



The Menorah

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From the President: Sara Goldberg

With Thanksgiving just behind us and the end of 2022 ahead, I want to extend my thanks to everyone who has supported TI with a donation this past year. Whether you contributed \$18 or \$18,000, whether you made a donation to the Annual Appeal, purchased artwork by Bernie Shleien from the wonderful auction, or contributed financially in any other way - thank you!



Dues are an important source of revenue for Tifereth Israel, but they simply don't cover all the costs required to provide the services, events, classes, meals, and facilities our members enjoy. Your charitable donations make up the difference and ensure the continuity and growth of our wonderful congregation.

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From the Rabbi: Rabbi Michael Werbow

TGIS—Thank Goodness It's Shabbat!

This is a common thought I, and many others, have when Friday afternoon rolls around and we light the candles to start Shabbat. Just knowing that for twenty five hours we can set aside the hustle and bustle and all the things that keep us running from one place to another, gives a sense of release.

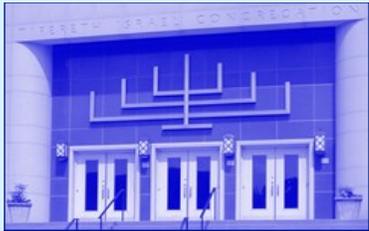
However, sometimes it's not until deep into Shabbat that this is truly realized. Right when we start Shabbat is often not the time to be feeling it. We may have just gone through the gauntlet of last minute preparations that have us exhausted and frazzled. A good night's sleep and some distance from the week is really what can make it feel like Shabbat.



That's why Saturday afternoon is so important. For me, this is similar to the second week of vacation. If I go away for a week, it takes that long just to decompress so that I really get more out of the second week. Shabbat afternoon is an opportunity to sit back and say, "I have all this time and nothing I 'have' to do.

So, we want to give you a chance to experience this. Saturday, December 10, we are holding a Retreat Katan, a mini-retreat. Our congregational retreat is

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As you consider your year-end giving, please consider how your gift to TI can support the things you value about being a member of TI. There are many options for providing support to fit your individual financial capacity. You can:

- Increase your annual appeal donation - or make it if you haven't yet
- Purchase Krispy Kreme doughnuts in advance or at the Chanukah Extravaganza
- Make a monthly commitment or multi-year pledge to ensure sustained support
- Donate appreciated securities
- Give through a donor advised fund or charitable giving fund
- Donate from your IRA if you are 70.5 or older
- Explore planned giving options such as life insurance, gift annuities or naming TI in your will

If you'd like to talk with someone about making a gift or designating it to a specific aspect of our annual budget, please email Executive Director **Jevera Temsky** our Development VP **Stan Dorn**, or me. We'll be grateful for the opportunity to learn what is most important to you and how giving to TI can support your goals for our community.

Sara Goldberg

ACCESSIBILITY

Year-round, we want every person to be able to participate as fully as possible in services.

Please contact info@tifereth-israel.org if you need:

Accessible Parking and/or seating

You can ask a service greeter if you need:

An Assisted Listening Device

A Large Print Mahzor or Prayerbook

From the Rabbi - continued

coming up in February and this will give us a glimpse into what the Shabbat will be like.

On the 10th, Shabbat morning will include a youth minyan alongside our regular Shabbat service. We'll then have a Birthday/Anniversary Kiddush. After lunch, **Rabbi Seidel** will teach his monthly Talmud class and later in the afternoon, **Melissa Werbow** will teach a session titled "On Light In Darkness" as a spiritual preparation for Chanukah. There will be ping pong and other games to play including our monthly pop-up Mahjong for Everyone. Later in the afternoon, we will have a mincha service and a Seudah Shlishit complete with singing some slow melodies as we wind down Shabbat. All of this will conclude with Havdalah.

Join us and we're sure that by the end of the day, you'll be thinking TGIWS, Thank Goodness it Was Shabbat.

Rabbi Werbow

Tifereth Israel at Tiferet Israel Road in Israel

Here are most of the TI members who went on the congregational trip to Israel in 2007. See how many of them you can recognize.

Please send your other-TI photos, whether of this well-known corner or of synagogues that share our name, to menorah@tifereth-israel.org. Include the name of the photographer if known.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

12/1	Sydney Bergman	12/14	Emma Rose Borzekowski	12/27	Joseph Hood Ari Vitale Levin
12/2	Adriana Mann Karen Mann Karenna Seltman Lena Siskind	12/15	JoAnn Albert Mona Berch Marsha Gentner John Goggin	12/28	Semahegn Kassahun Mitchell Lazarus Sarah Lazarus Stephen Nelson Yvonne Shashoua
12/3	Leo Shettler-Marx	12/16	Vera Makembe	12/29	Sara Goldberg Michael Linden Jessica Weissman
12/4	Noah Bullen Francis Gomes Geoff Thale	12/17	Eleanor Frankel Hart Renee Gindi Carla Ohringer Shelley Reback Elliot Rosen Ellen Zwibak	12/30	Martha Fein Gordon Glaser Joanna Kramer Hillel Tulchin
12/5	Jeanne Ireland Leah Weinryb Grohsgal	12/20	Rona Siskind Louis Spector	12/31	Sonya Weiner
12/6	Jacob Heller	12/21	Estie Alemu Ronni Davis Charlotte Goldberg Tina Lunson Stephen Saletta Danielle Sturman	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!	
12/7	Michael Unterweger	12/22	Paul Craig	12/1	Francesca & Joshua Kranzberg
12/8	Beverly Lehrer Marisa Schweber-Koren Judith Shapiro Alexander Wolfson	12/23	Lillian Rosen	12/2	Christine & Morton Simon
12/9	David M. Cohen Eliot Goldberg Tali Stopak-Mathis Ruth Unterweger	12/24	Jacob Forman Hannah Forman Eli Lipschultz Lipmen	12/20	Aliza Marcus & Andrew Apostolou
12/10	Rebekah Bennett Melissa Perera Mira Schainker	12/25	Joel Finkelstein Myron Murdock Samantha Reback	12/21	Judy & Morris Rodenstein
12/11	Isabella Gotthelf Seth Johnson Isabel Roth	12/26	Jon Alterman Ezra Brandt Lautman Marjorie Greenberg Alene Moyer	12/21	Mical & Michael Schneider
12/12	Elizabeth Handwerker Elana Kellner Alan Silber			12/23	Barbara & Michael Milton
12/13	Luis Acosta Benjamin Galat Daniel Galat Ava Strollo			12/27	Rabbi Ethan & Rachel Seidel
				12/28	Daniel & Elizabeth Handwerker
				12/30	Megan Larkin & Ron Ghatan



DECEMBER BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY KIDDUSH LUNCHEON

Saturday, Dec. 10 at 12:15 pm

Help sponsor the Simcha Kiddush luncheon—
honor a family member, a friend, or yourself!

