



## Affairs in Good Hands



**Jonathan Solomon, a past co-president, moved along the full agenda at a congregational meeting Dec. 4 during which several newcomers were nominated for berths on the synagogue's governing board. They'll be seeking congregants' formal approval at the Jan. 8 election in the sanctuary, where a report will be given about the synagogue's fiscal state. Meeting starts at 10 a.m. (Photos by Amy Matathias)**

## Inside This Issue...

### Who's at Our Helm?

The synagogue's affairs will be guided by the steady hand of Melanie Grishman for another two years after she graciously accepted the nomination for another presidential term. But she and the other incumbent officers and board newcomers will need the votes of fellow Tikvat Israel members at a congregational meeting on Jan. 8 before it all becomes official. If you want the biographical skinny on those who appear on this year's election ballot, see **pages 4 and 5**.

### A Favorite Performer on Stage.

Our synagogue's early childhood director, Michelle Sobel, has long appreciated the music of Billy Jonas -- from years of playing his catchy recordings with Jewish influences for her own children. Then she had a chance to meet the North Carolina-based musician at an out-of-town conference, leading to the arrangements for the Billy Jonas Trio's concert twinbill at TI in March. Read more of this tale on **page 9** and an exclusive interview with Billy on **page 8**.

### Let's Go to the Cinema.

Some of the best of recent Israeli cinema will be showcased on the sanctuary screen over two Saturday evenings in January. It's the 2017 edition of Israel Presents, and this year's scheduled motion pictures are "Zero Motivation" (Jan. 21) and "Baba Joon" (Jan. 28). Want something like a plot summary of these films? Turn to the **back page**.

### Shul Business You Should Know.

So you missed the congregational meeting on Dec. 4, where members learned about the shul's fiscal state, the remaining capital improvements and the status of bylaws changes? If you turn to **page 2**, you can find a 250-word recap of the essential agenda items.

## WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Monday	6:45 a.m.	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

January 6	4:43 p.m.
January 13	4:50 p.m.
January 20	4:58 p.m.
January 27	5:06 p.m.
February 3	5:14 p.m.
February 10	5:22 p.m.
February 17	5:30 p.m.
February 24	5:38 p.m.

Note: All candlelighting times are based on Rockville, Md., sunset times.  
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## Recap of Congregational Meeting

With President Melanie Grishman out of town, Jonathan Solomon, a past co-president, conducted the congregational meeting on Dec. 4 in the sanctuary.

The primary business involved the nomination of officers and board members for the coming two years. (Full coverage appears on pages 3-5.) These individuals will be formally voted into office at the congregational meeting on Jan. 8.

Here's a recap of what transpired with a quorum of synagogue members present:

- **Synagogue fiscal state:** Treasurer Steve Raucher projected, based on the first five months of the fiscal year, that the synagogue could finish about \$3,000 in the black next June 30. He said several revenue sources were falling short of projections but noted more than half of the year remains. Expenses also were lower than projected. He will deliver an updated fiscal report at the January congregational meeting.
- **Capital improvements:** A contract for installation of improved lighting in the sanctuary was signed over the summer, but the work had not yet been scheduled as of early December. About \$57,000 remain in the original \$355,000 facility improvements budget, and planning may begin soon to look at possible upgrades to the synagogue's lobby.
- **Kitchen access:** New controls are in place to limit personal access to the synagogue's kitchen to certified mashgiachs and office staff.
- **Bylaws revision:** Task force chair Sally Kram had hoped to present a series of revised bylaws for consideration by congregants, but she said the complicated work of rewording synagogue bylaws will delay the project until sometime in the coming year. She welcomes additional volunteers.

## Kaiser: Stay Active in Local Affairs



**Del. Anne Kaiser discussed what lies ahead during the next state legislative season in Maryland. (Photo by Amy Matathias)**

Several of the questions she faced concerned the harsh tones of everyday discourse and likely policy upheavals following the election of Donald Trump as president. While the state legislature has little say on federal matters, she told the attendees to stay politically awake and alert to local election affairs in two years when four spots will be up for grabs on the Montgomery County Council owing to newly approved term limits.

Kaiser also described the workings of the state legislature.

In the wake of a tumultuous political campaign season, Anne Kaiser wasn't able to lessen too many personal concerns when several dozen TI members turned out at the social hall on Dec. 4 to hear her take on what lies ahead for government.

Kaiser, who has been a member of Tikvat Israel since her youth, was able to shed some insights on the more progressive climate that reigns in Maryland, where she serves as the majority leader of the state legislature's House of Delegates. A Democrat, she is an elected delegate from District 14, which covers the northeastern corner of Montgomery County.



**Barry Lipsy chats with Maryland Del. Anne Kaiser before her remarks in TI's social hall. (Photo by Amy Matathias)**

## Grishman Set for 2<sup>nd</sup> Term; Five Nominated for Board

Tikvat Israel members will vote into office a slate of officers and board members at a congregational meeting on Jan. 8.

The governing body, once ratified, will be led by Melanie Grishman, who has agreed to serve a second two-year term as synagogue president.

The nominees, all approved at a congregational meeting on Dec. 4, include three vice presidents: Warren Berger, Jim Perlmutter and Ellen Kaminow. Berger and Perlmutter are incumbents.

Other officers for 2017 and 2018 are treasurer Stuart Lempert, recording secretary Debbie Berlyne and financial secretary Gene Sheskin. Jonathan Solomon will serve on the board as immediate past president.

The slate includes five congregants to fill two-year seats on the board of directors: returnee Sally Kram and newcomers Alan

Apter, Dalit Baranoff, Mike Cohen and Fran Tropp.

The roster of nominees was built by Solomon and Rodney Matheson, who shared the Tikvat Israel presidency for two years before Grishman's election in December 2014.

Four members of the board are midway through their two-year terms: Kelcey Klass, Michele Eisenberg, Alana Suskin and Jay P. Goldman.

In addition, congregants are adding four trustees to oversee the Tikvat Israel Fund for the Future, which currently holds about \$455,000. They are Irv Cohen, Harold Diamond and Steve Raucher, all of whom would serve for three years, and Louis Leibowitz, who will fill two years of an unexpired term.

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

## Lavine Family's Gift Spawns Quiet Zone for Tots at TI

A generous donation of \$5,000 from the Lavine family has enabled Tikvat Israel to create a family-friendly children's corner in the rear of the sanctuary.

The gift was made in memory of long-time member Irvin ("Bud") Lavine, one of the primary architects of the synagogue merger leading to Tikvat Israel's creation two decades ago.

The donation came from several of Lavine's family members – his wife, the Hon. Bess Lavine, and three children, the Hon. Sherrie Lavine Krauser of Adelphi, Md., Hilary Lavine Ginsburg of Rockville and Matt Lavine of Clarksville, Md. (See Sherrie Krauser's letter on page 15.) Bud Lavine died last January.

In her letter to the family, President Melanie Grishman wrote: "On behalf of Tikvat Israel Congregation I express our sincere gratitude ... for your generous gift of \$5,000 to the congregation for the creation and maintenance of the Children's Corner in the back of our Sanctuary. As you have surely seen, this space is a beehive of activity every Shabbat, providing a welcome space for families with young children to both participate in services and to enjoy a quiet space to read, play and just be kids."

Grishman added: "We will always remember with fondness and gratitude your father, the man you called 'a gentleman to his fingertips, who treated everyone with courtesy and respect.'"

In making this space a permanent fixture, the synagogue will conduct a formal dedication ceremony with the installation of a memorial plaque in the near future.

The Lavine family members recently became Tikvat Israel members.

To find an appropriate legacy for Temple Israel in Silver Spring, Bud Lavine served as its final president during its last operating year to facilitate the merger with Beth Tikva in 1997, forming what is now Tikvat Israel Congregation.

The rear of the sanctuary has been designated a quiet, supervised play area for young children during Shabbat services and other times. It includes a colorful rubber play mat bearing Jewish themes and symbols along with rubber lounge seats for pre-schoolers and new puzzles and story books in the adjacent upgraded shelf space.

### INTERIM EDITOR TAKES REINS OF BULLETIN PRODUCTION

The *Tikvat Israel Bulletin* will have an interim editor overseeing the March-April and May-June issues. Congregant Andi Kronzek will be in charge while Jay P. Goldman moves into a temporary consulting editor role to fulfill a teaching assignment during the spring semester at University of Maryland.

Kronzek served as the *Bulletin* editor until Goldman assumed the reins in late 2009.

Submissions for the next issue of the bimonthly publication should be sent to her at [andrea.kronzek@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.kronzek@gmail.com) by Feb. 1.



A \$5,000 gift to the synagogue has funded a newly furnished play area for pre-schoolers in the rear of the sanctuary. (Photo by Jay P. Goldman)

# Mini-Profiles of New Elected Leaders

What follows are mini-biographies of the officers and board members who were nominated by congregants to begin two-year terms that run until January 2019. Assuming they receive affirmation at a congregational election on Jan. 8, all will be formally installed by the clergy at Shabbat morning services on Jan. 21.

All biographical information below was self-provided.

## Melanie Grishman

**Post:** President

**Joined TI:** 1991

**Volunteer roles at TI:** Current president of TI board; previously, a board member and member of adult education committee, bereavement committee and Fund for the Future committee.

**Motivation:** Tikvat Israel has been very important to me in my life since I joined with my late husband in 1991. During his illness, the TI community was very supportive and for that I am most grateful. Serving on the board and now the chance to continue as president and to assist the congregation with the tasks before us is my way of giving back to the community. I want to see this wonderful community thrive and grow.

