



## New Officers, Annual Budget On June's Congregational Agenda



Members of Tikvat Israel will elect a new president and other officers at a congregational meeting at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 25, in the sanctuary.

In addition to the election of all seven officer positions, four board of director slots also will be on the ballot.

The new officers and board members will serve two-year terms through June 30, 2025. They will be installed by the clergy on the *bimah* at *Shabbat* services on July 8.

The synagogue's board also will be seeking the congregation's approval of the annual operating budget for 2023-24. It figures to call for about \$1.3 million in spending on operations, programs and staff salaries between July 1 and next June 30.

A quorum of congregants is required for the budget vote and election to take place.

Warren Berger, who is completing a two-year stint as president following two years as co-president, is expected to deliver a state of the synagogue report. Treasurer Stuart Lempert will present the state of the synagogue's finances and answer questions.

Jim Perlmutter, as the immediate past president, serves as chair of the nominations committee, which is responsible for presenting a slate of candidates to fill the berths being vacated.

Three trustee positions for the TI Fund for the Future also will be up for election. FFF trustees serve three-year terms.

The FFF will hold its annual public meeting on Monday, May 22, at 8:15 p.m. using TI's regular Zoom link. This meeting is open to all congregants.

### Inside This Issue ...

- **A Quarter Century of Rabbi Reflections.** It's been 25 years since Rabbi Marc Israel secured his rabbinic ordination and is using his column space on **page 3** to list 25 lessons he has learned during that time.
- **Reliving Fond Stage Memories.** If you've been part of Tikvat Israel for any length of time, you've probably seen some wonderful shows under the Cantor's Concert umbrella. Now you can experience the music again (as well as a story told by the late Shelly Goldin) in a wonderful archival collection created by congregant Jules Asher that dates back to the mid-'90s. Read about it on **page 4**.
- **A Final Boost for Capital Support.** The \$600,000 goal is clearly within reach, but it'll take a late rally by congregants who've not yet participated to hit the mark that will allow the synagogue's identified structural needs to be addressed. See a full roster of those who already have given to the Capital Campaign on **page 5**.

### 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</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: \* 6:30 p.m. in June.

All services are both online and in person.

### CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

Friday, May 5	7:47 p.m.
Friday, May 12	7:53 p.m.
Friday, May 19	8:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 25 ( <i>Erev Shavuot</i> )	8:05 p.m.
Friday, May 26	8:05 p.m.
Friday, June 2	8:11 p.m.
Friday, June 9	8:15 p.m.
Friday, June 16	8:18 p.m.
Friday, June 23	8:20 p.m.
Friday, June 30	8:20 p.m.

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## Join Your Friends at Nationals Ballgame



The Women's Network has 50 tickets to sell to TI members, their relatives and friends for the Sunday, June 4, game between the Washington Nationals and Philadelphia Phillies. Game time is 1:35 p.m.

Our synagogue group's seats are clustered in three rows in Section 227 (between 1st base and the right field corner) under an overhang. This block of seats also has a row that is wheelchair accessible. Tickets can be reserved at \$40 apiece by contacting Rebecca Salon at [rsalon@verizon.net](mailto:rsalon@verizon.net). The deadline for placing your order is May 4, at which time unsold tickets must be returned. It's also "Kids Arm Hug Doll Giveaway Day" at the ballpark, so bring your kids and grandchildren.

## Shul Shorts

### Musicians Sought for TI Band

Interested in performing easy versions of Klezmer music, Israeli tunes and '40s pop hits? A Tikvat Israel musical group is seeking anyone who plays an instrument. Especially needed are rhythm players.

The group, spearheaded by Mike Cohen, meets every other Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon at TI. The tentative schedule lists practices on May 9, June 13 and June 27.

Music is from the D.C. Klezmer Workshop and KAILA (Klezmer Arts Institute of LA). A list of tunes is available prior to each session. "There's no pressure," Cohen says. "Our sole purpose is to enjoy ourselves and get familiar with many of the old classics."

Contact Cohen for more details at 201-802-0621 or [mncohenster@gmail.com](mailto:mncohenster@gmail.com)

### Instrumental Shabbat

*Kabbalat Shabbat* with Instruments will be held at 6 p.m. on May 5 and 6:30 p.m. June 2, preceded by a reception both evenings. The May reception will be sponsored by Ellen and Sherman Eisner and Sandra and Gene Sheskin, with the June 2 reception underwritten by the Women's Network in honor of outgoing president Janice Balin.

Both services will be held in person in the social hall, and the services will be accessible through the TI livestream. A band will inspire the davening with uplifting melodies that are both traditional and new.

### Volunteer Leadership Recognition

The congregation will fete its most dedicated volunteers who serve in all facets of synagogue life during a dinner in their honor on May 16 in the social hall. The annual Leadership Circle of Recognition affair is underwritten by a fund established by longtime congregant and former board member Carol Chelemer.

### Blood Donor Alert

Your blood is needed by others. Please consider donating at the next Tikvat Israel Blood Drive in the social hall. It'll take place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24. Organizer Robbi Cohen encourages donors to use the signup form at <https://rcblood.org/41Kg7S>. Contact her with questions at [peezer200@yahoo.com](mailto:peezer200@yahoo.com).

## Reflecting on 25 Years in the Rabbinate

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



known as a DD—or “didn’t die.”

