



Rabbi Search Panel to Conduct Preliminary Applicant Interviews

A 10-member rabbi search committee hopes to begin electronic interviews of candidates for the spiritual leadership position at Tikvat Israel in late January or early February.

The committee said it is moving expeditiously in hopes of hiring a new rabbi who will start at TI at the end of the summer.

The search process began shortly after Rabbi Ben Shull told the board of directors in late September that he has chosen not to renew his contract after four years of service with Tikvat Israel. His contract expires on June 30.

In October, the TI Board of Directors appointed Danny Bachman and Dalit Baranoff to co-chair the rabbi search committee. Other members are Melissa Apter, Rabbah Arlene Berger, Jeff Bernstein, Bobbi Gorban, Aaron Mannes, Gigi Sohn, Judy Waldman and Howard Wilchins. Three are holdovers from the last rabbi search in early 2015.

The search parameters are governed by the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and its affiliated Rabbinical Assembly, which has a standard process prescribed to congregations that are filling rabbi vacancies in the Conservative movement. Tikvat Israel followed the same process four years ago when Rabbi Shull was hired. The committee is using its recent experience to its advantage.



Danny Bachman



Dalit Baranoff

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New Faces to Join TI Board in January

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

Tikvat Israel members will vote into office a slate of officers and board members that will include several newcomers to the governing body during a congregational meeting at 10 a.m. on Jan. 6.

The nominees, all accepted with no additional nominations at a congregational meeting on Dec. 16, include Warren Berger and Jim Perlmutter serving as Co-presidents for 2019-21. They will succeed Melanie Grishman, who is completing her second two-year term. Grishman will serve as immediate past president. (See President's Corner, page 3.)

The nominees for the vice presidencies are Alan Apter (VP for administration), Francine Barnett (VP for lifelong learning) and Sally Kram (VP for programming).

Other officers nominated to serve for the next two years are Treasurer Stuart Lempert, Financial Secretary Gene Sheskin and Recording Secretary Jaime Smith. Lempert and Sheskin are incumbents.

The slate includes five congregants who have agreed to fill two-year seats on the board of directors: returnees Ellen Kaminow and Fran Tropp and newcomers Felicia Black,

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WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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| Monday | 7:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 7:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 7:30 p.m. |
| Thursday | 6:45 a.m. 7:30 p.m. |
| Friday | 8:00 a.m. |
| Kabbalat Shabbat | 6:30 p.m. |
| Shabbat | 9:30 a.m. |
| Sunday | 9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. |

Services also held at Shiva houses as needed. Morning service times may change for Rosh Chodesh, minor fasts and national holidays.

Watch e-mail for notifications.

CANDLELIGHTING TIMES

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| Jan. 4 | 4:41 pm |
| Jan. 11 | 4:48 pm |
| Jan. 18 | 4:55 pm |
| Jan. 25 | 5:03 pm |
| Feb. 1 | 5:11 pm |
| Feb. 8 | 5:19 pm |
| Feb. 15 | 5:28 pm |
| Feb. 22 | 5:35 pm |

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In the first stages of the search process, the committee will do the following:

- Submit a congregational questionnaire form to the Rabbinical Assembly that describes TI and its needs (using information gleaned from recent congregational focus groups and a synagogue satisfaction survey conducted in early 2018);
- Evaluate applicant resumes and choose whom to interview;
- Conduct initial candidate interviews via Skype; and
- Invite promising applicants to lead a Shabbat weekend at TI and to interview in person with the search panel.

The committee is moving with deliberate speed to promote TI's job opening widely among potential candidates this winter. To that end, the committee planned to submit the required questionnaire by mid-December and to start interviewing applicants by Skype early in 2019. The goal is to complete the hiring process during the spring, with the new rabbi starting in July.

Congregants are encouraged to share comments and suggestions with the search committee through a designated e-mail address: rabbisearch@tikvatisrael.org. The committee promises to respond to every submission. Opportunities will be scheduled over the next several months to share feedback about the final candidates, and their Shabbat appearances at TI will be publicized in advance.

Bachman and Baranoff are expected to give a status report on the search at the congregational meeting on Jan. 6 in order to keep members well informed.

Shul Shorts

LOBBY COMPLETION DELAYED

A technicality in the county's building permit process forced the contractor, HBW Construction, to stop work temporarily in mid-November, delaying completion of the Tikvat Israel lobby upgrade.

The renovated lobby is expected to be finished during the second half of January.

SOFTBALL PLAYERS SOUGHT

The calendar says winter, but the men's softball team at Tikvat Israel is seeking to fill out its roster for the spring season in the Montgomery County Synagogue Conference.

Anyone interested must be affiliated with TI as a member or the parent of a child enrolled in the early childhood center or Atid religious school. Contact Stuart Lempert at stuartlempert@yahoo.com.

THIRD-PARTY PAYMENTS TO TI

If you use your bank or brokerage firm to make payments to the synagogue, please alert the TI office (office@tikvatisrael.org) that a payment may be forthcoming. These financial houses do not identify whose money is being transferred to the synagogue. This forces staff members to wait to hear complaints from the member when checking on supposed overdue payments.

HONORS FOR FEBRUARY GRADUATES

Congregants will recognize four students who are graduating from Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in February at Tikvat Israel's Youth Shabbat on Feb. 9.

The four graduating seniors are Jordan Herling, son of Shani Zebooker and Barry Herling; Jacob Mannes, son of Sonia Castillo and Aaron Mannes; Jacob Schwartz, son of Elissa and Jason Schwartz; and Micah Shull, son of Stacy Lang and Rabbi Ben Shull.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Reflections at the End of a Special Four-Year Period

BY MELANIE GRISHMAN, TIKVAT ISRAEL PRESIDENT



By the time you read this message, my term of office as president of the congregation will have effectively ended. New candidates for office will have been nominated, with only the official election and installation needing to take place.

The four years that I have served as your president have been special for me. I am honored that you put your trust in me. As a person, I feel I have learned more about the Jewish community at large, about our *kehillah* in particular and what members want from their community. Personally, I have gotten to know many of you better and that has been a blessing for my life.

In addition, I have learned more than I ever wanted to know about Montgomery County's system of construction permits, replacement of heating and air conditioning units, and leaky roofs and downspouts. Much of this work required on-the-job-training for someone with a background in social work and health care management. However, that experience seemed very useful in dealing with many issues that arose.

Fortunately, I had a good team of lay leaders with whom to share leadership. The job cannot be performed without these helpers. Particularly, I want to thank the Executive Board members who always helped make the tough decisions. Board members were willing to step up and accept responsibility for much of our programming.

I was able to develop a trusting partnership with Rabbi Shull so that we could candidly discuss problems and come to consensus for solutions. He always was supportive in dealing with difficult issues. Many program ideas came from our weekly meetings. Without this relationship and the support of the Executive Board and the board at large, I could not have done this job.

Over the past few years, we have upgraded our physical plant with new air conditioning units, resurfaced the parking lot, replaced the roof over the sanctuary, replaced the social hall ceiling tiles, redesigned and improved our lobby area, upgraded and installed new kitchen equipment, and reorganized our kitchen services. The board of directors used the "USCJ's Leadership for Board Members" training to enhance our understanding of the board's responsibilities.

Under the rabbi's leadership, a greater collaboration between the professional staff and the lay leadership has developed with the annual mini-retreat planning session. During those sessions, we hatched and then put in place ideas such as the Year of Science initiative and the past year's focus on improving communications with the membership.

Our programming has expanded with new learning opportunities — the Melton program, Friday morning class with the rabbi, the Year of Science series, TI University and collaborations with other faith communities. The latter added meaningful expe-

riences, notably the Martin Luther King Day activities and the trip to Tennessee to visit the Paper Clips project. Something is always going on at TI; as one member commented, "This place is jumpin'." This fall we had our first *Kallah* at Pearlstone Conference Center, which was a resounding success. Lay leadership was instrumental in planning and executing these activities.

Financially, we have been able to stay in the black, put some money aside for a reserve fund and fully operationalize the Fund for the Future. We also were able to start providing some health insurance benefits for our employees. The board treasurer, bookkeeper and financial secretary have worked as a team to monitor and track our finances.

Work has begun on updating and rewriting our synagogue bylaws, which need to reflect good current practice. Hopefully the revised bylaws will be ready for presentation at the congregational meeting in June. Tikvat Israel also was accepted into a special USCJ project to assist congregations in becoming more welcoming to interfaith families. This project will continue over the next year.

Particular needs remain in the committee structure, and I am hopeful some volunteers will step forward to help out the next set of leaders. A need exists for chairpersons and members for the Membership, Social Action and Ways and Means committees.

Work has begun to search for another rabbi, as Rabbi Shull is leaving at the end of his contract. During his tenure, he has taught us what we can expect from a rabbi and, with that knowledge and the information from last year's focus groups, we are beginning this process from a position of strength.

You have undoubtedly noticed that I have not named individuals in this column. That is because over the four-year period, several people may have served in each leadership position. I did not want to forget anyone.

Lastly, I want to say thank you for trusting in me and giving me this opportunity to serve you, my community.



