



# The Menorah

## President's Column: John List USCJ's New, Flexible Membership Standard

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The umbrella organization for the Conservative movement, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ), has proposed to its member *kehilot* a change that would allow each congregation within USCJ the authority to define who can be a member of that shul. Tifereth Israel is one of the approximately 600 congregations in the US and Canada that are members of USCJ.

The Board of Directors of USCJ created a Commission on Community and Covenant in the Twenty First Century. The Commission first met on June 6, 2016, and the Board of USCJ adopted the Commission's recommendation on a change to Membership Standards on December 4, 2016.

### Community & Covenant Members

The foundational principles of the commission were to honor members of the Jewish community and to honor members of the Jewish covenant, i.e., Jews by birth or conversion. Members of the community are those persons who are not members of the covenant and yet are invested in the well-being of the synagogue and share a commitment to the community with the Jewish members of the synagogue.

The Commission's proposed revision to the Membership Standard is viewed as a welcoming gesture, communicating that the involvement of non-Jewish community members is appreciated and valued, and acknowledging their de facto participation and investment in the synagogue community.

At our meeting on February 13, the Board of Directors resolved that TI vote on March 1, 2017, in favor of the revised Membership Standard. The current standard is: "only persons of the Jewish faith, as

determined by the rabbi, may be admitted to membership in the congregation."

The proposed standard is: "USCJ supports every affiliated *kehilah* in developing its own criteria for membership."



The proposed Membership Standard is supported by: the Rabbinic Assembly; the Jewish Theological Seminary; and, the Zeigler School of Rabbinic Studies.

If the proposed change is adopted, no congregation is required to change its definition of membership.

### New Standard Doesn't Alter Others

The proposed Membership Standard does not alter the requirement of USCJ affiliated shuls to adhere to the Standards of Rabbinic Practice, published opinions of the Committee on Jewish Law & Standards of the Rabbinic Assembly and the positions of the United Synagogue. The proposed Membership Standard does not address *halakhic* issues.

If Tifereth Israel adopts the proposed Membership Standard on March 1, TI has an opportunity to engage in a long-range process involving the entire congregation as to whether we want to change the membership standard in our Bylaws. TI's Bylaws read: "Membership of this Congregation shall be open to all persons of the Jewish faith (as defined by the

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## Youth and Family Corner

### Wilhelmina Gottschalk

Welcome to the fun-filled month of Adar! Purim is a time when we disguise ourselves, and sometimes it is the day when the truth is revealed.

Here is a list of the ways that this year's Purim carnival on **Sunday, March 12** will be a little bit different than in past years.

- Since the carnival actually takes place on Purim, you can make a whole day of celebrating at TI. Come for services at 9:00 a.m., join the *se'udah* (festive meal)

at 11:00, and have a ball at the Purim carnival, 12:00-2:00 pm!

- This year's Purim Carnival will feature an inflatable obstacle course large enough for kids of all ages to use.
- Lunch will be available for sale at the carnival. Our topsy-turvy Purim menu will feature vegetarian fake *treif*.
- If you like throwing balls at milk bottles, great! If blackjack is more your style, we've got games for you too.
- If you are (or know) a pre-teen, teen, or adult who would like to be involved in this year's Purim carnival, it's easy to sign up to volunteer! Just go to [tinyurl.com/purimatTI](http://tinyurl.com/purimatTI) and enter your information.

Bring your appetite and your sense of fun, and we'll see you at the Purim carnival!

### *The Menorah*

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## President's Column (continued)

Conservative movement and as interpreted by the Rabbi) who are of good moral character."

Amending this provision to allow non-Jewish persons to be members of TI can only be accomplished by a vote of three-quarters of the TI members at a congregational meeting. What lies ahead of us in any change to our membership standard would be a thoughtful deliberative process involving the entire TI community. If you have questions, please contact me at [TIPresident@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:TIPresident@tifereth-israel.org).

