



PRESIDENTS' CORNER

We've Come a Long Way!

BY BETH SMITH AND SALLY KRAM, TIKVAT ISRAEL CO-PRESIDENTS



Beth Smith

Our first eight months in synagogue leadership have been filled with changes and challenges. We shared our vision at our July board retreat, introducing the way the Executive Committee and the full board would be operating, as well as the three pillars of our administration: professionalism, transparency and inclusiveness, which mesh well with our strategic plan.

The role of the Executive Committee has been enhanced to include working as a team to develop board meeting agendas, which now focus on specific issues for each meeting.

Our biggest challenge has been the need to accelerate our plans to strengthen security. By rearranging our lobby to accommodate a greeter's desk, issuing picture ID cards to be worn on lanyards by all ECC parents, teachers and TI staff, and installing a new security door at the library end of the ECC corridor, we have taken significant steps to improve the safety of our school and building.

The Security Committee has been hard at work taking measures to safeguard our entire TI community. (See related story, [page 7](#).) Kudos to Neil Sbar, Jonathan Solomon, and Aaron Chusid on their relentless pursuit of security grants for the synagogue. We also want to recognize the office staff for all the extra work they have done to support the new security initiatives.



Sally Kram

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Preview Our Purim Plans

"Chag Purim! Chag Purim! Chag gadol layehudim." It is indeed almost Purim time – a big holiday for the Jewish people with Tikvat Israel planning a holiday weekend full of celebrations, March 23-24.

Join together in person or via livestream on Saturday, March 23, at 8:30 p.m. for the Purim service and megillah reading. Costumes are encouraged. Groggers will be provided, though congregants are welcome to bring their own noisemakers. (Note: those who observe Ta'anit Esther, the fast of Esther, should abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sundown on Thursday, March 21, as fasting is largely prohibited on Shabbat.)

The next morning, the megillah will be chanted again at 8:15 a.m., followed by the perennial favorite Purim Puppet Show at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Rachel Laveer, vice president for programming, and her team have organized a Purim carnival to take place in the social hall beginning at 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 24. There will be games for children, activities for all ages and food for a moderate price. See B'Keshet for details.

The Women's Network organized mishloach manot for the entire congregation and preschool. Thank you to everyone who volunteered for this large undertaking. And a competitive hamantashen bake-off and cookie swap debuted this year on Purim Katan, Feb. 24.



WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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

All services are both online and in person.

CANDLE LIGHTING & HAVDALAH TIMES

Date	Candle Lighting	Havdalah
Mar. 1-2	5:43 PM	6:45 PM
Mar. 8-9	5:50 PM	6:52 PM
Mar. 15-16	6:57 PM	7:59 PM
Mar. 22-23	7:04 PM	8:06 PM
Mar. 29-30	7:11 PM	8:13 PM
Apr. 5-6	7:18 PM	8:20 PM
Apr. 12-13	7:25 PM	8:26 PM
Apr. 19-20	7:32 PM	8:33 PM
Apr. 22*	7:35 PM	
Apr. 23-24*	8:36 PM	8:37 PM
Apr. 26-27	7:39 PM	8:33 PM
Apr. 28*	7:41 PM	
Apr. 29-30*	8:42 PM	8:43 PM

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Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments

The next KS with I will take place in person as well as on livestream on March 15 at 6 p.m. The spirited service, led by Cantor Rochelle Helzner and instrumental friends, includes uplifting melodies, both traditional and new. A pre-service reception begins at 5:20 p.m. and will be sponsored by Anita and Mel Brenner in honor of their anniversary.

Post-Service Dinner

Tikvat Israel will host its third *Kabbalat Shabbat* dinner of 5784 following services on Friday, March 29. Services start at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. Watch *B'Kesher* for signup details.

Community Seder

Don't want to cook for both *Pesach seders*? A community *seder* is being planned for the second night, April 23. Details will be available soon.

Cantor's Concert June 9

The year's biggest cultural event at Tikvat Israel, the annual Cantor's Concert, will feature Trio Sephardi in the social hall on Sunday, June 9. Watch for details soon about becoming a concert sponsor and purchasing tickets for the show. Trio Sephardi is a Northern Virginia-based ensemble that performs traditional songs of the Sephardim, the descendants of Jews exiled from Spain in 1492.

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On Jan. 7, the board of directors met to review our 5-Year Roadmap to the Future and establish goals for the rest of this year. In analyzing the accomplishments of the first 1½ years of the strategic plan, we recognized ways that we have improved communications. Have you visited our new website? Thank you to Bob Silverstein for his hard work to make it a reality. Thank you, too, to Rachel Laveer and Melissa Apter for producing the popular High Holidays booklet. With more young people coming onto the board, our website and marketing materials now show our support for members of all ages.

We voted this past June to modernize our financial model, moving to a voluntary pledge model effective July 1. This will make entry to congregational life accessible to younger members. Warren and Rabbah Arlene Berger are chairing the task force that will assist our transition. (See related story, **pages 4-5**.)

To maximize the use of our building, new rental policies have been developed that cover security needs and staff support. This will assist in our search for new sources of non-dues revenue streams. We already have one new tenant plus several groups that rent space for weekly activities.

Netivot, a Sunday School class for kindergarten and first-graders, started in October. We accept children from TI families and non-TI families as well. It is our hope this will encourage non-TI families to join.

To make Tikvat Israel accessible and attractive to young families and young professionals and ensure some of our activities and programs are "child-friendly," we have held several Young Family *Shabbat* Dinners and have more planned in the coming months. When Auntie A has a program on *Shabbat*, pasta is added to the *kiddush* menu. We also established a special dues rate for ECC parents last year that already has brought us an increase in young families.

When we hired Aaron Chusid as our executive director two years ago, he introduced us to a tool that is proving to be invaluable. Basecamp has become the repository for all of our operational information. It took some getting used to, but we now can easily access information about everything we are doing.

Building on the strong foundation established by our predecessors, we are delighted by how easily our board adjusted to the operational changes we have made so far this year. Doing the sacred work of our congregation can be challenging at times, but it is also rewarding as we strengthen and enhance our community. We hope each of you will find a way to do just a bit more to make Tikvat Israel a shining light in Montgomery County and the entire metropolitan Washington area.

Graphic Artworks of Avy Ashery Featured at Capital Jewish Museum

The artistic works of longtime congregant Avy Ashery, ז"ל, who died last Dec. 3, are the focus of a special exhibit at the Lillian and Albert Small Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C.

The exhibit, titled “If It’s Jewish We Have It: Selections from the Collection,” includes a selection of prints created by Ashery, a graphic designer. The exhibit will run until Sunday, April 21, at the museum, which is located at 575 3rd St. N.W.

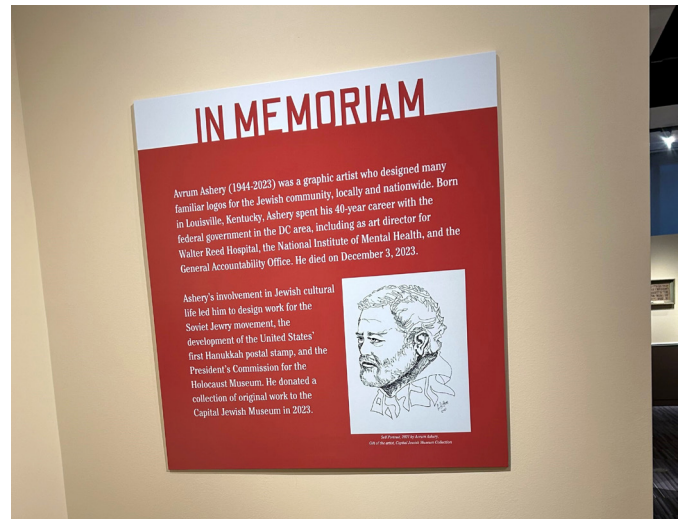
(The Women’s Network’s midday field trip to the museum for a guided tour on May 23 was arranged before the Ashery exhibit was announced to the public, and a scheduling change for the tour is not possible.)

