



# The Menorah

## Notes from the Rabbi: Ethan Seidel In Honor of Josh Furman

[Excerpted from a *drash* I gave on Shabbat morning, May 23, at TI]

As we prepare to say good bye to Josh Furman and Alisha Klapholz (and of course, Tova), who are leaving our community in a few weeks, I have been thinking about all the good things Josh has done for our community, in particular with regard to adult education.

I think especially about the SHALEM program of talks on Shabbat afternoons, after services, which Josh started. How many times have I reluctantly dragged myself up from the Cherner Auditorium at 1:15 p.m. on a Shabbat afternoon, leaving the pleasant food and relaxing conversation of the kiddush, to go to one of these talks in the Reamer Chapel, only to find myself enchanted by a talk exposing

me to an aspect of the Jewish world (and/or an aspect of a congregant's expertise) I knew little about. I found I almost always felt glad that I'd made the effort to learn something new.



Which brings me to another effort I plan to make, inspired by Josh's career as a historian of Judaism. But first a confession: I myself don't study much Jewish history. I do study, of course, but I tend to focus on the primary religious texts

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## President's Column: John List

### My Path to a Deeper Connection to Judaism

For my first column, I am using a photo of Jeff Davidson and me. I chose this photo as a representation that those of us in new leadership positions begin with the benefit of the efforts of those who preceded us and those who continue to engage with us.

I would like to use this column to tell you a little about myself. As a young child in a home with a lapsed Catholic mother and Jewish father, there was no religious observance in my life until, as a preteen, I began attending religious School at Temple Beth El in Alexandria, VA.

I met my wife, Lynne, at Temple Beth El and we were confirmed together. At that time, Beth El was an assimilationist Reform Congregation.

In college at UVA, my Jewish identification came mainly from being a member of a "Jewish" fraternity.



After college, Lynne and I were married at Beth El and then moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan for three years (law school for me and the beginning of Lynne's social work career). After graduation, we returned to the DC area to be close to our extended

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– *Tanakh*, Talmud, *midrashim*, and the commentaries thereon. To be sure, there is history mixed into all those texts, but I find that I sometimes miss the grand forest of our history by focusing solely on the intricately branched trees. What Jewish history I *do* read tends to be of the historical fiction variety, not that one should be embarrassed about such reading.

I plan, in Josh's honor, to rededicate myself to reading at least a modicum of Jewish history in the coming year – maybe even something a little more challenging than historical fiction. Maybe you would like to make a similar effort to start a study project? If you are not already a studier of things Jewish, I have three categories to recommend:

**Hebrew language**, the key to so much of our fascinating literary heritage and culture. Not everyone has the time

for this, but learning, say, how to decode Biblical narrative Hebrew is quite doable in one's spare time. I'm always holding classes, and even individual tutorials for those who can find the time to do the homework. Let me know if I can help you with this.

**Teaching.** In my own experience, I have found that nothing gets me studying more than when I have to prepare a class. And whom would you be teaching? How about being my assistant in tutoring one of my conversion students, or someone else in the congregation who knows much less than you. Let me know if this interests you, and I may be able to match you up with a learner in need.

**Online learning.** This can be a great way to keep yourself on a schedule, while not tying you down to a particular class time each week. Here are some offerings under the auspices of the Conservative Movement that you might want to consider:

**Perek Yomi** ("daily chapter"). Many Conservative Jews throughout the world have committed themselves to reading a chapter of *Tanakh* -- the Bible -- each day. USCJ's Art Engagement Calendar provides information on each day's readings and the website has questions to help guide your reading.

**Mishnah Yomit** ("daily mishnah"). The goal is to learn an entire order of Mishnah in the course of a year. Each day's lesson includes an introduction to the *mishnah* in question, a translation, an explanation, and questions for further thought.

**Daf Shavui** ("weekly page [of Talmud]"). Every day participants will receive 1/6 of that week's *daf* (page) of Talmud in Hebrew, with an English translation and an explanation.

There are plenty of other online classes out there to interest you.

For instance, Machon Hadar has what looks like a fascinating collection of courses that you can take online, with a *hevruta* that they match you up with – another Jew from some other place. One cannot take a look at their course offerings (<http://www.projectzug.org/#!/courses/cihc>) without finding something that appeals.