## Visits by Rabbi Seidel

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

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

## Hamentaschen Baking with Rabbi Seidel

You are invited to bake hamentaschen with Rabbi Seidel on **Wednesday, March 8**. These are the hamantaschen we will enjoy after services. All bakers can, of course, take a few home.

The project will be done in three shifts: From 10 a.m. to noon, the dough will be prepared. Then, in the evening there will be two shifts to fill and bake the hamentaschen, the first from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and the second from 8 to 9:30.

Rabbi Seidel is an accomplished baker, and loves to share his skills with congregants. Come for a relaxed morning or evening of baking, learning, and schmoozing with the Rabbi in the TI kitchen. Get yourself in the mood for a happy Purim.

A light dinner will be served for bakers in the two evening shifts. Children 5 and older welcome to join in the baking if interested. Childcare will be available for the first evening shift only.



New Members Michael Linden, Rebecca Melsky and children, Eloise and Wesley, featured in the February Menorah

### Juniper St. Collection

The next collection will be our (almost) annual pre-Pesah food collection. This year's proceeds will benefit **Thrive DC**.

Please contribute healthy, non-perishable food items such as:

- Canned fruits and vegetables (pop tops especially)
- Canned soup, rice, beans, pasta
- Protein and granola bars
- Tuna
- Peanut butter, nuts

Please check that none of the items are opened or past their expiration date.

The collection ends **Thursday, April 6**.

### Inclusion Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the Inclusion Committee will be on **Wednesday, March 1**, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

### 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

What a year of Centennial programming this has been! February's signature program, "All our Young People: Youth and Education," welcomed Avi West, Senior Education Officer at Jewish Federation of Greater Washington. Mr. West's *drash* presented how Jewish education has and is changing. He also facilitated a very important panel discussion on day school, religious school, and youth education.

Many thanks to our participants: Samantha Vinokor-Meinrath, Jewish Teen Engagement & Philanthropy Associate; Naomi Reem, Head of School, the Jewish Primary Day School of the Nation's Capital; Rina Rebibo, TI Director of Education; and Wilhelmina Gottschalk, TI Director of Community Engagement.

In addition to the Retreat, "Staying Relevant in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,"

March's signature program will combine with Kol Nashim Shabbat on **March 18** for a *drash* and SHALEM panel discussion on "The Changing Role of Women in Judaism," co-sponsored with Congregation Ohev Sholom Talmud Torah. The *drash* will address the very prominent place of sisterhood in TI's history, from the Ladies Auxiliary to Sisterhood to today's Kol Nashim women's group.

Our SHALEM panel, moderated by **Rabbi Avis Miller**, will explore the topic of women's roles in today's Jewish community. Participating will be: **Barbara White**, **Maharat Ruth Balinsky-Friedman** (OSTT) and **Rena Fruchter** (OSTT).

If you have taken the opportunity to explore our historical exhibition, you will have noticed that Tifereth Israel met in a variety of locations before moving to 7701 16<sup>th</sup> St. Want to



travel back in time? Join us for our **Tour of Historic TI Locations** on **Sunday, March 19** at 1:30 p.m. You can bike, drive or walk to the three spots on the tour. Watch for details and a sign-up sheet.

Continuing in our series of Shabbat Tributes to TI Leaders, on **March 25** **Diana Zurer** will speak about Marvin Caplan, Yiddishist and leader of Neighbors Inc.

## TI Care Buddies

### Lynn Golub-Rofrano

Many of us were inspired by the *drash* and SHALEM program with Rabbi Michael Goldman, creator of Seivah, Jewish Life Beyond Memory, serving people with dementia. As we spoke after the program there was significant interest in starting a Care Buddy program at TI.

**Howard Gleckman** and **Lynn Golub-Rofrano** will take the lead in organizing training sessions and coordinating the program. **Ann Kline** will teach one of the sessions specifically dealing with how to visit and speak with people suffering from dementia. This session will also be open to family members and care givers.

If you are interested in becoming a Care Buddy and attending the training sessions, please contact Howard ([howardgleckman@msn.com](mailto:howardgleckman@msn.com)) or Lynn ([ltgr429@gmail.com](mailto:ltgr429@gmail.com)). We will send out a doodle to schedule the best time for the training sessions.

