



Enhanced Kiddushim Coming Your Way

BY NEIL SBAR AND SALLY KRAM

Regularly scheduled *freilichen kiddushim* – what congregants consider sit-down lunches following *Shabbat* morning services – will become more common at TI following the synagogue board's creation in January of a dedicated funding stream.

The newly approved policy is intended to increase the frequency of *kiddush* lunches in addition to those sponsored on occasion by congregants for special *simchas*.



Eating lunch together enables community-building through the encouragement of friendly and lively conversation, or what we refer to as *shmoozing*, over delicious lunch food. The idea arose from suggestions from a number of congregants who expressed to the board their desire for a more “substantial” *kiddush* lunch following *Shabbat* services.

The frequency of these *kiddushim* will depend on the amount of funds raised. Proposed lunches could include egg salad, tuna salad, bagels, cream cheese, herring, vegetarian salads, quiches, fancy pastries and fruit desserts, as well as coffee, tea and juices.

To support this effort, Tikvat Israel members are invited to voluntarily contribute to the non-fungible Enhanced *Kiddush* account once a year, effective immediately, at whatever level they are comfortable. Members are asked to donate in addition to their voluntary dues commitment and support of other TI fundraising efforts such as the spring concert. A suggested annual donation of \$180 from a plurality of TI families could make this initiative a reality. Of course, any amount would be welcome.

In addition, TI also needs a broad spectrum of congregants to participate voluntarily in lunch setup and cleanup on *Shabbat* mornings a few times per year. Many hands make the work light. We hope you will join us in this wonderful opportunity to support togetherness and to make TI a more welcoming place.

Search Committee Begins Its Work

BY DEB AMCHIN, SEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIR

The search committee to fill the staff vacancy created by Cantor Rochelle Helzner's retirement has begun its work, refining the job description provided by the Visioning Committee and preparing to post the position to attract job seekers.

Right now, we have little to share publicly because we are looking into some staffing ideas that may or may not change what we are looking for in a candidate.

We've met twice and are exploring our options. I should have more details to share in the next month or two.

The full committee consists of six members plus me: Cliff Fishman, Jim Perlmutter, Lis Schwartz, Drew Grossman, Melissa Kutner and Judi Fleitman. Serving as ex-officio members: Rachel Laveer, Jason Schwartz, Beth Smith, Sally Kram, Aaron Chusid and Rabbi Marc Israel.

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>		6:00 p.m.
<i>Shabbat</i>	9:45 a.m.	
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	7:30 p.m.

All services are both online and in person.

CANDLE LIGHTING & HAVDALAH TIMES

<i>Shabbat & Yom Tov</i> Date	Candle Lighting	<i>Havdalah</i>
3/6-7	5:48 p.m.	6:49 p.m.
3/13-14	6:55 p.m.	7:57 p.m.
3/20-21	7:02 p.m.	8:04 p.m.
3/27-28	7:09 p.m.	8:10 p.m.
4/1*	7:14 p.m.	
4/2*	8:15 p.m.	
4/3-4	7:16 p.m.	8:17 p.m.
4/7*	7:20 p.m.	
4/8*	8:21 p.m.	
4/9*		8:22 p.m.
4/10-11	7:23 p.m.	8:24 p.m.
4/17-18	7:29 p.m.	8:31 p.m.
4/24-25	7:36 p.m.	8:38 p.m.

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Puppets and Comic Relief Planned for *Purim*

Purim will be marked through a number of activities at Tikvat Israel. Here's the schedule for Monday, March 2:

- 5:30 p.m., Puppet Show Plus in the social hall. Come celebrate *Purim* at this third annual event. Kids of all ages are welcome to join us for sweets, treats, games and crafts at 5:30 p.m., followed by live music.
- 6:15 p.m., *Purim* Puppet Show in the social hall. Your favorite (and least favorite) characters appear as stick puppets to retell the story of the holiday.
- 7:15 p.m., *Ma'ariv* and *megillah* reading in the sanctuary.
- 8:30 p.m. (approximate), *Shpiel* in the sanctuary.



Is the news of the world getting you down? Need some comic relief? If so, attend this year's *Purim* shpiel, titled "A *Purim* Story: Triumph over Adversity." Your fellow congregants will entertain you with songs and dialogue about the *Purim* story, told like it's never been told before! From the moment Queen Vashti defies his majesty until Haman is brought to his favorite hangout, you'll be giggling and saying to yourself, "Well that's news to me." If you've got troubles, leave your cares for tomorrow and join us at the *Purim shpiel*, following immediately after the *megillah* reading.

Rachel Laveer serves as chief coordinator of the Puppet Show Plus and Puppet Show, while Nancy Goldberg is the chief creator of the *Purim* Shpiel.

Tickets and Sponsorships Available for Six13 Concerts



Roni and Bob Silverstein are co-chairing the synagogue's May 31 concert events, which serve as the shul's largest event fund-raiser. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

Tickets remain available for Tikvat Israel's annual concerts taking place on Sunday, May 31, at the Richard Montgomery High School auditorium in Rockville. Two shows featuring the *a cappella* group Six13 are planned.

The concert for families with children 8 and younger is set for 1 p.m. At this concert, Debbie Ungar will be honored for her years of service as director of the Broadman-Kaplan Early Childhood Center at TI. General seating will be used.

This will be followed by a longer community concert at 4 p.m. Only reserved seats are available for the second concert.

In an unprecedented experience for Tikvat Israel, Six13 will perform two special concerts to celebrate our Jewish pride and to support Tikvat Israel. These concerts, underwritten by a grant from the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, have the potential to provide meaningful programs at Tikvat Israel, and we need your support to make them a true success.

Also, a limited number of sponsorship opportunities are still available. Learn more at tikvatisrael.org/2026-concert.

Individual tickets may be purchased online at www.tikvatisrael.ludus.com or by scanning the QR code shown here.



The View from the Ground

BY RABBI MARC D. ISRAEL



In *Genesis* 18, as God prepares to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, the Torah reports: “God said I will go down to see whether they have acted altogether according to the outcry that has reached Me; if not, I will take note.” Rashi notes the words “I will go down to see,” wondering why an omniscient God needs to go investigate. He explains these words are there to teach “judges not to render judgment regarding capital offenses, until they have personally investigated the matter.”

God teaches that when people's lives are on the line, second-hand reports are insufficient. Go and see the facts on the ground yourself.

In my recent travels to Minneapolis and Israel/the West Bank, I went to see the conflicts myself. Given my outspoken views on protecting immigrants in America and supporting peace between Israel and the Palestinians, I wanted to witness what is happening and to support the people on the ground.

What I saw was sometimes worse than I had imagined, and yet, I also saw signs for building a better future. Due to the limitations of space, I will focus specifically on my trip to Israel and the West Bank in February, but the lessons apply to both.

I traveled to Israel with 25 American Conservative rabbis organized by the Rabbinical Assembly and Encounter Programs. Encounter, founded in 2005, brings American Jewish and Israeli-Jews into Palestinian communities on the West Bank and in East Jerusalem to reckon with the Israeli-Palestinian reality. Participants come with a spectrum of political viewpoints; they share in a common a desire to deepen their understanding of the situation by meeting with Israeli and Palestinian civil society leaders.

