



Congregants Approve \$2.3M Budget, Add Board Members, Revise Bylaws

Editor's note: Congregants are receiving this issue of the Bulletin slightly later than usual in order for us to provide complete coverage of the 2024 congregational meeting at Tikvat Israel.

Spending Set for New Year. After getting a solid understanding of the synagogue's fiscal state, congregants approved a balanced budget for shul operations for the next fiscal year. To learn about the major areas of expenses and expected revenues, read a detailed account on [page 3](#).

New Faces on Board. Five berths were filled on the Tikvat Israel governing board with three newcomers agreeing to serve for the next two years. Two incumbents were reelected by the congregation. Read biographical briefs about all five on [page 5](#).

The Rules are Changing. The synagogue's bylaws don't collect dust on a shelf. They are periodically updated to address changing conditions and attitudes. Read about the latest changes – dealing with with an additional congregational meeting each year and qualifications for elected office and more – that were ratified by congregants on [page 4](#).

The Co-Presidents Speak. The annual congregational meeting gives the board president(s) an opportunity to deliver a statement about the congregation's current state. What Beth Smith and Sally Kram had to say is captured on [page 6](#).

A Concert Presence with Extra Voices



The year's biggest fund-raising event at Tikvat Israel featured Trio Sefardi in concert on June 9. The talented musicians, who honor the Sephardic music tradition, were joined on stage for a number by Cantor Rochelle Helzner (center) and chief event organizer Fortuna Scheige (right). A succinct report on the event's highlights, along with an array of images, appears on [page 8](#). (Photo by Larry M. Levine)

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>		6:30 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Candle Lighting</u>	<u>Havdalah</u>
July 5-6	8:19 p.m.	9:19 p.m.
July 12-13	8:16 p.m.	9:16 p.m.
July 19-20	8:12 p.m.	9:12 p.m.
July 26-27	8:07 p.m.	9:06 p.m.
August 2-3	8:00 p.m.	8:59 p.m.
August 9-10	7:52 p.m.	8:51 p.m.
August 16-17	7:43 p.m.	8:42 p.m.
August 23-24	7:33 p.m.	8:32 p.m.
August 30-31	7:23 p.m.	8:22 p.m.

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Feting and Feeding the Volunteers

About 40 of Tikvat Israel's volunteer leaders were the honorees at a recognition brunch in the social hall on June 23. The annual event reflects TI's appreciation of members who step forward to assume leadership roles as congregational officers, board members, trustees and coordinators of specific activities and ongoing functions.

The brunch is underwritten by the Fund for the Future's Chelemer & Smith Family Volunteer Recognition Fund.

In brief remarks, Rabbi Marc Israel, Executive Director Aaron Chusid and Carol Chelemer pointed to the importance of volunteers in the operations of the synagogue. Cantor Rochelle Helzner led singing and benching at the conclusion.

Rabbi Israel pointed to the sometimes unexpected ways a synagogue's volunteers serve the greater good of the congregation.

"We can all agree that this was not the year we envisioned when we gathered together here last year, but we have to deal with the hand we've been dealt," he said, pointing to the adjustments in programming and "a new board learning to pivot," owing to the tragic events of Oct. 7 and following.

Of the difficult challenges faced by those who govern the congregation, the rabbi said: "It would be very, very easy to say, 'It's too much. We're not up to it.' But the people in this room, say, 'Yeah, it's really, really hard, but we're going to do it.'"

In her remarks on what constitutes a volunteer and what defines a leader, Chelemer concluded: "Ultimately, you want more people to stand up and say, 'I'll take on more.'"



Among the 40 participants at the June 23 brunch were (from left) Bob and Roni Silverstein and Janice and Bob Balin. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)



Carol Chelemer, the appreciation brunch organizer, led a brief exercise to define what constitutes volunteers and leaders. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Shul Shorts

Advertising Sales Leads

Bob Silverstein serves as advertising sales coordinator for the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*. He is willing to contact area service providers or retail merchants who might find a potential audience in our synagogue members. If you are aware of businesses that ought to be contacted, please send Silverstein a contact name at r_silverstein@msn.com so he can follow up with a sales pitch and advertising rates. Non-dues revenue is important to the synagogue's fiscal health.

Open Board Meetings

Meetings of the Tikvat Israel Board of Directors take place on the fourth Tuesday of most months at 8 p.m. (following evening *minyan*) via Zoom. Congregants are permitted to join as observers (except for "closed sessions" relating to personnel or legal discussions). Agendas for meetings, as well as the Zoom links, can be obtained in advance from TI's recording secretary, Melissa Apter, at mwapter@gmail.com, or from the synagogue office.

Nursing Home Services

Tikvat Israel volunteers have led monthly *Shabbat* services and holiday services at the Potomac Valley Nursing Home in Rockville for more than 30 years, using enlarged-type prayer booklets created by the Jewish Chaplaincy Service. If you might like to assist regulars Rebecca Salon and Jay Goldman lead a service on occasion, please let them know at jgoldman@aasa.org or rsalon@verizon.net.

\$2.3M in Spending Approved for a Year Built on Member Pledges

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, *TIKVAT ISRAEL BULLETIN* EDITOR



Treasurer Barry Lipsy explained the rationale behind the proposed spending figures for the next 12 months. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Congregants gave their collective go-ahead during the June 30 congregational meeting to a \$2.29 million spending plan at Tikvat Israel for the next 12 months. It's the first budget built on a system of voluntary financial support.

With about 75 individuals voting, including nine online, the budget plan received wide support during the meeting in the social hall. No congregant voted against, though two abstained.

The FY '25 budget, outlined with patience by treasurer Barry Lipsy, who faced a battery of two dozen questions, relies on the belief that Tikvat Israel members will adhere to voluntary financial commitments. The new system of pledged support replaces a standard membership dues process. (See related story below.)

In an explanation of the budget's assumptions, Lipsy said the major challenge in building the spending plan was replacing the loss of approximately \$300,000 owing to the discontinuation of federal COVID-19 grant funding. The latter, he said in an explanatory memo to congregants, "enabled TI to keep dues artificially low when members' finances were likely strained." Without COVID funds, mostly received in FY'24, TI's deficit "would have been sub-

stantially greater than the \$102,000 deficit incurred in 2023 due to the inflation and added security costs incurred," he noted.

During his extended portion of the 2½-hour congregational meeting, Lipsy said one of his goals this year is to begin paying down the principal on Tikvat Israel's \$300,000 in bank loans.

Even upon passage of a new budget, Lipsy said the synagogue enters 2024-25 with some fiscal uncertainty. As of May 30, TI was operating about \$30,000 in the red, he said, noting he expects to have an updated picture for the end of June finances at the synagogue's board of directors meeting on July 23.

The synagogue's budget in 2023-24 was \$2.07 million. Two years earlier, the adopted budget was \$1.9 million.

