



## Board Election, Budget on Ballot at Congregational Meeting

Members of Tikvat Israel will be asked to elect five members to the synagogue's board and to weigh the merits of a spending plan for 2024-25 at a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 30.

The meeting will run from 10 a.m. to about noon in the sanctuary. It will be accessible via the *shul's* Zoom connection for those unable to be there in person, enabling them to vote on the 2025 fiscal year budget and the board candidates.

The parameters and priorities of the new operating budget will be finalized in early June and shared with congregation members before they cast their votes on the spending proposal.

This will represent the first Tikvat Israel budget that relies on a new fiscal model with voluntary annual pledges by congregants at the core.

In terms of the board election, the incumbents completing their terms in June are Jenny Gendel, Jay P. Goldman, Monica Meyer, Abioye Mosheim Oyewole and Amy Sanders. Oyewole joined the board in February to fill the final five months of the berth

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## With Dues Transition, Members Will Pledge Support to Sustain TI

BY BOB SILVERSTEIN, MEMBER, DUES TRANSITION TASK FORCE

As Tikvat Israel approaches the end of the 2023-24 fiscal year, congregants can expect successful introduction of a new financial model that relies on voluntary annual pledges from congregants.

The congregation's Dues Transition Task Force has made great progress to ensure a smooth transition to the new model, which takes effect July 1.

The new voluntary pledge model relies on congregants (and potential congregants) receiving a clear explanation of what it costs to operate Tikvat Israel over a full year and then asking each member to make a monetary pledge. Each member's pledge will reflect a commitment to Tikvat Israel and based on their personal financial circumstances.

Members will be asked in the coming weeks to commit by early June to an amount with which they are comfortable. The new financial system eliminates the need for the annual High Holidays Appeal, the *Chai* Campaign and the mandatory building security fee. No longer will there be a need for any member to seek a dues reduction or disclose any personal financial information.

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## 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</i>	(May)	6:00 p.m.
<i>Shabbat</i>	(June)	6:30 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
May 3-4	7:45 p.m.	8:47 p.m.
May 10-11	7:52 p.m.	8:54 p.m.
May 17-18	7:58 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
May 24-25	8:04 p.m.	9:06 p.m.
May 31-June 1	8:10 p.m.	9:11 p.m.
June 7-8	8:14 p.m.	9:15 p.m.
June 11*	8:16 p.m.	
June 12-13*	9:17 p.m.	9:18 p.m.
June 14-15	8:17 p.m.	9:18 p.m.
June 21-22	8:19 p.m.	9:20 p.m.
June 28-29	8:20 p.m.	9:20 p.m.

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## Join TI Members at Nationals Ballgame

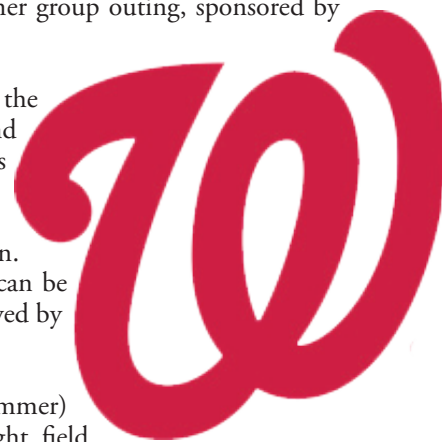
The baseball season has begun, and Tikvat Israel members again will visit the Washington Nationals ballpark for a mid-summer group outing, sponsored by TI's Women's Network.

A block of 50 tickets is available now for the Sunday, July 21 game between the Nationals and Cincinnati Reds. Game time is 1:35 p.m. Tickets are \$36 per person.

Reserve your tickets now at [rsalon@verizon.net](mailto:rsalon@verizon.net). Checks are payable to Rebecca Salon and can be mailed to her home address. Seats must be reserved by June 21, and payment is required by that date.

TI members will be seated (similar to last summer) in Section 227, between 1st base and the right field corner in an area shaded from the summer sun. We have the back three rows, including aisle seats, and five seats in the row behind those rows for people who need accessible seating along with their family and friends. Please let us know if you need accessible seating when you place your order. Also, let us know if there are people you want to sit near. We will accommodate as many requests as we can.

The Women's Network organizes this annual ballgame outing, which is open to TI members and their family and friends. Hope to see you there.



## Shul Shorts

### Caregiver Kiddush

TI's Caregiver *Kiddush* on May 18 will honor the hard work of all caregivers, those fighting against chronic illnesses, and those who have survived them. This *kiddush* also will be in memory of Michele Eisenberg. (See related story, page 7.) Registration information will be announced in *B'keshet*.

### Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments

The last KS with I of the year will take place on May 10 at 6 p.m., in person in the Flax Library. The service also will be available via livestream. The spirited service, led by Cantor Rochelle Helzner and instrumental friends, includes uplifting melodies, both traditional and new. A pre-service reception, co-sponsored by Ziva and Jerry Schuchman and by Edna and Daniel Breit, begins at 5:20 p.m.

### Yizkor Service

*Shavuot* falls on Tuesday evening, June 11, through Thursday, June 13. Service times will be announced in *B'keshet* and on the TI website. *Yizkor* will be recited on Thursday morning, June 13.

### Blood Drive

The next opportunity to donate blood at Tikvat Israel's social hall is slated for Wednesday, May 15, from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Register with the American Red Cross at <https://rcblood.org/41Kgf7S>. Contact Robbi Cohen at [peezer200@yahoo.com](mailto:peezer200@yahoo.com) with your questions.

### Exploring Love in Judaism

TI is cosponsoring a presentation by Rabbi Shai Held about the central themes of the book *Judaism Is About Love*, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20, at Kehilat Pardes in Rockville. The author will join Arna Poupko Fisher in a conversation on the centrality of love to the Jewish vision of ethics, spirituality and theology.

Register for this event at Hadar DC: [https://bit.ly/Hadar\\_shai\\_book](https://bit.ly/Hadar_shai_book)

# Cantor's Concert June 9 to Feature Trio Sefardi's Sephardic Flavors

Tikvat Israel will celebrate its annual Cantor's Concert with a performance by Trio Sefardi at 7 p.m. on Sunday, June 9, in the social hall.

The event also serves as an occasion to honor TI's immediate past president, Warren Berger, for his many years of devoted service to our congregation.

For tickets and sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.tikvatisrael.org/concert](http://www.tikvatisrael.org/concert). Sponsorship levels range from \$180 to \$5,000. The annual event serves as the single largest fund-raising event at Tikvat Israel.

Trio Sefardi's lineup is as follows: Susan Gaeta, lead vocals and guitar; Tina Chancey, backup vocals and viola da gamba; and Howard Bass, lute and guitar.

The renowned Trio Sefardi's songs will take concertgoers into the wonderful world of the Ladino (Judeo-Español) language,



**Trio Sefardi will be the guest artists at the annual Cantor's Concert on June 9 at the synagogue.**

the language spoken by Jews of Spain even before the Jews were forcibly expelled from Spain in 1492, and now by some of their descendants. Trio Sefardi's unique songs recreate musical styles, traditions, and rhythms, and infuse bits of the language from the many host countries Jews eventually were forced or, at a minimum, compelled to leave.

