



The Menorah

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From the President: Sylvia Horwitz

The *yomim nora'im* – the days of awe – are our golden opportunity to pause, take stock, contemplate, and maybe make some course adjustments in our lives or consider what needs calibrating in ourselves. It is also a time to contemplate what is good in our lives, what is worth preserving and perhaps worthy of our investment of more energy and attention.

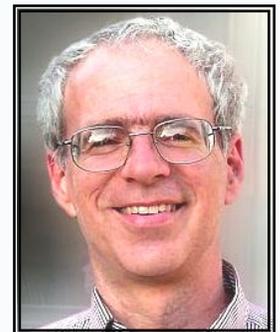


Perhaps because of the proximity to Rosh Hashana, an event I attended today triggered thoughts that strike me as appropriate to the season. Today I attended a retirement celebration for one of my former colleagues, someone I knew and worked with over many years. I've been to quite a few of these retirement celebrations over the past few years, and it never ceases to astonish me how many alumni from

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Notes from the Rabbi: Ethan Seidel

As you may have heard, I am taking a unit of "Clinical Pastoral Education" this year. CPE is a national program that trains Chaplains for work in Hospitals, Hospice, etc., and having a unit under my belt will make it more likely that I can find a job in this field next year, when I leave full-time employment at TI.



The course consists of 4 hours of lecture and group discussion on Wednesdays (4:15-8:15PM), as well as 10 hours per week of actual clinical visits: at hospitals, with congregants in my office or in their homes, as well as visits to patients at the Hebrew Home complex in Rockville. The course began in September and continues until the end of April.

I mention this here for several reasons. For one thing, I want you to know that I will be (even more than usually) happy to see you for pastoral consultations this year: in addition to my wanting to be of service, I need to fill my required clinical hours. And let me add that I'm already feeling like a better pastoral counselor after less

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Notes from the Rabbi - continued

than a month of this class: better able to listen, better able to be quiet, better able to accompany, in a non-judgmental way, the person I'm speaking with. So give me a call, or send me an email if you're interested in getting together.

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October 9 – Yom Kippur
October 14/15 – Sukkot 1 and 2
October 21 – Shmini Atzeret
October 22 – Simchat Torah
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November 29 – Thanksgiving

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Another reason I mention this is that, whether I'm the right person for you to see or not, this is the time of year to be thinking about change. What might move you in a better direction? Or maybe the question is "Who" – who might best inspire you to make a change? Think about sitting down with a professional: a coach, a social worker, a therapist, a rabbi – whomever you think might be of best help.

I wish you a good year, and I would be honored to be a part of your *teshuvah*-plans for 5780.

L'shanah Tova Tikatevu! May you be inscribed for a good year!

Rabbi Seidel

Funeral Practices Committee Always On-Call

Chaverim 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 chaverim or the TI office (202-882-1605).

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From the President - continued

the office, including some who retired well over a decade ago, come back to celebrate another one of our own. Today, for example, a former colleague living in New England flew down for the day for this event. It also never ceases to amaze me to see the effort, love and care that current colleagues of the retiree put into these events. These events aren't at a restaurant; they are "in house," in a big conference room, decorated for the occasion, with a generous spread including home baked goodies, home grown entertainment, and thoughtful personal gifts of memories – written and photographic. It is all done by volunteers and funded by donations. The overwhelming and lasting essence of these gatherings is the personal connection among all of us – whether working or retired – and our sense of connection, of being a family. It is powerful.

There are several key ingredients that have brought about this connection. One is a shared sense of mission. Another is support for one another, pitching in when extra effort is needed, mutual respect, and acknowledgement that sometimes each one of us needs an accommodation. And we like each other

and care about each other's welfare. These are ingredients in any successful enterprise.

And so, my thoughts turn to our TI community. A thriving synagogue is a labor of love. It has to be -- for the staff and for the volunteers. It is the work itself that brings us together. Yes, of course we get satisfaction from doing work that needs to be done, from doing it well, and for a purpose we care about. But we can also get a great deal of satisfaction from the relationships that are forged while working for a common purpose or learning together. We learn about each other's talents and strengths, we get to know one another. We connect. It takes time, and it takes commitment. But today I was reminded that when we invest ourselves together with others in a common enterprise, perhaps without even realizing it, we create something more and something that is worth preserving.

Wishing you a *Shana Tova U'Metuka* – a good and sweet year.

Sylvia



JOIN THE TI SUKKAH WALK

Monday, October 14, 12:45 pm

No RSVP needed

Come for services & light Kiddush in the TI sukkah, then tour TI families' sukkot on a walk led by Rabbi Seidel

Map provided at Kiddush



Shukraan, Todah, Thank You - Judi Berland

The TI family has been working with the Abdullahs for over three years, helping them with navigating systems and adjusting to life in America. This year so many Tlers helped contribute school supplies for the four children that the family wanted to thank everyone.

Mohammed, 7th grade: Thank you for the school supplies. The most helpful thing was the binders, because they hold all my school papers and supplies.

Sidrah, 6th grade: Thank you for all the school supplies. I like the binders the best because they are colorful. They will help me work hard.

Saja, 5th grade: Thank you for the school supplies. The thing I like best about school supplies is everything.

Sadil, 3rd grade: Thank you for the school supplies. What I liked most is the backpack because blue is my favorite color.

Dad and Mom: Thank you for everything and for helping the family. Shukraan.



YOM KIPPUR



Wednesday, October 9

Break the Fast

Deadline: Thursday, October 3 @ 10am

www.tinyurl.com/ti-bfast19

(early sign-ups appreciated)

Volunteer Cooking: Sunday, October 6 @ 10 am

www.tinyurl.com/ticooking

Kol Nashim Happenings- Adele Natter

The KN Book Club continues strong. The last book discussed was *Judas* by Israeli writer Amos Oz. The October 15th meeting in the Sukkah will focus on sharing book recommendations and picking future readings. Would you like us to choose different readings? If so, please come and make your voice heard.

