



## Congregants Adopt \$2.3M Budget In a Year of Likely Uncertainty

BY JAY P. GOLDMAN, BULLETIN EDITOR

Congregants ratified their board of directors' \$2.3 million operating budget for a new fiscal year that the board's financial managers said would be marked by uncertainty owing mostly to outside forces.

The decisive vote, 48-0 in favor of adoption with four abstentions, was taken at a congregational meeting in the Tikvat Israel social hall on June 29. Seven of the participants voted remotely.

The budget assumes the synagogue will bring in \$1.2 million in revenue from the Broadman-Kaplan Early Childhood Center and \$675,000 in membership dues. The biggest expenses are expected to be \$980,000 in ECC operations, \$449,000 in buildings and grounds costs, \$370,000 in administrative expenses and \$250,000 toward clergy, including part-time cantorial services.

The \$2.3 million budget, which took effect on July 1, is about \$80,000 less than the congregation's budget approved one year prior.

Treasurer Barry Lipy and financial secretary Ira Benzion said hard choices were needed to create a balanced budget. The new budget forgoes paying down the synagogue's mortgage and set-asides to build up funds for facility repairs and eventual roof replacement.

They said congregants ought to be prepared for fiscal challenges in the coming year, owing to the uncertainty over federal grants to houses of worship and the likelihood of higher inflationary costs for building maintenance and food costs. Additionally, the ECC is reporting its enrollment down by 10 children heading into the new school year, resulting in a potential loss of \$140,000 in revenue.



Board members Barry Lipy (left) and Ira Benzion explained their rationale behind TI's \$2.3 budget for 2025-26. (Photo by Felicia R. Black)

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## WEEKLY RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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

All services are both online and in person.

## CANDLE LIGHTING & HAVDALAH TIMES

Shabbat Date	Candle Lighting	Havdalah
7/4-5	8:19 p.m.	9:26 p.m.
7/11-12	8:17 p.m.	9:22 p.m.
7/18-19	8:13 p.m.	9:17 p.m.
7/25-26	8:08 p.m.	9:11 p.m.
8/1-2	8:01 p.m.	9:03 p.m.
8/8-9	7:54 p.m.	8:54 p.m.
8/15-16	7:45 p.m.	8:44 p.m.
8/22-23	7:35 p.m.	8:34 p.m.
8/29-30	7:25 p.m.	8:23 p.m.

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The *Tikvat Israel Bulletin* will print its final issue on paper in September-October before continuing solely as a digital publication. The FY '26 budget adopted by the congregation on June 29 carried reduced funding for the newsletter as part of the synagogue board's planned cost savings in synagogue operations.

Beginning with the November-December issue, the synagogue's office staff will send each bi-monthly issue as a PDF on or by the first day of month to all congregants whose e-mail addresses are on file.

Congregants who need a paper version of the *Bulletin* can request a photocopy from the synagogue office.

## Is Your Closet Missing Something?

Tikvat Israel's coat room in the lobby is full of winter outerwear left behind during the cold weather months plus assorted other items, including water bottles.

Please take a close look at the several dozen items there when you are next in the building in order to reclaim your property.



## Fund Investments Add \$37K to TI Revenues

The synagogue's long-range endowment, the Fund for the Future, is expected to contribute \$37,200 to Tikvat Israel's operating revenue in FY '26, according to Larry Gorban, the fund's board president.

In his annual report at the congregational meeting June 29, Gorban said the fund's total balance has increased from \$832,940 to \$883,756 over a 16-month period ending April 30.

Since its founding in 2012, the Fund for the Future has distributed nearly \$111,000 in earnings. Fund performance depends on stock market performance. The money is invested with the Jewish Community Foundation.

Three individuals begin terms in July on the nine-member FFF board. Rebecca Salon is joining, while Gorban and Aaron Fineman have agreed to serve second three-year terms.

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**Lis Schwartz told the congregational meeting she welcomed input from anyone about a job description that would include cantorial services.**  
(Photo by Felicia R. Black)

Also, the approved congregational budget calls for a fund-raising event to bring in far less than the record \$150,000 to \$175,000 tied to the retirement tribute for Cantor Emeritus Rochelle Helzner this past May.

"Our goal is to be financially stable not just today but into the future," Lipsy said in his report.

TI likely will end FY '25 with a modest balance owing to the record haul from the concert, along with a \$144,000 grant from the Temple Israel Foundation and a new money market account that generated \$7,800 in interest, according to the treasurer.

In his executive director's report to the congregation, Aaron Chusid said the first round of voluntary dues pledges for FY '26 were promising. In the first year of the voluntary membership dues model, about 47 percent contributed more than the suggest amount.

## RABBI'S CORNER

# My Forthcoming Sabbatical

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



The last few months have been a roller coaster of emotions. The world is changing quickly in unpredictable and potentially dangerous ways.

As I write this, Israel is attacking Iran to destroy its nuclear capabilities. Iran is launching missiles at Israeli population centers. Most have been intercepted, several have not, killing dozens of Israeli civilians and injuring hundreds more.

We don't know if the U.S. will enter the war or the ramifications of that decision. When you read this, we will likely know more, but the only thing I feel safe predicting is whatever the situation, most of us will still be feeling a great deal of anxiety.

In the Tikvat Israel microcosm, these last two months have given us much to celebrate and much to mourn. We held our congregational *Pesach seder*, participated in a community *Yom HaAtzmaut* celebration and *Yom HaShoah* commemoration, held our record-breaking concert with Joey Weisenberg to honor Cantor Rochelle Helzner, had a reception to express our appreciation to our donors, began studying *Mishnah Shabbat* at Friday weekly study sessions, concluded our Tuesday morning weekly discussions with Kehilat Pardes on "Judaism is About Love" and hosted Ambassador Dan Shapiro in relaunching the Men's Club. And we have done our best to smile through our tears as Cantor Helzner now has transitioned to cantor emeritus.

We also held numerous lifecycle celebrations, including a baby-naming and an *aufruf*, and we provided condolence to the six families who lost loved ones during the past seven weeks.