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Chanukah Extravaganza Past and Present—Rabbi Kelley Gludd

Chanukah celebrates light during a time of darkness and asks us to reflect on the miracles our people have experienced in the past. This year, as I think back, these particular blessings feel especially poignant.

When I came to TI not long ago, the Chanukah Extravaganza offered me my first opportunity to work closely with TI lay leaders, and it was a great experience. The small but mighty team was productive, lively, successful and tons of fun. What these women managed to accomplish despite pandemic restraints and weather hiccups, was truly miraculous.

The metaphor of light shining in darkness also feels incredibly apt when applied to that Extravaganza. It marked one of the first times our community was able to come together in person, and you all showed up in force. The festive atmosphere, the joy expressed at seeing one another, the sense of community generated by being together, all combined to make the event one of my favorite memories. I feel as if it offered me my first glimpse of the real TI.

The good news is that the Chanukah Extravaganza returns this year! Building on the success of the past, this year's event promises to be

even more impressive. Join the celebration Sunday, December 18 from 4:00 to 6:30. Bring candles and your chanukiah from home to light up the first night of the holiday with your TI family, then stay to play because there is something for everyone at this inter-generational event.

Learn with Rabbi Werbow as he teaches about one of the greatest Jewish disputes of all time, in a class called "1+2+3+4+5+6+7+8 = 8+7+6+5+4+3+2+1: Why is the debate of Hillel & Shammai over how we light the Chanukah candles not a trifling thing?" A wine and seltzer bar will be set up in the foyer while young ones make snow globes and enjoy hot chocolate. Get in on the dreidel bracket. Enjoy a camp-style song session with Auntie A, and Taco Cat's musical set. Do not forget the latkes, sufganiyot (doughnuts), cotton candy and applesauce. Pick up your Krispy Kreme order and help out with a social action project. While there is no charge for this event, we certainly appreciate donations.

Looking forward to spending the first night of Chanukah with my TI family and wishing you all a Chanukah Urim Sameach!



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Reminiscences of Bernie and Debra Shleien

by Rachel Friedlander Tickner

On Sunday, November 13, the Tifereth Israel community honored the memories of **Bernie** and **Debra Shleien** with a late-afternoon reception at which attendees schmoozed over wine and cheese, viewed and bid on sixty-five examples of Bernie's artwork, and created their own drawings with markers or pencils. Over sixty people attended in person; others connected online. By Shleien family decision, the proceeds of all auctioned art would benefit TI. Bernie also left funds to support TI members seeking art education.

The Cherner auditorium glowed in the dusk as attendees examined the framed prints, drawings, and paintings laid flat on tables set along two adjoining walls. In the corner formed by these walls, a computer screen displayed images of Bernie's artwork in a repeated sequence arranged by **Janet Nesse**.

Overall event coordinator and mistress of ceremonies **Sheryl Gross-Glaser** opened the event by welcoming all participants. She subsequently reclaimed the microphone again at intervals of approximately twenty minutes to introduce Bernie and Deborah Shleien's children, Josh Shleien and Sara Waskowicz; to present a scholarly, illustrated discussion of Bernie's body of work; and to preside over periodic announcements of door prize winners. (All prize winners—and any other interested parties—could select a piece from the free-of-charge artwork collection displayed in the Mollie Berch library.)

In her review, Sheryl Gross-Glaser quoted Bernie's description of his art: "It's like fishing. I like my art to be approachable.... I like people to feel at ease and not be like, 'What's this?'" Sheryl noted that Bernie provided details to "transport the viewer into the scene" across a wide variety of media including woodcut, monoprint, and monotype prints; pastel, oil stick, and ink draw-

ings; watercolor; ink wash; and solar etching. She also quoted the late **Audrey Smith**, a long-time TI member and art collector: "That's Bernie. He just has an artist's eye and an artist's hand. You name the medium and he has explored it."

Sheryl showed how Bernie's work explored diverse subjects: natural scenery; human constructions; the visual results of combining elements of the natural and the built environment; and the way the human soul shone out from portraits of real or imagined individuals. For example, Bernie's hand-colored woodcut "Harper's Ferry Aqueduct" shows a stonework arch as a visual gateway to the riverside plants. His scenic work portrayed diverse views: rural areas in the Chesapeake watershed (hand-colored woodcuts "Harper's Ferry Aqueduct" and "Hills Around Harper's Ferry"); beaches in Israel (monotype "Independence Day, Beach at Tel Aviv; Israel's 50th Anniversary"); and the waterfront of Bermuda (watercolor and ink "Bermuda"). Of Bernie's print "Sold Into Slavery" Sheryl said, "It shows how Bernie finds the individual within each piece. It's such an awful circumstance and yet this person has such dignity."

Bernie's works with Judaic themes depicted shul exteriors and interiors, menorahs, and the figures and faces of older Jewish men. One of his works is titled "Rabbi With Torahs." As quoted in Sheryl's presentation, Bernie said, "If you look at my work you can recognize that it's me... But you have to know me." After this quotation, Sheryl displayed images of the drawing "Self-Portrait," the woodcut "Lamed Vavnik," and the solar etching "Man in Tallis."

Josh Shleien and Sara Waskowicz each spoke briefly but warmly. Josh recounted how Bernie, after he retired from his professional career,

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Reminiscences of Bernie and Debra Shleien continued

took classes at the Maryland College of Art and Design, graduated from MCAD, and enrolled in the arts program at Montgomery College. The MCAD building was within walking distance of his home. Sara added that Bernie also taught classes at MCAD and at TI. She described how Debra “was always about education” whether by limiting their television choices to educational programming, reading science fiction with Sara, being “an avid newspaper reader,” or starting a shared tradition of posting items of political interest on a specific wall in their home.

Josh said that their father “was pretty prolific” in reworking a subject through multiple drafts and versions and in embracing multiple artistic techniques. “I don’t think there was a medium he didn’t try.” Josh also placed his father’s artwork in the context of “his lifelong interest in TI [which] provided support and comfort when needed, a sense of community, and some lifetime friends.”

Sara added another medium to the list that Bernie used: “That was Architectural! He made me a dollhouse when I think I was 5. It was a very modern kind of 1960s set design. I had envisioned a more Victorian traditional one. But this was quite cool, it had modern furniture too.” Sara concluded her remarks about her parents by saying, “I am glad to be here today to honor both their legacies.”

The comments of friends, fellow congregants, and former art students made clear that the Shleien’s legacy, like Bernie’s many mono- and wood block prints, left a positive impression.

As the last presenter before people shared individual memories of Bernie or Debra, **Stan Dorn** described how to perform mitzvot beyond the confines of one’s lifetime, by leaving money to TI. The Shleien’s financial gift will enable other TI members to further their own artistic educations. Anyone wishing to similarly encourage TI

activities can contact Stan for additional information. “Let’s take inspiration from Bernie’s beautiful art, good memories, and charitable example,” Stan concluded.

We should all hope to leave at least one portion of such a multi-faceted legacy. This was a bright thought to carry from the well-lit auditorium into the cool, dark November evening, and beyond.