Ashery designed many familiar logos for the Jewish community, locally and nationwide. Born in Louisville, Ky., he spent his 40-year career with the federal government in the D.C. area, including as art director for Walter Reed Hospital, the National Institute of Mental Health, and the General Accountability Office.

Ashery’s involvement in Jewish cultural life led him to design work for the Soviet Jewry movement, the development of the United States’ first *Hanukkah* postal stamp, and the President’s Commission for the Holocaust Museum. He donated a collection of original works to the Capital Jewish Museum in 2023.

He designed a bicentennial logo for a contest held by the Jewish Bicentennial Commission of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington. It did not win (attaining honorable mention) but proved popular with Jewish organizations nationwide including the National Women’s League for Conservative Judaism and the National Jewish Welfare Board. His design depicts the Liberty Bell and a shofar together, which Ashery described as “symbols for communicating to the people.” Surrounding the design is the Biblical passage inscribed on the Liberty Bell: “Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof” (*Leviticus 25:10*).

Ashery’s design was honored by the U.S. Bicentennial Committee, and the first serigraph print was included in the Bicentennial Collection at the Smithsonian Institution.



Shown are a few items from the art exhibit featuring works of the late Avy Ashery at the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C.

Mazel Tov

- ... to **Melissa and Paul Kutner** on the birth of their son Lionel George (Amitai Aharon), little brother to Michael.
- ... to **Linden Wolf and Michael Raucher** on the birth of their son Reuben, little brother to Ilana and Ascher.
- ... to **Sandy and Larry Levine** on the birth of grandson Tavor David Levine, son of Ari Levine and Shachar Gabay.
- ... to **Janaki Kuruppu** on her marriage to Harvey Simon on Feb. 25.
- ... to **Steve Raucher** on his marriage to Jane Connor on March 9.

- ... to **Oren Israel and Aiden Schwartz** upon graduation from Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School.
- ... to **Cliff Fishman** for composing “Uncircumcised Lips” as the *D’Var Torah* column in the Jan. 11 issue of *Washington Jewish Week*.
- ... to **Rabbah Arlene Berger** for preparing “The Difference Between Remembering Someone and Knowing Them” as the *D’Var Torah* column in the Jan. 4 issue of *Washington Jewish Week*.

Voluntary Pledge Model to Replace Traditional Dues

BY WARREN BERGER AND RABBAH ARLENE BERGER, DUES TRANSITION TASK FORCE CO-CHAIRS



Warren Berger and Rabbah Arlene Berger are co-chairing Tikvat Israel's transition to a fully voluntary system of dues to operate the synagogue in the next fiscal year.

Change is coming to Tikvat Israel's financial model. We want to refresh everyone's memory about why we are changing, and describe in some detail the process and likely timeline.

First, some definitions (with help from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism):

TI currently uses a **traditional dues model**. This model has sustained most synagogues for close to a century. It sets several dues levels, often based on age, family status, marital status, one- or two-adult household, etc. These categories are commonly identified as Family, Young Family, Single, Senior, Senior Individual and so on.

In the future TI will use a **voluntary pledge model**. This model is based on the premise that each member would be informed of the amount needed to sustain the synagogue's budgetary needs, and then asked to make a pledge as to what they choose to commit and pay.

A few key milestones from the recent past:

- June 2022: At its annual Congregational Meeting, Tikvat Israel adopted a comprehensive strategic plan that recommended increasing the transparency of our budgeting process and revising our membership dues structure.
- June 2023: A year-long Dues Structure Task Force report was presented and accepted by the TI Board that recommended changing to a voluntary pledge model.
- June 2023: At the annual Congregational Meeting, TI members overwhelmingly approved the change, starting with FY '25 (July 2024 to June 2025).

In August 2023 (two months after our adopted change), USCJ released a report titled "Alternative Dues Models Survey Results" confirming that what we are doing is not unique, and that we are solving a widespread challenge in a way that has been successful for others. We will use lessons learned from those earlier adopters.

One key finding: 10 percent of USCJ congregations had switched to a voluntary model as of December 2022. Another interesting fact: 92 percent of those congregations found their dues revenue "stayed the same" or increased after switching. Clearly, if we do this right, we can still be financially healthy and realize the many other, non-financial benefits.

Why we are reworking our system of financial support:

- Demographic categories (age and family size) tell us little about ability to pay.
- The current financial commitment is a barrier to potential new members and a burden to many of our current young congregant families.
- The process for dues reduction is uncomfortable and embarrassing.
- Fundraising requires several "asks" each year of the same families.
- The current dues model doesn't help members understand synagogue finances, which works against building a community.

Advantages of the new model:

- No need for dues reduction forms or meetings. This enables people to feel positive about their contribution.
- Avoids the assumption that age is related to ability to pay. This better recognizes the diversity of our membership.
- Encourages developing relationships. This avoids placing a financial barrier to membership at the beginning, to make it easier to attract new families.
- Enhances the relationship that members have with TI and each other through better understanding of what it takes to operate the synagogue. This enables us to support the many needs of the members of our community.
- Allows people to increase their financial commitment as they deepen their relationship with the community.
- Improves transparency. The voluntary pledge request will include an explanation of how the money will be spent, and members will receive more details about the budget as part of the process.
- Aligns with TI's mission and values. Studies show that members are more engaged when they understand the congregation's financial needs and make a voluntary commitment to sustain it. This enables us to be more inclusive and better able to embrace financially challenged families by removing barriers and accepting what they *can* contribute.
- Aligns with the strategic plan recommendations for strengthening the bonds of members to each other and to TI.

New voluntary pledge model in a nutshell:

- Members will receive considerable information about the synagogue's plans, financial needs, and the "sustaining amount."
- The dues requirement is being replaced with a requirement that all members make an annual pledge to the synagogue.
- The annual pledge amount will be voluntary, but it will be a commitment by each family to provide a portion of the synagogue's needed funds for operations.
- Any member who makes an annual pledge of at least the set minimum amount and is in the process of honoring it will be considered a member in good standing.

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A key term to understand is “sustaining amount,” which is defined as the average amount (per adult member) required to sustain the synagogue in the coming fiscal year. We will take the draft of next-year’s operating budget’s total expenses (omitting the ECC) and divide by the expected number of adult members. This piece of information will help members understand what it costs to run the synagogue. However, we want to stress that this is *not* what we expect everyone to pledge!

More information (such as financial details) will be forthcoming.

Questions? Feel free to contact any of the members of the Dues Transition Task Force (Warren Berger, Rabbah Arlene Berger, Betty Fishman, Spencer Lane, Roni Silverstein, Bob Silverstein) or the co-presidents or financial officers.

Finally, this transition will require significant work from those on the Budget Committee, the Bylaws Committee and the office staff. We need everyone’s cooperation and support as we take this important step to achieve the vision of our strategic plan. We have confidence that we are on the right path toward strengthening and growing our amazing community!

Key Questions & Answers

Here are some questions and answers about our new dues model. (These have been updated from the FAQ distributed before the June 2023 Congregational Meeting.)

Is membership at Tikvat Israel essentially becoming free?

No. Each adult congregant is expected to make a financial contribution to sustain the congregation (that is, make a pledge for each year and honor that commitment). There will be a small minimum annual amount.

Do you expect new members to join and contribute only a small amount?

We hope new members will contribute as much as they can afford. But even if those new members pledge and contribute only a little in their first year, they would be contributing more than they do now (which is nothing, as non-members). When they see the value of being part of TI, we hope they will understand the need to increase their pledges toward the sustaining amount level.

