



# The Menorah

## Notes from the Rabbi: Ethan Seidel New Directions?

There were many glorious moments – for me, at least – during the holidays that ended just yesterday (I write this the day after Simhat Torah). Great congregational singing, led by great congregational leaders, moved me in unexpected directions.

Some of my sermons seemed to hit a nerve – especially those on Yom Kippur, and especially the one on loneliness – and it felt that all the time I took preparing them was well spent (You can find these sermons at: <http://www.tifereth-israel.org/rabbi-seidel-drashes-mp3>). I had plenty of time to think during all those services -- from the midnight S'lihot service of September 24 until Simchat Torah on October 25.

Among the things foremost on my mind during this past month is my concern about

the direction of Conservative Judaism, and the health of our shul in particular. I am becoming increasingly worried. It's not news, of course, that the *suburban* Conservative shuls in this country have been struggling of late – membership is down, as is the ability to raise funds for operating expenses.

I (following the accepted wisdom) attributed these difficulties to the economic downturn of 2008, as well as the fact that

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## President's Column: John List and Jevera Temsky HVAC Improvements at TI

Have you ever felt like the chapel was getting ready for takeoff when the air conditioner goes on? Well, the needed repairs are finally happening! TI's HVAC (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) system is getting a facelift.

During the months of November and December, the HVAC system will be undergoing improvements in various parts of the shul, including the Brides Room and Family Room, Rina Rebibo's office, the Chapel, the Mollie L. Berch Library in the Emsellem Room and the kitchen. There will also be some work in the basement boiler room and the storage room to the left behind the Cherner stage.

The contractor, Corenic, understands that we are an active community and they will

do their best to work quickly and efficiently, with as little disruption to congregational life as possible.

Given the age of our building, and the many people who pass through our doors, including kids, families, congregants, visitors, outside renters and staff, we are proceeding with an abundance of caution.

The work will proceed in stages, and each location in turn will be closed for public

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## Notes from the Rabbi (continued)

suburbia was no longer such a desired destination for young folks. I attributed TI's continued health during this period to our location in a relatively urban locale, as well as our more balanced financial strength – we are neither quite as dependent on very large gifts, nor are we as quick to spend money on lavish renovations, as are our brethren in the 'burbs.

However, TI's health now seems to be taking a turn for the worse. In both the past two years, membership has declined. Attendance at services has taken a downturn as well – the most striking evidence of this was on Simhat Torah – where we had roughly two-thirds the attendees that we had even just a year ago. And as nice as the “feel” of the service was yesterday morning, with less than 40 people in attendance, it didn't feel like the Simhat

Torah of many previous years. And the Annual Appeal, as of this writing, looks like it will fall slightly short of our projections, for the first time in many years.

Throughout my 25 years here at TI, I have had an overarching question in the back of my mind: Is it possible to create, here in America, a Jewish community that is not Orthodox, but nevertheless cohesive? Is it possible to have a non-coercive community in which the members really know each other, and care for each other? This has been an open question for me, these many years. I felt that if such a community could form anywhere, it could happen here at TI.

I have not given up this ideal, but I'm no longer as optimistic as I once was. So much of American culture is different than when I started out as a Rabbi. The concept of an “online community,” which I had always found puzzling, is now not only accepted, it is now perhaps even more important to many under-35's than a flesh-and-blood bricks-and-mortar community.

Related to the development of the online community is the idea that a community should conform to the needs of its individuals, more than vice versa. This belief inevitably leads to smaller, more homogeneous groupings. To wit: is there any place in the non-Orthodox world (in DC at least) in which those in their 20's and 30's willingly dance on Simhat Torah with us oldsters? And, I think the youngsters would ask, why should they dance with us, if their services will be more lively without us?

I have worked (with some success) at accepting the changes in American culture – no sense railing at what cannot be changed. But now that the whole notion of what “community” means has changed so radically, I'm wondering if my original dream is even intelligible in the modern age.

What do you think? I'm hoping, in the months ahead, to be hearing many of your opinions about these issues, during our listening campaign. Where do you think we should be heading, as a community?

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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](mailto:tirabbi@tifereth-israel.org).

## President's Column (continued)

use. This means you will see sealed-off areas, specialized equipment, cautionary signs, etc.

