



All Systems Go for A Time to Sing

BY MELISSA APTER, *BULLETIN* CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Excitement is brewing ahead of the Sunday, May 18 concert tribute honoring Cantor Rochelle Helzner at Montgomery College in Rockville.

As of late April, approximately 100 tickets remained available for purchase with a high expectation that the concert will sell out.

Doors to the concert will open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7 p.m. show start time. Audience members should come prepared with their tickets in hand, either printed or on their phones. In the event a ticket is misplaced or lost, the concert co-chairs will have a backup copy of the ticketing list. Usher co-captains Jeff and Elyse Bernstein will have trained their volunteers on how to scan the tickets and escort audience members to their assigned seats.

The evening's featured performer, Joey Weisenberg, announced the final lineup of the Rising Song Ensemble for the show will include Rabbi Yosef Goldman, Shawn Hennessey, Dan Blacksberg and Yoni Avi Battat. Rabbi Goldman and his wife Rabbi Annie Lewis previously served as the clergy team at Shaare Torah in Gaithersburg.

There is ample surface parking at the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center at 51 Mannakee St. on the Montgomery College Rockville Campus. The venue is ADA compliant with wheelchair accessible parking, entrances, restrooms and seating.

Concert sponsors are invited to an exclusive reception at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 29 at Tikvat Israel. Dairy *hors d'oeuvres* and dessert will be served. A roast of our beloved cantor — at her request — will provide entertainment for the evening. Sponsors received a paperless post invitation in mid-April. Invitees are asked to reply by May 15.



WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Monday	7:15 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	7:15 a.m.	7:30 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m.	
<i>Kabbalat</i>	(May) 6:00 p.m.	
<i>Shabbat</i>	(June) 6:30 p.m.	
<i>Shabbat</i>	9:45 a.m.	
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.

All services are both online and in person.

CANDLE LIGHTING & HAVDALAH TIMES

<i>Shabbat & Holiday Dates</i>	<i>Candle Lighting</i>	<i>Havdalah</i>
5/2-3	7:44 p.m.	8:47 p.m.
5/9-10	7:51 p.m.	8:55 p.m.
5/16-17	7:58 p.m.	9:03 p.m.
5/23-24	8:04 p.m.	9:10 p.m.
5/30-31	8:09 p.m.	9:16 p.m.

Erev Shavuot:

6/1 8:10 p.m.

Shavuot:

6/2 9:17 p.m.

Shavuot:

6/3 9:18 p.m.

6/6-7 8:14 p.m. 9:21 p.m.

6/13-14 8:17 p.m. 9:25 p.m.

6/20-21 8:19 p.m. 9:27 p.m.

6/27-28 8:20 p.m. 9:27 p.m.

RABBI'S CORNER

Our Congregation's Transition Ahead: 'Turn and Face the Strange'

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



Like many people whose musical identities were shaped by the 1970s, David Bowie's "Changes" is an iconic song for me. It is a song that encapsulates the simultaneous and sometimes contradictory feelings we experience during times of great transition: hope, nostalgia, resistance and acceptance of a society in flux.

For Bowie, this reflected the changes that were happening in the musical world at the time, as American society moved from the bubbly days of early rock 'n' roll in the 1950s, to the more sophisticated ballads of the '60s and into the protest music of the '70s. Rather than run away from it all, Bowie instructs us to "turn and face the strange,"

noting that change is inevitable and we must prepare ourselves for its challenges.

As we prepare to celebrate Cantor Rochelle Helzner's 41 years at Tikvat Israel, this song keeps running through my head. For most of us, it is literally impossible to think of Tikvat Israel without Rochelle — we have never known anything different. Her beautiful voice and soulful melodies have infused our prayers with meaning.

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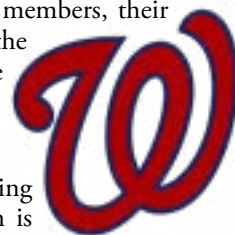
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Bring Friends and Family to a Nationals Ballgame

The Women's Network has purchased 54 tickets to sell to TI members, their relatives and friends for the Sunday, August 17 game between the Washington Nationals and Philadelphia Phillies. Game time is 11:35 a.m. (an early start owing to a livestreaming company's telecast).



Our synagogue group's seats are under an overhang, including a row with four seats that are wheelchair accessible. Our section is located midway between first base and the right field corner.

Tickets can be reserved at \$36 apiece by contacting Rebecca Salon at rsalon@verizon.net. The deadline for placing your order is July 8, with payment due before the game date. After the deadline, unsold tickets must be returned to the Nationals.

Men's Club Launches Anew



**Ambassador
Daniel Shapiro**

The newly re-formed Tikvat Israel Men's Club will be holding its initial event on Sunday, June 8, at 10 a.m. in the social hall.

Join us for an extensive and delicious brunch. Additionally, we will welcome the distinguished former U.S. Ambassador to Israel, Daniel Shapiro, who will speak on his take on current events in the Middle East.

This event will be open to all congregants with male attendees encouraged to join the Men's Club.

The contribution will be \$10 per attendee to be collected at the door.

RSVP to Phil Mandel (phil.mandel@gmail.com) by June 1 if you plan to attend.

Shul Shorts

Eisenberg Shabbat

The third annual commemorative Michele Eisenberg *Shabbat* will be observed on May 3 in memory of those who died of cancer, in hope for those who are fighting cancer, in celebration of those who are survivors and in gratefulness for the family, friends and health professionals who care for them.

Sam Statland, a major benefactor of MobileMed, a nonprofit providing primary healthcare to low-income county residents, will be the guest speaker. A luncheon will follow. The synagogue office welcomes contributions in support of the meal.

Eisenberg, a former TI board member, died in October 2022.

Charity Total

A total of \$846 was donated at TI during our *Purim tzedakah* collection. "This amount exceeded last year's amount of \$588 and does not include any funds pledged online from congregants seeking to contribute via ShulCloud," said David Gantz, chair of the *Tzedakah Havurah*.

Gantz indicated the funds will be allocated after the fiscal year ends on June 30.

Advertising Sales Leads

Bob Silverstein, who serves as advertising sales coordinator for the *Tikvat Israel Bulletin*, wants to contact area service providers or retail merchants who might find a potential audience in our synagogue members.

If you are aware of a business that ought to be contacted as a prospective advertiser, send Silverstein a contact name at r_silverstein@msn.com so he can follow up with a sales pitch and advertising rates. Non-dues revenue is important to the synagogue's fiscal health.

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Equally important, she has an innate kindness, a patient pastoral presence, and a passion to create a living Judaism that adds meaning to our lives and improves the world around us. We may tease her about her perfectionist tendencies, but we do so lovingly, knowing that she has thought of every detail on how to create meaningful experiences.

There is no replacing Cantor Helzner – and fortunately, as cantor emeritus, we hope that she will continue to be an important part of our community.

Moving Beyond

Whatever decisions we make about the musical leadership of the synagogue will inevitably bring with it tremendous change. Especially for the dozens of families for whom Rochelle's leadership was a key factor in joining Tikvat Israel, there is trepidation about this great unknown. Our brains are wired to feel a calming sensation when we experience something familiar and to become dysregulated when facing the unknown. And here's where David Bowie's words come to my mind.

"Strange fascination, fascinating me; ah, changes are taking the pace I'm going through." Bowie urges us to move beyond the fear of change and to approach it with curiosity. Recognizing that we can't control time and we can't stop the world from evolving, he encourages the listener to embrace change as an opportunity to grow.

Bowie's words don't ask us to forget or disregard the familiar but to accept that change is inevitable, and when we are open to it, change can lead to new and positive experiences. As he writes, "don't want to be a richer man ... just gonna have to be a different man." The question is not which one is better, but how do I adapt to the changes.