If I was contributing less than the sustaining amount last year, will my dues go up to the sustaining level?

Your dues will not automatically be increased. There will no longer be set dues. You will be billed at the amount that you pledge.

Don’t you expect a lot of members to reduce what they previously paid in dues?

Some may use this as an opportunity to reduce their contributions. But they could have done that now anyway by requesting a dues reduction via the financial assistance process. We would rather people pledge and contribute a small amount if they have financial difficulties than have them leave the synagogue because they don’t want to ask for a reduction.

Do you expect some members to increase what they previously paid in dues?

When people who have been paying at a low tier level see what it actually costs to operate as a sustainable synagogue, we do hope and anticipate that some (maybe even many) will actually increase the amount they contribute, as they are able to. We also hope that being more transparent about the budget will help people understand what their funds are used/needed for.

How will I pledge?

Prior to each new fiscal year, members will receive a letter showing the next year’s estimated sustaining amount. We will ask for a commitment/pledge for the forthcoming year. For 2024-25, we will remind you what you contributed in total during 2023-24 (for member dues, security fee, *Chai* Campaign and other miscellaneous donations).

Will there still be fundraising?

Most fundraising events will be eliminated. The goal is to raise the year’s dues income voluntarily rather than through tiered billing. There will still be a large annual concert as a primary fundraiser because people like to decide how much to contribute at that time, depending on who is being honored and who the performer is. We also expect the steady stream of *yahrzeit* and “in honor of” donations to continue. Because they typically will not be known at the beginning of the year, they should not be part of the pledge.

Will there still be a *Chai* Campaign?

The *Chai* Campaign will no longer operate as a separate fundraising program. We are considering whether to transform it into a program that recognizes those who pledge to contribute above the sustaining amount.

Our Timeline and Roadmap

March-April: Create draft budget, calculate sustaining amount, and communicate it to members

April-May: Prepare pledge letters, and start collecting pledges via forms (and phone calls and visits)

May: Review and approve the budget (and bylaws changes) at the monthly board meeting

June: Present and approve the budget (and bylaws changes) at the Congregational Meeting

July: Send out first bills with the pledged amounts



Many believe that the concept of hospitality began with Abraham and Sarah. But it was certainly reinforced by the prophet Isaiah who said, "Widen the place of your tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of your habitations, do not spare; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes." Surely this is a reminder to make room for others in our celebrations. It is especially wonderful to share our Passover *seder* and the story of our freedom with others.

If you do not have a *seder* to attend or if you have room at your *seder* for more people, please fill out the form below **by April 15** and return it to the office, or contact Hope Levy Kott at (301) 921-8268 or by e-mail at hkott@aol.com.

Name _____

Phone number/e-mail _____

Yes! We would like to host up to _____ people on Monday, April 22

Yes! We would like to attend a *seder* on Monday, April 22.

Please indicate the names and ages (of children) of all who will be attending:

Please indicate as well if your family:

does does not observe the Sephardic custom of eating *kitniyot* or legumes .

does does not keep kosher.

does does not eat exclusively vegetarian meals.

does does not observe traditional *Yom Tov* restrictions.

Conducts/prefers the *seder* mostly in English or mostly in Hebrew

Please tell us anything else your host would need to know (allergies, etc.):

Congregational Condolences

The congregation expresses its sympathies to congregants who lost a family member between mid-December and Feb. 1:

... to **Linda Lapkoff**, on the loss of her son Jonathan King-Lapkoff.

SONGS FOR ELEVATING IN STRESSFUL TIMES

A community of people young and old, including many from Tikvat Israel, participated in a video recording in late fall sponsored by Koolulam. It featured a song by Madonna called "Like a Prayer," and the final product has been dedicated to those taken hostage in Gaza.

The song was chosen by Tamar Forti, who lost her brother Nir at the Nova peace party. As a Madonna fan, she found comfort in the song's lyrics and asked Koolulam leaders to use it to raise awareness for the hostage situation.

Community groups throughout the world, including the families of the hostages, participated in this project. A tapestry was produced by Koolulam, a social musical initiative aimed at empowering communities and strengthening the fabric of society.

Being part of this project was moving and meaningful, and TI members were honored to be part of it. Among the participants: Cantor Rochelle Helzner, Felicia and Dan Black, Jason and Elissa Schwartz, Mamina Cowan and Judy Frank.

The final video/audio performance is moving. Access it at <https://bit.ly/TI-koolulam>



Our State of Security at Tikvat Israel

BY KEITH BROOKS, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION



Security Committee member Jonathan Solomon checks out the newly installed building access control box.

Over the past year, we have made significant improvements in the security of our *shul*. These include mechanical/technical upgrades as well as improvements in our Safety, Security and Emergency Plan (known as the Security Plan).

A multi-faceted approach to security will not provide us “perfect” security. As Salman Rushdie once stated, “There is no such thing as perfect security, only varying levels of insecurity,” but it allows us to get closer to that goal.

I’d like to thank Executive Director Aaron Chusid and Jonathan Solomon and Neil Sbar of the Security Committee for developing the Security Plan, which comprehensively addresses safety and security concerns. The document is in draft form and is under review. Once the Plan is final and has been approved by the TI board of directors, it will be made available to the congregation as well as the other users of our building.

In addition to the Security Plan, the executive director has been working steadily on adding high-tech and physical improvements to our synagogue. He and the committee are working on multiple grant applications for funding of important improvements.

The Security Plan is dynamic and will be reviewed and revised as circumstances dictate. As technology advances and as new security strategy recommendations emerge, there is a continuing need to upgrade. Recent measures or enhancements have included:

- Installation of a reception desk in the lobby, which is staffed during periods of peak weekday building traffic (8-10 a.m. and 3:30-5 p.m.).
- Upgraded doors and locks.
- Improvements to the building’s access control system, adding greater capabilities than we had before.

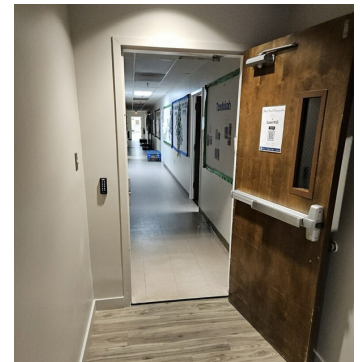
- Installation of security doors at both ends of the ECC hallway to provide an even greater level of security for the children and staff of the ECC.
- Required use of identification badges by all ECC parents and teachers.
- Training to be provided for ushers and greeters once the updated version of the Security Plan is finalized. Training opportunities and scheduled drills also will be made available so congregants can learn what to do in an emergency situation.

The safety and security of Tikvat Israel ultimately relies on the coordination and cooperation of all of our building’s users—our congregants, staff and clergy, ECC children and staff, and those who rent our space. We invite your participation in and support of our security processes, training and exercises. Your knowledge and understanding of security protocols, your preparedness to act in the unlikely event of a security incident, and your willingness to follow the synagogue’s security protocols are critical to the success of this Security Plan.

Security is everyone’s responsibility. If you see something of concern, don’t hesitate to say something. Follow the procedures that will be shared in the coming weeks, and attend training to be ready to respond if necessary. Thank you for your part in keeping Tikvat Israel a comfortable and safe place to pray and learn.



Only those authorized to be in possession of door fobs can activate the main building access control.



One of two new heavy-duty security doors added to both ends of the ECC hallway.

Accessibility Improvements to TI’s Website

February of each year is Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month. One thing that Tikvat Israel has done to support this is to add an enhancement to our website that allows users to adjust and modify the content on the site so it is easier to read and navigate.

Users of the synagogue’s website now have the ability to change the size and color of the text, stop animation, and control how they navigate through the site.



