



# The Menorah

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## Notes from the Rabbi: Ethan Seidel Proposed TI Trip to Israel

As I said in my Yom Kippur morning sermon, I think TI is ready for another trip to Israel. Afterwards, a number of TI'ers expressed interest in such a trip. Given the demographics of those who expressed interest, this trip is likely to be designed to appeal to:

- adults, as opposed to children under 13 or so, and
- people who have already been to Israel, and who want to see more than just the "highlights."

With this in mind, here's an edited version of some of what I said in that sermon:

It's been six years since our last congregational trip, in the summer of 2007.

If we go in the summer of 2014, that would be an even seven years between trips.

But unlike the 2007 trip, I would like this one to include not just some of the regular sights, but also sights not so easy to visit, sights even regulars don't often see.

I would like us to meet the people who live there, those who are "holding down the fort," who are doing the day to day work

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## President's Column: Jeff Davidson Hesed, Tzedakah and Tikkun Olam

I can heartily recommend A. B. Yehoshua's newest book, *The Retrospective*, which I have just finished. It is a somewhat surrealistic tale and intensively Israeli in outlook.

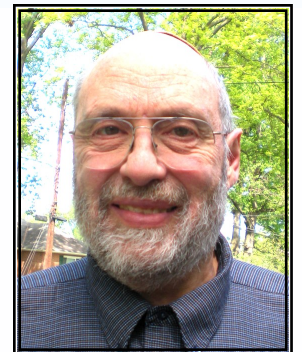
The original title is *Hesed Sephardi*, or Spanish Kindness, or Sephardic Charity, or some variation you might prefer. The ambiguity is typical of the book, which many critics have said is his best in some years.

Yehoshua has become somewhat controversial in this country by his insistence that Diaspora Judaism, in particular the "easy weekend Judaism" found in the USA, is somehow inauthentic, and that authentic Judaism can only be found in Israel.

It is surprising, then, that this book, with its many subplots of Israeli identity and the role of Sephardim in Israel, is set to a large degree in Spain, notably in the famous pilgrimage city of Santiago de Compostela.

An aged Israeli motion picture director, Yair Moses, is due to receive an award and a retrospective showing of his earliest films.

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## Notes from the Rabbi (continued)

that is part of being a sovereign nation in its own land. And I'd like us to get a sense of the personality of some of the important cities: Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, of course, but also Tz'fat, and Haifa.

### Visiting the Territories

I'd also like us to consider spending a few days visiting the territories. Not as a propaganda tool, to sway people one way or the other. Not to perpetuate simplistic positions like: "Israel is a brutal occupier," on the one hand, or "the Palestinians are all out to kill us!" on the other.

I'd like us to go there to get a glimpse of what life is like on the ground, to hear the voices of Jews and Arabs

living on the West Bank. Somehow, a visit to Israel *without* seeing what everyone is talking about seems surreal.

Of course there may be some danger, though I expect it will be minimal. But there is also great danger in our having no direct experience about what is happening on the other side of the Green Line, of what life is like there. If, in researching the itinerary, we find that the danger is *not* minimal, then we won't include the territories – it's a congregational trip after all, and people are entitled to a reasonable amount of safety and comfort.

Now maybe you think: well, we hope the territories will eventually be a separate state for the Palestinians, so if it's not really fully Israeli territory now, and eventually will be gone, what's the importance of visiting it? Well, besides the obvious issues of there being no peace treaty after years of trying, and who knows what will happen in the future, there is another reason.

### The Territories Are Home to Important Torah Sites

These territories contain many of the most important landmarks mentioned in the Torah's history of our nation. In some two-state future will Hebron, Sh'chem (called Nablus by the Palestinians) and Shiloh – not easy places to visit now – be accessible at all? I hope so, but I'm making no bets. As Jews, these are places we *should* visit, both to experience the present reality, and to be reminded of the ancient past.

Of course, you're not going to learn enough about Israel as a tourist on a 10-day trip to make confident pronouncements about the Israeli-Palestinian situation. But you will then at least *know* you don't know. And you *will* have some sense of what it is you don't know. And that, I say, is the beginning of connection, even of love – appreciating the complexity of the other.

I hope you will consider joining me and some of your fellow TI'ers on this trip. Let me know if you might be interested.

Rabbi Seidel

## Rabbi On Sabbatical

Rabbi Seidel leaves on November 15 for a three-and-a-half-month sabbatical, returning at the end of February. His monthly column will resume in April.

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## President's Column (continued)

He and his companion, a beautiful actress and his muse, are put up in an historic hotel, where the rooms are decorated with famous works of art. In their room is a depiction of Roman Charity, a famous theme of classical art. An older grey-haired man is in prison with his arms bound. A younger woman with a baby at breast offers her other breast to the man to nurse.

This is the story of the heroic daughter, Pero, who secretly nurses her imprisoned father, Cimon, who has been sentenced to die of starvation in a Roman prison. Her kindness to her father so impressed the guards that they set Cimon free. Pero is thus considered emblematic of Roman Charity.

As far as I know, this tale is entirely Classic in origin, not Jewish. The closest thing that comes to mind are the various Midrashic stories of our Mother, Sarah, and her super-fecund ability to nurse the babes of all the nations of the world, thus winning converts to Judaism.

This astounding *leitmotif* is repeated in a number of settings, real and imagined, in Israel and Spain. The

number and type of people involved in this relatively simple story are astonishing in their diversity in age, religion, ethnicity and willingness to participate in this act of charity. The very act is a surreal meditation on the nature of charity, forgiveness, atonement and related themes. What is *hesed*? And what is Sephardi about it?

