



# The Menorah

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## In-Town TI Retreat, January 15-17, Explores Health Care as a Civil Right

Departing from long-established practice, Tifereth Israel will hold its annual Retreat in **January**, instead of November, and **in town**, at TI, instead of at the Pearlstone Center north of Baltimore.

The change was a creative solution to a "good news" problem: the heavy fall schedule of b'nei mitzvah precluded a November retreat, and alternative openings at Pearlstone did not meet our needs.

### Kol Nashim, Social Action Shabbaton

The weekend Retreat, January 15-17, 2010, promises to be a unique event. It will incorporate our annual Kol Nashim Shabbat morning service and Social Action Shabbaton, and feature lively presentations and discussions.

The retreat will offer a full menu of meals—including Friday night dinner, our usual Shabbat Kiddush Lunch, Saturday night dinner, and Sunday brunch and light lunch—and our favorite Saturday night entertainment—original TI skits.

Since the retreat will be held at TI, and avoids lodging costs, members can attend the full weekend (or any combination of individual activities) at little expense. It is hoped this will enhance participation and draw a larger share of TI members than if the retreat were held out of town.

### Health Care as a Civil Right

The theme of the retreat is *Health Care as a Civil Right*. The weekend begins with a Friday night Carlebach service and dinner.

Saturday morning services will be led by members of Kol Nashim.

The drash will be delivered by **Professor John Dittmer**, from DePauw University in Indiana. He is the Bancroft prize-winning author of *The Good Doctors: The Medical Committee for Human Rights and the Struggle for Social Justice in Health Care*.

After lunch, Professor Dittmer will chair a panel discussion about health care issues in the 1960's-70's and social justice developments in health care since the civil rights marches.

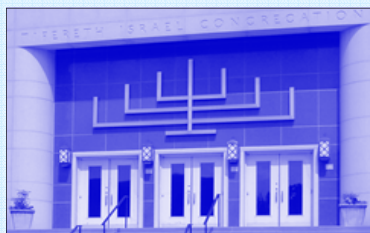
Joining him as panelists will be five distinguished professionals and writers in the health field. Several of them are members of the Medical Committee for Human Rights (MCHR), and are featured in *The Good Doctors*. See the Social Action column on page 8 for further details on the panelists and MCHR.

Additional programs following the panel discussion will include a presentation on Women and the Civil Rights Movement by **Mollie Berch**, meditation and games.

After Havdalah, there will be dinner, time to prepare and present skits, and then a *Kumsitz* and singing.

See pages 12 and 13 for a complete Retreat schedule and registration form

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## In-Toswn Retreat, January 15-17 (continued)

Sunday morning will start with the Sunday *New York Times* Crossword Puzzle with Rabbi Seidel, followed by Minyan and brunch.

The retreat will culminate with a choice of two programs:

- a Big Read discussion of John Dittmer's book, *The Good Doctors*, led by Professor Dittmer. Copies are available for purchase at the TI office; or
- a social action project, appropriate for families, to help clean up Rock Creek Park along 16<sup>th</sup> Street.

Both groups will conclude the Retreat back at TI with hot drinks and pizza bagels.

### Youth Programs

Throughout the weekend there will be special programs for children and youth of all ages, including stories,

games and other activities, and a sleep-over Saturday night for children ages six and older. A full complement of staff will be supervising.

After Friday evening Shabbat services and dinner, there will be Shabbat-appropriate ice breakers, games and social activities. We hope to be joined by youth from Hope Tabernacle Church of God, which rents space at TI.

Children who arrive early on Shabbat morning may have breakfast at TI with their parents. Regularly scheduled Shabbat groups will meet. Teens will attend services in the main sanctuary with the congregation. Free time will follow lunch.

On Shabbat afternoon students will learn about different aspects of the civil rights movement. They will begin with a general discussion and address stereotypes through a series of exercises and activities. Then they will split into groups by age, with each group rotating through four rooms representing different parts of the Civil Rights Movement:

**Alabama**—Birmingham, Selma and Montgomery

**Personalities**—Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., Abraham Joshua Heschel, Jack Greenberg, Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, Emmett Till

**North Carolina**—Greensboro, Charlotte

**Mississippi**—Freedom Summer, Freedom Riders

As each age group attends each room, appropriate programs will be presented to inform the children. The afternoon will conclude with a discussion of current day stereotypes and the ways they affect our society.