The group's *Sephardic Roots and Branches* repertoire draws on music from the former Yugoslavia, Greece, Bulgaria, Turkey and North Africa, with an emphasis on traditional and original songs they learned from their mentor, the late world-renowned Bosnian-born singer/composer Flory Jagoda, whose memory they honor with their music.

Concert organizers said the music will be uplifting and joyous!

Fortuna Scheige serves as chair of the 2024 Cantor's Concert.

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held by Howard Dickenson. The others served out two-year terms.

Goldman and Oyewole have indicated their interest in serving another term. The other three were undecided about running for reelection at *Bulletin* press time.

As past president, Warren Berger is chair of the nominating committee.

The officer positions and other board seats will be up for election a year from now. The individuals holding those positions are Sally Kram and Beth Smith, co-presidents; Keith Brooks, Rachel Laveer and Judy Stern, vice presidents; Barry Lipsy, treasurer; Ira Benzion, financial secretary; and Melissa Apter, recording secretary. Board members with another year to serve are Felicia R. Black, Mark Diamond and Roni Silverstein.

Three berths on the Fund for the Future's governing body also will be filled by congregants at the June meeting. FFF terms are ending for Ellen Eisner, Rebecca Salon, and Fortuna Scheige.

A full report on those elected to the governing body will appear in the July-August issue of the *Bulletin*.

## DINNER PREP CONTINGENT



Forty-five individuals enjoyed a *Shabbat* evening dinner following services on Friday, March 29. Among those who helped with the dinner prep and other arrangements were (from left): Hilda Springer, Sonia Friedman, Ellen Solomon, Mel and Anita Brenner, Roz Kram, Marvin Kasper, Dan and Felicia Black. Watch for an announcement in *B'Keshet* of the next *Shabbat* group dinner at TI in May.

## DUES TRANSITION, continued from page 1

### A Sustaining Amount

Individuals are expected to make their pledges based on a fuller understanding of what it costs to maintain our congregation. Our financial officers have determined a cost-per-member, or sustaining amount, that will better clarify our operating expenses. Simply, the sustaining amount is calculated on the overall operating costs for such things as staff and clergy salaries, building maintenance and utilities and programming throughout the year.

The total costs then are reduced by major expected sources of revenue (such as the proceeds of the Early Childhood Center and projected contribution from the Fund for the Future). The adjusted total cost figure is then divided by the number of expected adult members to generate the sustaining amount necessary to support the needs of Tikvat Israel. The sustaining amount for this year would have been approximately \$2,500 per adult member (\$5,000 per two-adult household); we expect it to increase for next year.

The sustaining amount is not a minimum contribution but can be used as a guidepost to help each member understand the needs of the synagogue when they determine their annual pledge.

### The Model's Merits

The voluntary aspect is expected to encourage younger individuals and couples to consider joining TI without facing a financial hurdle, and will also welcome those on fixed incomes.

Everyone who fulfills a pledge will enjoy full access to the many benefits of membership, including High Holiday seats, educational opportunities, the services of our rabbi and cantor and much more. What the annual pledges will not include are tickets for the Cantor's Concert, individual contributions for *yahrzeits*, and costs for dinners and other ticketed events.

Following the recommendations of the Strategic Plan that was adopted in June 2022, TI members overwhelmingly approved the use of a new financial model to replace a tiered structure of annual dues for membership. Nearly 40 congregations around the country have successfully adopted this model, and more continue to do so each year.

Appointed by the current co-presidents, the Dues Transition Task Force was created to implement the plan. The members of the Task Force are co-chairs Warren and Arlene Berger, Betty Fishman, Spencer Lane, and Roni and Bob Silverstein. The task force immediately began working on four elements necessary to implement the change. Those were a review of the financial and budgetary implications of the new structure; how best to communicate the new dues plan to members and potential members; the impact the change will have on office functions; and any necessary changes to the synagogue's bylaws. Work on each of these areas has been ongoing.

### What's Next

All current members can expect a personalized letter and fiscal statement showing the three-year average of what that member (or member household) has paid to Tikvat Israel for dues, Chai Campaign, High Holiday Appeal and security fees. It will not include contributions to the Capital Campaign, though we hope

that support will be considered when each member or member household calculates their annual pledge of support for the coming year.

The mailing to each congregant will include a form on which to indicate whether to voluntarily commit to the same level of support as the average over the last three years or to increase or decrease support based on personal circumstances. The form will enable members to request an optional meeting with a task force member to gain a better understanding of the new financial model as they determine an appropriate pledge amount. We ask that the completed forms be returned to the synagogue office by June 3.

Hopefully, Warren Berger's lengthy article in the March-April issue of the *Bulletin*, and the information in this issue, have provided each member with a full yet concise explanation of the voluntary pledge model. It is a program that will carry Tikvat Israel strongly into the future through its openness and responsiveness to the needs of its members.

## Voluntary Pledge Commitment in a Nutshell

BY WARREN BERGER, CO-CHAIR,  
DUES TRANSITION TASK FORCE

This new model is a simple and practical annual commitment that entrusts congregants to sustain Tikvat Israel Congregation each year.

In essence, your pledge will replace the following items from previous years:

- Membership dues and fees (notably, the annual security fee);
- Chai Campaign contributions (which no longer will be conducted as a separate fund-raising program); and
- High Holiday/*Kol Nidre* Appeal pledges.

Your pledge will not include the miscellaneous donations you may give throughout the year, such as cantor concert donations, *yahrzeit* donations, donations to the *kiddush* fund or another donor fund in honor of an individual, and ticketed dinners.

To sustain our facilities, programs, staff and services in 2024-25, Tikvat Israel's leadership estimates it will cost more than \$2,500 (which would have been the amount for this year) per adult member. This is an estimate as the budget for next year has not been finalized. Members will receive more details when the budget and the actual *sustaining amount* are available in the next few weeks. We will not be setting your required financial contribution at the sustaining amount. You will be billed only what you pledge.

Our hope is each member family will commit to an annual financial contribution that reflects their unique situation and the value they affix to being a member, so that together we will be able to raise the amount of funds needed to meet Tikvat Israel's needs next year and to position our synagogue to be financially strong in the future.

## RABBI'S CORNER

# Embracing the Unknown

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



As with much of life, this *Bulletin* operates on its own schedule, independent of anything else that is happening. Editors Jay Goldman and Betty Fishman and the other volunteers who work on it are committed to putting together a quality product each issue. This requires time for editing, layout, proofing, production and mailing to ensure it arrives in your mailbox on or just before the first day of the month. Therefore, articles are due a full month ahead of the publication date.

Most of the time, this is not difficult – there is enough predictability to our programmatic and holiday calendars to find a topic that can be written in advance and still feel fresh and relevant when you receive it.

This issue is different for me. I had to submit this column before taking my month-long sabbatical, knowing it will arrive just before I return. Therefore, I was left in the strange position of trying to share an experience that has not yet occurred. This is the first time I've had a sabbatical, and the first time I've spent a month living (and not touring) in Israel in 30 years. Not only is the experience new, but the circumstances in Israel when I'm writing this may not look at all like what they will be when I return.

