Countertops

For marble countertops, clean and perform *'irui*. For formica, *'irui* should be performed unless one is concerned about damaging the countertop. If one is concerned about this, the counter should be covered with plastic, tin foil, or something similar. If hot food is NEVER placed on the counter during the year, then the countertop need not be covered.

## IV. Oven, Stovetop/Burners, Microwave

As much as possible, remove any remnants of food from the stovetop and oven. If the oven is self-cleaning, then running one self-cleaning cycle with the racks in the oven constitutes *libun* and the oven is *kashered*. If the oven is not self-cleaning, then the oven and the racks should be cleaned thoroughly with oven cleaner. The oven should then be heated to its highest temperature for 45 minutes, thus constituting *libun*. The stovetop and burners should be cleaned thoroughly, making sure





to remove any *chametz* in the corners, cracks, etc. If this is not possible, then one should clean them with soap or another cleaning agent in order to make any *chametz* inedible. Clean the stovetop with cleanser. The burner grills should be cleaned and then turned on to their highest temperature for 15 minutes (whether they are gas or electric burners).

A microwave should be cleaned thoroughly. An uncovered cup or bowl of water should then be placed in the microwave and heated, making sure that the water is brought to a boil. Microwaves with a browning element cannot be *kashered* for *Pesach* and should be cleaned and stored away.

## V. Sink

A metal sink should be cleaned and can then be *kashered* by pouring boiling water on it (*'irui*). According to some (including R' Ovadiah Yosef), a porcelain sink can be *kashered* by cleaning and performing *'irui* three times; others say such a sink cannot be *kashered*. If one is following this stricter view, then the sink should be cleaned well and an insert of some sort should be placed in the sink for washing dishes during *Pesach*. One can find specially *Pesach*-marketed sink inserts with built-in drains online, but any vessel that will fit in one's sink is fine. One should use separate sink racks or tubs for *Pesach*. Alternatively, some allow *kashering* plastic sink racks by cleaning them and performing *'irui* on them.

## VI. Metal pots

Pots must be *kashered* through *hag'ala*. First clean the largest pot thoroughly – it will be used to *kasher* the others. Remove its handles, if possible, in order to *kasher* them; if they cannot be removed, apply soap or a cleaning agent liberally around the handles in order to make any bits of *chametz* which might be found there inedible. Fill the pot with water and boil it; at the same time, boil water in a clean pot not used for 24 hours, and carefully pour that water into the large pot causing it to spill over without cooling down and thus *kashering* the outside of the pot. Other pots can now be *kashered* by *hag'ala* in this pot. If one is too big to fit in the large pot all at once, then it can be placed in the boiling water bit by bit. Lids should also be *kashered* by *hag'ala*.

Frying pans that can be put into the oven when it is being heated to its highest temperature should be *kashered* this way (after being cleaned thoroughly). Otherwise they should be *kashered* by *hag'ala* – if the pan is scratched, depending on the material, you may need to consult a rabbi or trusted *halakhic* authority.

## VII. Silverware

Metal silverware can be *kashered* by cleaning it and placing it in boiling water, thus performing *hag'ala*. If the silverware has plastic or wooden handles (which are not soldered on) and they cannot be removed or cleaned thoroughly, then they should be soaked in soap





in order to make sure that any bits of *chametz* which might be found there are inedible, and then *hag'ala* should be performed.

## VIII. Plates

Earthenware plates generally cannot be *kashered*. If one has no feasible alternative for *Pesach*, then china or porcelain that has not been used in a year can be *kashered* by doing *hag'ala* three times.

There are different customs regarding glass. Sefaradim hold that glass simply needs to be washed. The two Ashkenazic customs are that glass is not *kasherable*, or that glass should be soaked in water for 72 hours, changing the water every 24 hours.

