



# The Menorah

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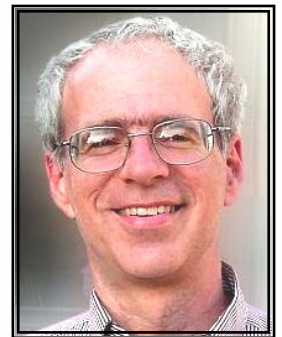
## Notes from the Rabbi: Ethan Seidel Words of Comfort for the New Year

It's tempting to approach the Days of Awe with self-loathing, as in "I'm such an awful person, I'm so desperately in need of repentance!" But is that really the best approach? Maybe self-loathing is actually getting in our way. Maybe we are not the enemy. Maybe our lack of love for ourselves is an enemy that makes repentance doubly hard.

Now you might think: "Someone who loves himself - well that would be the *last* person to be interested in doing *teshuva*!" But I have found the opposite to be true.

First, let's note that loving oneself is not merely a value of the selfie generation - in fact, it is an ancient Jewish value. The Torah tells us: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Vayikra chapter 19). Surely this verse is implying that loving *ourselves* is also a mitzvah. (One can also take this verse not as a command, but as an observation: You can only love others to the extent that you love yourself.) But what does

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## President's Column: Stan Dorn

I hope this month's Menorah finds you well, and that we're all on track towards a meaningful, transformative Elul and Days of Awe.

Once again, many thanks to David Cohen for doing such a fine job as editor for so long, and further thanks to Jessica Weissman for taking the baton-pass from David.

### Shabbat Announcements

I'm writing this month about Shabbat announcements and dues. You may have noticed that I start Shabbat announcements each week by encouraging people to look around, to find someone they don't know or don't know well, and to say hello, even if it means moving over an aisle or two. We pride ourselves on being a warm communi-

ty. We don't want anybody to walk in our doors, pray, and leave without a friendly word from the people near them. Going through this routine at the start of announcements

each week provides a structure helps us welcome all who come our way, thus fulfilling an important community aspiration. Some people find this exercise annoying or tiresome, but I hope you consider it a worthwhile use of time that prevents people

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## Rabbi's Notes (continued)

it mean to love ourselves? Is there a way to understand self-love as something other than self-aggrandizement? Well, we might ask ourselves what it means to love another. That's not such a hard question to answer. It might include: doing favors for the other, being patient with the other, trying to understand the other, accepting their foibles, forgiving them, sticking with them in difficult times. Loving ourselves might involve treating ourselves with this same loving attitude.

And how might such self-love aid repentance? Well, one of the barriers to repentance is surely impatience. Have you ever said to yourself: "I've been on this Earth for how long, and each time the Days of Awe roll around I wrestle

with the exact same issues! I'm not making any progress!" Perhaps, were we a little more patient with ourselves we might be able to admit: we have made some changes - small changes, perhaps, but we are not in fact the same person we have always been. And if we were more patient with ourselves, we might, instead of trying to make huge changes all at once, try taking smaller steps, setting more obtainable goals this year.

Another way self-love could help us repent: we might learn to accept what we cannot change about ourselves. Again, you may object: "No!!! Accepting our foibles is the exact opposite of teshuva!!!" But none of us is infinitely malleable. There are things about ourselves that we may, in fact, be unable to change. Does it serve the cause of repentance to flail against the immutable? Maybe a better strategy is to pick a different target for teshuva this year. Or at least a smaller goal. Acceptance of who we are does not necessarily mean becoming a slacker - in fact, it could lead us to picking more winnable battles, and ultimately bringing about more change.

We've all got our foibles, attributes we might wish we could change, bad habits that cause us to feel bad about ourselves. Perhaps if we were kinder to ourselves, the next step on our journey would be more apparent. We could realize not only what about ourselves needs changing, but which among our attributes is most amenable to change.

This year, try encouraging yourself, rather than browbeating yourself. And don't be overly dismayed with what you cannot change. Learn to live with yourself lovingly, as you would with a beloved.

I wish you a productive season of repentance.

לשנה טובה תיכתבו!

Rabbi Seidel

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## President's Column (continued)

around us from falling through the cracks. If you have any comments about this practice, please let me know.

Generally the best way to reach me is via email, [tipresident@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:tipresident@tifereth-israel.org).

### A New Perspective on Dues

Now, to the topic of dues. It's easy, in our culture, to think of TI membership dues almost as a commercial transaction: in exchange for our payments, we receive goods and services.

I'd like to suggest a different perspective. Most of us are committed to doing what we can to assure a strong future for the Jewish people. For better and for worse, synagogues are by far the most important institution of American Judaism. More than any other place, it's where American Jews turn for spiritual inspiration, for education, for friendship. It's where we turn for comfort in hard times and for celebration in good times. Ismar Schorsch, former chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, rightly described synagogues as "the bed-rock institution" of the "total Jewish community."

To be sure, other institutions of American Judaism are also important. They range from Federation to independent minyanim to groups like Bend the Arc and Jews United for Justice, which feature TI'ers Jason Kimelman-Block and Elizabeth Richman in key roles. We are particularly fortunate in the Washington area to have places like Sixth & I and Jewish Community Centers to enrich our Jewish lives. But synagogues are foundational, the scaffolding on which other institutions rest.

### Dues are Essential to TI

And that's where dues come in. Dues are essential to TI's continued existence. Dues enable our synagogue to survive and thrive. Along with other people paying dues to support other synagogues, it's an important way American Jews contribute to a strong, vibrant Jewish future. Dues payments are an essential part of a much bigger picture.

Of course, your membership, your participation, is more important than your money. No one should be turned away or should step away from being a part of the TI community because of limited resources. If TI's standard dues and other fees are more than you can afford, given oth-

er necessities of life, please contact Jevera Temsky, our terrific Executive Director. But if you can possibly afford to pay your dues, please do.

You gotta pay your dues if you want to sing the blues.

Best wishes,

Stan

### Archive Volunteers Needed

Are you a good organizer? Do you like history? We need you to help us finish archiving TI history.

You are invited to an introduction on how to archive and to see the TI Archive in action.

Sunday, September 10, 10:00-11:30am in the Exhibition Room.

Contact Cynthia Peterman with questions or to RSVP: 301-384-7277 or [cynp25@gmail.com](mailto:cynp25@gmail.com)

## Jeremy Goldberg Synagogue Preparation Day

Each year on the Sunday before Rosh Hashanah, the congregation honors the memory of Jeremy Goldberg, past president, frequent floor gabbai, house chair extraordinaire, one-man team for High Holiday changeover, and greeter to all, by inviting volunteers of all ages to help prepare the synagogue for the holidays. This means that children are welcome.

