



# The Menorah

## Notes from the Rabbi: Ethan Seidel Preparing for the Days of Awe

How can one prepare for the Days of Awe? Well, here's a verse I find helpful – it occurs often, albeit with variations, in the Tanakh and in our liturgy: “Bring an offering, and come before Him.” (Psalms 100:4 and 96:8 are such verses on this theme.)

The point: one way to prepare for these days is to bring an offering. One way to feel God's presence is to make a step towards holiness, to bring the kind of gift that God would enjoy.

And what exactly, you might ask, would such a gift look like? As a way towards answering that question, let me describe a frustratingly common experience for me. It occurs during prayer, especially on Shabbat or Holidays: I get myself into a

good place, meaning I feel infused with a sense of thankfulness. And from that place of thankfulness, I move towards plans for the future.



I think to myself: “I know I should be doing X, and I realize that I have the energy and ability to do X. I'm sure that just as soon as Shabbat is over I will in fact *do X!*” It's a great feeling, an optimistic feeling, even a holy feeling. It's a desire to give back to my Creator, to do what I was created for.

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## President's Column: Jeff Davidson A New Dance of Love

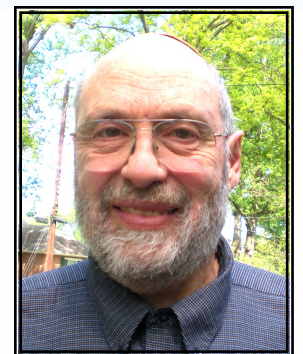
As we approach the Days of Awe, I am quite frankly in awe at having to write this column. It is a humbling time to wonder if one has anything worthwhile to say.

Our holiday liturgy, especially in the *malkhuyot* verses, is so dependent on the concept of divine kingship and humanity's relative insignificance in the larger equation. Ellen Bernstein has written in *Sh'ma*:

“So how do we help reestablish God's kingship? On Rosh Hashanah, we set our intention for the year. We re-enthroned the King by reciting *the Kedushah*, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy, the whole Earth is full of His Glory,’ acknowledging that the entire earth is really God's Temple and it is our job to protect it. We re-enthroned God as King as

we submit to the highest values of truth, compassion, and stewardship.

“We re-enthroned God as King as we drop to our knees during the *Aleinu* prayer as an expression of our humility and a declaration of our service to the One. Ultimately re-enthroning the King means mastering and subduing our own egos and coming to terms with the arrogance of humanism.”



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## Notes from the Rabbi (continued)

This lovely feeling usually hits me sometime during the Musaf Amidah on Shabbat morning. But by the time Havdalah rolls around that evening, I've completely lost the feeling – I've forgotten my resolution, or I've totally lost the energy I had for it. Thank God, I get the same feelings the next week, often about the same resolution. I'm not totally out of touch with the Divine, and yet, my actions during the week change little if at all. This cycle of spiritual-fervor-on-Shabbat, followed by lassitude-during-the-week, feels a little pathetic.

I get the same feelings on Yom Kippur. At a number of points during the long day, I have insights about what I could be doing differently in the year to come. This leads to resolutions that are bigger than those I formulate on Shabbat. Yom Kippur inspires year-long commitments. But these bigger resolutions, I find, are even less likely to

be carried out than the smaller weekly resolutions. What to do?

I've found that bringing a gift with me to Yom Kippur is very helpful. The gift: an actual *start* on a (big or small) resolution. An actual step, no matter how minor, in the right direction. In this way, the optimistic plans that course through me while I'm davening won't seem so unrealistic. And small steps are much more doable than big open-ended plans. The spiritual high in shul is not followed immediately by the cynical thought "Yeah, yeah, you've thought you would be better about that for years, but nothing has ever come of it. So why bother even hoping you'll get better?"

Here are some samples -- small steps that might serve as a great spiritual preparation for the Days of Awe. Maybe one of them will appeal to you!

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### **Mitzvot Between You and God**

**Unkept vow:** Last year you were moved by the Ne'ilah service, and decided that you wanted to come to shul more often. **Gift:** Come to shul once before the Days of Awe, on a day you wouldn't normally have come. A Shabbat maybe, or a Sunday morning, or even the Cemetery service (10:45 a.m. at Mt. Lebanon on Sunday morning, September 8). Or just come to shul once when it's not the Days of Awe. Just once. Mark it on your calendar right now. If this sounds like it might be right for you, don't read on -- find a date now.

**Unkept vow:** Last year, you said you were going to study something about Jewish tradition, instead of just reading junky murder mysteries all year. **Gift:** Start a good book with lots of Jewish content that you won't be able to put down. Here are four I couldn't put down (in order from light to heavy) that you could start today:

- *Joy Comes in the Morning*, by Jonathan Rosen (a love story involving a female Rabbi)
- *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks (historical fiction about how the mysterious Sarajevo Haggadah might have come to be)
- *Sacred Trash*, by Peter Cole & Adina Hoffman (non-fiction about the Cairo Genizah that reads like fiction)
- *Rabbis and Wives*, by Chaim Grade (several longish short stories about life and love in the old world)

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## President's Column (continued)

As Western people, living in a modernist or post-modernist, timeframe, this is a most difficult task. Except perhaps for some deep green philosophies, we live in a heavily anthropocentric universe.

We take seriously arguments that our societies are advanced enough that essentially we have reached the end of history. The rationalism and scientific methodology of the enlightenment remain the preferred method of truth-finding and argument.

To acknowledge that we have a King is hard. The Torah readings add to this difficulty; the story of the *Akeidah* and the moral questions it raises are difficult to contemplate. Aviva Zornberg has written quite beautifully about this quandary and compares the noises from the shofar blasts to the sounds present at the sacrifice on the Mountain. They are summed up here by R. David Starr:

“What about hearing or “knowing” the shofar makes us happy? The sound of the Shofar actually evokes in us a dual response: the occasion triumphantly proclaims God’s coronation as our Sovereign, yet the sound itself resembles a cry, a wailing.

“Even at the moment of joy at God’s coronation we feel anxiety: perhaps the foundation of the world is cracking; it’s not so solid anymore? It’s as if the blessing of Creation profoundly burdens us with the demand that we properly use such a monumental gift, and will that gift last?

“So too Sarah, mother of us all, cries out in pain as she births us, cries out in pain as she contemplates the specter of Isaac’s death, or near-death, at the hands of her husband Abraham.... [J]ust as Isaac cried and wailed because he feared he couldn’t be saved, so she cried three cries, corresponding to the three *tekiot* of the shofar, three wails corresponding to the three sobbing short sounds. *Uparcha nishmata vameta*—and her soul flew away and she died.”

Life confronts us with its tragedies and confusions all the time. Yehuda Amichai imagines a different type of Torah:

From the Book of Esther, I filtered  
the sediment  
Of vulgar joy, and from the book of  
Jeremiah,  
The howl of pain in the guts.

And from The Song of Songs the  
endless  
Search for love, and from Genesis  
the dreams  
And Cain, and from Ecclesiastes,  
The despair, and from the Book of  
Job, Job.  
And with what was left, I pasted  
myself a new bible.  
Now I live censored and cut and  
pasted and limited and in peace.

