



# The Menorah

## Notes from the Rabbi: Ethan Seidel

### Two Support Groups You Should Know About

The Caregiver Support Group has been functional for a few years now. About once a month on a Sunday morning, folks sit around a table in my office for an hour, sharing stories.

Whether it's caring for a spouse, or a parent, or anyone else for that matter, it can help to hear other stories, to realize that your situation is not completely unique, that you're not alone. And it can be helpful to hear others tell you "You need a break; you *deserve* a break; you'll be a better caretaker if you also take care of yourself."

Perhaps most of all, it can help to have people listen to you, to feel heard by people who have a good idea of what you're going through.

Some people come to this group regularly, some only occasionally, and some only once. Whatever works for you is fine. If you're interested in joining this group

– even just to come once to check it out – please give me a call, or just show up. The next group is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. on June 8, in my office.

I'm planning to start a second support group, for Parents of Challenging Children.

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## President's Column: Jeff Davidson

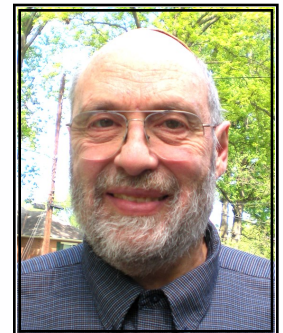
### A Surprising and Puzzling Trip to Germany

Miriam and I have just returned from a trip to Germany and France to see our daughter, who has spent this academic year working in Berlin. Our visit to Germany was filled with a mixture of very pleasant surprises, the opportunity to meet new friends, some puzzling and even surreal experiences, and sadness over the history that is in some way inescapable.

Many TI members may not know that we have a sister congregation in Germany. With the great help of Naomi Revzin, I spent Shabbat visiting this shul, the Liberal Congregation in Goettingen, Lower Saxony. It was a delightful experience, made sweeter in that the Congregation was celebrating Victory Day, also known

as Veteran's Day, or what we would call VE day here in the States.

Like many congregations in contemporary Germany, it has surprising numbers of elderly Russian émigrés. The congregation works with social services to support a variety of assistance. For example, it provides a collection of surplus clothing for their use. There are some



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## Notes from the Rabbi (continued)

Something similar was started at another congregation in this area, as I heard at a local Rabbinic training conference I attended recently at JSSA, and it's been quite successful.

In such a group, I would hope that parents would have a chance to vent, to exchange ideas, and to feel heard without being judged. I'd be aiming this group at parents of all sorts of children who raise difficult problems for parents: oppositional/defiant kids, kids on the spectrum, depressed children, you name it. Again, if you're interested in joining this group – even just to come once to check it out – please give me a call, or just show up. The first group is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. on June 15, in my office.

Rabbi Seidel

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## Learners Minyan

What page are we on? When am I supposed to stand and sit? What do these prayers mean anyway?

Tifereth Israel is now holding a monthly **Learners Minyan** which will focus on helping participants become more comfortable with participating in TI Shabbat services, and in understanding the structure, themes, and meanings of the prayers.

The minyan, led by TI-member **Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block**, will meet on the **first Shabbat each month, 10-11:30 a.m.** It will include an easy-to-follow basic morning service, and also provide time for in-depth study of a specific prayer. The Learners Minyan will end roughly in time to join the main sanctuary for Musaf.

The minyan is designed for any adult who wants to get to know the service better. The minyan will use *Sim Shalom* plus a transliteration. Hebrew knowledge is a plus, but not required.

The first meeting of the Learners Minyan was held on May 3. The next minyan will be **June 7**.

## Rosh Hashanah Card Contest

The deadline for submitting entries to the Rosh Hashanah Holiday Card Contest is **12:30 p.m., June 1**.

The contest, sponsored by the Social Action Committee, is to design a card to accompany our food baskets for elderly members of the Jewish community. All TI members' children under the age of 13 are eligible to submit an entry.

Each card should be half a page and the provided text should be clearly readable. Each contestant can submit two designs on each page. The name of the artist should not be on the front of the card.

The winner will be announced at the Summer Celebration on June 8. The prize is a gift certificate to Moorenko's Ice Cream.

Pick up card formats at the TI office or on-line at <http://tinyurl.com/RHCard>. Turn in entries at the TI office.

## President's Column (continued)

conflicts about language and the willingness or ability of some to learn German.

The congregation is served by Rabbi Gabor Lengyel, who is based in the larger city of Hannover, and intern rabbis from German seminaries. In my conversations with the people present for the Kabbalat Shabbat service and the Victory Day celebration, I tried to answer questions as best as I could about TI and Jewish life in Washington.

Many were curious about GLBT issues. The congregation was divided about the current crises in Ukraine and some clearly admired Putin as a strong leader. Putin's homophobia was one of the reasons for the questions I received.

### A Unique Synagogue Building

The congregation has two buildings, a community center and synagogue. Both are furnished in the half-timbered style common to this area and are quite lovely.

There is a fascinating story about the survival of the synagogue building. The original synagogue was destroyed during the Shoah. In the neighboring rural community of Bodenfeld, the Jewish community sold their building to a sympathetic local farmer, who kept it from being destroyed because it was under Aryan ownership.

Years later, the idea was hatched to move this building to Goettingen to serve as a community synagogue. Money was raised under the direction of gentiles, notably Brigitta Stammer, who won a prestigious award for her efforts. The restored building was opened in November 2008. It is under the most capable leadership of Jacqueline Juergenliemk.

Jaqueline was a wonderful hostess and we shared many interesting

conversations. I will work with her on some nitty-gritty synagogue management issues. There are two ways we might assist our sister congregation. The first is easy, please visit. If you travel to Germany, especially to Frankfurt, please make an effort to visit and establish a personal connection. It is well worth the time and effort. You will also enjoy seeing Goettingen, a lovely medieval town that was spared the destruction typical of many German cities during the war.

### A Link Between Our Children

A second way we can help is to create a link between the Goettingen children and ours. Jacqueline noted the cruelty of history and how their congregation lacks young families and children. They have only about ten children.

I will be working to establish a net-based link between the children of our two congregations. A TI parent has volunteered to help and announcements will be made at a later date. Please encourage your child to participate if appropriate.

Miriam and I were not comfortable traveling to Berlin. We are both of a generation taught to avoid contact with Germany and German things. We were treated quite well and the trip was satisfying on many different levels. Still, memory persisted and reminders of the darkest age were omnipresent.

Memory is very important to us Jews. The Bal Shem Tov has taught us that "Forgetfulness leads to exile while remembrance is the secret of redemption." These words are deemed important enough to be inscribed upon the exit of *Yad Vashem* in Jerusalem.

Our daughter took me to the national comic opera to see a performance of *The Marriage of Figaro*. The

performance was lovely and the singing and musicality were at very high levels.

### A "Fiddler on the Roof" Figaro

What was incredibly odd to us was the insertion of a Jewish motif throughout the central part of the opera. When Figaro's wedding plans are announced, there are cries of *Mazel Tov* from the chorus. When the next act opened, a pastiche from *Fiddler on the Roof* unfolded. Susannah was walking around Figaro seven times; the wedding party and guests were wearing *talitot*.

