



The Menorah

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President's Column: Stan Dorn

Where I've Been, Where We Can Go Together

In this column, I will tell you a little about my eclectic Jewish background. I will also share some hopes for how we can collaborate to strengthen our community, further enrich our Jewish lives together, and help the broader world at this historic moment.

I grew up happily Reform, with parents who helped start several synagogues deep in the heart of Orange County, California. By early adulthood, I could turn Hebrew letters into noise with reasonable accuracy, but I had no idea what any of it meant.

Becoming More Observant

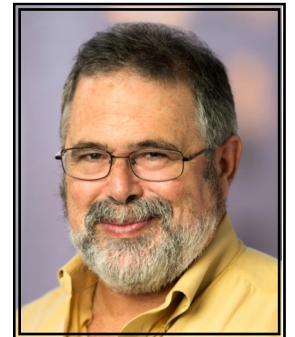
Starting in college, I gradually got into Jewish observance. After law school, I moved to Santa Monica, California, where friends introduced me to the world of hippy Hasidism, infused with Wild Turkey and Carlebach tunes. My grandparents bought me a membership in a nearby Conservative shul, where a young, dynamic rabbi, Dov Gartenberg, was bringing a dying congregation back to life. I loved it, became a regular, and started taking formal classes.

One happy day I met Carla Ellern, whose pursuit of graduate education in landscape architecture led me to abandon my rent-controlled apartment six blocks from the beach and move to the frigid Boston area. We found our way to a wonderful, warm shul on Tremont Street in Cambridge, whose spiritual leader, Reb Moshe, lived by the motto, "Come more often and bring more friends."

Moving to Washington

Our adventures took us to Washington, D.C., where we became deeply involved in

Adas Israel's traditional minyan; Berkeley, California, where we joined Netivot Shalom, a Conservative, participatory community; and back to D.C. in 2001, when we fell in love with TI.



I've joined several synagogue boards along the way. TI is fortunate to have a board that functions at a high level. I encourage you to attend a meeting or two. If what I've observed thus far is any indication, you'll be as impressed and proud as I have.

Top Priority Issues

Together, I hope we can make meaningful progress on some of the issues I see as top priorities for our community, building on the considerable work already under way:

- How can we more fully welcome and enrich the Jewish lives of our families with children at home as well as the many young adults who live within a few miles of TI? In my view, TI's future depends, in significant part, on finding good answers to this question.
- What role should we play in the broader society at this moment in history? The Congregation is rightly proud of its contributions during the Civil Rights struggle, but now our country faces another time of testing.

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President's Column (continued)

- How can we be most helpful to those in need, bringing TI together in a way that respects our members' diverse perspectives?
- How might we further enliven our shared ritual lives? Should we shift to a more accessible and inspiring siddur? Shall we investigate reconfiguring the sanctuary space? How do we weigh such steps' potential spiritual gains and financial costs?
 - What are the most effective and equitable means of setting funds aside to pay what are likely to be the considerable future costs of maintaining and repairing our aging building?

- How do we support and strengthen TI's administration and governance? How can we focus finite staff time on TI's top priorities while keeping a welcoming, open door to evolving community requests and needs? How will we take full advantage of the United Synagogue resources on leadership development that John List has secured for us?

Following John and Jeff

Speaking of John -- I am daunted to follow in his footsteps. We were blessed, in John and Jeff before him, to have presidents whose TI service was more than a full-time job. Unfortunately for TI, my day gig prevents me from coming close to their extraordinary level of commitment. Fortunately, they will continue to share their wisdom, experience, and leadership skills.

The best way to reach me is generally email at stan.ti.prez@gmail.com, a new account dedicated to communicating with the TI community. I plan to make a regular practice of staying at the synagogue on Wednesday evenings, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Once minyan reconvenes in the fall, I plan to arrive at 6.

Please feel free to join me for minyan and to raise whatever issues are on your mind! More broadly, I hope you will share your thoughts, concerns, and hopes about what we can do together to strengthen our community and continue building for the future.

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Special Shabbat, June 10

At Shabbat morning services on June 10, **Cynthia Peterman** will be honored for her efforts over the past several years to organize and coordinate TI's Centennial celebration.

