



## Tikvat @ 25

Twenty-five years ago, Tikvat Israel Congregation came into being, the consolidation in 1997 of two Conservative synagogues, each in need of the other.

This issue of the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin* marks the momentous occasion with a special seven-page section that begins on **page 4**. Based on extensive research and reporting by Melissa Apter and Jay P. Goldman, our coverage provides some behind-the-scenes details of the half-year period of discovery and deliberations leading up to the formal agreement in April 1997 marrying Temple Israel in Silver Spring and Beth Tikva in Rockville.

You'll also find on **pages 8-9** the personal recollections of a half-dozen individuals who were active participants in one shul or the other in the buildup to the merger. Be sure also to see our collection of interesting odds and ends about the merger on **page 10**.

Whether you were a member of Temple Israel or Beth Tikva at the time or have come on board in the many years since, we think you'll find our informative coverage of those developments a quarter century ago well worth reading.



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### WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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

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

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

### CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

September 2	7:21 pm
September 9	7:10 pm
September 16	6:59 pm
September 23	6:48 pm
September 25	6:44 pm
<i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	
September 26	7:41 pm
<i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	
September 30	6:36 pm
October 4	6:30 pm
<i>Kol Nidre</i>	
October 7	6:25 pm
October 9	6:22 pm
<i>Erev Sukkot</i>	
October 10	7:19 pm
<i>Sukkot</i>	
October 14	6:15 pm
October 16	6:12 pm
<i>Hoshana Rabba</i>	
October 17	7:09 pm
<i>Shemini Atzeret</i>	
October 21	6:05 pm
October 28	5:56 pm

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# A Look Ahead to High Holy Days 5783

BY AARON CHUSID, TIKVAT ISRAEL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

All High Holy Day services at Tikvat Israel will be offered both in-person and online. We will be sending out a survey asking if you plan to attend in-person or to join online. Please respond as soon as you know your plans to help us with planning – and to ensure we have the correct number of chairs in the social hall.

The schedule begins with a virtual *Selichot* via Zoom at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 17. Tikvat Israel will partner with Kehillat Shalom, Shaare Tefila and B'nai Shalom of Olney.

On Sunday, Sept. 18, Rabbi Marc Israel will join clergy from other congregations for a community memorial service at Garden of Remembrance in Clarksburg at 2 p.m. and at Judean Memorial Gardens in Olney on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 10:30 a.m. After each service, there will be an opportunity to visit the graves of loved ones and recite *El Maleh Rachamim* with Rabbi Israel.

*Rosh Hashanah* begins at sundown Sunday, Sept. 25, and services on the following Monday and Tuesday mornings will begin at 9:30 a.m. *Tasbeich* will be held at the bridge in Rock Creek Park on Monday afternoon, Sept. 26.

*Yom Kippur* begins with *Kol Nidre* at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4. *Yom Kippur* services on Wednesday, Oct. 5, will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the afternoon break running from approximately 1 to 4 p.m. The *Yizkor* service will be held at 4:15 p.m., followed by *Mincha* and *Neilah* services, with the *shofar* sounded at about 7:24 p.m.

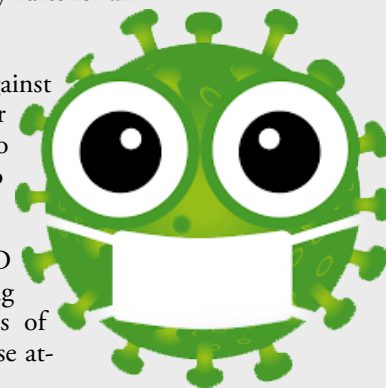
A variety of youth services will be held, and babysitting will be available. Side-trip study sessions will be held during services and the *Yom Kippur* afternoon break.

Watch your e-mail for a full schedule of services and other details and forms.

## COVID-19 Health/Safety Requirements

To help keep the Tikvat Israel community healthy during this High Holy Days season, we will be following these health and safety rules for all members and guests attending services in person:

- All persons 5 and older must be vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend indoor services or events in the synagogue. Eligible adults also must have received an appropriate booster to be considered fully vaccinated.
- If you are experiencing any cold or COVID symptoms on the day of services, including fever, coughs, flu-like conditions, shortness of breath or loss of sense of smell or taste, please attend via the livestream.
- Masks must be worn at all times by all persons 2 and older inside the synagogue building. Service leaders, *Torah/Haftarah* readers and *shofar* blowers may choose to unmask when performing those roles.
- Chairs in one section of the social hall will be spread out in pods to allow distancing for those who desire the extra spacing.
- An outdoor *shofar* blowing is taking place on *Rosh Hashanah* and an outdoor *Yizkor* service will be held on *Yom Kippur* for those who are not comfortable coming inside the building.



# TI's Morning Minyan Drash Mavens

BY CLIFF FISHMAN

If you haven't attended a TI morning *minyan* at Tikvat Israel, you're missing out on one of the synagogue's most unusual—and perhaps unique—features. Five days a week, the *minyan* includes a brief (6- to 8-minute) *drash* (sermon), based on the week's *parashah* (Torah portion), given by a lay member. Rabbi Israel also typically gives one per week.

Our current roster consists of Sam Gilston, David Gantz, Rob Kline, Matt Lavine, Barry Lipsy and me. We range in age from 60 to 77. Professionally, we are or were a journalist, a real estate appraiser and assessor, a software developer, a marketing and business manager and two lawyers. None of us has had any formal Judaic education since our *b'nai mitzvah* or confirmations. Other than prayerbook Hebrew, none of us can read or speak the language. But that hasn't deterred us. Rather, it has inspired us.

While preparing this article, I asked my fellow *drash mavens*, "Why do you write a *drash* each week? What do you get out of it?" Here are their answers:

- "It is like therapy to better cope with and appreciate everyday life. It helps me understand the power of this religion and what it brings me."
- "Doing a *drash* on the weekly *parashah* makes me more aware of the flow of Jewish time, which keeps me connected to the enjoyment of holidays, family and community."
- "I have learned a lot from writing my *drashes* and from hearing what the others have written. I realize now how little I knew before and how much more there is to learn."
- "The process of writing these *drashes* has changed my life by totally turning my Sunday afternoons into study and writing time to the exclusion of almost everything else."
- "Each time I give a *drash*, I learn more about our religion. I enjoy trying to integrate that with pretty much everything else I've learned in my life, and I try to share what I've learned with others."

We take a variety of approaches. Some look to what one or two rabbis have written in the past and take off from there. Others start with an idea inspired by the *parashah* and do research to see what rabbis and sages have said on the subject recently and over the centuries. (The Internet provides access to an incredible variety of English language sources.) Sometimes a *drash* focuses on the *parashah* as a whole, sometimes on a particular paragraph, sentence or even a single word.

Whatever our approach, doing a weekday *drash* has become an important, challenging and enriching part of our lives, and each of us hopes to keep doing it for many years to come.

We do have "guest appearances" from other congregants from time to time, and wish we had more—including from people who don't fit our current age and gender profile. No special knowledge or training is required.

So please consider giving a morning *minyan drash*. Honor the memory of a loved one by giving a *drash* on that person's *yahrzeit*. Or, is there a particular event in the Torah or a particular passage that always has inspired or intrigued or troubled you? Give a morning *drash* about it! Pick out a date—weeks, even months away. Let one of us know that you would like to give a *drash* for that *parashah*, and we'll put you on the calendar.

Feel free to approach one of us for help getting started, and (if you want) for help along the way.

See how empowering and satisfying it can be! Be aware, though—you may get hooked and want to do more. We'd be happy to work you into the regular rotation.

## Newcomer Fills TI Office Manager Berth



Susan Davis

A new staffer has joined the Tikvat Israel team. Susan Davis began her work as office manager on Aug. 15. She arrived just in time to help finalize our *shul's* plans for the High Holy Days.

Davis has a strong background in office management and administrative work. "More importantly, she will be a friendly, warm addition to our community," said Executive Director Aaron Chusid. "It is also worth mentioning that she enjoys baking cheesecakes and is looking forward to helping us celebrate *Shavuot*."

When you visit the *shul* during office hours, you are encouraged to introduce yourself and welcome her to our community so she can put faces to the names and learn what makes Tikvat Israel a great community.

Davis succeeds Amy Matathias in the office manager position.

THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL

### High Holy Days Community Memorial Services



Sunday, September 18, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Memorial Service at the Garden of Remembrance led by Rabbi Marc Israel and community clergy.

There will also be a Memorial Service at 10:00 a.m. led by community clergy.

For more information, visit [www.gardenofremembrance.org](http://www.gardenofremembrance.org) or call (301) 428-3000.

Live stream of both services

available at [www.gardenofremembrance.org](http://www.gardenofremembrance.org).

To submit names of loved ones to be remembered and announced at the

respective service, please visit our website or email [info@gardenofremembrance.org](mailto:info@gardenofremembrance.org) by September 14.

Masks required for those not vaccinated.



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# A Match Made in Heaven

## A 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LOOK BACK AT THE HARD WORK OF THE TIKVAT ISRAEL CONGREGATION MERGER

BY MELISSA APTER



Irv Cohen

The merging of Temple Israel and Beth Tikva 25 years ago was “like a marriage made in heaven,” said Irv Cohen, who was deeply involved in the official negotiations. But as those who have planned a wedding know, before the happy couple make it to the *chuppah*, you must find the right partner to create a lasting home or, in this case, an enduring congregation, Tikvat Israel.

The matchmaking process began in 1996 when the demographics of Langley Park and the Silver Spring neighborhoods inside the Beltway shifted and Jews moved elsewhere in Montgomery County. It became clear Temple Israel had either to merge or to close its doors for good. It was a difficult decision for the synagogue, which was founded as the Langley Hebrew Congregation in Silver Spring in 1951 and received a donation of 10 acres of land to build a synagogue at 420 University Blvd. in 1952.