**Formative years:** Grew up in Louisiana and Mississippi

**Occupational life:** Retired social worker and supervisor with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.



## Jim Perlmutter

**Post:** Vice president for membership services

**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; 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 that 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.



## Warren Berger

**Post:** Vice president for administration

**Joined TI:** 1994 (parents joined in 1974)

**Volunteer roles at TI:** Current vice president/administration (filling unexpired term); previously, board member, served on Capital Improvement Task Force, long-term member of religious practices committee and minyan subcommittee, environment committee; regular Gabbai Gadol and annual coach/organizer 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 this area, went to Randolph Junior High and Wheaton High School, active member of Beth Tikva Kadima and USY

**Occupational life:** An information technology project manager overseeing software development for federal government agencies.



## Stuart Lempert

**Post:** Treasurer

**Joined TI:** 1993

**Volunteer roles at TI:** Current 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; volunteer at annual Purim carnival; Torah reader on Shabbat.

**Motivation:** Now that our three children have grown and left the nest, I would like to bring 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. Currently, I manage the finances of dozens of solar power plants in the western U.S.



## Ellen Kaminow

**Post:** Vice president for educational services

**Joined TI:** 2001

**Volunteer roles at TI:** Education committee, youth committee and supervised Junior Congregation; led Yom Kippur 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:** Classroom teacher and now special education teacher in Montgomery County.



## Debby Berlyne

**Post:** Recording secretary

**Joined TI:** 1999

**Volunteer roles at TI:** Current recording secretary (since 2013); regular Torah and Haftarah reader; divrei Torah presenter; previously, member of social action committee and chair of membership committee.

**Motivation:** The Tikvat Israel community has provided friendship, emotional support and learning and spiritual opportunities to my family and me. I want to help make sure that TI keeps doing those things in the future, which requires our members (including me) to share our skills and energy on a volunteer basis.

**Formative years:** Born in Washington and grew up in Toronto, lived in France for a year as a child and lived in London, Ontario, Providence, R.I., and Philadelphia.

**Occupational life:** Freelance medical writer and editor, mostly for federal government agencies, pharmaceutical companies and professional societies.



## 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; previously, treasurer for two two-year 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 my 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.



## Michael Cohen

**Post:** Board member

**Joined TI:** 1985

**Volunteer roles at TI:** Usher for Shabbat and holidays; setup and participant in Purim carnivals.

**Motivation:** In my many years as a member, I've been a regular participant in weekday minyan; was a founding member of one of TI's first Havurah groups and a founding member of Eine Kleine Tikvah Klezmer band; played on TI softball team; member of Toastmasters at TI. I've made many lifelong friendships. Up until now, I've not assumed any leadership positions. Being asked to serve on the board is an honor that I take seriously. I hope to give back to my community by listening and adding to the discussion concerning our synagogue's programming and management.

**Formative years:** Philadelphia

**Occupational life:** Commercial real estate agent for past 12 years. Previously, an independent manufacturers' representative selling to photo industry retailers throughout Maryland, D.C. and Virginia for more than 30 years.



## Alan Apter

**Post:** Board member

**Joined TI:** 2000

**Volunteer roles at TI:** Organized purchase of new Sukkah, set up and take down for the past five years; volunteer at Israel Film Festival; cleanup of storage areas and kitchen; painted ECC storage shed; 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 in helping improve the building and grounds of the shul.

**Formative years:** West Hartford, Conn.

**Occupational life:** Senior programmer/analyst with GEICO Insurance.



## Sally Kram

**Post:** Board member

**Joined TI:** 2004

**Volunteer roles at TI:** Current board member; chair, adult education committee and chair, TI Israeli Film Festival; 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.



## Dalit Baranoff

**Post:** Board member

**Joined TI:** 2001

**Volunteer roles at TI:** Currently, CSA coordinator, mashgiach/kitchen committee member; previously, member of rabbi search committee and interim rabbi search committee, youth commission member and treasurer of ECC parents' organization.

**Motivation:** Tikvat Israel has been central to my family's life for the past 15 years. I want to help secure the synagogue's future as a place where members, new and old, will continue to experience a warm welcome and supportive community.

**Formative years:** I was born in Israel but spent most of my childhood in Austin, Texas.

**Occupational life:** Trained as a historian and having worked in the digital history field, I am a freelance researcher.



## Fran Tropp

**Post:** Board member

**Joined TI:** 2015

**Volunteer roles at TI:** 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 and 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, associate director of Anti-Defamation League in Florida. Director of Golden Care Society with Greater Miami Jewish Federation and director of admissions at Menorah Manor in St. Petersburg, Fla.



## RECREATIONAL ATHLETES SOUGHT

TI seeks players for its basketball and softball teams in the synagogue recreation league. Basketball season runs Sunday mornings from January through March with softball happening April through June.

Contacts: Warren Berger (warren.berger@gmail.com) about basketball and Stuart Lempert (stuartlempert@yahoo.com) about softball.



## LINKING TO FACEBOOK

Tikvat Israel maintains a Facebook page with periodic updates of news and information and photos of congregants. Each issue of *B'keshet*, the e-newsletter, is posted to the synagogue's page.



Please consider following Tikvat Israel when you next spend time on your Facebook account.

## SHULL TO SHUL

# Keeping it Kosher

BY RABBI BENJAMIN SHULL



The word “kosher” is used in the general media as a synonym for “proper” or “fitting.” For example, “The bank executive’s dealings with the contractor did not seem quite kosher, according to the attorney general’s office.”

Amazingly, the general media has it right. Kosher doesn’t mean clean, pure or “blessed by a rabbi.” The word kosher means proper and fitting.

It is in this spirit of proper and fitting that we are going to embark on a “Keeping It Kosher” effort in the coming months. Kashrut is an essential pillar of Conservative Judaism. As a Conservative congregation, we need to give proper attention to this significant mitzvah both institutionally and personally. We also need to keep in mind that kosher has to do as much with our souls as with our stomachs.

As the first step in “Keeping It Kosher,” I would like to explain the important efforts of our kitchen committee and our *masgichim* (kashrut supervisors), who work tirelessly to ensure the kashrut of our congregational kitchen. They volunteer their time and their talent and often go unappreciated. I will be highlighting their hard work in the weeks to come.

A second step in “Keeping It Kosher” will involve my meeting with the ECC staff, the staff of our Atid Learning Center and our maintenance staff to review the principles of kashrut and the workings of our kosher kitchen. We are proud of our Tikvat Israel staff and know that they play an important role in maintaining the kashrut of our synagogue.

A third step in “Keeping It Kosher” will be to feature you and the role that kashrut plays in your lives. Do you have a story from your life that touches on “Keeping It Kosher?” Do you have a recommendation for a good kosher restaurant in the area? Do you have a special recipe for a unique kosher dish that you would like to share? Let me know.

My hope is that “Keeping It Kosher” will raise consciousness in our congregational community about the importance and joy of the mitzvah of kashrut. As we begin a new secular year with resolutions to better our diet for our physical health, let’s resolve to better our diet for our spiritual health as well.

P.S. A “Keeping It Kosher” story from my South African relative. My second cousin Celia told me a story about her father who was traveling through rural South Africa in the 1950s. He came to a small guest house/restaurant and was served a good meal. After the meal, he helped the staff clear the dishes, bringing them back to the kitchen. The cook was so appreciative of his help that she shoved a delicious savory bite of food in his mouth. He gave a chew and realized it was bacon. My cousin remembers that in order not to embarrass the cook he kept the bacon in his mouth and did not spit it out until he went outside. Celia shared that story with me about 55 years after it happened.

## Israel Excursion Postponed

The congregational trip to Israel, scheduled to take place over Hanukkah, was cancelled as participant signups fell slightly short of the number required for travel.

Rabbi Ben Shull said he considers this a temporary postponement. “Israel is near and dear to our hearts, and I am confident that one day we will be able to visit Israel together as a congregation,” he wrote in a message to the congregation in early December.

The congregation’s lay leadership, he said, will join with him to find “the right combination of trip date, trip content and trip price” in planning a TI excursion to Israel in the not-too-distant future. “In the meantime, we will be discussing other opportunities for building community. Of course, Israel programming and advocacy will always be a regular part of Tikvat Israel’s schedule,” Rabbi Shull said.

## Melton Coursework Commences for Adults

Twenty eager participants gathered for the first session of the Florence Melton School of Jewish Learning in mid-November in the Flax Library at Tikvat Israel, kicking off a year of formal Jewish learning.

All expressed a desire to continue their Jewish learning as adults. Several had participated in Melton programs before, with good results. The majority were members of Tikvat Israel, but several other congregations, including Beth Joshua Congregation, Beth Shalom and Kol Shalom, were represented among the attendees.

The first hour of the program on the rhythms of Jewish life is being taught by Rabbi Ben Shull, and the second hour, focusing on the purposes of Jewish living, is taught by Rabbi Uri Topolosky of Beth Joshua Congregation in Rockville.

Year 1 of the two-year Melton core curriculum runs for 25 sessions. The back-to-back classes are held on Tuesday nights starting at 6:30 p.m. (with a break for evening minyan in the chapel) at Tikvat Israel.

The adult learning program, developed by the Melton Center at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, will include two additional courses at TI during the second year: Ethics of Jewish Living and Crossroads of Jewish History. Both of those university-level courses will run for 25 weekly lessons.