When I was a 28-year-old rabbinical student, I didn’t appreciate its value. And while I may still think of myself as being young, a look in the mirror tells a different story. Reflecting on the past 25 years in the rabbinate, I realize that I have learned more than I realized. Here are 25 lessons, in no particular order:

25. We can never be certain of the direction in which life will take us. I thought I would spend my career with Hillel or be a camp director, but accidentally discovered a love of working in the synagogue.
24. Certainty is overrated. As a student, I thought it was important to have definite answers to life’s big questions. Experience has taught me to embrace the beauty of the unknowable.
23. I believed then—and still believe—that there are absolute truths. But arguing over those truths can be a fool’s errand, and I have developed the humility to recognize that I may not have it right.
22. I have learned the meaning of the rabbinic dictum “*o’ chevruta o’ metuta*” (loosely translated as “give me friendship or give me death”). We are neither rocks nor islands. Our relationships are not merely the enjoyment of life, they are the essence of it.
21. Don’t allow the all-consuming nature of a job to consume you. There is a reason *Pirkei Avot* teaches us that it is not incumbent upon us to complete the work.
20. *Genesis*’ mythological account of all humanity descending from one couple can be backed up through biology, according to Yuval Harari. Therefore, the differences between humans are much more a sociological construct than innate.
19. Understanding modern brain science is essential to comprehending human behavior and what makes us tick. Used correctly, it can help us become more compassionate towards people who are different from us.
18. Process matters. It’s not enough for leaders to think they know the best path forward; they must allow everyone to consider all the options and join in reaching the conclusion.
17. Pay attention to the details; an unreturned phone call or email can cause a great deal of pain.
16. Jewish education succeeds when it challenges people to think deeply, not when it is watered down to the lowest common denominator.
15. Whether it’s informing a family member of a death or dismissing an employee, it is best to deliver bad news quickly, directly and in person.
14. We need to strive continually to balance the need for clear boundaries defining the Jewish community with efforts to lower the barriers for those who want to join us.
13. We are good; we are flawed; we are the children of an imperfect God.
12. It’s equally important to teach our children well and to listen to them with deep respect and sincerity.
11. Many factors influence a child’s Jewish identity. From my experience, formal education is important, but camp has a deeper impact. Joyful family life and consistency between what parents do and say at home matters most of all.
10. Presenting synagogue leadership positions and fundraising opportunities as an avenue to engage people in doing *mitzvot*, rather than as a burden, is key to success.
9. Judaism and religion do not contradict science or rationality; they address the aspects of the universe that defy rationality and connect us to the mysterious forces that guide it.
8. It’s important to understand the differences between prayer, *davening*, and worship, and to recognize which one(s) you are trying to achieve in any given moment.
7. We must build greater interfaith connections and deepen our cultural awareness. We must also recognize and call out all anti-semitism and remember that we face real and dangerous enemies.
6. The best Jewish rituals are like jazz—they have a set structure that everyone knows and understands, but which is loose enough to create moments of spontaneity. And when that happens, it is magical.
5. I’ve never regretted the times I’ve pushed myself outside of my comfort zone. I often regret times when I haven’t.
4. Regardless of the facade they show to the world, almost every family has deep *tzauris* (difficulties) that they may not share, even with their closest friends.
3. The Jewish people survived 2,000 years without a homeland and if necessary—God forbid—we could do it again. However, we are a much stronger people with the State of Israel, and must work to defend and protect it, even in challenging times.
2. Being Jewish matters. Judaism and the Jewish people continue to impact the world in ways that extend far beyond our numbers and that defy all logic.
1. I love being a rabbi and, more specifically, I love being **your** rabbi. Throughout the last 25 years, I’ve had amazing opportunities to learn and to teach, to celebrate and to mourn, to build coalitions and to stand up for what Judaism teaches.

Most importantly, thank you for being my partner as we work together to make this community the best it can be.

# Reliving Memorable TI Concerts Through New Video Collection

Ever yearn to watch a re-run of some of those memorable Cantor's Concerts and other cultural events presented at Tikvat Israel over the years? Now you can.

A YouTube playlist, known as @ti, featuring video highlights of past concert performances at TI, has been curated by congregant Jules Asher. The video recordings date as far back as the mid-1990s. Asher shot and edited most of the footage over the years, although the recent pandemic era videos are recordings of livestreams produced by RCI Systems that have been archived on Rabbi Marc Israel's YouTube channel.

The synagogue's historical videos, currently totaling 44, are listed in reverse chronological order. They range from this year's Cantor's Concert featuring Nefesh Mountain to the 1994 staging of "The Dybbuk."

Notable offerings from the nearly 30-year collection include the TI performances by Neshama Carlebach, the Seth Kibel Band, the Billy Jonas Band and Rak Shalom. Many videos feature Cantor Rochelle Helzner performing a few numbers with the guest talent, including her sister Robyn and her father Manny.



**Congregant Jules Asher curated a collection of 44 videos of Cantor's Concert performances and other staged shows at Tikvat Israel. (Photo by Muriel Asher)**

Two particular videos, dating back a decade, may be of keen interest to Tikvat Israel members:

- "Tales of the Unleavened," a series of entertaining stories pegged to Passover and recorded in 2014, including a stand-up by TI's late Shelly Goldin; and
- "Shiru," Cantor Helzner's virtual duet with herself, performed as part of the 2012 "Rav Todot" event honoring retiring Rabbi Howard Gorin.

Some of the concert videos were previously accessible on Google Drive. But the new YouTube playlist includes a few heretofore unreleased concert videos, along with several selected individual songs broken out as more user-friendly (and shorter) separate videos. The video descriptions accompanying several of the full concert videos include links to scanned versions of the original printed concert programs.

The @ti playlist (which currently is "unlisted," meaning it is not searchable), is accessible at <http://bit.ly/3K4dlTU>.

## MAKING SOUP FOR THE SOUL



After he experienced a challenging week in the community, Rabbi Marc Israel said he believes "nothing heals like making matzo ball soup," which he actually did for the 70 people who participated in Tikvat Israel Congregation's first-ever community *seder* on the second night. The meal was served in the social hall.

## RABBIS WHO ROCK AND READ



Rabbi Marc Israel participated in the Rocker Reading Rabbis project in late February at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, where he demonstrated his skills reading *Barnyard Purim* to a class of 3rd graders. He was one of a half dozen area rabbis who marked Read Across America Week at the school.

# Capital Campaign Nears Milestone Goal, Enabling Completion of First Projects

BY SAM GILSTON

Wow, what a congregation! In four short months, our members stepped up with pledges that put our Capital Campaign close to its \$600,000 goal. Nearly 90 families have generously committed to help us keep our facilities fully operational, safe and secure.

