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The Menorah

From the President: Sylvia Horwitz

It has been my great honor and privilege to have been president of TI these past two years. What a two-years it has been – the final year of Rabbi Seidel's tenure as TI's rabbi and the search for his successor, the first year of Rabbi Werbow's tenure as TI's rabbi, and more than a year of coping with our world turned upside down by Covid-19. All of this has only deepened my appreciation for our community and its leadership – rabbinic, staff, officers, board members, and trustees, Covid Committee experts, and all those leaders-without-title – motivated congregants - whose energy and creativity have brought us a wealth of great experiences.



Covid-19 in particular put a spotlight on how vital TI has been in my life and in the

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From the Rabbi: Rabbi Michael Werbow

As we enter May, we are well on our way through the observance of the counting of the Omer. We count each day from Passover, the time of our departure from Egypt, until Shavuot, the time we stood together to be given the Torah at Mt. Sinai. These 49 days give us an opportunity to reflect on what we need to do to prepare ourselves so we are ready when Torah comes into the world. While on some level we wait passively for Torah, it is something we can actively work to enhance as well. Bringing Torah into the world is a chief endeavor of our Kehillah Kedosha, our holy community here at Tifereth Israel.



Each individual brings Torah into the world in many ways. We see Torah in the world when we help another person. Torah is increased when we do something to make the world better. We make Torah a reality when we share joy and love.

This idea is encouraged in our tradition through a teaching from Pirke Avot, Sayings of our Ancestors, that lists 48 ways that Torah is obtained. Among them are the following: listening of the ear, preparation of speech, understanding of the heart. Others include: humility, happiness, care of friends, patience, generosity, gladness in one's portion, being lovable, lifting of a burden with one's friend, judging others with the benefit of the doubt.

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lives of the many congregants who come to services, attend classes, join book groups, participate in social action activities; families celebrating b'nai mitzvah; and those who have been in need of help, solace during shiva, or an ear to listen. All of these events, activities, celebrations, and assistance couldn't happen without lots of volunteers and our dedicated and hard-working professional staff. We have managed to not only continue

with our regularly scheduled events, Himmelfarb School and youth activities, we've also had wonderful special programming and access to courses and lectures, such as Kabbalat Shabbat and Pesach songs with Loolwa Khazzoom, ScholarStream from JTS, guest programs from Kol Nashim, expert panels on public policy and politics from Gevarim, and much more.

I want to give a special shout-out to Rabbi Werbow, who joined us under especially trying circumstances. Imagine starting a new job in a new town as the rabbi of congregants most of whom you won't meet in person until who knows when. Yet, he quickly and seemingly easily settled in, learned about TI culture, and has gotten to know us and we him. I was particularly impressed with how he rose to the occasion of his first High Holiday services, having to be on Zoom from the sanctuary and only two months after arriving here. And he helped with the technology too! We are fortunate to have Rabbi Werbow and his family with us at TI.

These two years have been a time of change and adaptation. We now get a major part of our electricity from solar panels on the roof. Uptown Shabbat has become a monthly event. Our security infrastructure has been upgraded. While services on Zoom are not for everyone, this has opened the door for those far away or unable to come to TI for other reasons (when we open) to join in. And change is again on the horizon. As more and more of us are getting vaccinated against Covid-19, we will be able to start to return to in-person gatherings. And we will have a new president to lead us into the promised land of opening up. Please come to the Annual Meeting to elect your new officers, board members and trustees. I'm looking forward to continuing to be part of this wonderful TI community and look forward to the day when "business-as-usual" means we're back at TI.

Sylvia

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There are 36 others but this collection gives us a start towards thinking about how we can obtain more Torah to bring into the world. It shows that it is not in the hands of a few select "religious" individuals to do so, but it is in the hands of each of us.

At TI we also have various approaches to bring Torah into the world. Torah is increased through the personal interactions we have at religious services, educational opportunities and social events. On some level, these interactions have been curtailed during the pandemic but I still see glimpses of them as we gather on zoom for services, classes, meetings, discussions and social gatherings. One thing I am looking forward to is hanging out with people after gatherings at the shul. The legacy of kiddish is constantly being built up to me. People regularly mention the social time over a bagel as what drew them to TI and what keeps them coming. Now, you could say people stay because of the food but I expect that even at events without food or after the food is put away, people still stick around. Wanting to extend the time through connecting with the

community is an enhancement of the Torah we have to offer here.

As we reflect on the giving of the Torah, we can look at the Jewish idea that the Torah is eternal. While as a physical document, the Torah may have come about at a particular time, the teachings are timeless. They are truths that were around before the Torah came to be and will last long into the future.

It has been a crazy year. Yes, the pandemic has kept us not in person for over a year but I am not yet at the close of my first year here so we can average it out and split the difference. It has been a year of longing, a year of desiring to connect as much as possible, even if it isn't physically. Now, we start to see the other side. It will be a time when our Torah, the truths we are guided by, can be enhanced by the closeness and camaraderie of our community.

I look forward to seeing you at Sinai and in the months ahead. - Rabbi Werbow

Shavuot Memories - At a Kibbutz in 1974

Esther Herman: In April 1974, we took our three school-aged daughters out of public school for a family trip to Israel with our baby on **Gene's** back. Our oldest daughter, Alisa, was scheduled to have her Shabbat morning Bat Mitzvah at the Conservative Center in Jerusalem. **Rabbi Abramowitz** had arranged all of the details, and she would be allowed to follow all of the rituals a male having his Bar Mitzvah would perform. She was trained well by a teacher under Mollie Berch. After the service, we were told by the head of the Center that Alisa was the first girl in Jerusalem to go on the Bima and chant all of services and blessings and read the Torah and Haftorah at a Shabbat morning Conservative service. Said the head of the Center to us, "She was the first girl in Jerusalem to perform like that, and it looks like she will be the last for a while, as there were so many complaints". We thanked him and continued on our way to a Shavuot celebration at Kibbutz Gesher Haziv near Nahariyah, where our cousins lived

The Shavuot event was a celebration of the first fruits, no services but a picnic with lots of hard boiled eggs. Brought to the stage were bananas, live turkeys, avocados and many other kinds of produce. The grand finale was families who brought to the stage all of the babies who were born since the last Shavuot, about 13. The children of the kibbutz, including our own, were given rides on all of the farm machinery that included those that transported them to the tallest banana trees.