### MONTHLY MINCHA DATES

Rabbi Shull has announced that mincha services will be held at the following dates and times (all are Saturdays) in the upcoming months:

Jan. 21, 1 p.m.

Feb. 25, 5 p.m.

March 25, 6:30 p.m.

April 29, 7 p.m.

May 20, 7:30 p.m.

## CANTOR'S CORNER

# Musical Shabbatot, Purim Plans, Puppet Practices and More

BY CANTOR ROCHELLE HELZNER



### Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments

This uplifting Shabbat evening service includes spirited traditional and new melodies accompanied by guitar, piano, bass and percussion. It is held in the Flax Library at 6:15 p.m. on special scheduled Shabbatot -- Jan. 13, March 24, April 28 and June 9. A sponsored reception precedes the service at 5:45 p.m. Sponsors are

needed. The service is open to people of all ages.

### Nishmat Kol Chai

Facilitated by Rabbah Arlene Berger with help from congregants, this Shabbat morning service includes traditional and non-traditional prayers, chanting, percussion and a Torah discussion from 10 a.m. to noon in the Flax Library. It will be held March 25 and April 22. This service runs concurrently with the service in the sanctuary.

### Shabbat at HomeS

Connect with your fellow Tikvat Israel members by inviting families and individuals to your home for Shabbat during Shabbat at HomeS on March 3 and May 19. There will not be a Friday night service on those dates at Tikvat Israel, but we will designate a home for those who will want a minyan.

For more information, consult the Tikvat Israel website or contact Danny Bachman at [ShabbatAtHomeS@tikvatisrael.org](mailto:ShabbatAtHomeS@tikvatisrael.org).

### Purim Gifts

Fulfill the mitzvah of Mishloach Manot, the giving of gifts of food to family and friends on Purim. Tikvat Israel is selling Mishloach Manot bags for \$6 each. Every bag will include hamentashen and other goodies.

To place your order, submit the order form (on page 16) or contact Marla in the synagogue office (301-762-7338 or [office@tikvatisrael.org](mailto:office@tikvatisrael.org)) by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1.

### Purim Glee

Tikvat Israel's Purim festivities begin on Saturday evening, March 11, with *maariv* and *megilla* reading followed by refreshments and "Pour 'em for Purim" alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Purim services continue on Sunday morning, March 12, for *shacharit* and *megilla* reading at 8:45 a.m. The Purim Puppet Show and costume parade will start at 11 a.m. in the social hall. Wear costumes and bring tzedakah!

### Puppeteers and Voices Needed

Puppeteers and character voices are needed for the Purim Puppet Show to be held on Sunday, March 12. Rehearsals will be held on three Sundays beginning in February with times to be announced. Involvement in this show is fun, and the enjoyment received by parents and children is very rewarding.

If you are an adult or older teen and would like to participate, please contact Karen Lipsy at [BKRSL@verizon.net](mailto:BKRSL@verizon.net).

## Our Positive Fit with Folk Concerts

BY MICHAEL AMSTER

At the congregational meeting on Dec. 4, I donned my FOCUS board member hat and tipped it in thanks to the congregation.

The partnership between FOCUS and TI is a success. The artists whom FOCUS has booked have been wonderful. Our synagogue library and sanctuary are comfortable and intimate venues, and the acoustics are terrific. TI builds on its well-earned reputation as a community supportive of the arts. FOCUS builds on its well-earned reputation as an organization that works diligently to bring world-class talent to local audiences and, as a non-profit, uses most of the revenue to support the artists.

There has been a modest financial benefit to TI. This ongoing concert series is a win-win all around. If you have yet to join us for one of these events, you should.

Two concerts are set for the first half of 2017. On April 2, TI will feature the Everly Set. If you are a fan of the Everly Brothers, you'll love these guys. Then on May 21, FOCUS will present the Boxcar Lilies, a harmonizing trio from New England.

These are the shows booked, and there may be others. So save the dates, don't procrastinate. Go to your calendar and mark it today. There will be more information coming as we get closer. You can also check the FOCUS website anytime ([www.focusmusic.org/](http://www.focusmusic.org/)).

See you at the concerts!

### SHUL HOSTS MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT

A monthly support group titled "Good Grief – A Journey Together" is being conducted by Stacy Lang at Tikvat Israel.

Evening sessions are slated on these Thursdays: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 11 and June 1.

The monthly series is intended to serve those who are coping with loss. Topics will cover normal grief reactions, complicated grief, Jewish traditions around mourning, meditation and guided imagery and expressions of grief through art. Lang is a licensed psychotherapist experienced in working with individuals affected by losses related to death, illness and trauma.

The cost is \$10 per session. Contact her at 201-675-7151 or [drslang1@gmail.com](mailto:drslang1@gmail.com) for more details.

### CONGREGANTS SHARE COMMON B'NAI MITZVAH

With 40 members already on board, Parasha Partners is the new initiative to connect members of the Tikvat Israel community through their common bar/bat mitzvah portion.

The goal is to identify and connect, across generations, those who celebrated the same Torah *parasha*.

All congregants 13 and over are asked to provide the following details. Send the information to [parashapartners@tikvatisrael.org](mailto:parashapartners@tikvatisrael.org).

- Your name
- Date turned 13 years old;
- Date (English or Hebrew) of bat/bar mitzvah ceremony; and
- *Parasha* of bat/bar mitzvah (if known).

Those who cannot answer each question will receive research help to determine the *parasha* closest to their 13th birthday.

Contact program coordinators Elyse and Jeff Bernstein at [jeffelyse@gmail.com](mailto:jeffelyse@gmail.com).

# Q&A With Billy Jonas: Recycled Instruments and Jewish Summer Camp Influences

BY MELISSA APTER

What is a “neo-tribal hootenanny” or “funky family folk music” for that matter? They’re the invention of the talented Jewish musician Billy Jonas, who will perform two concerts at Tikvat Israel on March 19, accompanied by his band and with participation by Cantor Rochelle Helzner.

A 4 p.m. show will have a song list designed for families with young children, and a 7:30 p.m. show is set for adults. (See below for ticket information.)

Jonas, a native of Chicago, is known for his engaging performances that incorporate found and recycled instruments, alongside conventional instruments, to create a unique sound.

“Billy’s infectious rhythms are exciting. His personality is warm, animated and his sense of fun shines through. The Tikvat Israel community and community at large is in for a spirited treat,” said Cantor Helzner.

The *Tikvat Israel Bulletin* caught up with Jonas recently to get the inside scoop on what Tikvat Israel audiences can expect. His answers have been edited for clarity and length.

## What will families experience at your afternoon show?

**Jonas:** It’ll be a taste of funky family folk music – including the idea of the neo-tribal hootenanny. This is a highly participatory singalong and “percuss-along” concert where folks can learn their parts or create them as the songs move along. We make use of the most organic instruments possible -- our voices, our hands, feet on the floor, car keys and knees. I’ll be playing my homemade

drum kit, which includes buckets, pots, pans and a trashcan.

## How did you come up with the idea to use found and recycled instruments?

**Jonas:** I decided long ago that I wanted to make my music sound and feel inspiring and accessible to everyone. I poured all my classical training and technique into making homemade stuff sound really good. I studied the piano and guitar, trombone and composition from grade school through college. It wasn’t until I started playing homemade and found-object creations that I truly found my musical home. Once I did that, performing became a joy.

I still love using conventional instruments like guitar, piano and Middle Eastern percussion in my concerts. My other favorite thing is delicious three-part harmony on top of all the unconventional elements.

## That sounds great for kids. What will the adults be treated to at your evening performance?

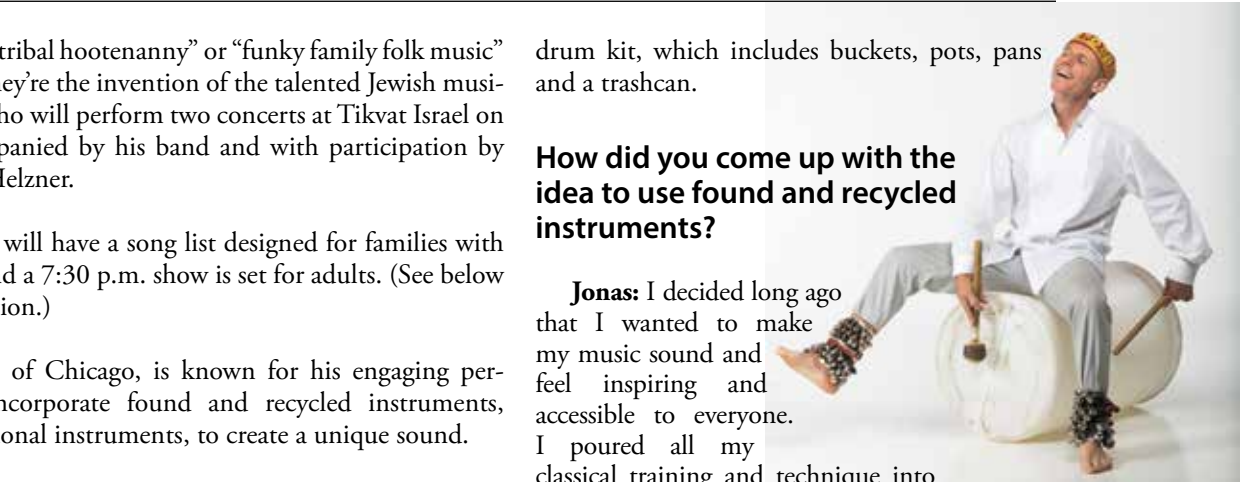
**Jonas:** The evening is an event I call “The Great Conversation” – that is, songs and stories that inspire us to explore a deeper relationship with ourselves, our community and the great beyond. The instruments will be the same, but the focus is less on participation than it is on soulful engagement. The continuity will be the melodies.