A female rabbi performed the ceremony and the celebrations included a *mizinke* while a gentleman played a lovely *freilach* on the accordion. This was all done respectfully, not in the spirit of blackface or other insulting forms of cultural appropriation.

### Confusion and Discomfort

Naomi and I were confused and clearly not as enthusiastic as the audience, which loved this *mise-en-scene*. Clearly, there are many things to think about including the reasons for our profound discomfort.

I thought of another quote, this one inscribed in our own museum here in Washington:

"Only guard yourself and guard your soul carefully, lest you forget the things your eyes saw and lest these things depart your heart all the days of your life. And you shall make them known to your children and to your children's children."

(Deuteronomy 4:9)

I would be happy to share material from Goettingen and talk to you about the issues raised in this small column. Please see me whenever it is convenient.

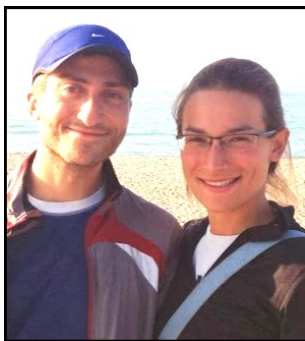
## New Members

### Jared Garelick

In its continuing quest best to serve you, our faithful readers, the management of the New Member Column engaged an expert media consultant to suggest improvements. The consultant advised that the column leverage its high quality content with graphic enhancement over multi-modal platforms. We think he meant to include pictures. Beginning this month, featured members are asked if they would like a picture included with their profile, so that readers can place a face to their names. Some of them have. Welcome to the enhanced New Member Column.

#### Ruth and Gabe Tabak

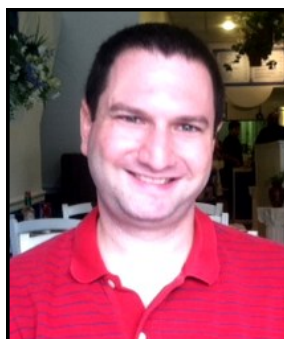
The Tabaks recently moved back to Washington for a second stint after doing graduate work at the University of Michigan. Ruth received masters' degrees in public health and public policy there, while Gabe received a law degree. They are now putting those degrees to work. Ruth works on health care policy for the Office of Personnel Management, and Gabe is doing energy law work at the Van Ness, Feldman firm.



Ruth is originally from the Albany area. Gabe grew up in Philadelphia, but was born in Rochester, where this correspondent knew him as a baby, and might have attended his *bris*. Ruth and Gabe met on a Hillel social action trip to Israel during their senior year in college (she was at Brown and he at Wesleyan). Ruth is an avid cyclist and gardener, and Gabe is an amateur brewer of beer.

#### Scott Shoreman

Scott, a native of Marblehead, Massachusetts and a graduate of Boston College Law School, works as counsel to the Board of Veterans' Appeals in the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Before that, he worked in Boston for the Social Security Administration. He had previously lived in Washington as an undergraduate at American University.



Scott has a variety of interests beyond appealing veterans, including photography, biking, tennis, history, and following sports, particularly the Boston teams and now the Nats. Scott moved last year to the South Silver Spring condo canyon area, and was happy to find a welcoming synagogue nearby.

#### Marilyn Blakely

Marilyn does not live in a nearby TI neighborhood at all. She lives in Markham, Virginia, near Front Royal. She found TI through a more special connection: she is the mother of Sheri Blonder, TI's Synagogue Administrator. Marilyn has been coming to High Holiday services at TI for years, and decided to support the synagogue by joining. She has two grown children (including Sheri) and together with her husband, Richard Blakely, who has three of his own, they have 19 grandchildren.

Marilyn grew up in the Corona area of Queens and then lived in Rockland County, New York, before moving to the *Continued on page 5* Washington area. She went to business school when she was younger, then returned to college when her kids were about 12 years old, receiving a degree in science from the University of Maryland. She then worked as an editor on a scientific journal before switching her focus to membership issues. Marilyn is an avid gardener as well as an amateur water color painter.

#### Fred Lipschultz and Diana Lynn

Fred and Diana (who also goes by Devora) recently moved (back) to the immediate TI neighborhood, but Diana's connection to TI, and to their "new" house, runs deep. Her late parents, Sol and Audrey Lynn, were long-time TI members, as was her grandmother, Frances Friedlander. The house they recently moved into, around the corner from TI, was originally bought by her grandmother in 1946 and was the house in which Diana grew up.



Bringing Fred into the picture, it was in the backyard of that house where he and Diana were married, 39 years

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## Movie Nite Schedule

**June 22: *Focus*** (2001), 101 minutes. The film, starring William H. Macy, Laura Dern, David Paymer, and Meat Loaf, is based on a 1945 novel by playwright Arthur Miller. In the waning months of World War II, a man is mistakenly identified as a Jew by his anti-Semitic Brooklyn neighbors. Suddenly the victim of religious and racial persecution, he finds himself aligned with a local Jewish immigrant in a struggle for dignity and survival.

**July 20: *When Jews Were Funny*** (2013), 89 minutes. An insightful and often hilarious documentary that surveys the history of Jewish comedy, from the early days of the borsht belt to the present, exploring both ethnicity and what it means to be Jewish. The film features interviews with and/or performance clips of a wide variety of 20th and 21st century Jewish comedy performers and writers.

**September 7: *Constantine's Sword*** (2008), 96 minutes. The story of a former Catholic priest on a journey to confront his past and uncover the roots of religiously-inspired violence and war. The film explores

religious infiltration of the U.S. military and religion's influence on America's foreign policy, focusing on Christian anti-Semitism as the model for all religious hatred, and on the cross as a symbol of violence against Jews and, most recently, Moslems.

**October 5: *Ushpizin*** (2004), 95 minutes. The story of a couple's trust in miracles, and their recognition of the tests God has placed in their path. Their prayers bring about a miracle, and also a great challenge, in the form of an old friend and his companion, both escaped convicts. It takes place during the 7-day harvest festival of Succot, and is often quite humorous.

**November 2: *Golem*** (1921), 91 minutes. A relic, but a fascinating one, perhaps the screen's first great monster movie. An elaborate dramatization of the Jewish legend, it takes place in medieval Prague. A mystical rabbi creates a clay giant to protect the Jews threatened with eviction from the ghetto. The golem runs riot, terrorizing guilty and innocent alike until a little girl innocently ends his rampage.

## New Members (continued)

ago, by TI's Rabbi Emeritus A. Nathan Abramowitz. Diana had her Bat Mitzvah at TI, also with Rabbi Abramowitz, making him TI's Magnet Rabbi Emeritus of the Month. Fred grew up nearby as well, in Silver Spring. The two were high school sweethearts at Blair.

Fred is an oceanographer who has worked at the National Science Foundation and NASA, and is now with the US Global Change Research Program, which was responsible for a report on climate change that President Obama released recently, gaining some attention. Fred's work took the couple to Boston and then to Bermuda before their return to this area.