When they returned to school for the end of the school year, their teachers were so amazed at their experiential stories, they invited themselves to dinner at our house to hear more.

Tifereth Israel Annual Meeting May 24, 2021

All members of the Congregation are encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on Monday, May 24, 2021, at 8pm via Zoom. Here is the link for the annual meeting <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/event/annual-meeting-2021.html>

You will need to be logged in to ShulCloud to get the Zoom information. If you need help logging in to your ShulCloud account, contact **Sheri Blonder** at sheri@tifereth-israel.org as soon as possible.

At the meeting, the members present will vote on the Officers and Trustees who will serve for the next year as well as for At-Large Members of the Board of Directors who will serve for the terms shown below. The basic annual dues of this Congregation shall be determined by a majority vote of members present and voting.

Election

The following slate of nominees received a majority of votes cast by the Board of Directors at its April 12, 2021 meeting, to serve June 2020 through May 2022:

Officers	Nominee/Incumbent
President	Sara Goldberg
Immediate Past President	Sylvia Horwitz
Administrative Vice President	Bruce Heppen
Communications Vice President	Judy Tulchin
Development Vice President	Arnold Revzin
Financial Vice President	Larry Paul
Governance Vice President	Dan Turner
House Vice President	Anita Kramer
Lifelong Learning Vice President	Chris Zeilinger
Membership Vice President	Allison McMillan
Recording Secretary	Susan Catler
Ritual Vice President	Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block
Social Action Vice President	Bob Feron

- Names in **bold and red** are individuals new to that position,
- Asterisk (*) indicates officers and at-large members completing their term and not up for election.
- The Immediate Past President is not an elected position, but serves by virtue of prior election.
- Synagogue Trustees are not board members or officers. Additional Trustees may be appointed in coming months, with Board approval.

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At-Large Members	
2021-2024	Nominee/Incumbent
	Naomi Friedman
	Rachel Lande
	Melissa Perera
2020-2023	David Silber
	Steven Bressler*
	Deborah Horowitz*
	Janice Mehler*
2019-2022	Adrienne Torrey*
	Ira Forman
	Seth Grimes*
	Jennifer Kefer*
Jaclyn Shettler*	
Cemetery Trustees	
Paul Bardack, Rabbi Chuck Feinberg	
George Greenberg Building Preservation Trustees	
Elliot Rosen, Chair; John List, Allison Turner	

Additional nominations may be presented at the Annual Meeting, however no one shall be a candidate for election to an office unless he or she has accepted the nomination for such office, either in person at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation or in writing prior thereto.

Budget

On April 12, the Board of Directors voted for a budget of \$ 1,226,078 for fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022). The budget adopted by the Board of Directors at its April 12 meeting can be viewed by clicking [HERE](#). You will need to be logged in to Shulcloud to view the budget.

The Board recommends that the basic annual dues of the Congregation for FY 2022 be set as \$1,575 for single adult households and \$3,150 for two-adult households. The Board of Directors continues the practice of establishing reduced dues levels for those in special categories such as age (under 30 or over 79), location (out-of-towners) or other circumstances (e.g., newlyweds, membership at multiple synagogues, etc.).

The Board of Directors also voted to continue the security fee of \$50 for single adult households and \$100 for two-adult households that was instituted last year.

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The Board has approved a budget that has a dues increase of 5% (\$75 for an adult). We had managed to lower dues last year from the previous year. The current increase represents a 1.6% increase per year over this 3 year period. As always, any member experiencing any sort of financial challenge need only let Jevera know of the need for an adjustment . We value you, all of our members, independent of financial circumstances

The annual donation to the Building Preservation Fund will increase to \$100 per member from \$90 per member. The Board adopted a policy in 2018 to increase this fee every two years.

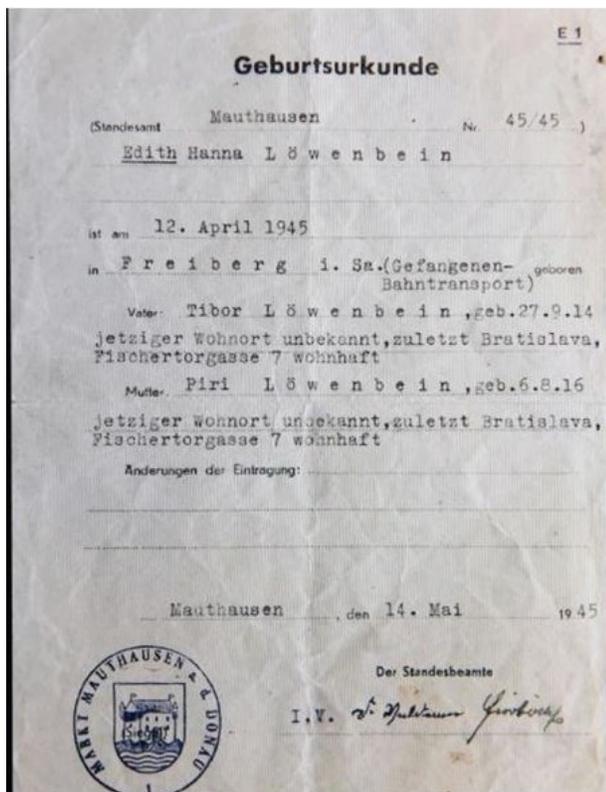
QUESTIONS? Send an email with "Annual Meeting" in the subject line to TIFinancial@Tifereth-Israel.org.

Kol Nashim & Hana Berger Moran - Louise Kelley and Sharon Brown

In a Yom HaShoah commemoration via Zoom, Kol Nashim welcomed Hana Berger Moran to Tifereth Israel on April 18th. Moran, a concentration camp baby, shared her mother's story of survival in the Holocaust, her birth in Freiburg, and their lives after liberation of the camp: Mauthausen. Through a series of slides

and personal recollections of her mother and her mother's approach to life, as well as observations from her own life, she shared a moving story of courage, love, and survival with TI members.

