



The Menorah

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Notes from the Rabbi: Ethan Seidel

Shul Night at Theatre J/Parenting Class

Here are two new things for the TI community that we've planned for the fall:

The new artistic director of Theatre J, Adam Immerwahr, (who recently delivered such a lovely *drash* here at TI) has an idea. Theater J would like to offer our congregants a place outside of shul to engage with our community and Jewish culture.

We can choose a date (or dates) for the show(s) of our choice this season, receive a discount offer, and offer our members the opportunity to attend the theater with their friends and fellow congregants. In addition, there would be a post-show discussion, led by me, and/or others in the TI community. If we booked five different plays, they would list our synagogue logo on theaterj.org as a partner organization.

You can find the line-up for the coming season at the Theatre J website: <http://washingtondc.jcc.org/center-for-arts/theater-j/on-stage/16-17-season/>.



This is all still in the planning stages, but I got the feeling from Adam this is going to happen. Are you in? I am.

Would you like to help organize this for TI? I'd help you with it.

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President's Column: John List

The First Meeting of the New Board

There are 25 congregants on the TI Board of Directors. At the Annual Meeting in May, seven new people were elected to the Board. A mix of re-elected and newly elected members seems to serve TI well by balancing the advantage of continuity and experience with new members who introduce different perspectives and imperatives.

The list of the current members of the Board of Directors can be found on the TI website at: <http://www.tifereth-israel.org/board-directors>.

The first meeting of the 2016-2017 Board, held on June 14, was structured to be different from past beginnings and designed to address important issues, some of which surfaced at the Annual

Meeting. We began with an informal social gathering so that the Board members and the staff could get to know each other better.

Over dinner in the Cherner, the staff -- Rabbi Seidel, Jevera Temsky, Roz Kram, Sheri Blonder, Grant Maxfield, and Emma Glaser -- and Board members introduced themselves and addressed in one minute or less the question: "Why TI?"



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Notes from the Rabbi (continued)

Let me know: (1) which of the plays you would like to see; and (2) what days of the week are best for you.

The second item of interest beginning this fall is that TI'er Rabbi Sarah Meytin and I are planning to co-teach a monthly class in parenting on Sunday mornings.

These sessions are planned for the last hour of Sunday school, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. We plan to combine our own wisdom as parents with the wisdom of our tradition, as well as use the insights in some of the many recent books written about the subject.

No doubt Sarah and I will disagree on some points, but that is all to the good, for there is no one-size-fits-all

approach to parenting. So much depends on the individual parent(s), and on the particular child.

Another advantage of team-teaching this class: we may be able to shed light on different generational approaches; her children are in elementary school, while mine are in their 20's. The classes are scheduled for October 9, November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5, March 19, and May 21.

I hope you will consider joining us! All are welcome.

Rabbi Seidel

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Visits by Rabbi Seidel

Are you homebound, or hospital-bound, and would like a visit from Rabbi Seidel? Or do you know of someone in the congregation who could use such a visit?

Please let Rabbi Seidel know, either by phone at 202-882-1605 x 302. or by email at tirabbi@tifereth-israel.org.

Israel Committee Brunch on BDS and Anti-Semitism

TI's Israel Committee is sponsoring a brunch discussion on **Sunday, July 10**, at 10 a.m., on "Campus Anti-Semitism and the BDS Movement."

The cost of the brunch is \$15 per person. The deadline for sign up, at tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/campus2016, is **July 5**.

The spreading Boycotts, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel contributes to hostile environments for Jewish college students.

Brunch speaker Attorney Aviva J. Vogelstein, of the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, works with students nationwide to combat these issues. She will address anti-Semitism and BDS on college campuses, when anti-Israelism crosses the line into anti-Semitism, and legal responses to dealing with these problems.

President's Column (continued)

Congregant Presentation

This first Board meeting was also atypical in that we began with a congregant, who asked to address the Board. Kim Levone shared her thoughts and concerns regarding youth and teen programming. Her comments echoed concerns expressed at the Annual Meeting about whether and when appropriate activities would be developed for youth and teens in addition to other Lifelong Learning programs.