Diana was a lay Jewish leader and para-rabbi during their many years in Bermuda, in addition to running Bermuda's Elderhostel program. Returning stateside, she attended Hebrew Union College and was ordained as a full-fledged rabbi. Diana was rabbi for a congregation in Fredericksburg, Virginia for about six years before the couple moved back to Washington. Fred and Diana have two grown children and a granddaughter.

Welcome to this month's featured new members, with or without long term ties to this correspondent or to TI.

### **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).

**Shelly Heller** h: 301-942-1836  
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**Marcia Goldberg** h: 301-589-0352

**Marcia Goggin** h: 301-593-8480  
w: 301-754-1963

## Summary of TI Board of Directors Meeting March 10, 2014

**Attending:** Larry Baizer, Sharon Brown, Susan Catler, Joel Cohen, Jeffrey Colman, Jeff Davidson, Joe Davidson, Varda Fink, Stephanie Roodman Murdock, Ray Natter, Margie Odle, Cynthia Peterman, Debbie Pomerance, Howard Riker, Andrew Reamer, Morris Rodenstein, Vivian Seidner, Ruth Shapiro, Daniel Turner, Mark Verschell.

**Excused:** Lisa Goldberg, Wilhelmina Gottschalk, Joanne Hovis, Ariel Brandt Lautman, Chris Zeilinger.

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

**Guests:** Deena Dugan, Virginia Spatz, Marc Warshawsky.

**D'var Torah and President's Report:** Jeff Davidson gave a *drash*

on kinder conversation. USCJ has decided to keep a head count to calculate dues rather than going to a financial balance sheet method.

**Minutes:** The Board approved the February 10, 2014 Board meeting minutes.

**Restroom Committee Report:** Stephanie Roodman Murdock and Deena Dugan reported on the status of the restroom renovation project. The Board approved a motion to spend \$20k to complete construction drawings and all predevelopment activities.

**Rabbi's Review of Sabbatical:** Rabbi Seidel reported on his sabbatical activities and expressed gratitude for the congregation's support.

**Executive Director's Report:** Jevera Temsky reported that TI has a new energy supplier. The storm-water runoff project is moving forward. Virginia Spatz gave a ShulCloud demonstration.

**Classroom Tour:** Eitan Gutin gave the Board a tour of two refurbished classrooms.

**Guest Speaker:** TI Member Ari Roth, Director Theater J, spoke on "The COPMA (Citizens Opposed to Propaganda Masquerading as Art) Controversy and Community Response," followed by a board discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05.

## Summary of TI Board of Directors Meeting April 28, 2014

**Attending:** Larry Baizer, Susan Catler, Joel Cohen, Jeffrey Colman, Jeff Davidson, Joe Davidson, Lisa Goldberg, Wilhelmina Gottschalk, Ray Natter, Margie Odle, Cynthia Peterman, Andrew Reamer, Vivian Seidner, Ruth Shapiro, Daniel Turner, Mark Verschell, Chris Zeilinger.

**Excused:** Sharon Brown, Ariel Brandt Lautman, Stephanie Roodman Murdock, Debbie Pomerance, Howard Riker.

**Absent:** Varda Fink, Joanne Hovis, Morris Rodenstein.

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

**President's Welcome,** Jeff Davidson. The Spring Fling and auction will be on Sunday, May 4. Jeff will visit TI's sister congregation in Germany in May.

The USCJ General Assembly will vote on a dues increase in May. The USCJ sent emails about security post -Kansas City tragedy; TI has been following good security procedures for many years.

**Review of Minutes and Summary Minutes.** The board adopted a motion to approve the minutes to reflect that Chris Zeilinger had been excused from attending the last meeting.

**Budget Presentation,** Finance Vice President Chris Zeilinger. The Finance Committee had prepared a budget that reflects the second step in a 3-year plan to increase dues and reduce High Holiday ticket prices.

The operating budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, assumes operating revenues of \$1,121,900, and total operating expenses, including reduction of principal on mortgages held against the congregation's property, of \$1,121,863.

The board accepted both the budget and dues for the next fiscal year.

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## Lifelong Learning

Eitan Gutin

### Family Service & Shabbat Dinner

In what is now an annual tradition we will finish off the school year with a festive Family Service and dinner on **June 6**. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by a summer dinner of burgers, hot dogs, and BBQ chicken. Please contact the office if you have not RSVPed and would like to attend.

### Honoring Our Graduates

On **Shabbat morning, June 7**, we will honor two sets of graduates. First will be those TI'ers who are finishing high school and moving on to their next adventure in life. Second will be the Vav Class who have completed their studies in the Himmelfarb School and will be entering the Chai School in the fall.

### End of School Year

The last day of Himmelfarb School classes is **Sunday, June 8**. The morning will be full of milestones for our students, including the presentation of projects in the Daled class and our annual Siddur Party in the Bet Class. The morning will

conclude with singing, the travelers prayer, and watermelon to help everyone begin the summer on a sweet note.

### Himmelfarb School Registration

Registration is now open for the 2014-2015 school year. TI member households who have children in grades K-6 who are not enrolled in day school should watch their email for registration instructions.

### Thank You

We extend our appreciation to all our talented teachers and staff for a great year!

Gan & Shultime: **Silvia Edenburg**

Alef: **Rachel Lemberg**

Bet: **Eti Bardack**

Gimel & Jr. Chai: **Helen Shulman**

Daled: **Hagit Leibowitz**

Vav & Jr. Chai: **Helen Ritman**

USY: **Ari Eckmann**

Kadima: **Amanda Rudman**

Jr. Congregation: **Barry Ritman**

### Community & Adult Education

There is no summer break for Monday Learning. Every Monday at TI begins with Parashat HaShavuah Class at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 12. All are welcome to join the crowd -- no experience necessary.

### Congratulations to Our Award Winning USY'ers

For the second year in a row, TI USY was recognized by the Seaboard USY region for our efforts in raising Tzedakah. Not only did our USY'ers raise more money than any other chapter this year, they also raised more money per capita than any other chapter. Thank you to the USY leaders, volunteers, and staff for another award winning year.

## April Board Meeting (continued)

**Technical Amendment**, Vice President of Governance Joe Davidson. Joe presented a technical amendment regarding the Building Preservation Fund's assets that reflects changes in FDIC insurance regulations. It was adopted without objection and will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

**Report of Nominating Committee**, Chair Joel Cohen. Joel presented a slate and moved that the Board

recommend that the Congregation accept the slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee. The motion was adopted without objection.

**Membership Report.** Susan Catler reported on four new households that have joined the congregation since the last Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned after "Good and Welfare" at 9:45 p.m.

## July 4th Parade

Tifereth Israel is marching in the 125th Takoma Park 4th of July Parade. Participants arrive at 9 a.m. and the parade is over by noon. TI will have a banner and march as a group. There is no rain date for the parade.

If you would like to march, please fill out the form at <http://tinyurl.com/TIJuly4th2014>.

## Report from Brazil

### Kim Levone

Our family is returning to the US for one month this summer, at the end of which, on July 12, we will celebrate Raviv's bat mitzvah. Rabbi Seidel suggested that members of TI might be curious about how things have been for us in Brazil, so I thought I would share a little bit of our family's 17 months living in Rio.

