



Acclaimed A Cappella Troop Signed for TI's Spring Concert

Tikvat Israel's annual concert on Sunday, May 31, will feature the nationally known *a cappella* group, Six13. The performance will take place in the auditorium of Richard Montgomery High School in Rockville.

Information about ticketing and sponsorship opportunities will be made public in early 2026. Roni and Bob Silverstein are serving as concert co-chairs.



The six-member Six13 will perform for TI's spring fundraising concert in Rockville.

Six13 is a New York-based all-male Jewish *a cappella* singing group. Formed in 2003, the six-voice group is known for parodying contemporary pop songs by adding Jewish themes and lyrics.

Juxtaposing the traditional and the contemporary, Six13 is anchored by a strong Jewish identity, fueled by soulful harmonies, intricate arrangements and their signature dynamic, full-band-like sound, and driven by a mission to connect Jews around the world with their heritage through music.

According to the band's publicity, Six13 consists of members from varied Jewish denominations and upbringings, creating an entertainment experience that has been universally acclaimed across the globe by Jewish organizations and individuals from equally varied backgrounds and generations. They have performed at the White House and the Kennedy Center. The group is slated to perform at Adas Israel in Washington, D.C., on Sunday, Dec. 14.

The concert, which will serve as the synagogue's major fund-raising activity of FY '26, is being underwritten in part by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.

Four Board Seats in Play at Congregational Meeting

The next congregational meeting at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 25 will include an election involving four seats on the Tikvat Israel Board of Directors.

The incumbents are Debbie Levine, Monica Meyer, Jason Schwartz and Jay P. Goldman.

If you are interested in serving a two-year term on the governing board starting in July, please contact Warren Berger, who as immediate past president chairs the candidate nominations committee. Reach him at warren.berger@gmail.com.

The co-presidents, officers and other board members are midway through terms that do not end for another year.

The January meeting also is expected to include a report by the treasurer on the state of synagogue finances midway through FY '26.

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.

Kabbalat 6:00 p.m.

Shabbat

Shabbat 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 & Yom Tov</i> Date	Candle Lighting	<i>Havdalah</i>
11/7-8	4:42 p.m.	5:42 p.m.
11/14-15	4:36 p.m.	5:36 p.m.
11/21-22	4:32 p.m.	5:32 p.m.
11/28-29	4:29 p.m.	5:29 p.m.

12/5-6	4:27 p.m.	5:28 p.m.
12/12-13	4:28 PM	5:28 p.m.
12/14*	5:09 p.m.	
12/15*	5:10 p.m.	
12/16*	5:10 p.m.	
12/17*	5:10 p.m.	
12/18*	5:11 p.m.	
12/19*	4:30 p.m.	

(light before *Shabbat* candles)

12/19-20	4:30 p.m.	5:31 p.m.
12/20*	5:31 p.m.	
12/21*	5:12 p.m.	
12/26-27	4:34 p.m.	5:35 p.m.

* *Chanukah* Candle Lighting Time

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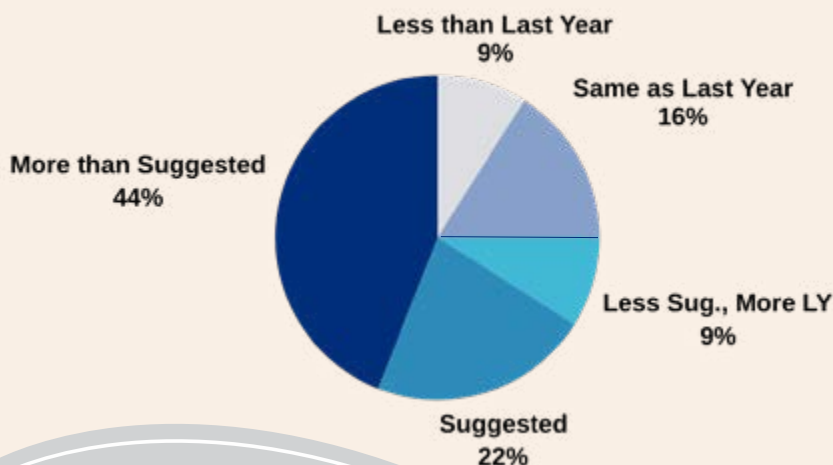
Annual Pledge Commitment Hits Key Mark

The congregation's finances reached an important milestone in mid-October when the amount remaining in unrenewed member pledges exceeded the amount remaining to reach the operating budget's \$675,000 goal, according to Aaron Chusid, executive director.

"That means if each of the 25 remaining households renews their pledge at the same amount as last year, we will reach our goal," Chusid said in a report to the TI board of directors.

"We still have work to do to get there, but that is an excellent predictor of the success of our campaign," he added.

Pledges by Level



Shul Shorts

More Blood Drives

American Red Cross blood drives will take place on the following dates at Tikvat Israel's social hall: **Jan. 13, June 9, and Nov. 10, 2026.**

Robbi Cohen serves as the Tikvat Israel blood drive coordinator.

Prayer Book in Use

The weekday *minyan* at TI now uses *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 with the corresponding page numbers from the weekday *minyan* page on our website.

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.

Open Board Meetings

Meetings of the Tikvat Israel Board of Directors take place on the fourth Tuesdays of most months at 8 p.m. (following evening minyan) via Zoom. Congregants are permitted to join as observers (with the only closed portions relating to personnel or legal discussions). Agendas for meetings, as well as the Zoom links, can be obtained in advance from the synagogue office or recording secretary Janaki Kuruppu.

Who's Leading the Service?