Reminiscences

Friends in difficult times

“When I first moved to DC and joined TI, **Mollie Berch** was running a class on Jewish women writers and Deborah Shleien was one of the other students in that class. So loving and so warm.” – Michele Sumka

“Our wives declined and passed at the same time. We were very close friends and also [both] scientists. I appreciated his art very much although I certainly couldn’t do it. We became very close friends. Just – close.” – Joe Davidson

A lively, generous participant in the Better Together Program, which combined fifth-grade Himmelfarb students and adults ages 55+, including Bernie, for conversation and mutual learning.

“He was kind of like a grandfather to me, someone I looked up to, someone I always enjoyed being around. I knew him for 8-10 years. He always did things for the community, and that inspired me.” – Michael Flum, Better Together student participant

“The group that Bernie was in always had the hardest time stopping talking because when they got into it. They just really didn’t want to stop. He really, really enjoyed talking with the kids and he could get them to talk when some of the rest of us were not that successful.” – Susan

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Reminiscences of Bernie and Deborah Shleien continued

Catler, Better Together adult participant

A nurturing teacher

“He was such a giving, wonderful teacher. He made us all drawing boards. He gave us all supplies. He just created this atmosphere where you had to, wanted to draw. It was wonderful. And I miss him so much.” – Stephanie Rubin

“Bernie felt that if you were doing art, you were an artist and you should own that. And that was so empowering.” – Sheryl Gross-Glaser

“He was a beautiful soul and it was a privilege to be in his presence and touched by his soul.” – Susan Morse, who took Bernie’s class at Brookside Gardens

“It’s much easier to draw a straight line if you use your whole arm and you draw fast. Bernie taught me that.” – Francie Kranzberg

A man with an expansive mind

I met Bernie at shul on Shabbat. We shared thoughtful conversations over lunch at Kiddush. – Rabbi Chuck Feinberg (paraphrased)

“For a few years I gave him rides to the Kol Nashim book club meetings. We talked non-stop, and he always had something interesting to say. Not to mention his fascinating recollections of life in Israel and of his careers as a physician and an artist. I felt honored that he shared so much with me. He was a good listener too.” – Jessica Weissman

“Bernie had such a broad expanse of interests and pursuits...Any subject that you could talk about, he was knowledgeable [about it].” – Dana Neimark

Someone who held a different opinion without being disagreeable, and a welcome student in any class

“Bernie was in one of my classes. I can’t recall whether it was SAGEing or Jewish Spirituality,

but he was such an important presence. Someone asked me, How can you talk to him about Israel? [Apparently his views were completely opposite those of Michele and the person asking this question.] I said, It’s easy. He had such rational, reasonable viewpoints on Israel. So we loved him. It’s such a loss.” – Michele Sumka

“Bernie was always on time [for my Monday morning text learning class]. I would open up the Zoom and he was there and ready to go. We had a few moments to chat, or for Bernie to share his art work. I can only lament that covid interfered and prevented us from sharing more time together.” – Rabbi Michael Werbow

Paradoxically, the pandemic provided a different way to spend time with Bernie

“There were 60-odd pieces of Bernie’s art in the Cherner auditorium. No one else was in the building and I could just come down here and be with Bernie. COVID took a lot from us but it also gave us things.” – Rabbi Michael Werbow

Someone whose presence will endure

“Every time you open the ark [and see the patchwork quilt with embroidered names], Bernie is in that. Audrey Smith funded the quilt.” – Heike Bailen

Acknowledgements to event facilitators and volunteers (with apologies to anyone not listed):

TI staff members **Sheri Blonder, Janet Braun,** and **Jevera Temsky;** and TI members **Paula Flicker, Rick Glaser, Sara Goldberg, Sheryl Gross-Glaser, Janice Mehler, Jeff Peterman, Arnold Revzin, Stephanie and David Rubin, Laura Schiavo, Claudine Schweber, Julie Steinberg, Sara Goldberg, Mark Verschell, and Ellen Zwibak,**

More People Needed to be Floor Gabbai—Iris Lav

Editor's note: there are lots of benefits to being a floor gabbai. Besides the satisfaction of taking a vital role in the service without having to read Hebrew fluently, you can help visitors feel welcome and members feel included. An honor is a special gift to the person who receives it. I joined TI in part because on my first visit John List spotted me as a visitor and gave me an aliyah. Also you get to stand on the bimah near the open ark, close to the Torahs.

Do I sound like a broken record? I might.

Nevertheless, we do need a few more recruits to learn to be a floor gabbai and be willing to occasionally serve in that position on Shabbat morning – say, once every two months or so.

What does a floor gabbai do?

The floor gabbai controls the choreography of the service by inviting congregants to take the various honors in the service: opening and closing the ark at the appropriate times, carrying the Torah, having *aliot* to say the blessings on the Torah, and lifting and dressing the Torah. The floor gabbai also assigns the Torah gabbaim that call the honorees names and check the reading.

Can we have a service without someone acting as the floor gabbai? NO!

How would all the participating people get to the right places at the right times? How would people know what honor or role to take, and when?

Is it hard to learn to be a floor gabbai?

No, it just takes a little practice. We have a step-by-step guide on what to do. And we have experienced floor gabbaim willing to work with you to help you learn. For your first time you will shadow another gabbai. For your second time, if you like, you can have an experienced gabbai shadow you while you take the lead. We'll share our tips with you so you can do the job with confidence and skill.

Why do we need more congregants to learn and volunteer to be floor gabbai?

Some of the people who are floor gabbaim have been doing the job for many years. They deserve a break if they want one. Some others, such as myself, haven't been able to do it recently for health reasons. Still others aren't always available because they perform other functions on Shabbat morning, such as security, leading services, or reading from the Torah.

Please think about whether you are a congregant who could be a floor gabbai. WE NEED YOU.

If you may be interested, please contact me or Lee Footer for more information.

The TI Security Subcommittee invites all TI members to learn about

THE POWER OF HELLO

Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm

This special training for houses of worship will be facilitated by Robert Graves (FBI, ret.) of the [Secure Community Network](#), the Jewish Federation's safety/security advisory and policy group.

Please register here <https://bit.ly/TIHello>



How can I assist you today?



Hello, how are you?



Welcome. Is this your first time here?

Retreat Katan



Saturday, Dec. 10

8:15 am to 6:00 pm

Enjoy a short Shabbat with a lot of activities!

SCHEDULE (subject to change)

8:15 am	Mishna with Rabbi Werbow
9:00 am	Shabbat Services
11:00 am	Junior Minyan
12:15 pm	Birthday/Anniversary Kiddush
1:00 pm	Talmud Study with Rabbi Seidel Ping Pong & Games
2:00 pm	Anagrams (led by Rabbi Seidel) Mahjong & Games
3:00 pm	Shiur led by Melissa Werbow: <i>On Light In Darkness</i> Games & Outdoor Fun for Kids
4:00 pm	Mincha
4:30 pm	Seudah Shlishit w/Singing & Birkat Hamazon
5:35 pm	Havdalah

Register at <https://bit.ly/RetreatKatan>.
(registration not required but helpful for planning)

YOUTH & FAMILY



SUNDAY PROGRAMS

USY

Dec. 4 at 7:30 at [Skyzone](#)

Jan. 8 TBD

Chanukah Extravaganza!