As a direct result of Kim's appearance at the Board meeting, I have had a series of follow-up communications with the Rabbi, Chris Zeilinger (VP of Lifelong Learning) and several congregants about specific programming suggestions and recommendations and who should be engaged in the planning.

We determined that youth and teen activities will be a high priority for the new Director of Community Engagement, that the Chai School will be an early priority for the new Director of Education (see more about those positions below), and that both new staff directors would work closely with the Youth Committee. I am happy to include congregant input at Board meetings, I appreciate its value, and promise similar follow-up to anyone who wants to raise issues important to them.

My Four Major Objectives

I began the formal meeting with the four major objectives that I saw as important for the next year:

First, that we plan, monitor and execute financial operations with the intent that the Board will not seek a dues increase in May 2017, and report our financial position to the Congregation on a regular basis.

Secondly, that the Board will commit to fully support and evaluate the newly-created positions along with all of our existing staff personnel. To

accomplish this will require us to look at existing structures and the role of lay leadership.

Thirdly, that the Board will focus on how we support and encourage the agreed upon Congregational emphasis for 2017: TI's Centennial Year and the "Listening Campaign" which the Rabbi has initiated.

Finally, that an overarching area of emphasis for this year will be to improve the Board's engagement and communications with the TI community.

Actions by the Board

The Board approved four very important action items that will greatly enhance the TI community.

We approved the hiring for both of the new staff positions. We have hired **Rina Rebibo**, part-time, as Director of Education, beginning July 1, under a one-year contract. Rina was recommended by the Search Committee.

The Board also hired TI member **Wilhelmina Gottschalk**, beginning July 1 under a one-year contract, as the part-time Director of Community Engagement. Wilhelmina's hiring was the result of a targeted outreach to her. You can read more about these talented women in the article on page 5 by the Vice President of Lifelong Learning, Chris Zeilinger.

In addition, the Board agreed to add TI to the list of synagogues participating in and supporting the Washington Jewish Community Orlando Solidarity Gathering which was held at Adas Israel Congregation on June 16.

And, in response to the recommendation of the Social Action Committee and with the enthusiastic support of the Rabbi, TI joined the HIAS Welcome Campaign. This is a year-long program for synagogues to engage in education, advocacy,

event hosting, partnership building and helping refugees in our local community.

These activities will be coordinated by TI's Social Action Committee. If you are interested, please contact Gene Herman or Claudine Schweber of the Social Action Committee or Varda Fink, VP for Social Action.

I would like to emphasize that to accomplish our objectives and organize community activities we hope that TI remains a place where everyone is engaged and committed. While the Board has been elected to develop policy, to achieve our best results we need the input and help of congregants to work with us on committees and volunteer for specific tasks.

If you are interested to learn more and/or offer your help, please send a message to me (tipresident@tifereth-israel.org) and enter "2017" in the subject line.

Juniper St. Collection

Tifereth Israel is now collecting professional accessories for **A Wider Circle**.

The best guide for whether an item is useful is "Will these items best help an individual to look polished and professional in his or her job interview?" The collection is limited to the following accessories:

- Purses
- Briefcases and portfolios
- Belts
- Ties
- Professional looking jewelry

The collection ends **Monday, July 25**. Place donations in the wicker basket at the Juniper Street entrance to TI.

New Members Jared Garelick

Help a Shul Shopper

People tend to join synagogues in advance of the High Holidays or the start of the Hebrew school academic year in September. That means summertime is peak shul shopping season, when prospective members visit to decide whether a particular synagogue is a good fit for them.

If you see a stranger at services, say hello, and introduce them to other members. And if you know someone who might be interested in joining a synagogue, invite them to visit TI. You might turn out to be a TI Magnet Member!

Stephanie Weber

Originally from New Jersey, Stephanie has lived in the Washington area for about 16 years. She now lives in northern Silver Spring. Stephanie is a teacher. She currently teaches reading at a middle school in Annapolis. Besides teaching, Stephanie enjoys ballroom dancing and travel. At press time she was heading off for a Canadian Maritimes adventure, driving through Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

Earlier in her teaching career Stephanie taught for a few years at Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy, where she became friendly with her colleague, and TI member, Ra-

chel Seidel. That makes Rachel our TI Rabbinical Spouse Magnet Member of the Month. Stephanie enjoys the services at TI and looks forward to meeting people and becoming part of the community.