Among the many poignant stories recounted was her return to Mauthausen where she met with her American liberators and two other miracle babies born under the same circumstances. Very notable were the small but significant acts of kindness her mother experienced before and after Hana's birth. After a Moran spoke extensively about her story, including her career as a chemical engineer and pharmacologist at a pharmaceutical company. The voice of a woman was heard at TI, and KN was humbled to have her share her inspiring story.



SHAVUOT

Tifereth Israel Congregation

SUNDAY, MAY 16

TI Teen Shavuot Ice Cream Party, 4:00 pm

Tikkun Leil Shavuot with Fabrangen, 6:30 pm

Ma'ariv, 8:00 pm

Tikkun continues, 8:25 pm

RA Tikkun Leil Shavuot - midnight

MONDAY, MAY 17

Early Morning Service (if enough interest)

Please contact Rabbi Werbow if interested in attending and/or participating in davening or Torah reading.

First Day Services, 9:30 am

TUESDAY, MAY 18

Second Day Services, 9:30 am

With a special reading of the Book of Ruth

~11:00 am • Yizkor Service

Click here to learn more

Anti-Semitism in the Academic Field of Classics - Carolivia Herron with Judith Peller Hallett

This essay is a continuation of the Social Action Committee's Racial Justice Series. It is also Part 1 of my written account of several concerns I shared with Tifereth Israel in my drash on April 3, 2021, *Shir Hashirim: Special Significance for Jews of Color and Other People of Color*. I hope to share at least two more parts to include other items I mentioned on April 3 as well as items I did not get to in the allotted time.

For over a year, postings on Twitter and Facebook have pressured my fellow classicists—teachers and researchers on the ancient Greek and Roman world and its reception—to choose between being anti-Black and anti-Semitic. My white Jewish classics colleague Judith Peller Hallett, Professor Emerita of Classics at the University of Maryland, and I are urging our colleagues, and the professional organizations in classics, to reject this false choice, and commit to ending this misuse of social media to stir up negative feelings towards us and our fellow Jews. Although we ask those who have made anti-Semitic statements to apologize, we judge it more important for all professional organizations of classicists to follow the lead of one in their number—the Classical Association of the Atlantic States—by explicitly disavowing anti-Semitism, and by fostering a climate of mutual respect that reduces the chances of pitting Jewish and Black classicists against one another in the future.

Because I expressed a strong defense of Professor Hallett, for the first time in my life I experienced direct anti-Semitic insults. Here are the details. In January 2020, the president-elect of the national professional organization for classicists (the Society for Classical Stud-

ies, hereafter SCS), a Black woman, attacked my colleague, Judith Hallett on Twitter in three anti-Semitic tweets. She referred to Hallett as a “W[hite] W[oman] Jewish classicist” who had angered her by “shifting attention away from [a blog post interview with her] with calls for a blog post on another Jewish WW;” she also characterized Hallett’s research on Jewish classicists who fled Nazi Germany as “playing Oppression Olympics.” Among these Jewish refugee classicists was the “other Jewish WW,” this woman’s own doctoral dissertation advisor.

Many of this woman’s Twitter followers indicated that they “liked” the tweets. One, a white woman, Associate Professor Rebecca Futo Kennedy of Denison University, not only tweeted publicly to defend these expressions of anti-Semitic sentiment, but also privately tweeted Hallett, saying it would be “unfortunate if [this discussion] devolved into asking people to choose between being anti-black or anti-Semitic.” Hallett refused to respond to these attacks on social media. Rather, she privately requested that the SCS president and executive director bring in the SCS ombudsperson to facilitate a healing conversation between herself and their Black woman president-elect. Hallett promptly provided the materials requested for undertaking this process, describing why these tweets had been emotionally devastating for her, and requesting apologies from both the Black woman president-elect and Kennedy.

After a month the Black woman president-elect removed the tweets. But she refused to participate in the ombuds process, and has yet

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to apologize for the tweets. The ombudsperson recommended that the SCS institute anti-bias training that included anti-Semitism in its purview, but the SCS refused. Since then, first as president-elect and later, after assuming the presidency, this Black woman has been honored as a moral authority on racial justice by several classics organizations and departments. So has Kennedy.

On March 8, 2021, I—Carolivia Herron—requested that the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of another classics organization, on which Hallett serves, post on its Facebook page an announcement about my March 9 radio program. It included the following statement: “In recent months some Black Classicists have expressed anti-Semitic ideas. [My Black Howard University colleague and I], both Black Classicist Women, reject anti-Semitism in all of its forms.”

Once the members of this committee had approved this announcement and posted it on the committee’s Facebook page, Kennedy posted my statement rejecting anti-Semitism on her own Facebook page, launching a vicious attack on both Hallett and myself. It was liked by many who saw it, including some women of color. Misrepresenting my own statement in my radio program announcement as Hallett’s “direct attack on our current Black woman SCS president,” Kennedy implicitly endorsed the sentiments of the 2020 anti-Semitic tweets, and branded Hallett, their target, as a racist. Kennedy also misrepresented Hallett, whom she identified by her initials, as “controlling” me, “weaponizing one Black woman to attack another,” as if I had not independently voiced my rejection of anti-Semitic remarks by Black classicists. Those “liking” Kennedy’s remarks made

other racist, anti-Semitic and untrue remarks about Hallett: for example, that “there were no Black Jews in her universe.”

After these attacks had gone on for hours, Kennedy “unfriended” Hallett on Facebook, erasing her access to the evidence of this discussion thread. Neither Hallett nor I have responded on social media, although Kennedy has continued to attack Hallett on Twitter, accusing her of using her position in professional organizations to enact a personal vendetta against the current Black SCS president. To the best of our knowledge, no one in the field of classics has criticized either the current Black SCS president, or Kennedy, for their anti-Semitic postings. Hallett still hopes that the SCS president will return to the process initiated by the ombudsperson and apologize, and for that reason prefers not to disclose the SCS president’s name and institution.