In addition to the situation in Iran, we in the Jewish community have been traumatized by the continued hostage situation, the war in Gaza and the harm it inflicts, an attack on a Jewish governor's home on *seder* night, the murder of two employees of the Israeli embassy outside the Capital Jewish Museum, the fire-bombing of a weekly march on behalf of the hostages in Boulder, Colo., and many more incidents. And, as Americans, many of us have been distraught by members of our community and our loved ones losing their jobs, by neighbors being deported, by an unprecedented use of active-duty military troops to quell domestic protests and by our government's dismantling systems of scientific research and attacking our academic institutions.

It's a lot.

Often, members of our congregation kindly check in with me to see how I'm holding up. My usual response is to deflect and note that we all deal with these issues and that there are many whose circumstances are far worse than mine. Those are both true. However, when I'm being honest, as much as I love my job, it does take a physical, mental and spiritual toll on me, probably more than I recognize. This is why I'm so grateful for the opportunity to take a sabbatical this summer.

As you know, the word and the concept of sabbatical is related to *Shabbat* – not just rest, but a time when we set aside our regular

activities to create space and participate in activities that lift us up spiritually and allow us to reflect on the big picture of our lives.

While I'm away, I hope to spend two weeks studying at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem as part of their Rabbinic Torah Seminar. (As of this writing, if Israel's air space reopens, the program will run.) This seminar involves intensive study of Jewish text and the application of these to the modern world. We also spend time with experts in Israel and Diaspora Jewry, learning to better understand today's Jewish world.

When I return, I will go to Camp Ramah in New England for 10 days to be the in-house adviser for the vocational education program for adults with disabilities working at the camp.

Neither of these experiences will be "restful" in the usual sense of the word. However, I expect both will be energizing and help me return a better rabbi and more equipped to take on the challenges in the year to come. And, not to worry, I will have a more traditional family vacation at the end.

During this time, please contact Aaron Chusid or the office for any urgent matters – they will always be able to reach me. In addition, Rabbah Arlene Berger and Rabbi David Abramson, both known to many members of our community, will be available in case of an emergency that requires a rabbi to be in person. For non-urgent matters, I will respond to e-mails or calls upon return.

Even as I eagerly anticipate my time away, I also look forward to the year ahead and the work that lies in front of us. This coming year is an extremely important one for TI as we make consequential decisions impacting the future of our community. I suspect this process, along with the regular challenges we face, will require our full energy bank. This is why I am so grateful to the congregation for providing me with this opportunity to restore and rebuild my own resources. I anticipate returning at full strength, ready to help guide us through the days and months, the joys and the challenges that lie ahead.

I pray these coming months will bring you health and joy, and I pray our world will become a less anxiety-inducing, more stable and more peaceful place.

## New Board to Assume Roles

New and reelected officers and five board members will be installed during *Shabbat* services on Aug. 23. Most were elected Feb. 2 to serve two-year terms running until June 30, 2027.

Those being sworn in to leadership posts are Beth Smith and Sally Kram, co-presidents; Keith Brooks, vice president for administration; Roni Silverstein, vice president for education; Rachel Laveer, vice president for programming; Janaki Kuruppu, recording secretary; Barry Lipsy, treasurer; and Ira Benzion, financial secretary.

The five board members are Deb Amchin, Felicia Black, Mark Diamond, Paul Kutner and Spencer Lane.



# Record Participation and Revenue Mark Our Farewell to Our Beloved Cantor

BY MARY WAGNER, CANTOR CELEBRATION CO-CHAIR

Tikvat Israel Congregation commemorated Cantor Rochelle Helzner's transition to cantor emeritus with two special events in May.

We celebrated the cantor and her 41 years of service at a gala concert at the Robert E. Parilla Performing Arts Center in Rockville, featuring Joey Weisenberg and the Rising Song Ensemble. The cantor is a long-time fan of this music and has brought many of Weisenberg's *niggunim* to the religious services she led at TI.

The annual cantor's concert is TI's largest fundraiser of every year, and this concert was no exception. The committee raised significantly more than its goal, bringing in a gross of more than \$200,000. This amount is believed to be the largest total raised at a single TI-affiliated event.

The Parilla Center was the perfect venue for the concert, with room for over 500. More than 95 percent of the seats were sold. Those attending the show had ample opportunities to sing along with the musicians.

The Rising Song Ensemble included five vocalists, some of whom also played instruments, such as guitar, violin, trombone and percussion. The voices blended well and were enhanced by the instruments. Many audience members commented afterward that they couldn't believe the versatility of the drummer, who also played bass simultaneously with the drums.

Audience participation is a hallmark of Weisenberg's performances, which was fun for all. Cantor Helzner sang with the band during "Halleluyah" on stage, which delighted the audience.

Many members of Cantor Helzner's family were in attendance, including her two children, her granddaughter, her father and her in-laws. This made the event even more special for the cantor and

the entire audience.

The concert was a complicated project, which required more than 55 volunteers to coordinate over the better part of a year. Synagogue members and Cantor Helzner fans took on roles large and small, from a fundraising committee, chaired by Aaron Mannes, to a publicity committee, chaired by Melissa Apter. Ushers for the event were coordinated by Jeff and Elyse Bernstein, and Rena Strauss assisted by being the primary liaison with Joey Weisenberg and the ensemble. Nancy Goldberg oversaw the creation of the beautiful program booklet, which was designed by Vivian Liebenzon.

Jason Schwartz chaired the committee to create a good-natured roast of the cantor and sponsors' reception for major donors, which took place on May 29 at the synagogue. The overall chairs for the event were Jeff Smith and Mary Wagner.

On May 29, major donors were treated to an evening of fun with Cantor Helzner and friends. There was a roast, written by Fred Wagner, while Cantor Helzner sang two songs, accompanied by her sister Robyn and congregant Dan Black. Then all were treated to a fabulous reception where they could congratulate the cantor while enjoying tasty food prepared by congregants Roz Kram and Larry Gorban, with the help of many others.

These events are a farewell but not a goodbye to Cantor Helzner. She will continue to be a presence in Tikvat Israel life through planned events, including *Kabbalat Shabbat* with Instruments throughout 2025-26 and other musical programming.

She will be honored with an artistic glass sculpture created by congregant Tamah Graber, which will be installed later this year in the front garden, commemorating her 41 years of service to the congregation.