Larry Gorban

Larry Gorban, whose parents had been longtime Temple Israel members, recalled that at one time the congregation had 750 members and a thriving religious school. The large building boasted an impressive library and two huge kitchens, one for meat and the other for dairy.

Gorban, the penultimate president of Temple Israel, and the board of directors ultimately sold the synagogue building in May 1996 to Mt. Jezreel Baptist Church for \$3 million, inclusive of the church’s property on Riggs Road. The synagogue rented back the building’s chapel, meeting room and office space as they contemplated next steps and conducted its final High Holy Day services in the building in the fall of 1997.

“As you can imagine... there is an emotional, deep emotional attachment to the congregation that was, and that was certainly the case with Temple Israel,” said Gorban. “We explored setting up a new synagogue. We called in an architect. Looking around, I said, ‘Who will be the ones doing the work? Who is going to try to build a religious school?’”



"Bud" Lavine

Gorban’s successor, Irvin “Bud” Lavine, and the Temple Israel board sent out questionnaires to Conservative synagogues in the area in search of a match. Beth Tikva was not sent one of those inquiries but took it upon themselves to throw their hat in the ring.

If you’re familiar with the phrase “two Jews, three opinions,” then it should come as no surprise that there are

differing accounts as to who was the first to relay to then-Beth Tikva President Betty Fishman that Temple Israel was seeking a potential merger. It is clear from the varying accounts (see the personal recollections on **pages 8-9**) that there already were strong community and familial links between the two congregations. Regardless, in July 1996, Beth Tikva formally put itself forward for consideration.

### A Need for Support

Beth Tikva was the younger of the two congregations. It was founded in 1959 by 10 families and chartered in 1960 as the Rockville-Wheaton Synagogue, operating out of a church, recreation center and elementary school before purchasing six acres on Baltimore Road in 1962. Beth Tikva’s building was dedicated in 1965.

By the time of the merger discussions, Beth Tikva reported 370 member units, 200 students in religious school and 50 children in the nursery school. High Holy Day services drew 900 members plus other ticket holders. (When asked how so many people could fit into the building, Sam Gilston remembered congregants being seated “cheek to jowl – it’s a good thing the fire marshal wasn’t there!”)

Though these numbers seem impressive today, at the time Beth Tikva was concerned about members and money. (In a note to the Beth Tikva listserv urging a “yes” vote for the proposed merger, Cliff Fishman wrote: “Ask ANYONE who has been active in BT



for the last 5 years (or 20!) what our two biggest problems are, and the answer will be (in whichever order): A. Not enough active people. B. Not enough money.”

think this helped. It showed that we were willing to go the extra distance to value and honor the congregation’s members and the congregation’s values.”

**Extending Hospitality**

Ultimately, Temple Israel had four suitors vying for its affection, including Beth Tikva. The other congregations that merited *Shabbat* visits from Temple Israel leaders were Ohr Kodesh, B’nai Shalom of Olney and Shaare Tefila.

Beth Tikva’s board of directors agreed to “extend all hospitalities to TI and make ourselves attractive to them should they decide to pursue further [merger] discussions,”



Betty & Cliff Fishman

according to Lavine’s hand-written chronology of the merger. On July 30, 1996, Lavine and two vice presidents visited Beth Tikva and presented a list of “matters of concern to Temple Israel” to Betty and Cliff Fishman, Sandy Broadman, Sam Gilston, Larry Berger (then immediate past-president and father of current Tikvat Israel president Warren Berger) and Roberta Greenberg (now Roberta Helzner). As the summer progressed, Lavine and Betty Fishman finalized a date for Temple Israel representatives to visit Beth Tikva for *Shabbat* services: Sept. 21, 1996.

Behind the scenes, the clergy and merger committee were doing their due diligence to better understand Temple Israel’s needs and prepare Beth Tikva congregants to put their best foot forward. Tikvat Israel Rabbi Emeritus Howard Gorin, in a recent interview, said prior to hosting Temple Israel that fall, the Fishmans attended *Shabbat* services at one of the other synagogues in the running and relayed their observations as to how Temple Israel congregants were treated.

“They felt that the other synagogue could have been more welcoming in their messaging,” Rabbi Gorin related. “They suggested the following — that I speak with Temple Israel’s Rabbi Emeritus Lewis Weintraub to get a feeling for the membership and the salient values of the congregation. I did that, so when Temple Israel’s members visited Beth Tikva, I was able to introduce them to the congregation by saying that I had spoken to Rabbi Weintraub who told me about, for example, the congregation’s commitment to social action. (Larry Gorban was mentioned for his involvement with Shepherd’s Table in Silver Spring.) I



view of Beth Tikva’s strongest assets, including religious leadership, the character and composition of the membership, commitment to egalitarianism – noting in particular that Beth Tikva was the first Conservative congregation in the Washington area to hire a woman cantor and highlighted the beauty and *kavanah* of Cantor Rochelle Helzner’s singing.

**Identical Approaches**

Despite a full-court press by other congregations, on Oct. 23, 1996, Temple Israel’s board voted to recommend merger discussions with Beth Tikva, a position that was affirmed in a congregational vote by Temple Israel members on Nov. 3, 1996. News of the merger talks moving forward made the front page of *Washington Jewish Week* on Jan. 23, 1997.



Neil Newman, who took over the Beth Tikva presidency after Betty Fishman completed her second two-year term, told the newspaper that Beth Tikva membership was “delighted” with the decision to merge and that he looked forward “to the continued growth and traditions of Temple Israel combined with the strengths of Beth Tikva.”

Over the winter of 1996 and into spring of 1997, the merger negotiation committee of Temple Israel, co-chaired by Phyllis Ermann and Don Margolies, met with the negotiation committee of Beth Tikva, chaired by Cohen. Subgroups met to “discuss facilities needs, staffing requirements, budget projections, possible bylaw changes and legal papers” that needed drafting, according to the March 1997 issue of the *Beth Tikva Bulletin*.

The *Bulletin* coverage reported: “Although several questions have been raised about potential changes in the religious practices at Beth Tikva, this is really NOT an issue. Both congregations take almost the identical approach to observing Jewish practices in accordance with the tenets [sic] of Conservative Judaism. Both synagogues believe in egalitarianism in all religious services and the very active participation of members in the leading of services. Both congregations use the same *shabbat sidur* [sic], *chumash* and High Holiday *mazor* [sic].”

It was lost on no one that not having to hire or fire clergy helped considerably in what were remarkably smooth negotiations between the two *shuls*.

The two congregations clicked easily in terms of personalities and religious practices, but there was a delicate balance to be struck regarding Temple Israel’s considerable “dowry” and to ensure a respectful balance on the new governing board.

### Precious Holdings

From the sale of its building, Temple Israel brought significant cash reserves to the tune of at least \$1.5 million in liquid assets, prior to the sale of its Riggs Road property, according to the outline of understanding between the congregations. It was decided that members of Temple Israel who were in good standing at the date of the merger and who made an unrestricted contribution of \$18 to Tikvat Israel on or before Jan. 1, 1998, would be excused from all building fund requirements and congregational dues for three years.

Funds from the merger also were allocated to spruce up Tikvat Israel’s three-decade-old building as the clergy did not have dedicated offices and additional storage and cabinetry were needed to accommodate Temple Israel’s vast library, Torah scrolls, kitchen serving ware (meat and dairy dishes for 250-300 settings, plus silverware), prayer books and ritual items.

Of utmost importance to Temple Israel members was that their *Yahrzeit* boards and plaques be hung in a place of respect in the sanctuary. You can find them today in the old boardroom and lining the hallway on the left side of the sanctuary facing the ark.

Proceeds amounting to about \$500,000 from the sale of the Riggs Road property were set aside to seed the Temple Israel Foundation. As a separate legal entity, the foundation had its own board of directors for the initial four years consisting of two-thirds Temple Israel members and one-third Beth Tikva. Today, the

foundation board is elected without regard to former congregational affiliation.

After much back and forth, the board of directors of the new congregation was expanded to 28 members. Through December 2000, 10 directors were to be elected from Temple Israel and 18 from Beth Tikva with the president being from Beth Tikva and at least one vice president from Temple Israel. After two years, the formula for board representation went away. “We wanted to have one holy congregation, not two,” Cohen said.

And, of course, there was the name of the new congregation.

### The Name Game

Gorban and others from Temple Israel were understandably worried about being swallowed up by Beth Tikva. Likewise, longtime members of Beth Tikva were worried about losing their identity.

Cohen recalls the naming issue being addressed at a congregational meeting in Rockville. In response to a member’s question, he says he spoke about the history of Temple Israel “and the fact they were giving up much more than Beth Tikva was giving from an emotional viewpoint.”

Grammatical guidance came from Rabbi Gorin. He was insistent the new congregation not carry a hyphenated name. Several ideas were bantered about, but the solution was fairly self-evident.

A document from Temple Israel’s archives, titled “What’s In A Name?” explained the naming process at the time: “It now seems very likely that Temple Israel will merge with Beth Tikvah [sic] of Rockville. It is an important matter to many of us that the name of Temple Israel not disappear from the face of the Earth. Reality dictates that our new partners will not wish to give up their name, it would be absurd for us to demand that. So the question of a compromise arises. Fortunately an excellent compromise exists.

“Each of our synagogues has a name which consists of two words; Temple Israel and Beth Tikvah [sic]. In each of these names one word is generic and the other substantive. In the case of Temple Israel, the word Temple is generic, that is, there are many temples and there is nothing special or even Jewish about the word. ISRAEL, on the other hand is a very substantive word, important and significant.

“Similarly, the word Beth, meaning “house” or “house of,” is the generic, non-substantive word in the name of the other synagogue. The other word Tikvah [sic], the Hebrew word for HOPE, is very significant and meaningful. One doesn’t have to possess the wisdom of King Solomon to conclude that a reasonable choice for naming the merged congregations is Tikvat Israel.”