TOP 4 EXPENSES*	
\$986,000	Early Childhood Center
\$671,200	Clergy/staff salaries and admin.
\$340,700	Buildings and grounds
\$78,000	Utility bills

TOP 4 REVENUE SOURCES*	
\$1.24 million	ECC tuition
\$690,000	Pledge income
\$80,000	Contribution income
\$71,400	Fund-raising income

*In the FY '25 synagogue budget

Voluntary Pledge Response Deemed Significant to Date

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, *TIKVAT ISRAEL BULLETIN* EDITOR

The congregation's newly instituted membership system, which asks individuals to pledge a voluntary commitment instead of being assessed dues to sustain Tikvat Israel operations, has reached two-thirds of the revenue target for 2024-25.

As of June 30, 54 percent of the congregation's 244 households had submitted their pledges, committing to 67 percent of the \$690,000 that the FY' 25 budget expects from its members, according to Warren Berger, co-chair of the Dues Transition Task Force.

When he addressed the congregational meeting on June 30, Berger said 50 percent of those who had submitted pledges were planning to contribute above the amount suggested to them and another 31 percent were committing to pay the suggested amount. The suggested amount, personalized to each household, took into account previous years' membership dues, Chai Campaign contributions and the required security fee.

The remaining 18 percent planned to pay less than the suggested amount, which is permitted for Tikvat Israel membership under the new model.

"Our progress is good, but we still need your support," said Berger, indicating efforts would be made by synagogue staff and task force members in the coming weeks to receive financial commitments from the 46 percent who had not yet responded.

Congregants can expect bill statements from the synagogue office to show up in the mail in mid-July asking them to begin fulfilling their financial commitments so synagogue operations can run smoothly.

The voluntary pledge model, which took effect July 1, is intended to be more attractive to younger members and those considering synagogue affiliation in the area.

CANTOR ASSUMING EMERITUS STATUS

Cantor Rochelle Helzner, who this fall reaches 40 years of service at Tikvat Israel and Beth Tikva, will take emeritus status at the end of the 2024-25 fiscal year.

The announcement was made at the June 30 congregational meeting.

Rabbi Marc Israel, in addressing congregants, acknowledged "the tremendous impact" of the career decision. He said the coming year would be one of celebrating the cantor's profound contributions to the congregation that would conclude with "a knockout concert" involving a high-profile musical performer next spring. Further details about that event are expected by end of the summer.

Proclamation Honors Kitchen Maven Kram

Tikvat Israel's Board of Directors presented Roz Kram with a framed proclamation at the June 30 congregational meeting in honor of her distinguished service.

Kram retired the same day as the synagogue's kitchen manager and previously served as a long-time volunteer connected to meal functions in the social hall.

In part, the resolution said Kram "repeatedly demonstrated her commitment to the mission and values of Tikvat Israel" and "succeeded in activating a strong cadre of volunteers, encouraging members to sponsor *kiddushim* and infusing all of her food with love."

The proclamation concluded: "Roz Kram has never been one to settle for 'good enough' but has committed to provide Tikvat Israel with catering services marked by excellence and creativity."



Co-president Beth Smith (right) read a framed proclamation applauding Roz Kram for her dedication running TI's kitchen. (Photo by Harvey Kaplan)

Updated Bylaws Add Extra Congregational Meeting

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, *TIKVAT ISRAEL BULLETIN* EDITOR

Tikvat Israel members modified the playing rules for synagogue operations by updating the bylaws at the congregational meeting on June 30.



Co-presidents Sally Kram (left) and Beth Smith presided over the 2½-hour congregational meeting in the social hall. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

The most significant change expands from one to two the number of annual congregational meetings to transact official synagogue business. The added annual meeting is likely to be scheduled each January, starting in 2025, to host the election of officers and board members. Those who are elected will benefit from the chance to shadow the incumbents until July 1 when they officially assume their duties.

Adoption of the synagogue's annual operating budget will continue to take place at the congregational meeting in late June.

The congregation's return to two annual meetings each fiscal year resumes a format that existed for many years.

Other bylaws revisions, as presented by parliamentarian and TI financial secretary Ira Benzion, modified the qualification requirements for elective office. A candidate for TI president now must maintain TI membership for at least four years prior to the election. Those seeking other office posts must have two years of membership to be eligible, up from six months.

Another revised bylaw allows Allied Members – typically non-Jewish spouses – to run for any leadership office except president or a post connected to religious practices.

Among other rules changes:

- Opens board meetings to members as observers except closed executive sessions;
- Allows use of electronic secret ballots during voting at congregational meetings;
- Enables non-voting members, including the rabbi, cantor or executive director, to serve on the nominating committee for the congregation's elected leadership;
- Ends a stated preference to nominate at least two candidates for each elected leadership position; and
- Clarifies the board's role in supervising and evaluating the executive director.

About 75 congregants, including nine online, voted on the modified bylaws. All but four favored the updates. The synagogue's bylaws were last revised in June 2021.

Volunteers Step Up for Stepping Stones

On the afternoon of Juneteenth, 11 Tikvat Israel volunteers gathered in the synagogue parking lot to drop off their food contributions for the Stepping Stones Shelter in Rockville and have a quick chat with fellow volunteers.

The food-packed delivery car then left the lot on the dot of 4:45 p.m., along with the combined scents of spaghetti with meat sauce, chocolate brownies, mandarin oranges and vegetable salad, enroute to its destination, a non-profit agency serving women in need and often their children.

At Stepping Stones, the kid-friendly, TI-prepared dinner was enjoyed immensely by eight adults and 19 children, according to an agency staff member.

Thank you to Janice Balin, Karen Cohen, Robbi Cohen, Ellen and Sherman Eisner, Abbey Frank, Larry Gorban, Paula Kasper, Nancy and Rodney Matheson, and Ziva Schuchman for their generous and delicious food and drink contributions.

To participate in this effort in the future, contact Ellen Eisner at eeisner@comcast.net.

Five Given Two-Year Terms of Synagogue Board Duty

Congregants voted into office five individuals to serve two-year terms on the Tikvat Israel board of directors during the June 30 congregational meeting.

Three of the five are first-timers on the synagogue's governing body, while two incumbents were reelected. The newcomers are Janaki Kuruppu, Debbie Levine and Jason Schwartz. Those returning to the board are Monica Meyer, who was filling an unexpired portion of a vacated board term, and Jay P. Goldman, who has served multiple terms.

All five are expected to remain on the board through June 2026. The officer berths and several other board slots will be up for election in June 2025.

Here's a rundown of those who were just elected or reelected.

Janaki Kuruppu

Residence: Rockville - Aspen Hill

Professional life: Physician specializing in adult infectious diseases and work at the National Institutes of Health, primarily on HIV research and aging with HIV and ultimately finding a cure.

Joined TI (Beth Tikva): 1993

Why interested in board service: I was asked by Warren Berger and then by Beth Smith, so I couldn't say no! But seriously, I've been involved actively in TI, mostly from a religious practices angle, for many years, and I'm happy to help move our community forward with the objective of better meeting the needs of our members, new and old.

Personal goal during next two years: I'd like to see TI evolve in practice and culture to be more welcoming to the broader community and to younger families. We have a richness that we can build on, and we need to move out of our comfort zone.



