



# The Menorah

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## From the President: Sylvia Horwitz

It's Cheshvan. Some call it "Mar Cheshvan" – bitter Cheshvan – because there are no holidays in the month. I don't find that to be a bad thing myself. It's actually a bit of a relief. We've had such a busy, albeit unusual, season of holidays and preparing for holidays. It's nice to be able to have some "regular" time. Not that there is anything regular about this time in this year, between COVID-19 and the election, things are pretty un-regular. But putting that aside, we do have a chance now to think about what we'd like to see coming up in the months, or even years, ahead. At our last board meeting, I asked the members of the board to do some brainstorming, and there was a lot of creative and interesting thinking.



No doubt the day will come, not soon unfortunately, but one day positively, when we will be back to "normal." COVID-19 will be under control to the point that we

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## From the Rabbi: Rabbi Michael Werbow

Sukkot may be behind us but we have another chance to celebrate a holiday of gratitude. Thanksgiving is an important day. It affords us a time to pause and reflect on the important things in our lives. Most people take at least some time (usually during a dinner with family and friends but maybe not this year) to verbalize the gratitude they feel.

We all know that this is not the only holiday on which we express our appreciation. In fact, the celebration of some of them makes it seem like we only feel this appreciation on those dates. The way we gush over (or are gushed over) on Mother's Day and Father's Day can leave some with the impression that people only have to honor their parents once a year. It is nice when bosses take their assistant out to lunch on April 25th, Administrative Assistant Day. It is a shame though if the rest of the year they might be a horrible boss. And, some show patriotism on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, while the rest of the year they may take the liberties and freedom we have in this country for granted.



I regularly teach that the holidays we have are meant to give us some time to focus on a particular value and then we can use the insight we gained to express that

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value all year long. Passover enhances our appreciation for freedom. Chanukah makes us more aware of the miracles in our lives.

Just as we have to think of these things throughout the year, it is not enough to show gratitude only once a year. Thanksgiving is something we should do every day, from the moment we get up until the moment we go to sleep. There are many things to do throughout your days to express gratitude. Judaism incorporates some into our day and others you can start on your own.

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1. Start your day with gratitude –It is traditional for the first thing we do in the morning to be the reciting of Modeh Ani– “I give thanks before you, eternal Sovereign who has returned my soul to me with compassion. You are so trustworthy.” The Buddhist Monk Thich Nhat Hanh said: “Waking up in the morning, I smile. Twenty-four brand new hours are before me. I vow to live fully in each moment and to look at all beings with eyes of compassion.” The way you start the day affects how you live the rest of the day. Start with an attitude of gratitude!

2. Recite blessings -The Talmud says: One should recite a hundred berachot (blessings) every day. There are many traditional blessing but the real challenge is to pause during your day and express gratitude, wonder, and awe. Abraham Joshua Heschel said a berachah is a Jewish way of saying “WOW!”

3. Make a fixed time for prayer. This can be the most powerful expression of gratitude.

Here are some other ideas:

Keep a gratitude journal

Perform an act of hesed — kindness

Share your gratitude with others

Don't take anything for granted

So, enjoy Thanksgiving but instead of finding time to express something for which you give thanks, find time to make a plan to live thanksgiving each and every day.

Making a plan will help you carry this out not just on Thanksgiving but throughout the year.

Thank you!

Rabbi Werbow

## From the President - continued

can resume regular services in the sanctuary, kiddush lunches, classes in person, movie nights, Shabbat dinners, and group singing! All these things and more that we've been missing.

And something else that we haven't done lately: a congregational retreat. Even though it will still be a while before we can hold a retreat, we can start thinking about possible topics and activities for a future retreat. And think how terrific it will feel to all be together in the same place, indoors and outdoors, having spontaneous conversations, sharing meals, conjuring up skits, having our minds challenged, renewing our spirits.

So, might you be interested in starting to think about our next retreat? Are you a retreat veteran with thoughts about what worked or what you would change? Would you want to be involved in planning, leading or helping to make a retreat happen? Please let me know – you can send me an email at [tipresident@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:tipresident@tifereth-israel.org). I look forward to hearing from you.

Sylvia

## Sukkot

Rina Rebibo's Sukkah. Photo by Rina Rebibo



Photo by Liraz Zohar



Kosher organic etrog vodka from etrog grown by Jennifer Siegel Laufer. Photo by Jennifer Kefer.

TIFEREETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION PRESENTS

# UPTOWN SHABBAT



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27  
AT 6:00 PM**

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**UPCOMING DATES:**

**DECEMBER 25**

**JANUARY 22**

**FEBRUARY 26**

Musician Robyn Helzner, one of the leading interpreters of world Jewish music, and Chazzan Larry Paul will lead a night filled with soulful song.

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WEDNESDAYS AT 9:00 PM  
STARTING NOV. 4TH

JOIN US TO CHAT ABOUT  
HIMMELFARB, PARENTING,  
& COMMUNITY



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED  
IN JOINING, EMAIL:  
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## ZOOM INTO EMUNAH WITH RINA WOMEN'S LEARNING GROUP

## FALL OFFICE HOURS

Due to COVID, the TI building remains  
Closed. Below are staff hours.