October 13 — Back by popular demand, the Return to Glenstone! This private museum in Potomac features contemporary and modern art since 1945. Docents are very knowledgeable and available to offer information and answer questions. Admission is free, but participants must register since the size of the tour group is limited. Contact Rose Ellen Halper for more information.

November 3 — We have arranged a private tour of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History. Come find out about Jews' contributions to our country's military engagements. Contact Margie Odle for more detailed information.

Note: Kol Nashim events are open to men and women.

GOODBYE AND TRIBUTE TO STEVE ROSS

KN Board Members express their appreciation of the dauntless, indefatigable and ever-reliable Steve Ross. Enjoy your retirement! We will miss you!



Cemetery Service

Sun, Oct 6, 2pm

Mt. Lebanon Cemetery

Mount Lebanon Cemetery

9500 Riggs Road

Adelphi, MD 20783

Nayes un Mechayes - Melissa Perera

Myrna Goldman took a tour of the Southwest National Parks in early September. The scenery was breathtaking, and she hopes her photos do it some justice. The trip included Mesa Verde, Arches, Canyonlands, the north rim of the Grand Canyon, Zion, and Bryce. In addition, they took the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, saw petroglyphs at Bears Ears National Monument, visited the Glen Canyon Dam, took a boat ride on Lake Powell near the dam, and went into the Antelope Slot Canyon, with impressive natural sculptures. Our bus driver said we covered about 2,000 miles. It was a friendly tour group, with an excellent leader. Temperatures ranged from 100 to 40, making layering essential. Myrna was glad to see places that many have recommended over the years.

Bob Rovinsky was overjoyed at the reception the six Asylum seekers he has been coaching received when they spoke September 19th as part of the "Warmth of Other Suns" exhibit at the Phillips Collection. The exhibit featured the work of 75 artists working on the theme of Global Displacement and the auditorium overflowed with over 200 attendees. The six speakers, all asylum seekers living in the Washington area, hailed from Syria, Venezuela, Congo, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and Ethiopia. Each spoke movingly about what it is like for them and for the over 25,000 other asylum seekers in the DMV to leave their families to come to our country, to lose their hard earned professional identities, and to struggle to make their home here. Many might not know that these asylum seekers cannot get a work permit for at least a year and dare not leave the country or travel back to see their families. They also spoke of the help they have received

from A.S.A.P. <https://www.asylumprojectdc.org/> and their hopes for themselves and their new country, the USA.

Big changes for the **Levones**: two kids are off to college! **Allegra** is back from her gap year in Israel and started at the University of Rhode Island. **Raviv** just started her freshman year at Hofstra. Both are taking theatre classes and joined a capella groups - and they are enjoying the many great experiences on campus. Allegra LOVES her Gender & Women's Studies class and Raviv is diving into psychology. Not to worry: we still have some Levones left at home. **Liat** just started high school, **Boaz** is in 7th grade and, of course, Samson.

Melissa Perera was lucky enough to take a work trip to Iceland this September. After work was done, she was able to see some of Iceland's dramatic landscapes. She also attended a packed opening night for the Iceland Symphony Orchestra at Reykjavik's incredibly beautiful Harpa Concert Hall, featuring works by Bizet, Ravel and Sibelius. Most remarkable though, in her opinion, was a breathtaking performance of an orchestral piece titled "Aeriality" by an Icelandic composer, Anna Thorvaldsdotir, who also happened to be sitting in the audience.

On their return from KlezKanada in late August, **Dov Weitman** and **Sylvia Horwitz** stopped in for a visit with former TI members Martin Kessel and Gail Robinson at their beautiful home in Bethlehem, NH. They were wonderful hosts, showing highlights of the town and the beautiful area where they live. It was a great visit, including a tour of Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation, where Martin and Gail are very active.



Photo: Gail Robinson



Photo: Sylvia Horwitz

Notes from the TI Security Corner – Chris Zeilinger

A number of you have been asking me what's been happening with our security program at TI over the past year. So, I'll provide some occasional updates here in the pages of the Menorah.

First of all, I'll join the rest of our leadership in expressing pleasure that TI is slated to receive a security grant from the District of Columbia's Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency. We'll be using this grant to install video cameras within and around the building, to install panic buttons at key locations, establish more secure access controls at several of our doors, improve stairwell security, and carry out some more extensive security planning and training. These are important things, and will take time to get them all in place, but you'll be seeing some of the fruits of this effort rolling out over the coming year.

We requested, and are being funded, for those items because they were brought to our attention through a security review this past winter, not long after the terrible shootings at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue. The other key finding from that review was that we needed to take a good look at our use of security volunteers. If you're used to working in schools, federal facilities, military service, or the like, you may be surprised to hear that volunteer-based security is a normative and recommended practice in most churches, mosques and synagogues. Yes, many religious institutions also – and rightfully – engage the use of hired security such as guards or off-duty police. However, the foundation of most religious institutions' security programs is the eyes, ears and attention furnished by their own congregants.

I'll talk more about that in a future article, but I have plenty of examples to illustrate how our security volunteers have succeeded at keeping TI safe and secure over the years.

Another security improvement you've probably noticed over the past several months is that we're simply keeping our doors locked more often than used to be the case. Secure doors do more to keep us safe than almost anything else we can do. That said, we need to have people to help open those doors for our own congregants and families, whether on Shabbat evenings or mornings, on Sundays for minyan and religious school, or at other times around the year. If you can open a door, and are able to keep out an eye for possibly suspicious people or things, I'd love to have you join our security team. Talk to me!

If you have any questions about our security here at TI, talk to me. You can chat me up on a Shabbat, or we can chat by phone, text, email or in person any other time that works for us. I might not always have the answers you most want to hear, but I'm eager to hear and share what we're thinking and doing about your security here at TI. The best non-Shabbat ways to reach me are on my mobile, 202-250-4108 by email at chris.zeilinger@gmail.com.

Finally, let's remember the very true phrase coined by Allen Kay for New York's Metropolitan Transit Authority in those frightening days right after September 11, 2001, "If you see something, say something." Those words are central to so much of how we maintain security, whether at TI or at any of the other places you go in life.