Debbie Levine

Residence: Derwood

Professional life: Practical registered nurse instructor, Holy Cross Hospital, and day care provider for grandchildren. Previously, manager of maternal, infant and child education at Holy Cross Health.

Joined TI (Beth Tikva): 1985

Why interested in board service: It's important to encourage open communication, ask questions to gather information and encourage community involvement.

Personal goal for next two years: These are based on my interest in being more involved in efforts to be environmentally friendly and assisting in support of the synagogue kitchen.



Jason Schwartz

Residence: Rockville

Professional life: I lead a team of business analysts managing requirements for software development of a grants management system used by the Department of Energy.

Joined TI: 1997

Why interested in board service: As chair of the Religious Practices committee, I think it's important to have the committee's interests represented on the board and to have a conduit between board and committee, given the importance of religious life to our synagogue.



Among the newly elected board members are (from left) Debbie Levine, Jay Goldman, Monica Meyer and Jason Schwartz. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Personal goal for next two years: Empower more congregants to take on ritual leadership roles in the synagogue, such as leading services, serving as *gabbaim* and reading *Torah*, *Haftarah* and *megillot*. I want to strengthen our weekday *minyanim* and encourage more in-person attendance for all religious services.

Monica Meyer

Residence: Rockville

Professional life: Biomedical scientist, Leidos

Joined TI: February 2022

Why interested in board service: I want to be involved in helping our shul to be healthy and thrive. It takes many individuals and I want to do my part.

Personal goal during next two years: After one year of serving on the TI board, I am more eager than ever to continue our hard work in making our shul grow and thrive. I have served on the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee, in which we have made great strides forward in improving the budgeting process and ensuring TI's financial health. All of us on the Membership Committee have been busy too. We have welcomed many new members to our shul from varying backgrounds and walks of life.

Food is integral to multiple goals of the strategic plan, whether it be the *kiddush* luncheon after *Shabbat* services or at special programs. The success of the strategic plan will therefore depend on a kitchen that is able to change and grow as aspects of the plan are implemented. Given the importance of the kitchen, I want to work to ensure we have a Kitchen Committee that can work together in implementing new ideas as part of implementation of the strategic plan.



Jay P. Goldman

Residence: Silver Spring

Professional life: Editor of a monthly magazine for school superintendents across the country.

Joined TI (Beth Tikva): 1988

Why interested in board service: I continue to feel a passion for supporting our congregation, which in some respects is a quite different place than when I first agreed to run for a board seat more than 20 years ago. But the important values of this place remain firmly entrenched.

Personal goal during next two years: Our newly adopted voluntary system of pledged membership dues is a rather radical departure from the norm. That means it poses challenges, some expected, and I want to contribute, alongside other passionate supporters of Tikvat Israel, however I can to see the system succeed.



PRESIDENTS' CORNER

State of the *Shul*: Part II

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



Beth Smith

As a follow up to the *Kol Nidre* Appeal, this column, which captures some of the points made at the congregational meeting on June 30, is an update on the state of the shul and a snapshot of what your synagogue leadership has achieved over the past program year.

In our first column for the *Bulletin* as co-presidents, we spoke of our plans to anchor our presidency in three principles—transparency, professionalism and inclusiveness. Let's see how we have done.



Sally Kram

Professionalism

State-accredited ECC. Early Childhood Center Director Debbie Ungar guided the school to state accreditation, a status shared by few Jewish preschools in the Washington metro area. The designation meant a \$9,000 bonus for the school as well as prestige.

Board Brit. The board began the fiscal year by participating in training designed to reorient board members to maximize decision-making capability. The result was creation of a

Board Brit (a covenant or promise to the congregation) that the board has used to guide its deliberations.

Revised Bylaws. Under the leadership of financial secretary Ira Benzion, proposed changes to TI's governing rules reflect the new dues model and the addition of a second congregational meeting each year. The added meeting will allow congregants more input into policy decisions and give newly elected board members and officers, elected in January, a six-month orientation period before taking their seats in July.

Greater Security. The terrorist attack on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, put TI on alert about security and why it had to be upgraded. The board approved a new security protocol for the ECC and *Shabbat* services.

Balanced Budget. The new finance team, consisting of treasurer Barry Lipsy and financial secretary Ira Benzion, kept the synagogue budget on track even as they instituted a new framework for building the budget.

Inclusiveness

In-Person Services. TI returned to a robust series of programs. TI hosted four congregational dinners and several *Shabbat* dinners for young families, held multiple, well-attended High Holiday services, put on a lively *Chanukkah* party and *dreidel* tournament, staged a first-ever *Purim Katan hamantaschen* bakeoff and produced an enhanced *Purim* puppet show. TI also hosted a second-night *seder*, continuing a tradition established last year.

Building Upgrades. To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, TI repaired its elevator. In other facility projects, TI replaced HVAC units in the ECC wing and the sanctuary. Keith Brooks, the VP for administration, oversaw the projects with assistance from Executive Director Aaron Chusid.

Revised Dues Model. TI members were invited to pay a suggested amount based on how much it costs to run the synagogue and how much they believed they could comfortably pay. The purpose of the model, as rolled out by former President Warren Berger, is to make it easier for people to join and remain members without compromising TI's financial position. TI is on the road to implementing the new model successfully.

New Religious School. To provide more inclusive educational services for families, in October 2023, TI launched *Netivot* (see article, page 11). With the capable guidance of Judy Stern, vice president for education, the inaugural class enrolled four students, taught by the inspiring *morah* Gale Pressman. The school expands one grade level this fall.

Annual Cantor's Concert. This year's concert, chaired by Fortuna Scheige, was a warm and embracing event for nearly 300 members, family and friends who attended in person or on livestream. The concert's net income was among the highest in recent history.

Transparency

New Website. Guided by Bob Silverstein, TI launched a new website in the fall to make it easier for members to access information about happenings around TI. Additional changes are planned in the upcoming year.

Welcome Booklet. Rachel Laveer, VP for programming, partnered with recording secretary Melissa Apter to produce a welcome booklet. It will be revised this fall.

Setbacks

As in the life of any synagogue, not all went according to plan. Beloved in-house caterer Roz Kram announced her retirement, and TI faced an end-of-year budget crunch. The horror of Oct. 7 cast a pall over the entire year.

Facing Forward

As TI enters a new programming and fiscal year on July 1, it continues to be strong with a congregation ready for the future. *Yasher koach* to all who have helped bring us to this point, including our beloved Rabbi Israel and inspiring Cantor Helzner. May we go forward from strength to strength.

Fund for the Future Generates \$30K for Synagogue Operations

BY LARRY GORBAN, CHAIR, TIKVAT ISRAEL FUND FOR THE FUTURE

Almost \$30,000 will be flowing from Tikvat Israel's Fund for the Future into the synagogue's treasury for operating expenses during the new fiscal year.

As of March, the Fund for the Future balance exceeded \$855,000. While this certainly is a substantial sum, only the interest income each year can be distributed to the synagogue. It is critical for the future of the synagogue that we continue to grow the long-range development fund to generate even more income for our synagogue.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to those who have already made donations and encourage other congregants to follow their wonderful example. Donations are welcome at any time; many people use their IRA Required Minimum Distribution for this purpose. We also encourage our members to consider including Tikvat Israel in their estate planning.

