



# The Menorah

## Notes from the Rabbi: Ethan Seidel New at TI? Do Me a Favor!

As has been true for the last decade at least, we have welcomed many new members in calendar year 2015 – 23 families by my count, and the year isn't even over! This is great news! At a time when, the surveys tell us, the Conservative movement in particular, and the non-Orthodox movements in general, are receding, the fact that TI is holding its own is a refreshing ray of light.

However, as is true with all success stories, there are challenges that accompany the good news. I have found that there are so many new members, I'm having trouble putting names to the faces of all those who have recently joined. Which is just a little part of the general challenge we all face: how do we integrate all these new members into our community?

Note that about half the new members joined expressly for the Hebrew School. That is another piece of good news: our school is making a name for itself out there! So, part of our challenge is how to integrate Hebrew school families into the larger TI community.



And in particular how do I, as Rabbi, get to know all these folks? Though I teach the 7<sup>th</sup> graders each week, and I drop in occasionally in the other classes, it's not

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## President's Column: John List Entering a New Season

I am enjoying the change of seasons: cool, crisp air; the gorgeous colors of the trees; carpets of leaves on the paths; new fall programs at TI; beginning my personal resolutions that I developed over the High Holy Days; and another year to celebrate my favorite holiday, Sukkot.

I am also enjoying my tenure as President of TI. Part of that enjoyment comes from having a deeper understanding of what is going on within our congregation. Some of this understanding comes from personal interactions and observations; some of it comes from reading more closely our listerve notices and other publications, and some of it comes from reviewing much of the data compiled by the professional staff.

One piece of data that I recently reviewed seemed very significant to me:

During the High Holy Days members of the congregation were asked to choose a word or words that resonated with each of them as to "Why TI?" Among the top five most commonly selected words was "communal." I truly believe that communal engagement is one of the hallmarks of TI as we come together:



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been enough exposure for me to really get to know the new member families.

Someone commented this year in the online evaluation of my work at TI: "If you are a regular at Shabbat services he seems to be very welcoming. If you only come occasionally such as once a month he does not recognize you." It's true! I wish I could remember people I've seen only occasionally, but I find (especially as I've gotten older) I cannot.

Actually, in my defense, I think I'm pretty good with the names of the once-a-monthers. But if I see you only once every few months, or just a few times a year, the fact is, I'm not going to remember you next time I see you.

So, how to address the problem? I have a few ideas:

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One, of course, would be seeing you more regularly. Though services, and especially the lunch after Shabbat morning services, are a good time to meet me, there are all sorts of other programs and opportunities at TI. If attendance at those events is not possible for you, let's set up a time to meet! We can have a longer conversation, in my office, or over lunch. I'd love to get to know you – but that's going to take effort on both our parts.

I have just started a program, with Eitan Gutin's help, of meeting with Hebrew School parents on occasional Sunday mornings. This has gotten off to a great start – I met with parents of kids in classes K-2 at the end of October, and I felt very good about it. We talked about our Jewish journeys, and our dreams for our children, and we got to know each other a bit better. I look forward to similar conversations with parents of children in the upper grades.

Here's one more, easy thing you could do to help me: put your picture in the membership directory on the TI website. That way, I can more easily put names to faces. And I think that it will help members remember each other better as well. Here's how:

First, sign on to shulcloud at <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com>. If you've never done this before, you will need a password, Call Emma or Grant in the TI office (202) 882 1605 x.301 to get set up.

Once you're in shulcloud, and have successfully logged in, click on the heading "My Account". Scroll down to the "Manage People" section, and at the very bottom of that section, click on "Set up your Directory Listing." Under "Change Directory Listing" the second line is "Picture." Click the button to download a picture!

If you have other suggestions, I would love to hear them. I look forward to getting to know more of you in the coming year – it's one of my High Holiday resolutions.

Thanks in advance for your help!

Rabbi Seidel

### **No Classes on November 1**

There will be no Himmelfarb Religious School classes on Sunday, November 1. The faculty will be holding in-service training..

## President's Column (continued)

in prayer and celebration; in service to others; and in participation in TI's various and numerous opportunities to learn, teach and enjoy. I continue to be amazed and impressed with the engagement of our members and prospective members in our community.

For example, we had more than 200 members of our community helping over the High Holy Days in a wide range of activities: our Jeremy Goldberg Participation Days; our social action Rosh Hashanah project; our High Holy Day services; our security and lobby duties; our programs for children and young people; and our programs in the shul's sukkah.