The trip focused on three themes: (1) the importance of statehood for Israel; (2) the implications of statelessness for Palestinians; and (3) developing relationships to build a better future. The Israelis and Palestinians we met included social scientists, religious leaders, business leaders and artists, and they held a variety of political viewpoints.

A few snippets:

- * A longtime Israeli peace activist who was on the phone with Vivian Singer, z"l, as Hamas murderers entered her home, told us that he “will still pursue peace, will always pursue peace, but now I do so with a pistol that Ben G'vir gave me in the back of my pants.”
- * A religious woman from Efrat (a large settlement near Bethlehem), who moved there out of conviction that God promised us that specific land, said she would leave immediately for a permanent peace agreement and would “bake a cake and leave it on the counter.”
- * An Israeli working for an American peace organization, who noted that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is unusual: “We are

not looking for the light at the end of the tunnel. The light is clear, but we can't find the tunnel” (meaning we know the solution but can't find a path).

- * A religious Palestinian Muslim woman who fights for women's rights within Islam, who spoke about the challenges of being called a traitor for talking with Israelis, and being called a violent terrorist for her hatred of Bibi.
- * A Palestinian man whose mother was a leader of the first Intifada in 1987, quoted a passage from Koran extolling the virtues of living in diverse communities, comparing it to the *Midrash* of the 4 Species of *Sukkot* representing four types of people, who all must be held together.
- * A Palestinian Catholic priest who lives in a Christian village in the West Bank told of his friends on nearby *kibbutzim* Rimonim and Kochav HaShachar, and also of the Hilltop Youth extremists who block the people of his village from harvesting their olive trees, destroy their tractors, and desecrate their church.
- * A Palestinian social scientist who recently moved back to Ramallah after 10 years abroad, explained why he had avoided using the word “apartheid” previously, but after five months in Ramallah found no other word to describe the reality of the West Bank, with its separate roads, differential treatment, and difference in legal status.
- * A Palestinian businessman in East Jerusalem whose bookstore was raided and ransacked last year said all he wants is the right to vote in Knesset elections, like his Jewish neighbors.
- * A young Palestinian teacher who marveled at the diversity of Israelis and Palestinians on the train together before noticing they didn't speak to one another. Frustrated with poor government services in Palestinian neighborhoods and the conditions of their schools, she ran for Jerusalem City Council, the first Palestinian to do so.

These were all voices that we would not hear in the media. We also attended a performance of the Jerusalem Youth Choir and saw a performance at FeelBeit, an art center on the “seam line” between East and West Jerusalem that brings Palestinian and Israeli artists together to create projects together. Our speakers and performers all spoke about the personal and cultural difficulties of working on co-existence programs since October 7, but they were determined to persevere because, as each one told us, “There is no other choice if we want a better future.”

In Minneapolis and Israel/West Bank, I saw firsthand the heartbreaking challenges people face and their state of exhaustion. But I also witnessed strength of character and caring communities. I didn't find solutions to the challenges, but I came home from each trip inspired by the people's resilience in working to build a better future, feeling more committed to continue this work.

Schwartz Elected New Religious Affairs VP; Five Others Voted into Board Positions

Tikvat Israel members elected or reelected five fellow members to the synagogue's board of directors and selected the first individual to fill the newly created vice presidency for religious affairs.

The latter post will be filled until June 2027 by Jason Schwartz, after the 76 members attending the January 25 congregational meeting approved the vice presidency as a new officer position. The change was included in an amendment to the synagogue bylaws.

Meanwhile, four incumbents received voter approval to serve another two-year term. They are: Felicia Black, Jay P. Goldman, Debbie Levine, and Monica Meyer. Judi Fleitman was selected for her first board term.

The board members' terms start on July 1.

Here are mini-profiles of all those elected at the congregational meeting.

Jason Schwartz

Residence: Rockville

Professional life: I work for a federal contracting company supporting a grants management system used by the Department of Energy.

Joined TI: 1997

Why interested in board service: As a Conservative synagogue, religious life plays a central role in the character of our community. I see myself as a facilitator, helping our community connect with the beauty of Jewish religious practice.

Personal goal: I would like to provide more opportunities for interested congregants to gain new synagogue skills like leading services, reading *Torah*, *Haftarah* and *Megillot*. I'm also looking for new ways to make our religious services more engaging, accessible and meaningful, such as experimenting with new seating arrangements and participation models.



Judi Fleitman

Residence: Laurel

Professional life: Trained classical singer. Before retirement, a grants manager for a regional arts council and an active volunteer at my last synagogue, The Jewish Center of Princeton.

Joined TI: 2024

Why interested: To find like community and involvement as I did in my last congregation, and to use the experience and skills I garnered there to strengthen engagement at TI.

Personal goal for next two years: To assist our leadership, both lay and professional, in their vision of a vibrant, participatory, meaningful, welcoming and *ruach*-filled TI community. I believe that participation builds community, and I wish to encourage and facilitate even more opportunities to learn, worship and socialize.



Debbie Levine

Residence: Derwood

Professional life: Practical registered nurse instructor, Holy Cross Hospital, and day care provider for grandchildren. Previously, manager of maternal, infant and child education at Holy Cross Health.

Joined TI (Beth Tikva): 1985

Why interested: I am interested in serving a second term on the board because it has been a great incentive for me to become more involved and volunteer more frequently at TI.

Personal goal: I hope to encourage other members to become more involved and therefore feel a stronger connection with the TI community as well.



Monica Meyer

Residence: Rockville

Professional life: I'm a federal contractor who works in military medical acquisition.

Joined TI: 2022

Why interested: I want to be involved in helping our *shul* to be healthy and thrive. It takes many individuals, and I want to do my part. Also, I am currently serving as kitchen chair and feel that it would be helpful to have a "kitchen presence" on the board.

Personal goal: To learn Spanish fluently.



Jay P. Goldman

Residence: Silver Spring

Professional life: Editor of a monthly magazine for school superintendents across the country.

Joined TI (Beth Tikva): 1988

Why interested: I continue to feel a passion for supporting our congregation, which in some respects is a quite different place than when I first agreed to run for a board seat more than 20 years ago. But the important values of this place remain firmly entrenched.

Personal goal: To bring slightly better balance between a demanding professional workload and a demanding overload of volunteer commitments.



Felicia R. Black

Residence: Olney

Professional life: I was a medical copy editor for 40 years in Rockville.

Joined TI (Beth Tikva): 1996

Why interested: This is a time of transition for Tikvat Israel, and I want to do what I can to ensure that TI has a strong future that meets the needs of its membership.

Personal goal: Seek additional opportunities for Jewish learning and growth.



Updated Bylaws Redefine Officer Duties, Add VP Post

BY WARREN BERGER, BYLAWS COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR



Warren Berger led the online congregational meeting through a series of updated bylaws provisions. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

Tikvat Israel members voted almost unanimously to adopt a new version of the synagogue's bylaws at the January 25 congregational meeting. The revision committee, which I co-lead with Neil Kram, had as primary purposes: re-balancing officer responsibilities; addressing previously unclear assignment of those responsibilities; and establishing a new position of Vice President for Religious Affairs.