Melanie Grishman presides over her penultimate congregational meeting on Dec. 16 before nominees for officer and board positions were announced by nominations chair, Jonathan Solomon. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Mini-Profiles of New Synagogue Officers and Board Members

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

What follows are biographical sketches of the officers and board members who were nominated by congregants to begin new terms, most running until January 2021. Assuming they receive affirmation at a congregational election on Jan. 6, all will be formally installed by the clergy at the Shabbat morning service January 19.

All biographical information below was self-provided.

Warren Berger

Post: Co-president

Joined TI: 1994 (parents joined in 1974)

Volunteer roles at TI: Current vice president/administration; previously, board member; served on Capital Improvement Task Force; long-time member of religious practices committee, minyan subcommittee (co-chair), environment committee and security committee; regular Gabbai Gadol; and coach of TI's men's basketball team.

Motivation: I grew up at Beth Tikva and when I moved back into the area with my wife and children, Beth Tikva (soon to become Tikvat Israel) was naturally the best fit. I joined the board to be an active participant in leading my shul into the future by contributing my ideas, energy and skills.

Formative years: Grew up in Rockville area, attended Randolph Junior High and Wheaton High School. Active member of Beth Tikva USY in my youth.

Occupational life: Information technology project manager overseeing software development for federal government agencies.



Jim Perlmutter

Post: Co-president

Joined TI: 1973

Volunteer roles at TI: Current vice president/programming; previously, USY adviser, chair of cantorial search committee, chair of executive director search committee, member of rabbi search committee, chair of religious practices committee and b'nai mitzvah coordinator; High Holiday shacharit davening for 25-plus years; member of High Holiday choir; and member of interfaith service choir.

Motivation: I want to ensure programming drives the mission and vision of the synagogue, that it is cost-effective and that there are procedures in place to assess outcomes and results.

Formative years: Boston

Occupational life: Retired director, Office of Foreign Relations, U.S. Department of Labor, and member of Senior Executive Service.



Alan Apter

Post: Vice President for administration

Joined TI: 2000

Volunteer roles at TI: Current board member overseeing lobby renovation project; organized purchase of new sukkah and oversaw setup and take down for past five years; volunteer at Israel Film festival; cleanup of storage areas and kitchen; painted ECC storage shed; and organized TI cleanup and painting of exterior.

Motivation: I would like to give back to TI for all the warmth and friendship and spiritual opportunities that this community has given to me and my family. I would like to continue helping improve the building and grounds of the shul.



Formative years: West Hartford, Conn.

Occupational life: Senior programmer/analyst with GEICO Insurance.

Francine Barnett

Post: Vice President for lifelong learning

Joined TI: 2014

Volunteer roles at TI: minyan, youth-related activities.

Motivation: Looking to get more involved in the synagogue to enhance educational programming for members of all ages.

Formative years: Rockville

Occupational life: Captain currently serving in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps assigned to the Indian Health Service and clinically active occupational therapist serving active duty service members, dependents and retirees at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.



Sally Kram

Post: Vice President for programming

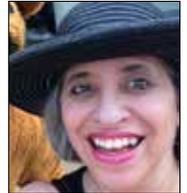
Joined TI: 2004

Volunteer roles at TI: Current board member; chair, adult education committee and chair, TI Israeli Film Festival; co-chair, Year of Science Initiative; previously, chair of volunteer strategy committee.

Motivation: I was determined to become more active at TI to honor my father's memory after his death in 2010. I chose to use those talents that provide greatest benefit – program design and implementation – which is why I have been so active on the adult education committee.

Formative years: York, Pa.

Occupational life: Legislative law and lobbying for Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area as director of public and governmental affairs.



Stuart Lempert

Post: Treasurer

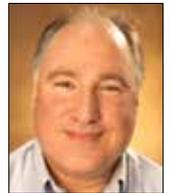
Joined TI: 1993

Volunteer roles at TI: Current treasurer; manager of TI men's softball team; previously, coach of USY youth basketball team; adult adviser for annual sukkah building project at group home for adults with disabilities; and volunteer at annual Purim carnival.

Motivation: Now that our three children have grown, I like bringing my 30-plus years of financial and management experience to maintain and enhance the financial workings of the synagogue. I want to ensure the ongoing fiscal strength of TI in this rapidly changing fiscal environment.

Formative years: New York metropolitan area

Occupational life: CPA for 30-plus years in public, non-profit and private-sector accounting, tax and audit.



Eugene Sheskin

Post: Financial Secretary

Joined TI: 1997. When Temple Israel sold its assets to a church and transferred approximately \$3 million to what was then Beth Tikva, we felt welcome joining Tikvat Israel.

Volunteer roles at TI: currently, interim financial secretary;



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previously, treasurer for two terms; assisted Rabbi Howard Gorin on projects; assisted office personnel on administrative tasks; assisted former financial secretary in analyzing and correcting accounting records.

Motivation: To use my accounting and auditing experience to help TI function efficiently.

Formative years: Lived entire life in D.C. and suburban Maryland.

Occupational life: Worked for two CPA firms; served six years as an IRS revenue agent and 28 years as senior auditor with U.S. Customs Service. After retirement from government, I conducted more than 50 certified audits based on U.S. and international auditing standards.



Jaime Smith

Post: Recording Secretary

Joined TI: December 2017

Volunteer roles at TI: Substitute as office manager when Amy Matathias is away on leave; speaker at two TI events related to becoming a Jew by choice and foster care; kitchen volunteer for Kiddush; and delivery of meals to shut-ins at Passover.

Motivation: After becoming a Jew by choice and formally joining TI a year ago, I decided to get as involved as possible to help TI grow and become the spiritual home that my family and I can call home for years to come.

Formative Years: Metropolitan D.C. area

Occupational Life: Spent 7 years in the non-profit sector in fundraising and volunteer management, responsible for grant writing and corporate partnership outreach as well as event planning and management and volunteer recruitment and retention.

Felicia R. Black

Post: Board member

Joined TI: 1996

Volunteer roles at TI: Chair of *Kallah 2018*, TI's first Shabbat retreat; member of communications committee; photographer and proofreader for *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*; volunteer on brown team to help lead Shabbat services; previously, worked on committee to revamp TI's website and member of the youth and family programming committee.

Motivation: To ensure Torah study and innovative programming continue to be high priorities in the years to come. To focus on membership retention.

Formative years: Chevy Chase, Md.

Occupational life: Medical copy editor for 40 years at International Medical News Group in Rockville. Served as copy chief for 10 years, managing a department of copy editors. Retired in February 2018. Since 2011, own and operate an Amazon business, now focusing on pet supplies and gourmet food.



Keith Brooks

Post: Board member

Joined TI: 1994

Volunteer roles at TI: Committee member for Rabbi's 5K Walk in honor of Israel's 70th anniversary; annual Purim carnival; Tikvat Israel blood drives; religious school coffee and bagel committee member; assisted with alternative high holiday services; member of two Havurot.

Motivation: To use my legal and planning skills to address the future of Tikvat Israel.

Formative years: Suburban Philadelphia



Occupational life: Ten years as an environmental planner and 30 years as an environmental/energy attorney. Currently retired and co-chair of the Montgomery County Water Quality Advisory Group.

Ellen Kaminow

Post: Board member

Joined TI: 2001

Volunteer roles at TI: Completing term as Vice President for educational services; member education committee, youth committee; supervised Junior Congregation; led Yom Kippur youth services and education and youth task force; kitchen volunteer.

Motivation: I want to give back to our community at TI. I want to use my experience to help the various educational and youth departments of the shul communicate effectively and work cohesively.

Formative years: Teaneck, N.J.

Occupational life: Kindergarten teacher in Montgomery County.



Lois Lipofsky Sbar

Post: Board member

Joined TI: 2016

Volunteer roles at TI: Assist with Hazak meetings; attend Friday and Sunday morning minyans.

Motivation: Having been very active in all the previous synagogues where we lived and an active member of Young Judea and Hadassah, I hope to bring some dynamic new ideas and more successful programs to TI and take advantage of the area around us.

Formative Years: Boston, Mass.

Occupational life: Software developer, Realtor, medical coder.



Judy Stern

Post: Board member (for one-year term)

Joined TI: 1982

Volunteer roles at TI: None at present

Motivation: I have been a member of TI for many years. I am impressed by how much work goes into making the synagogue a special place in its members' lives. I would like to take my turn in contributing to the running of the synagogue.

Formative years: New York City

Occupational life: Currently learning specialist at Barrie School after 29 years as learning specialist at Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. Author of books on learning and attention disorders.



Fran Tropp

Post: Board member

Joined TI: 2015

Volunteer roles at TI: Current board member; participant at synagogue events during first year of membership.

Motivation: As a fairly new member, I would bring my years of experience as a Jewish community professional to TI. I see it as a great opportunity to get to know our great community.

Formative years: Boston, Mass.

Occupational life: Teacher, staff member of American Technion Society and associate director of Anti-Defamation League in Florida. Also, director of Golden Care Society with Greater Miami Jewish Federation and director of admissions at Menorah Manor in St. Petersburg, Fla.