This year the Synagogue Preparation

Day is on Sunday, September 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be inside and outside work, sitting and standing responsibilities, and schlepping and stuffing.

You do what you can do. Among the tasks are changing the Torah mantles, removing the regular siddurim and humashim from the book racks and replacing them with the High Holiday mahzorim, helping set up for the

Cherner service, getting the outside grounds in shape and stuffing folders.

You must sign up at the main location for all High Holiday signups:

<https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/hiho2017>

## New Members

### Jared Garelick

#### Nicole Berns and Alex Schaffer

Nicole and Alex have been in Washington for three years, since both graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Nicole grew up first in Miami and then in Connecticut, having one Cuban-Jewish parent and one Connecticut parent. Alex grew up first in Paris and then in Connecticut, having one French parent and one Connecticut parent.

They met while in college, where both studied the same combination of comparative literature and political science. Staying on the same track together, they both now work in politics for consultants on the Democratic side. Nicole works in mail and Alex in digital. They plan to be married, with a date to be determined, probably sometime in 2018. Nicole and Alex can often be found exploring their Capitol Hill neighborhood or hiking outside farther afield, often with their beagle, Milo. They'd be happy to meet other TI politicians.



#### Jamie Sorge and Malki Karkowsky

Jamie and Malki have lived in the DC area for about three years, and just recently bought a house in Silver Spring. Malki, a Silver Spring native, has come full circle. Jamie grew up in Connecticut. The two met in Boston through the romantic auspices of BBYO. Jamie was serving as a BBYO advisor while applying to graduate school, and Malki was a BBYO regional director. They met at a conference and things went from there. Jamie now teaches 8th grade English at



the Landon School, and Malki works in development for Hillel International. Jamie and Malki have a son, Shai, who will soon turn five, and a daughter, Areli, who will become two in September. The family was persuaded to try TI by members Mikah Goldman and Alex Berg, making the Goldman/Bergs the TI Magnet Member Family of the Month. Jamie and Malki have found TI a comfortable fit for their family, and they have been enjoying the lively tot Shabbat scene as well as Shabbat Kiddush lunch. Jamie brews his own beer, and the whole family loves cooking and food.

Welcome to this month's featured new members!

## Social Action

Larry Baizer

**“If I am not for myself, then who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?” - Rabbi Hillel**

For half a century, TI members have been actively involved in societal and community issues. At TI, Tikkun Olam means engaging with our communities in ‘hands on’ activities by families or individuals. Join us, whether one time or frequently, one activity or a variety, for credit or personal commitment or desire for change. There are many choices!

The Social Action Committee has actively promoted social justice for over 40 years. The number and types of projects have evolved over the years, and we have identified these projects through the efforts of individual congregants. Accordingly, the committee continually hopes to attract new individuals with new ideas.

Consider lending your expertise and commitment to the committee so we can continue TI’s proud tradition of Tikkun Olam! URL for signing up for projects online: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12ZpIDSY5hLqCTCsBvJWVkyFjAq-OkTp6Tk6jtRt-6l/viewform>

### Social Action Projects

#### **Rosh Hashanah or Passover Food Delivery**

Help brighten a family’s holiday by helping to deliver dozens of bags of groceries to Jewish seniors, immigrants and others in need.

Contacts: Larry Baizer ([lbaizer@yahoo.com](mailto:lbaizer@yahoo.com)) or Gene Herman ([Gene511@aol.com](mailto:Gene511@aol.com))

#### **Martha’s Table: Monthly Van Run**

Serve dinner to homeless men and women on the streets of downtown Washington, in partnership with Martha’s Table (MT). On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, we drive the MT van and stop at two locations. Another opportunity is working with MT as they provide children, youth and families with educational programs, food and clothing.

Contact: Gene Herman ([gene511@aol.com](mailto:gene511@aol.com))

#### **December Holiday Dinners for the Homeless**

Volunteers from Tifereth Israel and Adat Shalom help provide a joyous Christmas meal in four DC men’s and women’s shelters. Volunteers are needed for food preparation, distribution and serving.

#### **Luther Place Dinners**

Cook and serve dinner to 20-30 women in a shelter. This is a great family activity one Sunday a month at Luther Place Church’s “N Street Village”. Dinner becomes more satisfying for all.

Contact: Marjorie Siegel ([Marjorie.siegel@verizon.net](mailto:Marjorie.siegel@verizon.net))

#### **SOME Shelter Casseroles**

Once a month, we provide lunch for the shelter operated by So Others Might Eat (SOME). We give you the recipe to bake a casserole. If you think you can fire up your oven, even if only once a year, then you can volunteer!

#### **Food and Clothing Collections**

We collect food, clothing and other items throughout the year. We need your help with planning, publicizing, collecting sorting and delivering. There’s something for every interest in this project.

Contact: Jeri Roth Lande ([rothland@erols.com](mailto:rothland@erols.com))

#### **Shepherd School Tutoring**

Since 2000, adults and teenagers from TI and the Shepherd Park neighborhood have tutored students from our local public elementary school. Each tutor is paired with a young student (grade 2-6) for the school year. The pair meets one hour each week on Sunday afternoons at the synagogue to read, practice math skills, or review homework. The weekly hour can make a tremendous difference in the academic performance of participating students by boosting their self-confidence and strengthening skills learned in school – a very high rate of return on volunteer service.

Contact: [shepherd tutoring program@gmail.com](mailto:shepherd tutoring program@gmail.com)

#### **Food Banks**

Increasing numbers of people are not able to afford basic food necessities and require assistance in putting food on their tables. This assistance is provided by local food banks where donated food is distributed to the needy. Local food banks collect a variety of food from different sources and need help in sorting and organizing the food for distribution. Volunteers typically pack and sort non-perishable food items but may perform other duties. Volunteers may also participate in a food collection drive at TI and help deliver the collected items directly to a food bank.