In summary, I can think of no better way to thank Josh for all he has done for us, than to follow his example, and study. We wish Josh and Alisha well in Houston, and hope that they (accompanied by Tova, of course) come back regularly to visit.

Rabbi Seidel

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## Officers, Trustees & At-Large Board Members Elected; Dues Increases Approved at Annual Meeting

At the annual Congregational meeting on May 27, TI members elected John List, outgoing Financial Vice President, as President of the Congregation. Other officers, trustees and at-large members of the board were also elected.

### Officers

The following officers were elected for one-year terms (names in bold type are non-incumbents of the position filled):

**John List**, President; Ray Natter, Administrative Vice President; Debbie Pomerance, Communications Vice President; Howard Riker, Development Vice President; **Sharon Brown**, Financial Vice President; **Daniel Turner**, Governance Vice President; Mark Verschell, House Vice President; **David Kass**, Lifelong Learning Vice President; Susan Catler, Membership Vice President; **Judah Flum**, Recording Secretary; Wilhelmina Gottschalk, Ritual Vice President; Larry Baizer, Social Action Vice President; and **Jeffrey Davidson**, Immediate Past President.

### Trustees

The following trustees, who are not officers or board members, were elected to one-year terms: Laurie Berger, Sheryl Gross-Glaser, Stephen Marcus, Rabbi Bob Saks and Audrey Smith, Cemetery Trustees; George Greenberg, Hilary Sachs and Anita Kramer, Building Preservation Fund Trustees.

### At-Large Board Members

The following at-large board members were elected for one- or two-year terms to fill vacancies, or for full three-year terms:

Hannah Rubin, Reva Snow and Joel Cohen, for terms ending in 2016; Terri Zail, for a term ending in 2017; and Cynthia Peterman, Ruth Tabak, Laura Schiavo and Arthur Friedman, for terms ending in 2018.

A vacancy remains unfilled for a term ending in 2016. Chris Zeilinger, Judy Herzog and Judy Tulchin continue to serve for terms ending in 2017.

### Dues

The Congregation also approved dues increases recommended by the Board of Directors at its March 9 meeting. Dues for 2015 - 2016 will be \$1,350 for single adults and \$2,700 for two-adult households, an increase of \$100 per person. Dues for members under 30 will be half of these amounts.. Dues for members over 79 will be 75% of these amounts.

Dues will now include High Holiday seating for members, their children 18 months - 20 years who live in their household, and their children under 26 who are full-time students.

The Wolman Sanctuary will have reserved seating on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur morning for an administrative fee of \$18 per seat, if reserved by July 31, and \$36 per seat if reserved August 1 or later.

There will no longer be any additional costs for Cherner services where there will be open seating at all times.

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families, build up our careers and start our family.

Friends introduced us to TI and my deep connection with Judaism began. Given my patrilineal descent, Rabbi Abramowitz guided me through a halakhic conversion process.

Our three daughters attended the Himmelfarb School. Each became a bat mitzvah at TI with their service led by three different Rabbis: Andrea by Rabbi Abramowitz; Rebecca by Rabbi Michael Berenbaum, substi-

tuting for Rabbi Abramowitz who was in Israel; and Deborah by Rabbi Seidel. A number of years later, Rabbi Seidel officiated at each of their weddings. And so, wonderfully for us, Lynne and I now have five grandchildren with another due in September.

Having never had a bar mitzvah as a child, being a member of an Adult B'nei Mitzvah class at TI was an important event in my life. In addition, during my many years as a member of TI, I have discovered classes, programs, tutors, rabbis and

friends who have enriched my religious journey and continue to do so. TI is essential to my engagement with Judaism and is a community that holds many fond memories for our family.

I am looking forward to serving as President as a way of giving back to TI. In that role, I hope to engage interactively with more/most/all of you.

Please reach out to me in person at TI, by phone at 301-656-7633 or by email at johnjaylist68@gmail.com.

## Summary of TI Board of Directors Meeting April 13, 2015

**Attending:** Sharon Brown, Susan Catler, Joel Cohen, Jeffrey Colman, Jeff Davidson, Lisa Goldberg, Wilhelmina Gottschalk, Judy Herzog, John List, Stephanie Roodman Murdock, Ray Natter, Cynthia Peterman, Debbie Pomerance, Andrew Reamer, Howard Riker, Hannah Rubin, Judy Tulchin, Dan Turner, Mark Verschell, Terri Zall, Chris Zeilinger

**Excused:** Larry Baizer, Joe Davidson, Stephanie Roodman Murdock

**Absent:** Howard Riker

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

**Guest:** Vivian Seidner

**Drash:** Jeffrey Davidson gave a drash on dues and ways of supporting and funding the congregation.

**Budget & Finance:** John List, Financial Vice President, gave a budget and finance report. The budget proposes to increase single member dues \$100, prorated over the various dues categories.