Corningware, Pyrex, Duralux, and similar substances are considered by some to be glass and by some to be earthenware (and hence in either case subject to the reservations above about being possibly *unkasherable*). In any case, any such item that is used for baking should not be *kashered* for *Pesach*. Many hold that plastic plates are *kasherable* by *hag'ala* (scratched plates, however, may be problematic because food could lodge in the crack – it is best to consult a rabbi or trusted *halakhic* authority in such cases).

## IX. Glasses/Cups

Glasses or cups that are used with cold liquids need only be washed. Glasses or cups that are used with hot liquids need to be *kashered* in the ways outlined for plates above.

## X. Tables

Tables should be covered or *kashered*. The most common way of *kashering* a table is through *'irui* after a thorough cleaning. If one does not place hot food directly on the table or the table would be damaged through *'irui*, then the table should be cleaned thoroughly and covered.

## XI. Miscellaneous

- A. Baking pans and toaster ovens should not be *kashered* for *Pesach*. They should be cleaned and put away for the duration of the holiday.
- B. The refrigerator and freezer should be cleaned, with all *chametz* removed. If the freezer needs to be defrosted, it should be defrosted before being cleaned. *Chametz* that is being sold can be stored in the refrigerator or freezer, provided it is closed and covered.
- C. Dish towels and tablecloths need only be washed in a washing machine with detergent. Aprons, oven mitts, and cloth napkins should also be washed.
- D. Cabinets to be used during *Pesach* should be cleaned thoroughly. Cabinets used for storing *chametz* that is being sold for the holiday should be labeled and taped shut.



## XII. *Bedikat Chametz* (Search for *Chametz*)

On the night of the 14th of *Nissan* the search for *chametz* takes place. All cleaning should be done before then so that all *chametz* is accounted for, and any *chametz* to be used in the morning should be set aside so it does not get mixed in with other foods.

It is customary to put out ten pieces of *chametz* (e.g. Cheerios or crackers) before the search so that some *chametz* will be found in

the course of the search; also, the lights are traditionally turned off and the search is done with a flashlight or candle. Before beginning the search, the following blessing is made:



בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל בִּיעוּר חָמֶץ  
*Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh HaOlam Asher Kid'shanu B'Mitzvotav V'Tzivanu*  
*Al Biyur Chametz*

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Sovereign of the Universe, who has sanctified us with Your commandments, and commanded us concerning the removal of *chametz*.

Ideally, one should not talk between making this blessing and finding the first piece of *chametz*, in order to connect the saying of the blessing and the completion of the act for which it was recited – afterwards, talking should be limited to matters relating to the search itself. It is customary to search with a feather and spoon; any *chametz* found should be removed and set aside. Following the search, you verbally relinquish ownership of any *chametz* you might have missed in the search (however, you still keep in mind the *chametz* you did find, which is to be burned or otherwise disposed of the next morning, as well as any *chametz* set aside for breakfast). While the blessing above can be said by one person for all members of the household, everyone should recite the statement at the end of the search that constitutes relinquishing ownership of *chametz*.

Traditionally the following Aramaic text is used, but you should also say this statement in a language you understand:

כָּל חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָא דְאִיכָא בְּרִשּׁוּתִי, דְּלֹא חֲמִיתִיהּ, וְדְלֹא בְּעִרְתִּיהּ,  
וְדְלֹא יָדַעְנָא לִיהּ, לְבָטֵל וְלֵהוּי הֶפְקֵר כְּעַפְרָא דְאַרְעָא.

All manner of *chametz* or leaven that is in my possession, that I did not see or remove or know about, shall be nullified and considered ownerless as the dust of the earth.

The following morning, the *chametz* found during the search should be burned or otherwise destroyed. As noted above, various websites will have the exact time before which *chametz* can still be eaten, as well as the last time for disposing of *chametz*. A final statement relinquishing ownership in *chametz* should be made by that time – the text is slightly different from the one used the night before:



כָּל חֲמִירָא וְחֲמִיעָא דְּאֵכָא בְּרִשּׁוֹתַי דְּחֻזְתָּהּ וְדָלָא חֻזְתָּהּ דְּחֻמְתָּהּ וְדָלָא חֻמְתָּהּ דְּבַעֲרָתָהּ  
וְדָלָא בַּעֲרָתָהּ לְבָטֵל וְלֵהוִי הֶפְקֵר כְּעַפְרָא דְּאֶרְעָא.