In many synagogues, *hesed* is used interchangeably with *zedakah*, which more correctly means justice or righteousness. The two words are often mistranslated as "charity." In the current American synagogue milieu, the term *tikkun olam*, or healing the world, is often used instead of either word.

*Tikkun olam* is central to many American congregations and is often more important than ritual or learning might be. At TI, we are rightly proud of our long tradition of participatory *hesed* through the Social Action Committee, the funeral practices committee, our *Helping Hands and Bikkur Cholim* programs, among many others.

When I talk to fellow congregants, I am often struck by just how important

these programs are to so many of our members. They receive immense satisfaction from giving of their time and energy to help those in need. Some members don't partake of our ritual and worship programs, but receive the greatest satisfaction in assisting others.

Over the past few years, we have had a large number of new members, especially young families. We would like to know if the current programs meet your needs.

Are they participatory enough? Are they sufficiently family-friendly to allow you to participate? Are there programs you think we should be doing? Please send in any ideas that you might have regarding these programs to [tijeff@outlook.com](mailto:tijeff@outlook.com).

We will be devoting a substantial portion of the next Board meeting on Monday, November 11 to hearing from Larry Baizer, Vice President for Social Action, about this committee's important agenda.

As always, Board meetings are open to the members. Please join us if you would like to be part of the discussion.

### Juniper St. Collection

We are now collecting books for Books for America.

Books must be in very good to excellent condition. Children's books are especially welcomed. Nonfiction adult books may be hardcover or paperback. Adult fiction may be paperback only.

The following items will not be accepted: magazines, Reader's Digest Condensed Books, reference materials, travel guides, computer books or textbooks published before 2010, or romance novels.

Place donations in the wicker basket at the Juniper Street entrance to TI. Collection Ends November 27.

### Visits to Sick Members

While the Rabbi is away on Sabbatical (November 15, 2013 – February 28, 2014), those who are sick and would like a visit should contact **Marcia Goldberg** or **Ann Kline**.

## New Members

### Jared Garelick

#### Fred and Felice Taransky

Involvement at TI is sometimes passed down through families, and sometimes passed up. The Taranskys are the parents of TI member JT Taransky, and they joined to have a synagogue when they are in the area. That makes JT our Magnet Member of the month.

Fred and Felice spend part of the year in Washington, and the rest in Florida. Fred is originally from Philadelphia and Felice from New York, and they lived in a number of places during their married life. Most recently, they spent eight years in Madison, Wisconsin, before Fred retired from his work in the insurance industry.

They came to TI for the High Holidays this year, greatly enjoying the chance to celebrate with family. (OK, it's really the grandson who's the magnet, but we'll give it to JT.)

#### Mae Cooper and Gideon Bass

Mae and Gideon moved to Silver Spring this year after living in the Virginia suburbs, and were happy to find TI within walking distance. Mae, originally from Boston, is a social science researcher for a

non-profit organization in Bethesda, analyzing statistics on issues affecting children. Gideon is a PhD student in astrophysics at George Mason University, and also teaches an astronomy class at Northern Virginia Community College. His dissertation involves data mining of variable stars.

Mae and Gideon share an interest in science fiction, and Mae is an avid knitter. They have both enjoyed participating in TI's program tutoring Shepherd Park Elementary School students. Mae and Gideon were already part of the national TI community, having been members of Tifereth Israel in San Diego for two years while Gideon studied for his Master's degree.

Welcome to this month's featured new members.

### Honoring Our Veterans

At Shabbat services on November 16 we will recognize the veterans in our midst and in our families. Veterans at services will be given honors.

We will read the names of veterans submitted to the TI office by noon Wednesday, November 14, and put their names on the Kiddush cake.

Please let us know whom we should honor.

### **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.

In the event of a death, prior to contacting the funeral home, please contact one of the following chaverim, Rabbi Seidel, or the TI office (202-882-1605).

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## Memories of Al Blanco

### David (Judy) Cohen/Eugene Meyer

During the month of November, Tifereth Israel will be observing the 17<sup>th</sup> *yahrzeit* of Al Blanco, a much-beloved former member. For many years, he served as “permanent” floor *gabbai*, recruited service leaders and assigned Torah and *haftarah* readings—a Simcha Kuritsky and team of floor *gabbaim* rolled up into one very sweet, dedicated person.

Al always sat on the aisle, a few rows from the front in the middle section of the sanctuary, and enthusiastically led the congregational responses to the service leader. It was he who initiated the *Al Kein* call-out response after the first paragraph of the *Aleinu* prayer. After his death, TI adopted the practice of assigning this role to a different member of the congregation each Shabbat.

Al was also remarkable in his capacity to maintain a positive outlook and sense of humor despite terrible personal tragedies. He suffered the successive deaths of two of his three children, and his first wife, Rose, was brutally murdered in their Silver Spring home by a burglar.

He was fortunate to be able to make a wonderful second marriage to Barbara. She remained a faithful presence at Tifereth Israel after his death until she relocated to New Jersey.

Al loved children and always had candy in his pockets to give them at services. When he died in 1996, member, Eugene Meyer, wrote a touching article in the *Washington Post*, which is reprinted in its entirety below:

**“For His Friends, A Real Treat; ‘Candy Man’ Dispensed Joy, *The Washington Post* December 4, 1996**

“The Candy Man died the day after Thanksgiving, his pockets and car overflowing with treats he had just bought to give to children on the Sabbath.

“Abraham “Al” Blanco was known to generations of children at Tifereth Israel Congregation in Northwest Washington as the Candy Man or, when they approached him during services for sweets, as Mr. Blanco.

