



The Menorah

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President's Column: Jeff Davidson Todah Rabah

*I love people who harness themselves,
an ox to a heavy cart,
Who pull like water buffalo, with
massive patience,
Who strain in the mud and the muck to
move things forward,
Who do what has to be done, again and
again.*

*I want to be with people who submerge
In the task, who go into the fields to
harvest
And work in a row and pass the bags
along,
Who stand in the line and haul in their
places,
Who are not parlor generals and field
deserters
But move in a common rhythm
When the food must come in or the fire
be put out.*

*The work of the world is common as
mud.
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles
to dust.
But the thing worth doing well done
Has a shape that satisfies, clean and
evident.*

(From *To Be of Use* by
Marge Piercy)

We learn in Avot the joy and necessity of working for the community. Gamliel teaches us that "...all those who occupy themselves with the [affairs of the community] do so only for the sake of Heaven, for the merit of their fathers will sustain them and their devotion to duty, too, will endure forever" (II, 2).

Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch in his commentary on this verse, notes:

"The community embodies that which is truly eternal in Jewry. In every age there

will survive in the community the merits and good deeds of generations past, acting as the foundation on and by means of which the present is built. Likewise, all the good and righteous deeds that are performed by that present generation will live on in the community through the generations to come."



In my final column as President of Tifereth Israel, it is my pleasure and privilege to recognize those people who strained in the mud and the muck and moved things along. I want to recognize their devotion to duty and their role in building the community.

Board Members & Officers

The following people served on the Board during the past two years:

Sharon Brown, Jeffrey Coleman, Joanne Hovis, Andrew Reamer, Ariel Brandt-Lautman, Lisa Goldberg, Howard Riker, Morris Rodenstein, Leah Grohsgal, Judy Herzog, Judy Tulchin, Chris Zeilinger, Hannah Rubin, and Teri Zall.

The following people served as Officers and Trustees: Ray Natter, Debbie Pomerance, Daniel Turner, John List, Joe Davidson, Mark Verschell, Cynthia Peterman, Susan Catler, Stephanie Roodman Murdock, Wilhelmina Gottschalk, Larry Baizer, Joel Cohen, Laurie Berger,

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Sheryl Gross-Glaser, Stephen Marcus, Rabbi Bob Saks, Audrey Smith, George Greenberg, Hilary Sachs, and Anita Kramer.

Organizers of Our Services

I thank the people of the Ritual Committee for organizing our complex services, including Iris Lav's service as head *gabbai*, Simcha Kuritzky for organizing *layners* and Myrna Goldman for her work on Sunday morning services and devoted care of our ritual objects.

Tifereth Israel Staff

I owe a special debt of gratitude to TI's professional staff. Jevera Temsky and I started in our respective roles together and I will always be grateful to her for her

devotion to TI and her diligent efforts in building our *Kehilah*. Among the office and related staff, I have been happy to work with Sheri Blonder, Louise Kelly, Beverly Lehrer, Emma Glaser, Roz Kram, Marla Sevi, Grant Maxfield and others.

Like everyone else at TI, I depend on Steve Ross and his staff to keep our building safe and clean. He always does so with a wonderfully cooperative attitude.

I thank Eitan Gutin and his staff of dedicated teachers for their work with both our children and adults. It is always heartwarming to see the interaction between our kids and their teachers.

Special Projects & Committees

TI is also dependent on any number of special taskforces, projects and committees. I want to thank Carla Matusow for the Shul Cloud implementation; Andrew Reamer for movie nights; Carla Ellern and the members of the Environmental Committee for the Rain Garden; Stephanie Roodman Murdock, Deena Dugan, and Rabbi Sarah Meytin for the restroom project; Rabbi Jason Kimelman Block for the Learner's Minyan; Brad Brooks-Rubin for furthering dialogue; Rona Siskind and Jennifer Taransky for their party planning and celebratory expertise; Jessica Weissman for the Retreat and other areas of adult programming; Josh Furman for the Monday Minyanim; and Dick Siegel for chairing the Clergy Consultative Committee.

There are a large number of people to thank who have donated money graciously and generously. No one will be singled out by name here.