Advancing Onward

A few words about what is known and unknown about how we move forward:

When we learned that Rochelle would become cantor emeritus, we decided we wanted a year of transition. This has allowed us to focus our energy this year on celebrating Rochelle without the distractions that a cantorial search requires.

1. We have contracted with **Hazzan Eliot Vogel to lead our High Holiday services.** *Hazzan* Vogel served as the beloved cantor of Har Zion Temple on Philadelphia's Main Line from 1991-2023. I had opportunities to work with him when I was in Philadelphia and was always impressed by his warmth, his knowledge, his sincerity and his beautiful voice. *Hazzan* Vogel's daughter Aviva Vogel Ayalon and her family live in Aspen Hill and are members of Tikvat Israel.
2. Throughout the summer and the fall, we will bring **guests to lead services periodically.** We hope our guests will showcase different styles to help expand our imaginations of what might be possible. These guests will not be auditioning for the job and, at the same time, they will not be precluded from applying for the position.
3. As our synagogue continues to grow and add more young families, **our staffing needs become more complex.** In a world of unlimited resources, it would be nice to have a full-

time cantor, a religious school director and a programming director. Of course, even with your generous support, we live in a world of limited resources. Therefore, the Visioning Committee will weigh the needs of the community and a wide array of staffing possibilities when making its recommendation to the synagogue board.

4. **All members will have opportunities to share** their thoughts on our priorities as we seek to grow and meet the needs of our current and future members.
5. Once we decide upon a path, we will develop job descriptions and begin the hiring process. It is my hope that we will have everything in place for the High Holidays and new school year that begins in September 2026.

Personal Feelings

Finally, I will share my personal words of gratitude to Cantor Helzner at the cantor's concert. For now, I want you to know that as we approach this change, I have many of the same trepidations that many of you have expressed.

In addition to being my cantor, Rochelle has been a trusted partner in leading this congregation and a friend whom I can rely upon to share life's struggles and joys. I will deeply miss our work together, but I trust that our friendship will carry on.

In his biography of David Bowie, David Buckley writes that the line "turn and face the strange" should be understood as "not a valedictory farewell, but a prophetic hello." As our community turns to face this strange new time, I pray we will say the same.

Expanded Cantor Transition Team Begins Work

The congregation's Transition Visioning Team, with expanded membership, will hold its first meeting shortly. The team will be studying options for Tikvat Israel upon the retirement of Cantor Rochelle Helzner at the end of June.

Chaired by longtime congregant Elissa Schwartz, her team consists of Deb Amchin, Betty Fishman, Paul Kutner, David Thaler and Jason Schwartz in his capacity as chair of the Religious Practices Committee. Rabbi Marc Israel serves as an ex-officio member.

The transition team is expected to guide the congregation through an inclusive and forward-thinking process to determine TI's needs as the cantor transitions to emeritus status following a 41-year tenure at Beth Tikva and Tikvat Israel.

Through open dialogue, collaboration and strategic planning, Schwartz said the team aims to create a seamless transition that celebrates TI's past, embraces its present and sets a foundation for a thriving congregation for the future.

Schwartz provided a link to the team's draft mission statement and planning proposal: <https://bit.ly/TVT-Draft>. She invites anyone with questions about the draft to reach out to her at elissa.tikvatisrael@gmail.com.

Four-Decade Reflections: Cantor Helzner on Career, Creativity, Community

As she approaches the end of a four-decade tenure as cantor of Tikvat Israel Congregation, Rochelle Helzner agreed to share some thoughts about her professional life, distinguished career and what lies ahead. She retires as of the end of June.

The interview was conducted by Melissa Apter, Bulletin contributing editor. The responses have been edited slightly for clarity and length.

You come from a musical family. Your father Manny and sister Robyn are both singers. What was it like growing up in a Jewishly musical family?

Music was a central and bonding part of my family life. The record player was always on. We were either singing or dancing along. Robyn and I took piano lessons, but our mother, in her wisdom, decided that we needed something more portable to accompany our voices. We started taking guitar lessons with a group of other kids when Robyn was 8 and I was 10.

We had one three-quarters-size guitar that we passed back and forth to each other during the class. It wasn't long until we surpassed the group and started to take semi-private lessons with the teacher and continued with our studies beyond that. My father introduced and exposed us to Yiddish, liturgical and Israeli music, and we were inspired by it.

Our first performance was for the Hebrew Home downtown at ages 8 and 10. Robyn and I started to perform "professionally" throughout our childhood.

What inspired you to become a cantor?

By the time I got to college, I had been very involved in Jewish music both as a performer, a religious school music teacher and as a service leader. I studied music at college and was involved in Hillel. My *neshama* (soul) blossomed when I became a counselor at a Jewish camp, *Tel Shalom*, not too far away. Les Bronstein (now a rabbi) was the song leader and many of the staff members and I were inspired and moved by his music and message.

I became a *Shabbat* observer after that and looked for a creative davening community. I found it at Fabramen, an egalitarian *havurah* community in D.C. I was introduced to traditional and innovative davening as well as new music (and introduced to my husband Rob Agus, ז"ל). I started leading services there, began my studies with local cantors and was hired to lead specialty services for families, singles and *mincha b'nai mitzvah*. I eventually decided to stop my Jewish band gigs and totally concentrate on becoming a cantor.

There weren't many female clergy when you were coming up. How were you able to carve your path to becoming a cantor? How has the cantorate changed?

I was raised mainly in Reform congregations since my father's second job was serving as religious school director for such congregations. Females were welcome to serve in all positions in those congregations, so I was comfortable and confident as a female in a Jewish religious setting. However, my goal was to serve in a Conservative congregation, which I felt reflected my religious leanings.

At that time, the Conservative movement was still working out its position on women's participation. The cantorial school was not open to women, so I decided to apprentice with cantors who were open to teaching me. I am indebted to Cantors Jeffrey Nadel, Arnold Saltzman, Abe Golinkin, Max Wohlberg and my husband Rob Agus ז"ל. After serving many congregations on a freelance basis, the Beth Tikva position opened up. I was ready and so was the congregation, so Beth Tikva hired the first woman cantor in the Washington area.

What is a memory that stands out to you from your first years as the cantor of then-Beth Tikva?

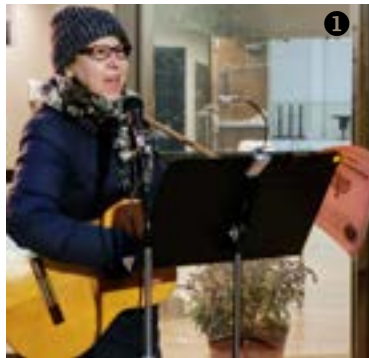
The warmth and openness of the congregation. The joyous reaction I received when I announced at a *kiddush* that I was pregnant with my daughter.

You've guided the congregation through several pivotal transitions. What is it about the Tikvat Israel community that has kept you singing here for four decades?

The community's openness to thinking outside the box, to finding and welcoming meaningful ways to celebrate, pray and do good through creative programming and new spiritually uplifting music while still being connected to and respecting tradition. And for the love and support I have received from the community and the rabbis with whom I have worked.

There are so many holidays where your voice is the highlight. Certainly, during *Kol Nidre* and the High Holidays, but *Purim* is a fan favorite! Can you tell us about the origins of the *Purim* puppet show and its songs? How do you come up with your clever costumes each year?

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We started out with a miming of the *Purim* story with congregational actors and a narrator. I had worked for a children's theater company right out of college that used rod puppets for some of the actors, so I thought of exploring a puppet production for *Purim*. In talking to Shirley Waxman, I discovered she knew a puppet maker. Shirley and I spoke to the puppet maker about the characters we needed to tell the *Purim* story. With the puppeteer's help, congregants met in multiple sessions to learn how to make and decorate the puppets. I put together the script and added songs with appropriate lyrics. I cast and directed the show for many years. Then Pam Gorin took it over, then Karen Lipsy, z"l and now her daughters Rachel and Shaina.