With the funds already received, we already have replaced the main sanctuary HVAC system and two HVAC systems in the social hall, and completed the construction for replacement of the kitchen door and frame. Several large dead trees that posed a risk to the building have been removed.

Planning is underway for our next project: repair of the school wing elevator to conform to the county code. Additional repairs and replacements will be scheduled as funds become available.

Even as the campaign has drawn almost \$525,000 in pledges, members who have not yet made a commitment are urged to join their fellow congregants in making the Capital Campaign a complete success. In addition, we hope those who have already made

their pledges might consider increasing their donations. Just a little bit more will ensure we reach our ultimate goal of \$600,000.

The Capital Campaign comprises six donation categories: Tzadek \$36,000 and up; Visionary \$18,000; Builder \$12,000; Leader \$6,000; Defender \$3,000; and Advocate \$1,800. Pledges can be paid in installments over a one-, two- or three-year period. Earlier payment of the full amount, however, would be especially helpful to allow completion of the work as soon as possible.

You can participate by making a pledge using the form mailed to members or by going online to the synagogue website at [Tikvatisrael.org/Capital Campaign](http://Tikvatisrael.org/CapitalCampaign). Or you can contact Executive Director Aaron Chusid (301-762-7338) to arrange your pledge. You also can contact campaign co-chairs Howard Wilchins and Carol Chelemer directly to speak with them privately to arrange your contribution.

To all who have made a pledge to the Capital Campaign: Thank you, thank you, thank you.

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(as of April 4)

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# A Warm and Wonderful Concert Success

BY ABBEY FRANK AND BETH SMITH, CANTOR'S CONCERT CO-CHAIRS

What a lovely evening was had on Sunday, March 19, by all who attended this year's Cantor's Concert. Nefesh Mountain was superb. They shared their beautiful music and *ruach*, making this event both a musical homecoming for vocalist Doni Zasloff and an embracing experience for all of us.

Our honorees that night — Shirley Waxman and Joel Bressler — had a special surprise when attendees who had *tallisim* and other garments made by Waxman, donned them and stood in tribute to her creative skills during Rabbi Israel's presentation.

The concert grossed over \$30,000 (final figures for the net profit to TI aren't yet available). More than 400 tickets were purchased, forcing us to stop ticket sales three days before the show because we planned to set up for a maximum crowd of 325. Another 28 viewers listened to Nefesh Mountain on the *shul's* livestream.

Our committee, as usual, did a superb job. Vivian Liebson designed the lovely promotional postcards. Jay P. Goldman and Dan Black took care of publicity and advertising. Nancy Goldberg set up the printed concert program. Sam Gilston composed the spon-



Shirley Waxman and Joel Bressler were honorees at this year's concert.



Dozens of congregants attended wearing tallitot created by Waxman.

sor letter. Maxine Perlmutter handled the ticket sales. Jonathan Solomon and Neil Sbar directed traffic in the parking lot. Jules Asher served as our photographer and videographer. Shira Lantner lined up our ushers. Monica Meyer handled the green room, where the entertainers had dinner and snacks. Jim Perlmutter was the runner, who made sure the band was on stage at the right time.

Also, Fortuna Scheige and Sandra Sheskin organized the volunteers to set up and dismantle the reception for concert sponsors. Larry Gorban, Beth Smith, Janice Balin, Roz Kram and Ellie Diamond baked all the goodies served at the reception. Cantor Helzner and Rabbi Israel were the consultants. Technical support was provided by Evan Riley and RCI. Aaron Chusid, Susan Davis and Nadia Palacios provided administrative support. And custodial services were handled by Augustin and DeCarlito's Way.

Thank you, *todah rabah* and *gracias* to everyone whose efforts made this concert possible.

(A video of the full concert begins with Rabbi Marc Israel's welcome to the audience at the 15:45 mark at this YouTube site: [bit.ly/TI23concert](http://bit.ly/TI23concert).)

## Cantor's Corner of Appreciation

BY CANTOR ROCHELLE HELZNER



**Purim thanks.** Attendees at Tikvat Israel on *erev Purim* assembled bags of hygiene items, which were donated to Small Things Matter in order to fulfill the *mitzvah* of *Matanot L'Evyonim*, or giving gifts to the needy. Thanks to Lis Schwartz and Amy Sanders for executing the project and to the *Tzedakah Havurah* for funding it.

Roxanne Yamashita, executive director of Small Things Matter ([www.smallthingsmatter.org](http://www.smallthingsmatter.org)), wrote a letter of thanks to the congregation, saying in part: "Thank you so much for the wonderful hygiene kits that you put together for our food-insecure families. We will be sharing them at our next community-wide distribution, thanks to your generosity. These types of gifts help our families greatly and are very much appreciated."

**Purim music.** Thanks to the Tikvat Israel Garage Band for providing music for the *Purim* Family Celebration.

**Puppet production.** Kudos to *Purim* Puppet Show director Rachel Laveer; to our *Megillah* readers Richard Lederman, Jason Schwartz, Jeff Bernstein, Abbey Frank, Melissa Apter, Susan Apter, Jason Levine and Danny Bachman; to *shpiel* director, Nancy

Goldberg and the cast of Cliff Fishman, Jerry Schuchman, Steve Raucher, Gene Sheskin, Sue Urban, Janaki Kuruppu and Rabbi Israel, with technical support from Aiden Schwartz.

Thank you to puppeteers and voices, many of whom played multiple parts throughout the show. Puppeteers: Alan Apter, Neil Kram, Barry Lipsy, Shaina Lipsy, Monica Meyer, Rob Podolsky, Miri Silverman, Nava Silverman and Sandy Schwartz. Voices: Lucy Appling, AJ Laveer, Hope Kott, Josh Pollack, Jane Robinson and Jerry Schuchman.