Yes, Hallett and I have experienced these manifestations of anti-Semitism differently. She is not Black, and has been the target of anti-Semitic attacks by both a Black colleague and her white defender. I, a Black woman, have been targeted primarily by a white woman, who claims that I have only rejected expressions of anti-Semitism by Black classicists because a {white} Jewish woman controls me. But we have both suffered from the same, pernicious stereotype of Jews, as seeking to control and diminish Blacks, a form of bigotry wholly unacceptable in our classics community and a just, decent society.

Both Judith and I are happy to answer additional questions. You can contact me through [shulcloud](mailto:jshulcloud@umd.edu) and Judith Peller Hallett can be reached at jeph@umd.edu.

Nayes un Mekhayes - Melissa Perera

Happenings

On March 19-21, **Sara Goldberg** participated in the Run for 3.21 relay from NYC to DC for the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS). As part of a team of runners on the route and virtually in various neighborhoods, Sara ran 8 legs of the relay totaling 30 miles. The event raises funds and awareness for programs that support individuals with Down syndrome and their families across the country. Thanks to 68 donors, including many Tlers, she raised about \$4,500 for NDSS.

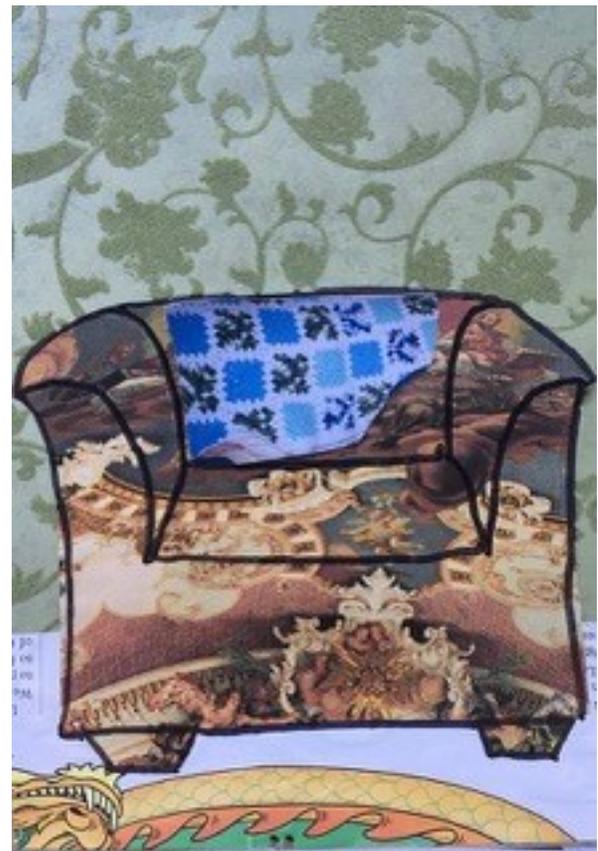
Adrienne Torrey has two mixed media collages in an exhibition currently on view at Adas Israel. The exhibition was not organized by Adas Israel, it's just housed there. Information about the exhibition:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hIhbzvy12OaQZNL8oHGbuKk_qyCJkxTNyeWgiJu6Tv8/edit

To view the online version of the exhibition: <https://authenticityandidentity.com>

To sign up and visit the exhibition: <https://www.adasisrael.org/form/art-exhibit-2021.html>

The exhibit runs through May 14th. Here are the works:



Nayes un Mechayes - continued

Sad News

Rabbi Benjamin W. Mintz lived in Shepherd Park and was an occasional teacher at Tifereth Israel, including at the Tikkun Leil Shavuot. For many years his home was the last stop on the Sukkah Walk and always featured candy. He was a long-time member, teacher, and volunteer rabbi at Ohev Sholom. Funeral services took place on Sunday April 18 in Queens, NY. Ben Mintz taught at Columbia School of Law for many years. His faculty page on the Catholic University website provides biographical information: <https://www.law.edu/about-us/faculty-and-staff/directory/expert-faculty/mintz-benjamin/index.html>



How to Make a Stock Donation to TI - Jevera Temsky

A gift of appreciated stocks or securities is an excellent way to make a tax-deductible contribution to TI or pay your account balance. You or your broker can easily send stock directly to the synagogue's E*Trade account. Your TI ShulCloud account will be credited with the selling price of the stock on the date the stock reaches E*Trade, and you will receive a note acknowledging receipt once the transaction is completed.

Several people have been asking about stock donations, so we have put instructions on the TI website. You can find these instructions by clicking [here](#), then logging in to your ShulCloud account. You can also log onto the ShulCloud site and click on Member Resources. Hover over "Make Payment" and you will see "Make a Stock Donation" to your right. Click on this link to go to the instructions page.

If you have any questions about making a stock donation, please contact the Synagogue Administrator, Sheri Blonder, at sheri@tifereth-israel.org.



Did you know that TI has a Youtube channel?

You can find us at: bit.ly/TiferethIsraelLive

Don't forget to subscribe!

Weekly Service Schedule



Kabbalat Shabbat

Fridays at 6:30 pm

Gather for a virtual pre-Shabbat shmooze at 5:45, and then bring in Shabbat with the community.

May 14 • Tot Kabbalat Shabbat | May 28 • Uptown Shabbat



Shabbat Morning Services

Saturdays at 9:30 am

Our beautiful services include parts permissible without a minyan but include Mourner's Kaddish for those observing yahrzeitn.

May 1 | May 8 | May 15 | May 22 | May 29



Zoom-dalah!

Saturdays after sundown, check calendar for times

Join TI's virtual neighborhood for a warm and welcoming service to bring in the new week.

May 1, May 8 • 9:00 pm | May 15, May 22 • 9:15 | May 29 • 9:30 pm



Sunday Morning Minyan

Sundays at 9:15 am

Lift your spiritual life by starting the week with this lay-led service. Each week Rabbi Werbow shares insights into prayers and approaching Holidays.



Special Upcoming Services



Tot Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, May 14 at 5:30 pm

Join us for songs, play, and bringing in shabbat together!