Notable officer changes included in the updated bylaws included these:

- Created a Vice President for Religious Affairs position to oversee religious services, holiday programs and adult religious education.
- Redistributed responsibilities among the other four vice presidents for more even workloads.
- Renamed Vice President for Programming to Vice President for Community Engagement, now focused on social, membership and relational programs, while removing responsibility for the entirety of TI's programming.
- Renamed Vice President for Education to Vice President for Youth and Family, emphasizing youth programs and initiatives, and transferred adult religious education to the VP for Religious Affairs.
- Expanded the Recording Secretary's role to include communications, the website and social media.

The Officers and the Committees sections in the bylaws were reorganized for clarity and reduced redundancy. All standing committees' duties were moved under the officers' sections to avoid duplication and potential mismatch. Many procedural rules are being shifted to policy documents to allow for easier updating, letting bylaws set what needs to be done, but not *how*.

The updated bylaws also introduced "Associated Groups" as a less formal alternative to "Auxiliary Groups." There were many other wording improvements and polishing. The new version is available by contacting the synagogue office.

Following the congregation's adoption, Jason Schwartz was elected as the first VP for Religious Affairs; his term and the other changes will take effect on July 1.

Others who served on the bylaws committee were Deb Amchin, Keith Brooks, Mark Diamond, Betty Fishman and Jason Schwartz. Sally Kram, Beth Smith and Aaron Chusid were ex-officio members.

ISRAEL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Documentary on West Bank Destruction Paired with Webinar on Jewish/Arab Village Harmony

BY SAM GILSTON AND RICHARD LEDERMAN, ISRAEL AFFAIRS COIMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS



Erik Zanim, a faculty member at University of Maryland, served as discussion moderator following the showing of two recent Israeli-produced films in the social hall on Jan. 31 and Feb. 7. Ron Rabin organized the twin showings. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

Following up on the lively discussion of Shlomo Avineri's book, *The Making of Modern Zionism*, our committee plans three other opportunities to learn about and connect to the State of Israel.

On Sunday, March 22, we will screen the award-winning documentary film "No Other Land." The film is a disturbing but necessary witness to the results of Israeli control in the West Bank — in this

case, the demolition of entire Palestinian villages by the Israel Defense Forces. Disturbing, yes, but a reality that must be confronted if we will ever be able to bring about a resolution of the conflict.

The film won numerous prizes at international festivals and from American film critics, and last January received an Oscar nomination for best documentary feature. The film could not find a U.S. distributor after being picked up for distribution in 24 countries.

"No Other Land" will screen at 3 p.m. March 22 in the social hall at no charge to viewers. A moderated discussion will follow the film, and light refreshments will be served.

Reservations are encouraged. Register at bit.ly/TInootherland or use the QR shown below.

To counter this distressing film, the committee has arranged for a webinar with two speakers from Neve Shalom/Wahat a-Salam, a mixed Jewish/Arab village in central Israel. The name means "Oasis of Peace" in both Hebrew and Arabic. According to their website, the village was founded in 1970 and "is a model of equality, mutual respect and partnership that challenges existing narratives of racism and discrimination as well as those underlying the continued conflict."

We are fortunate to have a former member of Tikvat Israel and current board member of the American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat a-Salam, Barbara Ridberg, to moderate the discussion. The webinar, which can be viewed at home, will be held on Sunday, April 12, at 1 p.m. Details will be provided in *B'kesher*.

Finally, on Friday, April 24, the committee will feature an Israel-themed *Kabbalat Shabbat* with Instruments in celebration of *Yom Ha-atzma'ut*, Israel's Independence Day, which falls officially on April 22. Details will be forthcoming in *B'kesher*.



Bylaws, Policies and Progress . . . Oh My!

BY SALLY KRAM, TIKVAT ISRAEL CO-PRESIDENT



Sally Kram

A question often asked is, why do so many Jews become lawyers? Is it because we are the People of the Book? Is it the centuries we have spent pigeon-holed into jobs requiring us to use our wits, not our hands? Is it the legacy of Talmudic study—parsing words and seeking to find their deeper meaning?

I was introduced to Talmudic study in the 4th grade. My Hebrew school teacher, Mr. Diamante, spent an entire school year on one *parsha*. I don't remember which one, but I remember him asking, "But what does it mean?"

Whether or not Hebrew school set the stage, I went to law school 15 years later. And that is where I learned my love of putting words into understandable order. It is why I became a legislative lawyer (and the reason I wanted to change the world).

I have not changed the world in the way I envisioned in my 20s, but my co-presidential partner Beth Smith and I have bonded around the concept of putting Tikvat Israel's "words" in order. We have focused on two paths—revising the synagogue's bylaws and preparing policies for adoption by the Tikvat Israel Board of Directors.

The latest bylaws revisions, which the Tikvat Israel Congregation passed at our congregational meeting in late January, took a big step forward through the creation of a new vice president of religious affairs. (Thanks to Warren Berger and Neil Kram, who co-chaired the effort. See a related article on [page 5](#).)

But many smaller but no less important tasks remain. In the past two years, your Board of Directors has passed policies govern-

ing personnel, naming rights at the synagogue and, most recently, a *Kiddush* Enhancement initiative. (See related story, [page 1](#).) Next up, we are working on a policy that will guide how programs are planned and carried out at TI.

Our Motivation

The goals of these exercises, as a legislative lawyer would say, are to set the framework for a more predictable operation at Tikvat Israel. In the past, many hands made light work at the *shul*. But, as the years passed, some of the owners of those hands, have departed. We have lost their institutional memory. The goal of the policies is to create those memories in a way that future TI leaders will be able to explore, capturing the best thinking of prior leaders.

Unlike the bylaws, which strictly regulate how and when they can be amended (limited to congregational meetings, now conducted twice a year), board policies can be adopted at any time the board meets (typically once a month) and can be just as easily discarded if a future board wants to take a different path. But, at the very least, that board will know what was important in the past and how to improve it going forward.

We hope to have all board policies and the revised bylaws posted to a section of the website accessible to all members. We'd also welcome your input on other policies you'd like the board to consider. After the board reviews (and hopefully passes) the Policy for Programs and Initiatives, we hope to review our approach toward *simchas* and other sponsored *kiddushes*, as a followup to the *Kiddush* Enhancement Initiative. As you might expect, TI members are very interested in food.

If your head is now spinning by this explanation, might I share a thought from my old Hebrew school teacher, Mr. Diamante: When you are most confused, that is when everything becomes clearer.

TI's Baseball Outing Pits Nats and Yanks

The Women's Network and the Men's Club are co-sponsoring this summer's synagogue baseball outing on Sunday, July 12, for a game between the Washington Nationals and New York Yankees. Game time is 1:35 p.m.



A block of 56 tickets has been purchased in Section 320 located above first base. Another five tickets are available in an adjacent wheelchair-accessible row.

Tickets can be reserved now at \$44 apiece by contacting Rebecca Salon at rsalon@verizon.net. The deadline for placing your order is June 12, after which unsold tickets must be returned. TI's allotment is expected to sell out before the deadline, so reserve your tickets early.

Mazel Tov

... to **Martie Adelman and Marc Schneider** on the engagement of daughter Molly Schneider to Robert Ost of Potomac.

... to **Abbey Frank** upon receiving the David Topol '84 Alumni Leadership Award from the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. She is a member of the Class of 1989.