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



Since Cantor Rochelle Helzner became our cantor emeritus and we entered this period of visioning our future, the question of who is leading our services has become a frequent topic of conversation.

Sometimes the question is quite literal: "Please tell me the name of the person who will be leading?" For the Visioning Committee, there is also a more theoretical nature of this question: "What qualities should this person have?"

In American synagogues, there are four terms commonly used for the prayer leader: *Hazzan*, Cantor, Cantorial Soloist and *Shaliach Tzibbur*. Colloquially, they often are used interchangeably, but there are subtle and important distinctions that are helpful to understand as we consider our future.

Hazzan: Synagogue Expert

The title *Hazzan* dates back to *Mishnaic* times (2nd century CE) and referred to the person in charge of the functioning of the synagogue and teaching children. Various references in the Talmud indicate that the *Hazzan* read *Torah*, taught children to read, cared for the *Torah* scrolls and oversaw prayer services (although not necessarily leading them).

By the time of the *Shulchan Arukh* (17th century CE), the title *Hazzan* also could refer to the person leading the service. Today, when we call someone a *Hazzan*, it emphasizes the person's expertise in chanting liturgy with the proper *nusach* (traditional musical mode), their precise knowledge of the various tropes for reading *Torah*, *Haftarah* and the *Megillot*, and their ability to lead the community musically with *kavvanah* (intention).

Shaliach Tzibbur: Communal Messenger

Technically, a *Shaliach Tzibbur* (literally "messenger of the community") is a role, not a title. Whoever is leading the congregation in prayer, regardless of training, is called the *Shaliach Tzibbur* or its acronym, the *shatz*. It is the main term used throughout rabbinic literature for a prayer leader.

While a *Hazzan* or Cantor often functions as a *Shaliach Tzibbur*, anyone who knows the service can be a *shatz*. Prior to the printing press, which made the *siddur* accessible to all, the role of *shatz* as the community messenger was quite literal: The *shatz* recited the prayers and the community responded "amen."

Interestingly, *Rambam* and others emphasized that a pleasant voice and knowledge of the prayers were important, but the essen-

tial qualification was that the *Shaliach Tzibbur* should be a person of strong character, who leads with humility and sincerity.

Cantor: A Professional

Over the years: In the first half of the 20th century, a great Cantor was expected to have an operatic voice and to deliver the service with grand majesty. People often came to services just to hear the Cantor sing, not expecting to sing along.

In the 1970s, the trend began to shift toward melodies and voices that encouraged participation. At the same time, the Cantor is now considered a full member of the clergy team who would officiate at life-cycle rituals and provide pastoral care.

Cantorial Soloist: A Strong Voice

In the latter half of the 20th century, a new category emerged: the Cantorial Soloist. This person is typically a gifted singer who is familiar with the liturgy but without professional schooling. A Soloist role is usually part-time and limited to leading services. This individual generally lacks a deep knowledge of the history of liturgy or the subtle intricacies of *nusach*, but people often appreciate that they sing at a level and use melodies that encourage others to participate.

These descriptions are not exact, but are meant to highlight the emphasis of each approach:

- The **Hazzan**, a trained professional with a focus on preserving the sacred musical tradition.
- The **Shaliach Tzibbur**, a prayer leader who embodies communal humility and spiritual intent.
- The **Cantor**, who brings a professional seminary education and pastoral presence.
- The **Soloist**, who is pleasant and accessible.

Of course, any individual is likely to be a composite of different aspects of these descriptions. Cantor Helzner was unusually gifted in her ability to take the best from each approach and embody it in one person.

It is important to understand these distinctions to determine how we move forward.

Hazzan Elliot Vogel, who presided over our *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* services, as well as Michael Leifman and the leaders we will host over the next several months, were chosen to provide examples of the strengths of each style of leadership. We hope you will provide feedback on each one so we can determine how to best move forward.

Playing the Role of Tolkien's Elves in Our Congregation

BY SALLY KRAM AND BETH SMITH, TIKVAT ISRAEL CO-PRESIDENTS



Beth Smith



Sally Kram

Some of you may have heard this message at the *Kol Nidre* service. For those who did not or who may want a refresher, here is our *Yom Kippur Appeal 2025* (delivered by Sally Kram). It's been edited for clarity and length.

I am pleased to once again present the annual ritual of the *Yom Kippur Appeal*. But I warn you—this is not your parents' *Yom Kippur Appeal*.

As promised when Tikvat Israel launched its new annual pledge model, I will not be asking you for money tonight.

Instead, I want to tell you about one of my favorite authors—J.R.R. Tolkien, author of the *Hobbit* and the *Lord of the Rings*. While Tolkien has a controversial reputation in the Jewish world, I am not here to discuss that aspect of his writing, but rather what I personally took away from his books.

Specifically, I want to talk about the Elves. Tolkien's Elves were created by the gods of his fictional world and given unique magical talents to reform the world of Middle Earth. Elves were a gracious people, gifted with immortality. When they eventually left Middle Earth, for a time any lands the Elves lived in retained their magic. But eventually, even that magic faded away.

We, the Jewish people, are NOT like Tolkien's Elves. We will not fade away or withdraw to leave the world to fend for itself. Instead, we continue the work of *Tikkun Olam* — healing the world. The work starts right here, at Tikvat Israel. Together we can make our small corner of the community — our home shire — more “magical,” continuing this *Kehillat's* vibrancy as a gathering place for prayer, thought and community.

And that is the message of the 2025 *Yom Kippur Appeal*. We want YOU to volunteer at our *shul*.

Let me give you a small sample of the kind of people who have made our *shul* a more vibrant place in the past year.

