



The Menorah

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From the President: Sara Goldberg

What an amazing month for TI! From the retreat to Purim to the installation and celebration weekend for Rabbi Werbow, there has been so much going on - and it's been such fun to feel the energy of our community each time we gather. We also had a great turnout online for the March Town Hall and a very engaged group that joined the congregational budget meeting. Our community's level of participation, whether for fun or business, is a great indication of where we are going. As the car magnets handed out during installation weekend say, "we're on our way"!



I want to use the rest of my column this month to thank the many hands that make it all possible, and that starts with our staff. The wonderful people who work for TI are unbelievably dedicated. They work tremendously hard and put in a lot of extra hours. We simply couldn't function without them. Please join me in thanking them next time you have the opportunity. Please also thank **Ellen Zwibak** who has become an honorary member of the staff through the huge number of hours she vol-

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From the Rabbi: Rabbi Michael Werbow

Coming off of the installation weekend, there is now a short amount of time before we start Passover. Maybe this is how the Israelites felt when they were leaving Egypt. They knew the exodus was coming, they were told to be ready to go and then when the time came, their dough wasn't ready. They must have been so excited by all that had been happening, that they didn't look ahead to what was coming next.



I've known for weeks, and more, that Passover was coming up. We have a series of special Shabbatot that start to get us ready about six weeks out. The first one announces the month of Adar, leading up to Purim and this week is the last one, Shabbat HaGadol, the Shabbat before Passover. With all this lead up, you wouldn't think it would be a mad dash to the holiday. But, there is so much more to do.

Just as the installation was a product of many people working together to produce a fun, meaningful and communal experience, the upcoming holiday is also coming together due to so many people stepping up. A holiday has so many components

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unteers to help out in the office. The work this group does makes a huge difference in the way we get to experience TI.

Of course, anything the staff does not do - and many things that are done in partnership with the staff - is possible because TI members give their time. To me, it is tremendously beautiful to see what a small group of volunteers can accomplish as a committee. In particular, this month I want to thank the retreat committee, the finance committee, the strategic planning and visioning committee, the membership committee, and the installation committee. There are so many committees and volunteers doing important work. While I've just mentioned a few, I hope each of you knows how grateful I am and how grateful our community is for your hard work and volunteer hours.

Of course there is always room for more! If you are interested in getting more involved in volunteering with TI, please reach out. However you can help, it will make a beautiful difference for our community.

B'Shalom,

Sara Goldberg



Shirley Engleman, mother of Paula Flicker, at last year's Seder.
Photo by Paula Flicker.

From the Rabbi - continued

and only takes shape when many put in a great deal of effort. From the preplanning programming (thanks Kol Nashim for the Haggadah sharing program) to those arranging for daveners and Torah readers as well as the daveners and Torah readers (and Haftarah readers) themselves, all the pieces come together. In addition, for Passover, we have the food deliveries to make and there are a good number of people who volunteer to help make that a success. The wine sale and pick up needs to be organized and people need to be met when they come to pick up their purchases.

Whether done by volunteers or staff, these things and so much more gets done and thanks to everyone's efforts we won't be missing any key pieces. And, while we won't have dough rising because it's Passover we'll make sure to have some for when Passover is over.

May all your final preparations go well and may you have a Chag Kasher v'Sameyach (a happy and kosher holiday)!

Rabbi Werbow

Rabbi Werbow's Installation Celebration- photos by Jennifer Kefer

Did you take photos at the Installation? Send them to menorah@tifereth-israel.org and you may see them in the May Menorah



APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

4/1 Leah Bass Franca Brilliant Allegría Gelfand Liam Rickard Leigh Verbois Naimah Weinberg	Harvey Kabaker David Rubin	4/20 Marjorie Siegel Rachel Vile
4/2 Tavi Batler-Landau Deborah Secular Lev Werbow	4/10 Varda Fink Rabbi Devorah Lynn Anat Shahar	4/21 Eliyah Lister Rabbi Michael Werbow
4/3 Allison Goldman Michael Stempel	4/11 Marilyn Blakely	4/22 Judith Heimlich Ken Lemberg Rebecca Melsky Marc Schlesinger
4/4 Henry Einhorn Dinknesh Friedman Devin McMillan Joshua Pitlick	4/12 Yahli Gan Daniel Pedersen David Pelzer Stephen Rickard	4/24 Avi Felman Lisa Kraft Eitan Shelef
4/6 Jennifer Taransky Glenn Thrush	4/13 Adam Kritz David Siskind Kassahun Teffera	4/25 Larry Paul Jasmine Peterman Tzurielle Shashoua
4/7 Roger Feldman Tom Goldring Emil Kunkin Sheridan Neimark Janet Nesse Yonatan Richman-Dreyfus	4/14 Joshua Kefer Nechama Malkiel Yoni Pedersen Daniel Turner Marc Warshawsky	4/27 Vivian Seidner Michelle Strollo
4/8 Johan Gottschalk Sonya Shpilyuk	4/15 Ruby Borzekowski Naomi Morse	4/28 Andrea Kline Solomon Kritz Dana Mermelstein Jonah Murdock
4/9 Chalom Blonder Jessica Cohen	4/16 Gabriella Pereira Bein	4/29 Gideon Blumenthal Lynn Golub-Rofrano Stefan Gunther
	4/17 Ivy Baer Howard White	
	4/18 Hedy Gottschalk Robin Reiss Charles Rombro	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

4/1 Dafna & Daniel Pedersen
4/4 Jeri & Robert Roth Lande
4/8 Dana & David Mermelstein
4/13 Deborah & Noam Shelef
4/21 Allison & Colin McMillan Hannah & Howard Rubin
4/25 Lisa & Michael Kraft

**Honor a family member, a friend
or even yourself at the April 15
Birthday/Anniversary
Kiddush!**

Click
<https://bit.ly/BdayAnniv>
*to help sponsor
the Kiddush.*

TI Shabbaton - Rabbi Kelly Gludt

This past February, 170 TI'ers spent the weekend together at Capital Camps and Retreat Center, learning, praying, singing, eating, playing and truly enjoying one another's company. The retreat offered us a way to come together and to reconnect, and it could not have happened without the efforts of so many people.