NEW BOARD, continued from page 1

Keith Brooks and Lois Sbar. Judith Stern will serve the one year remaining in a board post left vacant by a resignation in the fall.

Four members of the board are midway through their two-year terms: Steven Eiserike, Kelcey Klass, Sherrie Krauser and Jay P. Goldman.

Leaving board service are Debby Berlyne, Dalit Baranoff and Michael Cohen.

The roster of nominees was built by a nominations committee chaired by Jonathan Solomon. Other committee members were Betty Fishman, Gary Feldman and Rodney Matheson.

In addition, congregants on Jan. 6 will elect several trustees to manage the Tikvat Israel Fund for the Future.

Mini-profiles of all those assuming officer and board of director positions appear on pages 4 and 5.



Congregants turned out on Dec. 16 to ratify a slate of officers and board members in advance of synagogue election day, Jan. 6. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Bylaws Committee to Create Updated Synagogue Rulebook

Sherrie Krauser, a member of the synagogue's board, is chairing Tikvat Israel's bylaws committee to update various aspects of synagogue governance and operations.

Krauser, who is a former Circuit Court judge in Prince George's County, Md., wants to build on the past two years of bylaws revision work by the committee under its previous chair, Sally Kram. The proposed bylaws revisions will be presented at the congregational budget approval meeting in June for ratification.

"I would like to invite members to submit directly to me any points about which they are concerned, and I promise to have the committee consider any proposals presented," said Krauser, who was not immediately certain when the synagogue's bylaws were last updated.

Krauser welcomes congregants to join her committee. Contact her at jdgslk@msn.com.

CANTOR'S CORNER

A Musical Welcome to Shabbat

BY CANTOR ROCHELLE HELZNER



Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments

The next KS with I is Jan. 25. This uplifting Shabbat evening service includes spirited melodies, both traditional and new, accompanied by guitar, piano, bass and percussion. It is held in the Flax Library at 6:15 p.m. on designated Shabbatot.

A pre-service sponsored reception starts at 5:45 p.m. We need sponsors for the January and March services. The service is open to people of all ages. KS with I also is set for March 8 and May 10.

Shabbat Morning Davening Schedule

Cantor Helzner will daven on the bima on the following Shabbat mornings: Jan. 5 and 19, Feb. 9 and 23, March 9 and 30.

The davening roles on the other Shabbatot will be covered by five teams of people. If you have not been assigned to a team and would like to co-lead services or learn a part of the service, contact Susan Apter, who will connect you with a team and a mentor.

Puppets Unite!

Puppeteers and character voices are needed for the Purim Puppet Show to be held erev Purim, Wednesday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, March 3, 10 and 17 from 4-6 p.m.

Involvement in this show is fun and the enjoyment received from parents and children is rewarding. If you are an adult or older teen and would like to participate, contact Karen Lipsy at bkrsl@verizon.net.

Inclusion Shabbat Features Local Speaker

Tikvat Israel's annual Inclusion Shabbat will take place on Feb. 23, with Nathan Weissler serving as the guest speaker.

Weissler grew up in Chevy Chase and attended the Sulam Program at the Berman Hebrew Academy in Rockville. After graduation in 2012, Weissler spent a year studying in Israel. He now attends Montgomery College.

His personal challenges have influenced his plans for the future. Weissler plans to become either a psychologist or a teacher. "He would like to have a positive impact on special needs inclusion within the Jewish community," says Judy Waldman, who chairs the Inclusion Shabbat at the synagogue.

SHULL TO SHUL

The Blessing of Blushing

BY RABBI BENJAMIN SHULL



Humans are the only species in the animal kingdom that blush. And thank God for that. This means that we can feel a sense of embarrassment.

According to the great *Mussar* teachers, embarrassment is connected to moral intelligence. (*Mussar* is the Jewish school of character development). Only people who can distinguish between right and wrong, good and evil, can feel embarrassed, and only people who feel embarrassed can be considered intelligent.

Now just because we possess the ability to blush doesn't mean that most people exercise this ability. As a matter of fact, we seem to have entered an age in which shamelessness itself is considered a virtue. Whether it's social media or reality TV or the political arena, the bolder, the more audacious, the better.

Modesty, propriety and humility seem to have gone underground. As practitioners of Judaism, we should see this as a great challenge. Religion has a role in restoring these values. It is our job to make the case for blushing.

To make this case, we must start with God. Our tradition teaches that a caring God is watching us. We are held to certain standards because God loves us. And when we fall short of these standards, we disappoint God. Blushing is God's way of reminding us that we can do better.

Haverim, we hear a great deal about the need for civility in public life today. Civility starts with humility. And humility means that we sometimes fall short. Thank God for the blessing of blushing—God's reminder that we can do better.

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TI University 3.0 Debuts Feb. 24

Join the Tikvat Israel community on Feb. 24 for the third annual Tikvat Israel University, a morning of learning featuring the talents of TI congregants.

Most speakers are members of the congregation who have volunteered to give presentations about their areas of expertise in 45-minute sessions. One outside lecturer is typically added to the lineup. Presenters are encouraged to be entertaining and accessible and to offer plenty of time for audience participation.

Multiple sessions will occur over the morning starting at 10 a.m., with sessions ranging from the history of the card game bridge, to the origins of Israel's Six Day War, to how to plan for an international trip, to Jewish symbology.

This free event is designed as an embodiment of the Tikvat Israel motto: Everyone has something to teach and everyone has something to learn. RSVPs are encouraged. Send an email to office@tikvatisrael.org or call the office (301-762-7338).

Sally Kram chairs the Adult Education Committee and is the event's primary organizer.

Two Contemporary Israeli Films Set for Saturdays in January

The Adult Education Committee is showcasing the best of recent Israeli cinema at Tikvat Israel with two films to be screened: "Shelter" on Jan. 19 and "Redemption" on Jan. 26. (Snow date is Feb. 2).

Both films will be shown in the Tikvat Israel sanctuary starting at 7:45 p.m.

Admission for TI members is \$12 for one film, \$20 for both. Advance tickets may be purchased at www.tikvatisrael.org.

The films will be followed by a dessert reception featuring delicious treats and coffee from the event's commercial sponsor, Mayorga Coffee of Rockville. Post-film conversation will be moderated by Lisa LeBourgeois, cultural affairs officer with the Israeli Embassy in Washington.



"Shelter" is a political thriller that finds Mossad agent Naomi called back from sick leave and assigned to a "babysitting" job of an unknown government "asset." Under a new identity, she heads to Germany to protect Mona, a beautiful Lebanese informant, whom special agents have pulled from her country and hidden in a Hamburg safe house while she recovers from plastic surgery.

Naomi learns that Mona is close to a top Hezbollah leader, a man she betrayed and who is set on exacting revenge. During the two weeks the two women spend together, an unexpected bond forms between them, forged from shared risks and a deep understanding of loss. But in this high-stakes game of deception, questions of fate may be out of their control.

"Redemption" is the story of Menachem, a former front man for a rock band, who has become religious and is the father to a 6-year-old girl. When his daughter is diagnosed with cancer, he must find a creative solution to fund the expensive treatments, so he reunites his band for one last tour. The journey to save his daughter exposes old wounds and allows him to reconnect with his secular past. Menachem understands that only a new connection to his past and to his music can pave the road to his own redemption.



All funds collected will support the film festival and the Adult Education Committee activities throughout the year.

WOMEN'S NETWORK

Show Off Your Creativity and Skills in Upcoming Programs

BY REBECCA SALON, TI WOMEN'S NETWORK



Discussion is lively at the bi-monthly book discussion sessions convened by the Women's Network.

The Tikvat Israel Women's Network continues to be active and offers many opportunities for women of all ages and interests to be involved.

December was a busy month for the Women's Network. TI's own Avy Ashery led a discussion about Jewish cultural expression in a session on "Beyond the Bagel: Cultural Diversity and Our Own Jewish Cultural Expressions." The Women's Network also supported the Latkes and Lights Hanukkah program, and our book group discussed *The Marriage of Opposites*, by Alice Hoffman.

Our exciting activities continue into 2019. On Jan. 6, join the Women's Network for an Israeli Dance Rosh Chodesh program. On Feb. 3, Beth Smith will offer a Challah Baking Class, and on Feb. 20, the Women's Network Book Group will discuss *The Two-Family House*, by Lynda Cohen-Loigman.

Looking forward to March, mark your calendars for the Women's Network Shabbat on March 9, which will honor the memory of Shelly Goldin. Women interested in participating can contact Elyse Bernstein to sign up. We also will hold a multigenerational Purim Mask-Making Activity on March 10.

Mark your calendars for all of these engaging activities, through which you can express your skills and creativity while bonding with other women at Tikvat Israel. Watch for specific information about these upcoming events on the TI listserves and in *B'kesher*.

We hope you will participate in many of the upcoming programs and get to know other women at Tikvat Israel. If you are interested in helping with any of these programs, please contact Janice Balin.