As to the opportunities to learn, teach and enjoy, I would like to emphasize to all that many of our upcoming communal activities are listed in the Fall 2015/5776 Adult Education & Programs Catalogue.

I regularly participate in cooking monthly for TI's participation in the So Others Might Eat (SOME) social action program, and studying with others in one of the Hebrew classes offered at TI. I also enjoy dropping in

on our SHALEM and Talmud study opportunities after Shabbat Kiddush. Although, due to conflicts, I have missed many book discussion sessions sponsored by Kol Nashim I am using their reading selections as a guide for personal enjoyment.

As fall sets in, I hope many of you will also continue with what interests you and/or find new programs and opportunities to learn, teach and enjoy as part of the TI community.

## Honoring Veterans

Susan Catler

On **November 14** TI will recognize our veterans. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/TIVets15> to tell us which veterans you would like us to recognize this year -- parents, spouses, sons, daughters, even yourself! Please let us know which service the veteran was in and the general time period of service.

If you would like to make a contribution to the Kiddush on November 14 to honor our veterans, please go to <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/vets2015>.

We would like to make a poster with photos of our veterans -- current photos or when the veteran was serving or both. Email photos to the TI office at [tiadmin@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:tiadmin@tifereth-israel.org), or drop them off, by **November 6**. Please label photos with the veteran's name, service and approximate date.

If you have any questions, please contact the TI office at (202) 882-1605 x301.

The Tifereth Israel Centennial Committee is collecting memorabilia from TI's history for use in our upcoming 100-year anniversary (2016-2017). We are especially interested in any of the following:

- Photographs of TI events, such as religious school programs, retreats, Purim and other holiday celebrations.
- Video that shows events in the synagogue building or at retreats.
- Documents, such as committee reports (e.g., building renovation, social action) and event planning (e.g., 75th anniversary, 90th anniversary celebrations).



Students at TI in 1976. If you can identify any of these individuals, please contact the Centennial Committee.



Cynthia Peterman interviews Alan Weitz and his sister, Barbara, about their grandfather, Jeremiah Weitz, an early cantor at TI.

Do you have special skills to share as we plan our big event? These could be event planning, museum display, or fundraising, just to name a few.

Why not join us! Please contact the Tifereth Israel Centennial Committee at:

[ticentennial@tifereth-israel.org](https://twitter.com/tifereth-israel.org)

## New Members

### Jared Garelick

People often join TI because they have a connection to someone who is a member, and that brings them to visit. The connection can be as close as family, or as attenuated as an old college friend's sibling. Sometimes it is only after visiting that someone discovers they have a connection. And sometimes, it turns out, new members even attract each other.

#### Lynne Flora Margolies

Lynne recently moved to Silver Spring after retiring from teaching at Manchester University in North Manchester, Indiana. She came to this area to be near her daughter, TI member **Rachel Bressler**. Rachel, together with her husband, **Steve Bressler**, and their children, joined TI just last year. With Lynne's arrival, they now join the ranks of TI's three-generation families.

Lynne was raised in the Miami-area beachside city of Surfside, Florida, in a time when segregation and restriction was so severe that some businesses in the next town, Bal Harbour, still displayed signs excluding "dogs and Jews." She earned a Ph.D. in Spanish and Portuguese with an emphasis on Latin American Literature from the University of Kansas in 1992. She then became a professor, teaching Latin American and Spanish Literature, while also studying and teaching Latin American Jewish studies, and film. She was also the faculty advisor for nationally competitive awards such as Fulbright, Boren, and Teach for America.

Lynne has lived and studied in various Spanish-speaking countries, including Mexico, Spain, Costa Rica, Argentina, and, of course, Miami. While living in North Manchester, besides teaching, Lynne was actively involved with Habitat for Humanity. Lynne enjoys the services and talks at TI, and is impressed with its social action activities.

#### William and Karen Copeland

Bill and Karen have lived in the area for about ten years, and are now residents of the Takoma neighborhood of DC. Bill grew up in Stamford, Connecticut, and Karen in Schenectady, New York. They met while in college at Tufts but did not become a couple until several years after graduation. They came to Washington for Bill to study at George Washington University, where he obtained a Master's degree in political management. Bill now does survey programming work at the consulting and research firm Westat, while Karen is an employee benefits consultant. These days, that includes a significant amount of health care analysis.

The Copelands have two children, a daughter, **Lia**, who is 6, and **Josh**, their son, who is 4. This past year the fami-

ly was looking for a synagogue to join that had a good Hebrew school. On a first visit to TI, Karen ran into **Robyn Altman**, who joined a few years ago, who happens to have been her classmate in high school in Schenectady. It suggested that TI might be the right place. Still, they did further investigation, sitting down with TI Director of Lifelong Learning Eitan Gutin to learn about the Himmelfarb Hebrew school program. They liked what they learned and they joined.