“His sudden death, from an apparent heart attack at a restaurant in Wheaton Plaza, has been the talk of the youngsters for days. More than one child, including my 5-year-old son, David, has been asking, ‘Who will give out the candy?’

“There are no easy answers. For along with sweets, Al Blanco dispensed sweetness.

“In a place where the old and young can be divided by far more than years, he bridged the generation gap with lollipops, chocolate kisses, toffee, caramel and hard candies. The kids came to him, but he would go to the adults, handing out candy along with the special honorary chores on Sabbath morning.

“If no such task was assigned to you, he would simply stop by your seat, dig into his coat pocket, pull out a candy, extend his hand and wish you a ‘good shabbes,’ a good Sabbath. There was always a gentleness to his voice, and his eyes seemed to sparkle.

“Al Blanco, who died on his 88th birthday, was an extraordinary ordinary man.

“His parents were Syrian Jews who immigrated in 1902 to the United States. Al was born in New York City, one of eight children. As a

child, he learned to speak Hebrew and Arabic. He excelled in school but, like many immigrant sons, had to quit to help support the family.

“As a youngster, he hawked sodas on the beaches of Coney Island. As an adult, he kept selling. Al was a merchant who operated stores in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut before coming to Washington in 1943 to sell dry goods on 14th Street, NW.

“His District store was torched during the 1968 riots that followed the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., putting him permanently out of business. Nine years later, his first wife, Rose, was murdered, shot in the back of the head by an intruder in their Silver Spring home. Two of their three children died before their mother did -- a daughter who suffered fatal burns from smoking in bed, and a son a month afterward. He later married Barbara, a union that lasted 19 years until his death.

“If Al Blanco bore the burdens of Job, you did not see it in the synagogue. There, he jauntily prowled the aisles for congregants whom he would ask to open or close the sacred ark, to bless the Torah, to carry the scrolls around the sanctuary.

“I first became aware of him as the little man, seated on the center aisle near the front, who led the congregation responsively in a two-word portion of the *Aleinu*, the last prayer of the Shabbat morning service.

“The words are ‘Ahl kayn,’ and they begin a sentence that in English means: ‘Therefore, we hope in Thee, O Lord our God.’ Which must have been the credo -- to have hope and faith -- that sustained him.

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## Summary of TI Board of Directors Meeting September 9, 2013

**Attending:** Sharon Brown, Susan Catler, Joel Cohen, Jeff Davidson, Joe Davidson, Varda Fink, Wilhelmina Gottschalk, Stephanie Roodman Murdock, Ray Natter, Margie Odle, Debbie Pomerance, Andrew Reamer, Howard Riker, Morris Rodenstein, Vivian Seidner, Daniel Turner, Mark Verschell, Chris Zeilinger.

**Excused:** Larry Baizer, Lisa Goldberg, Ariel Brandt Lautman, Cynthia Peterman, Ruth Shapiro.

**Absent:** Jeffrey Colman, Joanne Hovis.

**Staff:** Jevera Temsky, Eitan Gutin, Rabbi Ethan Seidel.

**President's Report,** Jeff Davidson: Jeff thanked everyone for working hard to make Rosh Hashanah a success. He said that there were no problems reported by the police during Rosh Hashanah. There was a problem with parking on Rosh Hashanah, since a few people got tickets, but there will be no problems on Yom Kippur. DC Parking Enforcement was called.

Tifereth Israel considered renting to Ashreinu, an Orthodox school for

girls, for the 2013-14 academic year. The Board decided not to go forward due to too many challenges with negotiating a contract.

**Report on the Annual Appeal,** Dan Turner: Dan announced that so far we have raised \$47,000 for the Annual Campaign. A lot of people who did not give last year are giving this year. About 12% of the membership has donated. After the meeting is adjourned, the board members will make phone calls for the Annual Campaign. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m., and board members made phone calls for the Annual Campaign.

## Memories of Al Blanco (continued)

"Before I knew of Al's private heartaches, and before my son was old enough to go in search of Mr. Blanco for candy, I knew him only as this spirited voice with a two-word part. I thought of him as 'Al Kane.'

"An overriding concern for many of us was how to tell the children. After some agonizing, I told David in the morning, just before we left for synagogue. I said that Mr. Blanco was very old and that he had died of a heart attack. Who will give out candy, he asked. I tried to shift the discussion from the candy to the man, and I think I eventually succeeded.

"It was David's first direct exposure to death he could comprehend, but also, I hoped, to a long life well-lived. When Al Blanco was alive, David and his peers would think nothing of approaching him for candy during the kaddish, the mourner's prayer.

"For this I would scold him, but Al Blanco didn't care. After all, the prayer never mentions death. It is an affirmation of faith in God and in God's Kingdom; in other words, of life.

"This past Saturday, when it came time for Al's part, there was a long silence. Then Abigail Gilbert, 16, who was leading the service, said it. And the congregation responded: 'Ahl kayn . . .' Life goes on.

"At the funeral on Sunday, the sanctuary was filled with mourners. A basket of hard candy sat on the edge of the pulpit; most people walked by it without reaching for one.

"In Jewish cemeteries, it is traditional to leave stones on graves as evidence of a visit. In Al's case, a piece of hard candy would do just fine."

### **Maurice Hines Is Tappin' Thru Life**

at Arena Stage  
November 15 to  
December 29

Hines celebrates D.C.'s local talent by showcasing two sets of tap-dancing brothers.

