



## Board, Budget on June Ballot at Congregational Meeting

Members of Tikvat Israel will be asked to elect five members to the synagogue's board and to weigh the merits of a spending plan for 2022-23 at a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 26.

The meeting will commence at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. It will be accessible via the shul's Zoom connection for those unable to be there in person to vote on the fiscal year budget and the board candidates.

The parameters and priorities of the new operating budget will be finalized in May or early June before congregation members cast their votes for or against. The current year's budget is about \$1.34 million. Copies of the proposed budget will be made available by treasurer Stuart Lempert shortly before the meeting.

The five candidates for two-year board terms are Melissa Apter, Howard Dickenson, Jenny Gendel, Jay P. Goldman and Amy Sanders.

Dickenson and Sanders have been asked to take the seats of Roberta Helzner and Kelsey Klass, who are leaving board service at the end of June. Gendel will fill the berth of David Gorman, who has been serving a partial term created by a mid-term departure. Apter and Goldman are current board members who have accepted nominations for continuing service.

As past co-president, Jim Perlmutter served as chair of the nomination committee.

The officer positions and other board seats will be up for election a year from now.

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## WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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

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

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

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

Friday 8:00 a.m.

*Kabbalat*

*Shabbat* 6:00 p.m.

*Shabbat* 10:00 a.m.

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

Note: Several services are now in person (*Kabbalat Shabbat*, *Shabbat* morning and Sunday morning *minyan*).

All services continue online. Additional in-person services will be announced in *B'kesher*.

## CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

May 6 7:48 p.m.

May 13 7:55 p.m.

May 20 8:01 p.m.

May 27 8:07 p.m.

June 3 8:12 p.m.

June 4 9:19 p.m. (*Erev Shavuot*)

June 5 9:20 p.m. (*Shavuot*)

June 10 8:17 p.m.

June 17 8:19 p.m.

June 24 8:21 p.m.

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## SHUL SHORTS

### Upcoming Visit to Nationals Park

Join fellow synagogue members, family members and friends for the congregation's annual baseball outing to Nationals Park, organized by the TI Women's Network. A block of 50 tickets has been purchased for the Washington Nationals game versus the Philadelphia Phillies at 12:05 p.m. on Sunday, June 19.

Tickets are \$37. The seats are in a shaded section of the ballpark along the left field line in Section 204, Rows F-M. This is a level lower than last year's synagogue outing.

Tickets must be placed by May 18. Reserve your tickets by contacting organizer Rebecca Salton at rsalon@verizon.net. Indicate the number of tickets you'd like and if you have any seating preferences next to other people.



### Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments

The next KS with I service will be held on **Friday, May 6 at 6 p.m.** in the social hall and will be livestreamed. This spirited service led by Cantor Rochelle Helzner includes uplifting melodies both traditional and new, accompanied by piano, guitar, bass and percussion.

### New Staffer

Tikvat Israel has hired a new administrative assistant for the front office, Emily Jarmuth. She has a background in restaurant and event management, and she grew up at TI as the daughter of congregant Wendy Baumann and had her bat mitzvah at the *shul*.

Jarmuth will staff the main office on weekday mornings, assisting office manager Amy Matathias to keep TI affairs organized during the continuing transition to ShulCloud and Kesef, a bookkeeping firm that serves synagogues.

### Blood Donors

The next Tikvat Israel blood drive is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 15, from 1-6:30 p.m.** in the social hall.

Sign up for an appointment time at [https://bit.ly/TI-bl\\_drive](https://bit.ly/TI-bl_drive).

### Purim Collection

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, the *Purim* collection at Tikvat Israel came to \$630. The money gets funneled into the total that the *Tzedakah Havurah* will divvy up in July to a variety of charities and non-profits. Anyone in the congregation interested in being part of the *havurah* can contact chair David Gantz at dgantz16@verizon.net.

### Dashboard Data

At each monthly meeting of the Tikvat Israel board, Executive Director Aaron Chusid provides vital statistics.

Tikvat Israel membership currently stands at 248 households and 760 members. The Early Childhood Center's enrollment is 65 students.

### 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: **May 7, May 21 and June 4.**

If weather permits, the activity takes place on the front patio.

### Advertising Leads

Bob Silverstein serves 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 could be interested, contact Silverstein at r\_silverstein@msn.com so he can follow up.

# Security Committee Bolstering *Shul* on Several Fronts

Neil Sbar, the new chair of the security committee at Tikvat Israel, told the synagogue's board of directors that he considers the top priority to provide safety and security training to all staff members, active volunteers and interested congregation members.

The training, to be provided by an outside consultant, would lead to an organized system at the shul for identifying threats and taking appropriate action.

Sbar and Executive Director Aaron Chusid are working with Robert Graves, regional security adviser for the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. Graves has provided the security committee with templates for developing our *shul's* own safety, security and emergency plans. Weekly Zoom sessions provide guidance on formulating these plans. This will lead to training for TI staff and members of the congregation.

Following a recent meeting with Graves, Sbar said: "TI needs a clear strategy for front-line personnel to make decisions on, for example, admittance to the building, when to call police or fire department, when to lock down and when to evacuate."

Graves conducted an emergency first aid workshop in mid-March titled "Stop the Bleed" for dealing with victims of an attack or intrusion.

He is available to run the workshop for members of the congregation.

The synagogue also is upgrading security hardware. All external door locks have been upgraded and windows have been coated with a barrier film.

The synagogue also is looking to purchase about a half dozen wireless radios for use by the Early Childhood Center and other TI staff.

Panic buttons have been installed in several key areas of the building to send immediate alerts to local police during a security threat.

"We have multiple alarm and threat detection systems," Sbar said. "We need to integrate some of these for more efficient and rapid response."

Other members of the TI security committee, besides Sbar and Chusid, are Alan Apter, Sherman Eisner and Jeff Baer.



One of the synagogue's wall-mounted panic buttons that's linked to the police department appears just inside and to the left of the building's front entrance. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

## That May Calendar Has a Familiar Feel



Larry Levine alongside the current USCJ calendar page bearing his photography. (Photo by Sandy Levine)

If you own a calendar for the Hebrew year 5782 produced by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, be sure you pay special attention to the page for May. That's because the photographic image chosen to appear with the May calendar (*Nissan-Iyar-Sivan*) is the work of Tikvat Israel congregant Larry Levine.

Levine, a professional photographer who spent years employed by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, submitted the image after the USCJ put out a global call for submissions to incorporate into its annual publication. The USCJ calendar is distributed to 50,000 families, including a number of members of Tikvat Israel.

The chosen photograph shows a close-up of the hands of his wife Sandy tying the *tzitzit* on a new *tallit* she was creating under the tutelage of fellow TI member Shirley Waxman.

Waxman routinely involves the recipients of her customized artistic *tallit* in the creative process. That meant Sandy Levine chose the fabrics. Waxman taught her how to tie the *tzitzit* and guided her through the process — all captured digitally by her husband's camera.

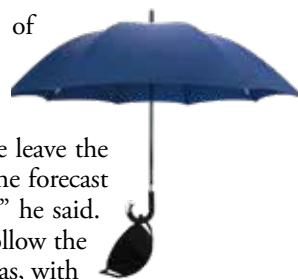
## *Shul's* COVID-19 Measures Likened to Umbrella Use

Clergy and staff at TI have been working with the COVID-19 committee to adapt synagogue practices to reflect the low rates of transmission currently in the community.

The synagogue is mask-optional while encouraging individuals to show consideration and use a mask when interacting with Early Childhood Center students and others who are more vulnerable or more cautious.

The committee remains mindful of the increase of cases in Europe of the new Omicron variant to re-evaluate our situation and adjust our mitigation measures as needed.

Rabbi Israel used the analogy of an umbrella to describe the adaptability that will be necessary going forward. "On days when the forecast calls for mostly sun, we leave the umbrella at home; on days when the forecast calls for rain, we use our umbrella," he said. "Our mask-wearing may need to follow the same type of pattern as our umbrellas, with higher rates of communal spread/hospitalizations being our 'rainy days.'"



Friday night services returned in late March to in-person events at 6 p.m. weekly. A livestreaming option remains. At Sunday morning *minyan*, attendees continue to wear facial masks each week. Zoom participants typically are mask-less.

## PROGRAMMING

# Our Pivot to In-Person Programming

BY SALLY KRAM, TIKVAT ISRAEL VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMMING



As COVID-19 cases recede in Montgomery County, TI is planning for in-person programming with a virtual component for those still worried about exposure to the virus.

