From the President: Sylvia Horwitz

One thing I think we can all agree on at TI is we care about food! We love to eat, some of us love – or at least like – to cook and/or bake, and food is an important element in our gatherings. A signature attribute of TI is that we always have lunch after Shabbat and festival morning services. Having an established Kiddush lunch every week gives us all the chance to schmooze, to meet new people, and to connect with friends – and have lunch. Sometimes lunch is a simple affair, with little that is “home cooked.” Of course, once a month, we have a “Simcha Kiddush” celebrating birthdays and anniversaries of members that month, and these meals are more elaborate. And then there are sponsored lunches, for b’nei mitzvah or other celebrations. Every one of these meals, from the simplest to the most elaborate, has to be planned, prepared and served, and cleaned up.

In addition to lunch on Shabbat, there is generally some sort of spread after minyan on Sunday morning, with coffee and tea, and more coffee and tea when Gevarim holds a course, such as the ongoing Dead Sea Scrolls course. On Monday there is the Parashat Ha’Shavuah session with lunch. All of this needs to be set up and cleaned up.

We are fortunate to have Roz Kram at the helm of the kitchen, buying and ordering the raw ingredients for our meals, working up menus and recipes, cooking up a storm, deploying staff and sometimes volunteers, to produce and serve the meals we have come to expect, and perhaps take for granted. None of this is easy. So this is an opportunity for us to stop, think about what it takes for us to have this steady stream of food and drink, and to express our appreciation and gratitude.

February was a particularly active month involving lots of meals. It has truly been a marathon for Roz and everyone working in the kitchen. By the time the month comes to an end (I’m writing this in February), we will have had three visiting rabbi weekends – with a pre-kabbalat Shabbat reception, Shabbat dinner and Kiddush lunch at each one; a bat mitzvah, and a baby-naming celebration. All of these events and celebrations have been well-attended and have entailed meal preparation, set up and clean up.

We are fortunate to have a rabbi who is a wonderful baker. Coming up on March 2 will be the annual hamantaschen baking event with Rabbi Seidel. I hope we will have other opportunities to bake with Rabbi Seidel in the next few months.

As we look to the future, we have an opportunity to think about how we can be a part of this important aspect of TI life. Have you ever thought about being a volun-
From the President - continued

teer cook for the monthly Simcha Kiddush? Are there particular foods you would like to have included on the menu? Do you have particular needs, such as allergies, or a preference for vegan or vegetarian foods? Would you like to see more programming around food, such as the recent “Global Tastes of Purim” event with Susan Barocas? If you have thoughts about these or other aspects of food at TI, feel free to share them with me. As always, you can send me an email at tipresident@tifereth-israel.org.

Sylvia

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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Streamlining Communication for TI Events - Delanie Ostrow

I am happy to announce that the TI staff has been working on an exciting project! TI is bursting with activity and each event has a myriad of detail and requires coordination between staff and planners. We are launching a new system to funnel event information so that we can better organize logistics and communications as well as reduce last minute back and forth questions and changes.

I have worked with the office team and some lay leaders to design a robust event/communications form. This form is meant to streamline the process of creating, marketing and holding an event, and its prompts should encourage you, the planner, to gather as many details about your program as possible. This way, the TI staff will have more concise, completed information to help us prepare more efficiently for communications efforts and logistics.

A beta version of the form will be available on March 1. You can find the form under the Member Resources tab on the website—look for “Event/Communications Form”. We ask that any events you want to hold after that point be submitted through the form. After full completion of the form, I, the Communications Specialist, and Sheri, the Administrator, will be in touch to help make your event happen! Please, if you have any questions or feedback, feel free to reach out to me at delanie@tifereth-israel.org.

I am looking forward to hearing your thoughts, and better organizing your communications!

03/28/20
MARCH
BIRTHDAY &
ANNIVERSARY
KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

CONTRIBUTE BY MAR 24: bit.ly/TIBDAY20
HELP COOK ON MAR 26: tinyurl.com/TICooking
Shake AND DONATE

Monday, March 9, 6:15 pm

$3 / BOX
Proceeds go to USY Tikun Olam Fund
Pasta will be donated to local food banks

TOT FAMILIES
KABBALAT SHABBAT & DINNER

FRIDAY, MARCH 27
SERVICE 5:30 | DINNER 6:15

Cost: $18 for adults 13+
Babies & Tots are free!