George Greenberg Building Preservation Trustee News – Sylvia Horwitz

We all owe a debt of gratitude to our George Greenberg Building Preservation Trustees. Until September 1, our trustees have been **Ray Natter, John List and Allison Turner**. After two years of service as a trustee, Ray Natter has stepped down. He brought his good sense and expertise to the job and we thank him for all the hard work he put into preserving our building. Ray has been a stalwart of TI's leadership team, and his stint as trustee is just the latest in his roles on behalf of TI.

As of September 1, **Elliot Rosen** has joined Allison and John as a Trustee. Elliot is another of TI's stalwarts, and it is great to have him in this role. So thank you Ray for all you've done for TI, and thank you Elliot for stepping up. And thank you Allison and John for your continuing work on behalf of TI.

Tifereth Israel Tots 2019-2020

July

14 - Berry picking

August

4 - Takoma Splash Park
Playdate

September

7 - Tot Shabbat
30 - Tot Rosh Hashanah

October

1 - Tot Rosh Hashanah
9 - Tot Yom Kippur
22 - Tot Simchat Torah

November

2 - Tot Shabbat
8 - Family Kabbalat
Shabbat & dinner
16 - PJ Havdallah

December

7 - Tot Shabbat
18 - Hanukkah
Extravaganza
22 - Tot Hanukkah party

January '20

4 - Tot Shabbat
20 - MLK Day of Service
26 - Mitzvah of the Month
Class

February

1 - Tot Shabbat
21 - Family Kabbalat
Shabbat & dinner
23 - Mitzvah of the Month
Class

March

7 - Tot Shabbat
8 - Purim carnival
9 - Tot Purim service
& dinner
29 - Mitzvah of the Month
Class

April

4 - Tot Shabbat
26 - Mitzvah of the Month
Class

May

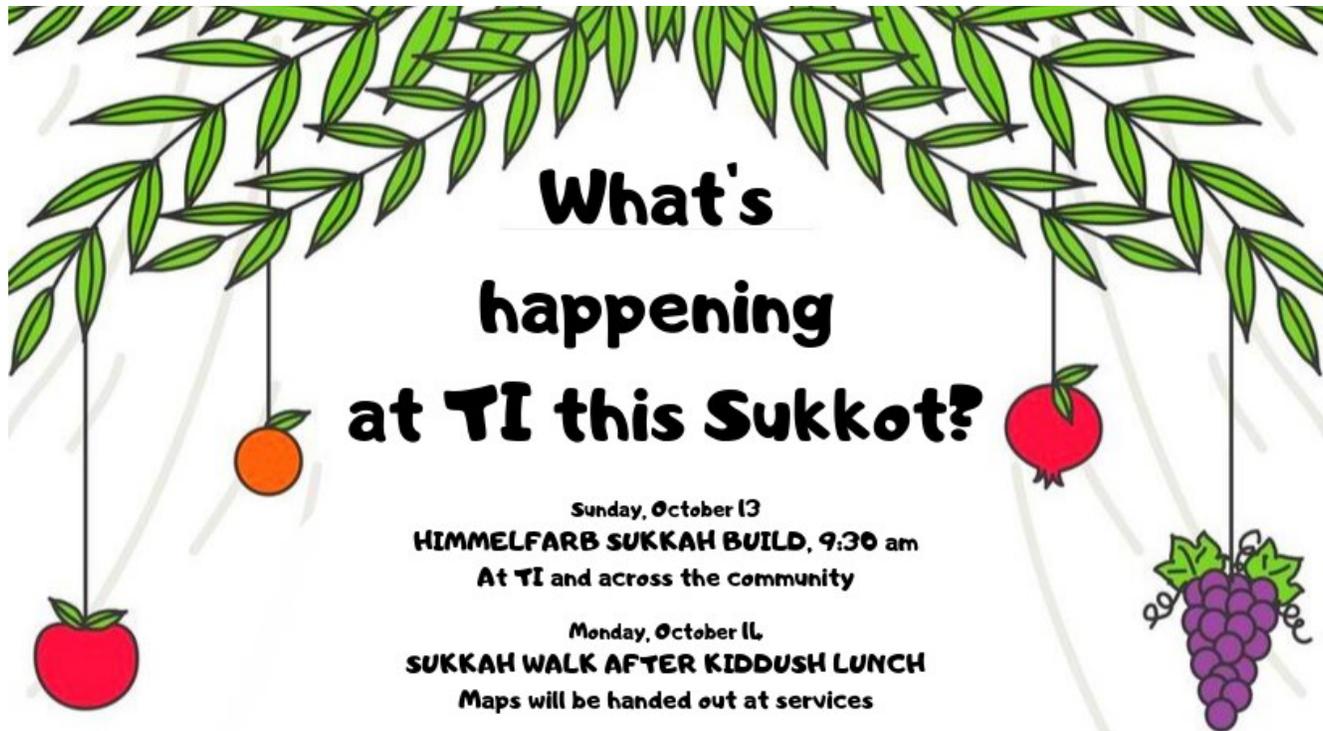
2 - Tot Shabbat
8 - Family Kabbalat
Shabbat & dinner
31 - Mitzvah of the Month
Class

June

6 - Tot Shabbat

Questions? TItots@tifereth-israel.org | 202-882-1605





What's happening at TI this Sukkot?

Sunday, October 13

HIMMELFARB SUKKAH BUILD, 9:30 am
At TI and across the community

Monday, October 14

SUKKAH WALK AFTER KIDDUSH LUNCH
Maps will be handed out at services

Tuesday, October 15

KOL NASHIM BOOK CLUB, 7:30 pm
Meet book club members, select books for next year
RSVP at knbook@tifereth-israel.org

Wednesday, October 16

WEEKDAY MINYAN, 6:10 pm
PIZZA IN THE HUT FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES, 6:30 pm
RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/Sukkot-Pizza19

Thursday, October 17

GEVARIM PRESENTS: POLITICS & BEER, 7:30 pm
RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/BeerSukkot19

Friday, October 18

CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT DINNER, 6:30 pm
Register by October 11: www.tinyurl.com/Shab-Sukkot19

Sunday, October 20

USY: SUSHI AND SNACKS IN THE SUKKAH, 12:30 pm
In a TI member's sukkah, RSVP: www.tinyurl.com/Sukkot-sushi19



Order your
lulav & etrog
by 10am 10/2
on ShulCloud

HOLIDAY & SHABBAT SERVICES
October 14, 15 and 19
Kiddush luncheon to follow in sukkah

Learn about more services:
<https://tinyurl.com/sukkot19>

Learn more about Sukkot at tinyurl.com/sukkot19

Goldberg Cleanup Day



Clockwise from top left: Chris Zeilinger keeping everyone safe. Ruth Tabak handles registration, with Lee Footer reflected in the window and Eliot Goldberg visible in the office. Members of the Goldberg and Tabak families take a quick break. Traci Goldberg, Eliot Goldberg and Allan Tulchin assemble seat packets. Photos by Jevera Temsky.