Also, it's never too late to join the Women's Network and to support the Torah Fund. Contact Janice Balin at Balin5@comcast.net.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

'Mensches-in-Training'

BY SHERI BROWN, ECC DIRECTOR



November and December were busy months for children in the Tikvat Israel Early Childhood Center.

In addition to the seasonal studies of Thanksgiving and Hanukkah, classes explored age-appropriate academic interests through play. Teachers plan each day for the children intentionally and with love.

Children in our Sabres (Pre-K) classes are incorporating the Paw Prints handwriting curriculum into their everyday routine, as they strengthen their fine motor and visual discrimination skills. All of our students work on Executive Functioning skills from the moment they enter the ECC. Being able to work alongside a classmate, wait one's turn, and plan projects cooperatively are some of the skills that our "mensches-in-training" practice in our school setting.

As the ECC heads into 2019, we are thinking about registration for the 2019-2020 school year. If you know a child who would enjoy a top-notch school with a superb faculty, please contact either Sandy in the ECC Office (301-251-0455), or Sheri, the ECC Director, at sheri@tikvatisrael.org for more information.



Left: Building together promotes communication skills among pre-schoolers at the ECC.



Below: At the ECC's weekly Shabbat Sing, songs and stories get everyone in the proper mood to welcome Shabbat.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Cultivating Spirituality

BY LUISA MOSS, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH PROGRAMMING



As I enter year two of a “Spirituality in Jewish Education” cohort that meets online monthly, I have been inspired to add a component of *tefilah*, prayer, to our 3rd-6th grade program.

Every other Wednesday, our students gather for a brief worship experience. In the first session, we read from a book called *I Wonder*, by Annaka Harris. The book encourages readers to ask questions and to develop a positive association with not always knowing the answers. As we began our *tefilah* for the year together, we talked about praying to God. The book helped frame three initial open-ended statements about God for the students to consider as they cultivate an understanding of spirituality for themselves.

Here are statements from the book, with some of the students’ responses in parentheses:

- I wonder if God... (is a boy or girl; is secretly disguised as someone in the real world; is real).
- I think that God is... (always giving us what is best for us, even if we don’t think it is the best thing; might not be real; is amazing because He/She made the world in six days).
- I have learned that God... (is everywhere; caused the snake to have no legs in the story of Adam and Eve; is always with me even if I do not always remember that).

These answers are impressive not only because of the difficulty of the questions, but the thought that went into responding to them.

At this point we have explored two prayers, the *Shema* and *Barchu*. When we discussed the *Barchu*, I spoke about the fact that it is a prayer that requires a *minyan*, a community of at least ten Jews. When the students returned to class, I had them think about and draw a web, diagramming their connections to other communities that they identify with. Research continues to show how we as a society have become disconnected from each other. I think it is important to remind my learners about the various community connections — whether a swim club, family group, synagogue, school, etc. — that they are a part of and which can support them in varying ways.

As we continue our *tefilah* program throughout the year, I look forward to sharing more insights.

SHABBAT SHEET SPONSORS

The synagogue is seeking congregants to serve as sponsors of the Shabbat sheet distributed weekly to those attending religious services. The sponsorship can be done in honor or memory of a family member or friend. Contact Sam Freedenberg at sam@tikvatisrael.org.

YOUTH EVENTS

January

- 2 Atid LC classes resume
- 5 Junior Congregation
- 5 Kehilat Kids
- 12 Drama on Shabbat
- 20 No Atid (MLK Day Weekend)
- 27 Bonim/Machar activity

February

- 2 Junior Congregation
- 2 Kehilat Kids
- 9 Youth Shabbat & JDS Graduation Shabbat
- 9 Game Shabbat
- 17 No Atid (Presidents’ Day Weekend)
- 24 Bonim/Machar activity

Memorial Fund for Shelly Goldin to Bolster TI Leadership Training

A memorial fund in memory of Shelly Goldin, former synagogue president and rabbi search committee chair, has been established at Tikvat Israel at the encouragement of her spouse, Bruce Goldin.



In consultation with Rabbi Shull, President Melanie Grishman and Executive Director Sam Freedenberg, “we decided the best use of the funds would be to provide leadership training opportunities for the professional and lay leadership of the synagogue,” Bruce Goldin said in announcing the launch of the memorial fund in mid-December.

Possible uses could include a yearly retreat for synagogue leadership, training courses for the president or other activities that will help Tikvat Israel remain a vibrant, thriving synagogue.

“This goal was critically important to Shelly,” he said. “She spent most of her professional life in the corporate training arena and providing training throughout the Conservative movement. In her role as one of the principal trainers for Women’s League for Conservative Judaism, she trained most, if not all, of the organization’s leaders for the last 20 years.”

In recognition of the latter accomplishment, the Women’s League has also set up a scholarship fund in Shelly’s memory to further its leadership training efforts.

“As most of you know, Tikvat Israel held a special place in Shelly’s heart,” Bruce Goldin added. “There was nothing she wouldn’t do to ensure that TI thrived. Whether it was serving as president for three years, despite her promising me that would never happen, leading the Rabbi Search Committee or actively supporting the Women’s Network, Shelly knew that the survival of the Jewish people depended on the strength of the organizations that nurtured our Jewish identity.”

The synagogue staff will provide more information about the Shelly Goldin Memorial Fund once all the details have been finalized.

USY Members Stay Active Locally and Beyond

BY MELISSA APTER, USY ADVISOR

Tikvat Israel's USY chapter has kept busy in recent months. Group members have been enjoying their newly renovated youth lounge adjacent to the TI sanctuary, where they gathered in early November for a nosh and games.

As a treat, chapter members decorated a "Hanukkah House" and gifted it to outgoing Seaboard Regional Teen Engagement Director Sasha Bloch. Bloch left her post at the end of the year in order to take up a new position in New York with the Anti-Defamation League. TIUSY is grateful for Bloch's leadership these past three years and wishes her well on her new endeavor.



Eight chapter members participated in the USY regional convention in mid-November that took place at Capital Camps in Waynesboro, Pa. It was the chapter's largest contingent in recent years.

TIUSY's chapter president, Austin Kaminow, served as "Tri-Chair." In that capacity, Kaminow was responsible for planning and leading activities throughout the three-day fall-themed convention, and had to come up with contingency plans in the face of unexpected snow the night before convention! Alumni members Matthew Kaminow and Alex Berger, along with Alex's wife Madeline, staffed the convention.

Sophia Kram, Eli Liebenson and Aviva Pollack represented TIUSY at International Convention in Orlando, Fla. in late December. Sophia and Eli reunited with their friends from summer USY programs. All three had the opportunity to worship, learn and socialize with teens from all over the U.S. and Canada.

In January, TIUSY will host a sub-regional event for USY chapters throughout Montgomery County, organized by TIUSY's Communications VP, Cheryl Goodman. The following month, TIUSY will take part in TI Youth Shabbat and say farewell to our Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School seniors: Jordan Herling, Jacob Mannes, Jacob Schwartz and Micah Shull.

The chapter board has a full array of events planned through the spring. Parents and teens should keep an eye out for the weekly TIUSY & Kadima e-newsletter for details, or check the Youth Google Calendar or TIUSY Facebook page. Questions should be directed to chapter advisor Melissa Apter at mwapter@gmail.com.



USYERS TO SERVE DINNER MAY 3

TIUSY & Kadima will host its third annual "Be Our Guest" youth Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner on May 3. The congregation's generous donations over the past two years have enabled us to fund a renovation of the youth lounge and to replenish our youth scholarship fund. This year we hope to raise enough money to replace the youth lounge flooring and furniture and offer more scholarships to offset the costs of convention fees and Israel summer programs.

ADVERTISING SALES HELP SOUGHT

The Tikvat Israel Bulletin would like to publish more advertising in future issues from area businesses and service providers. If you might be interested in placing an ad or helping in this effort, contact Amy Matathias (office@tikvatisrael.org) or Audrey Hatfield (bookkeeper@tikvatisrael.org).

Basketballers Resume Play in Local Synagogue Circuit

Tikvat Israel is competing again in the Montgomery County Synagogue Basketball League each Sunday this winter.

The TI squad includes several players from the nearby Kehilat Pardes (previously Beth Joshua), who are joining our shul's team this year. As such, the team will compete as Tikvat Israel/Kehilat Pardes. Warren Berger, a savvy veteran of the synagogue conference, returns as player/coach/general manager.

The plan is to have an open gym on Jan. 6 for a team workout, with league play starting on Jan 13. Games are likely to be scheduled at Blake High School, Berger says.

Teams may not recruit players outside of their own membership, although anyone who is connected to the early childhood center or religious school at TI is allowed to play for the team. Contact Berger at Warren.Berger@gmail.com if interested.



Lighting Up the Night at Our Hanukkah Happening

Families turned out with enthusiasm for the Latkes & Lights event on the eighth night of Hanukkah in the synagogue's social hall on Dec. 9.

The Women's Network prepared latkes and cookies, and Cantor Rochelle Helzner led participants in the traditional songs of the holiday. There were games for young

kids and participation in Project Linus of Montgomery County, which is dedicated to donating handmade blankets to children in need of comfort at area shelters and hospitals.