Perhaps we cannot build a new Torah, but we can do the work expected of us during the days of awe and eventually we can experience something new, perhaps even a new dance of love. The Talmud envisions the “future dance of the righteous.” In Alan Brill’s book, *Thinking God*, about Rabbi Zadok of Lublin, he quotes Rabbi Zadok’s beautiful comment on this passage:

“The future dance of the righteous is because dancing occurs in a circle in which all are equal.... When everything is complete, then one will not need effort to love in one’s heart the creation, because then loving creation will be as natural as loving parts of one’s own body.”

Let us work on joining this dance in the coming year. L’Shanah Tovah Tikateivu.

## Notes from the Rabbi (continued)

### Mitzvot Between You and Your Fellow Human Beings

**Unkept vow:** Be nicer to your friend/spouse/adult child. **Gift:** Go just one day without offering any criticism (even *implied* criticism – you know how you can be) to this person. If you find that impossible, try one hour.

**Unkept vow:** Be involved in making the larger community better somehow. **Gift basket** (choose at least one):

- Sign up with the TI Social action committee for a one-shot project.
- Call the TI office and offer to come to the office to help out when needed.
- Knock on the door of an elderly neighbor with food in your hand.
- Call the office (202 882-1605 x101) and say you’ll help cook the TI Breakfast.

The point is to take one small step. For then your dreams during the Days of Awe will have something to

build on. You’ll come into shul with some momentum. You won’t be entirely prepared, of course. God willing, you will be overwhelmed and surprised by what you experience and what you learn about yourself during the course of the services. But with the gift you bring, you will be able, according to the Psalmist, to approach the Divine.

L’Shanah Tovah!

Rabbi Seidel

## New Members

### Jared Garelick

The high holidays are upon us, with their multiple layers of meanings. To this Department, it means New Member season. Here are profiles of a few new members who joined this past year. Over the next several months we'll feature members from this New Year's crop. Say hello to them, and make them feel welcome over the holiday season.

#### Rachel and Paul Goldstein

Rachel and Paul joined TI this past year as a couple, but they are now a family of three. Their baby daughter, Etta, joined the family (and TI) almost four months ago. Rachel, from Greenville, North Carolina, finished up her PhD at the University of Maryland just before the birth. Her field is environmental health, with a specialty in studying bad things that have entered the water supply. It turns out that casting bread crumbs into surface water on the first day of Rosh Hashanah has an ameliorative effect, so do your part.

Paul, a Washington native, works for the District as a city planner, helping to determine the shape of local development. The Goldsteins tried out TI by coming to a Friday night service, then a Shabbat morning a while later, and decided this is where they belong.

#### Daniel Schiff

Daniel, who grew up in Portland, Oregon, moved to Washington about four years ago, after a long stop in New York for school. He earned an undergraduate degree at Columbia, and then a JD at Yeshiva University's Cardozo School of Law.

Daniel enjoyed the opportunity at Cardozo to take classes in Jewish law as well as secular subjects. He is now an attorney at the Federal Labor Relations Authority, which resolves disputes between the federal government and union-represented government employees, a class of people that includes many TI members.

Daniel first came to TI by attending services of the Segulah minyan in the building. He was impressed by the Kiddush lunches, friendly people, and the excellent Mollie L. Berch library. Daniel enjoys hiking, movies, and all kinds of music, particularly classical. His musical interest is unsurprising, given that his mother is a cantor and his father a composer.

Welcome and *shanah tovah* to all our newly joined members.

### Sukkah Stops Needed

TI'ers: Do you

- live reasonably close to TI (say, within 1.5 miles or so)
- and build a sukkah?

If so, would you like your sukkah to be one of the stops on our annual Sukkah walk?

The walk is scheduled for the first day of Sukkot, Thursday, September 19, after services, (rain date would probably be on Shabbat).

Let me know if you're interested.

Rabbi Seidel

### 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).

<b>Shelly Heller</b>	h: 301-942-1836 w: 202-242-6698
<b>David (Judy) Cohen</b>	h: 301-652-2872
<b>Marcia Goldberg</b>	h: 301-589-0352

## Summary of TI Board of Directors Meeting July 8, 2013

**Attending:** Larry Baizer, Sharon Brown, Jeff Davidson, Joe Davidson, Lisa Goldberg, Wilhelmina Gottschalk, Joanne Hovis, Ariel Brandt Lautman, Stephanie Roodman Murdock, Ray Natter, Cynthia Peterman, Debbie Pomerance, Andrew Reamer, Howard Riker, Morris Rodenstein, Vivian Seidner, Daniel Turner, Mark Verschell, Chris Zeilinger

**Excused:** Susan Catler, Jeffrey Colman, Varda Fink, Margie Odle, Ruth Shapiro, Rabbi Ethan Seidel

**Absent:** Joel Cohen

**Staff:** Jevera Temsky, Eitan Gutin

**Guests:** Jo-anne Tucker-Zemlak, Carla Matusow, Marcia Goldberg

**Text Study:** Cynthia Peterman presented on pre-modern European autonomous Jewish communities.

**Minutes:** The Minutes of the June 10, 2013 meeting were approved with changes.

**President's Report:** President Jeff Davidson proposed Ariel Brandt

Lautman for a vacant board seat. Without objection she was added to the Board and will work on communications issues. He noted that Jevera Temsky is now Executive Director.

President Davidson initiated a discussion of how to publicize our congregation's welcome to gays and lesbians. The Board agreed that we should do this and Jeff agreed to discuss the idea with Rabbi Seidel and the Membership Committee.

President Davidson updated the Board on the purchase of Hines-Rinaldi by SCI, the largest funeral home in the industry. There is some question about what will happen to our contract in the future.

**Session with USCJ Kehilla Relationship Manager Jo-Anne Tucker-Zemlak:** Jo-Anne Tucker-Zemlak spoke via Skype about goals, visions and the role of the Board.

**Preparing for TI's Centennial Celebration:** Marcia Goldberg explained that the centennial celebration is expected to run for a year, starting in 2016. While TI's

Articles of Incorporation are from 1917, there is evidence that the first meeting was August 11, 1916.

Marcia asked people to think how they could help. A committee would start in 2014. Cynthia Peterman presented the original minutes from TI in Yiddish.

**Modernizing Our Computer Software:** Carla Matusow is helping TI to improve efficiency and accuracy by researching new software options. Chaverware and Shul Cloud are the best choices. She presented the pros and cons of each system.

**Financial Report and Review of the Financial Committee & System at TI:** Each month one committee will speak about their goals, members and on-going work. This month Chris Zeilinger, Finance VP, spoke about the financial structure of Tifereth Israel and the workings of the committee.

**2013 Annual Appeal:** Daniel Turner, Development VP, talked about fundraising and his plans for the Annual Appeal.

## Upcoming Foundation for Jewish Studies Programs

**Monday, September 23, 7:30-9:00 p.m.,** *From 'Helpmates' and Hadassah to Radicals and Rabbis: The Evolution of the Jewish Woman in American History*, Ohr Kodesh Congregation, 8300 Meadowbrook Lane, Chevy Chase.

Covering the enormous diversity of America's Jewish women from colonial Philadelphia's Rebecca Machado Phillips and Henrietta Szold, to Emma Goldman and Rabbi Sally Priesand.

Presented by **Dr. Pamela S. Nadell**, Chair of the Department of History and Director of the Jewish Studies Program at American University.

**Tuesday, October 15, 7:30-9:00 p.m.,** *The Challenge of Jewish Sovereignty: Ethical Dilemmas 40 years after the Yom Kippur War*, Kol Shalom, 9110 Darnestown Road, Rockville.