## Weisenberg Reflects on His Concert Experience

*Tikvat Israel Bulletin* asked musician Joey Weisenberg to share his reactions about the special Tikvat Israel concert on May 18:

"It was such a pleasure to perform in honor of Cantor Helzner. The event was magical. I loved the sound of everyone singing together, and it was fun to get to perform with the wonderful musicians and to have Cantor Helzner join us for a lovely 'Halleluyah!'

"I also loved the energy and buzz for the event that was created by the team of event volunteers. So much good positivity — it made me smile.

"I'd gladly visit the Rockville community again sometime down the line, and in the meanwhile, I'll look forward to meeting some of the participants online in my world of Jewish song and prayer (see [joeyweisenberg.com](http://joeyweisenberg.com)). Let's keep building Jewish musical community together. Thanks everyone!"



Lead singer Joey Weisenberg performing at the cantor tribute concert May 18 in Rockville. (Photo by Larry M. Levine)

## Scenes from a Tribute Concert

These images, by photographer Larry M. Levine, capture “A Time to Sing,” the tribute concert in honor of Cantor Rochelle Helzner on May 18 at Montgomery College in Rockville. Joey Weisenberg and the Rising Song Ensemble provided the musical entertainment in front of a sold-out auditorium. The event served as one of the largest fund-raising events in the synagogue’s history.





## Scenes from a Roast and a Reception

Those who made major donations to the cantor's tribute concert participated in a good-natured roast of Cantor Helzner's distinctive mannerisms and operating style on the *bimah* plus a tasty reception in her honor May 29. The event was called the Encore Celebration.  
(Photos by Larry M. Levine)



## CANTOR'S CORNER

### Cantor Shares Gratitude with Us All

BY CANTOR EMERITUS ROCHELLE HELZNER



*Rochelle Helzner, now cantor emeritus at TI, shared these excerpts from her formal remarks delivered at the Encore Celebration on May 29 in the sanctuary.*

"My heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped to organize and who participated in both the 'Time to Sing' concert and the Encore Celebration. Tremendous appreciation to co-chairs, Jeff Smith and Mary Wagner, for devoting much time and skill toward making these programs memorable for me and for the community.

"I have to admit, there are a few things that I will NOT miss upon retiring from Tikvat Israel. For example, I won't worry if the *b'nai mitzvah's* kiddush cup contains wine instead of grape juice. I won't stress about the microphones. I will cease to wonder if the ark openers will ever close it, and I won't have to come up with a new and creative *Purim* costume every year! (Well, I may miss that.)

"On the other hand, there are many more things that I *will* miss, like accompanying your families through life-cycle events, celebrating meaningful and joyful holidays together, creating new opportunities for growth and connection, introducing new melodies to enhance our liturgy, working with an amazing staff, and partnering with Rabbi Israel, who has been my finest collaborator.

"For me, music is the conduit through which we access our deepest longings and express our greatest thanks. Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, *z"l*, said, 'Music speaks to something deeper than the mind. If we are to make *Torah* new in every generation, we have to find ways of singing its song a new way. The words never change, but the music does. ... Music is the language of the soul.'

"The celebration events have allowed me to look back over my many years of service and take pride in the spiritual community that I was fortunate to help build. My life has been enriched, enlivened and enhanced by the generosity, love and devotion that you have offered me throughout the years. I have been blessed to work with a community that has nurtured and celebrated my unique talents, enabling us to create an exceptional community, all within the framework of the Conservative Jewish tradition.

"This congregation is in excellent hands with Rabbi Israel. He will help to guide future generations here at *shul*, and in the wider community. I look forward to watching Tikvat Israel grow and prosper, incorporating new and meaningful ways to pray, study and care for one another."

## Cantor Transition Team Seeks Input at Two Coming Events

BY ELISSA SCHWARTZ

The Transition Visioning Team has begun its important work guiding our congregation after Cantor Rochelle Helzner's transition to emeritus status effective July 1. We've met twice as a team and are actively engaging key stakeholders at Tikvat Israel in thoughtful conversations to better understand both the legacy of the cantor's role and the possibilities for our future.

You can add your voice to the transition process at two upcoming TI events. During *Shabbat* on July 12, join an informal post-*kiddush* discussion in the social hall. On Aug. 8, a Friday evening *Shabbat* dinner will be the venue for a deeper dive into envisioning the future of the cantorial role.

These conversations are helping us assess our current needs, clarify our values and begin envisioning potential paths forward. We remain committed to transparency, inclusivity and honoring the cantor's legacy throughout this process.

If you have questions, please reach out to Elissa (Lis) Schwartz at [elissa.tikvatisrael@gmail.com](mailto:elissa.tikvatisrael@gmail.com) or 240-401-7925.

## Shul to Host Weekday Bar Mitzvah Sept. 1

Michael Girshik will be the first *bar mitzvah* of the year at Tikvat Israel when he is called to the *Torah* during morning *minyan* on Monday, Sept. 1.

**Family:** Parents are Svetlana Rabinovich and Stanley Girshik. He has two sisters, Rebecca and Anna.

**School:** Michael is starting 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Julius West Middle School in Rockville this fall.

**Personal interests:** Michael plays chess competitively. He recently earned his first U.S. Chess Federation norm and is working toward his first official title.

**Family members attending:** Grandparents Eugene and Irina Rabinovich and Tatyana and Edward Girshik; aunt and uncle Julia and Meir Lazar and their four children.

A reception will follow the morning service.





## CO-PRESIDENTS' CORNER

# Our Roadmap to the Future: Where Are We?

BY BETH SMITH, TIKVAT ISRAEL CO-PRESIDENT



Beth Smith

In June 2022, when we adopted our current strategic plan, we were just coming out of the worst of the pandemic. We were dealing with a lot of unknowns, but one thing was certain. We had to make changes and adopt this plan to secure our future.

In the first year we accomplished a lot. We updated communication methods, introduced leadership workshops, increased programming for young families, added events for Jewish life and holiday experiences, improved transparency for finances and policies, and added new accessibility measures.

To highlight just a few of the actions we took in Year 1:

- our new website improved communications and showed our support for a diverse community;
- we welcomed new board members after increasing transparency of roles, and utilized USCJ resources to hold a one-day leadership retreat;
- we added Young Family *Shabbat* Dinners and built *Netivot* to include more young families;
- we strengthened our community with quarterly *Shabbat* dinners and more robust *kiddushes*;
- we developed new rental policies to cover security needs and staff support, which assisted our search for new sources of non-dues revenue;
- we established clear guidelines for interfaith families;
- we updated membership forms to be technology-friendly and easily understood by younger generations;
- we added a new sound system in the sanctuary to improve accessibility; and
- we began using name tags to improve community-building.