RSVP by Mar. 20 at bit.ly/TotFamilyDinner20

FULL MOON HIKE

Sunday, Mar. 8 at 7:30 pm
FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT bit.ly/FullMoonHike20
SHALEM

The Parents Circle Families Forum is a joint Israeli-Palestinian organization of more than 600 bereaved families who have lost a close family member to the conflict. Instead of revenge, they have chosen a path of reconciliation. These bereaved members have taken tens of thousands of Palestinians and Israelis on their personal journeys of reconciliation.

At the SHALEM program on March 7th PCFF’s co-directors will share their stories of loss and their choice of reconciliation. Participate in a discussion on the human side of the conflict and why relationship building, empathy for the “other side” and a reconciliation framework are necessary for a sustainable peace agreement. Hear about the challenges of People-to-People work in the current political situation. Michele Sumka will moderate.

Rami Elhanan (left) is a 7th generation Jewish Jerusalemite graphic designer. In 1997, Rami’s teenage daughter, Smadar, was killed by two Palestinian suicide bombers who murdered 5 people that day. Soon after, Rami became active in PCFF as a facilitator and speaker before Israeli, Palestinian and International audiences. Rami has been co-director of the PCFF since 2016.

Bassam Aramin (right) was sent to Israeli prison as a 17-year-old for his role in the Palestinian resistance. He spent seven years there, and began questioning the value of armed resistance. After his release, he co-founded Combatants for Peace. He has since refused to pick up arms, even when, in 2007, his 10-year-old daughter, Abir, was killed by an Israeli soldier’s rubber bullet outside her school. He joined the Parents Circle in 2007 and has appeared before many international audiences. In 2019 he was appointed co-director. He is completing his Masters in Holocaust Studies.

Join The Kol Nashim Rosh Chodesh Group

If you are interested in joining Kol Nashim’s Rosh Chodesh, now is the time. Our next meeting is Rosh Chodesh Nisan. We will be meeting at Tifereth Israel from 4:00 to 6:00PM on March 22. We invite you to join us.

This group has been meeting for over one year. We are inviting anyone who is interested to join us, and see what this group is like. We generally meet on the Sunday closest to the actual Rosh Chodesh each month. We’d like members to commit to attending regularly, as their schedules permit.

We are led by two members at every meeting who focus discussion and activities related to the events of that month and/or themes that are of particular interest and meaning to women. For example, for Adar we discussed Vashti and Esther and made masks. All participants are encouraged to share thoughts, feelings, and experiences. There are light refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you on March 22. RSVP to Michele Sumka (meirabracha (at) gmail.com).
Travel News

Myrna Goldman traveled to Cuba in late January with a group from the Seaside Jewish Community in Rehoboth. The focus of the trip was to visit various Jewish communities in Cuba (see article elsewhere in this issue), but the group, including Myrna’s sister Harriet and some friends from Wilmington as well as people from Silver Spring and Texas, did a number of “touristy” activities. These included visiting Old Havana, taking a ride in a vintage car, going to the ballet, visiting the Fine Arts Museum, touring Hemingway's house, and learning how to smoke a cigar. The group learned about the revolutionary history of Cuba and saw many renderings of Che Guevara, in addition to a monument to the Rosenbergs. Myrna recommends taking a trip with a Jewish group while you still can!

Local News

The newly appointed Head of School at Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School, Dr. Deborah Skolnick -Einhorn, is the wife of Marshall Einhorn, who grew up at TI. His father, Henry Einhorn, is a long-time member of TI, who has been living in Boston for many years.

Joyful News

TI members Jackie & Andrew Lopez Roshwald, and Uri and Xiomara, are delighted that their son and brother Manual Raanan Lopez Roshwald (Manny) was born on Sunday, February 2, 2020 at 5:30pm. At birth he was 9 pounds, 9 ounces.

Sad News

Helen G. Quint, mother of TI member Deborah Quint Shelef (Noam Shelef), and grandmother of Eitan and Maya, died on January 26, 2020, 29 Tevet 5780, at the age of 71. She is also survived by her husband, Stanley Quint. The funeral was on January 27th.

Cecilia Taransky, mother of TI member Frederick (Felice) Taransky, grandmother of TI member Jennifer (Naomi) Taransky, and great-grandmother of Benjamin and Aviva, died on February 13, 2020, 18 Shevat 5780, at the age of 91. The funeral was on February 16th in Pennsylvania.

TI member Joel Burton, husband of Alice Burton, father of Rachael (Michael Abrahams) and Joshua, and grandfather of Max Abrahams, died Monday, February 24, 2020, 30 Shevat 5780, at age 84, after a long illness. He is also survived by brothers Charles and Alan Burton. Funeral services were held at TI on February 26.