Dec. 18 at 4:00 pm

SHABBAT

Tot Yoga with Martha Hare

11:00 am

Dec. 3 | Jan. 7

Junior Minyan

11:00 am

Dec. 10 | Jan. 7

Save the date

The weekend of March 24, 2023

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Registration form coming soon.

Civil Rights Journey

A busload of TI-ers took a trip through Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham, seeing many of the historic places and meeting some people who were deeply involved in the struggle. A high point was hearing Senator Raphael Warnock deliver a sermon at the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

The group is shown at right in front of the Rosa Parks Museum with the tour guide. Photo by Mark Verschell.



Volunteer Spotlight: Bernie and Debra Shleien Tribute

by Jared Garelick

Although as event chair **Sheryl Gross-Glaser** had a prominent public facing role in the tribute to Bernie and Debra Shleien held at TI on November 13, she insists that she was just one of many volunteers who helped make the afternoon a social, aesthetic, and fundraising success. This column, therefore, pulls into the spotlight a large group of congregants Sheryl identified as helping, with the disclaimer that still others contributed in some way as well.

The list includes **Rick Glaser, Laura Schiavo, Stephanie Rubin, David Rubin, Rona Siskind, Jeff Peterman, Janice Mehler, Paula Flicker, Claudine Schweber, Julie Steinberg, Mark Verschell, Sara Goldberg, Maya Werbow, Arnold Revzin, and Ellen Zwibak.**

Sheryl says that she started with a small committee to gather suggestions for the event. As a group they came up with better ideas than any one of them could have alone. Travel conflicts required rescheduling from an earlier date in June.

Nothing about planning the event was rocket science, Sheryl says. The key was being organized and asking the TI staff lots of questions, including the question: "what do I need to know or think about that I haven't yet?" Even if Sheryl hadn't done this kind of thing at TI before, the staff has. She received critical assistance from staff members Janet Braun, Jevera Temsky, Francie Kranzberg, Samir Carter-Hiba, Sheri Blonder, Ellen Zwibak (who is herself a volunteer, see November 2022 Menorah), and Carlos Nieto.

Finally, of course, there were the people who movingly spoke at the event, including **Stan Dorn** in his role as Development Vice President, and Bernie's adult children, Josh Shleien and Sara Waskowicz. Sheryl herself spoke as well, presenting a slide show of Bernie's art while provid-

ing informative commentary on its artistic styles and themes. Most gratifying were the impromptu remarks by congregants who took the microphone to share their memories of Debra and Bernie Shleien, showing how fortunate TI was to have them in our community. Some spoke about taking the art classes Bernie offered at TI and his participation in TI's intergenerational program.

In advance of the event, to generate interest, Sheryl studied Bernie's artwork and wrote a weekly blurb for the email announcements describing a particular piece. She experienced that as a gift, a weekly respite to immerse herself in Bernie's styles, interests, and range as an artist, time that felt like being in conversation with Bernie as an artist and a sensitive soul.

Sheryl dabbles in art herself, and at the event she related that it was Bernie who insisted that if she makes and thinks about art then she is herself an "artist," a title she never considered herself entitled to before. Helping organize the event was a way for her to give back to TI in a small way in honor of what Bernie gave so generously for so long.

TI members have many interests and abilities, some innately Jewish and others that at least can have a Jewish angle. Art is just one of the latter. If TI is planning an event that piques one of your interests, or if you have skills that you think can help TI in some way, you might find that TI offers a rewarding way to serve. As Sheryl found, other volunteers and the synagogue staff are there to ensure you succeed. Thank you, Sheryl, and everyone else who made the tribute to Bernie such a success.

Editor's note: see more memories of Bernie and Debra on page 6. If you would like to share your memory of them please send a brief writeup to menorah@tifereth-israel.org for inclusion in a future issue.

The Minkow/Mitlin Families - Iris Lav

Both my parents were born in Belorussia, now Belarus. My father Shmuel Mitlin was born in 1905 in Berezhin, a small town where his mother was from, but his paternal family lived in Gomel in south-eastern Belarus. Shmuel's mother Feige died giving birth to him, which led to his being severely malnourished as a baby and arguably to a life full of health problems. His father Isser had already left for the U.S. before he was born, so his grandparents Yehuda Leib and Pesha took care of him and his older sister in Gomel -- bringing them to Chicago to join their father in 1910. They initially lived on the near-west side of the city, close to the Maxwell Street markets. My grandfather worked as a traveling salesman, so Yehuda Leib and Pesha raised my father and his sister. They were very observant; my father had a dual education in public school and yeshiva. He was considered quite remarkable, as the story goes, having memorized the Torah by age 10 and began to learn Gemara at that age. He later became a pharmacist.

My mother Itta Gittle was born in 1907 in Borisov, north of Minsk, the youngest of six siblings and the only girl. Her father Yaakov Minkow also decamped alone to the U.S. after having been forced to serve several stints in the Tzar's army. I often think about how brave my Bubbie

Raizel was to travel by ship with six small children to follow him in 1911 – bringing food for the entire voyage so none of them would eat anything treif. My mother remembered docking at Halifax, Canada where someone from HIAS gave her soup, the first hot meal she had tasted since they had left Borisov. They travelled down through Michigan and settled in South Bend, Indiana where my grandfather had already set up a business and several other relatives lived.

My parents met in Chicago at a Workman's Circle meeting. Both were drawn to left-wing politics, and my mother would take the South Shore train from South Bend to Chicago to attend the meetings. They married in 1932 and, with a gift from my mother's parents, bought a neighborhood pharmacy in the Lawndale area of Chicago's west side where they planned to work together - my father compounding prescriptions and my mother doing the bookkeeping and managing the business. Unfortunately, they lost the store in the Great Depression – the first of many adverse circumstances in their lives. By the time I was born, they had moved south to the Hyde Park area of Chicago.

PS. I am currently writing an historical novel based in large part on my family's experiences. Stay tuned.

The Maisel Name - Janice Mehler

First one Maisel brother came from Beshenkovici (now in Belarus) to Buffalo, NY, then others followed, ending with the youngest, my mother's father. Most of them opened stores of one kind or another. Somewhere along the line, the five brothers or their sons had only daughters, so the Maisel name is on the verge of disappearing from my family. But I have a lot of other-named cousins in Buffalo and elsewhere.

Editor's note: the family stories on this page and the facing page are part of an ongoing series in the Menorah. If you would like to tell your family story, no matter how ordinary it may seem to you, please send it to menorah@tifereth-israel.org. You'll see it in an upcoming issue. Stories can be long or short, and can focus on any aspect of your family history.