In addition, the Capital Campaign successfully raised funds to pay for much-needed repairs.

The second year continued all the work of the first, but the most significant accomplishment was the extensive work done to implement the voluntary pledge model, adopted at the June 2023 congregational meeting. Transparency, Inclusiveness, and Professionalism became the guiding pillars for the Board.

We entered the third year of our strategic plan with an amazing response to our voluntary pledge model, bringing in significantly more funds than we had previously with dues. Because we made entry to congregational life financially accessible to younger members, we attracted 24 new households, more than double our increases in past years, including an increasing number of families

with young children. For us, one of the most startling occurrences happened at a *kiddush* in the early spring when we realized that we had to buy highchairs. What a wonderful surprise!

During this third year of the strategic plan, we have increased our work towards making Jewish life accessible and meaningful for all parts of our community. Work has begun to develop assistive materials for less traditionally knowledgeable members and their families to experience services. We have introduced new opportunities for Jewish spirituality and supported or added non-prayer-focused holiday celebrations. Through SEA Change, we've made connections with community organizations on activities and initiatives that are meaningful, aligned with Jewish values, and accessible for congregants. And we've been able to provide a variety of tasty and interesting foods at both sponsored and unsponsored *kiddushes*.

But among all of these wonderful accomplishments, we have been dealing with one particular challenge. Although our strategic plan clearly outlines how volunteers are to plan and execute projects and events, there has been resistance to one change in particular—filling out forms. While this isn't as much fun as preparing meals at a shelter or planning an event to honor a member of our community, it IS necessary if we are going to secure the future of our community. Help with the forms is available if needed! Planning for the future requires that we be mindful of costs with predetermined budgets and keep complete records, so we don't have to reinvent the wheel when new volunteers take over.

As we prepare to enter the fourth year on our Road to the Future, let's continue to work together to make Tikvat Israel, our *kehillah*, a stronger forward-thinking community ready to Engage, Embrace, Inspire, and Empower our Jewish Community.

## Mazel Tov

... to **Christa Maiorano and Drew Grossman** on the naming of their daughter Yanna Maiorano Grossman

... to **Debby Berlyne and Danny Bachman** on the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Miriam to David Nelson

... to **Rebecca Salon and Jay P. Goldman** on the upcoming marriage of their son Seth to Haley Beekman

... to **Arlene Gardsbane** on the graduation of her daughter Miriam Hana Gardsbane from The Ohio State University, magna cum laude in medical anthropology

... to ECC Deputy Director **Marcie Nadler** on the qualification of her daughter Gabrielle to compete as a gymnast for Team USA in the 2025 Maccabiah Games



# We Were Immigrants, Too

BY JUDI FLEITMAN, TIKVAT ISRAEL SEA CHANGE



*Leviticus 19:33-34 states: "The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as one of your citizens; you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."*

As American Jews, most of us inherited a family legacy of the immigrant or refugee experience. Our history is one of countless chapters of resettlement after expulsion, oppression, hardship and intolerance that led our ancestors to seek new lands.

Today, as before, those who have fled the perils of their homelands look to America as their hope for safe haven. But the current inhumanity and unprecedented escalation in deportation of immigrants and refugees since Trump took office (over 65,000 reported by early June) leave us outraged, overwhelmed and feeling inadequate to protect neighbors who are a vital part of our community. There has never been a more urgent need for us to speak up, speak out and ally with the vulnerable.

TI's SEA Change (Study, Engage, Act, Change) group links TI members with opportunities to transform our concerns into action to make change. Through our community partners, you can:

- Participate in "Know Your Rights" canvasses (speaking a second language can be helpful, but not required);
- Train to accompany migrants to ICE/ISAP check-ins and court hearings through the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, District Action Network and Congregation Action Network;
- Complete "Know Your Rights" and Immigration Enforcement Bystander Training (run by CASA) in-person or online;
- Find opportunities for attorneys (immigration law experience not required) to assist with immigration proceedings through CASA and to volunteer as mentors and language partners through HIAS; and
- Join Jews United for Justice Montgomery County Racial Equity and Policing Team meetings (including local immigration issues), usually held on the second Tuesday of the month, online at 7 p.m. ET.

If you are interested in these opportunities to work on protecting our immigrant neighbors, contact Judi Fleitman at [yehuditfleit@gmail.com](mailto:yehuditfleit@gmail.com).

More information on other TI SEA Change opportunities: [www.tikvatisrael.org/get-involved/sea-change](http://www.tikvatisrael.org/get-involved/sea-change).

Subscribe to TI's SEA Change updates by contacting Bob Silverstein at [r\\_silverstein@msn.com](mailto:r_silverstein@msn.com).

## Revived Men's Club Seeks Expanded Programming

Following its well-attended relaunch program in June, the TI Men's Club hopes to stage numerous events and meetings during the coming year.

More than 50 individuals attended a moderated discussion between former U.S. ambassador to Israel Daniel Shapiro and Rabbi Marc Israel at a social hall brunch on June 8. Shapiro shared informed insights on an array of topics, including the state of Israeli-U.S. relations.



**Daniel Shapiro (right), former U.S. ambassador to Israel, joined Tikvat Israel Rabbi Marc Israel at a moderated discussion on U.S.-Israeli relations and other topics June 8, organized by the synagogue's newly relaunched Men's Club. (Photo by Jay P. Goldman)**



**Congregants sought some individual attention from Dan Shapiro during his visit to Tikvat Israel's Men's Club. (Photo by Jay P. Goldman)**

The revived Men's Club organizing committee consists of Phil Mandel, Joe Miller, Robert Amchin, Bob Balin and Shep Roey. They hope to schedule speakers at the synagogue and informal gatherings at restaurants, local parks, sports events and homes to nurture friendships and camaraderie during the fall and beyond.

Anyone interested in assisting in the rebirth of the TI Men's Club after a 28-year hiatus should contact Mandel at [Phil.mandel@gmail.com](mailto:Phil.mandel@gmail.com) or Roey at [sheproey@gmail.com](mailto:sheproey@gmail.com).