Several families brought *hanukkiot* from home and the synagogue provided the candles for a joint lighting ceremony at

the commencement of the holiday's final day. Rabbi Ben Shull led the kindling of the eight candles on the synagogue's largest *hanukkiyah*.

If you're looking ahead to the next observance of Hanukkah, it begins on Sunday evening, Dec. 22, 2019.



Rabbi Ben Shull lit the eight lights on the synagogue's standing *hanukkiyah*. (Photo by Alan Apter)



Candlelight lit up the social hall at Latkes & Lights on Dec. 9. (Photo by Amy Matathias)



Anna Levy served potato latkes to those celebrating the holiday's final evening at TI. (Photo by Amy Matathias)



Notes of Appreciation

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Tikvat Israel in recognition of my Hatan Torah honor this past fall. It is the kind and caring people who make our congregation worthy of being called an *Am Kadosh*.

I am humbled by and truly appreciative of all your good wishes.

Rod Matheson

I very much appreciated and enjoyed celebrating Simchat Torah services on Oct. 2 at Tikvat Israel. There were many wondrous aspects — the cantor's singing, the aliyot including everyone, the dancing, the tribute paid to my sister Sally Kram (whom I know to be a very busy woman who still manages to give volunteer time to her congregation) and, of course, the luscious luncheon after services.

Ruth Weinbrom

Thank you so very much for your support of the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse and for your congregation's generous, life-saving contribution of \$377. Your donation will be put to work immediately to ensure that JCADA continues its mission to support victims and survivors of intimate partner violence to become empowered and live safely; to educate the community about domestic abuse and appropriate responses; and to prevent future generations from suffering.

We could not do this critical work without people like you. Together, we are transforming lives, creating real change in our community, raising awareness and ultimately breaking the cycle of abuse.

Cortney Fisher

Interim Executive Director,

Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse

SIMPLE WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR MINYAN

1. Set aside a regularly scheduled morning or evening each month to attend minyan.
2. Mark your calendar well in advance to help you avoid scheduling conflicts.
3. If you can't make it to minyan on your regular day, pay it forward — simply come the following week.
4. Plan on attending minyan on the *yahrzeits* of your family members and friends.
5. Think about starting a "mutual *yahrzeit* circle": Ask your shul friends to come to your *yahrzeit*(s), and you can reciprocate by going to theirs.
6. Remember to come to minyan before your TI committee meetings.
7. Know how much your participation in minyan is appreciated by your TI community.

"Attending Minyan: One of the Easiest Mitzvahs You Can Perform"



Visiting the Hog Rock overlook were, from left, Igor Lvovskyi, Sue Urban, Warren Berger, Louise Chatlynne, Cindy Renteria, Keith Brooks, Tanya Aleksandrova, Chuck Chatlynne, Brenda Brooks and Martin Urban.

Outdoors Havurah Goes Indoors in January

Members of TI's Outdoors Havurah viewed colorful fall foliage in the valleys below them when they visited Catoclin Mountain Park in Frederick County in November.

The Outdoors Havurah runs periodic outings to locations throughout the Washington, D.C., area. TI members and their friends are invited to participate. Their next event, on Jan. 13, will be a visit to a museum or gallery in D.C.

For information about the next event or to be added to the havurah's events list, contact Brenda Brooks at 301-318-0621 or bbrooksx@gmail.com.

Do You Have a Computer to Donate to the Library?

Tikvat Israel's library committee is in need of one or more donated personal computers (or laptops) with at least a Microsoft Windows 7 operating system and a flat screen monitor. Computers will be used by our student volunteers and committee members to create an electronic catalog of the books in the library using software we purchased this year. And, by the way, we always welcome volunteers — students looking for SSL hours or congregants wanting to support the library by donating a few hours per week.

If you have a computer to donate or would like to help in the library, please contact Janice Rosenberg at jzevarosenberg@yahoo.com or 301-460-1629.



And, one final note — thank you to those of you who continue to donate books to the Herman J. Flax Library. However, please hold off on future donations until we can process the books generously donated over the past few years.

A Wider Circle Attracts Volunteers

Two Tikvat Israel havurot came together to work for several hours on Nov. 18 at A Wider Circle, a non-profit in Silver Spring serving the less fortunate in the area.

After a brief orientation, the volunteers went to work sorting men's and women's job interviewing attire for the community that A Wider Circle serves through its workforce development program. A Wider Circle's mission is to help people find their way out of poverty.



Pitching in at A Wider Circle were, front row from left, Amy Matathias, Molly and Stuart Turkewitz; second row from left, Susan Apter, Larry and Bobbi Gorban, Jeff and Naomi Baer, Elyse Bernstein, Julia and Martin Meyers; back row from left, Karen Lipsy, Alan Apter, Keith Brooks, Barry Lipsy, Robbi and Larry Cohen and Jeff Bernstein.

Havurah Outing Leads to Bomb-Resistant Tree

The Gen L-ders, one of Tikvat Israel's most active havurot, traveled in November to the Bonsai Museum at National Arboretum in Washington, D.C., and had a great time, according to Steve Raucher, group correspondent.

The highlight, he reported, was a Bonsai tree that is estimated to be 365 years old. The tree survived the atom bomb blast in Hiroshima.

Senior members of the shul interested in participating in this havurah's upcoming activities can contact Raucher at sraucher@comcast.net.



Shown are the nine participants of the Gen L-ders havurah who toured D.C.'s Bonsai Museum.

Many Ways to Make Bequests

BY SAM GILSTON, FUND FOR THE FUTURE CHAIR

People are often surprised by how easy it is to make a contribution to the Tikvat Israel Fund for the Future now or as part of an estate plan. They also might not know how a charitable bequest to the Fund can be tailored to a family's current or future financial situation.



that would allow you to receive income while you are alive from that investment while Tikvat Israel would continue to benefit from the annuity after your death.

Gift annuities are one of the most popular ways of giving a donation to a charity and sometimes there also may be tax advantages to making such bequests.

In previous columns we've talked about one of the easiest ways to include Tikvat Israel in your estate planning. This is through designating the Fund as one of the beneficiaries in your will. Many families allocate a portion of their estate to charities, including universities, health-oriented associations and other nonprofit groups.

This is sometimes done by designating a percentage of an estate to go to these organizations while the rest still goes to your family or other beneficiaries. Several members of Tikvat Israel have told us they have specified in their wills that a certain percentage of their estate will go to the synagogue.

Another easy way is to file a change of beneficiary statement for a life insurance policy or for an IRA. The Fund can be identified to receive all or part of such proceeds. If a paid-up life insurance policy or one with cash value is donated to the Fund while you are still alive, you may be able to take a tax deduction. Of course, you would need to check with your accountant for precise details.

It's important to note that such changes in beneficiaries are usually revocable and can be changed if financial circumstances change or other reasons occur.

When families need income from their assets for current living, there are several types of charitable gift annuities available

A more current way of helping the Fund is by the donation of stock or real estate. The Fund would arrange for its sale after receiving it. This can help eliminate the hassle of trying to determine a stock's cost basis or avoid capital gains taxes. Again, this involves questions your accountant should answer.

The consideration of a bequest to the Fund for the Future is not limited to senior members of the congregation. Families of all ages make financial decisions that involve current and future plans. Having the foresight to include a charitable gift in those plans can resolve some important estate questions at a time when the decisions are easier to make.

Like other endowments, the Tikvat Israel Fund for the Future has the goal of creating a long-term source of income that could offset future dues increases and help finance synagogue operations and services. As the Fund grows, its contribution to the synagogue budget will also grow.

As you consider these and other various options, members of the Fund will be glad to provide more information that will help you choose the type of bequest that fits best with your circumstances and estate. We can also offer information to your estate planner, accountant or lawyer.

Science Fiction Attracts Avid Followers at TI

Fantasy and science fiction lovers will find a warm welcome at TI's Science Fiction Book Club, which meets about every six weeks on Sunday morning following minyan.

"So far we have read mostly science fiction classics, but everyone gets a turn to propose books for the club to read, and no sub-genre is out of the question," says Hope Levy Kott, group organizer.

The club discussed *A Canticle for Leibowitz* during its October-November meeting.

Upcoming books and meeting dates will be published in *B'kesher*.

"Don't be shy — our membership even includes a brand new TI member (Sandy Schwartz)," Kott adds.

For more information, contact her at hkott@aol.com.



Participating at a recent science fiction book club meeting at TI were, seated, Hope Kott, and standing, from left, Alan Apter, Danny Bachman, David Harris, Sandra Schwartz, Phil Kott and Susannah Challis. Missing from photo: Cliff Fishman.