... to **Jonathan Solomon** on being appointed to the publication advisory committee of the National Association of School Psychologists.

... to **Rabbi Marc Israel** for his central part in a *Washington Jewish Week* article, "DC-Area Rabbis Protest ICE in Minneapolis" (<https://bit.ly/rabbis-ice>).

MEN'S CLUB

Group Dinner Outing and Service Project on Tap in March

BY SHEP ROEY, MEN'S CLUB CO-CHAIR

The Men's Club continues to thrive with strong participation, new faces, and enthusiastic support. Thank you to everyone who has joined our programs, volunteered their time, and helped strengthen our synagogue community. Your energy is what makes this group vibrant and meaningful.

- **Dinner & Schmooze.** Monday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Siena's Restaurant, Rockville. Join us for a relaxed evening of good food and great company at a beloved kosher Italian, Mexican and Mediterranean vegetarian eatery in Rockville (<https://sienasrestaurant.com>). RSVP to Joe Miller by March 3, so he can finalize the reservation.
- **Community Service: Mishloach Manot.** The Men's Club is proud to partner with the Women's Network on this year's *Purim Mishloach Manot* project. Volunteers are needed for assembling the packages and delivering them to members of the community. To help, contact Shep Roey. Your participation truly makes a difference.
- **Additional Service Opportunities.** As we deepen our involvement in synagogue life, the Men's Club will continue to reach out for volunteers to support meaningful projects

throughout the year. We plan to assist Larry Gorban, in partnership with B'nai Brith and the Jewish Social Services Agency, to deliver 500 Passover baskets to individuals and families in need. Contact Larry if you can participate.

- **April Speaker.** Bill Apter will deliver a presentation at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 19, on his father David Apter's courageous sacrifice for social change. The March on Washington was one of the most transformative moments in the struggle for civil and economic rights. David Apter was a successful public relations professional who lost his job after choosing to stand with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during this historic march. This talk will be a timely reminder of the courage required to stand up for what is right, even when the personal cost is high.
- **Future Programs.** We are actively planning several exciting outings and speakers, including a guided tour of a bourbon distillery; a tour of a kosher winery; a Washington Nationals baseball game on Sunday, July 12 (in partnership with the Women's Network - see **page 6**); and guest speakers George Rebok and Tom Dunkel.

Stay tuned for dates and details in upcoming newsletters.

Todah Rabbah

A heartfelt *yasher koach* to Jay Goldman for organizing and moderating our January program with Washington Nationals broadcaster Dan Kolko. The interview and Q&A captivated the 50 attendees, and we all enjoyed another delicious brunch prepared under the leadership of Joe Miller. A week after his appearance at TI, Kolko, a Silver Spring native, was officially named the new play-by-play broadcaster on Nats' televised games.



Washington Nationals' broadcaster Dan Kolko (second from left) with Men's Club organizers at a brunch event on Jan. 11. (Photo by Michael Cohen)



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WOMEN'S NETWORK

We're Springing into Action with New Programs

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

With *Purim* starting on the evening of March 2, Women's Network is enthusiastically planning our annual *Purim Mishloach Manot* project. The theme for this year is "The Flavors of Italy."

Each *Purim* bag delivered to someone will include a delicious assortment of *Purim* treats and other items related to Italy. All of our local members, including congregants, ECC and *Netivot* families, clergy and staff, will receive the *Mishloach Manot*.

Volunteers have worked tirelessly to assemble and distribute the bags. We want to thank our planning committee, as well as all our volunteers for their support, including those from the Women's Network and Men's Club, and our synagogue office staff.

After *Purim*, on Wednesday March 18 at 8 p.m., Women's Network will have a book group discussion on Zoom of *The Third Daughter* by Talia Carner. Paula Kasper will lead the conversation. This book is a story about a 14-year-old girl named Batya, who lives in the Russian countryside and fled pogroms with her family. Batya's father attempts to help his daughter lead a better life by arranging for her to marry a wealthy stranger who promises to take her to America. Instead Batya is taken to Buenos Aires and is one of thousands of women tricked and sold to a brothel. The book brings to life a dark period of Jewish history and gives a voice to victims whose truth deserves to finally be told.

On Wednesday, April 29 from 1-3 p.m., Women's Network members will volunteer for the organization Nourish Now, a non-profit food bank that provides food donations from restaurants, grocery and big box stores and more. Marsha Lyons initiated this community service activity.

Charitable activities of this nature are applicable to the Women's League for Conservative Judaism's *Jewels of the Crown* award program. Volunteers will provide services to assist with food recovery, such as packaging and/or distributing the food. Please



Elaine Weinstein served as moderator of the mid-January discussion of the book *I Seek a Kind Person*. (Photo by Amy Matathias)

look for Nourish Now volunteer registration in our Women's Network newsletter.

Also in April, we will be preparing for our annual Shelly Goldin Women's Network *Shabbat*, to be held on May 2. We will need volunteers for service roles and to help with the *kiddush* lunch that will follow services. Further information about signups will be included in the Women's Network newsletter.

To recap our last two months of programs, we had several events, each successful. On Jan. 10, we were honored to have long-time congregant Micah Cowan, a fifth-year rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary (graduating in May), deliver a meaningful *d'var Torah*. His excellent talk during *Shabbat* services about his rabbinical studies and other aspects of his life and Jewish education was a perfect tie-in to the philanthropic arm of Women's League's Torah Fund, whereby funds are raised to benefit our future Jewish leaders.

On Jan. 14, we participated in a well-attended Zoom book discussion, led by Elaine Weinstein, of *I Seek a Kind Person* by Julian Borger. Our final event in January, was an online speaker program led by Samuel Gruber. This talk was on Jewish architectural spaces for women from a historical perspective. Adas Israel organized and hosted this event.

In early February, we had the opportunity to join an online *Tu B'Shvat* visit to Kehilat Yaar Ramot in Jerusalem. This program was organized by the Seaboard Region of WLCJ. Last on our schedule for February was the opportunity to make beautiful fused glass plates with glass-making artist and Tikvat Israel congregant Tamah Graber in her home studio.

We enjoy having a busy calendar. Our participants have enthusiastically supported our programming. Both co-president Susan Apter and I want to express our appreciation to our members. We look forward to seeing you at our March and April events.

Congregational Condolences

Tikvat Israel Congregation shares its condolences to member families who experienced the following deaths in early January through mid-February.

... to congregant **Nancy Matheson**, on the death of her father Morris Kubitz, Feb. 17, 2026 (30 *Sh'vat* 5786).

... to congregant **Brenda Brooks**, on the death of her mother Nina Olin, Jan. 21, 2026 (3 *Sh'vat* 5786).

... to congregant **Melissa Kutner** on the death of her mother Connie Bailey, Jan. 16, 2026 (27 *Tevet* 5786).

... to congregant **Shirley Levin**, on the death of her husband Jules Bowen, Jan. 8, 2026 (19 *Tevet* 5786).

... to congregant **Lincoln Hallen**, on the death of his sister Bettie S. Hallen, Jan. 4, 2026 (15 *Tevet* 5786).

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Debbie Ungar, ECC Director, to be Honored at May Concert

BY RONI SILVERSTEIN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION



Tikvat Israel is so fortunate to have Debbie Ungar as director of our Broadman-Kaplan Early Childhood Center.