More Photos



Tzurielle Shashoua paints the front doors. Photo by Yochanan Sullivan

Right: Seth Grimes, Janice Mehler, and Michele Sumka at the recent ICE counterprotest rally. Seth is one of the rally organizers. Photo by Esther Simon



Rabbinic Search Update - Sara Goldberg

While our updates are a bit less frequent, I can assure you the Rabbinic Search Committee has been staying very busy! The Interview Team is finalizing our strategy for each step of the interview process, and the Visit Team has started to build the visit weekend agenda so we'll be ready to welcome final candidates this winter - stay tuned!

As we approach the High Holidays, our Questionnaire Team has taken all of the data you provided through 21 community input meetings and 300+ survey responses to fill out the document each candidate will review as they make decisions about where to apply. The format of this "questionnaire" is determined by the Rabbinic Assembly (RA), and it is used by all USCJ congregations looking to hire a rabbi. Once finalized, our questionnaire will be uploaded to a private RA website, accessible only to RA members. We anticipate rabbis who are interested in the position will begin to review it and start applying after Sukkot.

Our questionnaire has been carefully reviewed by the committee, and Rabbi Seidel and Rabbi Abramowitz. It does a beautiful job describing TI: communicating the strengths of our unique congregation, while sharing a vision for how our next spiritual leader can help us become an even more vibrant and strong community.

While we know TI is a diverse place with many opinions (and we're proud of that!), there were clear

themes that emerged from your feedback via the meetings and survey. Your involvement contributed significantly to the information included in the questionnaire.

- You characterized TI as egalitarian, intellectual, and unpretentious.
- You want to make sure TI improves our programming and education, engages young families, is even more inclusive, and ensures our financial future.
- You are proud of our adult education opportunities, the way we support each other during tough times, our commitment to social justice, and lunch!
- You want a rabbi who is warm, caring, a good listener, welcoming to members at all levels of observance, and able to connect with and inspire our young people.

The committee is so grateful for the vision our community has articulated for us through your participation in the meetings and survey, and we will be sharing more detail with the board in the months ahead so we can work together to address our challenges and enhance our strengths together.

As always, your continued feedback and questions are welcome and appreciated. Just send an email to tidcrabbisearch@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at (202) 596-6045.

Tutors Needed for the Damara Family - Jon Halpern

As you may know, several of us Tlers have been helping out the Damaras, a family of Syrian refugees, for the past year and a half. They are a delightful family, live in Landover, PG county, and arrived here 4 years ago. They have 6 children; 3 are in elementary school. While the kids' English language skills are improving by leaps and bounds, they need regular help with homework and more generally with reading (and writing). This would involve 2-3 hours (inclusive of transportation time) a couple of times a month during the upcoming school year.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Jon Halpern (jonathandhalpern@gmail.com).

Social Action Committee (SAC) Update

Esther and Gene Herman

The New Year brings a number of opportunities for TI members to get involved with Tikkun Olam projects for individuals and families. We have just completed the delivery of 70 food and greeting packages to individuals who are the neediest in our community. A second opportunity for delivering these packages will occur just before Pesach.

The Martha's Table Van Run continues to go out to two stops with homeless men and women. Meals are prepared in their new location with a state-of-the-art kitchen and are delivered every second Sunday of the month.

Preliminary meetings have been occurring with Pastor Joseph Daniels and some congregants from Emory Methodist Church, with whom TI has had a long helpful relationship. The renovated historical church has recently completed a connected 99 apartment complex for low income veterans and families that will need several services. All the units are currently filled. During our discussions, there was an expressed need for a medical clinic on the premises. TI is currently collecting food to help stock a food pantry there, as well. TI may add this facility to one of its Christmas holiday meal sites. Ongoing discussions continue between TI social action committee members and those from Emory.

According to **Dina Borzekowski**, the library we are supporting in Sierra Leone is up and running. The shelves are installed, and the community has received their first shipment of books. The librarian is hired and will be supported by individual contributions.

The TI sale of Abayudaya coffee grown in Uganda is temporarily stopped. A new interfaith collective has taken over growing the coffee and sales will resume when and if the status of the cooperative is verified.

Please remember to empty your pockets at Kol Nidre so we can support HIAS with their refugee legal defense program.

And, last of all, fill out the volunteer pledge cards in your High Holiday folders!

Volunteer Spotlight - Jared Garelick

With the Jewish New Year, this space recognizes **All of TI's Volunteers**. They are a varied group, doing a variety of jobs, and critically important. TI could not run half the programs and services it does without the volunteer labor so many members provide. TI's volunteers also happen to be, as a rule, humble. The majority of volunteers approached to be interviewed for the Volunteer Spotlight column demur, insisting that the role they've taken on is too small to merit recognition. They know that they could be doing more, and see that others are, and so feel that someone more active deserves the turn in the Spotlight.

But the cumulative effort of many volunteers each doing a small part helps TI run as much as the outsized efforts of our volunteer superstars. We can't all be a

Susan Catler, who seems to be helping with three hands at once, or a **Chris Zeilinger**, our one-man thin blue and white line keeping the community safe. And we will not again soon see a **Marcia and Jerry Goldberg**, who we continue to honor with our annual clean-up day. There is no need to measure yourself against those standards.