Our Rabbis

I have been fortunate to have a close working and personal relationship with Rabbi Seidel and the chance to renew my friendship and get to know Rabbi Abramowitz better. Tifereth Israel has been fortunate in its choice of our spiritual leadership.

On a personal note, my greatest thanks go to my wife Miriam, who has happily tolerated changes in our schedule, tolerated my attendance at meetings and so forth and provided gracious hospitality for the mitzvah of *haknusat orhim* for Shabbat.

I apologize to anyone I have neglected to mention. Any mistakes were strictly inadvertent.

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz in his seminal work, *The Thirteen Petalled Rose*, takes the theme articulated by Rabbi

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New Members

Jared Garelick

Joining TI has its benefits. There is the sense of community and the opportunity for study, social action, and spiritual renewal. There are also special events for new members, so they can get to know each other and the Rabbi.

On the Shabbat afternoon following Passover, when many were thirsty for *hametz*-based beverages, **Rabbi Seidel and Rachel Seidel** hosted a beer tasting event for new members at their home. **Gabe Tabak**, a new member as well as home brewer, selected several different styles of beer to sample. **Sue Catler**, TI's membership vice-president, dutifully attended (and partook), as did this reporter.

It was a relaxed Shabbat afternoon. The day was sunny and warm, and Rabbi Seidel showed off the early spring blossoms in his backyard garden. Beer was tasted, snacks were served, and conversations became increasingly animated. Perhaps some friendships were sparked. The 15 or so new members who attended, with beery good cheer, became a bit more tied in to the TI community. Priceless.

Michele Zador and Randy Showstack

Michele and Randy have lived in Washington for some time, and recently decided it was time to join a synagogue. Michele was born in Australia but moved as a child to Queens, New York. Her family was from Hungary and she also spent a lot of time in Budapest as a child.

Michele now does biodiversity conservation work for an NGO, Conservation International. She concentrates on projects in Latin American and the Caribbean, which involve considerable travel.

President's Column (continued)

Hirsch and expands it in a mystical fashion in examining Jewish souls.

"...the various souls relate to one another as parts of one body; and from this point of view, the higher a person rises, the trials and difficulties involved are increasingly concerned with one's fellow man. For every human being is a part of the single soul that is the spirit of the entire universe."

My personal thanks go to all those at TI who worked out of a loving concern for their fellow man and woman and for the spirit of the entire universe.

Randy, who grew up in the Boston area, is a journalist covering earth and space sciences for Eos, a news service of the American Geophysical Union. This wide beat includes climate change, oceans, and the solar system, as well as science and science policy.



Michele and Randy have a twelve-year-old daughter, **Danielle**, who attends Deal Middle School after elementary schooling at JPDS. Part of what made TI feel comfortable for the family is the presence of so many kids Dan-

ielle knows from JPDS, which makes TI's JPDS families the TI Magnet Families of the Month.

The family enjoys exploring Washington, as evidence by the attached photo of them visiting the cherry blossoms last month.

Matthew Bigman and Maile Baker

Matthew and Maile moved to Silver Spring last year from Dayton, Ohio, where they met. Matthew grew up in South Windsor, Connecticut, near Hartford.

Immediately before Dayton he had been in the Netherlands, where he earned a master's degree in systems dynamics and business administration. He is currently looking for a position relating to business consulting and strategy.



Maile was born in Hawaii and raised in a Navy family, so she grew up in different places, mostly on the east coast. She, too, joined the military, but she is in the Air Force,

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Tikkun Leil Shavuot, May 23

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 items?

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 **Saturday, May 23**. We'll be doing it as we have in the past, jointly with Ohev Sholom, Shirat HaNefesh, and Minyan Segulah, and possibly Fabrangen.

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 do stay. After it's over, we have a morning service, which starts at around 5 a.m., run by Minyan Segulah. Refreshments are served thought the night.

I am seeking six presenters, for two different types of slots.

The first two slots, before the joint program, are at TI, and will be about 40 minutes each. The remaining four slots, in the joint **Tikkun Leil Shavuot**, are typically around 50-55 minutes each. Any specifically Jewish topic is suitable; we always want variety.

If you are interested, please contact me at mberch@mac.com, or 301-681-7625.