Welcome to Stephanie, and to any prospective members reading the Menorah as part of their shul shopping due diligence process.



Berry Picking & Picnic With TI Millennials Plus

Join TI Millennials Plus for our annual summer berry picking & picnic at Butler's Orchard on **Sunday, July 24**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Pick your own tasty berries, and then relax and schmooze at our potluck picnic.

Butler's Orchard is open to the public with a Day Pass. Day passes cost \$3 per person; children under age two are free.

Passes grant access to the Pick Your Own Fields, the Farm Park Picnic Area, the Giant slides, and the Nature Trail.

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).

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New Directors of Education, Community Engagement

Chris Zelinger

Tifereth Israel is delighted to welcome **Rina Rebibo** as our new Education Director, and **Wilhelmina Gottschalk** as our new Director of Community Engagement.

Rina Rebibo comes to us from BBYO, where she was North American Director for the Gap Year in Israel program for the past four years. She also has been a DC-area Jewish educator since the 1990s, having taught all ages in a number of diverse congregations' religious schools. She brings a strong set of administrative and leadership skills, combined with a strong educational background.



In addition to her work experience, Rina has solid academic credentials: a bachelor's degree in communications and Hebraic studies from Rutgers, and a master's degree in education from American University. Along the way, she has picked up some radio and television experience.

Rina also brings an eagerness to be part of the TI community. She especially wants to get to know all the parents in our community, whether their children are attending our own Himmelfarb and Chai Schools, or engaging their children with TI in other ways.

Wilhelmina Gottschalk has an MA in Education from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, and has worked in Jewish education for over a decade. She has also been a member of TI since 2011, serving three years as Ritual Vice President.

After moving to Washington DC, Wilhelmina spent three years directing the 150-student religious school of Congregation Beth Emeth in Herndon, VA. There, she also led family education programs, coordinated and created curriculum for student High Holiday services, and organized school-sponsored Shabbat programs and meals.



More recently, Wilhelmina has worked in a variety of roles at Ohr Kodesh in Chevy Chase, including interim religious school director (twice), curricular specialist and, currently, director of the summer program at the Early Childhood Center.

Library News

Michele Sumka

When was the last time you read a physical book? I read some books on my Nook, and my husband Howard usually reads on his iPad. Ever since I started taking seriously the reports about the effect of the blue light from electronic devices on sleep, I've been trying to reduce the amount of time I spend on my devices before I go to bed.

What does this have to do with the library, you may ask? We can't provide an alternative to your rechecking emails before you go to bed, but we can provide an alternative to reading a book on your electronic devices.

I find that reading a physical book in bed before going to sleep is a great way to wind down, unless I'm about to finish a novel that I can't put down.

We have plenty of books in the library to select from -- fiction, memoir, Jewish history (US, Israel and world), theology, Kabbalah, folk tales, feminism, etc., etc.

Here are some books that I read which I recommend you catch up on if you haven't already read them:

All Who Go Do Not Return: A Memoir by Shulem Deen, a fascinating book about his painful exit from Hasidism.

Can't We Talk about Something More Pleasant?: A Memoir by Roz Chast, a graphic account of her relationship with her aging parents.

Jews and Words by Amos Oz and his daughter, Fania Oz-Salzberger.

Among others that come highly recommended are:

My Promised Land by Ari Shavit, a compelling and somewhat controversial history of Zionism.

The Reckoning: Death and Intrigue in the Promised Land---A True Detective Story by Patrick Bishop.

Suddenly, a Knock on the Door: Stories by Etgar Keret.

The Lion Seeker by Kenneth Bonert

Most of these books are on the shelves labeled Recent Acquisitions in the lobby outside the Emsellem Room. Also feel free to browse in the Emsellem Room, especially during the Kiddush lunch on Shabbat!

TI Centennial, 1916–2016

Cynthia Peterman



In a recent column I wrote about TI's early years and our move to 1401 Euclid Street in 1921. Already by the 1930s the building was proving too small for the growing congregation.