Contact: Larry Baizer ([lbaizer@yahoo.com](mailto:lbaizer@yahoo.com))

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## Himmelfarb & Chai School Happenings

### Rina Rebibo

#### Goodbye summer, Hello Himmelfarb!

It seems like it was just yesterday that we were celebrating the last day of Hebrew school, yet here we are gearing up for a new year. Our first day of Himmelfarb & Chai School is Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Before Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>, we look forward to seeing everyone at the 'Back To School' Shabbat Dinner on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. TI's teens will lead Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:30 PM, followed by dinner at 7:30 PM and a fun trivia night for adults and game night for youth at 8:30 PM! Reserve your spot by September 5<sup>th</sup> at: <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/event/sept2017>

At 9:15 AM on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup>, Rabbi Seidel will start our first day of school in the Wolman Sanctuary with *Shaharit* for Himmelfarb students. Parents are invited to attend and then stay for Parent Orientation in the Library from 9:45-11:00. Whether you are new to the school or been here for years – you are encouraged to attend this meeting. We will go over all you need to know for this year, learn about the PTA, and of course have coffee & bagels!

This year we are adding two classes: a 10<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation class as well as an 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> grade seminar. Both will meet one Sunday evening a month after Shepherd Park Tutoring. The 10<sup>th</sup> grade class will be held at TI and pizza dinner will be served. Rina Rebibo is looking forward to learning with the teens about Contemporary Anti-Semitism.

To enroll your 10<sup>th</sup> grader go to:

<https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/school2017>. The 11/12<sup>th</sup> graders will meet at Kaldis for a relaxed 'Konversations at Kaldi'. For more information, email Rina at [rina@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:rina@tifereth-israel.org)

#### New on Wednesdays

This year 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade will begin their afternoon at Himmelfarb with an opening tefilla led by Morah Silvia, after they will participate in a special Chug and continue learning with their Hebrew/Tefilla teacher. During the year, each grade will be taking Art with Fylis Peckham and Storytelling/Drama with Lisa Blumenthal.

#### Please welcome to our team

**Rachel Meytin**, (Kitah Daled). Rachel, her wife Sarah and children Ruthie and Coby are members of TI. Rachel is also a master educator, non-profit manager, service-learning advocate, and general Jewish community professional. Rachel holds a MAEd and an MBA from American Jewish University in Los Angeles and a BA from Boston University as well as graduate-level advanced certification in service-learning through NYLC and the University of Wisconsin.

**Fylis Peckham**, (Art Chug). Fylis is an active member of TI and coordinated the Mosaic Wall that graces the Himmelfarb Staircase. During the year, Fylis works for PG County schools as an art teacher and has been teaching in Hebrew schools locally since 2005. Fylis has a BA in Hebrew and Middle Eastern Studies and a Masters in Early Childhood & Elementary Education from NYU.

**Tara Hanou**, (Chai School). Tara recently moved to DC after graduating from University of Binghamton with a BA in Human Development. Originally from Boston, Tara is excited to be

joining our team and is looking forward to sharing her passion for Judaism with our teens.

Speaking of our faculty, we are pleased to announce our 2016-17 faculty:

Gan: **Silvia Edenburg**

Alef: **Rachel Lemberg**

Bet: **Eti Bardack**

Gimel: **Hindy Shulman**

Daled: **Rachel Meytin**

Hey & Vav Judaics: **Stephen Berer**

Jr. Chai (7th): **Rabbi Seidel**

Chai (8th & 9th): **Tara Hanou**

Confirmation (10th grade): **Rina Rebibo**

#### Important Upcoming Dates

**Friday, September 8th:** Back to School Shabbat Dinner - Open to all members of TI!

**Sunday, September 10th:** First day of school for Gan (Kindergarten) – Jr. Chai (7th Grade) & Chai School (8th & 9th Grade) students.

**Sunday September 10th:** After *Tefilla*, from approximately 9:45 – 11:00, parents are invited to join Rina for bagels and coffee in the Library. This is an opportunity to meet new parents, see old friends, hear what we have in store for the year, and learn how you can get involved and some other special surprises!

**Sunday September 17th:** Jeremy Goldberg Clean Up Day. For part of the morning, students will be participating in helping the synagogue get ready for the High Holidays.

**Sunday September 24th:** Annual Sukkah Build – Each class goes to a private home to perform the mitzvah of building a sukkah.

## TI to Join Friendship Place Committee

David Cohen

At its July meeting, the Social Action Committee agreed to send a TI representative to the Congregations Committee of Friendship Place (FP), perhaps the premier homeless program provider in the DC metro area. TI would join four other synagogues -- Adas Israel, Washington Hebrew, Temple Micah and Temple Sinai – who are among the 22 congregations participating in the Congregations Committee. Representatives from that committee comprise a quarter of the members of FP's board of directors.

Friendship Place is a growing community-based nonprofit organization that operates an annual budget of \$11 million – 80% from government grants (DC, Housing & Urban Development, Veterans Affairs) and 20% from foundations and individual contributions. Its staff of nearly 100 serves over 3,000 homeless or potentially homeless men, women and children.

Friendship Place provides a wide range of programs meeting the needs of both individuals and families, including: outreach and hospitality for people living on the street or in shelters; rapid rehousing; permanent supportive housing; employment readiness and job placement and development; and special initiatives for the youth and LGBT communities. In its early years FP operated only in Ward 3, but it now provides services and housing throughout the entire District. Its programs for veterans and their families also operate in the Maryland and Virginia suburbs.

As a retiree, I have been active at Friendship Place for over 20 years. I am in my last of some 16 years as a member of its board of directors, served on its Executive Committee for many years, and am still an active member of its Program Committee, which I chaired for 10 years. I am therefore enthusiastic about the prospect of TI's joining FP's extended congregational and community family.

The Social Action Committee is seeking a volunteer (and possibly an alternate) to serve as TI's representative on FP's Congregations Committee. The committee meets in the evening (usually over supper!) about four times a year. It sponsors clothing drives during the summer and winter and an annual clergy breakfast. Besides attending committee meetings, congregational representatives are expected to keep their clergy and congregational members apprised of Friendship Place programs and initiatives, and encourage congregational support and participation.

If you would like to volunteer to be TI's representative to the committee, please contact Gene Herman at [gene511@aol.com](mailto:gene511@aol.com) or Claudine Schweber at [pariscs@gmail.com](mailto:pariscs@gmail.com). If you would like more information about Friendship Place and its Congregations Committee, please contact me at [davidmcohen37@verizon.net](mailto:davidmcohen37@verizon.net), or at 301-652-2872.

### **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, before contacting the funeral home please contact one of the following haverim, Rabbi Seidel, or the TI office (202-882-1605).