Members of the Women's Network pitched in to put together *mishloach manot* for congregants at *Purim*. (Photo by Janice Balin)



## SCENES FROM CANTOR'S CONCERT 2023

The photos appearing on this page, taken by Jules Asher and Richard Nowitz, capture the spirit and audience participation at the Nefesh Mountain performance in the synagogue's social hall in mid-March. Cantor Rochelle Helzner joined the five-member Jewish bluegrass band on stage for several numbers at the event, which honored the husband-wife tandem of Joel Bressler and Shirley Waxman for their many contributions over the years to Tikvat Israel. After the show, every attendee who had brought a piece of fabric art created by Waxman over the years, such as a *tallit* or *tallit* bag, assembled for a group photo.



# And Now for Something Completely Different...

BY SALLY KRAM, TIKVAT ISRAEL VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMMING



## WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR TIKVAT ISRAEL? (IN SONG)



With due deference to Sir Elton John:



It is the circle of programs  
And it moves us all [at TI].

We have reached that part of the year where we are planning for Program Year 2023-24. How can you get involved? Let me quote the Jackson 5:



A B C, It's easy as 1 2 3.

- Identify a program idea.
- Fill out a program planning worksheet and
- Discuss your idea with the VP for Programming to begin the planning process.

If steps B and C sound a bit intimidating, they are not. The program planning sheet (Step B) is available by clicking on this link: [tikvatisrael.org/programworksheets](http://tikvatisrael.org/programworksheets). It is a two-page document that guides you as the program planner through an explanation

of your activity idea and what resources you might need to pull it off. Once completed, you submit the form to the vice president for programming (Step C), and the idea will be vetted with the committee chair or the vice president with oversight.

Tikvat Israel is a special place with a mission to engage, embrace, inspire and empower our Jewish community. You don't have to be a *macher* or a board member to see your activity idea become reality.

For example, Tikvat Israel U, which just completed its fifth year, started as a proposal from the Adult Education Committee to showcase members' talents to other members. *Chanukkah* in the Hood, started as a "what if" idea — what if we staged *chanukiah* lighting outdoors during the festival of lights in the various neighborhoods where TI members live?

What is your "what if?" TI wants to know.

As John Lennon once sang: "Imagine."

Contact Sally Kram at [sallykram939@gmail.com](mailto:sallykram939@gmail.com) if you have an idea or want to volunteer to help in some other way.

## BIKE COLLECTION EVENT SET FOR TI JUNE 4



Tikvat Israel will host a used bicycle collection event in the parking lot from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, in cooperation with Bikes for the World.

Bikes are donated, domestically and internationally, mostly to Africa, Central America and South Asia. You can read about the impact of the program at [bikesfortheworld.org](http://bikesfortheworld.org).

The TI organizers seek the following:

- Any serviceable complete (or nearly complete) bicycle**, adult or children's, accompanied by a suggested minimum \$10-per-bike donation to defray a share of the costs. Flat tires or a missing seat or pedal do not matter. Also accepted are tandems, recumbents, adult tricycles and trail-a-bikes. Especially welcome are children's bikes because they are used to get children to school, and servicing of kids' bikes generates mechanic employment overseas.
- Usable bicycle spare parts and components**, including tubes, tires, wheels, chains, pedals, saddles, cables and mountain bike handlebars (but not "drop" handlebars).
- Usable bicycle accessories**, including helmets, pumps, locks, gloves, chains (for locks), bicycle books and manuals, and hand tools, including general tools such as wrenches and screw drivers.

For more information or to assist during the collection period, contact chief organizer Stuart Turkewitz at [sjturkewitz@yahoo.com](mailto:sjturkewitz@yahoo.com).

## The Shabbat Alternative: A Rosh Chodesh Minyan

BY RACHEL LAVEER



Thank you to everyone who attended the inaugural session of the new alternative *Rosh Chodesh Minyan* in March. Running parallel to the regular *Shabbat* services, the alternative service includes new multi-part songs, traditional songs, a bit of impromptu Israeli dancing and a text discussion about the purpose and impact of *Rosh Chodesh* as a holiday. Egg-shakers and other percussion instruments are provided for use by participants throughout the *minyan*.

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

If you'd like to join in with this creative, start-up *minyan*, please stop by! Starting at 10:30 a.m., the upcoming dates for the *Rosh Chodesh Minyan* are May 20, June 17, July 15 and Aug. 12.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

# Passover, Family and Community

BY WARREN BERGER, TIKVAT ISRAEL PRESIDENT



As I write this article at Passover, I am reminded of how important family is in Judaism. Our year has Jewish holidays with different focuses, but most of them include family visits and, of course – **food!** I hope you all had as wonderful a holiday as I did.

It is interesting to watch young children as they start to learn about the holidays (in an age-appropriate way). My three-year-old granddaughter is fascinated by the story of Passover, and we have read many books about it to her. She has seen the “Prince of Egypt” movie many times (with some fast forwarding through scary parts and some corrections where it differs from the story that we tell). She earnestly explains to us that Moses is the hero who saved everyone (with God’s help) and that Pharaoh is “not nice.”

I was also reminded of family when I saw the outpouring of love at the funeral and *shiva* for Bonnie Cowan, ז"ל. Bonnie was extraordinary in her ability to connect with people from many different avenues. People—who were like family—came to honor her life from all of Bonnie’s connections, such as her home-birthing community, and from various eras of Beth Tikva /Tikvat Israel. I know that the TI community will support the family in all their needs. We were also fortunate to participate in the celebration of the *brit milah* of Bonnie and Elliot’s new grandson, the son of Marnina and Seth. May we all continue to support each other during the life-cycle events of our friends and community.

Our synagogue family is not just our members. It includes clergy and our staff. Together, we make a holy community. As president,

I am happy to hear complaints and suggestions—that is part of the job. As a reminder, please convey issues in a civil and constructive manner. Similarly, please treat our staff with respect. If something goes wrong or is not up to your expectations, let us know gently and respectfully. We are all doing the best that we can with good intentions. Let’s treat others as we want to be treated ourselves.