## Come to "Lunch & Learn"

### David Cohen

One of TI's wonderful (and free) educational opportunities is the weekly Lunch & Learn program. It has been ongoing for several years, but I just began to participate this past fall (as both participant and occasional leader), and I enthusiastically recommend it to other TI members and their nonmember friends.

We meet in the Reamer Chapel every Monday morning at 11 for an hour's exploration/discussion of the *Parashat HaShavuah* – the Torah portion read on the previous Shabbat – followed by a lovely lunch served up (usually featuring the menu from the previous Shabbat Kiddush lunch) by Roz Kram.

We have a devoted group of "regulars" in attendance but continuation is not critical. Anyone can come

any week they are free to do so and not have any make-up work to do. Just read over the previous Shabbat Torah portion – or come to shul and hear it chanted -- for background, or even come in "cold!" No prior sign-up or registration is required.

Rabbi Seidel leads the session every other week. On alternate weeks lay leaders take over. "Maximum feasible participation" (the watchword, early in my government career, of the federal anti-poverty program) seems to be the governing principle and all viewpoints are welcome (and expressed!).

I can guarantee a lively discussion, something new to learn or think about, and a relaxing lunch and *schmooz* with folks you know or don't know. Come join us.

## Himmelfarb & Chai School Happenings

Rina Rebibo

### Retreat Time!

Our B'nei Mitzvah class is attending the TI Retreat taking place at Pearlstone March 3-5. They will be spending quality time learning a unique curriculum for their B'nei Mitzvah, bonding as a group with recreational activities including sports, s'mores by the bon fire and a fun movie.

### Purim is coming!

Our students are busy learning about the upcoming holidays of Purim and Pesah.

Though there is no school on Purim, we encourage all families to join us for:

- **Megillah Reading** on **Saturday night, March 11**
- **TI Purim Carnival** 12:00–2:00 p.m. on **Sunday, March 12.**

### PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is **Sunday, March 19** from 9:45 to 11:00 a.m. TI member **Ari Neeman** will start off the meeting with a briefing on the Sanctuary Congregation meeting he attended in February. Please join us to learn more about this important issue as well as how you can become more involved with the school.

### Open House

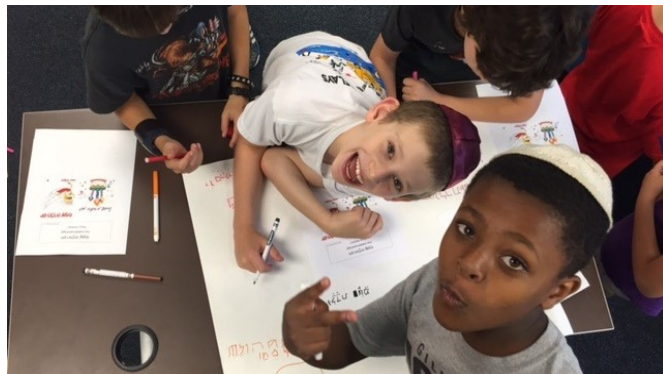
On **Sunday, March 26**, 9:15-11:45 a.m., Himmelfarb will have an Open House for potential students and their families. Encourage your friends who are looking for a warm, dynamic and engaging Jewish education for their children to join us. RSVP to [Elisha@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:Elisha@tifereth-israel.org) or contact Rina with any questions at [rina@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:rina@tifereth-israel.org).



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At Tifereth Israel Congregation

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### Yom Ha'Atzma'ut Lecture

On **Sunday, April 30**, at 10:30 a.m. in the Cherner Auditorium, **Noam Zohar** will discuss the unique legal and ethical rules governing birth-to-death medical decisions in Israel.

Zohar, a renowned Israeli bio-ethicist and professor at Bar Ilan University, will explore how Jewish religious tradition informs Israeli law and bioethics.

