



**Tifereth Israel
Congregation**

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The Menorah

From the President: Sylvia Horwitz

The beginning of December coincides pretty closely with the beginning of the month of Kislev, and that makes me think of Hanukkah. I'm looking forward to the Extravaganza at TI, the latkes and sufganiot, the candle lighting and singing. I hope to see you all there on December 18 at 6:30 and celebrate together.

Hanukkah, of course, means "dedication." What a great word – it connects us in many ways. Dedication, in the context of Hanukkah, is the dedication of the restored Beit HaMikdash, the Second Temple in Jerusalem. But dedication can also refer to the intangible - to principles and faith for example. Or to people – family, friends, community.

We have all of these kinds of dedication here at TI. To name a few, we dedicate ourselves to Judaism, to social action, to education for ourselves and our children, to supporting community members in times of need, and to celebrating with community members in times of joy. In the context of the Hanukkah dedication of the restored Temple, we will also be continuing to spruce up the building in various ways in the coming months. Nothing major, but there are necessary fixes and changes

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Notes from the Rabbi: Ethan Seidel

Oy, Hanukkah!

How to keep it Jewish, especially when it is at the same time as, and so even more inextricably linked with, the sterility of the American "Holiday Season"? Here are some suggestions:

- 1) Make latkes from scratch! And even better, make them different this year: with some added sweet potato, or carrot, or turnip, or rutabaga, or ginger or kimchi!
- 2) Make Sufganiyot (my recipe on Page 3) at home.
- 3) Take the holiday seriously: light candles every night. Traditionally, this is a holiday more about celebrating the obligations our ancestors took upon themselves than the receiving of gifts.
- 4) And remember the traditional rule that women were exempt from working

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From the President - continued

that will be made to make the building better. More on those plans will be forthcoming.

Dedication is individual and collective. It takes a lot of dedication from a lot of different people with different skills and talents to keep TI going. TI would not exist without the dedication of all of us. A great example of this dedication is **Marcia Goldberg, z"l**. When thinking about the repairs to the sanctuary that were funded by her bequest to TI for use in the building, I can't help but also remember how deep her dedication to TI ran in her lifetime. By her bequest, she continues to help TI to be a physical and spiritual home for people she knew and loved, as well as for newer members who didn't know her. She continues to be an inspiration and an example to follow.

Wishing you a Happy Hanukkah, full of light and song, friends, family, community, and a rededication to the values that make the TI community strong.

Sylvia

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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 Rabbi - continued

while the candles were lit. (Shulchan Aruch, Orach Hayyim 670:1)

- 5) Expand the above rule to include all hard-workers in your family: and consider reading stories to one another while the candles are lit, or working on a project together.
- 6) Institute a rule: no phones or screens while the candles are lit – make it time together.
- 7) Or if you must have those screens out, use them for a holy purpose: Research some possible tzedakah organizations together, and decide to whom you will give this Hanukkah. Get any available kids to help make the decision.
- 8) Think about those you know in the community who might be alone on Hanukkah. Invite them over to light with you.
- 9) Maybe there's a local institution that wouldn't mind some visitors for Hanukkah.
- 10) Get an oil menorah. It's oily, and messy, and much more fun than candles, not to mention historically accurate.

Recipe for Sufganiyot (Jelly-filled doughnuts for Hanukkah)

Ingredients (for about 2 dozen):

- 2 tablespoons yeast
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
(plus *lots* more oil for the frying)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups lukewarm water
- 3 to 4 cups flour
- 1/2 box powdered sugar for the outsides
- 12 oz. jam (seedless raspberry is the best)

For the dough: Mix the yeast, sugar, water, and 1/2 cup of oil so that the yeast is well dissolved.

Add salt, mix well, and then add the flour gradually until the dough is kneadable.

Knead for 5 minutes or so, adding flour if needed until the dough is smooth and supple.