God willing, there may be a cease-fire agreement and all the hostages will be returned. Or Israel may be deeply mired in an operation in Rafah to root out Hamas and feeling further isolated from the world. The production calendar of the *Bulletin* makes it impossible for me to share what I most want to say to you at this moment.

While trying to work through this quandary, I realized the feeling that the calendar is off-kilter is a quintessential part of the Jewish experience. We usually express it by talking about whether the holidays are “early” or “late” this year. I've rarely heard anyone say that *Rosh Hashanah* is “on time.” And because this is a leap year, you are receiving this issue just as *Pesach* concluded – something we don't normally associate with the beginning of May.

Ironically, despite this year's observances of *Yom HaZikaron* and *Yom Ha'atzmaut* falling on the exact same day in both the Jewish and the secular calendar – May 14 and the 6<sup>th</sup> of *Iyar* – many of us may feel our observance of these days is even more out-of-sync with our neighbors than usual. While we cannot know what the situation will be on the ground, we can be certain this year's commemoration may be the most difficult, and perhaps most important, of Israel's existence.

In the past year, nearly 2,000 Israelis were killed by terrorists or in combat. To put this number in context, it is the equivalent of 82,500 Americans, in terms of percentage of the population. For every family in Israel, this *Yom HaZikaron* will feature a greater sense of personal loss than ever before.

At the same time, the myriad of issues that Israel faces – lack of faith in the government, a broken sense of trust in the ability of the IDF and intelligence to protect its citizens, bitter fights resuming between the religious and secular communities over mandatory military service, and the continued debates over the role of the judiciary – make it more difficult to achieve the sense of unity and celebration associated with *Yom HaAtzmaut*. These are not mere political issues but existential issues about the future of the State of Israel. We don't know how the current situation will impact the *Yom HaAtzmaut* celebrations, but we know it will be different.

As we approach these coming days, many of us will feel a desire to express solidarity with Israel, but also be concerned about feeling more isolated from neighbors who cannot understand our connection. We will want to celebrate the resilience of the Jewish people, while taking time to mourn the loss of life and the loss of faith. And some of us may not wish to call attention to these days at all because our own feelings are so muddled at this moment.

I cannot tell you the best way for us to commemorate *Yom HaZikaron* and *Yom HaAtzmaut*. Somehow, I think that even if I had written this column the day before these commemorations, I still would not be certain. But I know it will be important to come together, to acknowledge our many (and perhaps contradictory) feelings and to allow space for the diversity of opinions that exists in our community, trusting that each of us is coming from a place of deep love and deep pain. If we can achieve these goals, I have confidence that whatever we do, we will get it “right.”

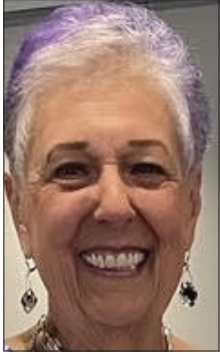
As we reminded ourselves at our recent *seders*, we cannot allow the fear of the unknown to prevent us from moving forward. The Israelites did not know the sea would split when they began to walk into the water. David Ben Gurion and the founders of the state did not know if they would succeed in establishing a State of Israel when they declared its independence on May 14, 1948. But they knew the alternative – not to act – would be far worse. Regardless of whether we feel prepared for a particular moment, we must do the best we can with the information we have, and pray the rest will be OK.

I hope you will join in our commemoration of the Israel *Yamim* this month, in whatever form they may take. And I look forward to sharing my experience with you at the appropriate time. More details to follow.

## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

# There's a Space for You at the Leadership Table

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



Beth Smith

Springtime for the Jewish people is a time of joy. The season opens with the recitation of the *Megillah* as we learn once again about the wisdom and valor of Queen Esther. We then move to *Pesach* where we recite the story of the Exodus around our *seder* tables. The Exodus story, of course, culminates with the wonder of *Shavuot* as we contemplate the gift of *Torah* that is our people's legacy. We are, after all, the People of the Book.



Sally Kram

Threaded through all these biblical stories are lessons in leadership. Esther, an orphan who was raised far from the city, rose up to lead, with King Ahasuerus, a vast kingdom. And then there is Moses, who started life in the palace of the Pharaoh but came to be the greatest leader the world has ever seen, bringing his people out of the wilderness to Israel and bringing the Ten Commandments to the Jews.

Along the way we hear about lesser leaders such as King Saul, who we read about during *Purim* services. King Saul famously defied G-d. When commanded to kill all the Amalekites and their livestock, he spared the life of the Amalekite king and took the tribe's best livestock, apparently for himself.

What lessons can we learn from all these leaders?

From Esther, we learn the value of bravery. We see her taking up a cause that appears helpless, and showing steely resolve in reaching her goal to protect her people. Queen Esther did not know how her husband, the king, would respond to her dinner invitation much less how her denunciation of the most powerful non-royal man in Persia would go.

Similarly, Moses took on the role of leading his people at a time of their greatest peril—their flight from slavery to freedom. With his words and resolve, he moved the most powerful man in the world to let the Jews go, and then kept the Israelites together through their wanderings in the desert. He then fearlessly stood before G-d to receive the laws and covenant that have guided the Jewish people ever since.

The stories of these kings, queens and prophets guide us in our thinking about leadership. Leading a *shul* like Tikvat Israel is in no way like co-leading a vast kingdom like Persia or single-handedly bringing a people out of slavery. But on a much smaller scale, leading a synagogue involves elements of leadership these three figures exemplify.

From Esther, we learn to listen to the wise members of our community (like Mordechai) and take prompt action. From Moses we learn that even if we do not feel equipped, we can

implement our vision. And from Saul, we learn what to do and even more importantly what *not* to do.

Saul was a warrior who successfully led his people and was skillful in battle. But at a critical time—when he was asked by G-d why he did not completely slay his enemies and why he did take their best livestock, quite probably for himself—he blamed his soldiers. Then he lied saying that he planned to sacrifice the animals to G-d. The story of Saul teaches us that being a leader means taking responsibility and telling the truth, even when it is scary to do so.

Revising bylaws and setting up a new dues policy is hardly the stuff of nation building. But in the small world of Tikvat Israel, it involves completing sacred work in testament to G-d. Supporting Tikvat Israel through your vision and volunteering is part of that sacred work. But also part of the sacred work is avoiding pitfalls, such as anonymously criticizing leadership to your friends or blaming others for projects that might have succeeded with just a few more hands.

Like Queen Esther, Moses and even King Saul answered the call when asked, you can join a committee, run for a seat on the governing board or even serve as an officer. Be a king, a queen or a prophet in your own Tikvat Israel community. We'll make a space for you at the table.

## Mazel Tov

... to **Gabrielle Matuzsan and Aaron Krupkin** on the birth of their daughter, Madeline Dorothy.

... to **Shirley Waxman** on the birth of two great grandchildren: Thomas Waite, son of Andrew Waite and Kaitlin Burgos, and Raeya Waite, daughter of Jess Sahota and Benjy Waite.