Chanukah Donut Sale

Treat yourself to sufganiyot while supporting TI! Order delicious Krispy Kreme donuts for \$12/dozen: glazed, chocolate, lemon filled, raspberry filled, or Kreme-filled.

Order by 10:00pm on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at bit.ly/TIKrispyKreme.
Pick them up at the Chanukah Extravaganza on Dec. 18

Bits of My Family History - Barbara White

My mother was from Ivankov (pronounced Y'vankov) in Russia, though these days Ivankov is in Ukraine. She was the youngest of the family and was called Rucheleh ("little Rachel"). During the Russian Revolution, Rucheleh traveled with her next oldest sister and their mother to join her older siblings in America. Their father had died of typhus while they were moving around within Ukraine in an attempt to stay safe. Rucheleh was about 11 when they sailed; she became Rae.

In the early 1950s, my mother and I went to see the film *Anna Karenina*. Mid-movie was a scene of a group of Russian soldiers singing, drinking, and smashing glasses. My mother scoffed: "Ridiculous! Those men are officers. They'd never sing that song; it's for enlisted men."

My father's mother came from Khoristischov, also in Ukraine. When my father was about 4 years old, he and his slightly older brother were taken to Russia to live with their grandparents while their mother, a widow, returned to the States. After some months, the children were brought to America. My father sometimes reminisced about the good taste of milk that came fresh from the cow. He was named Morris, but to family and friends he was always Muttie, short for Mottel. My parents met in Chicago.



Kol Nashim - Adele Natter

Calling all bakers, cooks, and people who really like to sample what the bakers produce. KN is sponsoring an in-person Baking with Jessica event at TI on [Sunday, December 4, 10:15 am](#) in the Cherner.



Our focus will be on Chanukah baking without the boiling oil. No sufganiyot, no Sephardic honey puffs, no burned wrists. Instead, the goodies will include:

- Chewy chocolate olive oil cookies - a chocolate-lover's dream
- Roman Jewish ricotta-based cheesecake, almost like a custard but more solid and celebratory
- Latke cookies that really look just like potato latkes
- A special surprise if we have time

Everyone gets the chance to participate. We'll eat what we make and take home anything we don't finish.

Open to all; bring your friends.

[Saturday, January 21, 7:00 pm](#), the ever-popular **Game Night** will return, with snacks, games and puzzles for all ages.

So many people enjoyed our last outing to the **Glenstone Museum** in Potomac, that KN is planning another group trip sometime in the Spring, after Passover.

Gevarim - Andrew Reamer

Talmud Study with Rabbi Seidel -- Shabbat, Dec. 10, 1:00-2:00 pm. Tractate Sanhedrin in English translation.

Jewish History Online: Ken Burns' The U.S. and the Holocaust -- Classes 3 -6. Dec. 11, Jan. 8, 22, 10:30 am -12:15 pm. **Ira Forman** facilitates a conversation after each of the six hours of this powerful documentary.

In addition, as lack of spending during the pandemic resulted in a big boost in the size of Gevarim's bank account, it is pleased to spring for Shabbat kiddush beverages for the foreseeable future and thanks its members for making that possible.

[UPTOWN SHABBAT & DINNER: FOCUS ON CHINA](#)

Led by Cantor Robyn Helzner and Chazzan Larry Paul

Friday, Dec. 23 at 6:00 pm; snacks for kids at 5:30 pm

Robyn will share reflections and special tunes from her time in China. Services to be followed by vegan Chinese food. Registration deadline for dinner is Tue., Dec. 20 at 5:00 pm: <https://bit.ly/UptownShabbat>.



Kol Nashim Book Group - Jessica Weissman

At our November 22nd meeting we discussed *The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker. Discussion focused mainly on the contrasts between the two mythical creatures, and on how each of them either tried to be human or found a way to exist successfully among humans. All of us face this problem, to some degree, though the two explicitly non-human creatures have their existence centered on it.

We once again made some changes to the previously announced schedule of readings., switching the order of books back to the original.

December 20—*Anne Frank: The Diary of Young Girl*, preferably the unabridged version, also called the definitive edition. Yes, you read it in junior high. But it will look different to you now. Almost any copy you can find will be the unabridged version, which came out around 1985 and restored some delicate material.

January 17—*The Prison Minyan* by Jonathan Stone. Fiction.

February 21—*War of Shadows: Codebreakers Spies, and the Secret Struggle to Drive the Nazis Out of the Middle East* by Gershom Gorenberg.

We meet from 7:30 to 9pm, or until we run out of things to say. All are welcome, including people who have not finished or even started the book. If you are not already on the evite list, contact **Janice Mehler** (contact information in ShulCloud) to be added. You'll get timely reminder emails, with the Zoom link.

I look forward to seeing many of you at these meetings.

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).

Shelly Heller h: 301-942-1836
w: 202-994-5906
c: 301-996-2704

Marcia Goggin c: 301-792-1063

Bruce Heppen h: 301-299-3255
c: 202-997-1890
w: 703-417-8983



Photos by Rick Glaser



At the Shleien tribute.. Left: artists at work, inspired by Bernie. Right: Josh Shleien shares memories of his parents.

TI Social Action Projects - Bob Feron

If I am not for myself, then who will be for me?

And if I am only for myself, what am I?

And if not now, when?

- Rabbi Hillel

Serving at Shepherd's Table

Shepherd's Table is a Silver Spring organization that is committed to feeding and meeting other needs of homeless residents who live nearby. Thanks to the TI members who served dinner at Shepherd's Table on Sunday, November 4. Volunteers included: **Ophir Lifshitz, Rabbi Chuck Feinberg, Krayna Feinberg, Ray Coleman, Rebecca Coleman, Dione Pereira, Esther Herman and Gene Herman**. The number of people served was 152. This was the highest number since TI began this project over a year ago. In general, the food was good and the people appreciative. It appears that the number of recipients will continue to increase as the weather gets cooler. If you are interested in being part of TI's commitment to the homeless in the local community, please consider registering and signing up for the first Sunday a month shifts. Upcoming opportunities include Sunday, December 25 (9-12 noon), Sunday, January 1 (5-7:30 P.M.). On December 25th, the TI team will also hand out presents. If you are interested in being part of TI's commitment to the local homeless on these dates or future dates, please register and sign up through the link: [here](#). Contact [Gene Herman](#) with any questions.

TI Volunteer Support for Refugee Families

Beginning in January 2023, TI families will have an opportunity to work directly with a refugee immigrant family from Afghanistan, Ukraine or elsewhere, supporting their adaptation to life in the United States (through once-a-week volunteer contact, not money). This volunteer support will be coordinated by the Silver Spring office of the International Rescue Committee (IRC), who will assign the refugee family.

To be eligible, we will need to organize ourselves into self-selected teams of two to four adults who wish to volunteer as a group of friends. This could be two couples, for example, or any three or four TI adult friends. Once you have selected your own team, we will show you how to enroll on the IRC website to get onto their waiting list. The IRC will provide one brief online training session and occasional guidance during a six-month period. Adolescents can participate, but only under direct adult supervision and they don't count towards the four-person limit per team. Contact [Bob Feron](#) with any questions.

