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Cantorial magic. Full coverage, including multiple photos and a complete list of contributors, of "From the Heart," the June 6 tribute to Cantor Rochelle Helzner to mark her 36th year of service to Tikvat Israel. **See pages 8-11.**

New playing rules. Eighty-two members of the congregation turned out to ratify a set of important updates to the Tikvat Israel bylaws. The changes covered the roles of synagogue officers, a restructuring of standing committees and fairness policies. **See story, page 3.**

It's great to see you! And Rabbi Israel says he really means it as he shares in his column. Discover also how he is spending the month of July in New England. **See page 5.**

The numbers to guide us. An operating budget for the new fiscal year promising increased spending as Tikvat Israel returns to a sense of normal operations was approved at a hybrid congregational meeting on June 27. **See story, page 4.**

The mailbox is full. Two full pages of letters from members and others to fellow congregants on **pages 16-17.**

Our New Leadership



Seven of the officers and board members elected at the congregational meeting mostly for two-year terms of service gathered on the *bima* following their election on June 27. They along with others joining the board will be installed during *Shabbat* services on July 31, when a *kiddush* will be offered in their honor. Shown (from left) are Warren Berger, Stuart Lempert, Sally Kram, Melissa Apter, Alan Apter, Gene Sheskin and Jim Perlmutter. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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

Note: Several services are now in-person (*Kabbalat Shabbat*, *Shabbat* morning and Sunday morning *minyan*). All services continue on-line. Additional in-person services will be announced in *B'kesher*.

CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

July 2	8:21 p.m.
July 9	8:19 p.m.
July 16	8:16 p.m.
July 23	8:11 p.m.
July 30	8:05 p.m.
August 6	7:58 p.m.
August 13	7:49 p.m.
August 20	7:40 p.m.
August 27	7:30 p.m.

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Looking Ahead to High Holy Days 5782

The 5782 High Holy Day season begins with *Selichot* the evening of Saturday, Aug. 28 when Tikvat Israel will partner with Kehilat Shalom, Shaare Tefila and B'nai Shalom of Olney. This service offers us the opportunity to stand together as *agudah echat* – one community.



Prior to the service, attendees will have an opportunity to hear a presentation by Laura Shaw Frank, director of contemporary Jewish life with the American Jewish Committee.

All High Holy Day services will be offered in-person and online.

Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown Monday, Sept. 6. Services on the following Tuesday and Wednesday mornings will begin at 9:30 a.m. *Taschlich* will be held at the bridge in nearby Rock Creek Park during the afternoon of Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Yom Kippur begins with *Kol Nidre* the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 15. *Yom Kippur* services on Thursday, Sept. 16, will begin at 9:30 a.m., with an afternoon break running from 1 to 5 p.m. The *Yizkor* service will be held at 5 p.m., followed by *Mincha* and *Neilah* services, with the *shofar* sounded at 7:54 p.m. A variety of youth services will be held, and babysitting will be available. "Side Trip" study sessions will be held during services and the *Yom Kippur* afternoon break.

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

Our Congregation's Baseball Outing Aug. 15



Want to join fellow Tikvat Israel members during an outing at the ballpark? The Women's Network has purchased a block of tickets for the game between the Washington Nationals and Atlanta Braves on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 15. Game time is 1:05 p.m.

Our group's tickets are in Section 305 (along the left field line, close to 3rd base), which is shaded for most of the afternoon. Tickets are \$33 each. All ticket orders must be placed with Rebecca Salon by July 14. (Unclaimed tickets will be returned to the Nats a few days later.) Contact her at rsalon@verizon.net or 240-205-0289 about the number of tickets you'd like to reserve.

This is a great activity for families, and friends and relatives also are welcome to join us in rooting on the Nats.

SUKKAH BUILDING

Tikvat Israel members will build the congregation's *sukkah* on Sunday, Sept. 12. Able-bodied teenagers and adults are requested to help assemble starting at 10:15 a.m. Two years ago, we completed the task in under three hours.

If you can help for even an hour, please contact Alan Apter at alaniapter@gmail.com. He asks you bring a screwdriver and a stepstool if you have one.



Berger Takes Presidential Reins During Board Elections

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



Immediate past president Melanie Grishman joined Warren Berger in conducting the vote on synagogue officers and board members, who will be installed July 31 with a *Shabbat kiddush* in their honor. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

82 participating members, with 36 of them present in the sanctuary and another 46 joining the meeting from their homes via Zoom. All voted in favor of the candidate slate generated by immediate past president Melanie Grishman, serving as chair of the nominations committee.

Elected as officers were the following: President **Warren Berger** (who served as co-president in 2019-21); Vice President for Administration **Alan Apter**; Vice President for Programming **Sally Kram**; Vice President for Education **Judy Stern**; Treasurer **Stuart Lempert**; Financial Secretary **Gene Sheskin**; Recording

Tikvat Israel members elected Warren Berger to a two-year term as president and several new officers and board members in the annual congregational election on June 27.

The voting took place at a first-ever hybrid congregational meeting. The official count tallied

Secretary **Beth Smith**; and Immediate Past President (ex officio), **Jim Perlmutter**.

Elected to the board of directors for two-year terms were **Felicia Black**, **Keith Brooks**, **Frances Tropp** and **Mark Diamond**.

Directors elected to fill one-year terms (completing the terms of Judy Stern and Beth Smith, who moved up to officer berths) were **Melissa Apter** and **David Gorman**.

Departing the board are Melanie Grishman, immediate past president; The Robin Niman Mikvah Education Fund. Sherrie Krauser, recording secretary; and Lois Sbar, board member.

Re-elected to the Fund for the Future board were **Ellen Eisner**, **Rebecca Salon** and **Fortuna Scheige**.

Installation of the new officers and board members will take place at the July 31 *Shabbat* service. They will be honored during a *kiddush* reception.



A connection of laptops, screens and speakers in the sanctuary enabled 82 congregation members, including 46 participating from home, to elect new officers and board members on June 27. (Photo by Sam Freedenberg)

Shul's Bylaws Get Intensive Fine-Tuning Before Adoption

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

Changes in the Tikvat Israel bylaws, adopted June 27 by the congregation, will put in place new and revised policies governing membership, elections and voting, roles of elected officers, committee structure and synagogue fairness practices.

The bylaws revisions process, which took several years and included changes approved at the January 2020 congregational meeting, consumed the detailed attention of the 82 officially registered meeting participants. More than half joined remotely from their homes to weigh in on proposed changes. Their faces appeared on an oversized screen at the base of the sanctuary's *bima*.

Ultimately, all bylaws were approved during the three-hour meeting without change from the set drafted by a committee chaired by outgoing TI board member Sherrie Krauser.

Among the most significant rules changes taking effect July 1 are these that:

- authorize the board president and board to allow "alter native means" for casting ballots at congregational meetings and board meetings;
- clarify an allied member – someone who is not Jewish or is converting to Judaism – may hold any elected office except the board presidency;
- redesign the committee structure and assigns the three vice presidents, treasurer and financial secretary to chair

one of five standing committees (Administration Committee, Budget Committee, Education Committee, Finance Committee and Program Committee); and

- create a set of fairness policies that address discrimination, harassment and abuse by officers and governing board members as well as employees.

The latter represents the lone totally new article within the synagogue's bylaws. The new measures incorporated into the fairness policies essentially extend the prohibitions against discrimination, verbal, physical and sexual harassment and abuse to officers, board of directors members and senior staff that already have been required of others through the Tikvat Israel Employee Handbook, adopted a year ago.



Congregation members adopted a series of changes to the Tikvat Israel bylaws on June 27. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Much of the discussion at the meeting focused on the realignment of the Religious Practices Committee and the possibility of an allied member having oversight of that committee while serving as vice president for programming.

A copy of the revised bylaws may be requested from the synagogue office.

Adopted Budget Expects More Spending in Synagogue's Return to Normalcy

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



Treasurer Stuart Lempert gave an overview of the synagogue's \$894,000 budget for the coming year, which congregants approved by a 47-1 vote. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Congregants have adopted a spending plan for the coming year that calls for about \$100,000 in additional spending that reflects the return to more customary on-site functions at Tikvat Israel.

The \$894,000 operating budget for TI was approved by a 47-1 vote at the June 27 congregational meeting conducted in hybrid fashion with more than half of the participants logging in remotely via Zoom.

The most significant increases in spending for the year that begins July 1 are targeted for administration (particularly livestreaming expenses for religious services and other activities), building and grounds, kitchen operations and security – mostly functions that were considerably diminished or non-existent during the synagogue's shutdown through the COVID-19 pandemic.