These changes are customizable by each user and do not permanently alter the site or interfere with its use by others.

To make these adjustments on a laptop, PC or handheld device, visitors to the website must click on the accessibility icon (shown here), located on the opening page, and select the modifications that best meet their personal needs.

WOMEN'S NETWORK

Blooming with a Bounty of Spring Activities

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



Tikvat Israel's Women's Network is a vibrant group with a lot to share about our past and future events. Thanks to all who participate and volunteer to help with our programs.

In March, Women's Network has two major events – the annual Shelly Goldin Women's Network *Shabbat* on March 9, and coordination of our congregation's *mishloach manot Purim* boxes.

Our annual Women's Network *Shabbat* is one of our most treasured events, and it will feature a guest speaker. We greatly appreciate our members' participation and volunteer work for this special day. Susan Apter and Elyse Bernstein are serving as the coordinators for the service roles. Fortuna Scheige and Hilda Springer are assuming responsibility for planning the *kiddush* luncheon sponsored by Women's Network with kitchen manager Roz Kram at the helm. Donations for the lunch by both Women's Network members and non-members are greatly appreciated. The Women's Network e-newsletter contains links to volunteer, make a donation and submit an RSVP.

Purim this year is on Sunday, March 24, and Women's Network will ensure that all congregants receive *mishloach manot*. We have a team of coordinators, including Janice Balin, Melissa Apter, Ellie Diamond, Amy Matathias, Sheri Brown, and Roz Kram. Other members will assemble and distribute the boxes. This event is a fundraiser for the synagogue. Further information is available in *B'Keshet*.

A couple of weeks after *Purim*, on April 14, an in-person book group will discuss *The Postcard* by Anne Berest. Beth Smith will lead this program. The book's story begins with an anonymous postcard, sent to the Berest family home, which contains the names of the author's maternal great-grandparents and their children, who were all killed at Auschwitz. The novel then focuses on the background for this postcard and the related family's history and flight from Russia following the revolution. This novel is sure to lead to a lively group discussion, which we hope many members will join.

Plans for May include another *Rosh Chodesh* learning program, currently scheduled for May 5, and a tour of the Capital Jewish Museum on Thursday, May 23, at 11:30 a.m. (See related article, **page 3**.) A Women's League of Conservative Judaism Seaboard Region Conference and Installation will take place on May 19 at Har Shalom. Proceedings also will be accessible virtually.

Recent winter activities included a book group meeting, a virtual tour of Jewish India, and a Bone Builders program offered through the Women's Network *Rosh Chodesh* Learning series. January activities



Fortuna Scheige led the remote book discussion session staged by the Women's Network in mid-January. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

included a virtual book group discussion of *One Hundred Saturdays* by Michael Frank. It was expertly led by Fortuna Scheige and involved 22 participants.

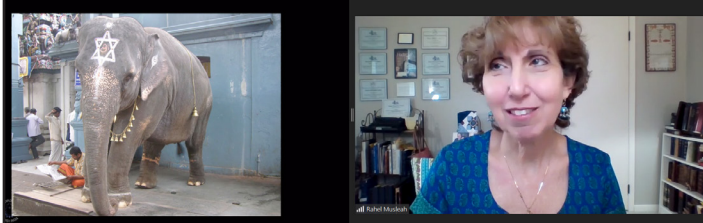
That was followed on Jan. 28 by a virtual tour of Jewish India. We collaborated with Adas Israel Sisterhood to host this program, which was led by Rahel Musleah, a journalist, lecturer and singer. She is from a seventh-generation Calcutta Jewish family that traces its roots to 17th-century Baghdad. Her program explored India's Jewish communities, emphasizing Mumbai, Calcutta and Cochin. It was a fascinating overview, with about 80 participants attending virtually.

A Bone Builders program was held on Feb. 11 in the synagogue. This was an exercise workshop, based on the Montgomery County Recreation Department's Bone Builders classes. The session included warmup, cool down and balance exercises. It was co-led by Phyllis Schwartz and Pam Gorin, with Bobbi Gorban demonstrating special exercise adaptations. Fortuna Scheige and Maxine Perlmutter, co-chairs of the *Rosh Chodesh* Learning programs, coordinated the event.

The Bone Builders' exercises are important because they help protect against fractures caused by osteoporosis, by increasing muscular strength, balance and bone density. Following the program, participants received information about Bone Builders classes as well as helpful web links for various resources. Drinks and snacks were provided.

If you are not yet a member of Women's Network and are interested in our programs, we encourage you to join. See our weekly e-newsletter for registration forms and payment instructions, or contact me at bbrooksx@gmail.com for further information.

TOURING INDIA'S JUDAISM VIRTUALLY



Rahel Musleah showed some unusual sites of Jewish India during her presentation.

More than 80 people from Tikvat Israel's Women's Network and Adas Israel's Sisterhood logged into Zoom on Jan. 28 for a guided tour of India by Rahel Musleah. It took us to Mumbai, Cochin and Calcutta, and showcased the beautifully restored synagogues there. The Jewish population of India has declined dramatically, and in some places only a handful of Jews remain. Musleah explained her India roots and history and shared many family photos and stories.



Volunteers at Leisure World

We are a congregation valuing being friendly, warm and welcoming with opportunities for acts of kindness. Our membership at Tikvat Israel includes approximately 25-30 people who reside at Leisure World, including my husband Richard and me.

I propose a meeting in the Edmonson Room of Clubhouse 2 in Leisure World at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 31, to form a cadre of volunteers who can lend a helping hand as needed. This could include driving someone to *shul*, picking up mail if they can't get to their mailbox, etc. Being a friendly visitor, on your own free time, is another possibility.

There are no assignments. Members will just be made aware of what might be needed.

Looking out for each other and helping when we can is a *mitzvah*.
Ellen Lederman

Thanks for Shiva Support

Thank you so much to Tikvat Israel congregants who recited Psalms when my husband Avy Ashery was first admitted to the hospital last October. All of your calls and prayers during his illness and love and support during *shiva* was so comforting and very much appreciated.

Thank you for the delicious *shul* dinner, and thank you to Roz Kram for helping to arrange and deliver it to our family during *shiva*. Thank you to everyone who came to a *minyan* at *shul* during *shiva*. Tikvat Israel has an awesome congregation, and I am grateful and happy to be a member.

Susan Cohen



Judean Memorial Gardens

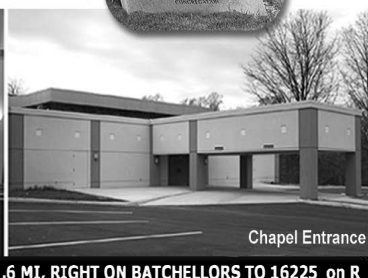
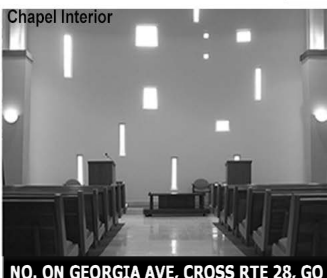
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An Important Decision Not to Delay: Your Burial Plot

BY SALLY KRAM, TIKVAT ISRAEL CO-PRESIDENT

My mother often worried about how I would adapt socially to the world. I was outspoken and blunt. She kept her advice short. Never talk about abortion, politics or death, she counseled.

I promise not to discuss either abortion or politics in this article, but death is a topic that none of us can avoid.

In 2019, congregant Louise Chatlynne, of blessed memory, attended the 16th North American *Chevrab Kadisha* and Jewish Cemetery Conference and reported on what she learned in Volume 11 No. 5 of the *Bulletin*. She spoke about the experience as being uplifting with everyone reminding each other about how important it is to help people deal with these matters — making the transition after a loss meaningful and memorable.