All manner of *chametz* or leaven that is in my possession, whether or not I recognized it, whether or not I saw it, whether or not I removed it, shall be nullified and considered ownerless as the dust of the earth.

[If you are going to be away from your home at these times (e.g., if you will be traveling for *Pesach* and leaving your home before the time for searching for *chametz*), you should do *bedikat chametz* at night before you leave, but without the preceding blessing. The statements relinquishing ownership of *chametz* are still recited on the usual night and the next morning once the last of the *chametz* is consumed or disposed of, as described above.]

### **XIII. Siyum Bechorim**

It is traditional for those who are first-born (*bechorim*) to fast on the day before *Pesach*, in remembrance of being saved from the final plague in Egypt. According to the *midrash*, men and women alike were affected by this plague, and the *Shulhan Arukh* brings the opinion that therefore first-born men and women should fast on this day. However, the widespread custom is for the first-born to participate in a *siyum* (completion of a major cycle of Jewish learning) on that day, and the *siyum* is concluded with a meal (with *chametz*!). The obligation to eat at a *siyum* supersedes the fast, therefore many synagogues will hold this *siyum* after morning services on that day (when the day before *Pesach* is *Shabbat*, the fast/*siyum* is moved up to Thursday).

*Chag kasher v'sameach!*

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## 28 ADAR I MARCH 1

Carl Fishman  
Beatrice Friedman  
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## 29 ADAR I MARCH 2

Louis Auerbach  
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Freda Shevitz

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Judy Rosenthal

## 2 ADAR II MARCH 5

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Sidney Migdal

## 2 NISSAN

### APRIL 3

Lea Chernoff  
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## 3 NISSAN

### APRIL 4

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

## 4 NISSAN

### APRIL 5

Tillie Grossman  
Eugene Katz  
Edward J. Raine  
Minnie Sakoff  
Esther Salit

## 5 NISSAN

### APRIL 6

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

## 6 NISSAN

### APRIL 7

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

## 7 NISSAN

### APRIL 8

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

## 8 NISSAN

### APRIL 9

Harriet Cohen  
Sylvia Copaken  
Elizabeth Grishman  
Daisy C. Jones  
Martin Kronenberg  
Carolyn Wermiel  
Sophie Zaccagni

## 9 NISSAN

### APRIL 10

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

## 10 NISSAN

### APRIL 11

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

## 11 NISSAN

### APRIL 12

Lina Hoffman  
Beatrice Klein  
Jacob Levi  
Molly Oppenheim

## 12 NISSAN

### APRIL 13

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

## 13 NISSAN

### APRIL 14

Rachel Brown  
Ann Engel  
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## 14 NISSAN

### APRIL 15

Henry Goldberg  
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Dora Kishner  
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Michael Sanders  
Michael C. Shapiro  
Diane Katz Shedroff

## 15 NISSAN

### APRIL 16

Edward Lankin  
Tillie Pressman  
Harry Shooman  
Kalman Sokolow  
Sol Wachovsky

## 16 NISSAN

### APRIL 17

Stanley Berger  
Harry G. Blackstone  
Joseph Burdoo  
Samuel Grossman  
Irving Kaplan  
David Klein  
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## 17 NISSAN

### APRIL 18

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Joseph Gordon  
Harriet Raine  
Dorothy M. Robinson  
Rose Stahler