Sam Gilston has been a great force behind our *shul* for many years. He has, among other things, been a prodigious fundraiser for Tikvat Israel. Adding to his volunteer resume, this past month, Sam and another active TI member— Richard Lederman—have agreed to co-chair TI's revitalized Israel Affairs Committee. Thank you, Sam and Richard.

Roni Silverstein continues applying her skills and talents to lead *Netivot*, as well as providing input to the ECC and TI's teen programs. And, within the last month, she and her spouse Bob have agreed to chair the 2026 Spring Concert Team. More on that later.

Joe Miller joined Tikvat Israel about a year ago. In that time, he has made himself a *mensch* in the kitchen, helping out frequently to set up and clear away many *kiddushim*. And now that he has taken *mashgiach* training, he was able last month to oversee his first *kiddush* by himself. Joe has also spent time with Shep Roey and Rob Amchin to rejuvenate Tikvat Israel's Men's Club. *Yasher koach*, Joe.

Judi Fleitman is also a new member. Passionate about social justice, she has added her voice to other leaders—Debbie Amster, Anna Levy and Roni Silverstein—in their work with TI's chapter of Sea Change. In her spare time, she reads *haftorah* and helps in assigning other *haftorah* readers. *Todah rabah* Judi.

What would Tikvat Israel be without Warren Berger? He and his wife, Rabbah Arlene Berger, have been mainstays of our congregation for many years. In addition to his past service as co-president and then president of our congregation, he has stepped up this year to serve as co-chair of the Bylaws Committee. (I hear they are seeking new members.) A parliamentary “aye, aye” to you, Warren.

Rachel Laveer has done a mammoth job this past year seeking to make the TI trains run on time. She has helped to plan TI's events, recruit event coordinators, run the calendar, while also serving as an active member of our executive committee and board of directors in addition to her demanding full-time day job. Thank you, Rachel, for all that you do.

These members demonstrate that volunteers come in all types. We are blessed at TI with many people devoted to our congregation. That is why so many people are involved and do so many things.

If you aren't currently volunteering, or you want to add to your volunteer resume, we ask that you consider joining Sam, Roni, Joe, Judi, Warren and Rachel and all of our volunteer leaders in the sacred work of creating *kehillat* at Tikvat Israel.

We are seeking volunteers for all of our task forces, teams and committees. Consider joining us to support our work in fundraising, education, leadership and congregational life. An e-mail to Sally Kram at sallykram939@gmail.com or Beth Smith at ticoprezbeth@gmail.com will get the process started.

And while I am making a general appeal for volunteers, I have one other favor to ask.

Consider buying tickets for the TI Spring concert featuring the Jewish *a cappella* group Six13. Thanks to financial support from a grant written by Roni Silverstein, Six13 will be performing two concerts on May 31, 2026, at Richard Montgomery High School on behalf of our congregation. Roni and Bob Silverstein are leading the team (and I hear they are also seeking volunteers).

To conclude, do not allow Tikvat Israel to fade into a fond memory. Instead, be like the Fellowship of the Ring. When asked to help with the work ahead, say “You have my hands. And my talent. And my sword, bow and axe.”

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Enriched Curriculum Added to Religious School

BY RONI SILVERSTEIN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION



The education programs at Tikvat Israel are thriving. *Netivot*, our religious school, which doubled in size this year, began the school year in September.

Our *Netivot* teachers have been enjoying a new and enriched online curriculum from *ShalomLearning*. The students have been studying and celebrating our fall holidays together. Rabbi Israel visited our *Netivot* classes and explained the meaning of the holidays, demonstrated the sounds of the shofar and taught the meaning of

the *luluv* and *etrog*. The students have created New Year's cards, decorations for the *sukkah* and apple crafts.

Tikvat Israel held several family services during *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. Many *Netivot* and ECC families enjoyed being together for these events. On Oct. 9, we held the first of our annual Young Family Dinners in the *Sukkah*. It was an enormous success, with over 80 parents and young children eating a beautiful meal. Rabbi Israel and Auntie A led a wonderful interactive music session and began our meal with prayer.

Our family dinners, supported by a generous grant from the Jewish Federation of Washington, provide parents and young children with the opportunity to enjoy the holidays and *Shabbat* together at our synagogue at a convenient time for working parents. The

ECC and *Netivot* bring families and students together from many area neighborhoods. The children love celebrating the Jewish holidays with their school friends.

On Oct. 12, the students enjoyed a snack, singing and a lesson with the Rabbi in the *sukkah*. In addition, in conjunction with the SEA Change "Uncovering Root Causes — a *Sukkot* program," and to underscore the meaning of the holiday, each

Netivot student decorated and filled a healthy snack bag to be given to a child in the Stepping Stones shelter.



More than 80 adults and children dined in the Tikvat Israel sukkah on Oct. 9.



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Warm-up by Our House Band



Tikvat Israel's house band, Eine Kleine Tikvah, performed for congregants before the start of *Kol Nidre* services in October. Band members (from left) are Rob Amchin on guitar, Brenda Brooks on keyboard, Judy Davis on flute, Jerry Schuchman on clarinet, Neil Sbar on clarinet, Anita Brenner on flute, Mike Cohen on violin and Dan Black on drum.

Eine Kleine Tikvah formed about 25 years ago, under the direction of the late Dudley Schwartz. In the years since, the band has performed at multiple occasions, including *Selichot* and *Purim* in addition to pre-*Kol Nidre* services and the wedding of Manny and Roberta Helzner.