Spring and summer programs being planned include:

- The May 1 celebration of Tikvat Israel legend Jim Perlmutter featuring concert artists *Kol B'seder*. (See page 24.)
- An announcement in May of the winner of TI's first (and hopefully not last) raffle. John Melmed, a member of programs committee, will announce the winner of TI's Spring Raffle prize, a pair of diamond stud earrings provided to Tikvat Israel by Mervis Jewelers. Check *B'kesher* for more details about the announcement.
- A May 1 commemoration of *Yom HaShoah* as TI joins in a virtual regional program at 1 p.m. Links to the program will be circulated closer to the event.
- A May 8 Drive-Through Dining event to mark Mother's Day. The program will feature breakfast food for pick-up in TI's parking lot. Mothers, don't cook! Support Drive-Through Dining.
- A May 15 concert at TI through Focus Music featuring Side by Side. Show starts at 7 p.m.
- A May 22 paper shredding event for congregants to shed unnecessary boxes of paper in TI's annual "spring cleaning" event. Boxes will be shredded at \$5 each.
- A May 22 Social Action Fair promoting TI's Social Action activities. Learn about various volunteer opportunities to make 2022-23 even more meaningful.
- A May 22 lunch amidst the shredding outside and the social action fair inside. (See *B'kesher* for more details.)
- A June 15 Red Cross blood drive in the social hall to support serious needs in Montgomery County.
- A Father's Day outing managed by the Women's Network to Nationals Park on June 19. (See page 2 for ticket ordering details.) Join fellow congregants to watch the Washington Nationals take on the Philadelphia Phillies.

### Tikkun Olam

Synagogue volunteers focused on community service and advocacy have been meeting since January to discuss how TI can better organize its many programs designed to better the world—either through direct social service and volunteerism, fundraising and engaging in public advocacy for important causes.

The planning will be capped by the Social Action Fair on May 22 where you can learn about TI's "big tent" of community action featuring six tracks:

- Feeding the hungry;
- Welcoming the stranger;
- Serving aging and vulnerable populations;
- Exploring and acting on racial justice and equity;
- Sustaining the planet; and
- Improving education and literacy.

Where do you fit in? Watch *B'kesher* for more details.

### What's Next

The programs committee needs added support as it plans programs for 2022-23. We are meeting virtually at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25. All are welcome as we discuss programs for the upcoming year. Bring your ideas, your energy and yourself. Watch *B'kesher* for more details.

However, you need not wait for the planning meeting to join the programs committee. Send me your name, e-mail address and idea to [sallykram939@gmail.com](mailto:sallykram939@gmail.com)! All program ideas are welcome.

### Commendations

The work of programs could not take place without a cadre of talented volunteers who make things happen.

- Kudos to Judy Stern for her well-received series of lectures focused on issues of interest to grandparents and parents. During the series, Judy ensured child-centered issues were addressed with intelligence and humor during this well-planned series; and
- Thanks to Debbie Amster, Anna Levy and Sandra Sheskin, all of whom continue supporting and guiding the social action relaunch.

## Paper Shredding Set for May 22

Tikvat Israel will host a paper shredding event from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, in the synagogue parking lot.

It will cost \$5 per box of paper to be destroyed. Only paper will be taken. No binders with metal or books permitted.



This will be the third time for the TI shredding fest. It is being held to help TI staff get rid of documents from within the building. Executive Director Aaron Chusid has been cleaning out the building and has found decades-old documents that need to be removed and shredded.

If you would like to help during the event, contact Alan Apter at [alaniapter@gmail.com](mailto:alaniapter@gmail.com).

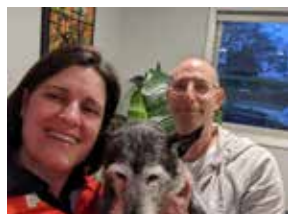


# Welcome Newcomers to Our Membership Ranks

Tikvat Israel is pleased to announce two new families have joined the membership ranks since the start of 2022.

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

## Monica Meyer and Robert Podolsky



Monica Meyer and Robert Podolsky

**Children:** Maxim Podolsky, Lev Podolsky and Ethan Podolsky, all in their 20s and living elsewhere

**Residence:** Rockville

**Occupations:** Rob is a biostatistician at Children's National Hospital. Monica is a biomedical life scientist at Leidos.

**Why affiliate with Tikvat Israel?** We wanted to join a synagogue in the community in which we live, and we couldn't have been happier with TI. We were warmly welcomed from day one. More importantly, we felt valued and included as new members even before we joined.

**Your first impressions of TI?** Everyone was so friendly and

helpful. There was no such thing as too many questions. Our impression was that TI is a *shul* where people care and take a true interest in each other, as well as the community in which we live.

**Anything else to share?** A big thank you to everyone at TI for making us feel like we belong.

## Sara and Gilad Tal



Sara and Gilad Tal

**Other family members:** Two grown sons plus grandchildren.

**Residence:** Kensington

**Occupations:** Both retired, Sara as a preschool teacher for decades, including at Tikvat Israel, and Gilad as accountant/comptroller at Giant for 25 years and another 15 years as chief financial officer of Rafael-USA.

**Why affiliate with Tikvat Israel?** We chose to join Tikvat Israel because of a good friend who belongs to the congregation. We have known Rabbi Marc Israel for many years. Sara had his two children in her nursery school class. His kindness and caring personality pushed us to join Tikvat Israel.

**Your first impressions of TI?** It's a regular Conservative synagogue.

## Fund for the Future Grows and Contributes to TI Coeffers

BY BETTY FISHMAN, FUND FOR THE FUTURE CHAIR

As reported in the March-April issue of the *Bulletin*, Steve Raucher recently made a donation to Tikvat Israel's Fund for the Future to establish the Helen P. Raucher Fund for ECC Staff Development. Several other significant donations were received toward the end of 2021 from Harold and Debra Diamond, Sherman and Ellen Eisner, and Jay Goldman and Rebecca Salon. Thank you all!

The Raucher Fund is one of three special restricted funds within the overall FFF endowment. The other two restricted funds are earmarked for religious/educational programming and materials (established by Melanie Grishman) and for volunteer recognition (established by Carol Chelemer). All other donations go into the unrestricted portion of the fund, which makes money available to the congregation's general fund.

Since 2019, FFF has contributed \$52,000 to the general fund, which is one of the reasons we have been able to keep dues from increasing. At the end of 2021, the TI fund's assets totaled \$690,966.

There are many ways to contribute to the FFF. We can accept checks, donations of stocks and transfers from retirement accounts. Seniors (anyone 70 1/2 or older) can contribute via your QRMD. You also can include the FFF as a recipient of funds through your will.

The FFF was created by the TI Board of Directors in 2012.  
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It is governed by its "Establishment and Organizing Principles" (bylaws) and by the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of Maryland (UPMIFA). By nature, endowment funds are created with preservation of capital as the main objective, and the proviso that *only income generated by the investments* will be used for the charitable purposes of the fund. There are also rules on how much of that income is considered a prudent amount to disburse.

The fund is administered by a board of nine elected and three appointed trustees. Current elected trustees are: Betty Fishman, chair; Rebecca Salon, secretary; Carol Chelemer, Howard Chernoff, Harold Diamond, Ellen Eisner, Melanie Grishman, Fortuna Scheige and Eugene Sheskin. The appointees are TI President Warren Berger and treasurer Stuart Lempert. The third appointee slot—Ways and Means Chair—is vacant.

One-third of the board faces election each year. This June, my term will end as will the terms of Howard Chernoff and Melanie Grishman. Because I have served two consecutive terms, I will not be eligible for re-election.

If you would like to know more about the fund or would consider making a donation, please contact me at [bjfcsf@gmail.com](mailto:bjfcsf@gmail.com). Anyone who is interested in serving as an FFF trustee should contact me or immediate past president Jim Perlmutter (who chairs the nominating committee) to be placed on the ballot.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

# Music and Money

BY WARREN BERGER, TIKVAT ISRAEL PRESIDENT



Tikvat Israel is fortunate to have members and clergy connected to the local and national Jewish music scene. In late March, I went to an inspiring *Niggun* Circle led by Deborah Sacks Mintz, which also displayed the musical talents of Rabbi Yosef Goldman (from Shaare Torah) and our Cantor Rochelle Helzner and her sister, Robyn Helzner – an international singer in her own right. (See related story, page 10.)

I was excited that TI was one of the co-sponsors because I had heard Deborah's beautiful voice at the USCJ/RA Conference I attended in December 2019 (before COVID-19). I thoroughly enjoyed the evening along with around 10 other congregants (we were masked, so my count may be slightly off). We are also fortunate that Cantor Helzner often has brought new Jewish music to us – for example using some Josh Warshawsky tunes during *Kabbalat Shabbat* with Instruments.

Rabbi Israel also has connections to some leaders in Jewish music, and his personal relationships brought us the performers for the 2022 annual concert. This *Bulletin* is probably coming to you right around the time of the May 1 concert featuring the *Kol B'Seder* duo and honoring immediate past co-president Jim Perlmutter. Thanks to the concert committee (led expertly again by Beth Smith), the program was well planned and provided the opportunity for singers from Tikvat Israel to join singers from Zemer Chai in providing backup vocals on some of the songs.

These annual concerts are major fundraising events for Tikvat Israel, which are greatly needed as synagogue dues provide only a portion of the revenue that we need to operate. For those who participated in the strategic planning survey, you might remember that we asked about dues models and whether you thought you were “getting good value” for the amount of money you are contributing.

We are analyzing the data, and it does seem that our current tiered system of dues based on age is antiquated and could be improved. USCJ has even provided guidance in this area — particularly about an interesting “voluntary” dues model. The strategic planning team will make a recommendation about this to the TI board, so stay tuned for information about potential changes. In fact, we will review the entire strategic plan during the annual congregational meeting on Sunday, June 26. (See related article, page 1.)