When two other synagogues – Ohev Sholom and Agudath Achim – expressed an interest in moving to larger space, the three congregations joined to become TAOS: Tifereth Agudath Ohavay Sholom Congregation. They hired an architect and made plans for building on land owned by Agudath Achim at 13th and Tuckerman.

Donations Sought for Abramowitz Fund

The Rabbi A. Nathan Abramowitz Fund provides scholarships to TI youth who spend a summer or part of a school year in programs that enhance their Jewish education. These include Jewish camps, youth group trips to Israel or similar programs.

To ensure that we can continue to provide scholarships to our youth, we need the help of TI members. Please consider making a donation to the ANA Fund to support their future participation in these programs.

To donate online, go to <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/donate>, click on the box next to "Type", and choose the *A. Nathan Abramowitz Fund*.



By 1956 they could not agree on whose rabbi would lead the joint congregation. TI bought land at 16th and Juniper, and the cornerstone was laid and the building dedicated on September 15, 1957. With pomp and ceremony the Torahs were brought from the Euclid Street building to the new building, along with "trooping the colors" with flags of the Jewish War Veterans and other organizations.



But we were still an Orthodox congregation. When and why did we become Conservative? Wait for my next column!

Can you help us identify these lovely children? This was probably taken in the early to mid-1970s.



We are still collecting memorabilia from Tifereth Israel's history, and we hope you can help us. We are

especially interested in any of the following:

- Photographs of TI events (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).

No item is too small, so please let us know what you have. Contact tfdc100@tifereth-israel.org.

Himmelfarb and Chai School Registration

Registration is now open for the Himmelfarb (K-6th grade) and Chai (7th and 8th grade) Schools for the 2016-2017 school year!

Our schools welcome both members and non-members. New members receive free tuition for the first year for one child and 50% off tuition for other family members.

If you have family members or friends looking for a new Jewish religious school, please tell them about our schools!

Social Action at TI: Stephen Nelson TI's Award-Winning Tutoring Volunteers

Last month's *Menorah* highlighted the Community Partner Award given to Tifereth Israel for its 18-year tutoring program serving Shepherd Elementary students. This month, the Social Action Committee would like to recognize the volunteers who organize and administer the program.

Any such salute must begin with **Dan Nathan**, who helped organize the program and served as the sole coordinator until two years ago. Dan worked tirelessly for years to build the program to what it is today.

When Dan decided to step down, the Social Action Committee searched for volunteers to take the mantle from Dan, and found not one, not two, but five TI members to help run the program. Those five are **Jenny Goldstein**, **David Wachtel**, **Chuck Rombro**, **Pam Stone**, and **Susan Catler**.

Those volunteers decided to divide up the work by function. Rombro and Stone (who are married) handle the contacts with the tutors and students,

making sure that everyone is available on a certain week, and handling situations in which new tutors are needed, or when new students sign onto the program. (While most of the students go to school at Shepherd Elementary, students who attend other schools often find out about the program, and sign on independently.)

The tutors, according to Rombro, are mostly teenage children who become familiar with the program during their B'nei Mitzvah studies, along with many parents. Several tutors come from outside TI as well.

Goldstein and Wachtel (also married) handle the onsite activities at TI every Sunday during the school year, making sure that appropriate rooms are available, and that there are fill-in tutors in the event that a tutor becomes unavailable at the last minute.

Catler, the former President of TI and an active Board Member, serves the important role as the liaison with

Jewish Community Day at Nationals Park Phil Shapiro

Join Gevarim, Kol Nashim and the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington for the second annual Grand Slam Sunday: Jewish Community Day at Nationals Park on August 28, where the Nationals will face the Colorado Rockies!

There will be food, and activities for children and adults starting two hours before the 1:35 p.m. game. We will be sitting with participants from other Jewish organizations in the outfield.

You can purchase tickets for \$32 per seat at shalomdc.org/gss2016 tiferethisrael prior to July 31. Tickets

and tee shirts will be distributed at TI prior to the day of the game.



We Care

& Take Action

Shepherd Elementary and the neighborhood in general, as well as chipping in on a variety of matters.