## WOMEN'S NETWORK

# Counting our Blessings and Looking Ahead

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

Women's Network had another successful program year and is now planning for next year with a brainstorming session having taken place in mid-June at the synagogue. Members submitted book preferences for next year's series of group discussions.

In keeping with our tradition, we will produce bookmarks with a printed list of the books chosen for discussion in 2025-26, as well as information on other Women's Network events. The bookmarks will be available for the High Holidays.

A Women's League Leadership Institute event will take place on July 27-29 at Oheb Shalom Congregation in South Orange, N.J. A series of workshops will expand participants' skills and knowledge as leaders and strengthen their connection to the Women's League of Conservative Judaism. The registration link is [www.wlcj.org/events/wl-leadership-institute-in-new-jersey](http://www.wlcj.org/events/wl-leadership-institute-in-new-jersey), and the deadline is July 6.

On Sunday, Aug. 17, we are looking forward to our annual outing to a Washington Nationals baseball game. The 11:35 a.m. game is against the Philadelphia Phillies. We hope for a good turnout from not only our Women's Network members but TI congregants at large. Thank you to Rebecca Salon for organizing the trip to a Nats game every summer.

Recent Women's Network events included a terrific final book group meeting in person on June 8 when we discussed *Lillyville: Mother, Daughter and Other Roles I've Played* by Tovah Feldshuh. Our discussion leader was Madeleine Barris with Rebecca Salon assisting. The book is a heartwarming, insightful and funny memoir from a beloved actress, which tells the story of a mother and daughter and reflects American cultural changes and the world's shifting expectations of women.



Rebecca Salon (left) and Marsha Lyons display the book discussed by Women's Network members in person at the Flax Library on June 8.



Those attending the Women's Network outing to Planet Word in Washington, D.C., were (from left) Janeane Marks, Susan Apter, Brenda Brooks, Sandra Sheshkin, Ellen Eisner, Ziva Schuchman, Jerry Schuchman and Fortuna Scheige.

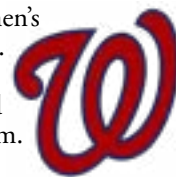
In May, we held two events – a WLCJ Seaboard Region retreat on May 4 at the Pearlstone Center in Reistertown, Md., and a May 22 visit to the Planet Word Museum in Washington, D.C. The Pearlstone retreat event had a sustainability focus and included a farm animal tour, felting of wool collected from their sheep, pickle-making and *hitbodedut* (a guided forest meditation in the Jewish tradition) among the activities. It gave us a great opportunity to connect with other women in the WLCJ Seaboard Region.

At Planet Word, we enjoyed the interactive exhibits, which bring words and language to life. Afterwards we shared a delicious lunch at the Immigrant Food restaurant, which is conveniently located in the museum building. We thank Ellen Eisner for organizing this museum trip and lunch.

On behalf of Susan Apter and myself, we wish you a fun and relaxing summer and thank our members for their participation, volunteering and donations.

### LAST CHANCE FOR NATS TICKETS

Only a few days remain to join the Women's Network's annual outing to the ballpark. Tickets remain for the Sunday, August 17, game between the Washington Nationals and Philadelphia Phillies. Game time is 11:35 a.m. (an unusual early start).



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](mailto:rsalon@verizon.net). The deadline for placing orders is July 8, with payment due before the game date. Unsold tickets must be returned to the Nationals.





## Musical Treasure

As a member of TI, I was very impressed with the Cantor's Concert. I was impressed with the musical group that got us all up and moving around to their music. They got us all involved in the music celebration. I enjoyed seeing Cantor Helzner and her family join on the stage.

Cantor Helzner is truly a special member of our community, and she has brought so much warmth to all of us. Wishing all good things to come to her and her family.

I hope she comes to visit us and joins us at various events.

*Mimi Meltzer*

## Feeling Supported

I would like to thank those who supported me upon the loss of my sister, Sondra Diamond. Whether coming to a *minyán* or giving me a warm hug, both helped me feel that you were there for me. In addition, the meal of consolation was truly appreciated.

*Harold Diamond*

## Congregational Condolences

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

... to congregant **Joshua Pollack** on the loss of his father Jonathan Pollack, grandfather of Aviva and Elijah Pollack, on May 31 (4 *Sivan* 5785).

... to congregant **Ellen Sweet** on the loss of her mother Mina Blumberg Sweet on May 22 (24 *Iyyar* 5785).

... to congregant **Elaine Krichevsky** on the loss of her husband Micah Krichevsky, also brother-in-law of member Harriet Armoza, on May 18 (20 *Iyyar* 5785).

... to family and friends of congregant Shirley Bogage, who died on May 13 (15 *Iyyar* 5785).

... to congregant **Carol Chelemer** on the loss of her partner Mark Eisenstadt on April 25 (27 *Nisan* 5785).

... to congregant **Harold Diamond** on the loss of his sister Sondra "Sookie" Diamond, also aunt of Elyssa Diamond, on April 22 (24 *Nisan* 5785).

## ROCKVILLE WELL CIRCLE SETS NEXT DATES

The Rockville Well Circle, which typically meets at congregant Janaki Kuruppu's home in Rockville, will meet on the following Sundays: *Av*, July 20; *Elul*, Aug. 24; *Cheshvan*, Oct. 19; *Kislev*, Nov. 16; and *Tevet*, Dec. 21. Sessions run 4-5:30 p.m.

The Well Circle, open to women and non-binary individuals, gathers on or near *Rosh Chodesh* of every month (except *Tishrei*, when there is too much going on). If you would like more information, contact jkuruppu@gmail.com. Accessibility is a plus, but not necessarily a requirement (depending on whether any member who requires accessibility plans to attend).

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## Advance Purchase of a Burial Plot Benefits Your Synagogue

BY IRA BENZION, TIKVAT ISRAEL FINANCIAL SECRETARY

One reason people join synagogues is for the support and comfort offered when a loved one dies. Tikvat Israel has a strong history of helping members and their families at a time of loss.

One way we help is by buying burial plots at discounted prices at two cemeteries and then by selling those plots to congregants at prices below market rates. At Judean Memorial Gardens in Olney, we currently have five plots available for sale in the TI section, and at Garden of Remembrance in Clarksburg, we have 14 plots available for sale in the TI section.