New Member Spotlight - Jared Garelick

Richard Schachter – Richard moved to Washington recently largely to perform research at the Holocaust Museum to aid in completion of his mother’s memoirs. Born in the USSR, his mother had exceptional experiences during the Shoah, including an escape on cattle convoys, being torpedoed on a ship, and assuming a false identity to avoid capture. She is now 90, so he hopes to document her story as soon as he can.

A student and teacher of languages, Richard has a MAT and a Masters degree in French literature from Rutgers, and is fluent in Russian and German, and conversant in Italian. He would like to teach again or apply his skills to projects that involve those languages. Currently he is helping two TI members re-search their ancestry by delving into European archives and other sources in various languages. Essentially homeless at present, Richard appreciates in-kind donations or food.

Richard likes the warmth of TI and has enjoyed volunteering in the kitchen helping to prepare food for Shabbat kiddush. He’d like to thank the TI members who have welcomed him and invited him to dinner or just to share a glass of wine to get acquainted. He is especially interested in meeting other Holocaust survivors and their children, to learn about their coping mechanisms and to share stories.

Welcome to TI Richard!
TIFERETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION PRESENTS

UPTOWN SHABBAT

MARCH 27 | APRIL 24 | MAY 22

Musician Robyn Halzer, one of the leading interpreters of world Jewish music, and Cantor and TI Member Larry Paul will lead a night filled with soulful song*.

*Please note: Guitar will only be played before Ma’ariv.

HAPPY HALF HOUR
6:00 PM

KABBALAT SHABBAT
6:30 PM

CANDLE LIGHTING
& MA’ARIV
7:00 PM

SHABBAT DINNER
RSVP: bit.ly/uptownshabbat
Deadline for March: Mar. 24
7:45 PM

Cost: $22 for Adults (TI Members)
$25 for Adults (Non-Members)
$18 for Young Professionals (26 + under)
My Trip to Cuba Part 1 - Myrna Goldman

Introduction

I traveled to Cuba from January 24th to February 2nd on a trip run by Ayelet Tours for the Seaside Jewish Community, an unaffiliated congregation in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Participants included people from other towns in Delaware (including my sister, Harriet Ainbinder, from Wilmington), Silver Spring, Texas, and even California. We were 25, including the spiritual leader of Seaside, Lisa Levine, a cantor and Renewal rabbi. There was a tour leader from Ayelet and a Cuban guide. We enjoyed the many popular tourist experiences: mojitos, Cuba libres, cigars, coffee, music, the ballet, the Tropicana, the Hotel Raquel, and Hemingway’s house. We learned about and saw political icons: endless posters and a monument to Che Guevara, a monument to the Rosenbergs, and a statue of John Lennon, among others. Our Cuban guide told us about education, politics, and the history of Cuba. We also learned a bit about slavery and the sugar plantations and even saw a Santeria church. However, the most meaningful parts of the trip for me were our visits to various Jewish communities in Havana, Santa Clara, and Cienfuegos.

History of the Jewish Community in Cuba

Shelly Heller gave an excellent SHALEM presentation several years ago about a trip that she and Steve took, organized by Bnai Brith. I will just give a very brief overview of Jewish history in Cuba. Organized Jewish life began in the 20th century, mostly related to the sugar boom. The island’s first synagogue was founded in 1906. Several waves of Jewish immigrants reached Cuba over the next five decades. These included Turkish and Syrian Jews and Eastern European Jews. Following the revolution in 1959, 90 percent of Cuba’s Jews left, and Jewish life on the island was hardly visible. Due to a change in the Cuban constitution in 1991, after the demise of the Soviet Union, Jewish life was rejuvenated, with the help of the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC or Joint), HIAS, and Jewish communities in Latin America, Canada, and the United States. Currently there are between 1,200 and 1,500 Jews in Cuba, mostly in Havana.

The Sephardic Center

We attended services at the Sephardic Center on our first Friday evening and had dinner with the community, along with another tour group. Later in the week, we listened to a talk from Mayra Levy, the President of the Sephardic community. The services were lively and enthusiastic, with about 40 members of the community in addition to the Americans. They have a soft-cover prayer book, which says it is based on the Sephardic nusach. Most the tunes, however, were popular American tunes, perhaps Debbie Friedman, and those who led parts of the service were clearly reading from the transliteration, when the prayers were not read in Spanish. The transliteration is quite different from what we see in our siddurim, because the sounds are geared toward Spanish speakers. The dinner was fine, although the chicken was halal. It is not easy to get kosher meat in Cuba.