[AT THIS STAGE, YOU CAN PUT THE DOUGH IN THE FRIDGE FOR A FEW DAYS UNTIL YOU'RE READY TO FRY. If you go this route, give the dough time to warm up before you roll it out: pre-heat oven to 180 degrees, and then turn the oven off and put the bowl of dough in, on top of a hot pad. Give it an hour so to warm up.]

[If you haven't put the dough in the fridge, let it rise for about 2 hours, until doubled in bulk.]

Roll the dough out to about 3/8 inch thickness. Cut out circles with the top of a coffee mug.

Let those circles rise for 45 to 60 minutes - until slightly puffy.

Fry the circles on both sides in at least 1.5 inches of oil, until each side is browned. It should only take a minute or so on each side if the oil is hot enough.

Let cool for a few minutes before jamming a teaspoon of jam into the middle, and powdering the whole thing in powdered sugar.

Warning: eat no more than three at one sitting.

Warning: They have a short half-life - maybe an hour or so.

Editor's note: If you have a large round biscuit or cookie cutter use that in place of the coffee cup for a better final rise.

Volunteer to Tutor Shepherd Elementary Students

We are still looking for volunteers for Shepherd Elementary tutoring this year. All it takes is an hour of your time on Sunday afternoons at 5 pm at TI. The aim of the program is to provide additional assistance to reinforce schoolwork and to help develop dedication and good study habits. Adults as well as middle school and high school students are eligible. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/ShepherdTutor> or contact Bruce Heppen.

Nayes un Mechayes - Melissa Perera

Milestones

Jerusalem Zion Weiss, granddaughter of **Marcia z"l** and **Jeremy z"l Goldberg**, was called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat Bereshit at Midbar Kodosh Temple in Henderson, NV. She leyned her aliyah while standing under Marcia's tallit, which was held aloft by her great-aunts and great-uncles. Jeri also led portions of Friday night services, the Torah service, and Musaf with a full repetition. Her uncle **Eliot Goldberg's** 10-column Hagbah clearly showcased Jeremy's technique and drew a chorus of "wow" from the congregation - not to mention a lineup of students after services. Her mother **Devra Weiss** announced the new month of Cheshvan, doing her best to channel **Rabbi Abramowitz's** melodies. Aunt **Traci Goldberg**, cousins **Samuel** and **Jaren Goldberg**, brother **Shai Weiss**, and father **Avi Weiss** were also among those honored in the service.

Upcoming Appearances

Charlotte Goldberg, daughter of **Josh and Sara Goldberg** and granddaughter of **Joe and Dody Goldberg** will perform in 16 performances of Maryland Youth Ballet's Nutcracker this month. They perform The Mini-Nut December 7 and 8, and the full Nutcracker on December 20-26. Ticket info is on

their website: <http://www.marylandyouthballet.org/>.

Celebrate Chanukah with Zemer Chai! On December 15, 2019 at 7pm, TI members **Carla Ellern**, **Lisa Itkin**, and **Alan Weitz** will perform with Zemer Chai, the metro area Jewish chorus. The concert will take place at Congregation Adat Reyim, 6500 Westbury Oaks Court, Springfield, Virginia. Tickets are available at <https://www.zemerchai.org/>.

Dina Kraft, a Tel Aviv-based journalist and daughter of TI members **Mike** and **Lisa Kraft**, will be speaking on December 19 on "Building Bridges to Peace," at a Hadassah event in Washington. Dina does a series of podcasts, called "The Branch" for Hadassah on working relationships between Israeli Jews and Arabs on a variety of projects and enterprises.

Sad News

Richard Aran Goldberg, father of TI member **Lisa Goldberg (Stefan Gunther)** and grandfather of **An-di**, died on Saturday, November 2, 2019, 4 Cheshvan 5780. He was 83 years old and died at home in Silver Spring, Maryland, after a long illness.

Esther Ann Coleman, mother of TI members **Dr. Raymond (Rebecca) Coleman** and **Ilene (Mark) Levine**, died on November 15, 2019, 17 Cheshvan 5780, at the age of 96.