You and your family can do your part to make this a safe project by staying out of work areas and following any direction posted on signs (i.e., use the elevator instead of the stairs, no entry into the kitchen, etc.). If you need something that is located in a work area, please see a member of the TI staff rather than entering the area.

There are a few aspects of the HVAC project that are of special importance:

### Asbestos Abatement

Whenever we do construction work at TI, we don't take any chances with asbestos. In preparation for this HVAC project we had a full Hazardous Containing Materials Survey to better understand any asbestos risks associated with this project, as well

as to identify any asbestos in need of abatement in the rest of the building. This report was shared with the board and is available to any congregant who would like to read it. Based on the findings in this study, the HVAC project will include asbestos abatement in the basement boiler room, the kitchen and the exhibition (aka ping-pong) room.

The abatement work will precede HVAC renovation in each room where asbestos has been identified and will take about one week per room. All asbestos will be completely contained following industry norms. The TI staff, House and Building Preservation teams will all work closely with the contractor to ensure the highest standards of safety.

**During the abatement phase, these areas will be sealed off with no entry permitted.** All unrestricted spaces in the building will be safe for regular use.

### Space Closures

There will be periods of time when a few parts of the building will be off limits, either due to asbestos abatement, which will require sealing off work areas, or due to demolition work. As you know, there is no 'down time' at TI and no optimal time to disable almost any part of the building. The staff has done their best to schedule work during times when the fewest activities are taking place.

It will be much appreciated if everyone can bear with the inconvenience. Since we're still working with our contractor to nail down the specific work schedule, we urge everyone to pay attention to updates that will be posted in the Juniper Street lobby, and any notices we make through the TI listserv or other announcements.

The administrative team will notify anyone whose class or activity is impacted and work with them on alternative locations. If you have plans that involve using space this fall, please feel free to contact Sheri Blonder at [tiadmin@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:tiadmin@tifereth-israel.org) to find out if your event will be impacted by the HVAC project.

### Limited Kitchen Access

The kitchen will be closed for at least three weeks. Since food is integral to almost everything we do, it is challenging to find a 'least worst' time to close the kitchen. If you see a little more prepared food or cold food than usual, it's because the kitchen has been sealed entirely (for one week during asbestos abatement) or closed (during HVAC installation the kitchen staff may don hard hats to go to the refrigerator but will not be able to otherwise use the kitchen).

We are very pleased that the HVAC is going to be improved. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation. If you have questions, please feel free to contact John List at [tipresident@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:tipresident@tifereth-israel.org) or Jev-era Temsky at [tiexec@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:tiexec@tifereth-israel.org).

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## Youth and Family Corner

### Wilhelmina Gottschalk

It's no secret that Tifereth Israel is, like any synagogue, jam-packed during the High Holidays. Everyone is in the building at the same time, standing together and praying together, building a collective energy that can help voices and spirits rise through the gates of heaven.

Now that the holiday season is over, the building is not quite as full at any given time. However, TI's adult education schedule is as full as it's ever been, and there are plenty of reasons to come into the building on any given week.

Did you know that there are five Hebrew classes meeting at TI on a given week? The classes vary from "advanced beginning" to advanced, and include a combination of biblical and conversational options.

There are also some new, very high quality Sunday morning offerings this year. Rabbis Seidel and Meytin are leading the Jewish Parenting Class, which just started on October 30 and will continue through most of the winter.

Allan Tulchin is moderating a series of video lectures on Jewish civilization that includes much of the history of Judaism in the Muslim world.

These are just some of the highlights. Throughout the year, we have an incredible number of classes and events, including many additional enrichments for our Centennial year.

We hope you can find a class on offer that you'd like to join!

## New Members

### Jared Garelick

#### Ilana Marmon and Paul McLeary

Ilana and Paul met in Brooklyn, lived for nine years in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of DC, and then moved last year to Takoma Park. Ilana, a licensed clinical social worker, works with veterans at the VA medical center. Before that she worked for legal services organizations assisting homeless people. She is originally from Long Island. Paul, who grew up in Buffalo, is a journalist. He is a senior reporter for *Foreign Policy* magazine.

Ilana and Paul have two daughters: **Mira**, who is two, and **Talia**, who is six and in first grade at Takoma Park Elementary School. In fact, it is through the school that the family found TI. Other parents there recommended TI and its Hebrew school, earning Takoma Park Elementary recognition as TI's Magnet Elementary School of the Month.