Mayra Levy, a few days later, told us that many members of the Sephardic community arrived after 1914, when there was the Turkish revolution; Jews came to Latin America because they spoke Ladino. The largest Sephardic immigration was between 1914 and 1930. Some Ladino survives, as well as Sephardic recipes. Some of the Sephardic Jews are from Syria, Morocco, and Greece, but most are Turkish. Membership costs 65 cents a month. Members live all over Havana; at one point there was a Jewish neighborhood. There are services on Friday

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night, Saturday morning, and holidays. According to Levy, 26 percent of their community is older, and 65 percent of the Jewish community in Cuba is seniors. There was a Holocaust exhibit in the synagogue. The main sanctuary is rented out to various groups during the week.

The Patronato—Gran Sinagoga Beth Shalom

On our first Shabbat, we attended morning services at Beth Shalom, which is also called the Patronato and serves as a sort of Federation/JCC for Cuban Jews. The sanctuary can probably seat 200 people; there were about 50 members present, along with our group. The service was an abbreviated Conservative service, with some Spanish readings. Again, transliteration seemed to be used by many. It was lovely that some of the young people, teens and older, led parts of the service. The Torah reading was short, probably shorter than triennial, and divided into seven aliyyot, which were generally read from a paper copy of the Hebrew while someone followed along in the scroll, except for one reader who read from the Torah scroll. I don’t think he used formal trope. Aliyah honors were given to groups of people, including our whole tour group. The Haftarah blessings were recited before and after, but there was a drash in Spanish about the Haftarah rather than a formal chanting. We had lunch with the community, and there was some singing after lunch—popular short songs and not zemirot. We also visited the Patronato on Sunday for a program to commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day, which was well attended. Later in the week, we heard from Adela Dworin, the president of the Patronato for the last 13 years. She reviewed the history of the Jewish community in Cuba, noting that there are more Cuban Jews in Miami than in Cuba. She regaled us with stories about her relationship to Fidel Castro; she invited him to a Chanukah celebration and also accompanied a journalist to an interview with him late in his life. Raul Castro also attended a Chanukah party at the Patronato. Adela mentioned that the Canadians send containers with Pesach food. The Jewish population is said to be 1,500 but is really 1,000 in Havana and 200 in the rest of the country. There are 50 children, 4 to 18. They have youth organizations, Internet, and WiFi; Cuba sends 5-6 young people a year on Birthright. They went to the Maccabiah games in 2013 in Israel, Chile in 2015 and Mexico in 2017. They have sponsors. It is an aging community; they have a visiting Rabbi; youngsters continue their studies and lead services. The Jewish community doesn’t receive money from the government. Jews are allowed to immigrate to Israel, even
My Trip to Cuba Part 1 - continued

though Cuba does not have relations with Israel. There is Hadassah, but no fund raising. They have Chanukah and Seders. There is a private butcher shop. People are allowed 2 lbs. of meat per month per person. The Orthodox Rabbi is the shochet. The Orthodox community gets a lot of support from Panama.

The Patronato also houses a pharmacy, which is used by the entire Jewish community and others in need. It is run by a doctor, trained as a surgeon, who told us that he follows the doctors’ prescriptions and does not prescribe medications himself. He also mentioned that they are in particular need of blood pressure medications and that prescriptions up to a year past the expiration date on the bottle are okay.

Adath Israel

We visited the Orthodox synagogue, Adath Israel, and Rabbi Yakov Berezniak, who is also the shochet, spoke to us. They have 127 families, 388 people. In addition to the kosher butcher shop, there is a hevra kadisha—the Orthodox community maintains the cemetery, which belongs to the government - and a mikveh. The Orthodox shul was founded in 1925 and is the only Orthodox shul in Cuba. In 1956, there were 2,000 members; 95 percent are gone. The current building opened in 1959. Adath Israel has daily and Shabbat services. People come for food, seniors mostly. There is a doctor at the synagogue on Sundays. The Orthodox synagogue has ties with the Syrian Jewish communities in Panama and New York. They work with the Patronato to get medicines. They get Pesach food and other kosher food from Panama. Rabbi Berezniak studied with Rabbi Riskin. The children go to public schools and Jewish Sunday school. The Rabbi does daf yomi via Internet.