The congregational meeting will include elections for open positions on the TI Board of Directors and for trustees for the Fund for the Future and will include the presentation of the next fiscal year's budget for approval. As we did last year, we will provide a multi-access approach for the meeting. We encourage members to attend in person (vaccination required for those eligible, masks optional), but we will also facilitate attendance via Zoom.

The process of planning TI's budget for the next fiscal year has begun, and if you want to help, talk to treasurer Stuart Lempert.

If you want to find out more about elections and are interested in nominating someone (or yourself), contact Jim Perlmutter, who chairs the nominating committee.

Finally, during a board discussion about how to fund future major building repairs and improvements, someone suggested we start an endowment fund for this, which also would provide an opportunity for people to specify Tikvat Israel in their wills. I was happy to explain that we already have this. The Tikvat Israel Fund for the Future is invested as a small part of a large, consolidated endowment fund administered by the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.

The unrestricted part of our FFF is a capital-protected fund where only a portion of the appreciation is available to be withdrawn each year. Last year, the FFF contributed \$25,000 to the operating fund! There are also restricted funds within the FFF that have been created for special purposes: volunteer appreciation, religious/educational programming and materials, and ECC staff training. (Steve Raucher created the latter one last year in memory of his wife Helen; see the March/April *Bulletin* for details.) The current chair, Betty Fishman, will give a presentation about the FFF at the annual meeting. (See related article, page 5.)

That's it for now, I need to go back to doing my income taxes while listening to Jewish music!

## Alternative *Shabbat* Observance on TI's Back Patio

If you're looking for an alternative *Shabbat* experience at Tikvat Israel, try out the patio *minyan*. It's conducted on the back patio of the synagogue at 10 a.m. on the first *Shabbat* of the month.

Lead organizer Rabbi Alana Suskin promises “lots of fun singing, lay-led, and we do a lot of discussion.”

When weather is not conducive to being outdoors, the Flax Library hosts the patio *minyan* with mask wearing encouraged.

“We daven, then those who want can go to the main sanctuary for Torah reading,” Rabbi Suskin said. “Those who do not can stay behind and read and discuss the portion. After Torah reading is finished in the sanctuary, we do additional study. Then we finish with *musaf* together.”

Further information is available from her at [rabbi.al@gmail.com](mailto:rabbi.al@gmail.com).

## Is Tikvat Israel About to Experience a SEA Change?

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



In June 2020, following the murder of George Floyd, our congregation embarked upon a process to better understand the state of racial relations in America today. Over these past two years, we engaged in a series of conversations with local and national civil rights leaders, read and discussed several books on the topic, and studied Black history in America with educator Jerome Price.

This period of learning and self-reflection was an important pre-requisite for us, but the goal always had been to use our learning to engage in actions that will help bring about greater racial equality to our community and to our nation. The question was how to do so most effectively.

In mid-February, I received an e-mail inviting Tikvat Israel to join a cohort of local congregations taking part in a program called SEA (Study.Engage.Act.) Change. The program organizers heard about our work on these issues and believed we would be a good match. The invitation explained that SEA Change is “designed for congregations with an appetite to make change on racial equity issues—internal to their congregations and across their communities.” Recognizing “many [synagogues] are struggling to translate their learning about systemic racism into concrete action for racial justice,” this program was created because many synagogues “simply do not hold significant relationships with communities or leaders of color that would enable them to take part in effective action.” In other words, it was designed exactly for synagogues like ours.

Throughout February and March, we had conversations with people from Washington Hebrew Congregation and B’nai Israel who took part in the first cohort of the program last year. The rabbis and synagogue leaders spoke about it as “engaging,” “energizing” and “transformative.” The impact went beyond the goals of the program, positively affecting the congregations as a whole and building stronger relationships between rabbis and lay leaders.

I brought the program to our president, Warren Berger, and the vice president of programming, Sally Kram. We then presented it to the Social Action Committee, and with their support, to the board of directors. Several people raised questions about the financial and time commitments required for the program, but there was overwhelming support for it and its goals.

We recently received a significant portion of the funding we need through the generosity of a few congregants. We are now in the process of recruiting 10-15 participants and synagogue staff to create our team.

So what’s involved?

SEA Change is run by JOIN (Jewish Organizing Institute and Network) for Justice, a communal non-profit devoted to helping Jewish communities engage in community organizing for social justice causes. The six-month program begins with 10 interactive workshops and small-group discussions. Afterwards, each team conducts community-based research and determines the best options for institutional transformation and community involvement. In the final period of the program, participants gather institutional

support for the newly proposed initiatives and set up the structures to support the work over the long haul. In each phase, participants also will build relationships and community within the cohort.

The new cohort is scheduled to begin with a half-day, in-person retreat on Sunday, May 22, followed by six weekly 90-minute Zoom sessions and an additional half-day in-person retreat in July. We then will move to the next phase, working with the JOIN staff, Jews United for Justice, and the other synagogues in our cohort to identify the best opportunities for us to engage our community and to take effective actions. Finally, we will move to put this plan into action.

Jewish demographic studies and our Strategic Planning Team have found a strong desire exists in the Jewish community to put our values into action, and programs like this often engage previously less-involved members and attract new members. This is true across all age demographics, but even more strongly among millennials, the age bracket we seek to attract as new members. Therefore, participating in this program also fits in strongly with the preliminary recommendations from our strategic plan. (We expect to share the final report of the Strategic Planning Team at the June congregational meeting.)

By the time this *Bulletin* is published, we will have formed the bulk of our team. However, we plan to keep a limited number of spots available for those who are just learning of the program and want to participate. If you are interested and able to commit to participating regularly, please e-mail me ASAP (rabbi@tikvatisrael.org).

SEA Change seems tailor-made for Tikvat Israel to take the next steps in our quest for racial justice and to help build our community. I look forward to sharing more about it with you in the coming months.



### TWO TOPICAL LECTURES LEFT

ScholarStream 5782 has two 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 sign-up.

The remaining schedule is as follows:

**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 are available at <https://bit.ly/scholar5782>.



## NEW BOARD CANDIDATES, continued from page 1

Mini-profiles of each of the five candidates for seats on the TI board of directors appear below. Information and photos were provided to the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin* by the candidates.

### Melissa Apter



**Joined TI:** 2000

**Volunteer roles at TI:** Currently chairs the membership committee and serves on Early Childhood Center marketing committee. Member of Strategic Planning Team. Contributing editor to *Bulletin*. Active with TI Millennials.

**Motivation:** TI leadership has made a commitment to attracting and retaining young families like my own. I am committed to doing my part to ensure there is a thriving TI community for my son and his peers.

**Formative years:** Rockville, Md.

**Occupational life:** Stay-at-home parent and *b'nai mitzvah* tutor.

### Howard Dickenson



**Rejoined TI:** 2021. Previously 1999-2008

**Volunteer roles at TI:** Previous Tikvat Israel treasurer and board member. also served as treasurer and board member at the orthodox synagogue that we previously attended. Participated on various ad-hoc committees as well.

**Motivation:** I believe it is important to serve on a synagogue board to help strengthen the larger synagogue community. Each individual has something to contribute, and it is only through such contributions a Jewish community can thrive and expand its Torah knowledge.

**Formative years:** Chicago

**Occupational life:** Department of Energy working on climate change issues (Side note: We are hiring about 1,000 people, so I'll use this plug to ask anyone to reach out to me if you know someone looking for federal employment on climate change.)

### Jennifer Gendel



**Joined TI:** 2020

**Volunteer roles at TI:** Early Childhood Center Family Network president

**Motivation:** Expanding educational opportunities for our youth and their families at Tikvat Israel.

**Formative years:** Naperville, Ill., a suburb of Chicago

**Occupational life:** Occupational health nurse at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

### Jay P. Goldman



**Joined TI:** 1987

**Volunteer roles at TI:** Board member for about 20 years. Editor of *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*. Chair of strategic communications committee.

**Motivation:** I first joined the board to help the synagogue be successful and better connected. At the time, the past president who ran the nominations committee indicated that the board had term limits, which was reassuring. Now 20 years later, I've discovered the bylaws carry no such limits.

**Formative years:** Auburn, N.Y.

**Occupational life:** I am the editor of a national monthly magazine that covers K-12 education subjects for a national audience of school superintendents. I've also been an adjunct professor of journalism at College Park.

### Amy Sanders



**Joined TI:** 2017

**Volunteer roles at TI:** Social action committee member. At a previous synagogue, board member for multiple years, including serving as board secretary, and member of the synagogue foundation board, including serving as foundation board secretary.

**Motivation:** I have benefitted so much from participation in TI's services, so I would like to contribute to the synagogue's ongoing success and its future.

**Formative years:** Ann Arbor, Mich.

**Occupational life:** I work for my fellow taxpayers at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, part of the Department of Commerce. I joined NTIA after decades in one telecom company that kept changing ownership and, therefore, name: AT&T, Lucent, Alcatel-Lucent, Nokia. In both private and public sectors, I have worked on international radiocommunications spectrum policy.

## TRACKING TI EVENTS

To stay informed on the most up-to-date list of calendar events at Tikvat Israel, access the website page at <https://tikvatisrael.org/calendar>. The embedded links there lead you to more detailed information about every event.