To balance the FY '22 budget, major increases in revenue are expected from the collection of membership dues, fundraising and contributions, kitchen-related events and facility rentals. The Early Childhood Center, through significantly increased enrollment, is counted on to contribute more than \$53,000 to the synagogue's bottom line in 2021-22.

No membership dues increases will be imposed, but all members will be assessed \$50 more in security fees, which will rise to \$125 per family unit. TI's security fee two years ago was \$150.

Treasurer Stuart Lempert presented the budget to congregants at the annual meeting. He included some cautions in his budget planning assumptions that revert to pre-pandemic conditions.

"We are still lagging in the collection of outstanding member dues and obligations," he said in a document shared with congregants. "We plan to increase our efforts to collect or make alternate arrangements to recover as much as we can from amounts outstanding from the current fiscal year. Even with those redoubled efforts, we still expect to write off more than \$50,000 in member obligations this coming fiscal year."

The budget committee, chaired by board Vice President Alan Apter, produced the spending plan that was ratified by the synagogue's board of directors earlier in the week.

"Our committee members devoted significant research time to allow them to make knowledgeable suggestions incorporated throughout the budget proposal," Lempert said. "The result of

that review led us to several smaller cuts that will allow us to project a balanced budget for FY 2021-22."

Lempert, who was reelected to another two-year term as treasurer during the congregational meeting, said the synagogue's finances would finish FY '21 in the black. The major contributor to the positive status, he explained, was the \$233,000 received in a pair of forgivable loans to the shul through the federal government's Paycheck Protection Program.

When final figures are tallied this summer, Lempert said the synagogue would likely have about \$200,000 in unspent money, which he said would serve as a "rainy-day fund" for emergency needs.

A copy of the adopted budget can be requested from StuartLempert@yahoo.com.

REPORTING LIVE FROM SUMMER CAMP

With a live backdrop of nature on his Zoom connection, Rabbi Israel participated in the June 25 congregational meeting from Palmer, Mass., where he is spending most of July as a staff member of Camp Ramah in New England.



Rabbi Israel with other staff at Camp Ramah's ropes/adventure course in western Massachusetts.

The rabbi told meeting participants that he had just completed his recertification to oversee the camp's ropes/adventure course.

He has worked at Camp Ramah for two or four weeks each summer since 2007 when he was employed by Temple Ohr Kodesh, which sent several youngsters to the camp.

"I love being a part of Jewish camping, where we are able to create a holistic and holy Jewish community," he said. "I wanted the students to see me beyond my role as rabbi/religious school director."

He admits he overcame his own fears of climbing that first year when he scaled the camp's 57-foot alpine tower. Now he enjoys helping campers overcome their fears and build self-confidence.

Rabbi Israel takes advantage of the 76-acre camp site in western Massachusetts, saying he swims the length of the lake and back (a half-mile) every *Shabbat*.

Five campers and two staff members affiliated with Tikvat Israel also are attending the camp in July.

RABBI'S CORNER

It's Great to See You! (and I Look Forward to Seeing You Again Soon)

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



When engaging in casual conversation, there are certain phrases people say without giving them much thought. Such utterances aren't normally completely insincere – they are just automatic.

Asking a stranger on the street, “How are you doing?” does not mean I want a detailed accounting of their life. It is proffered as a polite way to tell someone I have seen them and care enough about them to engage in simple conversation. Similarly, when I see an acquaintance after an extended period of absence, I'll often say “It's great to see you.” Maybe it is great, maybe not. I likely would say the same thing even if it were just fine and sometimes even if I didn't care much at all. It is more an expression than a literal statement.

Over the last several weeks, I can say with full sincerity that it has been truly great to see people. The ability to see one another in person and to see faces without masks is a marked difference from what we have experienced over the previous 16 months. With high levels of fully vaccinated people in our county (80 percent of adults; 90 percent of seniors) and extremely low numbers of new cases, we have turned an important corner. We still must be careful and watch the numbers carefully, yet we have begun to and will continue to celebrate our return.

After 14 months of speaking to a computer screen or a video camera, I am energized each week as I see people who are back

for the first time and I find it moving when they stand to recite *shehechyanu*. It is great to see people back in shul.

In a funny way, this makes it the perfect and a difficult time to go away. During the pandemic, we have all worked together to maintain our close-knit community and to take care of one another. It has been inspiring and meaningful to partner with you in this work. But it has also been exhausting. I have been off just three *Shabbatot* since January 2020 and have missed only a dozen or two daily *minyanim* since COVID began. I have not taken full “days off,” at least not in the traditional sense of the word. As much as I love my work and this community, I need time to re-charge my battery and avoid burning out.

Since June 22, and continuing through July 25, I am at Camp Ramah in New England in Palmer, Mass. I consider myself fortunate to spend a portion of each summer at camp. This will be my 15th summer at Ramah.

At camp, I have an unusual job for a rabbi – I run the outdoor ropes course, which includes a 30-foot climbing wall and a 57-foot climbing tower. It is the most physically exhausting and spiritually energizing time of the year for me. It is great to be outdoors and to engage with campers in a very different way than I would do if I were teaching in a more traditional rabbinic role. I love helping campers with a fear of heights achieve what they didn't think possible, and I enjoy challenging more seasoned climbers to find new ways to approach the course (climbing blindfolded, doing tandem climbs with a friend, etc.). In both cases, I try to help the campers understand how the mental skills and resilience they develop on the ropes course are applicable to all areas of life.

Being at camp energizes me in other ways also. There is the joy of watching young people create a meaningful Jewish community of their own — the energy of their singing and prayers; the conversations one has walking down the road to the *chadar ochel* (dining hall); the ideas shared over a meal with colleagues as we discuss the challenges and triumphs of our past year and thoughts about what comes next. Each summer, I come away with new ideas and a renewed spirit that I bring back to the synagogue and draw upon during the coming High Holidays and throughout the coming year.

While I am at camp, I try to fully immerse myself in the experience. I am available by e-mail for urgent matters and by phone for emergencies, but please understand that it may take a little longer for me to reply for more routine or programmatic matters.

It is hard for me, just as I am getting back to seeing you, to step away. But I also know that it is best for me, and best for you, that I take this time. When I come back, I expect that I will tell you how great it is to see you – in this case, please know that I will truly mean it!

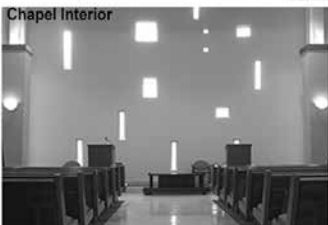


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Board Commitments and Reopening

BY WARREN BERGER, TIKVAT ISRAEL PRESIDENT



At the annual congregational meeting on June 27, we elected officers and board members who have expressed their commitment to Tikvat Israel by serving in leadership roles. Our synagogue could not operate without your dedication, time and energy.

I also want to thank those (Jim Perlmutter, Melanie Grishman, Ellen Kaminow, Sherrie Krauser and Lois Sbar) who have completed their terms. I am happy that many incumbents have chosen to continue (though this job will be much harder without Jim as my co-president).

One person continuing is our treasurer Stuart Lempert, who deserves a big *yasher koach* for his past and continuing service as our chief financial officer. It is not an easy task to keep us afloat financially in normal times – even more so during the pandemic when he did an amazing job guiding us and applying for and receiving two federal Paycheck Protection Plan loans/grants.

The 2021-22 operating budget, which was approved at the congregational meeting, was prepared by Stuart working with the Budget Committee, which was led by Alan Apter. They did an exemplary job developing a realistic budget, which of course had to make assumptions as we continue our reopening. It was great to approve a budget that does not include a dues increase!

Speaking of reopening, in the past few months our COVID-19 Task Force and Reopening Committee have been extremely busy following and analyzing the numerous scientific studies, the massive vaccination effort, the reduction of infections in our area and the subsequent relaxing of restrictions for religious institutions. This situation evolved gradually, and it is interesting to review our timeline:

- April 24 – Reopened for *Shabbat* morning services in the sanctuary (TI Reopening Phase 1) for fully vaccinated congregants only, with limited seating, distancing and masks required;
- May 15 – Increased the number of family units (pods) in the sanctuary from 20 to 30 but continued the same rules, including pre-registration;
- May 21 – Reopened for in-person *Kabbalat Shabbat* services;
- May 23 – Reopened for Sunday morning *minyan*;
- May 29 – Entered Reopening Phase 2 where we removed almost all restrictions for services (as per Montgomery County and State of Maryland rules and guidance), allowing all congregants, no registration, with optional distancing and masks no longer required (but still recommended for those who were not vaccinated or more at risk from a health perspective);
- June 5 – Had an in-person *bar mitzvah* (for the first time in two years) – *Mazel Tov* to Jonathan Lantner and his family!