This year, try to be one of TI's regular, run-of-the-mill volunteers, if nothing else. Find some task that you can help with. It might be a one-time task here or there, or a once a month chore, or something more regular. You could help TI, and feel good for even a small contribution. Who knows, you might even find yourself in the Spotlight.

NEW IN 2020!

Mitzvah of the Month class
Introduce your 3 & 4 year olds to mitzvot
Have fun and learn by doing!
Taught by Lee Anderegg

9:30-11:00 am on
Sundays: January 26
February 23
March 29
April 26
May 31

\$50 to enroll



Sign up at: tinyurl.com/TI-Mom2020

High Holidays at TI

<https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/hiho2019>

ROSH HASHANAH

SUN, Sept 29 – EREV ROSH HASHANAH

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| 9:00am – 11:00am | Social Action Holiday Food Delivery
Deliver bags of holiday groceries to Jewish seniors and others in need. |
| 6:30pm | Ma'ariv (Rabbi Ethan Seidel) |

MON, SEPT 30 – ROSH HASHANAH DAY I

Wolman Sanctuary

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| 8:45am | Psukei D'Zimrah (Rabbi Chuck Feinberg)
Shacharit (Bruce Berger) |
| ~10:00am | Torah Service (Esther Feron)
Torah reading (Yvonne Shashoua, Myrna Goldman, Alex Wolfson)
Haftarah (Cynthia Peterman) |
| ~11:00am | Sermon and Musaf (Rabbi Ethan Seidel) |

Cherner Auditorium led by Rabbi Minna Bromberg

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| 9:30am | Shacharit |
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Tot Service – Reamer Chapel

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| ~10:30am | For children 18 months to 5 years and their adults |
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Youth Activities & Babysitting

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| 9:00am | Babysitting opens for children ages 18 months to pre-K |
| 10:30am | Quiet room opens for children grades 4 to 7 |
| 10:30am | Youth activities begin for children grades K to 7 |
| 1:00pm | Youth activities, babysitting and supervised play end end |

Afternoon & Evening

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| 5:00pm | Tashlich walk from TI to Rock Creek, potluck to follow |
| 6:45pm | Mincha and Ma'ariv |

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High Holidays at TI - continued

TUE, OCT 1 - ROSH HASHANAH DAY II

Wolman Sanctuary

8:45am	Psukei D'Zimrah (Yvonne Shashoua) Shacharit (Dena Kranzberg)
~10:00am	Torah Service (Jonathan Morris) Torah reading (Hersh Garelick, Adele Natter, Dana Beyer) Haftarah (Alan Weitz)
~11:00am	Sermon (Rabbi Ethan Seidel) Musaf (Daniel Pedersen)

Youth Activities, Babysitting & Tot Service - See Rosh Hashana Day 1 schedule.

Sun, Oct 6 – Cemetery Service

2:00pm	Service at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery
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YOM KIPPUR

TUE, OCT 8 – KOL NIDRE

6:00pm	Empty Your Pockets Campaign to benefit HIAS Activities and babysitting for children 18 mo. to 3rd grade
6:15pm sharp!	Services in both Wolman and Cherner Youth activities for 4th-7th graders begin after chanting of Kol Nidre

WED, OCT 9 – YOM KIPPUR

Wolman Sanctuary (*assigned seating*)

8:45am	Psukei D'Zimrah (Simcha Kuritzky) Shacharit (Sylvia Horwitz)
~10:30am	Torah Service (Mae Cooper) Torah Reading (Jessica Cohen, Ruth Tabak, Seth Grimes, Eric Schechtman) Haftarah (David Cohen)
~11:30am	Sermon (Rabbi Ethan Seidel)
~12 noon	Yizkor memorial service Musaf (Stan Doran and Carla Ellern)

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High Holidays at TI - continued

Cherner Auditorium led by Minna Bromberg

9:30am	Shacharit
11:45am	Yizkor memorial service, followed by Musaf

Tot Service – Reamer Chapel

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Youth Activities & Babysitting

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10:30am	Youth activities begin for children grades K to 7 Teen program
1:00pm	Youth activities, babysitting and supervised play end

Afternoon & Evening

2:30 pm	Gentle Yoga
3:30pm	Mincha (Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block) Torah Reading (Richard Kruger) Book of Jonah (Jevera Temsky)
5:00pm	Discussion: <i>Opening the Gates of the Heart: God's Job or Ours?</i> Rabbi Minna Bromberg)
6:00pm	Neilah and Ma'ariv (Rabbi Ethan Seidel)
7:20pm	Shofar & Ma'ariv

Community Break Fast After N'eilah

Fall Holidays at TI

MON, OCT 14 - SUKKOT DAY I

9:00 am	Sukkot Festival Service
Noon	Light Kiddush - Sukkah
12:45 pm	Sukkah Walk (enjoy lunch and tour TI families' sukkot) (Map supplied at Kiddush)

TUES, OCT 15 - SUKKOT DAY II

9:00 am	Sukkot Festival Service
Noon	Kiddush Luncheon in the Sukkah
7:30 pm	Kol Nashim Book Group meets in the Sukkah to select books for the year

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Fall Holidays at TI- continued

HOL HAMOED SUKKOT

WED, OCT 16

- 6:20 pm Weekday Minyan in the Sukkah
6:30 pm Pizza in the Hut - for families of school-aged children
RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/Sukkot-Pizza19

THURS, OCT 17

- 7:30 pm Politics and Beer in the Sukkah
RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/BeerSukkot19

FRI, OCT 18

- 6:30 pm Shabbat Services followed by Dinner in the Sukkah
Register by October 11: www.tinyurl.com/Shab-Sukkot19

SAT, OCT 19

- 9:00 am Shabbat and Festival Service
noon Kiddush Luncheon in the Sukkah

SUN OCT 20- HOSHANAH RABBAH

- 9:00 am Morning Service
12:30 pm USY - Sushi in the Sukkah*
Register by October 17: www.tinyurl.com/Sukkot-Sushi19
*This event will be held at a member's sukkah

MON, OCT 21 - SHEMINI ATZERET

- 9:00 am Festival Service
~ 11:00 am Yizkor Memorial Service

MON, OCT 21 - SIMCHAT TORAH

- 7:15 pm Festival Service and Hakafot

TUE, OCTOBER 22 - SIMCHAT TORAH

- 9:00 am Festival Service
10:30 am Hakafot and Tot Simchat Torah

Save the Date!