We've been doing this show for more than 30 years (Gerry Schuchman was an original cast member) and with additions every year now, we've kept it fresh. It's become a big hit, and families look forward to it every year.

As far as my costumes are concerned, my one stipulation to myself is that they resonate with *Purim* or something Jewish. I have many clothes at home that I have collected, so I rummage through them to put together costumes and get ideas. I supplement what I have by purchasing some accessories to complete my concept - a wig, a hat, a whole outfit, a crown, etc.

My sister Robyn and I sometimes collaborate and share costume ideas. It's fun and a personal challenge to put these costumes together and, although the pressure is on as *Purim* approaches, I am always grateful when a new idea pops up. I actually just came up with another one for a future *Purim*.

Kabbalat Shabbat with Instruments is another one of your musical innovations. How did that idea come about and how have you seen it evolve over the years?

I have always felt that instrumental music enhances the prayer experience. My experience with Fabbrangon and a visit to B'nai Jeshurun in New York convinced me that we need to try it at Beth Tikva.

Kabbalat Shabbat to me was the perfect service to express the joy of *Shabbat* with creative, evocative melodies accompanied by instruments. I asked Allen Minton, Eric Marks and Marcia Bronstein to join me, and "KS with I" was born. Rabbi Gorin agreed to allow it for the Psalms of *Kabbalat Shabbat* at first and then throughout the service. Eventually, we added the sponsored pre-service reception, which added to the communal experience.



I continued to keep the service fresh with new spiritual melodies combined with traditional ones that uplift our *davening* experience. The library was the perfect intimate space for us to feel that we are a holy community, and the congregational singing is uplifting.

It's a treat to learn new *niggunim* and melodies from you on *Shabbat* and holidays. From where do you draw your musical inspiration?

Lately, I have been inspired by Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz, Batya Levine, Rabbi Josh Warshawsky, Nava Tehila folks and Joey Weisenberg, who will be performing at the concert on May 18. They all compose soulful melodies for liturgy, meditation and celebration. I also love the Mizrahi and Sephardic melodies to liturgical poems. I pride myself on pairing just the right *niggun* for the right prayer or occasion. Congregants have also shared songs with me that speak to them, and I have often incorporated these at the right occasions.



What are you looking forward to as you transition to this next chapter of your life? Is there anything you'll miss?

I look forward to spending time with my children and grandchildren and traveling a bit. I will also continue to attend classes of Jewish interest and spend more time on social justice work. I will need to find a way to be musically and religiously creative. And believe it or not, I will miss our weekly staff meetings and my collaborative planning with Rabbi Marc Israel where I have served as contributor "in the room where it happens."



Is there anything I haven't asked you that you'd like to be asked or like to share?

I am so grateful for having had the opportunity to serve this holy community and to interact with such amazing and committed folks.

KEY TO PHOTOS:

1. Song leading at *Dreidels & Donuts* event (December 2021). 2. With daughter Jessica as a youngster. 3. Dressed as Lady Liberty at *Purim* (March 2019). 4. Entertaining at a cantor's concert. 5. Dancing with Rabbi Marc Israel at his installation reception (November 2019). 6. The extended Helzner-Agus family post concert performance. (Photos by Felicia R. Black, Amy Matathias and Larry M. Levine)

Scenes Over 41 Years



KEY TO CANTOR HELZNER PHOTOS:

1. Performing with sister Robyn Helzner (March 2014). 2. With husband Robert Agus, children and daughter-in-law. 3. With Rabbi Marc Israel at his installation (November 2019). 4. Preparation for the Adelman/Schneider family's bat mitzvah (2006). 5. At Rock of Ages concert with Rabbi Mark Novak (2015). 6. Dancing at the Pey Dalid concert (2019). 7. Cantor's Concert (year unknown). 8. Early career images. (Photos by Felicia R. Black, Amy Matathias, Larry M. Levine and Sami Wright)

Purim Personas



KEY TO CANTOR HELZNER'S ASSUMED IDENTITIES:

The cantor's creative wit and sense of humor never were more apparent than in the characters she assumed and dressed as during each year's Purim festivities. Her identities over the years included 1. Little Red Riding Hood holding *mishloach manot* for her *bubbi* Esther Wolfe (2017), Miss Loach Manot (2021) and Goldie Lox and Bagels (2011); 2. One in a Minion (2016); 3. Esther-naut (2020); 4. On the Red Carpet (2015) as Academy Award nominee; 5. The Incredible Super Esther; 6. The Four "Bubs": A Purim Song (video, 2021); 7. Princess Leia, Little Mer-Maydl and The Shabbat Bride (2004); and 8. Esther the Grape (2021)
 (Photos by Felicia R. Black and Amy Matathias)



PRESIDENTS' CORNER

The Art of Saying No

BY SALLY KRAM, TIKVAT ISRAEL CO-PRESIDENT



Sally Kram

Throughout Jewish history, we think of heroes and villains, particularly around *Purim* and *Pesach*. We celebrate the saviors of our people, Esther and Moses, and denigrate those who would destroy us. Think Haman and Pharaoh.

Being a synagogue co-president falls, I hope, somewhere in between. My co-president Beth Smith and I are obviously not designated by a higher power to preserve and protect our people (although we do our best to look out for the congregation).

But neither are we portrayed as villains and, by extension, neither is the TI staff and clergy with whom we work so closely.

What we and the staff are trying to do is keep the lights on, the heat or air conditioning running, the roof fixed, the staff and teachers paid, the clergy focused on leading us in prayer, and the parking lot potholes filled. We also seek to keep the building humming with meaningful programs, delicious food, heartfelt song and religious revelations.

To reach that goal, lots of things must happen and lots of people have to work hard. We endeavor to make it run so smoothly that no one has to know all the action that takes place behind the curtain.

But sometimes, we have to say “no.” And that is when we seem more like Haman than like Esther.

If we had our druthers, we would host more programs at lower costs. We’d offer a tuition-free religious and preschool and offer free meals multiple times a week. We’d employ a chief rabbi, a junior rabbi, a rabbinical assistant, a head cantor and a deputy cantor in addition to an executive director, an assistant executive director, an office manager, an assistant to the office manager, a preschool director, an assistant preschool director, a religious school director, an assistant religious school director, a director of youth and families, a director of adult programming, a religious services coordinator, a membership manager, a full-time kitchen manager, full-time kitchen staff to assist the kitchen manager, a building manager and assistant building manager and maybe even a Tikvat Israel ice hockey team.

We don’t get our druthers. What we can realistically support is an executive director, a top-notch office staff, inspiring clergy, a wonderful preschool director, talented teachers and a hard-working part-time kitchen manager. Our buildings are kept clean through a contract with an outside company. Because of our small but mighty staff, we can’t always answer all e-mails immediately, but all do the best they can with the resources available. We can’t offer a full lunch at each *Shabbat kiddush* (although we’ve had many wonderful *kiddushes* sponsored by unbelievably generous donors this year). We can’t offer free coffee in the lobby (although our strategic plan recommends it.)

So, as we begin planning for our 2025-26 budget year at a fraught financial time, amid widespread job changes and stock market uncertainties, we ask you to give us what only you can give—your time and expertise (and your voluntary pledge as well).

Between now and the congregation’s budget vote on June 29, our treasurer, financial secretary, budget committee and governing board will try to reach consensus on what we can say yes to and to what we must, unfortunately, say no. Please reach out to our officers and committee chairs to let them know what you value at Tikvat Israel.

But please understand, we can’t do it all. We must prioritize.

Join us as we aspire to be better and stronger. Volunteer on a committee, task force, program or group. If you are already planning an activity, fill out your program worksheet so we can repeat your program next year, ensuring your legacy lives on. Give us your ideas to streamline our budget or raise revenue. Overall, please understand that we punch over our weight class—the little *shul* that could on Baltimore Road. But we can always use more folks in our corner.