Slots are available, first come, first served.

Juniper St. Collection

We are now collecting linens for the **National Center for Children and Families** (NCCF). They would like:

- Sheets, pillowcases, mattress pads
- Blankets, comforters
- Towels, washcloths

Everything should be in good to excellent condition. This collection will end on Thursday, **June 4**.

New Members (continued)

currently posted to a squadron at Fort Meade. Having just moved to the area, they were looking for High Holiday services and found TI. They liked it so much that they came back for some Shabbat services and decided to join.

Matthew and Maile both enjoy good beer, and enjoyed the post-Passover beer tasting with the Rabbi. They spend a lot of time walking with their four-pound Yorkie, and even more time planning a wedding. They will be married in July.

Welcome to this month's featured new members!

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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David (Judy) Cohen	h: 301-652-2872
Marcia Goggin	h: 301-593-8480 w: 301-754-1963
Bruce Heppen	h: 301-299-3255 c: 202-997-1890 w: 703-417-8983
Ann Kline (after May 10)	h: 301-946-2693 c: 301-346-9862

Lifelong Learning

Eitan Gutin

Himmelfarb Happenings

We are proud to announce that enrollment for the 2015-2016 School Year is now OPEN. We currently have three classes that are near capacity so enrolling early will be key in our determining whether to split any grades. Point your browser to TinyURL.com/Register2015 and register today.

Any questions about enrollment, or any other aspect of our school can be directed to either Eitan Gutin, Director of Lifelong Learning, or Marla Sevi, the Assistant to the Director. Just email Marla@Tifereth-Israel.org.

Great Family Events in May

May features this year's third Family Service on Shabbat morning, **May 2**.

Shabbat Dinners at TI

Services at 6:30 p.m., Dinner at about 7:30 p.m.

May 8 -- Dinner and Songs

A mouthwatering musical meal, a symphony of salads, and more. After dinner, enjoy *z'mirot* (songs) led by some of our most gifted vocalists. Relax with other TI members, learn some new tunes, and sing together! Sign up online at tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/may2015dinner.

June 12 -- Dinner with LGBT Pride

Dinner, followed by a discussion of LGBT Pride. The DC Pride Festival will be on Sunday, June 14. Sign up online at tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/june2015dinner.

We will also have a fantastic, congregation-wide, Spring BBQ on the afternoon of Sunday, May 17. Great food for everyone, beverages for the adults, and a moon bounce/slide/obstacle course for the kids.

Youth Events for Every Age & Stage

Don't forget that **Bonim** (PreK-1st) and **Machar** (2nd-5th) meet every Shabbat that school is in session. Machar has added a new wrinkle with Shabbat Morning Live, *parashah* plays written by our very own Moreh **David Smolar**.

Our first ever **Kadima Basketball** season has ended on a high note, as the team placed third in the league! Congratulations to all the players and their families. A special thank you to **Neil Hyman**, our inaugural coach, who is already excited for next season.

TI Tots Meet-Up

Looking to meet other TI parents and tots?

Join us on **Sunday, May 31** at 10:30 a.m. at the Shepherd Park Playground on Jonquil St.

Bring your little ones, ages 0-4. We will provide coffee and light refreshments.

Whether you are already at TI on Sundays with your older children or you would just like to meet socially with other TI parents and their tots, this is the perfect low-key event.

Questions? Call or email Susan Catler at (202) 829-5144 or TIMembership@Tifereth-Israel.org.

Note: If it rains, we'll meet at TI.

TI **USY** and **Kadima** will be joining teens from all over DC, MD, and VA for King's Dominion Day on Sunday, **May 31**.

Finally, registration is now open for rising 6th-12th graders to attend the annual USY/Kadima Camp from August 17 through the 23. Contact **Missy Mandell**, the Assistant Youth Director, for more information. Missy@Tifereth-Israel.org.

Learner's Minyan

Mark your calendars for the next two monthly Learner's Minyanim, **May 2** and **June 6**.

Led by TI-member **Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block**, the Learner's Minyan meets on the first Shabbat of the month from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

It helps participants to participate more comfortably in TI Shabbat services, and to understand the structure, themes, and meanings of the prayers.