## A Watershed Moment

Merging two communities, even two as well suited to each other as Temple Israel and Beth Tikva, was no easy feat. Betty Fishman, who received praise for her central leadership role from all who were interviewed for this story, emphasized that listening to people and hearing their concerns with compassion was of the utmost importance.

“The one issue I can recall that Bud was worried about—he was almost afraid to ask—was about traditions on the High Holy Days,” she said. “He broached the subject very hesitantly. ‘It is our custom,’ he said, ‘that we would hope to continue, to have the past presidents hold the Torahs during the *Kol Nidre* prayer.’”

“No problem,” Fishman recalls responding to Lavine. “We do that, too! Your past presidents would join the rotation.’ I think that was the point when the possibility became a *shidduch*.”

The match may have been *bashert*, or meant to be, but Rabbi Gorin, in a missive sent to the Beth Tikva listserv on the eve of the congregational vote, urged Beth Tikva members not to take approval for granted. “I believe the [meeting to vote on the merger] will come to be regarded as an historic, watershed moment in the chronicles of our congregation. ... Some people I have spoken with believe that the outcome of this vote is a foregone conclusion. Maybe so. After all, the officers and board members passed it UNANIMOUSLY. But even so, nothing should be left to chance. And, further, I would like our congregation to make a resounding, unequivocal statement on Sunday night – in support of the proposal, in support of the bright future that [it] promises for Beth Tikva, and in support of our synagogue leaders who have brought us to this point.”

## The Human Factor

At long last, on March 23, 1997, each congregation voted overwhelmingly in favor of the merger. Legal papers were drafted, and the merger was formalized on April 15, 1997, to formally create Tikvat Israel Congregation. Avy Ashery, a Beth Tikva member, was commissioned to create the logo for the new synagogue, the one that graces our building today. Advertising space was purchased in local newspapers



inviting the community to a month of celebrations that included a Sisterhood brunch, a concert by the Robyn Helzner Trio, a *siyyum*, Family Fun Day and a Gala Dinner Dance with music by Machaya Klezmer.

Gilston, then the second vice president of Beth Tikva and a member of the merger committee, recalled that prior to the congregational meetings of both congregations, there was a gathering in Beth Tikva’s social hall. “We sat in a big circle, and we went around the room and people could say something about what they wanted the new synagogue to be like,” said Gilston. “Everyone had a chance to meet and share their views and experiences.”

He added: “It’s turned out to be a fantastic success. Number one is just the people who came from Temple Israel who have become mainstays of our congregation. ... It’s the people, I think, who are the best success of that merger. How we’ve become friends, not just congregants, but everyone is friends. Friendship sealed the deal.”



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## Personal Recollections of Our Merger

The editors of the *Bulletin* invited several current members of Tikvat Israel to reflect on their feelings at the time of the merger of the two synagogues. Their responses have been edited for clarity and brevity.

### Janice Rosenberg, who served as Temple Israel Sisterhood president in 1994-95:



“I was somewhat concerned about losing the Temple Israel culture of a warm, inviting synagogue where I knew most people by name. It was comforting that many TI members joined Tikvat Israel so there were still many familiar faces. But it did take me a while to not think of a congregant as a former Beth Tikva member or a former Temple Israel member. As the years passed, so too did these thoughts.

“My memories of Temple Israel will always be with me. It was my religious home growing up and where I celebrated many life-cycle events. It was where I attended Sunday school as a child and Hebrew school as a teen. It was where I became a *bat mitzvah* and was confirmed. It was where I had a second *bat mitzvah* as an adult while president of the Sisterhood. It was where my father’s funeral was held and where I attended to say *Kaddish* during the first year of mourning. However, the past 25 years have proved that taking a risk and making a change can have wonderful results.”

### Sherrie Krauser, daughter of Temple Israel’s last president, Bud Lavine (who died in 2016):



“In thinking about my dad’s experience, I know it was a very difficult time for him, knowing that he was presiding over the end of Temple Israel. The synagogue had been home to all of our family’s life events from the

time my parents moved to Maryland in 1951, and it was where they joined many of their friends and former high school and college classmates. To me, the sale of the beautiful sanctuary the congregation built meant never again seeing the place where my sister was among the first *b’nai mitzvah*, my brother had his *bar mitzvah* and Peter and I were married.

“I’m sure Rabbi Weintraub’s retirement a few years before eased some of the emotional connection to the location and helped the congregation move forward. But my dad had to find a congregation in reasonable proximity that needed new members, would benefit from the Temple Israel assets and, most importantly, would have a compatibly warm congregation. I know he was very proud to have found the ideal match in Beth Tikva.

“Having supported my mom’s career (taking care of my sister and me so she could go to law school at night, supporting her political and then judicial career), he was so proud that a woman,

Betty Fishman, was the president of Beth Tikva and would be his partner in the merged negotiations. I know he felt that he had found the right community, where he and his fellow Temple Israel emigres were welcomed and comfortable.”

### Rabbi Howard Gorin, now rabbi emeritus of Tikvat Israel:



“I like the metaphor of a tossed salad vs. a melting pot. Each element in the former is recognized and contributes something to the totality of what has been created. The whole is not only greater than the sum of its parts but its quality is owed to those

individual elements.

“A second factor was the welcoming, open attitude that characterized Beth Tikva before the merger and continues to characterize Tikvat Israel since the merger. The congregation is known for its warmth and embrace of newcomers. Integration into the fabric of communal life is achieved easily.

“One final element: The congregation was deliberate in rejecting a hyphenated name. We did not become Beth Tikva - Temple Israel. ... A name has significance.”

### Howard Weiss, former Temple Israel member and longtime Tikvat Israel member:



“My wife Stephanie and I joined Temple Israel in 1982. Our two children, Sarah and Michael, born in 1983 and 1986, respectively, attended Hebrew school there. Sarah’s *bat mitzvah* occurred in 1996 and was the last such event to be

held in Temple Israel before the merger. Subsequently, Michael’s *bar mitzvah* in 1999 was the first *bar mitzvah* from a Temple Israel student to be held at Tikvat Israel. Under the merger arrangement, he received free transport (via taxi) from our home in Silver Spring for his *bar mitzvah* lessons, which was very generous.

“Stephanie attended evening *minyan*, still being held in the old Temple Israel building by arrangement with the church, when her dad passed after the closing of Temple Israel. As part of the merger agreement, we received three years prepaid membership and have been treated very well during our continued membership in Tikvat Israel.”



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**Sara Harris, who served as co-president of Temple Israel Sisterhood in 1984-86:**



“We joined Temple Israel around 1970 and the shul was a vital part of our family until it closed and merged. We celebrated many wonderful events including the *b’nai mitzvah* of our children. I also said *kaddish* for my mother there so many years ago. We also made lasting friendships and I was very active in many facets of synagogue life.

“I was heartsick when we had to close the place that was our second home.

“We joined Tikvat Israel and began again. The ritual part was easy to adapt to as it was also a Conservative service. Over time I found my niche. I joined the Sisterhood, started and led the Hazak group, joined a *havurah* and made new friends. I can’t say enough about the comfort, support and joy I find in synagogue life. It became our home.

“I still remember all the wonderful times at Temple Israel and familiar names in prayer books and *Yahrzeit* lists that bring a smile to my face, but I cherish my new home.”

**Steve Raucher, who served as Beth Tikva president in 1971-73:**



“I had a small part in starting the merger talks. In 1990, my eldest son, Len, married Karen Levy, whose family were long-time members of Temple Israel. In addition, Karen’s mother, Sandy, was Temple Israel’s bookkeeper. As we were both active in our shuls, we would often talk about the ups and downs of being involved in synagogue administration. When the topic came up that Temple

Israel had put out feelers about potentially merging with another congregation, I got Sandy’s permission to pass the word on to our president, Betty Fishman. She called Bud Lavine, and that led to the rest of the story.”

**CONTINUING OUR CONVERSATION**

If you were a member of Temple Israel or Beth Tikva at the time of the merger, please share your personal recollections on the synagogue listserve ([tikvat-israel@googlegroups.com](mailto:tikvat-israel@googlegroups.com)) using the subject line “Merger Recollections.”



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## Merger Odds & Ends

A few distinctive tidbits compiled by *Bulletin* editors Melissa Apter and Jay P. Goldman about the merger of Temple Israel and Beth Tikva to form Tikvat Israel 25 years ago. These items were culled from the original synagogues' archival materials as well as recent interviews with key players involved in the consolidation of the two *shuls*.

### A MERGER HOW-TO BOOK

Rabbi Howard Gorin often suggested to Betty Fishman and to Bud Lavine, who was Temple Israel's president at the time, that they co-author a book on how synagogue mergers should be undertaken. This collaboration represented an effective model for pulling off what can be a contentious and stressful process.

"Every effort was made to ensure that there were not going to be culture clashes — that our congregations' values were compatible," Rabbi Gorin said in a recent interview with the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*.

The financial benefits never were considered the major factor in the considerations. "If we didn't want them for themselves, then the money they would bring would not be worth the woes that would ensue," he added.

### THE TRANSFER OF LIGHT

Beth Tikva board meeting minutes from 1996 and 1997, included a reference to Charlotte Zeidman, who long ruled the operations of the Beth Tikva kitchen, proposing the *Ner Tamid* from Temple Israel be installed on the *bimah* at Beth Tikva.

Subject to the approval of the Fine Arts Committee regarding compatibility of design, the board agreed with the suggestion, believing it would be a symbolic action regarding the integration of the two merged synagogues.

*The Tikvat Israel Bulletin* editors were unable to confirm whether her proposal was followed.

### THE COSTS OF TOGETHERNESS

What was the price tag for the two *shuls* to merge?