MONDAY - THURSDAY  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

FRIDAY  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

CLOSED WEEKENDS

## JOYOUS MOVEMENT & DANCE

Led by Adena Galinsky

Dates and times vary.

[CHECK SCHEDULE HERE](#)



# BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

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## Happy Birthday!

Eli Cohen  
Mical Schneider  
Franke Vogl  
Victoria Vogl  
Helen Disenhaus  
Rose Ellen Halper  
Michael Lav  
Morris Rodenstein  
Mark Saltman  
Sharon Cohen  
Samuel Hedrick  
Miriam Baker  
Walter Baker  
Deena Dugan  
Aviva Blonder  
Laura Craig  
Sylvana Ehrman  
Lucas Liebman  
Seth Grimes  
Samuel Isaacson  
Amy Kritz  
Nina Ehrman  
Steven Bressler  
Ira Gilvin  
Irene Schwaninger  
Paul Roitman Bardack  
Matthew Wiener  
Micah Rubin  
Lawrence Schainker  
Ilana Handwerker  
Judy Tulchin

Wylie Levone  
Oren Steinberg  
Lisa Blumenthal  
Melea Greenfeld  
Virginia Kemp  
Gabriel Kravitz  
Sharon Moshavi  
Rachel Pitlick  
Judy Rodenstein  
Katherine Benton-Cohen  
Max Heimowitz  
Samuel Heimowitz  
Jordan Hope  
Suri Berg  
Jennifer Kefer  
Seth Riker  
Lee Rodberg  
Jill Saletta  
Laura Waldman  
Reuben Forman  
Sheryl Frank  
Ezra Gilvin  
Dena Greenstein  
Ellis Merlin  
Laura Schiavo  
Benjamin Borzekowski  
Jayden Matusow  
Paul Unterweger  
Martin Handwerker  
Shira Rubinstein Schechtman  
John List

## Happy Birthday! (continued)

Sarah Cohen Strum  
Joshua Dugan  
Merilee Rosenberg  
Rebecca Hyman  
Alexander Laufer  
Shoshana Lederer-Ogilvie  
Wendy Blake-Coleman  
Raymond Coleman  
Adena Galinsky  
Benjamin Dreyfus  
Tabitha Gerstein  
Casey Fand  
Roxanne Gomes  
David Harrison  
Louise Kelley  
Lee Ohringer  
Phil Spellberg

## Happy Anniversary!

Dori Gillman & Michael Heimowitz  
Sanford & Shelley Reback  
Allison & Daniel Turner  
Joshua & Sara Goldberg  
David Pelzer & Ellie Tiemann  
Rabbi Charles & Krayna Feinberg  
Iris & Michael Lav  
Edward Koren & Claudine Schweber

## Volunteer Spotlight - Jared Garelick

**Rachel Meytin** is one of the reasons TI's Shabbat morning Zoom services are so easy to attend. She is one of the co-hosts, inconspicuously opening the virtual door to attendees, and keeping out any trollish Zoom bombers (sad experience shows this is necessary). More conspicuously, Rachel is the one frequently posting the page number using the chat function, so that attendees know where we are in the service.

The frequent page announcements are even more important on Zoom than they were during in-person services, because of the more informal nature of gathering on Zoom. Some of the attendees are totally focused on the service, never budging from their square on the gallery view screen. But other people leave their video off during some or all of the service, so they cannot be seen, and there are unconfirmed reports that some TI members occasionally get up during Zoom services to refresh their cup of coffee, or even eat their Cheerios as they watch. Some might not even be dressed yet, who can tell?

That is all part of what Rachel describes as the more informal nature of services on Zoom, and it is perfectly fine. If you have not yet tried attending Zoom services on Shabbat morning, log in some morning (you can find the Zoom link on TI's web page). As Rachel says, the barrier is low. You can keep your camera off and pay attention off and on during the service, or sit still and find yourself focusing in a way that has become unusual during a time of web surfing and overhyped "breaking" news. Even if you turn the camera on you will not be judged; many people virtually attend wearing t-shirts or sweats. For families, it can be easier to turn on Zoom than to get everyone fed, washed, and dressed in time to go to the synagogue.

Rachel reports that a large number of the attendees seem to really participate, and the result is pretty vibrant considering the lack of physical togetherness. Some synagogues have turned their on-line services

into slick productions, but Rachel feels that the homier feeling of TI's Shabbat morning Zoom better fits the congregation's character.

In addition to announcing the page numbers, Rachel also "projects" the Torah reading, so that you can follow the text on the screen while it is chanted. This makes it easy to follow for someone who doesn't have Chumash or Torah text at home. If you do not have a siddur to follow during the main part of the service, you can download a pdf. image of the siddur from the TI website in the place with information about the Shabbat morning service. Contact Rachel if you need help.

Rachel admits that there are things that she misses about in-person services, including the happenstance interactions that occur when people get together in one space. But the Zoom services have succeeded in maintaining a sense of community, and it can be quite comforting to see some familiar faces in a time when most of us don't get around much. Rachel finds that having a role in the service makes her feel especially connected, and certainly guarantees her attendance. For even more social interaction, after the Zoom service concludes, attendees who stay on-line are randomly assigned to break-out rooms for no purpose other than a friendly chat. This reporter can attest that it can be a pleasant little social experience, making it feel like we remain part of a community.

