



The Menorah

Notes from the Rabbi: Ethan Seidel Poor Cell Phone Reception

I have attended several discussion groups this past year about very sensitive topics. (In truth, what is the point of a discussion group if you're not going to confront the difficult truths of our existence?) In each of these groups, there were people who had their cell phone out for much of the time, checking incoming messages and mail.

Actually, the phones were not out *all* of the time, which leads me to believe that the abusers were on some level aware of their inappropriateness. At the beginning of the sessions, the cell phones started out in a pocket or a purse. Sometimes, the first use was accompanied by a muttered apology "I just wanted to check on ..."

But once out, the phone was never replaced in pocket or purse for long. And subsequent uses were not preceded by

any apology. To me, it had all the appearances of addictive behavior.

In the same vein, here at TI on Shabbat, cell phones are making inroads. It used to be that I had

to ask only *guests* to put away their cell phones. No longer. And unlike guests, who (almost) always hurriedly put away their phone with abject apologies to me, TI'ers can be indignant. This is their home, after all, just as much as it is mine.



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President's Column: John List Communications and Information

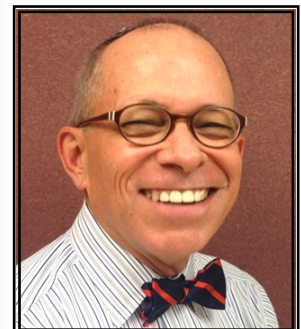
After reflecting back on the past year and listening to feedback from the congregation, I feel extra attention needs to be given to communication with the congregation at large about the activities and decisions of the Board and other lay leadership. While I believe that I and other members of the TI leadership have been communicating both on a personal level and through our current publications, I do not think that this has been sufficient.

On a personal level, many people stop me to ask a question or share their views on issues/events and I have enjoyed discussions that have followed. Other Board members and volunteers in various leadership positions have also been available, either by personal interaction or email. We have also been using the

synagogue's various written and on-line publications such as *The Menorah*, weekly TI newsletter and special event publicity to communicate. In particular, important new initiatives such as our Centennial year have had their own informational feature in *The Menorah*.

I now realize that as helpful as these disseminations of information might be, they are not designed for community

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Notes from the Rabbi (continued)

Truth be told, I have tended to avoid chastising TI'ers about this issue. I don't want to roil relations with a congregant, because it may make them reluctant to lean on me in a future time of need. Similarly, I never said anything to any of the offenders in the support groups, for fear of adding the insult of public humiliation to the injury the cell phone had already caused to the intimacy of the group.

And there is injury, though some will deny it. Studies apparently show that even if a cell phone is *visible*, without being used, it changes the nature of a conversation. People tend to avoid difficult, potentially lengthy topics when they know that the conversation is likely to be interrupted at any time.

This reminds me of something written in my evaluation last year: that sometimes, at Kiddush after Shabbat morning services, TI'ers have the feeling when talking with me that I am also gazing around the room, looking for someone else that I might need to speak with. I can see how that could be extremely irritating, and also non-conducive to in-depth conversation. Similarly, speaking with a person with their cell phone out is like talking to someone who is constantly looking over your shoulder, anticipating another interaction with someone else.

Anyway, I hereby put you on notice. I promise to be gentle, but I will be thorough. Please don't take out your cell phones on Shabbat in the TI building: not to make calls, or take pictures, or even show others pictures or read books.

It is all clearly forbidden in the recent responsum by Rabbi Nevins on this subject, available at the Rabbinical Assembly website. The basic reason: it is too tempting; at the touch of a finger, you are on the web, and out of the moment. This is the very opposite of Shabbat. And I believe it is part of my job – a big part – to make TI a safe space for rest and renewal on Shabbat.

I'd rather not have a confrontation over it, and I'm guessing you'd rather avoid the discomfort of having me ask you to put the phone away. Please respect our community's standards on this issue.

I'm happy to discuss this in person with anyone interested in further details.

Rabbi Seidel

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ANA Fund Deadline

The Rabbi A. Nathan Abramowitz Fund celebrates Rabbi Abramowitz's service to Tifereth Israel and recognizes, and provides scholarships to, youths who spend a summer or part of a school year in a program to enhance their Jewish education.

For details and to let us now that your child should be recognized for attending a Jewish program, contact the TI office by **May 4**.

To apply for a scholarship, download the [scholarship application](#) and submit it to Rabbi Abramowitz by **May 4**.

