



# The Menorah

## Notes from the Rabbi: Ethan Seidel 5776 - The Year in Numbers

As with last year, this year's Hebrew representation is not just a number, but also a word with a meaning. Moreover, this year's number/word turns out to be related to my plans for the congregation during the coming months.

When representing the Jewish year with Hebrew letters, we generally elide the thousands place, because Hebrew letters don't easily work with thousands. This leaves us with the number 776. In Hebrew, this is spelled תשע"ו. The *taf* is equal to 400, the *shin* is equal to 300, the *ayin* is 70, and the *vav* is 6. The " between the last two letters is there to tell you that this is a number, not a word.

But if you take out the ", you do in fact get a very good Hebrew word, תשעו, meaning "You shall pay attention." In English, at

least, this sounds like the same meaning as last year's Hebrew year number/word, תשע"ה, also meaning "You shall pay attention."

However, *last* year's word was in the singular, hinting to each of us: you, as an individual, should be paying attention this coming year.

*This* year's word is in the plural, meaning "You *all* shall pay attention."

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## President's Column: John List Approaching the High Holidays

My approach to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is to begin with developing personal resolutions. In the month of Elul, I traditionally seek out suggestions from family and friends.

The conversations are wonderful. I get the wisdom of grandkids, along with the perspectives of those who know me best and reflect a wide-range of interests and experiences (wife, adult children, close relatives and dear friends).

This coming year, I will have more time to explore interests related to personal growth and improvement as I retire from full-time employment the week before Rosh Hashanah. On the final Shabbat of Av, our daughters and Lynne arranged a surprise

retirement celebration.

At the beginning of the meal, we "dedicated" the Shabbat to an appreciation for the kindness of strangers.

This conversation started with an empty place at the table because our daughter, Andrea, who was driving down from Pennsylvania for the celebration, had been stranded for several hours at a rest stop on I-95 when her car battery failed. The service station

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## Notes from the Rabbi (continued)

They are two quite different concepts, the singular and the plural forms of each year's number/word. This year, we are called not just to think and act as individuals, but also to think and act as a community. Which leads me to one of my thoughts for the congregation for the coming year.

As you may know, I am taking a year-long course in community organizing. The main point of this course, to my mind, is to help the congregation get a sense of what it is passionate about. To this end, I plan (with the help of a number of you) to hold a "listening campaign," in which we listen to each other's stories, and concerns, and hopes.

Aggregating many of these conversations, my hope is that we can determine where our congregation might have the energy to make a difference -- both for

ourselves, and possibly even for others. This listening campaign would be a concretization of the year's prescription, "You all pay attention!"

As powerful as an individual can be, real change is brought about by groups -- groups that have a sense of who they are, and about what, exactly, they care enough to take action. I hope you'll participate in the listening campaign this year. In this way, you can help us all make this year a

שנה טובה!

A good year!

Rabbi Seidel

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## Honoring the Shepherd Park Tutoring Program

On **Saturday, September 12**, Tifereth Israel will honor the Shepherd Park tutoring program, its many volunteers and Dan Nathan, the person who initiated this program.

After Kiddush, there will be a SHALEM program to discuss the tutoring program. It will feature Dan Nathan, the current coordinators of the program, and some of the tutors.

We are inviting past and present tutors to come for the program. If you would like to attend, participate in the service or the discussion, write something about how you or the students you tutored benefited from the program, or make a donation toward the Kiddush, please RSVP at <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/tutor2015>.

## Fall Membership Package

- half price dues for the first year
- free religious school for the first child and half price for additional children for the first year a child is enrolled in our school
- two free Shabbat dinners at the shul for the entire family during the first year of membership

Know someone who might be interested?  
Tell them about Tifereth Israel!

## September Highlights at Tifereth Israel

September 7	S'lihot Program, <i>One Day After Peace</i> (see Gevarim column, page 8 for details), 10:30.p.m.; S'lihot Service, midnight
September 8	Kol Nashim Book Club, at home of Margie Odle, 7:30 p.m.
September 12	Dan Nathan and Shepherd Tutoring Volunteers will be honored at Shabbat services. SHALEM following Kiddush will feature the Tutoring Program
September 13-15	Rosh Hashanah (see schedule, page 13)
September 21	Monday Lunch & Learn <i>Parashat HaShavuah</i> , 11 a.m.; Lunch 12 noon
September 22-23	Yom Kippur (see schedule, page 14)
September 28- October 6	Sukkot, Sh'mini Atzeret & Simhat Torah (see schedule, page 15)

### President's Column (continued)

there had no vehicle service available but, seeing her distress, several people with jumper cables and the time/energy to help came to her assistance. After a few failed attempts, someone did get the car to start.