He will reunite with The Manzari Brothers and introduce newcomers and 13-year-old twins, **The Heimowitz Brothers**.\*

\* Tifereth Israel's own **Sam** and **Max Heimowitz** (sons of **Michael Heimowitz** and **Dori Gillman**), who will be b'nei mitzvah on November 9 (see pages 17 and 18).

## Kol Nashim

### Pearl Schainker



#### Women Rabbis of TI

Kol Nashim is delighted to sponsor a series of Sunday morning sessions this fall and spring given by the women Rabbis of TI. The first will be on November 17, at 10:15 a.m., in the Mollie L. Berch Library. **Avis Miller** will give a talk she calls "Beyond *I Have a Little Driedel* -- the Songs of Hanukah". All are welcome.

This series will continue with **Devora Lynn** speaking on January 26, **Jane Berman** on March 23, and **Sarah Meytin** on an April date to be determined. We are very excited to be able to sponsor this series.

#### Book Club

The Kol Nashim book club continues with meetings on the third Tuesday of

each month. In October we read Heschel's *The Sabbath* and had a very thoughtful discussion at the home of Pearl Schainker.

At our September meeting we selected books for four future meetings. The next three will be:

**November 19:** *The Mothers*, by Jennifer Gillmore, at Cyndy Weitz's home.

**December 17:** *Terror in the Night - The Klan's Campaign Against the Jews*, by Jack Nelson, at Margie Odle's home.

**January 21:** *Wartime Lies*, by Louis Begley, at the home of Jessica Weissman.

#### Game Night

Our fourth annual Game Night will be held on **Saturday, January 11**. See next month's *Menorah* for details, but mark it on your calendar. This event will be co-sponsored by the TI Men's Club.

Please direct any Kol Nashim questions (including "how do I join?" and "how do I participate?" and "how can I help?") to anyone on the KN board: Pearl Schainker (president), Debbie Pomerance, Adele Natter, Sharon Brown, Loretta Saks, Ruth Shapiro, Esther Herman, Lisa Kraft, and Margie Odle.

## Library News

### Michele Sumka

#### Please Return Library Books!

Our records show that many of our books were signed out and not returned. Some of them may have found a home on your shelves. Please check to see if you have any of the following:

Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman: *The Art of Public Prayer; The Journey Home*; any of the volumes of *My People's Prayer Book (the Amidah, Torah Service, Sh'ma)*

Milton Steinberg: *Basic Judaism*

Abraham Joshua Heschel: *The Sabbath*

Nechama Leibowitz: any of her Torah series

Jonathan Safran Foer: *New American Haggadah*

#### Books We Would Love to Have

There are so many good Jewish books published each year that we can't possibly buy all of them. We would love to have any of the following titles that you would like to pass on to us:

**Fiction.** Shalom Auslander, *Hope: A Tragedy*; Ramona Ausubel, *No One Is Here Except All of Us*; Daniel Friedman, *Don't Ever Get Old*; Joshua Henkin, *The World Without You*; Howard Jacobson, *Zoo Time*; Sayed Kashua, *Second Person Singular*; David Liss, *The Coffee Trader*; Francesca Segal, *The Innocents*;

Herman Wouk, *The Lawgiver*; Irvin D. Yalom, *The Spinoza Problem*.

**Nonfiction.** Harry Brod, *Superman Is Jewish? How Comic Book Superheroes Came to Serve Truth, Justice, and the Jewish-American Way*; Deborah E. Lipstadt, *The Eichmann Trial*; Harry Ostrer, *Legacy: A Genetic History of the Jewish People*.

**Memoir.** Gerald Stern, *Stealing History*; Edmund de Waal, *The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance*.

If you have any other new titles that you don't want any more, please get in touch with me.

# Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers

Barbara Raimondo

## All Are Well, Babies Are Cute, Life Is Good

**Abe Schinker**, son of **Larry** and **Pearl**, and his wife, **Denise**, had their second child. **Josephine Kayla** was born September 26.

And TI members **Shana** and **David Jacobs** are delighted to report that their third child, **Daniel Ross Jacobs**, was born September 25. He weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. and was named at his *brit-milah*.

**Hersh Garelick** is living in Tel Aviv while doing a gap-year program. He spent Rosh Hashanah in Jerusalem where he was hosted by **Hayim Lapin** and **Maxine Grossman** and their family, who are there on sabbatical. Hersh appreciated being able to celebrate with familiar faces and also enjoyed the leftover chicken that Hayim sent him home with. Now that's real hospitality!

**Myrna Goldman** recently attended the bat mitzvah of her grandniece, **Rebecca Kleiman**, in suburban Philadelphia. It was a wonderful family *simhah*, with many members of the extended family, including two from Colorado, attending. Rebecca did very well, and Myrna had the honor of listening to her practice a few times during the year she was studying as well as an *aliyah* at the bat mitzvah.

## Tappin-Zee

**Dori Gillman's** and **Mike Heimowitz's** sons **Max** and **Sam Heimowitz** will celebrate their b'nei mitzvah on November 9 and then appear in *Maurice Hines is Tappin' Thru Life* at Arena Stage November 15 - December 29. Hersh Garelick has tucked away some choice bits to celebrate the event.

**Alan Landay** recently returned from a visit in East Tennessee with his sister, brother-in-law, and nephew. They went to the Museum of Appalachia Homecoming Festival, a music, arts, and crafts hoop-de-doo held every October in Norris. The music is bluegrass and old-time.

They also heard a very famous classical and sometimes-jazz musician, bassist Edgar Meyer, play at Oak Ridge High School, which both Meyer and Alan attended. Alan *et al* finished up the visit with a mountain hike, which was fun except for two of them being stung by some nefarious yellow jackets.