## Congregational Condolences

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

**Larry Berger and Warren Berger** on the loss of their sister/aunt, Elaine Moses.

**Shirley Bogage**, on the loss of her husband, Joseph Bogage.

# Michele Eisenberg Leaves Legacy of Light and Torah

BY SAM GILSTON

Many people leave memories when they pass away, but few leave concrete gifts that are visible every day and permanently enhance a synagogue, as Michele Eisenberg, ז"ל, did. In her will, Michele directed her estate to donate \$110,000 to Tikvat Israel, with special instructions for some of that money to go to the installation of new lighting in the sanctuary and on the *bima*.

In addition to the lighting, Michele, who died on Oct. 5, 2022, provided \$36,000 to go to the Capital Campaign and for \$45,000 to be contributed to the Fund for the Future for an annual *Shabbat Kiddush* dedicated to her memory.

Michele and her late husband Steve, ז"ל, were active members of our congregation for many years before their deaths. On Fridays, Michele could be found in the sanctuary organizing *siddurim* and *chumashim* in paired sets at every seat. She was a regular attendee at *minyanim*, wrote parodies for *Purim*, as well as her much-loved poetic spoofs for Friday *minyanim*, and, perhaps most important, read *Torah* at *Shabbat* and holiday services.

As Rabbi Marc Israel noted in his eulogy at her funeral: "Throughout her life she developed an inner strength, one which she needed to draw upon and expand when Steve died five years ago, also at this time of year. This was a seismic loss, one from which she never fully recovered, but as a rock, she was shaken but not broken. And she then became a rock for so many others."

Michele and Steve "found one another and built a beautiful and loving marriage together," Rabbi Israel said. "They lived in their home for 35 years and developed many deep friendships, so many of whom are here today," he added.

Michele's concern about the lighting in the sanctuary stemmed from her role reading *Torah* on a regular basis. "Michele served as a long-time member of the *Yad Squad* — as one of four volunteers who assign weekly *Shabbat Torah* readings for three months and one festival each calendar year," Susan Apter recalls.

"Prior to the lighting getting fixed, *Torah* readers experienced issues with the Hebrew letters appearing 'shiny' or with glare that made the words difficult to read unless one was positioned directly over the words themselves. This was particularly troublesome for shorter readers," she adds. "One would need to pull out one of the boxes stored beneath the *shulchan* [to stand on]."

"The new lighting has been wonderful—no squinting at the letters or excessive leaning over the *Torah* scroll—very crisp and clear! A few months ago, I was talking to a fellow *Torah* reader about the lighting improvements, and she remarked she wished Michele would have had the opportunity to enjoy it. We are grateful for her 'pay it forward' gift," Apter says.

Jason Schwartz remembers that Michele "was instrumental in ensuring that we had volunteers signed up to help our community



Michele Eisenberg

fulfill the important *mitzvah* of publicly reading the *Torah*."

He also notes the problems with lighting on the *bima*. "I believe some attempts were made to correct the issue by adjusting the lights, but nothing truly solved it. Michele's generous bequest to fully replace the sanctuary lighting has made a world of difference," Schwartz adds.

"The new LED fixtures over the *bima* provide light that is bright and diffuse with no glare, enabling *Torah* readers to see the text clearly. Congregants seated in the sanctuary also benefit from the more even lighting, which minimizes shadows and provides a much more pleasant experience

following along in the prayer book or *chumash*," Schwartz says.

Michele's life and legacy are a model many of us can emulate. If you are interested in making a donation to the Fund for the Future now, or as part of your estate planning, contact Fund Chairman Larry Gorban for more information on how you can do that.

Other giving opportunities may also be available.

## THE OUTDOORS HAVURAH GOES INSIDE

BY BRENDA BROOKS

The Outdoors *Havurah* enjoyed going to a beautiful orchid exhibit in downtown D.C. on March 10.

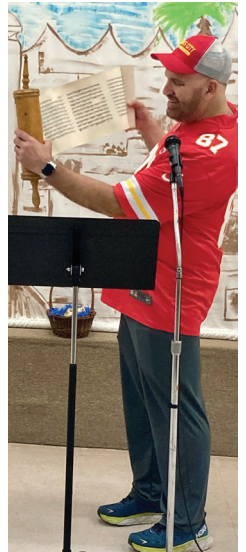
The exhibit, which was called "The Future of Orchids: Conservation and Collaboration," was co-sponsored by the Smithsonian Gardens and the U.S. Botanical Gardens. It was located in an indoor courtyard that's between the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the National Portrait Gallery.

The exhibit's focus was on the future of orchids and orchid conservation, particularly for species in the wild that need to be protected. Besides enjoying the flowers, our group explored the wonderful art inside the museums. It was a lovely day to enjoy the beauty of orchids and art, as well as each other's company.

The *havurah* plans for its next event to be outdoors. If you are interested in joining this group, contact me at [bbrooksx@gmail.com](mailto:bbrooksx@gmail.com).

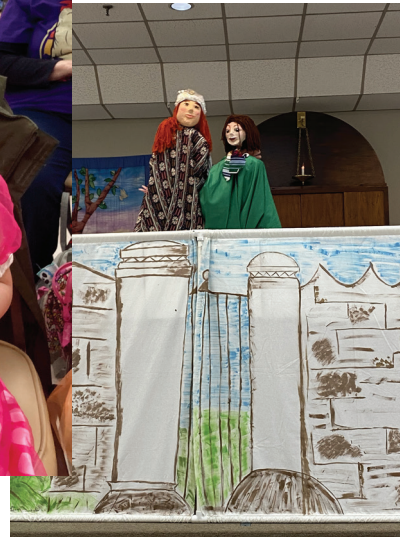


Nine members of the Outdoors *Havurah* at TI went indoors on a winter outing.



## PURIM FUN AT THE SHUL

Dozens of Tikvat Israel families enjoyed the annual *Purim* Puppet Show, which was managed by Rachel Laveer with help from an array of volunteers. The stick puppets delivered an entertaining tale of Shushan, and many of those attending came in costume. Among the more notable characters in attendance were Esther Bunny, played by Cantor Rochelle Helzner, and pro football player Travis Kelce (better known as Taylor Swift's boyfriend), portrayed by Rabbi Marc Israel. (Photos by Felicia R. Black and Rachel Laveer).





# The Art of the Pastry



Beth Smith, one of TI's co-presidents, ran a hands-on workshop on *hamantaschen* baking in the Tikvat Israel kitchen in the leadup to *Purim*. The activity was especially appealing to families with young bakers, who got to take home some of the fruity pastries they created with Smith's helping hands. Among those who participated were Rebecca Eisenberg, shown above with her two children, Lenna and Faith, and in the top photo with Beth Smith (right) and Laura Oremland and her daughter.

## WOMEN'S NETWORK

# Women's Network Wraps Up Another Successful Year of Programming

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

Women's Network is proud of its very successful Spring events, including our Shelly Goldin *Shabbat* service, speaker and lunch on March 9, our *Purim Mishloach Manot* project, and the April 14 book group discussion. The speaker at our special *Shabbat* service was Shira Zemel, who is from the National Council of Jewish Women. She gave an enlightening and inspirational talk about reproductive rights and abortion access.