After Andrea arrived we shifted our Shabbat conversation to the usual -- the joys of the past week and things we are thankful for. As to the retirement celebration, knowing of my habit for writing thank you notes, each person chose a set of blank note cards for my future use and used one of the cards to share their appreciation for me. Lovely.

And, one of the gifts was a membership at the Phillips Gallery which will jump start a re-invigorated exploration of all the museum

offerings in DC for me and Lynne to enjoy.

In the past, my resolutions have led me to more reading and more time spent on Hebrew and religious studies of various types. Many of these have been enriched by opportunities available through TI and its staff and members.

This year, I am looking forward to another period of reflection, personal improvement and new undertakings. This will certainly be enhanced with the many valuable resources available at TI. My hope is that we all will find time to reflect and explore in 5776 and continue to inspire, educate and support each other as valuable members of this amazing community.

### Pre-Kol Nidre Donations

Before Kol Nidre services the Social Action Committee will be holding its annual empty-your-pockets campaign to raise money for a local charity. This year the recipient will be **La Clinica del Pueblo**, a federally-qualified non-profit health center serving the Latino and immigrant populations of the Washington, DC metro area.

La Clinica del Pueblo's clients are predominantly of Hispanic origin, are more comfortable in a language other than English and have incomes below 200% of the poverty level. The organization provides patient, mental health, substance abuse and interpreter services.

## New Members Jared Garelick

### Sarah Sorscher and Marcus Hedrick

Sarah, a Seattle native, and Marcus, originally from Wichita, moved to Washington in 2010 soon after they both graduated from Harvard Law School, where they met. Sarah works for the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen, where she advocates with the FDA to make drugs and medical devices safer. Marcus works in the General Counsel's office of the Department of Education, where he focuses on disability rights.



Before law school, Sarah graduated from Amherst College, after which she took some time off from school. Among other things, she did a year fellowship with Avodah, the Jewish service corps, in New York.

Marcus did his undergraduate studies at Wichita State University, taking a few years off during college to serve in the army, which included service in Iraq.

Sarah and Marcus have two children, a son **Samuel** (who goes by Wiley) who is three, and a year-old daughter, **Rose**. They are active members of their neighborhood community board in the Parkview neighborhood of DC.

They learned about TI when Sarah met TI's Executive Director Jevera Temsky, who also formerly worked for Avodah, in their neighborhood. That makes Jevera TI's Magnet Executive Director of the Month. After attending a tot Shabbat at TI, Sarah decided it was the right place for their family.

### Paula Amann

Paula, a Chicago native who grew up in the Detroit area, now lives in Silver Spring with her ten-year-old daughter, **Daniela**. Paula studied field biology as an undergraduate and graduate student at the University of Michigan, but then gravitated into writing and editing. She currently works as a writer and editor for a local consultant, specializing in education and public health topics.

While many people join TI after a little "shul shopping," comparing a few different synagogues, Paula's selection drew from a far deeper foundation of research. She spent seven years as the news editor of *Washington Jewish Week*, and got to know all the local synagogues and rabbis.

Paula relates that Rabbi Seidel in particular was helpful when



### **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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## New Members (continued)

she wrote a book, *Journeys to a Jewish Life: Inspiring Stories from the Spiritual Journeys of American Jews*. The book consists of oral histories, examining the various paths taken by people who have returned to Judaism.

Daniela, her mother reports, is a warm, high-spirited girl who loves the outdoors as well as music (she plays piano), dance, reading, and soccer. Paula herself enjoys reading, native plants gardening, and music.

Paula says she and Daniela were looking for a Jewishly-committed synagogue with a strong religious school. They found all that in TI, as well as a warm and welcoming community. They have enjoyed attending Shabbat morning services and staying for lunch with their new TI friends.