We left the US on January 20, 2013, one week after our oldest daughter Allegra's bat-mitzvah at TI. We hit the ground running when we arrived in Rio de Janeiro, where we will stay until the summer of 2015.

#### A Job Opportunity and Adventure

The major reason for moving was a job opportunity for Wylie. The firm where he works, Hogan Lovells, was establishing a Brazil practice and he was asked to be part of the staff at the first of those offices, in Rio. While it was by no means an easy decision to make, the overriding factor in our choosing to go was the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity it afforded our family.

Wylie and I had lived for many years in Israel and we wanted our kids to have a similar chance for a big adventure -- living in another culture, becoming fluent in another language, really learning about another part of the world. All while our kids were still young enough to experience it with us.

Rio is a beautiful, beautiful city. The topography is a mix of beach and coast that blends almost directly into mountainous areas of the Atlantic Rainforest. It makes for breathtaking views and strange weather. Ironically, walking along the Copacabana beach feels very much like Tel Aviv: the architecture, the boardwalk, the "urban beach town" feel.

We live in an apartment in a neighborhood called Alto Leblon, on a slope of "Dois Irmãos", two mountains that reach high behind our building. Our complex is nestled into the mountain and feels like a tropical paradise. I am sure this is the nicest place we will ever live.

And for a family that thrives on a little excitement, Brazil sure fit the bill. Just trying all of the new food was an adventure. And trying to manage in a city where there is almost no English before we really spoke any Portuguese! Luckily, we have kept our good humor and been able to laugh at most of the ridiculousness -- both our own and that of the Brazilians we meet.

We have also taken the opportunity to travel around Brazil to see other parts of the country. We are humbled at the size and scope of Brazil -- and the fact that we really knew so little about it before we moved there.

#### A Walk from the Beach

Living walking distance to the beach is also a huge novelty. The beach in Rio is a full neighborhood of its own. Because the weather is almost always warm (or very warm!), from 5 a.m. to 10 at night (or later), the beach is filled with people doing all manner of sports: beach volleyball, beach soccer, beach tennis, walking, running, biking, sunning.

In a city that still embraces class differences and discrimination left over from a long history with slavery, the beach is the great democratic equalizer. Rich, poor, fat, skinny, black, white, locals, foreigners and everything in between -- they are all there on the beaches of Rio, and the only common denominator is that

everyone is wearing a bathing suit that is just too skimpy for our American sensibilities.

Of course, I would never suggest that this has all been easy and fun. Or that it's the right kind of adventure for everyone. It is complicated to pick up and move a whole family to another country in the middle of the school year.

#### Frustrations and Missing Friends

We kept having to remind ourselves of the Israeli expression that "all beginnings are hard" when we found ourselves at our wits' end with frustration at some other Brazilian process that wasn't working -- again. And it would break our hearts when our kids were missing their friends back home and not yet feeling like they had made new ones. Or when we had to miss holidays and family celebrations back home.

Another hard, and unexpected aspect of moving to Rio, was how life played out Jewishly. Though we quickly found a synagogue to attend regularly, we found it surprisingly challenging to make connections. It took weeks for us to find a kosher butcher and several months to meet any other Jewish families.

#### Studying Via Skype

We were really lucky that Raviv was able to study via Skype with Rabbi Mark Novak. Not only did that enable her to be prepared for her bat mitzvah, but it was a tangible connection to TI. We really missed our home community here.

But we gave it some time and we hung in there. We cut ourselves some slack. Eventually, inevitably,

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## Yom HaShoah u'G'vurah Commemoration

### Cynthia Peterman

This year's observance of Yom HaShoah on April 27 focused on Liberation as we welcomed two speakers to our day of remembrance.

**Dr. Avigdor Niv** told us his moving story of survival. He was originally from Gheorgheni in Transylvania. His father and paternal uncles were taken into forced labor in 1942 to support Hungarian forces fighting against Russia.

His father died in 1943, and Avigdor — then a very young boy — and his mother and grandparents were moved into a ghetto in 1944. Most of his family was deported to extermination camps, but Avigdor, his mother and grandparents were sent to a work camp in Vienna.

Upon liberation by Russian soldiers the family walked for three weeks to return to Gheorgheni. At age 8, Avigdor was the only child to return to the town. When he turned 13 he celebrated his bar mitzvah in the courtyard of the surviving synagogue.

Eventually the family immigrated to Israel, where Avigdor became a medical doctor. He received a fellowship in the U.S., where he remained, living in Baltimore.

Our other speaker was our own **Ann Cohen**. Ann spoke about her father, Major Eugene Cohen, who was the only Jewish officer in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Army command of the Judge Advocates under Gen. George Patton.

Major Cohen was a photographer as well as an investigative reporter, who from May 6 to June 15, 1945 conducted a series of interviews with former inmates at the Mauthausen concentration camp and its sub-camps to document the conditions under which they lived.

The interviews, as well as his photos and drawings of the camp, were published by the US 3<sup>rd</sup> Army on June 17, 1945, as the "Report on Investigation of Alleged War Crimes," generally known as the "Cohen Report." The report was used as

evidence at the Nuremberg Trials (October 1945 to October 1946), as well as at the Mauthausen trial before a US military court in 1946.

In addition to these speakers, our commemoration included:

- Reading names of Holocaust victims: from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. we read continuously the names of those who perished. These names came from Yad Vashem's Central Database of Shoah Victims' Names. We also read the names of TI members' families;
- Special prayers and readings added to the Sunday morning minyan.

Photos of the commemoration are on page 10,

If you are interested in helping to plan next year's commemoration, please contact Cynthia Peterman, [cynp25@gmail.com](mailto:cynp25@gmail.com).

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## Report from Brazil (continued)

things got better. People had told us to wait until year one was over and, indeed, we found ourselves better situated, more relaxed, feeling more at home.

Liat and Boaz, who go to the Swiss-Brazilian School and spend half of their day in Portuguese, speak completely fluent Portuguese with adorable native accents.

Allegra and Raviv have thrived at their school -- embracing the expat culture and community, making friends from Norway and Venezuela

and Japan. Wylie and I knew that we had finally "made it" when we started regularly hosting people for Shabbat meals again.

And so, here we are: 17 months in, 13 months to go. We are hopeful that most of the big challenges of living overseas are behind us, and our last year there will be mostly the exciting part. And when the big adventure has come to an end next summer (2015), though I am sure it will be a big adjustment, we will pack up and come back to our "real life" here in Silver Spring.

## Capital Pride Festival

Tifereth Israel is excited to be participating in the 39th Annual Capital Pride Festival on **Sunday, June 8**, 12 to 7 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help staff the TI table, to act as greeters and tell folks about all the wonderful things happening in the TI community.

If you can help, please fill out the form at <http://tinyurl.com/TIPride2014>. If you aren't able to volunteer, but plan on attending the festival, make sure to come visit the TI booth!