The afternoon will be extremely participatory from beginning to end while the evening will be more of a traditional concert experience.

## You come from a Jewish background. I understand that your great-grandfather was a hazzan. What was your Jewish upbringing like, and were you exposed to Jewish music growing up?

**Jonas:** I discovered I’m related to Rabbi Judah Loew, the Maharal of Prague (who is known for his alleged creation of a golem). My parents visited his grave this year in Prague. I grew up going to a Conservative synagogue in Chicago where the famous Cantor Abe Lubin filled the sanctuary with the most beautiful operatic and European traditional singing. (Lubin is the cantor emeritus of Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County, located in Bethesda, Md.) I also sang in a choir he directed. These early experiences plus the folk songs we learned in Sunday school and sang at home for the holidays were a rich musical heritage.

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## Tickets Available Now

Tickets for the two Billy Jonas Trio concerts on March 19 are available from the synagogue office (301-762-7338) or electronically at [www.tikvatisrael.org/billyjonas](http://www.tikvatisrael.org/billyjonas).

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door for the 4 p.m. program for families with children of all ages. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door for the 7:30 p.m. adult show.

Concert sponsorships also are available and encouraged. Contact the synagogue staff for details.





Otherwise, my primary musical foundation was summer camp. I went to secular summer camps that had lots of music, and it was my first experience of the magic of collective song making and singing. Those experiences, combined with my synagogue experiences, inspired me to do what I do today, specifically to find a fun and beautiful way to include everyone in celebrating their spirit and their soul.

**Last year you released an album of Jewish songs called “Habayta.” What inspired that project?**

**Jonas:** All my music is Jewish since I’m Jewish. But “Habayta” is my first explicitly Jewish project. It had been brewing for several years because when I got married and started a family, I decided to invest more time in being home. I began working at my local synagogue, Congregation Beth HaTephila in Asheville, N.C., as a cantorial soloist there a few times a month.

Almost magically at the same time, I began receiving invitations to visit synagogues all around the country. A whole repertoire of songs developed that were inspired by Jewish liturgy, as well as Jewish holidays and rituals. I also began to be aware of spaces in the standard repertoire where I felt my perspective and particular style could shine. A good example is the song “Kol Han’shama,” also known as Psalm 150, where King David says “Praise G-d with drums, flutes, crashing symbols and dancing!” I had never heard a version of the song that truly took those words to heart. At least not the way I imagined he meant them. I think he was saying, “Let’s have a neo-tribal hootenanny!” so that inspired my version.

Another example is “Ma’ariv Aravim.” There aren’t as many songful versions of that as there are the other prayers. As I meditated upon the prayer, the line *Adonai tz’vaot sh’mo* really leapt out at me. I discovered through conversations with many clergy that there was no definitive understanding of what heavenly hosts or “warrior angels” implies. My version of the song/prayer explores that.

**The song “More Love” currently featured on your website ([billyjonas.com](http://billyjonas.com)) is stunning. What was the inspiration?**

**Jonas:** “More Love” was written a year ago in honor of my friend Karleigh’s bat mitzvah. Her grandmother commissioned it as a surprise gift. I love commissions because I get to write about things I wouldn’t have ever written about. The inspiration is huge. As I meditated on the information given to me about Karleigh’s Torah portion and mitzvah project, it became clear that putting more love into the world is the ultimate agenda of any human.

After the presidential election, people were reeling from the divisiveness. My wife said we really need to post this song. Many people have shared it without having any idea about its initial inspiration. To me, the great success is that it’s relevant and applicable beyond the initial reasons for my writing it.

*(Melissa Apter, a Tikvat Israel member, is a professional journalist.)*

# Cantor’s Path to Billy Jonas Starts With a Colleague

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, BULLETIN EDITOR



**Michelle Sobel was thrilled to meet entertainer Billy Jonas at a songleader conference in St. Louis, Mo., last year.**

So how did Billy Jonas become the featured entertainer for Tikvat Israel’s 2017 Cantor’s Concert?

Cantor Helzner needs to credit the professional introduction to her TI colleague, ECC Director Michelle Sobel, who considers herself a major fan of Jonas and his music dating back years.

“Billy’s off-beat style has permeated my house and car as my own children grew up enjoying his music,” says Sobel, who owns a bevy of the musical artist’s digital downloads and even an old DVD of Jonas performing a children’s concert.

Last February, she met Jonas in person. Sobel had received a competitive grant to participate in a Songleader Boot Camp, as part of a professional conference for early childhood educators, in St. Louis, Mo., where Jonas was one of the headline presenters.

“After a session he led about bringing engaging musical experiences to preschoolers and their families, I was able to meet him and establish a connection with him in person,” Sobel says. “I gave him my card and let him know that someone from Tikvat Israel would be contacting him to discuss possibly bringing him to Rockville, Md. We have been in touch ever since and I am thrilled to have watched this whole process come to fruition.”

She adds: “I absolutely cannot wait to share the awesomeness of Billy Jonas and his fellow musicians with our TI community.”

Cantor Helzner was sold on the idea of hosting a musical entertainer whose fare appeals as avidly to adults as children. Several months ago, she began to introduce some of Billy Jonas’ music during synagogue services so congregants would be familiar with it by show time. She incorporated Jonas’ song “Rosh Hashanah, Head of the Year” into her High Holidays repertoire, to the keen delight of Tikvat Israel’s youngest students, who eagerly sang along ahead of the shofar service.

## WOMEN'S NETWORK

# Women's Network Identifies Members' Distinctive Deeds

BY AMY MATATHIAS

Twenty-five members of the Women's Network gathered for a "get to know the women of TI" affair hosted by long-time member Janice Balin on Oct. 30 at her home in Rockville.

The participants broke into small groups during the lunch meeting for an ice-breaker game designed to help members get to know each other better by describing unique talents or experiences. Here's just a small sampling of the experiences and talents shared by participants:

- Took a trapeze class
- Is an expert candy maker
- Served as a tour guide in England, Scotland and Wales
- Isolated some of the first HIV virus from Africa and Thailand
- Catered lunch for 800
- Went to Gladiator School in Rome
- Served as a park ranger
- Had an adult bat mitzvah
- Visited Israel when Yitzhak Rabin was killed
- Is grandmother to triplets
- Member of TI or its predecessor for 50 years
- Snorkeled in the great barrier reef off the coast of Australia



Among the participants at a year-opening introductory event run by Women's Network were, from left, Nancy Solomon, Amy Matathias, Fortuna Scheige, Barbara Katz and Robbie Cohen. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

In addition to receiving updates from the TI chapter's own leadership on upcoming Sisterhood activities, the group heard from Seaboard Region leaders of Women's League. Julia Loeb, Seaboard region president, discussed the importance of Sisterhood, making personal and professional connections and announced the 100-year celebration in July. Ellen Kaner Bresnick, Seaboard region vice president, spoke about "Bookmarks" (a semi-annual publication of Women's League), the important literature by Jewish women in the past century and the Women's League Reads Online Book Group.

TI's Women's Network has a book group discussion scheduled on Feb. 15. The title to be discussed is *Kaddish: Women's Voices* by Michael Smart and Barbara Ashkenas. The book group on April 19 will critique *The Translation of Love* by Lynne Kutsukake.

Join Women's Network members and others from TI for a day of service on Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 16 – and stay tuned for information about upcoming Rosh Chodesh programs.

The group's co-presidents are Rebecca Salon, Fortuna Scheige and Hilda Springer.

### ENGAGED IN LITERARY CHATS

Book groups hosted by the Women's Network usually provide robust discussions in the shul's Flax Library with typically a dozen or more readers on hand. Sara Harris (right) led the club's discussions of the first two titles, *A Free Life* and *Washing the Dead*. Three additional book group sessions are scheduled between January and June, starting with *Kaddish: Women's Voices* by Michael Smart and Barbara Ashkenas on Feb. 15. Any women, teen-age and up, are welcome. (Photos by Felicia R. Black)



### Mazel Tov ...

to **Rebecca Salon** upon her appointment by President Barack Obama to a two-year term on the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities, an advisory body.

to **Joseph Gelula**, son of Ellen Singer and Richard Gelula, who graduates from the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School in February. (He will be honored at TI on Feb. 11.)

to **Gigi Sohn**, daughter of Roma and Marvin Sohn, on receiving a fellowship award from George Soros and the Open Society Foundation to support a public education project involving media, communication and technology.

to **Joel Bressler** for celebrating his "second bar mitzvah" on Dec. 10.

## EDUCATION AND YOUTH

# Our Role and Yours in Stimulating the Jewish Spirit

BY LUISA MOSS, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND YOUTH



As a Jewish educator, my role is to help students have meaningful experiences to connect to Judaism through formal and informal learning experiences. I can easily assess my student's knowledge of Hebrew reading proficiency or knowledge of symbols of a Jewish holiday.

One thing not easily assessed is spirituality. When I saw that Adas Israel Congregation would be hosting author Lisa Miller, I eagerly requested her book *The Spiritual Child, The New Science on Parenting for Health and Lifelong Thriving*. I am not yet a parent, but as a Jewish educator, I feel I have an important role in my students' holistic Jewish selves.