EKT members rehearse every other Tuesday from 10-11:30 a.m. in the shul's social hall. Rehearsal times and dates, play lists and music are sent to members one week in advance, and newcomers are always welcome. Contact Mike Cohen at 301-802-0621 or mncohenster@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S NETWORK

End of 2025 Features a Flourish of Activities

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

In November and December, Women's Network is offering a variety of events sure to please as we wrap up 2025.

On Sunday, Nov. 9, at 10:30 a.m., congregant Debby Berlyne will present a talk about her mother's experience as a child survivor of the Holocaust. Her mother left her home in Germany at the age of 8 through the Kindertransport program. The presentation will describe her early experiences of antisemitism, the wartime deprivations, and how she survived during the war while in an orphanage in Brussels, Belgium, during Nazi occupation. It is sure to be an interesting and moving presentation, which will include slides and a segment from an audio recording of Debby's mother made by the Shoah Foundation.

A book group discussion will be held on Sunday, Nov. 16, at the synagogue. The title of the book for this meeting is *The Hebrew Teacher* by Maya Arad. This book consists of three novellas, which focus on three Israeli women who immigrated to the U.S. The book describes these women, whose lives were changed as immigrants, and how they seek to overcome various crises. They confront issues related to the passage of time, how to live a useful life and how to deal with generational differences.

Turning to December, we look forward to participating in a gentle yoga class, to be taught jointly by Monya Cohen and Charlene Marie Muhammad, both of whom are instructors at the Happy Yogi Co-op housed at Tikvat Israel. Monya is familiar to our Women's Network members, as a previous presenter to our group last April when she spoke with Rachel Tamar Avigad on their volunteer experiences in Israel after Oct. 7. Monya and Charlene's yoga class for the Women's Network will be held on Sunday, Dec. 7. This session will have a special emphasis on practicing yoga with a focus on the body as a vehicle of change.

To recap some of our recent events, we held a successful membership event on Sunday, Oct. 26 featuring Rachel Braun, an embroidery artist who specializes in incorporating Jewish text in her original needlecraft designs. Her pieces are both beautiful and inspirational. We had the wonderful opportunity to see several of

the actual pieces, look at photographs of Rachel's work through her slides and learn about her beautiful artistic creations. Also during this event, our members were treated to some delicious food and enjoyed having the opportunity to schmooze with one another.

Earlier, on Oct. 12, Women's Network supported our synagogue's SEA Change group on its "Justice in the *Sukkah*" event. We were pleased to participate in this social action program, which was especially meaningful during *Sukkot*.

In September, the Women's Network held an in-person book group meeting to discuss *The Gates of Gaza* by Amir Tobin, a poignant but troublesome account of the author's experiences during Oct. 7, which also had a miraculous outcome. We had a very engaging discussion.



The book group discussion in September was moderated by Anna Robbins.

Thank you to my co-president Susan Apter and other members of our leadership team who are so important for Women's Network successes. *Todah rabah* as well to our members for their support, contributions and generous volunteerism. If you have any questions or suggestions, contact me at bbrooksx@gmail.com.



Women's Network members turned out in force for the first book discussion of 2025-26 at the synagogue.

Mazel Tov

... to Sue and Howard Wilchins, on the addition of their 10th grandchild, Jonah, on Sept. 30.

...to Nancy Goldberg and Bryan Benesch, who will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary in November.

MEN'S CLUB

Men's Club Hosting Speaker on *Kibbutz* Security

TI Men's Club is alive and well thanks to the enthusiastic support from synagogue members.

The club will host a talk by Shachar Gilad, who grew up on a *kibbutz* near Israel's border with Gaza and still has family and friends residing there, at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16. Refreshments will be served.

He will talk about the heroism of a small contingent of the *Kibbutz Gevim* security team that saved members of the *kibbutz* from the devastation occurring in neighboring *kibbutzim* on Oct. 7, 2023. It is an uplifting story of bravery and determination.



Shep Roey (standing) serves as one of the co-chairs of the revived TI men's club. (Photo by Jay P. Goldman)



Members of the men's club introduced themselves during a fall meeting of the newly reconstituted club. (Photo by Jay P. Goldman)

On Dec. 2, the Men's Club is organizing a group dinner outing at 5 p.m. at Al Ha'esh Israeli Grill, located in the Randolph Hills Shopping Center at 4860 Boiling Brook Parkway.

RSVP for both events to Joe Miller at Joe51miller@gmail.com.

The Men's Club is co-chaired by Miller, Rob Amchin, Richard Gelula and Shep Roey.

Annual Torah Fund Reaches Its Goal at TI

BY ELLIE DIAMOND, TORAH FUND CHAIR



The Torah Fund campaign of Women's League for Conservative Judaism is the sole dedicated philanthropy of Women's League, its members and its affiliated sisterhoods in Conservative Congregations across North America. Tikvat Israel's Women's Network is an affiliate of Seaboard Region. Our campaign goal for this year is \$2,500, and we had nearly reached it before the end of September.

Since 1942, the campaign has been an integral part of funding the spiritual and educational development of those who attend Conservative/Masorti institutions of higher Jewish learning in New York, Los Angeles, Jerusalem, Buenos Aires and Potsdam, Germany. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we help to ensure there are rabbis, cantors, teachers, synagogue administrators, social workers, scholars, researchers and lay leaders worldwide.

A donation of any amount is greatly appreciated. Donors of \$180 or above will receive the 2025-26 Torah Fund pin with this year's theme *Oseh Shalom* (Maker of Peace). For 50-plus years, the Torah Fund has issued annual decorative pins designed by outstanding artists and worn with pride by Jewish women.