Until Aug. 31, we are offering our current inventory of plots at either cemetery for \$2,450 each, which is a significant discount compared to an individual contracting directly with either cemetery. This price has not changed for several years. Effective Sept. 1, these prices will increase by \$500 with plots at both cemeteries costing \$2,950.

Here are a few reasons to consider buying a burial plot now:

- **Saves money for families.** Costs increase over time due to inflation. By buying now, you can lock in the costs.
- **Less burden for surviving family members.** When pre-planning, a person can outline her or his preferences, leaving little to no guesswork for family members. In addition, when mourning, one of the last things the mourners want to deal with is the cemetery and selecting and paying for the burial plot.
- **Personalize a final resting place.** Just like selecting a dream home, pre-need planning allows customers to select their dream resting place—near or under a tree, beside their beloved spouse or near cherished friends or relatives.
- **Provides cash for the synagogue.** TI purchased these burial plots as a service to its members and already has paid for them. When you buy one of these burial plots from TI, you help us recoup our investment.

## ANOTHER GENEROUS BLOOD DRIVE



Volunteer Keith Brooks assisted at the TI blood drive on June 11.

The Red Cross collected 24 units of blood at the Tikvat Israel blood drive on June 11 in the social hall. Approximately 40 percent of donors were affiliated with TI, according to Robbi Cohen.

Tikvat Israel blood drive coordinator Cohen issued thanks to TI staff members Aaron Chusid, Nadia Palacios and Iber Gonzalez and check-in table volunteers Edna Breit, Keith Brooks and Jonathan Solomon.

The next Tikvat Israel blood drive is set for Sept. 3.

# Books About Famous Jewish Americans in TI's Flax Library

BY JANICE ROSENBERG, LIBRARY COMMITTEE CHAIR

Jewish Americans have achieved significant recognition and influence across various fields, such as science, arts, politics and sports. They have made notable contributions to our country's history while leaving a lasting impact on the world.

Read about Jewish Americans who have helped shape our country and culture in the following books available at the Flax Library:

- *All Rivers Run to the Sea: Memoirs* by Elie Wiesel. The deeply personal second volume of Wiesel's historic memoir.
- *Einstein: His Life and Universe* by Walter Isaacson. Based on personal letters of Einstein, who was a pioneer of modern physics.
- *Great Jewish Men* by Elinor Slater and Robert Slater. Profiles of 150 Jewish men drawn from literature, sports, performing arts, science, politics and business.
- *Great Jewish Women* by Elinor Slater and Robert Slater. Profiles of more than 100 Jewish women who have greatly impacted their respective fields.
- *Master of Dreams: A Memoir of Isaac Bashevis Singer* by Dvorah Telushkin. A poignant view of the life and work of the brilliant but troubled Nobel laureate.
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- *Stars of David: Prominent Jews Talk About Being Jewish* by Abigail Pogrebin. Sixty-two of the most accomplished Jews in America speak about being Jewish.

## How to Borrow



**You can borrow titles about notable Jewish Americans from TI's Flax Library. (Photo by Janice Rosenberg)**

Search the library's online catalog to reserve books in the collection. Open TI's website and under "Study," click on "Flax Library Catalog." You also can borrow a book from TI's library or pop-up library by sending an e-mail to [TikvatIsraelLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:TikvatIsraelLibrary@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 in TI's lobby.

## Weed Warriors Clean TI Property



A crew of TI volunteers cleaned up the area next to the front playground on April 17 by removing vines, branches and other items from the grounds. Thanks to the following people who helped do the work to make the TI grounds look better: Rodney Matheson, Sam Gilston, Susan Meiselman, Dave Meiselman and organizer Alan Apter.

## Mitzvot Collectors Compete in BINGOmer Contest

Congregants took part in BINGOmer, a first-time activity to recognize the *Omer* period — the 49 days from the end of *Pesach* to the start of *Shavuot*. It's the historical period when the Jewish people received the *Torah*.

BINGOmer, formatted as a bingo card, invited participants to fill in squares as *mitzvot* were performed from the BINGOmer list. The *mitzvot* were organized by three pillars of Judaism: worship (*Avodah*), learning (*Talmud Torah*) and action (*G'milut Hasidim*).

A gift basket was presented to Rob Amchin whose BINGOmer card marked 46 boxes. All game players could complete up to 16 bingos (rows, columns, diagonals) over the *Omer* period. Each participant received a ribbon of completion to fasten onto to the permanent TI nametag.

The team creating BINGOmer consisted of Deb Amchin, Rob Amchin, Susan Apter, Rabbi Marc Israel, Richard Lederman and Roni Silverstein, while Carol Chelemer served as contest coordinator.





## EDUCATION AND YOUTH

# Members Sought for New Education Committee

BY RONI SILVERSTEIN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION



We are excited to announce the formation of an Education Committee, which will meet monthly on Zoom. We hope the committee will be a great sounding board and support for all the education programs at Tikvat Israel.

The committee met for the first time on June 1, with members sharing many great ideas.

The Education Committee members strongly endorsed the formation of a Junior Congregation *Shabbat* service for children in elementary school (ages 5-10). The service could be held monthly. We are looking for volunteers who would enjoy this experience and feel comfortable leading young people in the *Shabbat* service. If interested in leading the Junior Congregation or in joining the Education Committee, contact [roni.silverstein@gmail.com](mailto:roni.silverstein@gmail.com).

### Netivot

Hebrew School registration for students in kindergarten through 3rd grade is open on our website. Classes will be held on Sundays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. For more information, call the TI office or contact [roni.silverstein@gmail.com](mailto:roni.silverstein@gmail.com).

Rabbi Marc Israel and Roni Silverstein held a second Open House on June 1 for parents interested in learning more about our

Hebrew School program. The students celebrated *Shavuot* with an ice cream party, a story and paper cutting.

Throughout the school year, students learn about the holidays, the Hebrew alphabet and Jewish values through art, music, stories, discussions, Jewish symbols, artifacts and food. Thank you for a fabulous year to our two Hebrew School teachers, Limor Dahan and Gale Pressman.

### ECC News

Our Broadman-Kaplan ECC has been bustling with activity. Registration for the 2025-26 school year began in February and is in full swing. Register for the fall as soon as possible to ensure a space in our state-recognized early childhood program.