## MEMORABLE KIPPOT IN THE MAKING



**Bobbi Gorban (right) offered guidance to members of the Lantner family as they created their own kippot. (Photo by Amy Matathias)**

The art of making *kippot* attracted 13 participants to a Women's Network session on March 27 with Bobbi Gorban providing the in-person instruction at the synagogue's social hall. "We created some beautiful, one-of-a-kind bead and wire *kippot*," Gorban reported. Among the participants was teenager Elanor Lantner, her mother and both of her grandmothers, who will now have special *kippot* to wear to Elanor's *bat mitzvah* in June.

## TI ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS LEND REFUGEE SUPPORT

About 100 congregants and community members enjoyed the opening on March 27 of the "A Giving Heart" art show featuring the works of congregants Avy Ashery and Shirley Waxman. The show benefits the Tikvat Israel refugee fund, chaired by Debbie Amster.

In addition to the beautiful artwork, attendees were treated to the music of a TI trio headed by Marcia Bronstein on piano with Judy Davis on flute and Elaine Krischevsky on violin.

The show's host, ArtSeen Gallery in Rockville, is a not-for-profit gallery that exhibits work by local artists to raise awareness and support for local nonprofits. The show ran through April 22.



**Gallery artwork by Shirley Waxman and Avy Ashery benefited the TI Refugee Fund. (Photo by Debbie Amster)**

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# Membership Committee Seeks to Facilitate and Deepen Community Bonds

BY MELISSA APTER, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIR

Tikvat Israel has 760 members in 248 households and 65 students enrolled in the Early Childhood Center. The Membership Committee, comprised of Ellie Diamond, Ellen Lederman, Shep Roey, Judy Waldman and me, is tasked with seeing the faces behind the numbers.

The committee's purpose is to facilitate and deepen relationships among Tikvat Israel members. We accomplish this through in-reach, outreach and fostering a welcoming environment in our physical spaces.

Perhaps the most obvious of the Membership Committee's responsibilities is to welcome new members to our *kehila*. The committee recently delivered new member welcome bags, reached out to new members via phone and/or e-mail and gifted *mishloach manot* to new members who attended *Purim* festivities.

Plans are in the works to host a new member *Shabbat* dinner in the fall. Rabbi Marc Israel and Abbey Frank have graciously offered to host dessert receptions in their home to welcome all those who have joined TI during Rabbi Israel's tenure.

But welcoming is not the same as integrating new members into the community. We have an immediate need for mentors to pair with our newer members. An ideal mentor is a longtime TI congregant who is comfortable shepherding a new member or new member family through their first year at TI. The mentor is expected to welcome the new member by inviting them for a meal, checking in with them before holidays and generally being a go-to person who can answer questions about the congregation (for instance, "When do we get high holiday tickets? What's the dress code on *Shabbat*?").

Our existing membership needs a dose of in-reach, too. Our established members' needs have changed over time. Perhaps they joined when their children were young, but now they're empty nesters whose schedules don't revolve around carpooling any longer. Perhaps they're recently retired and are looking to deepen their Jewish studies or to volunteer. The Membership Committee wants to help our existing members connect with one another through all stages and changes in their lives.

To that end, Ellen Lederman has completed an inventory of TI's existing *havurot*, and the committee soon will help members join *havurot* that are accepting new members and assist new *havurot* in getting off the ground. Keep an eye out for more social events in our members' neighborhoods, much like *Chanukkah* in the 'Hoods, so we can break out of our social silos and get to know each other better.

Feeling welcomed is more than person-to-person connection, it is also a sense of physical space. When you walk into our *shul*, what is the feeling? Do the building and grounds look well kept? Is it easy to see where our sanctuary is located or find the bathrooms? Is the facility accessible to those with mobility issues or hearing or sight impairments? Are there child-friendly spaces?

The answer to some of those questions is yes and to others probably not. Over the next several months, you may see subtle changes around the building such as better signage in the lobby to indicate how to get to the sanctuary, office and restrooms. There are plans to offer name tags to greeters and ushers to make it easier to put a name to a face.

Most of this article has focused on in-reach rather than outreach, a.k.a. membership recruiting, and that is intentional. Gone are the days when folks joined a synagogue because it was in walking distance of their house or because their kids needed a Hebrew school. Today, generally speaking, people join a synagogue because it was recommended to them by someone they know and trust. When our culture is a positive relational one, when we naturally feel compelled to boast about our clergy and our programming – that's what piques a potential new member's interest. Yes, we will advertise all that we have going on at TI, but it is our members who are our best recruiting tools. When our members exude enthusiasm for our community, that will become infectious (in a good way).

Our committee wants to hear your thoughts on strengthening our *kehila*. Please contact committee chair Melissa Apter at [mwapter@gmail.com](mailto:mwapter@gmail.com) to volunteer as a mentor or to share your ideas. Submitting an idea does not obligate you to take on the responsibility of implementation, though volunteers are deeply appreciated.

## Singing Circle With Our Cantor in the Center

More than 100 individuals from the area, including some from event co-sponsor Tikvat Israel, participated in the Greater Washington *Niggun* Circle on March 24 at the Bender Jewish Community Center in Rockville.

Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz, a prayer leader and composer on the Jewish music scene and the featured performer, was joined in the inner circle by Cantor Rochelle Helzner, her sister Robyn Helzner, Rabbi Yosef Goldman of Shaare Torah and Cantor Hinda Labovitch of Ohr Kodesh.

A *niggun* is a wordless melody.

Rabbi Marc Israel delivered a brief *d'var* at the outset.



Sisters Robyn and Rochelle Helzner led a *niggun* during a recent event at the JCC in Rockville. (Photo by Nancy Solomon)

## WOMEN'S NETWORK

# Shelly Goldin Shabbat Set for June 18

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.

*Purim* at Tikvat Israel is always a fun-filled time for congregants of all ages. This year everyone enjoyed the annual puppet show, followed by a *matanot le'evyonim* project (gifts for the poor) coordinated by Cantor Helzner with help from Lis and Yael Schwartz and Amy Matathias.

The Women's Network contributed this year to the festivities by providing *mishloach manot* "Mix It Up" bowls. Melissa Apter led a committee of four (herself, Janice Balin, Sheri Brown and Roz Kram) who created the theme for this year. Thanks to Sheri for all the work that she did for this project from a distance! Another group of women worked hard to prepare the mixes, individually packaging them and assembling the bowls for distribution: Janice Balin, Anita Brenner, Sara Harris, Roz Kram, Joan Margolies, Amy Matathias and Fortuna Scheige. Thank you, Rabbi Israel, for helping to support this project by contributing toward bowls for all the ECC families and new synagogue members. Thank you to all the congregants who purchased bowls for the clergy, office staff, ECC staff and individuals. Hopefully you and your families enjoyed the mixes.

The profits from this project were donated to Manna Food Center, a local food bank, and to the Tikvat Israel Kitchen Fund. By donating to Manna, we supported the Women's League of Conservative Judaism's 2021-22 Social Action Outreach Project titled "Stock the Shelves."

This year, the Women's Network offered stimulating and interesting speakers for our *Rosh Hodesh* programs planned by Roberta Helzner, Maxine Perlmutter, Jane Robinson and Fortuna Scheige. On March 6, we were honored to have Judy and Abbey Frank (mother and daughter) lead a *Purim* themed *Rosh Hodesh* conversation comparing 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 shared their personal family connections to the holiday. More than 25 women enjoyed the program.

The Women's Network Book Group had another lively discussion led by Beth Smith on March 9. The book, *The Color of Love, a Story of a Mixed-Race Jewish Girl*, really touched home for some of our members. Adoption of non-Jewish-born children into a Jewish home has its challenges, and some of our members discussed their first-hand experiences. The group found the book to be interesting, but many participants were disappointed the author didn't delve into her adult life and share more experiences.

Crafts and cooking always interest our members. Tikvat Israel has so many talented women in our congregation who donate their time to sharing their art. On Sunday, March 27, Bobbi Gorban taught 13 women during an in-person class how to make wire-beaded *kippot*. Everyone had much fun. The best part was that we were all finally together. The finished products are beautiful. Thanks to Bobbi for leading this outstanding activity.

On Sunday, April 10, our own healthy cooking connoisseur, Debbie Amster, taught a virtual demonstration of Passover recipes. Debbie always has great ideas and captures the interests of all the participants. Thank you, Debbie, for another yummy presentation.

**Mark your calendar!** The annual Shelly Goldin Women's Network *Shabbat* is scheduled for Saturday, June 18. We are so excited for women of our congregation to lead *Shabbat* services, along with a stimulating guest speaker and an in-person luncheon. Volunteers are needed on the *bima* and in the kitchen. If you want an *aliyah*, contact Elyse Bernstein. If you or your spouse can help in the kitchen that morning, reach out to Fortuna Scheige or Hilda Springer.

For other upcoming programs, watch for details in the weekly WN newsletter and *B'kesher*. Contact me at [balinfive@gmail.com](mailto:balinfive@gmail.com) with any questions.



The mother-daughter tandem of Judy (left) and Abbey Frank led a *Rosh Hodesh* session in March.