Miller presents a scientific understanding of spirituality that I was eager to learn in order to support my work. She provides evidence showing that spirituality has a direct correlation to a child's physical and mental well-being. Spirituality is innate, something we are born with, according to a study of 2,000 twins, providing evidence of a genetic contribution to spirituality.

Great, you are probably thinking -- my kids are genetically predisposed to be spiritual beings. Check one item off the parenting list. Well, not so fast. Spirituality also must be nourished. Miller's research goes on to say that parents and a faith community are essential and instrumental in ongoing spiritual development. Just as a child is supported through physical and mental developmental forms of growth, so too does spirituality grow.

The integration process happens internally as well as through personal interactions with others. Life is a series of cultivating experiences that allow for the individual to ask questions, explore meaning and purpose, learn how to treat others, develop empathy and compassion and learn how to take care of the world.

What are some ways Tikvat Israel is helping to cultivate spirituality for our youth?

- Youth services that offer authentic worship experiences with hands-on learning and age-appropriate activities.
- Peer-to-peer trope (Torah cantillation) learning. What better role model than learning from someone just a few years older!
- Youth groups that create a safe space to explore Judaism and build Jewish peer friendships.

What are some ways that you can cultivate spirituality in your children?

- Help your child take notice of simple things in life. Point out a beautiful sunset.
- Express gratitude. Think of the process it took to get the loaf of bread to your table. Thank the farmer for planting and growing the grain, the machinist who ground the flour, the baker who formed the flour into bread, the truck driver who

transported the bread to the store and the clerk who stocked the bakery aisle.

- Embrace your child's spiritual curiosity. When he or she asks challenging questions, return the question with a question, asking what she or he thinks. It's OK not to have all the answers.

This is how spirituality is gained.

## Opportunities for Our Youth

### Drama on Shabbat, Jan. 21

It's a morning of drama in the social hall that explores this week's Torah reading *Shemot*. Drama Shabbat concludes with a performance on stage for the congregation during kiddush. Children 6 and older, with a parent, should arrive at 10 a.m. Children under 6 should come at 11 a.m.

### Youth Shabbat, Feb. 11

A service, starting at 9:30 a.m., for those in pre-school through 12th grade. Youth will lead the service. A kiddush lunch follows Youth Shabbat. (To co-sponsor lunch, contact [office@tikvatisrael.org](mailto:office@tikvatisrael.org).) The fun continues after lunch with a Family Games Day until 3:30 p.m.

### Torah Club, Jan. 14 and 28, Feb. 11 and 25

Under the direction of Elliot Cowan, students in grades 4 and up learn Torah trope with the goal of becoming proficient in reading Torah. The club meets every second and fourth Shabbat morning of the month in the school wing at the end of the Torah service. You can practice your trope skills at this page on the TI website: [http://tikvatisrael.org/torah-club.WEY6yrQrI\\_4](http://tikvatisrael.org/torah-club.WEY6yrQrI_4)

### Junior Congregation, Jan. 7, Feb. 4

Shabbat morning service for students in 3rd through 6th grades will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. by the students themselves with the help of teens Matthew Kaminow and Jacob Schwartz and adult adviser Jason Schwartz.

### Minyan Yeledim, Jan. 7, Feb. 4

Does the thought of having your K-2nd grade child daven, sing and interact in a supercharged morning Shabbat service appeal to you? Join us for a meaningful, spiritual and fun morning at 11 a.m. Younger siblings accompanied by parents are welcome.

For more information on any youth programs, contact Luisa Moss, director of education and youth programming, at [luisa@tikvatisrael.org](mailto:luisa@tikvatisrael.org) or 301-762-7338, ext. 120.

# Kid Literature Launches Learning of Jewish Values

BY ALLISON ZION AND LIMOR DAHAN, ARAYOT CLASS TEACHERS, AND MICHELLE SOBEL, TIKVAT ISRAEL ECC DIRECTOR

As part of our participation in the *PJ Goes to School* program, each month we receive a featured PJ Library book geared toward 4- and 5-year-old children. Recently, after reading *The Only One Club* by Jane Naliboff and illustrated by Jeff Hopkins, the Arayot class explored the Jewish values of *a-dam ya-chid* (each person is unique) and *ke-bi-la* (community).

Below we share summaries and photos of how each of these Jewish values was introduced and explored with our ECC children from our Arayot kindergarten readiness class.

## Adam ya-chid

First we had a read-aloud of the story *The Only One Club*. Though our main intention was to highlight the Jewish value *adam ya-chid*, as is often the case in an early childhood classroom, reading a book can lead to rich discussions and learning related to math, science, literacy and more.

We discussed “What is unique, or special about me, that nobody else in the class can claim?” Each Arayot child had the opportunity to give answers that ranged from physical attributes (wears glasses, has red hair, etc.) to questions about brothers and sisters (who has a younger brother or sister, who has an older brother or sister, who is an only child, etc.). This led to learning a new vocabulary word, “sibling.”

The discussion then turned into a math comparison of “How many siblings do you have all together, how many have older siblings, how many have younger siblings, what are the number of years in between your siblings and yourself?” We continue to play a guessing game daily, “I’m thinking of someone who ...” and give three clues. This has proven to be a favorite activity!

As an extension activity, we continued the lessons of *adam ya-chid* by explaining and then showing the children how everyone has a fingerprint that is uniquely their own. The children stamped their own fingerprints on a large white paper to create fingerprint images of animals, fish, flowers or whatever their creative minds desired. They were able to see for themselves and make the connection that just as no two fingerprints are the same, no two people are the same and it is good to embrace our differences.

The children also engaged in an activity where they verbalized what they felt was special about themselves. They finished the sentence starter “I feel special because ...” Examples of the *adam ya-chid* creations by some of our Arayot children are on display outside our classroom.

By engaging in discussions and activities emphasizing what is special and different about each person, we fostered respect for others and self-confidence in being proud of what is unique to each of us. The children really were able to relate the Jewish value of *adam ya-chid* to their own experiences!



**Pupils got a double dose of shul leadership when they knocked on the rabbi’s office door and were greeted by TI President Melanie Grishman and Rabbi Shull. They learned the two work together to keep the kehila strong.**

## Kehila

The PJ Library-featured book *The Only One Club*, which led to the rich learning experiences focusing on individual differences described above, also led to a meaningful study of the value of the special gifts each individual brings to a larger community. What better way to demonstrate to children the true meaning of *kehila* than to take a closer look at the people who work in the Tikvat Israel building?

We had meaningful discussions about the various roles people play and how we need all of the different people doing important jobs to help make our Tikvat Israel ECC kehila run smoothly. We thought about the different people we might find at Tikvat Israel and then we set off on a tour of our school and synagogue building. We identified lots of people in the larger Tikvat Israel community (besides ECC teachers and children) who do their own unique jobs and work together as a team, which helps to make our Arayot classroom the wonderful, fun, learning environment that it is.

As we walked down the synagogue hallways, we stopped at each office, or area of the building. As we discovered different people working, we interviewed them as to what their job was within our Tikvat Israel kehila (community). We took photos with each of them and learned so much about how it takes many more people working together than just our own classroom teachers to create the ECC environment we enjoy.

Each month, the Arayot class (as well as our Soosim and Doobim classes) look forward to receiving another featured *PJ Goes to School* book in the mail and then reading it. As educators, we enjoy using the PJ Library resources, which spark new ways to continue our longstanding tradition of highlighting Jewish values in our ECC classrooms.

**ECC DONATIONS TO MANNA**



**As part of an emphasis on hands-on tzedakah, ECC children and families donated food items during the weeks before Thanksgiving. The donations were picked up by a representative from Manna Food Center who loaded all of the donations into a big truck as the children watched.**

## What's Hot for Tikvat Tots?

### Pajama Havdalah

This annual program takes place from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7. Join Rabbi Shull and Cantor Helzner plus Michelle Sobel, director of preschool education and programming. Enjoy songs, prayers, a story and a "bedtime snack" of cookies and milk followed by a soothing lullaby and bedtime *Shema* prayer.

Bring a new child-sized pair of pajamas to support the ECC's collection of "PJ's for Tzedakah." This supports children in local shelters.

RSVP by Wednesday, Jan. 4, to [michelle@tikvatisrael.org](mailto:michelle@tikvatisrael.org).

### Tot Shabbat

This activity, led by Michelle Sobel, takes place from 11 a.m. to noon on Shabbat mornings in the ECC Library, Room 13. Upcoming dates: Feb. 18, May 13 and June 10.

### Shabbat is Special Experience

This 5 p.m. program on Friday, Feb. 24, takes place in the sanctuary immediately followed by Tater Tot Shabbat Dinner in the social hall.

### Shabbat Singalong

This activity, led by Daniella Schwartz, will take place from 11 a.m. to noon on Shabbat mornings in the ECC Library, Room 13 on these dates: March 18, April 15 and May 27.

These programs for families with young children are coordinated by Michelle Sobel, director of preschool education and programming.

## Blake HS Religion Course Leads to Lessons at TI



**Rabbi Shull explains the significance of the Torah scroll to students in congregant Mary Wagner's comparative religion class at Blake High School.**

Congregant Mary Wagner teaches a comparative religion course at Blake High School in Silver Spring. She has been teaching the class for more than 15 years, and each semester, when she reaches the Judaism unit, she brings her students on a field trip to Tikvat Israel.