For more than five years, she has spearheaded our ECC effort to achieve Maryland state recognition. She is not only knowledgeable about young students' growth and learning needs, she is a wise businesswoman, and she is open, kind and warm. Tikvat Israel is proud to acknowledge her more than 30 years of work in the field of education at our

annual concert, featuring Six13 on May 31.

The ECC halls have been bustling with prospective parents taking tours for the next school year. Our registration for 2026-27 is now open. Interest in our school has been exceptional.

To celebrate *Tu B'shvat* in February, the children raised money for Jewish National Fund's Trees for Israel and had a wonderful *seder* foods tasting with dried fruits and wheat crackers. They also planted parsley seeds to bloom for Passover.

Our wonderful congregants have continued to share their time with our ECC students by reading to the children once per week. The teachers and children look forward to this special treat every week. At the end of February, the annual family day celebration took place with parents and grandparents joining the children for *Shabbat* prayers, *challah*, and songs with Auntie A.

Our *Netivot* program has been very productive and exciting. Students have learned many Hebrew letters, sounds and words. They have studied stories from the *Torah* and learned the meaning of each story. This quarter they have studied the rules, prayers and customs of *Shabbat*. In addition, it's been a very busy couple of months as the students explored the customs of *Tu B'shvat*, *Purim* and Passover.

Our *Netivot* program's *Gan*, *Alef* and *Bet* students were curious as they tasted the seven species and enjoyed a joyous *Tu B'shvat*

seder led by Rabbi Israel. Beginning in February and continuing into March, the students planted parsley for their Passover tables, and they will decorate their own holiday placemats, create noisy groggers and explore the *Megillah* with Rabbi Israel for *Purim*.

In addition, the students are scheduled to have a fanciful costume party and enjoy *hamentashen* to celebrate *Purim*. Lastly, parents and *Netivot* students will be part of a meaningful Passover *seder* led by our *Netivot* teachers and Rabbi Israel.

Our teens are planning to set up and supervise the games before the *Purim* puppet show. Thank you to Shira Lantner for organizing and supervising all our teens who spent time helping the younger children enjoy the festivities.

Lastly, we held our EFN Family *Shabbat* Pajama Party Dinner on Feb. 6 with more than 80 participants. Auntie A led the children, their stuffies and their parents in prayer to begin the *Shabbat* dinner. The families dined on a delicious dairy dinner, had story time with Roni Silverstein and cookies and milk for dessert. Thank you to Melissa Bailey Kutner for organizing our dinners and to the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington for supporting this popular program.

Our next dinner will be held on April 17. Our April dinner theme will be Israel Independence Day, *Yom HaAtzma'ut*. Registration is now open!



Auntie A led full-body sing-along in the leadup to a Shabbat family dinner at TI on Feb. 6. More than 80 young children, parents and grandparents participated. (Photo by Jay P. Goldman)

Baking Babka

Tikvat Israel's co-president Beth Smith taught congregants how to make pumpkin babka and apple cinnamon babka at a baking workshop on Jan. 11. She ran an earlier babka baking event in the TI kitchen in 2025. (Photos by Rob Amchin)



TIKVAT ISRAEL SEA CHANGE



Suggested Readings for Your Seder

“Remember the stranger among you for you were strangers in a strange land.”

This *Pesach*, we know that strangers among us live in fear. Tikvat Israel’s SEA Change Committee provides the following readings to include in your *seder*, to recognize the plight of our vulnerable neighbors, while recalling the miracle that led us from bondage to light.

Yachatz (breaking of the middle matzah)

Eloheinu v’Elohei Avoteinu v’Imoteinu - Our God and God of our fathers and mothers, help those who flee persecution as our ancestors did some 3000 years ago. Show *chesed* (loving-kindness) and compassion to those hemmed in by misery and captivity, and to those who take to the open ocean or treacherous landscape seeking freedom and liberty. Rescue and recover them - delivering them from gorge to meadow, from darkness to light. Inspire us to act on behalf of those we don’t know, on behalf of those we may never meet, because we know the heart of the stranger. We too ate the bread of affliction whose taste still lingers. And so, dear God, inspire us to be *rodfei tzedek*, pursuers of righteousness for those who seek the same freedoms we enjoy tonight. Do it speedily and in our days, and let us all say, *Amen*. (Rabbi Daniel Gropper)

Read after reciting The 10 Plagues

O merciful God, soften our hearts and the hearts of our enemies. Help us to dream new paths to freedom. So that the next sea-opening is not also a drowning; so that our singing is never again their wailing. So that our freedom leaves no one orphaned, childless, gasping for air. (adapted from Tamara Cohen, ed., *The Journey Continues*)

The Fifth Cup

Pass an empty wine glass around the *seder* table and have everyone add a drop of wine from their cup into this new cup. After everyone has added some wine to this 5th cup, read this blessing aloud together:

Tonight we honor the strength and resilience of refugees across the globe. We commit ourselves to ensuring that our country remains open to them, to supporting them as they rebuild their lives, and to championing their right for protection. Just as our own people now eat the bread of liberation, we pray that today’s refugees will fulfill their dreams of rebuilding their lives in safety and freedom in the year to come. Blessed are all those who yearn to be free. Blessed are we who commit ourselves to their freedom. Blessed are You, *Adonai* Our God, source of strength and liberation. (from *The HIAS Haggadah*)

HAVURAH SUGGESTS CHARITY TO ADDRESS ISRAELIS’ HEALTH NEEDS

BY DAVID GANTZ, CHAIR, TZEDAKAH HAVURAH

The *Tzedakah Havurah* was notified about an Israeli organization that we were unable to fund during our last round of donations. This organization might be an appropriate recipient for your Passover *tzedakah*.

Avnei Chein (www.avneichein.org) stands with Israeli families dealing with mental health crises, guiding them to safety and stability.

The message I received from this group, which responds to the mental health needs of civilian Israelis, reads (in part) as follows:

“*Avnei Chein* means Precious Stones. We believe every person is a Gem.

“I volunteer with *Avnei Chein*. I have seen *chayalim* wandering the streets with PTSD. They need help. They are our heroes giving up their lives for all Jews everywhere so we have a safe haven to go to - *Eretz Yisrael*. We must help them. We need them whole again.”



Keith Brooks (left) was among the blood donors at January’s Red Cross event at TI, while Danny Bachman waited his turn. (Photos by Robbi Cohen)

Shul’s Blood Drive Yields 20 Units

The Tikvat Israel blood drive in mid-January produced 20 units of blood for distribution to area hospitals. Approximately 36 percent of the donors were associated with Tikvat Israel.

Thank you to Aaron Chusid, Susan Davis, Nadia Palacios, Iber Gonzalez Alvarez and front desk volunteers Stu Turkewitz and Keith Brooks.

Robbi Cohen serves as blood drive coordinator.

Two more blood drives are scheduled at Tikvat Israel in 2026: June 9 and Nov. 10.

If you are eligible to donate blood but aren’t able to participate on the dates of the synagogue’s drive, please consider a blood donation at another location. You can find them at redcrossblood.org.