Addressing questions such as: What is the authority of traditional Jewish

Law In a Jewish State? What rights do non-Jews have in such a state? What are women's rights regarding marriage and divorce? What if Judaism and democracy conflict? How does Judaism deal with issues of war and peace?

Presented by **Rabbi Reuven Hammer**, Jewish liturgy scholar, author, lecturer, a founder of the Israeli Masorti movement and past president of the International Rabbinical Assembly.

## Lifelong Learning

### Eitan Gutin

#### Himmelfarb & Chai Happenings

Registration is nearly closed for the 2013-2014 school year. Our enrollment is once again going to increase this year thanks in part to the many parents who say such wonderful things about the school to their friends.

Remember that we have a non-member rate for those households who may be involved in another community but find our school to be the best place for their children. We plan to continue growing our wonderful school.

#### Best Numbers in Over A Decade

Here is a snapshot of how our school programs have grown this year:

We will have **over 80 students** enrolled in our K-10 Himmelfarb and Chai Schools. The last time we crossed this threshold was over 10 years ago.

The Himmelfarb School will have **66 students in grades K-6**. There are only six classes since nearly all of TI's 5<sup>th</sup> graders study in local Jewish private schools.

The last time the Himmelfarb School was larger was in 2001, when the school still included 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The last time we had this many students in grades K-6 was in 2000. The last time we had an average class size of 11 or more, as we do this year, was in 1999.

Our school program's success is due in no small part to the dedication of our amazing staff and volunteer leaders who are all constantly working to make both Himmelfarb and Chai schools that Tifereth Israel can be proud of.

#### Investing in Professional Development

One of the reasons we do such a fine job in our school and youth programs is that TI is willing to invest in staff development and training. This year we have sent and will send more staff to a wider variety of training opportunities than ever before.

In July, Eitan Gutin (Director, Lifelong Learning), Marla Sevi (Assistant Director, LLL) and Eti Bardack (Bet Class Teacher) spent a week at the NewCAJE conference in Dudley, MA.

Helen Shulman (Gimel, Jr. Chai) spent an August week in Baltimore getting trained in how to best use the Facing History Holocaust curriculum for this year's Jr. Chai students.

Rachel Lemberg (Alef) strengthened her Hebrew skills throughout the summer as a member of the Ulpan at the Rockville JCC.

In October, Eitan, Amanda Rudman (Kadima) and a new USY advisor will attend a staff training that is part of the USCJ Centennial in Baltimore.

#### Our 2013-2014 Faculty

Speaking of our faculty, please welcome and welcome back the following teachers when you see them around TI:

Gan: Silvia Edenburg

Alef: Rachel Lemberg

Bet: Eti Bardack

Gimel: Hindy Shulman

Daled: Hagit Leibowitz

Vav: Helen Ritman

Jr. Chai: Hindy Shulman and Helen Ritman

Chai: Eitan Gutin, Rabbi Seidel and others.

#### Family Education and Programs

**Family Service and Sukkot BBQ**, Friday, September 20. This will be the first family service of the year featuring a family-led Ma'ariv service at 6:30 p.m., followed by a community Sukkah BBQ dinner at 7:00. Please email Eitan Gutin, Director of Lifelong Learning, if you or your child would like to participate in the service in any way.

**Introducing Balcony Babka, a Tasty Middle School Treat.** One Shabbat a month TI's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be invited to spend part of the service in the balcony with Eitan Gutin. During the services the group will quietly discuss prayer, spirituality, and other Jewish issues. During the Drash the pre-teens and teens will enjoy some fine, moist, chocolate babka just off the 16<sup>th</sup> St Lobby before re-joining the congregation for Musaf. Check the weekly email and TI calendar for Balcony Babka dates.

#### Youth Programs

We are gearing up for a great year for our **award-winning** USY (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) and Kadima (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades). Here are our opening programs for the year:

**USY, September 7.** Kick off the year with a special Movie Night, featuring *Skyfall*.

**Kadima, September 15.** Make the New Year a Hit! Kadima will go to see the Nats take on the Phillies at Nationals Park.

We would like to welcome back Amanda Rudman for her third year with TI, now serving as our Kadima advisor.

## Social Action at TI: Stephen Nelson Statistics Defy Homelessness Stereotypes

In the past few weeks, a great deal of attention has been paid to the plight of fast-food workers, who invariably earn minimum wage at a time when living expenses have increased far more than federal and state minimum wage standards.

These workers struggle to meet their basic needs---food, clothing, shelter, and utilities. Nonetheless, it is commonly believed that they are able to scrape by somehow. What we forget is that low-wage workers are often homeless.

And it's not just workers in the fast-food, retail, and other historically low-wage industries. Recently, I have been told by several lawyers that there are document reviewers and other temporary workers at Washington's law firms who are living out of their cars.

According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, 44 percent of all homeless people are employed in

either full-time or part-time jobs. This stands in stark contrast to the narrative often recited in right-wing circles that the homeless and others living on some sort of government assistance are merely lazy opportunists taking advantage of government programs.

Several other statistics defy many of our stereotypes about the homeless:

- Children under the age of 18 account for 39 percent of the homeless population.
- In urban America, 38 percent of all homeless are white. (When rural homelessness is considered, that percentage is significantly higher.)
- Approximately half of all women and children experiencing homelessness are fleeing domestic violence.
- 40 percent of homeless men have served in the U.S. armed forces, compared to 34% of the general adult population.

Participants in TI's social action programs have the opportunity to see the homeless as real people with real stories. In my experiences participating in the Martha Table van run and the Luther Place dinners, I have had and seen some enlightening exchanges with many of the beneficiaries.

As we approach the High Holidays, it will be time once again to do some soul-searching as to what we can do for the betterment of society. Representatives of the Social Action Committee will once again be speaking during High Holiday services about many of the programs in which we participate.



Not all of the programs involve poverty and homelessness, but many do, and many are appropriate for families. Here are some of the programs that TI's Social Action Committee sponsors:

### Family Projects

(Check with the contact person re minimum age for child)

**Rosh Hashanah/ Passover Food Delivery.** You can brighten a family's holiday by helping us deliver dozens of bags of groceries to Jewish seniors, immigrants and others in need. Contacts: **Martin Kessel** (kesselm@mail.nih.gov), **Ray Natter** (rntr@verizon.net).

**Martha's Table.** Help us serve dinner to homeless men and women on the streets of downtown Washington, in partnership with Martha's Table, as we drive the MT van and stop at two locations on the second Sunday of each month. Another opportunity is working with MT to provide children, youth and families with educational programs, food and clothing. Contact: **Gene Herman** (gene511@aol.com).

**December Holiday Dinners for the Homeless.** During December, TI volunteers help provide a joyous Christmas meal for the homeless in four DC men's and women's shelters. Volunteers are needed for all phases of this event including preparation, distribution and serving the meals. Contact: **Martin Kessel** (kesselm@mail.nih.gov).

### Juniper St. Collection

We are now collecting professional accessories for **A Wider Circle**. The best guide for whether items are useful is, "Will these items help an individual to look polished and professional in his or her job interview?"

Specifically, they would like:

- Purses
- Briefcases
- Belts
- New Shoes (new only, unless purchased but never worn)

As usual, place items in the basket in the Juniper St. lobby

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## Social Action at TI (continued)

**Luther Place Dinners.** One Sunday a month, volunteers cook and serve dinner to 20-30 women at the Luther Place Church's "N Street Village" women's shelter. It's a great family activity. Dinner becomes more satisfying for all. Contact: **Marjorie Siegel** ([marjorie.siegel@verizon.net](mailto:marjorie.siegel@verizon.net)).