Uptown Shabbat

Friday, May 28 at 6:30 pm

Join a night of soulful song with [Robyn Helzner](#), a leading interpreter of world Jewish music, and TI member and Chazzan Larry Paul.



Installation Shabbat

Saturday, June 5

Welcome the new Officers, Board Members, and Trustees to their new roles!

A beautiful view of the sky was the main reward for the TI'ers on this month's full moon hike.

Photo by Lynne List.



Upcoming and Recent Social Action Programs

Upcoming Social Action and Social Justice Events in May

May 2 JTS Evening of Learning on [Racial Justice and Jewish Values](#), 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm.

May 16-17 TI Tikkun Leil Shavuot: **Carolivia Herron's** presentation: **Give Me an Alef:** Reflections on the Phoenician Semitic alphabet and its hidden misuse in early modern white supremacy and antisemitism.

May 6, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm – D.C. Council Judiciary Committee hearing on the future of parole in the District of Columbia. TI member Rabbi **Chuck Feinberg** will testify. The public is invited to view the hearing live. Zoom links to Watch Live: <https://dccouncil.us/council-videos/> or <http://video.oct.dc.gov/DCC/jw.html> or <https://www.facebook.com/CMcharlesallen/>

May 6, 16 & 23 – In the nearby Jewish community: "Understanding Reparations: A Three Part Series" is sponsored by the Union for Reform Judaism in partnership with Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills and Temple Sinai of Washington, DC. Session 1, Unpacking the Meaning, on 5/6 at **8:00 pm**, is organized by Temple Emanuel. Sessions 2 and 3, The Historical and Economic Perspective and A Jewish Perspective for Repair, on 5/16 and 5/23 at 3:00 pm, are organized by Temple Sinai. Click [here](#) for more information and for free registration.

TI Participated in Good Deeds Week, April 11-18

Food insecurity across our region remains a critical issue. TI joined with 60 other community groups and congregations, during the Good Deeds Week organized by the Jewish Federation of Greater Washington, collecting food for area food pantries. TI members were very generous and donated enough food to fill two cars. The TI kitchen pantry also donated food items they had been storing for reopening. The Emory food pantry was very appreciative, not only for the donated non-perishable food items, but also for the roughly \$700-\$800 in cash donations. The Emory food pantry previously operated only from 12- 2 pm, but since the COVID crisis began it has opened from 9 am-2 pm to accommodate the increased numbers of recipients. While this collection was for a specified week, TI considers such food collections and monetary contributions to be part of an ongoing process, which will continue to support the mission of the Emory food pantry.

– Gene Herman

TI Social Justice Team and DC Synagogues Social Justice Initiative

The TI Social Justice Team continues to participate in the DC Synagogues Social Justice Initiative, with other DC synagogues. These synagogues coordinate closely with JUFJ. TI members have attended JUFJ working groups on Housing Security and Tax and Budget topics. We are actively considering the possibility of organizing a Zoom event focused on expanded early-years childcare and education for DC families. We may join with JUFJ to offer a specialized ad-

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vocacy training Zoom session for TI members on nonpartisan Social Justice issues.

The Mayor will present her proposed FY 2022 budget on May 27 and the D.C. Council will consider the budget from June 2 through August 10. We plan to set up an action alert network of TI members who wish to respond quickly to actions related to nonpartisan Social Justice issues.

Please contact **Franca Brilliant** (fsbrilliant@gmail.com) or **Bob Feron** (TISocialAction@tifereth-israel.org) if you wish to participate in any of these activities.

– Franca Brilliant and Bob Feron

Good Deeds Week Food Deliveries

Photos by Gene Herman.



Shavuot Memories

Eric Shechtman: Shavuot is now connected directly with the loss of my dad, one year ago. For the two of us, the yahrzeit dates of each parent is within 5 days of a significant day on the Jewish calendar. My dad was diagnosed with COVID on a Monday, and that Thursday, just hours after arriving in Cleveland, I vividly remember getting that phone call, just minutes before sunset in Cleveland, giving thanks that the date would be Erev Shavuot, 5 Sivan, and not Shavuot itself. Even the count of the Omer is a direct connection now, as the Yahrzeit is Day 49. I was grateful for Zoom last year, which allowed me to connect to the TI services from Cleveland the same as in my own house. Now I do the reverse, connecting from my MD home to my boyhood shul in Cleveland for daily minyan.

Kiddush at Home - Roz Kram and Francie Kranzberg

Spring is here and to mark the occasion we are thinking Indian food. Why? Because it's tasty, fresh, and has a bit – or more – of a kick. And, because we did not get into the last issue of the Menorah, we have not two, not three, but FOUR recipes this month!

Spiced Rice/Pulao

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup vegetable or peanut oil
- ½ medium onion, thinly sliced
- 5 whole cloves
- ½ stick cinnamon
- 5 cardamom pods
- ½ teaspoon ground coriander
- 1 cup basmati or other long-grain rice, rinsed and well drained
- 2 cups boiling water
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2 tablespoons blanched, slivered almonds or cashews

Preparation:

1. In a heavy saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion and cook about five minutes or until soft.
2. Add the spices. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook for one minute. Stir in rice and fry until rice has been well coated with oil
3. Add salt and boiling water and bring mixture to a boil over medium heat.
4. When rice begins to boil, cover pan, reduce heat to very low and cook rice for about 15 minutes or until all water is absorbed and rice is tender.
5. When rice is cooked, heat butter in a small skillet over medium-high heat. Add raisins and nuts and fry for one or two minutes or until raisins are plump and nuts are golden brown.
6. Remove the whole spices from the rice. If a few are left by mistake that's OK – just warn anyone eating this dish to be on the lookout for whole spices.
7. Stir raisin-nut mixture into rice and serve immediately.

Feel free to add a pinch of saffron or ½ teaspoon ground turmeric for added flavor and a beautiful color.

Raita (Yogurt and Cucumber Sauce)

To make this recipe vegan, substitute yogurt made from coconut milk.