#### Anna Fink and Alberto Fernandez

Anna and Alberto have been in Washington for about four years and, like the Copelands, live in Takoma, DC. Anna grew up in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Alberto in Mexico City. Anna works for a private foundation that

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### Funeral Practices Committee Always On-Call

Haverim 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 haverim, Rabbi Seidel, or the TI office (202-882-1605).

<b>Shelly Heller</b>	h: 301-942-1836 w: 202-242-6698
<b>David (Judy) Cohen</b>	h: 301-652-2872
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<b>Robert Rovinsky</b>	h: 202 237 1036 c: 202 815 8707

## Library News Michele Sumka

### Great Acquisitions! (and expectations you will enjoy them!)

**For Children ages 10-13:** We have just purchased Kenneth Roseman's "Do It Yourself Jewish Adventure Series," including:

*Escape from the Holocaust*  
*Melting Pot: An Adventure in New York*  
*The Cardinal's Snuffbox*  
*Jeremiah's Promise: An Adventure In Modern Israel*  
*The Other Side of the Hudson Until the Messiah Comes.*  
*The Tenth of Av*

These books are interactive, fun and thought-provoking. After reading an introduction, which sets the scene, you choose one of several possible next steps. You make critical plot decisions and then discover the historical consequences. By choosing a particular course of action for story characters, you learn how values and choices truly shape history.

Also, have I told you that we have copies of our member **Louise Parker**

**Kelley's** new novel for elementary school readers, *No Behind?* This is an imagined story of a fourth-grader whose school has to evacuate and is then housed at a synagogue that bears some resemblance to ours!

**For Adults:** We have just purchased some of the books that were featured in the Literary Festival of the DCJCC (from October 18-28), and others that will be presented at the JCCGW (from November 5-15). They include:

Etgar Keret, *The Seven Good Years: A Memoir*  
John Klima, *The Game Must Go On: Hank Greenberg, Pete Gray, and the Great Days of Baseball on the Home Front in WWII*  
Dina Gold, *Stolen Legacy: Nazi Theft and the Quest for Justice at Krausenstrasse 17/18, Berlin*  
Shalom Auslander, *Beware of God* (short stories)  
Liel Leibowitz, *A Broken Hallelujah: Rock and Roll, Redemption, and the Life of Leonard Cohen*

Susan Dworkin, *The Nazi Officer's Wife: How One Jewish Woman Survived the Holocaust*  
Chaya Deitsch, *Here and There: Leaving Hasidism, Keeping my Family*  
Dan Ephron, *Killing a King: The Assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and the Remaking of Israel*

We've also just acquired:

Stuart Rojstaczer, *The Mathematician's Shiva: A Novel*  
Laura S. Schor, *The Best School in Jerusalem: Annie Landau's School for Girls*  
Anat Helman, *Becoming Israeli: National Ideals and Everyday Life in the 1950s*  
Sasha Abramsky, *The House of Twenty Thousand Books*

They're all on the New Acquisitions shelves in the lobby near the Emsellem Room.

Please send me the names of other books you'd like us to purchase.

## New Members (continued)

funds programs advancing women's equality in the US and Latin America. Alberto works on immigration issues for the labor movement.



The two met at a conference in Mexico City, and they lived in that city for three years before moving to this area. Anna and Alberto have two daughters, **Nina**, 8, and **Naila**, 5. After moving to Washington,

they got in touch with Karen Copeland (above), who is the sister of a college friend of Anna's. Together, the two families shared some home Jewish observances. When the Copelands found TI to their liking, they encouraged Anna and Alberto to take a look as well. That makes the Copelands TI's New Member, New Member Magnet Family of the month.

Anna and Alberto's family shares a love of languages. The household is bilingual, Spanish and English. They also speak French, and enjoy exploring new languages together. They enjoyed the high holidays at TI and have found the atmosphere here warm and welcoming.

*Bienvenido, bienvenue, b'ruchim ha'ba'im*, and welcome to this month's featured new members!

## Annual Appeal Exceeds Goal

### Howard Riker

Thanks to all who made this year's Annual Appeal a success!

The congregation exceeded its goal of \$130,000 by raising approximately \$152,000.

These funds will help defray costs associated with core synagogue activities, including administration, building maintenance, and ritual activities, as well as the weekly Shabbat Kiddush and other events that make TI so special.