Many organizations find good guidance in management case studies about Disney, where everyone is responsible for the experience, and all are considered “cast members” even if they aren’t wearing costumes. Everyone is expected to interact and be helpful (such as cheerfully giving directions) or picking up a piece of trash—they all contribute towards giving the visitors/customers a wonderful experience. What does that have to do with Tikvat Israel?

As we have transitioned back to more in-person services and events, I want to remind congregants to “welcome the stranger” (another Passover reference!) by providing directions to the sanctuary or rest rooms; also help us to function smoothly by volunteering. Please also step up (without even being asked) to fill in for a person who had a role but did not show up (for example) because they were sick. That’s what family does.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that we will have our annual congregational meeting the morning of Sunday, June 25th. As usual, there will be a vote on next year’s budget. My favorite part (this year) will be the election of TI board officers and directors, and of trustees for the Fund for the Future. Also, we expect to propose a new dues model with some necessary bylaw changes (if they are first approved by the Board). More information about all of these important topics will be forthcoming to your email or by postal mail, for those who still prefer that method.

## Congregants Share Their Expertise at Tikvat Israel University



Cliff Fishman delivered his take on aspects of the law.

Tikvat Israel University is an annual event that captures the willingness of members to learn from each other.

The Feb. 26 event attracted several dozen congregants to a series of short presentations on some serious topics as well as hobbies and personal growth advice. Each session ran 40 minutes — 20 minutes of presentation time and 20 minutes for questions and answers.

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The program’s faculty included Rabbi Marc Israel and Executive Director Aaron Chusid as well as congregants Danny Bachman, Carol Chelemer, Mike Cohen, Cliff Fishman, Jerry Kaiz, Hope Kott, Phil Kott, Ellen Lederman, Aaron Mannes, Wendy Morrison, Josh Pollack and members of Fund for the Future. Sally Kram served as the coordinator of Tikvat Israel University. *(Photos by Felicia R. Black)*



Michael Cohen shared his love of bird watching.

## WOMEN'S NETWORK

### Full Slate of Group Activities for Year's Strong Finish

BY JANICE BALIN, PRESIDENT, WOMEN'S NETWORK



Welcome to the Women's Network corner! This is the place to learn about recent events and future programming.

2022-23 has been a busy year for the Women's Network, but we aren't finished yet!

In March, we held an in-person *Purim* study session/*Rosh Chodesh* program with our own Rabbah Arlene Berger. She asked us to consider what the masks and costumes that we wear on *Purim* are revealing about ourselves and how the holiday might be one of our most potent tools as we work toward spirituality and "getting our house in order." Later in the month, Sara Harris led more than 20 participants in a lively discussion about the book *Peony*, by Pearl Buck. Many of us had read the book years ago but enjoyed reading it again, as well as the active discussion.

On May 13, the synagogue will observe the annual Shelly Goldin Women's Network *Shabbat*. As always, a luncheon will be served following the services, which will be led by women in the congregation. We look forward to guest speaker Meredith Weisel, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League in Washington. She will speak briefly from the *bimah* and again after lunch, discussing anti-Semitism in Montgomery County with reasons for both concern and for hope. Special thanks to Melissa Apter, Susan Apter, Elyse Bernstein, Roz Kram, Fortuna Scheige, Hilda Springer, our planning committee members, all the volunteers who will help to prepare the luncheon and the congregants who donate to the lovely morning. A special thank you to Bruce Goldin for his continued support both emotionally and financially to the Women's Network.

Among the upcoming events, mark these on your calendar:

- May 21, 10:30 a.m., in the TI Library. Book discussion of *House on Endless Water* by Emuna Elon
- June 4, 1:35 p.m. Take me out to the ballgame for our annual baseball outing. See page 2 for details on purchasing tickets within the synagogue block at Nationals Park for the game between the Washington Nationals and Philadelphia Phillies.
- June 8, 10:30 a.m. Field trip to Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens for a docent-run tour and lunch at the café.
- June 11, 10:30 a.m., in the TI Library. *Rosh Chodesh* program, "Getting Your House in Order."

### A HANDOFF OF LEADERSHIP

My term is ending. I have enjoyed the past six years leading the Women's Network. I am excited this summer to turn the gavel over to Susan Apter and Brenda Brooks who have volunteered to take over as co-presidents. Good luck, Susan and Brenda. Your job will be easy because of all the wonderful volunteers who will work with you to continue making our organization so successful at Tikvat Israel.

Janice Balin



Women's Network members (from left) Beth Smith, Janice Balin and Fortuna Scheige enjoyed the *Rosh Chodesh* session.



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## EDUCATION AND YOUTH

# Family *Shabbat* Meals and a Fall Sunday School

BY JUDY STERN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION AND YOUTH



### ECC Family Shabbat Dinners

The parents' association of the ECC has begun hosting early *Shabbat* dinners for families of young children. These dinners will provide parents and children the opportunity to welcome *Shabbat* together as a community, right after the ECC dismisses for the day. A short service precedes a meal that includes child-friendly food. The first dinner took place on April 21. The second one is planned for June 9. Registration through the TI office is required. Families do not

need to be part of the ECC to attend. We hope to see you there!

### Religious School

Tikvat Israel will begin a Sunday Religious School for kindergarten pupils and 1<sup>st</sup> graders in the fall. Registration will begin in May for a new Sunday program to begin in September.

The class will be open to children from Tikvat Israel, as well as children from the outside community. The teacher will be Limor Dahan from the ECC, and the class will include learning about the Jewish holidays and customs, music, art, games, introductory Hebrew and prayers.

For further information, contact Rabbi Israel or me at judystern7@aol.com.

### TI Teens

At the end of February, teens baked *hamantaschen* in the TI kitchen with Roz Kram. Several of the teens brought along friends. In mid-March, the group had its second *havdalah*, pizza

and Israeli movie night. It was well attended and enjoyed by all.

An event planned for May 21 will include a dairy meal at TI for *Shavuot*, followed by games in the Teen Lounge of the synagogue.