**Save the Date.** Details to follow in April *Menorah*.

## Celebrate Purim at Tifereth Israel!

**Order Hamantaschen from Sunflower Bakery** at [www.sunflowerbakery.org/products/purim](http://www.sunflowerbakery.org/products/purim).

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| Monday, March 6    | 12 noon              | Deadline      |
| Wednesday, March 8 | 2:00-6:30 p.m.       | Pick-up at TI |
| Thursday, March 9  | 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. | Pick-up at TI |
| Friday, March 10   | 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | Pick-up at TI |

**Bake Hamantaschen with Rabbi Seidel** -- Sign up at [tinyurl.com/TIPurimBaking2017](http://tinyurl.com/TIPurimBaking2017).

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| Wednesday, March 8 | 10:00 a.m.-12 noon | Prepare dough                                     |
|                    | 6:30-8:00 p.m.     | Fill and bake (childcare available, light dinner) |
|                    | 8:00-9:30 p.m.     | Fill and bake (light dinner)                      |

### Purim Services

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| Saturday, March 11 | 7:15 p.m. |
| Sunday, March 12   | 9:00 a.m. |

*If you are interested in reading Megillah or participating in a Purim Spiel, please contact Rabbi Seidel at [eseidel@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:eseidel@tifereth-israel.org) as soon as possible.*

**Pre-Pesah Wine Sale and Wine Tasting** -- during Purim services on March 11

**Kadima Mac & Cheese Groggers Fundraiser** -- during Purim services on March 11

*All proceeds from the sale of groggers will be donated, as will unopened boxes of mac & cheese.*

**Se'udat Purim** -- Sign up at [tinyurl.com/SeudahTI2017](http://tinyurl.com/SeudahTI2017).

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| Saturday, March 11 | 11:00 a.m. |
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*Have a festive holiday meal with members of TI and Segulah!*

### Purim Carnival

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| Sunday, March 11 | 12:00-2:00 p.m. |
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## Social Action at TI: Larry Baizer Refugee Support, Pesah Food Delivery



### Aiding a Refugee Family

Last fall, several members of the Social Action Committee, along with a group of interested volunteers from the congregation, met with representatives of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) for two educational sessions on the enormous scope of the current refugee crisis and initial advice on how local congregations might assist refugee families in the Washington area.

Some nine organizations in the US coordinate volunteer efforts on behalf of refugees. As HIAS does not perform that function in this area, they directed us to Lutheran Social Services (LSS), which has guided volunteers for several years.

Orientation sessions with LSS provided us with concise ideas and plans for hosting refugee families from the moment of their arrival in this area. These scenarios typically require significant commitments from the congregation, so alternative avenues were explored.

The Ethiopian Community Development Council (ECDC) is another of the nine organizations coordinating refugee assistance efforts in this area, and Jon Halpern and his family have worked with a Syrian family of six for the past nine months. Jon identified another Syrian family (friends of the people that he is working with) that settled in this area with the aid of ECDC in September.

A small group of TI'ers (Gene Herman, Janet Nesse and Alice Burton) has made initial contact with this family to get acquainted, assess their needs, and discuss how best to be of assistance. Several visits have been made to the family in their home. The aim, we have learned, is not so much to do things for the family or give things to them but,

rather, to empower them to become independent.

The family is originally from Homs and arrived in September 2016 after living in Jordan for four years. They include a mother, father, and four elementary age children, who are happily enrolled in school (*madrassa*) in the Prince Georges County Public Schools. Dad works at a bakery that has hired a number of refugees.

Many congregants have generously offered assistance. At this time, someone has purchased and donated a brand new laptop for the family and another congregant identified and contacted a dentist who has offered free services for the family. Once the dental appointments are set up, drivers will be needed.

A third person located an ESOL teacher, who will be visiting two days per week. As learning English is probably the biggest step towards independence, another ESOL teacher would be very helpful. The small group of TI volunteers will continue to work with the family to strengthen the connection and to assist them in accommodating to life in the US.