Very best wishes to all for a healthy and happy new year.

The names of all TI members who donated to the Annual Appeal are listed below:

Abramowitz, Rabbi & Barbara  
 Afflerbach, Andrew / Hovis, Joanne  
 Akst, Seth & Elaine  
 Altman, Jon / LaRiviere, Katherine  
 Altman, Robyn / (Doherty, Brendan)  
 Bachman, Leonard  
 Baizer, Lawrence / Lewis, Elaine  
 Bardack, Paul & Eti  
 Baum, Charles / (Null, Lisa)  
 Baxt, Leonard & Joy  
 Berg, Alexander / Goldman, Mikah  
 Berger, Bruce & Laurie  
 Berland, Judith  
 Berman, Joseph / Gentner, Marsha  
 Bettinger, Shira & Ross  
 Beyer, Dana  
 Blonder, Sheri  
 Borzekowski, Ron & Dina  
 Bottigheimer, Nat / Ostriker, Eve  
 Bram, Larry & Lise  
 Bressler, Steven & Rachel  
 Brown, Sharon  
 Burd, Stephen / Schiavo, Laura  
 Chapin, Susan  
 Chazan, Daniel / Eisenbach, Ronit  
 Cohen, David & Judith  
 Cohen, Joel  
 Colman, Jeffrey / Nissenbaum, Ellen  
 Davidson, Jeffrey & Miriam  
 Disenhaus, Helen  
 Dorn, Stan / Ellern, Carla  
 Dotter, Earl / Stern, Deborah  
 Ehrman, James & Sylvana  
 Englander, Ernie  
 Feinberg, Charles and Krayna  
 Feinsilver, Miriam  
 Feldman, Roger D. & Gail S.  
 Fernbach, Harvey / (Birk, Ann)  
 Feron, Robert / Pereira, Dione  
 Fields, Rona  
 Finkelstein, Anita  
 Finkelstein, Jay & Rachel  
 Fisher, David & Patricia  
 Flicker, Paula  
 Flum, Judah / Itkin, Lisa  
 Footer, Lee & Brenda  
 Friedland, Bruce / Bryant, Jenny  
 Friedman, Arthur (& Diane)  
 Galston, William & Miriam  
 Garber, Stephen / Snyder, Lynne  
 Garelick, Jared / Kramarow, Ellen  
 Gelfand, Andrew & Allegría  
 Glabman, Seth / Hare, Martha  
 Goldberg, Eliot & Traci  
 Goldberg, Joseph & Dody  
 Goldberg, Joshua & Sara  
 Goldberg, Marcia  
 Goldman, Myrna  
 Goldman, Paul / Pomerance, Debbie  
 Goldring, Tom & Lisa  
 Gotthelf, Michael / Vile, Rachel  
 Gottlieb, Charlotte / Weiner, Robert  
 Gottschalk, Stefan & Wilhelmina  
 Grabel, Lee & Jennifer  
 Grabia, Stan / Fink, Varda  
 Greenstein, Abraham & Dena  
 Grimes, Seth / Brilliant, Franca  
 Gunther, Stefan / Goldberg, Lisa  
 Handwerker, Daniel & Elizabeth  
 Hart, David / Frankel, Lois  
 Heimowitz, Michael / Gillman, Dori  
 Heller, Matt & Linda  
 Heller, Stephen & Rachelle Shelly  
 Heppen, Bruce / Suchman, Bonnie  
 Herman, Eugene & Esther  
 Hershberg, James & Annie  
 Hodos, William  
 Hovis, Robert & Helen  
 Hyman, Neil & Rachel  
 Isicson, Anita  
 Kabaker, Harvey / Kline, Andrea  
 Kass, David / Amdur, Iris  
 Kelley, Louise / Weissman, Jessica  
 Kincannon, Alexandra / (Moorehead, Paul)  
 Kitchman, Les & Vera  
 Klein, Morris / Freeman, Naomi  
 Kolker, Allan  
 Kovalsky, Cheryl & Fenig, David  
 Kraft, Michael & Lisa  
 Kranzberg, Joshua & Francesca  
 Kritz, David & Amy  
 Kruger, Richard / Weinberg, Naimah  
 Kuritzky, Simcha  
 Landay, Alan  
 Lande, Robert & Jeri Roth  
 Lapin, Hayim / Grossman, Maxine  
 Lav, Michael & Iris  
 Lazdun, Yelena  
 Lehrer, Beverly  
 Levone, Wylie & Kim  
 List, John & Lynne  
 Lister, John  
 Lyman, Princeton  
 Marcus, Aliza  
 Marcus, Stephen / Matalon, Renee  
 Margolies, Lynne Flora  
 Martin, Joseph & Paula  
 Mathis, Robert / Stopak Mathis, Tali  
 Mehler, David & Janice  
 Meisnere, Robert & Laura  
 Meltzer, Stephen  
 Mermelstein, David & Dana  
 Meytin, Sarah & Rachel  
 Mickelson, Josephine  
 Moiduddin, Emily (& Adil)  
 Morris, Kenneth / Zall, Terri  
 Moshenberg, Sammie & Daniel  
 Murdock, Jonah & Stephanie  
 Murdock, Myron / Murdock, Judy  
 Herzog  
 Naftalin, Beth  
 Ogilvie, David / Lederer, Miriam  
 Ohringer, Lee & Hedy  
 Organic, Beila  
 Panikoff, Jessica & Jonathan  
 Pedersen, Daniel / Spear, Dafna  
 Perera, Melissa  
 Peterman, Jeff & Cynthia  
 Pitlick, Joshua / Blank, Janet  
 Pitlick, Joshua / Blank, Janet  
 Plotkin, Lisa  
 Ratner, Jacqueline  
 Reamer, Andrew  
 Reback, Sanford & Shelley  
 Reem, Naomi  
 Revzin, Arnold & Naomi  
 Riker, Howard / Glosser, Danielle  
 Rodenstein, Morris & Judy  
 Rombro, Charles / Stone, Pamela  
 Romer, Chris / Nelson, Amy  
 Roshwald, Aviel / Moyer, Alene