<b>Shelly Heller</b>	h: 301-942-1836 w: 202-994-5906
<b>David Cohen</b>	h: 301-652-2872
<b>Marcia Goggin</b>	h: 301-593-8480 w: 301-754-1963
<b>Bruce Heppen</b>	h: 301-299-3255 c: 202-997-1890 w: 703-417-8983
<b>Ann Kline</b>	h: 301-946-2693 c: 301-346-9862
<b>Robert Rovinsky</b>	h: 202 237 1036 c: 202 815 8707

## Gevarim Full Moon Hike

John List, Gevarim VP for Lunar Activity (photo by Lynne List)

On July 9 (15th of Tammuz), 15 Tl'ers and a total of four children and grandchildren participated in a Gevarim Full Moon Hike. It was a lovely summer night. Chocolate treats at the half way point of the approximately 3 mile hike along Rock Creek were appreciated by all.

Along the way we saw the summer flowers and foliage in Rock Creek Park and several deer. As it happened, the moon rose above the tree line after we finished the hike. So, the hikers vowed to look up and enjoy the full, silvery moon back at their homes.

Look for the announcement of the next Full Moon Hike. All we know now is that it will fall in the middle of a lunar month.



Participants included:

Tobi McFarland (and daughter)

Marjorie and George Greenberg

Sheridan Neimark

John List (and photographer Lynne List, not pictured)

Stephanie and David Rubin

Claudine Schweber

Julie and Jeff Steinberg

Scott Shoreman and Elizabeth Carp

Arnold Revzin

Mike Milton

Matilda, Oliver and Lucy Freedman



## Library News—Michele Sumka

Thanks to those who gave me suggestions for books to purchase. Here are some of them:

- *The JPS B'nai Mitzvah Torah Commentary* by Rabbi Jeffrey K. Salkin
- *My Guardian Angel* by Sylvie Weil, about Elvina, the granddaughter of Rashi, in medieval France during the First Crusade. *Elvina's Mirror* is a sequel, in which Elvina defies her community to help a friend in need.
- *The first love story: Adam, Eve, and Us* by Bruce Feiler
- *Last Things: A Graphic Memoir of Love and Loss* by Marissa Moss
- *You are the Book: A Spiritual Memoir* by R. Tamara Miller. I admit that I'm prejudiced, since I know Tamara. And, I think most people will agree that this is an inspiring story of a woman who has faced many challenges with grace, courage, and resilience and writes about them with honesty and humor.

Yom Kippur is coming soon, so I admit to a mea culpa: in the last Menorah I said that the following new books were on the shelves marked New Acquisitions in the lobby outside the Emsellem Room. They weren't then; they are now!

- *Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn* by Daniel Gordis
- *Moses: A Human Life* by Aviva Gottlieb Zornberg
- *The Undoing Project: A Friendship That Changed Our Minds* by Michael Lewis
- *Transitions* by Yael Dayan
- Two books by Tova Hartman: *Feminism Encounters Traditional Judaism: Resistance and Accommodation* and *Are You Not a Man of God?: Devotion, Betrayal, and Social Criticism in Jewish Tradition*

Please continue to send book recommendations to [msumka@gmail.com](mailto:msumka@gmail.com)

### Back-to-School Family Shabbat Dinner

Join us for a back to school dinner and kick off the new semester with all your TI friends!  
Along with dinner there will be a trivia quiz for adults in teams and children's activities!

**Friday, September 8th**  
**Teen led Services 6:30pm**  
**Dinner 7:30**  
**Programming for all ages**

Sign up today: <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/event/sept2017>

## Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers

Diana Zurer

### Nakhes Fun Kinder and General Mispoche News Dept.

**Renana and Bob Rovinsky's** kids are on the move. **Neshama** has transferred and will enter her junior year at the University of Maryland and **Neilah** is entering the University of Vermont's school of Education and Social Services, where she will be part of Vermont's Honors College. **Bob** is busy balancing four part time jobs and his storytelling, while also visiting his mom in Philadelphia – she is now in her 100th year. **Renana** is busy taking courses in preparation for changing the focus of her practice as a psychologist, so watch for her transformation.

**Fylis Peckham** reports that **Rachel Peckham** will be completing her final semester at Emerson Los Angeles campus this fall. She will be working on a documentary film as an intern with a woman owned company in LA. She will graduate in December cum laude after completing her BA in three and a half years.

**Arthur and Diane Friedman** report that **Zoë Friedman**, in May, ran the 3200 m race in several track and field meets for Montgomery Blair High School. **Zoë** finished third in the Montgomery County Track & Field Championships,

**Matthew Neimark**, son of **Dana and Sheridan**, completed two medical fellowships in neuroradiology and interventional radiology from Montefiore Medical Center, and has begun a clinical practice with Capital Health Regional Medical Center in south/central New Jersey. Matthew received an MD/PhD from Columbia University and completed a residency in radiology from SUNY Downstate. The family, wife **Dikla** and children **Binyamin, Noa, and Frieda**, is relocating to Highland Park, NJ.

**Eli Spector**, grandson of **Sheridan and Dana Neimark** and son of **Rebecca Neimark**, graduated in May from Connecticut Wesleyan University with a BS in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. He is working as a patient navigator/advocate at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Two decades ago, **Eli** became well known to members of TI, when, for a year, he accompanied his grandparents to weekly Shabbat services. Occasionally, as he crawled down the aisle, **Eli** found a welcoming congregant's lap in which to take a nap. **Madeline Nesse**, zt"l was a favorite.

### Meh Fort

**Alan Landay** reports that he has taken a couple of trips recently. The last week in June he went to the music and arts camp "Common Ground on the Hill," at McDaniel College. This is a whole lot of fun; nothing to do but play & listen to music and experience various visual arts. Classes included mountain dulcimer and Appalachian flatfooting (aka "clogging.")

In July, **Alan** went to San Francisco. He did a sight-seeing tour by running around the city. Another day, he rode a rented bike across the Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito, and returned by way of a ferry ride. That was a great day (gorgeous weather & scenery); especially because the usual high winds on the Golden Gate bridge did not blow him into San Francisco Bay.

Alan's brother **Jay** visited in August. They went to a comedy show/ play by Happenstance Theatre, a troupe whose shows he really enjoys.