Children and youth will join the congregation for *Ma'ariv* and *Havdalah* and then after dinner will have games. A make-your-own sundae bar will provide an evening snack. From 9:30 -11:30 p.m. there will be laser tag (\$10 per person) for ages 8 and up, and a movie for 5-7 year olds.

Those not sleeping over will need to be picked up at 11:30. For those who will be sleeping over (\$10 per person), activities will continue.

Sunday morning breakfast will be followed by Rock Creek Park cleanup. Hot chocolate and sandwiches will be served on their return. Pickup is at 12:30 p.m.

### *The Menorah*

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## Presidentially Speaking: Susan Catler It's Time for All of Us to Act as "Homeowners"

I am writing this during Hanukkah, a time of rededication, thanksgiving and miracles. It makes me think of the upcoming dedication of our newly renovated kitchen on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The kitchen dedication celebrates many things for which we at TI should be truly thankful. It also makes me long for miracles.

All of us who eat at TI should be very thankful that the new kitchen has made food preparation easier and safer.

We should be thankful to those who volunteered huge amounts of time to plan the new kitchen. We should be thankful to those who worked diligently to make sure those plans became reality. We should be thankful to those who worked tirelessly to raise the money to pay for the changes to the kitchen.

And we should be thankful to those who have contributed to pay for the renovation of the kitchen.

### We Now Need a Miracle

What we need now is a miracle. We need those members of the congregation who have not yet contributed to the kitchen to do so. While we have raised over \$600,000, we have had to finance the remaining \$100,000 of the renovation cost. Paying down this debt on top of our regular expenses strains our budget. What we really need now is for those of you who have not yet given to make a contribution.

Why would I consider it a miracle if the 150 member households who have not contributed at all to the kitchen were to make a pledge or write a check? Because I believe making a contribution to this effort, no matter the amount, would indicate a new way of thinking about Tifereth Israel.

### Renters and Homeowners

I have been struggling to find an analogy. The best one I have come up with is the change that comes over someone who ceases being a renter and becomes a homeowner. When it is your home, you

no longer expect someone else to take care of any problems that arise. You no longer expect the monthly payment to be the only cost to keep the roof over your head. When the plumbing needs fixing or the roof needs replacing, a homeowner knows that additional money will be needed.



So the miracle I hope for is that all of our members will see Tifereth Israel as their home. I hope that when the call goes out for donations they will respond like a homeowner, not a renter. I hope they will respond with a donation in an amount they can handle. And I hope they will begin by making a pledge or writing a check for the kitchen renovation.

### **Funeral Practices Committee Always On-Call**

Chaverim of the Funeral Practices Committee are on call to provide counsel and services to synagogue members and their dependents. Prior to contacting the funeral home, please contact one of the following chaverim, Rabbi Seidel, or the TI office (202-882-1605).

**Shelly Heller** h: 301-942-1836  
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## “Yes We Can! Middle East Peace” Events Inspire Audiences

Larry Greenfield

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict with its deepening mutual and seemingly unending hatred, pain and suffering continues to frustrate our hopes for peace as President Obama's peace initiative calling for a two-state solution appears to have stalled.

In an effort to reinvigorate President Obama's laudable initiative, a new interfaith and secular peace group, Yes We Can! Middle East Peace (YESMEP) ([www.yesmep.org](http://www.yesmep.org)), invited members of the Parents Circle-Families Forum to the U.S. to participate in an event at the Sixth and I Historic Synagogue in DC on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The Parents Circle is a group of bereaved Israeli and Palestinian families that lost loved ones during the conflict. Rather than seek revenge, they took the unusual step of seeking mutual understanding, support and reconciliation.

### Interfaith Havdalah at TI

In this context, Mazen Faraj and Robi Damelin, members of “Parents Circle” came to Tifereth Israel on December 5<sup>th</sup> for an interfaith *Havdalah* service and discussion led by Rabbi Seidel.

Born in the Dehishia Refugee Camp near Bethlehem, Mazen joined the resistance to the occupation as a “freedom fighter” and, consequently, went to jail when he was 15 years old! He was greatly affected when his father was killed by Israeli soldiers while shopping for groceries and his brother died of cancer shortly after being released from an Israeli prison.