President's Column (continued)

members to have a convenient place to ask questions, request more information on a particular topic or give feedback. I am thus committed to improving communication from the Board and leadership to members of the congregational community.

One new way to highlight developments from the Board and on-going activities that relate to the TI community as a whole, will be a spotlight feature in the weekly TI Newsletter titled: *What's Nu at TI*. And as a way to ask questions, request more information or give feedback, I have initiated an address: Nu@Tifereth-Israel.org. Please use this address as an additional way to communicate with the Board and leadership of the synagogue.

I am also very open to hearing other ideas for improving communication. Please tell me if there are other processes that we may add to help the community get the information they need or desire.

In addition, I would like to take this opportunity to give you information on some topics that the Board is currently working on:

Annual Meeting, 5/24/16: Election of Leadership and 2017 Budget

TI's Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday night, May 24. As is our practice, we will serve a light dinner beginning at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 8 p.m. At the Annual Meeting, TI members vote on persons to serve as officers or members at large on the Board, as well as persons to serve as Cemetery Trustees and Building Fund Preservation Trustees. In addition, there will be a presentation of the 2017 budget and other updates about activities.

A Nominating Committee selected by the Board is currently in the process of making recommendations for persons to serve on the Board. The Nominating Committee is chaired by

Laura Schiavo. The other members of the committee are Jason Kimelman-Block, Steven Bressler, Earl Dotter and Judy Miller. People may also be nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting. The proposed slate will be sent to the Congregation around the second week of May.

Changes in Professional Leadership

As has been reported in various publications and meetings, through a long and intensive process, the Board has decided to modify the structure of professional leadership in Lifelong Learning. We have undertaken a process during the last six months and made some important decisions, and will continue to seek feedback to strengthen and evaluate our plans during the next year.

I will provide here a short review of our process and current actions and am open to talk with anyone who has questions or wants more information. After receiving a Report and Recommendations from an Ad Hoc Committee on Lifelong Learning, the Board devoted much time in our monthly and extra meetings, and has formed subgroups to work on aspects of the issue in order to consider what action to take and when.

The Board decided to create two part-time Lifelong Learning positions for the 2016-2017 year, a Director of Education, who will be the principal of the Himmelfarb School and Chai School, and a Director of Community Engagement, who will help our members, potential members, children, youth and school parents find their niche within our synagogue community and get the most out of our busy programming calendar by assisting committees to create exciting events varying from religious to cultural to social action.

The Board focused first on the Director of Education. The part-time position was offered to Eitan Gutin but, after consideration, he decided it would not be in his best interests from a professional and personal perspective. The job was then advertised and a Search Committee has been formed to recommend a candidate to the Board to hire from the applications we have received.

The Search Committee is chaired by Chris Zeilinger. The other members at this time are Rabbi Seidel, Lee Anderegg, Janet Blank, Sara Goldberg, Judy Miller and Liz Sokolov. Jevera Temsky, TI's Executive Director, is also actively participating in this process. The plan is to have the person hired as of July 1.

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Join TI on **May 1** in honoring the memory of those who perished in the Shoah and celebrating the resilience of survivors.

Morning minyan from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in the Reamer Chapel.

From 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon, **Edith Mayer Cord** will speak. She is a child survivor, hidden in France by Jewish groups, and author of *Becoming Edith: the Education of a Hidden Child*.

Sign up to read names of Holocaust victims (15 minutes), in the Juniper St. lobby, at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TaryPolihewIEH7U0gCFW-3AiO-eoOaLXOzxcgQMmEo/edit>.

New Members

Jared Garelick

Jackie Binogol

Jackie, originally from Cameroon, lived for ten years in France before moving to this area 15 years ago. She visited the United States on a vacation, decided she loved it, and moved here a few years later. She now lives in Silver Spring.

Jackie is a real estate agent at Keller Williams Realty, working on both residential and commercial real estate transactions, mostly in Montgomery County and DC. She has a son, **Ivan**, who recently graduated from the University of Maryland.

Jackie found TI after a long spiritual journey. She converted to Judaism recently after studying with Rabbi Seidel and others. Curious about religion, she spent years doing research before concluding that Judaism is right for her. After visiting different synagogues, she discovered TI, which she has found warm and welcoming. Jackie enjoys helping people in need, and has volunteered at a shelter aiding abused women.

Welcome to this month's featured new member.

Correction: Some editions of last month's *Menorah* had new member Ruti Regan's name spelled incompletely.