A data table labelled "Merger/Transition Costs" showed that the cumulative total of expenses from April 1997 through June 1998 amounted to \$323,000. Slightly more than half of the money related to office renovations inside the building on Baltimore Road.

### MEMBERSHIP FIGURES

One year before the 1997 merger, Beth Tikva had 370 member families. Temple Israel had about 130. Tikvat Israel in 2022 has about 240 family units.

### A FESTIVE START

To mark its new beginning, Tikvat Israel hosted a month-long series of special events in November 1997 that included a family concert featuring the Robyn Helzner Trio, a Saturday night dinner-dance featuring a *klezmer* band and a USY *Bubbe* and *Zayde* Tea.

### AN UNHAPPY SUITOR

Not all of the other three congregations that vied for Temple Israel's merger affection in 1996 were outwardly pleased by the decision ultimately to join forces with Beth Tikva.

A front-page newsletter article at one of the non-winning suitors summed up its efforts this way: "A merger is like a marriage. It starts with a date, leads to romance and ends in love. But not every date leads to romance. ... From [our] perspective, the demands over the years [would] have been too high. These demands first centered on who would be rabbi, then on egalitarianism and finally a new location."

### A SYMBOLIC LAST ACT

During the last meeting of the Beth Tikva board of directors on April 5, 1997, with Neil Newman as board president, came this action:

"At the invitation of the President, Charlotte Zeidman was called forward to adjourn this final meeting of the Beth Tikva Board at 9:00 PM."

Zeidman, who died in 2011, also was made an honorary board member for life of Tikvat Israel.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

# New Year Opportunities for Everyone

BY WARREN BERGER, TIKVAT ISRAEL PRESIDENT



This is a pivotal year for Tikvat Israel. Over the past 18 months, the Strategic Planning Team did extensive research to produce our new strategic plan. Now that the board and the congregation have approved it, it's time to start the implementation. Can you feel the momentum for change?

In fact, I am going to step up right now and (start to) complete one of the specific action items for Year One (which are nicely summarized in Appendix F of the Plan):

Under Improve Communications (part of the Empower goal):

- *Publicize and announce all open Board and committee positions, including for the creation of temporary committees, to ensure transparency, equity, and inclusion...*

The board of directors is now complete as we just had an election in June (again, let me welcome new directors Roni Silverstein, Howard Dickenson, Jenny Gendel and Amy Sanders). But there are some committees that need members, and particularly chairs or co-chairs. I don't have the space to describe all of them here – that comprehensive list will have to be posted elsewhere.

First, the bright and shiny new committees:

- *Dues Structure Task Force:* Help chair Danny Bachman review the current Tikvat Israel dues structure and the materials collected by the Strategic Planning Team (which suggested a voluntary commitment model). The task force will attempt to validate the conclusion in the strategic plan and then prepare a report highlighting the drawbacks and benefits of the various models. The task force will recommend to the board and congregation the best model for TI and then help to implement this shift, perhaps next year.
- *Building Committee:* Help Alan Apter, vice president for administration, review building needs and develop plans for the future.
- *Capital Campaign:* Help co-chairs Carol Chelemer and Howard Wilchins take input from the Building Committee to plan and conduct a fundraising campaign to address current and future major facility and grounds needs.
- *Programming/Calendar Process Task Force:* Help Sally Kram, vice president for programming, improve our current process for planning, scheduling and programming.
- *Web site team:* Help Executive Director Aaron Chusid plan and guide the development of a new TI website, another strategic plan action item. Contact him if you can help.

Other standing or major committees that could use additional members:

- *Rabbi Advisory Council:* Its purpose is to provide counsel to the rabbi, act as the “eyes and ears” of congregants and proactively help the rabbi address and resolve concerns before they become major problems. Danny Bachman will

be stepping down (after three years as chair), and though one of the current members may step up to be chair, we need a few more volunteers.

- *Budget Committee:* Help Treasurer Stuart Lempert monitor our performance against the budget throughout the year. (The Budget Committee should not just prepare it each spring and then take a break.) Spreadsheet and finance skills would be a plus.
- *Finance Committee and Ways & Means:* Help Financial Secretary Gene Sheskin and new chair Howard Dickenson plan our fundraising and identify programs (to be implemented along with other standing or temporary committees) for this year.
- *Bereavement Committee (Chevra Kadisha):* We need a replacement for Marilyn Greenwood who is stepping down as chair after many years. (Thank you, Marilyn, for your very important work.) The chair coordinates and passes information from the rabbi and executive director to existing subcommittee chairs when there is a death in the congregation.
- *Youth Committee/Council:* Help Judy Stern, vice president for education, resurrect this dormant committee to help guide and oversee our youth education programs. This would include monitoring our new Sunday kindergarten at TI and advising those who choose to take advantage of the opportunity to attend religious school at Shaare Torah. Another goal: Determine how we can engage our teen-aged members.
- *Programs and Events:* Join this committee which used to be called “Adult Ed” and relieve some of the burden from Sally Kram, who has been the acting chair as well as programming vice president. Co-chairs or even one-year term-limited chairs will be accepted!
- *Minyan Subcommittee:* Join co-chair Ellen Eisner and take over from me as the other co-chair – specifically as the “keeper of the lists” (spreadsheet skills required).

I know you are all excited and eager to help, so send an e-mail to me and to your chosen committee's officer/chair listed above.

Finally, besides those people already mentioned above, I also want to thank Beth Smith, who has volunteered to be the strategic plan coordinator. This vital role will guide the implementation of the improvements recommended by the plan. Other people who stepped up into leadership roles include Amy Sanders and Roni Silverstein, co-chairs of the Social Action Network; Jenny Gendel, chair of the ECC Committee; and Mark Diamond, co-chair with Sam Gilston of the High Holidays Committee.

There are plenty of additional openings where volunteers are needed to enable a bright future for Tikvat Israel in 5783. Let me know your areas of interest and skills that you can share with us.

May you and your family have a safe, healthy, and sweet New Year. *L'shanah Tovah Tikateivu!*

## CANTOR'S CORNER

### Musical Prep for High Holy Days

BY CANTOR ROCHELLE HELZNER



Join the cantor for an introduction to and review of some of the lesser-known congregational melodies you will hear and participate in during the upcoming High Holy Days. Familiarity with these melodies will enhance your service experiences.

The preparatory session will be held on the Tikvat Israel Zoom channel on Wednesday, Sept. 14, immediately after evening *minyan* at 8 p.m.

It would be helpful to have a *Lev Shalem Machzor* available for reference.

### Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments

Four *Kabbalat Shabbats* with Instruments are planned for 2022-23.

The first is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Nov. 4. The plan is to hold it in person in the social hall and to broadcast it virtually.

This spirited service includes uplifting melodies both traditional and new.

Future dates include Dec. 16, May 5 and June 2.

## Allocations of *Tzedakah* to Causes Near and Far

BY DAVID GANTZ

Total *tzedakah* collection for this year (from December 1, 2021, through the end of July) came to \$3,504 from the following sources:

- \$2,790 from direct donations through our synagogue line item; and
- \$714 from congregants' donations to *Purim* canisters.

Total allocations to charities came to \$3,400. We presently have \$212.70 in the account to begin the 2022-23 *tzedakah* year.

This year, we made gifts to seven groups: Manna Community Food Bank, Small Things Matter—Montgomery County, Ogen (Israel Free Loan Association), World Central Kitchen, Mazon, B'nai Brith's Project H.O.P.E. and the International Rescue Committee.

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

As a reminder, until we move completely back to in-person minyans, you may give *tzedakah* using our virtual *pushka* at <https://tikvatisrael.org/donate/> or through Shul Cloud. Please direct your donation to the *Tzedakah* Fund or add a note indicating the funds are intended for *tzedakah*.

For those interested in joining us in allocation discussions, mainly via e-mail, contact any member: Hope Kott, Dan Jacobs, Dave Gantz, Robbi Cohen, Elyse Bernstein.

## New Term Begins for Fund for the Future Trustees

BY CAROL CHELEMER, CHAIR, FUND FOR THE FUTURE

Fund for the Future welcomed three new trustees at its first meeting of the new term in July. The new members, who were elected at the congregation meeting in June, are Michael Amster, Aaron Fineman and Larry Gorban.

Trustees serve for three years, with the possibility of serving two consecutive terms. The other six trustees are Harold Diamond, Ellen Eisner, Rebecca Salon, Fortuna Scheige, Gene Sheskin and myself. Ex-officio members are Warren Berger (TI president) and Stuart Lempert (TI treasurer).

Outgoing Chair Betty Fishman presided at our July meeting, having served for the past six years. She did her usual exemplary job, keeping interest in the Fund for the Future alive during the COVID era. I was elected to succeed her as we continue to raise congregational interest in making investments into our Fund for the Future endowment and making contributions from the fund to the congregation's operating budget.

The fund now has in excess of \$740,000 and is able to provide funding for Tikvat Israel when requested by the board and approved by the trustees. No funds were requested in the fiscal year that ended June 30. In April 2021, however, \$25,000 was contributed. As we build the Fund for the Future, this sum will grow.

We look forward to sharing information with you regarding the ways in which you can consider contributing to the Fund for the Future. In the meantime, we invite you to contact any trustee with questions or concerns.

## Sukkah Assemblers Needed on October 2

Planning has begun to erect the synagogue's *sukkah* on the back patio.

Co-chairs Alan Apter and Sandra Schwartz have scheduled the annual construction for Sunday, Oct. 2, at 10:30 a.m. Able-bodied teens and adults are needed to help with assembly. In 2021, Apter reports, the task was completed in under three hours. Bring a screwdriver and a stepstool if you have one.



Last year's *Sukkah* takedown

If you can help for even an hour, contact [alaniapter@gmail.com](mailto:alaniapter@gmail.com) or [sandra.schwartz4@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.schwartz4@gmail.com).