**Dina Kraft**, daughter of **Michael and Lisa**, is returning to Israel for a "sabbatical year" and will write for Haaretz and for the Christian Science Monitor. **Dina** was an Associated

Press correspondent in Israel and later, after two years for AP in southern Africa, returned to Israel and wrote for the Jewish Telegraph Agency and later for the New York Times and Times of London. She and her husband, **Gilad Rosenzweig**, lived in Cambridge for several years since she received a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard. **Gilad**, a Canadian born architect, meanwhile earned a master's degree in urban planning at MIT. While based in Israel, **Gilad** will continue working for MIT on urban projects in the region and Europe and **Dina** will retain her links with Northeastern University where she helped develop a new program in digital journalism. Their two children, **Mia**, 10, and **Lev**, 7, both Sabras, have been brushing up their Hebrew.

**Mike and Lisa** meanwhile have been traveling a fair bit:- in August to son **Daniel's** home in Menlo Park, CA, to celebrate **Mike's** 80th birthday with the whole family, plus a few glorious, sunny, temperate days at Lake Tahoe which included the traditional Kraft family annual horseback ride.

In May they toured Sicily, Lyon and Paris. In France they focused on museums and sites related to the World War II deportation of Jews and of the French Resistance. In between, they drove to Pittsburgh for the Bar Mitzvah of the grandson of former TI members, **Aron and Karen Primack** and to Burlington, VT, for the Bat Mitzvah of the granddaughter of former TI members, **Doug and Joy Bloomfield**. Before the trips, **Mike** completed and turned over to the publisher the draft for his third book, an overview of the US government's counterterrorism challenges and responses from the Nixon administration to the early days of the Trump administration.

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## Nayes un Mekhayes for TI'ers continued

In August, **Barbara and Howard White** attended the National Havurah Institute and, as usual, had a great time. Barbara had two welcome surprises: reconnecting with her roommate from sophomore year at college and with another Brandeis classmate. A few weeks later, they accompanied their son, Avi, and his family to Nashville for Eclipse Monday. The eclipse was spectacular, and the trip was well worth it.

### Dergraychungn (Accomplishments)

Just in time for her 70th birthday **Carolina Herron** has accepted a teaching position at Howard University, in whose hospital she was born 7 decades ago. **Carolina** will be Adjunct Professor of Classics and will teach courses in European, Asian and African epic poetry.

TI President **Stan Dorn** has a new job. He is a Senior Fellow at Families USA, one of the nation's leading health care consumer organizations.

**Simcha Kuritzky** placed the maximum allowed four exhibits at the American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of Money show in Denver. For the first time in ANA history, all four placed first in their class. Exhibit topics were Israel's gold coins, pidyon haben ingots, Israel fantasy gold coins, and engraved coins of the three Abrahamic faiths.

**Paula Flicker** has completed knitting a project known as "The Endless Black Sweater". As the name implies, she has been working on this project for several years, start date unknown. However, do not expect to see her in an all-black cardigan. This is a black cardigan with grey trim: she ran out of the discontinued yarn and only was able to obtain additional yarn in grey.

For the last 5 years, **Jeff Peterman** has worked for a San Diego biotech

company, and his job has taken him to 18 cities in the US and 7 countries, and he has spent roughly 600 nights in hotels. On August 21st, he started a new job with a Maryland biotech company, where he will work in the their Germantown office. **Cynthia** is looking forward to having him at home every night again.

### And Hopeful Ones

**Seth Grimes** is running for an at-large seat on the Montgomery County Council. **Seth** and his wife **Franca Brilliant** have been TI members for over 20 years. Their children went to TI Hebrew School and became b'nei mitzvot here. **Seth** is also a frequent TI Torah reader and current TI board member.

A long time community activist, he's board vice chair at Shepherd's Table, a member of the Montgomery County Board of Social Services, and a co-founder of the Takoma Park Mobilization. **Seth** served on the Takoma Park City Council where he was a strong advocate for the environment – his work led to a county-wide ban on cosmetic lawn care pesticides.

For more information contact **Seth** at [seth.grimes@gmail.com](mailto:seth.grimes@gmail.com) or 301-873-8225. His website will be <http://sethgrimes.org>, Primary date is June 26, 2018.

### Happy News

Mazel-Tov and Welcome to:

**Dana Beyer's** new granddaughter **Emilia Valentina Waldmann**. Emilia was born on July 11, 2017. Parents **Yoni and Ilona Waldmann** and big sister **Nikita** are thrilled.

**Sebi Benjamin**, born July 14, 2017, 6 am sharp, at home in Los Angeles to delighted parents **Eli and Sara-Jean Lipmen**. His sister **Lucy** and brother **Cal** are thrilled along with grandparents Bubby **Devorah Lynn**

and Zeyda **Fred Lipschultz**.

**Eliana Arielle Panikoff**, born on July 23, 2017, and her parents **Jessica and Jonathan Panikoff**

**Dinah and Joshua Berch** and big sister **Kira** on the birth of **Cayden Judah Berch** on Saturday, August 12th. All, including grandparents **Mona and Mark Berch** are thrilled.

**Rebecca Melsky and Michael Linden** and their new baby **Simon Edward Melsky Linden** who was born August 13, 2017. Big siblings **Wesley** (4) and **Eloise** (7) couldn't be more excited to welcome their baby brother into their family.

### Sad News

**Esther Silverman**, mother of **Shelly (Stephen) Heller** died July 14, 2017. She was 100 years old. Other survivors include: **Shelly's** sister, **Isabel (Steven) Pinson**; grandchildren **Joshua (Danielle) Heller, Adam (Tami Cho) Heller, Matthew (Linda) Heller, Naomi (Jordan Tucker) Pinson and Abigail Pinson**; and great-grandchildren **Noah, Nate, Samantha, Jacob, Sasha, Natalie and Ethan Heller**. The funeral was at the graveside in Babylon, New York.

**Bernard Rubinstein**, husband of **Vivian Rubinstein** and brother-in-law of **Rabbi Devorah Lynn (Fred Lipschultz)**, died August 4, 2017, at age 77. The funeral was in Silver Spring, MD.

May their memories be a blessing.

In case you didn't know, Az meh fregt, blonzhet men nisht means: If you ask, you won't err (get lost). This month I say to you: Es, Bentsh, zay a mentsh. Best wishes for a zis un gezunt yor. Hope to hear from many of you for the next issue. The deadline is September 24: email me at [dzurer@gmail.com](mailto:dzurer@gmail.com).