High Holiday tickets are included in dues, no charge for High Holiday tickets for members and certain of their children and an \$18 reservation fee for seats in the Wolman. The dues increase takes abatements and write-offs into account.

**Minutes:** The board approved the minutes of the February and March board meetings.

**Nominating Committee:** Hannah Rubin of the Nominating Committee reported that the committee has filled most positions. Judah Flum and Barbara Milton were approved by the Board to join the committee.

**TI Garden:** Rabbi Seidel reported that an organic gardener wants to create a garden on the TI grounds.

**BBQ:** Ray Natter of Gevarim reported that the congregational barbeque will be on May 17.

**Stock Trade Account:** A motion passed to add the Vice President of Finance to TI's stock trade account.

**Membership:** Susan Catler, Vice President for Membership, reported two new households: Jennifer Knoll, with her husband, Justin Kenny, and their three children, Guy (11), Amalia (8) and Maya (8); and Daniel Ring and fiancée Erin Kahal.

### Good and Welfare

Devin Ivri McMillan, son of Allison and Colin McMillan, was born on the first day of Pesah, April 4, 2015.

Asher Merritt Cohen, son of Hal Cohen and Katie Benton-Cohen, and little brother of Julius Cohen, was born on March 12, 2015.

Leonard Borzekowski, father of TI member Ron (Dina) Borzekowski, and grandfather of Emma Rose, Benjamin and Ruby, died on April 3, 2015, in Rockleigh, NJ. Mr. Borzekowski was born in 1926 in Poland and survived the Shoah. He was 88 years old.

Daniel Graubart, father of TI member Dina (Ron) Borzekowski, and grandfather of Emma Rose, Benjamin and Ruby, died on March 29, 2015 after a long illness. He was 78.

Sylvia Baizer, mother of TI member Larry Baizer (Elaine Lewis), died on March 28, 2015 in Ithaca, NY after a long illness. She was 93.

Mordecai Roshwald, father of TI member Aviel Roshwald (Alene

Moyer) and grandfather of Martin and Joseph Hood, died on March 19, 2015. He was 93.

### New Business

Cynthia Peterson said people are still needed to read names on Yom HaShoah.

Rabbi Seidel will teach Talmud, starting May 2 with subsequent dates to be announced.

Andrew Reamer said Gevarim is sponsoring the movie *Hitler's Children* on Yom HaShoah.

The next Gevarim brunch is May 3, with a speaker from the American Technion Society.

Judy Herzog would like to bake and sell challah and use proceeds to fund Kiddushim.

Susan Catler asked board members to sign up for "Share a Shabbat" on April 24.

Mark Verschell said anyone doing building projects should remember to consult with the House Committee and/or Building Preservation.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

### Learner's Minyan

The Learner's Minyan this month will be on **June 6**, at 10 a.m.

The featured prayer will be the Kaddish.

## New Members

### Jared Garelick

#### Allison and Colin McMillan

Allison and Colin have lived in the Washington area for about four years, moving from the District to Silver Spring in the past year. Allison grew up in Princeton, New Jersey and Colin in Albion, Michigan. They met in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where Colin earned a PhD in natural resources, and Allison worked for the University of Michigan Hillel.

After Colin finished his degree, they did a nationwide job search, with both finding jobs around here. Colin now works as an environmental analyst for the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Allison came here to work for the Israel on Campus Coalition, but now works for General Assembly, an education technology start-up that provides intensive adult courses in technology-related areas.



Since joining TI in February, the McMillan family has grown. Their son, **Devin**, was born in April, and the proud new parents report that all is going well.

Allison and Colin joined TI after visiting for a few services and feeling welcomed. They greatly appreciated the TI-organized delivery of dinners to their home after the baby was born. Thank you to those who volunteered for this happy duty. In addition to raising a baby, Allison has recently returned to a little sewing, and Colin has a prized collection of vinyl records that he has managed to maintain through several moves.