Finally, thanks again to Cantor Helzner for her 36 years of amazing service to our community. The anniversary celebration on June 6 was a wonderful tribute. Thanks again to the rabbi and cantor, Sam and Amy, Roz and the members of the committee who planned this event (which was led by Beth Smith, Carol Chelemer and Fortuna Scheige).

May we go from strength to strength in the new synagogue fiscal year of 2021-22.

New Office Software Promises Easy Access for Congregants

Congregants will gain new ways to access their personal synagogue financial records



and make contributions to donor funds through an administrative software program known as ShulCloud that Tikvat Israel has installed recently.

The new cloud-based technology is being used by office staff for billing and payments and congregant management (such as generating *yahrzeit* notices). The TI staff expects to roll out the ShulCloud system first to governing board members in order to solicit feedback on ease of use, appearance on screen and any glitches.

The office staff, joined by TI President Warren Berger, attended a recent webinar on expanding access to ShulCloud to the full congregation. Executive Director Sam Freedenberg will use a PowerPoint presentation for a “Zooming into ShulCloud” orientation during the week of July 19.

Members then can make donations without calling the office or mailing paper checks for this purpose. They also can access information on the current state of their membership dues and can update personal and family information.

The company behind ShulCloud says it is currently in use at more than 1,000 synagogues worldwide. It says the cloud-based synagogue management software “has robust member billing features, detailed and social member management and relationship capabilities, incredibly smart calendar and scheduling software, an online member portal for paying bills, updating their records, a beautiful web site package and much more.”

The company says ShulCloud has helped shuls increase collections and donations and reduce managerial time, which is an anticipated outcome for the TI office staff.

Jews in America, Jews in Our Community

BY RACHEL LIPSY, STRATEGIC PLANNING CHAIR

(This is the first in a series from the Strategic Planning Team to help bring the Tikvat Israel Congregation into our conversation about how to build an even more thriving community. Feel free to contact us at strategicplan@tikvatisrael.org.)



Rachel Lipsy serves as chair of TI's Strategic Planning Committee. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

The newest Pew Report on American Jews (2020) states that only 20 percent of American Jews attend synagogue at least monthly. And yet, of those who don't attend, 55 percent said they "express their Jewishness in other ways."

Furthermore, the majority of American Jews attended a *seder* in the year prior to the survey, own a *menorah*, a *mezuzah*, a *siddur* and a *seder* plate. So it's clear that the majority of American

Jews still want to connect to their Jewishness, but it seems synagogues aren't offering them what they want.

Even when we focus on Jews who identify as part of the Conservative movement, the numbers don't favor synagogue attendance or traditional modes of connecting to Judaism. Only 33 percent of Conservative Jews attend synagogue "monthly or more," while 25 percent said they attend "seldom or never." Further, only 24 percent of Conservative Jews keep kosher at home.

But in contrast, 59 percent of Conservative Jews say they often mark *Shabbat* in a way that is "meaningful to them," 79 percent hosted or attended a *seder*; 82 percent own a *mezuzah*, and 92 percent own a *menorah*. So even among our own denomination, Jews want a greater connection than synagogues are offering. Synagogues are not serving those they were built to support.

It's too easy to consider synagogues as institutions separate from the community, that the community is supposed to support for its own good. When we say, "we go to services to support our members" but at the same time try to guilt people into being that tenth member of the *minyan* ("we only need one more!"), we are proving the point that most Jews are not interested in going to services. Even if some people show up, we are not solving the underlying issues.

Pew even asked Jews who attend synagogue if guilt was a motivator for attending – and the resounding response was "no." The great majority of Jews say they come to synagogue for their personal spiritual connection or because of a sense of belonging. But if only 33% of Conservative Jews find synagogue spiritually meaningful or a place of belonging, we're leaving out 67% of the population.

How can we connect to that majority of Jews? How do we make synagogue meaningful for them? How do we make the synagogue community, whether through services or other activities, feel like a place of belonging for more members?

The Strategic Planning Team is built from a cross-section of Tikvat Israel members, and our exchanges reflect that diversity. But our desire for a more connected community, religiously meaningful activities, and a spiritual home in Tikvat Israel, gives common ground to our discussions.

Now we're asking you some of the questions we're asking ourselves. Over the next few months, we will be asking questions and presenting

ideas in a variety of ways, in order to expand the conversation to the entire congregation. If you have an answer – about ways that you personally would feel more spiritual or more connected – please feel free to email us at strategicplan@tikvatisrael.org.



Rachel Lipsy led the June 27 congregational meeting attendees through an exercise to demonstrate their personal connections to fellow synagogue members. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Shul Relaxes for Summer But Looks Toward Fall Events

BY SALLY KRAM, TIKVAT ISRAEL
VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMMING

What a thrill that we have been able to see each other again in-person at shul! That said, Tikvat Israel continues its adaptation to COVID-19 protocols with limited programming this summer and some virtual sessions planned.

La'Asot Tzedakah U'Mishpat: To Do What Is Just and Right 2021

There will be a bit of summer respite for this programming as planning focuses on the fall.

If you can't get enough of all-things-Israel, witness Israel's national baseball team take on the Bethesda Big Train at Shirley Povich Field in Bethesda before the team heads to Japan to compete in the 2021 Summer Olympics. While TI is not an official sponsor, it encourages all members to take themselves out to the ballpark for a 9:13 p.m. start on Sunday, July 18. Details and tickets are available at <http://bigtrain.org/schedule>.

On Aug. 1, TI resident artist Tamah Graber is assembling all comers for a *sukkah* painting festival at 10 a.m. at TI. Bring your ideas and your artistic skill to this program that is open to congregants of all ages. Contact her at grabertamah@gmail.com for details.

And don't forget the High Holidays are early this year. With *Rosh Hashanah* beginning on Sept. 6, we can all look forward to a festive Labor Day when the two holidays coincide for the first time since 1899. We won't see it again until 2089, so enjoy beach weather for the high holidays.

As always, TI programming can't happen without you, both as attendees and as volunteers. We always need new blood so feel free to contact me at sallykram939@gmail.com if you are interested in being part of it all. Happy summer!

Voices of Song and Praise Fete Cantor Helzner's 36 Years

Tributes from family members, friends and fellow congregants, interspersed with spirited song and dance, contributed to a fitting double *chai* celebration honoring Cantor Rochelle Helzner.

The online event on June 6, "From the Heart," running just short of two hours, consisted of some pre-recorded messages from co-presidents Jim Perlmutter and Warren Berger, past presidents Betty and Cliff Fishman, congregants Martie Adelman and Marc Schneider, the cantor's children Jessica Agus and Jonah Agus, Rabbi Marc Israel, Rabbi Howard and Pam Gorin and others.

Creative sparks flew everywhere.

The Fishmans recalled the cantor's hiring in 1984 with their own set of lyrics sung to "Ode to Joy." A trivia contest included questions about the name of the cantor's dog and her staging of a "bark *mitzvah*," the characters she has portrayed over many years at *Purim* festivities and her first public performance alongside

sister (and professional singer) Robyn Helzner. The tribute from her children recalled their memorable car rides to shul while their mother performed vocal exercises behind the wheel.

More than 230 computer screens were logged in to the concert with multiple attendees behind many of those computers.


The marking of the cantor's 36th anniversary year also served as an important fund-raising event for Tikvat Israel, raising more than \$95,000.


You can watch the entire concert at <https://venue.streamspot.com/video/b3cf273c61>.

Beth Smith chaired the event planning. Those who served on the Fundraising Committee were Carol Chelemer, Fortuna Scheige, Larry Gorban, Jeff Smith, Betty and Cliff Fishman, Roz Kram, Steve Raucher, Howard Wilchins and Sam Gilston.






36  *From the Heart*
A Tribute to Cantor Rochelle Helzner



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Thank You to Our 'From the Heart' Donors

Demonstrating an outpouring of gratitude, affection and respect for our beloved Cantor Rochelle Helzner, the celebration of her 36 years with Beth Tikva / Tikvat Israel raised over \$96,000 (as of June 21), making it by far the largest fundraising event in the congregation's history. More than 200 donors contributed to the celebratory event—"From the Heart"—which drew more than 230 viewer log-ins via Zoom and Livestream.

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Tikvat Israel Women's Network
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Shirley & Jules Bowen
Anita & Mel Brenner
Rosie & Howard Chernoff
Roberta & Larry Cohen
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The Family of Lillian Feingold
Bruce Goldin
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Arlene Gardsbane
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Sally & Neil Kram
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Brenda & Keith Brooks
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Judy Davis
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Susannah Challis & Richard Nisenson
Irene & Rick Pasternak
Susan & Jay Plafker
Julie Mazur & Dylan Presman
Anna Robbins
Nadgy & Shep Roey
Ziva & Jerry Schuchman
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Cantor Helzner's Concert Chronicles

A complete list of concerts featuring Cantor Rochelle Helzner over the past three decades, culled by Carol Chelemer from issues of the Beth Tikva and Tikvat Israel *Bulletins*. All were promoted as our synagogue's concerts.