## Kol Nashim

### Debbie Pomerance



#### Book Club September 12th

Book club meets Tuesday September 12th at the home of Varda Fink and Stan Grabia to pick books for the coming year. Come, talk about books you love without the muss or fuss of actually reading anything during the busy holiday preparation season. Pile up favorite books to bring along. Or send your suggestions to Jessica at [KNBook@Tifereth-Israel.org](mailto:KNBook@Tifereth-Israel.org)

#### Save the Date for Upcoming Sunday Morning KN Events

*"Improbable Success: Making it as a Woman in Comedy"*

Oct 22 – Kim Levone

*"So you wanna be an activist..."*

Nov 19 – Devora Kimelman-Block

*"Baking with Jessica"*

Dec 3 – Jessica Weissman with

further sweet and savory baking adventures. No yeast this time!

## Social Action (continued)

#### 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 program in which synagogues and other Jewish community groups make repairs in a home alongside the homeowners.

Contact: Larry Baizer ([lbaizer@yahoo.com](mailto:lbaizer@yahoo.com))

#### Advocacy

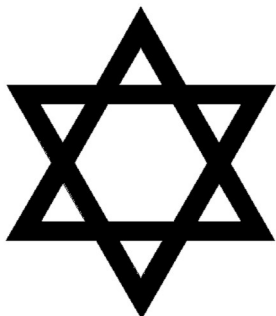
There are several ongoing and evolving issues which affect our community and country. We are concerned about preserving the environment, preventing gun violence, sheltering refugees, and promoting gender equality, voting

rights and healthcare. We have identified several organizations that work to promote these causes. We invite congregants to take a role in one or more of these organizations as well as informing and/or mobilizing congregational attention and support for these efforts

We Care



& Take Action



### Save the date! New Program Coming Soon!

On Tuesday, November 4, Rabbi Devorah Lynn and Michele Sumka will be offering a Jewish Silent Meditation Retreat at Sanctuary, the Am Kolel Retreat Center in Beallsville, MD. It will include instruction and practice on several different styles of meditation, in a beautiful, peaceful setting.

Stay tuned for more information!

## Gevarim

### Andrew Reamer

# גברים

#### Movie Nite

As part of the annual S'lichot program, the documentary "Fire Lines" will be shown on Saturday, September 16, at 9:30 PM in the Cherner Auditorium. The 42-minute film tells the story of the Palestinian and Israeli firefighters who set politics and history aside in order to join forces to battle Israel's worst natural disaster - the Carmel fire of December 2010. Attendance is free.

#### Video Course: The World of Biblical Judaism

Gevarim and the Adult Education Committee present "The World of Biblical Judaism," a set of video lectures by Professor Cynthia Chapman (Oberlin College) provided through Great Courses. The inaugural session will be on Sunday, September 24, in the Mollie Berch Library. Two lectures -- "Biblical Israel—The Story of a People" and "By the Rivers of Babylon—Exile" -- will be shown from 10:30-11:30 AM and will be followed by discussion until 12:15

PM. The course is facilitated by Allan Tulchin, Adult Ed Committee chair and Shippensburg University history professor. Lectures will be presented once or twice a month through June 2018. See the Shulcloud calendar for future dates.

## Kol Nashim Book Club

Jessica Weissman

After taking August off so busy members could devote their reading hours to beach books without guilt (what, no guilt during the season of repentance?), the KN Book Club meets on September 12th to share books and pick readings for the year.

Books should have some Jewish interest, support discussion, and be the right length to finish in a month. We alternate fiction and non-fiction.

It's great if the book is easily available at local libraries, but that's not a requirement.

So bring your favorites and be prepared to convince the group that they are worth reading. If past readings have not been to your taste, this is your chance to change that.

All are welcome. Bring your book ideas to the home of Varda Fink and Stan Grabia. We start at 7:30 and go until 9pm

Please RSVP to [knbook@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:knbook@tifereth-israel.org) so Varda and Stan can

scale the snacks.

Here are a few of the books I'm planning to present:

*The Bus Driver Who Wanted to be God*, by Etgar Keret. Bizarre and wonderful short stories by an acclaimed Israeli author.

*After the Fire*, by Lauren Belfer. What if the libretto of a newly discovered Bach cantata revealed something disturbing? Fiction.

*American Jews, a History*, by Jonathan Sarna. Lively overview.

*Sons and Soldiers: The Untold Story of the Jews Who Escaped the Nazis and Returned with the U.S. Army to Fight Hitler*, by Bruce Henderson.

*Marriage of Opposites*, by Alice Hoffman. Historical novel about a Jewish woman who became the mother of artist Camille Pissarro.

*The Undoing Project, a Friendship that Changed Our Minds*, by Michael. Nonfiction about the deep collabora-

### TI Collection

Thanks so much for everyone's generous contributions of books. We are certainly a well-read congregation.

The new collection is **fall and winter clothing for Shepherd's Table**.

- All clothing should be in good condition.
- Suitable for fall or winter only
- Clothes for men, women or children
- NO underwear

Note – The collection bin has moved to the elevator lobby (on the left as you go from the Juniper Street entrance to the sanctuary).

This collection ends on **Sunday, October 15**.

tion between two Israeli scientists who revolutionized cognitive science.

*A Woman in Jerusalem*, novel by A.B. Yehoshua.

## B'nei Mitzvah

My name is **Ari Kefer**, and my bar mitzvah is on September 2nd. My parashah is Ki Tetzei. My favorite part of my parashah is when the words in the Torah explain the law about getting the mother bird away from the nest before you take her eggs.

I am a rising eighth grader, who goes to North Bethesda Middle School. I play a variety of sports, which include baseball, soccer, and basketball (with TI's basketball team). My favorite sport is baseball, because I really like bonding with my teammates.

I have one younger brother, who plays the drums. My dad is a psychologist, and my mom is an environmental lawyer. I love traveling with my family, which we do often!

My bar mitzvah project is volunteering at the Charles E. Smith community center. Every Tuesday, I go there to play Rummy Qub with an "adopted grandmother." I look forward to seeing her every week, and I think she enjoys seeing me too.

I am really looking forward to becoming a bar mitzvah!!!



Hello! My name is **Andi Gunther** and my Bat Mitzvah is going to be on September 9th.

I have 2 cats, one named Daisy, and one named Coco. I love Harry Potter, books and movies. I live right outside of DC, in Silver Spring. My parents are Lisa Goldberg and Stefan Gunther.

Throughout 7th grade, I worked to raise awareness about LGBTQIAP+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Pansexual and others) issues in my school as my Bat Mitzvah project. I hope to see you as I become b'nei mitzvah'ed!