## 18 NISSAN

### APRIL 19

Edith Adler  
Irving Curchack  
Jennie Kornhauser  
Leonard Mitchel

## 19 NISSAN

### APRIL 20

Aaron Feinmark  
Samuel Nathan Leavitt  
Rita Shetzlich

## 20 NISSAN

### APRIL 21

Alfred Cowan  
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Fannie Saltzman  
Sol Schwartz  
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Samuel Shull  
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## 21 NISSAN

### APRIL 22

Benjamin Bogage  
Stephen Gary  
Mary Ruth Glucksman  
Aaron Polansky

## 22 NISSAN

### APRIL 23

Lorraine Cohen  
Jenny Fierman  
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## 23 NISSAN

### APRIL 24

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### APRIL 25

Samuel Appel  
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## 25 NISSAN

### APRIL 26

Lenore Kline Bain  
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## 26 NISSAN

### APRIL 27

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In honor of John Melmed, with thanks for your hard work in creating and maintaining True Stories, by Sue and Howard Wilchins

In honor of Micah Cowan's superb *drash* on New Year's Day by Betty and Cliff Fishman  
In honor of Rabbi Howard and Pam Gorin, Cantor Rochelle Helzner, and Rabbi Marc Israel by Mary and Neal Meyerson  
In honor of Roz and Ted Kram's anniversary by Hilda Springer  
In honor of Sam Freedenberg by Shirley Waxman and Joel Bressler

In honor of the irreplaceable Sam Freedenberg by Jeannette Eisler  
In honor of Sam Gilston's birthday by Hilda Springer  
In support of the December 18 Coffee House by Sue and Howard Wilchins  
Mazel tov for Sally Kram's outstanding event planning by Rebecca Salon and Jay Goldman  
Providing support of True Stories in memory of Leslie Green by Bonnie and Elliot Cowan

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In memory of Irwin Chornock by Roz and Ted Kram  
In memory of Irwin Chornock by Norma Krupenie  
In memory of Ronald Eisler by Miriam Davidson  
In memory of Marian Kaiser by Susan and Martin Fullenbaum  
In memory of Carol Krakaur by Amy and Daniel Matathias  
In memory of Fred Wishengrad by Susan and Jay Plafker

### In memory of Shirley Baer

by Bobbi and Larry Gorban  
by Amy and Dan Matathias  
by Sue and Jay Plafker  
by Ellen and Jeff Smith  
by Nancy and Jonathan Solomon

### In memory of Leslie Green

by Debby Berlyne and Danny Bachman  
by Janice and Bob Balin  
by Marlene Chait  
by Karen and Michael Cohen  
by Susan and Martin Fullenbaum  
by Bobbi and Larry Gorban  
by Naomi and Harvey Kaplan  
by Paula and Marvin Kasper  
by Roz and Ted Kram  
by Sandy and Larry Levine  
by Nancy and Rod Matheson  
by Wendy Morrison  
by Ziva and Jerry Schuchman  
by Beth and Richard Smith  
by Nancy and Jonathan Solomon

### In memory of Ellyn Polonsky

by Roberta and David Benor  
by Margie and Steve Eiserike  
by Susan and Martin Fullenbaum  
by Roberta and Manny Helzner  
by Roz and Ted Kram  
by Steve Marcus  
by Maxine and Jim Perlmutter  
by Anna Robbins  
by Fortuna and Steve Scheige

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### In honor of Sam Freedenberg by

Rabbi David Abramson  
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Karen and Michael Cohen  
Michele Eisenberg  
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Nancy and Jonathan Solomon  
Hilda Springer  
Sue and Martin Urban  
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In honor of Amy Sanders' birthday by Amy Sanders  
In honor of Betty Fishman's birthday by Betty and Cliff Fishman  
In honor of Elanor and Jonathan Lantner's Torah reading, in appreciation of Torah Club that brought them to this day, and in honor of Reuben Lantner's 9th birthday by Shira and Dan Lantner  
In honor of Roz Kram's dedication to Tikvat Israel by Ron Rabin  
In honor of Sam Gilston's birthday by Tami and Sam Gilston  
In honor of the 36th anniversary of Ted and Roz Kram's *aufbruch* and of Ted Kram's chanting *Haftarah* by Sara Harris  
*Mazel tov* to the birthday twins of Congress Drive, Bonnie Cowan and Jim Perlmutter, who celebrated their birthdays on February 1; may they go from strength to strength! by Maxine and Jim Perlmutter