She also spoke about how TI supports its members through the time of transition by supporting *shiva minyanim*, delivering meals to families who have experienced a death, and coordinating visits from the rabbi or cantor to provide comfort and prayer.

TI also has created its own booklet with all the information mourners need when a loved one is close to death or has recently died. The “Guide to Jewish Mourning Practices” can be accessed at <http://tikvatisrael.org/bereavement>.

TI also hosts special *Yizkor* services on *Yom Kippur*, *Sukkot*, *Pesach* and *Shavuot* and invites members to attend services on the anniversary of their loved one's death to say *kaddish* or even lead the service in memory of their loved one.

Less well known among all these rituals is Tikvat Israel's ownership of cemetery plots, which are available to members at a discounted price as a benefit of membership. The plots can be reserved in the Garden of Remembrance in Clarksburg or Judean Memorial Gardens in Olney for \$2,450 per plot for members. These are not available for purchase by non-synagogue members.

Not only is advance purchase of these plots designed to bring peace of mind to members, but it contributes to TI's long-term financial stability by providing the synagogue with a small rebate for its sale of each plot. While it is hard to think about death in such concrete terms, it is better to make arrangements in advance than after a family member has grown ill or died.

Tikvat Israel also provides daily remembrances of your loved ones in the form of Memorial Plaques which are placed in the back of the sanctuary. In addition, members are encouraged to list their loved ones in the annual *Book of Remembrance*, which is distributed at *Yom Kippur* and at other *Yizkor* services. Members are invited to purchase a memorial plaque for \$450 for members or \$725 for nonmembers. The purchase of a plaque guarantees that the loved one will be listed in perpetuity in the Tikvat Israel *yahrzeit* lists and be permanently added to the *TI Book of Remembrance*.

If you have any questions or if you are interested in learning more, contact Aaron Chusid at aaron@tikvatisrael.org. All questions will be answered.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

A Report Card on Our Teens and *Netivot* Students

BY JUDY STERN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION



TI Teens

A program for teenagers featuring students from Germany who are volunteering in the U.S. will take place at TI at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 7.

The group Action Reconciliation Service for Peace brings high school graduates from Germany, who are fluent in English, for one-year volunteer positions at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Jewish Community Centers and other Jewish facilities around the country. Come hear about their remarkable experiences, insights and impressions. Discussion will follow. Snacks will be served.

This program, organized by Ellen Lederman, is open to all teens in our congregation, as well as the outside community. Registration will be required. Watch *B'Keshet* for details or contact judymstern7@gmail.com.

In May, there will be a community service activity that will involve cleaning up the wooded path near the synagogue, followed by a picnic.

Family Network Dinners

The Early Childhood Center Family Network (EFN) is holding *Shabbat* dinners for families of young children. ECC families, Tikvat Israel families and guests are welcome to attend.

The past dinners have been well-attended. Young children and their families enjoy their time celebrating *Shabbat* together in a friendly community setting.

The programs begin at 5 p.m. and include a short *Shabbat* service and activity prior to the meal. Dinners include a child-friendly menu, as well as a tasty meal for older siblings and adults. The next *Shabbat* dinners are scheduled for March 22 and May 17. Check *B'Keshet* for registration information.



Students in the *Netivot* class work on an art project during class.

Netivot News

Netivot is our kindergarten and first-grade religious school program held each Sunday morning at Tikvat Israel. There has been lots of positive feedback from the students and their parents. Next year, we will be expanding to include children entering second grade in the fall.

Parents interested in this K-2 program are invited to an Open House for families on March 3 in the morning. Information will be shared with parents of prospective students, and children will be invited



Cliff Fishman introduced the members of the *Netivot* class to the Torah scroll.

to participate in an activity with the current class. The program is open to children and grandchildren of TI members, as well as children from the outside community.

Questions about the open house or registration may be directed to judymstern7@gmail.com.

CELEBRATING A HIGH SCHOOL RITE



Two teenage members of our synagogue celebrated the end of their high school careers at the Feb. 3 prom of the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School at the Bethesda Marriott. Shown, from right, are Oren Israel and Aiden Schwartz along with their TI friend and fellow high school senior Sadi Rabin, who is not a student at the school. The JDS students were recognized at TI's *Shabbat* service on Feb. 10.

GRABER WORK ON DISPLAY

Congregant Tamah Graber's artistic work is appearing in a show at the Goldman Gallery of the Jewish Community Center in Rockville celebrating a dozen women artists. Sponsored by the Montgomery Art Association, the month-long show runs until March 16. An artists' reception, open to the public, takes place from noon to 3 p.m. on March 3.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Tzedakah Lesson Leads to Support for Israel

BY DEBBIE UNGAR, DIRECTOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



The ECC started the winter with snow days, exciting activities and celebrations. The ECC prepared for *Tu B'Shvat* by studying trees. The children planted their own seeds, which they will watch grow. All classes celebrated with a feast of fruits in honor of the holiday.

As part of the JSTEM program, the pre-kindergarten students studied how drip irrigation works and how it is used in the Israeli desert. They made their own drip irrigation system for their parsley seeds. They will monitor the growth of the plants, which should be ready to use for Passover.

For *tzedakah*, the ECC participated in a program through the Jewish National Fund to purchase trees in Israel to help rehabilitate the Be'eri Forest, located alongside the region bordering Gaza. The children sorted and counted the money from their classroom *tzedakah* boxes. While the pre-kindergarten was sorting, they noticed that several of the coins were from different countries. They examined and researched the different currencies. The class graphed them on a world map, which is displayed in the classroom.

The ECC classes raised \$403.50 and, combined with the donations from families and congregants, the school collected \$944.50 for this important project. Thank you to everyone who donated.

On Feb. 9, the ECC observed *Yom Hamishpacha*, or Family Day, which is a holiday in Israel which replaced Mothers Day and Fathers Day. This day more easily honors all family structures.



Children in the ECC added a new student to the rolls on a snowy day.

BRIDGE PLAYING GROUP

A *havurah* for individuals interested in joining a monthly bridge group is being organized. The *havurah* will play duplicate contract bridge (if the number of players allows) or Chicago style. The bridge players will meet at members' homes starting this fall with days and times to be determined. All levels of skill are welcome. Contact Tami Gilston at tgilston@comcast.net or Carol Chelemer at carolchelemer@comcast.net if interested.



A classroom seder marking *Tu B'Shvat* included a feast of fruits.

Families were invited to celebrate *Shabbat* in their child's classroom, where they recited the blessings and had *challah* and grape juice. The whole school then united for a special *Shabbat Sing* with Auntie A.

The ECC started registration for the 2024-25 school year and summer session. We have amazing flexible scheduling options. Classes are available for children 14 months up to 5 years old. We invite prospective families to set up tours by calling our office at 301-251-0455 or via e-mail to debbie@tikvatisrael.org.



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What's Being Served in TI's Library? Some Tasty Recipes

BY JANICE ROSENBERG, LIBRARY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Do you enjoy cooking, baking, trying new recipes, or learning about Jewish cuisine?

The Herman J. Flax Library at Tikvat Israel has many cookbooks with classic Jewish recipes for such foods as *kugel*, *challah*, *matzoh* ball soup and *rugelach*. Other books include Israeli foods, cuisine of Italian Jews or Turkish and Sephardic recipes.