Ingredients

- ¾ cup whole milk plain yogurt
- 1/2 cup finely diced or grated cucumber
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped red onion
- 2 teaspoons lemon or lime juice – or to taste
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ½ teaspoon cumin seeds, toasted and crushed
- ½ teaspoon coriander seeds, toasted and crushed
- 2-3 tablespoons chopped mint
- 2-3 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- ¼ teaspoon salt, or to taste
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- For heat: add 1-2 teaspoons finely minced serrano peppers (optional)
- Garnish: fresh herbs, chive blossoms or chili flakes

Kiddush at Home - continued

Preparation:

1. Place all ingredients in a bowl and stir to combine.
2. Refrigerate until ready to serve

Carrots with Grated Coconut

Ingredients

- 6 carrots, peeled and cut into thin, round slices
- ½ cup grated coconut
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons ground coriander
- 2 teaspoons ground turmeric
- 5 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon black mustard seed; if necessary substitute yellow mustard seed, however you may want to use only ½ teaspoon of yellow mustard seed.
- ¾ cup water
- ¼ cup ground peanuts (optional)

Preparation:

1. In a bowl, combine carrots, coconut, cumin, coriander and turmeric and mix well.
2. In a skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add mustard seed and fry for about 3 minutes or until seeds pop.
3. When heating the mustard seeds, keep the lid to the skillet handy so that you can cover it quickly should the seeds start to pop out..
4. Add carrot-coconut mixture and fry for 10 minutes.
5. Add water, lower heat, and simmer for about 10 minutes or until carrots are tender.
6. Mix ground peanuts into carrots and serve steaming hot.

Spicy Peach Chutney

Ingredients

- 1 pound sliced, peeled peaches
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/2 clove garlic, minced
- 1/8 cup chopped onion
- 1 ounce chopped, preserved ginger
- 1 ½ teaspoons chili powder
- ¾ teaspoon mustard seed
- 1/4 teaspoon curry powder
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 cup apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon pickling spice

Preparation:

1. In a large heavy pot, stir together the peaches, raisins, garlic, onion, preserved ginger, chili powder, mustard seed, curry powder, brown sugar and cider vinegar. Wrap the pickling spice in a cheesecloth bag, and place in the pot.
2. Bring to a boil and cook over medium heat uncovered until the mixture reaches your desired consistency. It will take about 1 1/2 hours for a good thick sauce. Stir frequently to prevent scorching on the bottom.
3. Remove the spice bag, and ladle into hot sterilized jars. Wipe the rims with a clean moist cloth. Seal with lids and rings, and process in a barely simmering water bath for 10 minutes, or the time recommended by the agricultural extension office for your area. The water should cover the jars completely.

If you don't want to bother with canning the chutney and plan to use it up quickly, just put it in a bowl and refrigerate.

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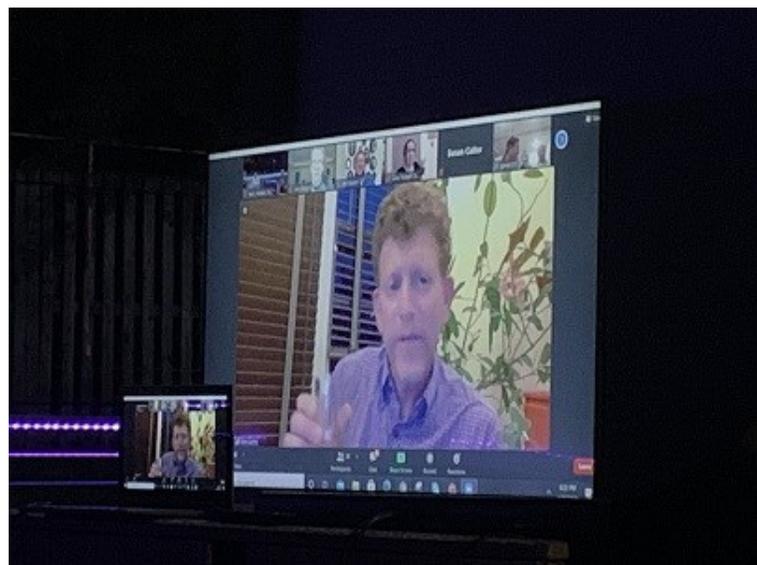
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May

Lag B'Omer Spirits Tasting

To celebrate Lag B'Omer, TI'ers gathered at home with friends for a virtual spirits tasting with local distillery One Eight Distilling. Photos by Jennifer Kefer. Please send your tasting photos for the next Menorah issue.



Gevarim - Andrew Reamer



The Tanakh

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine (Professor of Jewish Studies, Vanderbilt University) explores the content, nature, and meaning of the Tanakh -- starting with Bereshit and ending with Apocalyptic Literature. She discusses interesting or prominent passages from a cross-section of the genres in the Tanakh -- including, myth, saga, law, proverb, military history, and love poetry -- using each passage as an example of how to apply a particular method of interpretation to the Bible. TI member Professor **Allan Tulchin** will facilitate post-lecture discussions. <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/event/great-course-the-tanach.html>

Sunday, May 2 -- 10:30 am-12:15 pm • via Zoom (see TI calendar for link)

Lecture 17: From King Solomon to Pre-classical Prophecy (1 Kings 3-2 Kings 17) -- According to the biblical tradition, Solomon was a spectacular king. But there is a downside to the centralized monarchy under King Solomon. Pre-classical prophets are not known for writing, so we don't have any written oracles from them, but they are known for engaging in substantial political concerns.

Lecture 18: The Prophets and the Fall of the North (1 Kings 16-2 Kings 17, Amos, Hosea) -- Prophets call rulers to account, sanction political events, and solidify political symbols. Prophetic rhetoric, arresting expressions and evocations of Israel's history, continue the covenant practice of self-criticism.

Sunday, May 16-- 10:30 am-12:15 pm • via Zoom (see TI calendar for link)

Lecture 19: The Southern Kingdom (Isaiah, Deuteronomy, 2 Kings 18-23) -- When the northern kingdom falls to Assyria in 722, all that remains of the covenant community is the southern kingdom. There is still a Davidic king on the throne in Jerusalem, there is still a sense of this eternal covenant, and, although the northern kingdom is gone, its influences remain on the south, indeed, on biblical literature and even on contemporary legendary development.