Besides her volunteer service duties, Rachel served on the Rabbi search committee that recently did so much work, successfully. She also teaches at TI's Himmelfarb Hebrew School, which of course is also on-line this year. She teaches fifth and sixth grade Judaics, which currently involves whole-class sessions on Sunday mornings, and small-group tutoring on Wednesday evenings. It seems to work, and she is enjoying it.

Thank you Rachel, for helping to keep TI members on the same page.

## Now is the time to sign up for TI Social Action programs

Our commitment to *tikkun olam* – healing and repairing the world – is a natural outgrowth of TI's progressive concern for both the local community and world around us—a concern that is needed now more than ever. Please sign up for the TI Social Action programs that match your interests.

Detailed descriptions of all our programs are posted here: <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/social-action-projects.html>

### TI Tutoring Programs

Click here to sign up: [tinyurl.com/tutoringTI](https://tinyurl.com/tutoringTI)

This year TI tutoring will be conducted remotely, on a schedule to be agreed between the tutor and the family whose student receives tutoring. This tutoring will begin on a rolling basis, preferably to begin before Thanksgiving. There will be an initial one-time Zoom training session for all first-time tutors, which may include one or more training videos.

**Shepherd Tutoring:** Each tutor is paired with a young student (grade 2-6) for the school year. The pair meets for one hour, normally on Sundays, to read, practice math skills, or review homework, reinforcing skills learned in school. This tutoring will be via Zoom. Adults, high school students and pre-Bar/Bat-Mitzvah tutors can work with students who are in primary school.

**Tutoring TI children:** This new program supports TI families with children at home. A TI volunteer can listen to children read via Zoom or over the phone and discuss the text with them. TI volunteers can assist students with reading, practice math skills, or review science homework. While reviewing schoolwork, the TI tutor provides appropriate informal advice. Adults and high school student tutors can work with students of any age. TI pre-Bar/Bat-Mitzvah tutors work primarily with primary school students, with prior consent and adult supervision/approval.

**Teaching TI Adults:** Most of us have recently had our lives disrupted in many respects. We want to arrange online activities to keep TI members connected to and supportive of one another. Please volunteer to provide support by teaching older TI congregants how to Zoom, etc. You can increase the computer skills and literacy of other TI members. You can create new connections to TI members who are stuck at home.

**Entertaining TI Children So Parents Can Work:** This new program will enable TI families to support one another. You can play games or arrange online activities (e.g. educational programs, podcasts) with TI children. The timing, content and circumstances of such activities will be coordinated in advance with the parents of the children involved. Parental prior consent will be required. You can start a children's story hour for a certain age group and run it once a week. You can read to the children and create an arts and crafts project for them, based on the story you read. This could continue weekly for two or three months.

### Other TI Social Action Programs

Click here to sign up: [tinyurl.com/TI-SocAct](https://tinyurl.com/TI-SocAct)

Join us for a one-time event or for a more regular activity. Each person can choose the issues closest to their heart and volunteer the amount of time they can afford. Let's join together to heal the world!

**Outdoor Social Action and Social Justice projects in the Fall and Spring.** The first example this Fall was the Tifereth Israel Rock Creek Stream Clean Up on Sunday, Nov. 1st, together with the TI Green Committee. We will organize similar outdoor TI activities in future months.

**Ward 4 Mutual Aid:** Beth Davidson (Joe's daughter) seeks volunteers who can make phone calls to help coordinate delivery of care packages with food, household supplies, and hygiene and baby products to people in the Ward 4 community, where TI is located. This program supports Tifereth Israel's neighbors during this pandemic economic crisis. Roughly 70% of the recipient households speak Spanish, so your Spanish language skill is especially helpful, but all interested volunteers should sign up.

**Social and Racial Justice from a Jewish Perspective:** Our colleague Carolivia Herron is organizing a series of four TI Social and Racial Justice events over the next year. Sign up here if you want to volunteer for her brainstorming over how TI can best organize these events remotely. Many TI social justice volunteers have been actively promoting social and racial justice initiatives for over 50 years.

**Gun Violence Prevention Advocacy.** We are concerned with preventing gun violence and TI is working with the D.C. Area Interfaith Gun Violence Prevention Network. Tifereth Israel was among over 60 organizations that co-signed a letter in June 2020 to the DC Mayor and DC Council advocating on behalf of specific programs to prevent gun violence. You too can join this effort.

**Immigration Reform & Support for Refugees:** We are committed to facilitating the integration of refugees into the local community. TI members have offered support to three families of legal immigrants (formerly refugees) from Syria, helping them to navigate life's challenges on their journey to becoming American citizens.



## Nayes un Mechayes - Melissa Perera

### Travels

In early September, **Margie Odle** and **Carl Bergman** bit the bullet and drove 2,200 miles over 4 days, then 2,200 miles to come home a week later, to visit their 15-month old grandson Daniel in Bozeman, Montana. They weren't able to do any sight-seeing along the way (except for a magnificent view of the Mississippi River in Minnesota), but were able to spend a wonderful week (between the long drives) with their daughter Hannah, her husband Mitch and delicious Daniel. Hannah is a clinical psy-



chologist with the Veteran's Administration and Mitch is an internet systems engineer. Photo by Hannah Bergman

### Accomplishments

**Howard Gleckman** was selected to be the 25th president of the Jewish Council for the Aging of Greater Washington. For nearly half a century, JCA has provided a wide range of services for older adults and their families in the DC area, including adult day, transportation, information services, job search support, and volunteer opportunities. **Rachel Seidel's** mother, Ruth Breslow Young z'l, was JCA's long time executive director.