Join Kol Nashim on a tour of The National Museum of American Jewish Military History near Dupont Circle. Sunday November 3, 2019 at 11:00AM. Private docent-led tour. More details to follow.

Kol Nashim Book Group - Jessica Weissman

We met on September 17th at the home of Paula Flicker to discuss *Judas*, a novel by Amos Oz. Opinions varied, and some attendees felt they missed some of the nuances of the book because they were unfamiliar with the Judas story.

On October 15th we will meet in the Sukkah and pick books for the rest of the reading year. Bring

your suggestions! We look for fiction and nonfiction with significant Jewish content. Nonfiction in areas such as history, biography, and ethics are especially welcome. Memoirs count as nonfiction. We strive for a variety of subjects and styles, and look for books that support discussion. Some otherwise compelling books don't, surprisingly. If you can't make the meeting please send me your suggestions.

Sephardic Sweets Baking Workshop - Jessica Weissman

We made several Sephardic desserts, some like my grandmother used to make and some far better (she was not much of a baker). Recipe links:

Biscochos: https://www.leahcookskosher.com/show_recipe.php?id_recipe=26

Almond-lemon macaroons: <https://cooking.nytimes.com/recipes/1016064-almond-lemon-macaroons-almendrados>

Easy ma'amoul: <https://www.myjewishlearning.com/the-nosher/easy-maamoul-a-middle-eastern-jewish-dessert/>

Basbousa: <https://www.jewishcareinteract.org/basbousa>

If you decide to try any of these I'll be glad to help you with tips, or come over and bake with you.

Sukkot Highlights - Jennifer Kefer, Sukkot Programming Coordinator

The high holidays create many opportunities for the Tifereth Israel community to come together to pray, celebrate and grow. We hope that you will join us at one of the many activities we are organizing to celebrate Sukkot as a congregation.

The celebration will begin on Sunday morning October 13 when Hebrew School classes gather at TI and at homes throughout the community to help build and decorate sukkahs for members of the congregation. On Monday following services, we will hold our annual sukkah walk, beginning with a light kiddish lunch in the TI sukkah immediately after services followed by snacks at members' homes nearby.

If you've been thinking about joining the Kol Nashim book club, please join for the annual "brainstorming meeting" on Tuesday October 15. This is your chance to gather with friends and help select the books the group will read throughout the year. On Wednesday, parents will gather for a brief mincha service at 6:10 followed by "pizza in the hut" for Himmelfarb families and Kadima at 6:30.

On Thursday, Gevarim is hosting a discussion with Bill Galston and Howard Gleckman about current politics – with beer to help ease tensions! Friday evening, we will have a congregational Shabbat dinner in the sukkah. Teens are invited to gather at another sukkah in the community for sushi making. And, of course, there will be plenty of opportunities to mingle after all of our holiday services (October 14, 15 and 19).

Please plan to welcome the fall holidays with your friends at TI!



For the Love of Beauty

Join Us For Our **FREE** Tour of the Newly Expanded Glenstone Museum



Sunday, October 13 at 11:45 am

Located on 200 acres of land in Potomac, MD, Glenstone houses thousands of post-World War 11 works of art in distinctive indoor and outdoor spaces.

We will meet at the museum to take self-guided tours with museum docents available inside and outside to answer questions.

Space is limited. Must register by Oct 6
Register at <https://tinyurl.com/glenstone19>

Himmelfarb Happenings October 2019

Rina Rebibo

With Rosh HaShanah just behind us, this is a perfect time to anticipate the new beginnings and changes we are going to see this coming year. This summer, as I began my 4th year as Director of Education at TI, I partnered with Rachel Meytin to reformat the curriculum at Himmelfarb. The result is an updated spiral curriculum which now includes Social Emotional Goals for each grade level. We will be piloting the updated curriculum this year, which includes new programs, books, and methods of teaching Hebrew.

This year, students who attend on Wednesdays will take an art class to facilitate their understanding of many *tefillot* we say during the course of the *chagim*. This month they learned about the *Unetaneh Tokef* and during *Ivrit*, they are divided into small groups to focus on their ability to read & chant the *tefillot*.

Here is a taste of the curriculum:

Over the course of their years in the Himmelfarb school, students will explore themselves, their immediate communities, and the larger world in a spiraling fashion – meeting the concepts first in the primary grades and then returning to them in later elementary school. By introducing these core themes early and then returning to them at a more advanced age, we are able to present the most important concepts of interpersonal relationships, connection to community and Judaism, and responsibility toward the larger world in age appropriate fashion. The balance between the need to repeat core concepts and build on what is learned and to always differentiate between years and present new experiences can be met by such a spiralized curriculum.

Gan	Aleph	Bet	Gimel	Dalet	Hei	Vav
Self		My community	My World	Self	My (larger) community	My (larger) world
Foundations	My family	My community	My World through Jewish Time	Local Judaism: My family, my synagogue	World Judaism	Who will I be, as a Jew?

Interested in seeing more? Feel free to email rina@tifereth-israel.org for a copy of the complete curriculum.



Photos by Shay Sabag - teacher of Kitah Alef



TI Teen Time: All you need to know for our 6th-12th graders

Rina Rebibo

Our Youth & Teen Programs are off to a great start! Our Teen Kickoff event was a smashing success, eight teens attended and had a blast eating pizza and then playing hide & seek in TI.

Ongoing Programs:

6th & 7th Graders: Mechina - Pre-B'nai Mitzvah Prep Class! From 10:00 – 10:30, Jr. Congregation leader, Maya Dimant Lentz will teach **6th & 7th graders** the musaf tefillot on the second and fourth Shabbat of the month. This intensive course is designed to help your child connect personally to the meaning of the prayers and do their best in leading TI in davening for their B'nai Mitzvah and beyond. Mechina will lead right into Jr. Congregation, so your child is encouraged to stay and play games, participate in davening & learn about the *parsha* too. To sign up: <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/form/Mechina>

High Schoolers: Drinks & Drash – teens will be meeting with Rina at 5:00 pm Thursdays at Kaldi's to schmooze and learn about the weekly *parsha*. We will dive into the Torah, look at different commentaries and see how the *parsha* can be applied to their lives today. Open to all 9th-12th graders. Free.