The Shabbaton Committee, **Lee Anderegg**, **Judi Berland**, **Deborah Horowitz** and **Renee Gindi**, met regularly and worked tirelessly leading up to and over the entire weekend. The success of the retreat lays at their worn-out feet!

Jason Kimelman-Block served as a de facto member of the committee, working with our musician in residence, Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz, and coordinating the myriad of davening opportunities. Thank you to everyone who davened and leyned, and to **Ben Dreyfus** for a beautiful Sunday morning service. Your contributions were invaluable!

The dedication of TI's staff was on full display during the planning process and through the entire weekend. Thank you to **Rabbi Werbow**, **Jevera Temsky**, **Sheri Blonder**, **Janet Braun**, **Naomi Rubin**, **Ellen Zwi-bak**, and **Gabriella Salomon** for your awesome efforts!

Hayley Lipson and **Sami Magazine** joined us for the weekend, making certain that our Club BBK'ers and

all the kids stayed safe, had fun, and even learned a bit.

The TI Shabbaton depends on everyone who attends bringing what they can, and we owe a huge todah rabbah to everyone who ran a chug, lead a morning stretch, and stepped up when necessary.

Credit goes to **Rachel Lande** for the complicated wine order. **Mikey Franklin** covered the teen's night hike at the last minute. We learned so much from our chug teachers: **Sarah Meytin**, **Krayna Feinberg**, **Larry Schanker**, **Kim and Wylie Levone**, **Carla Ellern**, **Rabbi Chuck Feinberg**, **Joelle Novey**, **Stan Dorn**, **Howard Sumka** and **Diana Zurer**. **Mark Berch** once again excelled at MC'ing the Saturday night skits, while **Judah Flum** headed up whiskey tasting and **Howard Sumka** organized poker.

Sonya Shpilyuk tackled the family pit smores and **Maya Werbow** led rikkud with **Hayley**. **Carolivia Herron**, **Lee Anderegg** and **Estie Alemu** did great work keeping our little ones happy, while **Anna Butler** and **Miriam Torrey-Coffidis** lead the teens and tweens in improv.

As you can see, the TI retreat truly is a community-wide endeavor, and we are so grateful to everyone who attended and pitched in to make this weekend such a great experience!

There's still time to contribute to the TRIBUTE BOOK

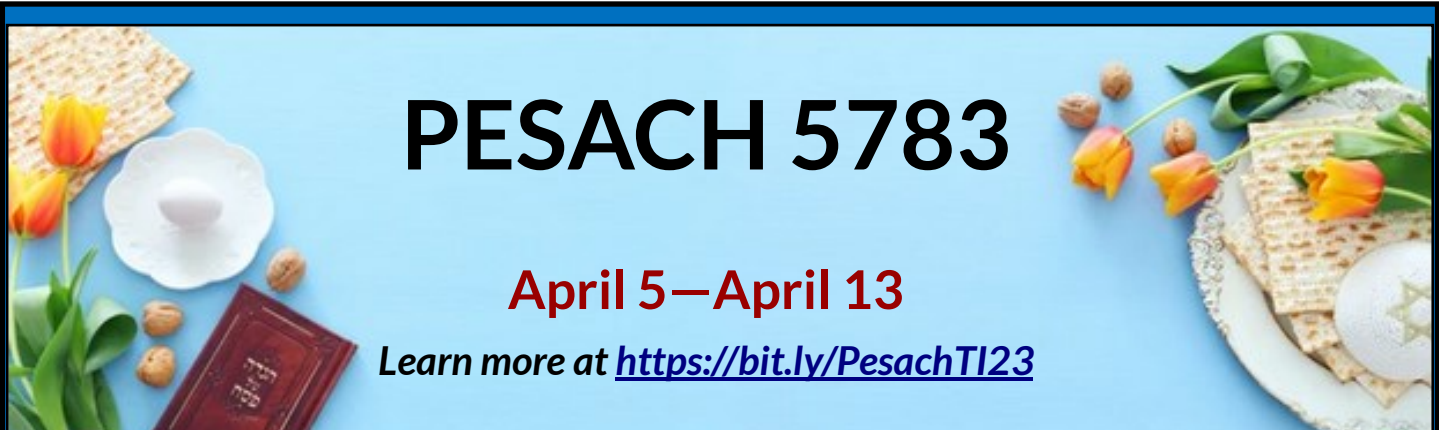
We are compiling a *Happy You're at TI* book for the Werbows. You can still submit your well-wishes and/or photos until May 10.

We'll also include photos from the weekend's celebrations and of the Werbows since their arrival. Questions? [Contact Rona Siskind](#).

[Email photos to Rachel Lande here.](#)

[Click here to provide your well-wishes.](#)

Note: There is no charge for well-wishes but donations are welcome!!!



PESACH 5783

April 5—April 13

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/PesachTI23>

SELL YOUR CHAMETZ

Deadline Wednesday, April 5 at 8:30 am

Fill out a form at <https://bit.ly/TICham23>.

PASSOVER WINE PICKUP

Sunday, April 2 from 9:30 am– 12:30 pm

SIYYUM BECHORIM

Wed., Apr. 5 at 7:00 am

Rabbi Werbow will hold a siyyum for the study of Mishnah Moed Katan.

Celebratory meal to follow.

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3ICT283>.