Meanwhile, at the congregational meeting on June 30, three newcomers were elected to the fund's governing body – Linden Wolf, Carol Chelemer and Amy Sanders. They replaced Rebecca Salon, Fortuna Scheige and Ellen Eisner, who departed the board after serving the maximum of two terms.

The Fund for the Future was established in the past decade to generate ongoing financial support for the synagogue. It functions as an endowment fund that generates income to support Tikvat Israel activities and operations.

The money is invested in the Jewish Community Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, which manages hundreds of millions of dollars from various Jewish organizations, including many synagogues. TI's treasurer annually calculates the money that can be distributed to the synagogue in accordance with the guidelines established in the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act.

We have been the fortunate recipients of two significant contributions from congregants who included TI in their wills. If anyone is interested in getting more information about the Fund for the Future and possible ways to donate, I am always available and more than happy to talk with any congregant about possible donations. Donations of any amount are gratefully accepted.

I can be reached at either larrygorban@gmail.com or at 301-775-7904.

Next Capital Projects Await Fulfillment of Your Pledges

BY ALAN APTER, CHAIR, TI BUILDING COMMITTEE

As another fiscal year has come to a close, this is a reminder for those of you who kindly made pledges to the Capital Campaign to send in your next installment.

Much work inside and outside the synagogue has been completed, but additional major repairs and improvements remain to be addressed at the synagogue.

We had planned to work on the roof of Tikvat Israel in 2023-24 and then replace two HVAC units next year, but, as the expression goes, "man plans and G-d laughs." The HVAC units did not last as long as we thought they would, so we had to replace them during this past year. We are planning to do the roof work as soon as the needed funds are in place.

Your timely help in fulfilling your remaining pledge to the Capital Campaign will make this happen faster. For those of you who have not pledged yet, please consider committing even a small amount to help keep Tikvat Israel's building and grounds in good shape to serve our community for years to come.



Mazel Tov & Simcha Shoutouts

... to **Phyllis and Ken Schwartz** and **Linda Schwartz** upon the birth of a granddaughter and niece, Talia Mara, born to Sandra Schwartz and Tony Maiolatesi.

... to **Shirley Waxman**, upon the birth a great-grandson, August Railey Waite.

... to **Betty and Cliff Fishman** upon the *bat mitzvah* of granddaughter Yael Kurowski, daughter of Rebecca and Brian Kurowski, on June 8 at Temple Shalom in Medford, Mass.

... to **Molly and Stuart Turkewitz** upon daughter Julie Turkewitz being honored as a 2024 Pulitzer Prize finalist in international reporting.

The congregation honored the six members of the Class of 2024 at *Shabbat* services on June 15. Those graduating from high school, along with their college destinations, are:

Aiden Schwartz, Curry College

Elie Pollack, Towson University

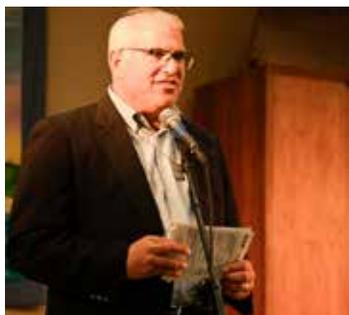
Oren Israel, University of Michigan

Sadi Rabin, University of Maryland

The two higher education graduates are:

Sophia Kram, who completed her undergraduate studies at Penn State University

Aviva Pollack, who completed her undergraduate degree at the Maryland Institute College of Arts



A Cantor's Concert Recap

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, *TIKVAT ISRAEL BULLETIN* EDITOR

Our annual cantor's concert serves three important purposes: an uplifting musical performance by professional musicians, a public opportunity to honor a leading congregant and a major fund-raising event. The 2024 concert on June 9 delivered on all three fronts.

Trio Sefardi, a performance group that promotes Sephardic song and Ladino language, served up 12 numbers that introduced an array of distinctive instruments and Jewish themes of love and lament, and arrangements that touched on folk, jazz and distinctive rhythms from Morocco and the Balkans.

The 90-minute show concluded with Cantor Rochelle Helzner joining Trio Sefardi on stage to sing a number composed by the trio's influential mentor, the late Flory Jagoda, followed by chief concert organizer Fortuna Scheige as a vocalist on a celebratory song relating to *Tu' B'Shvat*.

The event also shined a spotlight on two-time synagogue president Warren Berger. In delivering a tribute, Rabbi Marc Israel pointed to Berger's leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic "when everything had to be rethought. ... and he helped us by thinking creatively and on task." With his father Larry Berger serving as congregation president in 1991-93, Warren represented the first second-generation TI leader.

As the year's largest fund-raising event, the concert grossed \$44,340 with more than 200 persons in attendance and another 30 joining on the livestream. **(Photos by Larry M. Levine.)**



WOMEN'S NETWORK

2024 Takeaways and Future Plans

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

Wrapping up our 2023-24 program year, we are proud of our successes and are looking forward to planning for 2024-25.

Our group was honored at the Women's League for Conservative Judaism Seaboard conference on May 19 with a certificate that recognizes our sisterhood's 61st anniversary. Also at that meeting, the next WLCJ theme was announced. It is "Am Israel Chai" – meaning "The People of Israel Live."

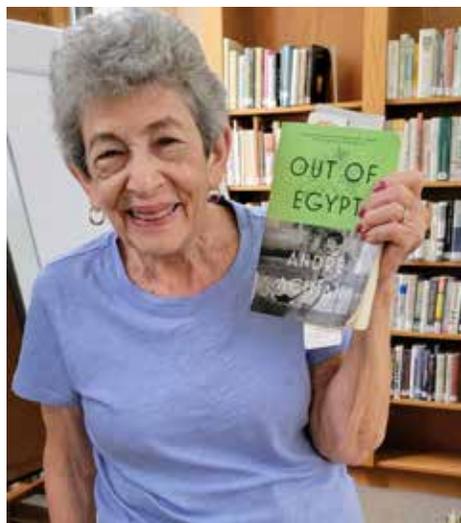


Women's Network has a full slate of activities planned for our next program year. We had a successful membership planning meeting on June 10. We discussed the WLCJ theme and incorporated it into several events. Susan Apter and I want to thank everyone who participated at this meeting. We brainstormed, identified a wide selection of activities for next year and recruited volunteers.

Susan and I will be continuing as co-presidents. We are very fortunate that our current leadership team will return next year. For specific events in the fall and going forward, please refer to the Women's Network e-newsletters and the new bookmarks, which will be available around the High Holidays.

As we close out this year's programming, we want to thank our May and June event coordinators and share photos and descriptions from a couple of our closing activities – our final book group discussion on June 2, and our visit to the National Capital Jewish Museum on May 23.

In the book group meeting, we talked about Andre Aciman's *Out of Egypt: A Memoir*. Sara Harris led a group of 18 participants as we discussed the early life (prior to their emigration from Egypt) of the author and his colorful Sephardic family. These discussions will continue next year. Look for the book selections in Women's Network announcements.