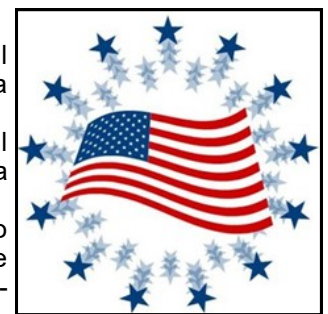
Finally, the Social Action Committee would also like to thank the various members of TI who have served as tutors throughout the program over its 18-year history.

TI in Takoma Park 4th of July Parade

Tifereth Israel is excited to be participating in the Takoma Park 4th of July Parade this summer.

The parade participants arrive at 9 a.m. on Monday July 4 and the parade is over by noon. We are in Division 2 and assemble on Manor Circle.

We will have a banner and will march as a group. There is no rain date for the parade.



If you are interested in marching, please fill out the form at <http://tinyurl.com/TI-TPJuly4Parade> so we can get you any changes to the assembly information.

And if you aren't able to march, but plan on attending the parade, make sure to cheer us as we go by!

Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers

Barbara Raimondo

Way to Go

Hey, lotsa comings and goings this time of year. For one, **Hannah Bergman**, daughter of **Carl Bergman** and **Margie Odle**, is pretty darn happy to announce that her dissertation was accepted in early June. The last "hurdle" to her PhD in clinical psychology from Case Western Reserve is her internship at the Seattle VA that starts in August.

Hannah and her husband, **Mitch Hergett**, headed west in late June, stopping for a visit with his parents in Billings, Montana.

Not to be outdone in the change department, Carl and Margie's other daughter, **Sydney**, is leaving the classroom after nine years of teaching biology at School Without Walls in DC. She has accepted a new position at Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Rockville, Maryland as a Science Education Fellow.

It Adds Up

Oren Steinberg, son of **Julie** and **Jeffrey Steinberg**, won the William Gover Duvall '30 prize from Washington College, awarded to "a graduating senior who, in the judgment of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, has demonstrated outstanding achievement and shows great promise in the field of mathematics."

Needless to say, most mortal humans cannot understand a lick of what he is working on.

And a hearty *mazal tov* to TI members **Krayna** and **Chuck Feinberg** on the arrival of their grandson, **Levi Robert Romick**. He was born June 9 and was 9 lbs. 4 oz. and 22 inches at birth. His parents are **Hannah** and **Brian Romick**.

Word

Zoë Friedman, Montgomery Blair sophomore, Communication Arts Program, won the Bethesda Literary Festival's Young Poet competition. Her poem, "My Great Aunt and Alzheimer's Disease," will be published on the *Bethesda* magazine internet site.

Also, Zoë, along with Jake Foley-Keene and Isadora Germain, won Honorable Mention in the CSPAN National Short Documentary Film competition for their film "Campaign Finance or Campaign Failure."



Zoë Friedman, first row, right

Daddy-o **Arthur Friedman** has completed all certification requirements and is now a certified USATF Level 1 Track and Field coach. Arthur has been hired, in what he calls a "part-time, part-time job" as the head coach for track and field at the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy for both High School and Middle School boys and girls teams.

Arthur has also been selected by the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington as track and field coach, leading a delegation of athletes to the Maccabi Youth Olympic games this summer.

Sad News

Lionel Kestenbaum, a former member of TI, has died in Jerusalem. Lionel, an attorney, and his deceased wife, **Sarah**, a social worker, made aliyah a number of years ago.

TI member **Annette Rosen**, mother of TI member **Elliot Rosen (Sharon Cohen)** and grandmother of **Lillian (Josh Nadas)** and **Joseph**, died in May. She was a few days short of her 93rd birthday. She was buried in Mount Lebanon Cemetery.

TI member **Robert Weiner**, fiancé of TI member **Charlotte Gottlieb**, died in June. He is also survived by his son, **Jerome (Hedy) Bookin-Weiner**, his daughter, **Marilyn (Allen) Kohan**, many grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Mr. Weiner was Executive Director Emeritus of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Washington. Funeral services were held in Maryland.

May their memories be a blessing.