We have started planning programs for next year, and are interested in hearing ideas from kids in grades 7-11. If you know a teen who would be interested in participating next year, please contact me at judystern7@aol.com.



**Roz Kram guided teenagers through the art of baking *hamantaschen*. (Photo by Larry M. Levine)**



**Of course, consuming one's freshly baked goodies is the real incentive for participation among teenagers. (Photo by Larry M. Levine)**

## PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI UNDERSTANDING TACKLED AT CO-SPONSORED PROGRAM

Tikvat Israel hosted a program to further Palestinian-Israeli understanding among Washington-area Jews on March 12. The program, titled "Two Truths in One Heart: Two Peoples in One Land," featured a Palestinian English language spokesperson, Noor Awad, and Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger.



**Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger was one of the presenters at a TI-hosted event on Palestinian-Israeli understanding. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)**

About 35 individuals attended and others watched via livestream. The program was run by Roots/Shorashim/Judur, an initiative promoting Palestinian-Israeli understanding. TI was one of four local synagogue co-sponsors.

## OUR FABULOUS GLASS ARTIST



Tamah Graber is shown with one of the three stained glass pieces she created for an art show, running at the Sandy Spring Museum through May 28. The long-time Tikvat Israel member was scheduled to participate in demonstrations of all types of glass techniques on April 30 at the museum. Some of her work graces the front entrance of the synagogue.

# FUND FOR THE FUTURE

## Planned Giving and Tikvat Israel

BY LARRY GORBAN, TRUSTEE, FUND FOR THE FUTURE

Estate planning, including planned giving, might sound like something for just wealthy people, yet the truth is estate planning is something we all need to think about. No matter how large or small our net worth may be, estate planning is a process — and a powerful tool — that ensures our assets are handed down the way we wish after we pass away. You can always make changes to the plan as your life and situation evolve over time, but it is critical to take the first step and set up an estate plan.

Several years ago, Bobbi and I realized our estate planning was inadequate. We had wills, but we decided we needed to put something in place that would address our medical needs and financial decisions while we were still living, but perhaps incapacitated, and to specifically lay out a detailed plan of our how we wanted our assets distributed upon our death. That is planned giving. We did not want to leave our legacy up to chance. We wanted to take control of our estate planning and ensure the people and causes we cared about, such as Tikvat Israel, would continue to receive our support even after our deaths.

We first contacted our financial adviser who recommended an estate planning attorney whom he thought we might want to work with. We took that advice and contacted the attorney and started the process. He said he would be pleased to work with us but that he considered his role as helping us think through the process and implement our wishes. The hard work was up to us to decide how we wanted to proceed on the medical and financial fronts, and to carefully consider how we wanted our assets to be distributed.

Obviously, these decisions differ with each individual, but the process we took for asset distribution may be something that others could find useful. We agreed that our first priority was our children and grandchildren, but we also felt strongly about leaving assets to some of the institutions and entities that we had supported and whose work we knew reflected our values.

This was a difficult task as there have been so many groups and institutions we would like to support — but we realized that if we divided our assets among too many entities, the impact of our gift would probably be diluted. We made a list of the entities that have either been a major part of our life or whose mission we felt deeply about. It was difficult to narrow the list down, but it was a valuable exercise.

Among the entities we knew had played an important part in our lives and one that we wanted to support was Tikvat Israel, either through a bequest to the synagogue in general or specifically to the Fund for the Future, whose purpose is to ensure the continuation of the synagogue and community that has played a central role in our lives. Because we don't know how much our estate will be worth after our deaths, we made our bequests as percents of our estate, realizing we could make changes at any time as our lives and thinking evolved. We revisit our plan periodically and have made some changes as our family situation changes. However, we still include the organizations and causes we cherish, including many Jewish organizations such as Tikvat Israel and Hadassah.

Jewish tradition states one of our key responsibilities is to make the world a better place for future generations. Estate planning can help each of us fulfill that responsibility.



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## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER Registration Underway for Summer and Beyond

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 different foods corresponding with each of the theme days, which we donated to Manna Food. PreK students in their JSTEM class sorted all of the foods into the different categories, graphed their results and counted all of the items. A special thank you to Daniel Matathias for delivering the food to Manna.

To prepare for Passover, the children learned songs in music class with Ms. Ellie and dances with Ms. Sharon, and made Passover projects and ritual items to use at their *seders*. We had an interactive JCraft *matzah* factory where the children learned how flour is made and then formed the wheat into dough, which they rolled, perforated and shaped into their own *matzahs*. Everybody enjoyed eating their *matzah*.

We invited families to join us in celebrating *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, Israel Independence Day on Wednesday, April 26. Plans included a parade and the children performed Israeli dances led by our Israeli dance teacher.

Registration for the summer and 2023-24 school year is under way. We have limited spaces available. There is a waiting list for our toddler class. Contact the ECC office at 301-251-0455 or e-mail Debbie Ungar at [debbie@tikvatisrael.org](mailto:debbie@tikvatisrael.org) for more information or to schedule a tour.



Youngsters learned Passover rituals at the ECC's model seder. (Photo by Limor Dahan)

## Mazel Tov

to **Becky Miller**, who gave birth to a baby girl, Gemma Anne, on April 18. Becky is the daughter of Gabriela Miller.

to **Elliot Cowan**, upon the birth of his grandson Natan Barak, who was born on March 29, to Marnina and Seth Cowan.

to **Paul Kutner**, upon his acceptance into the Ph.D. program in history at American University.