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## November Highlights at Tifereth Israel

November 2	Torah Art/Writing Collective, 7 p.m.
November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Monday Lunch & Learn <i>Parashat HaShavuah</i> , 11 a.m.; Lunch, 12 noon
November 7	Natan Kimelman-Block Bar Mitzvah
November 8	Gevarim Brunch, "The Water Resources Action Project," 10 a.m.
November 13	Family Dinner & Hallah Bake-Off, immediately following Kabbalat Shabbat services
November 14	Jacob Douglas Bar Mitzvah Talmud Study with Rabbi Seidel, 1 p.m. Kol Nashim Improv Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
November 15	Movie Nite, <i>The Dybbuk</i> , 7:30 p.m.
November 17	Kol Nashim Book Club, at home of Varda Fink, 7:30 p.m.

## Annual Appeal (continued)

Rothenberg, Marc / Baer, Ivy	Spector, Louis & Madge Lee	Tuerk, Jonathan & Catherine
Rubin, David & Stephanie	Spellberg, Phil & Dianne	Tulchin, Allan & Judith
Rubin, Howard & Hannah	Spiegel, Masha	Turner, Daniel & Allison
Saltman, Mark & Diann	Spieler, Barry & Sari	Turner, Lester & Judith
Schainker, Lawrence & Pearl	Steinberg, Jeffrey & Julie	Unterweger, Mike & Ruth
Schiff, Daniel	Steinberg, Lois	Verschell, Mark / Leff, Elizabeth
Schneider, Michael & Mical	Stone, Jack / Brier, Wilma	Vitale, Susan
Secular, Keith / Catler, Susan	Strollo, Michael & Michelle	Wachtel, David / Goldstein, Jenny
Seidel, Ethan & Rachel	Sullivan, Yochanan	Watson, Matthew
Shapiro, Phillip & Ruth	Sumka, Howard & Michele	Weiss, Michael / Stanger, Phyllis
Shashoua, Yvonne	Sumner, Adele and Michael	Weitman, Dov / Horwitz, Sylvia
Shleien, Bernard & Debra	Tabak, Gabriel & Ruth	Weitz, Alan & Cyndy
Shoreman, Scott	Taransky, Fred & Felice	Wiener, Louise
Siegel, Richard & Marjorie	Temsky, Jevera	Winch, Peter / (Zeck, Denice)
Silber, David / (Rose, Eileen)	Tilchin, Michael / Greer, Linda	Zeilinger, Christopher / (Baker, Ann)
Silverman, Esther	Torrey, Adrienne / (Coffidis, Joel)	Zeitlin, Benjamin & Monica
Siskind, David & Rona	Trooboff, Peter & Rhoda	Zurer, Diana (& James)
Snow, Aaron & Reva	Tucker, Paula	Zwibak, Ellen

## Gevarim

### Andrew Reamer

#### Sunday Brunch

Each month, Gevarim hosts a Sunday buffet brunch with a presentation on a topic of interest to the TI community, from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the Mollie Berch Library. Tickets are \$12 each, with a \$2 discount for Gevarim and Kol Nashim members.