There are limited spaces still available in the pre-K room for summer. All other classes for summer are full. The theme this summer is "Zoo Much Fun!"

The ECC Family Network is looking for new parent leaders for next year. If you are interested in planning the Young Family *Shabbat* Dinners, contact Debbie Ungar, ECC director.

### TI Teens

This spring, the TI teens, working with Luke Jessup, owner of Father Nature Restorative Landscaping, completed the first two parts of our Conservation Rainwater Project: the development and design of a garden which will enhance the property with native plants, encourage pollinator birds and wildlife, and stop rainwater runoff into the parking lot.

The teens chose plants for our new garden and used computer programs to design the garden site. We received a \$1,000 grant from USY for the planning stage of the project.

In addition, Jessup successfully applied for a Rainscapes grant to help defray the cost of the plants, soil and supplies. But because the funds are not sufficient for the entire project, we are seeking additional grants from USY and other conservation organizations. The garden will be situated along the exit road opposite the playground, and will hopefully be installed in the fall.

Our Tikvat Teens and Tweens group also had a rock-climbing event on May 18, at Sportrock in Gaithersburg's Rio; thanks to parent Shira Lantner for planning the event. In addition to climbing and bouldering, the nine participants played card games. It was a fun way to meet new people and make connections.



Participants in the rock climbing were Avi Rabinovitch, Michael Girshik, Esme Neuman, Benjamin Barnett, Remy Barnett, Joel Barnett, Jonathan Lantner, Eleanor Lantner and Reuben Lantner.



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# BROADMAN-KAPLAN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

## Summer Fun Coming to the ECC

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



The past few months have been exciting at the ECC. Families were invited to an outdoor event in celebration of *Yom Haatzmaut*. The children paraded with flags and wore festive blue and white hats they had created. Our Israeli Dance teacher Sharon Gelboin Katz led us in dances. It was wonderful to celebrate together as a community.

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

In honor of *Shavuot*, we had a special *Shabbat Sing* with Auntie A, where Rabbi Israel presented the story of how the Jewish people accepted the *Torah* on *Har Sinai*. The children also had the opportunity to kiss the *Torah*. The classes prepared different dairy snacks in honor of the holiday. This was a meaningful and educational experience for everyone.

The theme this summer is "Zoo Much Fun." The ECC is studying animals and their habitats. Each week we have selected a special book highlighting different animals discussed. The children will also have an animal-themed snack each Tuesday.

On hot summer days, the children love to cool off with water play outside. They enjoy exploring sprinklers and water tables. In addition, during the summer, we enjoy "Wondrous Wednesdays." This includes in-house field trips and spirit days. We also use the natural resources of Rock Creek Park and the local area for nature walks and exploration. We will continue our tradition of gathering together on Fridays to get in the mood for *Shabbat* with *Shabbat Sing* with Auntie A.

Registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year. We have limited spaces available.

Please contact the ECC office at 301-251-0455, or email Debbie Ungar at [debbie@tikvatisrael.org](mailto:debbie@tikvatisrael.org) if you would like more information or to schedule a tour.



ECC students enjoy outdoor dancing on *Yom Haatzmaut*.

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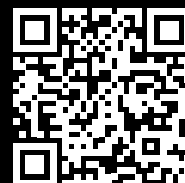
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In appreciation of Elliot Cowan and Jason Schwartz, for their expertise and dedication, and for covering for me on May 10, when I failed to prepare my two *Torah* portions. They are a model and inspiration to us all! by Janaki Kuruppu

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# Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose *Yahrzeits* Occur From from 5 *Tammuz* - 6 *Av* — July 2025

**JULY 1**

**5 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 2**

**6 TAMMUZ**

Harry Belson  
Ruth K. Davis  
Marvin Hammerman

**JULY 3**

**7 TAMMUZ**

Yetta Oppenheim  
Murray Susswein  
Minnie Waxman

**JULY 4**

**8 TAMMUZ**

Dora Amchin  
Esther Goldberg  
Vicki Isler  
Evelyn Lidoff  
Ludwig Regensteiner  
Sidney Starr

**JULY 5**

**9 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 6**

**10 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 7**

**11 TAMMUZ**

Margot Casper  
Beatrice Davis  
Philip Fabel  
Benjamin Reinhardt  
Matthew Soldano  
Rudolph Volin

**JULY 8**

**12 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 9**

**13 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 10**

**14 TAMMUZ**

Erta D. Kessler  
Harry Levin  
Thelma Sbar  
Rose Schwartz  
Solomon Senzer  
David Sommer  
Solomon Stutz

**JULY 11**

**15 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 12**

**16 TAMMUZ**

Devera Danovitz  
Hyman Edlowitz  
Anna E. Feinmark  
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Sarah Tempchin  
Richard Volin

**JULY 13**

**17 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 14**

**18 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 15**

**19 TAMMUZ**

Tillie Cooper  
Louis Deckelbaum  
Leo Derene  
Herbert Gold  
William Hirsch  
Bernard Kaplan  
Beatrice Nathanson  
Carol Peck  
Susan E. Reich

**JULY 16**

**20 TAMMUZ**

Harry Freedenberg  
Esther Solomon  
Michael Weiss

**JULY 17**

**21 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 18**

**22 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 19**

**23 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 20**

**24 TAMMUZ**

Bessie Cohen  
Ben Zion Mauda  
Manfred Scheige  
Fannie Simball  
Simon Strassman

**JULY 21**

**25 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 22**

**26 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 23**

**27 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 24**

**28 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 25**

**29 TAMMUZ**

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

**JULY 26**

**1 AV**

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

**JULY 27**

**2 AV**

Rose Gordon  
Ruth Kaiz  
Louis Simball  
Sidney Stolzenberg

**JULY 28**

**3 AV**

Anna Bernstein  
Abigail Lefkowitz  
Ralph A. Robinson

**JULY 29**

**4 AV**

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

**JULY 30**

**5 AV**

Jinky Barnett  
Milford Hillerson  
Edith Meyers  
Dorothy Pearl

**JULY 31**

**6 AV**

Charles Chidakel  
Edith Kaplan  
Marvin Laubgross  
David Lederman



# Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose *Yahrzeits* Occur From 7 Av - 7 Elul — August 2025