**Claudine Schweber** has been elected to the Washington DC Chapter of the Fulbright Association (a group of Fulbright award winners that helps increase visibility for the Fulbright effort and helps preserve Fulbright exchanges for future generations, and holds programs to increase international cultural understanding). She has received 2 Fulbright awards: Israel and Namibia. If you'd like to learn about the 2 options--Scholar (long term) and Specialist (2-6 weeks), please contact Claudine at [pariscs@gmail.com](mailto:pariscs@gmail.com)

# SHABBAT MORNING BOOST

CLASSES GO THROUGH JANUARY 2ND  
SATURDAY MORNINGS FROM 8:45 AM - 9:15 AM

Try one of these for a pick-me-up before Shabbat Morning Services!

### LEARN TROPE WITH TAMAR GASKO

Tamar has been teaching trope to b'nai mitzvah students for over a decade. She'll teach how to identify and sing each trope, how to apply them to text and share tips. The class will culminate students chanting during a Shabbat morning service. Class now closed for registration.

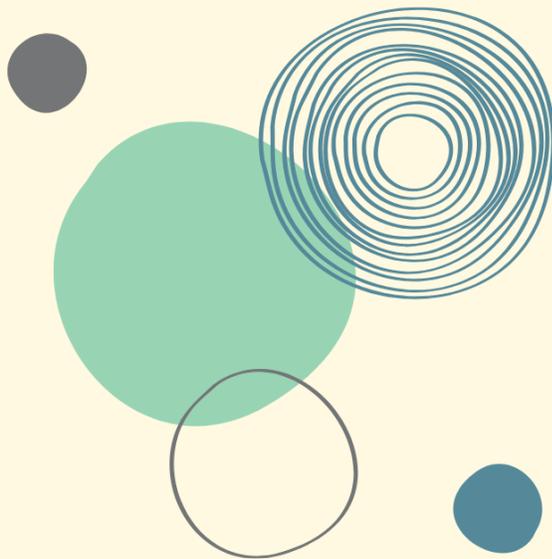
### STUDY MISHNA WITH RABBI WERBOW

2000 years ago, rabbis struggled with the same question we have today: What does Torah mean and how does it guide us in our daily lives? Mishna study can help us find answers and deepen our understanding of Judaism through the early rabbi's eyes. *Drop-in class - no Hebrew or previous attendance required.*

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# TI TOTS

2020/2021



## September

19 - Tot Rosh Hashanah  
20 - Tot Rosh Hashanah  
28 - Tot Yom Kippur

## October

10 - Tot Shabbat

## November

7 - Tot Shabbat  
20 - Family Kabbalat Shabbat

## December

5 - Tot Shabbat  
13 - Hannukkah Candle Lighting  
& Sing Along

## January '21

9 - Tot Shabbat  
18 - MLK Day of Service  
24 - Mitzvah of the Month Class  
30 - Tot Havdallah

Questions?

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# Hoshanah Rabbah 2019

Photos by Susan Catler



# Hoshanah Rabbah 2020

Photos by Naomi Freedman



## November Yahrzeitn

*Editor's note: We list upcoming yahrzeitn based on office records, under the Shabbat dates when the name is recited and by the yahrzeit date.*

### October 30-31

- 11/1** Samuel Corman  
Anne Kurtz  
Elsie Novak  
Jacob Siegel
- 11/2** Esther Beloff  
Nathan Edenbaum  
Jennie Horowitz  
Bertha Snider Jeweler  
Maurice Charles Mickelson
- 11/3** Louis Abraham Charnow  
Esther Ann Coleman  
Ann Barnow Liberson  
Minerva Michelson  
Martin Mittelman  
Albert Shuster  
Doris Starr
- 11/4** Deborah Cohen Christie  
Shirley Molenof Goodman  
Harry Lopatin  
Bess Milgrom  
Hyman Suchman
- 11/5** Libby Birnbaum  
Theodore Bolt  
Emily Borzekowski  
Jasha Michael Levi  
Fanny White
- 11/6** Meyer Baskin  
Paul David Wellstone  
Avrim Chaim Wishnia

### November 6-7

- 11/7** Doris B. Driesen  
Lillian Pittle Norris  
Phyllis Warren
- 11/8** David Alexander  
Gertrude Fortgang  
Harriet Ruth Luber  
Stephen Gordon Rod  
Barbara Russell  
Ari Sokolov  
Freida Sperling
- 11/9** Bessie Bachman  
David Cohen  
Dutchy Markowitz  
Samuel Rosenfeld  
Jacob Weintraub