**SOME Shelter Casseroles.** One night a month, we bake and deliver casseroles for the shelter operated by So Others Might Eat (SOME). We give you the recipe to bake a casserole. If you think you can fire up your oven, even if only once during the year, then you can volunteer. Contacts: **Stephanie** and **David Rubin** ([stephanierubin@rcn.com](mailto:stephanierubin@rcn.com)).

**Food and Clothing Collections.** We collect food, clothing and other items throughout the year. We need your help with planning, publicizing, collecting, sorting and delivering.

### Order Your Sukkah Now!

Is this the year for you to buy a sukkah kit? TI has arranged discounts on three types of sukkahs.

The deadline to order an Ultimate, EZ Lock Sukkah through TI is Tuesday, September 3. Delivery to TI, avoiding shipping charges, will be on Sunday, September 8.

Wood Frame and Tubular Kits can be ordered directly from the Sukkah Project and they are shipped to your home.

Details on all three sukkahs and ordering links can be found in the TI Newsletter

There's something for every interest in this project. Contact: **Jeri Roth Lande** ([rothland@erols.com](mailto:rothland@erols.com)).

### Teens and Adults

**Shepherd School Tutoring.** Since 2000, adults and teenagers from Tifereth Israel and our neighborhood have tutored students from our local public elementary school. Each tutor is paired with a young student (grade 2-6) for the school year. The pair meets one hour each Sunday at a regularly-scheduled time at the synagogue to read, practice math skills, or review homework.

The weekly hour can make a tremendous difference in the academic performance of participating students by boosting their self-confidence and strengthening skills learned in school – a very high rate of return on volunteer service. Contact: **Dan Nathan** ([dananddori@verizon.net](mailto:dananddori@verizon.net)).

**Food Banks.** Increasing numbers of people are unable to afford basic food necessities and require nutritional assistance, provided by local food banks where donated food is distributed to the needy. These food banks collect a variety of food from many different sources and need help in sorting and organizing the food for distribution. Volunteer opportunities typically involve but are not limited to:

- **Food Collection and Delivery.** Volunteers participate in a food collection at TI and help deliver the collected items directly to a food bank.
- **Packing and Sorting.** Donated food is inspected at the food bank for quality and either sorted into bins or repackaged into usable sizes. Boxes of a variety

of foods are assembled for clients.

- **Shopping Floor/Loading Dock.** Volunteers assist clients at the food bank in picking up their orders or stocking shelves.

Contact: **Larry Baizer** ([lbaizer@yahoo.com](mailto:lbaizer@yahoo.com)).

**Alan Gross Vigil.** Mr. Gross has been held in a Cuban jail since December, 2009 when he was arrested while helping the Havana Jewish Community set up a community intranet site. He is serving a 15-year sentence despite protests from President Obama, the US State Department and Congress.

Volunteer to be part of the ongoing vigil that is held every Monday outside the Cuban interest section of the Swiss embassy (2630 16<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC just above Euclid). The vigil typically is held from 12 noon-12:20 P.M. Contact: **Mona Berch** ([mberch@mac.com](mailto:mberch@mac.com)).

For more information on these programs, please contact **Claudine Schweber** ([pariscs@gmail.com](mailto:pariscs@gmail.com)) or **Gene Herman** ([gene511@aol.com](mailto:gene511@aol.com)), co-chairs of the Social Action Committee.

### Men's Club

The T.I. Men's Club is back!!

We are looking for anyone interested in serving on the Men's Club board.

If you would like to help plan activities beginning this fall, please let Ray Natter know by email, at [rntr@verizon.net](mailto:rntr@verizon.net), or by calling at (202) 244-9646.



## Kol Nashim

### Margie Odle



Kol Nashim's summer get together was very successful. About 20 current and prospective members braved the heat and enjoyed late afternoon schmoozing and snacking as we discussed upcoming and potential KN activities and programs.

rabbis with a Sunday morning presentation and discussion by Rabbi Avis Miller on **November 17**. Watch for more detailed announcements in the coming weeks.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikatavu to all.

Thanks to Paula Flicker for hosting the event. We were delighted that several potential TI members attended and were hopefully persuaded to "join the fold."

The KN Book Club's next monthly meeting will **September 17** at 7:30 p.m. at Shelly Heller's home. No book has been assigned. It will be a book fair where everyone brings favorite books to tell other people about.

KN will begin this year's series of programs featuring TI's women



Kol Nashim Summer Get-Together at Paula Flicker's Home

## Library News

### Marcia Goldberg

As far back as many of us can remember, the Himmelfarb Fund has purchased a book for the Library in honor of each of our Bar and Bat Mitzvah students. Mollie Lewis Berch began the tradition which built up a very impressive young adult section of the Library.

When Mollie's health started to fail, I took over the responsibility. I am also the TI B'nei Mitzvah coordinator and work with a small committee to select books that would be of interest to our students and broaden our holdings. The committee tries whenever possible to select a book that the particular student would find interesting.

We now enter the book into our system as soon as it is received and then sign it out immediately in the

name of the Bar or Bat Mitzvah so he/she can take it home and begin reading. The selection of books has been broadened to include books that will be of interest to the larger congregation as well.

Here are some examples of books that have been gifted to the Mollie L. Berch Library in honor of our students:

*God's To-Do List* by Ron Wolfson

*The Man Who Flies with Birds* by Carole Vogel

*The Inextinguishable Symphony* by Martin Goldsmith

*Haggadah for the Fifth Child* by Donald Susswein

*Hot Pursuit: Murder in Mississippi* by Stacia Deutsch

*Women of the Wall Siddur* published by Women of the Wall

*In Her Voice: Illuminated Prayers for Women* by Enya Tamar Keshet

*The Scattered Tribe: Traveling the Diaspora from Cuba to India to Tahiti and Beyond* by Ben G. Frank

*Monsieur Marceau* by Leda Schubert

*I am Jewish: Personal Reflections Inspired by the Last Words of Daniel Pearl* edited by Judah Pearl and Ruth Pearl.

Enjoy!

# Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers

Barbara Raimondo

## Always a Rebel

As part of Art for Bonifant Street **Andrea Kline** yarnbombed a pay phone. According to Wikipedia, yarnbombing is a "type of graffiti or street art that employs colorful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn or fiber rather than paint or chalk." According to Andrea, the pay phone does not work and has not worked for some time. According to The Free Dictionary, a pay phone is a public telephone operated by coins or a phone card. According to – well, forget it, if you don't know what a phone card is, look it up.

Andrea also participated in the Craft and Folk Art Museum of Los Angeles (CAFAM) Granny Squared activity, covering the facade of the CAFAM with `granny squares` <http://articles.latimes.com/2013/may/24/news/la-lh-yarnbombing-craft-museum-grannysquared-20130524>. Sigh, you can look up granny squares too. Andrea and husband **Harvey** went for the opening of this exhibit over Memorial Day.

**Bob** and **Loretta Saks'** son, **Daniel**, and his Mexico City-based band, DeLeon, played to 12,000 people at the Jewish Culture Festival in Krakow, Poland in early July. They also performed in Poznań, Poland and Berlin, Germany. Daniel guessed that most, if not all, of the 12,000 who attended the Krakow concert were non-Jews.