The Minyan includes an easy-to-follow basic morning service, plus an in-depth study of a specific prayer. It ends roughly in time to join the main sanctuary for Musaf.

The service is aimed for any adult who wants to get to know the service better. The *Sim Shalom* prayer book and a transliteration are used.

Hebrew knowledge is a plus, but not required.

May Highlights at Tifereth Israel

- May 2** **Learner's Minyan, 10 a.m.**
Family Service, 10:30 a.m.
- May 2, 16, 30** **First three sessions of Rabbi Seidel's Talmud Class, 1:00-1:45 p.m.**
- May 3** **Gevarim Brunch, "Innovations from the Technion," 10 a.m.**
Movie Nite, two films on Women in the Rabbinate, 7:30 p.m.
- May 4** **Novel Reading, Rhoda Trooboff, 8 p.m.**
- May 4, 11,** **Monday Lunch & Learn**
18, 25 ***Parashat HaShavuah*, 11 a.m.; Lunch 12 noon**
- May 8** **Shabbat Dinner & Songs, 7:30 p.m. (Friday Night Services, 6:30)**
- May 9** **Esther Feron Bat Mizvah**
SHALEM, Jewish Communities of Cuba, Shelly Heller
- May 16** **Isaac Snow Bar Mizvah**
Tot Shabbat, 11:15 a.m.
- May 17** **Congregational Spring Barbecue, 5-8 p.m.**
- May 19** **Kol Nashim Book Club at home of Margie Odle, 7:30 p.m.**
- May 23** **Erev Shavuot: Evening Services, 8:50 p.m.; Tikkun Leil**
Shavuot, 9:30 p.m.-4:45 a.m.; Segulah Morning Service, 4:50 a.m.
- May 24** **First Day Shavuot: Morning Holiday Services, 9 a.m.**
- May 25** **Second Day Shavuot: Morning Holiday Services, 9 a.m.;**
Yizkor, 11 a.m.
- May 30** **High School Graduation Celebration**
- May 31** **TI Tots Meet-Up, 10:30 a.m.**
Kol Nashim Spring Salon, "Chocolate & Chardonnay," at home of
Lisa Kraft, 4-6 p.m.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration, April 19 (photos by Jeff Peterman)



Walter Reich discusses the life of his friend, Norman Salsitz, a Polish partisan



Morris Rodenstein and Claudine Schweber were among the TI members reading the names of Jews murdered in the Holocaust



Adult Education

Jessica Weissman

For **May 9's** SHALEM program we visit Cuba's Jewish communities with TI's **Shelly Heller**. She and **Steve Heller** participated in a Bnai Brith/Beth El mission to Cuba in February.

They met with members of five different communities there, heard the various approaches to Jewish life in Cuba and *davened* with the Jews in Santiago and Holquin. They brought medicines, general supplies and Judaica for the communities, much of which came from TI members.

Jews have lived in Cuba for centuries, with a small Jewish presence there until the Spanish-American War. After the war large numbers of Jews emigrated to Cuba, many planning to move on to the United States. When immigration laws changed, Jews were caught in Cuba without a path out. At the time of the Cuban revolution, the

community stood at an estimated 15,000. Many left as Cuba became a secular nation where public religious activities were forbidden. The climate changed in 1990, and the remaining Jewish communities of Cuba are struggling to regain their history and future as Jews.

This SHALEM presentation will describe the mission that visited Jewish communities in Guantanamo, Santiago, and three in Havana. Each has a different story and reflects and different outlook on the future of Jews in Cuba.

Do you have a topic of Jewish interest you'd like to share with TI? Scholarly, Tikkun Olam, literature, history, personal experience – you name it! We are planning future SHALEM sessions now. Please contact Jessica Weissman with your idea.

Zemer Chai Concert

Zemer Chai, The Jewish Chorale of the Nation's Capital, kicks off its 40th anniversary year with its 39th annual concert on **Sunday, June 3**, at 8 p.m.

Entitled, "When Music Speaks, Worlds Open," it will be held at Ohr Kodesh Congregation in Chevy Chase.

Ticket Costs:

- preferred seating: \$40
- general admission: \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door

For tickets and information:

www.zemerchai.org or 301-963-3462.