Lecture 20: Babylonian Exile (2 Kings 24-25, Jeremiah, Isaiah 40-55, Ezekiel) -- The people in Judah are convinced nothing will ever happen to their kingdom, and this is the context in which we look at a prophet like Jeremiah on the eve of the attack against Judah by Babylon, trying to convince the kings, trying to convince the people, that, in fact, God might not protect Jerusalem, might not protect Judah.

Full Moon Hike - Lynne and John List

Sunday, April 25, was a beautiful evening for the TI Full Moon Hike. About 30 of us hiked along Rock Creek Trail heading north from Ray's Meadow Local Park. The Spring peeper frogs were loud. We ate chocolate treats at the half-way point and counted the Omer as we finished our hike. Photo: Lynne List



Help Support Jewish Education for TI Youth

The Rabbi A. Nathan Abramowitz Student Education Fund (ANA Fund) was originally set up in 1975 as a tribute to **Rabbi Abramowitz** on his 15th anniversary at Tifereth Israel. It was then enlarged as a tribute to the Rabbi at the time of his becoming Rabbi Emeritus in 1996, after completing 36 years at TI.

The mission statement of the Fund is to offer scholarship support to our children who undertake additional Jewish education experiences beyond religious school education at TI or day school. Additionally, on rare occasions, the Fund may add financial support for a special educational program such as a visiting scholar at TI.

Including the scholarship assistance disbursed for the upcoming summer, we have over many years depleted three quarters of the Fund. It is therefore time for us to remind Tifers of the wonderful work of the ANA Fund and to solicit additional contributions to TI earmarked to the ANA Fund.

We very much appreciate your support and look forward to continuing to offer scholarship assistance for future years.

Donate to the ANA Fund here: <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/ana-donation>.

Rabbi A. Nathan Abramowitz

New Members - Jared Garelick

There are many different ways people learn about TI on their way to becoming members. Some new members, though, have never not known about TI. Avid followers of this Column will note that for two months in a row it has profiled families in which someone grew up at TI and is now returning in adulthood. Observing this trend, perhaps the Membership Committee should target the B'nai Mitzvah classes of the late 20th century, telling them "this is not your father's TI, but it can be yours."

David and Helene Emsellem have a name that many TI'ers will recognize. The Emsellem Room, the home of TI's Mollie L. Berch Library, is named after David's father, Albert Emsellem, who once served as TI President. David grew up at TI, which the family left when they joined a new Sephardic congregation reflecting the family's Moroccan heritage.

Helene is also a lifetime area resident, growing up in Silver Spring. She is a neurologist specializing in sleep medicine with a full service sleep practice in Chevy Chase. David is now retired after a career in retail.

David and Helene, now married 48 years, live in Potomac and have three grown daughters, all living in the Washington area. They also have five grandchildren all age three or younger, with another expected very soon. They know some of the long time TI members, and have appreciated the warmth they have observed of TI.

Welcome to the Emsellems!

May Yahrzeitn

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

May 1 – May 7		5/9/21	Katie Balliet	Jennie Mostow
5/1/21	Eva Gumenick		Joseph Feigelis	Gerald Jack Nesse
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	Emma Meyer	5/10/21	Nizha Massri	Daniel Wial
	Malvina Miller		Stacy Pass	5/18/21
	Jacob Rodenstein		Tillie Toby Siegel	Mary Bernstein
	Evelyn Salz		B. Reuben	Brandel Eichenbaum
5/2/21	Anna Bookin		Weilerstein	Ruth Isicson
	Allan Jeweler	5/11/21	Abraham Bleicher	Evelyn Jellinek
	Sarah Mincosky		Helen Landau	Bernard Rubin
	Madeline Nesse		Libe Poms	Chaim Terner
	Min Parson		Jacob Shapiro	Judith Wilkenfeld
5/3/21	Gussie Brenner	5/12/21	Stanley Fox	5/19/21
	Benjamin C. Glass		Rebecca Marrow	Sidney Auerbach
	Morris Needle		Anna Mondschein	Izzy Feldman
5/4/21	Katherine Gandel		Anna Rose	Ruth Felman
	Lewis Orloff	5/13/21	Samuel Dublin	Stanley Glabman
5/5/21	Harry Bender		Paul Niederman	Mason Irving
	Pearl Bloom		Jean Rosenthal Rosen	Himmelhoch
	Mae Dodek		Edith G. Weiss	Samuel Meir Jaffe
	Lionel Kestenbaum	5/14/21	William Garner	5/20/21
	Annette Rosen		Muriel Glaser	Lynn Weinstein
	Rose Esther White		Esta Hare	Clarfeld
5/6/21	Eli Contract		Pearl Kabaker	Murray Jarett
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	Evelyn Berger		Solomon Hofberg	Ida Sarah Selsky
5/7/21	Judith Zark Kress		Sam Hovis	Nathaniel Weil
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	Rebecca S. Klein			Helene Cohen-Saffan
				Eva Gurewitz

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	Esther Plotkin Misha Woll	5/27/21	Rae Miriam Caplan Brenda Gerwin Bernard Golub Julius Hess Jean Moore	May 29 – May 31 5/29/21 Gertrude Baum Hyman Eller Jacob Sodden Sarah Miriam Solomon
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Full Moon Hike

Photo by Jennifer Kefer



Lifelong Learning Lowdown: May 2021 - Rina Rebibo

This month, I'd like to focus on two events happening in the LLL department.

On May 12th, all 5th graders and their parents are invited to join our annual B'nai Mitzvah Cohort meeting. Our meeting will take place over Zoom, and we will be covering important information for preparing for the big day (and beyond), including some new programs that are being added to the B'nai Mitzvah Curriculum. Stay tuned! An email was sent to families with the zoom link. If you have a fifth grader and have not received the link, please email rina@tifereth-israel.org

May 23rd is the Last Day of School (LDOS) for Himmelfarb. We have a very exciting event planned. School will start as usual – with tefillah on Zoom, and then we will be having a drive-through LDOS brunch. Our school families will come to TI, pick up an end of year gift and wave goodbye to their teachers!