The Kiddush following services will celebrate members birthdays and anniversaries occurring in June.

To honor someone for the Kiddush, go to tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/kiddush-donations.

To sign up to cook for the Kiddush on **Thursday, June 8, at 7 p.m.** go to <http://tinyurl.com/TICooking>.

Officers and Directors Elected, Dues Raised at TI Annual Meeting, May 23

The congregation chose four new officers and five new At-Large Members of the Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting on Tuesday evening, May 23. A 1.5% increase in annual dues was also approved.

The meeting was well attended; 65 members signed in and enjoyed a light dinner before the meeting began.

The results of the election went into effect the next day. The term for the officers, board members and trustees elected began on May 24. They will be formally installed during Shabbat morning services on June 3.

Officers

Newly elected officers were:

Stan Dorn, President
Janet Blank, Administrative Vice President
Josh Goldberg, Development Vice President
Sylvia Horwitz, Financial Vice President

Incumbent Vice Presidents re-elected were:

Debbie Pomerance, Communications
Daniel Turner, Governance
Mark Verschell, House
Chris Zeilinger, Lifelong Learning
Susan Catler, Membership
Ari Ne'eman, Ritual
Varda Fink, Social Action



Outgoing president, John List, presents gavel (and honorary presidential bowtie) to incoming president, Stan Dorn

Sheryl Gross-Glaser was re-elected as Recording Secretary, and **John List** automatically now fills the position of Immediate Past President.

Board of Directors

New At-Large Directors elected include:

Judah Flum, term ending in 2018
Seth Grimes, term ending in 2019
Aaron Kofner, term ending in 2019
Ira Forman, term ending in 2020
Ellen Kramarow, term ending in 2020

Incumbent Directors **Judy Tulchin** and **Terri Zall** were also re-elected for new terms ending in 2020.

At-Large Directors who continue to serve on the board include:

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Funeral Practices Committee Always On-Call

Haverim of the Funeral Practices Committee are on call to provide counsel and services to synagogue members and their dependents.

In the event of a death, prior to contacting the funeral home, please contact one of the following haverim, Rabbi Seidel, or the TI office (202-882-1605).

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w: 202-994-5906

David Cohen h: 301-652-2872

Marcia Goggin h: 301-593-8480
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Robert Rovinsky h: 202 237 1036
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Annual Meeting (continued)

Ruth Tabak (2018)
 Laura Schiavo (2018)
 Arthur Friedman (2018)
 Shemaya Klar (2019)
 Steven Bressler (2019)

Trustees

Chuck Feinberg, Stephen Marcus and Audrey Smith were re-elected as Cemetery Trustees.

Ray Natter was newly elected, and George Greenberg and Hilary Sachs were re-elected, as Building Preservation Fund Trustees.

Trustees are not members of the board.

Annual Dues

The congregation approved a small increase of \$22 per adult (\$44 for a 2-adult household) in annual dues. Dues will rise from \$1470 to \$1492 per adult (\$2940 to \$2984 for 2 adults). Proportionally comparable increases were approved for adult seniors, adults under 30, and adults split.

Building Preservation Fund Assessment

The board had also previously approved (not subject to congregational approval) a \$10 increase in the annual Building Preservation Fund Assessment, from \$70 to \$80 per adult, the first increase in five years.

Other Issues

Some confusion resulted from the fact that the congregation, under TI's by-laws, has the power to approve only increases in dues, but not the annual budget. The budget is approved by the Board of Directors. While the proposed dues increase was broadly supported, there were many concerns expressed by members at the meeting about the budget itself.

It was suggested, with the apparent agreement of incoming board leaders, that in the future, before the board gives final approval to the annual budget, the proposed budget be presented to the congregation for

consideration and comment at a congregational meeting earlier than the annual meeting.

Strong consensus was expressed at the meeting in support of two proposed actions:

- The many duties of the Director of Community Engagement, whose position will become vacant at the end of June, cannot be fulfilled within the currently budgeted 25 hours per week. The position should either be expanded to full time, or its duties limited to the priority activities doable within 25 hours weekly, with remaining duties covered by other positions or through other means.
- The congregation should pay for unemployment insurance for its employees. It is estimated that the total cost would be approximately \$5,000, which could be easily absorbed in a budget totaling \$1.2 million.