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## MAY 1

### 1 *IYAR*

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

## MAY 2

### 11 *IYAR*

Joe Cohen  
Joseph S. Engel  
Sylvia Krauser  
Samuel Lipofsky  
Howard C. Penenburgh

## MAY 3

### 12 *IYAR*

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

## MAY 4

### 13 *IYAR*

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

## MAY 5

### 14 *IYAR*

Bertha Feinberg Abramson  
Bertha Apt  
Edith Pressman  
Liba Scheige  
Bernard Yudkoff

## MAY 6

### 15 *IYAR*

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

## MAY 7

### 16 *IYAR*

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

## MAY 8

### 17 *IYAR*

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

## MAY 9

### 18 *IYAR*

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

## MAY 10

### 19 *IYAR*

Morris Gisser  
Ethel Fox Gold  
Bernard Grob  
Bertha Luchs  
Helen Zitter

## MAY 11

### 20 *IYAR*

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

## MAY 12

### 21 *IYAR*

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

## MAY 13

### 22 *IYAR*

Lee Buchbinder  
Gladys Pearlstein  
Frieda Sneiderman

## MAY 14

### 23 *IYAR*

Jennie Fischer  
Solomon Koricki  
David Rubin  
Anne Slonin

## MAY 15

### 24 *IYAR*

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

## MAY 16

### 25 *IYAR*

Abraham Plesset

## MAY 17

### 26 *IYAR*

Frank Goldstein  
William Hoffman  
Herbert Saul Rubinstein  
Abraham Schwartz  
Alex Weiss

## MAY 18

### 27 *IYAR*

Maier Auerhahn  
William R. Horowitz  
Bella Kensky  
Betty Lewis  
Hersch Herman Lustig  
Ida Plesset  
Helen VanAalten  
Rosenfeld

## MAY 19

### 28 *IYAR*

Phillip Brenner  
Sylvia Grob  
Eva Gross  
Madeline Goldstein Haft  
Hilde Joseph  
Fred Rosenberg  
Elaine Beth Silverman

## MAY 20

### 29 *IYAR*

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

## MAY 21

### 1 *SIVAN*

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

## MAY 22

### 2 *SIVAN*

Rose E. Diamond  
Yvette Weiss  
Dora Witt

## MAY 23

### 3 *SIVAN*

Toby Gorschman  
Bertha Koricki  
Jack Lebowitz  
Samuel Miller  
Marian Sheskin

## MAY 24

### 4 *SIVAN*

Anna Battino  
Philip Katz  
Laurence Lerner  
Beatrice Sandler

## MAY 25

### 5 *SIVAN*

Esther Goldberg  
Samuel Negrine  
Anne Dena Rosenberg  
Goldie Simon  
Claire Weiser

## MAY 26

### 6 *SIVAN*

Rachel Adisy Suson  
Leon Benham  
Paulette Buchbinder  
Anna Deckelbaum  
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## MAY 27

### 7 *SIVAN*

Celia Arcus  
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Minnie H. Goldberg  
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## MAY 28

### 8 *SIVAN*

David Edward Haft  
Jacob Kirschbaum  
Dave Lieberman

## MAY 29

### 9 *SIVAN*

Wolf Benzion  
Miriam Caplan  
Rose Sigel Hallen  
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## MAY 30

### 10 *SIVAN*

Mattatia Battino  
Jerome Finster  
Anna Goldman  
Philip Hershenhorn  
Elizabeth Kensky  
Gertrude Molodow  
Leon Rosenberg  
Esther Steinberg  
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## MAY 31

### 11 *SIVAN*

Dorothy Berar  
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Mary Jeweler  
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**JUNE 1**

**12 *SIVAN***

Frances Fierman  
Florence Landy  
Maurice Schottenfeld  
Phyllis Ann Stathopoulos

**JUNE 2**

**13 *SIVAN***

Leslie Arthur Pike  
Phyme Pitkin

**JUNE 3**

**14 *SIVAN***

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

**JUNE 4**

**15 *SIVAN***

Harry Fierman  
Sadie Klein  
Florence Askow Loeb

**JUNE 5**

**16 *SIVAN***

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

**JUNE 6**

**17 *SIVAN***

Pearl P. Gantz  
Ricki Jane Nachamkin  
Morris Rosenblum

**JUNE 7**

**18 *SIVAN***

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

**JUNE 8**

**19 *SIVAN***

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

**JUNE 9**

**20 *SIVAN***

Arnold Litman  
Rachel Leah Mandelblatt  
Ethel Rothman

**JUNE 10**

**21 *SIVAN***

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

**JUNE 11**

**22 *SIVAN***

Terry Cooper  
Aaron David Kott  
Beatrice Krantz  
Milton Krauser  
Jacob Kristal  
Audrey Lankin  
Robert Lerner  
Sylvia Schottenfeld  
Marvin Sohn

**JUNE 12**

**23 *SIVAN***

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

**JUNE 13**

**24 *SIVAN***

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

**JUNE 14**

**25 *SIVAN***

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

**JUNE 15**

**26 *SIVAN***

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

**JUNE 16**

**27 *SIVAN***

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

**JUNE 17**

**28 *SIVAN***

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

**JUNE 18**

**29 *SIVAN***

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

**JUNE 19**

**30 *SIVAN***

Lottie Finkelstein  
Kenneth Goldin  
Max Lacoretz  
Renee Lustig  
Solomon Shapiro  
Charlotte R. Teller

**JUNE 20**

**1 *TAMMUZ***

Jeannette Pearl Golden  
Sadie Rosenthal  
Betty Senzer  
David Sturm  
Samuel Tranen

**JUNE 21**

**2 *TAMMUZ***

Clara Benzion  
Deborah Ingel Comstock  
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**JUNE 22**

**3 *TAMMUZ***

Jeanette Benzion  
Clayre Blavett  
Irving Edelman  
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Marion L. Pike  
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Samuel Paul Puner  
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**JUNE 23**

**4 *TAMMUZ***

Maurice Mainen  
Harry Plesset  
Arnold J. Rosenberg

**JUNE 24**

**5 *TAMMUZ***

Siegfried Ermann  
Bernard Finstein  
Shelly Goldin  
Norris Halpern  
Maurice Hockstein  
Frieda Mendelson  
Sarah Weiser

**JUNE 25**

**6 *TAMMUZ***

Harry Belson  
Ruth K. Davis  
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**JUNE 26**