Inspired by the possibilities for peace by the famous Arafat-Rabin

handshake on the White House lawn, Mazen decided to join the Parents Circle in pursuit of peace and reconciliation.

Robi Damelin's son, David, an IDF lieutenant, was killed by a Palestinian sniper's bullet while on patrol at a checkpoint. Rejecting the futility of revenge, Robi gave up a successful public relations business to join the Parents Circle.

Attending the TI *Havdalah* were some 20 TI and YESMEP members. The discussion, drove home two points to me: First, the process of reconciliation is very powerful, as exemplified by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that helped to end Apartheid in South Africa. Second, a transformative event may be required to initiate the process of reconciliation, which includes confession, repentance, forgiveness and compensation.

According to Robi, the transformative event in South Africa was the decision by the White Afrikaner regime to free Nelson Mandela from prison, as was Anwar Sadat's visit to Israel in initiating almost 40 years of peace between Israel and Egypt. Lastly, citing an uptick in suicides among Israeli soldiers, Robi pointed out that the ongoing conflict is hurting people in both societies.

### Sixth & I Event

On Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, YESMEP sponsored a remarkable interfaith pro-peace event at the Sixth and I Historic Synagogue in DC, which was attended by a diverse, upbeat crowd of some 220 people.

Pulitzer prize winner David Shipler moderated, with help from music and

arts impresario, Ari Roth, and Andy Shallal, co-founders of “The Peace Café” in Washington. From the Middle East, came the Parent Circle and a world famous Israeli-Palestinian band called the White Flag Project (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2Mb0EilPv>) that, to the delight of the audience, played a funky mixture of hip hop, jazz, rock and other musical styles.

Also featured, were prayers for peace presented by Jewish, Muslim and Christian clergy. Imam Yahya Hendi offered prayers in Arabic, English and yes, Hebrew!

Excerpts from President Obama's Cairo speech were captured on screen and invited guest, D. Paul Monteiro, Associate Director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, called on religious communities to keep the hope for peace alive.

Other high-quality performers included storyteller, Noa Baum, Cantor Ramon Tasat, Palestinian *oud* player, Shawkat Sayyad, and renowned British actor, David Bryan Jackson, who delivered excerpts of dialogues from Israeli and Palestinian perspectives from his plays, *Via Dolorosa* and *Wall*.

Inspired by the Hebrew peace songs of Rabbi David Shneyer on guitar, a joyous group danced to the words from Isaiah: “Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” The event ended with audience-affirming shouts of “Yes We Can! Middle East Peace.”

The impact of the Parents Circle is dramatically illustrated by an e-mail

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## Department of Lifelong Learning: Lynn Golub-Rofrano Himmelfarb Religious School & Youth Activities

### Himmelfarb Happenings

Religious School resumes on January 6 after the winter break.

**Deborah Greenberg** will be joining our staff as the teacher for Kitah Hey. Many of you know Deborah as the daughter of congregants George and Marjorie Greenberg. Deborah grew up at Tifereth Israel and attended the Himmelfarb Religious School. She has a master's degree in education and has taught at local schools, including Shepherd Elementary School.

Deborah is replacing **Mark Lewis** whose full-time job prevents him from teaching on Wednesdays. Mark has been teaching for us for the last eight years and we appreciate all the time and effort he has given to us. His students and their parents will sorely miss him.

### Youth Group Programs

#### Kadima (Grades 6-8)

Kadima Saturday Night Live will take place on Saturday, January 9, at B'nai Israel in Rockville. The

program includes something fun for everyone!! There will be music, inflatable games and activities, video and board games, gaga, crafts, snacks, and an ice cream sundae bar. If your child is interested in attending please let me or Rafi know.

#### USY (Grades 9-12)

The USY Ski Trip will be a sleepover this year! The teens will stay at the Marriot Courtyard in Pennsylvania on January 23 and ski or snowboard at Ski Roundtop on January 24. The cost is \$180 if you are renting equipment and \$150 if you have your own equipment. The cost includes charter bus service, overnight accommodations, lift tickets, equipment rental and all meals. You must sign up by January 9. The bus leaves after Shabbat on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and returns around 9 p.m. on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Shabbat Family Service

Our first Shabbat Family Service of the year is scheduled for January 23 from 10 a.m.-12 noon. If your child would like an individual part in the service, please let me or Kim Levone know. We are putting together the

list of those who want to participate and assigning parts. All religious school students will be assigned a part with their class.