SERVICES

Pesach Day 1

Thursday, April 6, 9:00 am

Pesach Day 2

Friday, April 7, 9:00 am

Shabbat Hol HaMoed

Saturday, April 8, 9:00 am

~ 10:15 am • Reading of Shir Ha'Shirim

Pesach Day 7

Wednesday, April 12, 9:00 am

Pesach Day 8

Thursday, April 13, 9:00 am

~11:00 am • Yizkor Service

MAOT HITIN

Help local impoverished Jews celebrate Pesach, the Festival of Liberation.

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/TIMaot23>.

PASSOVER FOOD DELIVERY

Sun., April 2 at 9:00 am

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee

Volunteer at <https://bit.ly/TIDelvr23>.

Tifereth Israel Distinguished Speakers

Ron Halber, Executive Director
Jewish Community Relations Council



Saturday, April 15

Tifereth
Israel
is Proud
to Present

Muriel Bowser
Mayor, District of Columbia



Saturday, May 13 at 1:30 pm

Ron Halber of JCRC at TI

Ron Halber has served as Executive Director of the [Jewish Community Relations Council](#) (JCRC) since 2001. Under his leadership, the JCRC developed a wide range of strategic initiatives; secured tens of millions of dollars for Jewish agencies; passed numerous pieces of state-wide and local legislation of concern to the Jewish community; developed creative new pro-Israel initiatives; and strengthened relationships with other faith and minority groups.

Prior to his tenure at the JCRC, he was the Political Coordinator for the Montgomery Co. Democratic Party and the Community Liaison for former NY State Senator Martin Solomon, and served on the staff of several political campaigns, including U.S. Senator Charles Schumer. He holds a master's degree from Georgetown University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Albany in New York.

Mr. Halber will join us on Shabbat to speak during services about legislative concerns at the national and local levels of government. He will also address the growth of antisemitism and what is being done about it.

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

A Conversation with Mayor Bowser

[Mayor Muriel Bowser](#) has served as the mayor of the District of Columbia since 2015. A member of the Democratic Party, from 2007 to 2015 she represented Ward 4, which includes Shepherd Park where TI is located, along with adjacent neighborhoods where many TI members live.

Faced with enormous health and economic challenges, Mayor Bowser guided her hometown through COVID-19, racial and justice protests, pandemic-spawned crime, unemployment increases and the events of January 6th. She commissioned the first Black Lives Matter public street mural, which established a safe area for police and demonstrators using public art, inspiring dozens of others around the world. She is the second female mayor of the District of Columbia and the first woman to be reelected to the position.

Mayor Bowser will join us in person to offer her vision for a more harmonious future for DC. She will also share the steps her administration has taken to confront anti-Semitism and other forms of discrimination. A question and answer session will follow her talk.

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

Mishloach Manot Reflections - Jennifer Kefer and Rona Siskind

On Purim, we are told to give gifts (“Mishloach Manot”) to family, friends, and others to ensure that everyone has food for the Purim feast. We are also told to give gifts to the poor. Several years ago, dur-



Mishloach Manot bag and contents. Photo by Jennifer Kefer.

ing the pandemic, the Membership Committee decided to fulfill these mitzvot by preparing Purim



Baking cookies from the Mishloach Manot recipe. Photo by Genevieve Sapir

bags for delivery for the congregation. The

Mishloach Manot were so well received the tradition has continued.

Though many of us have returned to the building and were able to pick up our bags and others had theirs delivered, all of us were reminded of the sweetness of our community last month with gifts inviting us to warm up with milk, tea and cookies from TI. For every bag that was distributed, the Membership Committee also made a donation to Mazon, a national organization fighting to end poverty for people of all faiths. In fact, we ultimately donated \$613 to fight hunger. Through generous sponsorships from the congregation we also raised more



Jennifer Kefer and Rona Siskind. Photo by Steve Berer.

than \$13,000 to help support our own community.

This was truly a team effort. A big thanks goes to the many congregants who assembled the bags (**Carla Ellern, Ellen Kramarow, Amy Kritz, Julie Steinberg, Allison Turner, and Melissa Werbow**); communicated with volunteers and developed routes for delivery (**Genevieve Sapir, Jennifer Siegel, and Allison Turner**); staffed tables for congregants to retrieve their bags (**Genevieve Sapir and Greg Stackel**); and

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hand-delivered Mishloach Manot to dozens of homes (**Wilma Brier, Susan Catler, Krayna Feinberg, Lee Footer, Marcia Goggin, Eliot Goldberg, Lisa Goldring, Josh Kefer, Paula Martin, Julia Steinberg, Allison Turner, Melissa Werbow, Diana Zurer, Ellen Zwibak**). We also want to thank the office staff and volunteers who helped with orders and navigated the complicated Mishloach Manot portal. This year, for the first time, we also shipped 38 packages to our recent high school graduates. (This was made possible, in part, by the tremendous generosity of **Larry Paul's** firm, the Meakem Group). Thanks to these collective efforts, more than 370 bags were assembled for congregants, staff, and students.

We know that this year's process was messier than intended. Thankfully, mishaps were the exception rather than the rule – and the response has been overwhelmingly positive.

But we know that Shulcloud's portal is complicated.

Some sponsor names were inadvertently omitted from the final card, even though congregants indicated that they intended to sponsor bags for the whole community. Delivery requests didn't always catch up to the team organizing the deliveries, and we underestimated how many people would want their bags delivered to them. A few bags arrived without recipe cards and some college students received broken mugs. Many of you wondered why we gave you a reusable straw when the enclosed milk boxes came with straws.* If this describes any of you, we apologize – and hope you'll still support our heartfelt community building effort next year!

We hope that our Mishloach Manot made you smile and helped warm you this winter.

*We hope you'll attach the straw container to your keychain and use it to reduce your use of single-use plastics in the future.