### Krayna and Rabbi Charles Feinberg

Krayna and Chuck have lived in Washington for nine years, during most of which Chuck served as a rabbi at



another conservative synagogue in the District. So, like Paula, they too know more than a little about the local synagogue business.

Chuck is now Executive Director of Interfaith Action for Human Rights, a start-up non-profit organization concerned with human rights issue.

Chuck grew up on the North Shore of Chicago, and Krayna is from Boston. Together they have lived in a variety of places where Chuck has served as a rabbi since graduating from the Jewish Theological Seminary, including Madison, Wisconsin; Poughkeepsie, New York; and Vancouver, British Columbia.

Krayna is a semi-retired special education and reading teacher. She continues to tutor children learning to read, and volunteers at the Capital City Public Charter School. Krayna also has a creative side – she has a crafts business that sells her textile “kreations” online, which you can find at [kraynaskreations.com](http://kraynaskreations.com). Krayna and Chuck have three adult children, two daughters and a son, as well as one adored granddaughter.

Besides their professional activities, Chuck likes to ride a bike, Krayna is a member of a few book groups, and together they enjoy gardening.

Krayna and Chuck now have a new garden to work, as they moved last year into the Shepherd Park neighborhood where TI is located. They were seeking a place where they could work at home, walk to synagogue, and have easy access to public transportation. They found all that in the upper 16<sup>th</sup> Street area, along with one of the most vibrant Jewish communities in the region, where, as they noted, one has the choice of three or four different Shabbat services on any given Saturday morning.

Welcome, and *shanah tovah*, to this month's featured new members!

## News from Goettingen

### Naomi Revzin

In addition to the weekly cycle of activities, the Gemeinde congregation in Goettingen, Germany is adding special events to prepare for the High Holidays.

Dr. Martin Heinzelmann, who is in charge of maintaining significant sites in the nearby town of Geismar, will give a lecture on the Geismar Jewish cemetery. The cemetery, which is located on the town's southern boundary, was redesigned fifty years ago as a memorial, and today little is known about its earlier configuration or appearance.

The Gemeinde will welcome the New Year with a festival on Sunday 20, to which the Goettingen community is invited. The event, in the Gemeinde's park, will begin in the afternoon and will feature music, art, and culture. Such a festival might be something for TI (and possibly Ohev Shalom) to consider for the Shepherd Park community.

### Beginning Hebrew

Allan Tulchin will teach a 9-session class in beginning Hebrew on Sundays, 9:15-10:10 a.m., starting October 11. The class is free, but participants must buy the \$20 book, *Alef Isn't Tough*. The sign-up deadline is **October 2**.

## Lifelong Learning

### Eitan Gutin

#### School Opens Sunday, September 13

We are looking forward to another banner year for both the Himmelfarb (K-6th) and Jr. Chai (7th & 8th) schools in 2015-2016. There are still limited spaces available in some grades. Contact **Marla Sevi** for more information at [Marla@Tifereth-Israel.org](mailto:Marla@Tifereth-Israel.org).

Note: the Vav Class (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) will meet for the first time on Shabbat, September 12.

#### Please Welcome Arielle Derby

**Arielle Derby**, who will be joining the Jr. Chai faculty, is a recent transplant to Silver Spring from New York City by way of North Carolina. She spent the last eight years at the Lerner Jewish Day School in Durham, where she was a teacher in the 2nd, 4th, and 5th grades, the Director of Judaic Studies, and the Principal. Arielle will be teaching Shoah, Life Cycle, and *Tzedakkah* to our 8th graders on Sunday mornings.

#### Shabbat Morning Groups begin September 12

Join us every Shabbat morning during the school year when we

provide engaging, fun, and educational programs for TI's tots and school-aged kids. Our programs always begin at 10:30 a.m. and run until 12 noon. Watch your email for more information about this year's offerings.

#### USY Opening Event, September 7

USY Cleans Up & Pizzas Out!, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. TI USYers (9th-12th) will make our playground sparkle and bounce when they cut back plants, clean equipment, and refill the playground with rubber mulch. After working hard we will all enjoy a Pizza Party and celebrate the new year together.