Zemer Chai Concert, Sunday, June 11

Zemer Chai: The Jewish Chorale of the Nation's Capital presents **HOME: A Concert for Our Times**, on Sunday, June 11, at 4:00 p.m. at Congregation Beth El of Montgomery County, 8215 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland.

With diverse selections in multiple languages from the rich Jewish musical heritage, Zemer Chai will share songs of longing for, caring for, fighting for... home. The concert features the DC premiere of the evocative "Sing Our Song" by Gerald Cohen with words by Elie Wiesel.

"We are all seeking 'home' -- a place where we feel welcome and safe," said Zemer Chai's artistic director,

Eleanor Epstein. "Because the significance of home is universal, Zemer Chai is honored to present this concert, continuing our mission of building bridges across faiths and cultures, bringing us closer as a community."

Tickets are available at www.ZemerChai.org -- \$40 reserved seating; \$20 general admission (\$25 at the door). For more information, call (301) 963-3462.



Friday Night Dinner

Jump start your summer with a BBQ dinner, on **Friday, June 9**.

The dinner will be followed by singing and chanting, led by Rabbi Seidel.

Bring your favorite songs and chants to share!

Services at 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Sign up at tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/event/june2017.

Centennial Gala, Sunday, May 7

(photos by Jeff Peterman)



Rabbi Seidel's Roasters: Dan Ring; Kim Levone; Alex, Hannah & Natan Seidel; Jared Garelick ...



... and Rachel Seidel



Roastee Ethan Seidel



Rachel presents Ethan with the "Whole Megillah"



Centennial Chair Cynthia Peterman & DC Mayor Muriel Bowser



Ward 4 Councilman Brandon Todd & ANC Commissioner Stacey Lincoln



Trio Sefardi: Howard Bass, Tina Chancey & Susan Gaeta

Centennial Gala, Sunday, May 7 (continued)

(photos by Earl Dotter)



Library News

Michele Sumka

We are very fortunate to have received donations of a number of great books!

After having checked with me to be sure the library wanted them, **Naomi Freeman** gave us Joan Nathan's new cookbook, *King Solomon's Table*; **Bernie Schlein** gave us Amoz Oz's *Judas*, David Grossman's *A Horse Walks Into a Bar*; and Bernard-Henri Levy's, *The Genius of Judaism*.

And, **Rabbi Devorah Lynn** gave us several boxes of books in preparation for her move. So far I have put out:

- Hirsch and Reinman, *One People, Two Worlds*

- Reza Aslan, *No god but God*
- Alice Ogden Bell, *Helpmates, Harlots, Heroes*
- Ruth Ellen Gruber, *Virtually Jewish*
- David Fohrman, *The Exodus You Almost Passed Over*.

I'm working on processing many more.

In addition, I have just purchased:

- *Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn*, by Daniel Gordis

- *Feminism Encounters Traditional Judaism: Resistance and Accommodation* (HBI Series on Jewish Women), by Tova Hartman
- *The Undoing Project: A Friendship That Changed Our Minds*, by Michael Lewis
- *Transitions*, by Yael Dayan
- *Bewilderments: Reflections on the Book of Numbers*, by Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg
- *Moses: A Human Life* (Jewish Lives), by Avivah Gottlieb Zornberg
- *Are You Not a Man of God?: Devotion, Betrayal, and Social Criticism in Jewish Tradition*, by Tova Hartman

You can find all of them on the shelf labeled "New Acquisitions" on the right side of the shelves in the mezzanine lobby.

Himmelfarb & Chai School Happenings

Rina Rebibo

Wow, That Was Quick!

June 4 will be our last day of school for this academic year. To celebrate, the PTA has put together a fabulous First Annual Family Fun Festival. All TI families are invited to join the Himmelfarb & Chai Schools at 9:15 a.m. for *tefillah* with the Rabbi, a special digital commencement program and outdoor team fun.

The program will culminate with a "cereal bar" brunch. For more information and to register, go to <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/event/famfun17>.

Thank You to Our Dedicated Staff for a Wonderful Year!