Purim Carnival - photos by Rachel Lande



New Member Spotlight - Jared Garelick

Seth Johnson and **Kate Snyder** have lived in the Shepherd Park neighborhood since 2014, but only recently found their way to TI membership. Seth, a lifelong Washingtonian, has had a long career with the AFSCME labor union, where he currently directs data and analysis. Most of his prior work was in policy and politics. Kate, originally from Hagerstown, has her own firm that does communications and strategic campaign consulting.

The family has officially just grown. In addition to their older son, **Woodrow**, a Shepherd Park Elementary second grader, Seth and Kate are happy to say they have another son, 19-month old **Andre**. After fostering Andre since he was two weeks old, they are thrilled to have finalized his adoption, two weeks before this publication date.

Seth reports that he met TI member **Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block** at a work event, providing a connection to TI. Seeking religious schooling for Woodrow, they then met with Lifelong Learning Director Rabbi Kelley Gludt and were sold on TI. He also mentions that one of the family's first visits was at Simchat Torah, where he was im-

pressed by the happily celebrating children as well as by the quantity and quality of the whiskey on the bimah.

Since Covid time, Seth says, he has cooked more and has also upped his cocktail game. The family



includes two dogs, so you might see them walking around the neighborhood.

Welcome to Seth and Kate and their family.

Memories of Steve Ross

From **Iris Lav**: Steve had a great sense of humor. In 2017, I bought a new car - an ordinary black Honda Civic. Steve saw me getting out of it and coming into TI. He said something like, "Really! A sports car at your age?" I protested that it was far from being a sports car, but he kept up the joke whenever he'd see me.

He also was incredibly friendly to everyone. Our son Daniel worked in the TI office when he was in college during the summer of 1996 - a long time ago. Steve befriended him at that time, and regularly asked me about how and what Daniel was doing until he retired.

From **Rachel Tickner**: When our son Jonathan was young, he enjoyed spending part of Shabbat morning in the low-ceilinged closet located near the ping-pong table. Once inside he would happily clamber amidst the metal folding chairs. Steve Ross, who usually persuaded Jonathan to emerge from that storage area, always told me, "Jonathan is okay," with strong emphasis on the "okay" and a kind but firm look into my eyes. He continued to tell me this for years, even if Jonathan was nowhere nearby. I treasured his reassurances then and now.

TI, Hadar DC and local congregations are pleased to present two workshops led by Rabbi Deborah Sacks Mintz, our honored guest at the February Shabbaton:

**TEFILA LEADERSHIP:
TO HOLD AND BE HELD**

Sunday, April 30 at 10:30 am

Location: DCJCC



Explore strategies for harnessing the songful and spiritual potential of the 'room' when serving as *shaliach tzibbur* (prayer leader). Open to prayer leaders of all levels.

Register at <https://bit.ly/42Sk3F8>.

**NIGUN CIRCLE WITH
RABBI DEBORAH SACKS MINTZ**

Sunday, April 30 at 7:30 pm

Location: Bender JCC



Join together with greater DC's vibrant communal singing community to lift your voice and spirit through the meditative power of the *nigun* (wordless melody.)

Register at <https://bit.ly/3K1vNfQ>.

SHALEM SPEAKERS PROGRAM

The Abundant Divine Image: Anti-Fat Bias & Seeing the Holy in Every Body

Saturday, May 6 at 1:15 pm



With Rabbi Dr. Minna Bromberg

Rabbi Bromberg brings 3 decades of experience in fat activism to change-making at the nexus of Judaism and body liberation. She received her PhD in sociology from Northwestern U. in 2005 and was ordained at Hebrew College in 2010. Since then, she led a congregation, released 5 albums, made aliyah and ran the Year-in-Israel program for Hebrew College. Her forthcoming book is *Every Body Beloved: a call for fat liberation in Jewish life*. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/TIShalem>.

Melissa and Rabbi Werbow invite the TI community to celebrate their son Lev becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat morning, April 29, 2023.

Please let the Werbows know if you plan to attend by emailing

mwerbow@tifereth-israel.org.

Kol Nashim - Rose Ellen Halper

Haggadah Sharing

On Sunday, March 12, Kol Nashim sponsored a Haggadah sharing event. Participants brought haggadot they are currently using as well as other interesting haggadot they have acquired over time. Everyone shared memories of Seders past. We shared family traditions and learned more about the importance of Passover to each other. At least one participant discovered a new Haggadah to use this year, and at least one re-discovered the Haggadah she used as a child.



Mitzvah Knit-Along

Kol Nashim is co-sponsoring a Knit-A-Long with the Himmelfarb School. Parents will gather with their child to learn how to knit squares to help craft an afghan for a family in need. We will meet in the TI Library on 4 Sundays: Apr 16, 23, 30 and May 21 from 2:00-4:00 PM. Yarn and needles will be provided free to all participants. Registration required at www.tinyurl.com/Mitzvah-Knitting.

Return to Glenstone

KN is sponsoring a self-guided tour of the expanded Glenstone Museum on Sunday, May 7 at 12:00pm. The museum houses thousands of post-World War II works of art in distinctive indoor and outdoor spaces. Immerse yourself in the beauty and join us. Limited space available. Registration required at <https://tinyurl.com/glenstone123>.

Bar and Bat Mitzvah Tzedakah Boxes

In January, Kol Nashim began giving a handmade tzedakah box to each Kabbalat, Bar and Bat Mitzvah, as shown in the photo on the facing page. We want to help make their day a memorable one and encourage these young adults to carry on the Jewish tradition of giving from the heart. We also want to acknowledge the special place our B'nai Mitzvah young adults have in our TI community.