Our *Purim Mishloach Manot* program was also a big hit. Each congregant received a bag, and in return, we were rewarded with their heartfelt appreciation. We also enjoyed our in-person book discussion of *The Postcard* by Anne Berest, which was led by Beth Smith. Thank you to all our volunteers who made our spring programs so successful. We couldn't hold these events without you.

Turning to May and June, Women's Network has a calendar full of events. We hope you can join us as we round off the year's programs and plan for future activities.

On Sunday, May 5, at 10:30 a.m., there will be a *Rosh Chodesh* learning program led by Rabbah Arlene Berger. This session will focus on *midrashim* written by women. Reading these women's *midrashim* allows us to connect with their thoughts from a feminine perspective. We also will explore how they differ from the *midrashim* written by men. This session's topic fits into the Women's League for Conservative Judaism's Torah Fund theme of "*Kol Yisrael Arevim Zeh Ba'zeh*," meaning "All the people of Israel are responsible for one another." As Jews, one of the ways that we understand the world and each other is through examining sacred text, and then applying what we've learned to our lives through our actions.

On Sunday, May 19, the Women's League Seaboard Region Spring Conference and Installation ceremony will be held at Congregation Har Shalom in Potomac from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. It also will be available on Zoom. In the morning, the topic of "Caring for Ourselves and Our Community" will be presented from various approaches by women who are experts in their fields. In the afternoon, there will be *Torah* study and a *Minchah* service, followed by the installation of new Seaboard Region officers. Registration is required, and must be done through the following weblink: <https://wlcj2.org/ul?K1c6453e>. For further information, including registration fees, refer to the Women's Network weekly e-newsletters.

Our last May program is on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup>—a guided tour of the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C. There will be a one-hour building tour at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 30-minute tour of the special exhibit "I'll Have What She's Having: The Jewish Deli." The tour will be followed by an optional lunch at Jack's Deli near the museum. Registration and pre-payment are required. The registration weblink, payment information and other details can be found in the Women's Network weekly e-newsletters.

On Sunday, June 2, at 10:30 a.m., there will be an in-person book group discussion of *Out of Egypt* by Andre Aciman. The discussion at the *shul* will be led by Sara Harris. This book is a richly colored memoir that follows the exploits of a flamboyant Jewish family, from its bold arrival in cosmopolitan Alexandria to its defeated exodus three generations later. In an elegant and witty way, the author introduces readers to the marvelous eccentrics

who shaped his life. We get to know the boy who does not want to be led out of Egypt forever, even as he longs for a wider world.

Also planned for June (date to be determined), the Women's Network will meet in person to discuss activities for our next program year, which will start in the fall. Check your weekly e-mails for the date and location, and bring your ideas for future events to the meeting.

Lastly, we have a date for our annual "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at the Nationals Park. Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 21, at 1:35 p.m., for a game between the Washington Nationals and Cincinnati Reds. You don't want to miss this fun-filled day! (See page 2 for details.)

We look forward to seeing our Women's Network members at our events. If you are not yet a member, you are welcome to register for a program and try it out. We think you will enjoy it and hopefully will consider joining Women's Network in the near future.



### **Mishloach Manot**

Thanks much for the lovely *Purim* bags. The Women's Network did a great job putting them together and delivering them.

*Mimi Meltzer*

Many thanks for an excellent job! The little gifts were all wonderful, and it was so thoughtful to have them delivered right to our doors.

*Judy Davis*

Thank you for the lovely surprise I received the other day. Not only did it remind me of Sisterhood and how it has grown these past years, it is a lovely way to celebrate the holiday. You went out of your way and I appreciate it.

*Barbara Reiner*

### **Purim Tzedakah Collection**

Thank you to the entire congregation for being so generous during our *Purim Tzedakah* collection in March.

A total of \$588.47 was collected. This, however, does not include any funds pledged online from congregants seeking to contribute that way. Thank you, Tikvat!

*David Gantz*

*Chair, Tzedakah Havurah*

### **Minyan Contributions**



For those without cash, you may use this QR code, our virtual *pushke*. It will take you to our online donation page. Please select *Tzedakah* Fund in the in the pull-down menu for Type.

Thank you!

*The Tikvat Israel Tzedakah Havurah*

# Israel-Themed *Mishloach Manot* Delight Congregants

Tikvat Israel's Women's Network oversaw the congregation-wide *mishloach manot* project for the second consecutive year, ensuring that bags of *Purim* treats were delivered to all local member households ahead of the March holiday.

Thanks to the increased participation and generosity of congregants, every local congregant household, Early Childhood Center family, school staff member, building staff member, and our clergy received a full bag of *Purim* treats. *Mishloach manot* designated for donation were gratefully received by residents of the Ring House.

Feedback was overwhelmingly positive for the Israel-themed *mishloach manot*. Fruit, Ego milk chocolate bars, Bissli, Kedem

biscuits, tea and, of course, *hamantaschen*, fulfilled the holiday commandment to send portions of food to friends. Each bag came with an updated iconic blue Jewish National Fund *tzedakah* box, parsley seeds (to enjoy homegrown greens at your *seder!*), an Israeli flag, and a TI-logo car (or refrigerator) magnet. The reusable bag can be colored using fabric markers or paints.

Proceeds from the *mishloach manot* campaign will be donated to non-profit organizations that align with this year's theme and with the values of Women's Network. Locally, donations were allocated for Manna Food Center, HIAS and the Tikvat Israel library, where it will be used to make the library's catalog searchable through TI's website (a project Janice Rosenberg has championed). Additional donations were allocated for Israeli organizations: Magen David Adom, as well as Leket Israel—the National Food Bank, an Israeli food rescue non-profit that collects and directs food to those in need.

Preparing and distributing 300 holiday bags was possible only through the work of many volunteers and the support of the clergy and professional staff. Women's Network is thankful for the efforts of the *Mishloach Manot* Planning Committee: Melissa Apter, Janice Balin, Sheri Brown, Ellie Diamond, Roz Kram and Amy Matathias. Thank you to the congregants who put together and/or delivered bags: Alan and Susan Apter, Melissa Apter, Janice and Bob Balin, Brenda Brooks, Aaron Chusid, Mark and Ellie Diamond, Larry Gorban, Rabbi Marc Israel, Paula Kasper, Ellen Lederman, Amy and Dan Matathias, Jim Perlmutter, Jason and Lis Schwartz, and Roni Silverstein.

We are deeply appreciative of all the volunteers who gave of their time and talents to ensure that every household could benefit from this *Purim mitzvah!*



Volunteers produced 300 *Purim* bags ahead of the holiday. Shown (from left): Susan Apter, Mark Diamond, Amy Matathias, Paula Kasper, Melissa Apter and Ellie Diamond. (Photo by Janice Balin)



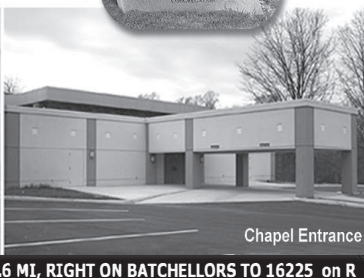
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## EXPLORING ROSH CHODESH THROUGH A MONTHLY MOON MANUAL

Five women from TI met in the home of Janaki Kuruppu on Feb. 11, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of *Adar I*, to inaugurate the Rockville Well Circle and to celebrate *Rosh Chodesh*.