Library News - Michele Sumka

Did you know there's a 'Secret' Bookshelf in the rear of the sanctuary? In the far-right corner as you face the 16th Street doors, is a bookshelf that contains assorted books, mainly English and Hebrew versions of the Bible, including Robert Alter's award-winning translation with commentary.

Until recently, the shelf only had a sign on it that says, "Please do not leave your tallit here." By the time you read this, it should have another sign, designating it as the "Jerome Barr Memorial Bookshelf." Who was **Jerome z"l Barr**, you might ask? He was a member of TI who passed away a number of years ago, who became interested in learning more about Judaism in his later years and donated a collection of books to TI for others to learn from.

Now I am assembling an assortment of Bibles, prayer books and reference books for congregants to use during services. Please enjoy them while you are in the sanctuary and return them to that bookshelf when you are finished with them. If there are any that you would like to take home for further reference, please see me, and we can discuss whether that might be possible.

New Members - Jared Garelick

Victoria Vogl – Vicky has lived in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood of the District since 1989. A Los Angeles native, she came to Washington with her husband, Tim Bouquet. She worked as a community organizer for the United Farm Workers with Cesar Chavez and later worked as a job counselor helping the chronically unemployed find employment here in Washington DC.

She is also printmaker and a painter and was a member of the W.D. Workshop, a printmaking collective based in Mount Pleasant. She had a recent show of her work at American University's Katzen Arts Center. Her current project is making handmade wooden puppets for her grandchildren.

Vicky's father, a Czech Jew, left that country to escape the Nazis, getting to Switzerland where he and a group of others obtained visas to Quito, Ecuador. There he met Vicky's mother. While not raised Jewish, Vicky became interested in her father's background as an adult and eventually converted. One of her main teachers, and a member of her bet din, was TI member **Rabbi Chuck Feinberg**. She is

currently in **Rabbi Avis Miller's** adult B'nai Mitzvah class, which attracted her to TI. That makes Rabbi Miller's class TI's Adult Education Magnet Class of the Month. Vicky also mentioned the contribution to that class of **Janet Nesse**, who teaches Hebrew.

Vicky and Tim have two adult children, each of whom has a child, making them proud grandparents. Welcome to TI, Vicky.



Kol Nashim - Louise Kelley

In November, Kol Nashim members and TI friends went to visit the impressive National Museum of American Jewish Military History, at 1811 R Street, near Dupont Circle. Mr. Goldberg, a vet with more than twenty years in service, was the guide. Chartered by an act of Congress in 1958, operated under the auspices of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., the museum documents and preserves the contributions of Jewish Americans to the United States military (all branches).

The museum seeks to educate the public concerning the courage, heroism and sacrifices made by Jewish Americans who served in the armed forces, and they continue to combat anti-Semitism. Admission is free. But for this museum, I would pay a hefty entrance fee. See the photographs elsewhere in this issue for

more details, or better yet, go visit it yourself. Perhaps by then, they will see fit to return the display that featured Jewish women and how they served their country in war and peace as well.

January 25 will be Game Night, co-sponsored with Gevarim. The evening will feature not only the usual array of board games but also bourbon tasting. There will be a "Toast and Roast," with tributes and toasts, and a few people doing a Roast of our own beloved Rabbi Seidel. Liquor and laughs for all!

Save the date: on Feb. 23, at Tifereth Israel, Dr. Pam Nadell will speak and do a book signing of her new tome, America's Jewish Women. I've read the book and it is fascinating. All are welcome, refreshments provided.

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HAVE FUN WITH YOUR FRIENDS
OPEN TO ALL KADIMANIKS

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TRIP TO MINI GOLF

USY

SUNDAY, DEC. 8 FROM 3:30PM - 5:30PM

WHERE: MONSTER MINI GOLF GAITHERSBURG, MD

COST: \$10

Questions? Email Elena at elenag@tifereth-israel.org

Kol Nashim Book Group - Jessica Weissman

The KN Book Group met last month to discuss *Conspiracy of Paper*, a novel by David Liss. As usual there were a variety of viewpoints. I'm happy to report that at least one person who hadn't finished the book vowed to do so, and also happy to report that a person who came to the meeting to decide whether to read the book decided not to do so. So we provided a service in both cases.