Gevarim - Andrew Reamer

Jewish History Online

April 2, 10:30 AM-12:15 PM: ***Hitler's Jewish Refugees: Hope and Anxiety in Portugal*** -- Recorded presentation by Marion Kaplan, Skirball Professor of Modern Jewish History, NYU. Her book describes Jewish refugees' experiences fleeing Hitler's regime and then living in limbo in Portugal until they could reach safer havens. Sponsored by Haberman Institute for Jewish Studies. Moderated by **Bob Feron**.

April 23, 10:30 AM-12:15 PM: ***Becoming Elijah: Prophet of Transformation*** -- In the Tanakh, Elijah is a zealous prophet. When his earthly life ends, he vanishes in a whirlwind, carried off to heaven in a fiery chariot. Was this a spectacular death, or did Elijah escape death entirely? The latter view prevailed. How did this zealot turn into a compassionate hero—apparently the most popular figure in Jewish folklore? ***Becoming Elijah*** explores this question, tracing how Elijah develops from the Bible to Rabbinic Judaism, Kabbalah, and Jewish ritual. A conversation with author Daniel Matt. The book is in the Jewish Lives series.

Talmud Study with Rabbi Seidel -- Shabbat, April 1 and 15, May 27, June 17, 1:00-2:00 PM. Tractate Sanhedrin in English translation.

Kol Nashim Book Group - Jessica Weissman

At our March 21st meeting we discussed Joshua Cohen's satirical but fact-inspired Pulitzer-prize-winning novel *The Netanyahus*. The only Jewish professor of history at a small college is expected to play host and mentor to Benzion Netanyahu, an Israeli professor of history who is on an interview visit to the campus with his family, including his son Benjamin of whom you may have heard. Some attendees were captivated by the satire, while others saw the book as confirming negative stereotypes of Israelis and Jews.

Our next meeting is on April 18th. The reading is Dara Horn's essay collection *People Love Dead Jews*. These essays consider historical and current anti-semitism and attitudes toward Jews through the lens of particular instances. Why are people so attached to Anne Frank and horrified by the Holocaust while at the same time their attitude toward living Jews is so hostile?

We meet from 7:30 to 9pm, or until we run out of things to say. This rarely happens. We are TI! All are welcome, including people who have not finished or even started the book. If you have friends who might enjoy discussing interesting books with Jewish content, bring them along.

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 our 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).

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 c: 301-996-2704

Marcia Goggin c: 301-792-1063

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



Handmade tzedakah boxes as given to B'nai Mitzvah by Kol Nashim. Photo by Sharon Brown.

TI Social Action Projects - Gene & Esther Herman

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

Tifereth Israel Support for Refugee Families – Resuming This Month

On March 23, a group of TI members met through the Social Action Committee to create a path to restart our work supporting new refugees. In past years, several dedicated TI volunteers have helped Syrian refugee families get established in their new homes nearby, in the Maryland suburbs of D.C.

We are excited to be resuming this work by working with The New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance (NNIA). This group consists of volunteers from over 20 faith-based organizations in Maryland. They are very excited to have Tifereth Israel volunteers join them and we will be their first D.C.-based community. NNIA currently is helping 20 refugee families and two asylum-seeking families—most of whom are from Afghanistan and now are living in Silver Spring or Rockville. Volunteers help with driving them to appointments, providing English language tutoring, helping with job searches, food acquisition and general cultural acclimation, among other things. Each family has a team of volunteers from several different synagogues or churches assigned to work with them.

Attendance at our March 23rd Zoom meeting was excellent and TI volunteers will soon learn more about NNIA and how to sign up to work directly with refugees. If you are interested in learning more about NNIA, becoming a TI volunteer, or making a financial donation, please visit this link: <https://nnia-maryland.com>.

A list of the NNIA participating congregations is here: <https://nnia-maryland.com/about-us/>

If you have any questions about the next steps for TI involvement with NNIA, please email [Bob Mathis](mailto:Bob.Mathis@nnia-maryland.com), [Rachel Seidel](mailto:Rachel.Seidel@nnia-maryland.com) or [Bob Feron](mailto:Bob.Feron@nnia-maryland.com).

We look forward to getting started on this important work and plan to regularly update TI about our progress. For more details about volunteering to support refugees through either NNIA or the IRC, please see the text here: [Refugees and Volunteers Update.pdf](#)

- Rachel Seidel and Bob Feron

Passover Food Delivery

TI once again will be participating with other congregations in Bnai Brith's Project H.O.P.E. Project H.O.P.E. will take place on April 2, 2023, and Jewish Social Service (JSSA) has agreed to be full partners with the Chesapeake Bay Region of B'nai Brith to make this community service happen. The central part of TI's involvement is recruiting volunteers to help deliver Passover packages to those in need in our local Jewish community. We hope that you can be part of this mitzvah. The Passover packages to be delivered will be available on Sunday morning, April 2 at the Juniper Street entrance between 9-10 A.M. Sign up here:

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<https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/form/passover-2023-food-delivery-volunteers.html>

Have a sweet Passover.

Serving at Shepherd's Table

TI helped serve dinner at Shepherd's Table on March 5th. This marked the 19th consecutive month that TI has served a meal at Shepherd's Table on the first Sunday of each month. Special thanks this month to **Claudine Schweber, Aviel Roshwald, Esther Herman, Rebecca Coleman, Joseph Martin, Raymond Coleman, Tali Stopak-Mathis, Bob Mathis, Dione Pereira, Paula Martin and Gene Herman**, who worked diligently to assist in serving about 200 meals. The number of meals served has been increasing each month, and 200 represents the highest number of meals provided since TI began working at Shepherd's Table. Obviously, volunteers are essential for TI to continue to fulfill its commitment to help the homeless in our community. The next dates are April 2nd and May 7th. If you wish to join the team of TI volunteers, please register at <http://tiferethisrael.shepherdstable.volunteerhub.com/>.