#### Yom Kippur, September 23

After Minhah on Yom Kippur afternoon, we will hold our second annual "Teen Shmooze" with Eitan.

#### Erev Sukkot, September 27

On Sunday before Sukkot, Kadima will decorate the TI Sukkah!

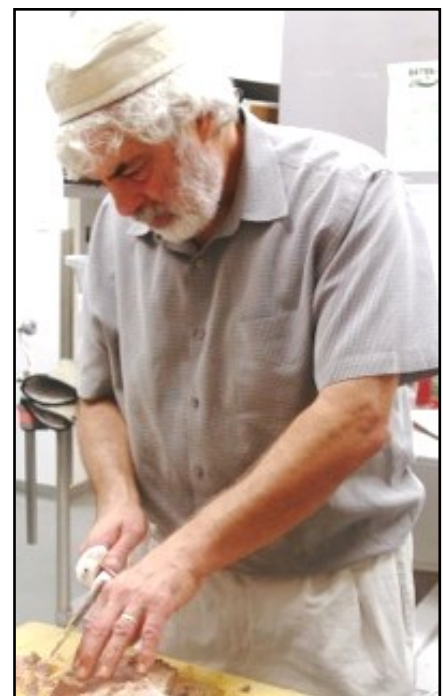
#### October 1

USY will join the Rabbi in the Sukkah to learn about social justice in the DC

metro area and how teens (and adults) can get involved.

#### October 3

Kadima's Babka on the Balcony is back! 10:00 a.m. in the balcony during Shabbat services.



A special thanks to Mark Verschell, Judah Flum, Eitan Gutin and Roz Kram for preparing a delicious Shabbat dinner at the August 21 "Grill Off"

## Community High Holiday Service

High Holiday services in the Cherner Auditorium this year will be conducted in a **participatory community style**. The service will combine traditional prayers with selected readings and mini-drashes that are appropriate for **congregants of all ages**.

Services will be held on Rosh Hashanah Day 1, Kol Nidrei and Yom Kippur morning. At all other times, those with Cherner tickets are welcome to join services in the Wolman Sanctuary.

### Leading the Service

Daniel Pedersen will lead key parts of the Cherner service. Other congregants will help lead as well, making this a true community experience.

Each part of the traditional service will be accompanied by stories, texts and songs which will add meaning to the service by introducing the content of each section, provoking new interpretations and challenging participants to make the High Holiday texts newly relevant to our lives today.

### Many Participatory Options

If you would like an active role in the service, there are many options -- large and small -- from entire portions of the prayers or Torah readings, through small sections of the liturgy (even three lines!), to readings or personal thoughts.

Please contact **Daniel Pedersen** ([pedersen.d@gmail.com](mailto:pedersen.d@gmail.com)) if you would like to:

- lead a new prayer
- write a mini-drash about one of the themes of the service
- sing a song
- read a text
- share your inspirations for the Holidays and the New Year

If you would like to participate but don't know what you'd like to do, please contact Daniel Pedersen.

Possible topics to consider include *T'shuvah* (Repentance), *Shofar*, *Malchuyot* (Royalty and Nobility), *Zikhront* (Memories), selections

from the Torah and Haftarah readings of the day.

Links to some of the tunes and songs will be posted in advance so that you can learn them and sing with full enjoyment, along with everyone there!

Kids are encouraged to lead parts of the service, too!

We hope you will join us for services in the Cherner, and also bring your friends.

*Shanah Tovah!*

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## TI Centennial Cynthia Peterman

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)

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. We are especially looking for someone to manage publicity.

Why not join us! Please contact us at [tcentennial@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:tcentennial@tifereth-israel.org).

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## Help Us Meet Our Goal!

### Howard Riker, Development Vice President

TI's Annual Appeal helps fund the annual General Operating Budget.

This fund-raising effort is distinct from dues collections. Contributions are a supplemental revenue source that help defray costs for 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.

As the High Holidays approach, please keep the synagogue in mind and consider making a contribution to the Annual Appeal.

Also, please consider participating in the upcoming **Parking Space Auction** in September for the opportunity to park your car in a dedicated TI parking space during the new year. Details have been posted on the synagogue web site, and raffle proceeds will benefit the Annual Appeal.

We are counting on everyone's participation to meet our \$130,000 goal.