## Yom HaShoah Commemoration, April 27

(photos by Jeff Peterman)



Tifereth Israel members read the names of victims of the Shoah



Dr. Avigdor Niv speaks about his struggle for survival as a child in the Holocaust



Ann Cohen talks about her father's 1945 report for the U.S. Army on Mauthausen

## A Wonderful Spring Fling

### JT Taransky

What a fun Spring Fling we had! I know everybody had a great time, eating the fabulous food, trying all the different beverages and bidding the night away. It was categorically a success -- both as a fundraiser and, as one member put it, a "friendraiser."

Thank you all for your support, your donations and your attendance. Special thanks goes out to **Alex Laufer**. Without Alex there would have been no local craft beer and no local gin. Both made this event different from any others that TI has put on, and very, very special and cool. He is a rock star and a great connector of people. Thanks Alex!

Also big thanks to our resident wine expert, **Mark Verschell**. He picked, poured and talked about every wine with such knowledge and passion. Thanks so much, Mark!

And thanks to our friends at New Columbia Distillery/Green Hat Gin,

especially to **Saul Mutchnick**. The gin and cocktails were awesome and their support of our community is outstanding. I am looking forward to drinking more Green Hat Gin soon, that's for sure!

**Rabbi Seidel** was an amazing auctioneer, wasn't he?! Thank you, thank you, thank you for stepping up when we needed you, Ethan. It was such a pleasure.

Also thank you to **Jevera Temsky**, **Sheri Blonder** and **Emma Gross-Glaser** in the office; **Eitan Gutin** for technical and musical help; **Roz Kram**, **Marcia Rose** and their crew in the kitchen for the excellent nibbles and sweets; and **Steve Ross** for all sorts of help and generally holding the place up from beginning to end.

Finally, thanks to:

**Our committee:** Rona Siskind, Carla Ellern, Jeff Davidson, Alex Laufer, Mark Verschell, Dori

Gillman, Susan Vitale, Sylvia Horowitz, Deena Dugan, Dorothea Wolfson, Allison Turner, Dan Turner, Susan Catler and Debbie Pomerance.

**Our Sponsor:** Saul Mutchnick and New Columbia Distillers.

**Our Moving Crew:** Laurie Berger, Eyal Haim, Fred Taransky.

**Our Volunteers:** Brenda Footer, Andrea Klein, Stephanie Roodman, Margie Odle, Adrienne Torrey, Gene Herman, Ray Natte, Wilhelmina Gotteschalk, Jared Garelick, Ted Kram, Naomi Taransky, Larry Baizer, Morty Davis, Franca Brilliant and Andrew Reamer.

I am sorry if I inadvertently left anyone out. We had a lot of help and volunteers. Thanks again.

Spring Fling photos are on page 12.

## MoEd Registration Open

### Elizabeth Handwerker

MoEd: A Jewish Afterschool Community is happy to announce that registration is open for the 2014/2015 school year!

MoEd is a Jewish educational afterschool program operating (usually at Ohr Kodesh) from after school until 6:30 pm for children in grades K-5 from close-in Montgomery County and nearby Washington, DC. Kids come directly to the program on MCPS school buses, and there may also be a JPDS bus next year.

Our dedicated, native Hebrew-speaking staff combines high-quality

child care with a fun and engaging program of Jewish education, emphasizing immersive Hebrew language learning. Our students learn, play, and grow together, forming a genuine community.

As one of the parents who founded the program, I've found that MoEd's regular emphasis on spoken Hebrew makes it a terrific complement to my daughter's studies at the Himmelfarb School.

Registration forms and additional information are available at <http://www.moedcommunity.org/>

## Brown Bag Lunch

The Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington, AJC, and The American Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists invite you to the next session of their brown bag luncheon speaker series, *Israel and American Academia: What is all the fuss about?*

The session will be at **12 noon** on **June 11**, at Janet Ness's office, 1775 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, suite 800, Washington, DC.

This is the session originally scheduled for March 25.



# Spring Fling, May 4 (photos by Jeff Peterman)



Lots to buy....



Wine and spirits to drink.....



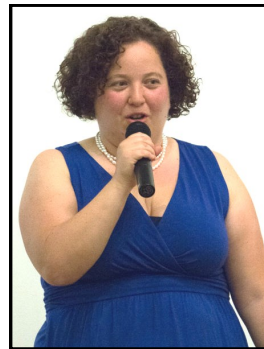
Hors d'oeuvres to nosh...



...and great desserts!



Shmoozing in front of the art exhibit



Impresario Taransky



Live Auctioneer Seidel



...and everyone had a wonderful time!



# Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers

Barbara Raimondo

## Retirement, Reshtirement

**Judi Berland** recently finished working at DC Rehabilitation Services Administration – but two weeks later she started a new part-time job with Hands On Education, Inc., a program that trains people with disabilities at the Hyatt Hotel. She gets to meet with the students on their job sites and do fun stuff, like take their photos.

**Marcia Goldberg** just returned from a Ben Gurion University trip to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro and Croatia. She was able to meet several friends of the Sumka's, as Howard was director of USAID there a number of years ago. Marcia had Shabbat services and dinner with the Jewish community in Sarajevo, dinner with the Jewish guide and his family in Dubrovnik, and services and dinner with a large contingent of Jews in Split. Nine out of the 47 people on the trip were from the DC area.

**David and Ellen Levy** spent two weeks in Portland, Oregon in May with their son, **Justin**, an acupuncturist; his wife, **Ilana**, a doctor of naturopathy; and their 18 month-old daughter, **Corina**. Both Ilana and Justin were listed in the January 2014 Portland Monthly magazine as "top docs" in Portland.

April and May have been eventful months for **Michael** and **Lisa Kraft**. Their grandson, **Leo James Kraft**, was born at the end of April to their son, **Daniel**, and his wife, **Tracy Mizraki Kraft**, in Palo Alto. Mike and Lisa spent most of May on a long-planned tour of Spain and Portugal. Exploring what remains of storied Jewish life in Cordoba, Toledo and Granada, they have a new appreciation of how strong the

Jewish yearning was to return to beloved Sefarad.

**Claudine Schweber** recently appeared on YouTube on behalf of HUD and OPM, discussing "the New Media Tsunami and Crisis Management" <http://youtu.be/qbVKoUXISQY>. Despite this foray into modern technology, she does not Tweet, Facebook, or Pin, so she has no idea what you ate, whom you saw, or what hilarious thing your cat did.

**Aaron Solomon**, elder son of TI member, **Frank Solomon**, won the Tribeca Film Festival's filmmakers award for engaging video portraits of young medical researchers who work in labs funded by the National Institutes of Health. The videos aim to inspire today's high school students to become "tomorrow's heroes of medical science."

Aaron is a pre-med freshman majoring in computer science and cellular biology and molecular genetics at the University of Maryland. He is also a production manager at Greenbelt Access Television. His work includes *Anthem*, a War of 1812 documentary screened nationally on PBS; several television talk shows; and Cultural Crossroads, an examination of the blending of cultural phenomena in high school students.

## Graduation Nation

**Rachel Peckham** graduated from the Communication Arts Program at Blair High School and will be matriculating at Emerson College in Boston this fall.