Thanks. – Gene and Esther Herman

Volunteer as a Tutor for the TI Shepherd Tutoring Program

The TI **Shepherd Tutoring program** is continuing, after its re-launch in December. We have just barely enough TI tutors for the students from the closest public elementary school who signed up, but we will be pleased to welcome additional volunteers.

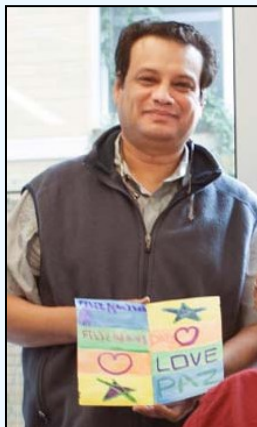
Each tutor is paired with a young student (grades 2-5) for the school year and they meet for one hour, 5-6 pm on most Sundays, reading together for basic comprehension, or practicing simple math skills and problems, or reviewing homework. This weekly hour can make a significant difference in the school performance of participating students, reinforcing skills they have studied or learned in school. This program operated for 22 years before the pandemic, with adults and teenagers from TI doing the informal tutoring.

Please volunteer yourself or your teenager. If you are interested, please sign up on the TI website, or at <https://tinyurl.com/ShepherdTutor>. Contact Tobi McFarland or Melissa Perera at

Donate Canned Goods to La Casa Food Pantry

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee

Starting Friday, April 14



La Casa is a 40-unit supportive housing building for previously chronically homeless males in Columbia Heights. The program's highly vulnerable residents receive comprehensive case management, supportive services and 24-hour staffing.

La Casa is in need of canned goods for their food pantry. Cans may be brought to the TI Juniper Lobby or you can drop them off directly at La Casa, 1444 Irving St. or at Friendship Place, 3655 Calvert St., NW. Drop off hours for all 3 locations are Monday–Friday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

For more info, contact TI's Social Action VP, Bob Feron, at TISocialaction@tifereth-israel.org.

TI Retreat 2023 - Photos by Jeff Peterman



Below: Rebellion of the July-born

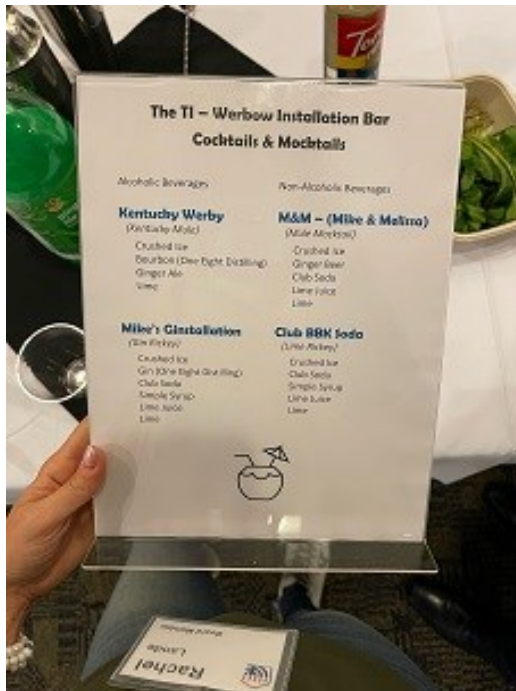
Left: Joshua and Tony discuss bidding on an ancient RFP. Right: Mark Berch delivers the news.



Above: TI's outgoing outgoing President.



Rabbi Werbow's Installation Celebration - photos by Rachel Lande



The Installation & Celebration of Rabbi Werbow & All the People to Thank! - Rona Siskind

I don't want to sound trite, but it really does take a village to pull off a fun and meaningful installation weekend. All the events exceeded my expectations,



Photo by
Louise Kelley

and after more than 2 ½ years, it was lovely to finally install our beloved **Rabbi Werbow**, celebrate the wonderful Werbow family, and, once again, be reminded of the warmth that makes our TI community so uniquely wonderful.

There was a lot that went into the weekend – from Friday night to Shabbat morning services and the installation ceremony; decorations to food; Saturday night cocktails to programming for children. Although I spearheaded the installation committee, it was the group's thoughtfulness and dedication, the help of lots of volunteers, and the staff's tireless efforts that made the weekend run so smoothly.

The installation committee included: **Janet Braun, Stan Dorn, Rabbi Kelley Gludt, Sara Goldberg, Nina Kellner, Jason Kimelman-Block, Rachel Lande, Allison Turner, Jevera Temsky, Sheri Blonder**, and me. Our goal was to make the installation special for the Rabbi and his family and to having it now rather than when he first joined the community turned out to be to our advantage. We now know more about each other and could sprinkle tidbits we thought would be meaningful to the Werbows throughout the weekend.

The services this weekend were all exceptionally spirited and passionate; the lovely voices of **Maya Werbow** and **Joelle Novey** kicked us off with Friday's Kabbalat and Ma'ariv services. Jason coordinated Shabbat morning services and Sara worked with Rabbi Cohen on the installation ceremony. It was such a treat to have the search committee lead Ashrei, past presidents lead Ein Keloheinu, and all of TI's Rabbi congregants lead Adon Olam. For the installation ceremony we heard from those who study with Rabbi Werbow, those who drink with him, teens, and parents of young children among others.

Our centerpieces included Shabbat-friendly games that were donated to TI because the Werbows love to play board games. The centerpieces also represented the various cities they have lived in, and a do-



nation was made to Camp Ramah Palmer's Tikvah Program, which is near and dear to the Rabbi's heart. The centerpieces were created by Nina, Rachel, **Sylvia Horwitz**, and me with behind the scenes help from **Jennifer Kefer**. The games were donated by TI committees: Mancala (Consultative), Washington DC -Opoly (Finance), Pandemic (Gevarim), Wingspan

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Installation Thanks - continued

(Green), Diplomacy (House), Sleeping Queens & Rat-a-Tat (Installation), Dixit Odyssey (Kol Nashim), Sagrada (Membership), Splendor (Ritual), Concept (Strategic Planning), Organ Attack (Teens/BBK), and Chutes and Ladders (Tots) as well as **Rachel** and **Allison** and **Dan Turner**.