Very best wishes for a healthy, happy and successful new year!

## KN Book Club

Jessica Weissman

The next meeting of the Kol Nashim Book Club is **September 8**, at the home of Margie Odle and Carl Bergman.

**YOU DON'T NEED TO PREPARE!** There is no reading; we will discuss suggestions and select books for the coming months.

Please send your suggestions to me at [knbook@tifereth-israel.com](mailto:knbook@tifereth-israel.com). We alternate fiction and non-fiction. Books should have Jewish content, stimulate discussion, and be readable by a person with other obligations in life during the month between meetings.

We especially need suggestions for non-fiction books that are not memoirs and don't center on the Holocaust.

For our **October 20** meeting we will read Stuart Rojstaczer's novel, *The Mathematician's Shiva*. It centers on a man's memories of his mathematician mother. Those of you who are fond of Madison, Wisconsin will enjoy the setting.

All are welcome to our meetings, including mathematicians of any gender.

## Kol Nashim

Louise Parker Kelley

### Kol Nashim Book Club

The KN Book Club will meet on September 8 at 7:30. See article to the left for details.

### Events

The KN Board meeting will take place September 16 at Rose Ellen's house.

Save the date! Kol Nashim presents **"Pita and Flatbreads with Jessica"** on October 18 at Tifereth Israel.



Learn how to bake these tasty treats with help from **Jessica Weissman**. Further food, fun and *frum* events are coming up.

Kol Nashim presents **"Improv Theater"** at TI the evening of November 14. Bring your skit ideas and we'll have a good time entertaining each other.

## Gevarim

Andrew Reamer



### Movie Nite @ TI

The movie for September will be shown as part of S'lihot observance, on **Saturday, September 5**, 10:30 p.m., *One Day After Peace* (2012, 86 minutes). Discussion after the movie will be led by **Rabbi Seidel**.

Can the means used to resolve the conflict in South Africa be applied to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict? **Robi Damelin** is someone who experienced both conflicts firsthand.

Born in South Africa during the apartheid era, she later lost her son, who was serving with the Israeli Army reserve in the Occupied Territories. When her attempts to initiate a dialogue with the Palestinian who killed her child were rejected, she returned to South Africa to learn more about its Truth and Reconciliation Committee's efforts to overcome years of enmity. Robi's thought-provoking journey leads from a place of deep personal pain to a belief that a better future is possible.

**Sunday, October 25**, 7:30 p.m., *Arguing the World* (1998, 106 minutes). Discussion after the movie will be led by **David (Carla) Cohen**.

This documentary tells the story of a hotbed of Jewish intellectualism, New York's City College, around 1930, and follows the careers of four of the greatest minds to emerge from that environment, Daniel Bell, Nathan Glazer, Irving Howe and Irving Kristol. The film serves as a powerful record both of American intellectual history and of the peculiar role of a generation of Jewish thinkers in riding and shaping that history.

## Family Alert Program

Morris Rodenstein

To TI members who own cemetery property at Mount Lebanon Cemetery: Mount Lebanon is offering a free new benefit called Family Alert. This system allows subscribers to sign-up for a wallet-sized card and a key ring fob.

In the event of a medical emergency, medical personnel could quickly call the program's toll-free number. The Family Alert people then would contact that individual's emergency contacts, thereby allowing them to respond as quickly as possible.

Enrollees subsequently will be called every year or two to maintain updated emergency contact information in their file.

If you wish to take advantage of the Family Alert benefit or have questions, contact Morris Rodenstein, Mount Lebanon Cemetery's Jewish Community Service counselor at 301-980-6115 or via email at [morris.rodensten@dignitymemorial.com](mailto:morris.rodensten@dignitymemorial.com).

*L'shanah tovah!*



## Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers

### Barbara Raimondo

#### Acquiring

TI members **Rebecca** and **Tamir Damari** and big brother **Dov** are delighted to announce that **Sivan Raphael Damari** was born on August 9 at 12:54 p.m. At birth he was 8 pounds, 5 ounces and 21 1/4 inches long.

TI members **Rebecca** and **Ray Coleman** are thrilled to welcome their first grandchild, **Maya Faye**, who was born on June 28, and weighed 8 pounds, 2.5 ounces.