Gan – Morah Silvia & Madrikh Eitan

Alef – Morah Lemberg & Madrikhah Eliyah

Bet – Morah Eti & Madrikhah Ellie

Gimel – Morah Hindy & Madrikh Jacob

Daled – Morah Dalia & Morah Lisa

Hey – Moreh David

Vav – Morah Helen

Jr. Chai – Rabbi Seidel

Chai School – Moreh Steve

Additional Madrikh -- Aidan

Administrative Assistant -- Elisha

Facilities -- Steve & Cheryl

Registration for 2017-2018

Registration is open for the 2017-2018 school year.

For more information or to register, go to <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/school2017>.

Tot Shabbat Summer Schedule

Tot Shabbat will continue monthly during the summer. The schedule is:

June 17

July 15

August 19

Mark your calendar today!

Youth and Family Corner

Wilhelmina Gottschalk

This month, I will be leaving my position as Director of Community Engagement at Tifereth Israel. This has been a busy and meaningful year. It has been a pleasure to work with the committed volunteers of TI, as well as to play a role in the Centennial year of our congregation.

Having a front-row seat to many of the goings on around the synagogue in the past year, I'd like to talk about three things that I see as real cause for excitement.

Inclusion

As a community, TI values inclusion and wants to find ways to help everyone participate in the programs they want to join. However, this year some TI members have identified ways that inclusion has become a passive value within our community.

The newly formed Inclusion Committee, under the leadership of **Larry Bram**, has members who are ready

to roll up their sleeves and work at the hard, sometimes inconvenient task of making sure we are as open and welcoming as we believe ourselves to be.

I sense a growing communal awareness of ways that certain unquestioned behaviors and statements can unintentionally exclude members of the group. Alternatively, it's remarkable how frequently a choice made for the sake of inclusion provides benefits for groups beyond those it is intended to help.

Activism

This is the place where I see the greatest confluence between TI's sense of purpose and the world around us. When the most vulnerable members of our community or our world are in need, there are a remarkable number of TI'ers who know what to do and are ready to do it.

This is an area where TI really has maintained its energy and continued working for important causes for years. Our history in this area is one of the greatest features of our Centennial retrospective, in my opinion.

Programs for Young Families

While adult programming at TI stays fairly constant year to year, there are natural ebbs and flows in age-based programs that just depend on who is in the demographic at the moment. As active and organized volunteers age into and out of TI's micro-communities, programs flourish or languish accordingly.

In the last couple of years, the volunteers responsible for our best baby/toddler initiatives have joined older communities, and it hasn't been clear what is going to happen next with this group. Tot Shabbat on the third Saturday of each month

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OneWalk for Juvenile Diabetes, June 4

Jonathan Morris

Hi, I am Jonathan Morris, a life-long member of TI. I and my fellow eighth-graders at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School have a culminating Capstone Project with the goal of impacting a community for the better. As my project, I chose to organize a team for the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) OneWalk**. JDRF helps people with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D).

As you may know, I was diagnosed with T1D in January of 2016. Just as the blizzard of 2016 was starting, I was taken by ambulance to the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Children's Hospital for two days, and the general hospital for four as I was in DKA (Diabetic Ketoacidosis), a life

threatening state where the blood becomes acidic due to the lack of insulin in the body and dehydration.

Thankfully since that time, I have had great care. But still, I have to take shots whenever I eat and at bedtime, and perform constant calculations to stay in range.

The annual OneWalk will be held this year on **June 4**, starting at 8:00 a.m. It helps raise money for JDRF. My team's goal is to raise \$2,400. If you can help walk or donate, that would be much appreciated. For more information on the walk go to my team page at chron.xyz/jointeamca

Thank you so much for your support!



SHALEM

Jessica Weissman

May's SHALEM talk was part of the Centennial celebration weekend, with scholar in residence Rabbi James Jacobson-Maisels speaking on "Radical Acceptance: Finding Light in the Darkness."

On **June 24**, **Adam Immerwahr**, Artistic Director for Theatre J, is offering a SHALEM program on the topic of "How to Watch a Play." This is normally a 12-session course that he has distilled into a single hour for us. Not quite the Torah while standing on one foot, but pretty close. TI'ers who heard his recent *drash* know just how interesting and provocative this talk will be.