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In gratitude for Cliff Fishman by Ron Rabin  
In gratitude for Rich Nisenson by Ron Rabin  
In memory of Mildred Ruth Rothman Coblitz by Anita and Mel Brenner  
In memory of Robert Katz by Judith and Marvin Waldman  
In memory of Ellen Ungerleider by Robert Tettelbach

## SHELLY GOLDIN MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Sylvia Goldin by Bruce Goldin  
In memory of Leslie Green by Bruce Goldin  
In memory of Leslie Green by Elaine Weinstein

## TORAH CLUB FUND

In honor of Micah Cowan's superb *drash* on New Year's Day by Betty and Cliff Fishman  
For Sifrei Torah repair by Susan and Alan Apter

## TZEDAKAH CHAVURAH

by Susan and Alan Apter  
In honor of Betty Fishman's birthday by Madeleine Oakley  
In honor of the birth of Penina and Sam Freedenberg's granddaughter by Lois and Neil Sbar  
In memory of Irwin Chornock by Anita and Mel Brenner  
In memory of Arlene Minott by Sharon and Dan Jacobs

In memory of Sarah G. Kravitz by Debbie Yanoff  
In memory of Lewis Levy by Hope Levy Kott and Phil Kott  
In memory of the Battino and Negrine families by Elisabeth Battino  
In recognition of Giving Tuesday by Kathleen Kasia Kun and David Kun

## WOMEN'S NETWORK

In appreciation for the TI Women's Network by Karen Rudel and the Paris Sight Seeker's Delight Team  
In appreciation of Sam Freedenberg, for his nearly 12 years of untiring and dedicated service as Executive Director, by Fortuna and Steve Scheige