## You Never Know Whom You Will Miss

During TI's October Martha's Table van run to feed homeless people, a man walking by came up to **David (Elana) Cohen** and asked what they were doing. After determining they were not trespassing on any closed federal government sites, the man reached into his pocket and gave David a \$100 bill for the Social Action Committee to continue its work. He walked away as quickly as he came.

Also serving that day was **Gene Herman**, driver, **Esther Herman**, **Adam Cohen**, **Steve Garber**, **Miriam Alpern**, **Neile Miller** and **Roy** and **Rebecca Coleman**. President Barack Obama didn't make it to Martha's Table until the next day. Would have been cool to take the President on the run.

**Rona Fields** celebrated her 81st birthday with her grandchildren, **Kyle Babineau** and **Lauren Fields**. Kyle came in from Israel, where he has completed his military service and is now working in security in Jerusalem. Lauren lives in California, where she works in marketing. Rona's

daughter, **Miriam**, hosted the celebration on October 27. Hersh Garelick catered.

## Sad News

**Abigail Pincus**, sister of member **Elaine (Seth) Akst**, aunt of **Jocelyn** and **Elliot Akst**, died unexpectedly in Ohio. Other survivors include her parents, **Bobbi** and **Bob Pincus** and her grandparents, **Doris** and **Morton Weiss**. The funeral was held in Cleveland Heights.

And **Frances Broder**, mother of recently deceased TI member **Marjorie Rosenthal**, died peacefully at home in Olney, Maryland on October 16 at the age of 107. The funeral was held in Maryland. May the families be comforted among those who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

And now for the meaning of last month's word, *umpteenth*: "Relatively large but unspecified in number." (Merriam-Webster Online).

Thanks to all who sent me news, sent me to others who sent me news, or otherwise helped sniff it out. Please send information for next time to [baraimondo@gmail.com](mailto:baraimondo@gmail.com), with "Nayes un Mekhayes" in the heading, or to P.O. Box 466, Washington Grove, MD 20880. This brings to a close an unreconstructed edition of Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers.

## Social Action Sunday

Join fellow TI'ers on **Sunday, November 10**, at 4:30 p.m. for the Martha's Table Van Run, and at 6 p.m. to serve dinner at Luther Place.



## Himmelfarb 2.0 Kickoff Event Is Big Success

David Kass

The campaign to update the Himmelfarb Hebrew School kicked off in style on Saturday, October 5, at an Israeli wine tasting attended by 50 TI members. "Himmelfarb 2.0" is raising money to purchase new furniture for the classrooms and add wifi and computers for each classroom.

The event, which raised more than \$2,000, was at the home of **Jennifer** and **Joshua Kefer**. TI's own **Seth Glabman** tickled the ivories to entertain the crowd.

The event committee included **David Kass**, **Danielle Glasser**, **Harold Burgess**, **Cynthia Peterman**, **Jennifer Siegel**, **Joshua Goldberg**, **Jennifer Kefer** and **Alexandra Kincannon**.

If you are interested in contributing to Himmelfarb 2.0 or serving on the

committee, please contact Eitan Gutin at 202-882-1605.



## Mindy Weisel Exhibit at Kreeger Museum

The Kreeger Museum is currently featuring an exhibition of paintings by **Mindy Weisel**, daughter of Elie Weisel. The exhibition, entitled *Mindy Weisel | Not Neutral*, and dedicated to the memory of former TI member **Fran Eizenstadt**, continues through December 28.

The paintings comprise three significant bodies of work that parallel one another in large-scale human and environmental tragedies: *Paintings of the Holocaust* (ca. 1980), *Survival of Beauty* (2010), and *After Tohoku* (2012).

In each series Weisel reveals her exploration of deep emotion through color, gestural marks, surface tension, and composition. These works are profound expressions of

the triumph of beauty, reconciliation, and healing over human tragedy, loss, and destruction.

*Survival of Beauty* was done after Weisel visited Dachau, on the mayor's invitation, and met children of Nazis. These works are brighter, reflecting the warmth and reconciliation of the meeting.

*After Tohoku* works with Japanese printed paper, done after she taught art to adult and children Sunami survivors.

The Kreeger Museum is located at 2401 Foxhall Road, NW in Washington. It is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No reservations are needed on these days.

The museum is also open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, by appointment only, for docent-led tours from 10:30 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

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On Thursday, November 14, Dr. Erich Keel, recently retired Head of Education at the Kreeger, will present a lecture, *The Art of Mindy Weisel & the Relevance of Abstract Expressionism*, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:00).

## Bourbon, Beef & Poker Night in the TI Sukkah, September 22



## Emory Beacon Walk for the Homeless, October 13



## Zionist Veterans of Foreign Wars

### Frank Solomon

#### Noah Roitman

Noah Roitman, TI member Esther Roitman Bardack's father, fought the Nazis as a Polish partisan and as an artillery man in the Russian army. He also fought the British when they blocked the ship filled with Holocaust survivors from landing in Palestine, and he fought the Arabs during the Israeli war of independence.

But Roitman would not fight his own people. He refused to obey orders from Israeli Prime Minister Ben-Gurion to fire on the Irgun ship *Altalena* in 1948, when the Haganah and Irgun were jockeying for leadership during the war.

Born in the Polish town of Baranowicze in January 1923, Roitman was one of five children of Yacov Moshe, a bookkeeper-turned-milk merchant, and his wife, Esther. In 1939, the Germans invaded Poland and bombed Baranowicze, destroying their house. The family had stayed away because they knew that the city would be a target of German bombings.