Leading the Women's Network book group session in June was Sara Harris. Eighteen participants analyzed Andre Aciman's *Out of Egypt: A Memoir*. (Photo by Amy Matathias)



A contingent of *shul* members visited the National Capital Jewish Museum in downtown Washington, a field trip organized by the Women's Network.

Our trip to the National Capital Jewish Museum worked out beautifully. There was so much to see and read that many of us plan to return for another visit. The special deli exhibit was definitely a highlight. It was named "I'll Have What She's Having: The Jewish Deli" and appropriately included a video clip of the deli scene from the "When Harry Met Sally" movie. The exhibit also included lots of photos and information, such as old menus. It was truly a trip down memory lane.

Another museum highlight was the wealth of information about the history of Jews in Washington, D.C. In one of the museum's permanent exhibits, we were especially excited to see artwork by Avrum Ashery, *z"l*, as well as an old photo of Rochelle and Robyn Helzner performing as a duo. Another important part of the museum was visiting the original Adas Israel sanctuary, learning about its history and sitting in some of its original pews. Following our museum trip, we enjoyed a group lunch at a local deli. We want to thank Karen Cohen who organized this event. It was a great success.

Our final calendar event before the fall, to be held on Sunday, July 21, is a visit to Nationals Park to see the Washington Nationals play the Cincinnati Reds. Rebecca Salon organizes this event every year and it's always a big success. Many thanks to Rebecca. Don't miss the opportunity to cheer on our home team!

Women's Network wishes all a relaxing and fun-filled summer! We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Congregational Condolences

Tikvat Israel Congregation shares its condolences with the following:

... to the family of congregant **Barbara Reiner**, who died June 19 (13 *Sivan* 5784).

... to the family of congregant **Betty Braunstein**, who died June 6 (29 *Iyar* 5784).

... to **Danny Bachman** on the death of his father, Dr. Leonard Bachman, May 24 (16 *Iyar* 5784).

Access TI's Flax Library Catalog from Any Place

BY JANICE ROSENBERG, LIBRARY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Tikvat Israel's Herman J. Flax Library catalog is online and accessible from your home computer or handheld device.

It's a searchable database, making it easy to discover books in the library's collection without physically visiting the library.

To start searching, go to Tikvat Israel's website. Under the "Study" menu, click on "Flax Library Catalog."

You can search the catalog by keyword, author, title or subject to find books in the collection, including fiction, non-fiction, short stories and biographies.

Thanks to the many volunteers over the years who have donated their time to creating the library's electronic catalog. A special thank you to TI's Women's Network for a generous donation, which allowed the library to purchase the needed software to create the online resource.

There are two ways to borrow books:

Visit the library at your convenience, find the books you want and physically pull the items off the shelf yourself.

Ask me to pull the books for you. Then, I'll put them in a "holds to go" bag that will be waiting for you to pick up in the library.

Whichever way you choose to borrow, send an e-mail to TikvatIsraelLibrary@gmail.com with the book's title, borrower's name and contact information for our record keeping. Books can be borrowed for three weeks with one renewal. Return books in the box marked "Returns" in the library.

Here are a few books recently published and now available to borrow at TI's library. Learn more about these books at the online catalog.

Non-Fiction:

The Genius of Israel: The Surprising Resilience of a Divided Nation in a Turbulent World, by Dan Senor and Saul Singer. Explains the innovative distinctions of Israeli society and what other communities and countries can learn.



These are some of the newest acquisitions to the book collection at the TI library. (Photo by Janice Rosenberg)

Speaking Yiddish to Chickens: Holocaust Survivors on South Jersey Poultry Farms, by Natalie Livingstone. Chronicles a time after World War II when Eastern European refugees found an unlikely refuge and gateway to new lives in the U.S. on poultry farms.

Fiction:

The Enemy Beside Me, by Naomi Ragen. Examines two people fighting for reconciliation over unforgivable war crimes.

Kissing Kosher, by Jean Meltzer. Depicts a hilarious and emotional rivals-to-lovers romance.

We Must Not Think of Ourselves, by Lauren Grodstein. Showcases the work of an underground group that kept an archive to ensure that the lives of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II were not lost to history.

What We're Wishing for Inside the Shul Library

BY JANICE ROSENBERG, LIBRARY COMMITTEE CHAIR

TI's Herman J. Flax Library has a wish list. Can you make our wishes come true to grow our collection?

Consider purchasing one or more of the following books on our wish list and donating them to our library:

- *Inheritance*, by Dani Shapiro. Depicts a staggering family secret uncovered by a genealogy test.
- *Kantika*, by Elizabeth Graver. Illustrates one family's displacement across four countries.
- *The Last Kings of Shanghai*, by Jonathan Kaufman. Highlights the moral compromises of the Kadoories and the Sassoons and how they joined together to rescue and protect 18,000 Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi control.
- *The Light of Days*, by Judy Batalion. Showcases the extraordinary accomplishments of brave Jewish women who became resistance fighters.
- *The Nightingale*, by Kristin Hannah. Tells the stories of two sisters, each embarking on her own dangerous path toward survival, love, and freedom in German-occupied, war-torn France.
- *The Only Woman in the Room*, by Marie Benedict. Based on the incredible true story of Hedy Lamarr, an actress and scientist whose groundbreaking invention revolutionized modern communication.
- *People Love Dead Jews*, by Dara Horn. Examines the reasons why there is so much fascination with Jewish deaths and so little respect for Jewish lives unfolding in the present.
- *The Postcard*, by Anne Berest. Illustrates 20th-century Parisian life, while also investigating family secrets, and a Jewish family devastated by the Holocaust.
- *The World to Come*, by Dara Horn. Uses a stolen Chagall painting as background to discover a family's history.

As a reminder, the library accepts book donations in good condition published since the year 2000, Jewish classics or books of historical significance. Leave donated items in the library. Be sure to include a slip with your name and contact information.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Netivot Religious School Extends to Another Grade Level

BY JUDY STERN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION



Our *Netivot* Sunday morning religious school will begin its second year in early September.

Children will learn about Jewish holidays and customs, study introductory Hebrew, and develop a love of learning about their own Jewish identity. The program involves lots of hands-on activities, including art, drama and music.

Gale Pressman will return as the teacher of a classroom with inquisitive kindergarten through 2nd grade pupils.

Registration will continue through July 31. For information and registration, visit www.tikvatisrael.org/learning/netivot-religious-school/.

TI Teens

TI Teens is a synagogue-sponsored youth group for students in grades 7-11.

We are looking forward to another year of interesting and fun programs.

To put a teen on our mailing list, parents should send an email with contact information to me at judymstern7@gmail.com.

Reading Volunteers

We seek TI members to read books to children in the Early Childhood Center. We will be starting up our program again in the fall. Congregants are invited to read to the preschoolers, who are always an eager audience as they listen to special storytellers.

If you would like to sign up to be a reader for one time (or more!), please let me know at judymstern7@gmail.com.