Here are a few Jewish cookbooks stocked at the Flax Library:

- *The Art of Jewish Cooking*, by Jennie Grossinger. The author is part of the family connected with the famous Grossinger's Catskills resort. She presents recipes that are easy to prepare.
- *The Book of New Israeli Food: A Culinary Journey: A Cookbook*, by Janna Gur. This work conveys the sumptuous color, variety and history of Israeli cuisine.
- *Chocolate Chip Challah and Other Twists on the Jewish Holiday Table: An Interactive Family Cookbook*, by Lisa Rauchwerger. The author uses the Jewish holiday calendar as a framework to provide meaningful ways to celebrate.
- *The Classic Cuisine of the Italian Jews: Traditional Recipes and Menus and a Memoir of a Vanished Way of Life*, by Edda Servi Machlin. This work combines kosher recipes used by Italian Jews with a description of Jewish life in Pitigliano, the "little Jerusalem of Italy."
- *Mother and Daughter Jewish Cooking*, by Evelyn Rose and Judi Rose. Two generations of Jewish women, mother and daughter, jointly created a diverse collection of recipes for cooks old and young.
- *The 100 Most Jewish Foods: A Highly Debatable List*, by Alana Newhouse. This book lists the most significant foods culturally and historically to the Jewish people, explored with essays, recipes and stories.
- *The Ottoman Turk and the Pretty Jewish Girl*, by Beyhan Cagri Trock. This collection includes Turkish and Sephardic recipes and a fascinating memoir.

A small sampling of Passover cookbooks:

- *Passover Desserts*, by Penny W. Eisenberg. Her book contains 50 delicious recipes for rich, flavorful desserts from cookies to cobblers.
- *The Passover Table: New and Traditional Recipes for Your Seders and the Entire Passover Week*, by Susan Friedland. The book shares 45 classic recipes for appetizers, soups, meat, poultry, vegetables, *kugels* and desserts.

TI's Flax Library is always open when the synagogue building is open. To borrow a book from the library, send an e-mail to TikvatIsraelLibrary@gmail.com, in which you include the book title, your name and your contact information. Items can be borrowed for three weeks with one renewal.



Tikvat Israel Reaches Its 2023 Chai Campaign Goal

BY JAYME SOKOLOW, CHAI CAMPAIGN CHAIR

The Chai Campaign set its sights on raising approximately \$80,000 for Tikvat Israel in 2023. Thanks to the generosity of our congregants, we are close to that amount as of mid-January, and we are still expecting several more contributions.

In 2023, there were many congregants who, in the words of our *Siddur*, united to "establish synagogues for prayer" and who gave "funds for heat and light and wine for *kiddush* and *Havdalah*."

The Chai Campaign would like to acknowledge the contributions from the individuals and couples listed below who so generously supported our 2023 fundraising effort. Sixty-two additional donors contributed at other levels.

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Addressing the Climate Crisis One Home at a Time

BY BOB SILVERSTEIN, MEMBER, SEACHange COMMITTEE

Members of our SEACHange committee joined Adama Moussa Harouna and Tanushree Dutta Isaacman, both with Action in Montgomery, on Jan. 21 to test for the levels of nitrogen dioxide, or NO₂, in homes which use natural gas for cooking.

Tikvat Israel's kitchen was tested for dangerous levels of the chemical, along with the kitchens of three members as well.

Nitrogen dioxide is a powerful pulmonary irritant that causes or aggravates asthma, COPD and other health conditions, and appears to affect child neurological development. While there is no legal standard for indoor air, the EPA considers 100 PPB (parts per billion) to be the maximum safe level of NO₂ for an hour of exposure.

When each of the gas stoves was lit, levels of NO₂ exceeded 100 PPB, but in all cases, those levels dropped below 100 PPB when exhaust fans were turned on, allowing the NO₂ to be vented to the outside.

The results were shared with the congregation during services and the *kiddush* on Jan. 27 in a presentation made by Joelle Novey, Director of Interfaith Power & Light, an organization which works with faith-based groups to respond to the climate crisis.

In her *drash*, Novey pointed out that “burning fossil fuels isn't just damaging the climate, it's causing harm to all of us who breathe indoors.” She further explained that if each of us would



Measuring the volume of TI's kitchen are Sadi Rabin (left) and Jonathan Lantner with help from Adama Moussa Harouna and Tanushree Dutta Isaacman, both affiliated with Action in Montgomery. (Photo by Bob Silverstein)

replace our gas burning appliances with electric-powered devices—highly efficient heat pumps, water heaters, solar panels, and induction cooktops—we would contribute greatly to reducing the effects of global warming.

Following her talk, the congregation enjoyed a zero-waste *kiddush*. The food was served on compostable and recyclable dishes and cups, and all of the food waste was taken to be composted, leaving nothing behind but the memory of a meaningful and educational *Shabbat*.

To learn more about electrification in our community, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/green/energy/electrify-mc.html.

If you would like to be involved in the work for social justice being done by Tikvat Israel's involvement with SEACHange, contact Anna Levy (anna_levy@verizon.com) or Debbie Amster (debbiamster@comcast.net).

Martin Luther King Day Event Draws Robust TI Crowd

BY BOB SILVERSTEIN, MEMBER, SEACHange COMMITTEE

As its first event of 2024, Tikvat Israel's SEACHange Committee hosted a special event on Jan. 14, commemorating Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

Held in downtown Rockville and titled “It Happened in Rockville: Remembering Three Lynchings,” the session was led by the Rev. Alexa Fraser. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Lynching Memorial Project (MoCoLMP), which is dedicated to preserving the history of those tragic events in Montgomery County and throughout Maryland. It was followed by a visit to the Rockville memorials.

Racial terror lynching claimed the lives of at least 4,500 Black people in the United States between 1865 and 1950. This created a legacy of injustice that can still be felt today. Although many victims remain unknown, at least 38 racial terror lynchings have been documented in Maryland. Of these, three took place in Montgomery County, two in Rockville and one in Poolesville.



Rabbi Israel talking about the memorials honoring the three victims of lynchings in Montgomery County.

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We learned that, contrary to popular belief, many lynchings took place

during daylight hours and were conducted in front of large crowds of onlookers, including children. The purpose was not only to punish the individuals, but also to intimidate and terrorize the African-American population. Lynchings took place in all but seven of the states of this country, including Maryland.

At the session, attendees learned about the three Maryland victims: George W. Peck, John Diggs-Dorsey, and Sidney Randolph. Each of these men was accused of crimes for which they were never tried nor convicted. They were taken from police custody by mobs of people, sometimes paraded publicly, then lynched from trees where their hanging bodies were left for all to see. It is through the work of organizations such as MoCoLMP and the Equal Justice Initiative that the history of those events is being remembered.

Tikvat Israel is one of ten local Jewish organizations that is a member of SEACHange, whose mission is to build relationships with local community-based organizations to act together to tackle racial injustice. Committee members involved in the planning of the event included Debbie Amster, Anna Levy, Roni Silverstein, Cliff Fishman, Janaki Kuruppu, Lynne Stein Benzion, Mark Diamond, Rabbi Marc Israel, Cantor Rochelle Helzner, Bob Silverstein and Warren Berger.

To become involved with SEACHange and its work for social justice or to learn more about its upcoming events, contact any of the members of the Committee.

30 Units Collected at TI's Latest Blood Drive



Among the blood donors on Jan. 31 at TI was Rich Nisenon.

Thirty units of blood were collected at the Tikvat Israel-hosted blood drive on Jan. 31 in the social hall. Thirty-five people were present at the drive, with Tikvat Israel staff and congregants representing 20 percent of the donors.

Robbi Cohen, donor event organizer, shared this assessment: "Community members who donated today were complimentary about our facilities—the parking, the large comfortable room for donations, our location, and in most cases, the efficiency of the blood donation process."

In recent years, the Red Cross has transitioned to a largely digital process to register and check in for blood donations. It goes smoothly and quickly when donors have the Red Cross app on their cell phones and have completed the pre-donation questions prior to arriving for their appointment, Cohen said.

However, if you prefer to make an appointment over the phone with the Red Cross and complete the registration process at the blood drive reception table, volunteers can assist you.