### Leila Tov! Havdalah & Family Education Program

On January 9 at 6 p.m., we will have a program that centers on *Tikkun Olam* and ways to Make Your Lives a Blessing.

I will lead the children's program. They will have the opportunity to discuss how they can make a difference. Each child will make a *tzedekah* box and learn about possible *Tikkun Olam* projects. Rabbi Seidel will run a separate related program for parents.

The evening begins with *Havdalah* and ends with hot chocolate and snacks. Please RSVP to me so we can have the right number of pillowcases. This program will be most enjoyed by children in grades K – 2 but siblings are of course welcome. The cost is \$10 per family for TI members and \$15 for non-members.

## YESMEP Events Inspire Audiences (continued)

sent to a friend of mine by Nida Kazmi, a college student who attended the December 6th YESMEP 6th & I event, and helped bring at least 10 more students. Nida is an observant Muslim of Pakistani origin. She wrote:

“Having had the opportunity to be part of the YESMEP organisation and to attend the 6th December event...really changed my perspective completely on the issue of Israeli-Palestinian conflict. As a

Muslim, all my life I have always heard the story from a Palestinian and Muslim perspective in which Israel is always painted in a negative light. However, after listening to Robi and Mazen, members of the Parents Circle, I realised how much easier it is to take a side and not really understand the other side.

“My religion has always taught me to treat everyone with respect and dignity and I have often forgotten this when it comes to the Israeli-

Palestinian [conflict]. I have always been quick to blame Israel without really knowing the whole story.

“After attending this event I am beginning [to] understand the other side as well and realize that Israelis or Jews have the right to want the same things Palestinians or Muslims want for themselves and it does no one any good if we each stand on our pedestals and judge one another without looking.”

## Department of Lifelong Learning: Lynn Golub-Rofrano Adult Education

### Ethics Theme Chosen

Starting in January our adult education programs will focus on Ethics. This theme will drive our choice of book discussions, movies, Jewish current events topics and other adult programming.

The upcoming in-town Retreat on January 15-17 is also exploring an ethical theme, in this case of health care as a civil right.

On Sunday morning, January 17, **Professor John Dittmer** will lead a Big Read discussion on his book, *The Good Doctors*. Copies of the book are available for purchase in the TI office.

Tifers are welcome to join this discussion **even if they don't attend the full retreat**.

On February 21, nationally known medical ethicist, **Ezekial Emmanuel**, will speak at Tifereth Israel on a panel with Rabbi Ethan Seidel about the ethics of experimentation on humans.

During the year, our Monday programs will include many movies dealing with ethics as well as a look at Israeli poetry on the ethical treatment of others.

### Monday Learning Program

Our Monday programs have been a great success and we have had excellent turnouts. If you are free for study, or just for lunch or the

afternoon program, come to TI and join us!

### Morning Programs:

*Parashat HaShavuah* Class with Rabbi Seidel and Job Club with David Zinner

### Afternoon Programs:

January 4: Jewish Current Events Discussion, held the first Monday of every month, on articles found in the *Forward*. These discussions are always interesting and reflect the different perspectives that TI members bring to the group.

January 11: Poems by local poet, Danny Siegel. We will examine some of his poems on the treatment of others and living an ethical life.

January 25: The film, *Live and Become*, at 1:00 p.m. In 1980 the black Falashas in Ethiopia are recognized as genuine Jews and many are secretly carried to Israel. The day before the transport a Jewish mother's son dies, and in his place, using his name, Shlomo, she takes a Christian 9-year-old boy.

The mother dies upon arrival in Israel and Shlomo is adopted by a Jewish family. From the beginning he experiences large and small racial difficulties. This movie deals with many once-taboo subjects, and it should provoke an interesting discussion.

### Talking to God on Shabbat

January 20-February 17: This course is scheduled for five Wednesday evenings, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Tuition is \$75 (scholarship assistance is available), and a minimum registration is required.

Taught by Rabbi Avis Miller, of the Open Dor Foundation, the course will address why, what, and how Jews pray. The group will explore the structure of the liturgy and the meaning of the prayers in the Shabbat services.

In class discussions, students will compare various translations of the prayers, and ask whether they need to believe what they say when they pray.