SEVEN TO JOIN FUND FOR THE FUTURE BOARD

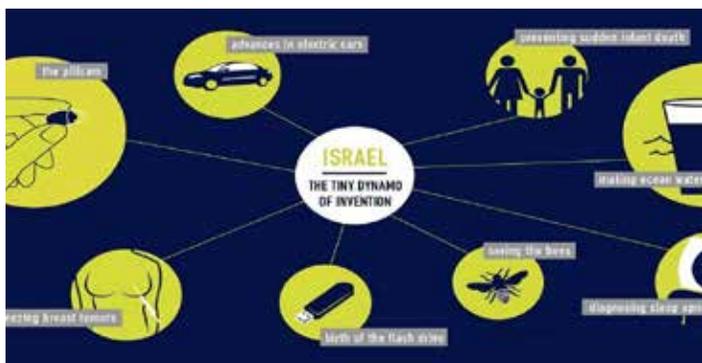
Congregants will be asked to confirm the following nominees to the Fund for the Future Board of Trustees at the Jan. 6 election meeting: Howard Chernoff, Betty Fishman and Melanie Grishman (three-year terms); Ellen Eisner, Rebecca Salon and Fortuna Scheige (two-year terms); and Gene Sheskin (one-year term). Incumbent trustees with terms expiring in one year are Harold Diamond and Steve Raucher. The trustees oversee the synagogue's endowment, currently totaling about \$535,000.

HASBARA: Focus on Israeli Innovation

(Eleventh in a Series)

BY HARVEY T. KAPLAN

At a recent Shabbat morning service, Sam Gilston presented a most interesting d'var Torah about Parashat *Vayishlach*, in which he shared some thoughts that are extremely relevant to this series of articles. He cited an interpretation of this portion by the great Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik—who based his views on Midrash. In Sam's words, "...Jacob also prays to G-d, sends gifts to Esau, and prepares to fight if it becomes necessary... [Rabbi Soloveitchik] suggested that this is the way Jews should relate to the non-Jewish world... We should...share our talents and gifts with the gentile world...[but also] be ready to defend ourselves when necessary." In these *Hasbara* articles I've been focusing on examples of that Jewish willingness to work with and help others in the world, coupled with a willingness to resort to an armed conflict only when absolutely necessary.



Significant examples of Israeli innovation over the past 35 years

In my last article, I discussed some innovations in Israeli technology that have contributed to security of the United States and our allies. This article focuses on several new public health and medical breakthroughs coming out of Israel that could greatly assist the citizens of many nations.

States in the U.S. are players too. In recent months, for example, Louisiana's Water Institute of the Gulf and the Zuckerberg Institute for Water Research (headquartered in Israel) were parties to a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to work together on water research for both commercial and civilian use. Additionally, the Economic Development Authority (EDA) of New Jersey signed another MOU with the Israel Innovation Authority to grow economic links between Israel and the State of New Jersey. Many of us have heard presentations about Maryland's close innovative work with Israel, and we are looking forward to another program at Tikvat Israel in the coming months to update all of us on the subject.

The Technion has become a leading research institution in alternative fuels, new energy sources, and energy conservation. According to the *2018 Technion Fund Report*, one example that could be crucial to agriculture is that nanotechnology developed to fight cancer can be used to deliver nutrients to sick plants. Technion President Peretz Lavie recently wrote that the

Institution's innovations and research "from medical devices to quantum science have been a force for global good." [By the way, the Campus in Haifa is expecting soon to become a zero-carbon-emissions site.]

Some important innovations at the Technion over the past year have been:

- An integrated system to diagnose diseases using wearable monitors;
- A light-triggered cancer treatment that avoids debilitating side effects by homing in on the tumor and bypassing healthy tissue;
- Engineered tissue that improves mobility and sensory perception in paraplegic rats.

Other institutions and organizations in Israel remain at the cutting edge of medical innovation. For example, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) has been breaking a lot of new ground on:

- **Glioblastoma**, one of the most difficult forms of brain cancer to treat. BGU's Prof. Shoshan-Barmatz is exploring a key protein in metabolic adaptations during cancer development. The treatments she has developed either kill cancer stem cells, or "lead to their reprogramming, reversing their properties to those of non-cancerous cells." (See www.aabgu.org.)
- **Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)—Lou Gehrig's Disease**. Dr. Rachel Lichtenstein has been using a part of an FDA-approved drug to prolong life expectancy by restoring the central nervous system's immune defenses.
- **Arteriosclerosis**. Prof. Ayelet David is employing a biomedical nano-polymer to reduce arterial plaque and inflammation. The technique has been shown to both reduce existing plaque and prevent additional plaque from forming. Unlike statins, the polymer has no adverse side effects.
- **Autism**. Dr. Ilan Dinstein is using neuroimaging techniques to study brain structure and function in children with autism.
- **Alzheimer's Disease**. Dr. Deborah Toiber has learned that high levels of the protein SIRT6 facilitate DNA repair, while low levels allow more damage to DNA.

In the next issue I expect to focus on a very different area of innovation. Please let me know if there's any special subject in which you, as a member of the Tikvat Israel community, would be especially interested.

Reconnecting With That Lost Property at Shul

Are you someone who has left behind a personal property item at the synagogue? Dozens fall into that category.

Here's some handy advice, suggested by two congregants, for making it easier to reconnect a misplaced item of personal property at the shul with its rightful owner.



From Ted Kram ...

“For anything that will accept an address label — such as an eyeglass case (which I’ve done), the back of a cell phone or Kindle or the stem of an umbrella, I strongly recommend sticking on one of the numerous address labels clogging our mailboxes. My labeled eyeglass case makes an excellent place marker to secure my seat when I put it on a tabletop next to my chair when I’m at a luncheon. I lost an umbrella at Tikvat a few years ago and then thought of labeling its replacement. Someone I know (who shall remain nameless) has, thus far, lost two Kindles and a cell phone. A label might have facilitated their retrieval.”

From Amy Matathias ...

“And while you have those address labels out, put one on a business card or index card and stick it in your coat pocket. This way if someone takes your coat by accident they will know when they check the pocket. You know we all wear coats that look alike, and this may help you locate a missing coat.”

TI Choristers Sing Beethoven

Tikvat Israel members Susan Meiselman and Sue Urban joined more than 110 singers and the Montgomery Philharmonic orchestra in a pair of concerts on Dec. 1 and 2, under a joint program with the Central Maryland Chorale.

The concerts, titled “Beethoven Goes to the Mall” and “At the Intersection,” featured Ludwig van Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9 in D minor (“Choral”), Randol Alan Bass’s “Gloria” and Leonard Bernstein’s “Chichester Psalms.” Martin Fullenbaum, another TI congregant, is a cellist with the orchestra.

The events were held at Lakeforest Mall in Gaithersburg and at the Lutheran Church of Saint Andrew in Silver Spring.



Two TI singers were among the 110 on stage for a public performance at a Lutheran church in Silver Spring. (Photo by Martin Urban)

ISRAEL PRESENTS...2019

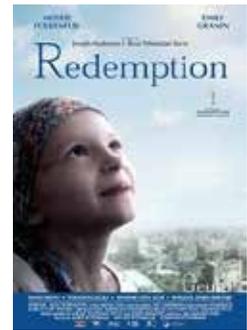
2 nights of Israeli cinema at Tikvat Israel Congregation

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Snow Date: Saturday, February 2nd

COMMUNICATION SKILLS SOUGHT BY STANDING COMMITTEE

The synagogue’s Strategic Communications Committee is always eager to hear from congregants with an interest in public communications in ways that serve the congregation’s interests. That means we seek volunteers interested in writing, editing, helping with publicity and promotion, marketing, website posting, etc. If you would consider volunteering, contact chair Jay P. Goldman at jgoldman@aasa.org.

MINYAN ASSIGNMENTS FORTHCOMING

Congregants who are not currently part of a volunteer minyan attendance schedule can expect to receive a letter of assignment asking them to commit to a particular evening or morning minyan once a month (e.g., the first Sunday evening or the third Friday morning). Warren Berger and Ellen Eisner are managing this new initiative to ensure our members will be able to recite Kaddish whenever they come to TI minyans while in mourning or observing a yahrzeit.

ADDITIONAL BURIAL PLOTS

Tikvat Israel recently purchased two additional rows of burial sites at Judean Gardens in Olney, since the existing supply of TI sites had been exhausted. Plots are available to TI members for \$2,000 each. Plots are also available at Gan HaZikaron in Clarksburg, Md., at \$1,850 each. Contact the synagogue office (301-762-7338) for details.

Tales Told Terrifically at Tikvat Israel

The art of telling an interesting tale in an engaging way was certainly on display at the 6th annual True Stories show at Tikvat Israel on Nov. 4.

True Stories attracted about 120 people (about 30 of them non-congregants) and raised about \$2,500 in revenue for the synagogue.

Ten of the Washington area's finest storytellers, most of them amateurs, shared their stories with intriguing titles such as "Revenge of the Nerds," "The Man's Guide to Killing Your Enemy," "Flirting Like American" and "Accidental Goddess." TI's own John Melmed, a chief organizer of the annual show, spent his few minutes on stage thanking a mouse.