Gevarim

Andrew Reamer

גברים

Gevarim is pleased to offer the TI community the following activities in May.

Movie Nite @ TI

Sunday, May 3, 7:30 p.m. *And The Gates Opened* (2005, 20 minutes) explores the history of the ordination of women rabbis and provides a series of interviews of those who were first.

Miriam's Mosaic: Diverse Women of the Rabbinate (2010, 100 minutes) brings together Rabba Sara Hurwitz, Dean of Yeshivat Maharat and the first Orthodox woman rabbi; Rabbi Dianne Cohler-Esses, a JTS graduate and the first woman rabbi from the Syrian-American community; and Rabbi Angela Buchdahl, Senior Cantor at Central Synagogue in New York City and first Asian-American rabbi and cantor.

Moderated by Rabbi Diana Gerson, Program Director at the New York Board of Rabbis, panel members discuss the attributes they bring and the challenges they face in their

religious leadership roles as women. Discussion after the movies will be facilitated by TI member **Rabbi Devorah Lynn**.

Shabbat Talmud Study

May 2, 16, 30, June 13, 27, 1:00-1:45 PM. Tractate *Brachot* is the first tractate of the Talmud, and also one of the most accessible. In addition to the normal "talmudic" discussions of *halakhah*, there are also many enchanting stories and fables.

And now there is an English translation, recently put out by Koren publishers, that makes it all fairly accessible. **Rabbi Seidel**, who has studied this entire tractate, will teach large pieces of it to those who are interested, after Shabbat services, starting at 1 p.m., twice a month. Copies of the text will be provided.

Sunday Brunch

Sunday, May 3, 10:00 a.m. **Irv Elenberg**, DC Regional Director for the American Technion Society, will

discuss the fascinating work of the Technion--Israel Institute of Technology. Brunch is \$10 for Gevarim and KN members and \$12 for others. Sign up at <http://tifereth-israel.org/technion-talk-and-brunch>.

Membership BBQ

Sunday, May 17, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Gevarim is pleased to co-sponsor an afternoon barbeque for TI members. Details are available in the box below.

TI's Spring BBQ!

Come join your friends and fellow congregants at TI for our Spring BBQ, **Sunday, May 17**, 5-8 p.m.

We will have a fantastic menu with meat and veggie options, and a variety of side salads.

For adults we will have a bar serving beer and wine. For kids we will have an extra-large pirate theme --in-1 moon bounce!

In the event of rain we will move indoors (an indoor moon bounce has been reserved if needed).

Cost: \$20 for adults, \$15 for kids, \$60 family maximum. Cash bar for wine and beer.

Sign up at: tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/bbq15.

Kol Nashim

Adele Natter

TI WOMEN
TOGETHER
קול
נשים

Chocolate and Chardonnay

Kol Nashim's spring salon event will be held at the home of **Lisa Kraft** on **Sunday, May 31**, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Cultivate new friends and connect with other TI women, all while enjoying delicious goodies! KN members and non-members are all welcome.

Book Club

Kol Nashim's book club will meet on **May 19**, 7:30 p.m., at the home of **Margie Odle**. The book that will be discussed is *Wonderboys* by Michael Chabon. The KN Book Club is open to men and women.

Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers

Barbara Raimondo

Kids Today

Kicking off N un M on a happy note, **Devin Ivri McMillan** was born on the first day of Pesah 5775, April 4. He weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz and measured 21.3 inches long. His parents, TI members **Allison** and **Colin McMillan**, and baby are all doing well.

Also, **Stefan** and **Wilhelmina Gottschalk** are pleased to announce that **Heddy Libby** was born on April 18. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. Parents and big brother **Johan** are feeling blessed and doing well.

Grown-up baby **Myriam Rofrano** is graduating from Lynn University in May. She earned her bachelor's degree in Advertising and Public Relations. During her time at Lynn U, Myriam was active in Hillel, serving as the engagement fellow in her sophomore year and chapter president in her junior year.

Myriam also did some traveling in her junior year. She spent one semester in Florence studying fashion (which is her minor) and also traveled to the Dominican Republic to perform community service for a month during winter break.