The inspiration for this gathering was the organization At The Well, a D.C.-based group that started promoting *Rosh Chodesh* Well Circles in 2015 and transitioned to leading virtual online Global Well Circles, which are available online every month. Kuruppu attended a few of the virtual Global Gatherings and thought the idea was worth bringing to TI.

During a second meeting, on March 10, for *Adar II*, the group continued to explore the format and consider programming ideas. At The Well ([www.atthewellproject.com](http://www.atthewellproject.com)) provides a Moon Manual each month, available about a week before *Rosh Chodesh*, and Kuruppu says the group has been using that as a guide. The outline usually includes candle lighting with a stated intention or blessing, a time of journaling, a guided meditation and some text study.

The sessions last approximately 90 minutes.

For more information, contact Kuruppu at 301-509-1895 or [jkuruppu@gmail.com](mailto:jkuruppu@gmail.com). You can join the Google Group listserv to get updates and news. Let her know if you would like to be added.

## EDUCATION AND YOUTH

# Netivot Religious School Grows; Last Shabbat Dinners Set

BY JUDY STERN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION



Tikvat Israel's Sunday morning religious school program will be expanding in September. Classes will be open for students entering kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades in the fall.

Children and their parents have given high marks to this year's program. Gale Pressman, the *Netivot* teacher, has provided a well-rounded, fun curriculum, which includes learning about Jewish holidays and customs, Bible stories, introduction to Hebrew reading and plenty of hands-on learning.

Registration is due by June 1. Parents do not need to be members of the synagogue to enroll their children in this program. For further information and to register, use this link: <https://www.tikvatisrael.org/learning/netivot-religious-school>

If you have questions, contact Rabbi Marc Israel at [rabbi@tikvatisrael.org](mailto:rabbi@tikvatisrael.org) or Judy Stern at [judymstern7@gmail.com](mailto:judymstern7@gmail.com).

### Shabbat Dinners

Our last two *Shabbat* dinners for families of young children this school year will be held on May 17 and June 7.

Families with young children are welcome to join us at Tikvat Israel for early *Shabbat* dinners, together with other families in our community. Check *B'Keshet* for further information and registration.

## Books on Jewish Art Available at Flax Library

BY JANICE ROSENBERG, LIBRARY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Have you always wanted to see the Jerusalem windows by Marc Chagall or view the treasures in the Israel Museum? Are you interested in learning about the history of Jewish art? Are you fascinated by Jewish artists, such as Camille Pissarro, Louise Nevelson or Mark Rothko?

The Herman J. Flax Library can help you satisfy those curiosities with holdings of many books celebrating Judaism in art.

A few of the titles available are:

- *Ancient Jewish Art* by Gabrielle Sed-Rajna. The book describes in detail the development of symbols, images and styles in ancient Jewish art.
- *A Celebration of Judaism in Art* by Irene Korn. The book explains how Jewish traditions, laws and customs have produced a wealth of functional art.
- *Dora Holzhandler* by Philip Vann. This work traces the main events of Holzhandler's life and explores important themes in her paintings.
- *The Emergence of Jewish Artists in Nineteenth Century Europe* by Susan Tumarkin Goodman. The book explores every aspect of the role of Jewish artists within 19th-century European art.
- *The Jerusalem Windows* by Marc Chagall. This work showcases Chagall's magnificent stained-glass windows symbolizing the 12 ancient tribes of Israel.
- *Jewish Art* by Grace Cohen Grossman. The book presents a sweeping panorama of 3,000 years of artistic creativity.
- *Jewish Art Masterpieces from the Israel Museum* by Iris Fishof. This work highlights some of the Israel Museum's finest works.

- *Jewish Experience in the Art of the Twentieth Century* by Avram Kampf. The book includes artists and artwork that illustrate being Jewish in the 20th century.
- *Moments in Jewish Life: The Folk Art of Malcah Zeldis* by Yona Zeldis McDonough. This work presents a visual journey through the traditions and rituals of Jewish life.

To borrow a book from TI's library, send an email to [TikvatIsraelLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:TikvatIsraelLibrary@gmail.com) with the book's title, borrower's name and borrower's contact information. As a reminder, the library accepts book donations in good condition for relevant works published since 2000.

Happy reading!



# EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

## The Excitement of Holidays Plus *Matzah* Making

BY DEBBIE UNGAR, DIRECTOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



The ECC is full of excitement celebrating Jewish holidays. In anticipation of *Purim*, we had several theme days such as pajama day, favorite color day and crazy hair and hat day. The final dress-up day was on *Shushan Purim*, and the celebration culminated with a costume parade and carnival.

Families brought different foods corresponding with each of the theme days, which we donated to Manna Food. The pre-K children in the JSTEM class sorted all of the foods into the different categories, graphed their results and counted all of the items. A special thank you to Dan Matathias for delivering all of the food to Manna.

Rabbi Israel visited with the ECC and showed the students a real *megillah* and *Torah* scroll and compared them. The children enjoyed learning about the story and seeing the inside of a real *megillah*.

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

We invite families to join us in celebrating *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, Israel Independence Day, on Tuesday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m. There will be a parade and the children will perform Israeli dances led by the Israeli dance teacher Ms. Sharon.

Registration for the summer and 2024-25 school year is underway. We have limited spaces available. We currently have a waiting list for our Hebrew immersion and pre-K classes. Contact the ECC office at 301-251-0455 or Debbie Ungar at [debbie@tikvatIsrael.org](mailto:debbie@tikvatIsrael.org) if you would like more information or to schedule a tour.



Rabbi Israel showed off a *megillah* to the ECC pupils.

### TI Trio to Mark Holocaust Remembrance Locally

The Jewish Community Relations Council's 2024 Holocaust Commemoration at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 5, will involve several participants from Tikvat Israel. The program will be virtual, and you must request the remote link in advance.

The father-daughter team of Manny and Cantor Rochelle Helzner will perform the Partisan song, while Rabbi Marc Israel will give the opening *d'var Torah*.

More details about several Holocaust remembrance activities locally are available at [www.jcouncil.org/events/2024-holocaust-commemoration](http://www.jcouncil.org/events/2024-holocaust-commemoration).

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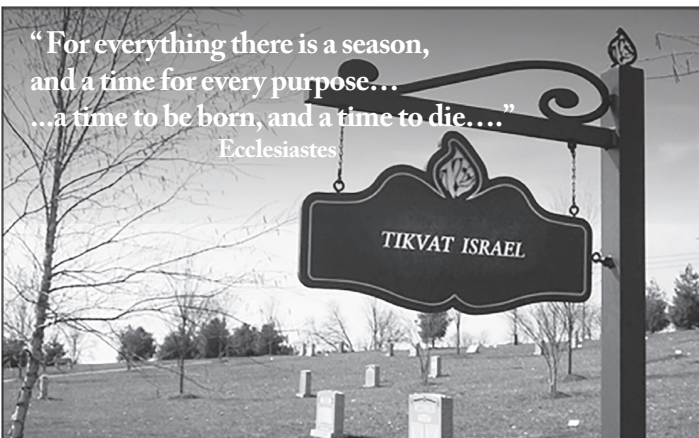
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## Two TI Youths to Mark *B'nai Mitzvah* in Spring

Tikvat Israel will be hosting its first *b'nai mitzvah* of 2024 in May and June.