When they arrive, the students meet with Cantor Rochelle Helzner, who explains to them the job of a cantor. She teaches them to sing *Hinei Ma Tov* and demonstrates the way the *Hatzi Kaddish* sounds using different tunes for different holidays. The students have told Wagner that this really helps them understand why the cantor's job is so important because of its complex nature.

"I didn't realize that there was more than one way to chant a prayer," said Kristen, one of Wagner's students.

Before she finishes her part, Cantor Helzner teaches the students the refrain from *Sim Shalom*, and she demonstrates how the congregation might alternate verses with her during a service.

After meeting with the cantor, the students meet with Rabbi Benjamin Shull and congregant Jeff Smith. They explain more about the rabbi's role and give a tour of the sanctuary.

This semester, Rabbi Shull showed students how to "think like a rabbi" as they looked at the beginning of that week's *parasha*. Wagner and Smith then joined the rabbi in showing the students the Torah and explained how it is written and how it is read during a religious service. They also explained what else happens during the Shabbat service.

After their time in the sanctuary, the students eat a kosher meal from Max's – always including falafel, which many of them have never tasted previously. Of course, the food is the teenagers' favorite part of the field trip. When they depart Tikvat Israel, they leave with a richer understanding of Judaism and its beliefs and practices.

## First Bat Mitzvah in 2017

Eliana Mannes, daughter of Aaron Mannes and Sonia Castillo, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Jan. 28.

Eliana is a 7<sup>th</sup>-grade student at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School.

Her personal interests, according to her parents, include animals (especially cats and alpacas), vegetarian cooking, Israeli dance, basketball, arts and crafts, hanging with friends and travel. She harbors a stated interest to visit every museum of the Smithsonian.

Eliana's bat mitzvah service project will involve feeding the hungry.



**Eliana Mannes**

### ASSIGNING TORAH READERS



Tikvat Israel's "Yad Squad" is seeking a fourth member. The squad is responsible for assigning Torah readers for Shabbatot and festivals.

Curious? Contact Susan Apter, religious practices chair ([apter4@gmail.com](mailto:apter4@gmail.com)), or Julia Pitkin-Shantz, Yad Squad member ([jpitkin@umich.edu](mailto:jpitkin@umich.edu)), for information.

# Ways and Means Group Seeks Fresh Ideas From Volunteers

BY JOHN MELMED, WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Ways and Means Committee needs your help. Our function is to come up with ways to raise money for Tikvat Israel and then execute those ideas.

We usually plan three or four revenue-generating events each year, with the annual cantor's concert the most prominent. Other events have included the True Stories storytelling show, recognition dinners to honor stellar members of the congregation, raffles, etc.

The committee generally meets five or six times over the year. The committee works best when, from time to time, we gain a new committee member because such people often come with new and innovative ideas for fundraising. We look for individuals who not only can think out of the box but are willing to help plan the events that we decide are viable options.

I joined the committee two years ago, and the philosophy I brought was to raise money that comes from *outside* the synagogue.

This is how we came up with the appealing idea of True Stories, and we now have had four of these wonderful storytelling shows in the past three years, raising more than \$12,000 in the process. The last show, on Nov. 13, attracted an audience of about 120 people, more than half of whom were not synagogue members. I love it when non-TI members give money to the shul and enjoy doing so, don't you?

Tikvat Israel is blessed with many motivated and driven people who are willing to donate their time to synagogue causes. Being a member of the Ways and Means Committee is one of the most important ways you can help your synagogue. Please consider providing us with your best ideas for fundraising. You don't have to have experience in money-raising methods. You just need to have the willingness to show Tikvat Israel your mettle!

Please contact John Melmed at 301-871-7708 or [jrmelmed@comcast.net](mailto:jrmelmed@comcast.net).

## Outdoors Group Leads Active Pace

Members of TI's outdoors havurah have enjoyed a range of outdoor experiences during the past nine months.

These included a tour of Brookside Gardens in Wheaton; a visit to Brookeville Beer Farm in Brookeville to sample their wares; a tour of Michele and Steve Eisenberg's home and garden in Olney; and a hike along the Wolf Rock trail in Caroctin Mountain Park in Thurmont, Md. In mid-December, the group closed out 2016 on a cold date by visiting one of the Smithsonian museums.

The outdoors havurah welcomes new participants. Contact Brenda Brooks at 301-318-0621 or [bbrooksx@gmail.com](mailto:bbrooksx@gmail.com).



The tour of Brookeville Beer Farm attracted, from left, Keith and Brenda Brooks, Martin and Sue Urban, and Michele and Steve Eisenberg.





## Humbled by the Recognition

Dear Tikvat Israel family,

Thank you so much for honoring us at Simchat Torah services this year as chatan/kallah Bereshit. It has always been our pleasure to be involved in special programming and religious services for our synagogue so that no accolades were ever necessary. There are so many other people who do so much to make Tikvat Israel the special congregation that it is. We are touched and humbled by this recognition.

A special thank you to Susan Apter and her religious practices committee for their vote of confidence, to Rabbi Shull and Cantor Helzner who bless all of us with their spiritual leadership, genuine friendship and caring, and to Bonnie Cowan and her staff of volunteers who prepared a wonderful kiddush luncheon to enhance the celebration.

How lucky we all are to be a part of this special community. May we go from strength to strength!

*Maxine and Jim Perlmutter*

## End of a Timely Tradition

I was disappointed, as I'm sure were others, by the cancellation of this year's Thanksgiving Sing, the joyful, collaborative event involving members of Silver Spring Presbyterian Church and Tikvat Israel.

I am sure it was not an easy decision by the respective clergy to end this annual tradition that promotes interfaith understanding. Our strained political climate today demands we find other opportunities that would serve this same important purpose.

*Jay P. Goldman*

## Our Family's Gift for TI's Children

To President Melanie Grishman,

On behalf of my mother, sister, brother and myself, we hope that you will accept our financial gift to Tikvat Israel for creation and maintenance of the Children's Corner in the sanctuary. We hope that this gift will enable the congregation to provide Jewishly appropriate games, books and toys for the children of Tikvat Israel now and in the future.

My parents belonged to Temple Israel and Tikvat Israel for more than 60 years. During their active lifetimes, they contributed greatly to the Jewish community here and in Israel and worked tirelessly for the betterment of the larger community. Both were particularly involved with improving the lives of children and young adults — my mother as a juvenile court judge and active proponent of safety for victims of domestic violence; my father as president of the Board of Trustees of Prince George's Community College.

Thus, our family wishes to make this gift to help Tikvat Israel enhance the lives of its children and encourage the proud continuity of our Jewish community.

*Sherrie Lavine Krauser  
Adelphi, Md.*

## One Tremendous Surrogate Family

A few weeks ago, I sent an e-mail to one of my cousins, living in isolation, estranged from our family and finding her Social Security check inadequate for her emergency needs. After more than 50 years of no direct contact, she and I hooked up last winter, and I've helped her out a couple of times when she needed funds for a specific purpose. She responded this last time with bemusement that of all the family, only I had reached out to her, treating her with kindness in her hour of need — this despite being out of touch all our adult lives until recently and knowing little about one another.

Something she wrote caught my attention: "This is a family matter, something I know little about."

After giving her some personal examples of what family members do for one another, I began enumerating the multiple times and ways that my surrogate family at Tikvat Israel has helped me over the past 30 years. Before I knew it, I had filled over five pages with stories and reflections. It dawned on me then — more deeply than ever before — just how much I have been blessed, my dears, with your unflagging friendship, loving care, support, companionship, good humor and inspiring examples of what family is all about.

Thanks to my TI *mishpokhe*, from the bottom of my heart. And the top and middle too.

*Wendy Morrison*

## A Fix for the Directory

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## Story Tellers Attract Eager Ears

The fourth annual True Stories event at TI in mid-November delivered an afternoon of entertaining tales to a crowd of more than 125, many of them first-timers in the synagogue.

Ten of the best professional and amateur Washington, D.C., storytellers shared spellbinding stories, based on real circumstances, that transported the listeners to a different time and place. Their anecdotes had audience members laughing, tearing up and gasping in surprise.

The popular fundraising event is a joint effort of Tikvat Israel and the Hopeful Communicators Toastmasters Club, which meets at 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month in the shul's Flax Library. The meetings are open to new members.

Contact John Melmed for details at [jrmelmed@comcast.net](mailto:jrmelmed@comcast.net).



The sizable crowd attending the True Stories event in the synagogue's social hall tuned in to 10 story tellers. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

## CONGREGANT PERFORMS AT LINCOLN MEMORIAL



TI member Sue Urban (standing in rear) joined 300 singers of diverse faiths on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on Nov. 27 at "Sing for Hope: Uniting Our Country in Song."

The concert, organized by Temple Rodef Shalom of Falls Church, Va., featured an interfaith choir. Songs were sung in English, Hebrew, Arabic and Spanish.

Urban reported the experience was uplifting, akin to an outdoor version of the Thanksgiving Sing on a much-larger scale, taking place at a site imbued with symbolism.

Watch a video of "Sing for Hope" at <http://bit.ly/2hmobHg>.