Synagogue Offering Support to Displaced Federal Workers

2025 has been a hard year for federal government employees. April was particularly difficult for federal workers based in Maryland.

Tikvat Israel seeks to provide support. Do you want to talk about your experience as a current (or former) federal employee?

Sally Kram, synagogue co-president, is creating a support group for federal workers (she is one too). Let her know of your interest at sallykram939@gmail.com.

To piggyback on what the co-president is proposing to do, Sarah Fishman offered current or former federal employees a free yoga class in early April at her studio on the second floor of the synagogue’s education wing. Fishman’s class, known as Hatha Flow & Self-Myofascial Release, teaches a slow and mindful practice that calms and soothes the body, mind and spirit. It combines breath-initiated, fluid movements with pauses to hold and refine the postures.

Her class also was available via Zoom.

WOMEN'S NETWORK

Planet Word Visit, Book Discussion, Nats Game on Deck

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

Women's Network had two amazing *Purim* programs in March, with an array of upcoming planned activities this spring and summer.

Several Women's Network members will participate in a retreat for the Women's League of Conservative Judaism Seaboard Region at the Pearlstone Center in Reisterstown, Md., on May 4. It will be a special day with workshops that focus on sustainability. Carpools will be arranged from TI. See the Women's Network newsletter for the registration link.

Also in the coming weeks, there will be a trip to the Planet Word museum in Washington, D.C. on May 22. Planet Word provides a unique museum experience, with its interactive galleries and exhibits that bring words and language to life. Information about the day is being disseminated through the Women's Network newsletter. Thank you to Ellen Eisner for organizing this event.

Looking ahead to June 8 at 10:30 a.m., the Women's Network will have its final book group meeting for this program year. It will be held in the synagogue. The discussion leader will be Elaine Weinstein. We will discuss *Lilyville: Mother, Daughter and Other Roles I've Played* by Tovah Feldshuh, a stage and film actress. This book is a memoir about a mother and daughter, reflecting upon American women in the 20th and 21st centuries and their shifting expectations.

This summer, our annual trip to a Washington Nationals baseball game will be held on Sunday, August 17. The game will be between the Nationals and Philadelphia Phillies. The game time will be 11:35 a.m. (See page 2 for ticket ordering details.) The event is open to congregants, their relatives and friends.

Looking back, we were proud of two recent events – our *mishloach manot* project and our Vashti's Banquet. They were popular and made the *Purim* holiday feel very special.

Our *mishloach manot* volunteers packed 320 bags that were delivered to local congregants, synagogue staff members, clergy, ECC families, *Netivot* religious school families, and *Makom* residents. This massive undertaking would not have been possible without the financial generosity of congregants and the willingness of so many to lend a helping hand. Thanks to committee members Melissa Apter, Susan Apter, Janice Balin, Ellie Diamond, Roz Kram and Amy Matathias. Also special thanks to our turtle crocheters Madeleine Barris, Roz Kram, Janaki Kuruppu and Anna Levy. Additionally, we appreciate Delegate Anne Kaiser for providing Maryland flag stickers and State House pins. Also, thanks to our synagogue office and maintenance staff for their support as well as our ECC leadership.

In the spirit of *Purim*, Women's Network is making charitable donations from the proceeds of this project.

We are equally pleased with the outcome of our Vashti's Banquet, which was a new *Purim* program for Women's Network.



Eighteen women, including Susan Apter (left) and Brenda Brooks, discussed James McBride's novel *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* in mid-March. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

(See related story, page 10.)

A book group meeting in the synagogue library on March 16 discussed *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Paula Kasper led the discussion.

In April, we had a Zoom program about Israel which featured two speakers, Monya Cohen and Rachel Tamar Avigad, titled "Bearing Witness to Trauma and Resilience: Helping Israel One Volunteer at a Time." The presenters discussed their experiences as volunteers in Israel in the aftermath of the October

7 attack. They spoke about the hostages and the urgent need to support Israel during these troubling times.

Thanks to all who participated, volunteered and sent in donations for our programs. We will soon start planning for next year. Feel free to reach out to me at bbrooksx@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.

A Chair for the Missing



A single yellow chair has been positioned in front of the bimah podium for the past two months as a visible reminder of the remaining Israeli hostages held in Gaza. The accompanying poster was provided to Tikvat Israel by the American Jewish Committee. (Photos by Jay P. Goldman)

TIKVAT ISRAEL SEA CHANGE

Looking Ahead While Looking Back

BY ANNA LEVY

The days between *Pesach* and *Shavuot*, the period when we count the *omer*, provide us a time for contemplation and reflection.

As we go from the celebration of the Exodus from Egypt, we are grateful and simultaneously, we take time to think about our priorities and our purpose, as we prepare to celebrate receiving the Torah at *Shavuot*. At TI, we are grateful to have the warmth of an aware and caring community as we navigate the challenges of change. SEA Change members will look ahead to how we, the Tikvat Israel family, can reach inward and outward to build relationships that strengthen our communities.

TI's SEA Change efforts to grow social justice action since *Rosh Hashanah* have grown in participation and scope. We hosted a *bimah* speaker on Labor Day weekend to share information on statewide priorities related to labor justice, including fair taxes and implementing paid family and medical leave.

At *Yom Kippur*, we facilitated a side trip discussion about how participants had experienced racism in their lifetimes. Many of us participated in powerful programs and actions with Action in



Montgomery, Jews United for Justice and City of Rockville. We packed and delivered *mishloach manot* with JUFJ for MD state legislators and Montgomery County Council members and the county executive. And we sponsored a screening of the film "Ain't No Back to a Merry-Go-Round" with more than 150 attendees and an inspiring panel discussion.

In the coming months, we will continue our work with partners to support social justice efforts in our community, including building on the learning from the film screening and helping to protect our immigrant neighbors affected by changing federal policies,

We will participate again in local Juneteenth activities. Join TI SEA Change for a docent-led visit to the Josiah Henson Museum (montgomeryparks.org/parks-and-trails/josiah-henson-museum-and-park), *Sukkot* and *Chanukkah* programs, legislature 101 and Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend activities with our social action team.

To stay abreast of new opportunities, sign up for SEA Change emails. Subscribe by contacting Bob Silverstein (r_silverstein@msn.com). Questions can be sent to Anna Levy (anna_levy@verizon.net), Debbie Amster (debbiamster@comcast.net) or Roni Silverstein (roni.silverstein@gmail.com).

Belly Dancing, Persian Fare Highlight Vashti's Banquet

BY AMY MATATHIAS

The Women's Network celebrated *Purim* on March 9 by recreating the fabled harem banquet that Queen Vashti staged at the royal palace.

Forty-three women and two young girls were given a powerful *d'var* about women's roles and strength by Abbey Frank.

The women enjoyed Persian and Mediterranean treats prepared by a slew of volunteers. As we believed happened during Vashti and Esther's time, the entertainment was a belly dancer. After treating the participants to a dance performance, the women arose from their seats for a belly dancing lesson and proceeded to learn this dance form.

The festivities concluded with a bracelet-making activity led by Bobbi Gorban. The bracelet doubles as a noise maker.

Everyone enjoyed the festivities, made possible by the leadership of Maxine Perlmutter and Fortuna Scheige and an abundance of helpers.



Vashti's Banquet participants included (from left) Felicia Black, Cantor Rochelle Helzner and Liz Adams. (Photo by Amy Matathias)



Janice Balin brought along a granddaughter to experience Vashti's Banquet. (Photo by Amy Matathias)



Women's Network members learned a new skill during a group lesson from a belly dancer. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Expanded Religious School in the Fall

BY RONI SILVERSTEIN, ACTING VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION



Netivot

Rabbi Marc Israel led a parent meeting in February and an open house in March for families interested in Hebrew school starting in the fall. This spring, Netivot made decorations for and ate in the *sukkah*, gave *tzedakah* and made food for a homeless shelter, decorated *Purim* bags for Jews United For Justice, made *groggers* and had a fantastic model Passover *seder* for students and parents on April 6.