The *sukkah's* takedown will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23. "That event goes even faster!" Apter quipped.

## WOMEN'S NETWORK

# We'll Be Strong and Active in the New Year

BY JANICE BALIN, WOMEN'S NETWORK COORDINATOR



Janice Balin

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

I am using this forum to especially acknowledge and thank Amy Matathias for all that she has done for the past five-plus years to promote the Women's Network. As TI's former office manager, she created newsletters each week that kept us informed of all upcoming programs and events. We are delighted that she has volunteered to continue to be the publicity guru as an active member of the Women's Network.

It is almost a new year, 5783. How will we move forward? COVID or no COVID? No matter what, we will be strong and active. This past year we had 80 paid members in the Tikvat Israel Women's Network. That number grew during COVID, and we look forward to welcoming more women into our group and to offering a variety of programs with something for everyone.

On Tuesday, Aug. 2, more than 20 women met on my porch and on Zoom to plan the upcoming year. So many exciting programs were suggested. It will be hard to narrow them down to fit the synagogue's busy calendar.

At the meeting we acknowledged the pros and cons of Zoom, and we had to agree that Zoom has strengthened our network. We saw record attendance at our programs on Zoom, so we plan to continue using it, especially in the winter months and for evening programs.

We look forward to planning the annual Shelly Goldin Women's Network Shabbat, as well as virtual travel programs, art activities, wellness programs, music programs, a game night, a summer baseball outing and more. Our annual bookmarks will give you the specifics when they are distributed on the High Holidays.

Now is the time to renew your membership. You can be a member for only \$36 a year, which supports both our Women's Network and the Women's League of Conservative Judaism. We also offer a sponsor membership level at \$54, which further supports costs associated with our many activities.

We also hope that you'll contribute toward the Torah Fund, which promotes and perpetuates Conservative/Masorti Judaism by supporting the education and training of rabbis, cantors, scholars, educators, summer camp directors, chaplains, campus Jewish life staff and committed lay leaders. Each year, thanks to many of you, TI has met our Torah Fund goal established by Women's League of Conservative Judaism. Those who contribute a minimum of \$180 will receive a beautiful pin with this year's theme, *Chazak v'Ematz*, Be Strong and Courageous.

Membership payments may be made by check or PayPal. Please provide your payment by Oct. 31. Please also provide a completed registration form if you are a new member, or if you are renewing but have changed your address, phone number or e-mail.

Checks should be made payable to Tikvat Israel Sisterhood and sent by regular mail to Brenda Brooks. Forms may be e-mailed to [bbrooksx@gmail.com](mailto:bbrooksx@gmail.com) or mailed with your check to Brenda at 7338 Oskaloosa Drive, Derwood, Md. 20855.

If you are a new synagogue member, you receive free membership in Women's Network for one year, so send just your registration form.

Our first program for the year will be a discussion of the book *People Love Dead Jews* by Dara Horn via Zoom on Wednesday, Sept. 21, at 8 p.m. The book was recommended by four members of the book group, and it is very popular among other Jewish book groups.

I look forward to seeing everyone in person on *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* and on Zoom at our many upcoming events. *Shana tovah u'metukah!*

## Our SEA Change Team Looks Internally, Externally

Tikvat Israel's team in the SEA Change program has completed the initial set of trainings and has now divided into two task forces.

The internal task force will focus on the *shul's* internal policies, attitudes, programs and marketing to determine ways that we can improve upon our commitment to racial and social justice. They will conduct an internal audit to determine ways to build a more inclusive congregation. The internal task force further will examine communication and congregational experiences.

The external task force, led by Lynne Benzion, will work together with the external task forces from each of the other participating congregations in the area to reach out to potential partner organizations and determine the best fits for our community.

"Ideally, the congregations will work together as a united community, but it is designed so that each congregation can make its own independent decisions," Rabbi Marc Israel said in his recent report to the TI board of directors.

The SEA Change team will continue to report to the board and will report or seek approval regarding any future partnerships.

About 10 TI members, including the rabbi and cantor, are participating.

## EDUCATION AND YOUTH

# New School Year Heralds New Educational Programs

BY JUDY STERN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION AND YOUTH

### Religious School for 2022-23

This school year, Tikvat Israel will be joining Shaare Torah's religious school program, and students in grades 1-7 are invited to attend. If you would like to register your child or grandchild, or would like further information, please contact Rabbi Israel or Judy Stern at judystern7@aol.com.

Please share this information with other parents who may be interested in enrolling their children in the program. Families do not need to be members of Tikvat Israel to send children to the program.

### Weekly Religious School Program Begins for Kindergarten Students

This fall, Tikvat Israel will be holding a Sunday morning class for students in kindergarten for the 2022-23 school year. The class will be taught by Limor Dahan, who is an experienced and beloved ECC teacher. The program is designed to connect children to their heritage, and provide an early introduction to the Hebrew language, Jewish history and Jewish holidays, while engaging in a variety of age-appropriate, fun activities with their Jewish peers.

Families do not need to be synagogue members to enroll their children in the class. There is a small fee for the program. For further information and registration, please contact Rabbi Israel or Judy Stern.

### Do you have children's books to donate to the Tikvat Israel Library?

We are expanding the children's collection in the Tikvat Israel Library. Please look through your own book collections to see if you have books to donate. We are looking for books with Jewish content for pre-schoolers through the teen years. If you have books in good condition to donate, please let me know (judystern7@aol.com), so we can arrange time for a drop-off. We request only books that were published within the last 20 years.

### Meet a new shofar blower

Emma Maphis, who celebrated her *bat mitzvah* at Tikvat Israel in August, has learned to blow the *shofar*. As her *mitzvah* project, she is offering to blow her *shofar* for those who are unable to come to synagogue to hear the *shofar* in person during the High Holidays. If you or someone you know would like to have Emma visit and blow the *shofar* outdoors, please contact the Tikvat Israel office by Monday, Sept. 19.

## Celebrating Life in the Battle Against Cancer

Tikvat Israel congregants will honor cancer patients, cancer survivors and their family members at a special *Shabbat* morning service on Nov. 5. The event will be called "A Celebration of Life."

A special *kiddush* will take place after services. The rabbi and cantor will offer meaningful prayers during the service.

If you would like to contribute funds to the *kiddush* and/or participate in the service, please contact Michele Eisenberg at michelebe@aol.com.

Congregants are encouraged to invite friends and family members who have been supportive during the fight against cancer.

## A Fond Farewell to Our Black Studies Teacher



Rabbi Marc Israel and Abbey Frank bade a fond farewell on behalf of Tikvat Israel to Jerome Price, his wife Cheree and their son Jerome Jr. near the end of June. The family moved this summer to Columbus, Ohio, to be closer to Cheree's family.

Jerome, a K-12 educator, ran a well-received, multi-part seminar for TI members titled "Seven Chapters in African American History" in January and February 2021. His lessons, presented via Zoom, examined parts of the history and culture of the African American experience. It marked his first opportunity to teach adults.

Jerome just finished his first year as an assistant principal at Northwood High School in Silver Spring and has accepted an assistant principal's position in the Columbus Public Schools. According to Rabbi Israel, he will be working with a principal who sees it as his job to mentor Jerome so that he can become a principal within a few years. During the time of the TI seminar, he worked as an Advanced Placement teacher at Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville.

Cheree has landed a position as a school psychologist with a school district near Columbus.

"It should be a very good move for them, even though it is a loss for our community," Rabbi Israel said.

# New Tiers of *Kiddushim* Announced

Looking to sponsor a *kiddush* to celebrate a birthday, an *auf ruf*, a new job, a child's accomplishment, or any other *simcha* or in honor of a loved one's *yahrzeit*? Mark the occasion with your Tikvat Israel family with a nosh after *Shabbat* services. Here are two stand-up *kiddush* options.

To sponsor the *kiddush*, contact Roz Kram, kitchen manager at 301-929-1542.

## TIER I STAND-UP KIDDUSH

The cost of this *kiddush* is \$300 for up to 70 congregants. There will be 4 tables set up.

If you are having additional guests, the cost is \$5.00/person.

### TIER I Menu

Wine/grape juice  
Crackers  
Chips or pretzels or similar snack item  
Grapes or similar fruit item  
Cookies  
Instant coffee/tea/cold beverage  
Small plates, cups, utensils, napkins

#### Choice of 1:

Hummus  
Salsa  
Tzatziki

#### Choice of 1:

Cucumber salad  
Cole slaw  
Health salad

#### Choice of 1:

Egg salad  
White fish salad  
Herring  
Gefilte fish

You can add a decorated cake for an added fee.

## TIER II STAND-UP KIDDUSH

The cost of this *kiddush* is \$400 for up to 70 congregants. There will be 4 tables set up.

If you are having additional guests, the cost is \$6.00/person.

### TIER II Menu

Wine/grape juice  
Crackers  
Chips or pretzels or similar snack item  
Grapes or similar fruit item  
Cookies and loaf cake or similar baked goods  
Instant coffee/tea/cold beverage  
Small plates, cups, utensils, napkins

#### Choice of 2:

Hummus  
Salsa  
Tzatziki  
Stuffed grapeleaves

#### Choice of 1:

Cucumber salad  
Cole slaw  
Health salad

#### Choice of 1:

Egg salad  
White fish salad  
Herring  
Gefilte fish  
Tuna salad

A cheese platter and/or a decorated cake can be added.

For sit-down *kiddush* luncheon menus and costs, contact Roz at 301-929-1542.

# OUR SHUL PLAYS ACCOMMODATING HOST TO TRAVELING USYERS



**Micah Cowan with a fellow chaperone on the USY on Wheels trip that dined two evenings on the frint patio of Tikvat Israel in late June.**

USY on Wheels paid a visit to Tikvat Israel in mid-summer and got some extra-friendly hospitality in the process.