If you have not already made a donation to Torah Fund, consider doing so in either of these two ways:

- Write a check to Torah Fund and make sure to put Tikvat Israel on the memo line. Send it to Ellie Diamond (find her address in the synagogue member directory). Ellie then will send it to the office in New York.
- Make a donation online at inspired.jtsa.edu/torahfund.

Also, Torah Fund e-cards are available at WLCJ. The cards feature beautiful designs and are ideal for any occasion. Revenue goes to Torah Fund, and our Women's Network will receive credit for any purchases made by TI members.

Social Justice Issues Discussed at SEA Change Listening Sessions

BY BOB SILVERSTEIN, CORE TEAM MEMBER, TI SEA CHANGE

Over the summer, Tikvat Israel's SEA Change members hosted three house meetings or listening sessions at the homes of congregants.

The series was designed to include a cross-section of TI's membership, so participants could freely discuss their own experiences that influenced their thinking on racial inequity and social justice.

Participants shared their experiences growing up in different parts of the country, and several described what it was like being on the receiving end of antisemitism. One member described that he had been the target of antisemitism while serving in the U.S. Navy. Another explained how her family wasn't allowed to rent a vacation home in Ocean City, Md., because they were Jewish. Most understood how their own experiences with prejudice helped them better understand how Black and Hispanic communities are affected by racial bias.

Several participants talked about their own observations of how members of minority groups are treated. One, who grew up in West Virginia, described how he saw the impact that drug addiction has on members of the Black community.

Another, who worked for a social service agency, talked about how immigrants from Central America are afraid to use the social services that are available to them because of their fear of actions by the government. She went on to describe how there is a surplus of food at area food banks because those most in need are afraid to come to those food banks to receive badly needed groceries and household products.

Prejudice is not limited to race or nationality. One of the participants, who spent her career in education, saw discrimination against the hearing-impaired students in her school.

Social Justice Issues at TI

Through our discussions, the SEA Change committee heard that inclusion and social justice issues occur within the Tikvat Israel community as well. As open and inclusive as our rabbi and cantor emeritus and congregants are, there is still room for deepening our connections with those who do not yet feel fully integrated into synagogue life and activities.

Several suggestions were made including programs to educate congregants about gender identity, same sex and interracial marriage, accessibility, and pairing up with new members and guests to help them feel welcome at services.

From these sessions, we learned there is great awareness of racial and social injustice issues in our community. Participants highlighted priority issues such as food insecurity, immigration, gender identity and disability inclusion. Many people want to take action but do not know where to go or how to start.

Fortunately, Tikvat Israel SEA Change, along with our partner organizations, participates in activities and programs designed to



address these important issues. Members of SEA Change will help anyone who wants to get involved. From letter writing to attending learning sessions or meeting with our legislators in Annapolis, there is something everyone can do to help effect changes that will make our communities better places to live for everyone.

Additional listening sessions are being planned for later in the fall. We hope everyone will take advantage of opportunities to share their thoughts. A list of upcoming opportunities can be found at www.tikvatisrael.org/get-involved/sea-change/.

Also, SEA Change *Update*, published semi-monthly, is an e-newsletter that provides the latest information about upcoming events in which TI members can participate. To receive the newsletter, send an email to rsilverstein301@gmail.com. Join over 100 other members of our community who receive this information.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." Join us as we work to improve social injustice within Tikvat Israel and the greater community in which we all live.

"For everything there is a season,
and a time for every purpose...
...a time to be born, and a time to die...."
Ecclesiastes

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Holidays a Prime Focus in Fall Months

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



The fall is a busy time at the ECC. We are celebrating many holidays together combined with adjusting to the new classrooms and routines.

In honor of *Rosh Hashanah*, Rabbi Marc Israel came to blow the *shofar*. The children enjoyed hearing the different sounds the *shofar* makes, as well as touching a real *shofar*. Many of the classes sampled different varieties of apples and voted for their favorites. Our pre-kindergarten class traveled to Butler's Orchard to pick their own apples for *Rosh Hashanah*.

To further our study of *Rosh Hashanah*, we had a special visit from beekeeper Fred, father of Danielle Hirrlinger, a teacher in the *Yanshufim* (Owls) class. He showed us the process the bees use to make honey. Everyone was able to taste honey from a real honeycomb.



A beekeeper told ECC pupils about his craft.



ECC students spend time outside on warm days.

The classes have been exploring and adjusting to new classrooms and routines. Many classes have baked challah for *Shabbat* and honey cake for *Rosh Hashanah*. The pre-K also walked to Rock Creek Park and said *Tashlich*.

The ECC is lucky to be located next to Rockville High School with whom we partner on an internship program. This year we have three interns who are in a training program to be certified as an early childhood educator and earn their Child Development Associate credential. Interns from this program work in various classes in the ECC. This is a wonderful experience for everyone involved.

We still have a few spaces available for full- and part-time care in the ECC, so please inform family and friends. For more information, contact Debbie Ungar at debbie@tikvatisrael.org who is willing to give tours or answer questions about the school.



Expressions of Gratitude

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Women's Network and the Tikvat Israel Congregation for the incredible support you've shown me and my family during my recovery from total hip replacement surgery.

The nourishing meals organized through a meal train, along with the thoughtful cards, phone calls, emails, visits and prayers, meant so much to us. Your kindness and care have truly made a difference. It's been a great comfort knowing we are part of such a warm and caring community.

If you saw me on *Rosh Hashanah* or *Yom Kippur* (only six weeks post-surgery), you likely noticed that I'm making good progress. Physical therapy is going well, and I'm expecting to transition from my walker to a cane soon. The pain that once limited me is greatly reduced, and my energy is steadily returning. My biggest challenge now? Keeping my grandson Axel from jumping on me!