**7 *TAMMUZ***

Yetta Oppenheim  
Murray Susswein  
Minnie Waxman

**JUNE 27**

**8 *TAMMUZ***

Esther Goldberg  
Evelyn Lidoff  
Ludwig Regensteiner  
Sidney Starr

**JUNE 28**

**9 *TAMMUZ***

Esther Danoff  
Annie M. Ehrlich  
Rubin Harris  
Judith A. Kessler  
Martha Sills  
Sidney Wilchins

**JUNE 29**

**10 *TAMMUZ***

Mark Chorvinsky  
Ben Zion Cooper  
Edith Kott  
Zev Lidert  
Michael Menzer  
Marcus W. Rose

**JUNE 30**

**11 *TAMMUZ***

Margot Casper  
Beatrice Davis  
Philip Fabel  
Benjamin Reinhardt  
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In memory of Bonnie Cowan by Carol Chelemer

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In honor of Melanie Grishman's 80th birthday by Judith Katz

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by Susan and Alan Apter

by Elyse and Jeffrey Bernstein

by Marlene Chait

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by Ellen and Sherman Eisner

by Clifford and Betty Fishman

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In memory of Phyllis Leise by Barbara Reiner

In memory of Noah Roitman by Hilda Springer

## KIDDUSH FUND

In memory of Bonnie Cowan by Debby Berlyne and Danny Bachman

In memory of Estelle Lipsy by James and Maxine Perlmutter

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## LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Phyllis Leise by David Gorman  
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by Anonymous  
In appreciation of Rabbi Israel, for his guidance  
and support with Miriam Silverman's *bat  
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In memory of Pearl Gottesman by Bruce Goldin

## WOMEN'S NETWORK

In appreciation of receiving *mishloach manot* for  
*Purim* by Marilyn and Michael Greenwood

## Update to Chai Campaign

BY JAYME SOKOLOW,  
CHAI CAMPAIGN CHAIR

The Chai Campaign raised a record \$79,550 in 2022. This year, there were many congregants who generously gave to "establish synagogues for prayer" and "funds for heat and light, and wine for *kiddush* and *havdalah*" in the words of our *siddur*.

The Chai Campaign would like to acknowledge Maxine and Jim Perlmutter for their contribution in the Double Chai (\$720) category.

A full list of donors appeared in the previous issue of the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*.

## Congregational Condolences

Condolences to those Tikvat Israel members who lost loved ones recently (mid-February through April 1):

... to **Elliot Cowan**, on the loss of his wife, Bonnie Weinberg Cowan

... to **Alyssa Drucker**, on the loss of her brother, Ron Silverstein



## An Outpouring of Love

Joel and I are grateful and overwhelmed by the outpouring of love from the many people who attended the concert in our honor. Truth be told, we need to thank all of you. You gave us an opportunity to do what we both love to do, for which we need an audience, and what an audience you all are!

Joel loves to *daven*, lead services and especially to sing. At Tikvat Israel, he has been able to do it all. He is especially grateful to Cantor Rochelle Helzner for offering him that opportunity.

I am grateful to the congregation for offering me the opportunity to explore my creativity and hone my skills. Where else could I have learned how to make a wall hanging involving 35 workers, with everybody enjoying their participation. And best of all, it was successful.

It was amazing to see so many people from Camp Achvah, and many of the folk dancers I have worked with over the years, for that I am grateful.

The most overwhelming part of the evening was when all those *tallitot* and other pieces I have done suddenly blossomed throughout the room. Did I really do all of that?

Thank you. We are truly blessed.

*Joel Bressler and Shirley Waxman*

## Fantastic Concert

The Cantor's Concert was just amazing. Thanks to Cantor Helzner for arranging for Nefesh Mountain to perform for us and to the rabbi who gave a beautiful thank you to Joel Bressler and Shirley Waxman. We are so lucky to have our clergy working together to provide for our synagogue.

During the concert, the band had the audience get up and dance and clap. All were involved somehow. Thanks to those who planned the evening.

I'm glad the congregation bought all the tickets. We have a wonderful community.

*Mimi Meltzer*

## Superb First-Time Seder

Just want to give a shoutout to Rabbi Israel, Aaron Chusid and Susan Davis for what appeared (from the outside looking in) to be a smooth execution of the first-ever *TI seder*. My family had a really great time and are definitely planning on participating next year too (assuming it happens again)!

*Rachel Laveer*

I can't resist urging Rabbi Israel to book Rachel Laveer and Shaina Lipsy now for a return engagement to lead *Mi Yodea* for our next community *seder* at Tikvat Israel. Otherwise some other synagogue might snap them up.

And Aaron Chusid's warp 9 version of *Had Gadya* was amazing!



*Cliff Fishman*

## Milestone Accomplishment

*Mazel tov* to Ahmad, who passed his citizenship exam and is now a naturalized U.S. citizen. Ahmad is the father of the Afghan family that the *shul* has been assisting since their arrival in Maryland several years ago.

*Debbie Amster*

## MAY 2023

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7 16 Iyar 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	8 17 Iyar 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	9 18 Iyar 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan 🔥 Lag BaOmer	10 19 Iyar 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	11 20 Iyar 8:00 AM Minyan 1:00 PM *ECC Early Closure for Family Conferences* 7:30 PM Minyan	12 21 Iyar 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:53 PM Candle Lighting	13 22 Iyar 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 10:00 AM Women's Network Annual Shelly Goldin Shabbat (Parashat Behar-Bechukotai) 11:15 AM Torah Club 8:58 PM Havdalah
14 23 Iyar 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	15 24 Iyar 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	16 25 Iyar 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	17 26 Iyar 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	18 27 Iyar 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	19 28 Iyar 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner Celebrating Israel 8:00 PM Candle lighting ☆ Yom Yerushalayim	20 29 Iyar 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 10:00 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Bamidbar) 11:00 AM Shabbat Family Jam w/Auntie A 9:05 PM Havdalah
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All events subject to change. Please read B'keshet for the latest status.						

# JUNE 2023

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Happy reading!



Library volunteer Sandra Sheskin (left) with Janice Rosenberg, who serves as volunteer librarian of the Flax Library at TI.