## AUGUST 1 7 AV

Jonathan Dorfman  
Stan Labovich  
Jerome Pasternak

## AUGUST 2 8 AV

Joseph Samuel Brudner  
Harry Greene  
Jennie Mazaroff  
Anita Perlmutter  
Eugene Perry

## AUGUST 3 9 AV

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

## AUGUST 4 10 AV

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

## AUGUST 5 11 AV

Fanny Feigin  
Ruth Freed  
Bertha Alice Kaplan  
Jerome Livingston

## AUGUST 6 12 AV

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

## AUGUST 7 13 AV

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

## AUGUST 8 14 AV

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

## AUGUST 9 15 AV

Victor Battino  
Israel Levin  
Neftali Pazo Pazo

## AUGUST 10 16 AV

Rose Cohen  
Etta Schneider  
Mordko Smolar  
Belle Wagman

## AUGUST 11 17 AV

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

## AUGUST 12 18 AV

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

## AUGUST 13 19 AV

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

## AUGUST 14 20 AV

Abram Berlin  
Irving Gedanken  
Jack Kornhauser  
Abraham Sterman

## AUGUST 15 21 AV

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

## AUGUST 16 22 AV

Naomi Kaplan

## AUGUST 17 23 AV

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

## AUGUST 18 24 AV

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

## AUGUST 19 25 AV

Rudy Fischer  
Rose Lesser  
Tillie Nisenson  
Alfred Steiner

## AUGUST 20 26 AV

Melville Ehrlich  
Rebecca Feldman  
Marian Kaiser

## AUGUST 21 27 AV

Hilda Shulman

## AUGUST 22 28 AV

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

## AUGUST 23 29 AV

Rose Blonder  
Yetta Cohen  
Max Feingold  
Rachel Pachenker  
Rabbi Leivy Smolar

## AUGUST 24 30 AV

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

## AUGUST 25 1 ELUL

Isadore "Larry" Goldberg  
Philip Goldsmith  
Hans Joseph  
Irving Kabik  
Max Katz  
Julia Notovitz  
Pearl Plesset  
William Rosenfeld  
Ellen Siegel  
William Stein  
Esther Stolzenberg  
Harry Vinokur  
Helen Wexler

## AUGUST 26 2 ELUL

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

## AUGUST 27 3 ELUL

Batya Band  
Pesach Band  
David Lipofsky  
Max Sommer  
Charles Teller

## AUGUST 28 4 ELUL

Conrad Glaser  
Dorothy Harris  
Ethel Miller

## AUGUST 29 5 ELUL

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

## AUGUST 30 6 ELUL

Albert Bass  
Ronald Black  
Raizia Chigorsky  
Samuel A. Hale  
Joel Hoffman

## AUGUST 31 7 ELUL

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



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# AUGUST 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						
3	9 Av	5	6	7	8	9
9:30 AM Tisha B'Av Shacharit 2:00 PM Tisha B'Av Minchah 7:30 PM Minyan 8:54 PM Fast Ends ☆ Tisha B'Av	10 Av	11 Av	12 Av	13 Av	14 Av	15 Av
	7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	8:00 AM Minyan 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:54 PM Candle Lighting	9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Vaetchanan) 8:54 PM Havdalah ♥ Tu B'Av
10	16 Av	12	13	14	15	16
9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	17 Av	18 Av	19 Av	20 Av	21 Av	22 Av
	7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	8:00 AM Minyan 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:45 PM Candle Lighting **First Day of ECC Summer Program**	9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Elkev) 8:44 PM Havdalah
17	23 Av	19	20	21	22	23
9:00 AM Minyan 11:30 AM WN Baseball Outing Nats vs. Phillies 7:30 PM Minyan	24 Av	25 Av	26 Av	27 Av	28 Av	29 Av
	7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan	8:00 AM Minyan 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:35 PM Candle Lighting	9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Re'eh) 10:00 AM Board Installation 10:30 AM Torah Club 8:34 PM Havdalah
24	30 Av	26	27	28	29	30
9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan Rosh Chodesh Elul	1 Elul	2 Elul	3 Elul	4 Elul	5 Elul	6 Elul
	7:15 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan **ECC Open House Playdate** Rosh Chodesh Elul	8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan **ECC First Day of School**	8:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan **ECC Back to School Night**	8:00 AM Minyan 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:25 PM Candle Lighting	8:00 AM Minyan 6:30 PM Kabbalat Shabbat 7:25 PM Candle Lighting	9:30 AM Preliminary Service 9:45 AM Shabbat Services (Parashat Shoftim) 8:23 PM Havdalah
31	7 Elul					
9:00 AM Minyan 7:30 PM Minyan						

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### Shul Shorts

#### ➤ Collaborative Worship

Tikvat Israel is joining forces with area synagogues on some upcoming religious services.

TI will again host *Tisha B'Av* on Aug. 2-3 with services and *megillah* reading. We will be joined by B'nai Shalom of Olney, Kehilat Shalom, Kol Shalom and Shaare Tefila. Jason Schwartz is TI's point person for planning.

*Selichot*, observed on Sept. 13 at 8:30 p.m., will be hosted by B'nai Shalom of Olney. Rabbi Avi Strausberg from Hadar will be the guest speaker/teacher.

#### ➤ Kabbalat Shabbat's Venue

In an effort to create a more intimate atmosphere and to enhance the *ruach* of the occasion, *Kabbalat Shabbat* services have been meeting in the synagogue lobby on Friday evenings. Livestreaming will continue to be offered for those who are unable to attend in person and wish to join remotely.

#### ➤ Rabbi Sabbatical

Rabbi Marc Israel intends to take the second portion of his sabbatical between July 7 and Aug. 14. He hopes to be in Israel to study at the Hartman Institute during the first two weeks, then he will work at Camp Ramah in New England from July 22 to Aug. 3, returning to the *bimah* in mid-month. (Read more on page 3.)

#### ➤ Prayer Book in Use

The weekday *minyan* at TI has returned to using *Sim Shalom for Weekdays* (the maroon prayerbook) in place of *Siddur Sim Shalom for Shabbat, Festivals and Weekdays* (the blue/gray prayerbook).

You can download a one-page guide from our website with the corresponding page numbers for the weekday *minyan*.

Although a new version of *Siddur Lev Shalem for Weekdays* will be published this fall, Tikvat Israel does not intend to adopt the new *siddur* at this time.