Ilana and Paul enjoy family activities together with the girls, like cooking and being outdoors. They attended Yom Kippur services at TI last month, and appreciated the well-run children's activities.

Welcome to TI!



### Parents/Parenting Book Club

This class led by **Rabbi Ethan Seidel** and **Rabbi Sarah Meytin**, will discuss challenges to successful parenting, focusing on pre-school children through teens.

The first session was held October 30. Future sessions, on Sundays at 11:15 a.m.: **November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5, March 19** and **May 21**.

Books used as backdrops for discussions include Leonard Sax's *The Collapse of Parenting* and Danya Ruttenberg's *Nurturing the Wow*.

Topics of interest to class participants, provide both support and resources for handling parenting's "sticky issues," and shed some light on how Jewish texts and values can inform parenting choices.

### 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

## Passport to 1916 Kick-Off, Centennial Exhibition Opening Sunday, October 23



Opening Assembly



Watching TI History Film



Michele Sumka Reading *All in the Family*



Jared Garelick as TI Founder Sam Goodman  
and Rabbi Seidel as Rabbi Gedaliah Silverston



TI History Exhibition Designer Michelle Mazzuchi



Laura Schiavo Leads Tour of TI History Exhibition

# Himmelfarb & Chai School Happenings

## Rina Rebibo

Can you believe it's November already?! October was filled with many exciting activities surrounding both the *hagim* and the Centennial Opening.

We had beautiful weather for our annual Sukkah Build on October 16, and Kitah Vav was proud to add its own decoration to the TI Sukkah over Hol HaMo'ed, (see photos below). Our first annual Pizza in the Hut was a huge success with over 40 people in attendance. We hope that even more families will join us next year!

On Hoshana Rabah, the school kick-started the Centennial celebrations with the Centennial Opening Day Program which included interactive activities and a delicious lunch from 1916. This event will be connected to the special Centennial curriculum that the entire school will participate in throughout the year.

In November, the TI HVAC project is set to begin, but should not interfere with school in any way. More information about the project will be provided at a meeting with the

contractor to be held in the first week of November. Details to follow.

### Important Upcoming Dates

**Wednesday, November 23:** No School – Thanksgiving Break

**Shabbat November 26:** No Class for Kitah Vav – Thanksgiving Break

**Sunday, November 27:** No School – Thanksgiving Break



## November Highlights at Tifereth Israel

November 5	Adam Perera Bar Mitzvah
November 7, 14, 21, 28	Monday Lunch & Learn <i>Parashat HaShavuah</i> , 11 a.m.; Lunch, 12 noon
November 13	Kol Nashim Program, Baking Stuffed Breads with Jessica, 10:15 a.m., Cherner Auditorium
Novembers 15	KN Book Club, <i>Man of God</i> by Zora Neale Hurston, at home of Adele Sumner, 7:30 p.m.
November 20	"Jewish Civilization from Mohammed to Spinoza," third and fourth of 24 video lectures, facilitated by Allan Tulchin, 10:15 a.m.-12 noon, in library.
	Movie Nite, <i>The Murderers Are Among Us</i> , 7:30 p.m.

## Improvements in TI Collections Procedures

Sharon Brown

The Finance Committee recommended—and the board recently approved—two new measures that will soon go into effect. The first is to require up-front payment from members for goods and services, and to establish and publicize appropriate refund policies. The second is to establish a system for requiring down payment for large rentals and catering jobs.

These measures are intended to help TI have a more accurate picture of revenue and expenses, lower bad debt, and reduce the need for collection calls. They will be phased in as follows:

**Starting December 1:** TI members will need to pay at the time of purchase (already required for non-members) for goods and services, plus any administrative overhead that

is factored into cost. A “good or service” is an item that requires an outlay of cash from TI. “Goods” include things like lulav and etrog, Pesah wine, books, holiday food or other tangible items ordered via TI. It also includes congregational meals such as the Yom Kippur Break Fast or Shabbat dinners. “Services” refers to events that have a paid speaker for which there is a charge to attend, classes that include a teacher’s fee or other similar activities.

There are still several items that you can pay for at a later date. These include dues, donation pledges, and tuition. You will still be able to bill your account for these charges, and you can pay them later in full or through a payment plan.