And now for the meaning of last month's word, *emprise*: "an adventurous, daring, or chivalric enterprise" (Merriam-Webster Online).

Thanks to all who sent me news, sent me to others who sent me news, or otherwise helped sniff it out. Send 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 a *ne plus ultra* edition of Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers.

Gevarim

Andrew Reamer

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Movie Nite@TI

In July, Movie Nite@TI continues to present "Hollywood and Anti-Semitism: The Late 1940s"

July 17, 7:30 p.m. *Gentleman's Agreement* with Gregory Peck, Dorothy McGuire, and John Garfield.

Gentleman's Agreement is a 1947 drama film about a journalist who poses as a Jew to research an exposé on anti-Semitism in New York

City and the affluent community of Darien, Connecticut. It was nominated for eight Oscars and won three: Best Picture, Best Supporting Actress (Celeste Holm), and Best Director (Elia Kazan).

Cherner Auditorium. Movie is free, nosh is \$4.

Washington Nationals Baseball

August 28, 1:35 p.m. Jewish Community Day at Nationals Park.

The Nationals play the Colorado Rockies.

Food and activities for children and adults start at 11:30 a.m. Organized by the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington.

We will sit with participants from other Jewish organizations in the outfield. Tickets may be purchased for \$32 at shalomdc.org/gss2016tiferethisrael, prior to **July 31**.

Tickets and tee shirts will be distributed at TI prior to the day of the game.



Rabbi Seidel moderates discussion on June 19 on "Understanding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict" with Professor Edward Kaufman and PLO Ambassador Manual Hassassian

SHALEM

Jessica Weissman

The June SHALEM featured a lively panel discussion on the role of Jewish museums.

Participating speakers included TI'er **Laura Schiavo**, Assistant Professor of Museum Studies at George Washington University; **Christiane Bauer**, Curator, Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington; and **Karen Falk**, Jewish Museum of Maryland. Their diverse points of view drew intense discussion from the audience.

Many SHALEM programs over the next year will be part of the TI Centennial. But if you have a topic you would like to present to your fellow congregants, please let me know.

Anything of Jewish interest is welcome. Jewish interest can be interpreted broadly, and you'll never find a more attentive audience.



BE A CENTENNIAL SUPPORTER!

Volunteer

- Assist with programs
- Graphic design and advertising
- And more!

Donate

- **Historical Exhibition:** Want to sponsor a panel or the entire show? Sponsorships are available between \$100 and \$5,000
- **Kiddushim** for monthly Centennial Shabbat programs: Want to donate toward a *kiddush* or be the sponsor? Sponsorships between \$100 and \$1,600
- **Performances:** We have two fantastic performers coming, but we need your help. Sponsorships between \$100 and \$5,000
- **"Passport to 1916" Opening Program:** Sponsorships between \$50 and \$500
- **Building Banner:** Sponsorships between \$50 and \$1,000

Want to donate? Contact Grant Maxfield in the TI Office: bookkeeper@tifereth-israel.org or 202-882-1605. To learn more about Centennial events or to volunteer, contact Cynthia Peterman, Chair, Centennial Planning Committee: tidc100@tifereth-israel.org.

Kol Nashim

Louise Parker Kelley



Book Club

The KN Book Club will meet on **July 19** and **August 16** at 7:30 p.m. See the article below for details on books and venues.

Upcoming Fall Events

KN and Gevarim are co-sponsoring a night at Nationals Park. **August 28** is Jewish Community Day, and TI'ers will be there for the baseball game! See article on page 7 for details about tickets.

Look for **Reb Devorah Lynn** speaking at TI on **September 18** about her unique trip to Israel, tentatively titled "Off the Rails, Out of the Box."

KN presents: "Who Knew You Could Stuff Bread?" on **November 13**. Bakers will go beyond braiding and



try out some great shaped and filled breads.

Try a star-shaped loaf with layers of chocolate ricotta filling that peek out between the twists, or twisted bread that hides either almond or tahini inside.

Delish! Plus there will be a cookbook swap at the same time.

Jessica Weissman, who is a computer analyst by day and a bibliophile and enthusiastic yeast bread baker by night, will lead the program.