Registration for *Netivot* classes in kindergarten and grades 1, 2 and 3 is now open through our Tikvat Israel website. We are pleased to be expanding our religious school next year. For more information, call the TI office or contact Roni Silverstein at roni.silverstein@gmail.com.

TI Teens

Tikvat Israel received a \$1,000 grant from United Synagogue Youth for teens to begin a Rainscape Conservation Project with Luke Jessup. We held our first meeting on April 6 with a follow-up scheduled for April 27. The students will learn about conservation, building sustainable gardens and beautifying our synagogue grounds. A rock-climbing trip is planned for May.

The TI teens were a huge help at the *Purim* Puppet Show. They organized games, served cotton candy, did beautiful face painting, created balloon animals and helped with crafts. Thank you for supporting our special event.

ECC News

Early registration for our Early Childhood Center for this summer session and for the 2025-26 school year began in February. We are confident we will have a full enrollment next year. Debbie

Ungar, our ECC director, is busy conducting tours for prospective families. If interested, call 301-251-0455.

The ECC Family Network is looking for new parent leaders for next year. The EFN parents plan and run our successful Family *Shabbat* Dinners, organize holiday and end-of-the-year gifts for staff and plan holiday staff events. Let Debbie Ungar know if you are interested.

Appreciation

A huge thank you to Judy Stern, past vice president for education, for all her amazing work with our education programs. So many new and exciting things are happening due to her leadership. Thank you to our wonderful *Netivot* teachers, Limor Dahan and Gale Pressman, our incredible staff in the ECC and Debbie Ungar, who make all our programs a success.



Rabbi Israel conducted a model *seder* for *Netivot*, TI's religious school, one week before the start of the holiday.

Teens Plan Climate-Friendly Landscaping

Tikvat Teens are learning firsthand about ecological landscaping.



Luke Jessup (right), a professional landscaper, shared ecologically friendly planting practices with members of the Tikvat Teens group.

In a two-part program, members of the group are working with Luke Jessup of Father Nature Restorative Landscaping to learn about eco-landscaping and to apply what they are discovering. The Tikvat Teens plan to design a welcoming and sustainable space on our synagogue grounds using native plants.

In their first session with Jessup, the teens learned about numerous native plants (trees, grasses and shrubs) and design considerations and planning strategies for rainscape design.

The planning stage of the project is funded by a \$1,000 grant from United Synagogue Youth. It was the lone outlay to a Washington-area group under USY's Local Engagement and Partnership program.

The TI Teens hope a second LEAP grant will enable plantings in the fall.

Programming for the Future at Our Synagogue

BY RACHEL LAVEER, VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMMING



The events and activities at Tikvat Israel today are the product of generations of hard work by many volunteers and staff.

But just as community members change over time, the way we run events and the types of activities we offer also must change. We cannot simply add more programs to the calendar to meet the interests of younger families or a wider range of individuals without modifying our methods of programming.

Although our staff work mightily to support us, they are few in number and carry many roles invisible to our members. Similarly, our volunteer base includes more and more people who work full-time – and not just retirees or families where only one adult works full-time. Planning and coordination for events must be woven into personal schedules already quite full and sometimes bursting.

The first step is for event coordinators to start planning further in advance. A long list of proposed events can lead to overcommitment and an overly full schedule. Rather, coordinators should pick one event (just one!) and start planning four to six months before the event date. Four to six months might seem excessive but not if coordinators are handling the full brunt of event planning.

Six months leaves enough time to take full ownership of the event and ensure the activity coordinator can complete all essential tasks, including event promotion. Tasks should be completed with enough time for the appropriate committee chair and board vice president to review and approve the event budget before anything is purchased and to review written materials before they are shared with the congregation or outside public. This means accommodating the schedules of other volunteers with full-time jobs, usually adding more time to the process.

Advance planning has not occurred regularly at TI, and the result has been programs that can only be coordinated by one individual or rushed programs and stressed-out staff and volunteers. Coordinating further ahead may mean reducing the frequency or even eliminating some programs to make space and time for others.

Likewise, detailed budgets and promotional materials not always have been part of the volunteer coordinator's role. Many synagogue events have no materials, no instructions and no history to pass on to new leaders.

Longer timelines and consolidated planning documents are not simply bureaucratic acts and paperwork. They are necessary for the future health and longevity of Tikvat Israel as a community organization.

A Renewed Push Now for In-Person Weekday *Minyan* Services

Congregants Janaki Kuruppu and Rob Podolsky are working with the Religious Practices Committee to reinvigorate *minyan* attendance at Tikvat Israel.

Our synagogue proudly offers weekday prayers Sunday through Friday. These services, commonly referred to as *minyanim*, require attendance by at least 10 adult Jews.

During the COVID pandemic, the implementation of the *minyan* via Zoom was adopted as a necessary measure, allowing mourners to say *kaddish* safely in community. The daily use of the Zoom *minyan* remains a popular option, especially for TI congregants marking a *yahrzeit* with friends and family members who may reside in other parts of the country and for congregants who are unable to drive at night or are homebound.

TI will continue to offer morning and evening *minyan* services via Zoom as an accessibility accommodation, but the shul leadership is encouraging in-person participation. This will allow all worshippers who are present to recite all components of the service, including a Torah reading from the scroll.



Minyan times are listed on the shul's website as follows (including log-in instructions for Zoom):

- Sundays 9 a.m. (in sanctuary) and 7:30 p.m.;
- Mondays and Thursdays 7:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.;
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Fridays 8 a.m.

All services except Sunday morning are held in the chapel on the left side of the sanctuary.

In regard to being a participant in weekday *minyanim*, Kuruppu said: "What I have discovered over the years is that *minyan* is made up of a friendly, relaxed group of people who are welcoming and happy to help you feel comfortable. You don't need to know anything ahead of time, and you don't need to be a fluent in Hebrew. If you choose to attend and as you come more regularly, you may find that prayer carries more meaning for you as it becomes more familiar. Or prayer itself may never become meaningful to you, but being part of the community and supporting your friends who need your presence in order to recite the *kaddish* in remembrance of their deceased family members may gain increased importance."

If you would like to join the *minyan* team or have suggestions, share your ideas with the organizers at www.tikvatisrael.org/spiritual-life/weekday-minyanim/minyan-attendance-form.

A Fire Safety Lesson Learned at Tikvat Israel

BY SALLY KRAM, TIKVAT ISRAEL CO-PRESIDENT

Tikvat Israel experienced a small fire in the kitchen on March 2 when a recently serviced stove top ignited during a *hamantashen* baking event. Thanks to quick action by one of our *Netivot* teachers, who put out the fire with an extinguisher maintained in the kitchen, no serious damage was done and no one was injured.

The baking participants called 911 promptly, and the fire department responded, giving us the all-clear.

While there was no lasting harm, the incident must be viewed as a wake-up call. We were not as ready as we might be.

Quoting a line from a book I purchased from an author whose talk I attended when, in a previous work position, I served as a staff member on a multi-university All-Hazards Security Committee, “[I]n every disaster, buried under the rubble is evidence that we can do better.”

Amanda Ripley, in her book *The Unthinkable* in 2008, was looking backwards at a series of disasters, including the plane strikes on the Twin Towers in New York City in September 2001. Clearly, the TI kitchen fire was not remotely as damaging or frightening as any of the events she described in her book.

But for TI, the threat of even a small fire is grave. After the Tree of Life fatal shootings in Pittsburgh in 2018, many synagogues pivoted their emergency planning toward responding to an active shooter situation. However, in reality, the greatest risk to TI remains fire and weather-related incidents. We are much more likely to be the victim of a flood or a kitchen fire than we are to be the target of a terrorist.