**By February 1, 2017:** We plan to have new policies and procedures in

place for requiring a deposit for large catering jobs and rentals. Tune in to *The Menorah* and other TI communications for information about this in December or January.

As mentioned above, these measures are intended to streamline TI’s financial systems. They are not intended to cause financial hardship or preclude anyone from full participation in congregational or spiritual activities. Please contact Jevera Temsky at [tiexec@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:tiexec@tifereth-israel.org) or 202-882-1605 x301 if you need to make alternative financial arrangements.

If you have other questions about these two measures, or other TI financial matters, please feel free to contact Sharon Brown at [TIFinancial@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:TIFinancial@tifereth-israel.org) or 301-585-4125.

## Social Action at TI: Stephen Nelson Refugee Issue is Front and Center in 5777



### Direct Engagement

This would involve direct assistance in the local resettlement of refugees. HIAS does not provide direct aid to refugees in the Washington area. However, HIAS, along with other organizations such as Temple Shalom and the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, has recommended Lutheran Social Services (LSS).

LSS has varying levels of sponsorship, ranging from fundraising activities, to mentoring and providing transportation, to more direct support, including collection of furniture and household items, providing meals and groceries, help with healthcare needs, and job placement assistance. Finally, an option can include the actual sponsorship of a family from the Middle East.

In addition to Temple Shalom, which has agreed to sponsor a refugee family, two other nearby synagogues, Ohev Shalom and Fabrangen, have contacted HIAS about involvement. TI is currently looking into whether it can be part of a joint effort with these synagogues.

The TI Social Action Committee, as always, welcomes other ideas that congregants may have. The committee would like to acknowledge the efforts of TI Member **Julie Steinberg**, who has taken the lead in contacting Temple Shalom and Lutheran Social Services to gain more information about ways that TI can help with the refugee issue, and whose reports helped form the basis of this article.

In recent months the TI Social Action Committee has been stressing (and we have been highlighting in this column) the need for more participation from the TI community, and that social action activities stay current in today's fast-moving society.

One critical current issue is the situation facing refugees from countries savaged by war. The refugee issue has even become a lightning rod in the current Presidential campaign, with the two candidates expressing diametrically opposed positions on accepting refugees from war-torn Syria.

Jewish history is in many ways the story of exodus, ranging from the expulsion from the Holy Land on many occasions, to the escape from Spain in the Middle Ages, to the fleeing to the United States and elsewhere to escape the pogroms in Russia, to the years before, during, and after the Holocaust. While very few current refugees are Jewish, concern for the plight of these victims of war and oppression are in our blood.

### HIAS Has Led the Way

The leading organization in this area is HIAS (originally known as the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society). Originally founded in 1881 to assist Jews fleeing pogroms in Russia and Eastern Europe, HIAS has continued to help Jews escape war and oppression, whether from the Holocaust, the Hungarian uprising in 1956, Cuba in 1959 and the early 1960s, Algeria, Libya and Morocco in the 1960s, Czechoslovakia in 1968, Ethiopia in the late 1970s, and Iran after the overthrow of the Shah in 1979.

HIAS has also been involved in the resettlement of non-Jews, most notably after the fall of Saigon, when

the organization helped find new homes for over 3600 Vietnamese, Cambodians, and Laotians. Resettling non-Jewish refugees has become the major component of HIAS's work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century in the aftermath of conflicts in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Ethiopia, Haiti, Iran, Morocco, Tunisia and the successor states to the former Soviet Union.

### August Meeting with HIAS Reps

On August 30, 13 members of the TI Social Action Committee met with Merrill Zack, HIAS Director of Community Engagement Programs and Sarah Beller, the recently appointed Greater Washington Area Director, to discuss the current refugee situation and the role HIAS plays in the ongoing crisis. TI had previously been a signatory to the HIAS "Welcome Campaign" which includes a pledge of support to address the refugee issue.

HIAS identified three types of opportunities -- education, advocacy, and direct engagement -- in which congregations can participate.

### Education

The TI Social Action Committee has already decided to make the refugee issue the topic for this year's Shabbaton, to be held during Martin Luther King weekend in January. Other initiatives may include additional speakers and programs, and working with Rina Rebibo, the head of the Himmelfarb School, to include discussion of refugee issues as part of the curriculum.