#### Daniel Ring and Erin Kahal

Dan and Erin moved to downtown Silver Spring last summer, from Jackson, Mississippi, where they met. Dan grew up in Reisterstown, Maryland, and went to the University of Maryland, where he studied history and secondary education and was active in various campus groups. Erin grew up in Augusta, Georgia, and went to the University of Georgia, where she also studied history and secondary education and was active in similar campus groups.

From college, Erin moved to Jackson for a two-year position at the Institute of Southern Jewish Life, which provides educational support to Jewish communities

throughout the South. After her first year there, Dan came to work at the same organization (she interviewed him). They decided to extend their relationship beyond the term of their fellowships.

Dan now teaches at High Point High School in Beltsville. He teaches US history. He also teaches a class in government intended for students who speak English as a second language. Dan



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### Funeral Practices Committee Always On-Call

Chaverim of the Funeral Practices Committee are on call to provide counsel and services to synagogue members and their dependents.

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

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## Social Action at TI: Stephen Nelson B'nei Mitzvah Focus on Social Action

Tifereth Israel has a long tradition of encouraging social action among its younger members. Every month, children and teenagers join those who participate in the Martha's Table van run. Entire families often work together to provide dinners to homeless women who reside in the Luther Place shelter. The same is true for our largest project, the Holiday Meals program in December.

### Bar and Bat Mitzvah Projects

Part of that tradition is having Bar and Bat Mitzvah students plan and execute a social action project during their B'nei Mitzvah preparation. For years, those students have dedicated themselves to a variety of such projects, including participating in TI's Shepherd Park School tutoring program, delivering food to senior citizens who have limited mobility, or raising funds to provide school supplies for underprivileged students.

While there is no absolute requirement for TI students to embark on a specific project, participation is "strongly urged," according to Rabbi Seidel. He raises the idea of a social action project at the initial meeting he has with the students and their parents.

### B'nei Mitzvah Coordinators

Over the years, many TI members, including **Lynn Golub-Rofrano** and **Marcia Goldberg**, have worked with the B'nei Mitzvah students to encourage them and help organize their projects. Earlier this school year, longtime TI member **Judith (Judi) Berland** assumed the responsibility of B'nei Mitzvah Coordinator.

Judi is encouraging students at TI's religious school to "think out of the box" in planning social action projects. She is working with students from as early as the fifth grade to encourage them to choose projects for which they have a passion.

"I think it's important to get to them early, so that they can choose a project that matches well with their interests." She encourages students who have interests, for example, in the environment or animal rights to develop projects that tie into those interests.

Berland, who is currently a third-grade teacher at Congregation Beth El's religious school, has a long history in Jewish education, having

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reports that it is challenging and exciting to help students with backgrounds in many different countries understand the processes by which the United States is governed. While an undergraduate, he had student-taught at the same school.

Erin is a program manager at the Jewish Women's Renaissance Project, which works with partner organizations worldwide organizing Israel trips for women (think Birthright for moms). Dan enjoys Talmud study

and plucking on a banjo, while Erin plays the violin. They visited TI last summer and were quickly hooked. They like the concern with social justice as well as both the regular TI services and those held by Segulah. They have decided that TI is so much "their place" that they are planning their wedding at TI, next summer.

Welcome to this month's featured new members: new parents, babies, and almost-weds alike!

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& Take Action

also been the education director at Congregation Adat Reyim.

She has also been a Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist for the D.C. Department of Rehabilitation Services, and is presently the training coordinator for Hands On, a program that places persons with disabilities in Hyatt Hotels for on-the-job training.

### Innovative Student Projects

While Berland is relatively new to the B'nei Mitzvah Coordinator position at TI, she already is excited about several projects students are planning. One student, in honor of a brother who recently recovered from leukemia, is planning a blood drive. Another, with both an interest and aptitude in computer programming, is planning a series of workshops for senior citizens and others who might need training in that area.

The Social Action Committee believes that it's important to encourage these students in their efforts and to recognize their accomplishments. In the coming months, we will highlight some of the more innovative projects they organize.

### Juniper St. Collection

Please donate linens in good to excellent condition:

- sheets, pillow cases
- mattress pads
- blankets, comforters
- towels, washcloths

This collection ends on **Thursday, June 4.**

## Goettingen News

Naomi Revzin

The Goettingen Jewish community in Germany celebrated last month with a "grilling festival" (bar-b-que) in the community's park and hosted an evening Kiddush to welcome the rabbinical student who led the *Kabbalat Shabbat* service.