Soon after the Germans arrived in June 1941, the family was herded into the Warsaw ghetto. In spring 1942, along with 17 others, the young Roitman escaped from the ghetto and joined the partisans in the woods. He helped to sabotage German trains and blew up bridges and railroads.

Though he was known for his strength and fighting spirit, Roitman was more interested in saving lives. He would sneak back into the ghetto and lead Jews out. He made half a dozen trips and rescued some 70 Jews. One of those rescued in 1942 was Shoshana Steiner, who had left her town near the Polish-Czechoslovakian border to live with her uncle in Baranowicze. Roitman

and Shoshana were married by the partisans that year.

"I am a religious man," he said recently at his house in Kemp Mill, Silver Spring, one of many that his construction company built in the United States. "Saving a Jew was more important than killing a German."

All of Roitman's family members were killed while in the ghetto. Shoshana believed that her entire family perished in Auschwitz.

In 1943, as the Russian army advanced westward, they recruited Roitman. He became a sergeant in an artillery unit and fought the Germans from Warsaw to Berlin. After the war, Roitman returned to his home town for his wife.

Helped by Magen David agents, the couple made their way to France by way of Germany, and boarded a ship for Palestine. When British warships fired on the ship, the survivors fought back. The British killed four refugees, and towed the ship to Cyprus, where they stayed for four months.

"I was born a Mizrachi. But Mizrachi is not enough. We had to fight the British to death," Roitman said. "We had lost so many millions. How many millions would have been alive if the British opened up Palestine to us?"

In Cyprus, the British treated the Jews much better than the Germans, Poles and Russians had. The refugees were allowed food and lodging. Couples were allowed to stay together. One day Golda Meir came and told them that they would be in Palestine shortly.

The couple settled in Givatayim, near Tel Aviv, and Roitman learned the construction business. After the British left on May 15, 1948, the Arab armies attacked the new nation. Roitman was put in charge of four cannons. He and his artillery team trucked from town to town to meet the Arab armies. The cannons were critical in a battle where the Jews were outnumbered and outgunned.

The Roitmans had two children. Tamar was born in 1948, and Esther, in 1954. The family came to the United States in 1963 and settled in Brooklyn. Esther Roitman met her future husband, Paul Bardack, in Washington, DC. They lived in Silver Spring from 1979 to 1982, and returned to the area in 1990. The elder Roitmans moved to Maryland 12 years ago to be closer to Esther. Shoshana passed away in 2004.



**Noah Roitman in the Russian Army in 1943**

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## Zionist Veterans of Foreign Wars (continued)

### Major Simnegar

In 1971, I was serving in a newly-formed British army intelligence unit in West Germany. Major Simnegar was sent to lead us to Hong Kong to work with the Americans. He seemed strange. He always brought his own food to the officers' mess to eat by himself. He had no sense of humor. Plus, he didn't drink tea.

While stationed in Cyprus as a young lieutenant, Simnegar participated in the 1956 British-French-Israeli Suez operation. He had just returned from helping British mercenaries and Israelis support the Yemen royalist forces fighting Egyptian-backed rebels. *The "War That Never Was*, a book by Duff Hart-Davis, details how that campaign helped Israel defeat Egypt in the Six-Day War in 1967.

Our squad of eight all had experience in special operations. Three of us had just come back from Britain's urban guerrilla warfare nightmare in Northern Ireland. Two had served earlier in the "Malaya Emergency" (1948-1960) and in Hong Kong (1967), when it was rocked by left-led riots and bombings. Simnegar had served in all these campaigns. The remaining three came from the Special Air Services regiment, SAS, known for its clandestine operations.

When our unit arrived, Hong Kong was overflowing with spies. The Chinese and Russians -- the main weapon suppliers for the North Vietnamese -- were spying on the Americans and the British, the Americans and British on the Chinese and Russians, and the French on everyone else.

Our task was to furnish the Americans with intelligence on the Chinese People's Liberation Army movements. We were to monitor the

PLA, local media, labor unions, journalists, and the left-leaning academics and university students. The squad depended on me for translation.

One evening as we were cleaning our equipment, Simnegar noticed the tiny menorah in my rucksack. "Are you a Zionist?" Simnegar asked. "I am." On a Thursday evening a month after we moved into the barracks, Simnegar tapped me on the shoulder and told me to visit "Ohel Leah" on Hong Kong Island. "You must go there on Saturday morning. This is an important assignment," he said.

I went to the shul in civilian garb with a hidden camera and recording device. Most of the worshipers were Middle Eastern and Indian, with about one-fourth European. It was my first exposure to a Sephardic congregation and an Orthodox Shabbat service.

I froze when the first Torah reader went up to the *bimah*. The 6-foot-3 Simnegar held his head high and looked like a cross between Moses and Lawrence of Arabia. In place of

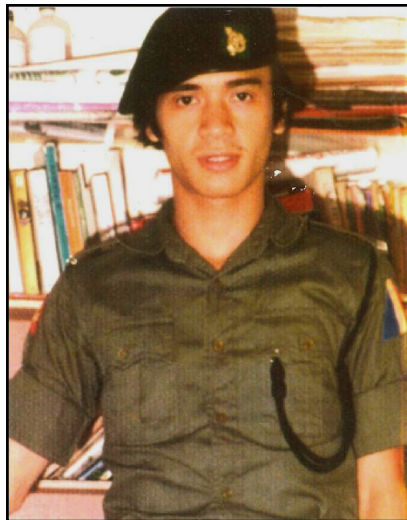
his beret and khaki shirt, he had donned a knit *kipah* and a silk *tallit*. He belted out the *parashah* like a tenor singing an aria at the Metropolitan Opera.