Ethan Rabinovitch and Hava Chama will be called to the *Torah* during *Shabbat* services on May 25 and June 1, respectively.

Here's a little about each youth and their families.

### Ethan Rabinovitch

Ethan is the son of Fania Yangarber and Ido Rabinovitch. The family resides in the Manor Woods area of Rockville. Fania works at the Haberman Institute for Jewish Studies, located on the second floor of TI's education wing.



**Ethan's school:** 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School

**Personal interests:** Ethan loves sports. He is the goalie of an elite travel hockey team. He also loves to play baseball and soccer for his school, and plays basketball with friends whenever he gets the chance.

**Bar mitzvah project:** Ethan has been coaching the youngest goalies in the league in his spare time; he hopes to build community through sports.

**Sibling:** Avigail, 11.



### Hava Kunda Chama

Hava is the daughter of Alysha Beyer. Born in Thailand, Hava grew up in east and southern Africa and Asia and moved to the United States with her family four years ago. The family resides in Aspen Hill.



**Hava's school:** 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School

**Personal interests:** Hava loves to draw, especially fashion design and animation. She also enjoys playing soccer as a forward. Another favorite activity is theater, and she has performed in several Shakespeare plays, including *Macbeth* and *Much Ado About Nothing*.

**Bat mitzvah project:** Hava tutors low-income kids in her community.

**Siblings:** Brother Kasuba, 15, and sister Ndashi, 23.

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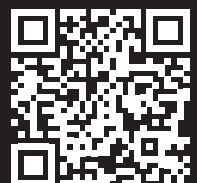
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**23 *NISAN***

Irv Apatoff  
Nathan Bloom  
Norman Goldman  
Isaac Kaplan  
Nadia Schuchman  
Jackie Tievy  
Daniel Wexler

**MAY 2**

**24 *NISAN***

Samuel Appel  
Norman Cohen  
Diane Finkelstein  
Ruthanne Osheroff

**MAY 3**

**25 *NISAN***

Lenore (Norrie) Kline Bain  
Maurice Levy

**MAY 4**

**26 *NISAN***

Dorothy Daffe  
Tillie Feldman  
Joseph Glucksman  
Faye Raff  
Nettie Waltzer  
Joseph Zalen

**MAY 5**

**27 *NISAN***

Ellis Goldman  
Julius Lifshutz  
Esdra Jose Morhaim ben Malkuna  
Meyer Puner  
Herbert Weinstein  
Oscar Zaccagni

**MAY 6**

**28 *NISAN***

Allan Beck  
Sarah Cowan  
Tillie Grand  
Evelyn Spector  
Marcelle Tangy  
Anna Teitelbaum  
Gertrude S. Van Aalten

**MAY 7**

**29 *NISAN***

Esther Duker Pollack  
Sidney Polster

**MAY 8**

**30 *NISAN***

Esther Engelstein  
Evelyn B. Kaplan  
Ethel Melmed  
Irving Suskin  
Paul Waltzer  
Sonnie Wolf  
Harry Yudkoff

**MAY 9**

**1 *IYAR***

William Dorfman  
David Fischer  
Herbert Horowitz  
Theodore Perlman  
Raula Stern  
Joseph Wagman  
Gary Yudkoff

**MAY 10**

**2 *IYAR***

Sarah Bachman  
Michael Chusid  
Isidore Cohen  
Louis Fainberg  
Harold Gorschman  
Morris Sirmai  
Hilda Klein Vinokur

**MAY 11**

**3 *IYAR***

Linda Bressler  
Frances Penenburgh  
Stella Suskind  
Ethel White

**MAY 12**

**4 *IYAR***

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

**MAY 13**

**5 *IYAR***

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

**MAY 14**

**6 *IYAR***

Herba DelMonte  
Harry Lifshutz  
Toba Ohr  
Harry Sneiderman  
Glenn Sohn

**MAY 15**

**7 *IYAR***

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

**MAY 16**

**8 *IYAR***

George Boroff  
Abraham Friedman  
Morris Gateman  
Louis Harrison  
Yaakov Lichter

**MAY 17**

**9 *IYAR***

Pauline Dunsmore  
Rachel Juni  
Samuel Lebowitz

**MAY 18**

**10 *IYAR***

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

**MAY 19**

**11 *IYAR***

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

**MAY 20**

**12 *IYAR***

David Fessler  
Lane Charles Godley-Davis  
Edna Gorfine  
Helyn Mulitz  
Celia Shetzlich  
Isadore Zeidman

**MAY 21**

**13 *IYAR***

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

**MAY 22**

**14 *IYAR***

Bertha Feinberg Abramson  
Bertha Apt  
Edith Pressman  
Liba Scheige  
Bernard Yudkoff

**MAY 23**

**15 *IYAR***

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

**MAY 24**

**16 *IYAR***

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

**MAY 25**

**17 *IYAR***

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

**MAY 26**

**18 *IYAR***

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

**MAY 27**

**19 *IYAR***

Morris Gisser  
Ethel Fox Gold  
Bernard Grob  
Bertha Luchs  
Helen Zitter

**MAY 28**

**20 *IYAR***

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

**MAY 29**

**21 *IYAR***

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

**MAY 30**

**22 *IYAR***

Lee Buchbinder  
Gladys Pearlstein  
Frieda Sneiderman

**MAY 31**

**23 *IYAR***

Dorothy Adelman  
Jennie Fischer  
Solomon Koricki  
David Rubin  
Anne Slonin



# Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose *Yahrzeits* Occur From from 24 *Iyar* through 24 *Sivan* — June 2024

**JUNE 1**

**24 IYAR**

Lillian Boker  
Evelyn Cutler Hersh  
Robin Freedman  
Ruth Grayson  
Bernice Elvin Meiselman  
Helen Raucher  
Rose Seligman

**JUNE 2**

**25 IYAR**

Abraham Plesset

**JUNE 3**

**26 IYAR**

Frank Goldstein  
William Hoffman  
Herbert Saul Rubinstein  
Abraham Schwartz  
Alex Weiss

**JUNE 4**

**27 IYAR**

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

**JUNE 5**

**28 IYAR**

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

**JUNE 6**

**29 IYAR**

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

**JUNE 7**

**1 SIVAN**

Jean Becker  
Esther Leah Bernstein  
Celia Braunstein  
Lillie Brodofsky  
Miriam Ashery David  
Stanley Katz  
Otilia Levi  
Paul Spector