Millennials Plus Barbeque

Kick off the BBQ season with TI Millennials Plus on **Sunday, May 22** from 1 to 4 p.m. Come enjoy some hot dogs and sunshine, make new friends, and catch up with familiar faces at the home of **Mikah** and **Alex Berg**.

Hot dogs and rolls will be provided. Pareve sides, desserts, and drinks are welcome! Sign up on line. Hope to see you there!

TI Millennials Plus are TI members, their friends, friends of friends, in their 20s and 30s, with and without kids, creating community and having fun. For more information, please contact TIMillplus@tifereth-israel.org.



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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TI Centennial, 1916–2016

Cynthia Peterman

Please mark your calendars now for the following highlight weekend events in our upcoming Centennial year:

Opening Weekend

Saturday, October 22: D'rash and SHALEM program with Professor **Pamela Nadell**, Chair of the Department of History and Director of the Jewish Studies Program at American University.

Sunday, October 23: Family Program "Passport to 1916" and Exhibition Opening.

Closing Weekend and Celebrating Rabbi Seidel's 25th Anniversary

Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6, 2017: Scholar-in-Residence **Rabbi James Maisels** of Or HaLev Center for Jewish Spirituality and Visiting Faculty at Mechon Hadar.

Sunday, May 7, 2017: Gala Celebration of Tifereth Israel Centennial.

Look for upcoming announcements of our monthly Centennial programs.



Shabbat Dinner and Speaker, May 13

The TI Israel Committee is sponsoring a special program at the Erev Shabbat dinner following services on Friday evening, **May 13**. The featured speaker is TI congregant **Ari Ne'eman**, who will discuss "The Homeland Landscape: How the Early Zionists Saw Themselves."

Ne'eman will explore the broad ideological diversity of the early Zionist movement, ranging from religious Zionists to Socialists to the right wing Revisionists, and how the political dynamics between these groups shaped the actions of the Zionist executive in pre-state Israel.

He will also address the diversity of the modern Zionist movement today and the relationship between Zionism, Israel, American Jewry and American Jewish politics.

Ne'eman is an amateur student of Zionist and Israeli history. He works as a disability rights activist and directs the Autistic Self Advocacy Network. He was a member of the *New York Jewish Week's* 2010 "36 by 36" list and also received the 2014 Morton E. Ruderman Award for Inclusion from the Ruderman Family Foundation.

From 2010 to 2015 Ne'eman served as one of President Obama's appointees to the National Council on Disability. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, where he studied political science in the Sondheim Public Affairs Scholars Program.



Ari Ne'eman

For more information, please contact **Frank Solomon** at f50solomon@gmail.com. Deadline to sign up for the dinner is noon, **Tuesday, May 10**.

MoEd Daycamp

Do you know any children who will be in elementary school next year who might be looking for a summer day camp, an afterschool-program, or a schools-out program? Have you seen MoEd: A Jewish Afterschool Community's new website?

Places are still available in all six weeks of MoEd's summer daycamp (June 20-July 29) at our Chevy Chase location (Ohr Kodesh Congregation), including outdoor activities, swimming, arts and crafts, and much more, all in a Hebrew-immersive atmosphere with lots of informal Jewish education.

It's also not too early to sign up for MoEd's signature afterschool Hebrew program next year, including full day programs when local schools are closed.

For questions, or to learn more about our exciting plans, check out our website at:

<http://www.moedcommunity.org>.

For more information, contact Executive Director Orna Eldor Gerling at orna@moedcommunity.

Social Action at TI: Lawrence Baizer Enthusiastic Participation on April 17

On Sunday, April 17, TI members participated in two successful social action projects.

In the morning, TI volunteers delivered 56 food packages to less fortunate and elderly Jewish people in our community. The packages contained traditional Passover delicacies such as wine, matzot, gefilte fish and horse radish, even a Maxwell House Haggadah!

From all indications the deliveries were much appreciated. The foods allow the recipients to celebrate the holiday in a meaningful way and to share in the joy of Pesah, the most popular Jewish holiday. Interactions with the recipients frequently proved to be rewarding and enlightening for the TI volunteers.

Participants included Alan Weitz, Lynn Snyder and Josh Garber, Diana Zurer, Andrea Kline, Anita Finkelstein and Steve Stoller, Tobi McFarland, Ed Stromberg, Seth Glabman, Judi Berland, Terri Zall, Earl Dotter and Deborah Stern, Sara Goldberg, Krayna and Chuck Feinberg, Dick Siegel, Sheryl Gross-Glaser, Laura Schiavo, Josh Kefer, Miriam Davidson, Dortha Wolfson, Rachel Tickner, Lee Anderegg, Jaclyn Shettler, David and Stephanie Rubin and Jackie Binogol.