## Mazel Tov to...

**Cliff Fishman** for composing the *d'var Torah* column in the March 24 issue of *Washington Jewish Week*. (Find it at <https://www.washingtonjewishweek.com/aaron-the-high-priest-and-robert-frost-the-poet/>)

**Sue Wilchins**, whose quilting work was accepted by a panel for display at an exhibition at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Ky.

## Congregational Condolences

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

to **Amy Klein** on the death of her mother Betty Klein (a former member)

to **Karen and Michael Cohen** and their daughters Emily and Rachel on the loss of their son and brother Stephen Cohen

to the **Ruth Kramer** family on the death of their mother and grandmother





## Festive Fun With a Green Flair at *Purim*

Always a crowd-pleasing holiday, *Purim's* observance at Tikvat Israel carried an extra dose of enthusiasm this year. With COVID mitigation measures easing, families were able to turn out in force for the holiday for the first time since 2020.

The stick puppet show delighted young families, and about 50 adults stayed for the *megillah* reading that followed in the sanctuary. Rabbi Marc Israel participated as Captain America before a costume change in mid-course, changing into a green Michigan State University hoodie. (See related story, page 13.) Cantor Helzner appeared as Green Esther.

A green *Purim* full of blarney and limericks were heard at the start of each chapter of the *megillah* reading, which took place on St. Patrick's Day.

A *Purim* party for adults after the *megillah* reading featured Irish whiskey and Bailey's Irish Cream, as well as *hamantaschen*.

The accompanying photography was taken by Felicia R. Black. (See the images in color on the website version.)







## GREEN WITH ENVY OVER A LOSING WAGER

Observant in-person attendees on the eve of *Purim* at Tikvat Israel may have noticed a quick wardrobe change for Rabbi Marc Israel.

While he dressed in early evening as Captain America during the *Purim* puppet show and songfest in the social hall, when he appeared in the sanctuary for the *megillah* reading, he showed up in a green and white hoodie bearing the name of Michigan State University. What was that all about?

It was the rabbi's uncomfortable payoff for losing a friendly wager over a college football game last fall with longtime congregant Rich Nisenson. The latter is a proud graduate of Michigan State (in fact, five family members over two generations went to MSU), while the rabbi is a product of its bitter archrival University of Michigan, where his daughter is a current student. Both individuals grew up in Michigan in the same town—a mile and a half and 13 years apart.

In the sports contest that mattered, the Spartans upset the Wolverines 37-33 on the gridiron Oct. 30.

Nisenson said Rabbi Israel was a good sport in delivering on his end, but he did add: "In the state of Michigan, you are either 'go green' or 'go blue,' and there's a great distaste for the other team."



By reluctantly donning attire from cross-state rival Michigan State University, Rabbi Israel, a University of Michigan alumnus, paid off a losing bet with congregant Rich Nisenson. (Photo by Abbey Frank)



## Touched by His Presence

Rabbi Israel, Cantor Helzner and fellow congregants:

We are overwhelmed by the outpouring of support we received following the passing of our son and brother, Stephen Cohen. The Tikvat Israel community has been generous of its time in so many ways and we appreciate the many donations to the synagogue. It would make Stephen very happy to know that so many people cared and were touched by his presence.

We send sincerest thanks for your including him as a part of our congregation. May his memory always be for a blessing.

*Karen, Mike, Rachel and Emily Cohen*

## Comforting Support

I wanted to thank all of you for your support with the passing of my mom. The dinner that the *shul* provided was very tasty and enjoyable.

Prior to the Alzheimer's and dementia really impacting my mom about 10 years ago, she was an incredible woman — very active with the synagogue and numerous theaters across the Washington area. Mom loved the arts and helping those in need. Everyone's presence during the *minyanim* was very comforting as were the memories and stories from others.

Thank you for your friendship.

*Jeff Baer*

## A Beloved Brother

We would like to thank everyone for your thoughtful support as well as contributions to Tikvat Israel in memory of our beloved amazing brother, Leslie Green z"l.

Leslie left our world after a fierce battle to overcome the cancer that finally felled him. Many members of our congregation met him over the years and his loving presence and medical expertise was willingly provided to our Tikvat Israel community whenever medical help was needed both here and in Israel. He loved being with us in good times and difficult times. We miss him more than words can express.

May his memory be a blessing for us all.

*Marcelle Copaken, Leon Green and Rianne Melmed*

# EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

## Spring Holidays Showcase Creativity

BY DEBBIE UNGAR, DIRECTOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



The ECC is full of excitement celebrating Jewish holidays.

In anticipation of *Purim*, we had several theme days such as pajama day, favorite color day and superhero day. The final dress-up day was on *Purim*, and the celebration culminated with a costume parade and carnival.

Families brought in foods corresponding with each of the theme days for donation to Manna Food Center. In their JSTEM class, the pre-K students counted all of the items, sorted them into appropriate categories and graphed their results. Altogether, the ECC collected 287 cans of vegetables, fruit, pasta, rice and breakfast items. We sent a special thank you to Dan Matathias for delivering all the food to Manna.

To prepare for Passover, the ECC children learned songs in music class with Ms. Ellie and dances with Ms. Sharon. They



**ECC children sort food items that were donated for Manna Food Center.**

made ritual items to use at their *seders*. Each class held an individual model *seder* in their classroom.

We invite families to join us in celebrating *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, Israel Independence Day, on Thursday, May 5, at 9:30 a.m. outdoors (weather permitting). There will be a parade, and the children will perform Israeli dances led by the Israeli dance teacher Ms. Sharon.

The ECC is participating in the Maryland State Arts Council's Interact Theater program that enables children to have a variety of cultural experiences throughout the school year. The four performances in the ECC this year included song building, books alive, dancing through books and a puppetry workshop. This educational and entertaining program is funded by the ECC Family Network.

Registration is underway for the summer session and for the 2022-23 school year. We have limited spaces available, and there is a wait list for our toddler class. Please contact the ECC office at 301-251-0455 or e-mail Debbie Ungar at [debbie@tikvatisrael.org](mailto:debbie@tikvatisrael.org) if you would like more information or to schedule a tour.



**Rabbi Israel displays the megillah to ECC students to celebrate Purim.**

## Hopeful Communicators Club Back in Speaking Mode

BY BRENDA BROOKS

Did you know that there is a Toastmasters Club that meets at Tikvat Israel? The name of the club is Hopeful Communicators. We are a friendly and supportive club, open to all, teenagers and older. Our mission is to enhance our communication and leadership skills in a fun and engaging atmosphere.

The Hopeful Communicators club held an open house on March 24. We had a good turnout and enjoyed welcoming visitors with refreshments provided. Our lively meeting started off with two excellent speeches – one by congregant John Melmed, an amazing storyteller. That was followed by speech evaluations, which are an integral part of the learning and improvement aspects of Toastmasters.

Also, we had a fabulous Table Topics question and answer session. This is a Toastmasters tradition and is a special feature for our club. We have a different theme for each meeting and totally enjoy sharing our short stories on different topics. At our open house, we spoke about spring, relating tales that covered daylight savings time, the beauty of the season and more.

Hopeful Communicators' meetings are held twice a month in TI's Flax Library on the second and fourth Thursdays at 8 p.m., with a few exceptions for holidays.

Further information is found at our club website at <https://hopefulcommunicators.toastmastersclubs.org/> or by contacting Brenda Brooks at [bbrooksx@gmail.com](mailto:bbrooksx@gmail.com).



**TI's Toastmasters Club meets two Thursdays a month in the Flax Library.**



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## Weekly Israeli Dancing Attracts Learners and Experienced

BY BRENDA BROOKS



Several dozen participants enjoy the Sunday night dance sessions in the TI social hall. (Photo by Calanit Epstein)

After a long hiatus during the pandemic, Israeli dancing has returned to the Tikvat Israel social hall on Sunday nights under the leadership of Moshe Shem-Tov.

Each Sunday consists of a full evening of dancing, starting with beginner lessons from 7:30-8:15 p.m.

In these lessons, Shem-Tov leads the group with step-by-step instructions for several dances and repeats the routines in future sessions to build dancers' repertoires.

As the instruction portion of the evening wraps up, seasoned dancers trickle into the social hall as the circle of dancers enlarges and fills the room. Shem-Tov alternates between individual and couples-style dancing segments. The music flows smoothly between each dance. It's fun and great exercise. The joy of Israeli dancing among the participants is apparent.

Shem-Tov sends weekly messages to participants, which summarizes the dances covered at each session.

All are welcome to dance the night away until 11 p.m. The cost for each session is \$10, and students may dance for free. A portion of the proceeds go to charity. First-time participants are required to show their COVID vaccine record and a photo identification card.

For further information, contact Shem-Tov at dancetov@gmail.com.



Participants of all experience levels are welcome at TI's Israeli dance sessions, but vaccine proof is a requirement. (Photo by Calanit Epstein)

# TI Volunteers Deliver Hot Meals to Stepping Stones

BY ELLEN EISNER

It's 4:45 p.m. on a weekday afternoon, and nine or so TI volunteers have come to the TI parking lot to drop off their dinner contributions. The food is then taken to the Stepping Stones Shelter, tucked away in a residential area of Rockville, where it will provide dinner for about 24 residents — mainly women and children.

TI volunteers have been preparing meals for Stepping Stones for about a year and half. We started with lunches when the pandemic prevented residents from going out during the day to seek employment or housing, and we switched to dinners when COVID restrictions began to relax last fall.