Although both Hebrew and English texts will be used, knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary for the class. This course will be a helpful supplement for past or current adult bar/bat mitzvah participants.

### Adult Education Booklet

A booklet describing all the adult education programs to be offered in the winter and spring of 2010 is now nearing completion. It should be available on-line, in the TISA, and for pick-up in the TI office early in January.

## Hadashot Shelanu-Our News

Julie Steinberg

**Elizabeth, Dan, and Amira Handwerker** welcome Ilana Ruth Handwerker, born Sunday November 15 at 8 pounds, 5 oz.

A story written by Raizel Sober, granddaughter of **Barbara** and **Howard White**, appears in the November/December issue of *Muse Magazine*. The story is one of the winners in a contest on "An Immigrant's Story."

**Cyndy** and **Alan Weitz** celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Bethanie, to Joshua Costa on December 13 at TI.

**Carolivia Herron** visited Jerusalem in December. She wrote about taking self-portraits and wearing talit and kippa under her purple outfit while at the *kotel*.

Former member **Louise Sidman**, whose late husband, Charlie, was president of TI when it became a Conservative congregation, celebrated her 90th birthday this November.

**Esther** and **Gene Herman** traveled to Cancun after Thanksgiving with their daughter, Elana, her husband, David, and their children, Adam and Jessica. All enjoyed the sunny, warm vacation.

Theater J artistic director, **Ari Roth**, explains why he selected Neil Simon's play, *Lost in Yonkers*, for this season in the article, "Lost and Found in Yonkers," published by the *Jerusalem Post* on November 8.

The *Jewish Daily Forward*, "New Faces of Leadership," for 2009 selected **Ari Roth** for his thought-provoking theatrical repertoire.

**Hayim Lapin**, Director of Jewish Studies at the University of Maryland Meyerhoff Center, is quoted in the article "A Shandah in the Making," published November 25 in the *Washington Jewish Week*, where he speaks about the tentative decision to eliminate Yiddish language studies from the university's offerings.

In the article "Quitting Mideast Talks May be Best US Policy," published November 11 by *Google Hosted News*, Middle East expert, **Jon Alterman**, suggests current options for US Administration policy toward the peace process.

On November 18, the *Gazette Net* published the article, "Transgendered Aid Turns to Law She Helped Pass," which discusses a discrimination complaint by **Dana Beyer** against



the Montgomery County Ethics Commission.

**Joelle Novey** is featured in the article "Individualism and Community," *Hadassah Magazine*, August/September, 2009, about independent *minyanim*. She talks about the local Friday night *minyan* she cofounded in 2005 called Tikkun Leil Shabbat.

Sadly, Gertrude Kline, mother of **Andrea Kline**, died November 18 after a very long illness, and Jay Steven Weil, brother of **Gary Weil** and son of **Nathaniel Weil**, died November 24 of a brain aneurism.

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Please submit your accomplishments, travel, news, publications, special events, and stories to me either online, with Hadashot on the subject line, at [jsteinberg2@zzapp.org](mailto:jsteinberg2@zzapp.org) or give me a call. I look forward to hearing from you.

## Social Action at Tifereth Israel

Claudine Schweber

On January 16-17, 2010 we celebrate Martin Luther King's life and work at our annual social action Shabbaton, continuing a TI tradition of presenting social action themes that affect our community.

As we begin the Social Action Committee's 41<sup>st</sup> year, our Shabbaton program--**Health Care as a Human Right**--deals with the almost half-century campaign for non-discriminatory, universal health care in the United States

We focus on the true story of medical professionals who went south during the civil rights movement, as detailed in the book, *Good Doctors: The Medical Committee for Human Rights and the Struggle for Social Justice in Health Care (2009)*, by **John Dittmer**, winner of the Bancroft Prize in history.

MCHR was established in 1964 to support civil rights workers during Mississippi Freedom Summer. In the ensuing years the MCHR:

- provided care for demonstrators in Selma and Jackson in 1965 and at the Democratic Convention in Chicago 1968;
- joined the campaign to end the war in Vietnam;
- fought discrimination in the medical profession and at the American Medical Association;

- helped desegregate southern hospitals;
- started free clinics in cities;
- created the model for community health centers; and
- advocated for a single-payer, universal health insurance program!