On Saturday the discussion centered on how to celebrate Shavuot -- a holiday that has no unique symbols such as a *lulav* or *hanukkiyah* to distinguish it. This is an interesting discussion that TI might want to have. Courses in Hebrew and German (for non-natives) continue.

## MoEd Camp

Elizabeth Handwerker

Places are still available for elementary school children in MoEd Summer Camp, held during the first three weeks of summer. The camp program includes: swimming every day, lots of time outside in Rock Creek Park, and a Hebrew-speaking staff, including *sh'lihim* from Israel. This year's theme is a virtual tour of Israel.

**Week 1** (The South): Learn and experience the desert with an archeological dig, learn survival skills and how the nomads do it, make a pita on the open flame, and enjoy the wildlife.

**Week 2** (Tel Aviv and Jerusalem): Experience the beach and visit the "kotel", watch a movie and engage in arts. Visit the Carmel Market.

**Week 3** (The North): Stay on a kibbutz, harvest fruits and cook a communal meal, engage in Israeli folk dancing.

For more information, go to <http://www.moedcommunity.org/program/summer-camp-2015>.

## Gevarim

Andrew Reamer

Gevarim is pleased to offer the TI community the following program in June.

### Movie Nite @ TI

**Sunday, June 14, 7:30 p.m.** *Jerusalem: The Center of the World* (2009, 120 minutes), tells the epic story of one of the world's most incredible cities, capturing the rich mosaic of Jerusalem's Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities.

Covering a sweeping history of over 4,000 years, the film explores the founding of the city; the birth and

convergence of the world's three major monotheistic religions; and the key historical events, as described in the Hebrew and Christian Bibles, the Talmud, the *Hagaddah*, the Koran, and the Hadith.

Highlights include: Mount Moriah, the site of the First and Second Temples; the Church of the Holy Sepulcher; the Dome of the Rock; and the Western Wall. Directed by Andrew Goldberg, and hosted by Ray Suarez (The *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*), the film includes interviews with locals, top scholars and clergy.

## Hallah Purchase Program

Judy Herzog

We are exploring the possibility of a new *hallah* baking program at TI. We are researching offering freshly baked *hallot* that will be available for purchase on Friday afternoons.

We are now trying to determine what interest there is in buying these *hallot*. We are first planning to bake them once a month, and if successful, perhaps more frequently. We are also considering selling them to families from JPDS.

### Purposes of Program

The purpose of the program is multifold.

First, it would be an opportunity for those who are not able to bake their own *hallot* to have freshly made *hallah*, not brought in from who knows where, with who knows what ingredients.

Second, the program aims to raise funds to help subsidize non-sponsored Shabbat Kiddushim.

We also intend to donate a portion of the profit to a local charity such as SOME.

Another goal is to provide meaningful work to members of the congregation who might benefit from baking *hallah*. We are also seeking baking volunteers.

I have discussed this program with Rabbi Seidel. He is supportive and enthusiastic and would like to be an integral part of the program.

I have many ideas for the program, trying different recipes each month, such as mine, Rabbi Seidel's or yours. If we are successful we might expand the program to offer other baked goods or perhaps market the *hallot* to other Jewish organizations.

### What is the Interest Level?

First we need to determine the level of interest in the congregation for buying the *hallah*.

Please email me, at [jpherzog@gmail.com](mailto:jpherzog@gmail.com), whether you would: not purchase a *hallah*; might purchase one *hallah* per month; might purchase two *hallot* per month; and/or might be interested in baking the *hallot*.

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## Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers

### Barbara Raimondo

#### Rolling Along

In conjunction with the regional Bike to Work Day, May 14, Bethesda Transportation Solutions sponsored the Bicycle Commuter Spirit Awards. The awards recognize downtown Bethesda employees who are dedicated to biking to work. This year our own **Morris Klein** won! Way to go!

In another kind of competition, **Simcha Kuritzky** displayed his Henrietta Szold exhibit at the Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists show in Pittsburgh and took first place in medals. His exhibit on polygonal coins took second place in world coins. Way to show!