Restrictions still do not permit us to go inside the shelter, however. When we arrive, a staff member comes to the front door and carries in our still hot prepared food. We're hoping the time is not far off when we also can participate in serving residents the food.

The next dinner preparation is scheduled for May 11. The one after that is Aug. 10. Sometime in the future, we plan to start collecting household items for the Stepping Stones' "wish list."

If you are interested in helping to plan and/or prepare dinners, please watch for announcements in *B'keshet* or contact Ellen Eisner. We would welcome your participation.



Ellen Eisner delivered food to the Stepping Stones shelter in Rockville in March. (Photo by Sherman Eisner)

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## EDUCATION AND YOUTH

# Transitions and Life-Cycle Events

BY JUDY STERN, VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH

### B'Yachad Program Ends

The *Purim* Palooza at Tikvat Israel was an enjoyable and lively event for the *B'Yachad* students. A final schoolwide holiday celebration will take place at Tikvat Israel on May 22 for all students and their families.

The decision has been made not to continue the multi-congregational *B'Yachad* program after this school year. It was a good experience for the students and an opportunity for them to learn together with others from different synagogues in our area. However, Rabbi Israel, who was an active participant in the *B'Yachad* program this year, commented, "Each institution had somewhat different needs from the program, and the model couldn't meet all of them."

The plan for next year will be for Tikvat Israel to partner with one or more synagogue religious schools. We also have begun exploring opportunities for 8th and 9th graders to participate in a variety of programs to strengthen their Jewish identities. For further information about religious education for the coming year or to share ideas, contact Rabbi Israel at [rabbi@tikvatisrael.org](mailto:rabbi@tikvatisrael.org) or me at [judystern7@aol.com](mailto:judystern7@aol.com).

### An Upcoming Bat Mitzvah



Elanor Lantner will celebrate her *bat mitzvah* at Tikvat Israel on June 11. Elanor is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Eastern Middle School. She has been happy to have a real middle school experience this year, rather than last year's remote learning. The only disadvantage, she noted, is that this year requires getting up much earlier in the morning.

Elanor enjoys reading and usually carries around a book in case she finishes her work early and has a few minutes to read. She finds science and math especially interesting. Recent lessons on DNA and gene editing were fascinating to her. She believes math is everywhere in our lives. She enjoys learning something in school and then applying it to her life.

Elanor has been working with Melissa Apter as her *bat mitzvah* tutor. She has been surprised at how much there is to learn about Judaism. Elanor believes Melissa has helped her grow, by answering her questions and teaching her so much. Elanor is looking forward to her special day and to having family and friends join her.

Elanor is part of the Israeli dance troupe *Kesem*, which is composed of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. She enjoys doing creative writing, drawing, arts and crafts and playing outdoors. She recently built a swing for a tree in her yard, using knots on a rope

and bamboo for the seat. She will be attending Capital Camps this summer for the second time. Elanor and her family like animals and share their home with three cats, a hamster and two hermit crabs.

We wish Elanor and her family *Mazel Tov!*

### MILLENNIALS GROUP SEEKS NEWCOMERS

The Tikvat Israel Millennials are a self-directed cohort that plans social activities among ourselves. Our activities are generally child-friendly, but not child-focused, and our members encompass a wide range of family diversity.

The best way to hear about our activities is to join our Facebook group ([facebook.com/groups/tikvatmillennials](https://facebook.com/groups/tikvatmillennials)) or contact Melissa Apter at [mwapter@gmail.com](mailto:mwapter@gmail.com) to join the group's e-mail list.

Millennials are folks who have "reached young adulthood in the early 21st century." If you consider yourself part of the Millennial generation and you are part of the Tikvat Israel community, please join!



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## MAY 2

### 1 *Iyar*

David Fischer  
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## MAY 3

### 2 *Iyar*

Sarah Bachman  
Isidore Cohen  
Louis Fainberg  
Harold Gorschan  
Morris Sirmay  
Hilda Klein Vinokur

## MAY 4

### 3 *Iyar*

Linda Bressler  
Lily Rose Kerman  
Frances Penenburgh  
Stella Suskind  
Ethel White

## MAY 5

### 4 *Iyar*

Reva Bloch  
Hannah Edelman  
Esther May Feinsilber  
Herman Flax  
Celia Linden  
Carol Miller  
Sylvia Prosnit  
Jacob Sweet

## MAY 6

### 5 *Iyar*

Celia Bressler  
Allan Danoff  
Sylvia Weinstein Levine  
Mona M. Martin  
William Mensch  
Gisela Reich  
Hilde Scheraga  
Bernard Stern

## MAY 7

### 6 *Iyar*

Herba DelMonte  
Nathan Kerson  
Harry Lifshutz  
Toba Ohr  
Harry Sneiderman  
Glenn Sohn

## 18

## MAY 8

### 7 *Iyar*

Max Bloom  
Marilyn Bloomberg  
Nachman Burdett  
Ilan Cohen  
Ethel Freedenberg  
Vincent Gesumaria  
Ruth Goldman  
Ruth Jacobs  
Samuel Katz  
Hyman Kram  
Gela Marmor  
Samuel Marmor  
Libby Deutsch Rosen  
Renel Silver  
Philip Wilchins  
Josephine Wottitzky

## MAY 9

### 8 *Iyar*

Dora Alper  
George Boroff  
Abraham Friedman  
Morris Gateman  
Louis Harrison  
Yaakov Lichter  
Nachama Williamowsky

## MAY 10

### 9 *Iyar*

Pauline Dunsmore  
Samuel Lebowitz  
Max Regensteiner

## MAY 11

### 10 *Iyar*

Sarah Benesch  
Leonard Ehrlich  
David Fein  
Robert Kopp  
Benjamin Lerner  
Lillian Miller Murphy  
Arthur Abraham Peisner  
Ridia Phillips  
Louis Rothlin  
Beatrice Weiss  
Gloria Wishengrad

## MAY 12

### 11 *Iyar*

Joe Cohen  
Frank Einbinder  
Joseph S. Engel  
Meshel Kirschbaum  
Sylvia Krauser  
Samuel Lipofsky  
Howard C. Penenburgh

## MAY 13

### 12 *Iyar*

David Fessler  
George Fine  
Lane Charles Godley-Davis  
Edna Gorfine  
Helyn Muiltz  
Celia Shetzich  
Isadore Zeidman

## MAY 14

### 13 *Iyar*

Eva Fessler  
Esther Goldman  
Simone Lempert  
William Prince  
Edward E. Rosner  
Max Shetzich  
Harry Shulman  
Arnold E. Silverman  
Paul Trachtenberg  
Rose Weiss  
Nathan Wermiel

## MAY 15

### 14 *Iyar*

Bertha Feinberg Abramson  
Bertha Apt  
Edith Pressman  
Liba Scheige  
Bernard Yudkoff

## MAY 16

### 15 *Iyar*

Joseph Axelrod  
Sandra Baruch  
Belle B. Cooper  
Irving Goldman  
Hugh Hochberg  
Myrna Matheson

## MAY 17

### 16 *Iyar*

Sadie Bauman  
Philip Danoff  
Hannah Herscovitz  
Lillian Horowitz  
Joan Kaiser  
Robert Lerner  
Margaret Levine  
Louis Saltzman

## MAY 18

### 17 *Iyar*

Janet Rutstein Barsky  
Rae Danoff  
Harry Eisler  
Paul Grayson  
Claire W. Grossmann  
Anna Knopp  
Rebecca Podgor  
Eli Rubinstein

## MAY 19

### 18 *Iyar*

Louis Grossman  
Samuel Nathan Kaplan  
Reba Leavitt  
Alexander Levine  
Andrew A. Levinrad  
Irene Miller  
Martin Miller  
William Shapiro

## MAY 20

### 19 *Iyar*

Morris Gisser  
Ethel Fox Gold  
Bernard Grob  
Bertha Luchs  
Helen Zitter

## MAY 21

### 20 *Iyar*

Sheldon David Abrams  
William Fessler  
Adolph Fullenbaum  
Frank Gantz  
Robert Goldberg  
Harriett V. Goldstein  
Ida Kirschbaum  
Thelma Shapiro  
Philip Soloway

## MAY 22

### 21 *Iyar*

William Berk  
David Bloom  
Dorothy Krugman Engel  
Richard Futrovsky  
Melvin Goldstein  
Mindl Mina Lustig  
Faye Toporek  
Sam Weiser

## MAY 23

### 22 *Iyar*

Lee Buchbinder  
Gladys Pearlstein  
Frieda Sneiderman

## MAY 24

### 23 *Iyar*

Jennie Fischer  
Solomon Koricki  
David Rubin  
Anne Slonin

## MAY 25

### 24 *Iyar*

Lillian Boker  
Robin Freedman  
Ruth Grayson  
Elizabeth Levin  
Bernice Elvin Meiselman  
Helen Raucher  
Rose Seligman

## MAY 26

### 25 *Iyar*

Fannie Kerson  
Abraham Plesset

## MAY 27

### 26 *Iyar*

Frank Goldstein  
William Hoffman  
Herbert Saul Rubinstein  
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## MAY 28