**Neshama Rovinsky** returned from one month in Ethiopia where she did a service project with World Vision and Save the Children. While there she spent a memorable Shabbat with Dr. Rick Hodes, whose work with children resulted in his being chosen as the commencement speaker at Brandeis University this year. She also visited with Abdul Mohammed, one of the leaders in the effort to prevent war in Sudan.

**Neilah Rovinsky** finished her first summer as a National Cathedral scholar and worked giving tours there as one of their docents.

In other "N" news, **Natan Seidel** is engaged to **Sarah Krame**. They met first at Jewish Day School, and they

reconnected at Emory University, he as a medical school student, she as an undergraduate.

**Sara Jill Rothenberg**, the daughter of **Ivy Baer** and **Marc Rothenberg**, married **Daniel Short** on August 3, at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center of the University of Maryland, College Park. The setting was especially appropriate, as Sara and Daniel had met as undergraduates at the University of Maryland and both were involved in the music program there.

Sara received her Master of Arts in Elementary Education at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and Daniel is a software engineer doing contract work for the federal government. They will live in Silver Spring.

## Babies and Food

**Yitzchak** and **Betsy Lewis Yizraeli** are happy to announce the birth of a sweet boy named **Gilad** to their daughter, **Lia**, and son-in-law, **Avi**, in July in Haifa.

And **Michele** and **Howard Sumka** traveled to Belgium for the birth of their first grandchild. **Jacob Sumka Vanhooren** was born to **Ilana Sumka** and **Siebrecht Vanhooren** on August 15 in Bruges. He is reportedly even better than Belgian beer, French fries, chocolate, and waffles combined.

## Well, That's a Little Hard to Believe

**Claudine Schweber** is now co-President of OSE-USA, the French organization that saved her mother's life, and continues its mission of providing health care to Jewish and other communities. Claudine represents the "second generation."

TI member **Rabbi Mark Novak** has joined the faculty of the ALEPH Hashpa'ah program, serving as a *Mashpiah*, Jewish spiritual guide. In his capacity as *Mashpiah*, Mark will meet with students once a month. If you are curious about Mark's work as a *Mashpiah* and/or what Jewish Spiritual Direction is, visit Mark's website, RebMarko.com, where Mark also writes a blog.

**Dina Borzekowski** switched institutions and joined the cool team of TI members who are also faculty at the University of Maryland, College Park. She is now a Professor at the School of Public Health. No more commuting to Baltimore, but she will continue with her international research, at least for the next few years. In fact, soon she will visit Rio de Janeiro.

In other travels, **Simcha Kuritzky** recently returned from the World's Fair of Money in Chicago, where he gave a talk on the Davidians and their scrip (an updated version of what he gave at a previous Tikun L'eyl Shavuot).

He also put in four exhibits which won three firsts and one second place in class. His *Pidyon Haben* exhibit also won third place Best of Show, and his Henrietta Szold exhibit also won the Heritage Coins in History award and the Women in Numismatics award. In other news, The *Maryland Numismatist*, a quarterly journal that he edits, was awarded third place in local club journals by the American Numismatic Association.

## Makes Me Tired

**Esther** and **Gene Herman** have had an adventurous few weeks. First, there was vacation in Historic Williamsburg with daughter, **Alisa**, and two granddaughters, **Arielle** and **Talia**, and the sociological observation at the outlet mall. Home one day, then off to Chicago for three days in – are you ready for this – a convent. Yes, it was the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Casimir, for a celebration in honor of Sister Theresa Dabulis, Esther's former social work student and supervisee over 20 years ago.

Lastly, the Hermans ended up their travels in a circular manner. On a recent Sunday, they began in Takoma Park and went to Shepherdstown, West Virginia for **Monda** and **Sandy Sagalkin's** (former TI members before they moved out of town) special anniversary/birthday celebration. They then hurried to Owing Mills, Maryland for the *brit milah* of **Helen** and **David Braitman's** (former TI members before they moved out of town) new twin

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## Earl Dotter Photography Presentation at TI on September 1

TI member and photojournalist, **Earl Dotter**, will show image highlights from his 45-year career at **7:30 p.m., Sunday, September 1**.

Featured photographs will range from his images of social turmoil in the late 1960s up to more recent work documenting commercial fishermen in the North Atlantic, emergency responders at Ground Zero after the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center, and the work of Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn. The hospital has transitioned from servicing a largely Jewish community to a multi-cultural immigrant population.

Many of Dotter's photographs are of workers engaged in heavy industry, including auto, steel, and textile. They comprise a visual record of a world that has diminished if not disappeared. Some of his favorite

photographs taken in our Washington Jewish community will also be presented.

Dotter began his photographic career in 1968 when he was a student at the School of Visual Arts in New York City and lived in the Lower East Side.



Earl Dotter Photo of NYC Emergency Responders After 9/11

He documented the streets of Manhattan as the city reacted to the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Kennedy.

In 1969 Dotter became a VISTA Volunteer in the Appalachian coalfields after the Farmington Mine had exploded in West Virginia, killing 78.

At that point, he committed his career path to photographing the most hazardous jobs in America and to personalizing the lives of individuals performing those tasks.

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grandsons, before returning home. There's no more gallivanting planned for the Hermans until after Thanksgiving.

**George Greenberg** retired on June 28, after 37 years with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) in the Department of Health and Human Services. George had written his doctoral thesis on "Governing HEW", with a chapter on ASPE. His retirement party on June 20 included a mock dissertation defense in which he was quizzed about his dissertation, written more than 40 years ago! Oh, those jokers!

The party, attended by more than 100 people, including his 91-year old mother, also had accolades from the Secretary on down on George's many contributions. George celebrated his retirement by immediately chairing a review panel for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. No grass growing under his feet!

Meanwhile, son, **Josh**, Managing Director and Private Client Advisor with U.S. Trust, Bank of America, has won a President's Award from U.S. Trust, which includes a trip to Scottsdale, AZ between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Marjorie and George will be babysitting in Brooklyn.

Finally, **Marjorie**, who promises to retire by Thanksgiving, will receive the Exemplary Service Award from the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) at its 2013 annual meeting in Atlanta, GA on October 28. The award recognizes an individual who "has exhibited outstanding support for AHIMA and its mission, and helped (the) Association attain more prominence".

Marjorie is Chief of the Classifications and Public Health Data Standards Staff at the National Center for Health Statistics, CDC.

### Sad News

**Jerry Wolman** passed away in early August. He was a long-time member of Tifereth Israel who, along with his brother **Manny**, named the sanctuary in memory of their late father, **Sol Wolman**. The funeral was held at TI, with interment at King David Cemetery in Northern Virginia. May the family be comforted among those who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

And now for the meaning of last month's word, *scilicet*: "to wit, namely" (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 to grok for next time to 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 this edition of Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers.

## Coins for Sukkot

### Simcha Kuritzky

Today the most important holidays in the Jewish calendar are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, but there is evidence that when the Temple stood, Sukkot was considered the most important. The sacrifices offered (the most of any holiday) were to give thanks for the recent harvest and ensure the rains for the coming winter.

There was also a water-drawing ceremony during Hol Hamoed that was very popular. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were preparations for Sukkot, enthroning God as our true ruler and purifying the Temple, priesthood and public for the upcoming festival.