The group will provide updates and eventually suggestions for ways other TI'ers might assist in this vitally important effort. We have been advised that it is best if the family meets with a few people at a time, until they become comfortable with the relationship. Once the family learns some English, interactions will be easier and more folks can become a part of the team. *Shukhran*...thank you, everyone.

### Pesah Food Deliveries

Every year, on Rosh HaShanah and Pesah, volunteers from TI help to distribute foods and accoutrements

appropriate for the holiday to those less fortunate among us so that they may share in the *simhah*. This year's Pesah delivery is on **Sunday, April 2**.

We encourage you to join us in brightening several families' holidays by helping us deliver dozens of bags of groceries to Jewish seniors, immigrants and others in need identified by local Jewish agencies. The packages contain traditional Passover delicacies such as wine, *matzot*, gefilte fish and horse radish, even a Maxwell House Hagaddah!

Interactions with the recipients frequently prove to be rewarding and enlightening for the TI volunteers, so this is a particularly good activity for families with children.

If interested please contact Larry Baizer ([lbaizer@yahoo.com](mailto:lbaizer@yahoo.com)) or Gene Herman ([gene511@aol.com](mailto:gene511@aol.com)).

### Yachad Sukkot in Spring

Yachad brings communities together by preserving affordable homes and revitalizing neighborhoods throughout DC and the greater metropolitan area. Volunteers can participate in "Sukkot in Spring", a Yachad program in which synagogues and other Jewish community groups make repairs in a home alongside the homeowners.

This year's project will likely be scheduled for late April, depending on the availability and schedule of volunteers. Please contact Larry Baizer ([lbaizer@yahoo.com](mailto:lbaizer@yahoo.com)) for more details and scheduling.

## Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers

### Barbara Raimondo

#### Wine

Over Martin Luther King Day weekend **Alan Landay** was in Blackwater Falls State Park, WV, with the Washington Ski Club, ostensibly cross-country skiing. However, an absence of snow made that problematic.

Instead, on Saturday, they did a six-mile hike in the rain (liquid snow), which was quite scenic, including seeing the falls, and that night they went out to a bar which had live music. Sunday they downhill skied at nearby Timberline ski area (which makes its own snow). Monday morning, when the others headed back home, Alan took a short and very scenic hike. All-in-all a very fun weekend with plenty of time to relax away from city stuff. The "missing" snow turned out not to be a problem.

TI member **Lisa Kraft** drew her sign stating "My People Were Refugees Too" and took part in the large demonstration to protest Donald Trump's executive order banning immigration from seven predominantly Muslim countries. Thousands of people took part in the January 29 event, which started at Lafayette Square and spontaneously turned into a march along Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol. Lisa's sign included a Magen David and the HIAS logo and received many appreciative comments.

Earlier in the month, representatives of HIAS spoke at TI's Social Action Shabbaton about its refugee assistance efforts. Lisa herself was a refugee as an infant. Her parents managed to leave Trieste, Italy just before the outbreak of World War II with a visa for New Zealand after having been unable to obtain visas to the U.S., Australia or Canada. Her father, a Hungarian asbestos expert, was able to obtain a permit only because New Zealand wanted to determine if its asbestos out-

croppings were commercially viable. They were not.

#### Women

TI Members **Kassahun Teffera** and **Melke Mengiste** are delighted to welcome their first granddaughter, **Anelle** – "God answered me." She was born on January 29 at 10:09 a.m. At birth she weighed 6 pounds, 8.9 ounces and measured 18.5 inches. Parents **Sam** and **Elisa Kassahun** and big brother **Iai**, are pretty darn happy.

Members **Barbara** and **Michael Milton** are delighted with the birth of their seventh grandchild, **Zayden Rae Greenfield**. Zayden was born January 27 at George Washington Hospital in DC. He and his mother, **Danya Greenfield**, are doing fine and are currently residing in Silver Spring.

University of Maryland senior **Aaron Solomon**, son of **Frank Solomon** and stepson of **Laurie Russell**, has been named a 2017 Marshall Scholar, which allows American students to pursue graduate study at any university in the United Kingdom and is considered one of the most prestigious academic awards available to college graduates.