- 11/10** Vesta Jean Anderson  
Ralph Forman  
Naomi Fortgang  
Maurice B. Krantzberg  
Susan O'Ney  
Sarah Pinson  
Milton Vinnick
- 11/11** Sadie Abrams  
Ina Rabinowicz  
Miriam Roshwald  
Charles S. Temple
- 11/12** Fannie Barco  
Lillie Blaser  
Benjamin Goodman  
David Greer  
Adaya Shachar  
Lillian Shulman
- 11/13** David J. Cohen  
Robert Feinberg  
Sam Katz  
Faye Klitzman  
Henry Root  
Harry N. Sher  
Michael Jon Wellisch

### November 13-14

- 11/14** Polly Clein Bergman  
Samuel F. Boorstein  
Irving Fleishman  
Joseph Schery
- 11/15** Ruth Boorstein  
Sidney Brown  
Sadie Rosenthal Goldstein  
Frances Passen Levin  
Nathan Peres  
Jerome Rosenberg  
Rudolf Schlesinger  
Ruth Schlesinger
- 11/16** Charlotte Green  
Michael J. Heimberg  
Sonya Rozansky Shashoua
- 11/17** J. Max Abramowitz  
Nathan Berlin  
Ruth Breslow Young  
Thomas Andrew Israel  
David Baer Jeweler  
Gertrude Kline

- Louis Levine  
Annie Shapiro  
Debra Shleien  
Edward Yalowitz
- 11/18** Samuel Mitlin  
Morris Rothberg  
Frances Stahl  
Eva Sussman
- 11/19** Leonard Braunstein  
William Jeweler  
Gloria Newman  
Bernard Tucker  
Ruth Sue Weingarten  
Moscou
- 11/20** Leon H. Burka  
Sam Burka  
Milton H. Burke  
Shirley Levine  
Shirley Levine  
Irving S. Peres

### November 20-21

- 11/22** Haya Berlin  
Ellis Bloom  
Rebecca T. Friedman  
William Harvey  
Frederick Lehrer  
Harry Silverman  
Dorothy May Zeserman
- 11/23** Alex Abrams  
David Friedman  
John Moreno Suarez  
Jay Weil
- 11/24** Eli L. "Lee" Garelick  
Seymour Goldberg  
Bessie Raffel  
Clara Shaikewitz  
Ethel Annie Silverman  
Harry Silverstone
- 11/25** Avraham Nachman  
Abramowitz  
Paul I. Danaceau  
Gertrude Liberson  
Ceil Lourie  
Herman Newman  
Samuel Shapiro

## Shabbat Evening Services Changes

Recently, Rabbi Werbow announced to the congregation a new structure for our Friday night services. This new structure began on Friday, October 16th. See Rabbi Werbow's letter to the congregation below.

As announced at Shabbat services and advertised in the "New at TI for the New Year!" email that you received earlier this week, this Shabbat we will be beginning a new format for our Friday night services.

Since the pandemic began, there has been a service to welcome the Shabbat at 6:30 which concluded before candle lighting time and the official beginning of Shabbat. This service has included the traditional Kabbalat Shabbat service and has concluded with the Mourner's Kaddish followed by a Dvar Torah. This timing has worked well through the summer but now that sunset, which is the beginning of Shabbat, has crept earlier, it is not possible to hold the Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:30. A change was needed and in consultation with the Ritual Committee we have decided to have two services through the winter months. One will begin roughly 45 minutes before candle lighting time and will continue to include Kabbalat Shabbat and a Dvar Torah. The second service will begin at 6:00 and will include both Kabbalat Shabbat and Ma'ariv with a Dvar Torah in between. Both services will include Mourner's Kaddish. The timing of the earlier service will continue to move earlier and earlier as the sun sets earlier and then will move back later when sunset shifts later. After Daylight Savings Time begins in March, we will return to having one service.

When planning these different opportunities, I kept in mind the following goals:

- Continue to provide a Kabbalat Shabbat experience that will end before candle lighting. This is to allow individuals whose Shabbat practice is not to be on the computer on Shabbat to have a Shabbat evening prayer experience.
- Continue to provide a Shabbat service at a time that is conducive for participation of people whose schedule does not allow for attendance at an earlier time.
- Provide prayer experiences that illustrate the diversity of our congregation. It illustrates an appreciation that not everyone finds spiritual fulfillment in the same style of prayer and not everyone observes Shabbat in the same way.

As with many of the things we will do at TI, there will be time for reflection and evaluation of this as we go through the calendar and will make adjustments if it is necessary.

In connection with the change in timing for the beginning and conclusion of Shabbat, we will have opportunities for family focused Kabbalat Shabbat services and special Havdalah experiences as well. Keep an eye out for more details and let me know if you are interested in helping plan any of these special services.

Rabbi Werbow

## November Yahrzeitn continued

**11/26** Phyllis S. Kuritzky  
Irving Maydeck  
Michael Roepke  
Leo Sachs  
**11/27** Audrey Halper  
Sam Hantman  
Barry Lourie

Betty Nathanson

### November 27-28

**11/28** Murray Bogen  
Marion Krakow  
Freda Slotar  
Lewis Leo Sperling

**11/29** Mary Ackerman  
Jacob Robert Fishman  
Jacob Herman  
**11/30** Robert A. Barcilon  
Milton Beyer  
Eugene Charles Vitale

## Himmelfarb Happenings November 2020 - Rina Rebibo

The chagim are behind us and we are back to our regularly scheduled Zoom classes. On Sundays, we start our mornings with Rabbi Werbow leading us in Tefillah. Afterwards, Kindergarten through 2nd grade meet with Morah Silvia to learn Hebrew, all about parashat hashavua and the holidays. Morah Silvia is so much fun that we cannot figure out if we are in class or watching a great tv show!