Thank you again for surrounding me with your care and compassion. It has meant the world to me.

Amy Matathias

The group that made the arrangements for getting a cantor for High Holiday services — Rabbi Israel, our co-presidents and Executive Director Aaron Chusid — did a good job. Cantor Eliot Vogel of Philadelphia was a very good choice, and he brought a good atmosphere to our religious community. He and Rabbi Israel provided excellent services for our congregation, though it was different and strange not having Cantor Helzner.

And thanks to the Religious Practices Committee, chaired by Jason Schwartz, for its work in preparing for this fall's High Holidays.

Mimi Meltzer

Manna's Acknowledgement

Thank you for Tikvat Israel's generous contribution of \$485 to Manna Food Center. Your support has been instrumental in expanding our reach and impact. Last year our programs served 56,027 neighbors facing food insecurity.

We also enhanced our school-based programs, providing customized support to 69 Montgomery County schools and 5,250 students and their families through school-based pantries, gift cards and weekend bags.

Together we are making food for all a reality.

Craig Rice, CEO, Manna Food Center

Blood Drive at TI Yields 33 Units

The blood drive at Tikvat Israel on Sept. 3 produced 33 units of blood for distribution in area hospitals. Approximately 42 percent of the donors were associated with TI.

The Red Cross distributed Peanuts T-shirts to donors.

Thank you to Aaron Chusid, Susan Davis, Nadia Palacios, Iber Gonzalez Alvarez and front desk volunteers Larry Gorban, Marsha Lyons and Jonathan Solomon for their help.

If you are an eligible donor, keep an eye on the TI listserve for blood drives to be scheduled in 2026.

Robbi Cohen serves as Tikvat Israel's blood drive coordinator.



Among those at the September blood drive were Keith Brooks (left) and Daniel Matathias.

Congregant to Host Biblical Hebrew Study



Would you like to be able to better understand the *Torah* reading in the original?

Congregant Danny Bachman intends to host study sessions in Biblical Hebrew twice a month through in-person meetings following evening *minyan* (8 p.m.) at the synagogue, most likely on Mondays.

Torah readers interested in understanding what they are reading are particularly welcome. You don't have to know how to read *Torah*, but you should be able to read Hebrew.

The sessions are not a class. You can come when you are able. Bachman will teach a lesson in Biblical Hebrew grammar as part of each session.

Reach him at danielbachman@gmail.com if you are interested.

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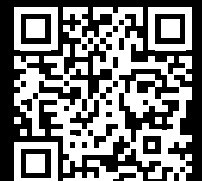
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Apples Were Gone But TI Group Enjoyed its Farm Outing



A Tikvat Israel group visited Larriland Farms in Howard County for a fall outing. (Photo by Diego Benitez)

While the apples were fully picked by the time the group arrived at Larriland Farms' orchard in Howard County, about 20 Tikvat Israel adults and kids gathered in mid-September to listen to music (including a beautiful acoustic guitar), eat donuts and drink apple cider, navigate the corn maze, and build "castles" out of hay bales.

The group had a wonderful time at the Red Barn at Larriland, enjoying the company of friends old and new.

The event was coordinated by synagogue members Diego and Nora Benitez.

NURSING HOME SERVICES

Tikvat Israel volunteers have led monthly *Shabbat* services and holiday services at the Potomac Valley Nursing Home in Rockville for more than 30 years, using enlarged-type prayer booklets created by the Jewish Chaplaincy Service. If you might like to assist regulars Rebecca Salon and Jay Goldman in leading a service one time or on occasion, let them know at jgoldman@aasa.org or rsalon@verizon.net.

PERSONAL SUPPORT HOTLINE

The Jewish Community Support Line is available for anyone in the Washington, D.C., area who feels overwhelmed and uncertain about options for support. Call 703-J-CARING.

The support line is a partnership between the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, Jewish Social Services Agency and a network of human service organizations.

For additional information, visit the JSSA website at www.jssa.org/jccaring.

Lovers of Niggun

Jason Schwartz (center) leads a *Niggun* Circle with Tikvat Israel members. If you're interested in exploring new *niggunim*, reach out to Schwartz at jason@schwartzcentral.com. A *niggun* is a type of Ashkenazi Jewish vocal music defined by wordless melodies, typically with repetitive vocables such as "bim-bim-bam," rather than formal lyrics. They appear commonly in religious services at Tikvat Israel.



Congregant to Perform in Hanukkah Comedy

Longtime congregant Ed Silverstein is performing as a cast member in the production of "The Dreidel Players Present ... Best *Hanukkah* Play Ever" presented by the Sandy Spring Theatre Group.



Performances will be held at the Gaithersburg Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road, Gaithersburg. It opens Nov. 28 and runs weekends through Dec. 14. The play is recommended for those 10 and older.

More information is available at info@sandyspringtheatregroup.org.

BE A WELCOMING PRESENCE ON SHABBAT

Would you consider being an official greeter to welcome those coming to *Shabbat* services at Tikvat Israel?

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).

A walkie-talkie should be ready and waiting on the supply table outside the sanctuary entrance for you to use in an emergency. It is connected to the county police officer in the parking lot and should be used to alert them of any trouble.

Greeter coordinator Felicia Black provides on-site support. Contact her with your interest at feliciablack@msn.com, or sign up at bit.ly/TIgreeter.

Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose *Yahrzeits* Occur From from 10 *Cheshvan* - 10 *Kislev* — November 2025

NOVEMBER 1

10 *CHESHVAN*

Max Hirschman
Abraham Krugman
Bernard Levitt
Clara Reinhardt

NOVEMBER 2

11 *CHESHVAN*

Arthur Aronson
Margit S. Elkins
Eva Epstein
Harry Gordon
Jacqueline Harris
Ruth Levinstein
Menachem Lidert
Belle Meyers
Benjamin Raucher
Howard Schimmel
Irving Shantz

NOVEMBER 3

12 *CHESHVAN*

Irving Allen
Bertha Gudelsky
David Kline
Renata Lidert
Nancy Kanow Simpson

NOVEMBER 4

13 *CHESHVAN*

Dora Fraeman
Morris Hanig
Clara Kandalis
Rose Kaplan
Ruth Nagelbush
Anne K. Robinson
Dora Thaler
Solomon Zeidman

NOVEMBER 5

14 *CHESHVAN*

Lester Finkelstein
Mollie Ginberg
Carolyn Haller
Bessie Helzner
Anna Marmor
Jacob Marmor
Morton Aaron Rosen
Benjamin Saperstein

NOVEMBER 6

15 *CHESHVAN*

Nathan Askow
Arthur Henry Bowen
Lorraine Fried Gelula
Louis Kornhauser
Rose Rosenbloom
Sadie Steckler

NOVEMBER 7

16 *CHESHVAN*

Harry Kensky
Morry Nisenson
Danny Presman

NOVEMBER 8

17 *CHESHVAN*

Lena Glick
Ada Punitzer
Muriel Rosenberg

NOVEMBER 9

18 *CHESHVAN*

Alvin Fineman
Donald Futrovsky
Judy Katz-Berger
David Jacob Lerner
Mark Sandler
Benno Stein
Estelle Stolovy

NOVEMBER 10

19 *CHESHVAN*

Daniel Bronstein
Harold Davis
Estelle Freedman
Selma Horwitz
Maida Nussbaum
Shirley Rubinstein Rodes

NOVEMBER 11

20 *CHESHVAN*

Sara Burck
Jennie Jaffe Flax
Russell Keith Rosner
Saul Stutz
Max Wottitzky

NOVEMBER 12

21 *CHESHVAN*

Bertha Greenfield
Martha Lohwasser
Esther Sax
Paula Weiser
Mollie Wexler

NOVEMBER 13

22 *CHESHVAN*

Rachel Armoza
Kurt Hering
Joey Pearl
Ann Rubin
Stefan Zweig

NOVEMBER 14

23 *CHESHVAN*

Bessie Bachman
Samuel Chonin
Robert Coblitz
Sadje Grand
Ronald Hamburg
Sarah Labovich
Rabbi Oscar Lifshutz
Clara Osofsky
Amy Strong
Kurt Tuchler

NOVEMBER 15

24 *CHESHVAN*

Joshua Bass
Abraham Bernstein
Joseph Bernstein
Ruth Felcher
Hyman Gardsbane
Ellen Halpern
Herbert Kammerman
Rose Schmetterling
Samuel Steinberg

NOVEMBER 16

25 *CHESHVAN*

David Barrish
Elaine Brown

NOVEMBER 17

26 *CHESHVAN*

Howard Blafkin
Helen Jaffe
Sam Krick
Eleanor Miller
Samuel J. Mollen
Jack Rosen

NOVEMBER 18

27 *CHESHVAN*

Sol Baron
Nathan Cohen
Louise Deutchman
Meyer David Green
Philip Grossmann
Anna Lichterman
Rachel Maran
Ron Meyers
Howard Schwartz
Resel Zeidman

NOVEMBER 19

28 *CHESHVAN*

Selma Kubitz

NOVEMBER 20

29 *CHESHVAN*

Herb Curchack
Pearl Fink
Jeanne Hale
Lucille Kram

NOVEMBER 21

1 *KISLEV*

Robert Agus
Marvin Apter
Zenita Berman
Edward Hallen
Rose Kopp
Philip Warren

NOVEMBER 22

2 *KISLEV*

Alick Abramson
Rose Chonin
Manuel Cohen
Myra Pasternak
Sam Schuchman
Jean Zalevsky

NOVEMBER 23

3 *KISLEV*

Rosalind Bloom
June Caplan Rabin
Jesse Curchack
Leonard Hardis
June Rabin
Miriam Stein

NOVEMBER 24

4 *KISLEV*

Ida Hamburg
Arnold Springer
Faye Williams
Tom Zusman

NOVEMBER 25

5 *KISLEV*

Jacob Bernstein
Jerome Feingold
Louis Pelish
Henrietta Roth
Ellen Ungerleider

NOVEMBER 26

6 *KISLEV*

Rosemary Birrell
Rose Fischer
Paul Flacks
Barbara Herman
Gordon Miller
Herbert H. Miller
Jack Sheskin

NOVEMBER 27

7 *KISLEV*

Rita Amchin
Bernard Cohen
Melford Cohen
Nathan Halpern
Robert Kandalis
Ernest Nash

NOVEMBER 28

8 *KISLEV*

Ellen Berman
Shirley Blau
Joseph Cohen
Samuel Rosenberg
Theodore L. Tetenbaum
Lewis Weinbrom

NOVEMBER 29

9 *KISLEV*

Doris Amster
Sidney Brittner
Fred Curchack
Shirley Fishman
Reuben Lapin
Ezra Menachem Marcus
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David Solomon

NOVEMBER 30

10 *KISLEV*

Arthur Amster
Minnie Jorban
Muriel Sandler



Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose *Yahrzeits* Occur From from 11 *Kislev* - 11 *Tevet* — December 2025

DECEMBER 1

11 *KISLEV*

Max Blum
Zelda Bowen
Herbert Brotman
Richard Copaken
Isaac Eiserike
Harry Selinger
Aaron Weinstein