Immerwahr is an award-winning director and producer whose work has included off-Broadway plays in New York as well as regional and international productions. In addition, he is an acclaimed arts administrator and received the 2014 Emerging Nonprofit Leader Award presented by Fairleigh Dickinson University's Center for Excellence and the Center for Non-Profits.

Have you ever thought of giving a SHALEM talk? Do you have a topic in mind that you'd like to hear about? If there's something you know well

Youth & Family (cont.)

regularly attracts 15-20 families, but it's been a while since anything has happened with their momentum.

This year, plans and dreams have started popping up, and we've set up a new Tot Committee to help make things happen. I'm excited to know that we'll have a calendar of tot events set up by this fall, with opportunities for young families with kids to come together more frequently than once a month.

What gets you excited around TI?

that others might be interested in, please talk to me about it. We'll find you a date.

Topics must have some Judaic content or some connection to Judaism. The connection doesn't have to be strong or obvious. Talks should be 25 to 45 minutes long, leaving plenty of time for questions. You can count on the SHALEM audience for good questions.

Here are some ideas:

- a Jewish poet or novelist whose work you know and love and who is no longer well known
- an aspect of social justice you work on

- an event in Jewish history that you or your family were part of or one that interests you and you can present without electronic assistance
- spiritual topics such as preparation for the holidays that might include activities for the attendees.

Handouts are fine, as are posters and items that can be passed around the audience.

If you have an idea I am glad to help you figure out how to shape it into a SHALEM talk, in front of the best audience you'll ever have. Please contact me soon so we can get you into the fall activity catalog.

TI to March in Takoma Park 4th of July Parade

Tifereth Israel is excited to be participating in the Takoma Park 4th of July Parade this summer. We've done it twice before – in 2014 and 2016 – and it was great fun. (In 2015 July 4 was on Shabbat.) We're ready to go again.

The route is short – 1.25 miles – and takes about 30 to 45 minutes to march. Strollers are welcome and families with young children are encouraged to participate for as much of the route as they can.

This year we would like marchers to wear a TI T-shirt. If you can help design or produce it, please contact **Susan Catler** at TIHelp@Tifereth-Israel.org as soon as possible.

The parade participants arrive at 9 a.m. and the parade is over by noon. We will have a banner and will march as a group on Tuesday, July 4th (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 all the assembly and T-shirt information.

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



TI'ers march in 2014 Takoma Park 4th of July Parade

Kol Nashim

Ruth Shapiro



Hillwood Estates Trip

On May 21 Kol Nashim sponsored a trip to Hillwood Estates, the home of Marjorie Merriweather Post. Sixteen

men and women were taken on two different tours of Hillwood; one in the mansion and one on the estate's gardens (see photo below). In the mansion we viewed her various col-



TI'ers visit Hillwood Estates, May 21

lections: religious icons, porcelain, many paintings and furnishings and more. In addition to being beautiful, all the items had historical significance.

The gardens are beautiful and in these days of non-fragrant flowers the roses in the gardens smelled wonderful!

Book Club

At our May meeting we discussed the very amusing *The Education of Hyman Kaplan*, and for June we will be reading *The Jew in the Lotus – A Poet's Rediscovery of his Jewish Identity in India* by Roger Kamenetz.

See article below for details. Come join us for a lively discussion.

KN Book Club

Jessica Weissman

In May the Kol Nashim Book Club enjoyed reading and discussing Leo Rosten/Leonard Q. Ross's *The Education of H*Y*M*A*N K*A*P*L*A*N*, with some finding it as funny as it was when they first read it and others (having matured since their teenage years) disagreeing.

All appreciated the love for America exhibited by the entire class, and those with classroom experience appreciated how well Mr. Parkhill handled his teaching duties.

Our **June 20** meeting is at the home of **Claudine Schweber** and **Ed Koren**. Our selection is *The Jew in the Lotus – a Poet's Rediscovery of*

his Jewish Identity in India, by Roger Kamenetz.

This book starts with the story of how Kamenetz accompanied a group of Jewish delegates to Dharamsala, India, for a historic Buddhist–Jewish dialogue with the Dalai Lama and goes on to show how Kamenetz came to appreciate the convergence of Buddhist and Jewish thought. He visits other prominent Buddhist and Jewish figures and interviews many Jews and Jewish Buddhists while coming to his own conclusions.