**Jean Anna Haim**, daughter of **Bruce** and **Laurie Berger**, has graduated

from the University of Maryland School of Social Work. It's her second master's degree: in 2010 she received an M.A. in Psychology from Catholic University.

And **Benjamin Kabaker** received his A.S. degree in Health Information Management from Montgomery College.

**John and Lynne List** traveled to Widener University to celebrate their daughter, **Andrea Perelman**, being awarded a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. Andrea also received a University award for the excellence of her dissertation. Joining to celebrate from the family were: Andrea's kids **Elah** and **Adi**; her husband, **Josh**; her sister, **Deborah**; and her **Uncle David** and **Aunt Lorraine**.

**Mariah Finkelstein** made the Dickinson College Dean's List for both the first and second semesters of her freshman year. Sister **Dinah** read her poetry in Newark, NJ at Brick City, a restaurant and gathering place/hang out for poets, lovers of poetry and other literati.

Also, **Gabriel Finkelstein** has been accepted into the Education Pioneers Fellowship Program. Participants are high-achieving business, law, policy, and education graduate students and recent graduates from top universities who are placed with partner educational organizations to advance or complete strategic initiatives over the course of one year.

**Neshama Rovinsky** graduated from the George School in Newtown, PA in May and expects to matriculate at St. John's College in Annapolis in the fall.

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## Kol Nashim

### Margie Odel



#### May 31-June 1 Weekend

This is a reminder that there are two special Kol Nashim activities taking place the weekend of May 31-June 1. May 31 is "Kol Nashim Shabbat" with service participation, member recognition, and kiddush sponsorship.

Sunday morning June 1, at 10:15 a.m., **Rabbi Sarah Meytin** will speak as part of KN's Women Rabbis of TI series. The talk will be given in the Mollie L. Berch Library in the Emsellem Room.

She will talk about Rockville Open House (ROH), a group that she started for gay teens at the Rockville JCC. ROH is a supervised, safe gathering space for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, or intersex (LGBTQQI) Jewish teens, and their straight/non-Jewish friends and allies, between the ages of 13 and 18.

#### Program Planning

May was program planning month for KN. We had two board meetings that

were devoted to defining next year's mission, brainstorming about next year's programming and projects, and picking a date for one or more get-togethers during the summer.

In the spirit of a slightly slower pace during the summer, the KN plans will be solidified by mid-June and we expect to provide details in the July/August *Menorah*.

## Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers (continued)

Families are proud, happy, relieved, broke, etc.

#### Passing the APGAR

Future graduate **Kira Shaina Berch** was born on May 13. Her parents, TI members **Joshua** and **Dinah Berch**, and baby are all doing well. Grandparent members **Mark** and **Mona Berch** are pretty darn pleased.

**Alan Landay** ran three races in a four-week period: Cherry Blossom Ten Miler, Pike's Peak 10K, and the Race for Hope 5K. The last is a fundraiser for the National Brain Tumor Society and Accelerate Brain Cancer Cure. Alan was a member of Team Rob Magin, in memory of a former member of his running organization, Montgomery County Road Runners Club. His bib displayed Rob's name along with that of Madeline Nesse.

The American Numismatic Association (the national coin club) will

honor **Simcha Kuritzky** with the Glen Smedley Memorial Award for outstanding service as a volunteer at their annual convention in August.

Simcha also placed a new exhibit on Israel's Money and the Second Commandment at the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists show in Pittsburgh, which placed first in world coins. Simcha will be speaking on this same topic at TI's Tikun Leil Shavuot.

#### Sad News

**Rosalind Greenwald**, mother of **Marjorie (Richard) Siegel**, died in Florida at the age of 99. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery, alongside Marjorie's father, at a future date. A memorial service was held in Florida.

**Julia A. Drake**, mother of **Susan Vitale (Henry Levin)** and grandmother of **Eugenia** and **Alicia**,

died in April at the age of 78 after a short illness. The funeral was held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

May the families be comforted among those who mourn for Zion and Jerusalem.

And now for the meaning of last month's word, *yclept*: past participle of *clepe*: "to name or to call" (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 about kith and kin 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 this column of Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers.

## Intermarried Jews of TI

### Frank Solomon

Most Jewish members of TI married to non-Jews have to navigate gingerly their daily Jewish life with their partners, with various degree of success. Their most common misgiving about being married to a non-Jew is that it makes it harder to lead a more Jewish life.

Such are the findings of a recent survey of intermarried members, both Jews-by-birth and Jews-by-choice. For the survey, twelve members were approached. Eight responded. Because of confidentiality promised, all those who responded have been given aliases.

This second of a two-part series focuses on members of both groups who have non-Jewish spouses and some observations of the survey of Jews-by-choice. This article does not distinguish between respondents who are born Jews and converts.

#### Higher Level of Observance?

Foremost and probably expected, is that the Jewish member of an intermarried couple is the “lone ranger” at Shabbat services. One almost never sees their spouses.

One member, Shira, says that she “probably would have a higher level of observance” had her spouse been Jewish. “In some ways, [his not being Jewish] makes it more difficult with my Jewish observance, since it can be awkward to do rituals with someone who you know thinks that the rituals are a little weird just watching.”

Shira’s husband was born to a Jewish father, but grew up without any religion. She says that on other than religious issues her husband is “supportive,” including making dietary accommodations himself. “For example, we stopped cooking meat

at home and are now a fish/vegetarian kitchen. Also, he tolerates the Passover preparations and restrictions, which is a big deal [for me]. But there is no way that he would convert. It just won’t happen.”

#### She Might Have Done More

Miriam, whose husband grew up an Episcopalian, says she “might have done more if I were married to a Jew. I might do Havdalah more often. Much of my social life involves TI and people from shul. My Jewish life has affected our marriage in that Judaism means a huge chunk of my time is spent on doing Jewish things and not spent with him. I do not discuss anything related to Israeli politics with him, as our views are so different.

“He likes to celebrate Christmas, and this has caused many arguments over the years, especially relating to having a tree, as I don’t feel comfortable with a tree. Sometimes my husband is willing to accompany me to Jewish activities, and he occasionally joins me at lunch and attends services if there is a bar or bat mitzvah for someone’s child we are both friends with.”

Both Shira and Miriam have children who attend Hebrew school. Both of their husbands often help drive their kids to Hebrew school and have been supportive of their bar/bat mitzvah processes.

#### Intermarriage Not Always Obstacle

Not all interfaith marriages produce obstacles, however. Benjamin says that his non-Jewish wife is not only supportive of his Jewish life, but also has a high level of Jewish literacy, “equal to that of many of my Jewish friends. For the most part, our intermarried status has not affected my Jewish life. Happily for our

household, her vegetarian practice and my observance of *kashrut* are quite copacetic, and she has developed an eagle eye for *hechshers* over the years.”

On the other hand, even with such a balanced religious life, Benjamin says that “once in a while, though, there are moments when we wish that our religious practice was something we shared, rather than having me being uniquely Jewish in our household.”