Support for Migrant Asylum Seekers

We are committed to facilitating the integration of refugees and asylum seekers into the local community. To that end, TI members have previously supported three families of legal immigrants (formerly refugees) from Syria, helping them to navigate life's challenges, while proceeding on their journey to becoming American citizens. Over the coming year, we plan to expand this effort to include support for some of the recent **migrant families** that have arrived in busloads from a

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Social Action Projects -continued

few southern states. There are weekly volunteer opportunities and two nonprofit charity NGOs that provide direct support and request financial donations. Detailed information about these opportunities will be distributed later in December. If you want more details or wish to volunteer, email: [Bob Feron](mailto:Bob.Feron).

Re-Launch of the TI Shepherd Tutoring Program

Sunday, December 4th, 5:00-6:00 pm at TI will be the re-launch of the TI **Shepherd Tutoring program**. The December dates will be Dec. 4, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18th. We have just enough tutors for the students from the closest public elementary school who have already signed up, but we are still seeking additional volunteers.

This program operated successfully for 22 years before the pandemic, with adults and teenagers from Tifereth Israel tutoring students from 2nd grade through 5th grade. This informal academic tutoring is done in person at our synagogue.

Each tutor is paired with a young student for the school year. The pair meets for one hour, 5-6 pm on most Sundays, to read, practice math skills and problems, reading together for basic comprehension, or reviewing homework. This weekly hour can make a tremendous difference in the academic performance of participating students, reinforcing skills they have studied or learned in school.

Please volunteer. If you are interested, sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/ShepherdTutor>

Contact [Tobi McFarland](mailto:Tobi.McFarland) and Melissa Perera at shepherd tutoring program@gmail.com

THE TI CHRISTMAS DAY CHARITY GIFT BAGS PROJECT

Over quite a few years, TI maintained a tradition of preparing and serving holiday meals, in person, at several shelters for homeless people. For the last two years, due to Covid, the TI Social Action team decided to prepare gift bags for these shelters and a few other nonprofits that support at-risk members of the local community.

The funds to pay for these purchases are now collected through tax-deductible donations from TI members such as yourself to the **Marvin Caplan Fund**. Click [here](#) to donate to this project. **Marvin Caplan** was a Tifereth Israel member who played a pivotal role in the U.S. civil rights movement, both nationally and locally, defying bigotry and advocating forcefully for genuine racial justice and social empathy from the 1950s through the 1990s.

[Donations](#) to the Marvin Caplan Fund to help pay for these bags of gifts would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you to all TI members who once again will help bring holiday joy to so many people.

Civil Rights Journey - photos by Louise Kelley



Clockwise from upper left:

- Bishop Calvin Woods of Birmingham shares his experiences in the Civil Rights movement and as president of the SCLC Birmingham chapter.
- Arch of the Edmund Pettus Bridge.
- The Civil Rights memorial in Atlanta.
- Joanne Bland describes her experience being arrested as a child on the Edmund Pettus Bridge along with her 15-year-old sister, and her later efforts to revive Selma.
- TI-ers listening to Joanne Bland.



Donations

Accessibility Fund

Mark & Mona Berch in memory of Beila Organic

Annual Appeal

Heike Bailin

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Miriam Davidson

Miriam Feinsilver

Paula Flicker

Esther & Eugene Herman

Dana & Sheridan Neimark

Cynthia & Jeff Peterman

Chuck Rombro & Pamela Stone

Marjorie & Richard Siegel

Jeffrey & Julie Steinberg

George Greenberg Building Preservation Fund

Judith Hallett in memory of Georgia Herron

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Eve Cohen

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Myrna Goldman in memory of Rachel Sieradzki

Marjorie Greenberg in memory of Georgia Herron

Eugene & Esther Herman in memory of
Georgia Herron

Shannon Herron in memory of Georgia Herron

Benjamin Caleb Pyndell in memory of Georgia Herron

Harvey Kabaker & Andrea Kline in memory of
Georgia Herron

Naomi Freeman & Morris Klein in memory of
Georgia Herron

David & Janice Mehler in honor of Sheryl Gross-Glaser

Allan & Judith Tulchin in memory of Georgia Herron

Susan Vitale in memory of Georgia Herron

Howard & Barbara White in memory of
Georgia Herron

Mollie Berch Library Fund

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Allen Organick in memory of Beila Organic

Torah Repair Fund

Rachelle & Stephen Heller in memory of
Georgia Herron

Yahrzeit Donations

Leonard Bachman in memory of Bessie Bachman

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Ann Barnow Liberson

Sharon Brown in memory of Morris Brown

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Eli Nadel & Sally Hausman in memory of
Ruth Boorstein

Lawrence & Pearl Schainker in memory of
Louis A. Charnow

Susan Catler & Keith Secular in memory of Doris Starr

Yizkor Donations

David & Sara Handwerker

Rachelle & Stephen Heller in memory of
Esther & William Silverman

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

TI RISING IN SONG CLASS

Sponsored by the Ritual Committee

Thursday, Dec. 1 at 8:00 pm

Practice tunes, then bring your prayer-, joy-, soul-filled singing to services. All are welcome!

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/TIRisinginSong>.

SERVE DINNER AT SHEPHERD'S TABLE

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee

Sunday, Dec. 4 at 5:00 pm

Help serve dinner to homeless individuals on the first Sunday of each month. Registration required.

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/TIServe>.

JEWISH HISTORY ONLINE

Sponsored by Gevarim

Session 3 of 6, Sunday, Dec. 8 at 10:30 am

View the Ken Burns documentary [*The U.S. and the Holocaust*](#), followed by discussion led by [Ira Forman](#).

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/TIhistory>.

FULL MOON WALK

Sunday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 pm

Start at Ohr Kodesh parking lot, 8300 Meadowbrook Lane

Enjoy a social 90 minute walk of ~2 miles round trip, with chocolate treats at the halfway mark.

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/TIFullMoon>.

KOL NASHIM BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 pm

This month's book is *Anne Frank: The Diary of Young Girl*, preferably the unabridged version, also called the definitive edition, first published in 1995.

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/KNBookClub>.

RAIN GARDEN CARE

Sponsored by the Green Committee

Sunday, Dec. 18 at 10:00 am

Come dig into the TI rain garden—weed or plant, depending on the season. BYO shovel and gloves.

Learn more <https://bit.ly/TIGarden>.

SPECIAL SERVICES & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RISING SONG SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER *

Sponsored by the Ritual Committee

Friday, Dec. 9 at 6:00 pm; kids snacks at 5:30 pm

Circle up in song for a soul-filling Shabbat! Learn more and register for dinner by Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 5 pm at <https://bit.ly/TIRising>.

TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI SEIDEL

Saturday, Dec. 10 after Kiddush lunch

All are welcome to come in person to study Talmud Tractate Sanhedrin, using *Talmud Bavli, The Steinsaltz Edition*. No prior knowledge needed.