Aaron — who is majoring in biological sciences, with a specialization in cell biology and genetics, and minoring in computer science — plans to pursue a Master of Science degree in genomic medicine at Imperial College London followed by a Master of Philosophy degree in bioscience enterprise at the University of Cambridge. His long-term plans include earning his Ph.D. and pursuing a career in computational genomics.

The Second Sunday Van Run for Martha's Table was not without its adventures in February. Helping out on that moderately chilly day were

**Gene** and **Esther Herman**, **David**, **Zachary** and **Asher Herman**, **David** and **Adam Cohen** and **Josh** and **Steve Garber**. One of the clients came up to Esther and handed her a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Another client, seemingly with many of his worldly possessions, lined up to get his dinner with a violin in hand. He seemed to love their interest in it, as he set up his music stand in the street, took out his violin and serenaded all of the helpers with a solo as they circled him with appreciation, giving him a round of applause as he packed up and went on his way.

#### Sad News

Long-time Tifereth Israel member **Marcia Goldberg** died in February after a long illness. She was 73. She is survived by her two children, TI members **Eliot (Traci) Goldberg** and **Devra (Avi) Weiss**, grandchildren **Samuel** and **Jaren Goldberg** and **Jerusalem** and **Shalom Weiss**, and sister, **Cydney (Norman) Josephy**. She was predeceased by her husband **Jeremy Goldberg**. Both Marcia and Jeremy served as Presidents of Tifereth Israel. Funeral services were held at Tifereth Israel, with interment at Mount Lebanon.

**Bernard Miller**, father of TI member **Judith Miller (Allan) Tulchin** and grandfather of **Hillel** and **Lena**, died in February. He was 86. The funeral was held in Massachusetts. Dr. Miller was Professor of Chemistry (Emeritus) at University of Massachusetts (Amherst). The first in his family to graduate from high school and college, he received a B.S. from City College of New York in 1951 and his M.A. (1953) and Ph.D. (1955) from Columbia University.

**Norman Snow**, father of TI member **Aaron (Reva) Snow** and grandfather

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## Kol Nashim

Adele Natter



### Kol Nashim Shabbat

Don't miss KN Shabbat on **March 18!** The service will feature lots of participation by KN members. **Louise Kelley** will give the *drash*, about the "herstory" of sisterhood at TI, "Sisterhood is Powerful, or She Persisted," followed by a delectable lunch. The SHALEM program after lunch will feature a panel of speakers invited by **Jessica Weissman**, with **Rabbi Avis Miller** as moderator.

### Book Club

The next session of the KN Book Club is scheduled for **March 21**. See article below for details.

### Game Night II

Back by popular demand! No one will be denied the opportunity to play games. The Game Night on January 28 was such a success (see photos on page 10) that a second Game Night has been scheduled for **March**

**25**, starting at 7:30 p.m. with Havdalah. There is a \$5 charge for refreshments.

### Hillwood Museum/Garden Tour

Save the date -- **May 21**. More details to follow.

## KN Book Club

Jessica Weissman

The KN book club held a lively discussion at February's meeting of Noa Baum's *A Land Twice Promised: An Israeli Woman's Quest for Peace*. Ms. Baum was recently interviewed on Carolivia Herron's

radio show. You can listen to the show at <http://www.epiccenterstories.org/epic-city-broadcasts/> and scroll down to where Noa Baum is listed.

### Nayes un Mekhayes (continued)

of **Isaac** and **Ely**, died in February, after a short illness. He was 72. He is also survived by his wife, **Renee Snow**, and another son, **Michael Snow**. Funeral services were held in Vermont.

May their memories be for a blessing.

And now for the meaning of last month's word, *perpend*: to reflect on carefully; ponder.

Thanks to all who sent me news, sent me to others who sent me news, or otherwise helped sniff it out. Send items about life's vicissitudes 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.

The club will meet on **March 21** at the home of **Paula Flicker** to read **Nathan Shaham's *The Rosendorf Quartet***. This is a novel about a string quartet in Palestine (pre-statehood) whose members are German emigres dealing with their unwilling *aliyah* and other issues.