- 🎵 **1989** "Sing Unto God a New Song" with Cantors Faith Steinsnyder Gurney and Kathryn Wolfe Sebo
- 🎵 **1990** Concert with the Zemer Chai Chorus featuring Passover Haggadah themes
- 🎵 **1991** "Sing Sweetly with Sounds of Joy" with Cantor Farid Dardeshti, violinist Vladimir Gamarik, accompanist P'nina Plotkin Boik
- 🎵 **1993** "Sisters Sing Out" with Robyn Helzner
- 🎵 **1994** "Go Out in Joy"
- 🎵 **1996** "Two Cantors in Concert" with Cantor Jeffrey Nadel
- 🎵 **1996** "A Helzner Hanukah—A Concert of Celebration and Song" with the Robyn Helzner Trio
- 🎵 **1998** "Evening of Contemporary Jewish Music" with Cantor Thom King (Beth El, Baltimore) and Cantor Shazy Hopfenberg (Baltimore)
- 🎵 **1999** "Voices of Joy" with the St. Augustine Gospel Choir
- 🎵 **2000** "An Evening of Sephardic Music" with Ofri Eliaz and the Sahar Ensemble
- 🎵 **2001** "Reaching Towards Holiness: An Uplifting Evening of Music and Dance" with Cantor Henrike Ozzur-Bass (Har Shalom), Cantor Arlene Bernstein (Congregation Beth Israel in San Diego) and dancer Debra Floyd
- 🎵 **2003** "A Meise and A Song" spirited evening of story and music with storyteller Shelly Goldin and the Machaya Klezmer Band
- 🎵 **2005** "Only in America—Songs by American Jewish Composers" with Terri Erchul Malone and Joshua Saxon celebrating the 350th anniversary of Jewish Life in America
- 🎵 **2006** "Sharing Praise—Where Paths Meet" featuring the Jubilee Majestic Concert Choir in a concert of gospel and Jewish music
- 🎵 **2007** "Yiddush Lives! Songs from a Vibrant Musical Heritage" with Hazzan Elisheva Dienstfrey, Cantor Jerome Barry and guest artist Zalma Mlotek (director of the National Yiddush Theater)
- 🎵 **2007** "A Helzner Happening," an afternoon concert of Israeli music and *Chanukah* tunes including performances by students grades 4-6
- 🎵 **2009** Cantorial Concert featuring Clarinetist Eyal Bor and the Jewish Soul Trio
- 🎵 **2011** "Soul Songs: A Celebration of Piyutim (liturgical poem songs)" featuring Persian, Iraqi, Moroccan, Spanish, Chassidic and Israeli tunes with Rabbi Joshua Aroof (Magen David) and Steve Bloom and Elan (instrumental music)
- 🎵 **2014** "Tales of the Unleavened" stories and songs by Speakeasy DC
- 🎵 **2014** "Under the Chuppah—The Music of Marriage"
- 🎵 **2015** "Chai Culture: A Concert of Jewish Themes in Classical Music" with the New Orchestra of Washington (trio)
- 🎵 **2015** "Rock of Ages—Jewish Music with a Contemporary Beat" with the Mark Novak Band
- 🎵 **2017** Cantorial concert with the Billy Jonas Trio
- 🎵 **2018** Concert with Seth Kibel Klezmer Band and Rak Shalom (University of Maryland Jewish a cappella singers)



Dinner pickups in the parking lot were handled by event coordinator Roz Kram and several volunteers, including Gene Sheskin (left) and Neil Sbar.

Festive Dining Before Toasting

A festive kosher dinner featuring three entrée choices was part of the "From the Heart" tribute to Cantor Rochelle Helzner on June 6.

Synagogue member Roz Kram coordinated the dining event with Baltimore-based Celebrations Kosher Catering. Several dozen congregants lined up in their vehicles in the shul parking to pick up their dinner in advance of the evening show, which was presented remotely online because of the pandemic restrictions in place for the past year.

The full dinner menu for congregants included a tapenade with pita, chocolate mousse tart and a can of Moscato for toasting the cantor at the outset of the show



The kosher dinner included a vegan option with sauteed vegetables.



A chocolate mousse tart was part of the festive dinner meal.



ALOHA FROM HAWAII

Congregant Leilani Lansing had a special lei flown in from Hawaii in honor of Cantor Rochelle Helzner's double *chai* anniversary. She wore it on the synagogue *bima* June 5 when she was honored with an *aliyah*.

Lansing said she obtained the lei through a friend in Hawaii, where she lived with her parents through age 6. She returns to Hawaii regularly for weddings and funerals.

WOMEN'S NETWORK

A Big Summer Finale, Then Planning for Next Year

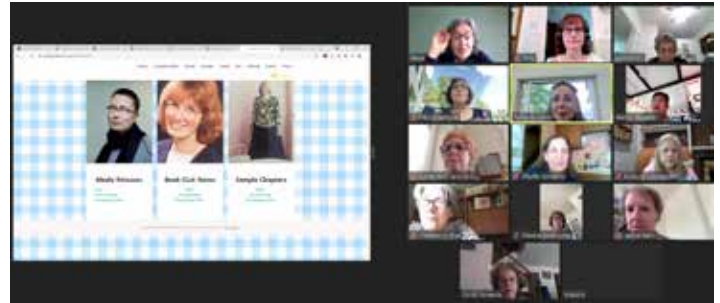
BY JANICE BALIN

The Women's Network continued to offer exciting and well-attended programs during the spring and ended the year with a bang.

On May 2, the WN Book Group discussed *On Division* by Goldie Goldbloom. The book is an excavation of one woman's life, a story of awakening at middle age and a thoughtful examination of the dynamics of self and collective identity within the Hassidic community. Rebecca Salon led a thoughtful and interesting discussion.

On May 16, the *Rosh Hodesh* Committee presented another spiritual program, a Healing Circle, conducted by Janeane Marks. She is a certified Yoga Nidra instructor, registered nurse, ordained interfaith minister and spiritual director. Marks took the participants on a healing journey, interweaving the experience with the holiday of *Shavuot*.

On June 27, the Tikvat Israel Women's Network presented an exciting end-of-year program, "Kreplach & Dim Sum: Yes, There are Jews in China." Through lively stories, photos, video and music, Robyn Helzner shared her irresistible enthusiasm for both ancient and modern Jewish communities of Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Kaifeng. The many donations received in support of the program are appreciated by our group and will be used to offer future exciting programs for the congregation.



Congregant Rebecca Salon led a book discussion of a work by Goldie Goldbloom in May.

On July 25, the WN Book Group will meet for the final time in the 2020-21 program year to discuss *I Want You to Know We're Still Here* by Esther Safran Foer. The discussion will be led by Anna Levy. Following the discussion, the books and dates for next year's book group will be finalized. Anyone considered a bookworm should not miss this opportunity to weigh in with suggestions.

I want to thank all those who supported our Pampered Chef fundraiser. As a result of the total sales stemming from the event, the Women's Network presented the TI kitchen crew a check recently for \$373.80. A special thank you to Naomi Baer, Amy Sanders, Roni Silverstein and Elaine Weinstein, who made Pampered Chef kitchen utensil donations to the kitchen.

To plan for WN's future events, all interested persons are asked to gather at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14. All women from the congregation who are eager to plan and carry out programs for next year should join this meeting. We need all of your help. The meeting will be held on Janice Balin's screened porch and on Zoom (for those not ready for in-person programs). Please RSVP at balinfive@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing everyone face-to-face in the fall.



The May *Rosh Chodesh* program featured a healing circle led by Janeane Marks (left).

GOODBYE TO JUNK

A paper shredding operation in the synagogue parking lot on June 13 brought in an estimated \$600 in revenue. Dozens of boxes and bags of sensitive paperwork were deposited in the shredding truck. Alan Apter organized the second annual event, and the following volunteers assisted him: Jeff Baer, Naomi Baer, Sally Kram, Amy Matathias, Dan Matathias, Tami Gilston, Sam Gilston, Eva Stevenson, Ron Rabin, Barry Lipsy and Warren Berger. (Photo by Amy Matathias)



TRACKING SYNAGOGUE EVENTS

There's usually a lot of stuff happening at Tikvat Israel, so it can be overwhelming to take it all in when reading *B'kesher*. Another way to stay informed is a calendar on the Tikvat Israel website where you can see at a glance what's happening day-by-day, month-by-month, including daily *minyan*, *Shabbat* and holiday schedules.