He concedes that his Jewish life might have been made easier by the fact that he and his wife do not have any children. “We might have had tough conversations or challenges if we had children, but that’s not part of our life. We might have a tough time being buried in a place of our joint desire, but we’ll be dead. So I guess that falls in the category of someone else’s problem.”

#### Some Observations on Jews-by-Choice from the Survey

Jews-by-choice tend to be highly active members of TI. Their attendance record often surpasses that of members who are born Jews. Many of them have taken prominent roles in running the synagogue. It may confirm the saying that converts do not take their Judaism for granted.

Most Jews-by-choice feel they are accepted fully and treated well by TI clergy, members and staff, but the majority of those who responded also feel like “lesser Jews” or in their words, “different,” either as a result of what they see as being less knowledgeable about Judaism or not having the cultural or ethnic background of born Jews.

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## Tikkun Leil Shavuot

### Mark Berch

Have you been studying some Jewish topic and want to give a presentation on it? Or would you like to hear some of those topics discussed? One of the most distinctive Jewish study forms is the **Tikkun Leil Shavuot**, a study session on the eve of Shavuot.

We do this every year at Tifereth Israel. Except for the presenters, there's no preparation to do in advance. Just tell yourself that, for one night, or part of a night, or even just one hour, you will give yourself

over to learning. This year it's the evening of **Tuesday, June 3**.

We'll be doing it as we have in the past, jointly with Ohev Sholom and Shirat HaNefesh. We will also be joined by Minyan Segula, as we were last year. Attendees will likely have a choice of 3-5 presenters for all but the first two sessions.

Most people don't stay the entire night but each year people are surprised at how long they stay. After it's over, we have a morning service, which starts at around 5 a.m.

I am seeking presenters, for two different types of slots. The first two slots, before the joint program, are at TI, and because of the exigencies of the schedule, these will be exactly 30 -minute slots. The remaining four slots, in the joint program, are 50-55 minutes each, for a total of six.

**Any** specifically Jewish topic is suitable; we always want variety. If you are interested in presenting, please contact me at [Berchmberch@mac.com](mailto:Berchmberch@mac.com), or 301-681-7625. Slots are available, first come, first serve.

## Intermarried Jews of TI (continued)

Perhaps not surprisingly, while theologically all the Jews-by-choice identify themselves fully with born Jews, many of them do not have the emotional or sentimental ties with the concept of peoplehood (*Am Israel*) and Israel (*Eretz Israel*).

Although they are integrated into other members' social circles, many feel like outsiders during cultural and family celebrations, probably because they do not have natural family members with whom to celebrate the activities. "While my fellow Jews can get together with their extended families to celebrate holidays, I don't get that option," says one convert.

### An American Lens

Most of the converts approach Judaism through a distinctly American—not a Jewish or Israeli—lens. Since most of them do not have the history of connection to central or eastern European Jewish experience, such culture and activities—history, music, film, art,

folklore and the various languages—might strike them as interesting or even delightful, but they are an "externality" to their Jewish life which they don't consider "mine."

The Holocaust and anti-Semitism have not been part of their family or historical experience. Zionism as a concept does not seem to play a paramount role in converts' Judaism, even though most of them support Israel.

### A Constant Struggle for Balance

Balancing one's former cultural/religious identity with one's new cultural/religious identity seems a constant struggle.

Everyone who became a Jew from a family without a Jewish background or who marries into a family where there is little or no Jewish background is forced to negotiate that thorny field of balancing Jewish identity with the various non-Jewish identities in the extended family, or vice versa. Some find problems with

their spouses who might not be as observant or who are not Jewish, others experience problems with their original family. Most find their extended Jewish families embracing of the Jewish identity.

Finally, It is difficult to completely sever one's cultural or religious upbringing or traditions. Only one of all converts interviewed says he/she does not miss any aspects of Christianity. Some converts say they see the world with a "Christian perspective." Others still read Christian publications.

### Pre-Shavuot Dinner

TI is providing a dairy dinner on Erev Shavuot, at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 3, prior to evening services at Leil Shavuot (see page ). To sign up call the office or go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/PreShavuotDinner2014>



## Six Days that Changed History

### Simcha Kuritzky

The Six Days War rewrote history. No longer were Jews considered mere shopkeepers--we were now warriors par excellence!

While Egyptian Radio boasted of the upcoming slaughter of Israel's civilians, Israelis built fortifications and dug graves. When the Israeli air force wiped out Egypt's, Syria's, and Jordan's air forces on June 5, even Israel's Cabinet was astonished.

Jordan managed to shell and invade Israel, but was soon turned back and the Old City was back in Jewish hands on June 7. On the fifth day of the war, Israel had control over all of Sinai, Gaza, what had been Jordan's West Bank, the east bank of Lake Kinneret, and most of the Golan Heights. The last day was spent chasing the withdrawing Syrians and a cease fire was declared June 10.

Israelis' euphoria at the war's end was largely related to the anxiety before it began. Over the next few years, a large number of medals and coins were issued commemorating the victory, especially the liberation of the Kotel. Of particular interest are Israel's first coins commemorating the event, 10-lirot silver and 100-lirot gold dated 1967 showing the Kotel and the IDF logo.



The 1968 Independence Day commemorative 10-lirot silver and 100-lirot gold coins commemorated the reunification of Jerusalem, with a stylized map of the city on the front and a rendition of the Temple façade from the Bar Kokhba Revolt shekels

on the back. The 1968 mint set portrayed similar artwork.



Nor would Israel quickly forget her greatest victory. In 1977, the annual Independence Day commemorative 25 lirot showed a stylized dove and Jerusalem commemorating the united capital's first decade. The second decade was also commemorated on the Independence Day coin, this time a two new shekalim, showing Ammunition Hill (the costliest battleground for Israel, in the north of Jerusalem) and the Lions' Gate (through which the paratroopers retook the Old City) as a stylized 20.



By the thirtieth anniversary, Israel issued only a large medal. One side shows a sculpture based on the famous photograph of paratroopers by the Kotel, and the other side shows the Lions' Gate.



There are dozens of private issue commemorative medals of the war.

Probably one of the most widely produced was from the private Shekel Company mint of Tel Aviv. It shows on one side busts of General Rabin and Defense Minister Dayan by the Kotel.



The Franklin Mint was founded in Philadelphia in 1965. They issued two contemporary commemorative medals in late 1967 for Israel's victory, one showing Moshe Dayan and IAF planes while the other shows Itzhak Rabin and rolling tanks.



Dutch Zionists also commissioned medals. This one has a different Dayan bust and a map of the troop movements during the war.



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## 2001 Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class 13th Anniversary



2001 Adult B'nei Mitzvah class 13th anniversary gathering at the home of Naomi and Arnold Revzin. Members of the 2003 class: Start planning your reunion now!

## Six Days that Changed History (continued)

Lerner, another private mint, issued a series of small commemorative medals for the 1967 war. One shows on one side, a mirage jet, and on the other, a plane on the ground in flames with a large 400, referring to the destruction of 400 Arab airplanes on June 5.



Another shows the head of a stag with Golan Heights on one side, and on the other a soldier ascending. These particular victories of the war are seldom commemorated.