Third through sixth grade now have 'Homeroom' where they have time to socialize and play games with their friends and madrichim. Their morning is then divided into two classes: Judaics and an elective. This semester we have creative writing, cooking (inspired by the parasha), and drama. We are looking forward to the drama class performing their skit for everyone via Zoom for Hanukkah!

Seventh grade is moving forward with their class on Comparative Judaism and will begin their elective seminar this month. Eighth grade has made great progress on their tikkun oklam project and are starting to learn about the Holocaust this month. High School Seminar has met a few times to discuss contemporary issues facing the American Jewish community – and will be tackling the elections when they next meet.

### Important Dates:

11/7 -- 6th Grade & Families Zoom-Havdallah

11/25 -- No School Thanksgiving Break

11/29 -- No School Thanksgiving Break

## Rainbow Cake

Morah Hindy led Himmelfarb students through baking a rainbow cake in honor of Parashat Noach, including Hannah Zibel. Photos by Renee Gindi.



## Gevarim - Andrew Reamer

# גברים

### Jewish Intellectual History: 16th to 20th Century

David Ruderman, Professor of Modern Jewish History at the University of Pennsylvania, explores the problem of Jewish identity in the modern era, when Jews confronted many challenges in defining their religious and cultural affiliation in a world very different from the pre-modern age. His video lectures are introduced and the discussion led by **Allan Tulchin**.

Sunday, November 1-- 10:30 am-12:15 pm • via Zoom (see TI calendar for link)

**Lecture 19: Jewish Law—Martin Buber vs. Franz Rosenzweig** -- Buber's closest collaborator was the German Jewish theologian Franz Rosenzweig (1886–1929), with whom he shared a similar notion of religious existentialism, as well as an openness to the spiritual and literary sources of Judaism from the Bible through Hasidism. They disagreed intensely, however, on the matter of Jewish ritual observance. Rosenzweig challenged his friend to adopt the same openness toward Jewish observance that he had demonstrated toward the study of Jewish texts..

**Lecture 20: Mordecai Kaplan and American Judaism** -- Mordecai Kaplan (1881–1983) was one of the most original of American Jewish thinkers, “reconstructing” Judaism to meet the needs of second-generation, native-born American Jews. Strongly influenced by the American philosophic tradition of pragmatism and by the cultural Zionism of Ahad Ha-Am, Kaplan offered a rationale for Judaism to Jews questioning the relevance of their faith in a seemingly universalist and scientific world.

Sunday, November 15-- 10:30 am-12:15 pm • via Zoom (see TI calendar for link)

**Lecture 21: Abraham Heschel—Mystic and Social Activist** -- Abraham Joshua Heschel (1907–1972), although the product of the Hasidic world of Eastern Europe and of German philosophy, wrote, like Kaplan, for American Jews. They significantly differed in their theological orientations, though. Heschel saw God as indescribable in words and beyond the scope of the mind. He attempted to describe the concept of divine revelation, the process by which God reaches out to human beings. In this process, Heschel argued, God is intimately affected and involved in the conduct and fate of humans.

**Lecture 22: Theological Responses to the Nazi Holocaust** -- Richard Rubenstein (1924– ) emphatically claimed in *After Auschwitz* (1961) that after the Holocaust, a Jew could no longer affirm the myth of an omnipotent God, nor its corollary, the election of Israel. Emil Fackenheim (1916–2003) responded to Rubenstein in his 1970 work, *God's Presence in History*. Although unable to offer a satisfying explanation to the tragedy of Hitler, Fackenheim said: “We, as Jews, are not permitted to hand Hitler any posthumous victories.”

## ROCK CREEK STREAM CLEAN UP

Sunday, November 8 at 11:00 am

*Sponsored by the Green & Social Action Committees*



## TI Youth Happenings - Yael Horowitz

Hi! I wanted to introduce myself as the new youth advisor for T.I.! My name is Yael, I was born in DC, but I've lived in various places including South Africa, Venezuela and Tanzania. Three years ago I moved back to DC! I'm currently getting my Master's in Museum Studies and that means I love to think about history and how we tell stories about the past. I grew up going to Habonim Dror Camp Moshava and in 2017 I was the Rosh (camp director). I've also run a Jewish social justice program in this area before and so I'm excited to think about what we can all do together!