We are honored to have Professor Dittmer give the *drash* on Shabbat, chair the afternoon panel which will focus on health care issues, and lead a discussion about his book on Sunday morning as part of the Big Read.

We are especially excited that four of our panel members are cited in *Good Doctors*, including one who has been active in free medical care in our community for over 40 years. The panelists are:

**Dr. Sidney Wolfe**, MCHR member, and currently director of Health Research Group at Public Citizen.

**Phyllis Cunningham**, MCHR member and nurse involved in the South in the 1960' and later in health care advocacy.

**Dr. Alfred Moldovan**, MCHR co-founder, coordinator of the Selma march and Dr. King's personal physician for the Selma march.



**Bonnie Lefkowitz**, author of *Community Health Centers: A Movement and the People Who Made it Happen*.

**Dr. George Cohen**, pediatrician with Mobile Medical Care in Montgomery County, MD.

This is the first time this group has been together, and at such a propitious moment in American history. Don't miss this opportunity!

At past MLK Shabbatons we have discussed:

- housing problems in our community;
- crises facing children (abuse, neglect, poverty) and the responsibility of the religious community;
- community partnerships such as those providing housing for the homeless;
- renovation of homes for the elderly and low-income persons with Yachad;
- tutoring elementary school children, improving writing skills; and
- working with our Shepherd Park neighbors.



## Kol Nashim

Paula Flicker



### January 16

Kol Nashim members will be leading services as part of the Social Action Shabbaton. Thank you to all who are preparing to participate and to Adele Natter, who contacted many women to organize this service.

provides this introduction to it:

When did “Women's Lib” really come to Israel, and how is it playing out politically, socially, and domestically?

### January 24

The Sunday after the In-Town Retreat, Ms. Galit Baram, from the Embassy of Israel, will speak at 10:15 a.m. The title of her talk is “**Israeli Women: pre and post Women’s Lib**”. Shirley Rosenberg suggested and arranged for this program, and

Galit Baram, counselor for public and academic affairs at the Embassy, will enlighten us about women's status in Israel today, how it compares to yesteryear, and its overall effect on women, the family, and the body politic. Galit has served Israel for 25 years, including diplomatic postings in Jerusalem, Moscow, and Cairo.

## Tifereth Israel Highlights in January

<b>January 9</b>	<b>Kadima Saturday Night Live Program</b>
<b>January 9</b>	<b>Havdalah &amp; Family Education Program, 6 p.m.</b>
<b>January 15-17</b>	<b>In-Town Retreat</b>
<b>January 20</b>	<b>“Talking to God on Shabbat” course begins (first of 5 sessions), 7:15-8:30 p.m.</b>
<b>January 23</b>	<b>Shabbat Family Service, 10 a.m.-12 noon</b>
<b>January 23-24</b>	<b>USY Ski Trip</b>
<b>January 24</b>	<b>Kol Nashim Program, “Israeli Women pre and post Women’s Lib,” 10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Every Monday</b>	<b>Monday Learning: <i>Parashat Hashavuah</i> in morning; current events, literature discussions, films in afternoon</b>

## News from the Library

Mollie Berch

Looking for "something to read"???

We just purchased an excellent book, *American Jewish Fiction: A JPS Guide*, by Josh Lambert (2009). It contains 125 full-page, beautifully written, book reviews.

The books are from the 1860's through 2007. We have many of them in the library. The appendix has several essays, including a good one on Jewish characters in modern American fiction.

### Watson Donation

The library has received a magnificent donation of books that had belonged to the late Marjorie

Watson. It is the best book donation we have ever had. We encourage you to come by the library to check out the wonderful selection.

### Other library acquisitions

Angel, Rabbi Marc, *The Search Committee: A Novel* (Urim Fiction, 2008)

Berch, Bettina E., *From Hester Street to Hollywood: The Life and Work of Anzia Yezierska* (2009), Biography

Dickstein, Morris, *Dancing in the Dark: A Cultural History of the Great Depression* (2009)

Jacobs, A.J., *The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible* (Simon & Schuster, 2007)

Manseau, Peter, *Songs for the Butcher's Daughter* (2008)

Ulinich, Anya, *Petropolis* (Scribe, 2008), Fiction

Wolpe, Rabbi David J., *Why Faith Matters* (HarperOne, 2008), Spiritual Biography

If you have checked out library books for an extended period of time, we would appreciate your returning them as soon as possible so that others may read them.

## Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

### January 1

Larry & Melanie Greenfield  
Abraham & Dena Greenstein  
Seth Grimes & Franca Brilliant  
Robert & Audrey Halper  
Alex Halper  
Jonathan Halpern  
Daniel & Elizabeth Handwerker  
Elliot Harrison & Wendy Coleman  
David Hart & Lois Frankel  
Steve Harvey & Lisa Hack

### January 8

Stephen & Shelly Heller  
Matt & Linda Heller  
Bruce Heppen & Bonnie Suchman  
Eugene & Esther Herman  
Mitchell & Patti Herman  
Irma Herr  
Carolivia Herron  
Judith Herzog  
Seth Himelhoch & Sheila Jelen  
William & Nira Hodos

### January 22

David & Marcia Hoexter  
Robert & Helen Hovis  
Anita Isicson

Verne & Abby Jacobs  
William & Marissa Jacobson  
Andres Jaime & Hedy Howard  
Leonard Jewler & Andrea Rosen  
Harvey Kabaker & Andrea Kline  
Steven Kalish & Anita Bollt  
David Kass & Iris Amdur

### January 29

Joshua & Jennifer Kefer  
Kenneth & Nina Bronk Kellner  
Martin Kessel & Gail Robinson  
Rabbi Jason & Devora Kimelman-Block  
Dennis Kirschbaum & Barbara Raimondo  
Morris Klein & Naomi Freeman  
Roger Kohn  
Allan Kolker  
Edward Koren & Claudine Schweber  
Michael & Lisa Kraft

### February 5

Anita Kramer  
Joshua & Francesca Kranzberg  
David & Amy Kritz  
Richard Kruger & Naimah Weinberg  
Matthew Kunkin & Hilary Sachs

Simcha Kuritzky  
Anne Kurtz  
Susan Laden  
Alan Landay  
Robert & Jeri Roth Lande

### February 12

Hayim Lapin & Maxine Grossman  
Michael & Iris Lav  
Mitchell Lazarus & Judith Shapiro  
Beverly Lehrer  
Elihu Leifer  
Shirley Levine  
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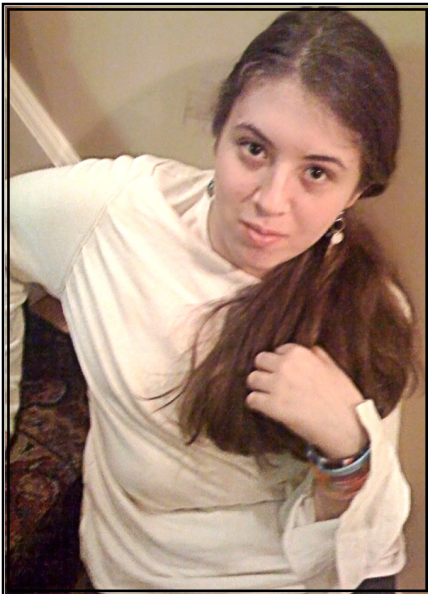
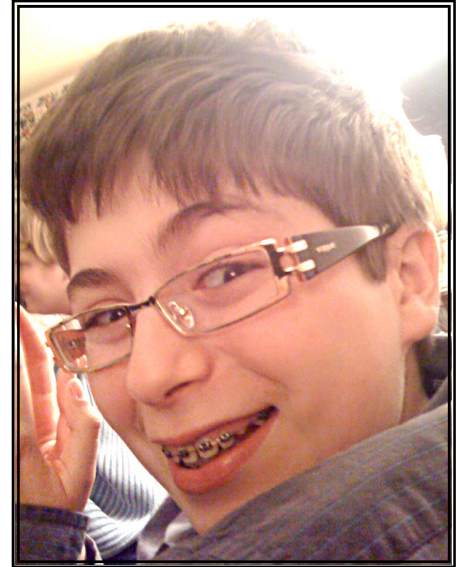
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## B'nei Mitzvah

Hello, my name is **Jacob Forman**. I am 13 years old and my bar mitzvah is on February 6th. I used to go to JPDS but I currently go to Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School. I have a twin sister named Hannah who is doing her Bat Mitzvah with me.