In the afternoon of April 17, several volunteers from TI assisted in sprucing up and rejuvenating a house in SE Washington as part of Yachad's Sukkot in Spring program. With several hours of painting and



repairs, our intrepid volunteers, in collaboration with a group from Fabringen, were able to brighten the home of Ms. Anita Wilson, a former ANC commissioner and DC school board member, who is raising her three grandnephews there.

Volunteers for Sukkot in Spring included Alan Landay, Rachel Tickner and son, Sheridan Neimark, Julie Steinberg and Reenie Wagner.

Many thanks to the volunteers for social action at Tifereth Israel on April 17!

Book Drive Carolivia Herron

Tifereth Israel Congregation's Social Action Committee and Neighbors Incorporated are sponsoring a book drive to purchase or collect at least 1000 books for children in four nearby elementary schools:

- Shepherd Park Elementary
- Takoma Education Campus
- Whittier Education Campus
- Brightwood Education Campus

Most of the books will be purchased from First Books, Inc., a non-profit that sells children's

books to organizations that then give the books directly to children. The cost of books from First Books is 55 cents per book (\$0.55) !!! A gift of \$1.10 gives a new book to two children.

If you would like to donate to this cause of 1000 books for local children please forward your donation to Tifereth Israel Social Action Committee, with a note that the donation is for TI-SAC 1000 books.

If you want more information, please contact **Carolivia Herron**, Tifereth Israel member and President of Neighbors Inc., at carolivia@gmail.com or 202-277-2649. Thank you.

TI Israel Trip!!

Summer 2017 marks the 10-year anniversary of the last TI congregational trip to Israel. There has been a lot of interest in the trip now being planned – questions about who is going, what we'll do, when and where we'll go (nobody has asked "why").

Our first no-commitment informational meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 18**, 6:30 p.m. All are welcome – first-timers, *vatikim*, all ages and interest levels.

Working with Rabbi Seidel, we will build the trip around the participants to make it a meaningful, enjoyable and memorable trip for all. Be a part of it!

Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers

Barbara Raimondo

Romancing

Linda Greer will be taking a sabbatical after 35 years of environmental advocacy to become the Interim Director of the University of Michigan Biological Station -- also affectionately known as "Bug Camp." Linda met her husband, **Mike Tilchin**, at Bug Camp in 1977. Hey, how full circle! Hey, all you single ladies!

TI members **Paula** and **Joe Martin** are happy to announce a new grandson, **Theodore Eitan Martin**, who was born on February 6, weighing 7 lbs, 14 oz. The parents are **Josh** and **Nicole Martin**. And all are doing well. TI'ers **Coby** and **Ruthie Meytin** are delighted with their new cousin, "Teddy," as are aunts, **Rachel** and **Sarah Meytin**.

Bob and **Jeri Roth Lande** are delighted to announce they are first-time grandparents. **Roxanne Lee Gomes** was born on November 30, 2015. She was 7 lbs, 3 oz at birth. Her parents are **Rachel Lande (Gomes)** and **Francis Gomes**.

Everyone is doing great, and why not!

Advancing

Roo Borzekowski's diving activities continue without a splash. She has qualified to compete in the Amateur Athletic Union's Red, White and Blue Nationals in Pasadena, CA over Memorial Day Weekend. Also, she also competed in the USA Diving Regionals the last weekend in April in Blacksburg, VA.

And **Asaf Rodenstein**, having completed his service in the Israel Defense Forces, is in from Israel for a month-long visit with his family. All are happy he was here for Pesah and will get to see extended family and friends.

Take a Chancing

Simcha Kuritzky's new coin exhibit, "Chaim Gross' Ten Commandments," featuring art medals and a miniature version of the original sculpture, won second place at the Whitman Expo in Baltimore. Go Simcha!

And **Paula Tucker** was honored by Gallaudet University Hillel for her years as executive director there. She is retiring from Hillel, but continuing to teach at Gallaudet, much to her students' relief.

Sad News

Dr. Rona M. Fields, mother of **Marc Fields (Nancy Spencer)**, **Miriam Fields-Babineau (Mike Babineau)**, and **Sean Fields**, and grandmother of **Lauren Fields**, **Kyle Brendan (Kim) Babineau**, **Skylar Fields**, and **Summer Fields**, died late in April after a short illness. Funeral services were held at Tifereth Israel and interment was in Chicago.