At next month's meeting on Tuesday December 17th we will discuss *Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity and Love* by Dani Shapiro. In this moving book, Dani Shapiro investigates her true paternity and makes sense and meaning out of what she discovers. The book goes considerably beyond the "My parents had a big secret and everything changed when I found out but it all turned out all right by about page 275" and the "I sent my DNA to Ancestry.com and got a big surprise" genres that DNA testing now enables. There are many copies available in the DC library. The MoCo library owns a lot of copies but there are also many holds. My advice is to get your hold in quickly. Of course you can buy a copy at local bookstores or in any of the electronic formats.

We meet at the home of Myrna Goldman (address and phone in the Shulcloud directory). Please RSVP to knbook@tifereth-israel.org so Myrna can scale the snacks.

All are welcome to come to any of these meetings, whether you have finished the book or not. I look forward to seeing lots of you there and at future meetings.

The Wide World of Tifereth Israel Communications

Judy Tulchin

TI is a dynamic congregation where people with diverse backgrounds come together for worship and spirituality, learning and personal growth, social action, and support during difficult and happy times. As TI's Vice President for Communications, I have three broad goals for building our community:

- Publicizing the amazing things that happen here;
- Strengthening connections by sharing what's going on in our communal and personal lives;
- Making everyone who comes into contact with TI feel welcomed, respected and appreciated.

You've probably noticed the major recent upgrade to TI's web site. Further improvements to the site are a top priority. We are also setting priorities for reviewing and improving the broad spectrum of TI electronic, print and verbal communications. These include weekly newsletters, publicity for special events, the annual program catalog, email and phone communications, and much more.

TI's Communications Committee is gearing up to provide guidance in all these areas, and TI's new staff member, Delanie Ostrow, has the background and energy to help us move forward. And we'd love to have your help.

If you have feedback or suggestions about TI's communications, please let me know, by email (TICommunications@tifereth-israel.org) but also by phone or US mail if you prefer. I look forward to hearing from you!



Social Action Committee (SAC) Update

Larry Baizer

December Holiday Dinners for the Homeless

Every year around 100 volunteers from Tifereth Israel and Adat Shalom provide a joyous Christmas meal for approximately 300 clients at four DC men's and women's shelters. This is the major annual event for the social action committee and we have sincerely appreciated our volunteers' participation in the past. Volunteer opportunities include driving food to the shelters and serving and entertaining people at the shelters on December 25. Volunteers for cooking this year have already been enlisted. A sign-up sheet will be posted soon, and previous volunteers will be contacted to determine their availability for this year's program.

Winter Warmth Event at Washington Hebrew Congregation

As winter begins, cities across the U.S. are preparing to help their homeless populations through haz-

ardous seasonal conditions. Unfortunately, up to 35% of the homeless population can go unsheltered. Several nonprofit organizations transition the homeless into housing, but there are often not enough beds at temporary shelters, and some homeless people avoid shelters for personal reasons. Winter Warmth is an annual clothing and holiday hot meal drive for our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness and other individuals in need. The event is a partnership between Friendship Place and several DC congregations, held in December at Washington Hebrew Congregation. This year's event will be on Sunday, December 8th and volunteer opportunities are available for sorting clothing, providing food, greeting and assisting customers in choosing appropriate clothing. Interested parties can volunteer at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B45AFA82DA6F94-winter2>

**DECEMBER
BIRTHDAY &
ANNIVERSARY**

kiddush luncheon

12/14/19

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Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30pm