Passover 5786



Shacharit, Siyyum Bechorim, & Breakfast

Wednesday, April 1
7:15 am Shacharit
8:00 am Siyyum
Last Chametz: 11:06 am

Sale of Chametz

Deadline: Tuesday, March 31, 9:00 am

Burning Chametz

Wednesday, April 1 8:30 - 10:00 am

Return of Chametz

Thursday, April 9, 8:40 pm

Service Schedule

April 1	7:14 pm	Candle-lighting		
April 2	9:45 am	Pesach Festival Service	April 7	7:15 am Shacharit
	7:00 pm	Communal 2nd Seder		6:00 pm Minchah/Festival Ma'ariv
April 3	9:45 am	Pesach Festival Service		7:20 pm Candle-lighting
	6:00 pm	Minchah/Kab Shabbat (abbr)	April 8	9:45 am Pesach Festival Service
April 4	9:30 am	Shabbat Chol HaMoed		7:30 pm Festival Mincha/Ma'ariv (Zoom)
	8:20 pm	Maariv/Havdalah (Zoom)	April 9	9:30 am Pesach Festival Service
April 5	9:00 am	Shacharit		11:15 am Yizkor
	7:30 pm	Minchah/Ma'ariv		8:25 pm Ma'ariv/Havdalah (Zoom)
April 6	7:15 am	Shacharit		
	7:30 pm	Minchah/Ma'ariv		

Tikvat Israel Communal 2nd Seder

Thursday, April 2nd, 7:00 pm

Join us for a meaningful, fun, and delicious seder with elements for adults and children of all ages to engage in our annual retelling of our people's formative story.

For more information and updates go to tikvatisrael.org/pesach

CHAMETZ FORM

Rabbi Israel has updated the *chametz* form for use in 2026. Here's the link to it: <https://bit.ly/TIChametz>

BROADMAN-KAPLAN EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Plant Growth and Family Celebrations Mark Our Winter Focus

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



The ECC started the winter with snow days, exciting activities and celebrations. The ECC prepared for *Tu B'shvat* by studying trees. The children planted their own seeds, which they will watch grow. All classes celebrated with a *Tu B'shvat seder*, a feast of fruits in honor of the holiday.

Additionally, the classes were able to build their own edible trees using pretzel sticks and grape slices to enjoy a meaningful and creative snack. As part of the JSTEM program, the prekindergarten students studied how drip irrigation works and how it is used in the Israeli desert. They made their own drip irrigation system for their parsley seeds. They will monitor the growth of the plants, which will be ready to use for Passover.

For *tzedakah*, the ECC is participating in a program through JNF to purchase trees in Israel. The donations will help restore natural beauty, build habitats and renew the health of the land. Here is the link if you are interested in donating to [JNF](https://www.jnf.org).

On Friday, Feb. 20, the ECC celebrated *Yom Hamishpachah*, or family day, which is a holiday in Israel that replaced Mother's Day and Father's Day. This day more easily honors all family structures. Families were invited to come to TI to celebrate *Shabbat* in their child's classroom, where they recited the blessings and enjoyed challah and grape juice. The whole school then joined together for a special *Shabbat Sing* with Auntie A.

The ECC started registration for the 2026-27 school year and summer session. We have amazing flexible scheduling options. Classes are available for children 12 months up to 5 years old. We invite prospective families to set up tours by calling our office at 301-251-0455 or email Debbie Ungar at debbie@tikvatisrael.org.



Dancing takes place during the ECC's Shabbat Sing activities.



Youngsters at the ECC planted seeds to mark Tu B'shvat.

A Simple Way to Support Torah Fund

BY ELLIE DIAMOND, TORAH FUND CHAIR

Torah Fund is our way to be instrumental in giving more people from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to learn and grow into the future Conservative/*Masorti* leaders we need today.

Just a few weeks ago we enjoyed hearing Micah Cowan, long a member of our congregation, speak from the *bimah* on *Shabbat* about his experiences at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Future rabbis like Micah, who leading with his actions, will be inspirational to everyone whose lives he touches.

We all can help these leaders with our actions in support of Torah Fund. Donate, wear your lapel pin and tell more people about Torah Fund.

Another lovely and simple way to support Torah Fund is to send a beautiful e-card. There are many options to show you care for any occasion — holiday greetings, new baby, sympathy and a blank all-purpose graphic. The revenue from e-card purchases benefits the Torah Fund *Am Yisrael Chai* campaign, and our Women's Network will receive credit.

To see the many attractive designs and to purchase a card, access torahfundecards.jtsa.edu.

Thank you to all who have so generously donated.

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Clarifications About New Accounting Support

The synagogue's recent change in accounting firms has led to some questions and confusion among congregants about what exactly has changed and how it will affect members.

In January, TI began a relationship with the Bethesda-based firm Councilor, Buchanan and Mitchell, after severing ties with Kesef, the company which has handled TI's accounting for the past 4½ years.

Executive Director Aaron Chusid offered some explanations about the implications.

- **ShulCloud.** We are still using the ShulCloud payment platform. They provide member account services and on-line payment. So if you want to view the member directory, make a contribution, make a payment to your account via credit card or e-check, or register for an event, you will still use ShulCloud. Access your ShulCloud account at <https://tikvatisraelrockville.shulcloud.com/member>. Contact the office if you have any issues logging in or using your account.
- **Kesef.** We no longer are using Kesef for bookkeeping services, so all paper checks should be sent directly to TI. We will deposit and update your account in-house.
- Your monthly statements, as well as *yahrzeit* notifications, event registrations and payment receipts will come from ShulCloud. We prefer to send these via email to keep our printing and postage costs low, but *if you prefer to receive paper mail, let the office staff know.*

Some transition work continued into February, so let the office staff know if there are any errors with a personal account.

If you have any other questions about this or about your ShulCloud account, contact Aaron Chusid.



GRATITUDE FOR SUPPORT

Thank you to all those who donated or expressed sympathy and support on the passing of my brother Gerald Steven Perlmutter, z"l. Jerry made *aliyah* to Israel following the 1967 war and he passed away following a long illness.

Your support is another reminder of how special our community is and how fortunate we are to be part of it.

Jim Perlmutter

Frequently Asked Questions About TI's Flax Library

BY JANICE ROSENBERG, LIBRARY COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Herman J. Flax library is a shared resource for learning, reflection and enjoyment. To help you make the most of it, here are answers to the most frequently asked questions about our synagogue library, designed to make borrowing and using its resources simple and convenient.

Q. How many books are in the library?

A. The library has more than 1,725 works on its shelves, including fiction, non-fiction, biographies and short stories.

Q. What are the library's hours?

A. The library does not have specific hours. Its doors are always open whenever the synagogue itself is open.

Q. How do I search the library's catalog online?

A. Open TI's website and under "Study," click on "Flax Library Catalog." You can search by keyword, author, title or subject.

Q. How do I reserve books while searching the online catalog?

A. First, conduct a search and click on the book title to view the full record. Then, click on "Reserve" on the left-hand side. Fill-in your name and email address and hit "Send."

Q. How do I borrow books?

A. To borrow a book, send an email to TikvatIsraelLibrary@gmail.com and include the book title, your name and contact information.