Mark your calendars now for these two fall events!

KN Book Club

Jessica Weissman

The Kol Nashim Book Club will meet on **July 19** at 7:30 pm at **Jessica Weissman's** and **Louise Kelley's** home. Come share books you've enjoyed this year (or before) and help finalize the list of upcoming titles.

Some books we are considering include:

After the Fire by Lauren Belfer (fiction about the discovery of a lost cantata by JS Bach with anti-semitic lyrics).

Tearing the Silence by Ursula Hegi (essays about growing up as a German in America in the 50s and 60s).

Short stories by Clarice Lispector.

Short stories by Molly Antopol.

Selected Poems by Yehuda Amichai (don't panic; his work is accessible and well-translated).

Cynthia Ozick's *Puttermesser Papers* (a novel).

Jonathan Sarna's *American Jews: A History*.

The Mystics of Mile End, by Sigal Samuel.

Christ Stopped at Eboli, by Carlo Levi (not actually about Christ or Christians).

Garden of the Finzi-Continis, by Giorgio Bassani.

The Property or Exit Wounds by Rutu Modan (graphic novels).

Genesis, illustrated version by R. Crumb (yes, that R. Crumb).

Nonfiction suggestions are especially welcome. Even if you don't have a specific book to suggest, please let me know what types of nonfiction books interest you. History? Books on Jewish practice? What else?

Keep in mind that we are now open to books that are not in quantity in the libraries. This opens up many possibilities for older books and books available new in paperback.

The August title is *The Great Partnership, Science, Religion and the Search for Meaning* by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. The Book Club will meet on **August 16** at 7:30 at the home of **Margie Odle** and **Carl Bergman**.

Religious Terminology for Israeli Jews

Mark Berch

Words mean what people say they mean. So words can have different meanings in Israel than in the US. I want to consider here terms about categories of Jews, which might not mean what you think, and may refer to types of Jews we don't tend to see in the US.

“Reform”

In the US, this refers only to the Reform denomination. In Israel, they are commonly called the “Progressive” movement (full formal name: “Israel Movement for Reform and Progressive Judaism in Israel”), but “Reform” is used quite often.

However, in the *haredi* world, and part of the Orthodox world, “Reform” is often used as a derogatory and umbrella term for any non-Orthodox group, including the Conservatives and any liberal movements such as Reconstructionist or Women of the Wall. It is sometimes used as an adjective -- as in “Reform idea” --- for proposals seen as contrary to Torah (as they understand it).

“Masorti”

In the US, this would be understood as the world-wide name for Conservative Judaism, including in Israel. But in Israel, *Masorti* has an older and far more widespread use. *Masorti* literally means “traditional.” *Masortim* are Israelis who perceive themselves, as lying on the spectrum between fully religious (*dati*) and secular (*hiloni*).

It is not a religious movement per se, but a definition by exclusion. The great majority of these are *Mizrahi* (from Arab lands). They resemble religious types in, for example, normally keeping kosher, but resemble secular in not wearing a *kippah* in ordinary life. They typically attend synagogue on Sabbath morning, but not reliably as *dati'im*

would, and generally are not Sabbath observant.

Polls show that *Masortim* constitute almost a third of Israeli Jews. They are numerous enough that they are sometimes subdivided further. Thus, a recent demographic survey of Jerusalem's Jews reported that 13% are traditional-religious and 15% are traditional but not very religious.

“Lithuanian”

This has nothing directly to do with the country. *Haredi* Jews in Israel are quite fragmented. The primary division is between *Sephardi/Mizrahi* and *Ashkenazi*. The latter in turn are divided between *Hasidic* and non-*Hasidic*.

Non-*Hasidic Ashkenazim* are called “Lithuanian” (*Lita'im* in Hebrew) because the original opposition to *Hasidic* Judaism was centered in the region then called Lithuania. Lithuanians wear less complex dress -- typically a white shirt and black suit -- than their *Hasidic* counterparts; they do not wear the knee-length suit jacket (*rekel*) or special socks or Shabbat headwear.