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Fun & Games

Entertainment

Dinner

For more information & to RSVP visit
<http://bit.ly/TIHanukkah19>

Tifereth Israel Congregation

COMMUNITY HAVDALLAH & POTLUCK

DECEMBER 14 | HOSTED BY RACHEL & NEIL HYMAN
JANUARY 18 | HOSTED BY SARA & JOSH GOLDBERG
FEBRUARY 1 | HOSTED BY GENE & ESTHER HERMAN
MARCH 7 | HOSTED BY RICHARD GRZYIAK & LEIGH VERBOIS

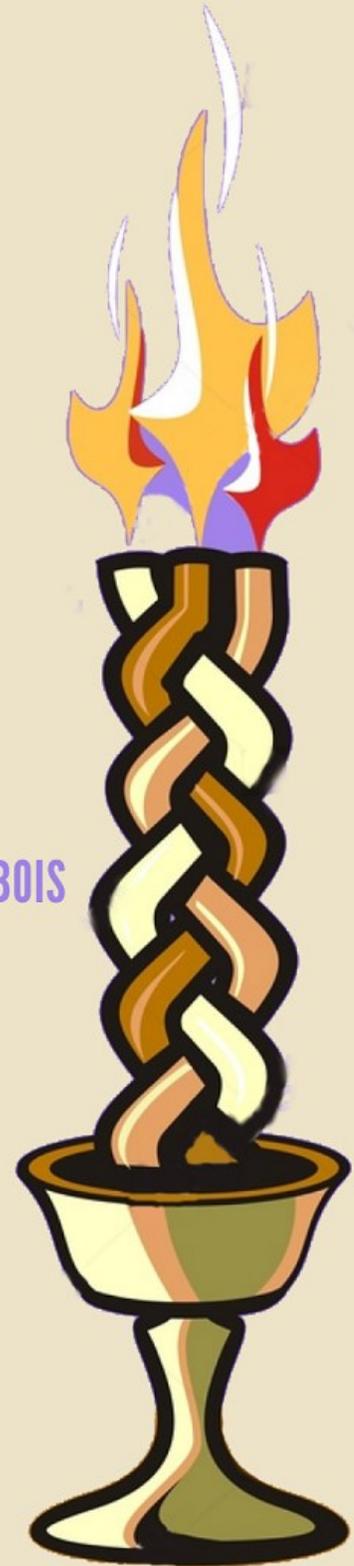
Dinners start at 6 PM.
Free to attend and open to all

**PLEASE BRING A KOSHER DAIRY OR VEGETARIAN DISH
(ENOUGH TO SHARE WITH EIGHT PEOPLE)**

RSVP: www.tinyurl.com/THavdalot

Addresses will be provided after guests RSVP

Questions: TIMembership@tifereth-israel.org



Kol Nashim Tours the American Jewish Military History Museum



Photos by Louise Kelley

Rabbinic Search Committee Report - Sara Goldberg

The next phase of Tifereth Israel's Rabbinic Search has begun!

We are thrilled to report that TI's 32-page "questionnaire" (i.e., job posting) was uploaded to the Rabbinic Assembly member portal at the end of October and we have currently interviewing our first candidates. The final document is the result of six months of work, reflecting the feedback you provided through the community input meetings and survey. It describes our community and traditions, our strengths and challenges, our hopes for the future, and the many reasons TI will be a wonderful home for our next rabbi.

Together with TI's lay leadership, we have decided to make the questionnaire available for TI members to read. We have been told by our USCJ representative and by other congregation search committees that it is extremely unusual to do this. However, we know that transparency is an important value for the TI community, and sharing the questionnaire feels like an important way to live out this value.

If you would like to read the document, you can do so in the TI office. Jevera has two copies that can be checked out. However, they can not leave the TI building. While we want to share the document with community members, it is certainly not appropriate for it to become public in any way. We also ask that you read our cover letter before you begin, so you can better understand the context in which the document was created.

We hope reading our questionnaire will deepen your pride in the TI community - just as it has for those of us who worked on it over the summer and early fall. If you have any questions email tidcrabbisearch@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at (202) 596-6045.

All past email updates can be found online at <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/search> - just be sure you sign into your member account.