And members **Andrew** and **Jackie Roshwalb** are delighted to announce their son, **Uri Roshwalb**, was born on June 30 at 6:35 p.m., weighing 9 pounds, 6 ounces, and stretching 21 inches long. Assorted babies, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, cousins, second cousins twice removed, relatives they have never met, and family pets are doing well.

**Myrna Goldman** took a two-week USY for Adults trip to Poland, Budapest, and Prague in July. Her usual travel companion, her sister, **Harriet Ainbinder**, accompanied her for the Poland part of the trip. **Mark** and **Mona Berch** were in the tour group as well. In Poland they visited Warsaw, Lublin, Krakow, and Lodz.

The group was led by **Jules Gutin**, **Eitan's** father. It was a meaningful trip and, of course, difficult, with many ghettos, Holocaust memorials, museums, and concentration camps. It was very worthwhile and important. Myrna highly recommends it to anyone -- there will probably be one next summer -- and she is happy to provide information and advice.

#### Retiring

**Bruce Berger** has retired from the practice of law after 40 years. That's one fewer lawyer in DC! Shortage alert! He began an MFA program

in Creative Writing at American University at the end of August. Keep your eyes peeled for his new works!

On August 17 Arcadia Publishing will release *LGBT Baltimore*, a book about the struggle for equality in Maryland's largest city. Edited by TI'er **Louise Parker Kelley**, it features over 150 images of events and artifacts from 1973 to 2014. It's the first book ever published about Baltimore's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history. A photo of TI member and Trans activist **Dana Beyer** is included as well. It is available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Not to advertise or anything.

At the World's Fair of Money in Chicago, **Simcha Kuritzky's** article on Israel's Money and Idolatry was given the Numismatic Literary Guild's Best World Paper Money Article in a Magazine award. He placed three exhibits, which all took first place in their class: Pidyon Haben Coins and Tokens, Engraved Coins of the Ba'al Shem Tov Amulet, and The History of Modern Zionism through Numismatics. He has presented on all of these topics at various Tikunim Leil Shavuot at or sponsored by TI.

Also in the Windy City, **Abraham Secular** graduated from the University of Chicago in June with two BS degrees, one in math, the other in computer science. He moved to California in August to begin work as a software engineer at Google.

#### Perspiring

**Neshama Rovinski** completed her first year at St. John's College and celebrated by going "WWOOF-ing," whose acronym stands for "willing workers on organic farms." In this case it was St. John's Monastery in Larissa, Greece, in the midst of the great Greek financial crisis. History, free public transportation, and all the carrots you can eat!

**Barbara Raimondo** was also in Greece as the big vote was taking place. She was attending the International Congress on Education of the Deaf in Athens, a gathering of 700-plus teachers, administrators, researchers, parents, and advocates from around the world.

Prior to that, she and husband **Dennis Kirschbaum** spent two weeks tooling around Israel. This was Dennis's 13<sup>th</sup> trip to the homeland. Shortly after returning to the other homeland he began a new job as interim Executive Director at University of Rochester Hillel. Enough with the snow jokes, all right?

Never a dull moment with the **Herman** family! First, as president in perpetuity of the Takoma Park Independence Day committee, **Gene** has to sweat all the details that make the day a success. Helping him this year were TI members **Seth Grimes**, a Takoma Park City Council member and parade Grand Poobah; and secondary poobot **Stan Grabia**, **Larry Baizer**, **Howard Sumka**, **Ed Koren**, **David Cohen (Elana)** and **Jared Garelick**. Next year, they promise to include some women.

In late July, **Esther** and Gene traveled to Marblehead, Massachusetts to visit with **Rabbi Buddy** and **Babs Abramowitz** in their beautiful sea-side home. They were also able to visit **Elizabeth** and **Dan Berman**, out-of-town members, and **Judy** and **Mark Arnold**, former TI members of long ago.