DECEMBER 2

12 *KISLEV*

Beverly Ceresnie
Louise Chatlynn
Max Goldberg
Hilary Goldmann
Fredalyn Pleet
Alfons Reich

DECEMBER 3

13 *KISLEV*

Henry Aronson
Toby Baum
Louis Kensky
Beryl Newman
Melvyn Spector
George Waltzer

DECEMBER 4

14 *KISLEV*

Samuel Altschuler
Jeremy Copaken
Kieve C. Marquis
David Podolsky

DECEMBER 5

15 *KISLEV*

Isidor Schechter

DECEMBER 6

16 *KISLEV*

Ronald Eisler
Dorothy Goldstein
Joseph Goldstein
Elizabeth Jennes
Irvin Lerner
Florence Nachamkin
Nicky Papageorge
Meyer Taubman

DECEMBER 7

17 *KISLEV*

Irving Baron
Harry Brittner
Harry Brodofsky
Max Feinsilber
Rebecca Gershowitz
Max Glick
Samuel Kier
Abe Lavine
Saul Reiter
Celia Schuchman
Sharon Silberberg
Solomon Zimmerman

DECEMBER 8

18 *KISLEV*

Louis Amchin
Khana Klug
Bobbie Leman
Anna Levin
Suzanne Lifschitz
Louis Piser

DECEMBER 9

19 *KISLEV*

Paula Beck
Leon Cohen
Heinz Eric Gerstle
Bernard Prosnit
Jeanette Sohn
Joseph Spiegelberg

DECEMBER 10

20 *KISLEV*

Avrum Ashery
Celia Blum
Riva Fishman
Regina Grossmann
Sam Hendler
Herschel Herscovitz
Sarah Kensky

DECEMBER 11

21 *KISLEV*

Jacob George Bloom
Elliott Kleinman
Ellyn Polonsky
Carl Solomon
Daniel Witt

DECEMBER 12

22 *KISLEV*

Philip Abramowitz
Maurice Binder
Gisela Glaser
Joseph Levy
Bertha Phillips
Alice Sachs

DECEMBER 13

23 *KISLEV*

Louis Blum
Ann Brotman
Marilyn Burdett
Robert Eisner
Alana E. Fishman
Judge Jair Kaplan
Abraham Kensky
Nettie Koepfel
Joseph Milenky
Abraham Schuchman
Herman Sheskin
Lazar Volin

DECEMBER 14

24 *KISLEV*

Lena Burdett
Donna Faye Frank
Margaret Gerstle
Jean Katz
Morton Lerner
Fannie Stein

DECEMBER 15

25 *KISLEV*

Fay Avery
Bonnie Brafman
Edna Cohen Goldstein
Julia Gruenfeld
Herman Linsenberg
Charles Prince

DECEMBER 16

26 *KISLEV*

Fannie Burdoo
Leon Louis Cohen
Glenda Goodman
Ruth Katzen
Cheryl Lang
Alexander Lewis
Kate Selinger

DECEMBER 17

27 *KISLEV*

Irene Barris
Irwin Chornock
Otto Lohwasser
Freda Willander

DECEMBER 18

28 *KISLEV*

Irma Pazo
Arnold Schwartz
Selma Shapiro
Jacob Sperling

DECEMBER 19

29 *KISLEV*

Jerome Boden
Morris Kagan
Milton Rodes [Rodeskovski]
Fannie Selwyn
Arlene Simon
Henrietta Zoltrow

DECEMBER 20

30 *KISLEV*

Rose Feinman
Max Keusch
Dorothy Wolfe

DECEMBER 21

1 *TEVET*

Bernard Fattman
Frank Feinsilber
Jacob Golding
David Greenberg
Doris Kalman
Sidney Sandler
Mark Stern

DECEMBER 22

2 *TEVET*

Kenneth Burck
Louis Burdoo
Peter Schwartzman
Judith Sue Sussman

DECEMBER 23

3 *TEVET*

Louis Broadman
Jacob Dall
Sol Danoff
Max Douma
Jay Stefan Gorban
Miriam Hoffman
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DECEMBER 24

4 *TEVET*

Samuel Grossman
Ida Levitan
Ethel Pear
Ruth Seide
Gary Shuken
Max Teitel

DECEMBER 25

5 *TEVET*

Hilda Cohen
Ida Fattman
Louis "Luck" Goldberg
Max Klein
Lewis Levy
Sarah Margolies
Nina Matathias
Carol Meiselman

DECEMBER 26

6 *TEVET*

Virginia Jeanne Andrews
John Larry Baer
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Salomon Battino
Anita Cowan
Irving Fischer
Philip L. Helman
Jackie Hoffman
Karen Goldstein Lipsy
Ben Perlmutter
Frances Saperstein
Fred Stryker

DECEMBER 27

7 *TEVET*

Jack Bendett
Helen Berger
Ira Broadman
Eve Benesch Hoffman
Anne Segal

DECEMBER 28

8 *TEVET*

June Balin
Morris Gaspin
David Glass
Joan Levin
Belle Schechter

DECEMBER 29

9 *TEVET*

Max Bassin
Stephen Feigin
Doris Klion Taylor
Philip Weinstein
Dora Zlotnick

DECEMBER 30

10 *TEVET*

Lydia Black
Steven Bowen
Cantor Mark Levi
Henry Roth
Carl Seide

DECEMBER 31

11 *TEVET*

Julia Auerbach
Irene Berger
Fred Buff
Morris Gorinson
Margaret Peisner

NOVEMBER 2025

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