Tikvat Israel staff members Aaron Chusid, Susan Davis, Nadia Palacios and Iber Gonzalez, along with volunteers Molly and Stu Turkewitz, Larry Gorban and Jonathan Solomon staffed the event.

The next TI blood drive is scheduled for May 15.

Family Yoga Debuts at TI

A partial power outage didn't stop 13 families from gathering in the Flax Library on Feb. 4 for the Happy Yogi Co-op's inaugural monthly family yoga fun workshop. The participants ranged in age from 3 through the mid-40s.

The theme for this month was love—loving our bodies, loving our toes, loving hot chocolate with marshmallows, loving each other and loving ourselves.

After some playful movements and partner poses led by Sarah Fishman, parents and kids enjoyed some final relaxation snuggles, topped off with Hershey kisses.

The next family yoga events will be held on March 3 and April 24 at 4 p.m. Find more details at www.thehappyyogi.com/familyyoga.



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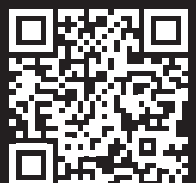
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Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose *Yahrzeits* Occur From from 21 *Adar I* through 21 *Adar II* — March 2024

MARCH 1 21 *ADAR I*

Sarah Bass
Tillie Beard
Theresa Kabik
Anne Larrick
Phyllis Newman
Mary Nussbaum
Martin Robinson
Melvin Salzman
Daniel Howard Steiner
David Suson
Anna Zipin

MARCH 2 22 *ADAR I*

Sylvia Eiserike
Benjamin Lederman
Paul Margolies
Howard Paul Morrison
Pauline Rosenblatt
Nyusya Sapozhnikova
Pearl Simon
Ben A. Williamowsky

MARCH 3 23 *ADAR I*

Anita S. Herman

MARCH 4 24 *ADAR I*

Lillie Becker
Robert Davidson
Ruth Davis
Morris Freedman
Miriam Bobys Green
Henry J. Land
Minnie Parzow
Max Steinberg

MARCH 5 25 *ADAR I*

Sophie Schwartz

MARCH 6 26 *ADAR I*

Helen Cohen
Samuel Dicker
Annie Edlowitz
Burnell Goodman
Samuel Halperin
Jesse Kaiser
Betty Mae Kramer
Esther Lerner
William Myers

MARCH 7 27 *ADAR I*

Shirley M. Caplan
Richard Cohen
Alexander Diamond
Bella Dinter Lieberman
Edward Turkanis

MARCH 8 28 *ADAR I*

Carl Fishman
Beatrice Friedman
Samuel Kaplan
Belle Kobrinetz
David Sills
Ethel Solomon
Selma Winson

MARCH 9 29 *ADAR I*

Louis Auerbach
Benjamin Barris
Meyer Kushner
Donald Lewis
Louis Newman
Henry Oppenheim
Sylvia Panitz
Freda Shevitz

MARCH 10 30 *ADAR I*

Leonard E. Cohen
Edward Schwartz

MARCH 11 1 *ADAR II*

Judy Rosenthal

MARCH 12 2 *ADAR II*

Hilda Frank
Norman H. Levy
Norbert Schimmel

MARCH 13 3 *ADAR II*

Sadie Eckstein
Lillian Rosen
Nancy Strong

MARCH 14 4 *ADAR II*

David Scucimarra
David Siskind
Rose Walder

MARCH 15 5 *ADAR II*

Robert Bredt
George Goldstein
Alan Grossmann
Helen Lantz
Norman Yudkoff

MARCH 18 8 *ADAR II*

Dorothy Ashery
Stephen Cohen
Adelle Lapin

MARCH 19 9 *ADAR II*

Rosalind Apter
Pauline Oppenheimer
Irving Reich
Emma Tiller

MARCH 20 10 *ADAR II*

Avrom Armoza
Bernard Cohen
Marge K. Martin
Milton Mulitz

MARCH 21 11 *ADAR II*

Donna I. Malkin
Arthur Musher
Aaron Pressman

MARCH 22 12 *ADAR II*

Sara Lebowitz

MARCH 24 14 *ADAR II*

Burton Boroff
Solomon Gorschman

MARCH 26 16 *ADAR II*

Harry Balin
Sam Jorban
Milton Kensky
Joseph Podgor

MARCH 27 17 *ADAR II*

Harry Weinstein

MARCH 28 18 *ADAR II*

Frances First
Rebecca Kauffman
Colin Melmed
Morris Polansky
Fannie Salzer

MARCH 29 19 *ADAR II*

Herman Hamburg
Maurice Krause
Gloria Levinrad
Dudley Schwartz

MARCH 30 20 *ADAR II*

Marguerite Eldredge
Abraham Isaac Levy
Marlene Shulman
Rabbi Jerome Weistrop

MARCH 31 21 *ADAR II*

Bernard Levine

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In appreciation of Rabbi Israel by Marcelle Copaken's family: the Copakens, Greens, and Melmeds
In appreciation of Rabbi Israel, for coming to Israel as a sign of support, by Peggy Mitchel
In honor of Betty Fishman by Jay Goldman and Rebecca Salon
In honor of Ellen and Sherman Eisner by Ellen and Richard Lederman

In memory of Avrum Ashery by Lynne and Ira Benzion
In memory of Avrum Ashery by Mark Diamond
In memory of Louise Chatlynne by Lynne and Ira Benzion

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In memory of Rochelle Goldin by Arthur Riegel
In memory of Sylvia Goldin by Bruce Goldin

TORAH FUND

In memory of Avrum Ashery by Sandra and Larry Levine

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by Kate Losman
by Ziva and Gerald Schuchman
by Lois and Neil Sbar
In memory of Jonathan Lapkoff by Roberta and Larry Cohen
In memory of Louise Chatlynne by Madeleine Oakley

WOMEN'S NETWORK

In honor of Women's Network *Chanukah Shabbat* by Mark Diamond
In memory of Lena Berlin by Sandra and Larry Levine
Mazel tov to Rebecca Salon, on being selected as winner of the 2023 Marc Gold Employment Award, by Nancy and Jonathan Solomon

Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose *Yahrzeits* Occur From from 22 *Adar II* through 22 *Nisan* — April 2024

APRIL 1 22 *ADAR II*

Sylvia Abramson
Edna Eisner
Clem Fishman

APRIL 2 23 *ADAR II*

Linda Beaumont
Isadore Chait
Albert Katz
Charlotte Zeidman

APRIL 4 25 *ADAR II*

Irving Ashery
David Ray Cheslock
Pearl Gottesman
David Lefkowitz
Sarah Robinson

APRIL 5 26 *ADAR II*

Mark Kabik
Donald Linden

APRIL 6 27 *ADAR II*

Albert Bressler
Emil Lentchner

APRIL 7 28 *ADAR II*

Irving Garfinkle
Thomas Gorban
Marion Laken

APRIL 8 29 *ADAR II*

Naomi Beneteau
Bernard N. Flax
Edward Krick
Sidney Migdal

APRIL 9 1 *NISAN*

Harold Botkin

APRIL 10 2 *NISAN*

Lea Chernoff
Samuel Holland
Geraldine Kaiz
Simon Katz
Ruth Kramer
Lena Levine
Mortimer Ratnoff
Ron Silverstein
Edna Simai
Harriette Solowey
Ethel Toney
Judith Weinstein
Ida Weisbord