Q. How long can I borrow books?

A. Items can be borrowed for three weeks with one renewal.



Some of the 1,700 books on the well-organized shelves of the Flax Library at TI. (Photo by Janice Rosenberg)

Q. How do I return books?

A. Return books in the box marked "Returns" in the Flax Library or the one below the pop-up library in TI's lobby.

Q. Where is TI's "pop-up" library?

A. TI's pop-up library, with books from the Flax Library, is located on a wall-mounted display in the synagogue's lobby adjacent to the entrance to the sanctuary.

Q. Does the library accept donations?

A. The library accepts donations of books in good condition published since the year 2000, Jewish classics or books of historical significance. To donate books or make a financial contribution, contact TikvatIsraelLibrary@gmail.com.



The Political Scoop



Maryland State Delegate Anne Kaiser provided an annual legislative update to several dozen congressmen in mid-January, giving particular attention to how our state government is attempting to address the impact of federal government decisions on state residents. Kaiser has been a member of Tikvat Israel since her youth. (Photo by Jay P. Goldman)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
112 Adar 9:00 A Minyan 7:30 P Minyan	213 Adar 5:21 A Fast begins🔔 Erev Purim 7:15 A Minyan 5:30 P Purim Puppet Show Plus 6:35 P Fast Ends 7:15 P Maariv, Megillah Reading and Purim Shpiel	314 Adar 🔔 Purim 7:00 A Purim Morning Minyan and Megillah Reading 10:00 A Tuesday Study Group 7:30 P Minyan	415 Adar 8:00 A Minyan 6 P Sea Change 7:30 P Minyan 8:00 P Chai Dynamics	516 Adar 7:15 A Minyan 7:30 P Minyan	617 Adar 8:00 A Minyan 5:48:00 P Candlelighting🔥🔥 6:00 P Kabbalat Shabbat	718 Adar 9:30 A Prelim📖 9:45 A Shabbat Services (Parashah Ki Tissa) 6:49 P Havdalah
819 Adar 9:00 A Minyan 10:00 A History of Zionism Book Discussion 7:30 P Minyan	920 Adar 7:15 A Minyan 5:30 P Men's Club Pizza at Siena's 7:30 P Minyan	1021 Adar 8:00 A Minyan 10:00 A Tuesday Study Group 7:30 P Minyan	1122 Adar 8:00 A Minyan 7:30 P Minyan 8:00 P Chai Dynamics	1223 Adar 7:15 A Minyan 7:30 P Minyan	1324 Adar 8:00 A Minyan 6:00 P Kabbalat Shabbat 6:55 P Candlelighting🔥🔥	1425 Adar 9:30 A Prelim📖 9:45 A Shabbat Services (Parashah Vayakhel-Pekudei) 11:15 A Auntie A 7:57 P Havdalah
1526 Adar 9:00 A Minyan 11:00 A Concert 2026 Comm. Mtg 7:30 P Minyan	1627 Adar 7:15 A Minyan 7:30 P Minyan 8:00 P Biblical Hebrew	1728 Adar 8:00 A Minyan 10:00 A Tuesday Study Group 7:30 P Minyan	1829 Adar 8:00 A Minyan 7:30 P Minyan 8:00 P WN Book Group (Zoom) 8:00 P Chai Dynamics	191 Nissan 🌕 Rosh Chodesh 7:15 A Minyan 6:00 P Equicare (Zoom) 7:30 P Minyan	202 Nissan 8:00 A Minyan 6:00 P Kabbalat Shabbat 7:02 P Candlelighting🔥🔥	213 Nissan 9:30 A Prelim📖 9:45 A Shabbat Services (Parashah Vayikra) 8:04 P Havdalah
224 Nissan 9:00 A Minyan 3:00 P Film: "No Other Land" 4:30 P Well Circle 7:30 P Minyan	235 Nissan 7:15 A Minyan 7:30 P Minyan	246 Nissan 8:00 A Minyan 10:00 A Tuesday Study Group 7:30 P Minyan 8:00 P TI Board Meeting	257 Nissan 8:00 A Minyan 7:30 P Minyan 8:00 P Chai Dynamics	268 Nissan 7:15 A Minyan 7:30 P Minyan	279 Nissan 8:00 A Minyan 6:00 P Kabbalat Shabbat 7:09 P Candlelighting🔥🔥	2810 Nissan 9:30 A Prelim📖 9:45 A Shabbat Services (Parashah Tzav) 11:15 A Auntie A 8:10 P Havdalah
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518 Nissan 🔔 Pesach IV 9:00 A Shacharit 7:30 P Minchah/Maariv	619 Nissan 🔔 Pesach V 7:15 A Shacharit 7:30 P Minchah/Maariv 8:00 P Biblical Hebrew	720 Nissan 🔔 Pesach VI 7:15 A Shacharit 6:00 P Minchah/Maariv 7:20 P Candlelighting🔥🔥	821 Nissan 🔔 Pesach VII 9:45 A Passover Services 7:30 P Minchah/Maariv 8:21 P Candlelighting🔥🔥	922 Nissan 🔔 Pesach VIII 9:30 Passover Services 11:15 A Yizkor 8:22 P Maariv/Havdalah 8:40 P Return Chametz	1023 Nissan 8:00 A Minyan 6:00 P Kabbalat Shabbat 7:23 P Candlelighting🔥🔥	1124 Nissan 9:30 A Prelim📖 9:45 A Shabbat Services (Parashah Shmini) 11:15 A Auntie A 8:24 P Havdalah
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192 Iyar 9:00 A Minyan 10:00 A Men's Club Speaker - Bill Apter 4:30 P Well Circle 7:30 P Minyan	203 Iyar 7:15 A Minyan 7:30 P Minyan 8:00 P Biblical Hebrew	214 Iyar 🔔 Yom HaZikaron 8:00 A Minyan 10:00 A Tuesday Study Group 7:30 P Minyan	225 Iyar 🔔 Yom HaAtzma'ut 8:00 A Minyan 7:30 P Minyan 8:00 P Chai Dynamics	236 Iyar 7:15 A Minyan 7:30 P Minyan	247 Iyar 8:00 A Minyan 6:00 P KS with Instruments 7:36 P Candlelighting🔥🔥	258 Iyar 9:30 A Prelim📖 9:45 A Shabbat Services (Parashah Achrei Mot-Kedoshim) 8:38:00 P Havdalah
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Tikvat Israel Remembers With Respect Those Whose Yahrzeits Occur From from 12 Adar - 13 Nissan— March 2026

MARCH 1

12 ADAR

Filemon Castillo
Bessie Danoff
Fanny Izen
Sharon Jacobs
Sara Lebowitz
Belle Lerner
Emily Livingston
Louis D. Robbin
Frank Sobovinsky

MARCH 2

13 ADAR

Abraham Brooke
Shulamit Elster
Eva Glater
George Rosenberg
Marshall Silverstein

MARCH 3

14 ADAR

Paul Altman
Burton Boroff
Fannie Curchack
Lena Fineman
Solomon Gorschman
Corina D. Nichols
Karen Schubert
Ruth Anne Sheskin

MARCH 4

15 ADAR

Elaine Kasper
Bert Levin
Zahava Nevet
Anna Shapiro
Zandel Smith

MARCH 5

16 ADAR

Harry Balin
Celia Bliss
Morris Gellman
Sam Jorban
Max Katzen
Milton Kensky
Anne Larrick
Jacob Pear
Joseph Podgor
David Ronis
Philip Schnitzer
Abraham I. Selwyn
Ascher Wolf