### Advocacy

Advocacy activities may include participation in rallies and community engagement events, and urging the federal government and others to take action on relevant issues.



## Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers

### Barbara Raimondo

#### Alaskan Adventures

**Margie Odle** and **Carl Bergman** returned after Labor Day from an unforgettable two-week trip by land and by sea to Alaska, followed by a few days in Seattle visiting their daughter, **Hannah**, and her husband, **Mitch**. They are pleased to report that the youngsters are well settled in both their apartment and jobs, and are enjoying getting to know the territory.

Margie and Carl were the recipients of extraordinary luck -- they enjoyed the only 10 consecutive days of the entire summer when there was no rain in Alaska. Ask to see their 30 pictures of Mt. Denali!

Having spent part of the summer hiking in the Tetons, **Claudine Schweber** and **Ed Koren** couldn't keep from pounding the trail again. During Columbus Day weekend, they hiked with friends in Swallow Falls State Park in Garrett County, western Maryland, and Cathedral Park in West Virginia.

They figured they'd better keep going, since they'd probably not have the courage to do this in very cold weather or snow! The temps were in the high 70s, clear, and sunny. Given the holiday weekend, there were families as well as intense hikers in Swallow Falls as they walked along the Youghiogheny River and were rewarded by seeing, up close, four magnificent waterfalls.

#### Tennessee Tapping

**Alan Landay** took a nice trip to his childhood home of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, staying with his sister and brother-in-law and making music at the Museum of Appalachia Fall Homecoming Festival in Norris, Tennessee. It was a wonderful event (as usual!) with great music and very good weather (important for an

outdoor festival!). He also stayed for a few days afterward for Yom Kippur services at the synagogue he attended while growing up.

Alan also attended his nephew's wedding in Toronto in September. It was really a great event, held outdoors in a park-like setting. It was also a family reunion, as many family members came. He played his mountain dulcimer for the processional and the recessional.

Alan stayed for a few days after the wedding for some sight-seeing, and went to the top of Toronto's CN tower. At around 1500 feet it is the highest observation point in a building in the Western Hemisphere. The only higher ones are in Dubai and Shanghai. Alan really enjoyed Toronto and hopes to boomerang back.

#### All in the Family

**Louise Wiener** is happy to report that her youngest son, **Aaron**, married **Taiwo Whetstone** on October 29, with all sons, daughters-in-law and grandchildren in attendance! They are living in Alexandria. Aaron is an emergency room doctor at Inova and Taiwo is a speech and language therapist in Waldorf, MD. Louise now has two sons in the DC area and is feeling very, very lucky.

**Daniel Kraft**, MD, son of **Lisa** and **Michael Kraft**, chaired the recent Exponential Medical conference attended by nearly 600 medical researchers and developers of medical technology from around the world.

The annual conference, held in San Diego, brings together participants from across medical and healthcare specialties to learn about the convergence of accelerating technologies, such as big data, wearables, sensors, artificial intelligence, deep

learning, and cloud computing. It then seek ways to infuse these technologies as game-changing (and life-saving) tools in their fields. Daniel is chairman of the Medicine and Neuroscience facility at SU and previously was a cancer and stem cell researcher at Stanford University.



Where's Daniel?

#### Sad News

**Evelyn Perera**, mother of TI member **Melissa Perera** and grandmother of **Adam**, died in October after a short illness. She was 88. The funeral has held in Philadelphia. May her memory be a blessing.

And now for the meaning of last month's word, *panegyrics*: "formal or elaborate praise" (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 anent your comings and goings 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 edition of Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers.

## Kol Nashim

### Pearl Schainker



#### Baking Stuffed Breads

On **Sunday, November 13**, Kol Nashim will be sponsoring one of its most popular programs. Join us for **Baking Stuffed Breads with Jessica**. "Master baker" Jessica Weissman will demonstrate how to prepare several delicious breads.

If you are already a baker, or would like to try baking bread, join us at 10:15 a.m. in the Cherner. You will

be able to help prepare the breads. Best of all, you can sample the newly baked breads!

#### Book Club

The Kol Nashim Book Club will next meet on **November 15** at the home of **Adele Sumner**. We will read *Moses: Man of God* by Zora Neale Hurston. This is an African-American version of the life of Moses. See article below.