High School Seminar: Teens meet as a community one Sunday evening a month for **Global Transitions: US/Israel Relations in the 21st Century**. Taught by Aaron Bregman, Jewish History Department Chair at CESJDS, the class includes dinner and great discussions. To enroll: <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/himmelfarb-enrollment2019>

Special Events:

6th – 8th Graders: Wednesday October 16th 6:30 – 8:00 - Pizza in the Hut Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/Sukkot-Pizza19>

9th – 12th Graders: Sunday October 20th: 12:30 -2:30 – Sushi & Snacks in the Sukkah at a private home near TI. Email rina@tifereth-israel.org to sign up or for more information.

Volunteer for the Shepherd Park Tutoring Program - Bruce Heppen

For more than 20 years, TI has been offering tutoring on Sunday afternoons at 5 pm at TI to students at Shepherd Elementary School. We have a new coordinator for the program this year, **Bruce Heppen**, and fortunately **Susan Catler** remains involved in the program as the community liaison. The goal of the program is to provide additional help from someone other than a parent to reinforce schoolwork and help develop good study habits. And for some, it may improve their grades and test scores.

Tutoring takes place on Sunday afternoons at 5 pm and lasts for an hour and focuses mostly on homework, reading, and math, although there are lots of other opportunities. You could spend 20

minutes playing scrabble with a tutee. Here is a link to a [fact sheet](#) about the program that provides additional details. This is a particularly good opportunity to earn service learning credits for middle and high school students. We encourage children who will soon be celebrating a Bar or Bat Mitzvah to volunteer as a tutor in the Shepherd Park Tutoring Program. Adults are welcome as well.

Our first day of tutoring will be on Sunday, October 6, at 5 pm. We'll have a new tutor orientation that day starting at 4:15 pm. Please sign up to be a tutor as soon as possible by using [this link](#). If you have any questions, please contact us at shepherd tutoring program@gmail.com

False Shekels

Simcha Kuritzky



Perhaps the best known of ancient Israel's coins is the shekel issued by the rebels in the Roman War, also called the First Revolt (65-70 CE). While quite a number of them have been found, demand is high, so they cost thousands of dollars. However, decent replicas are available for just a few dollars. The coin at left is one such copy, made of base metal (originals are silver), probably produced for educational purposes for a Jewish or Christian school, or maybe for jewelry. While there is still some disagreement over the items shown on the coin, most scholars describe the front as an omer (measuring) cup with Israel Shekel year 2 in the old Hebrew alphabet, and the back as a branch with 3 pomegranates and legend Holy Jerusalem.

While these coins have been known for almost two millennia, their interpretation has varied. Nachmanides back in the Thirteenth Century visited the Holy Land and described a coin he bought there as having a dish on one side and three fruits on the other, but a Samaritan he met who could read the coin (the Samaritan alphabet is close to Paleo-Hebrew) claimed it was a cup of manna on one side and Aaron's rod flowering with almond blossoms (based on Numbers 17:23) on the other.

Two centuries later, Georg Emerich, mayor of Gornitz (now in Germany), made a similar pilgrimage but was unable to buy a coin as a souvenir, so he started producing his own, shipping them to the Holy Land, and selling them to pilgrims. Relying on older descriptions, his coin uses modern Hebrew script with a pot of incense on one side and Aaron's almond blossom rod on the other. These are still being produced as souvenirs and can be had for around ten dollars.



Some of the false shekels are good silver, and these may have been produced by Jews for use in *pidyon haben* or *Purim* donations in memory of the half shekel tax. They could also have been fabricated to sell to

False Shekels - continued

the unknowledgeable as real ancient coins. These two examples have basically the same design as the brass Gorlitz shekel, but with different lettering and art styles.



Some of the copies are made by more knowledgeable die cutters who use the Paleo-Hebrew alphabet. However, no one who has seen the originals would be fooled by these false shekels, which are also in base metal.



Another type of false shekel are those produced by Masonic chapters. They show one side or the other of the shekels on their front but the back shows a keystone and an English inscription. Some are based on the Gorlitz fantasies while others look more like the real thing. The only cup coin I have found using modern Hebrew script is for a half shekel. Interestingly, the third medal here accurately shows a brimmed cup for year 1 and the fourth shows the beaded rim found on real year 2 shekels. Masonic medals are widely collected; these commonly sell for ten to forty dollars each.

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The last group are charity medals. The first shekel might look familiar; it is from the center of the 1934 Zionist Organization shekel receipt I showed a couple months ago. As I mentioned back then, the design is a fantasy (particularly the English inscription). A more realistic pomegranate branch side is shown on this small brass medal given to donors to the United Charity Institutions of Jerusalem. An even more realistic cup side is shown on the Coin of Elijah. I have found three different issuers of these medals, this one is from the Harrisburg Welfare Federation, a secular charity now called the United Way of the (Pennsylvania) Capital Region. Zionist receipts cost around fifty dollars, while the charity medals go anywhere from two to twenty dollars.

While real ancient shekels are beyond the budget of all but the most enthusiastic collectors, false shekels are an interesting and affordable alternative.

New Members - Jared Garelick

Jason and Irene Schwaninger – Jason and Irene moved to Washington this past spring from Montgomery, Alabama. Jason, who has been with the US Marshals Service for 19 years, received a transfer to its headquarters. A Florida native, he had been stationed in Alabama for three years, and in Texas for 15 years before that. Prior to the Marshals Service he spent eight years in the Army. Irene, who grew up “all over” in a military family, is currently working from home for a company that processes short-term disability claims. Earlier she served in the Air Force.

The Schwaningers found TI by recommendation of their rabbi in Montgomery, who knew of it. Putting his professional training to work, Jason is already involved assisting TI's efforts to improve the building's security. Welcome Jason and Irene!