I want to commend all the congregants who were in the building on that day for their quick action, as well as Executive Director Aaron Chusid, who put out a well-worded explanation the day after. I also want to thank the Security Committee who, in the months before and the weeks since, have been crafting a TI All-Hazards Security Plan. If you didn’t notice, some of the high points from that plan were published on March 30, in a message to all congregants via e-mail. (See related article, page 14.)

Point 9 on that list states that in the event of a fire, anyone in the building should immediately move to a safe area out of the building [and] call 911 to report the emergency. In addition, at least one person aware of the fire should pull the fire alarm immediately, so that everyone in the building is aware of the problem.

Tikvat Israel is also immediately instituting some changes regarding access to the kitchen. The kitchen will now be locked at all times, including exterior doors and the door to the social hall, unless it is in use. When in use, no fewer than two people must be in the kitchen at all times. At least one of those people must be a *mashgiach*, with the goal of eventually assigning two *mashgichim* to each cooking event in our kitchen. All *mashgichim* will be trained in the use of fire extinguishers in the kitchen.

Please note: There are two fire extinguishers in the kitchen—one for conventional fires and one for grease fires. Misusing an

extinguisher can result in a bigger fire, meaning that only trained folks should use the extinguishers going forward. Also, any use of the kitchen after hours, including weeknights and Sundays, must be cleared with the office staff. No more solo cooking in the kitchen will be permitted.

Additional training for others who are in the building on a regular basis, including synagogue staff and *minyan* leaders, is under development. Finally, Tikvat Israel will hold a fire drill during *Shabbat* services so congregants will become familiar with how to quickly and calmly evacuate our building. The date has not been determined.

We also are working on a weather hazards drill to learn how to respond if a tornado threatens, which is a different response than what we need to do for a fire drill. We also will stage an active shooter drill, which calls for yet a different response among those in the building.

We hope you will understand and participate willingly in both the changes to kitchen protocols and the soon-to-be-scheduled drills. Lives may be at stake.

Mazel Tov

... to **Elyse and Jeff Bernstein** on the birth of granddaughter Ariella Rose on March 10 in Denver, Colo.

Congregational Condolences

Tikvat Israel Congregation shares its condolences over the following recent deaths:

... to family and friends of congregant Leilani Lansing, on April 8 (11 *Nisan* 5785)

... to **Dan Jacobs** on the loss of his wife Sharon Jacobs, mother of Jennifer and Sarah, on March 12 (12 *Adar*, 5785)

... to family and friends of Isadore Morton "Morty" Gudelsky, son of former member Shelley Gudelsky Mulitz and the late Howard R. Gudelsky, and Patricia Solomon, mother of Shelley Gudelsky Mulitz, on Feb. 19 (21 *Shevat*, 5785)

BROADMAN-KAPLAN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Holiday Happenings Highlight Spring Programs

BY DEBBIE UNGAR, DIRECTOR, BROADMAN-KAPLAN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER



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

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

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

To prepare for Passover, the children learned songs in music class with Ms. Ellie, dances with Ms. Sharon and made Passover

projects and ritual items to use at their *seders*. Some of the classes made costumes and acted out the story of Passover. We will have a JCraft *matzah* factory where the children will learn how flour is made, and then form the wheat into dough, which they will roll, perforate and shape into their own *matzahs*.

We invite families to join us in celebrating *Yom Ha'atzmaut*, Israel Independence Day, on Thursday, May 1, at 9:30 a.m. There will be a parade and Israeli dancing led by the Israeli dance teacher Ms. Sharon.



Registration for the summer and 2025-26 school year is underway. Please contact the ECC office at 301-251-0455 or by emailing Debbie Ungar at debbie@tikvatIsrael.org if you would like more information or to schedule a tour.

Youngsters collected donations for the Manna Food Center.

Ten Measures for Your Own Security on Our Premises

BY AARON CHUSID, TIKVAT ISRAEL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Tikvat Israel has a comprehensive plan to address the safety and security of everyone in our facility and on our grounds, developed in partnership with local emergency management officials, first responders, security experts and Tikvat Israel staff, clergy and volunteers.

It is our core belief that everyone at TI plays a key role in maintaining a safe and secure environment. Our safety, security and emergency plan is dynamic and, therefore, will be continually reviewed and revised as circumstances warrant.

Security is not just a locked door or a surveillance camera. It involves people. We all need to know and understand what to do under a variety of (unlikely) circumstances. TI's Security Plan ultimately relies on the coordination and cooperation of all members. Your participation in and support of security and safety processes, trainings and exercises and your knowledge of the importance of being ready to act should the need arise are critical to the success of this plan.

Steps to Follow

Here are the key points all of us need to know and follow. Other information and trainings will be provided on an ongoing basis.

- **Tikvat Israel is a secure facility.** All exterior doors and some interior doors are locked to maintain that security. Staff, board members, ECC families and congregants who have a continuing need to access the building may have a fob or an access code to enter the building. All others have the small

inconvenience of needing to be let in by synagogue staff, a greeter or some other responsible party. Please be kind in accepting this delay.

- **If you have a code/fob that doesn't work, the lobby attendant or the main office will provide you access.** Visitors not connected to Tikvat Israel will be screened by office staff or other assigned individuals, and access will be provided to legitimate visitors.
- **Our community is friendly and welcoming.** However, that doesn't mean you should hold the entrance door open for anyone you don't know. They need to be let in by an authorized person. Once inside, do not open a door for anyone you don't know. And never prop open any external doors for convenience, air flow or any other reason.
- **External classroom doors exist to provide immediate exit from the building in case of an emergency.** Do not use these doors to enter or exit a classroom.
- **Tikvat Israel is a firearm-free zone.** No one may bring a firearm, whether loaded or not, into the building or onto TI's grounds. Only federal, state or local peace officers/agents may carry a weapon at Tikvat Israel.
- **Always be aware of your surroundings.** Identify all possible exits. Ensure the setting looks right. This is good advice for anywhere you go.
- **Security training will be offered periodically.** The training may be conducted by TI, the ECC or our security partners

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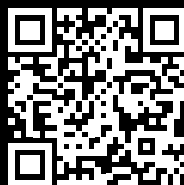
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(Secure Community Network, JShield, etc.). Some will be formal in nature while others may occur in the normal course of regular TI events and services. Feel free to attend these trainings or to request additional training.

- **Move to a protected area with no windows in the event of a natural disaster.** These locations are listed on signs in every Tikvat Israel room to help you move quickly to the nearest safe alternate site.
- **Locate our panic buttons.** In the event of an active threat outside the building, there are panic buttons strategically situated throughout the building that can be activated. Pushing the button sends an alarm to our security monitoring service, which then alerts the Montgomery County Police Department.
- **Move immediately to a safe area out of the building in the event of a fire or noxious substance leak.** Follow directions on posted signs in each room. Once you are safe, immediately call 9-1-1 to report the emergency. Do not assume someone else has made the call unless you are absolutely sure. Periodic refresher training will be provided during regularly scheduled events and services. Such training will highlight available exits, locations and proper use of fire extinguishers and other helpful information.
- **Security is everyone's responsibility.** Please be vigilant. If you see something of concern, do not be afraid to say something. In an emergency situation, dial 911. Don't assume that someone else will make the call.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Executive Director Aaron Chusid or Security Committee Chair Neil Sbar.



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Discover TI's Flax Library Non-Fiction Collection

BY JANICE ROSENBERG, LIBRARY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Do you enjoy reading non-fiction books? You'll be glad to know that three-fourths of the 1,700 holdings in Tikvat Israel's Herman J. Flax Library are non-fiction. Many of the titles are unique. Here's a sampling of what you can find.