They have their own political party, Degel HaTorah, which is the counterpart to the *Hasidic* Agudat Israel party; the two together constitute the joint-list United Torah Judaism (UTJ) in the Knesset. The term Lithuanian could also be applied in the US --- the yeshivas in Cleveland (Telshe Yeshiva) and in Lakewood, NJ (Beth Midrash G'voha) are Lithuanian, but that term is not commonly used here.

“Haredi/Ultra-Orthodox”

Haredi is translated “ultra-Orthodox” but this is unfortunate for two reasons. First, “ultra” can carry the negative connotation of excessive, or too much. However, who is to say

that any given level of Orthodoxy is too much Orthodoxy?

Secondly, “ultra-Orthodox” is misleading because it implies that this is just further along the Orthodox spectrum. But there are sharp differences between the national religious and the *haredim*. The former for example, rely on *kashrut* certification from the Chief Rabbinate, and send their children to state religious schools. *Haredim* do neither. They send their children to their own educational networks, which do not comply with the state's standards for secular education, and they have their own certification, called *kashrut l'mehadrin*, e.g. Badatz.

The predominant norm for men in the national religious world is to perform army service and to work for a living, and there is a strong attachment to Zionist principles. The opposite is true in the *haredi* world. *Haredim* are usually indifferent to, or actively opposed to, Zionism, especially *Ashkenazi haredim*.

“Hardal”

This is an acronym for *Haredi L'umi*, meaning “Nationalist Haredi.” This occupies a space between the national religious and *haredi* groups. These are primarily religious Zionists whose religious observances (and lifestyle) became substantially more strict than is seen in that world, but are normal in the *haredi* world.

At the same time, they remain Zionists, and generally don't have a strongly negative view of the secular world. Their men study in conventional *Hesder* yeshivas, enter religious units in the IDF, and usually join the work force. *Hardal* Jews are prominent in some of the most intensely nationalist settlements, notably Kiryat Arba, Yitzhar, Ofra and the Hebron enclave.

2016-2017 Tot Shabbat Schedule

2016

July 16
August 20
September 17
October 15
November 19
December 17

2017

January 21
February 18
March 18
April 15
May 20
June 17

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Members are urged to order tickets by **August 15**. After that date the service charge for seats in the Wolman Sanctuary will go up from \$25 to \$50 per seat.

Tickets may be ordered online at <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/hiho2016>

July/August Highlights at Tifereth Israel

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| July 10 | Israel Committee Brunch, "Campus Anti-Semitism and the BDS Movement," 10 a.m. |
| July 11, 18, 25 | Monday Lunch & Learn
<i>Parashat HaShavuah</i> , 11 a.m.; Lunch, 12 noon |
| July 17 | Movie Nite, <i>Gentlemen's Agreement</i> , 7:30 p.m. |
| July 19 | KN Book Club, at home of Louise Kelley and Jessica Weissman, 7:30 p.m. |
| August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | Monday Lunch & Learn
<i>Parashat HaShavuah</i> , 11 a.m.; Lunch, 12 noon |
| August 13 | Erev Tisha B'Av; Ma'ariv Service and chanting of Eikhah, 8:30 p.m. |
| August 16 | KN Book Club, 7:30 p.m., at home of Margie Odle and Carl Bergman. |
| August 26 | Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner, 6:30 p.m. |
| August 28 | Jewish Community Day at Nationals Park (Nationals vs. Rockies); food & activities, 11:30 a.m.; baseball game, 1:35 p.m. |

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July 8

Rabbi Jason & Devora Kimelman-Block
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 Moorehead
 Shemaya & Dori Klar
 Morris Klein & Naomi Freeman
 Aaron Kofner & Anat Shahar
 Roger Kohn
 Allan Kolker
 Edward Koren & Claudine Schweber
 Michael & Lisa Kraft
 Anita Kramer
 Joshua & Francesca Kranzberg
 David & Amy Kritz
 Richard Kruger & Naimah Weinberg
 Matthew Kunkin & Hilary Sachs
 Simcha Kuritzky
 Susan Laden
 Alan Landay
 Robert Lande & Jeri Roth Lande

July 15

Alexander Laufer & Jennifer Siegel
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 John Lister

July 22

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July 29

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