# March 2022

## 28 Adar - 28 Adar I

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>6</b> 9:00a Minyan 10:30AM <a href="#">Women's Network: The Women of Purim</a> 7:30PM <a href="#">Israeli Dancing</a> 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <a href="#">Cliff Fishman Presents: National Parks</a></p>	<p><b>7</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">4 Adar II</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> 8:15PM <a href="#">Parents/Grandparents Lecture</a></p>	<p><b>1</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">28 Adar I</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>2</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">29 Adar I</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>3</b> 8:00a Rosh Chodesh Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>4</b> 8:00a Rosh Chodesh Minyan 5:47p Candle lighting 6:00PM <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments</a></p>	<p><b>5</b> 9:30AM Preliminary 10:00AM <a href="#">Service (lay-led)</a> 10:00AM <a href="#">Patio Minyan</a> 10:00AM <a href="#">Shabbat Services (Parashat Pekudei)</a> 11:00AM <a href="#">Rhythm 'N' Ruach</a> <a href="#">Shabbat Family</a> <a href="#">Jam with Auntie A</a> 6:46p Havdalah</p>
<p><b>6</b> 9:00a Minyan 10:30AM <a href="#">Women's Network: The Women of Purim</a> 7:30PM <a href="#">Israeli Dancing</a> 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <a href="#">Cliff Fishman Presents: National Parks</a></p>	<p><b>7</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">4 Adar II</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> 8:15PM <a href="#">Parents/Grandparents Lecture</a></p>	<p><b>8</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">5 Adar II</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>9</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">6 Adar II</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> 8:00PM <a href="#">Women's Network Book Group</a></p>	<p><b>10</b> 8:00a Rosh Chodesh Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <a href="#">Toastmasters</a></p>	<p><b>11</b> 8:00a Rosh Chodesh Minyan 5:54p Candle lighting 6:00PM <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat</a></p>	<p><b>12</b> 9:30AM Preliminary 10:00AM <a href="#">Service (lay-led)</a> 10:00AM <a href="#">Shabbat Services (Parashat Vayikra)</a> 6:00PM <a href="#">Mincha / JJ Rabin Bar Mitzvah</a> 6:53p Havdalah</p>
<p><b>13</b> 9:00a Minyan 7:30PM <a href="#">Israeli Dancing</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>14</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">11 Adar II</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>15</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">12 Adar II</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>16</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">13 Adar II</a> Fast of Esther 6:30PM <a href="#">Minyan</a> 7:30PM <a href="#">Purim Puppet Show</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Maziv and Full Megillah Reading</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>17</b> 7:00a Purim Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>18</b> 8:00a Sushan Purim Minyan 6:00PM <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat</a> 7:01p Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9:30AM Preliminary 10:00AM <a href="#">Service (lay-led)</a> 10:00AM <a href="#">Shabbat Services (Parashat Tzav)</a> 11:00AM <a href="#">Rhythm 'N' Ruach</a> <a href="#">Shabbat Family</a> <a href="#">Jam with Auntie A</a> 8:00p Havdalah</p>
<p><b>20</b> 9:00a Minyan 7:30PM <a href="#">Israeli Dancing</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>21</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">18 Adar II</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>22</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">19 Adar II</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> 8:00PM <a href="#">Board Meeting</a></p>	<p><b>23</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">20 Adar II</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>24</b> 8:00a Rosh Chodesh Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <a href="#">Toastmasters</a></p>	<p><b>25</b> 8:00a Rosh Chodesh Minyan 6:00PM <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat</a> 7:07p Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>26</b> 9:30AM Preliminary 10:00AM <a href="#">Service (lay-led)</a> 10:00AM <a href="#">Shabbat Services (Parashat Shmini / Shabbat Parah)</a> 8:07p Havdalah</p>
<p><b>27</b> 9:00a Minyan 10:30AM <a href="#">Women's Network Craft Project</a> 7:30PM <a href="#">Israeli Dancing</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>28</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">25 Adar II</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>29</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">26 Adar II</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>30</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">27 Adar II</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>31</b> 8:00a Rosh Chodesh Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>		<p><b>All events subject to change. Please read B'kesher for the latest status.</b></p>