#### Rolling Over

**Cal Aviel Lipmen** was born at home in Los Angeles on April 10. His grandparents, TI members **Devorah Lynn** and **Fred Lipschultz**, are delighted to welcome their second grandchild. Parents **Eli** and **Sara-Jean Lipmen**, big sister **Lucy** and baby Cal are all doing well. Mazel tov to one and all!

On May 3, **Alan Landay** ran in the Race for Hope 5K, which raises money for Brain Cancer research. Most of the entrants are members of teams that run in honor or in memory of someone with brain cancer. Alan again ran as a member of Team Rob Magin, organized by Rob's widow, and including his children and other family.

Rob was a highly-regarded member of the Montgomery County Road Runners Club (Alan and Your Faithful Columnist are also members) who died of brain cancer about five years ago. He was a top runner but an even better person to know. In addition to Rob's name on his bib "In Memory of ...," Alan also wrote Madeline Nesse's name, as he has in past years.

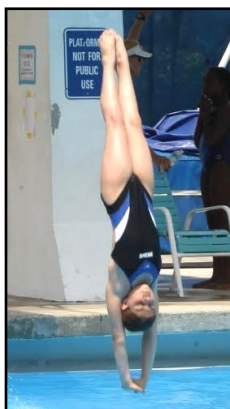
#### Zoëing and Zoning

**Zoë Friedman** represented Montgomery Blair High School at the NORA School Photography Festival held on Saturday evening, April 25, with two film, hand-developed, black & white prints. The competition included 26 schools.



Zoë

In a wetter competition, **Ruby Borzekowski** participated in Florida in the Regional Dive Competition, in the 11-and-under girls division. She qualified in all her events (1m springboard, 3m springboard, and 5m platform) and is going in June to Zones in Georgia.



This photo is not upside down

#### Sad News

**Helen Landau**, mother of TI member **Joe Berman (Marsha Gentner)** and grandmother of **Jillian Berman**, May 18. The funeral was held in South Bend, Indiana.

And **Anna (Leniower) Mondschein**, mother of TI member **Jack (Elaine) Mondschein** and grandmother of TI member **Emily (Adil) Moiduddin**, died May 19, in Overland Park, Kansas. She was 93 and passed away peacefully following a brief illness. The funeral took place in Kansas.

May the families and loved ones be comforted among those who mourn in Zion and Jerusalem.

And now for the meaning of last month's word, *divulge*: "to make known (as a confidence or secret)" (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 news 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 an edition of Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers that does not include an eclogue.

### LGBT Pride Shabbat Dinner

On **Friday, June 12**, come for Shabbat services at 6:30 p.m. and a delicious dinner at 7:30 p.m., followed by a panel discussion recognizing LGBT pride that features three TI members' journeys:

- Jessica Weissman: *My two weddings - what changed*
- Catherine Tuerk: *Supporting two gay sons*
- Louise Kelley: *Coming out over and over since 1976*

The sign-up deadline is **Monday, June 8**.



## B'not Mitzvah

I'm **Naomi Footer**, and my Bat Mitzvah is on June 13, *parashah Sh'lach-L'kha*. I am in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Newport Mill Middle School. My favorite subjects are science and history.

Outside (and inside) of school, I like to read, talk about, and argue about books. There is not enough space on my bookshelf for all of them. I love to play cello and watch old TV shows like *Hogan's Heroes* and *Dragnet* with my dad.

My Bat Mitzvah project has been tutoring a first-grader at TI's Shepherd Park tutoring program. She's awesome and I hope to continue the program.

I'm super excited about becoming a Bat Mitzvah. I'm really glad to celebrate with my family and friends at TI!



My name is **Shirah Lister** and my Bat Mitzvah is on June 20.

I love to read about history and science. I play the cello and am learning tennis.

I have attended JPDS for elementary school and am graduating 6th grade this year. Next year, I'll follow my older sister Eliyah to Deal Middle School.

I also love traveling and have been to Italy, Austria, France, England, Turkey, Israel and, when I was a baby, Spain and Italy.

I was born in Germany when my dad was at the US Embassy in Berlin and my mother was a journalist. I went to the Jewish nursery school in Berlin for two years.

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My name is **Alisha LeVine**, and my bat mitzvah will be on June 27. I was born in California but a month later moved with my parents, Steve and Nuri, to Almaty, Kazakhstan. When I turned 1, my family moved to Palo Alto for two years, where I attended pre-school and obtained a baby sister, Ilana, who became my best playmate.