Maintaining the *Eruv* Outside Tikvat Israel

Did you know that the Tikvat Israel community is situated within an *eruv*?

The *eruv* is shared by TI and Kehilat Pardes – The Rock Creek Synagogue, a modern Orthodox community in Aspen Hill. It is supervised by Rabbi Uri Topolosky of Kehilat Pardes.

Longtime TI members Jason and Elissa Schwartz play an important role in the *eruv's* maintenance. They have helped monitor a section of the *eruv* along Georgia Avenue for the past four years, ensuring that the lines and poles that define the *eruv* are intact, allowing those who are *Shomer Shabbat* to walk within the boundaries of the *eruv* while carrying items outside their homes. Janaki Kuruppu recently joined the maintenance team, and she now monitors the section of the *eruv* along Baltimore Road.

There are opportunities for others to help. It's not a big obligation, and it's kind of interesting, according to those involved. Contact Jason at jason@schwartzcentral.com or Janaki at jkuruppu@gmail.com. Rabbi Topolosky will teach you more than you knew there was to know about what constitutes an *eruv* and the rules defining its integrity.



My Appreciation and Thanks

I want to express my sincere appreciation to Tikvat Israel for honoring me at the Trio Sefardi concert. The performers were amazing (including guest singers Cantor Helzner and Fortuna Scheige) and the atmosphere was warm and festive!

I want to specifically thank Fortuna, who along with her committee put in an enormous amount of work to ensure the concert was well-planned and ran smoothly. Special kudos go to those who created the delicious baked goods and did an impressive job soliciting donors. Thanks also for giving me the beautiful *kiddush* wine fountain.

Since I grew up at Beth Tikva, it has been an honor to serve Tikvat Israel in various roles. Since I remain on the board of directors, on behalf of leadership, I want to thank all TI congregants who contributed very generously to our primary fundraising event. Thank you all for helping to keep Tikvat Israel financially strong.

Warren Berger
Immediate Past President, TI

Cancer Support

Ellie Diamond and I would like to thank the members of Tikvat Israel, family members and friends for supporting our participation in PanCAN PurpleStride with donations. Together we raised over \$2,000.

Your donations support pancreatic cancer patients' free personal one-on-one support and resources and research programs. Our participation was in memory of Michele Eisenberg and family members.

Janice Balin

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Simulated Olympics and Cool Activities Define Summer Program

BY DEBBIE UNGAR, DIRECTOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



The past few months have been exciting at the ECC. Families were invited to celebrate *Yom Haatzmaut* at an in-person event outdoors at the synagogue. The children paraded with flags and festive blue and white hats they created. They performed dances led by our Israeli dance teacher Sharon Gelboin Katz. It was wonderful to celebrate together as a community.

We continued our fun with a simulated trip to Israel. The trip included visiting a *kibbutz* to squeeze oranges to make juice, building the Western Wall in Jerusalem, writing personal notes to put in the *Kotel*, and fishing along the coast in Eilat. The celebration culminated with a snack of Israeli salad and falafel, which the children helped prepare.

The theme this summer is “Let the Games Begin.” The ECC will be studying the Olympic Games, some of the nations that will be competing, and the different sports that are featured. We even will sample foods from other countries.

On hot summer days, the children love to cool off with water play outside. The children enjoy exploring with sprinklers and water tables. In addition, during the summer, we enjoy what we call



Congregants, such as Cliff Fishman, occasionally read stories to ECC pupils.

Well Circle Announces Monthly Gatherings

Well Circle Rockville honors the new month (*Rosh Chodesh*) with study and community among women and non-binary members of our community. Janaki Kuruppu is the group’s organizer at Tikvat Israel.



Here are the meeting dates for the rest of 2024:

- *Rosh Chodesh Tammuz* – July 7
- *Rosh Chodesh Av* – Aug. 4
- *Rosh Chodesh Elul* – Sept. 8
- *Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan* – Nov. 3
- *Rosh Chodesh Kislev* – Dec. 1
- *Rosh Chodesh Tevet* - Dec. 29

Locations and times will be announced within two weeks of each date in *B’keshet*.

“Wonderous Wednesdays.” This includes in-house field trips, spirit days and a Legos week. We also use the natural resources of Rock Creek Park and the local area for nature walks and exploration.

We will continue our custom of gathering together on Fridays to get in the mood for *Shabbat* with *Shabbat* Sing with Auntie A.

Registration is open for the 2024-25 school year. We have limited spaces available.

Please contact the ECC office at 301-251-0455 or e-mail me at debbie@tikvatisrael.org if you would like more information or to schedule a tour of the ECC.



The Israeli flag was unfurled to help students and ECC staff mark *Yom Haatzmaut*.

“For everything there is a season,
and a time for every purpose...
...a time to be born, and a time to die...”
Ecclesiastes



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Outdoors *Havurah's* Picnic at Lake Needwood



TI's Outdoors *Havurah* enjoyed a picnic lunch and hike at Lake Needwood in Rockville on June 2. "We had perfect weather and an ideal spot for picnicking next to the lake. We had a great time catching up, relaxing and eating in the park and hiking around the lake," reports group coordinator Brenda Brooks. Newcomers are always welcome to join the *havurah* at future outings. Contact Brenda at bbrooksx@gmail.com.



A Place to Remember

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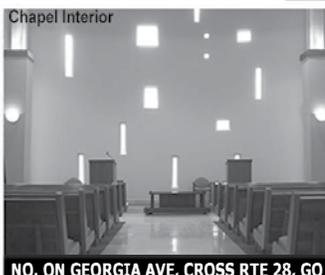
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Contributing to Veterans Support

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Donations

The congregation gratefully acknowledges the following donations to the various funds of Tikvat Israel. The donor lists that follow reflect gifts received at the synagogue in April and May. If your donation during this time does not appear in the list, or if there is an error in the listing, please contact the synagogue office at 301-762-7338.

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Mazel tov to Helen and Robert Borochoff, on the birth of their grandson August, by Marilyn and Michael Greenwood

Mazel Tov to Elisa and Ben Nye, on their daughter's becoming *bat mitzvah*, by Marilyn and Michael Greenwood

Mazel Tov to Layla Nye on becoming *bat mitzvah* by Marilyn and Michael Greenwood
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Next Blood Drive Set for Aug. 7

The May 15 blood drive in the Tikvat Israel social hall, run by the American Red Cross, collected 27 units of blood, many provided by members of the congregation.

TI staff members Aaron Chusid, Susan Davis, Nadia Palacios and Iber Gonzalez assisted, alongside volunteers Larry Gorban, Keith Brooks and Jonathan Solomon.

Mark your calendars for the next Tikvat Israel blood drive on Aug. 7. Signup details will be shared in *B'kesher*.

Robbi Cohen serves as the TI blood drive coordinator.



Abbey Frank and Martin Urban were among the TI members who donated at the May 15 blood drive in the social hall. (Photos by Robbi Cohen)

Everything to Know About TI Calendaring

A Tikvat Israel webinar “How to Get Your Event on the Calendar” will be offered twice this month by Rachel Laveer, vice president for programming.