Rumor has it that some romance is involved as well. This book won several awards including the Bialik Award when it was published in the 80s.

Our meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and go until about 9 or until we run out of things to say -- which has never happened. ALL are welcome, including those who have not yet finished the book. Or even started it. Peer-reviewed research studies agree that more than 90% of those who attend without finishing the book are inspired to finish it eventually.

Please RSVP to [knbook@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:knbook@tifereth-israel.org) so that the Paula can scale the snacks and set up enough chairs.

The reading for **April 18** is *GI Jews, How World War II Changed a Generation*, by **Deborah Moore**. This is a nonfiction book explaining how Jewish participation in the WWII armed forces changed a generation of Jews and set up the postwar Jewish American world.

We will pick our next set of readings at this meeting. A list of suggestions will be posted to the TI listserv, including many books that were previously considered but got edged out by other books.

Please send your additional suggestions as soon as possible. They need to be of Jewish interest, easily available in libraries or bookstores, and likely to support discussion. Preferably under 400 pages.

Nonfiction suggestions are especially welcome, even more so if they are not memoirs. Nothing against memoirs, but variety is good.

Hope to see many of you at these meetings; reading, especially reading hopeful books, is the best antidote to other realities.

## Game Night, January 28 (photos by Jeff Peterman)



## Gevarim

### Andrew Reamer



#### Movie Nite@TI:

From March through May, Movie Nite@TI presents the opening episodes of three Israeli TV series. The first, on **March 19** at 7:30 p.m. in the Cherner, is *Hatufim* (Prisoners of War), on which Showtime's *Homeland* is based.

*Hatufim* follows the lives of two captured Israeli soldiers who are returned to Israel after 17 years in captivity in Lebanon along with the remains of a third soldier who was captured with them. The two episodes together are 110 minutes. **Rabbi Seidel** will lead a discussion afterwards. The presentation is free and nosh is \$4.

The following two series will be *Srugim* (**April 23**), a drama series which deals with the life of religious young singles in Jerusalem, and *Arab Labor* (**May 21**), a comedy about Amjad, a Palestinian journalist

and Israeli citizen in search of his identity.

#### Great Course on Medieval Jewish Civilization

Gevarim and the Adult Education Committee present "Jewish Civilization from Mohammed to Spinoza," a series of free video lectures by Professor David Ruderman, University of Pennsylvania. The eighth session will be on Sunday, **March 26**, in the Mollie Berch Library.

**Allan Tulchin**, Adult Ed Committee chair and Shippensburg University history professor, will show lectures on Patterns of Jewish Culture--German Pietism and the Medieval Jewish-Christian Debate. Previous attendance not required. Lectures run from 10:15-11:15 a.m. and then discussion until noon. 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 **March 11** and **25**. Even if you've never studied Talmud before, you might enjoy dropping in on our ongoing exploration of this tractate of the Talmud.

#### Game Night Redux

Kol Nashim and Gevarim are co-sponsoring a second game night for Saturday, **March 25** at 8 p.m.. See the Kol Nashim column, on page 9, for details.

## SHALEM

### Jessica Weissman

The Centennial SHALEM topic on February 11 was how programs for youth have changed, and where youth programming is headed.

Panel members included guest speaker Samantha Vinokor, Jewish Teen Engagement and Philanthropy Associate at the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, and, from TI, Naomi Reem, head of School at JPDS-NC; Wilhelmina Gottschalk, Director of Community Engagement; and Rina Rebibo, Director of Education.

Scholar in Residence Rabbi Michael Goldman of Seivah spoke February 4 on how the community handles members with dementia. Rabbi Goldman also gave the *drash* that day.

Seivah's mission is to support people with dementia and their caretakers and families with volunteer companions and other services. There are Jewish life and spiritual needs beyond memory, and Rabbi Goldman spoke about how we can support our community members in meeting those needs and continuing their spiritual growth.