## SHALEM

Jessica Weissman

Yes, I know that some of us want nothing more after Kiddush than to go home to a nice nap. But for those who like a little food for thought between the meal and the nap, TI provides SHALEM talks on Shabbat afternoons.

We are lucky to kick off our fall season with a talk by TI's own **Seth Glabman** entitled "Diverse Musical Soundscapes with a Jewish Twist". Everyone has a soundscape, the sum total of our musical experiences. Seth's talk discusses soundscapes and how each of us can deepen our musical and life experience through awareness of our soundscape.

Seth has been teaching general, vocal, and instrumental music for over 20 years, after starting out as a professional singer/pianist. He holds degrees in music and in education, and is working on a doctorate in Curriculum & Instruction at the University of Maryland.

### Are you talking to us? If not, you could be

Looking ahead, it is time to put together a new season of talks. If you want to give a talk or have a topic or speaker to suggest, please contact me. Talks must be of some Jewish interest, defined loosely. The SHALEM audience is the best you may ever have. We are attentive, knowledgeable, supportive, and full of good questions. The only limits are no slides or other electronic assistance.

Some of our successful talks presented personal experience, some concentrated on social justice concerns (always with a Jewish perspective), some drew on Jewish history and some drew on other broad areas of Jewish interest, and some came right out of left field. As I mentioned, "Jewish interest" can be very broadly defined.

Contact me with your ideas, including suggestions for speakers other than yourself. What do you want to hear about? Let me know.

## September Highlights at Tifereth Israel

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| September 2     | Ari Kefer Bar Mitzvah  |
| September 8     | Back to School Shabbat dinner with teen-led service and T*R*I*V*I*A C*O*N*T*E*S*T for adults |
| September 9     | Sophie Gunther Bat Mitzvah   |
| September 13    | KN Book Club, at home of Varda Fink & Stan Grabia, 7:30 p.m.                                 |
| September 20-22 | Rosh Hashanah (see High Holiday Schedule, page 17)   |
| September 16    | Movie, <i>Firing Lines</i> , 10:30 p.m.<br>S'lihot Services, 12 midnight                     |
| September 29-30 | Yom Kippur (see High Holiday Schedule, page 18)  |

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

### September 15

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

### September 22

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

### October 13

Eugene & Esther Herman  
Carolivia Herron  
James & Annie Hershberg  
William Hodos  
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Hedy Howard  
Neil Hyman & Rachel Decter Hyman  
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Joshua & Jennifer Kefer

## TI Marches in the Takoma Park July 4th Parade

An enthusiastic group of marchers represented TI in the one-of-a-kind Takoma Park Independence Day parade. No other group of marchers had a rabbi on a unicycle, and no other group had such adorable T-shirts. Thanks to the photographers, and to Susan Catler who organized the group and collected the photos.





## High Holiday Schedule

### Saturday, September 16 – S'lihot

9:30 p.m.	S'lihot Program - Movie: <i>Fire Lines</i>
Midnight	S'lihot Service

### Sunday, September 17

9:00 – 11 a.m.	Social Action Holiday Food Delivery
10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Jeremy Goldberg Synagogue Preparation Day

## Rosh Hashanah

### Wednesday, September 20 – Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:30 p.m. Ma'ariv

### Thursday, September 21 – Rosh Hashanah Day 1

#### **Wolman Sanctuary** (*assigned seating*)

8:45 a.m.	P'sukei D'Zimrah & Shacharit
10:00 a.m.	Torah reading
11:00 a.m.	Sermon by Rabbi Ethan Seidel, Musaf

#### **Cherner Auditorium** (*open seating*)

9:15 a.m.	Shacharit
10:15 a.m.	Torah parade and Torah reading, followed by Musaf

#### **Tot Service – Reamer Chapel** (for children 18 months to 5 years and their parents)

10:30 a.m. Following the Cherner Auditorium Torah parade

#### **Youth Activities & Babysitting**

9:00 a.m.	Babysitting opens for children ages 18 months to pre-K
10:30 a.m.	Quiet room (reading, studying) opens for children grades 4 to 7
10:30 a.m.	Youth activities begin for children grades K to 7
12:30 p.m.	Youth activities end; Supervised play for all ages begins
1:00 p.m.	Babysitting and supervised play ends

#### **Afternoon & Evening**

5:00 p.m.	Tashlikh walk from TI to Rock Creek Park
5:45 p.m.	Potluck at the home of Lillian Kronstadt, 1733 Juniper Street, NW
6:45 p.m.	Minhah and Ma'ariv

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## Rosh Hashanah (continued)

### Friday, September 22 - Rosh Hashanah Day 2

#### Wolman Sanctuary *(open seating - no assigned seats)*

Service schedule same as Day 1

#### Youth Activities & Babysitting

9:00 a.m.	Babysitting opens for children ages 18 months to pre-K
9:45 a.m.	All-ages family liturgy and activity
10:30 a.m.	Quiet room (reading, studying) opens for children grades 4 to 7
10:30 a.m.	Youth activities begin for children grades K to 7
12:30 p.m.	Youth activities end; Supervised play for all ages begins
1:00 p.m.	Babysitting and supervised play ends

### Sunday, September 24 - Cemetery Service

11:00 a.m.	Mt. Lebanon Cemetery
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## Yom Kippur

### Friday, September 29 - Kol Nidre

6:20 p.m.	Activities and babysitting for children 18 mo. to 3rd grade
6:25 p.m. sharp!	Services in both Wolman and Cherner
	Youth activities for 4th-7th graders begin after chanting of Kol Nidre

### Saturday, September 30 - Yom Kippur

#### Wolman Sanctuary

8:45 a.m.	P'sukei D'Zimrah and Shaharit
10:30 a.m.	Torah reading
11:30 a.m.	Sermon - Rabbi Seidel
12 noon	Yizkor memorial service
12:30 p.m.	Musaf

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## Yom Kippur (continued)

### Cherner Auditorium

9:15 a.m.	Shaharit
10:15 a.m.	Torah parade and Torah reading
11:15 a.m.	Yizkor memorial service followed by Musaf

### Tot Service – Reamer Chapel (for children 18 months to 5 years and their parents)

10:30 a.m.	Following the Cherner Auditorium Torah parade
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### Youth Activities & Babysitting

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10:30 a.m.	Quiet room (reading, studying) opens for children grades 4 to 7
10:30 a.m.	Youth activities begin for children grades K to 7
12:30 p.m.	Youth activities end; Supervised play for all ages begins
1:00 p.m.	Babysitting and supervised play ends

### Afternoon & Evening - Wolman Sanctuary (*open seating*)

3:45 p.m.	Minhah
5:15 p.m.	Talk and discussion with Michele Sumka Teen Shmooze with Eliyah Lister
6:15 p.m.	N'ilah
7:35 p.m.	Shofar & Ma'ariv
Break Fast	Immediately following the service

## High Holiday and Fall Signups in Shulcloud

Find everything for the High Holidays and beyond in one convenient spot in Shulcloud:

<https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/hiho2017>

Sign up for the famous TI Break Fast dairy dinner! (deadline noon on Sunday, September 24th).