Adam Ruben, a writer, stand-up comedian and molecular biologist, returned to the TI stage for the second time to let us

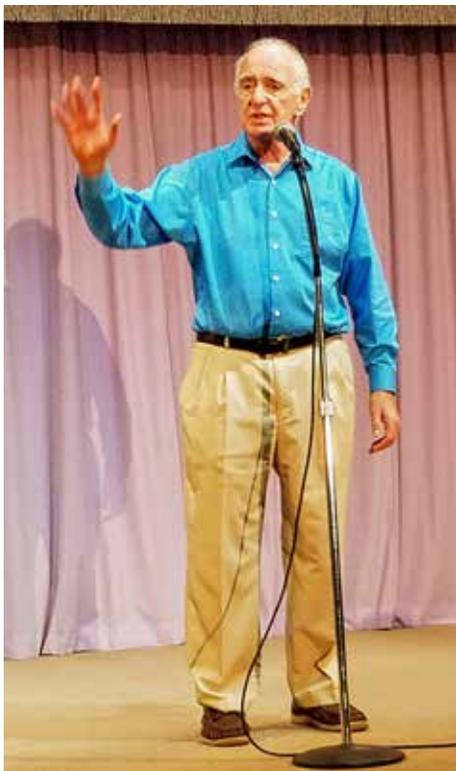
all know about growing up as a nerd and about the spectacular Rube Goldberg project he concocted in middle school. First-time presenter Sufian Zhemukhov offered a glimpse of what it is like to misconstrue American-style flirting, while Suzanne Barone, a recent retiree from the Food and Drug Administration, fascinated us with the story of her husband's love affair with Big Red, a pickup truck.

Jeff Smith, a TI congregant, acted as master of ceremonies.

Co-sponsoring the show with TI was the Hopeful Talkers Toastmasters Club, which meets at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Tikvat Israel. Newcomers with no experience in public speaking are especially welcome. The club's website (hopefulcommunicators.toastmastersclubs.org) has more information.



All 10 story tellers took to the stage together with MC Jeff Smith for a final round of appreciation.



Above: Jeff Smith demonstrated the act of turning off one's cell phone at the start of True Stories.

Left: TI's own John Melmed shared a tale that he titled "Thank you, Mr. Mouse."

Chai Dynamics at Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Chai Dynamics, an *a cappella* group that includes several Tikvat Israel voices, performed at St. Francis Episcopal Church on Nov. 20 as part of the Potomac area's annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

In addition to Tikvat Israel, two other area synagogues contribute their members' voices to Chai Dynamics.



Shown, from left, are Beth Smith, Susan Meiselman, Sue Urban, Neil Kram (making his singing debut), Dan Black, Roey Katz, Nancy Solomon, Felicia Black and Joanna Rubin. (Photo by Ellen Robin)

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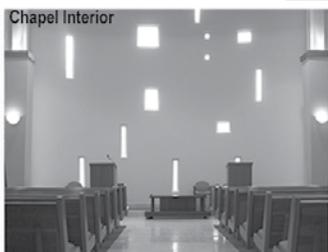
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JANUARY 1

24 TEVET

Harry H. Cohen
Mollie Jacobs
Solomon Meltzer

JANUARY 2

25 TEVET

Sarah Cohen
Mollie Flax
Bernard Gross
Jacob Kanner
Norman Kline
Nathan Plafker
Henry Schwartz
Eleanor O. Stillman
Louis Waxler

JANUARY 3

26 TEVET

Benjamin Robert Bliss
Moishe Chaim Chait
Bert Chatlynne
Benjamin Futrovsky
Sam Gorin
Marcus Jacobs
Morris Silverman

JANUARY 4

27 TEVET

Marie Gabes
David Kushner
Lena Rosenblum
Della Whittaker

JANUARY 5

28 TEVET

Richard Alan Goodman
Meyer Kensky
Florence Lentchner
Max Levine
Reubin Rosenberg
Joyce Schwartz
Dora Stutz

JANUARY 6

29 TEVET

Lena Berlin
Samuel D. Bredt
Saul Cohen
Mathilde Eichtersheimer
Malcolm First
Moody Grishman
Harold Kaplan
Shoshana Kolirin

JANUARY 7

1 SHEVAT

Lawrence Blonder
Nathan Gershowitz
Marion Goldstein
Sidney Labovich
Samuel Lerner
Joseph Seiler

JANUARY 8

2 SHEVAT

Alyssa Kasse
Sarah G. Kravitz
Frances Nadel
Sylvia Seiler
Esther Blake Wilchins

JANUARY 9

3 SHEVAT

Fred Cutler
Raymond Eldredge
Sarah Gorin
Bertha Grossman
Celia Hecht
Anna Hoffman
Nat E. Koepfel
Morton Leman
Carl Lerman
Jacob Schneider
Bess Snyder

JANUARY 10

4 SHEVAT

Edith Chefer
Leo Pachenker
Isaac Zipin

JANUARY 11

5 SHEVAT

Eva Brooke
Dorothy Caplan
Gutman David Cohen
Mordechai Costa
Bernard Einbinder
Belle Fabel
Samuel Helzner
Ben Kalman
Anna Linsenber
Rachel Mandel
Maxwell Rosenlicht

JANUARY 12

6 SHEVAT

Robert L. Gellman
Martin Hershenhorn
Leroy Lowenfeld
Celia Bress Radin
Marion Salon

JANUARY 13

7 SHEVAT

Frances Kanner
Jennie Lerner
Jack Zoltrow

JANUARY 14

8 SHEVAT

Ludwig Klein
Harry Levinstein
Elsa Neuwirth
Joseph Steinberg

JANUARY 15

9 SHEVAT

Mildred Brafman
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Goldie Chelemer
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JANUARY 16

10 SHEVAT

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JANUARY 17

11 SHEVAT

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JANUARY 18

12 SHEVAT

Sara Dick
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Jules Liss
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JANUARY 19

13 SHEVAT

Edith Adler
Mildred Coblitz
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Edith Lazarus
Issy Matheson
Sumner Meiselman
Rose Murdock
Norman Tubiash

JANUARY 20

14 SHEVAT

Fannie Rose Cohen
Irvin Lavine
Ruth Milenky
Nathan Osofsky

JANUARY 21

15 SHEVAT

Mordechai Armoza
Rose Auerhahn
Rosalind Graber
Miriam Kagan
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Sara Sokolow
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JANUARY 22

16 SHEVAT

Selma Oppenheim
Max Rothman
Stephen Smith
Eli Herman Stein
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JANUARY 23

17 SHEVAT

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Benjamin Newman
Beatrice Venetsky
Charles Walder

JANUARY 24

18 SHEVAT

Judith Flax Elustondo
Abe Goldstein
Laura Hoffman
Isadore Kramer
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Ruth Rosen
Kate Scheffer
Bernice Schwartz

JANUARY 25

19 SHEVAT

Rabbi Robert Chernoff
Bernard Glaser
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Ernest Rosenwald

JANUARY 26

20 SHEVAT

Milton Ackerman
Leo Greenberg
Michael Hamburg
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JANUARY 27

21 SHEVAT

Samuel Cohen
Sarah Cohen
Elaine Danovitz
Alan D. Hillerson
Eliezer Kishner
Joseph Kolirin
Rebecca Pear
Mildred Schwartz
Celia Sobovinsky

JANUARY 28

22 SHEVAT

Martha Barrish
Goldie Goldman

JANUARY 29

23 SHEVAT

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JANUARY 30

24 SHEVAT

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JANUARY 31

25 SHEVAT

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FEBRUARY 1
26 SHEVAT
Elizabeth Davis

FEBRUARY 2
27 SHEVAT
Yetta Horowitz
Alvin Kabik
Eli Miller
William Renfrew

FEBRUARY 3
28 SHEVAT
Shoshana Ben-Ami
Philip Braunstein
Harry Cohen
Doris Kanner
Mae Mukasey
Beina Schwartz

FEBRUARY 4
29 SHEVAT
Isador Bilsky
Edward Rosenbloom

FEBRUARY 5
30 SHEVAT
Hyman Gilston
Jacob Teitelbaum

FEBRUARY 6
1 ADAR I
Florence Eber
Sylvia Goldin
Simi Goodman
Freda Lankin
Faigi Levine
Samuel Rosenhaft
Gertrude Schuchman
Arthur J. Schwartz

FEBRUARY 7
2 ADAR I
Edith Baron
Morris Hein
Sarah Jarcho
Minnie Rubinstein
Leon E. Smith

FEBRUARY 8
3 ADAR I
Tillie Gaspin
Gloria M. Halpern
Esther Kaminsky
Baruch Schwarz
Morris Shapiro
Morris Tranen

FEBRUARY 9
4 ADAR I
Annie Goldstein
Alan Kaufman
Jamila Dweck Marcus
Sandra Segal
Alan Jay Smith
Yetta Steiner

FEBRUARY 10
5 ADAR I
Shirlye Berman
Esther Bloom
Mike Gross
Arlene Kahn
Charles Kandalis
Carl Lang
Laura Raucher
Irving Schwartz
Esther Simon

FEBRUARY 11
6 ADAR I
Jacob Blafkin
Annie Colodne
Ann Gilman Miller
Samuel Podgor

FEBRUARY 12
7 ADAR I
James Gorelick
Lillian Kensky
Louis Krepchin
Bessie Marco
Samuel J. Romm
Elizabeth Zusman