APRIL 11 3 *NISAN*

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

APRIL 12 4 *NISAN*

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

APRIL 13 5 *NISAN*

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

APRIL 14 6 *NISAN*

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

APRIL 15 7 *NISAN*

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

APRIL 16 8 *NISAN*

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

APRIL 17 9 *NISAN*

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

APRIL 18 10 *NISAN*

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

APRIL 19 11 *NISAN*

Lina Hoffman
Beatrice Klein
Jacob Levi
Julie Melmed
Molly Oppenheim

APRIL 20 12 *NISAN*

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

APRIL 21 13 *NISAN*

Rachel Brown
Ann Engel
Marjorie Kaiz Offer
Morris Pike
Sam Prince
Samuel Solsky

APRIL 22 14 *NISAN*

Henry Goldberg
Jacob Goldstein
Dora Kishner
Akhtar Saadian
Michael Sanders
Michael C. Shapiro
Diane Katz Shedroff

APRIL 23 15 *NISAN*

Edward Lankin
Tillie Pressman
Harry Shooman
Kalman Sokolow
Sol Wachovsky

APRIL 24 16 *NISAN*

Stanley Berger
Harry G. Blackstone
Joseph Burdoo
Samuel Grossman
Lauri Joseph
Irving Kaplan
David Klein
Ida Licht
Irwin Lowenfeld

APRIL 25 17 *NISAN*

Dayna Leslie Dubin
Benjamin Fleitell
Joseph Gordon
Harriet Raine
Dorothy M. Robinson
Rose Stahler

APRIL 26 18 *NISAN*

Irving Curchack
Jennie Kornhauser
Leonard Mitchel

APRIL 27 19 *NISAN*

Aaron Feinmark
Samuel Nathan Leavitt
Rita Shetzlich

APRIL 28 20 *NISAN*

Alfred Cowan
Ray Kramer Gesumaria
Dianna Hamburg
Jeanne Krause
Jacob (Jack) Matathias
Fannie Saltzman
Sol Schwartz
Helen Sharlot
Samuel Shull
Bernice Singer
Albert Stutz

APRIL 29 21 *NISAN*

Benjamin Bogage
Stephen Gary
Mary Ruth Glucksman
Aaron Polansky

APRIL 30 22 *NISAN*

Lorraine Cohen
Jenny Fierman
Susana Nardea Gorelick
Charles Haberman
Helen Haberman
Yaakov Havakuk
Samuel Taylor



MARCH 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 3 23 Adar I 9:00 AM Minyan 9:30 AM Netivot Open House 7:30 PM Minyan	 4 24 Adar I 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Open House 7:30 PM Minyan	 5 25 Adar I 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Open House 7:30 PM Minyan	 6 26 Adar I 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Open House 7:30 PM Minyan	All events subject to change. Please read B'keshet for the latest status. 7 27 Adar I 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	8 28 Adar I 8:00 AM Minyan 5:50 PM Candle lighting 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 9 29 Adar I 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Vayakhel) 11:15 AM Torah Club & Auntie A's Shabbat Family Jam 6:52 PM Havdalah **Women's Network Shabbat**	2 22 Adar I 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Ki Tisa) 6:45 PM Havdalah
10 30 Adar I 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Rosh Chodesh Adar II	1 1 Adar II 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Rosh Chodesh Adar II	2 2 Adar II 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	3 3 Adar II 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	4 4 Adar II 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	5 5 Adar II 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments 6:57 PM Candle Lighting	16 6 Adar II 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Pekudei) Noon Michele Eisenberg Memorial Kiddush Luncheon 7:59 PM Havdalah
17 7 Adar II 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	8 8 Adar II 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	9 9 Adar II 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	10 10 Adar II 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	11 Adar II 5:50 AM Fast Begins 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan 7:54 PM Fast Ends ☆ Ta'anit Esther	22 12 Adar II 8:00 AM Minyan 5:00 PM EFN Family Dinner 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:04 PM Candle Lighting	23 13 Adar II 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Zachor) 10:30 AM Torah Club 11:15 AM Auntie A's Shabbat Family Jam 8:06 PM Havdalah 8:30 PM Purim Service & Megillah Reading Erev Purim
24 14 Adar II 8:15 AM Purim Morning Services & Megillah Reading 10:00 AM Purim Puppet Show 11:00 AM Purim Carnival 7:30 PM Minyan Purim	15 15 Adar II 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Shushan Purim	16 16 Adar II 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan 8:00 PM TI Board Meeting	17 17 Adar II 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	18 18 Adar II 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	29 19 Adar II 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 PM Shabbat Dinner 7:11 PM Candle Lighting	30 20 Adar II 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Parah) 8:13 PM Havdalah

APRIL 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
 <p>7 28 Adar II 9:00 AM Minyan 2:30 PM TI Teens Event w/Action Reconciliation Service for Peace 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>1 22 Adar II 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>2 23 Adar II 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>3 24 Adar II 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>4 25 Adar II 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>5 26 Adar II 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:18 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>6 27 Adar II 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Shmini) 8:20 PM Havdalah</p>	
<p>7 28 Adar II 9:00 AM Minyan 2:30 PM TI Teens Event w/Action Reconciliation Service for Peace 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>8 29 Adar II 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>9 1 Nisan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>10 2 Nisan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>11 3 Nisan 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>12 4 Nisan 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:25 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>13 5 Nisan 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Tazria) 11:15 AM Auntie A Shabbat Family Jam & Torah Club 8:26 PM Havdalah</p>	
<p>14 6 Nisan 9:00 AM Minyan 9:30 AM Children's Seder 10:30 AM Women's Network Book Group 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>15 7 Nisan 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>16 8 Nisan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan 8:00 PM TI Board Meeting</p>	<p>17 9 Nisan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>18 10 Nisan 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>19 11 Nisan 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:32 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>20 12 Nisan 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Metzora) 8:33 PM Havdalah</p>	
<p>21 13 Nisan 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>22 14 Nisan 4:55 AM Fast Begins 7:00 AM Morning Minyan 8:00 AM Siyum B'Chorim 10:51 AM Final Eating of Chametz Noon Final Burning of Chametz 7:30 PM NO MINYAN 7:35 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>23 15 Nisan 9:45 AM Minyan 7:30 PM NO Minyan 8:36 PM Candle Lighting Time TBD Community Seder</p>	<p>24 16 Nisan 9:45 AM Minyan 8:37 PM Havdalah 8:45 PM Minyan</p>	<p>25 17 Nisan 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>26 18 Nisan 7:15 AM Chol HaMoed Morning Minyan 6:00 PM Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat 7:39 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>27 19 Nisan 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services 11:15 AM Auntie A's Shabbat Family Jam 8:33 PM Havdalah</p>	
<p>28 20 Nisan 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan 7:41 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>29 21 Nisan 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Passover Day 7 Minyan 7:30 PM Yom Tov Evening Minyan 8:42 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>30 22 Nisan 9:15 AM Preliminary Service 9:30 AM Passover Day 8 Minyan 11:00 AM Yizkor 8:43 PM Havdalah 8:45 PM Maariv 9:15 PM Chametz Return</p>	<p>31 23 Nisan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>Note: The ECC will be closed for Spring Break over Passover. The TI Office is not open on Shabbat or Yom Tov.</p>			<p>All events subject to change. Please read B'ksher for the latest status.</p>



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And the Work Goes On: Status Report of Capital Campaign

BY CAROL CHELEMER AND HOWARD WILCHINS,
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRS

We are pleased to report that our capital campaign success already has allowed us to make much-needed major repairs to our building. Our most recent investment of about \$65,000 permitted us to repair the roof to extend its useful service life. Special thanks to our friend and fellow congregant Alan Apter for continuing to serve as project manager.

The next priority is for replacement of two of the HVAC units in the main building. They are significantly past their useful service lives and replacement parts are no longer available to repair them. So we all need to pitch in and pay our second-year commitments on our three-year pledges for this work to begin. Kudos to everyone who has already fulfilled that commitment and thank you in advance to those who will do so shortly.

The success of our capital replacement campaign is further proof that we belong to a dedicated and functional Jewish community. Together, we are investing in a Jewish future.