When the Maccabees liberated the Temple in December 164 BCE, they celebrated a belated Sukkot, giving birth to the annual festival of Hanukkah. So it should come as no surprise that coins of the revolts against Rome commemorated Sukkot and not the other festivals.



Towards the end of the First Revolt against Rome (66-70 CE), copper *shekel* fractional tokens were issued when silver became scarce. The half-*shekel* has a date palm with baskets (representing the harvest) on the obverse and an *etrog* with *lulavim* on either side on the reverse.

The quarter-*shekel* has a large *etrog* on the obverse and two *lulavim* on the reverse. The eighth-*shekel* shows a chalice (probably an *omer* measuring cup) on the obverse, while the reverse shows a *lulav* with an *etrog* on either side. All coins contain the inscriptions Year Four (of the revolt) and For the Redemption of Zion.

This eighth-*shekel* was shown on the short-lived 50-*sheqalim* coin of Israel (1984-5) and the equivalent 5-*agorot* of the new *shekel* (1985-2007), but due to inflation, this coin was recently demonetized. Special issues of the 5-*agorot* (shown here) were made to commemorate the Bank of Israel's 40th anniversary in 1988 and as Hanukkah *gelt* in 1987-2008.



A similar design, showing just the *lulav* and *etrogim*, appeared on Israel's Seasons Greetings medal of 5730 (1969/70). These were issued to subscribers to the commemorative coin program and are copper-nickel. This is only the fifth medal of the series which continues to this day.



Minters under Shimon Bar Kokhba's revolt (132-135 CE) placed the *lulav* and *etrog* on the large silver *shekels* (or *sela'im*). The *lulav*, which looks like a thick bundle, has a small *etrog* on the side. The inscription is For the Freedom of Israel. The other side shows what many believe is a façade of the Temple with the inscription Shimon. Original *sela'im* are very expensive but base metal copies are readily available.



Israel's 1960 £50 banknote shows a mosaic from an ancient synagogue in Nirim (just outside Gaza) with a *menorah*, *shofar*, small *lulav*, and two *etrogim*. These notes were replaced by another design in 1972 but circulated until 1980.



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## Adult Education

Jessica Weissman

We are off to a good year of varied educational and programming activities.

### TI'ers Remember the March On Washington

On August 24 a panel of TI'ers shared their memories of the 1963 March on Washington. **David (Carla) Cohen** talked about the political background of the event.

**Carolivia Herron** remembered getting to the Mall early with her cousin; they were nearly alone, waiting for the marchers nobody was sure would arrive. At 10 o'clock

people began pouring onto the Mall in great numbers, to her relief.

**Jon Tuerk** recalled riding a bus from Baltimore with his uncle and mentor, Jack Levin, and joining a huge caravan of buses on the BW Parkway.

**Rabbi Bob Sacks** described being part of the crowd. **Ellen Levy** and **David (Judy) Cohen** sent stirring reminiscences that were read by others.

**Mark Berch** brought an original program of the day's events and a photo of his father at the march.

**Marvin Caplan** was represented by readings from his autobiography.

To round it off, **Louise Kelley** returned from attending the day's commemorative march and talked about the joy and commitment and spirit of 2013's crowd.

### SHALEM

Ever wonder why TI has so many rabbis as members? Come to the September SHALEM program and find out. On **September 21**, at 1 p.m., a group of TI member rabbis will discuss why they chose TI, and respond to questions from the audience.

On **October 19**, **Eti Bardack** will be the SHALEM speaker, talking about her father, Noah Roitman, and the shelling of the Irgun ship, Altalena, under the orders of Haganah leader Ben-Gurion. Mr. Roitman refused to fire on the ship. To learn more about this remarkable man, come to Eti's talk.

### National Archives Visit

Mark your calendar for **November 11**, when we will make a group visit to an exhibit at the National Archives of Iraqi Jewish memorabilia and records recovered from Baghdad and restored by conservators at the Archives. We have timed entry tickets for 11:00 and 11:15 am.

Plans for classes and other events are coming together. Watch for the Fall Catalog of Lifelong Learning events.

If you would like to give a Shalem talk or present a class please contact Jessica Weissman.

## Coins for Sukkot (continued)

A similar mosaic from an ancient synagogue in Jericho was the inspiration for a rare medal issued only to participants of a numismatic tour of Israel in 1978. The *menorah* is quite plain in the original mosaic and the curved figure on the right appears to be a *shofar*, but it's not clear what the palm branch on the left represents. This artist's rendition enlarges and thickens the leaves on the palm branch and added an *etrog* next to the *shofar* to clearly indicate the palm represents the *lulav*. Of course, the original inscription was in Hebrew.

and eight pomegranates with the holiday name, while the reverse shows a *lulav* and large *etrog* and the inscription Rejoice in Your Festivals.



The Jewish Heritage Society issued a holiday series of art bars produced by the Franklin Mint in 1974. The Sukkot bar portrays a family seated in their *sukkah*. These large bars were produced in both silver (two ounces) and bronze.

In addition to coins and medals, there are a number of Sukkot-related works of art one can collect, as well as *lulav* and *etrog* holders.

Have a happy Sukkot!



Israel issued a Sukkot medal as part of their holiday series in 1992. The obverse shows four palm branches

## A Tale of Two Cities

### Frank Solomon

#### *Jerusalem. Erev Rosh Hashanah 1982.*

I was lumbering down Jaffa Road between the Central Post Office and the Manhaneh Yehuda food market when I noticed a bearded man in a black hat with *peyot* staring at me. As he approached me, I reflexively stepped back and assumed a defensive position.

"Ah, it must be you. The black-belt kid from Brooklyn. Do you happen to be named Frank?" he asked.

"Yes. Who are you?"

"I am Carl. We used to do karate together in Borough Park. You kicked out one of my teeth in a tournament. Don't you remember?"

I did not recognize the man at all. But after a minute or two of conversation, my memories came back, especially after he showed me the gap where the tooth should have been.

Carl and I grew up together. He was from Midwood. We played stickball and were in Taw Kwon Do school together. He was a hulk. I was the skinniest kid in class. He always beat me in stickball. For revenge, I would kick him hard during practices.

I remember how much he wanted to be a martial arts teacher. Most of all, I remember how anti-religious he was. We often sat on the benches along Ocean Parkway and watched families stroll by after Shabbat services. Carl would say, "I don't understand why these people waste their time like this on a beautiful Saturday."

I remember his asking me one year when I was preparing to go to High Holy Day services, "Are you

religious?" I fumbled for an answer and muttered something like "I am not religious, but I am a committed Jew."

Carl had responded: "Religion doesn't do a thing for me at all. I'll eat hot dogs for both of us in Coney Island while you are in services."

After we caught up a bit, Carl told me that he was spending a year at a Yeshiva. "Yeshiva? You must be joking! And at our age? Are you religious?" I asked.

Carl's answer was much more certain than mine had been. He took me to the flat he was sharing with a student from England and another from Australia, both of whom also dressed in Orthodox garb.

They launched into a debate on some Talmudic law. While they were talking, I wondered what kind of spiritual odyssey this militant atheist must have taken to become a Hasid.

On the day after Rosh Hashanah, Carl and I huddled in a café. "I had been doing a lot of reading in the last few years," he said, "and found that it is much easier to be a Jew today than it was four or five hundred years ago.

"But to be a real Jew, one has to work much harder than a Jew four or five hundred years ago. As I read more and more, I found that I didn't really want to lose my Jewishness."