### 27 *Iyar*

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## MAY 29

### 28 *Iyar*

Phillip Brenner  
Sylvia Grob  
Eva Gross  
Madeline Goldstein Haft  
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Fred Rosenberg  
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## MAY 30

### 29 *Iyar*

Nissim Armoza  
Esther Bernstein  
Elaine "Elly" Feder Alford  
Simon Gottesman  
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Morton Pearlman  
Marcy Yanoff

## MAY 31

### 1 *Sivan*

Jean Becker  
Esther Leah Bernstein  
Celia Braunstein  
Lillie Brodofsky  
Stanley Katz  
Isaac Krick  
Otilia Levi  
Paul Spector  
Pearl Teitelbaum



# Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose *Yahrzeits* Occur From 2 *Sivan* through 1 *Tammuz* – June 2022

## JUNE 1

### 2 SIVAN

Rose E. Diamond  
Yvette Weiss  
Dora Witt

## JUNE 2

### 3 SIVAN

Toby Gorschman  
Bertha Koricki  
Jack Lebowitz  
Samuel Miller  
Marian Sheskin

## JUNE 3

### 4 SIVAN

Anna Battino  
Philip Katz  
Laurence Lerner  
Beatrice Sandler

## JUNE 4

### 5 SIVAN

Esther Goldberg  
Samuel Negrine  
Anne Dena Rosenberg  
Goldie Simon  
Claire Weiser

## JUNE 5

### 6 SIVAN

Rachel Adisy Suson  
Leon Benham  
Paulette Buchbinder  
Anna Deckelbaum  
Joseph Greenfield  
Albert Sirmai

## JUNE 6

### 7 SIVAN

Celia Arcus  
Irving Baroff  
Rosamond Count  
Selma Danovitz  
Lillian Friedman  
Minnie H. Goldberg  
Albert Helzner  
Benjamin Sidney Miller  
Joseph L. Rein  
Nathan Weiner

## JUNE 7

### 8 SIVAN

Jacob Isaac Bass  
David Edward Haft  
Jacob Kirschbaum  
Dave Lieberman

## JUNE 8

### 9 SIVAN

Wolf Benzion  
Miriam Caplan  
Rose Sigel Hallen  
Gertrude Iskow  
Jennie Migdal  
Tom Mulitz

## JUNE 9

### 10 SIVAN

Mattatia Battino  
Jerome Finster  
Anna Goldman  
Philip Hershenhorn  
Elizabeth Kensky  
Gertrude Molodow  
Leon Rosenberg  
Esther Steinberg  
Bertha Sunshine  
Minna Williamowsky

## JUNE 10

### 11 SIVAN

Dorothy Berar  
Sophie Binder  
Mary Jeweler  
Isadore E. Kahn  
Julius Oppenheim  
Adele Rein  
Steven Ritch  
Sol Schwartz  
Dorothy J. Stanshine  
Michael Tuchler  
Frank Weiser  
Ada Young

## JUNE 11

### 12 SIVAN

Frances Fierman  
Florence Landy  
Maurice Schottenfeld  
Phyllis Ann Stathopoulos

## JUNE 12

### 13 SIVAN

Edith Eisenberg  
Jack Finder  
Leslie Arthur Pike  
Phyme Pitkin

## JUNE 13

### 14 SIVAN

Rivkah Faienstein  
Sander Goldberg  
Ruth Katz  
Dora Lang  
Sarah Oken  
Fannie Schaechter  
Morris Stolzenberg

## JUNE 14

### 15 SIVAN

Harry Fierman  
Sadie Klein  
Florence Askow Loeb

## JUNE 15

### 16 SIVAN

Joshua Laken  
Arthur Robert Landy  
Eva B. Rochkind  
David Joseph  
Williamowsky

## JUNE 16

### 17 SIVAN

Pearl P. Gantz  
Ricki Jane Nachamkin  
Morris Rosenblum

## JUNE 17

### 18 SIVAN

Sol E. Cohen  
Isaac Engelstein  
Lewis Greenwood  
Louis Jacob  
Joan Riegel  
Esther Taubman

## JUNE 18

### 19 SIVAN

Jacob Caplon  
Ellen Ehrlich  
Linda Raye Ehrlich  
Anna Friedman  
Susan Grunewald  
Diane Kammerman  
Marion Sully  
Masey Volk  
Margaret Sirmai  
Weinstein

## JUNE 19

### 20 SIVAN

Deborah Ingel Comstock  
Arnold Litman  
Rachel Leah Mandelblatt  
Ethel Rothman

## JUNE 20

### 21 SIVAN

Evelyn Benham  
Hyman Cohen  
Shirley Rosen Drucker  
Gertrude Krick  
Edwin Rosenblatt  
Jerome Joseph Simon  
Irvin White  
Michael Yanoff

## JUNE 21

### 22 SIVAN

Terry Cooper  
Aaron David Kott  
Beatrice Krantz  
Milton Krauser  
Jacob Kristal  
Audrey Lankin  
Muriel Lillian Schaffman  
Sylvia Schottenfeld  
Marvin Sohn

## JUNE 22

### 23 SIVAN

Gustave Jacob Benzion  
Gelu S. Greenbaum  
David Harris  
Freda Prince  
Feiga Smolar

## JUNE 23

### 24 SIVAN

Mollie Karlin  
S. Barbara Katz  
Evelyn R. Marquis  
Philip Salon  
Molly Silverstein

## JUNE 24

### 25 SIVAN

Pearl Ackerman  
William Berger  
Ben Finkelstein  
Sylvia Freedman  
Lena Hockstein  
Louis Kahn  
Esther Silbert

## JUNE 25

### 26 SIVAN

Betty Hirshon  
Deborah Ingle  
Chava Krugman  
Yitzhak Levy  
Frederick J. Malkin  
Ida Newman  
Marian Schwartz  
Rachel Sher

## JUNE 26

### 27 SIVAN

Rose Abramson  
Sophie Brenner  
Milton Chorvinsky  
Etta Krick  
Samuel Pasternak  
Selma Phillips  
Joseph M. Rochkind  
Charles D. Stoll

## JUNE 27

### 28 SIVAN

Abraham Abramowitz  
Nathan Adelman  
Isadore Danovitz  
Annette Hershenhorn  
Jack Klass  
Arnold Michael Kramer  
Joseph Sandler  
Maynard Ugol  
Sarah Yudkoff

## JUNE 28

### 29 SIVAN

Bert Gross  
Ronald E. Kirschner  
William A. Morrison  
Rose Weinstein

## JUNE 29

### 30 SIVAN

Henry Finder  
Lottie Finkelstein  
Kenneth Goldin  
Celia Kaiser  
Max Lacoretz  
Renee Lustig  
Solomon Shapiro  
Charlotte R. Teller

## JUNE 30

### 1 TAMMUZ

Jeannette Pearl Golden  
Esther Leise  
Sadie Rosenthal  
David Sturm  
Samuel Traner



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the Torah, the class will commence in  
the social hall.

Contact Cowan with any questions at  
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# May 2022