Access the up-to-date calendar at <https://tikvatisrael.org/calendar>.

The embedded links will take you to more information about the desired event on our website.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Celebrations and Summer Play

BY DEBBIE UNGAR, DIRECTOR, EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



The past few months have been exciting in the ECC. We celebrated *Yom Ha'atzmaut* with a "trip" to Israel. The trip included visiting a *kibbutz* to squeeze oranges to make juice; stopping at the Western Wall (*Kotel*) where the children built a model and wrote personal notes to put in the *Kotel*; participating in an archeological dig; and fishing in Eilat. The celebration culminated with a lunch of Israeli salad and falafel, which the children helped prepare.

In May, we resumed having special visitors perform for the ECC outdoors. The Schuchman therapy dogs visited the ECC. These therapy dogs also understand Hebrew. Everyone enjoyed seeing them perform tricks using Hebrew commands and loved petting them. We are looking forward to their future monthly visits.

For the first time this year, in honor of *Shavuot*, the children visited the sanctuary where Rabbi Israel opened the ark and showed us the Torah scrolls. The rabbi even opened a Torah for the children to see the scroll. This was a meaningful and educational experience for everyone. To further our study of *Shavuot*, Limor Dayan, a teacher in the *Arayot* class, dressed up as Moses for *Shabbat Sing* and talked about how the Ten Commandments were received. She handed out stuffed Torah scrolls to several children, and everyone sang and danced. The celebration culminated with ice cream for a pre-*Shavuot* snack.

The theme this summer is "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" The ECC is studying various countries around the world including their foods, cultures, flags and dances. We also will take a special "trip" to the Summer Olympic Games to further our study.

On Tuesday mornings, the children gather as a whole group outdoors for *ruach* singing. We sing popular camp songs as well



Therapy dogs belonging to congregants Ziva and Jerry Schuchman paid a recent visit to the ECC students.

as songs from many diverse countries. We continue to have *Shabbat Sing* on Fridays.

On hot summer days, the children love to cool off with water play outside. The children enjoy exploring with sprinklers, sprayers and water tables.

In addition, during the summer, we enjoy "Wondrous Wednesdays."

This includes in-house field trips, special guests, spirit days and dance classes. We also use the natural resources of Rock Creek Park and the local area for nature walks and exploration.

Registration for the 2021-22 school year is well underway. Several new children have signed up for the program in recent weeks. We have limited spaces available for the fall. If you have friends or neighbors looking for an excellent early childhood program, please remind them to consider Tikvat Israel's ECC. We are happy to answer questions or provide tours.

Those with questions about the ECC can reach me at debbie@tikvatisrael.org.



Rabbi Israel hosted ECC pupils on the steps of the *bima* to mark the observance of *Shavuot*.

PAINTING PROJECT

Kids from all ages are being sought to paint the walls ... of our next sukkah. Come ready to add your decorative designs to the canvas. Stencils, paint, and brushes will be provided on Sunday, Aug. 1, in the social hall. The artwork is slated to run from 10 a.m. until noon.

Managing the project are Marilyn Greenwood, Melanie Grishman and Elaine Weinstein with overall direction from Tamah Graber (grabertamah@gmail.com).



EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Instilling the Essence of Being a Jew

BY RABBAH ARLENE BERGER, INTERIM EDUCATION DIRECTOR



All students attending the TI religious school came together for a year-end activity in the social hall.

Earlier this year, as the interim education director of Tikvat Israel, I'd been given the unique opportunity and challenge to step into a program midway through the year. My goal was to shape an experience that I hoped the students would enjoy participating in without realizing how much they were actually learning.

When I teach young people, I want to instill in them that Judaism is not just “one” thing. It is not something that can be explained in one sentence and then filed neatly away under the letter “J.” It is the essence of what each of us who identify as a Jew is, as we are reminded daily in the *V’Ahavta - B’chol l’vavcha, u’v’chol nafshecha, u’v’chol me’odecha* – with all of your heart, with all of your soul and with all of your *me’od* - which I always translate as “all of our all-ness.”

School ended on Sunday, May 23 and, I must admit, I miss our TI students. They are smart and funny, knowledgeable in Judaism and not afraid to ask the questions that show that Judaism is not a static construct for them. What more could one ask for? We learned about Passover, the *Omer* and *Shavuot*—all from a civilizational perspective. We talked about how the holidays changed in practice and meaning over time, and what they can mean for us now. I challenged them each week to find the beauty and holiness in their lives, all opportunities for blessings and mindfulness. Of course, we had many digressions as all good classes should have when the students ask good questions—especially when they get it, that one person’s Judaism is not necessarily the same as that of the next person.

Ultimately, and most importantly, we engaged in using both the serious and the imaginative parts of our minds to create individual relationships with our heritage.

Our final class was an in-person Intergenerational Family Program on *Shavuot*. We looked at how *Shavuot* changed over

time from an agricultural pilgrimage holiday to one that represents the ongoing receiving of the Torah anew each year. We even talked about how a holiday that is apparently dedicated to dairy products works for someone who is lactose intolerant. I then read aloud the story of revelation from *Exodus*, and each student made a picture through paper tearing representing their own experience. It was a great way to end the year—oh, and of course we had chocolate as well.



Zippy, a student in TI’s religious school, worked on an art project at a year-end intergenerational family program.

New Religious School Forming in the Fall

Tikvat Israel has formed a partnership with two other area synagogues, Kol Shalom and Shaare Torah, to establish a shared religious school beginning this fall.

The three shuls have signed a memorandum of understanding to create B’Yachad, the religious school program, according to Rabbi Marc Israel.

A school director is expected to be named shortly, and further details will be provided this summer to TI’s families with school-age children.

All three synagogues likely will host some classes. Kol Shalom and Shaare Torah, both Conservative *shuls*, are located, respectively, at 9110 Darnestown Road in Rockville and 1409 Main St. in Gaithersburg.

Blood Drive Draws Special Number

The Tikvat Israel blood drive on June 16 in the social hall yielded 36 pints of blood. What an appropriate number.

Thirteen of the donors were Tikvat Israel congregants.

“A big thank you to Sam, Amy, our building services staff, our Red Cross rep David Hull, the Red Cross staff members who handled, literally, the donations and the Tikvat Israel volunteers at the arrival area,” said Robbi Cohen, one of the shul organizers.

If you missed the blood drive and still wish to donate (and first-time donors are always welcome), visit www.redcrossblood.org. It should answer most questions.

Tikvat Israel is expected to host another blood drive on a weekday this fall. The Red Cross no longer conducts Sunday blood drives.



Sue Urban was one of the congregants donating blood in the social hall. (Photo by Larry Cohen)



Robbi Cohen helped to coordinate yet another synagogue blood donor event. (Photo by Larry Cohen)

Fresh Produce Delivered Weekly to Shul



Employees of the farm in Calvert County, Md., wait in the shul parking lot for their patrons.

Are you interested in farm-fresh produce on your dinner table at home?

Consider joining Tikvat Israel’s Community-Supported Agriculture program (better known as a CSA), which delivers produce from a Calvert County farm every week through the summer to the synagogue. Pickups take place in the building lobby from 2-3 p.m. on Thursdays. The CSA season runs through September.

If interested, contact coordinator Dalit Baranoff at dalit.baranoff@gmail.com. She also can facilitate match-making for those who might prefer a half-share over the season.

More info about the CSA or the farm is accessible via www.calvertfarm.com.

ONLINE CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS AT TI

Making a contribution is a wonderful way to honor a loved one’s memory or acknowledge a special occasion. Your gift will go to the fund of your choosing or will be distributed where it is needed most though Tikvat Israel’s General Fund.

Tikvat Israel is sustained by voluntary gifts and donations. Your support of the General Fund, Rabbi’s Fund, Cantor’s Fund, *Kiddush* Fund or one of our many committees allows us to provide more for our community. Whether you are passionate about *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), lifelong learning, religious observance or the future of the Jewish community, your gift provides us with the resources to continue to meet your expectations, as well as those of the Tikvat Israel community.

Donations and payments can be made using PayPal. The shul’s PayPal site is highly secure and automatically encrypts your confidential information in transit from your computer to ours. You do not need a PayPal account to use this feature. The donation platform also accepts credit and debit cards.

When paying online, in the section that says “Add a note,” please indicate the reason for your donation/payment (in honor of, in memory of, in appreciation of, or for dues or any other outstanding obligation).

Congregational Condolences

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

Roma Sohn and Gigi Sohn on the loss of Roma’s son and Gigi’s brother Glenn Sohn.

Jay Plafker on the loss of his sister Gloria Wishengrad.

Joelle Black on the loss of her sister-in-law Claire W. Grossmann.