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## 3 TEVET

### JANUARY 1

Louis Broadman  
Jacob Dall  
Sol Danoff  
Max Douma  
Pauline Greene  
Miriam Hoffman  
Miriam Matathias  
Theresa Romm

## 4 TEVET

### JANUARY 2

David Cohen  
Samuel Grossman  
Ida Levitan  
Ethel Pear  
Ruth Seide  
Gary Shuken  
Max Teitel  
Freda Weiss

## 5 TEVET

### JANUARY 3

Hilda Cohen  
Ida Fattman  
Louis "Luck" Goldberg  
Max Klein  
Lewis Levy  
Sarah Margolies  
Alvin Reiner

## 6 TEVET

### JANUARY 4

Virginia Jeanne Andrews  
John Baer  
Mauricio Battino  
Anita Cowan  
Irving Fischer  
Philip Helman  
Jackie Hoffman  
Ben Perlmutter  
Frances Saperstein  
Fred Stryker

## 7 TEVET

### JANUARY 5

Jack Bendett  
Helen Berger  
Eve Hoffman  
Daniel Jeremias  
Sol Leise  
Anne Segal

## 8 TEVET

### JANUARY 6

June Balin  
Esther Berk  
Morris Gaspin  
David Glass  
Belle Schechter  
Eva Weinschelbaum

## 9 TEVET

### JANUARY 7

Max Bassin  
Irving Reiner  
Doris Klion Taylor  
Philip Weinstein  
Dora Zlotnick

## 10 TEVET

### JANUARY 8

Lydia Black  
Steven Bowen  
Henry Roth  
Carl Seide

## 11 TEVET

### JANUARY 9

Julia Auerbach  
Irene Berger  
Morris Gorinson  
Margaret Peisner

## 12 TEVET

### JANUARY 10

Geraldine Linden  
Mollie Radin Schragger  
Jennie Strassman

## 13 TEVET

### JANUARY 11

Rose Blackstone  
Eli Dannemann  
Ellen Jacob  
Allen Katz  
Anna Krooler  
Nathan Nachamkin  
Lois Nisenson

## 14 TEVET

### JANUARY 12

Irving Joseph Kaplan  
Moshe Kritz  
Jacob B. Levin  
Julius Rom  
Anne Rosenberg  
Rebecca Rosenberg

## 15 TEVET

### JANUARY 13

Harry Brafman  
Ilsa Cutler  
Benjamin Feinman  
Henrietta Levine  
Jennie Schnitzer  
Lillian Walder

## 16 TEVET

### JANUARY 14

Benjamin Kay  
Roslyn Mollen  
Milton Thaler

## 17 TEVET

### JANUARY 15

Mildred Brook  
Rachel Cohen  
Hyman Goodman  
Adele Mainen  
Harriet Miller  
Samuel Nadel  
Mildred Schreiber

## 18 TEVET

### JANUARY 16

Tamara Chidakel  
Blanche Cohen  
Irwin Fishman  
Max Hershbaum  
Paul Jaffe  
Pauline Katz  
Lillian Liss  
Marjorie Nash  
Abe Silkoff  
Joseph Sully

## 19 TEVET

### JANUARY 17

Sam Fermon  
Abraham Pelish  
Gertrude Rosenwald  
Joseph Scolnik  
Lesley Teitelbaum  
Caren Thaler  
Henrietta Zebooker

## 20 TEVET

### JANUARY 18

Walter Blumberg  
Beatrice Boroff  
Frieda Cohen  
Louis Hecht  
Sara Kaplan  
Sadie Koeppl  
Clement Ezra Marcus  
Mildred Stein  
Sol Tropp

## 21 TEVET

### JANUARY 19

Elaine Bernstein  
Fay Blum  
Julius Landy  
Havivah Levy  
Hilda Levy  
Michael O. Miller  
Ida M. Schiffman  
Richard W. Winograd  
Richard Wottitzky

## 22 TEVET

### JANUARY 20

Morris Cohen  
George Ray Davis  
Anne Kristal  
Maurice Levinsohn  
Abraham Peck

## 23 TEVET

### JANUARY 21

Samuel Asen  
Albert Blonder  
Ruth Halpern  
Cathy E. Lerman  
Sidney Sirkis  
Rebecca Louise Soldano  
Eugene Thompson

## 24 TEVET

### JANUARY 22

Harry H. Cohen  
Mollie Jacobs  
Solomon Meltzer

## 25 TEVET

### JANUARY 23

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

## 26 TEVET

### JANUARY 24

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

## 27 TEVET

### JANUARY 25

Marie Gabes  
David Kushner  
Lena Rosenblum  
Della Whittaker

## 28 TEVET

### JANUARY 26

Richard Alan Goodman  
Meyer Kensky  
Florence Lentchner  
Max Levine  
Reubin Rosenberg  
Joyce Schwartz  
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## 29 TEVET

### JANUARY 27

Lena Berlin  
Samuel D. Bredt  
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Mathilde Eichtersheimer  
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Harold Kaplan  
Shoshana Kolirin

## 1 SHEVAT

### JANUARY 28

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

## 2 SHEVAT

### JANUARY 29

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

## 3 SHEVAT

### JANUARY 30

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

## 4 SHEVAT

### JANUARY 31

Edith Chefer  
Leo Pachenker  
Isaac Zipi

# Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose Yahrzeits Occur From 5 Shevat – 2 Adar – February 2017

## 5 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 1

Eva Brooke  
Dorothy Caplan  
Gutman David Cohen  
Bernard Einbinder  
Samuel Helzner  
Ben Kalman  
Anna Linsenberg  
Rachel Mandel  
Maxwell Rosenlicht

## 6 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 2

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

## 7 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 3

Frances Kanner  
Jennie Lerner  
Jack Zoltrow

## 8 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 4

Ludwig Klein  
Harry Levinstein  
Elsa Neuwirth  
Joseph Steinberg

## 9 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 5

Mildred Brafman  
David Caplan  
Goldie Chelemer  
Jerome Danoff  
Molly Levinson  
Max Mendelson  
Harry Miller  
Hans Moses  
Zanvel Nisenson  
Edith Plesset  
Rose Schwartz  
Sheldon Wagner  
Rose Weinstein

## 10 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 6

Seymour Engel  
Sarah Miriam Green  
Howard Gudelsky  
Pauline Levy Hein  
Louise Pasternak  
Yefim Sandler

## 11 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 7

Paul Berman  
Libby Gordon

## 12 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 8

Sara Dick  
Jacob Finster  
Lillian Gorinson  
Ruth Hochberg  
Jules Liss  
John Gordon Phillips  
Morton Salit  
Bernice Zimlin

## 13 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 9

Edith Adler  
Frank Ehrlich  
Edith Lazarus  
Issy Matheson  
Sumner Meiselman  
Rose Murdock  
Norman Tubiash

## 14 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 10

Fannie Rose Cohen  
Irvin Lavine  
Ruth Milenky  
Nathan Osofsky

## 15 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 11

Mordechai Armoza  
Rose Auerhahn  
Rosalind Graber  
Miriam Kagan  
Jalle Koricki  
Sara Sokolow  
Charlotte Turkanis

## 16 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 12

Selma Oppenheim  
Max Rothman  
Stephen Smith  
Eli Herman Stein  
Albert Toney

## 17 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 13

Alex M. Kravitz  
Benjamin Newman  
Beatrice Venetsky  
Charles Walder

## 18 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 14

Judith Flax Elustondo  
Abe Goldstein  
Laura Hoffman  
Isadore Kramer  
William Mazaroff  
Ruth Rosen  
Kate Schefter  
Bernice Schwartz

## 19 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 15

Rabbi Robert Chernoff  
Bernard Glaser  
Jacob Greenbaum  
Ernest Rosenwald

## 20 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 16

Milton Ackerman  
Leo Greenberg  
Michael Hamburg  
Rosie Kasper  
Morris Oppenheimer  
Fanny Stoll

## 21 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 17

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

## 22 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 18

Martha Barrish  
Goldie Goldman

## 23 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 19

Benjamin Adelson  
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Samuel Helfant  
Norman Kanner  
Ada Milder  
Jay Zebooker

## 24 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 20

Doris Asher  
Fay Gardner  
Ruth Love  
Freda Stutz

## 25 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 21

Jerie Cohen  
Ruth Fogel  
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Lois Klion  
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## 26 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 22

Elizabeth Davis

## 27 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 23

Haskel Chigorsky  
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## 28 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 24

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## 29 SHEVAT

### FEBRUARY 25

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## 2 ADAR

### FEBRUARY 28

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The *Bulletin* staff apologizes for the use of old-fashioned courtesy titles in front of congregants' names in the donations list. The software now used by the synagogue office automatically adds them. We are seeking a volunteer to work with the TI office staff to replace the courtesy titles with first names in the next issue's donations list. Contact [jgoldman@aasa.org](mailto:jgoldman@aasa.org) to help.

## POLITICS PANEL PONDERERS PARTISANSHIP

The Tikvat Israel Adult Education Committee brought in noted political correspondents David Brody of the Christian Broadcasting Network and Carl Cameron of Fox News Channel for a post-election panel discussion on Nov. 22 at the synagogue. A group of 40 folks gathered to hear Brody and Cameron discuss their take on the presidential election outcome and what it may mean to the United States and its citizens. There were many questions for the veteran political commentators but few firm answers.



Shown, clockwise from left, are Sally Kram, adult education committee chair; David Brody, chief political correspondent, Christian Broadcast Network with Carl Cameron, chief political correspondent, Fox News Channel; and Sam Gilston,

event moderator. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

## PHOTO BOOK DONATED TO TI LIBRARY

A group of 30, including Rabbi Ben Shull, gathered in Tikvat Israel's Flax Library to thank Elizabeth Levine Steel for her donation to the synagogue of a first edition of *A Vanished World: The Photographs of Roman Vishniac*. The event on Nov. 20 was held to observe Jewish Book Month.