The training sessions are set for 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 11 (immediately after minyan) and 5 p.m. on Monday, July 15. Use the weekday *minyan* Zoom link to join.

In addition, the synagogue's annual calendar coordination meeting will begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, on the same Zoom link.

The webinars are intended for anyone coordinating a TI activity in the year ahead. The training is essential to understand our new calendar and program planning process. It will address the required calendar submission form and the activity budgeting form.

The calendar planning session will complement the training. Anyone expecting to run an event in 2024-25 should attend to avoid scheduling conflicts.

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SHELLY GOLDIN MEMORIAL FUND (continued)

In memory of Joe Bogage by Mike Madden

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Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose *Yahrzeits* Occur From from 25 *Sivan* through 25 *Tammuz*— July 2024

JULY 1

25 SIVAN

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

JULY 2

26 SIVAN

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

JULY 3

27 SIVAN

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

JULY 4

28 SIVAN

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

JULY 5

29 SIVAN

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

JULY 6

30 SIVAN

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

JULY 7

1 TAMMUZ

Jeannette Pearl Golden
Esther Leise
Sadie Rosenthal
Betty Senzer
David Sturm
Samuel Tranen

JULY 8

2 TAMMUZ

Clara Benzion
Deborah Ingel Comstock
Louis Fishman
Ben Friedman
Grace Goldberg
Rose Harad
Seymour Kaiz
Emmy F. Keusch
Reuben Kramer
Mollie Pelish
Frances Shapiro
Helene Sugarman
Stuart Volin

JULY 9

3 TAMMUZ

Jeanette Benzion
Clayre Blavert
Irving Edelman
Ellis Hyman
Rosalyn Licht
Marion L. Pike
Gussie Prince
Samuel Paul Puner
Ira L. Schiffman
Anne Burdett Shapiro
Barbara Shulman

JULY 10

4 TAMMUZ

Maurice Mainen
Harry Plesset
Arnold J. Rosenberg

JULY 11

5 TAMMUZ

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

JULY 12

6 TAMMUZ

Harry Belson
Ruth K. Davis
Marvin Hammerman

JULY 13

7 TAMMUZ

Yetta Oppenheim
Murray Susswein
Minnie Waxman

JULY 14

8 TAMMUZ

Esther Goldberg
Evelyn Lidoff
Ludwig Regensteiner
Sidney Starr

JULY 15

9 TAMMUZ

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

JULY 16

10 TAMMUZ

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

JULY 17

11 TAMMUZ

Margot Casper
Beatrice Davis
Philip Fabel
Benjamin Reinhardt
Matthew Soldano

JULY 18

12 TAMMUZ

Lewis Altman
George H. Cohen
Rubin Cohen
Ann Fullenbaum
Jeanne Hanig
Norman Keleti
Sadie Perlman
Henry Schechter
Israel Schechter
Leonard Stein

JULY 19

13 TAMMUZ

Irving Binder
Thelma Gorin
Israel Klig
Irwin Krick
Harold A. Saltzman
Harold Silverstein

JULY 20

14 TAMMUZ

Etta D. Kessler
Harry Levin
Thelma Sbar

JULY 20

14 TAMMUZ (continued)

Rose Schwartz
Solomon Senzer
David Sommer
Solomon Stutz

JULY 21

15 TAMMUZ

Barnett Bauman
Rebecca Bogage
Sarah Chernoff
Harold Gorin
Mary Hershbaum
Gaston Lellouche
Simon Mensh
Edward Milenky
Barbara Nena Rosenberg

JULY 22

16 TAMMUZ

Devera Danovitz
Hyman Edlowitz
Anna E. Feinmark
Leo Friedman
Frank Knott
Sarah Tempchin
Richard Volin

JULY 23

17 TAMMUZ

Sidney Davis
Rebecca Kramer
Ellis Leise
Rose Levy
George Ludwig
Solomon Nahum

JULY 24

18 TAMMUZ

Sarah Bassin
Beatrice Chait
Philip Chelemer
Morris Gottlieb
Alan Israel
Elizabeth Katz
Jeremias
Freda Levin
Gladys Nederlander
Charlotte Podgor
Gerald Raine
Harriet Richman
Suson
Louis Rosen
Gloria Schwartz
Sandra Wagner
Louis Waltzer
Alan P. Woinsky

JULY 25

19 TAMMUZ

Tillie Cooper
Louis Deckelbaum
Leo Derene
Herbert Gold
William Hirsch
Bernard Kaplan
Beatrice Nathanson

JULY 25

19 TAMMUZ (continued)

Carol Peck
Susan E. Reich

JULY 26

20 TAMMUZ

Harry Freedenberg
Esther Solomon
Michael Weiss

JULY 27

21 TAMMUZ

Clinton Berger
Luba Borushok
Sanford Count
Margaret Marcus
Davidson
Leah Marcus Feig
Sophie Deena Fertel
Sherri Fineman
Norma Belson Honick
Charles Kaplan
Allan Pleet
Pearl Sakwa
Abraham Silverstein

JULY 28

22 TAMMUZ

Lucille Liebenson
Harry Rosen
Dolores Sachs
Frank Smith
Ruth Spiegelberg
Peggy Wilchins

JULY 29

23 TAMMUZ

Mary Davis
Frances Dicker
Charlotte F. Hart
Ida Rose
Helen Rosenblum

JULY 30

24 TAMMUZ

Bessie Cohen
Ben Zion Mauda
Manfred Scheige
Fannie Simball
Simon Strassman

JULY 31

25 TAMMUZ

Morris Beard
Abraham Bellman
Yetta Bendett
Mark Dubbin
Joseph Feinmark
Jack Gruss
Sarah Shedroff
Arthur B. Simon
William W. Weisbord

Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose *Yahrzeits* Occur From from 26 *Tammuz* through 27 *Av* — August 2024

AUGUST 1 26 *TAMMUZ*

Miriam Agus
Solomon Cowan
Lillian Goldstein
Charlotte Kaufman
Rose Kess
Emanuel Kreisman
Adolf Rosenberg
Sidney Teitelbaum

AUGUST 2 27 *TAMMUZ*

Bernice Gateman
Clement J. Lipsy
Eugene Love
Mannie Nagelbush
Balsorah Patterson Savely
Ted Smith

AUGUST 3 28 *TAMMUZ*

Bruce Ballard
Morris Bauman
Lottie Feinmark
Sydney Gendel
Solomon Melmed
Fred Schwartz
Lois Steiner

AUGUST 4 29 *TAMMUZ*

Irving Gordon
Harriet Kravitz
Charles Lane
Rubin Lebowitz
Jean Shull
Bessie Winer

AUGUST 5 1 *Av*

Irving Bernstein
Jennifer J. Flax
Esther Gottlieb
Herbert Joseph
Carrie Levy
Max Polansky
Esther Rosenthal
Harvey Savely
Harold Steinberg
Joseph Weinberg