For Fall 2015-Winter 2016, the schedule is as follows:

**November 8:** "The Water Resources Action Project: Environmental Stewardship in Israel and the West Bank" with **Julie Weisman**, WRAP board member, environmental attorney (Carter, Ledyard, Millburn LLP) and adjunct professor, University of Maryland Carey School of Law. Moderator: TI member **Sylvia Horwitz** (Attorney, Office of General Counsel, EPA).

**December 13:** "Health Insurance in the U.S.: Past, Present, and Future," with TI member experts: **Jenny Bryant** (Senior VP, Policy and Research, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America), **Stan Dorn** (Senior Fellow, Health Policy Center, Urban Institute), **Howard Gleckman** (Senior Fellow, Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, Urban Institute), **Ruth Tabak** (Health

Insurance Specialist, Plan Payment and Financial Management, Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS) and **David Rabin** (Research Professor, Department of Family Medicine, and Director, Division of Community Health Care Studies, Georgetown University Medical School).

**January 10:** "Economic Benefits and Costs of Alternative Israeli-Palestinian Relations," **C. Ross Anthony**, director of the Israeli-Palestinian Initiative, RAND Corporation. Discussant: TI member **Howard Sumka** (former USAID officer for West Bank-Gaza and former CEO of OneVoice).

**February 14:** "The 2016 Presidential Primaries: A Look Ahead" with TI member and political analyst **Bill Galston** (Senior Fellow, Governance Studies, The Brookings Institution).

#### Movie Night at TI

Gevarim organizes TI's monthly movie series, held on Sundays at 7:30 p.m. in the Cherner Auditorium. The movies are free.

**November 15:** *The Dybbuk* (1937, Yiddish with English subtitles, 108 minutes), a Yiddish film classic based

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on the celebrated play of the same name by S. Ansky, written during the turbulent years of 1912-1917. In a Polish shtetl, two young men betroth their unborn children, ignoring the warning of a mysterious traveler. The children grow up in different towns, without ever knowing of the betrothal, but the power of the vow leads them to meet each other when they are marriageable.

The young woman, Leah, is promised to another man, but Hanon, a practitioner of mysticism, seeks to win his bride through sorcery. The film was made in Poland in 1937 and brought together the best talents of Polish Jewry, script writers, composers, choreographers, set designers, actors and historical advisors. Exquisite musical and dance interludes evoke the cultural richness of both shtetl communities and Polish Jewry on the eve of World War II.

**December 24:** Chinese Food and Movie Night.

5:00p.m. *Hava Nagila (The Movie)*, a documentary romp through the history, mystery and meaning of the great Jewish standard. Featuring interviews with Harry Belafonte, Leonard Nimoy, Connie Francis, Glen Campbell, Regina Spektor and more, the film follows the ubiquitous party song on its fascinating journey from the shtetls of eastern Europe to the kibbutzim of Palestine to the cul-de-sacs of America. High on fun and entertainment, it is also surprisingly profound, tapping into universal themes about the importance of joy, the power of music and the resilient spirit of a people.

7:30 p.m. *Duck Soup* (Marx Brothers).

8:45 p.m. *The Producers* (Zero Mostel, Gene Wilder, directed by Mel Brooks).

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Gevarim Sunday brunch, October 11, with Professor Lisa Leff on *The Archive Thief*



## Kol Nashim



### Baking Program

The Kol Nashim annual baking session on October 18 with **Jessica Weissman** was a great success. The Pita, Flatbread and Crackers class was hands-on and produced flavorful treats sprinkled with Jessica's wit.

### Book Club

The October monthly Book Club meeting also drew much interest as we discussed *The Mathematician's Shiva* by Stuart Rojstaczer. Participants personalized topics around life in Madison, Wisconsin, teaching in a university math department and family relationships.

The next Book Club meeting, on **November 17** will discuss *What is Life Worth? The Inside Story of the 9/11 Fund and Its Effort to Compensate the Victims of September 11* by Kenneth R. Feinberg. The

book is about personal conflicts and ethics surrounding the distribution of a special fund authorized for the families of victims of the 9/11 attack. The meeting will be held at the home of **Varda Fink**.

On **December 15**, we will discuss *An Officer and a Spy* by Robert Harris. This is a historical novel on the Albert Dreyfuss case.