Mollie L. Berch Library News - Diana Zurer

Thanks so much to the volunteers who came to help in the library on September 22nd, as part of the Goldberg Cleanup Day. Thanks go to **Louise Kelley**, **Pearl Schainker**, **Dana Neimark**, and **Mike Schneider**. We were able to get a lot done, including shelving many books that have recently been donated to the library. This included, aptly, many books donated by the family of **Marcia Goldberg**, from her extensive collection.

Have you ever wondered whether a book you're looking for is in the TI Library collection? Apart from browsing the shelves, you can go to the TI website, go to the tab LEARN, scroll down to the last item Mollie L. Berch Library,

and the link is in the last paragraph about the library. Or go right to: <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/TiferethIsrael!> That takes you to our catalog and you can search our collection.

There are many other jobs to be done in the library including culling out books to make room for new additions and making sure books are accurately shelved, alphabetically by author. An important job is for someone to make a map or graphic of the library, so if you are looking for e.g. a biography, you'd see where those books can be found. Please contact **Michele Sumka** at [msumka \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:msumka(at)gmail.com), if you're willing to help.

Gevarim - Andrew Reamer



Politics and Beer in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 17 • 7:30 pm • TI members **Bill Galston**, Brookings Institution Senior Fellow, and **Howard Gleckman**, Senior Fellow, Tax Policy Center, will give their opinions and lead a discussion on the national politics of the moment, one year out from the national election. Beer, hard cider, soft drinks, and snacks will be served. Free to Gevarim members; donations welcome from non-members. Sign up at www.tinyurl.com/BeerSukkot19 by Oct 14.

The Dead Sea Scrolls

Dr. Gary Rendsburg, professor of Jewish history at Rutgers University, guides us in an in-depth exploration of the Dead Sea Scrolls and the theology and practices of the Yahad, the utopian Essene group that produced them. His video lectures are introduced and the discussion led by **Allan Tulchin**.

Sunday, October 27 • 10:30 am-12:15 pm • Berch Library

Lecture 1: The Discoveries and Their Significance. The Dead Sea Scrolls are a group of 930 documents found at Qumran, on the northwest shore of the Dead Sea, between 1947 and 1954. The texts

date to 250 B.C.E.–50 C.E., although the heyday of Qumran was 150–50 B.C.E. In 2002, scholars said that they had published all of the Dead Sea Scrolls, 55 years after their initial discovery.

Lecture 2: The First Seven Scrolls. Among the first seven scrolls are two copies of Isaiah that are 1,000 years older than the hitherto oldest copies; the Thanksgiving Hymns, a collection of hymns in praise of God, somewhat like the book of Psalms; the Community Rule, which lays out the basic theological underpinnings and day-to-day rules of the community (eventually to be called “the Qumran sect” by scholars); and the War Scroll, describing the conflict between the sons of light and the sons of darkness.

Movie Nite@TI

Sunday, October 27 • 7:30 pm • Berch Library -- Movie Nite@TI will show *The Chosen*, the dramatization of Chaim Potok's novel with Maximilian Schell, Rod Steiger, and Robby Benson. Set in 1940s Brooklyn, the story explores the friendship between the Hasidic Daniel and the Zionist Reuven. Though separated ideologically, the boys find a common bond through their love of the neighborhood games of stickball. (1981, 107 minutes).

Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

October 4, 2019

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

October 11, 2019

Robert Rovinsky & Renana Brooks
 David & Stephanie Rubin
 Howard & Hannah Rubin
 Stephen & Jill Saletta
 Mark & Diann Saltman
 Lawrence & Pearl Schainker
 Eric & Shira Schechtman
 Michael & Mical Schneider

Keith Secular & Susan Catler
 Paul Seltman & Jeanne Ireland
 Hershel & Judith Shanks
 David & Lois Shapiro
 Phillip & Ruth Shapiro
 Yvonne Shashoua & Yochanan Sullivan
 Noam Shelef & Deborah Quint Shelef
 Jaclyn Shettler & Aaron Marx
 Randy Showstack & Michele Zador
 Nathaniel Shyovitz
 Richard & Marjorie Siegel

October 25, 2019

Morton Simon
 David & Rona Siskind
 Aaron & Reva Snow
 Steven Solomon & Cara Lichtenstein
 Jamie Sorge & Malki Karkowsky
 Sarah Sorscher & Marcus Hedrick
 Louis & Madge Lee Specter
 Barry & Sari Siegel Spieler
 Jeffrey & Julie Steinberg
 Michael Stempel & Sheryl Frank
 Abby & Samantha Holtz
 Steven Stoller
 Jack Stone & Wilma Brier
 Herman & Malka Stopak
 Michael & Michelle Strollo
 Edwin Stromberg & Rose Ellen Halper
 Shelley Sturman

October and November Birthday/Anniversary Kiddushim

Share your early fall *simcha* and help sponsor the birthday/anniversary kiddush. Your name on a cake in squiggly icing! Your birthday or anniversary in the bulletin and mentioned in the announcements!

October: Sign up by noon on October 8th for the October 12th kiddush. Volunteer cooking on October 6th along with cooking for break the fast.

November: Sign up by noon on November 5th for the November 9th kiddush.

Sign up to sponsor at: www.tinyurl.com/Tlbday. Sign up to cook at: www.tinyurl.com/Tlcooking

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Kol Nashim Sephardic Sweets Baking Party



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Plant of the Month - Carla Ellern

Common fig (*Ficus carica*) is a small tree native to southwest Asia but widely planted in North America. This edible fig is widely grown for its fruit and is commercially grown in the United States in California, Oregon, Texas, and Washington.

The fig has been around since the dawn of civilization and was one of the first plants ever to be cultivated by humans. Fossilized figs dating to 9400-9200 BC were found in an early Neolithic village in the Jordan Valley. Archaeology expert Kris Hirst says figs were domesticated "five thousand years earlier" than millet or wheat.

There are a few fig trees to the left of TI's Juniper Street entrance. *Editor's note: when will we have a vine to go with them?*