Editor’s note: Part 2 will appear in the April issue of the Menorah. Also, if you would like to share your Jewish travel with TI-ers we welcome more such articles.
TI Gala is On Its Way

The TI Gala is being planned - hip hip hooray!
It'll be a fun, fancy, and festive soiree

From Strength to Strength is this year’s theme
We have many to thank for helping realize this dream

Molding us into a strong, learned, and caring community
Rabbi Seidel leaves us well-poised for new opportunity

We’ll miss his teaching, leyning, and the plays we hold dear
We want to thank him, wish him well, and raise a glass in cheer

His hamentashen, sufganyot, and challah made our bellies swell
And we know at anagrams and word games he does excel

Many TI families pass the torch from one generation to another
Going from the strength of one to that of the other

Their commitment and support take root and grow
And to them we also want our gratitude to show

So, we'll salute TI and celebrate those we revere
Our past was solid, and our future clear

We hope you can join us Sunday June 7th at 6pm
Details will follow, we promise to share them

The TI Gala Committee:
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TI Teen Times - Elena Prieto

This past Shabbat, USY’s Tzedakah Shabbat, was a great success! Our USYers and TI Teens raised more than $1,800 that will be going to the USY Tzedakah Fund! Thank you to all who donated and to our fabulous USYers that showed up and did an amazing job serving.

This March, we have a handful of exciting events to look out for. TI’s Purim Carnival is Sunday, March 8th. We will have plenty of Carnival games and booths. USYers interested in volunteering can sign up at https://tinyurl.com/TI-PurimCarnival2020

Next, keep up our tzedakah momentum; on March 9th at 6:15 USYers and TI Teens will be selling pasta boxes that can be used as goggers. The profits will be donated to the USY Tzedakah fund, and the pasta will be donated to local food banks. Sign up to volunteer at https://tinyurl.com/TI-PurimShake

The following Saturday, March 14th, USY will be going ice skating in Silver Spring. You can sign up for that at https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/event/usy-ice-skating

Finally, to finish off March and kick off Passover celebrations, Kadima will be having a Chocolate Seder on March 29th. Please see below for the save the date, and there will be a sign-up sheet following shortly!

Hope to see y’all at our upcoming events! And, please don’t hesitate to reach out – elena@tifereth-israel.org.

Best,

Elena
TI Tots - Rina Rebibo

TI Tots are growing by leaps & bounds! The first Mitzvah of the Month class was held in January with 12 students in tow! Led by Lee Anderegg, the class talked about different mitzvot and what it means to perform a mitzvah. They read the book, It's a...It's a.....It's a....Mitzvah! and focused on Shalom Bayit in order to understand what it means to have peace in the home and classroom. To pull it together, they played a sharing game, sang, and colored pictures of harmonious families. (Photos by Rina Rebibo)

This month the TI Tot programs are:

March 7th - Tot Shabbat

March 8th - Purim Carnival [https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/event/purim-carnival-tentative-time.html]

March 9th - Tot Purim Service & Dinner [https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/event/tots_purim_2020]

March 27th – Tot Kabbalat Shabbat & Dinner [https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/event/tots_Feb-2020_dinner]

March 29th – 3rd Mitzvah of the Month class
February was a fabulous month – all grades celebrated Tu B’Shvat with a seder, art & planting, (see photos). 5th grade had their second meeting with their peers from Etz Hayim, Steve Berer, the 5th grade Judaics teacher at Himmelfarb, facilitated the session about Eretz Yisrael, utilizing the knowledge he gained from participating on the JNF Educators trip this past summer.

March will be a month filled with learning about Purim, Pesach & more. On March 22nd, from 9:15 – 11:00 am, we will have our annual Open House for prospective families. The morning is a great way to learn about what our Hebrew school offers. Please spread the word to anyone you may know!
Learning History with Kol Nashim - Louise Kelley

The Reamer Chapel was pleasantly full for the Pam Nadell presentation, which took place on Feb 23. Dr. Nadell’s award winning book is America’s Jewish Women from Colonial Times to the Present. The PowerPoint presentation began with photos of Dr. Nadell’s own ancestors and went on to show prominent women such as Emma Lazarus. How technology changed the daily lives of women and the commitment by many to social action by Jewish American women was described in fascinating detail. A lively discussion followed, and 20 books were sold and signed. The book is available now via TI’s Mollie Berch Library, or you can get it at Politics and Prose.

KN Board members were pleased to be able to meet and talk with rabbi candidate Lia Bass at the Friday Night meet and greet before the service.

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Movie Nite@TI
Sunday, March 15 at 7:30 PM in the Berch Library -- Rosenwald (2015) tells the incredible story of Julius Rosenwald, the son of an immigrant peddler who never finished high school, who rose to become the President of Sears. Influenced by the writings of the educator Booker T. Washington and inspired by the Jewish ideals of tzedakah (charity) and tikkun olam (repairing the world), this Jewish philanthropist joined forces with African American communities during the Jim Crow South to build 5,300 schools, providing 660,000 black children with access to education in the segregated American South. (95 mins)

Talmud Study

The Dead Sea Scrolls
Dr. Gary Rendsburg, professor of Jewish history at Rutgers University, provides 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, March 8 • 10:30 am-12:15 pm • Berch Library

Lecture 15: Daily Life at Qumran -- A discussion of the ways that Qumran community members went about their daily lives.