Also, **Bob Keimowitz**, a former member of TI, died recently in Boston. He was 77 years old. He is survived by his wife, **Hazel**, daughters **Jessica (Polly Crozier)** and **Alison (Brent Spodek)**, and four grandchildren. The funeral was held at Adas Israel Congregation.

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Gevarim

Andrew Reamer

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Sunday Brunch: Food for Thought

May 22. "From Jewish to Black: The Evolution of 'Ghetto'," with **Professor Daniel Schwartz**, Department of Judaic Studies, George Washington University

June 5. "Who Do We Think We Are?: Revising Federal Categories for Race, Ethnicity, and Gender," with **Jennifer Park** and **Nora Wiseman**, Office of Management and Budget.

Cost is \$10 for Gevarim and Kol Nashim members, \$12 for others.

Movie Nite@TI

May 8. *Hangmen Also Die!* (1943, 134 mins). This is the last of our films on "Nazis, Jews, and Hollywood: The Early 1940s."

Hangmen is directed by Fritz Lang and based on a story by Bertolt Brecht and Lang. It is loosely based on the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich, number-two man in the SS, and a chief architect of the Holocaust, who was known as "The Hangman of Prague." The movie is free, nosh is \$4.

Shabbat Talmud Study

Rabbi Seidel continues his twice-monthly Talmud study sessions on Tractate *Brakhot*, which contains both discussions of *halakhah* and many enchanting stories and fables.

We read the text in English (photocopies are provided, although folks are encouraged to buy the book, an English translation published by Koren), and discuss. Shabbat afternoons, 1:00–1:45 p.m. **May 7, 14, June 4, 25.**

Kol Nashim

Debbie Pomerance

Kol Nashim Shabbat

On **May 21**, KN members will lead Shabbat morning services at TI, as well as give the *drash*. If you are a KN member and would like to volunteer to participate, please email **Ruth Shapiro** at <mailto:shapiroima@gmail.com>.

The *kiddush* that day will also be sponsored by KN. Please make plans to join us on the 21st.

Book Club

The next meeting of the KN Book Club is on **May 17**. We are reading *The Orientalist* by Tom Reiss – solving the mystery of a strange and dangerous life. See the article below for details.

Seder Classes

Thank you to **Rabbi Avis Miller** for KN's April classes, "Be the Wise



Child at your Seder!" I know that our *seder* was enlivened by what I learned at Avis' enlightening classes.

SHALEM

Jessica Weissman

KN Book Club

Jessica Weissman

We will meet on **Tuesday, May 17** at the home of **Claudine Schweber** and **Ed Koren** to read Tom Reiss's *The Orientalist*, the true story of a Jew who transformed himself into a Muslim prince in Nazi Germany.

Lev Nussimbaum escaped the Russian Revolution in a camel caravan and, as "Essad Bey," became a cele-

brated author with the enduring novel *Ali and Nino*, an adventurer, a real-life Indiana Jones with a fatal secret. Reiss pursued Lev's story across ten countries and found himself caught up in encounters as dramatic and surreal as his subject's life.

Copies are available in the usual places; the book is long (though something of a page-turner) so I encourage you to get started soon.

Our June reading is *Murder on the Kibbutz*, by Batya Gur, Israel's foremost mystery writer. Her books all comment on some aspect of Israeli society, culture and institutions, but her take on the kibbutz is a few decades old. Library copies are scarce, but the book is easily available, and many TI'ers own a copy.

As usual we are looking for books to read. A book must support discussion and have some Jewish content or interest. We are in particular need of non-Holocaust-related books, just because we could fill all 12 months and then some with such books and variety is good thing. So if you've read something excellent that qualifies, please let me know. We will be selecting a few months' worth of readings at the May session.

Nayes un Mekhayes

May family and loved ones find strength in their memories.

And now for the meaning of last month's word, *eidetic*: "marked by or involving extraordinarily accurate and vivid recall especially of visual images" (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 divers 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

In April, **Alan Ronkin**, Director, of AJC's Washington Regional Office delivered a talk on anti-Semitism in Europe and challenges to Israel in the international arena, including some hopeful thoughts on how European governments are having a positive impact.

On **May 21**, in partnership with the New Israel Fund, we will hear **Ron Gerlitz** (a Jew) and **Rawnak Natour** (an Arab), Co-Directors of Sikkuy – the Association for the Advancement of Civic Equality, an organization of Jewish and Arab citizens working to implement full equality on all levels between the Arab Palestinian and Jewish citizens of Israel.