### Improv Program

Kol Nashim will present an evening of skits, stories and varied entertainment billed as **TI Improv and Spiel-In** and coordinated by our own funny lady, **Louise Parker Kelly**, on **November 14**, at 7:30 p.m. Bring your prepared skits, or we will provide you with scenarios to develop your *spiel* on the spot. Be ready to laugh until your sides split. RSVP to [KNimprov@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:KNimprov@tifereth-israel.org).

### Future Winter Programs

Game Night, **Games People Play**, will be held under the joint sponsorship of Kol Nashim and Gevarim on **January 30**.

**For Love of Chocolate**, a field trip to a real chocolate factory, Spagnvola in Gaithersburg, will take place on **February 7**. The cost is \$15, which includes a tour and a dipping class. As the date gets closer, we will arrange car pools.

## Gevarim (continued)

### Shabbat Talmud Study

Led by Rabbi Seidel, on Shabbat afternoons following the Kiddush, 1:00–1:45 p.m., November 14; December 5, 19.

Tractate *Brakhot* is the first tractate of the Talmud, and also one of the most accessible. It includes both discussions of *halakhah* and many enchanting stories and fables. Starting last spring, Rabbi Seidel, has been teaching large pieces of *Brakhot* approximately twice a month.

Even, or especially, if you've never studied Talmud before you might enjoy dropping in on our ongoing reading of the last chapter of *Brakhot*. We read the text in English (photocopies are provided, although folks are encouraged to buy an English translation published by Koren), and discuss.

We'll probably spend much of the fall relishing a fascinating passage about dream interpretation which is, of course, about much more than dreams.



Jessica Weissman leads Kol Nashim program on baking flatbreads, October 18

## Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers

### Barbara Raimondo

#### Car Repair

Your Faithful Columnist has never used the words "eventful" and "Yom Kippur" in the same sentences, but here goes:

The **Hermans** had quite an eventful Yom Kippur this year. Just before Kol Nidre a trash truck hit **Gene's** screaming red Prius that was parked in the street. Then, while Gene was driving to shul for Kol Nidre a car crossed the lane and ran into **Esther's** gold Prius. Ouch! Luckily no one was hurt, and they got by with a rental, a white Prius. Pity about the damage, but what a great color combination!

**Judi Berland** spent 10 days crashing around sunny Italy except it rained most of the time in Florence, but really, it's Florence, so who cares? Besides seeing all the sights and museums, she went to the synagogues in Florence and Rome for Kabbalat Shabbat.

The *niggunim* were different but beautiful and even though she had to sit upstairs or in the obstructed view area it was indeed an unforgettable experience. To balance the spiritual and artistic part of the trip a day was sipped in Tuscany on a wine tasting tour.

#### Rocking Chair

**Bob Rovinsky** has officially "unretired" by going back to work part time as a consultant at the Department of Commerce. Bob is also teaching at George Washington University and doing another gig as a storyteller.

And **Alan Landay** is telling stories about what has become an annual trip to the Museum of Appalachia's Homecoming Festival in Norris, TN. He goes for the music – there are some terrific mountain dulcimer

players down thar! Alan and his dulcimer got to jam with the Knoxville area Dulcimer Club. After the festival he headed to Asheville, NC, where he spent most of the next day at Biltmore, the Vanderbilt's 250-room mansion. He had a great time touring the house and the beautiful Frederick Law Olmsted gardens.

#### Teddy Bear

**Dana Kalish**, daughter of TI members **Steve Kalish** and **Anita Bolt**, and her husband, **Matt Gallivan**, welcomed **Louise Bolt Gallivan** on October 1. At birth she weighed eight pounds, two ounces, and was 20 inches long. All are well.

And TI members **John** and **Lynne List** are delighted to welcome their sixth grandchild, first child of **Deborah List** and **Jeff Davis**. **Jacob Wesley Davis** was named for his two paternal grandfathers (z"l). His Hebrew name, Ya'akov Simhah, is based on his birth which was during Sukkot and his *brit* which was on Simhat Torah. Everyone is doing well. Deborah, Jeff and baby Jacob live in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood of DC. They are thrilled to have free babysitting nearby.

Proving that three's the charm, **Mikah** and **Alex Berg** are pleased to announce that **Baby Girl Berg** was born on September 26. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long. All are doing well.

#### Sad News

**Sondra Singer**, grandmother of TI member **Mikah (Alex) Berg**, and great-grandmother of their newborn baby daughter, died early in the morning of October 19. She was 81 and passed away after a hard-fought battle with pancreatic cancer. The funeral was held on Long Island.

**James Amdur**, father of TI member **Iris Amdur (David Kass)**, and grandfather of **Rebecca** and **Aaron Amdur-Kass**, died in California in September after a long illness. He was 79.