He took out a book from underneath his frock coat. It was "A Believing Jew" by Milton Steinberg, who passed away before both of us were born. He asked me to read a passage:

*"...The times have thrown us intellectually upon our own*

*resources. We are driven, often against our will, to subject our Jewish heritage to bold inquiry.*

*"We are the children of the modern world, free to believe or disbelieve, to accept or reject as our reason determines—a glorious freedom. But we are also the heirs of an obligation which, difficult though it may be, is equally glorious—the obligation of understanding before judging.*

*"Of that responsibility, let the Jews of our day be reminded, for their own sake, for the sake of the Jewish group and its future, and for the sake of mankind to whose spiritual resources Israel may have further contributions to make."*

"You see, that passage turned me around," Carl said.

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#### **2010.**

My younger son, Isaac, was going through his bar mitzvah studies.

He had prided himself on being anti-religious, and proclaimed to be a Rastafarian just to mock those whom he deemed religious. "Religion doesn't do a thing for me at all," he would tell the world.

At his bar mitzvah I read the passage from Milton Steinberg's book that Carl had me read over Rosh Hashanah in 1982, the passage that turned me around.

"You must be very religious to read something like that," Isaac told me after his bar mitzvah.

"No," I said. "I just don't want to lose my Jewishness."

## Black and Jewish Cultures in Washington, DC: Shared History and Shared Mandate

Shira D. Jones

*This article is an excerpt from Shira Jones' upcoming book "Stayed on Freedom's Call: Black-Jewish Community Cooperation in Washington, DC".*

*"You accepted 400 years of oppression, I have just accepted three thousand years of oppression!" (Dr. Jean Cahn, upon converting to Judaism, by permission, E. Cahn)*

The rabbis say that one man had to plunge into the Red Sea and wade in up to his neck before the waters parted and the Children of Israel were finally free. As Moses led the Hebrew slaves out of bondage from Egypt, so Negro slaves and free blacks looked to their faith, even as the spiritual waters of oppression seemed to rise up to their necks.

People of color formed communities in spite of the oppressive atmosphere, overcoming great prejudice, as had mistrusted and often denigrated Jewish citizens. From Benjamin Banneker in 1791, to Isaac Pollock in 1795, the first non-white residents of Washington faced unique challenges, having to prove themselves to their white contemporaries.

### Advocacy by Both Communities

In 1850, abolitionists and free people of color advocated for the rights of slaves, as Captain Jonas P. Levy and the Sons of Israel fraternal members had advocated for the rights of Jews.

Free individuals and families of color—such as Georgetown businessman Moses Zachariah Booth in 1865, and the Nash and Mayo families from Virginia at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century—formed connections in the capital. So did

Jewish businessmen and families—such as Cantor Lansburgh from Baltimore in 1860, and the Small family at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century—who trickled into the city before, and poured in during, the Civil War.

Thus, there are multiple parallels in the ways that the Jewish and both free and enslaved black communities had to cope with life in a country where neither was recognized as fully equal by the white majority.

### Slave Trade Continues in 1850s

By the time the first Hebrew congregation in Washington was organizing in 1852, slave coffles were still passing at night down 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The groans of slaves from the nearby DC City Jail, long used as a federally-subsidized slave pen, still echoed from the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and G Streets, NW, where the first Jewish residents might have passed going about their day.

Those sounds may have been particularly poignant as the Fugitive Slave Act came in to effect. The Act stopped the slave coffles, but in exchange required all free citizens to actively participate in apprehending and returning runaway slaves.

As Jews listened to the Torah being read in private homes, in storefronts along 7<sup>th</sup> street, or even near the Southwest wharf, the destination of those enchained human beings, did they recall those sounds of suffering? What conflicts might this have raised in the minds of observant Jews?

They were barely accepted themselves in this Southern city, where the community felt obliged to petition for permission to purchase a house of worship, despite the

existence of St. John's and other prominent Christian churches. What fear and guilt may have gone through the minds of those hearing the words of *Parshat Ki Tetzei*, Deuteronomy 23:16, commanding that a slave running away from a harsh master must be allowed to live wherever he wished, and not oppressed?

Here in Washington, DC, the compensated emancipation conditionally freed slaves nine months before the Emancipation Proclamation. However, it left many slaves waiting for freedom, continuing to hope for a Moses of their own, as Harriet Tubman was sometimes called.

The well-known comparison actually went both ways. Negro slaves identified with the plight of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt, and many Jewish families in Mississippi and other areas of the South controlled by General Grant's troops experienced a homelessness similar to their recently enslaved contemporaries.

### Contraband Slaves and Expelled Jews

Runaway slaves crossing Union lines were known as contrabands, considered to be confiscated property of war. While Jews were being expelled from their homes in areas occupied by General Grant's troops, people of color, like Harriet and Louisa Jacobs in the Federal City and surrounding areas, worked to inspire hope, provide housing for the many contrabands pouring in to the capital from the South, an ironic twist of fate in the history of these two oppressed peoples.

History was not all they shared.

## Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

### September 6

Jonathan Strum  
 Marc Suddleson & Molly Surden  
 Howard & Michele Sumka  
 JT & Naomi Taransky  
 Kassahu Teffera & Melke Mengiste  
 Jevera Temsky  
 Neil & Rachel Tickner  
 Michael Tilchin & Linda Greer  
 David & Anne Crandall Tobenkin  
 Peter & Rhoda Trooboff  
 Paula Tucker  
 Jonathan & Cathy Tuerk  
 Allan & Judy Tulchin  
 Daniel & Allison Turner  
 Michael & Ruth Unterweger  
 Mark Verschell & Elizabeth Leff  
 Sherri Vishner  
 Susan Vitale

### October 4

Hayim Lapin & Maxine Grossman  
 Alexander Laufer & Jennifer Siegel  
 Laufer  
 Dan & Ariel Lautman  
 Michael & Iris Lav  
 Mitchell Lazarus & Judith Shapiro  
 Beverly Lehrer  
 Louis Leibowitz & Beth  
 Kanter-Leibowitz  
 Elihu & Sheila Leifer  
 Ken & Rachel Lemberg  
 Stephen Lerner & Marilyn  
 Sneiderman  
 Shirley Levine  
 Steve LeVine & Nuri Nurlybayeva  
 Mark Lewis & Janet Nesse  
 Dan Liebman & Lis Davis  
 Kobi Lifshitz  
 John & Lynne List  
 John Lister

### October 18

Jonah & Stephanie Murdock  
 Myron Murdock  
 Beth Naftalin  
 Ray & Adele Natter  
 Sheridan & Dana Neimark  
 Stephen Nelson & Leslie  
 Goodman-Malamuth  
 Lee & Hedy Ohringer  
 Sarah Osborne  
 Larry Paul & Joye Newman  
 Perry & Fylis Peckham  
 Daniel Pederson & Dafna Spear  
 Melissa Perera  
 Adam & Jessica Perlmutter  
 Jeff & Cynthia Peterman  
 Michael Pitch & Elaine Weiss  
 Joshua Pitlick & Janet Blank  
 Lisa Plotkin  
 Aron & Karen Primack