General Goren, who was the Chief Rabbi of the IDF, held the first Jewish service at the Kotel on June 7, 1967,

the day of its liberation. A private medal shows him blowing the shofar while holding a sefer Torah, just as in a famous photograph, while the other shows the famous Citadel of David with an Israel flag.



In addition to the euphoria at war's end was a strong hope that Israel, having shown the Arabs that violence was futile, would finally earn the peace of the brave. A round silver medal shows the IDF symbol by the Kotel. The other side shows a dove with Jerusalem in the background and the optimistic legend *The War for Peace*.



An odd-shaped bronze medal shows the Kotel with *The Whole Jerusalem (Yerushalayim Hashleyma)* with paratroopers in the sky, while the other side has a large 6 *Days in June 1967, The War for Peace*. The Hebrew incorrectly says 6 Days in *Iyar*, but the six days were from the 26<sup>th</sup> of *Iyar* to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of *Sivan*.



Most Israelis probably realized peace would not come easily when Nasser announced a few months later that he would rather close the Suez Canal (a major source of income) than negotiate with Israel.

And any illusions as to Israel's military prowess and invulnerability were shattered six years later by the Yom Kippur War.



## Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

### June 13

David & Judy Cohen  
 David & Elana Cohen  
 Raymond & Rebecca  
 Coleman  
 Jeffrey Colman & Ellen  
 Nissenbaum  
 Nataliya Chernyak Cowen  
 Merry Danaceau  
 Jeffrey & Miriam Davidson  
 Ronni Davis  
 Adam Diamond & Rabbi Jane  
 Berman  
 Helen Disenhaus  
 Allan & Vered Drazen  
 Stan Dorn & Carla Ellern  
 Earl Dotter & Deborah Stern  
 Desirée Douglas  
 Lisa Drazin  
 David Drelich & Rabbi Gilah  
 Langner  
 Susan Dreiband & Jackie  
 Urbanovic  
 Benjamin Dreyfus & Rabbi  
 Elizabeth Richman

### June 27

Pierre & Deena Dugan  
 Ernie Englander  
 Miriam Feinsilver  
 Lisa Ellern Feldman & Seth  
 Feldman  
 Joshua & Mita Felman

Bob Feron & Dione Pereira  
 Rona Fields  
 Joshua & Lucia Filler  
 Eric Fingerhut & Karen Beiley  
 Anita Finkelstein  
 Jay & Rachel Finkelstein  
 Violeta Fiorino-Schwartz  
 Joseph & Rachel Firschein  
 David & Patricia Fisher  
 Paula Flicker  
 Judah Flum & Lisa Itkin  
 Claude Fontheim & Orit  
 Frenkel  
 Benjamin Foote & Alison  
 Asarnow  
 Lee & Brenda Footer  
 Ira Forman & Caryn Pass  
 Monica Freedman

### July 4

Bruce Friedland & Jenny  
 Bryant  
 Arthur & Diane Friedman  
 Naomi Friedman  
 Jonathan Fritz & Lorien  
 Abroms  
 Joshua Furman & Alisha  
 Klapholz  
 Judy Galat & Geoff Thale  
 William & Miriam Galston  
 Stephen Garber & Lynne  
 Snyder  
 Jared Garelick & Ellen  
 Kramarow

Andrew & Allegría Gelfand  
 Seth Glabman & Martha Hare  
 Rick Glaser & Sheryl Gross-  
 Glaser  
 Howard Gleckman & Ann  
 Kline  
 John & Marcia Goggin  
 Sigfried Gold & Galia Siegel

### July 25

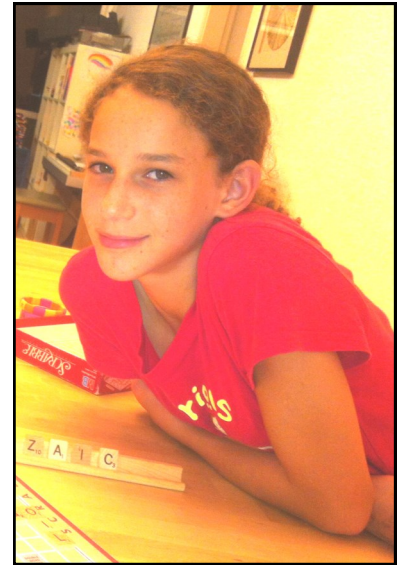
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 Joseph & Dody Goldberg  
 Joshua & Sara Goldberg  
 Marcia Goldberg  
 Myrna Goldman  
 Paul Goldman & Debbie  
 Pomerance  
 Tom & Lisa Goldring  
 Paul & Rachel Goldstein  
 Michael Gotthelf & Rachel  
 Vile  
 Stefan & Wilhelmina  
 Gottschalk  
 Stan Grabia & Varda Fink  
 Lee & Jenni Grabel  
 George & Marjorie Greenberg  
 Larry Greenfield & Melanie  
 Gross Greenfield

## Bat Mitzvah

Hi! My name is **Raviv Levone**. I will be 13 in August. I speak English, French, and am attempting to learn Portuguese. Number one question I always get when I return from Brazil, where I'm currently living: Are you learning Spanish? Nope! I'm learning Portuguese. Spanish is for Venezuelans and Argentinians.

I've been teaching myself how to write so that I can become a writer, and to sing so that I can become a singer. I go to Escola Americana do Rio de Janeiro, aka American School of Rio de Janeiro (EARJ).

I have been studying for my Bat Mitzvah with Rabbi Mark Novak over Skype, learning the *parashah Pinchas*, and for those of you who have never had to study for a Bar/Bat Mitzvah, consider yourselves lucky. It's not what you'd call easy. Well, in any case, I'm looking forward to my Bat Mitzvah on July 12. All except the thank-you notes. Bye!



## June/Early July Highlights at Tifereth Israel

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| <b>June 2, 9,<br/>16, 23, 30</b> | <b>Monday Lunch &amp; Learn<br/><i>Parashat HaShavuah</i>, 11 a.m.; Lunch 12 noon</b>   |
| <b>June 3</b>                    | <b>Erev Shavuot: Pre-Shavuot Dairy Dinner, 7:30 p.m.; Evening Service. 9:10 p.m., Tikkun Leil Shavuot, 9:40 p.m. (continues until 5 a.m., June 4)</b> |
| <b>June 4</b>                    | <b>First Day of Shavuot: Morning Service, 9 a.m.</b>  |
| <b>June 5</b>                    | <b>Second Day of Shavuot: Morning Service, 9 a.m.; Yizkor, 11 a.m.</b>  |
| <b>June 6</b>                    | <b>Family Service, 6 p.m., followed by BBQ Dinner</b>   |
| <b>June 7</b>                    | <b>Learners Minyan, 10 a.m., Tot Shabbat, 11:10 a.m.</b>  |
| <b>June 22</b>                   | <b>Movie Nite, <i>Focus</i>, 7:30 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>July 7, 14</b>                | <b>Monday Lunch &amp; Learn<br/><i>Parashat HaShavuah</i>, 11 a.m.; Lunch 12 noon</b>   |
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