## 30 Nissan - 1 Sivan 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00a 1:00PM 7:30PM 7:30p <b>30 Nissan</b> Rosh Chodesh (Omer 15) Minyan <a href="#">Virtual Yom HaShoah Program</a> <a href="#">Tikvat Israel Presents Kol B'Seder and An Evening to Honor Past-President Jim Perlmutter</a> Minyan	<b>2</b> 8:00AM 7:30p <b>1 Iyar</b> Rosh Chodesh (Omer 16) Minyan <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan	<b>3</b> 8:00AM 7:30p <b>2 Iyar</b> (Omer 17) erev Yom HaZikaron Minyan <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan	<b>4</b> 8:00AM 7:30p <b>3 Iyar</b> (Omer 18) Yom HaZikaron erev Yom HaAtzmaut <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan	<b>5</b> 8:00a 7:30p <b>4 Iyar</b> Yom HaAtzmaut (Omer 19) Minyan Minyan	<b>6</b> 8:00a 6:00PM 7:48p <b>5 Iyar</b> (Omer 20) Minyan <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments: in-person and livestream</a> Candle lighting	<b>7</b> 9:30AM 10:00AM 10:00AM 11:00AM 8:52p <b>6 Iyar</b> (Omer 21) <a href="#">Preliminary Service (lay-led)</a> <a href="#">Patio Minyan</a> <a href="#">Shabbat Services (Parashat Kedoshim)</a> <a href="#">Rhythm 'N' Ruach Shabbat Family Jam with Auntie A</a> Havdalah
<b>8</b> 9:00a 10:00AM 7:30PM 7:30p <b>7 Iyar</b> (Omer 22) Minyan <a href="#">Drive Thru Dining (Brunch)</a> <a href="#">Israeli Dancing</a> Minyan	<b>9</b> 8:00AM 7:30p <b>8 Iyar</b> Lag B'Omer (Omer 23) Minyan <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan	<b>10</b> 8:00AM 7:30p <b>9 Iyar</b> (Omer 24) Minyan <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan	<b>11</b> 8:00AM 4:45PM 7:30p <b>10 Iyar</b> (Omer 25) Minyan <a href="#">Dinner for Stepping Stones Shelter</a> Minyan	<b>12</b> 8:00a 7:30p 8:00PM <b>11 Iyar</b> (Omer 26) Minyan Minyan <a href="#">Toastmasters</a>	<b>13</b> 8:00a 6:00PM 7:55p <b>12 Iyar</b> (Omer 27) Minyan <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat: in-person and livestream</a> Candle lighting	<b>14</b> 9:30AM 10:00AM 11:15AM 9:00p <b>13 Iyar</b> (Omer 28) <a href="#">Preliminary Service (lay-led)</a> <a href="#">Shabbat Services (Parashat Emor)</a> <a href="#">Torah Club</a> Havdalah
<b>15</b> 9:00a 4:30PM 7:00PM 7:30PM 7:30p <b>14 Iyar</b> (Omer 29) Minyan <a href="#">JTS Evening of Learning</a> <a href="#">Focus Music</a> <a href="#">Presents: Side by Side</a> <a href="#">Israeli Dancing</a> Minyan	<b>16</b> 8:00AM 7:30p <b>15 Iyar</b> (Omer 30) Minyan <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan	<b>17</b> 8:00AM 7:30p <b>16 Iyar</b> (Omer 31) Minyan <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan	<b>18</b> 8:00AM 7:30p 8:00PM <b>17 Iyar</b> (Omer 32) Minyan <a href="#">Minyan</a> <a href="#">Women's Network Book Club</a>	<b>19</b> 8:00a 7:30p <b>18 Iyar</b> (Omer 33) Minyan Minyan	<b>20</b> 8:00a 6:00PM 8:01p <b>19 Iyar</b> (Omer 34) Minyan <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat: in-person and livestream</a> Candle lighting	<b>21</b> 9:30AM 10:00AM 11:00AM 9:07p <b>20 Iyar</b> (Omer 35) <a href="#">Preliminary Service (lay-led)</a> <a href="#">Shabbat Services (Parashat Behar)</a> <a href="#">Rhythm 'N' Ruach Shabbat Family Jam with Auntie A</a> Havdalah
<b>22</b> 9:00a 11:00AM 1:00PM 1:00PM 7:30PM <b>21 Iyar</b> (Omer 36) Minyan <a href="#">B'yachad Closing Event</a> Shred Event <a href="#">Social Action Fair</a> <a href="#">Israeli Dancing</a> Minyan	<b>23</b> 8:00AM 7:30p <b>22 Iyar</b> (Omer 37) Minyan <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan	<b>24</b> 8:00AM 7:30p 8:00PM <b>23 Iyar</b> (Omer 38) Minyan <a href="#">Minyan</a> <a href="#">Board Meeting</a>	<b>25</b> 8:00AM 7:30p 8:00PM <b>24 Iyar</b> (Omer 39) Minyan <a href="#">Minyan</a> <a href="#">Programming Committee Meeting</a>	<b>26</b> 8:00a 7:30p 8:00PM <b>25 Iyar</b> (Omer 40) Minyan Minyan <a href="#">Toastmasters</a>	<b>27</b> 8:00a 6:00PM 8:07p <b>26 Iyar</b> (Omer 41) Minyan <a href="#">Kabbalat Shabbat: in-person and livestream</a> Candle lighting	<b>28</b> 9:30AM 10:00AM 11:15AM 9:14p <b>27 Iyar</b> (Omer 42) <a href="#">Preliminary Service (lay-led)</a> <a href="#">Shabbat Services (Parashat Bechukotai)</a> <a href="#">Torah Club</a> Havdalah
<b>29</b> 9:00a 7:30PM <b>28 Iyar</b> Yom Yerushalayim (Omer 43) Minyan <a href="#">Israeli Dancing</a> Minyan	<b>30</b> 8:00AM 7:30p <b>29 Iyar</b> (Omer 44) Minyan <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan	<b>31</b> 8:00AM 7:30p <b>1 Sivan</b> Rosh Chodesh (Omer 45) Minyan <a href="#">Minyan</a> Minyan				<b>All events subject to change. Please read B'keshet for the latest status.</b>

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<div>  </div>			<b>1</b> <b>2 Sivan</b> (Omer 46) 8:00AM 7:30p 8:00PM Minyan Women's Network Presents Joan Roth	<b>2</b> <b>3 Sivan</b> (Omer 47) 8:00a 7:30p Minyan Minyan	<b>3</b> <b>4 Sivan</b> (Omer 48) 8:00a 6:30PM 8:12p Minyan Kabbalat Shabbat: in-person and livestream Candle lighting	<b>4</b> <b>5 Sivan</b> Erev Shavuot (Omer 49) 9:30AM 10:00AM 10:00AM 11:00AM 7:00PM 8:00PM 9:15PM 9:19p 9:45PM Preliminary Service (lay-led) Patio Minyan Shabbat Services (Parashat Bamidbar) Graduate Shabbat Rhythm 'N' Ruach Shabbat Family Jam with Auntie A Seudah Shlishit Pre Tikun Study Ma'ariv Candle lighting Tikkun Leil Shavuot
<b>5</b> <b>6 Sivan</b> Shavuot Preliminary Service (lay-led) Yom Tov Service Minyan Candle lighting	<b>6</b> <b>7 Sivan</b> Shavuot Preliminary Service (lay-led) Yom Tov Service Mincha Ma'ariv Havdalah	<b>7</b> <b>8 Sivan</b> 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan	<b>8</b> <b>9 Sivan</b> 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan	<b>9</b> <b>10 Sivan</b> 8:00a 7:30p 8:00PM Minyan Minyan Toastmasters	<b>10</b> <b>11 Sivan</b> 8:00a 6:30PM 8:17p Minyan Kabbalat Shabbat: in-person and livestream Candle lighting	<b>11</b> <b>12 Sivan</b> 9:30AM 10:00AM 9:24p Preliminary Service (lay-led) Shabbat Services (Parashat Nasso) Elanor Lanter Bat Mitzvah Havdalah
<b>12</b> <b>13 Sivan</b> 9:00a 7:30PM 7:30p Minyan Israeli Dancing Minyan	<b>13</b> <b>14 Sivan</b> 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan	<b>14</b> <b>15 Sivan</b> 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan	<b>15</b> <b>16 Sivan</b> 8:00AM 1:00PM 7:30p Minyan Blood Drive Minyan	<b>16</b> <b>17 Sivan</b> 8:00a 7:30p Minyan Minyan	<b>17</b> <b>18 Sivan</b> 8:00a 6:30PM 8:19p Minyan Kabbalat Shabbat: in-person and livestream Candle lighting	<b>18</b> <b>19 Sivan</b> 9:30AM 10:00AM 9:27p Preliminary Service (lay-led) Shabbat Services (Parashat Beha'alotcha) Women's Network Shabbat Havdalah
<b>19</b> <b>20 Sivan</b> 9:00a 12:05PM 7:30PM 7:30p Minyan Women's Network Washington Nationals Outing Israeli Dancing Minyan	<b>20</b> <b>21 Sivan</b> 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan	<b>21</b> <b>22 Sivan</b> 8:00AM 7:30p 8:00PM Minyan Board Meeting	<b>22</b> <b>23 Sivan</b> 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan	<b>23</b> <b>24 Sivan</b> 8:00a 7:30p 8:00PM Minyan Minyan Toastmasters	<b>24</b> <b>25 Sivan</b> 8:00a 6:30PM 8:21p Minyan Kabbalat Shabbat: in-person and livestream Candle lighting	<b>25</b> <b>26 Sivan</b> 9:30AM 10:00AM 9:28p Preliminary Service (lay-led) Shabbat Services (Parashat Sh'vach) Havdalah
<b>26</b> <b>27 Sivan</b> 9:00a 10:00AM 7:30PM 7:30p Minyan Congregational Meeting Israeli Dancing Minyan	<b>27</b> <b>28 Sivan</b> 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan	<b>28</b> <b>29 Sivan</b> 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan	<b>29</b> <b>30 Sivan</b> 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan Rosh Chodesh	<b>30</b> <b>1 Tammuz</b> 8:00a 7:30p Minyan Minyan Rosh Chodesh		<b>All events subject to change. Please read B'kasher for the latest status.</b>





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## ***Kol B'Seder* Concert Honors Past Co-President Jim Perlmutter**

Tikvat Israel will host a concert in the social hall with long-running musical recording artists *Kol B'Seder* at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 1. While primarily considered an in-person event, the concert also will be available via livestreaming.

Ticket ordering and sponsorship details are available at [www.tikvatisrael.org](http://www.tikvatisrael.org).

*Kol B'Seder* features the singing/songwriting duo of Cantor Jeff Klepper and Rabbi Dan Frelander. They have performed Israeli and traditional music and the beloved songs of the late Debbie Friedman for more than four decades.

Klepper, a cantor, has composed hundreds of Jewish songs, including "Shalom Rav" (co-written with his musical partner). 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.



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

Rabbi Frelander recently retired as president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. His career has focused on the evolution of progressive synagogues with a special emphasis on the central role of Jewish music.



**Jim Perlmutter**

A backup choir consisting of Cantor Rochelle Helzner, Robyn Helzner and TI members will perform with the duo.

The evening's honoree is Jim Perlmutter, who served as synagogue co-president in 2019-2021 after extended service on the board of directors and in various volunteer leadership capacities.