Here are some things I'm looking forward to in the next few months:

- Deciding what we want this year of teen programming to look like together!
- Thinking about how to use Zoom AS CREATIVELY as possible
- Learning about and engaging in social justice work as a Jewish community

Our next youth programs will be:

- Kadima (6-8th grade) Hike and Hang Out: Sunday, November 8th 2020, 2 pm to 3:30 pm at Candy Cane City - you can sign up here: [bit.ly/KadimaHike](https://bit.ly/KadimaHike), please register by November 1st.
- Teen Movie Night: Saturday, November 15th 2020, 8 pm, on Zoom – register here: [bit.ly/TIteenmovie](https://bit.ly/TIteenmovie)

If you want to get in touch you can contact me at [yael@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:yael@tifereth-israel.org)

## Kadima Sukkot Event



Photo by Naomi Friedman



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## Kol Nashim Book Group - Jessica Weissman

The KN book group met on Tuesday, October 20 to discuss Leah Hager Cohen's novel *Strangers and Cousins*. Reader opinion varied from "brilliant" to "boring", with some of us declaring the characters fascinating and others calling them unconvincing.

Our November reading is Richard Elliott Friedman's *The Exodus, How It Happened and Why It Matters*. Friedman examines various ideas of the historical basis for the Exodus story, and traces the meaning of the Exodus as one of the foundations of monotheism. Library copies are available, and the MoCo library's digital platform Hoopla has electronic copies available. Also available in paperback.

Our December reading is Iris Lav's novel *A Wife in Bangkok*.

Coming up in the next months (order undetermined as yet) are:

*God, a Human History*, by Reza Aslan (Non-fiction)

*Flight of the Veil* by Bruce Berger (Fiction)

*What We Talk about When We Talk About Anne Frank* by Nathan Englander (Fiction)

*Gimpel the Fool*, by Isaac Bashevis Singer (Fiction)

*This Old Man*, by Roger Angell (Non-fiction)

*Family Papers; a Sephardic Journey Through the 20th Century*, by Sarah Abrevaya Stein (Non-fiction)

The book group is open to everyone who enjoys reading and talking about books.

We meet at 7:30 over Zoom. If you are not on the invite list, please contact Janice Mehler (contact information in the TI directory) to be added. There's no requirement to RSVP until we go back to meeting at members' houses, but being on the list gets you timely reminders and an email with the Zoom link.



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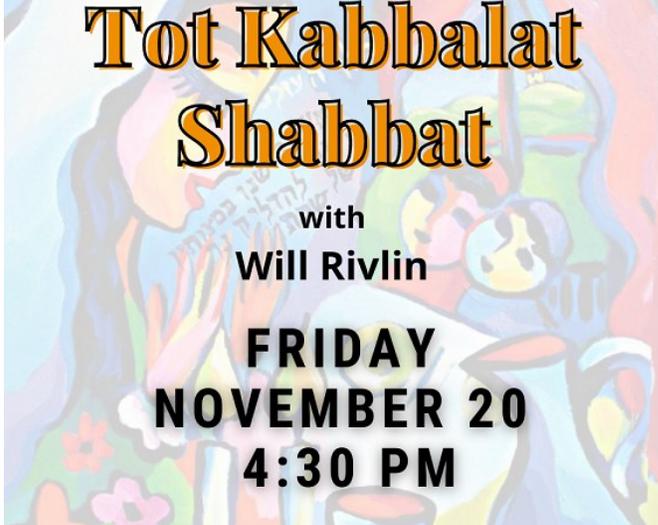
## Kol Nashim Plans Ahead - Sharon Brown

In the latter half of August, Kol Nashim produced two interesting and well-attended events for the congregation. The first —the virtual tour of the Kenan Center's exhibition "The Art of Suffrage—Struggle, Sacrifice, and Success," was followed by a discussion led by TI's Katie Benton Cohen. The second was the diverting and entertaining "Word Mavens," all about the delights of Yiddish.

After the High Holidays the Kol Nashim Board met to plan possible programs in the coming year. As we all have experienced in this period of socially distanced living, there are many opportunities to virtually experience a place or have an event and abundant opportunities to learn. Some may be light-hearted and some may be serious, but all will explore important aspects of Judaism. We are considering a backstage tour of Theater J and walking tours: for example, Jerusalem. We will announce future activities in the Menorah and in TI's Tidbits in the coming months. Feel free to email Louise Kelley ([lpkelley5774@gmail.com](mailto:lpkelley5774@gmail.com)) if you have an idea or interest in an activity.



*6 graders & their families*  
**ZOOM - HAVDALLAH**  
 Havdallah &  
 Improv Games  
 Saturday, November 7  
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