Lecture 16: The Halakhic Letter -- The presentation of 20 distinct legal matters that form the basis of disagreements between the Qumran sect and its opponents.

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

Lecture 17: The Qumran Biblical Canon -- The Biblical canon of the Qumran community includes a number of works not in the present-day canon, such as Enoch, Jubilees, Tobit, and the Genesis Apocryphon.

Lecture 18: The Qumran Calendar -- While the standard Jewish calendar had lunar months with necessary adjustments to the solar year, the Qumran calendar was strictly solar. Further, the Qumran sect included festival days in its annual calendar that were not mentioned in the Torah.

TI’s Amazing Teens - Kim Levone

Just wanted to take a small section here to give our teens a little highlight. We have an awesome group of teenagers here at TI!

Did you know that they have been the first to officially meet with each of the rabbi candidates as part of our Thursday Nosh ’n Drash? They have been an amazing welcoming committee of our community - asking good questions, sharing their thoughts with the candidates and then giving great feedback to the committee. Thank you to Aidan, Natan, Simone, Sadie, Galya, Shirah, Jonas and Liat.

Also, their fundraising dinner on Friday February 21 raised over $1800 for tzedakah!!!! We had a huge group of the teens volunteering to set up, wait tables and clean up. Great job Shirah, Simone, Liat, Julius, Natan, Jonas, Sonya, Sam, Ilana, Charlotte and Abe.

And a big thank you to everyone who donated as well as to youth advisor Elena who corralled and supported the group.
Hi! My name is Azaria Hileman-Shashoua. I am a 7th grader at Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation’s Capital (try saying that name in one breath). In the summer, I go to Beth Tfiloh camps, in western Baltimore. Last summer was my first year there, and I plan to go again this summer. Before that, I went to Camp Ahava, in Kemp Mill. In my free time, I like to play on my electronic, a tablet (what 13 year old doesn’t), but I also enjoy many sports such as basketball, ultimate frisbee, soccer, and touch football. In addition, I like playing collectible card and board games, and I also like to do math, and I’ll read almost anything.

For my Bar Mitzvah project, I did the closed-captioning for the Tifereth Israel Centennial video (if you’re interested, it’s called TI 100 v4 on YouTube). This may seem small, but the video encompasses 68 minutes, and that is without stopping every 2-10 seconds to write the words spoken in the video. Other things I’ve done over the years include co-teaching Hebrew at TI with Stephanie Rubin, participating in TI’s monthly volunteer cooking, and visiting a man who has Parkinson’s disease. These visits generally include catching up on how he is doing (lately, he is doing very well), catching up on how we are doing, and other conversations. We often take pictures to remember the occasion. My dad knew him when he was younger, and worked as a librarian, and we have been doing these visits for many years.

Thank you to my tutor, Yvonne Shashoua (my mom) for helping me touch up my knowledge of the service, helping me learn the Torah reading, and being my gabbai for more than 4 hours a week (at least 1/42 of the week). I wouldn’t be here without her. I hope to see you all at my Bar Mitzvah on March 20th and 21st, 2020. See you then!

Hi, I’m Kareenna Seltman! I’ve been going to Tifereth Israel since kindergarten, so it has been a pretty long journey up until this point. My Torah portion is Ki Tissa, which comes from the book of Exodus. Both of my readings are about cows, which I find really interesting.

I am in seventh grade at Westland Middle School. I love playing soccer, and I now play on a travel team. I also play basketball for my school team and tried field hockey for the first time this year with some friends.

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I chose to work at Comfort Cases, an organization where you help kids of all ages transitioning out of foster care homes by stuffing backpacks full of essential supplies. This service project was super fun, and I plan on continuing to help out there in the future.

I would like to thank all my friends and family for helping me get to this point and accomplish my goals. I would especially like to thank my tutor AJ Katz who helped me better understand my portion, and what it means to become a Jew.
Hi, my name is Emily Suddleson. I'm a 7th grader in the Humanities magnet at Eastern Middle School. My Bat Mitzvah is on March 28th with the parashah of Vayikra.