Simnegar later told me that his family came from Iran and he had studied in Lebanon, France and England. Growing up a Zionist, he admired Maj. Gen. Charles Wingate, who had helped the Palestinian Jews form a state and who was a founder of modern guerrilla warfare and the SAS. Inspired by Wingate's example, he joined the military.

He said his biggest adversary was not the enemy, but the kitchen. The British army had a long history of providing Sikh soldiers with vegetarian meals, but kosher meals were unheard of. When I told him that I would eat anything to survive, Simnegar said, "You are a good officer, but you are a lousy Jew. Now do your duty and become a good Jew, and that's an order!" From that day on, we often talked about how difficult it was to be a Jew in the military.

Simnegar retired from the army in 1975 and set up an import-export business in Hong Kong before moving to Rhodesia. He was rumored to be in Teheran during the 1979 Iranian Revolution to help Persian Jews. When Rhodesia became independent in 1980, he was said to have moved to South Africa, and was never heard from again.

But around 1990, in one of the Veterans Day memorial services for Charles Wingate (attended mostly by Jews) at Arlington National Cemetery, where Wingate was buried, the military attaché at the British Embassy said he saw a tall old man who looked "strikingly" like Simnegar. It is said that old soldiers never die.



The author in the British Army

## Balfour Day

### Simcha Kuritzky

The Jewish calendar is a mix of ancient and modern holidays, starting with the Biblical festivals, then Rabbinic, and then a jump into the modern era. Probably the first of the modern holidays, one often overlooked today, is Balfour Day, November 2.

While today Balfour Day goes unnoticed, even in Israel, before statehood schools in some communities let out early and Jews flew the Zionist flag. Although the original declaration occurred on Heshvan 17 (which is also the traditional date the First Temple was completed), it was always celebrated on the Gregorian calendar anniversary.

It is hard to imagine the world of 1917 when Lord Alfred James Balfour was foreign secretary of the British Empire. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century Eretz Israel was just one of several destinations for persecuted European and Mediterranean Jews, and considered less desirable than the United States, Canada, and Argentina.

Emancipated Jews in America and western Europe recognized the need for millions of endangered Jews (especially those living under the Czar after 1881) to find a place of refuge. However, all efforts were limited to caring for individual communities living under the Ottomans.

#### Herzl and Political Zionism

It wasn't until 1897 that Theodore Herzl founded the Zionist Organization to create a central body to address the political implications of Jewish autonomy. The ZO built new settlements, including the now famous kibbutzim, after organizing the Jewish National Fund in 1901.

Herzl was able to elicit sympathy from both the British and the Germans (the ZO maintained two headquarters, one in London and one in Berlin, before World War I), but not much assistance. On the eve of the war, there were 85,000 Jews in Eretz Israel.

The Great War, as it was then known, changed everything. Jews in Palestine offered to help the Turks defend the Holy Land against the Allies, but the Turks were terrified of nationalist movements within their empire. Tens of thousands of Jews were expelled for having British, French, or Russian origins.

#### Sykes-Picot Agreement

The first Allied declaration on the future of the Holy Land was the Sykes-Picot Agreement of May, 1916. It envisioned joint British and French control of the old Roman province of Syria Palestina, but not autonomy for the communities living there. The French would get the northern part, which became Syria, an international consortium would control the heart of the Holy Land, while the British would get the eastern part of Palestine and enough of the south to connect Egypt to India by rail.

The exiled Jews offered to fight for the British, who actually took them up on it late in the war. Chaim Weizmann, head of the ZO after Herzl's untimely death, and Herbert Samuel lobbied the British government to support the Zionist cause.

Ultimately, Britain's conquest of Jerusalem, Russia's civil war which took them out of the alliance, and Jewish support for Germany against Russia all led Lord Balfour to declare "His Majesty's Government view[ing]

with favor the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people" on November 2, 1917. The declaration set the stage to expand British control in southern Palestine to include the proposed international zone, the first concrete step towards Jewish autonomy in Eretz Israel.



In 1967, Israel issued a medal commemorating the golden anniversary of Balfour's declaration. The medal was designed by renowned artist Paul Vincze. The obverse shows Lord Balfour with the date in English and Hebrew (17 Marheshvan 5678). The reverse shows an aged olive tree with the quote from Genesis "To give thee this land to inherit".

The Shekel Company of Tel Aviv also issued a commemorative medal in 1967. The obverse was used on a large number of different medals, showing the names and helmeted busts of Generals Moshe Dayan and Yitzhak Rabin by the bricks of the Western Wall.

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## Balfour Day (continued)



Most of these medals commemorate either the Six Days War in 1967 or Israel's twentieth anniversary in 1968. However, this reverse shows the Knesset building (which had been recently completed in 1966) with Balfour's line "A national homeland for the Jewish people in Palestine" in both Hebrew and English.



In 1980, the Judaic Heritage Society sponsored a series of hexagonal

medals of modern Israel's history. One commemorating the Balfour Declaration shows the busts of Chaim Weizmann, Nahum Sokolow (who negotiated with the French to support the Declaration even though it violated the Sykes-Picot Agreement), and Lord Balfour, surrounded by the line from Balfour's declaration "A national homeland for the Jewish people in Palestine." The reverse shows the Zionist (now Israel's) flag.

### Treaty of San Remo

Of course, the Balfour Declaration was not binding in and of itself, though eventually the allies all signed on. The Declaration was incorporated in the April 28, 1920 Treaty of San Remo, which set up the League of Nations mandate for Palestine. Although little celebrated today, Dutch Zionists issued a brass medal at the time commemorating the treaty.