Volunteer to help Roz Kram cook the dinner (6:30 PM on September 27th).

Reserve your spot to volunteer for the Jeremy Goldberg Synagogue Preparation Day (September 17th) or for the Social Action Holiday Food Delivery (also September 17th).

Order your lulav and etrog set—don't be left with nothing to shake at Sukkot (deadline September 17th).

Sign up for Shabbat dinner in TI's Sukkah on October 6th (deadline 12 noon, Wednesday September 27th).

And a whole lot more, including many volunteer opportunities to help the High Holidays run smoothly.

## Sukkot, Sh'mini Atzeret & Simchat Torah Schedule

<b>Wednesday, October 4</b>	<b>Erev Sukkot</b>
<b>Thursday, October 5</b>	<b>Sukkot 1</b> 9 a.m. service and Sukkah walk after a light kiddush
<b>Friday, October 6</b>	<b>Sukkot 2</b> 9 a.m. service 6:30 p.m. service Sukkot Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah following the service (sign up at <a href="https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/event/sukkot17">https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/event/sukkot17</a> by noon on September 27)
<b>Wednesday, October 11</b>	<b>Hoshanah Rabbah</b> 7 a.m. service
<b>Thursday, October 12</b>	<b>Sh'mini Atzeret</b> 9 a.m. service followed by Yizkor memorial service <b>Simchat Torah</b> 7:15 p.m. service
<b>Friday, October 13</b>	<b>Simchat Torah</b> Cherner Auditorium 9:15 a.m. Shaharit 10:15 a.m. Torah parade and Torah reading 11:15 a.m. Yizkor memorial service followed by Musaf Reamer Chapel Tot Service (for children 18 months to 5 years and their parents)

### Sunday Afternoons at Theater J

Revised Dates: Oct 29, Dec 24, Jan 28, Mar 18, Apr 29 and Jun 24 at 2:00 pm

Join other TI members on Sunday afternoons for the upcoming season of shows at Theater J. The performances listed above will feature a post-show discussion led by Lisa Traiger, (arts correspondent, Washington Jewish Week) and Rabbi Seidel.

For more information on Theater J's season call their box office at 202-777-3210 or visit <http://edcicc.org/center-for-arts/theater-j/on-stage/17-18-season/>

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 George & Marjorie Greenberg  
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 Phyllis & Robert Greenberger  
 Julie Greenspoon  
 Gerson & Joan Grosfeld  
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 Melvin Hirshman  
 William Hodos  
 Ruth Hurvitz  
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 Harvey Kabaker & Andrea Kline  
 Marcia Klompus  
 Maxine (Cookie) Kornstein  
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 Sol Baxt  
 Fannie Katzman  
 Malvina Miller  
 Evelyn Brown  
 Mary Brown  
 William Harris Lepp  
 Gertrude Lazaresco  
 Sarah Pronin Levine  
 Bernice Jeweler Drazin  
 Rose Adler Einhorn  
 Anne Farber  
 Gisela Englander  
 Gaori Fernbach  
 Julia Fernbach  
 Zalman Fishman  
 Charles Hare  
 Esta Hare  
 Jeremy Goldberg  
 Harold B. Greenberg  
 Henry Keshin  
 Samuel Mogul  
 Harry H. Naiman  
 Harry Bender  
 Ruth Bender  
 Naomi Grosfeld  
 Samuel Grosfeld  
 Dr. Eric Wellisch  
 Michael Jon Wellisch  
 Ida Sarah Selsky  
 Morris Hodos  
 Hyman Hurvitz  
 Rose Hurvitz  
 Benjamin Mensh  
 Herman H. Corman  
 Rosalind Corman  
 Stuart David Corman  
 Michael Alan Kornstein

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 Lillian Kronstadt  
 Alan Landay  
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 Alice Lazar  
 Michael & Nora Jean Levin  
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 Josephine Mickelson  
 Toby Mickelson  
 Elaine Miller  
 Michael & Barbara Milton  
 Stephen & Freda Resnick  
 Marc Rothenberg & Ivy Baer  
 Morton & Adele Samler  
 Lawrence & Pearl Schainker  
 Roberta Schery  
 Sylvia Schlitt  
 Leonard Seeff & Lynn Gerber  
 Bernie Shleien  
 Jo-Dine Simon  
 Jack Stone & Wilma Brier  
 Howard & Michele Sumka  
 Faith Szydlo  
 Gisele Tawil  
 Deborah Taylor  
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 Mike & Ruth Unterweger  
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 Michael & Marion Usher  
 Louise Wiener  
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 Avi & Devra Weiss  
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 Dov Weitman & Sylvia Horwitz  
 Jonathan Wilkenfeld  
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 Betsy Wohl  
 Brian Wruble  
 Lesley Zark  
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 Diana Zurer

Trude Rosenthal  
 Harry H. Naiman  
 Anne Landay  
 Jeanne Wayne Cornetto  
 Morton William Lazar  
 Hirsch Bieler  
 Benjamin Levin  
 Sidney Mickelson  
 Sidney Mickelson  
 Benjamin P. Sternstein  
 Edward Herman Milton  
 Ida S. Minsky  
 Joseph Goldstein  
 Sophie Schainker  
 Irma C. Stein  
 Sam Feig  
 Harry Seeff  
 Tillie Shleien  
 Abraham Hiram Simon  
 Julius Brier  
 Rosalie Stahl  
 Alexander Breslow  
 Shalom Amsellem  
 Harry Taylor  
 Sarah Taylor  
 William Taylor  
 Pearl Bloom  
 Milton Rodberg  
 Ester Rodberg  
 Barney David Usher  
 Charles Weingarten  
 Dorothy Weingarten  
 Jeremy Goldberg  
 Sidney Reitberg  
 Pearl Weitman  
 Sarah Wilkenfeld  
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 Joseph Wohl  
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 Frieda Zark  
 Samuel Zark  
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