During the second of two days of sightseeing in the Washington area in June, the group of about 30 traveling teens plus several adult chaperones learned that their chartered bus would need repairs. One of the group's adult leaders happened to be TI member Micah Cowan, so he used his connections with the management of our synagogue to inquire about the chance to spend extra time in our building on a sweltering summer day while the bus was being fixed. The USYers gathered in the shul's Flax Library for some activities and ate dinner, and by the time they finished dessert, the bus was ready to go.

The USYers dined at TI on two nights. Dalit Baranoff and Roz Kram took the lead in creating tasty meals for the teens.

USY on Wheels is USY's flagship summer program. Teens from across North America gather in New Jersey for travel from coast-to-coast for six and a half weeks, learning about what it means to live Jewishly across the United States, building community and making friends and memories that will last forever.

Their time at TI might pale in comparison to the rest of their journey, which included riding a roller coaster in Disneyland, discovering the beauty of Yellowstone National Park and contributing to the living art piece of Cadillac Ranch.

## Many in Support of One

About 20 widows and widowers tied to Tikvat Israel met at the Brookeville Beer Farm on July 13 with the intention of forming a new group called Party of One. The group is intended to build friendships. The guiding principle is that being a party of one does not have to be lonely. Another social event will be planned in the near future. Watch *B'kesher* for details.



## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

# Pre-School Grows, Welcomes Back Families

BY DEBBIE UNGAR, DIRECTOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



The ECC is excited to start the 2022-23 school year. We continue to offer a high-quality child-centered program with flexible hours found at few other schools. Our dedicated, caring staff brings warmth, professionalism and excitement to our program.

We have exciting changes and programs at the ECC, as well as many new students, families and educators. As of mid-August, our enrollment stands at 66 students in seven classes, which includes an additional 2-year-old class since last year.

To accommodate the growth of the preschool, the ECC office has moved down the hallway to room 13, which used to be the ECC library. Thank you to the synagogue for allowing the ECC to move our early childhood book collection into the Tikvat Israel library and to librarian Janice Rosenberg for making a space for the new children's section. The children's area is now a welcoming and inviting space that will be used by the ECC as well as by congregant families.

The ECC children will explore the library with Marcie on Thursday mornings during library time. The pre-kindergarten classes will have the opportunity to hear stories as well as select books they can borrow and read at home. The children will learn about responsibility and how a library works.

This summer, for the first time since COVID began, we started to allow families to enter the building to drop off and pick up their children again. It has been exciting to see all of the families and help them feel more connected to the ECC community. This school year, families will be invited to join us for celebrations, Shabbat visits and birthday parties. We are excited to be able to celebrate as a community once again.



**Lego Week is a participant favorite during the ECC summer program.**

The ECC staff will spend a week setting up the classrooms and studying together to prepare for the new school year. We will receive CPR and first aid training so everyone will be current on these important safety skills. In addition, our focus will be on meeting the individual needs of all children in the classroom.

One of the ways we will start our learning is with a training presented by the Montgomery County Resource and Referral Center. The staff will learn strategies to help prevent and to handle challenging behaviors in the classroom, including natural consequences, discipline and ways to teach self-discipline. We are so fortunate to have the Helen Raucher Memorial ECC Staff Development Trust, through the generosity of Stephen Raucher, to fund these wonderful learning opportunities for the educators at the ECC.



**ECC pupils enjoy the petting zoo that visited TI in mid-summer.**

We are looking forward to a wonderful year in the ECC. Wishing everyone a *Shana Tovah!*

## Discounted Membership Offer

New during the 2022-23 school year, ECC families can become members of Tikvat Israel Congregation for the special price of \$180 per adult or \$360 for a couple. This is a full synagogue membership.

Some perks:

- High Holiday tickets included;
- Input on family programming;
- Free or discounted access to events; and
- Community of friends to celebrate life-cycle moments (*brit milah, simchat bat, b'nai mitzvah*).

To learn more about the benefits of a TI membership, contact [office@tikvatisrael.org](mailto:office@tikvatisrael.org) or visit [tikvatisrael.org/membership](http://tikvatisrael.org/membership).



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**Focus Folk Music Shows  
Visit Our *Shul* Twice in Fall**

BY MICHAEL AMSTER

Here is a future synagogue trivia question: What was the first musical artist to perform at TI after previously performing at Royal Albert Hall in London, and when did this happen?

The answer: Calan, on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2022

The untraditionally traditional group Calan, from Cymru, Wales, is the Gwerin (translation: folk) band that was once held in a detainment cell at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport alongside a death metal band from Estonia.



**Welsh folk group Calan**

Calan is also the only band of any genre to follow up that experience by performing alongside Sting at the Royal Albert Hall as part of the 50th birthday celebration of famed opera singer Sir Bryn Terfel Jones.

Despite the ancient roots of Calan's music, this brash, young group is composed of a new generation, striving to take their sound to new audiences, raising some eyebrows with their deliberate presentation, while also raising the international profile of traditional Welsh music. Imagine this: Accordion, fiddle, pipes, harp and the percussive sound of clogs are the new guitar, bass and drums!

To date, Calan has gone from busking in the streets of Cardiff to introducing Welsh traditional music to curious music fans in the United Kingdom, Belgium, Italy, France, Australia, China and North America. They've played festival shows and delighted smaller audiences at local folk clubs.

They're coming to Tikvat Israel, as part of the Focus Music series, at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23, in the TI social hall.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$20 at the door to members of Focus or TI, \$25 at the door to non-members. All audience and staff must show proof of vaccination and wear masks while inside the venue. No indoor eating or drinking will be permitted. Doors will open 30 minutes before showtime.

Purchase advance tickets at <https://bit.ly/ti-calan>. Further details are available at [tickets@focusmusic.org](mailto:tickets@focusmusic.org).

Following later this year is a Focus concert at TI at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13, featuring Goldpine (Ben and Kassie). This duo's music is cathartic, moody, dissonant and relevant. After nearly a decade of honing in on their sound, Ben and Kassie have produced an LP, "One" (which was set to release on Aug. 26).

"One" is a snapshot of this season of their lives — symbolizing a new beginning, while paying homage to the halcyon journey under their previous band name "My One and Only" — leading them to where they are now. Laced with bold vocal harmonies and fervent lyrics, "One" is the perfect introduction to Goldpine.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$20 at the door to members of Focus or TI, \$25 at the door to non-members.

# Support Our Congregation Through the Chai Campaign

BY JAYME SOKOLOW, CHAI CAMPAIGN CHAIR

September's High Holy Days are a reminder that Tikvat Israel's Chai 5783 campaign is underway.

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

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

Last year, we achieved our goal of raising a record \$74,000. With your support, we can achieve it once again.

Our donation levels take into consideration all income levels of our members, allowing every family the *mitzvah* of giving. In past years, we have had strong participation from our congregation.

The Chai campaign has helped the congregation balance its budget and continue providing outstanding programs and services to all congregants. The campaign also supports those congregants who may need financial assistance during the year.

The following categories of giving are available: Diamond (\$5,400), Platinum (\$3,600), Gold (\$1,800), Silver (\$1,000), Double Chai (\$720) and Chai (\$360).

If you have not already done so, please complete the Chai campaign pledge form that you have received in the mail.

As you think about your contribution, consider how much Tikvat Israel has meant over the years to you and your family. Please give as generously as your circumstances allow.

## Congregational Condolences

Condolences to those Tikvat Israel members who lost loved ones recently (mid-June through mid-August):

**Samuel Belkin** on the loss of his mother Bernadine Belkin

**Barbara Labovich and Fran Tropp** on the loss of their husband and brother Stan Labovich



## Appreciation to Amy

As an active member of the Tikvat Israel community, I have had both the privilege and the pleasure of working with Amy Matathias in many capacities during her tenure as our office manager. Her depth of knowledge and gentle guidance provided whatever assistance I needed regardless of the project.

Amy is one of the jewels in the crown of our synagogue. I wish her all the best in her retirement and look forward to working with her in the future in other capacities. Yasher koach, Amy, on a job well done.

*Beth Smith*

As the primary editors of the *Bulletin*, we did not want this moment to pass without sharing our deep appreciation for the incredible support we've received from Amy Matathias while producing these detailed bimonthly newsletters.

Amy has been a vital link to information that we rely on getting from the synagogue office, and she always has responded to our questions and needs — usually while we were on a tight deadline - expeditiously, completely and accurately. Thank you, Amy, for your wonderful service as TI's office manager. We're delighted you've agreed to continue as a volunteer proofreader of the *Bulletin*.

*Betty Fishman and Jay P. Goldman*



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## Yahrzeit Donations (cont.)