I adore music. Although I love all types of music, including Alternative and R&B, I love K-Pop, because I connect with it on so many levels. I enjoy learning K-Pop dances, lyrics and watching music videos, and I also love to watch dramas. I am currently learning several languages, including Korean. I also enjoy going to concerts, and listening to live music. I love to read all types of books and write fiction, film videos, take pictures and draw, and I enjoy hobbies such as cooking and bullet-journaling, as well as calligraphy. One thing that I can't go without is my friends. No matter what is happening in my life, talking to any of my friends recharges me and gives me energy.

For several years, I have enjoyed participating in a STEAM program called Destination Imagination that allows kids to flex their creativity in a do-it-yourself environment. Our team problem-solved, created designs, wrote a script, built a stage and performed, with no adult help. We have consistently made it to Maryland State finals. Once, we even made the Global Finals in Tennessee.

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Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

Everyone scheduled for February in the January Menorah has been rescheduled because of rabbinic candidate visits on February 7, 21, and 28.

March 6, 2020 (formerly February 14)
Jonah & Stephanie Murdock
Myron Murdock & Judy Herzog-Murdock
Josh Nadas & Lillie Rosen
Ray & Adele Natter
Sheridan & Dana Neimark
Michael H. New & Linda Turnowski
Stephen Nelson & Leslie Goodman-Malamuth
Jeffrey & Lauren Nosanov
David Ogilvie & Miriam Lederer
Lee & Hedy Ohringer
Sarah Osborne
Delanie Ostrow
Larry Paul & Joyce Newman
Perry & Fylis Peckham
Daniel Pederson & Dafna Spear
David Pelzer & Ellie Tiemann
Melissa Perera
Adam & Jessica Perlmutter
Jeff & Cynthia Peterman
Michael Pitch & Elaine Weiss
Joshua Pitlick & Janet Blank

March 13, 2020 (formerly February 21)
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
Elliot Rosen & Sharon Cohen
Andrew Roshwalb & Jackelyn Lopez Roshwalb
Aviel Roshwald & Alene Moyer
Ari Roth & Kate Schecter
Nancy Roth
Marc Rothenberg & Ivy Baer

April 3, 2020 (formerly February 28 and March 20)
Renana Brooks
David & Stephanie Rubin
Howard & Hannah Rubin
Stephen & Jill Saletta
Mark & Diann Saltman
Richard Schachter
Lawrence & Pearl Schainker
Eric & Shira Schechtman
Michael & Mical Schneider
Keith Secular & Susan Catler
Paul Selzman & Jeanne Ireland
Hershel & Judith Shanks
David & Lois Shapiro
Phillip & Ruth Shapiro
Yvonne Shashoua & Yochanan Sullivan
Noam Shelef & Deborah Quint Shelef
Jadyn Shettler & Aaron Marx
Randy Showstack & Michele Zador
Nathaniel Shyovitz
Richard & Marjorie Siegel

April 10, 2020
Morton Simon
David & Rona Siskind
Aaron & Reva Snow
Steven Solomon & Cara Lichtenstein
Sarah Sorscher & Marcus Hedrick
Louis & Madge Lee Specter
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

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Kol Nashim Book Group - Jessica Weissman

In February the KN book group held a lively discussion of Village of Secrets: Defying the Nazis in Vichy France, a book about the French citizens living on a remote plateau, led mainly by pastors from a small Protestant sect called the Darbyists, who hid and saved many Jewish people, including children. The story is complex and the details subject of some controversy. But it is incontrovertible that these people were successful in resisting the edicts and saving many. Some readers would have preferred fewer details and more coverage of the controversy and of a seminar that was held on the topic that was apparently more adversarial than anyone expected.

Our next reading is a serious/comic novel by Jacob Appel called Millard Salter’s Last Day. Millard Salter, a psychologist, has decided to end his life as he hits 70. Appel follows him through what is planned to be his last day, as he visits various people and places that have been significant to him. The story cleverly presents Millard Salter’s life and personality through these encounters. Lots of which are funny, but all with a serious undertone. There is some great office politics material along with the family and personal matters. Salter is more than the cranky-old-guy Man called Ove stereotype that might rush to mind. Together it makes one of my favorites among the books I read this year and last.

To balance my enthusiasm, I must say that at least one other reader whose opinions I trust didn’t like the book much.

There are no copies in libraries. Politics and Prose has it as of this writing and it is easily available in several electronic formats. Also, there are several copies being informally shared around. If you want one of those and can commit to reading quickly, contact me and I’ll connect you with one of the current readers.