They will speak about "Advancing Shared Society in Israel - Breaking down Barriers. Creating Opportunities." What could Israel look like as a shared society? And what are the opportunities and challenges to truly achieving it?

This will be a conversation about how American progressives, and our partners in Israel, are working to reclaim Israel's founders' liberal and democratic vision. Hear about what is done on the ground to advance a vision of an Israel where all citizens — Jewish and Arab alike — have an equal voice and an equal stake in the country's future.

Bat Mitzvah

My name is **Sadie Hyman** and I am 13 years old. I attended JPDS-NC for elementary school, and now I am in the 7th grade at Westland Middle School. I enjoy reading, writing, art, Girl Scouts and swimming.

My Bat Mitzvah *parashah* is *Behar* which is about the jubilee year. For my Bat Mitzvah project, I tutored a girl named Amali from a local elementary school.

I'd like to thank the following people: my family and friends for supporting me; the staff and teachers at JPDS-NC; Rabbi Seidel and Eitan for furthering my Jewish education; and Judy Cohen, my Bat Mitzvah tutor. Thank you especially to those who will travel here from out of town to celebrate with me.



May Highlights at Tifereth Israel

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| May 1, 8, 15, 22,
29; June 5 | Pirkei Avot classes with Rabbi Seidel, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. |
| May 2, 9,
16, 23 | Monday Lunch & Learn
<i>Parashat HaShavuah</i>, 11 a.m.; Lunch, 12 noon |
| May 8 | Movie Nite, <i>Hangmen Also Die!</i>, 7:30 p.m. |
| May 13 | Shabbat Dinner and Israel Committee Program, 6:30 p.m. |
| May 17 | KN Book Club, at home of Claudine Schweber and Ed Koren,
Tom Reiss's <i>The Orientalist</i>, 7:30 p.m. |
| May 21 | Kol Nashim Shabbat
SHALEM, Ron Gerlitz and Rawnak Natour, Co-Directors of
Sikkuy |
| May 22 | Gevarim Sunday Brunch, Daniel Schwartz, "From Jewish to Black:
The Evolution of 'Ghetto'," 10 a.m.
TI Millennials Plus BBQ, at home of Mikah and Alex Berg,
1-4 p.m. |
| May 24 | Congregational Annual Meeting, 8 p.m. (Light Dinner, 7:30 p.m.) |
| May 28 | Sadie Hyman Bat Mitzvah |

Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

May 6

Ann Cohen
David & Judy Cohen
David & Elana Cohen
Hal Cohen & Katie Benton-Cohen
Raymond & Rebecca Coleman
Jeffrey Colman & Ellen Nissenbaum
Bill & Karen Copeland
Nataliya Chernyak Cowen
Merry Danaceau
Jeffrey & Miriam Davidson
Joe Davidson
Ronni Davis
Helen Disenhaus
Stan Dorn & Carla Ellern
Earl Dotter & Deborah Stern
Desirée Douglas
Lisa Drazin

May 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
Eric Fingerhut & Karen Bailey

Anna Fink & Alberto Fernandez
Anita Finkelstein
Jay & Rachel Finkelstein
Matthew & Susan Finston
David & Patricia Fisher
Paula Flicker
Judah Flum & Lisa Itkin
Claude Fontheim & Orit Frenkel
Lee & Brenda Footer
Ira Forman & Caryn Pass

June 10

Bruce Friedland & Jenny Bryant
Arthur & Diane Friedman
Jonathan Fritz & Lorien Abroms
Judy Galat & Geoff Thale
William & Miriam Galston
Stephen Garber & Lynne Snyder
Jared Garelick & Ellen Kramarow
Andrew & Allegría Gelfand
Seth Glabman & Martha Hare
Rick Glaser & Sheryl Gross-Glaser
Howard Gleckman & Ann Kline
John & Marcia Goggin

June 17

Eliot & Traci Goldberg
Joseph & Dody Goldberg
Marcia Goldberg
Myrna Goldman

Paul Goldman & Debbie Pomerance
Tom & Lisa Goldring
Paul & Rachel Goldstein
Robyn Gopin
Michael Gotthelf & Rachel Vile
Annette Graubart
Stan Grabia & Varda Fink
Lee & Jenni Grabel
George & Marjorie Greenberg
Larry Greenfield & Melanie Gross Greenfield

June 24

Abraham & Dena Greenstein
David Greisen & Jessica Bell
Franca Brilliant
Leah Weinryb Grohsgal & Corey Goettsch
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