The guest speaker, Judith Cohen, chief acquisitions curator and head of photo archives at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, spoke on the importance of Vishniac's work, shared photos that he took and detailed the history behind the photos and the man.

The donated first edition of *A Vanished World* will be on display in the glass-enclosed case in the lobby outside the Flax Library.



An archivist from the Holocaust Museum donated a book during an event in the Flax Library. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

# JANUARY 2017

## 3 Tevet - 4 Shevat 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00a 7:30p Chanukah (8) Minyan Minyan	2 6:45a 7:30p Minyan Minyan	3 6:30PM 7:30p Melton Class Minyan	4 4:30PM 7:30p 8:00PM Ahd LC Minyan Bride	5 6:45a 7:30p 8:00PM Minyan Good Grief - A Journey Together	6 8:00a 9:00AM 4:43p 6:30PM Minyan Rabbi's Class Candle-lighting Kabbalat Shabbat	7 9:30AM 10:30AM 11:00AM 6:30PM 7:30PM Shabbat Services (Parashat Vayezrah) Junior Congregation Minyan Yelidim (K-2) Shabbat Pisama Havdalah Kadima Saturday Night Live
8 9:00AM 9:00a 10:00AM 7:30p 10 Tevet Fast of Tevet Ahd LC Classes Minyan Congregational Meeting Minyan	9 6:45a 7:30p Minyan Minyan	10 6:30PM 7:30p Melton Class Minyan	11 4:30PM 7:30p 8:00PM Ahd LC Minyan Study With Rabbi Brandriss	12 6:45a 7:30p 8:00PM Minyan Toastmasters	13 8:00a 9:00AM 4:50p 5:45PM 6:45PM Minyan Rabbi's Class Candle-lighting Pre-Shabbat Reception Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments	14 9:30AM 11:00AM 15 Tevet 16 Tevet Shabbat Services (Parashat Vayechi) Torah Club
15 9:00a 7:30p 17 Tevet Minyan Minyan	16 6:45a 11:30AM 7:30p Minyan MLK Service Day (Chesed Council) Minyan	17 6:30PM 7:30p Melton Class Minyan	18 4:30PM 7:30p Ahd LC Minyan	19 6:45a 12:00PM 7:30p Minyan Hazak Meeting Minyan	20 8:00a 9:00AM 4:50p 6:30PM Minyan Rabbi's Class Candle-lighting Shabbat at HomeS	21 9:30AM 11:00AM 1:00PM 7:45PM 23 Tevet Shabbat Services (Parashat Shemot) (Officer and Board Installation/Dedication of Life Lights Display) Drama Shabbat Mincha Israel Presents: Zero Motivation
22 9:00AM 9:00a 12:00PM 7:30p 24 Tevet Ahd LC Classes Minyan Machar Event Minyan	23 6:45a 7:30p 8:00PM Minyan Board Meeting	24 6:30PM 7:30p Melton Class Minyan	25 4:30PM 7:30p 8:00PM Ahd LC Minyan Study With Rabbi Brandriss	26 6:45a 7:30p 8:00PM Minyan Toastmasters	27 8:00a 9:00AM 5:00p 6:30PM Minyan Rabbi's Class Candle-lighting Kabbalat Shabbat	28 9:30AM 11:00AM 7:45PM 1 Shevat Rosh Chodesh Shabbat Services (Parashat Vaera) Torah Club Israel Presents: Baba Joon
29 9:00AM 9:00a 7:30p 2 Shevat Ahd LC Classes Minyan Minyan	30 6:45a 7:30p Minyan Minyan	31 6:30PM 7:30p Melton Class Minyan	4 Shevat			

# FEBRUARY 2017

## 5 Shevat – 2 Adar 5777

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 4:30PM <u>Atid LC</u> 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <u>Bridge</u>	<b>5 Shevat</b> 6:45a Minyan 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <u>Good Grief - A Journey Together</u>	<b>6 Shevat</b> 8:00a Minyan 9:00aM <u>Rabbi's Class</u> 5:4p <u>Candle-lighting</u> 6:30PM <u>Kabbalat Shabbat</u>	<b>7 Shevat</b> 9:30AM Minyan 10:30AM <u>Rabbi's Class</u> 11:00AM <u>Junior Congregation</u> <u>Minyan Yeledim (K-2)</u> <u>Shabbat</u>
<b>5</b> 9:00AM <u>9 Shevat</u> <u>Atid LC Classes</u> 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>6</b> 6:45a <u>10 Shevat</u> 7:30p Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>7</b> 6:30PM <u>11 Shevat</u> <u>Melton Class</u> 7:30p Minyan	<b>8</b> 4:30PM <u>12 Shevat</u> 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <u>Study With Rabbi Brandriss</u>	<b>9</b> 6:45a <u>13 Shevat</u> 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <u>Toastmasters</u>	<b>10</b> 8:00a Minyan 9:00aM <u>Rabbi's Class</u> 5:22p <u>Candle-lighting</u> 6:30PM <u>Kabbalat Shabbat</u>	<b>11</b> <u>14 Shevat</u> 9:30AM Minyan <u>Rabbi's Class</u> <u>Candle-lighting</u> <u>Kabbalat Shabbat</u>
<b>12</b> 9:00AM <u>16 Shevat</u> <u>Atid LC Classes</u> 9:00a Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>13</b> 6:45a <u>17 Shevat</u> 7:30p Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>14</b> 6:30PM <u>18 Shevat</u> 7:30p <u>Melton Class</u> Minyan	<b>15</b> 4:30PM <u>19 Shevat</u> 7:30p Minyan 7:45PM <u>Women's Network Book Club</u>	<b>16</b> 6:45a <u>20 Shevat</u> 12:00PM <u>Hazak Meeting</u> 7:30p Minyan	<b>17</b> 8:00a Minyan 9:00aM <u>Rabbi's Class</u> 5:30p <u>Candle-lighting</u> 6:30PM <u>Kabbalat Shabbat</u>	<b>18</b> 9:30AM Minyan <u>Shabbat Services</u> <u>(Parashat Viro)</u> 11:00AM <u>Tot Shabbat</u>
<b>19</b> 9:00a <u>23 Shevat</u> 7:30p Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>20</b> 6:45a <u>24 Shevat</u> 11:00AM <u>Blake Children's Theatre Presents "McQuadle"</u> 7:30p Minyan	<b>21</b> 6:30PM <u>25 Shevat</u> 7:30p <u>Melton Class</u> Minyan	<b>22</b> 4:30PM <u>26 Shevat</u> 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <u>Study With Rabbi Brandriss</u>	<b>23</b> 6:45a <u>27 Shevat</u> 7:30p Minyan 8:00PM <u>Toastmasters</u>	<b>24</b> 8:00a Minyan 9:00aM <u>Rabbi's Class</u> 5:45PM <u>Shabbat is Special &amp; Tator Tot Shabbat</u> <u>Dinner</u> 5:38p <u>Candle-lighting</u> 6:40PM <u>Kabbalat Shabbat</u>	<b>25</b> 9:30AM Minyan <u>Shabbat Services</u> <u>(Parashat Mishpatim: Shabbat Shekalim)</u> 11:00AM <u>Torah Club</u> 5:00PM <u>Mincha - Seudah</u> <u>Discussion, Maariv: Havdalah</u>
<b>26</b> 9:00AM <u>30 Shevat</u> 7:30p Minyan 7:30p Minyan	<b>27</b> 6:45a <u>1 Adar</u> 7:30p <u>Rosh Chodesh</u> 8:00PM <u>Board Meeting</u>	<b>28</b> 6:30PM <u>2 Adar</u> 7:30p <u>Melton Class</u> Minyan				





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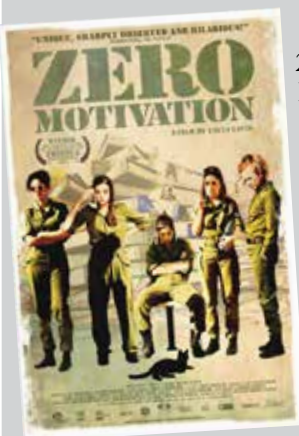
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## Two Saturday Nights of Israeli Cinema at TI

The best of recent Israeli cinema will be showcased during the 2017 edition of Israel Presents at Tikvat Israel Congregation on the final two Saturday nights of January.



The Adult Education Committee will screen “Zero Motivation” on Jan. 21 and “Baba Joon” on Jan. 28 in the TI sanctuary. The films will be followed by a dessert reception and a moderated conversation. If inclement weather forces a postponement, the film will be screened on Feb. 4.

Ticket pricing is as follows: single film for TI members, \$12; single film for non-members, \$15; single film for students with ID, \$5; two films for members, \$20; and two films for non-members, \$26.

“Zero Motivation” is a zany, dark and comedic portrait of everyday life for a unit of young, female Israeli soldiers. The Human Resources Office at a remote desert base serves as the setting for this cast of characters who bide their time pushing paper and battling in computer games, counting down the minutes until they can return to civilian life. Amidst their boredom and clashing personalities, issues of commitment to friendship, love and country are handled with humor and sharp-edged wit.

“Baba Joon” features a classic tale of conflict between a father and son at an Israeli turkey farm. Father Yitzhak longs to pass the business on to his son Moti while Moti’s dreams run toward fixing junkyard cars. Father and son clash as mother and grandfather seek to intercede just as Uncle Darius arrives from America further undermining familial harmony. What can a stubborn father teach his equally stubborn son?

Take a peek into Israeli culture through these two films based on universal lessons about the human condition.