As we wind down the school year, we are looking ahead to next September. I am excited to say we are anticipating having in-person school on Sundays and staying virtual on Wednesdays. There will be a virtual meeting on Wednesday May 26th at 8:00 PM to go over the details. For questions or more information please email rina@tifereth-israel.org

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	FEB 17
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	MAY 19
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	MAR 11
	APR 8
	MAY 13

A Note from Yael, Youth Advisor

Summer is right around the corner! We have some last fun events for TI youth before we say, "Have a Great Summer!" The events below are the last chance this school year to get together with your TI peers!

As we wrap up this school year please have your child/teen fill out [this feedback survey](#). We will take all the feedback and integrate it into another great year of programming!

IN MAY

May will bring us some great events!

May 2nd at 6:00 pm for Middle Schoolers: Join us at a community member's backyard for a fire pit, hot dogs and s'mores! [Register Here!](#)



May 11th at 4:00 pm, for 4 and 5 grade: THE LAST 4th and 5th grade game power hour! [Register here.](#)

May 16th at 4:00 pm, for High Schoolers: Join us at TI (in person, masked and distanced) for a pre-Shavuot ice cream party! [Register here](#) by May 14th at 4:00 pm! Email yael@tifereth-israel.org with your ice cream preferences!



IN JUNE:

June 6th at 3:30 pm, Kadima End of Year Laser Tag Party! Save the date! More information and registration coming soon!

As always if you have any questions or concerns please contact me, yael@tifereth-israel.org

Not Long Ago - Emory Beacon of Light Walk for the Homeless 2018



Photos by Jeff Peterman



May Event Highlights

[Click here](#) to learn about ongoing Hebrew classes, meditation, social justice activism and more!



Biblical Hebrew

Sundays at 9:30 am

Open to all Tlors. The only prerequisite is knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet. The class will use the textbook "First Hebrew Primer". Taught by Allan Tulchin.



Great Courses: The Tanakh

May 2, May 16, June 6, June 27 at 10:30 am

This [Great Courses video lecture series](#) will explore the content, nature, and meaning of the Tanakh from Bereshit to Apocalyptic Literature.



Parent Shmooze 2.0

Wednesday, May 19 at 9:00 pm

Join Sara Goldberg and Jen Siegel to talk about the ins and outs of planning a B- Mitzvah in COVID times and in normal times.

The TI calendar is subject to changes. For the most up to date information, Use the links above or view the TI calendar [here](#), at any time.

TI'S ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, May 24 at 8:00 pm

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE

Kol Nashim Book Group - Jessica Weissman

The KN book group met on April 20th to discuss *The Extra*, by A.B. Yehoshua, a novel centering on an Israeli harpist who has been living and playing in an orchestra abroad, but must return to Israel after her father's death to help her brother take care of things in the aftermath. She is forced to reconcile her very mixed feelings about Israel, her family, and a few other relationships.

Our May reading is Reza Aslan's *God: a Human History*. This is a comprehensive history and exploration of how the human concept of God developed through many religions and over many years.

The book group is open to everyone who enjoys reading and talking about books. There's no abso-

lute requirement to have finished the book or even started it. However, we make no commitment to avoid spoilers.

We meet May 25th at 7:30 over Zoom. This is a week later than usual, in deference to Shavuot. Our June meeting will be on the usual 3rd Tuesday. We will be reading short stories by Isaac Bashevis Singer - preferably from the book *Gimpel the Fool* but any Singer short story collection you can get your hands on is fine.

We discussed the possibility of meeting outdoors in someone's back yard in July. We'll decide at the June meeting.

If you are not on the evite list, please contact **Janice Mehler** (contact information in the TI directory) to be added. RSVPs are not absolutely necessary 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.

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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 w: 202-994-5906
 c: 301-996-2704

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 w: 703-417-8983

Naomi Revzin h: 301-765 6272
 c: 301-435.6272

Share Shabbat Event

For the Share Shabbat event TI-ers were matched for Zoom or outdoor in-person Shabbat dinners. As the weather was windy, at least one dinner was held in a garage. Photo by Jessica Weissman.



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B'nai Mitzvah



My name is **Nathan Liebman**, I am a 13-year-old 7th grader at Alice Deal Middle School in NW Washington. I am a wise older brother to **Lucas**, and first born to my parents, **Lis** and **Dan**. In my active state, I play lacrosse, practice Tae Kwon Do, ski, and occasionally walk my beloved dog, Luna. In my sedentary state, I play video games, read, and watch TV. I like to use humor to avoid life's tough questions and sarcasm to answer my mother's not so tough questions. I also enjoy spending time with my friends and traveling. I am so happy that many of my closest family members were able to get vaccinated and to be with me in-person at my Bar Mitzvah. My Torah portion is Parashat Beha'alotcha and my Haftarah is from Zechariah.

I would like to thank **Myrna Goldman**, my tutor, for helping me prepare for this day.

Hi, I'm **Ezra Zibel**, a 7th grader at Takoma Park Middle School. My Bar Mitzvah is on May 8. My Parasha is Behar-Bechukotai, which discusses jubilee years, sabbatical years, and ancestral heritage. I really like to code, read, and play sports. I'd like to thank my bar mitzvah tutor, Marilyn Fine, for working with me over the past year and a half. I would also like to thank my family for helping me do my bar mitzvah project at A Wider Circle, a charity that provides essentials to those in need. I cannot wait to celebrate my bar mitzvah with friends and family.



B'nai Mitzvah

Hi! My name is **Helen Moorehead**, I love dogs, animals, baking, crafting, and horse-back riding. I have two older brothers: **Aidan** and **Patrick**, and also my favorite dog in the world, Suki. I am a sixth grader at Alice Deal Middle School, and I am also a Harry Potter fan. I'm really excited about my Bat Mitzvah. My Parashah is B'midbar. B'midbar is about the census and the Israelites wandering in the desert. I really liked learning the Torah with my tutor **Stephanie Rubin**.



Not All That Long Ago: Tot Tu B'shvat 2020



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Rina Rebibo