Learn more <https://bit.ly/TITalmud>.

EARLY KABBALAT SHABBAT

Friday, Dec. 23 at 4:00 pm

Bring in Shabbat early and welcome Shabbat with TI's online community.

Learn more <https://bit.ly/EarlyShabbat>.

UPTOWN SHABBAT* & DINNER: FOCUS ON CHINA

Led by Cantor Robyn Helzner and Chazzan Larry Paul

Friday, Dec. 23 at 6:00 pm; snacks for kids at 5:30 pm

Robyn will share reflections and special tunes from her time in China.

Dinner will be vegan Chinese food. Deadline 5 pm, Tue., Dec. 20: <https://bit.ly/UptownShabbat>.

**Attend in person or virtually*



WEEKLY SERVICES & LEARNING

MISHNA WITH RABBI WERBOW *

Saturdays at 8:15 am (not on Dec. 31)

Deepen your understanding of Judaism through the eyes of the early rabbis. All levels of learning and Hebrew skills are welcome!

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/TIMishna>.

KABBALAT SHABBAT AND MA'ARIV *

Fridays at 6:00 pm

We love to sing, especially on Friday night! Come warm your soul with a joyful start to Shabbat

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/TIKabbalat>.

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES *

Saturdays at 9:00 am

Services are traditional and egalitarian led by TI members in partnership with Rabbi Werbow.

Come to pray; stay for lunch!

For online resources, go to <https://bit.ly/TIShabbat>.

ZOOMdalah!

Saturday nights, exact times on [calendar](#) (not on Dec. 31)

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

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/TIZoom>

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN *

Sundays at 9:15 am

Services are lay-led, with Rabbi Werbow sharing insights. Stay around for snacks and lively socializing!

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/TISunday>.

**Attend in person or virtually*



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SUNDAY

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18

4pm - 630pm



Nayes un Mechayes - Melissa Perera

Happenings

Shelly Heller had the honor and privilege of serving on the advisory board at the United States Military Academy (USMA - aka West Point) as chairman and board member for the past 22 years. At its recent board meeting she was honored with the Army's highest civilian service plaque and medal. The award reads "for service to the Academy, the Army and the Nation". Go Army!



Shelly and Steve Heller together with their son, Adam, and daughter-in-law, Tami, journeyed 100 miles north of Churchill, Manitoba. They spent a few days glamping on the tundra watching bears, a lunar eclipse and the northern lights.



Photos courtesy of the Heller family.

Sad News

Georgia Carol Johnson Herron, mother of Tifereth Israel member **Carolivia Herron**, died Monday night, October 24, 2022, 30 Tishri 5783, at home at the age of 97. She is also survived by her son, Smitty, and his



Photos courtesy of Carolivia Herron.

children, Joseph and Jeffrey, Joseph's daughter, Aca-
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Nayes un Mechayes—continued

cia, and Acacia's son, Jovani. Her husband, Oscar Asher Smith Herron, died in 2001. Her son Gershon died in 1950.

Georgia Herron was born in Washington, DC on November 19, 1924. She met her future husband when she was playing tennis at Banneker Recreation Center, across the street from Miner Teachers College and Howard University.

She taught in the DC Public Schools from 1946 to 1976, starting out as a classroom teacher at Turner Elementary school and ending as a science teacher at Lafayette Elementary School. She received her Master of Science in Education from Trinity College in Washington, DC.

After her retirement she volunteered to teach science at Shepherd Elementary School, where the students eagerly awaited her visits and she also became a lecturer in science education at Howard University and UDC.

She was a loyal alumna of Miner Teachers College, now part of the University of the District of Columbia, where the alumni association (UDCNAS) of which she was a founding member, created the Georgia J. Herron Spirit Award in her honor. Georgia was a pillar of the Third Baptist Church, serving as a deaconess for many years.

She was a talented seamstress, making many of the purple outfits worn by Carolivia. She also was a pres-



ence at Tifereth Israel, attending various functions with Carolivia, and volunteering with the Social Action Committee. For years, Georgia, at TI with TI volunteers, directed the preparation of the sweet candied yams for the annual Christmas Dinner for the Homeless and prepared the cabbage for the dinners at her home. She was known for sending greeting cards to all and sundry, and in her last days she enjoyed reading many cards from members of TI.

Tifereth Israel member **Barbara Meyrowitz**, wife of Alan, mother of **Sarah (Rachel) Meytin**, grandmother of **Coby** and **Asher**, died on Monday, November 7, 13 Cheshvan 5783, after a long illness. She is also survived by her son, Michael Meyrowitz (Kim), and his children, Matt, Jonathan, and Andrew.

A career federal employee, she took great pride in her contributions to our national defense, especially through her service at DARPA, where she served as Director of Policy for more than ten years. She retired after 30 years of service and enjoyed an active retirement.



May the families be comforted and their memories be a blessing.

Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

If you are unable to attend on your assigned date, please arrange for a replacement.

December 2, 2022

Herbert Sier & Susan Flignor
David Silber
Morton & Christine Simon
David & Rona Siskind
Joseph Davidson
Neil & Jessica Sitron
Sarah Sorscher & Marcus Hedrick
Louis & Madge Lee Spector
Gregory Stackel & Genevieve Sapir
Jeffrey & Julie Steinberg
Michael Stempel & Sheryl Frank
Hayim & Malka Stopak
Michael & Michelle Stollo
Edwin Stromberg & Rose Ellen Halper
Shelley Sturman
Marc Suddleson & Molly Surden

December 30, 2022

Howard & Michele Sumka
Michael & Adele Sumner

Miriam Sznycer-Taub & Henri Makembe
Jennifer & Naomi Taransky
Kassahun Teffera & Melke Mengiste
Jevera Temsky
Glenn & Diane Thrush
Rachel Tickner
Michael Tilchin & Linda Greer
Adrienne Torrey & Joel Colfidis
Lisa Traiger
Peter & Rhoda Trooboff
Paula Tucker
Allan Tulchin
Daniel & Allison Turner
Lester & Judith Turner
Michael & Ruth Unterweger
Mark Verschell & Elizabeth Leff
Susan Vitale
David Wachtel & Jenny Goldstein
Reenie Wagner

Harry Waldman & Susan Morse
Marc Warshawsky & Vivian Seidner

January 20, 2023

Eric Weiner & Sharon Moshavi
Louise Weingarten Wiener
Leah Weinryb Grohsgal
Jon Weintraub & Judith Heimlich
Dov Weitman & Sylvia Horwitz
Alan & Cynthia Weitz
Rabbi Michael & Melissa Werbow
Howard & Barbara White
Peter Winch & Denice Zeck
Paula Tucker
Betsy Wohl
Adam & Dorothea Wolfson
Lesley Zark
Christopher Zeilinger & Ann Baker
Yohanes Zeleke
Alan Zibel & Renee Gindi
Diana Zurer
Ellen Zwibak

Sara Waskowicz offers reminiscences of her parents Bernie and Debra Shleien at the tribute to them. Photo by Rick Glaser.