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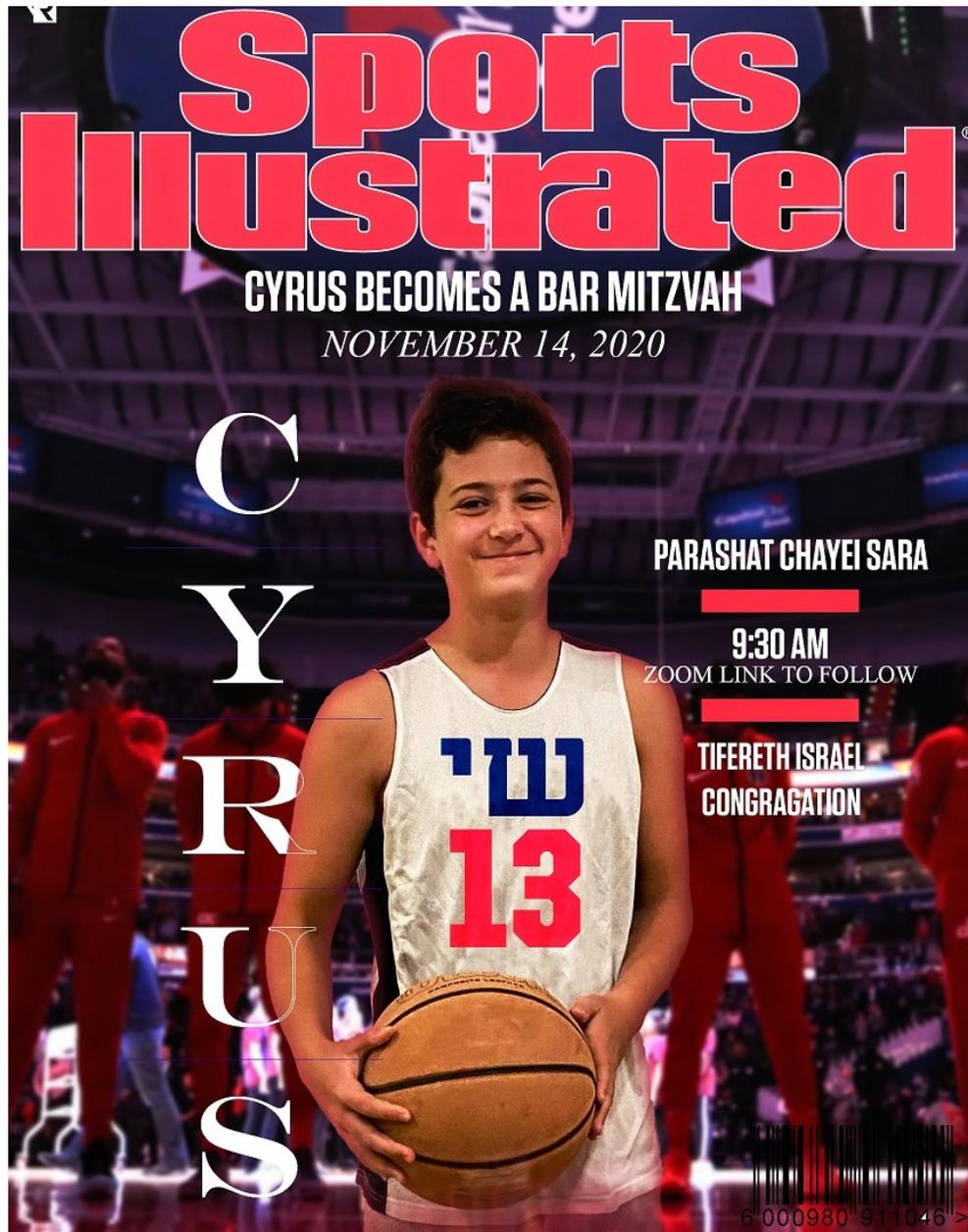
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## B'nai Mitzvah

Hi, I'm **Cyrus**. I go to JDS and I'm in 7th Grade. Some things about me: I like playing sports. My favorites are basketball, baseball and football. I've been going to Camp Ramah in New England my whole life. I love my summers there. I am in the middle of 2 sisters and I have a puppy named Kesem. For my Bar Mitzvah project, I helped raise money for Children's National Hospital to support their Covid-19 Emergency Relief. This was a great experience.

David Altschuler is my Bar Mitzvah tutor. He has helped me learn basically everything Bar Mitzvah-wise and I'm very grateful. I also want to thank all of my teachers at Himmelfarb for all they taught me over the years. I can't wait to celebrate my Bar Mitzvah with all my friends and family!



## B'nai Mitzvah



Hi, my name is **Nava Klar**, and I am in 7th grade at Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School. From Pre-K to 5th grade I attended Inspired Teaching Charter School. My parasha is Toldot. Yael Meirovich Uhr is my Bat Mitzvah tutor and I loved learning with her.

For my Bat Mitzvah project, I helped out with the TI group on the Martha's Table van runs delivering meals to people downtown. My hobbies are reading, playing soccer, coding, biking, and swimming. I go to summer camp at Camp Louise. I live in Brookland, DC. I have a younger sister named Dalia and a black lab named Isaiah.

## Kadima Sukkot Event



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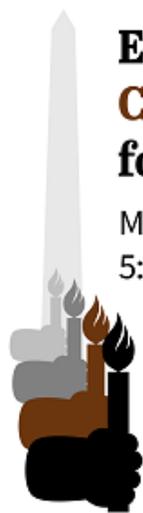
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Join the 'virtual neighborhood' for havdalah, teachings and special time to start the week together.

November 7 at 6:00 pm  
November 14 at 6:00 pm  
November 21 at 5:45 pm  
November 28 at 5:45 pm

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## Election Eve 16th Street Candlelight Vigil for Hope, Justice & Peace

Monday, November 2  
5:30–6:30pm

Up and down 16th Street NW  
Organized by DC congregations  
Welcoming all

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## Early Kabbalat Shabbat

**November 6**

3:45 pm shmooze  
4:00 pm services

**November 13, 20, 27**

3:30 pm shmooze  
3:45 pm services

## Kabbalat Shabbat

Shmooze at 5:45 pm  
Services at 6:00 pm



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Saturdays at 9:30 am