### September 27

Rabbi Jason & Devora Kimelman-  
 Block  
 Alexandra Kincannon & Paul  
 Moorehead  
 Shemaya & Dori Klar  
 Morris Klein & Naomi Freeman  
 Roger Kohn  
 Allan Kolker  
 Edward Koren & Claudine  
 Schweber  
 Michael & Lisa Kraft  
 Anita Kramer  
 Joshua & Francesca Kranzberg  
 David & Amy Kritz  
 Richard Kruger & Naimah Weinberg  
 Matthew Kunkin & Hilary Sachs  
 Simcha Kuritzky  
 Susan Laden  
 Alan Landay  
 Robert Lande & Jeri Roth Lande

### October 11

Sean & Jara MacDermott  
 Oscar & Amy Mann  
 Stephen Marcus & Renee Matalon  
 Joseph & Paula Martin  
 Robert Mathis & Tali Stopak-Mathis  
 David & Carla Matusow  
 David & Diana Meyer  
 Tobi McFarland  
 David & Janice Mehler  
 Alexander & Daniel Meitiv  
 Ethan Merlin & Joelle Novey  
 David & Dana Mermelstein  
 Sarah & Rachel Meytin  
 Josephine Mickelson  
 Michael & Barbara Milton  
 Emily & Adil Moiduddin  
 Ken Morris & Terri Zall  
 Eli & Laura Muller  
 Jerry & Sharon Muller

### October 25

David & Laurel Rabin  
 Glenn Rapoport  
 Laura Rappaport  
 Jacqueline Ratner  
 Marisol Ravicz & David Rapier  
 Andrew Reamer  
 Sanford & Shelley Reback  
 Naomi Reem  
 Jay Renbaum & Shannah Koss  
 Arnold & Naomi Revzin  
 Ruth Reynolds  
 Howard Riker & Danielle Glosser  
 Morris & Judy Rodenstein  
 Joseph Rofrano & Lynn  
 Golub-Rofrano  
 Charles Rombro & Pamela Stone  
 Elliot Rosen & Sharon Cohen  
 Aviel Roshwald & Alene Moyer  
 Ari Roth & Kate Schechter  
 Nancy Roth  
 Marc Rothenberg & Ivy Baer



## September Highlights at Tifereth Israel

September 1	Rosh Hashanah Food Package Delivery, 9-11 a.m. Earl Dotter Photographs Presentation, 7:30 p.m.
September 2, 9, 19, 23, 30	Monday Learning <i>Parashat HaShavuah</i> , 11 a.m. Job Club, 1 p.m.
September 4-6	Rosh Hashanah *
September 7	USY Movie Night
September 13-14	Yom Kippur *
September 15	Kadima Goes to Nationals-Phillies Game
September 17	Kol Nashim Book Club at Shelly Heller's Home, 7:30 p.m.
September 18	Erev Succot Evening Services, 6:30 p.m.
September 19	Succot I Morning Services, 9 a.m.
September 20	Succot II Morning Services, 9 a.m.
September 20	Family Service and Sukkot BBQ
September 25	Hoshanah Rabah Service, 9 a.m.
September 26	Sh'mini Atzeret Morning Services, 9 a.m., Yizkor, 11 a.m.
September 26	Erev Simhat Torah Evening Services, 6:30 p.m.
September 27	Simhat Torah Morning Services, 9 a.m.

\* For detailed schedule of services., see pages 18-19

## High Holiday Schedule

### Sunday, September 1

**Jeremy Goldberg Synagogue Clean Up, Part 1**  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

**Social Action Holiday Food Delivery**  
9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

### Monday, September 2

**Jeremy Goldberg Synagogue Clean Up, Part II**  
12 noon – 6 p.m.\*

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## Rosh Hashanah

### Wednesday, September 4 - Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:30 p.m. Ma'ariv - Wolman Sanctuary

### Thursday, September 5 - Rosh Hashanah Day 1

#### Wolman Sanctuary (assigned seating)

8:45 a.m. Psukei D'Zimrah & Shoharim

10:00 a.m. Torah Reading

11:00 a.m. Sermon by Rabbi Ethan Seidel, Musaf

#### B'Yahad - Cherner Auditorium

9:15 a.m. Shoharim

10:15 a.m. Torah Parade & Torah Reading followed by Musaf

#### Tot Service - Reamer Chapel

10:30 a.m. Following the B'Yahad Torah Parade

(For children aged 18 months to 5 years together with their parents)

#### Youth Activities & Babysitting

9:15 a.m. Babysitting opens for children ages 18 mos. to 5 years

10:00 a.m. Quiet room (reading, studying) opens for children grades 4 to 7

10:30 a.m. Youth activities begin for children grades K to 2

11:00 a.m. Youth activities begin for children grades 3 to 7

12:30 p.m. Activities end; Supervised play begins for all ages

1:00 p.m. Babysitting and supervised play ends

#### Afternoon & Evening

5:00 p.m. Tashlikh walk from TI to Rock Creek Park

5:45 p.m. Potluck at the home of Lillian Kronstadt, 1733 Juniper Street, NW

7:00 p.m. Minhah & Ma'ariv Service – Reamer Chapel

### Friday, September 6 - Rosh Hashanah Day 2

#### Wolman Sanctuary (open seating - no assigned seats)

Schedule same as Day 1

#### Youth Activities & Babysitting

9:15 a.m.-1 p.m. Babysitting for children ages 18 mos. to 5 years

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Youth Activities, including Youth Services

#### Youth Services

10:30 a.m. Tot Service in Reamer Chapel

10:30-11:15 a.m. Special Service for kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade in Cherner

11:30 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. Special Service for grades 4-7 in Cherner

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**Sunday, September 8 - Cemetery Service**

10:45 a.m. Mt. Lebanon Cemetery

**Yom Kippur****Friday, September 13 - Kol Nidre**

6:15 p.m. Activities and babysitting for children 18 mo. to 3rd grade  
 6:45 p.m. Services in both Wolman Sanctuary and Cherner Auditorium  
 Youth activities for 4th-7th graders begin after Kol Nidre chanting

**Saturday, September 14 - Yom Kippur****Wolman Sanctuary**

8:45 a.m. Psukei D'Zimrah & Shaharit  
 10:30 a.m. Torah Reading  
 11:30 a.m. Sermon - Rabbi Seidel  
 12 noon Yizkor Memorial Service  
 12:30 p.m. Musaf

**B'Yahad - Cherner Auditorium**

9:15 a.m. Shaharit  
 10:15 a.m. Torah Parade & Torah Reading  
 11:15 a.m. Yizkor followed by Musaf

**Tot Service – Reamer Chapel**

10:30 a.m. Following the B'Yahad Torah Parade  
 (For children aged 18 months to 5 years together with their parents)

**Youth Activities & Babysitting**

9:15 a.m. Babysitting opens for children ages 18 mos. to 5 years  
 10:00 a.m. Quiet room (reading, studying) opens for children grades 4 to 7  
 10:30 a.m. Youth activities begin for children grades K to 2  
 11:00 a.m. Youth activities begin for children grades 3 to 7  
 12:30 p.m. Activities end; Supervised play begins for all ages  
 1:00 p.m. Babysitting and supervised play ends

**Afternoon & Evening (services in the Wolman Sanctuary with open seating)**

4:00 p.m. Minhah  
 5:35 p.m. Talk & Discussion: *Keva in Prayer, Policy and Politics* – Iris Lav  
 6:35 p.m. N'ilah  
 7:55 p.m. Shofar & Ma'ariv  
 Break Fast\* Immediately following the Service

\* Advance Registration was required by September 8.

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