We meet on March 17th at 7:30 at the home of Janice and David Mehler. All are welcome, including those who have not finished or even started the book. No promises to avoid spoilers, however. Meetings last until 9 or so, or until we have run out of things to say about the book. Which seldom happens, as WE ARE TI!

Using Evite to manage invitations has worked well making it convenient for readers to respond and for the host to determine who was coming. To be added to the Evite list, contact Janice Mehler (janicemehler@gmail.com). Or RSVP to knbook@tifereth-israel.org.

Friday Night Minyan Assignments - continued

April 17, 2020
Marc Suddleson & Molly Surden
Howard & Michele Sumka
Michael & Adele Sumner
JT & Naomi Taransky
Kassahun Teferra & Melke Mengiste
Jevera Temsky
Glenn & Diane Thrush
Neil & Rachel Tickner
Michael Tilchin
Peter & Rhoda Trooboff
Paula Tucker
Jonathan & Cathy Tuerk
Allan & Judy Tulchin
Daniel & Allison Turner
Michael & Ruth Unterweger
Mark Verschell & Elizabeth Leff
Susan Vitale
Vicky Vogl & Tim Boquet
The Shaday Amulet- Simcha Kuritzky

Another popular single inscription for amulets is Shaday (or Shaddai for those who prefer Spanish transliteration rules). Unlike heh which I discussed in my last article, Shaday is a Biblical name of God. It is first used in Genesis 17:1 when God tells Abram of Isaac’s impending birth. Most places in Genesis where Shaday or El Shaday occur refer to fertility and God’s blessings, whereas Job describes Shaday as the source of his torments. Later Biblical works use the name in association with God’s might. Scholars still debate the etymology of the Name, but possibilities include Saday (my breasts) and She-Day (the One who determined it was enough).

Most Jews see Shaday every day on their doorposts. The mezuzah scroll is required to have Shaday written on the back, and many mezuzah cases have it as well, such as the commercially available case shown here at far left. At some point, maybe a century ago, people began wearing mezuzot (despite the fact that mezuzah literally means doorpost). Next to it is an empty brass case with a large Shaday produced to commemorate Israel’s tenth anniversary. The tiny gold pendant next to it contains a kosher scroll with Shaday peeking out, as is the tradition. Next is a small silver lion Jerusalem Shaday pendant that was popular half a century ago. Last is an Italian amulet, one of many ornate amulets with Shaday as the only inscription.

In the Nineteenth Century, small silver charms with Shaday were popular. Some appeared to be mass produced, like the blue enameled one at left, but the others shown here look hand-engraved. Both hexagrams or magney David and hearts were popular shapes. The second charm has no loop. The third charm has initials engraved on back and gilded Shaday applied. Last is a fancy engraved Shaday on a heart.
Engraved coins, known as love tokens, were also popular in the Nineteenth Century. The first one, engraved on the back of an 1890 dime, shows Shaday in a heart like the previous pendant. Shaday in a magen David appears on the back of a 1943 dime, which is rather late for love tokens, but it might have been engraved by a serviceman as a type of trench art. The 1917 and 1901 dimes show dramatically different styles of lettering, and the 1901 dime has gilding in the letters.

Love tokens were also engraved on gold coins. Shaday on a fancy background appears on a gold dollar from the 1850s with an attached loop. These tiny coins were often used in jewelry. A blue enameled Shaday appears on a pin made out of a 1928 gold $2½. A French 20 franc (about $4 US) of 1908 had its front polished off with the inscription Shaday Maurice Freddy Haim June 7, 1951 (presumably an amulet for a newborn, like the heh amulets in my last article).

A couple of machine-struck amulets have blank backs for engravings. Perhaps these were intended as Hebrew school awards. The first has Shaday in a magen David on one side, with a simple olive wreath on the other. The second has a tiny heh in a magen David at top, and Shaday hovering over a harp, incense censer, and menorah that may be a

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Shaday Amulets - continued

reference to the Temple in Jerusalem. It also has a wreath on the back, but with very long stems.

There are a wide variety of other types of Shaday amulets. At left is a large ornate Italian amulet with an engraved, well-formed Shaday. Next is a large ornate floral machine-struck amulet which is found paired with different backs, some of which include dates from the 1920s. The small brass Shaday amulet is shaped like a heart, and the crude cast hand has Shaday followed by Tzamarkhad, which is the place tradition states is where Lilith was imprisoned.

Shaday amulets can be found in every price range. Older, ornate pieces can be quite pricey, as are gold love tokens, and those containing kosher scrolls. Small charms and pendants can be found rather cheaply, though it takes some searching. There are also a number of metal and printed paper amulets which include Shaday among other inscriptions.
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