Instead of donating a game, the Social Action Committee (SAC) made a generous donation to the Camp Ramah Tikvah Program, which helps kids with special needs fully experience the joy of Jewish summer camp and further expand their Jewish identity. The SAC also made donations to HIAS and to TI to show their appreciation for the Rabbi.

Generosity abounds at TI: **Bill** and **Miriam Galston's** significant donation allowed us to bring Rabbi Cohen here to conduct the installation ceremony. **Stan Dorn** and **Carla Ellern** arranged and partially paid for the fun congratulatory cameo from Buffalo Bills player Andre Reed. The generosity of One Eight Distilling (**Alex Laufer** and **Jennifer Siegal**) allowed us to enjoy fun cocktails Saturday night. **Josh Kefer** and **Neil Hyman** worked hard tending bar and creating the "Kentucky Werby" and "Mike's Ginstillation" as well as the "M&M" (Mike and Melissa Mule Mocktail) and "Club BBK Soda." **Joy Baxt** generously paid for the lovely floral arrangements that helped make the sanctuary feel a little more elegant and festive than usual. And, thanks to Dan and Allison Turner, all our AV needs were taken care of.

We had a great crew to help bake challah for Shabbat. In one day – under Francie's supervision – our crew made 50 challot!!! **Carla Ellern, Jennifer Kefer, Dina Borzekowski, Leigh Verbois, Jessica Weissman, Sylvia Horwitz**, and I made dough in the morning and in the afternoon **Ruth Lieberman, Jessica, Sylvia, Francie**, and I braided and baked them. There were also kitchen volunteers to help Francie prepare for Shabbat dinner, Kiddush and Saturday night chocolate/dessert indulgence; thank you to **Josh Kranzberg, Lisa Goldring, Krayna Feinberg, Paula Flicker, Margie Odle, Morris Rodenstein, and Sylvia**.

Saturday evening's musical playlist was created by **Ari** and **Josh Kefer**. **Richard Gryziak** and **Leigh Verbois** lent us their popcorn maker (with popcorn and

bags) and **Lorelei** set it up and served the kids. **Miriam Turner** watched the younger ones Saturday night so parents could be a bit more carefree!

And last, but far from least is TI's incredible staff, without whom none of this would have happened: **Naomi Footer** answered every call with poise and



patience and worked in the kitchen; Janet prepared the website, forms, and all communications materials, and monitored registration throughout; **Ellen Zwibak** ordered centerpiece supplies and kept track of them; **Samir Carter-Hiba** and **Carlos Nieto** took care of all the heavy lifting and set up; Sheri and Jev-era made sure we considered each and every detail; Francie and her crew worked hard to make sure we had delicious and festive meals, and Rabbi Kelley put together a fun program for children and Himmelfarb families with board games and a special mitzvah project in honor of Bamba (the Werbow's dog). The new board games were already a big hit and Bamba seemed to have a fun morning!

It was such a joy to work with everyone and be part of this important weekend. I worked with people I hadn't known before and was once again, reminded of how generous of heart, time, ideas, and resources Tlars can be.

Thank you all for making the installation a meaningful celebration for Rabbi Werbow, the Werbow family, and our community! I'm so proud and honored to be part of TI's village.

Centerpiece photos by Jennifer Kefer and Rona Siskind. Challah baking photo by Rachel Lande.

YOUTH & FAMILY



Tot Shabbat—For children 18 mo. to 5 years

Sat., April 8 at 11:00 am Rhythm'n'Ruach with Auntie A

Sat., April 15 at 11:00 am Yoga with Doda

Junior Minyan—Learner's service for elementary schoolers

Saturdays, April 15 and May 6 at 11:00 am

Club BBK

Sun., April 16 at 9:15 am—Club Meeting

Wed., May 3 at 7:00 pm—BBK Orientation

Parent-Child Knit-Along Mitzvah Project

Sponsored by Kol Nashim and the Himmelfarb School

Sundays, April 16, 23, 30 and May 21 at 2:00 pm

USY Go Kart Event—For teens in grads 9-12

Sun., April 16 at 4:00 pm



McMillan family at the corner of Tiferet Israel St. in Jerusalem. Photo by Colin McMillan.

ACCESSIBILITY AT TI

Year-round, we want everyone to be able to participate as fully as possible in services and activities.

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

Accessible parking and/or seating

Use of a walker or wheelchair

You can ask a service greeter in the Sanctuary if you need:

Assistive Listening Device

Large print prayerbook

Wheelchair accessible seating

Use of Bimah lift (coming this spring!)

Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

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

April 7, 2023

Harvey Fernbach
Robert Feron & Dione Pereira
Jay & Rachel Finkelstein
David & Patricia Fisher
Paula Flicker
Judah Flum & Lisa Itkin
Daniel Fody
Lee & Brenda Footer
Ira Forman & Caryn Pass
Michael Franklin & Sonya Shpilyuk
Bruce Friedland & Jenny Bryant
Naomi Friedman
Judy Galat & Geoff Thale
William & Miriam Galston
Rebecca Gan
Jared Garelick & Ellen Kramarow
Allegría Gelfand
Marsha Gentner
Ron Ghatan & Megan Larkin
Seth Glabman & Martha Hare

April 14, 2023

Rick Glaser & Sheryl Gross-Glaser
Howard Gleckman & Ann Kline
John & Marcia Goggin
Eliot Goldberg & Traci Kammer
Goldberg
Joseph Goldberg
Joshua & Sara Goldberg
Adam & Allison Goldman
Myrna Goldman