May loved ones find strength in their memories.

And now for the meaning of last month's word, *concinuous*: "skillfully put together" (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 multifarious items 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.

### College Student Shabbat; Al Blanco Yahrzeit

On **November 28** during Shabbat services we will be welcoming college students and others who are in town for Thanksgiving. Honors and aliyot are available for those who are usually far from Tifereth Israel on a Shabbat morning.

We will also be honoring the memory of **Al Blanco** on his yahrzeit with special treats from the floor gabbai. For many years, Al was TI's permanent floor gabbai, who originated and performed the *Al Kein* shout-out after the Aleinyu, and who delighted in handing out candies to children attending services.

## Bar Mitzvah

Hi. I am **Natan Kimelman-Block**. I am in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Takoma Park Middle School. My Bar Mitzvah is on November 7. My dad, Jason Kimelman-Block, helped me learn my *parashah* and haftarah, and he studied Torah with me. My *parashah* is *Hayyei Sarah*. I chose it because its haftarah is about the prophet Natan.

I spent the first part of this past summer at Camp Young Judea Sprout Lake in upstate New York, where I have been going for five years. Then, I went on a trip to Turkey and Israel with my family. I loved getting to see Istanbul and Jerusalem.

I have two sisters, Esther and Simone, and one brother, Micah. My main interests are playing ice hockey and bass guitar. My favorite sports teams are the Nationals, the Capitals, the Wizards, and the New York Giants. After school I am in a school rock band or at hockey practice.

For my Bar Mitzvah project I have been tutoring a second grader at TI on Sundays. I can't wait to see all my friends and family at my Bar Mitzvah.



## Upcoming Family Dinners at TI

### Friday, November 13 Shabbat Service, Dinner and Hallah Bake-Off

If you have a favorite hallah recipe and would like to participate in the **Hallah Bake-Off**, please contact the office as soon as possible. Please note: Baking will be limited to eight contestants. All preparations must be done in the TI kitchen on Friday, November 13.

Enjoy a delicious dinner, featuring beef stew, a vegetarian stew, turkey meatballs, salmon, superb hallah, and *much more*. The deadline to sign up for the dinner is **November 9**. To sign up, go to <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/novdinner2015>.

### Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) Movies and Chinese Food Dinner

A special Movie Nite is planned for Christmas Eve, along with a dinner of Chinese food. The first two (of three) movies are family-friendly. The program includes:

- *Hava Nagilah* at 5:00 p.m., followed by a Minhah/Ma'ariv service and dinner
- *Duck Soup* at 7:30 p.m.
- *The Producers* at 8:45 p.m.

To sign up, go to <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/dec2015dinner>.

## Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

### November 20

Pierre & Deena Dugan  
 Ernie Englander  
 Rabbi Charles & Krayna  
 Feinberg  
 Mark Feldman  
 Miriam Feinsilver  
 Gail & Roger Feldman  
 Joshua & Mita Felman  
 Bob Feron & Dione Pereira  
 Jeff Feuer & Sherry Klein  
 Rona Fields  
 Eric Fingerhut & Karen Beiley  
 Anna Fink & Alberto Fernandez  
 Anita Finkelstein  
 Jay & Rachel Finkelstein  
 Matthew & Susan Finston  
 Violeta Fiorino-Schwartz  
 Joseph & Rachel Firschein  
 David & Patricia Fisher  
 Paula Flicker  
 Judah Flum & Lisa Itkin  
 Claude Fontheim & Orit Frenkel  
 Lee & Brenda Footer  
 Ira Forman & Caryn Pass

### November 27

Bruce Friedland & Jenny Bryant  
 Arthur & Diane Friedman  
 Jonathan Fritz & Lorien Abrams  
 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

### December 4

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  
 Annette Graubart  
 Stan Grabia & Varda Fink  
 Lee & Jenni Grabel  
 George & Marjorie Greenberg  
 Larry Greenfield & Melanie  
 Gross Greenfield

### December 11

Abraham & Dena Greenstein  
 David Greisen & Jessica Bell  
 Franca Brilliant  
 Leah Weinryb Grohsgal & Corey  
 Goettsch  
 Richard Gryziak & Leigh Verbois  
 Stefan Gunter & Lisa Goldberg  
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 Larry Held & Sara Feinstein  
 Matt & Linda Heller  
 Steve & Shelly Heller  
 Bruce Heppen & Bonnie  
 Suchman

### December 18

Eugene & Esther Herman  
 Carolivia Herron  
 James & Annie Hershberg  
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