While in school Myriam had two internships in her field and was offered full time employment upon graduation at one of these firms. Loving the Florida weather, Myriam will be making her home there, gainfully employed! Pass the sun screen!

Even growner-upper **Natan Seidel** is set to graduate from Emory University Medical School in May and to begin his residency in Pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital in June.

And **Sydney Bergman**, daughter of **Margie Odle** and **Carl Bergman** and a biology teacher at School Without Walls Senior High School in the District, was one of 20 biology teachers from whom essays were solicited for a project to examine "What is the value of letting kids struggle in class. Teacher answer."

Valerie Strauss reports on the project in "The Answer Sheet" in the April 22nd issue of the online Washington Post. To read about the project, and the first essay published (Sydney's) go to the Post's website.

Don't Be a Stranger

In bittersweet news, **Josh Furman** and **Alisha Klapholz** are leaving the area in June. Josh will graduate next month from the University of Maryland with a Ph.D. in modern Jewish history, and he's accepted a postdoctoral fellowship in Jewish Studies at Rice University in Houston. Alisha hopes to find an administrative position at Rice as well.

They have loved this synagogue and this community, which has been so warm and welcoming and will miss it very much. They plan to come back for visits when possible, and hope to have visitors in Texas!

Also going afar, **Sarah Meytin** and **Brenda Footer** traveled to Israel in February as part of the Jewish Early Childhood Educators Leadership Institute. The Institute is a cohort of 16 early-career early childhood leaders from across the country.

They visited a variety of early childhood programs, both secular and religious, as well as historical sites. They focused on the importance of Israel Education in Jewish early childhood programs in the US.

In the realm of the older students, **Rachel Meytin** has started a new job, creating and running an alumni program for a set of experiential Jewish education programs out of the three big Jewish seminaries in New York City — Yeshiva University, Hebrew Union College, and Jewish Theological Seminary.

Anything Worth Doing is Worth Doing Right

Paula Flicker completed The Knitting Guild Association's Master Knitting Level 1 course. It took her more than four years to complete and was an interesting learning experience. Considering taking the course? Need a wool sweater? Want to figure out how they make those thumbs in the mittens? Go ahead and contact her.

Esther Silverman and the **Heller Clan** (**Steve, Shelly, Matt, Linda, Nate** and **Jacob**) traveled to San Francisco for the Bar Mitzvah of

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Nayes un Mekhayes (continued)

their great-grandson, grandson, nephew and cousin, **Noah Heller**, son of **Adam** and **Tami Heller**. Esther said "A ze vi a cholum" and it was -- a dream, but they were awake and *kvelled* at every moment.

On two weekends in April, **Alan Landay** appeared in the play *Fools* by Neil Simon, which was presented by the APL Drama Club. (Alan retired from Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in 2012).

This was his second consecutive appearance in a play put on by the club. Last August, he was the judge in *Twelve Angry Men*. Neither foolish nor angry, Alan had a great time and hopes to perform in future productions. By the way, the play got outstanding reviews from local community theater reviewers!

Sad News

Daniel Graubart, father of TI member **Dina (Ron) Borzekowski**, and grandfather of

Emma Rose, **Benjamin** and **Ruby**, died on March 29 after a long illness. He was 78. He is also survived by his wife, **Annette Graubart**, and son, **Glen Graubart**. The funeral was held at Tifereth Israel.

And **Leonard Borzekowski**, Ron's father, died on April 3 in Rockleigh, NJ. He is also survived by his son **Joseph (Shari) Borzekowski**. He was born in 1926 in Poland and survived the Shoah. He was 88 years old. Graveside services were held in New York.

David Brooks, father of TI member **Renana Brooks (Robert Rovinsky)** and grandfather of **Neshama** and **Neilah**, died. He was 96 and is also survived by his wife of almost 70 years, **Harriet Brooks**. He was buried at Judean Memorial Gardens.

TI member **Kathy Davidson**, wife of **Joe Davidson**, died on April 22, suddenly after a long illness. She was 71. She is also survived by daughter **Beth**, son **Michael**

(**Lucia**), and grandson **Gabriel**. She was buried at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery.