I like baseball--playing it and watching it. My favorite team is the Cleveland Indians and I go to see them every year. I am also very excited that the Nationals recently signed Jason Marquis, the best Jewish pitcher in baseball.

My pets are also very important to me. I have two dogs and I think that they are deserving of respect, just as humans deserve respect. For my Bar Mitzvah project, I am trying to raise money for a rescue organization called Corgi Aid, which helps neglected or abandoned corgis. A corgi is a small herding dog with a bobbed tail. My dog, Archie, is a rescued corgi.



My name is **Hannah Forman**. I am a graduate of JPDS and am now a 7th grader at JDS. On February 6th I will be a Bat-Mitzvah. My parashah is Yitro. My twin brother Jacob is going to have his bar mitzvah on the same day.

I love dogs and I love to read. As part of my Bat Mitzvah project I am collecting donations to an organization that sends books to Africa so children can benefit from reading. I am also going to volunteer at an animal shelter so I can help dogs who don't have a good home.

## Schedule for In-Town TI Retreat, January 15-17

	Start	End	All	Adult	Youth
<b>Friday</b>	4:30	4:50	Arrival at TI		
	4:50		Candle lighting		
	4:50	6:00	Informal Gathering		
	6:00	7:15	Carlebach Service		
	7:15	8:15	Dinner		
	8:15	8:45	Birkhat HaMazon and Singing		
	8:45	10:00		Health Care and Religion with Rabbi Seidel & Pastor Benjamin	Children's games
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00	9:00	Breakfast		
	9:00	12:20	Service – Kol Nashim Social Action Shabbaton Drash by John Dittmer		
	12:30	1:30	Kiddush Lunch		
	1:30	3:15	Social Action Panel Discussion - facilitated by John Dittmer 1. Dr. Sidney Wolfe, Health Research Group (HRG) of Public Citizen 2. Phillis Cunningham, a nurse who marched south, and who provided health care for many people in the South 3. Dr. George Cohen, Mobile Medical Centers in the D.C. area 4. Bonnie Lefkowitz, author of "Community Health Centers: A Movement and the People Who Made it Happen" 5. Dr. Alfred Moldovan, physician and organizer. Helped found and run the Medical Committee for Human Rights. Was Dr. King's personal physician during many of his visits South.		Stereotypes and the Civil Rights Movement—An afternoon of learning
	3:15	4:50	Women & the Civil Rights Movement - Mollie Berch and Lynn Golub Rofrano		
	3:15	4:50	Meditation, Games		
	4:50	5:10	Mincha		
	5:20	5:50	Seudah Shlishit		
	5:50	6:15	Maariv & Havdalah		
	6:15	7:30	Dinner		
	7:30	8:15		prepare skits	Ice Cream Bar
	8:30	10:00		skits	Movies and Laser Tag
	10:00	11:00		Kumsitz - music	
	11:00	11:30	snacks		
	11:30				Sleepover
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00	9:00	Times Crossword--Rabbi Seidel		
	9:00	10:00	Minyan		
	10:00	10:30	Brunch		
	10:30	noon	Choose: Big Read Book Discussion or Park Cleanup		Park Cleanup
	noon	12:30	hot drinks and pizza bagels		
	12:30		retreat end - L'hitraot		
6:30		Concert Opera performance (not part of retreat)			



## Retreat Registration Form

Names of those attending and ages:		Adult mem- bers, signifi- cant others or children 13 and over	Children under 13	Family rate (limit 2 adults)	Non- members	Youth (6-18) Saturday evening program & sleepover	Subtotal
<b>Flat Rate for Full Retreat: All Pro-grams (except youth Saturday pro-gram &amp; sleepover or opera) and All Meals: Fri 4pm - Sun 1pm</b>		count					
		price	60	36	192	96	-
<b>A la carte Retreat Menu:</b>							
Friday dinner (including fine wine)	count	25	15	80	40	-	
	price						
Saturday dinner	count	35	21	112	56	-	
	price						
Saturday evening youth program (9:30-11:30)	count	-	-	-	-	10	
	price						
Saturday night youth sleep-over	count	-	-	-	-	10	
	price						
Sunday brunch, lunch & program	count	10	6	32	16	-	
	price						
<b>Sunday evening concert opera - 6:30 pm - special TI rate</b>							
	count	20	15	-	23	-	
	price						
<b>Total Registration Fee:</b>							

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