#### Upcoming Programs

Watch for more Kol Nashim programs: Game Night, Kol Nashim Shabbat, and a spring visit to Hillwood Museum and Gardens.

## Gevarim

### Andrew Reamer



#### Movie Nite@TI: Life After the Camps

This fall, Gevarim is showing movies about the lives of Jewish concentration camp survivors in four nations (Canada, Italy, Germany, France) immediately after the war ended.

**Sunday, November 20:** *The Murderers Are Among Us* (German, 1946). A man and a woman return to war-torn Berlin to face the harsh realities of post-war Germany.

**Sunday, December 18:** *Almost Peaceful* (France, 2002). A couple runs a modest tailoring shop in Paris where most of the employees are other survivors.

All movies are at 7:30 PM, free, subtitled, and in the Cherner. Nosh is available for \$4.

#### A Great Course on Jewish Civilization

Gevarim and Adult Education are pleased to present "Jewish Civilization from Mohammed to Spinoza," a series of 24 half-hour video lectures by Professor **David Ruderman**, University of Pennsylvania.

On 12 Sundays beginning last month and continuing to June 2017, **Allan Tulchin** is showing two half-hour lectures and facilitating 45 minutes of discussion. Each session runs from 10:15 a.m. to noon in the Library and is free.

The next session is **November 20:** Lectures 3 (The Beginnings of Jewish Life Under Islam) and 4 (Baghdad and the Gaonic Age). Future sessions are **December 11** (Lectures 5 and 6), and **December 18** (Lectures 7 and 8). Audios for Lectures 1 and 2 are available on request from Andrew Reamer.

#### Talmud Study

Continuing sessions which began last year, Rabbi Seidel teaches large sections of Tractate Brakhot approximately twice a month after Shabbat lunch from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m. in the Reamer Chapel. We read the text in English (photocopies are provided) and discuss.

Upcoming sessions are **November 5** and **19**, and **December 10** and **17**. Even if you've never studied Talmud before, you might enjoy dropping in on our ongoing exploration of this tractate of the Talmud.

## KN Book Club

### Jessica Weissman

Members of the Kol Nashim book club enjoyed discussing the poetry of Israeli poet Yehuda Amichai at our October meeting.

We read favorites aloud, and talked about his themes and about how different translations of the same poem showed the hard choices translators have to make. Rarely do Hebrew and English words share the same set of meanings and associations, so what gets lost in translation?

For our November meeting we will read Zora Neale Hurston's *Moses Man of the Mountain*, an African-American interpretation of the Moses story. You may remember the excerpt Carolivia Heron read as part of her *drash* not long ago.

The book is available in paperback and as an ebook. Library copies are available both separately and as part of the Library of America volume of Zora Neale Hurston novels.

We meet at 7:30 on **Tuesday, November 15** at the home of **Adele Sumner**. All are welcome, including those who have not finished the book or even started it. Research shows that 95% of those who come to the discussion without having finished the book plan to do so as soon as possible.

## Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

### November 4

Eliot & Traci Goldberg  
Joseph & Dody Goldberg  
Myrna Goldman  
Paul Goldman & Debbie  
Pomerance  
Tom & Lisa Goldring  
Paul & Rachel Goldstein  
Michael Gotthelf & Rachel Vile  
Stan Grabia & Varda Fink  
Lee & Jenni Grabel  
George & Marjorie Greenberg  
Larry Greenfield & Melanie  
Gross Greenfield

### November 18

Abraham & Dena Greenstein  
David Greisen & Jessica Bell  
Franca Brilliant  
Leah Weinryb Grohsgal & Corey  
Goettsch  
Stefan Gunter & Lisa Goldberg  
Eitan & Aviva Gutin  
Jonathan Halpern  
Eliot Harrison & Wendy Blake-  
Coleman  
David Hart & Lois Frankel  
Michael Heimowitz & Dori  
Gillman  
Larry Held & Sara Feinstein  
Matt & Linda Heller  
Steve & Shelly Heller  
Bruce Heppen & Bonnie  
Suchman

### November 25

Eugene & Esther Herman  
Carolivia Herron  
James & Annie Hershberg  
William Hodos  
Gayle & Erik Hope  
Hedy Howard

Neil Hyman & Rachel Decter  
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