Steve Raucher on the loss of his wife Helen Raucher. Helen was the grandmother of Benjamin Raucher and Michael Raucher.

Lisa Ehrlich on the loss of her father Arthur Robert Landy.



TI Mailbox

My Congregation, and Why I Continue

I know I am “preaching to the choir,” but I feel the need to share my thoughts at this time. Perhaps some of those reading this letter can use my thoughts and feelings to share with others who are thinking about joining a shul.

Many folks question why I am a member of the synagogue and have been for 53 years. How can I “justify” the annual expense of paying dues for over half a century? With no children left to educate in our Hebrew School, no *b’nai mitzvah* to conduct and no more weddings to hold, why remain a member? My answer is very simple: *I belong to a community.*

Last month, my dear wife (of 58 years), Helen z”l, passed away. Our rabbi was at her bedside just before she died. Our congregation was with me during the saddest moments of my life. Sitting exposed in a cemetery in a steady rain, they helped to arrange a video broadcast of her funeral so those who couldn’t attend in person could share in our grief. They provided food and spiritual comfort to me and my family. They are part of my family.

At this point in my life, I can say our holy congregation has been part of every life cycle event in my family. We educated and held *b’nai mitzvah* for all three of our children at Beth Tikva (now TI). We held weddings for each of them at TI. We held weddings for two of our grandchildren and named our great grandchild at TI and now we have held Helen’s funeral.

So how do I justify my membership? I don’t need to. I know if others joined only for what’s in it for them to justify their costs of membership, there would be no congregation. There would be no place to turn for the loving and spiritual support that has been, and God willing will continue to be, a major support in my life.

Steve Raucher

Thanks for the Support

My beloved wife Geraldine of almost 60 years passed away on March 15 after a 3½-year battle with cancer. She was buried in the Tikvat Israel section of the Garden of Remembrance the following day.

My family and I thank Tikvat Israel for the support during the burial and *shiva* period. Specifically, I want to thank Rabbi Israel for spending time with me and my three daughters and helping us through this emotional time. His visit to Gerri in the hospital and his thoughtful leading of the ceremony and kind words of the eulogy were a great comfort to us.

We also thank the friends who were able to join us at the Garden of Remembrance. The ability to have family and friends from coast to coast and London participate both at the cemetery and *shiva* via Zoom was an enormous gift during these trying times.

Our family has had an outpouring of calls and notes of support as we have been active members since spring 1967. The rabbi’s followup visits and calls along with those of Cantor Helzner have touched our hearts. We also want to thank all of the members who sent food and made contributions to Tikvat Israel, the Holocaust Museum and the Lymphoma Society.

Our family always has felt Tikvat Israel to be our second home, Our daughters went to school there and had their *b’nai mitzvah* there and our participation over 54 years of membership has been an important part of our lives.

Jerry Kaiz and family

For the Love and Devotion

My daughter Ruth joins me in thanking my Tikvat Israel family for the love and devotion shown to us upon the recent death of our beloved brother and son Stephen. The meal provided following the funeral, the numerous cards, calls and donations have been overwhelming along with the comfort provided by our cantor and rabbi and the evening *minyanim* and *Shabbat* services have given me strength during this difficult time.

How fortunate I am to be part of this wonderful shul.

Sara Harris

One Rapid Response

On the seventh day of *Pesach*, Rabbi Israel gave a sermon that inspired me to ask a favor of the Tikvat Israel community. I was participating in an annual 5K run, walk, roll race that raised money to assist amputees in need of equipment, therapy and training. I asked those who were able to help me meet my fundraising goal for this most personal of charities.

Within a half an hour of my post on TI’s listserv, more than 10 people had contributed. Within a week, I met and exceeded my fundraising goal – by a lot. In total, with the help of all of us who participated in the race, we raised just over \$30,000.

I am incredibly grateful. Phil and I have belonged to the TI community for more than 35 years. When we joined, we were considering asking Cantor Helzner to join us. Between now and then, she has sung to us, visited us when we have been ill, comforted us when we lost our parents, shared our joy and taught us to sing a Torah portion when our son Sam had his *bar mitzvah*.

For all these years, our TI friends, family and community have been there for us. Thank you does not seem like enough, but it is what we have. So thank you for helping us and loving us. With *Hashem’s* help, we hope that we will continue to be a family for many more years.

Hope Levy Kott

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MAILBOX, continued

Thanks to a Pair

Kudos to Jim Perlmutter for all his dedication, hard work and effort in the spectacular job he has done as co-president during the past two years. He has worked tirelessly during a very difficult time to keep our TI family together and move forward in this new environment. *Yasher koach!*

Many thanks also to Roz Kram for creating and organizing the Drive-Thru meal pickups at TI over the past year — a wonderful idea on her part that gave us some person-to-person interactions, even when not recognizing each other in our facial masks. *Mazel tov* on giving us this special time to connect and enjoy each other for a little normalcy. *Yasher koach!*

Lois Sbar

Gratitude to Blood Donors

I wanted to send a big thank you once again for Tikvat Israel hosting a blood drive in June. I really think donors enjoy coming to this site. We are getting lots of repeat donors. That is a great sign!

Thirty-six individuals came to donate. Twenty-six pints of whole blood and 10 pints of red blood cells were donated. That total means 88 potential lives were saved with these gifts.

I will follow up with our team to find additional dates for fall blood drives at the synagogue. Thank you for all that you do and hope you have a safe and happy summer.

David Hull
American Red Cross Blood Services
Greater Chesapeake & Potomac Regions
Fairfax, Va.

Cantor's Celebration

What a marvelous production in celebration of Cantor Helzner on June 6. I was proud to be on the committee to honor her. The evening was a huge success and honored our cantor as we should have. We are so lucky to have Cantor Helzner and Rabbi Israel.

Mimi Meltzer

My heart is full and feeling so proud. What a spectacular tribute! It was truly an honor to work on this well-deserved tribute honoring Rochelle.

Besides all the wonderful tributes, I particularly enjoyed seeing Rochelle beaming, looking so happy. Kudos to all who helped to make this event a reality.

Fortuna Scheige

A day later, I was still on a cloud from the program. Thank you, Beth Smith and her wonderful planning group, as well as TI's co-presidents Jim Perlmutter and Warren Berger.

Finally, I want to specially recognize and thank my compatriots on the fundraising committee: co-chair Fortuna Scheige, Betty and Cliff Fishman, Larry Gorban, Roz Kram, Steve Raucher, Jeff Smith and Howard Wilchins. We served "From the Heart."

Carol Chelemer

Through the years, Rochelle Helzner has been the consistent positive anchor and source of support at crucial times for members of Tikvat Israel. Thanks always for everything you've done, Rochelle.

Roz Feldman

The catered meals Roz Kram organized for the cantor's celebration were fabulous! The sides and appetizer were so well balanced and tasty. I enjoyed the chicken and even had enough for a second dinner. And that chocolate mousse tart was divine. The Bartenura Moscato was a nice addition.

Michele Eisenberg

Cantor's Appreciation

I am overwhelmed by all the good wishes that were shared with me on the occasion of my double *chai* anniversary. I am extraordinarily grateful to everyone who devoted time, energy, talent and funds to honor me and create a celebration for the community.

There are so many people to thank. I hope to contact each of you soon to express my gratitude.

May we continue to grow together and to strengthen one another.

With abundant thanks,

Cantor Rochelle Helzner

Unmasked and Lifting Voices



Chai Dynamics, the adult Jewish a cappella group consisting primarily of members of Tikvat Israel, had their first rehearsal in 14 months on May 27. Following CDC guidelines, these fully vaccinated members of the group were finally able to shed their masks and sing together. To commemorate the moment, they sang the *shehechyanu* prayer — with three different melodies.

Chai Dynamics, formed in 2009 in a collaborative venture with Congregation Shaare Torah in Gaithersburg, brings the energetic and popular style of collegiate singing to local audiences. (Photo by Jonathan Solomon)



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HASBARA: Focus on Israeli Innovation

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BY HARVEY T. KAPLAN

In the last few years, much progress has been made in the development of both battery-powered electric and hybrid vehicles and the components that make them work efficiently. Those efficiencies also yield decreased pollution and, hopefully, cost savings as well, and demand is growing. Ford Motor Company recently announced it will be moving toward a target of making electric vehicles 40% of its total production.

According to a recent report by *Israel21c*, an invention by EVR Motors of Petach Tikva, Israel, could provide vehicle manufacturers with better performing cars and lower production costs. EVR is developing a range of new electric motors that are less than half the size of existing models. According to Opher Doron, CEO of EVR (and former general manager of Israel Aircraft Industries' Space Division), his company's new electric motors are "small, lightweight [and] will provide vehicle manufacturers with improved performance while increasing ... flexibility and reducing costs." EVR's current prototype weighs just 9 kilograms (approximately 20 pounds) and is about the length of a cellphone. Batteries can be charged with voltages of 48-800 volts (the larger voltage, the faster the charge).