On **July 18** we will read Chaim Potok's *My Name is Asher Lev*. This is the story of a Ladover Hasid

whose faith and practice are both deep. He is also a visual artist who is driven to render the world he sees and feels, even if it leads to blasphemy. Potok traces Asher's passage between these two identities, and how he deals with the contradiction, loss, and joy that entails.

If you'd like to host this meeting, please contact knbook@tifereth-israel.org.

August's meeting is TBD. Our fall book selection meeting will be held on **September 12**. No book to read; just bring your book suggestions. It's the perfect no-responsibilities respite from holiday preparation.

Gevarim

Andrew Reamer



Movie Nite@TI

Movie Nite@TI begins a new series titled "Rescue and Resistance," movies about rescues of Jews and resistance against the Nazis during World War II.

The first movie in the series, to be shown on **Sunday, June 11** at 7:30 p.m. in the Cherner, is *My Italian Secret: The Forgotten Heroes*, a 2015 documentary about courageous Italians who carried out ingenious schemes to rescue Jews, partisans, and refugees from Nazi-occupied Italy. The movie is free and nosh is four dollars.

Kosher Wine-Tasting

After the successful beer-tasting event at Rabbi and Rachel Seidel's home in April, Gevarim is pleased to host a kosher wine-tasting event on

Saturday, June 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Seidels', 7604 Morningside Drive, NW. Participation will be limited to 20 people and cost \$5 per person. A sign-up webpage will be posted.

Video Course on Medieval Jewish Civilization

Gevarim and the Adult Education Committee present *Jewish Civilization from Mohammed to Spinoza*, a Great Courses series of video lectures by Professor David Ruderman, University of Pennsylvania. The final session will be on **Sunday, June 11**, in the Mollie Berch Library.

The lectures -- "The Rise of Eastern European Jewry" and "The Sephardim of Amsterdam" -- will run from 10:15-11:15 a.m. and discussion will go until noon. The course is facilitated by **Allan Tulchin**, Adult Ed

Committee chair and Shippensburg University history professor. Previous attendance is not required. The audio for previous lectures is available on TI shulcloud.

Talmud Study

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 and discuss the text in English (photocopies are provided).

The next sessions are scheduled for **June 3** 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.

Honoring Shepherd ES Tutors

Susan Catler

On **June 17** Tifereth Israel will be honoring this year's tutors in the Shepherd Tutoring Program. TI's Social Action committee has sponsored the TI/Shepherd program for the past 19 years.

During the school year, tutors and Shepherd Elementary School students meet at TI on Sundays from 5 to 6 p.m. and work together to reinforce what the students have been learning in school. It is a rewarding program for students and tutors. Tutors include pre-Bnei Mitzvah students, teens and adults.

This year's tutors include Alex Berg, Zachary Bressler, Steven Bressler, Elizabeth Carp, Samantha Feldman, Seth Feldman, Bruce Friedland,

Naomi Garber, Jenny Goldstein, Lee Grabel, Noah Grabel, Beryl Hovis-Afflerbach, Ari Hovis-Afflerbach, Ethan Josovitz, Sam Kwait-Spitzer, Shirah Lister, Carol Miaskoff, Jonathan Morris, Chuck Rombro, Scott Shoreman, Danielle Showstack, Isaac Snow, Lynne Snyder, Pam Stone, Dave Wachtel and Robert Weissler.

To sign up for next year, go to <http://tinyurl.com/ShepherdTutor>.

If you have questions or would like to help run the program next year, speak to any of this year's organizers – Dave Wachtel, Pam Stone, Chuck Rombro, Jenny Goldstein or Susan Catler.

New Summer TI Office Hours

Beginning on June 6, the hours in the Tifereth Israel office will change to the following:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tuesday, Saturday & Sunday: Office Closed

When These Lions Roared

Simcha Kuritzky

This month marks a half century since the 1967 war, often called the Six Days War. The most commemorated event in that war was Israel's paratroopers liberating the Kotel after entering the Old City of Jerusalem through the Lions Gate.