### In memory of ...

Lena Sandler by David Gorman and Janice Rosenberg  
Sidney Sandler by David Gorman and Janice Rosenberg  
Maurice Schottenfeld by Roberta Steiner  
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In memory of Roger Moses by Marilyn and Michael Greenwood

## Cantor's Program Fund

In memory of Stephen Cohen by Carole Katz

## General Fund

In appreciation of Roz Kram by Bonnie and Elliot Cowan  
In gratitude to Amy Matathias for going above and beyond to track down some shul history, by Ilana Bittner and the Getz Family  
In honor of Alice Robinson's baby naming by Rebecca Mazur  
In honor of Ava and Harvey Small's 50th anniversary by Karen and Michael Cohen

In honor of Betty and Cliff Fishman on their anniversary by Hilda Springer  
In honor of Betty and Cliff Fishman's anniversary by Amy and Daniel Matathias  
In honor of Isidore "Larry" Goldberg's 98th birthday by Nancy Goldberg and Bryan Benesch  
In honor of Jeff Bernstein for his Torah reading and service to the congregation by Sara Harris  
In honor of receiving an *aliyah* by Monica Meyer and Robert Podolsky  
In honor of Shirley Waxman and Joel Bressler for their kindness and hospitality by Judith Katz

In memory of Joseph Glaser by Bobbi and Larry Gorban  
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by Roz and Ted Kram

In memory of Lauri Joseph by Bobbi and Larry Gorban  
In memory of Lauri Joseph by Ellen and Sherman Eisner  
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Wishing *refuah shlemah* to Bonnie Cowan by Bobbi and Larry Gorban

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In honor of Alice Robinson's baby naming by Amy and Daniel Matathias  
by Bobbi and Larry Gorban  
by Ted and Rosalyn Kram  
In honor of Joyce Fischer by Bonnie and Elliot Cowan

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In appreciation of Amy Matathias by Bruce Goldin  
In memory of Barnett Bauman by Wendy Bauman  
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In honor of Ava and Harvey Small's 50th wedding anniversary by Edward and Rhonda L. Friedler

## Shelly Goldin Memorial Fund

In memory of Shelly Goldin by Bruce Goldin

## Tzedakah Fund

by Monica Meyer and Robert Podolsky  
In honor of the anniversary of Jeff Bernstein's *bar mitzvah* by Robbi and Larry Cohen

## Women's Network

In memory of Shelly Goldin by Sandra and Larry Levine

## BACK TO SHUL WELCOME SEPT. 11

Tikvat Israel congregants, ECC families and community members are invited to an afternoon of food, fun and camaraderie at a Back to *Shul* event on Sunday, Sept. 11, from 5-7 p.m. at the synagogue.

Planned is a pizza feast, an ice cream bar and a selection of fresh greens for the more health-conscious attendees. (If you have special dietary needs other than kosher, notify event organizer Sally Kram at [sallykram939@gmail.com](mailto:sallykram939@gmail.com).)

Entertainment will include a bounce house for kids, a trivia contest, a performance by Chai Dynamics (TI's in-house a cappella ensemble), group painting on the *sukkah* canvas and a craft project led by Bobbi Gorban of the Women's Network.

In addition, promotional materials about TI's volunteer committees and Social Action projects will be on display to encourage your involvement.

The event is free, but RSVPs are appreciated by Sept. 5 using online signup at <https://tikvatisrael.org/events/back-to-shul/>.

# Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose Yahrzeits Occur From from 5 *Elul* through 5 *Tishrei* -September 2022

## SEPTEMBER 1

### 5 *ELUL*

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

## SEPTEMBER 2

### 6 *ELUL*

Albert Bass  
Ronald Black  
Raizia Chigorsky  
Samuel A. Hale  
Joel Hoffman

## SEPTEMBER 3

### 7 *ELUL*

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

## SEPTEMBER 4

### 8 *ELUL*

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

## SEPTEMBER 5

### 9 *ELUL*

Abraham Fierman  
Bessie E. Miller  
Maxene Rosenthal  
Minnie Teitelbaum

## SEPTEMBER 6

### 10 *ELUL*

Ben Ami Barsky  
Morris Kanow  
Hilda Schwartz  
Dick Stein  
Rose Volin

## SEPTEMBER 7

### 11 *ELUL*

Evelyn Goldberg  
Cornelis Hartendorp  
Bertha Knott  
Harry Witt

## SEPTEMBER 8

### 12 *ELUL*

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

## SEPTEMBER 9

### 13 *ELUL*

Gertrude Bender  
Kenneth Grossman  
Morris Alex Jacobs  
Morris Weintraub  
Norman Winson

## SEPTEMBER 10

### 14 *ELUL*

Daniel Barash  
Benjamin Feller  
Abram Fraeman  
Emil Notovitz  
Sylvia Senzer

## SEPTEMBER 11

### 15 *ELUL*

Samuel Abramson  
Jacob Berman  
Chaya Karmel  
William Schaechter  
Daniel Shaz  
Abraham Simon

## SEPTEMBER 12

### 16 *ELUL*

Jack I. Karlin  
Jack Keilsohn  
Lorraine Rayden  
Barbara Krieger Teller

## SEPTEMBER 13

### 17 *ELUL*

Anna Esther Askow  
Sondra Levin  
Robert M. Minkoff  
Edith Scherer  
Julius Seligman  
Bertha Smith  
Hilda Starr  
Alexander Stolovy  
Jacob Teller

## SEPTEMBER 14

### 18 *ELUL*

Evelyn Flax Mirmelstein  
David Pearl  
Irene Wexler

## SEPTEMBER 15

### 19 *ELUL*

Anna Esther Askow  
Sanford Belkin  
Louis Chernoff  
Abraham Hamburg  
Meyer J. Levin  
Lamar Miller  
Morris Rosenthal

## SEPTEMBER 16

### 20 *ELUL*

Mollie Berly Lipofsky  
Mildred Sterman  
Mayer Zlotnick

## SEPTEMBER 17

### 21 *ELUL*

Lew Cyrulnik  
Leah Mayer  
Fannie Rosen  
Irwin Marvin Towers

## SEPTEMBER 18

### 22 *ELUL*

Edward Chait  
Mary Kessler  
Neil Newman  
Hyman Pachenker  
Arthur H. Yedwab

## SEPTEMBER 19

### 23 *ELUL*

Leon Altschuler  
Chasse Freda Chait  
Clara Phillips  
Minnie Polansky  
Scott J. Rappaport  
Naomi J. Rappaport  
Aaron Segal  
Robert Solomon

## SEPTEMBER 20

### 24 *ELUL*

Alice Abramson  
George Becker  
Jennie Derene  
Sara Goldman  
Tillye Weintraub

## SEPTEMBER 21

### 25 *ELUL*

Lillian Berman  
Jack Feigin  
Eva Mae Futrovsky  
Paul Herman  
Hilda Hoffman  
Clara Lichter  
Fred Meyers  
Diane Soldano  
Rosemary Stoll

## SEPTEMBER 22

### 26 *ELUL*

Donald Andrews  
Rebecca Harrison  
Pearl Kaplan  
Sadie Polikoff Levy  
David Sakoff  
Sheldon Small

## SEPTEMBER 23

### 27 *ELUL*

Barbara Cohen  
Chaim Mandel  
Gerda Tuchler

## SEPTEMBER 24

### 28 *ELUL*

Sidney Berman  
Bette Bronstein  
Dorothy Marder  
David Morris

## SEPTEMBER 25

### 29 *ELUL*

James W. Church  
Rose Hein

## SEPTEMBER 26

### 1 *TISHREI*

Rae Axelrod  
Melvin Banks  
Janet Kabik  
Lena Leise  
Ruth Plafker  
Margaret Schreiber

## SEPTEMBER 27

### 2 *TISHREI*

Michael P. Rappaport

## SEPTEMBER 28

### 3 *TISHREI*

Gertrude Appel  
Samuel Gorelick  
Anna Georgia Schneider  
Solomon Shapiro  
Jeffrey Weiss

## SEPTEMBER 29

### 4 *TISHREI*

Max Apt  
Irwin Krakaur  
Samuel Meyers  
Isadore Parzow  
Charles Rom  
George Simball  
Esther Stanhill  
Estelle Waxman

## SEPTEMBER 30

### 5 *TISHREI*

William Horwitz  
Ernest Jennes  
Sanford Starobin  
Isaac Meir Sterling

# Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose Yahrzeits Occur From from 6 *Tishrei* through 6 *Cheshvan* - October 2022

## OCTOBER 1

**6 TISHREI**  
Sidney Adler  
Lena Cohen  
Fay Halpern  
Morris Ridberg  
George Sharlot

## OCTOBER 2

**7 TISHREI**  
Sidney Bender  
Fanny Chelemer  
Steve Eisenberg  
Sarah Goldstein  
Jennie Lavine  
Harold Saldinger

## OCTOBER 3

**8 TISHREI**  
Carl Berger  
Libby Cohen  
Alvin Feinsilber  
Joseph David Fertel  
Louise Goldstein  
Leo David Kronzek  
Ray Shapiro

## OCTOBER 4

**9 TISHREI**  
Rose Friedman  
Robert Grossman  
Melvin Jackson  
Mildred Meltzer  
Albert Mukasey  
Bernard Newman  
Gertrude Hirsch Reiner  
Kalman Roey  
David Shetzlich  
Renee Tropp  
Tobie Waxler

## OCTOBER 5

**10 TISHREI**  
Leila Dunsmore  
Michael Goldstein  
Selma Jackson  
Tov Yehuda Jaffe  
Robert Katz  
Claire Lellouche  
Moise Lellouche  
David Lieberman  
Miriam Ludwinowitz  
Maurice Pressman  
Ethel Schneider

## OCTOBER 6

**11 TISHREI**  
Shirley Allen  
David Chefer

## OCTOBER 7

**12 TISHREI**  
Marion Bauman  
Lena Brittner  
Tillie Jarcho  
Alex Kreisman  
Doris Warren

## OCTOBER 8

**13 TISHREI**  
Laurel Anchors  
Rose Freedman  
Lewis Godfrey  
Ada Jacobs  
Irene Kline  
Fred S. Zusman

## OCTOBER 9

**14 TISHREI**  
Stanley First  
Edward Fishman  
Albert Freed  
Saul B. Friedman  
Marie Lebowitz  
Manny Senzer

## OCTOBER 10

**15 TISHREI**  
Arthur Finstein  
Charles Goldman  
Maurice Kahn  
Paul Kerman  
Hannah Dinah Scolnik

## OCTOBER 11

**16 TISHREI**  
Alexander Beck  
Eleanor Berman  
Pauline Kram  
Ita Vainer  
Carl Zebooker

## OCTOBER 12

**17 TISHREI**  
Belle Beck  
Edith Raphelson Botkin  
Felix Eichtersheimer  
William H. Glater  
Noach Hoffman  
Lawrence Morrison  
Robert Oakley  
Avshalom Saadian  
Aaron Stein  
Harry West