MARCH 6

17 ADAR

Carl Boden
Friedrich Breit
Sigmund Brown
Erna Casper
Murray Grand
Abraham Kabot
Freda Kagan
Jayson Levine
Milton Moss
Gerda Reich
Isadore Schwartz
Harry Weinstein

MARCH 7

18 ADAR

Stephen Edwards
Lynne Eisman
Frances First
Helen Gross
Rebecca Kauffman
Rose Ludwin
Colin Melmed
Susan Meyers
David Stuart Pearl
Morris Polansky
Jacob Sage
Fannie Salzer
Lena Sandler

MARCH 8

19 ADAR

Herman Hamburg
Maurice Krause
Gloria Levinrad
Tillie Lieberman
Joseph Salzer
Dudley Schwartz

MARCH 9

20 ADAR

Marguerite Eldredge
Renne Katz
Abraham Isaac Levy
William Raucher
Benjamin Rosenthal
Mae Shulman
Marlene Shulman
Rabbi Jerome Weistrop

MARCH 10

21 ADAR

Sarah Bass
Tillie Beard
Theresa Kabik
Bernard Levine
Phyllis Newman
Mary Nussbaum
Martin Robinson
Melvin Salzman
Daniel Howard Steiner
David Suson
Anna Zipin

MARCH 11

22 ADAR

Sylvia Abramson
Sylvia Eiserike
Edna Eisner
Clem Fishman
Benjamin Lederman
Paul Margolies
Howard Paul Morrison
Pauline Rosenblatt
Nyusya Sapozhnikova
Pearl Simon
Ben A. Williamowsky

MARCH 12

23 ADAR

Linda Beaumont
Isadore Chait
Anita S. Herman
Albert Katz
Charlotte Zeidman

MARCH 13

24 ADAR

Lillie Becker
Robert Davidson
Ruth Davis
Morris Freedman
Miriam Bobys Green
Henry J. Land
Elaine Moses
Minnie Parzow
Max Steinberg

MARCH 14

25 ADAR

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MARCH 15

26 ADAR

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MARCH 16

27 ADAR

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28 ADAR

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Donald Lewis
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Louis Newman
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MARCH 19

1 NISSAN

Debbie Bloom
Harold Botkin

MARCH 20

2 NISSAN

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Ruth Kramer
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MARCH 21

3 NISSAN

Maurice Gabes
Ruth Gilston
Lottie Greenwood
Ernest Gruenfeld
Emma Klein
Mark Morrison
Leroy Moses
Rose Silverman

MARCH 22

4 NISSAN

Joseph Bogage
Pillie Grossman
Eugene Katz
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MARCH 23

5 NISSAN

Lillian Brecker
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MARCH 24

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MARCH 26

8 NISSAN

Harriet Cohen
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MARCH 27

9 NISSAN

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MARCH 28

10 NISSAN

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MARCH 29

11 NISSAN

Lina Hoffman
Beatrice Klein
Leilani Lansing
Jacob Levi
Julie Melmed
Molly Oppenheim

MARCH 30

12 NISSAN

Ida Baroff
Louis Bernstein
Gerald Lempert
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Sandra Tolpin
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MARCH 31

13 NISSAN

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14 *NISSAN*

Sondra Diamond
Henry Goldberg
Jacob Goldstein
Dora Kishner
Akhtar Saadian
Michael Sanders
Michael C. Shapiro
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Diane Katz Shedroff

APRIL 2

15 *NISSAN*

Edward Lankin
Tillie Pressman
Harry Shooman
Kalman Sokolow
Sol Wachovsky

APRIL 3

16 *NISSAN*

Stanley Berger
Harry G. Blackstone
Joseph Burdoo
Samuel Grossman
Lauri Joseph
Irving Kaplan
David Klein
Ida Licht
Irwin Lowenfeld

APRIL 4

17 *NISSAN*

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Benjamin Fleitell
Joseph Gordon
Harriet Raine
Dorothy M. Robinson
Rose Stahler

APRIL 5

18 *NISSAN*

Irving Curchack
Jennie Kornhauser
Leonard Mitchel

APRIL 6

19 *NISSAN*

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Samuel Nathan Leavitt
Rita Shetzlich

APRIL 7

20 *NISSAN*

Alfred Cowan
Ray Kramer Gesumaria
Dianna Hamburg
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Fannie Saltzman
Sol Schwartz
Helen Sharlot
Samuel Shull
Bernice Singer
Albert Stutz

APRIL 8

21 *NISSAN*

Benjamin Bogage
Stephen Gary
Mary Ruth Glucksman
Aaron Polansky

APRIL 9

22 *NISSAN*

Lorraine Cohen
Jenny Fierman
Susana Nardea Gorelick
Charles Haberman
Helen Haberman
Yaakov Havakuk
Samuel Taylor

APRIL 10

23 *NISSAN*

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Nathan Bloom
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Jackie Tievy
Daniel Wexler

APRIL 11

24 *NISSAN*

Samuel Appel
Norman Cohen
Sondra Diamond
Diane Finkelstein
Ruthanne Osherooff

APRIL 12

25 *NISSAN*

Lenore (Norrie) Kline Bain
Maurice Levy

APRIL 13

26 *NISSAN*

Dorothy Daffe
Tillie Feldman
Joseph Glucksman
David Leise
Faye Raff
Nettie Waltzer
Joseph Zalen

APRIL 14

27 *NISSAN*

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Ellis Goldman
Julius Lifshutz
Esdra Jose Morhaim ben
Malkuna
Meyer Puner
Stuart Schaffman
Cora Weil
Herbert Weinstein
Oscar Zaccagni

APRIL 15

28 *NISSAN*

Allan Beck
Sarah Cowan
Tillie Grand
Evelyn Spector
Marcelle Tangy
Anna Teitelbaum
Gertrude S. Van Aalten
Barrie Wellens

APRIL 16

29 *NISSAN*

Philip Caplan
Esther Duker Pollack
Sidney Polster

APRIL 17

30 *NISSAN*

Esther Engelstein
Evelyn B. Kaplan
Ethel Melmed
Irving Suskin
Paul Waltzer
Sonnie Wolf
Harry Yudkoff

APRIL 18

1 *IYYAR*

William Dorfman
David Fischer
Herbert Horowitz
Theodore Perlman
Raula Stern
Joseph Wagman
Gary Yudkoff

APRIL 19

2 *IYYAR*

Sarah Bachman
Isidore Cohen
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APRIL 20

3 *IYYAR*

Linda Bressler
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4 *IYYAR*

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APRIL 22

5 *IYYAR*

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APRIL 23

6 *IYYAR*

Herba DelMonte
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APRIL 24

7 *IYYAR*

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APRIL 25

8 *IYYAR*

Dora Alper
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Yaakov Lichter
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APRIL 26

9 *IYYAR*

Pauline Dunsmore
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Samuel Lebowitz
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APRIL 27

10 *IYYAR*

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David Fein
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Selma Goldstein
Robert Kopp
Benjamin Lerner
Lillian Miller Murphy
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APRIL 28

11 *IYYAR*

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Howard C. Penenburgh
David Shukotoff

APRIL 29

12 *IYYAR*

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Celia Shetzich
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APRIL 30

13 *IYYAR*

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