Jordan began shelling western Jerusalem on June 5 and seized the UN headquarters. Israel counter-attacked the same day, and on June 6 took Ammunition Hill and linked up with Mt. Scopus (the only part of eastern Jerusalem technically in Israel 1949-67). On June 7, at 9:30 a.m., paratroopers entered the Old City which surrendered an hour later.

Reviewing many of the resulting commemorative coins and medals, one might gain the impression that Jerusalem has only one gate, just like the Jordan River seems to have only a west bank. Shortly after the war, General Mordecai Gur (whose last name means lion cub) presented the medal pictured below to his paratroopers who took part in the battle (and to the families of those who had died).

The large bronze medal portrays the paratroopers' emblem on one side with the inscription "Paratrooper's Brigade/Jerusalem Liberators," and on the other side is the Lions Gate with the legend "We declared freedom to His walls, 28 Iyar 5727."



The gate is also featured prominently along with Ammunition Hill on Israel's 1987 anniversary commemorative on the 20th anniversary of the war, and the Lions Gate is also shown on the 30th anniversary commemorative

medal with the quote Stronger than Lions (II Samuel 1:23).



Several of Jerusalem's gates were portrayed on Israel's last lirot banknotes designed in the mid-1970s, starting with the Lions Gate on the £5.



A number of private commemorative medals also show the Lions Gate. The one on the left below, showing Moshe Dayan's bust by the Lions Gate also commemorates Israel's 20th independence anniversary in 1968.

A private medal on the right, commemorating the 30th year of Israel's independence, shows Jerusalem with the Lions Gate prominent and the years of her major wars: 1948, 1956, 1967.



While no battles took place in Jerusalem during the 1956 Suez War, Jordan did place their military under Egyptian rule.

Israel's preoccupation with Jerusalem didn't start in 1967. The only battle that Israel issued a medal for in the 1948 war was for Qatamon in west Jerusalem. On the medal, the battle site is surrounded by Psalm 137:5, "If I forget thee Jerusalem, may my right hand forget me."

A private coin collectors group in 1961 issued a Tisha B'Av medal showing the Kotel, then under Jordanian control.



Israel's independence commemorative in 1965 showed the new Knesset building in Jerusalem shortly before its dedication.

Israel issued a series of medals in 1965-6 honoring cities that issued coins in Greco-Roman times, climaxing with a fanciful mountainous portrayal of Jerusalem's Old City and the Psalms line "Mountains round about Jerusalem." Of course, none of these commemoratives focused on the Lions Gate since it had no special significance then.



After the war, the entire city came under Israel rule. The first citywide elections took place in 1969, and election workers received a special medal that includes Jerusalem's rampant lion in olive wreath coat-of-arms.

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June Highlights at Tifereth Israel

June 1	Second Day of Shavuot; Festival Service 9 a.m.; Yizkor, 11 a.m.
June 4	First Annual Family Fun Festival, 9:15 a.m.
June 3	Installation of Officers and Board of Directors at Shabbat morning services
June 3, 17	Talmud Study, Rabbi Seidel, 1:00-1:45 p.m., Reamer Chapel
June 5, 12 19, 26	Monday Lunch & Learn <i>Parashat HaShavua</i> , 11 a.m.; Lunch, 12 noon
June 11	"Jewish Civilization from Mohammed to Spinoza," final lectures, Allan Tulchin, 10:15 a.m.-noon, Library
June 11	Movie Nite, <i>My Italian Secret: The Forgotten Heroes</i> , 7:30 p.m.
June 20	KN Book Club, at home of Claudine Schweber & Ed Koren, 7:30 p.m.
June 24	SHALEM; Adam Immerwahr, Theatre J Artistic Director, "How to Watch a Play." Gevaram-sponsored Wine-Tasting, home of Rabbi & Rachel Seidel, 5-7 p.m.

For further details on these and other TI events go to our website at www.Tifereth-Israel.org, Facebook at www.facebook.com/TiferethIsrael, or Twitter at www.twitter.com/TiferethDC.

When These Lions Roared (continued)



The old and new Israel Jerusalem boundaries can be seen on the 20th anniversary commemorative medal below for the Battle of [Ammunition Hill](#). On the map, the locations of Ammunition Hill, the Knesset, Old City, and Mt. Scopus are indicated.