## OCTOBER 13

**18 TISHREI**  
Herman Iskow  
Dena Leep  
Barbara Ann Schechter

## OCTOBER 14

**19 TISHREI**  
Lillian Bloom  
Ruth Gordon  
John Mandel  
Stan Smith  
Ivan Tempchin

## OCTOBER 15

**20 TISHREI**  
Samuel Danoff  
Muriel Joy Horowitz  
Celia Kornhauser  
Edward John Urban

## OCTOBER 16

**21 TISHREI**  
David Fineman  
Charles Futrovsky  
Lena Moskowitz  
Rosalie Peck  
Bea Solomon  
Benny Waxman

## OCTOBER 17

**22 TISHREI**  
Julius Auerbach  
Sidney Bannor  
Harry Berlin  
Rose Fragin  
Moshe Gordon  
Tzipa Gordon  
Robert M. Grossmann  
Rae Caplan Menseh  
Alvin Solomon

## OCTOBER 18

**23 TISHREI**  
Miriam Lichter Block  
Albert Copaken  
Lilly Greifinger  
Janice Kirschenbaum  
Philip Marco  
Sylvia Rosenhaft

## OCTOBER 19

**24 TISHREI**  
Benson B. Kessler  
Henry Meyers  
Clinton Newman  
Leonard Teitelbaum  
Max Winter

## OCTOBER 20

**25 TISHREI**  
Adolph Berger  
Samuel J. Feldman  
Benjamin Gorfine  
Esther Kobot  
Harry Koepfel  
Max Seiler

## OCTOBER 21

**26 TISHREI**  
Jeanne Bowen  
Adel Erdman  
Muriel Mickey Goldstein  
Max Shulman  
Linda Yun

## OCTOBER 22

**27 TISHREI**  
Maurice Becker  
Abraham Kaplan  
Carole Klein  
Yetta Yanoff

## OCTOBER 23

**28 TISHREI**  
Lorraine Aronson  
Cille Ridberg  
Alex Silbert  
Grace Turkewitz

## OCTOBER 24

**29 TISHREI**  
Benito Pazo  
Chazzan Gregor Shelkan

## OCTOBER 25

**30 TISHREI**  
Maurice Berk  
Naomi Cohen Berman  
Alan Eisenberg  
Jerome Seiler  
Sandra Beverly Shore  
Phillip Edward Sokol  
Ida Spector  
Kenneth Bradley Urban  
Alexander S. Zelenka

## OCTOBER 26

**1 CHESHVAN**  
Evelyn Berlin  
Robert W. Birrell  
Esther Feller  
Karen Hirsch-Harari

## OCTOBER 27

**2 CHESHVAN**  
Claire Licht  
Fanny Raucher  
Jacob Shedroff  
Louis Steiner  
Abraham Tempchin

## OCTOBER 28

**3 CHESHVAN**  
Nathan Beck  
Morris Fine  
Alice Levin  
Dorothy Low  
William Nussbaum  
Eugene Schwartz  
Franklin Yasmer

## OCTOBER 29

**4 CHESHVAN**  
Jerry J. Brown  
Paul Kasper  
Marvin Podgor  
Louis Sandler

## OCTOBER 30

**5 CHESHVAN**  
Jacob Armoza


## OCTOBER 31

**6 CHESHVAN**  
Samuel Einbinder  
Samantha Jane Kessler  
Jeanette Meyers  
Arthur Spanier



# September 2022

## 5 Elul 5782 - 5 Tishrei 5783

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<b>4</b> 8 Elul 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Israeli Dancing 7:30p Minyan	<b>5</b> 9 Elul 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>6</b> 10 Elul 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>7</b> 11 Elul 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>8</b> 12 Elul 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>9</b> 13 Elul 8:00a Minyan 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat In-person and Livestream 7:10p Candle lighting	<b>10</b> 14 Elul 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Ki Teitzei) 11:15AM Torah Club 8:07p Havdalah
<b>11</b> 15 Elul 9:00a Minyan 5:00p "Back to Shul" event 7:30PM Israeli Dancing 7:30p Minyan	<b>12</b> 16 Elul 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>13</b> 17 Elul 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>14</b> 18 Elul 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>15</b> 19 Elul 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>16</b> 20 Elul 8:00a Minyan 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat In-person and Livestream 6:59p Candle lighting	<b>17</b> 21 Elul 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Ki Tavo) 7:56p Havdalah 8:30PM Selichot
<b>18</b> 22 Elul 9:00a Minyan 2:00PM Community Memorial Service 7:30PM Israeli Dancing 7:30p Minyan	<b>19</b> 23 Elul 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>20</b> 24 Elul 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Board Meeting	<b>21</b> 25 Elul 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Women's Network Book Group	<b>22</b> 26 Elul 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>23</b> 27 Elul 8:00a Minyan 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat In-person and Livestream 6:48p Candle lighting	<b>24</b> 28 Elul 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Nitzavim) 11:15AM Torah Club 7:44p Havdalah
<b>25</b> 29 Elul Erev Rosh HaShana 6:00PM Mincha and Ma'ariv 6:44p Candle lighting	<b>26</b> 1 Tishrei Rosh HaShana I Rosh Chodesh Preliminary Service (lay-led) 9:00AM Rosh Hashanah Services 4:00PM Shofar Blowing 4:30PM Mincha 5:00PM Tashlich at the Bridge 6:00PM Ma'ariv 7:41p Candle lighting	<b>27</b> 2 Tishrei Rosh HaShana II 9:00AM Preliminary Service (lay-led) 9:30AM Rosh Hashanah Services 6:30PM Mincha/Ma'ariv 7:39p Havdalah	<b>28</b> 3 Tishrei Fast of Gedaliah 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>29</b> 4 Tishrei 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>30</b> 5 Tishrei 8:00a Minyan 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat In-person and Livestream 6:36p Candle lighting	<b>All events subject to change. Please read B'ksher for the latest status.</b>

# October 2022

## 6 Tishrei - 6 Cheshvan 5783



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>7 Tishrei</b> 9:00a Minyan 10:00AM Suktah Building 10:30AM Community Memorial Service 7:30p Minyan	<b>8 Tishrei</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>9 Tishrei</b> <b>Erev Yom Kippur</b> 8:00a Minyan 6:15PM Kol Nidre 6:30p Candle lighting	<b>10 Tishrei</b> <b>Yom Kippur</b> 9:30AM Yom Kippur Services 1:00PM Study Sessions 4:15PM Mincha with Yizkor, Neilah 7:15PM Ma'ariv, Havdalah, Shofar 7:26p Havdalah	<b>11 Tishrei</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>12 Tishrei</b> 8:00a Minyan 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat In-person and Livestream 6:25p Candle lighting	<b>13 Tishrei</b> 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Ha'Azinu) 11:15AM Torah Club 7:22p Havdalah
<b>14 Tishrei</b> <b>Erev Sukkot</b> 9:00a Minyan 6:22p Candle lighting	<b>15 Tishrei</b> <b>Sukkot I</b> 10a Services 7:19p Candle lighting	<b>16 Tishrei</b> <b>Sukkot II</b> 10a Services 7:17p Havdalah	<b>17 Tishrei</b> <b>Hol Hamoed Sukkot</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>18 Tishrei</b> <b>Hol Hamoed Sukkot</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>19 Tishrei</b> <b>Hol Hamoed Sukkot</b> 6:00PM Maariv Shabbat Hol Hamoed Sukkot & Dinner 6:15p Candle lighting	<b>20 Tishrei</b> <b>Hol Hamoed Sukkot</b> 10:00a Shabbat Services 7:11p Havdalah
<b>21 Tishrei</b> <b>Hoshana Rabba</b> 9:00a Minyan 6:12p Candle lighting 6:30p Mincha /Yom Tov Maariv	<b>22 Tishrei</b> <b>Shemini Atzeret</b> 10:00a Services 7:09p Candle lighting	<b>23 Tishrei</b> <b>Simchat Torah</b> 10:00a Services 7:07p Havdalah	<b>24 Tishrei</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>25 Tishrei</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>26 Tishrei</b> 8:00a Minyan 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat In-person and Livestream 6:05p Candle lighting	<b>27 Tishrei</b> <b>Shabbat Services</b> (Parashat Bereshit) 11:15AM Torah Club 7:02p Havdalah
<b>28 Tishrei</b> 9:00a Minyan 10:30a Womens Network Rosh Chodesh Prog 10:30a Suktah Takedown 7:30p Minyan 7:30p Focus Music	<b>29 Tishrei</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>30 Tishrei</b> Rosh Chodesh 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>1 Cheshvan</b> Rosh Chodesh 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>2 Cheshvan</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>3 Cheshvan</b> 8:00a Minyan 5:56p Candle lighting 6:00PM Kabbalat Shabbat in-person and Livestream	<b>4 Cheshvan</b> 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Noach) 6:54p Havdalah
<b>30</b> 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>31</b> 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan					



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## Wanna Debate Jewish Literature?

Lively discussions are usually guaranteed when upwards of 20 members of the Women's Network at Tikvat Israel convene online five times a year to hash out their likes and dislikes on works of fiction and non-fiction with a Jewish or Israeli theme. Marsha Lyons is shown holding the cover of *Wunderland* by Jennifer Cody Epstein analyzed at the mid-summer session.

The first book discussion of 2022-23 will take place at 8 p.m. on Zoom on Wednesday, Sept. 21. The title under the microscope is *People Love Dead Jews* by Dara Horn. Any female congregant, teen-aged or older, is welcome.

The remaining schedule of book discussions: *Three Floors Up* by Eshkol Nevo, Wednesday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m. on Zoom; *Something Beautiful Happened* by Yvette Manassis Corporon, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, 8 p.m. on Zoom; *Peony* by Pearl Buck, Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 8 p.m. on Zoom; *House on Endless Waters* by Emuna Elon, Sunday, May 21, 2023, 10 a.m. in person at Tikvat Israel.