B'nai Mitzvah



Ilana Handwerker

I am a 7th grader in the Himelfarb School and at Eastern Middle School, where I play the trumpet in the band. I have an older sister and a younger brother. I go to camp Mosh and MoEd: A Jewish Afterschool Community. I am also a soccer goalie for the Takoma Park soccer league's purple team and a member of Scouts BSA.

I would like to thank my Bat Mitzvah tutors, Cantor Hinda Labovitz and Myrna Goldman for helping me prepare for my Bat Mitzvah.



Tifereth Israel Congregation

COMMUNITY HAVDALAH POTLUCKS

DECEMBER 3 | HOSTED BY THE WERBOW HOUSEHOLD
 JANUARY 7 | HOSTED BY THE KEFER HOUSEHOLD
 FEBRUARY 11 | HOSTED BY THE GOLDBERG HOUSEHOLD

Dinners start at 6:00 PM.

PLEASE BRING A KOSHER DAIRY OR VEGETARIAN DISH TO SHARE.

All gatherings will have indoor and outdoor options.
 Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect.
 RSVP and learn more at <https://bit.ly/havdalahpotluck>.



December Yahrzeitn

Editor's note: We list yahrzeitn based on ShulCloud records, under the Shabbat dates when the name is recited and by the yahrzeit date. If any information is missing or incorrect, please contact Sheri Blonder at sheri@tifereth-israel.org.

Nov. 25 & 26

12/1 Alex Abrams
David Friedman
John Moreno Suarez
Jay Weil
12/2 Eli L. "Lee" Garelick
Seymour Goldberg
Bessie Raffel
Clara Shaikewitz
Ethel Annie Silverman
Rabbi Harry Silverstone
Benjamin Yormark

Dec. 2 & 3

12/3 A. Nathan Abramowitz
Paul I. Danaceau
Gertrude Liberson
Ceil Lourie
Herman Newman
Samuel Shapiro
12/4 Phyllis S. Kuritzky
Irving Maydeck
Michael Roepke
Leo Sachs
12/5 Hattie Goldman Rich
Audrey Halper
Sam Hantman
Barry Lourie
Betty Nathanson
12/6 Murray Bogen
Marion Krakow
Freda Slotar
Lewis Leo Sperling
12/7 Mary Ackerman
Jacob Robert Fishman
Jacob Herman
12/8 Robert A. Barcilon
Milton Beyer

Sandra Footer Brecher
Eugene Charles Vitale
12/9 Daniel Caplan
Sheldon Lisbon
Isaac Nacson
Rose Wine

Dec. 9 & 10

12/10 Selma Beyer
Esther Edith Harris
Moses Melamed
Esther A. Nathanson
Robert Roodman
Mollie Spector
Michael P. Unterweger
Samuel Wagshal
12/11 David Cohen
Golda Ostrofsky
Eva Rosenberg
Harry Sheftell
John Temple
12/12 Robert Allan Barr
Al Blanco
Mollie Fischer
Julius Gottlieb
Brian Daniel Greenstein
Beverly Hartstein
Meg Wilkes Karraker
Frances Silverman
Ezekiel Wolf
12/13 Dora Burka
Samuel M. Jewler
David Levy
Irving Malbin
Yetta Rosen
Irving I. Rosenberg
Bertha Minnie Trupp
12/14 Corey Axel

Sylvia Woolf Morss
N. David Neimark
Bernard Rubinstein
12/15 Rose Corman
Rose Epstein
Sadie Grolman
Samuel Reibstein
12/16 Joseph Birnman
Lena Kramer
Martha Levy
Faye Phillips
Rabbi Jack L Shapiro
Karl Waldman

Dec. 16 & 17

12/17 Leon Kandell
Sara Rovinsky
Israel Temple
12/18 Mollie Bernstein
Rose Bojankosky
Frances Cooper
Miriam Taishoff Jacobson
Ida Klaben
Charles Lipshitz
Roy Weber
12/19 Gilda Bram
Morton L. Cohen
Irving Hoffman
Robert List
Edith Schwartz Sarrow
Max Sherman
Flora Wertheim
12/20 Joseph Caplan
Jennie Donsky
Evelyn Reiss
Ralph Trupp
Ruth Goldstein
Weintraub

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12/21	Muriel Berkowitz Florence Gross Abe Hofberg Frances Peck	Irene Feigelis Zelda Joy Fields Marilyn Gleckman Beatrice F. Lewis		Ida Mendelson Lepp Isaac M. Neviaser Miriam Penn Morris Wolf
12/22	Bernard Anker Bertha Feldman Lorraine Goldman M. Jerry Winnick	Helen Switkes Pedolsky Frieda Perlzweig 12/28 Miriam Meyer Gross Sadie C. Nathanson David Simon Judith Z. Weilerstein Walter Wulfsohn	1/3	Saul Berenbaum Melvin Bressler Louis Eisenstein Dr. Denis Fabian Martin Lawrence Friedman Martin Leff Hyman Mendelson Belle P. Modell Jens Pedersen Doris Pincus Beryl G. Reynolds Isaac Joel Shleien Minda Tilchin Mollie Botkin Rebecca Goldstein Brian Leslie Kalmus Tova Levine Isaac Millman Meyer Needle Maurice Cowan Goldie Friedman Eliot Goldings Ralph Handwerker Morris Kaplan David I. Rothberg Dorothy Frankel Filderman Dr. Henry Goldstein Esther Hillson Hilda Kahn Albert Marks Norman Morris R. Raymond Rothman
12/23	William Greene Alvin Himmelfarb Joseph Levin Joseph Perlzweig Mollie Rudnick Selmajean Schneider Annie Silverman Hyman Sperling	12/29 Dora Gerber Madeline Kohn Alan H. Kotz Samuel Poms 12/30 Roger A. Amsellem Stephanie Diamond Cohen Alexander H. Grolman Helen Janus Ernestine List Micah Naftalin Leah Bluestone Odle		
Dec. 23 & 24				
12/24	Chuck Britt David Davidson Sarah Hofberg Meyer Liebman Dr. Herbert Radler Dr. Solomon Weintraub		1/4	
12/25	Toby Footer Herbert Gelernter Miriam Mae Hoffman Charles Louis Kincannon Hannah Clair Klein	Dec 30 & 31 12/31 Anna Goodman Cesia Honig Marshall Jacobson Samuel Jewler Abraham Millman Sumner M. Morss David Mostow Mildred Pearlman Malcolm Peterman Goldie Feinsilver Lillian S. Lascoff Estelle Rose Morss David Primack William Gorewitz Susan Harvey	1/5	
12/26	Lewis Berman James Flug Irma Naiman Greenspoon Lou Meckler Lillian Reamer Esther Root Bernard Rubinstein Carol B. Sherman Laurence S. Weiss	1/1	1/6	
12/27	Pauline Danowit Estelle Frankel Druskin	1/2		



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