Israel's 25th war anniversary medal shows Jerusalem landmarks inside

the outline of a dove. Both the 1987 and 1992 medals have the line from Psalms 122 Jerusalem built closely together.



Israel has also issued a number of other medals showcasing Jerusalem, especially for the city's 3000th anniversary as David's capital, but these don't acknowledge Israel's loss

of the Old City in 1948 or recovery in 1967.

Although Arabs want to claim Jerusalem's Old City and environs as the capital of a future state, Fatah and their supporters haven't issued any medals celebrating the city.

Jordan issued a coin in 1969 commemorating the city they lost two years before, and North Yemen issued a coin in 1975 showing the churches and mosques of what they called Arab Jerusalem, but Jerusalem remains the city at Israel's heart.

Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

June 2

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 Tobi McFarland
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 Robert & Laura Meisnere
 Stephen Meltzer
 Ethan Merlin & Joelle Novey
 David & Dana Mermelstein
 Sarah & Rachel Meytin
 Josephine Mickelson
 Michael & Barbara Milton
 Emily & Adil Moiduddin
 Ken Morris & Terri Zall
 Jerry & Sharon Muller

June 9

Jonah & Stephanie Murdock
 Myron Murdock & Judy Herzog-Murdock
 Beth Naftalin
 Ray & Adele Natter
 Ari Ne'eman and Ruti Regan
 Sheridan & Dana Neimark
 Michael H. New & Linda Turnowski
 Stephen Nelson & Leslie Goodman-Malamuth
 Lee & Hedy Ohringer
 Sarah Osborne
 Jessica & Jonathan Panikoff
 Larry Paul & Joye Newman
 Perry & Fylis Peckham
 Daniel Pederson & Dafna Spear
 Melissa Perera
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 Jeff & Cynthia Peterman
 Michael Pitch & Elaine Weiss
 Joshua Pitlick & Janet Blank
 Lisa Plotkin

June 16

David & Laurel Rabin
 Glenn Rapoport
 Jacqueline Ratner
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 Sanford & Shelley Reback
 Naomi Reem
 Arnold & Naomi Revzin
 Ruth Reynolds
 Howard Riker & Danielle Glosser
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 Joseph Rofrano & Lynn Golub-Rofrano
 Charles Rombro & Pamela Stone
 Chris Romer & Amy Nelson
 Elliot Rosen & Sharon Cohen
 Andrew Roshwalb & Jackelyn Lopez Roshwalb
 Aviel Roshwald & Alene Moyer
 Ari Roth & Kate Schechter
 Nancy Roth
 Marc Rothenberg & Ivy Baer

June 23

Robert Rovinsky & Renana Brooks
 David & Stephanie Rubin
 Howard & Hannah Rubin
 Stephen & Jill Saletta
 Mark & Diann Saltman
 Lawrence & Pearl Schainker
 Eric & Shira Schechtman
 Michael & Mical Schneider
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 Paul Seltman & Jeanne Ireland
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 David & Lois Shapiro
 Phillip & Ruth Shapiro
 Yvonne Shashoua
 Noam Shelef & Deborah Quint Shelef
 Jaclyn Shettler & Aaron Marx
 Scott Shoreman & Elizabeth Carp
 Randy Showstack & Michele Zador
 Nathaniel Shyovitz
 Richard & Marjorie Siegel

David Silber & Eileen Rose
 Yochanan Sullivan

June 30

Morton Simon
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 Audrey Smith
 Aaron & Reva Snow
 Dan & Elizabeth Sokolov
 Louis & Madge Lee Spector
 Barry & Sari Siegel Spieler
 Gregory Stackel & Genevieve Dara Sapir
 Jeffrey & Julie Steinberg
 Lois C. Steinberg
 Abby Stoler & Samantha Holtz
 Steven Stoller
 Jack Stone & Wilma Brier
 Herman & Malka Stopak
 Michael & Michelle Strollo
 Edwin Stromberg & Rose Ellen Halper
 Shelley Sturman

July 7

Marc Suddleson & Molly Surden
 Howard & Michele Sumka
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 Gabe & Ruth Tabak
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