**JUNE 8**

**2 SIVAN**

Rose E. Diamond  
Yvette Weiss  
Dora Witt

**JUNE 9**

**3 SIVAN**

Toby Gorschman  
Bertha Koricki  
Jack Lebowitz  
Samuel Miller  
Marian Sheskin

**JUNE 10**

**4 SIVAN**

Anna Battino  
Philip Katz  
Laurence Lerner  
Beatrice Sandler

**JUNE 11**

**5 SIVAN**

Samuel Negrine  
Anne Dena Rosenberg  
Goldie Simon  
Claire Weiser

**JUNE 12**

**6 SIVAN**

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

**JUNE 13**

**7 SIVAN**

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

**JUNE 14**

**8 SIVAN**

David Edward Haft  
Dave Lieberman

**JUNE 15**

**9 SIVAN**

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

**JUNE 16**

**10 SIVAN**

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

**JUNE 17**

**11 SIVAN**

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

**JUNE 18**

**12 SIVAN**

Florence Landy  
Maurice Schottenfeld  
Phyllis Ann Stathopoulos

**JUNE 19**

**13 SIVAN**

Leslie Arthur Pike  
Phyme Pitkin

**JUNE 20**

**14 SIVAN**

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

**JUNE 21**

**15 SIVAN**

Sadie Klein  
Florence Askow Loeb

**JUNE 22**

**16 SIVAN**

Joshua Laken  
Arthur Robert Landy  
Eva B. Rochkind

**JUNE 23**

**17 SIVAN**

Pearl P. Gantz  
Ricki Jane Nachamkin

**JUNE 24**

**18 SIVAN**

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

**JUNE 25**

**19 SIVAN**

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

**JUNE 26**

**20 SIVAN**

Arnold Litman  
Rachel Leah Mandelblatt  
Ethel Rothman

**JUNE 27**

**21 SIVAN**

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

**JUNE 28**

**22 SIVAN**

Terry Cooper  
Jack Israel  
Rae Kessler Halpern  
Aaron David Kott  
Beatrice Krantz  
Milton Krauser  
Jacob Kristal  
Audrey Lankin  
Sylvia Schottenfeld  
Marvin Sohn  
Renee Rosenblum Thaler

**JUNE 29**

**23 SIVAN**

Gustave Jacob Benzion  
Gelu S. Greenbaum  
David Harris  
Feiga Smolar

**JUNE 30**

**24 SIVAN**

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



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SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
5 9:00 AM Minyan 10:00 AM Women's Network Rosh Chodesh Learning 2:00 PM Yom HaShoah Community Commemoration 7:30 PM Minyan	6 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan ☆ Yom HaShoah	7 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	8 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Rosh Chodesh Iyar	9 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Rosh Chodesh Iyar	10 8:00 AM Minyan 5:20PM Pre-Service Reception 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat w/Instruments 7:52 PM Candle Lighting	11 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Kedoshim) 11:15 AM Torah Club, Auntie A Shabbat Family Jam 8:54 PM Havdalah
12 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	13 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan ☆ Yom HaZikaron	14 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan ☆ Yom Ha'atzmaut	15 8:00 AM Minyan 10:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive 7:30 PM Minyan	16 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	17 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:58 PM Candle Lighting	18 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Emor), Caregiver's Shabbat in Memory of Michele Eisenberg 9:00 PM Havdalah
19 9:00 AM Minyan 10:00 AM Women's League of Conservative Judaism Spring Conference @ Har Shalom & online 7:30 PM Minyan	20 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan 7:30 PM Judaism is About Love	21 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	22 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan ☆ Pesach Shenit	23 7:15 AM Minyan 10:00 AM Women's Network Visit to Capital Jewish Museum 7:30 PM Minyan	24 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:04 Candle Lighting	25 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Behar), Bar Mitzvah of Ethan Rabinovitch 10:30 AM Torah Club 11:15 AM Auntie A Shabbat Family Jam 9:06 PM Havdalah
26 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Lag BaOmer	27 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	28 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan 8:00 PM Board Meeting	29 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	30 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	31 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:10 Candle Lighting	All events subject to change. Please read B'Keshet for the latest status.

# JUNE 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>2 25 Iyar</p> <p>9:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>10:30 AM Women's Network Book Group</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p>	 <p>26 Iyar</p> <p>7:15 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>27 Iyar</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>28 Iyar</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p> <p>☆ Yom Yerushalayim</p>	<p>All events subject to change. Please read <i>B'Keshet</i> for the latest status.</p> <p>29 Iyar</p> <p>7:15 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>1 I Sivan</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>9:30 AM ECC PreK Graduation</p> <p>6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p>8:14 PM Candle Lighting</p> <p>🌍 Rosh Chodesh Sivan</p>	<p>24 Iyar</p> <p>9:30 AM Preliminary Service</p> <p>9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Bechukotai), Bat Mitzvah of Hava Chama</p> <p>9:11 PM Havdalah</p>
<p>9 3 Sivan</p> <p>9:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>6:30 PM Minyan</p> <p>7:00 PM Cantor's Concert feat. Trio Sefardi 🎵</p>	<p>4 Sivan</p> <p>7:15 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>5 Sivan</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>6 Sivan</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p> <p>🕯️ Shavuot</p>	<p>7 Sivan</p> <p>7:15 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p> <p>9:18 PM Havdalah</p> <p>🕯️ Shavuot</p>	<p>8 Sivan</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>9:30 AM ECC PreK Graduation</p> <p>9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Bamidbar)</p> <p>11:15 AM Torah Club, Auntie A Shabbat Family Jam</p> <p>9:15 PM Havdalah</p>	<p>2 Sivan</p> <p>9:30 AM Preliminary Service</p> <p>9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Bamidbar)</p> <p>11:15 AM Torah Club, Auntie A Shabbat Family Jam</p> <p>9:15 PM Havdalah</p>
<p>16 10 Sivan</p> <p>9:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>6:30 PM Minyan</p> <p>7:00 PM Cantor's Concert feat. Trio Sefardi 🎵</p>	<p>11 Sivan</p> <p>7:15 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>12 Sivan</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p> <p>9:17 PM Candle Lighting</p> <p>🕯️ Shavuot</p>	<p>13 Sivan</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p> <p>9:17 PM Candle Lighting</p> <p>🕯️ Shavuot</p>	<p>14 Sivan</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p>8:17 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>15 Sivan</p> <p>9:30 AM Preliminary Service</p> <p>9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Nasso)</p> <p>9:18 PM Havdalah</p>	<p>9 Sivan</p> <p>9:30 AM Preliminary Service</p> <p>9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Nasso)</p> <p>9:18 PM Havdalah</p>
<p>23 17 Sivan</p> <p>9:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>18 Sivan</p> <p>7:15 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>19 Sivan</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p> <p>**ECC Closed for Juneteenth**</p>	<p>20 Sivan</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>21 Sivan</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p>8:19 Candle Lighting</p>	<p>15 Sivan</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p>8:17 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>16 Sivan</p> <p>9:30 AM Preliminary Service</p> <p>9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Beha'alotcha)</p> <p>10:30 AM Torah Club</p> <p>9:20 PM Havdalah</p>
<p>30 24 Sivan</p> <p>9:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>10:00 AM Congregational Meeting</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>24 Sivan</p> <p>7:15 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>25 Sivan</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p> <p>8:00 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>26 Sivan</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>27 Sivan</p> <p>7:15 AM Minyan</p> <p>7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>22 Sivan</p> <p>8:00 AM Minyan</p> <p>6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p>8:20 Candle Lighting</p>	<p>23 Sivan</p> <p>9:30 AM Preliminary Service</p> <p>9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Shelach)</p> <p>9:20 PM Havdalah</p>



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