TI Teen Times - Elena Prieto

USY and Kadima have had quite an eventful last month! We started off November with a Teen Kabbalat Shabbat. Thank you **Shirah Lister** and **Azaria Hileman-Shashoua** for leading part of the service! We had a great turn out, delish food, and overall great experience. The following week, we had our Kadima Master Chef – Cupcake War event! We played trivia, collecting points, which the Kadimaniks traded in for their cupcake decorating materials. Afterwards, we went around trying to guess each other's theme and ended the event by eating our creations. You can see some of the designs below! Next, USY had a Havdalah Hot Cocoa Hangout at TI. We snacked, chatted, and had hot cocoa, of course. Finally, this past weekend TI had nine teens attend Seaboard Region's Kadima Kallah and USY Fall Convention at Capital Camps.

We are excited for our strong turnout and are hopeful to continue to be involved not just within our own community but within the Seaboard region as well!

Next month, Kadima will be going to Board & Brew in College Park on Sunday, December 8th to play board games, sip on some warm drinks, and hang out. Afterwards, also on Sunday, December 8th, USY will be meeting at Monster Mini Golf in Gaithersburg for mini golf, a glow in the dark maze, and arcade activities. Finally, both Kadima and USY are invited to participate in early Hanukah celebrations at TI's Hanukah extravaganza, Wednesday night, December 18th. Please see the flyers elsewhere in the Menorah for more details and how to RSVP. As always, feel free reach out to me at elena@tifereth-israel.org.



Photos by Elena Prieto





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USY USCJ's youth
movement

<p>August 19-25 USY Encampment * 25 Teen Meet Up @Kaldi's</p>	<p>September 8 Teen Kickoff @TI 15: USY Fall Kick-Off Party *</p>	<p>October 9 Teen Talk - Yom Kippur 16 TI Kadima Pizza in the Hut 19 Kadima SNL* 20 TI Teen -Sushi & Snacks in the Sukkah</p>
<p>November 8 Teen Kab Shab & Dinner 10 TI Kadima Master Chef 16 TI USY Havdallah Hot Cocoa Hangout 22-24 Kadima Kallah & USY Fall Convention *</p>	<p>December 8 TI Kadima Board & Brew 8 TI USY trip to mini-golf 18 TI Hanukkah Extravaganza 19-22 Seaboard USY Pre-Convention * 22-26 USY International Convention *</p>	<p>January 2019 11 TI Kadima Movie Night 11 TI USY Movie Marathon 18 USY Formal * 25-27: Seaboard USY Claire Sodden Memorial Weekend * 31-1 TI 6th Grade B'nai Mitzvah Retreat</p>
<p>February 1 TI Kadima Laser Tag 8 TI Teen Laser Tag 14-16 Seaboard Winter Kadima Kallah * 21 TI USY Kab Shab & Tzedakah Dinner</p>	<p>March 8 TI Purim Carnival 21-22 Seaboard USY Winter Kinnus * 29 TI Kadima Chocolate Seder</p>	<p>April 19 TI USY Israel Dance Party 26 Seaboard USY King's Dominion Day *</p>
<p>May 3 TI Kadima Sports Day 3 TI USY Songs & Smores 8 Teen Kab Shab & Dinner 22-25 Seaboard USY Spring Convention *</p>	<p>May (cont'd) 30 TI Kadima/USY End of Year Shavuot Ice Cream Party Events are open to all TI Teens * = Seaboard regional events</p>	<p>Questions? Contact Rina Rebibo rina@tifereth-israel.org</p>

Himmelfarb Happenings December 2019

Rina Rebibo

November went by in a whirlwind! A highlight of this month was the 3/4th grade Siddur Ceremony, (photos below). Parents and children gathered to celebrate receiving their first siddur, with some learning and brachot.

December is going to be a short but packed month! On December 8th, we have field trips planned for the 5th, 6th & 8th grades. 5th will be going to Etz Hayim in Virginia for our first of three joint Israel educational programs. 6th & 8th grade will be going to the Jewish Museum of Maryland for their Scrap Yard: Innovators of Recycling exhibit.

On Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30 PM we will be hosting our annual Hanukkah Extravaganza. Please consider joining us this year for our Miracles & Magic themed evening., Included in the evening is a magic show good for all ages, delicious dinner of subs, latkes & sufganiyot and DIY Hanukkah crafts! To sign up go to: <http://bit.ly/ТИHanukkah19>

School will be closed for Winter Break on Sunday, December 22nd and will reopen on Sunday January 5th.

Happy Hanukkah!!



Photos by Rina Rebibo





Celebrate Chanukah
with
Zemer Chai

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 7 p.m.

Congregation Adat Reyim
6500 Westbury Oaks Court, Springfield, Virginia

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Gevarim - Andrew Reamer

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Movie Nite@TI

Sunday, December 24 • 6:30 pm • Berch Library -- Crossing Delancey -- A 1980s New York comedy about Isabella, a single independent woman who is caught in a romantic quandary when her grandmother hires a Jewish matchmaker to find her a husband. (1988, 96 mins) Followed by a group dinner at Vegetable Garden (vegan pan-Asian, near Leisure World).

Talmud Study

Saturday, December 7 and 21 from 1:00-2:00 pm in the Reamer Chapel. Rabbi Seidel guides a bi-weekly study of the Talmud in English translation.

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, December 8 • 10:30 am-12:15 pm • Berch Library

Lecture 5: The Rise of the Jewish Sects -- The main sects of Judaism in the late antique period were

the Sadducees, Pharisees, Essenes, and Zealots, although other groups such as the Samaritans and early Christians dotted the landscape.

Lecture 6: The Dead Sea Site of the Qumran Sect -- The archeological site of Qumran, near the Qumran caves, was first

excavated shortly after the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Sunday, December 22 • 10:30 am-12:15 pm • Berch Library

Lecture 7: The Emergence of the Rabbinic System -- The later rabbinic texts come from several centuries after the florescence of Qumran, but their traditions were likely present at the time the Dead Sea Scrolls were composed.

Lecture 8: A Dead Sea Scroll from Medieval Cairo -- During the 1890s, tens of thousands of Jewish manuscripts were

discovered in the storeroom of the medieval Ben Ezra Synagogue in Cairo, Egypt. Among the texts were two copies of a previously unknown composition now called the Damascus Document. The Damascus Document then turned up in the Dead Sea caves and is considered a seminal text for the Qumran community

Kol Nashim Tours the American Jewish Military History Museum



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December 13, 2019

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December 20, 2019

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December 27, 2019

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January 3, 2020

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 Myrna Goldman
 Paul Goldman & Debbie Pomerance
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Marjorie Greenberg
Henry & Melea Greenfeld
Larry Greenfield & Melanie Gross Greenfield

January 10, 2020

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Franca Brilliant
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Jonathan Halpern
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David & Sara Handwerker
Eliot Harrison & Wendy Blake-Coleman
David Hart & Lois Frankel
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Matt & Linda Heller
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Bruce Heppen & Bonnie Suchman

January 17, 2020

Eugene & Esther Herman
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Samuel Isaacson & Amelia Karraker
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Anita Isicson
Leonard Jewler & Andrea Rosen
Harvey Kabaker & Andrea Kline
Steven Kalish & Anita Bollt
Mark & Sarah Kass
Joshua & Jennifer Kefer
Kenneth Kellner & Nina Bronk Kellner

January 24, 2020

Rabbi Jason & Devora Kimelman-Block
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Shemaya & Dori Klar

Morris Klein & Naomi Freeman
Aaron Kofner & Anat Shahar
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Joshua & Francesca Kranzberg
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David & Amy Kritz
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Matthew Kunkin & Hilary Sachs
Simcha Kuritzky
Susan Laden
Alan Landay
Robert Lande & Jeri Roth Lande

January 31, 2020

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