Next came Dallas, where work took my father. There were numerous lessons -- piano, tennis -- not to mention an introduction to tornados. At last, when I was 6, my family moved to Maryland, which I especially love because of my many friends, particularly those I have made at Kadima and TI.

After five years of study, I recently earned a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. I enjoy world studies and science at Westland Middle School. My dream is to travel around the world, and at this time I plan to become a lawyer.



## June Highlights at Tifereth Israel

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| June 1, 8,<br>15, 22, 29 | Monday Lunch & Learn<br><i>Parashat HaShavuah</i> , 11 a.m.; Lunch 12 noon   |
| June 4                   | Learner's Minyan, 10 a.m.<br>SHALEM, Rabbi Morris Zimbalist: AIPAC, 1 p.m.   |
| June 12                  | LGBT Pride Dinner, 7:30 p.m.   |
| June 13                  | Naomi Footer Bat Mitzvah   |
| June 14                  | Movie Nite, <i>Jerusalem: The Center of the World</i> , 7:30 p.m.  |
| June 16                  | Kol Nashim Book Club, <i>Jews and Words</i> by Amos Oz & Fania Oz Saltzberger, at the home of Cyndy Weitz, 7:30 p.m. |
| June 20                  | Shirah Lister Bat Mitzvah  |
| June 27                  | Alisha LeVine Bat Mitzvah  |

## Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

### June 5

Bruce Friedland & Jenny Bryant  
 Arthur & Diane Friedman  
 Brian Friedman & Angie  
 Nichols-Friedman  
 Jonathan Fritz & Lorien Abroms  
 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

### June 26

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

### July 3

Abraham & Dena Greenstein  
 David Greisen & Jessica Bell  
 Franca Brilliant

Leah Weinryb Grohsgal & Corey  
 Goettsch  
 Richard Gryziak & Leigh Verbois  
 Stefan Gunter & Lisa Goldberg  
 Eitan & Aviva Gutin  
 Jonathan Halpern  
 Daniel & Elizabeth Handwerker  
 David & Sara Handwerker  
 Eliot Harrison & Wendy  
 Blake-Coleman  
 David Hart & Lois Frankel  
 Michael Heimowitz & Dori  
 Gillman  
 Larry Held & Sara Feinstein  
 Matt & Linda Heller  
 Steve & Shelly Heller

### July 10

Eugene & Esther Herman  
 Carolivia Herron  
 James & Annie Hershberg  
 William & Hodos  
 Gayle & Erik Hope  
 Robert & Helen Hovis  
 Hedy Howard  
 Neil Hyman & Rachel Decter  
 Hyman  
 Anita Isicson  
 David & Shana Jacobs  
 Leonard Jewler & Andrea Rosen  
 Harvey Kabaker & Andrea Kline  
 Steven Kalish & Anita Bollt  
 David Kass & Iris Amdur  
 Joshua & Jennifer Kefer  
 Kenneth Kellner & Nina Bronk  
 Kellner

### July 17

Rabbi Jason & Devora  
 Kimelman-Block  
 Alexandra Kincannon & Paul  
 Moorehead  
 Shemaya & Dori Klar

Morris Klein & Naomi Freeman  
 Jennifer Knoll & Justin Kenny  
 Roger Kohn  
 Allan Kolker  
 Edward Koren & Claudine  
 Schweber  
 Michael & Lisa Kraft  
 Anita Kramer  
 Joel Kramer & Adena Galinsky  
 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

### July 24

Hayim Lapin & Maxine  
 Grossman  
 Alexander Laufer & Jennifer  
 Siegel Laufer  
 Adina & Refael Lav  
 Michael & Iris Lav  
 Mitchell Lazarus & Judith  
 Shapiro  
 Beverly Lehrer  
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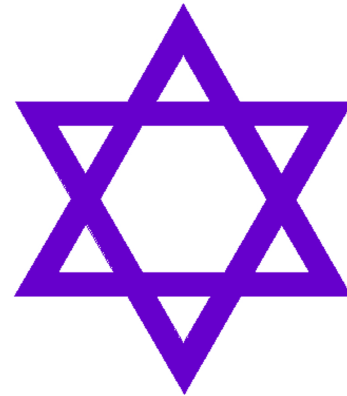
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