Percy Marcus, father of TI member **Stephen Marcus (Renee Matalon)** and grandfather of **Ezra** and **Sara**, died April 22 at his home in Kingston, Ontario. He was 87. The funeral was in Canada.

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, *palmary*: "outstanding, best" (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 divulge 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 this edition of Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers.

Recipes Requested

Do you have any recipes you would like to see served at a birthday/ anniversary Kiddush?

Please send your ideas or recipes to Roz Kram at rozsplace@yahoo.com.

Novel Reading

Rhoda Trooboff, novelist, educator and publisher, will be reading from her novel, *Correspondence Course: The Bathsua Project*, on Monday, May 4, 8:00 p.m., in the Emsellem Room.

Rhoda's characterization of a conversation between 17th century Bathsua Malkin, an advocate for women's education, and Dorothea Young, a 21st century educator, turns the Library of Congress into a canvas of magical and realistic interconnection.

B'nei Mitzvah

My name is **Esther Feron**, and I'm twelve years old. I've attended the Jewish Primary Day School in Washington, D.C. since Pre-K. I'm going to miss JPDS, which has been like a second home to me. Next year I will go to Sandy Spring Friends School.

In my free time, I like to play soccer, read fantasy and science fiction, and do normal kid stuff, like theater, dance and singing. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I've been tutoring a second grade girl named Nylah in the Shepherd Park tutoring program.

My parents are Dione and Bob, and my sister is Gabriella. Since my mom is from Brazil, we often speak Portuguese at home. My Bat Mitzvah tutor has been Cynthia Peterman, who was wonderful to work with and she tells good stories about Jewish history. My Bat Mitzvah will be May 9. Hope to see you there!



I'm **Isaac Snow**, and my Bar Mitzvah is on May 16, *parashah Behar/Behukotai*. I am in the seventh grade at North Bethesda Middle School. My favorite subjects are French and science. I have a younger brother, Ely (9) and the best dog ever, Lila.

Outside of school, I like to play, read about and talk about sports. I play rec baseball and help coach my brother's baseball team. I'm a huge Cleveland sports fan. I also play the piano and like music, especially Bruce Springsteen and the Beatles.

My Bar Mitzvah project has been tutoring a second grader with TI's Shepherd Park tutoring program. I've had a lot of fun doing this and plan to keep tutoring next school year.

I'm very excited about becoming a Bar Mitzvah and am happy to be celebrating at TI with family and friends!

Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

May 1

Judi Berland
 Joe Berman & Marsha Gentner
 Dana Beyer
 Matthew Bigman
 Sheri Blonder
 Gideon & Lisa Blumenthal
 Jonathan Bogen
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 Sharon Brown
 Stephen Burd & Laura Schiavo
 Harold Burgess & Shoshana Eisenberg
 Joel & Alice Burton
 Susan Chapin
 Daniel Chazen & Ronit Eisenbach
 Steven Cheskin & Malia
 David Cohen
 Joel Cohen

May 22

Ann Cohen
 David & Judy Cohen
 David & Elana Cohen
 Hal Cohen & Katie Benton-Cohen
 Raymond & Rebecca Coleman
 Jeffrey Colman & Ellen Nissenbaum
 Nataliya Chernyak Cowen
 Tamir & Rebecca Damari
 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

May 29

Pierre & Deena Dugan
 Ernie Englander
 Mark Feldman
 Miriam Feinsilver
 Gail & Roger Feldman
 Joshua & Mita Felman
 Bob Feron & Dione Pereira
 Rona Fields
 Joshua & Lucia Filler
 Eric Fingerhut & Karen Beiley
 Anita Finkelstein
 Jay & Rachel Finkelstein
 Matthew & Susan Finston
 Violeta Fiorino-Schwartz
 Joseph & Rachel Firschein
 David & Patricia Fisher
 Paula Flicker
 Judah Flum & Lisa Itkin
 Lee & Brenda Footer
 Ira Forman & Caryn Pass

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

June 19

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

June 26

Abraham & Dena Greenstein
 David Greisen & Jessica Bell
 Franca Brilliant
 Leah Weinryb Grohsgal & Corey Goettsch
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 Stefan Gunter & Lisa Goldberg
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