AUGUST 6 2 *Av*

Rose Gordon
Ruth Kaiz
Louis Simball
Sidney Stolzenberg

AUGUST 7 3 *Av*

Anna Bernstein
Abigail Lefkowitz
Ralph A. Robinson

AUGUST 8 4 *Av*

Ella Davis
Gussie Glaser
Fred Hamburg
Benjamin Larrick
Paul Ludwin
Morton Oppenheim
Evalyn Waldman

AUGUST 9 5 *Av*

Jinky Barnett
Milford Hillerson
Edith Meyers
Dorothy Pearl

AUGUST 10 6 *Av*

Charles Chidakel
Edith Kaplan
Marvin Laubgross
David Lederman

AUGUST 11 7 *Av*

Stan Labovich
Jerome Pasternak

AUGUST 12 8 *Av*

Joseph Samuel Brudner
Harry Greene
Jennie Mazaroff
Anita Perlmutter
Eugene Perry

AUGUST 13 9 *Av*

Philip Cohen
Harry Cooper
Phyllis Menduke
Cynthia L. Shnider
Frank David Spiegelberg
Abe Stahler

AUGUST 14 10 *Av*

Irene Kaplan
Sarah Krick
Betty Morrison
Bertha Polster
Bertha Tranen
Shirley Zoltrow

AUGUST 15 11 *Av*

Fanny Feigin
Ruth Freed
Bertha Alice Kaplan
Jerome Livingston

AUGUST 16 12 *Av*

Morton A. Davis
Trudy Finstein
Anna Moskowitz
Leo Plesset
Anne S. Prince
Kate Hayley Schaffman
Carolyn Schlan
Betty Stein
Rose Wadler

AUGUST 17 13 *Av*

Adele Boden
Hertha Ermann
Yetta Gellman
Israel Kauffman
Mary Klass
Estelle Kornhauser
Jennie Levy

AUGUST 18 14 *Av*

Usher Feinsilber
Fannie Green
Roslyn Kalinsky
Samuel E. Laddon
Fannie Raine
Rose Saldinger
Marvin Schneider
Rabbi H. Jonah Waldman
Jennie Wein

AUGUST 19 15 *Av*

Victor Battino
Israel Levin
Nefitali Pazo

AUGUST 20 16 *Av*

Rose Cohen
Etta Schneider
Mordko Smolar
Belle Wagman

AUGUST 21 17 *Av*

Frances Berger
Harry Feldman
Meyer Holtzman
Isidore Kreisman
Milton Levy
Harry Reiter
Isidor Sohn

AUGUST 22 18 *Av*

Rose Altschuler
Bernadine Belkin
Morris Bloomberg
Louis Coren
Samuel Goldstein
Arthur Milder
Murray Wadler

AUGUST 23 19 *Av*

Victor Issac Bigio
Ester Danoff
Burton Drucker
Henry Edlowitz
Hyman Geller
Morris Prince
Rose Schrier
Abraham Vainer
Sidney Zalevsky

AUGUST 24 20 *Av*

Abram Berlin
Irving Gedanken
Jack Kornhauser
Abraham Sterman

AUGUST 25 21 *Av*

Emil Glater
Jeanne Claire Godley-Davis
Nathan Pitkin
Ronald Pitkin
Albert Sbar
Herschel Wartofsky

AUGUST 26 22 *Av*

Naomi Kaplan

AUGUST 27 23 *Av*

Anne Bernstein
Markus Eichtersheimer
Don Margolies
Helen Schechter
Rosella Silverstein
Sadie Wartofsky
Idelle Weiner

AUGUST 28 24 *Av*

Lucille Feinman
Faye Glater
Annie Mollen
Edythe Podolsky
Sadie Smith
Ruth Weiner

AUGUST 29 25 *Av*

Rudy Fischer
Rose Lesser
Tillie Nisenson
Alfred Steiner

AUGUST 30 26 *Av*

Melville Ehrlich
Rebecca Feldman
Marian Kaiser

AUGUST 31 27 *Av*

Hilda Shulman

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For the latest information about upcoming events affiliated with Tikvat Israel, be sure you visit the *shul's* website at www.tikvatisrael.org.

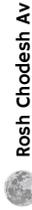
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 26 Tammuz 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	2 27 Tammuz 8:00 AM Minyan 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:00 PM Candle Lighting	3 28 Tammuz 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Matot-Masei) 8:59 PM Havdalah
4 29 Tammuz 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	5 1 AV 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	6 2 AV 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	7 3 AV 8:00 AM Minyan 10:00 AM Blood Drive 7:30 PM Minyan	8 4 AV 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	9 5 AV 8:00 AM Minyan 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:52 PM Candle Lighting	10 6 AV 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Devarim) 11:15 AM Auntie A Shabbat Family Jam, Torah Club 8:51 PM Havdalah
11 7 AV 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	12 8 AV 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan 8:07 PM Fast Begins	13 9 AV 8:00 AM Minyan 2:00 PM Mincha 7:30 PM Minyan 8:40 PM Fast Ends	14 10 AV 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	15 11 AV 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	16 12 AV 8:00 AM Minyan 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:43 PM Candle Lighting **Last Day of ECC Summer Camp**	17 13 AV 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Vaetchanan) 8:42 PM Havdalah
18 14 AV 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	19 15 AV 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	20 16 AV 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	21 17 AV 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	22 18 AV 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	23 19 AV 8:00 AM Minyan 10:00 AM ECC Open House/Playdate 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:33 PM Candle Lighting	24 20 AV 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Eikev) 10:30 AM Torah Club 8:32 PM Havdalah
25 21 AV 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	26 22 AV 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	27 23 AV 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	28 24 AV 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	29 25 AV 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	30 26 AV 8:00 AM Minyan 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:23 PM Candle Lighting	31 27 AV 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Re'eh) 8:22 PM Havdalah

All events subject to change. Please read B'Keshet for the latest status.

Note: The ECC will be closed August 19-23 for Professional Week. School resumes on August 26.



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Tisha B'Av



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Our New Receptionist Knows Her Science

Tikvat Israel's newest employee is Tali Kobil-Moav, who began her post as our receptionist and lobby greeter on June 17.

She will be responsible for monitoring incoming pedestrian traffic at the main entrance every weekday morning during the drop-off period for the Early Childhood Center, while ensuring all visitors to Tikvat Israel adhere to security protocols and helping delivery personnel and service technicians find their destination in our building between 8 a.m. and noon.

A native of Ashkelon on Israel's Mediterranean coast and a four-year veteran of the Israeli army, Tali said she has worked in neuroscience at the Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins Medicine, among other area organizations. She holds a degree in neuroscience from Hebrew University and Ph.D. from the Weizmann Institute of Science.



Tali Kobil-Moav

She and her family (including a 17-year-old rising high school senior and a 20-year-old son in the U.S. Marines) moved to Maryland about 13 years ago and to Rockville five years ago.

Tali is a committed volunteer to a D.C.-based non-profit that welcomes foreign diplomats and their families when they first relocate to the U.S. and to the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, where she's training to become an emergency medical technician.

After her first two weeks on the new job, she said she was pleased to be working for an organization "with important goals and important values. . . . It fills my heart."

She succeeds Ellen Shifflett, who began as TI's receptionist in mid-November.