- *And the Sea Is Never Full* by Elie Wiesel. Contains the final volume of Wiesel's moving and revealing memoir.
- *The Fish That Ate the Whale: The Life and Times of America's Banana King* by Rich Cohen. Reveals the untold tale of Samuel Zemurray, the self-made banana mogul who went from penniless roadside peddler to capitalist revolutionary.
- *The Haunted Smile: The Story of Jewish Comedians in America* by Lawrence J. Epstein. Includes nearly all the top-level Jewish-American comedians, such as the Marx Brothers, Allen Sherman, Joan Rivers and Jerry Seinfeld.
- *Jewish Justices of the Supreme Court: From Brandeis to Kagan* by David G. Dalin. Examines the lives, legal careers and legacies of the eight Jews who have served or who currently serve as justices of the U.S. Supreme Court.
- *Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community* by Laura Cohen Apelbaum. Features brief essays, photos and a historic overview of the Jewish families, businesses, congregations, and neighborhoods in the city and its suburbs.
- *A Living Lens: Photographs of Jewish Life from the Pages of the Forward* edited by Alana Newhouse. Includes classic photographs of Jews in the 20th century and beyond from the archives of the *Forward*.
- *When Basketball Was Jewish* by Douglas Stark. Chronicles Jewish basketball throughout the past century as told by 20 individuals involved in the game.
- *With Strength & Splendor: Jewish Women as Agents of Change* by Lisa V. Kogen. Contains biographical essays of women who have made important contributions to life in North America.

Most Borrowed Book

What title in the TI library collection has been reserved by congregational members more than any other? That distinction belongs to *Speaking Yiddish to Chickens: Holocaust Survivors on South Jersey Poultry Farms* by Seth Stern.

The work chronicles a time after World War II when Eastern European refugees found an unlikely refuge and gateway to new lives in the U.S. on poultry farms.

To reserve this book or others, use the Flax Library catalog under "Study" on TI's website. Conduct a search and click on the book title to view the full record. Then click on "Reserve" on the left-hand side. Fill in your name and email address and hit "Send." You will be notified when the books you reserved are available for pickup.

You also can borrow books from the Flax Library or the pop-up library in TI's lobby by sending an email to TikvatIsraelLibrary@



A few of the many non-fiction titles to be found in the Tikvat Israel library, which is maintained by congregant Janice Rosenberg.

gmail.com. Be sure to include the book title, your name and your contact information.

Books can be borrowed for three weeks with one renewal. Return books in the box marked "Returns" in the Flax Library or the one below the pop-up library.

Happy reading!

Blood Donations Welcome In Social Hall June 11

The next Tikvat Israel blood drive will take place from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, in the social hall.

Here is the link to register: <https://rcblood.org/3RPMHT1>

The last Red Cross drive at TI collected 23 units of blood. Approximately half of the donors in mid-March were affiliated with Tikvat Israel.

TI staff Aaron Chusid, Susan Davis, Nadia Palacios and Iber Gonzalez provided support alongside TI volunteers Edna Breit, Molly Turkewitz and Jonathan Solomon.



Robbi Cohen is the *shul's* blood drive coordinator.

Rabbi Marc Israel was among those donating blood during the Red Cross event at TI in March. (Photo by Stuart Turkewitz)

Lighting Upgraded Throughout the Synagogue

BY AARON CHUSID, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A complete upgrade of the synagogue's lighting system is under way.

Thanks to special incentive programs from Pepco and the Montgomery County Green Bank, we are upgrading every light fixture in our building (except for the recently upgraded lights in the sanctuary) with low-energy LED fixtures at a cost so low that our utility cost savings will quickly pay for the installation.

Our contractor Lightilly, which also completed the recently improved sanctuary lighting fixtures, expects the entire project to be completed before the end of April. The company has been working with staff at TI to minimize disruptions to programs and operations.

Let me know what you think about the new lights.



Congregants Prep Hygiene Packets for Charity

One of the extra attractions of the *Purim* Puppet Show Plus at Tikvat Israel on March 13 was the opportunity to perform another one of the four *mitzvot* of *Purim*.

In this case, participants at the puppet show also took part in *matanot l'evyonim*, giving charity to those in need, when they put together hygiene packets for the unhoused. TI members and guests joined in the Social Action Committee activity to prepare 30 packets of shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

The hygiene packets were delivered to Small Things Matter, according to Amy Sanders of the Social Action Committee. Small Things Matter planned to distribute the packets to those in need in the area.



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Carol Miller
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Jacob Sweet

MAY 3

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Gisela Reich
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MAY 4

6 *IYYAR*

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MAY 5

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8 *IYYAR*

George Boroff
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MAY 7

9 *IYYAR*

Pauline Dunsmore
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Samuel Lebowitz

MAY 8

10 *IYYAR*

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Howard C. Penenburgh
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MAY 10

12 *IYYAR*

David Fessler
Lane Charles Godley-Davis
Edna Gorfine
Helyn Muiltz
Celia Shetzich
Isadore Zeidman

MAY 11

13 *IYYAR*

Eva Fessler
George Fine
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Simone Lempert
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Arnold E. Silverman
Paul Trachtenberg
Rose Weiss
Nathan Wermiel

MAY 12

14 *IYYAR*

Bertha Feinberg Abramson
Bertha Apt
Edith Pressman
Liba Scheige
Dorit Schwartz
Bernard Yudkoff

MAY 13

15 *IYYAR*

Joseph Axelrod
Sandra Baruch
Belle B. Cooper
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Myrna Matheson

MAY 14

16 *IYYAR*

Leonard Bachman
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Joan Kaiser
Robert Lerner
Margaret Levine
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MAY 15

17 *IYYAR*

Janet Rutstein Barsky
Rae Danoff
Harry Eisler
Paul Grayson
Claire W. Grossmann
Anna Knopp
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Nathan Saltzburg

MAY 16

18 *IYYAR*

Samuel Nathan Kaplan
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Martin Miller
William Shapiro

MAY 17

19 *IYYAR*

Morris Gisser
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MAY 18

20 *IYYAR*

Sheldon David Abrams
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MAY 19

21 *IYYAR*

William Berk
David Bloom
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Sam Weiser

MAY 20

22 *IYYAR*

Lee Buchbinder
Gladys Pearlstein
Frieda Sniderman

MAY 21

23 *IYYAR*

Dorothy Adelman
Jennie Fischer
Solomon Koricki
David Rubin
Sarah Shukotoff
Anne Slonin

MAY 22

24 *IYYAR*

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

MAY 23

25 *IYYAR*

Abraham Plesset

MAY 24

26 *IYYAR*

Frank Goldstein
William Hoffman
Herbert Saul Rubinstein
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MAY 25

27 *IYYAR*

Maier Auerhahn
William R. Horowitz
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MAY 26

28 *IYYAR*

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

MAY 27

29 *IYYAR*

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

MAY 28

1 *SIVAN*

Miriam Ashery David
Jean Becker
Esther Leah Bernstein
Lillie Brodofsky
Stanley Katz
Isaac Krick
Otilia Levi
Minnie Levine
Paul Spector

MAY 29

2 *SIVAN*

Rose E. Diamond
Yvette Weiss
Dora Witt

MAY 30

3 *SIVAN*

Bertha Koricki
Jack Lebowitz
Samuel Miller
Marian Sheskin

MAY 31

4 *SIVAN*

Anna Battino
Philip Katz
Laurence Lerner
Beatrice Sandler



Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose *Yahrzeits* Occur From from 5 *Sivan* - 4 *Tammuz* — June 2025