Such a size reduction is possible, EVR Motors explains, because it is using motors with trapezoidal stator radial flux (TSRF) instead of radial flux permanent magnet (RFPM) motors.



An EVR electric motor is about the length of a cellphone.

The bottom line: the new motor is less than half the size of (and much lighter) than current motors with similar output. More testing is expected later this year using different voltages, with liquid cooling, with ferrite magnets, and scaled for additional commercial vehicles.

A production-ready motor is scheduled to reach global markets before the end of the year. For more info, see: www.evr-motors.com.

Another new Israeli product promises significant healing potential for problematic wounds. Our bodies normally produce a scab over a wound. However, there are wounds that form too gradually to send the biologic signal to trigger the proper sequence of scab formation. Examples include venous and arterial ulcers, pressure and post-surgical ulcers, and diabetic foot ulcers. These heal very slowly (or don't heal at all), often because an underlying defect impedes the flow of blood to the wound site. Something is needed to trigger the healing process.

Enter ActiGraft, invented in Israel. It is an FDA-cleared "regenerative wound solution which uses a patient's own blood to spur healing of chronic wounds." [*Israel21c*] In brief, a healthcare provider can produce a blood clot in about 12 minutes. A special reagent is

mixed with the patient's whole blood and placed in what is called a coagulation mold. The clot is applied to the wound, which "jumpstarts" the natural process that failed to begin on its own.



ActiGraft regenerative wound solution is applied via a coagulation mold.

According to Alon Kushnir, CEO of RedDress, the company he founded to develop this unique device, "ActiGraft tricks the body into thinking this chronic wound is a new wound that it needs to start healing." The company, headquartered in Florida, has developed a kit containing everything that is needed for bedside treatment in a medical facility. As of mid-2021, it is available in the U.S., Israel, and 14 other countries.

Many of us enjoy our sweet treats, but we are aware that too much sugar in our food creates health problems for too many of us. We also know that cutting the sugar frequently spoils the taste of a culinary delight. In addition, many food manufacturers in Israel want to get the sugar content of a product below 9.8% to avoid the undesirable "red label" (government-mandated for greater sugar content).

An Israeli food company named DouxMatok, with labs and offices in Petach Tikva, has developed a solution called "Incredo Sugar." It is 99.9% cane sugar, with a grain of silica added to each crystal. The technology allows it to cut the total sugar content in a food product by about 50%—without affecting the taste or texture. The company offers a line of cocoa spreads (starting with Hazelnut Cocoa and Dark Cocoa Salted Caramel), so pancakes on Sunday morning can be a far less sugary and guilt-ridden event. The name DouxMatok translates to "sweet/sweet" (*doux* in French, *matok* in Hebrew).

Incredo has the potential to accomplish more than simply replace sugar; it can also add dietary fiber and protein "to add nutritional value without changing the flavor"—just two tablespoons of the spread contains 30% of the daily recommended fiber intake.

Incredo Sugar recently won several awards. In December of last year, it was listed among six Israeli products in *TIME Magazine's* "Best Innovations of 2020: 100 Innovations Changing How We Live." In addition, in March 2021, Incredo Sugar won the FoodBev Media 2021 World Food Innovation Award for Best Ingredient Innovation.

For more information about this Israeli product, see: www.incredosugar.com or www.douxmatok.com.

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Andi and Sheldon Kronzek on the marriage of son Michael to Liz Cook (in 2020), on the marriage of son Scott to Taylor Teplitzky (in May) and on the birth of granddaughter Madison Amelia Kronzek to Liz and Michael Kronzek (on June 4).

Jenny Gendel and Barbara and Steve Gendel on the *simchat bat* of their daughter and granddaughter Ava.

Wendy Bauman on the *bar mitzvah* of grandson Drew Goldstein (May 22).

Rebecca Salon on receiving the 2021 Charting the Lifecourse Champion Award for innovation in research for her work at the National Disability Institute.

Jonathan Solomon on being named a runnerup for the Maryland School Psychologists Association's School Psychologist of the Year award.

Phil Kott on his induction into the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service Hall of Fame for developing a statistical theory and practices that advanced the accuracy of the agency's data.

Cliff Fishman for his op-ed column "Lessons from the Mount Meron Tragedy" in the May 13 issue of *Washington Jewish Week*.

Michael, Molly and Debbie Amster, for appearing in a new documentary film about the Kasher Kitchen Collective, a collectively run, anti-profit restaurant in White Oak in the 1970s. (A world premiere of the film was shown recently by the Edlavitch DCJCC.

Ellen and Sherman Eisner on their grandson Jacob Albert's graduation from Sidwell Friends and his fall matriculation at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business.

Abbey Frank and Rabbi Marc Israel on son Micah's graduation from the Jack M. Barrack Hebrew Academy in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Steve Raucher on the graduation of grandson Todd Benowitz from Gaithersburg High School.

Debbie and Michael Ungar on the graduation of their daughter, Arielle, from Stern College.

Limor and Ilan Dahan on the recent graduation of their daughter, Noy, from Towson University.

Jonathan Maxwell Lantner on becoming a *bar mitzvah*. Jonathan is the son of **Shira and Dan Lantner**.

Barbara Milenky on the graduation of grandson Nadav Golan, from Sherwood High School.

Maxine and Jim Perlmutter on the graduation of grandson Avi Brian Strauss, from Towson University.

Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose Yahrzeits Occur From 21 Tammuz through 22 Av – July 2021

JULY 1

21 TAMMUZ

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

JULY 2

22 TAMMUZ

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

JULY 3

23 TAMMUZ

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

JULY 4

24 TAMMUZ

Bessie Cohen
Ben Zion Mauda
Manfred Scheige
Fannie Simball
Simon Strassman
Morris Zaidband

JULY 5

25 TAMMUZ

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

JULY 6

26 TAMMUZ

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

JULY 7

27 TAMMUZ

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

JULY 8

28 TAMMUZ

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

JULY 9

29 TAMMUZ

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

JULY 10

1 AV

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

JULY 11

2 AV

Rose Gordon
Ruth Kaiz
Louis Simball
Sidney Stolzenberg

JULY 12

3 AV

Abigail Lefkowitz
Ralph A. Robinson

JULY 13

4 AV

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

JULY 14

5 AV

Jinky Barnett
Milford Hillerson
Edith Meyers

JULY 15

6 AV

Charles Chidakel
Edith Kaplan
Marvin Laubgross
David Lederman

JULY 16

7 AV

Jerome Pasternak

JULY 17

8 AV

Joseph Samuel Brudner
Harry Greene
Jennie Mazaroff
Anita Perlmutter
Eugene Perry

JULY 18

9 AV

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

JULY 19

10 AV

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

JULY 20

11 AV

Fanny Feigin
Ruth Freed
Bertha Alice Kaplan
Jerome Livingston

JULY 21

12 AV

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

JULY 22

13 AV

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

JULY 23

14 AV

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

JULY 24

15 AV

Victor Battino
Israel Levin
Neftali Pazo

JULY 25

16 AV

Rose Cohen
Etta Schneider
Mordko Smolar
Belle Wagman

JULY 26

17 AV

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

JULY 27

18 AV

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

JULY 28

19 AV

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

JULY 29

20 AV

Abram Berlin
Irving Gedanken
Jack Kornhauser
Abraham Sterman

JULY 30

21 AV

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

JULY 31

22 AV

Naomi Kaplan



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AUGUST 1

23 Av

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

AUGUST 2

24 Av

Lucille Feinman
Faye Glater
Annie Mollen
Belle Rosenthal
Sadie Smith
Ruth Weiner

AUGUST 3

25 Av

Rudy Fischer
Rose Lesser
Tillie Nisenson
Alfred Steiner

AUGUST 4

26 Av

Melville Ehrlich
Rebecca Feldman

AUGUST 5

27 Av

Hilda Shulman

AUGUST 6

28 Av

Jack Chelemer
Shirley Cohen
Marilyn Ehrlich
Barbara Goldberg
Harold Goldstein
Sylvia Holtzman
Claire Kahn
Shirley Schwartz
Richard Spector

AUGUST 7

29 Av

Rose Blonder
Yetta Cohen
Max Feingold
Rachel Pachenker
Rabbi Leivy Smolar

AUGUST 8

30 Av

Larry Bloom
Pearl Cohen
Lina Goldstein
Sonia Goldstein
Sarah Kay
Saul Lubar
Lloyd Oppenheim
Edith Smith
Elias Wolfe
Charlotte Zimmerman