The Centennial SHALEM for **March 18** is under the auspices of Kol Nashim. Rabbi Avis Miller will lead a panel on The Changing Place of Women in Judaism, including panelists who have personal knowledge of the role of women at TI over recent decades.

If you have a SHALEM topic or a speaker to suggest, please contact

me. While we are set for the Centennial year, it's never too soon to plan for future programs. Topics should be of some Jewish interest, which I interpret very broadly. You'll never find a more supportive and engaged audience than the people who come to SHALEM talks.

#### Friday Night Dinner

Services on **March 17** at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a panel discussion moderated by **Ari Ne'eman** and **Paula Tucker** on "Accessibility and Inclusion in the Synagogue."

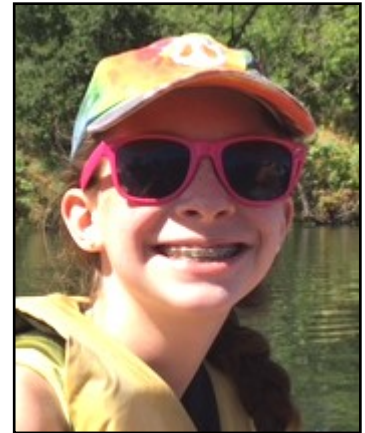
Sign up by noon on **March 14** at <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/event/March2017>.

## Bat Mitzvah

Hi, I'm **Eve Murdock**. I go to JDS, and I'm in 7th grade. I like to do ballet and jazz at City Dance. For my bat mitzvah project, I am volunteering at a cat shelter in DC.

My family have been members of TI for 42 years. Cantor Rochelle Helzner is my bat mitzvah tutor. She has been helping me with my Torah and haftarah readings all the way and I appreciate her help very much.

I can't wait for all my family, friends, and camp friends to come and celebrate with me on my special day.



## March Highlights at Tifereth Israel

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|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>March 2-5</b>              | <b>TI Retreat, Pearlstone Center</b>  |
| <b>March 6, 13<br/>20, 27</b> | <b>Monday Lunch &amp; Learn<br/><i>Parashat HaShavua</i>, 11 a.m.; Lunch, 12 noon</b>                               |
| <b>March 11, 25</b>           | <b>Talmud Study, Rabbi Seidel, 1:00-1:45 p.m., Reamer Chapel</b>  |
| <b>March 11<br/>March 12</b>  | <b>Erev Purim, Megillah Reading, 7:45 p.m.<br/>Purim, Megillah Reading, 9 a.m.<br/>Purim Carnival, 12-2 p.m.</b>    |
| <b>March 17</b>               | <b>Kabbalat Shabbat Services, 6:30 p.m., followed by Dinner and Panel Discussion on Accessibility and Inclusion</b> |
| <b>March 18</b>               | <b>Kol Nashim Shabbat, followed by SHALEM program, 1:30 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>March 19</b>               | <b>PTA Meeting, 9:45-11 a.m.<br/>Movie Nite, <i>Hatufim</i> (Prisoners of War), 7:30 p.m., Cherner</b>              |
| <b>March 21</b>               | <b>KN Book Club, at home of Paula Flicker, 7:30 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>March 25</b>               | <b>Game Night II, 7:30 p.m.</b>   |
| <b>March 26</b>               | <b>"Jewish Civilization from Mohammed to Spinoza," eighth session, Allan Tulchin, 10:15 a.m.-noon, Library</b>      |

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

## Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

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 Steven & Rachel Bressler  
 Sharon Brown  
 Stephen Burd & Laura Schiavo  
 Joel & Alice Burton  
 Susan Chapin  
 Daniel Chazen & Ronit  
 Eisenbach  
 Steven Cheskin & Malia Hale  
 Joel Cohen

### March 24

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  
 Joe Davidson  
 Ronni Davis  
 Helen Disenhaus  
 Stan Dorn & Carla Ellern  
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 Desirée Douglas  
 Lisa Drazin

### March 31

Pierre & Deena Dugan  
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### April 7

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### April 21

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### April 28

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