JUNE 1

5 *SIVAN*

Samuel Negrine
Anne Dena Rosenberg
Goldie Simon
Claire Weiser

JUNE 2

6 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 3

7 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 4

8 *SIVAN*

David Edward Haft
Dave Lieberman

JUNE 5

9 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 6

10 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 7

11 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 8

12 *SIVAN*

Frances Fierman
Florence Landy
Maurice Schottenfeld
Phyllis Ann Stathopoulos

JUNE 9

13 *SIVAN*

Leslie Arthur Pike
Phyme Pitkin
Barbara Reiner

JUNE 10

14 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 11

15 *SIVAN*

Harry Fierman
Sadie Klein
Florence Askow Loeb

JUNE 12

16 *SIVAN*

Joshua Laken
Arthur Robert Landy
Eva B. Rochkind

JUNE 13

17 *SIVAN*

Pearl P. Gantz
Ricki Jane Nachamkin
Morris Rosenblum

JUNE 14

18 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 15

19 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 16

20 *SIVAN*

Arnold Litman
Rachel Leah Mandelblatt
Ethel Rothman

JUNE 17

21 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 18

22 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 19

23 *SIVAN*

Gustave Jacob Benzion
Gelu S. Greenbaum
David Harris
Feiga Smolar

JUNE 20

24 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 21

25 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 22

26 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 23

27 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 24

28 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 25

29 *SIVAN*

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

JUNE 26

30 *SIVAN*

Lottie Finkelstein
Kenneth Goldin
Sidney Goodman
Celia Kaiser
Max Lacoretz
Renee Lustig
Edythe Miller
Solomon Shapiro

JUNE 27

1 *TAMMUZ*

Jeanette Pearl Golden
Sadie Rosenthal
Betty Senzer
David Sturm

JUNE 28

2 *TAMMUZ*

Clara Benzion
Deborah Ingel Comstock
Louis Fishman
Ben Friedman
Grace Goldberg
Rose Harad
Seymour Kaiz
Emmy F. Keusch
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Mollie Pelish
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JUNE 29

3 *TAMMUZ*

Jeanette Benzion
Clayre Blavett
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Ellis Hyman
Rosalyn Licht
Marion L. Pike
Samuel Paul Puner
Anne Burdett Shapiro
Barbara Shulman

JUNE 30


4 *TAMMUZ*

Maurice Mainen
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<p>All events subject to change. Please read B'Keshet for the latest status. The office and Broadman-Kaplan ECC are closed on Memorial Day.</p>		<p>1 3 Iyyar 7:15 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Yom Ha'atzmaut Event @ B'nai Israel 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>2 4 Iyyar 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:44 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>3 5 Iyyar 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Tazria-Metzora) Honoring Our Health Shabbat 8:47 PM Havdalah</p>
<p>4 6 Iyyar 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>5 7 Iyyar 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>8 Iyyar 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>9 Iyyar 8:00 AM Minyan 1:00 PM ECC Early Closure (family conferences) 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>10 Iyyar 7:15 AM Minyan 1:00 PM ECC Early Closure (family conferences) 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>11 Iyyar 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:51 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>12 Iyyar 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Achrei Mot- Kedoshim) 10:00 AM Auntie A Shabbat Family Jam 11:15 AM Torah Club 8:35 PM Havdalah</p>
<p>11 13 Iyyar 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>12 14 Iyyar 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>15 Iyyar 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>16 Iyyar 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>17 Iyyar 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>18 Iyyar 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:58 PM Candle Lighting  Lag ba'Omer</p>	<p>19 Iyyar 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Emor) 9:03 PM Havdalah</p>
<p>18 20 Iyyar 9:00 AM Minyan 7:00 PM A Time to Sing Cantor's Concert 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>19 21 Iyyar 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>20 22 Iyyar 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>21 23 Iyyar 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>22 24 Iyyar 7:15 AM Minyan 10:00 AM Women's Network visit to Planet Word 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>23 25 Iyyar 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:04 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>24 26 Iyyar 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Behar- Bechukotai) 10:30 AM Torah Club 9:10 PM Havdalah</p>
<p>25 27 Iyyar 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan</p>	<p>26 28 Iyyar 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan *Office & ECC Closed*  Memorial Day  Yom Yerushalayim</p>	<p>29 Iyyar 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan 8:00 PM Board Meeting</p>	<p>1 Sivan 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan  Rosh Chodesh Sivan</p>	<p>2 Sivan 7:15 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Concert Reception 8:00 PM Minyan</p>	<p>30 3 Sivan 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:09 PM Candle Lighting</p>	<p>31 4 Sivan 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Bamidbar) 9:16 PM Havdalah</p>

JUNE 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
1 9:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Fire-Shavuot Picnic and Ice Cream 7:30 PM Minyan 7:45 PM Tikun Leil Shavuot 8:10 PM Candle Lighting Erev Shavuot	2 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shavuot Services 7:30 PM Minyan 9:17 PM Candle Lighting Shavuot	3 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shavuot Services 9:18 PM Havdalah 9:30 PM Minyan Shavuot	4 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	5 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	6 8:00 AM Minyan 5:00 PM EFN Young Families Shabbat Dinner 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:14 PM Candle Lighting	7 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Nasso) 9:21 PM Havdalah	
8 9:00 AM Minyan 10:00 AM Rise of the TI Men's Club 10:30 AM Women's Network Book Group 7:30 PM Minyan	9 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Shavuot	10 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Last Day of School Broadman-Kaplan ECC	11 8:00 AM Minyan 8:30 AM TI Blood Drive 7:30 PM Minyan	12 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	13 8:00 AM Minyan 6:00 PM Kabbalat Shabbat w/Instruments 8:17 PM Candle Lighting	14 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Beha'alotcha) 11:00 AM Torah Club 11:15 AM Shabbat Family Jam with Auntie A 9:25 PM Havdalah	
15 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	16 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	17 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	18 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	19 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan *Office & ECC Closed*	20 8:00 AM Minyan 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:19 PM Candle Lighting	21 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Shelach) 9:27 PM Havdalah	
22 9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	23 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	24 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan 8:00 PM Board Meeting	25 8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	26 7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Rosh Chodesh Tammuz	27 8:00 AM Minyan 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 8:20 PM Candle Lighting Rosh Chodesh Tammuz	28 9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Korach) 10:30 AM Torah Club 9:27 PM Havdalah	
29 9:00 AM Minyan 10:00 AM Congregational Meeting 7:30 PM Minyan	30 7:15 AM Minyan 5:00 PM Shepherd's Table 7:30 PM Minyan	31 7:15 AM Minyan 5:00 PM Shepherd's Table 7:30 PM Minyan	 <p>Happy Shavuot</p>				<p>All events subject to change. Please read B'Keshet for the latest status. The office and Broadman-Kaplan ECC are closed for Juneteenth.</p>

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Feting Rabbi's Doctorate

Congregants will have the opportunity to recognize Rabbi Marc Israel during a *Shabbat kiddush* in his honor on May 10. Our rabbi received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree to commemorate his completion of 25 years as a Conservative rabbi. To ensure sufficient food and drink, submit an RSVP by May 5 to the TI office staff.

YOUR SOURCE: OUR WEBSITE

For the latest information about upcoming events affiliated with Tikvat Israel, be sure to visit www.tikvatisrael.org. When you need more details than *B'Keshet* or the *Shabbat* sheet can provide, turn to the website for the fuller picture.



<http://www>

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The assignment is simple but meaningful: Opening the shul's front door as worshippers arrive and welcoming them with a warm *Shabbat shalom*. If someone is new to our synagogue, you direct them to the sanctuary (or point them to the coat room if they have a garment to hang).

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There are now blue lanyards available for those who prefer to wear their name tag in that way instead of magnet clips. Find the lanyards hanging from the name tag display board.

If your name tag bears a misprint or incorrect information, place your tag in the labeled black box next to the “A” name tags. Office staff will contact you during the following week to learn the correct information. If your name tag is missing, inform Rabbi Israel.

The rabbi and Executive Director Aaron Chusid handled these upgrades.

“Thank you to everyone for wearing your name tag. It helps make our community more welcoming,” said Melissa Apter, membership committee chair.