AUGUST 9

1 ELUL

Philip Goldsmith
Hans Joseph
Irving Kabik
Max Katz
Julia Notovitz
Pearl Plesset
William Rosenfeld
William Stein
Esther Stolzenberg
Harry Vinokur
Helen Wexler

AUGUST 10

2 ELUL

Anne Altman
Marsha Fleisher
Eva Gunther
Shirley Hardis
Vera Israel
Rabbi Joseph Kaplan
Harry Klion
Ben Levin
Alvin Peck
Regina Rosenberg
Mina Rothberg
Marion Soypher
Samuel Steckler
Irving M. Yanoff

AUGUST 11

3 ELUL

Batya Band
Pesach Band
David Lipofsky
Max Sommer
Charles Teller

AUGUST 12

4 ELUL

Conrad Glaser
Dorothy Harris
Ethel Miller

AUGUST 13

5 ELUL

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

AUGUST 14

6 ELUL

Albert Bass
Ronald Black
Raizia Chigorsky
Samuel A Hale
Joel Hoffman

AUGUST 15

7 ELUL

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

AUGUST 16

8 ELUL

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

AUGUST 17

9 ELUL

Abraham Fierman
Bessie E. Miller
Minnie Teitelbaum

AUGUST 18

10 ELUL

Shirley Gendel
Morris Kanow
Hilda Schwartz
Dick Stein
Rose Volin

AUGUST 19

11 ELUL

Evelyn Goldberg
Cornelis Hartendorp
Bertha Knott
Harry Witt

AUGUST 20

12 ELUL

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

AUGUST 21

13 ELUL

Gertrude Bender
Kenneth Grossman
Morris Alex Jacobs
Norman Winson
Daniel Barash

AUGUST 22

14 ELUL

Benjamin Feller
Abram Fraeman
Emil Notovitz
Sylvia Senzer

AUGUST 23

15 ELUL

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

AUGUST 24

16 ELUL

Jack I. Karlin
Jack Keilsohn
Lorraine Rayden
Barbara Krieger Teller

AUGUST 25

17 ELUL

Anna Esther Askow
Sondra Levin
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Julius Seligman
Bertha Smith
Hilda Starr
Alexander Stolovy
Jacob Teller

AUGUST 26

18 ELUL

Evelyn Flax Mirmelstein
David Pearl
Irene Wexler

AUGUST 27

19 ELUL

Anna Esther Askow
Sanford Belkin
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Abraham Hamburg
Meyer J. Levin
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AUGUST 28

20 ELUL

Mollie Berly Lipofsky
Mildred Sterman
Mayer Zlotnick

AUGUST 29

21 ELUL

Lew Cyrulnik
Leah Mayer
Fannie Rosen
Irwin Marvin Towers

AUGUST 30

22 ELUL

Mary Kessler
Neil Newman
Hyman Pachenker
Arthur H. Yedwab

AUGUST 31

23 ELUL

Leon Altschuler
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 by Jayme Sokolow
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Wishing *refuah shlema* to Dan Breit by Fortuna and Steven Scheige

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LIBRARY FUND

In honor of Marvin Kasper's 80th birthday by Caroline Goodman

RABBI'S FUND

In appreciation of Rabbi Israel by Irv Cohen
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 In memory of Joan Riegel by Bruce Goldin
 In memory of Gloria Wishengrad by Bruce Goldin


TZEDAKAH

by Michele Eisenberg
 by Leah Lansing
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 For all the in-person minyans and holiday services missed during COVID-19 by Ellen and Sherman Eisner
 In memory of Glenn Sohn by Robbi and Larry Cohen
 In memory of Gloria Wishengrad by Robbi and Larry Cohen

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY
PICKUP AT SHUL**


If you did not receive a copy of the latest Tikvat Israel Membership Directory earlier this year, contact the synagogue office to make arrangements for a pickup.

July 2021 21 Tammuz - 22 Av 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>All events subject to change. Please read B'Keshet for the latest status.</p> <p>4 9:00a 7:30p Minyan Minyan</p>	<p>5 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan</p>	 <p>6 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan</p>	<p>7 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan</p>	<p>1 8:00a 7:30p Minyan Minyan</p>	<p>2 8:00a 6:30PM 8:21p Minyan Kabbalat Shabbat Candle lighting</p>	<p>3 10:00AM 9:27p Shabbat Services (Parashat Pinchas) Havdalah</p>
<p>11 9:00a 7:30p Minyan Minyan</p>	<p>12 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan</p>	<p>13 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan</p>	<p>14 8:00AM 7:30p 8:00PM Minyan Minyan Women's Network Planning Meeting</p>	<p>15 8:00a 7:30p Minyan Minyan</p>	<p>16 8:00a 6:30PM 8:16p Minyan Kabbalat Shabbat Candle lighting</p>	<p>17 10:00AM 8:32PM 9:21p 9:30PM Erev Tisha B'Av Shabbat Services (Parashat Devarim) Tisha B'Av - Fast Begins Havdalah Tisha B'Av - Services with Eicha</p>
<p>18 9:00AM 2:00PM 7:30PM Tisha B'Av Tisha B'Av - Shacharit (morning) service via Zoom Tisha B'Av - Mincha service in- person Tisha B'Av - Ma'ariv service on Zoom</p>	<p>19 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan</p>	<p>20 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan</p>	<p>21 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan</p>	<p>22 8:00a 7:30p 8:00PM Minyan Minyan Toastmasters</p>	<p>23 8:00a 6:30PM 8:11p Minyan Kabbalat Shabbat Candle lighting</p>	<p>24 10:00AM 9:15p Shabbat Services (Parashat Yacchanan) / Shabbat Nachamu Havdalah</p>
<p>25 9:00a 10:00AM 7:30p Minyan Women's Network Book Group Minyan</p>	<p>26 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan</p>	<p>27 8:00AM 7:30p 8:00PM Minyan Minyan Board Meeting</p>	<p>28 8:00AM 7:30p Minyan Minyan</p>	<p>29 8:00a 7:30p Minyan Minyan</p>	<p>30 8:00a 10:15AM 6:30PM 8:05p Minyan Tiny Tots Music & Movement Class Kabbalat Shabbat Candle lighting</p>	<p>31 10:00AM 9:07p Shabbat Services (Parashat Eikev) / Officer and Board Installation Havdalah</p>

August 2021

23 Av - 23 Elul 5781

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00a Minyan 10:00AM Sukkah Painting 7:30p Minyan	2 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	3 8:00AM Minyan 5:00PM Sweet Summer Series: Rockville 7:30p Minyan	4 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	5 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	6 8:00a Minyan 10:15AM Tiny Tots Music & Movement Class 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:58p Candle lighting	7 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Re'eh) Havdalah 8:59p
8 9:00a Rosh Chodesh Minyan 7:30p Minyan	9 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	10 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	11 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	12 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Toastmasters	13 8:00a Minyan 10:15AM Tiny Tots Music & Movement Class 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:49p Candle lighting	14 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Shoftim) Havdalah 8:50p
15 9:00a Minyan 1:05PM Baseball Outing: Nationals v. Braves 7:30p Minyan	16 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	17 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	18 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	19 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	20 8:00a Minyan 10:15AM Tiny Tots Music & Movement Class 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:40p Candle lighting	21 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Ki Teitzei) Havdalah 8:39p
22 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	23 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	24 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	25 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	26 8:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Toastmasters	27 8:00a Minyan 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30p Candle lighting	28 10:00AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Ki Tavo) Havdalah 8:28p 8:30PM Ma'ariv/Havdalah 8:45PM Seitchot Speaker and Service
29 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	30 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan	31 8:00AM Minyan 7:30p Minyan			All events subject to change. Please read B'Keshet for the latest status.	



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Answers to Life's Questions Delivered Friday Mornings

BY BARRY LIPSY

If you find a Lexus in your driveway, can you keep it?

Must a groom recite *Shema* on his wedding night?

If you want answers to these and other pertinent questions, join us Friday mornings with other TI members. The answers come from the *Mishnah*.

Hundreds of years ago the great rabbis debated such questions. The answers were based on Torah law, and common-sense concepts like keeping the peace in the community. More than just reading dry text, we explore how laws from an agrarian time apply in our modern frenetic world, why we do what we do religiously and, yes, we *kibbitz* a bit too.

The Friday morning discussions, which start following *minyan*, typically run from about 8:50 a.m. to 10 a.m. on the *minyan* Zoom link. Everything is available online – the *Mishnah*, Rabbi Israel, and we hope you. (Only the coffee will you need to get from your own kitchen.)

As for the questions – must a groom say *Shema* and can you keep the Lexus, the answer is — it depends. To find out why, drop into our virtual group, which will restart July 30, after our summer break.