FEBRUARY 13
8 ADAR I
Shulamit Breit
Mary Fine
Diane Soldano

FEBRUARY 14
9 ADAR I
Barbara Durand
Israel Erdman
Milton H. Feig
Lena Feingold
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Alex Liebensohn
Hyman Rosenthal

FEBRUARY 15
10 ADAR I
Guadalupe Castillo
Josephine Erdheim
Michael Hersh
Helen Kaplan
Joshua Leise
Zev Aria Ludwinowitz
Sidney Rosen
Murray Rothman

FEBRUARY 16
11 ADAR I
Morris Cohen
George Eber
Ida Friedman
Richard Klein
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Hilda Robbin
Alexander Rothberg
Gertrude Schwartz
Pearl Solet
Cynthia Spritzer
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FEBRUARY 17
12 ADAR I
Filemon Castillo
Bessie Danoff
Fanny Izen
Belle Lerner
Emily Livingston
Louis Robbin
Marshall Silverstein
Frank Sobovinsky

FEBRUARY 18
13 ADAR I
Abraham Brooke
Eva Glater

FEBRUARY 19
14 ADAR I
Fannie Curchack
Lena Fineman
Corina D. Nichols
Karen Schubert
Ruth Anne Sheskin

FEBRUARY 20
15 ADAR I
Elaine Kasper
Bert Levin
Zahava Nevet
Anna Shapiro
Zandel Smith

FEBRUARY 21
16 ADAR I
Celia Bliss
Morris Gellman
Max Katzen
Jacob Pear
Philip Schnitzer
Abraham I. Selwyn

FEBRUARY 22
17 ADAR I
Carl Boden
Friedrich Breit
Sigmund Brown
Erna Casper
Murray Grand
Abraham Kabot
Freda Kagan
Milton Moss
Gerda Reich
Isadore Schwartz

FEBRUARY 23
18 ADAR I
Stephen Edwards
Helen Gross
Rose Ludwin
Jacob Sage
Lena Sandler

FEBRUARY 24
19 ADAR I
Tillie Lieberman
Joseph Salzer

FEBRUARY 25
20 ADAR I
William Raucher
Benjamin Rosenthal
Mae Shulman

FEBRUARY 26
21 ADAR I
Sarah Bass
Tillie Beard
Theresa Kabik
Phyllis Newman
Mary Nussbaum
Melvin Salzman
Daniel Howard Steiner
Anna Zipin

FEBRUARY 27
22 ADAR I
Sylvia Eiserike
Benjamin Lederman
Paul Margolies
Howard Paul Morrison
Pauline Rosenblatt
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Pearl Simon

FEBRUARY 28
23 ADAR I
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You've got a tallit with an overdue need for dry cleaning?

A congregant recently posed that question on the TI News & Schmooze listserv. She received several suggestions in response:

- Fashion Craft in Potomac Village, 10100 River Rd, Potomac, Md. (recommended by Shirley Waxman)
- Parkway Custom Drycleaning, 8402 Connecticut Ave, Chevy Chase, Md. (recommended by Melissa Apter)
- SK Cleaners near Loehmann's Plaza, 5455-A Randolph Road, North Bethesda, Md. (recommended by Penina and Sam Freedenberg)
- Edna's Cleaners, 1061 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. (recommended by Steve Raucher)



January 2019

24 Tevet - 25 Shevat 5779

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| <p>29 Tevet</p> <p>9:00AM Atid LC Classes</p> <p>9:00a Minyan</p> <p>10:00AM Congregational Meeting</p> <p>1:30PM Women's Network Rosh Chodesh Event</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>1 Shevat</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>24 Tevet</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>25 Tevet</p> <p>4:30PM Atid LC Classes</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> <p>8:00PM Bridge</p> | <p>26 Tevet</p> <p>6:45a Minyan</p> <p>11:00AM Melton Class</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>27 Tevet</p> <p>8:00a Minyan</p> <p>9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull</p> <p>4:44p Candle-lighting Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p>6:30PM</p> | <p>28 Tevet</p> <p>9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Vaera) - Eli Pollack Bar Mitzvah</p> <p>10:30AM Junior Congregation</p> <p>11:00AM Kehillat Kids</p> |
| <p>6</p> <p>9:00AM Atid LC Classes</p> <p>9:00a Minyan</p> <p>10:00AM Congregational Meeting</p> <p>1:30PM Women's Network Rosh Chodesh Event</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>1 Shevat</p> <p>Rosh Chodesh</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>8</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>9</p> <p>4:30PM Atid LC Classes</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>10</p> <p>6:45a Minyan</p> <p>11:00AM Melton Class</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> <p>8:00PM Toastmasters</p> | <p>11</p> <p>8:00a Minyan</p> <p>9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull</p> <p>4:48p Candle-lighting Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p>6:30PM</p> | <p>12</p> <p>9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Bo)</p> <p>10:30AM Drama on Shabbat</p> <p>6:30PM USY Sub Regional Event</p> |
| <p>13</p> <p>9:00AM Atid LC Classes</p> <p>9:00a Minyan</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>8 Shevat</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>15</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>16</p> <p>4:30PM Atid LC Classes</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> <p>8:00PM Israel's National Identity Law</p> | <p>17</p> <p>6:45a Minyan</p> <p>11:00AM Melton Class</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>18</p> <p>8:00a Minyan</p> <p>9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull</p> <p>4:55p Candle-lighting Kabbalat Shabbat</p> <p>6:30PM</p> | <p>19</p> <p>9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Beshalach) Board Installation Simcha Kiddush</p> <p>7:45PM Israel Presents: "Shelter"</p> |
| <p>20</p> <p>9:00a Minyan</p> <p>11:30AM Kadima care packages for the homeless</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>15 Shevat</p> <p>Tu B Shevat</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>22</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>23</p> <p>4:30PM Atid LC Classes</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>24</p> <p>6:45a Minyan</p> <p>11:00AM Melton Class</p> <p>12:15PM Hazak</p> <p>7:30p Toastmasters</p> <p>8:00PM</p> | <p>25</p> <p>8:00a Minyan</p> <p>9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull</p> <p>5:03p Candle-lighting Pre-service Reception</p> <p>5:45PM Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments</p> <p>6:15PM</p> | <p>26</p> <p>9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Yitro)</p> <p>7:45PM Israel Presents: "Redemption"</p> |
| <p>27</p> <p>9:00AM Atid LC Classes</p> <p>9:00a Minyan</p> <p>12:00PM Bonim/Machar Activity</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>22 Shevat</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> <p>8:00PM Board Meeting</p> | <p>29</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>30</p> <p>4:30PM Atid LC Classes</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>31</p> <p>6:45a Minyan</p> <p>11:00AM Melton Class</p> <p>7:30p Minyan</p> | <p>25 Shevat</p> | |

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 28 Shevat 9:00AM Atid LC Classes 9:00a Minyan 10:15AM Science Fiction Book Club 1:00PM Women's Network - Challah baking 7:30p Minyan | 4 29 Shevat 7:30p Minyan |  5 30 Shevat Rosh Chodesh 7:30p Minyan | | | 1 26 Shevat 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull 5:11p Candle-lighting 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat | 2 27 Shevat 9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Mishpatim) 10:30AM Junior Congregation 11:00AM Kehillat Kids Israel Presents (snow date) 7:30PM |
| 9 3 Shevat 1 Adar I 4:30PM Atid LC Classes 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Bridge | 6 2 Adar I 6:45a Minyan 11:00AM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan | 7 3 Adar I 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull 5:19p Candle-lighting 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat | 8 4 Adar I 9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Terumah) Youth Shabbat & JDS Graduates 12:00PM Games Shabbat | | | |
| 10 5 Adar I 9:00AM Atid LC Classes 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan | 11 6 Adar I 7:30p Minyan | 12 7 Adar I 7:30p Minyan | 13 8 Adar I 4:30PM Atid LC Classes 7:30p Minyan | 14 9 Adar I 6:45a Minyan 11:00AM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Toastmasters | 15 10 Adar I 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull 5:28p Candle-lighting 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat | 16 11 Adar I 9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Tetzaveh) Simcha Kiddush |
| 17 12 Adar I 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan | 18 13 Adar I 7:30p Minyan | 19 14 Adar I Purim Katan 7:30p Minyan | 20 15 Adar I Purim Katan 4:30PM Atid LC Classes 7:30p Minyan 7:45PM Women's Network Book Group | 21 16 Adar I 6:45a Minyan 11:00AM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan | 22 17 Adar I 8:00a Minyan 9:00AM Study with Rabbi Shull 5:35p Candle-lighting 6:30PM Kabbalat Shabbat | 23 18 Adar I 9:30AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Ki Tisa) Inclusion Shabbat |
| 24 19 Adar I 9:00AM Atid LC Classes 9:00a Minyan 10:00AM TI University 12:00PM Bonim/Machar Activity 7:30p Minyan | 25 20 Adar I 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Board Meeting | 26 21 Adar I 7:30p Minyan | 27 22 Adar I 4:30PM Atid LC Classes 7:30p Minyan | 28 23 Adar I 6:45a Minyan 11:00AM Melton Class 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM Toastmasters | | |



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