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## 29 Adar II - 29 Nissan 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>All events subject to change. Please read B'kesher for the latest status.</b></p>					<p><b>1</b> 8:00a Minyan 6:00PM <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat</a> 7:14p Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:30AM <a href="#">1 Nisan</a> Rosh Chodesh <a href="#">Preliminary Service</a> (lay-led) 10:00AM <a href="#">Patio Minyan</a> 10:00AM <a href="#">Shabbat Services</a> (<a href="#">Parashat Tazria</a>) 8:14p Havdalah</p>
<p><b>3</b> 9:00a Minyan 7:30PM <a href="#">Israeli Dancing</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>4</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">3 Nisan</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> 8:15PM <a href="#">Parents/Grandparents Lecture</a></p>	<p><b>5</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">4 Nisan</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>6</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">5 Nisan</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>7</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>8</b> 6:00PM <a href="#">7 Nisan</a> 7:21p <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat</a> Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:30AM <a href="#">8 Nisan</a> <a href="#">Preliminary Service</a> (lay-led) 10:00AM <a href="#">Shabbat Services</a> (<a href="#">Parashat Metzora / Shabbat HaGadol</a>) 11:00AM <a href="#">Rhythm 'N' Ruach</a> <a href="#">Shabbat Family Jam with Auntie A</a> 8:21p Havdalah</p>
<p><b>10</b> 9:00a Minyan 10:30AM <a href="#">Women's Network</a> <a href="#">Healthy Eating Program</a> 7:30PM <a href="#">Israeli Dancing</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>11</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">10 Nisan</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>12</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">11 Nisan</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>13</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">12 Nisan</a> 7:30p <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>14</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>15</b> 7:00AM <a href="#">14 Nisan</a> Erev Pesach Fast of First Born 8:00AM <a href="#">Minyan &amp; Siyyum</a> 10:55AM <a href="#">Siyum / Breakfast</a> 12:01PM <a href="#">Last Chametz</a> 7:28p <a href="#">Burn Chametz</a> Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>16</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">15 Nisan</a> Pesach I Minyan 9:30AM <a href="#">Preliminary Service</a> (lay-led) 10:00AM <a href="#">Yom Tov Services</a> 8:29p Candle lighting</p>
<p><b>17</b> <a href="#">16 Nisan</a> Pesach II (Omer 1) 10:00AM <a href="#">Yom Tov Service</a> 8:30p Havdalah 8:30PM <a href="#">Ma'ariv</a></p>	<p><b>18</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">17 Nisan</a> Hol Hamoed Pesach (Omer 2) 7:30PM <a href="#">Minyan</a> <a href="#">Minea / Ma'ariv</a></p>	<p><b>19</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">18 Nisan</a> Hol Hamoed Pesach (Omer 3) 7:30PM <a href="#">Minyan</a> <a href="#">Minyan</a></p>	<p><b>20</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">19 Nisan</a> Hol Hamoed Pesach (Omer 4) 7:30PM <a href="#">Minyan</a> <a href="#">Minyan</a></p>	<p><b>21</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">20 Nisan</a> Hol Hamoed Pesach (Omer 5) 7:30PM <a href="#">Minyan</a> <a href="#">Minyan</a> Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>22</b> 10:00AM <a href="#">21 Nisan</a> Yom Tov Pesach (Omer 6) 6:00PM <a href="#">Yom Tov Service</a> <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat</a> 7:35p Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:30AM <a href="#">22 Nisan</a> Yom Tov Pesach (Omer 7) <a href="#">Preliminary Service</a> (lay-led) 10:00AM <a href="#">Yom Tov Services</a> 8:36p Havdalah 9:00PM <a href="#">Reclaim Chametz</a></p>
<p><b>24</b> 9:00a Minyan 7:30PM <a href="#">23 Nisan</a> <a href="#">Israeli Dancing</a> 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>25</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">24 Nisan</a> 7:30p (Omer 9) <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan</p>	<p><b>26</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">25 Nisan</a> 7:30p (Omer 10) 8:00PM <a href="#">Minyan</a> <a href="#">Board Meeting</a></p>	<p><b>27</b> 8:00AM <a href="#">26 Nisan</a> 7:30p (Omer 11) Minyan</p>	<p><b>28</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan</p>	<p><b>29</b> 8:00a Minyan 6:00PM <a href="#">28 Nisan</a> 7:41p (Omer 13) <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat</a> Candle lighting</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:30AM <a href="#">29 Nisan</a> <a href="#">Preliminary Service</a> (Omer 14) 10:00AM <a href="#">Shabbat Services</a> (<a href="#">Parashat Achrei Mot</a>) 11:00AM <a href="#">Rhythm 'N' Ruach</a> <a href="#">Shabbat Family Jam with Auntie A</a> 8:44p Havdalah</p>



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- ⇒ **Half-century of performing.** The rabbi and cantor who've toured for about 50 years as the musical act Kol B'Seder (including time on the concert trail with the late Debbie Friedman) are coming this spring to perform at Tikvat Israel. Read about these long-admired musicians on **page 4**.
- ⇒ **The new fellow in charge.** You can get the inside scoop on Aaron Chusid, the new executive director, in an informative Q&A completed by *Bulletin* investigative reporter Melissa Apter. See **pages 6-7**.
- ⇒ **Passover's fast approaching.** In lieu of the separate mailing from the synagogue that includes your form for selling *chametz*, your complete guide to Passover observance appears in a special section on **pages P1-P6 & 15**.

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