One side shows a secular and a religious Jew embracing while the other shows the 12 signs of the tribes around a Magen David with Zion in the center. Around the edge in

Hebrew is Psalm 137:5 "If I forget you Jerusalem may my right hand forget me." Below is the Hebrew date Iyar 10, 5680 with the year spelled out as HaPorat (the fruitful, based on Genesis 49:22).

I could find very little on celebrations of Balfour Day on the Internet or my library. I asked some fellow congregants who lived abroad, and it appears that in Israel Balfour Day was only sporadically celebrated in some places and mostly before independence.

However, South African Jews celebrated Balfour Day even after Israel's independence, possibly to emphasize the Union of South Africa's status as part of the British Commonwealth. So this November 2, take a moment to reflect on how much the Zionist cause has changed over the past 96 years.

### Full Moon Hikes Resume!

Meet at Tennyson St. and Oregon Avenue, NW on Sunday, November 17, at 7:30 p.m.

We will hike about three miles (round trip) to gaze at the moon, share stories/conversation, and eat kosher chocolate treats.

Contact John List at listfam@gmail.com or at 301-656-7633 for more information or confirmation that you will join us.

Remember: there is no such thing as bad weather, only improper dressing.

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## B'nei Mitzvah

My name is **Ben Borzekowski**. On November 2, I will become a bar mitzvah. My *parashah* is *Toldot*, which includes the birthright story of Jacob and Esau.

I have been coming to synagogue at TI ever since I was an infant. You might recognize me as the kid who always wears a baseball cap. I avidly root for the Boston Red Sox even though I was born in Manhattan. I love playing baseball, as well. I pitch and play the outfield and first base. When I am not immersed in baseball, I like to bicycle and play cards.

For school, I've attended Takoma, Piney Branch, and Pine Crest Elementary, and Takoma Middle. Currently, I go to St. Anselm's Abbey School. It is my first year there and I am having an awesome experience.

I hope you can join me for my bar mitzvah. I am excited to lead services and *leyn*.

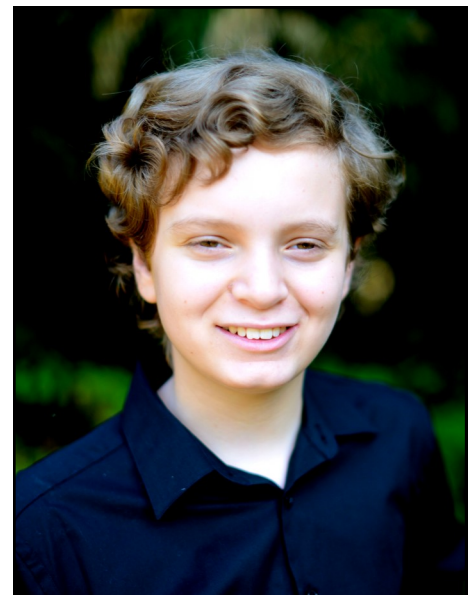


Hello! My name is **Sam Heimowitz**. I am a seventh grader at Alice Deal Middle School. Up until fifth grade, I attended JPDS. When I grow up I want to be a teacher, maybe a lawyer, and a part-time dancer.

After school, two days a week, I dance with Capitol Tap, a rhythm tap group. I have performed with them in New York, in the Boston area, and at the Kennedy Center on the Millennium Stage.

I play piano, and recently got interested in snare drums. I also take tennis lessons and study Chinese. In my spare time, I make origami and jewelry, and sometimes play computer games. In the summer, I love staying in my mother's hometown Hull, Massachusetts, on the beach.

I am sharing my Bar Mitzvah on November 9 with my identical twin brother, Max. Our *parashah* is *Vayetzei*. For our mitzvah project, we are working at the Washington Animal Rescue League (WARL) helping to make sure all adoptable dogs get a good home and have a good time in the shelter.



## B'nei Mitzvah (continued)

Bonjour, et je m'appelle **Max Heimowitz**. I am Sam's identical twin, and about three inches taller. I, too, am a seventh grader at Alice Deal Middle School and attended JPDS for 6 years. I would like to be an elementary or middle school teacher, and maybe also earn a law degree.

I am also a member of Capitol Tap. We have performed at many cities, schools and festivals, and have been on Fox 5 Morning News with Holly Morris. I play the piano, enjoy riding my bike, going to the beach at our summer residence in Massachusetts, love to travel, fly, make jewelry, play computer games and anything to do with technology. I am an avid French language learner and I enjoy learning about world history and cultures.

As Sam has reported we did our mitzvah project at Washington Animal Rescue League and we urge you to never buy a pet. Instead, adopt! I love my Maltese, Esther, who was rescued from a puppy mill by WARL and then found a home with us.

We hope to see you at our important day on November 9!



## November Highlights at Tifereth Israel

<b>November 2</b>	<b>Ben Borzekowski Bar Mitzvah</b>
<b>November 4, 11, 18, 25</b>	<b>Monday Learn &amp; Lunch</b> <i>Parashat HaShavuah</i> , 11 a.m.; Lunch 12 noon
<b>November 4</b>	<b>Job Club, 1 p.m.</b>
<b>November 9</b>	<b>Sam and Max Heimowitz B'nei Mitzvah</b>
<b>November 17</b>	<b>Avis Miller presentation, "Beyond I Have a Little Driedel -- the Songs of Hanukah," 10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>November 17</b>	<b>Full Moon Hike, 7:30pm. (Meet at Tennyson St. and Oregon Avenue, NW)</b>
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