In August the Hermans traveled to Hawaii with children **Rachel** and **Joseph Firschein**, and grandchildren **Jenny** and **Ava**. After that Jenny and cousins **Jessica** and **Adam Cohen** had their first sleep-away camp experiences at Camps Louise and Airy. Finally, eldest granddaughter **Talia Liu** went on the

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Thirteen TI'ers (including Lynne List, the photographer) enjoyed a lovely walk in the woods during the Full Moon Hike on Sunday evening, August 2. Hikers saw spiders and their webs, interesting tree formations and toads and frogs, and heard the sounds of the woods, birds, chirping insects and rushing water in Rock Creek. The moon did not rise above the trees until later that night.

## Nayes un Mekhayes (continued)

Birthright trip to Israel in May and finished the summer with internships at Temple and Widener Universities. She will serve on the Hillel board at Rice University in Houston this year.

And if you get all those names straight you have a chance to win publication of your very own announcement in the next N un M!

### Sad News

**Estera Waldman**, mother of TI member **Harry Waldman (Susan Morse)**, died in August. She was a Holocaust survivor and was 95. Funeral services were held in New York.

**Pearl Weitman**, mother of TI member **Dov Weitman (Sylvia Horwitz)**, died in July. She was 87. Burial was in Farmingdale, NY.

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, *jocund*: "marked by or suggestive of high spirits and lively mirthfulness" (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](mailto:baraimondo@gmail.com), with "Nayes un Mekhayes" in the heading, or to P.O. Box 466, Washington Grove, MD 20880.

This brings to a close this mention of the philoprogenitive choir in Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers.

## YK Break Fast & Sukkot Dinner

**Yom Kippur Break Fast**, Wednesday, September 25 after Neilah service. Please sign up online by **Monday, September 7** at <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/breakfast2015>.

Volunteer cooking for the Break Fast on **Tuesday, September 8** at 7 p.m. Please sign up online at <http://tinyurl.com/TICooking>.

**Shabbat Sukkot Dinner** on Friday, October 2, following Family Service (6:00 p.m.) and regular Kabbalat Shabbat Service (6:30 p.m.). Please sign up online by **Thursday, September 24** at <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/sukkot2015>.

## Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

### September 4

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 Yochanan Sullivan

### September 11

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 David & Rona Siskind  
 Audrey Smith  
 Aaron & Reva Snow  
 Dan & Elizabeth Sokolov  
 Frank Solomon & Laurie Russell  
 Sarah Sorscher & Marcus Hedrick  
 Louis & Madge Lee Specter  
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### September 18

Jonathan Strum  
 Marc Suddleson & Molly Surden  
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 JT & Naomi Taransky  
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 Susan Vitale

### September 25

David Wachtel & Jennifer Goldstein  
 Harry Waldman & Susan Morse  
 Marc Warshawsky & Vivian Seidner  
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### October 16

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## Bar Mitzvah

I'm **Aidan Moorehead** and I will become a Bar Mitzvah on September 5, *Parashah Ki Tavo*. After completing the Hebrew program at TI and six years at Elsie Whitlow Stokes Elementary School, I am a rising eighth grader at Alice Deal Middle School.

I live in Washington, DC, with my parents and my two younger siblings, Patrick and Helen, who also attend TI's Hebrew program. We do not have any pets, although we are pushing for a dog (wink, wink; nudge, nudge).

I love to travel abroad, play tennis, speak French, play piano, and sketch and design clothes. I had a lot of fun this summer as we went traveling to Europe to see family in Slovenia and, eventually, to Paris, France.

I look forward to becoming a Bar Mitzvah at TI where I have seen so many of my friends become B'nei Mitzvah. See everybody on September 5!



## High Holiday Schedule

### Saturday, September 5

10:30 p.m.	S'lihot Program (see Gevarim, page 8)
Midnight	S'lihot Service

### Sunday, September 6

9:30 a.m.–2 p.m.	Jeremy Goldberg Synagogue Clean-Up (part 1)
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### Monday, September 7

9:30 a.m.–2 p.m.	Jeremy Goldberg Synagogue Clean-Up (part 2)
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### Sunday, September 13

9:30 a.m.– 11 a.m.	Social Action Holiday Food Delivery
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## High Holiday Schedule (continued)

### Rosh Hashanah

#### Sunday, September 13 Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:30 p.m. Ma'ariv

#### Monday, September 14 Rosh Hashanah Day 1

##### Wolman Sanctuary (assigned seating)

8:45 a.m. P'sukei D'Zimrah & Shoharim  
 10:00 a.m. Torah reading  
 11:00 a.m. Sermon by Rabbi Ethan Seidel, Musaf

##### Cherner Auditorium

9:15 a.m. Shoharim  
 10:15 a.m. Torah parade and Torah reading, followed by Musaf

##### Tot Service - Reamer Chapel

10:30 a.m. Following the Cherner Auditorium Torah parade  
 (For children aged 18 months to 5 years together with their parents)

##### Youth Activities & Babysitting

9:00 a.m. Babysitting opens for children ages 18 months to pre-K  
 10:00 a.m. Quiet room (reading, studying) opens for children grades 4 to 7  
 10:00 a.m. Youth activities begin for children grades K to 7  
 12:30 p.m. Youth activities end; Supervised play for all ages begins  
 1:00 p.m. Babysitting and supervised play ends

##### Afternoon & Evening

5:00 p.m. Tashlikh walk from TI to Rock Creek Park  
 5:45 p.m. Potluck at the home of Lillian Kronstadt, 1733 Juniper Street, NW  
 7:00 p.m. Minhah and Ma'ariv

#### Tuesday, September 15 Rosh Hashanah Day 2

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

Schedule same as Day 1

##### Youth Activities & Babysitting

Schedule same as Rosh Hashanah Day 1

#### Sunday, September 20 Cemetery Service

10:45 a.m. Mt. Lebanon Cemetery

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## High Holiday Schedule (continued)

### Yom Kippur

#### Tuesday, September 22 Kol Nidre

6:30 p.m. Activities and babysitting for children 18 mo. to 3rd grade  
 6:35 p.m. sharp! Services in both Wolman and Cherner  
 Youth activities for 4th-7th graders begin after chanting of Kol Nidre

#### Wednesday, September 23 Yom Kippur

##### Wolman Sanctuary

8:45 a.m. P'sukei D'Zimrah and Shaharit  
 10:30 a.m. Torah reading  
 11:30 a.m. Sermon - Rabbi Seidel  
 12 noon Yizkor memorial service  
 12:30 p.m. Musaf

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

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

4:00 p.m. Minhah  
 5:20 p.m. Talk and discussion  
 Teen Shmooze with Eitan Gutin  
 6:20 p.m. Neilah  
 7:40 p.m. Shofar & Ma'ariv

Break Fast Immediately following the Service

## Sukkot, Sh'mini Atzeret & Simhat Torah Schedule

### Sunday, September 27

- 9:15 a.m. Himmelfarb School Sukkah Building at Members' Homes in the Community  
10:00 a.m. Kadima Decorating the TI Sukkah

### Monday, September 28, First Day Sukkot (*Office Closed*)

- 9:00 a.m. Sukkot Festival Service, followed by Kiddush in the Sukkah  
12 Noon Light Kiddush in the Sukkah  
12:15 p.m. Sukkah Walk Touring TI Families' Sukkot in the Neighborhood

### Tuesday, September 29, Second Day Sukkot (*Office Closed*)

- 9:00 a.m. Sukkot Festival Service, followed by Kiddush in the Sukkah

### Thursday, October 1

- 6:30 p.m. Jews United for Justice House Meeting on DC Paid Family Leave Bill,  
including a Light Dinner in the Sukkah

### Friday, October 2

- 6:00 p.m. Family Service, followed by Dinner in the Sukkah  
6:30 p.m. Erev Shabbat Service, followed by Dinner in the Sukkah

### Saturday, October 3

- 9:00 a.m. Shabbat Service. Followed by Kiddush in the Sukkah

### Sunday, October 4, Hoshanah Rabbah

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Service, followed by Kiddush in the Sukkah

### Monday, October 5, Sh'mini Atzeret / Erev Simhat Torah (*Office Closed*)

- 9:00 a.m. Festival Service  
11:00 a.m. Yizkor Memorial Service, followed by Kiddush in the Sukkah  
7:00 p.m. Festival Service with Marching, Singing & Celebrating

### Tuesday, October 6, Simhat Torah (*Office Closed*)

- 9:00 a.m. Festival Service  
10:15 a.m. Kiddush in the Reamer Chapel  
10:30 a.m. Hakafot with Marching, Singing & Celebrating

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