Paul Goldman & Debbie Pomerance
Tom & Lisa Goldring
Paul & Rachel Goldstein
Lynn Golub-Rofrano
Francis Gomes & Rachel Lande
Michael Gotthelf & Rachel Vile
Stefan & Wilhelmina Gottschalk
Lee & Jennifer Grabel
Stanley Grabia & Varda Fink
Marjorie Greenberg
Larry Greenfield & Melanie Gross
Greenfield
Abraham & Dena Greenstein

April 21, 2023

Franca Brilliant
Barbara Grosz
Richard Gryziak & Leigh Verbois
Stefan Gunther & Lisa Goldberg
Jonathan Halpern & Gretchen Young
Daniel & Elizabeth Handwerker
David & Sara Handwerker
Eliot Harrison & Wendy Blake-Coleman
David Hart & Lois Frankel
Michael Heimowitz & Dori Gillman
Matt & Linda Heller
Stephen & Shelly Heller
Bruce Heppen & Bonnie Suchman
Eugene & Esther Herman
Carolivia Herron

Gayle & Eric Hope
Deborah Horowitz & Michael Bulen
Hedy Howard
Neil Hyman & Rachel Decter Hyman
Samuel Isaacson & Amelia Kar-raker

May 7, 2023

Alexander Isicson
Anita Isicson
Leonard Jewler & Andrea Rosen
Seth Johnson & Kate Snyder
Harvey Kabaker & Andrea Kline
Steven Kalish
Joshua & Jennifer Kefer
Louise Kelley & Jessica Weissman
Kenneth Kellner & Nina Bronk
Kellner
Jason & Devora Kimelman-Block
Shemaya & Dori Klar
Morris Klein & Naomi Freeman
Aaron Kofner & Anat Shahar
Roger Kohn
Allan Kolker
Edward Koren & Claudine Schweb-ber
Michael & Lisa Kraft
Anita Kramer
Joel Kramer & Adena Galinsky
Joshua & Francesca Kranzberg
Gabriel Kravitz & Yael Smiley

New(ish) Member Cheesecake Baking with Rabbi Werbow



Sunday, May 7, 2023

4:00-5:30 PM



All members who joined TI since 2019 are invited to join Rabbi Werbow and a handful of TI veterans to bake cheesecake ahead of Shavuot.

Register at <https://bit.ly/TIChreg>.
(If you are not already logged in, you will be prompted to do so.)

Upcoming 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.

March 31–April 1

4/1 Samuel Lachman
Henry L. Lyman
Sarah Rod

4/2 Esther Baker
Marion Cohen
Gertrude Geiger
Mary Kimelman
Rae L. Krivo
Vivian Weiss

4/3 Charlotte Gottlieb
Lou B. Levin
Bernard A. Mizel
Usher Rubinstein
Daniel Zodikoff

4/4 Abraham Joshua Doner
David Lewis Miller
Joseph Jacob Morss
Louis A. Nathan
Milton Nurenberg
Stanley Ring
Sadie Sussan
Robert Yelin

4/5 H. Thomas Austern
Leonard Borzekowski
Chester Catler
Esther Jewler
Isaac Milzman
Gail Phillips
Rose Schwartz Ross
Annette Shapiro

4/6 Morris Benson
Harry Borow
Adolph Filderman
Abraham Friedman
Samuel Goodman
Frances Nahon
Joseph Portner
William Stulman

4/7 Harry I. Dobkin
Tobias Naftalin
Max Starr
Alfred Verschell

April 7–8

4/8 Elizabeth McDonald
Floyd Robinson

4/9 Harriet Ostroff Dicker
Leslie LeVine
Baruch Lifshitz
Ray Netzer
George Wall
Frieda Woll

4/10 Joseph Barron
Isaac Harris
Bernard Rosen

4/11 Else Nielsen Carbaugh
Annie Dubin
Benjamin Greenspoon
Jacqueline Molovinsky
Celia Rothberg
Betty Ruth Saks
Juliette Silvera

4/12 Daniel Anker
Dorothy Bessie Berstein
Harry Miles Cohen
Sally Dugan
Abraham Flicker
Frank Frankel
Janet "Jennie" Kessin
Jules Levin
Bert Stoller
Alice Woll

4/13 Ida Benson
Joy Greisen
Joseph James Rofrano
Benjamin Roth

4/14 Hannah Abelman
Muriel Ackerman
Clara Garner
Lillian Goldman
Henry Keimowitz
Samuel Mickelson
Morris Nevin

April 14–15

4/15 Lena Bulman
Samuel Zimmerman

4/16 Joseph Boyars
Sarah Brown
Abraham Lincoln Hess

4/17 Helene Lourie Buchman
Julia Drake
Cyrus Samuel Fischer
Morton Gold
Jacob Markel
Monice Mendelson
Florence Olshvang
Louis Widome

4/18 Isadore "Izzy" Birnbaum
Max Jewler
Mae Klein
Lena Schiller
Richard Secular
Hyman Shulman
Lena Tulchin
Dulcie Voisin

4/19 Arlene Rothman
Bangilsdorf
Emilie Boyers
Fannie Katzman
Joan Klein
Alfred L. Schwartz
Abe Weissbrodt

4/20 Rachel (Ray) Cohen
Sarah Eidenbaum
Morris Krakover
Florence Levenbaum
Ida Gordon Rod
Ida Silverman Shuster

4/21 Myrna Sullivan
David Brooks
Israel Kruger
Harry Meltzer

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Upcoming Yahrzeitn continued

April 21–22

4/22 Michael Berch
Pauline M. Gross
Gussie Isicson
Arnold Kritz
Anne L. Landau
Dorothy Yoffey Naftalin
Marjorie Rosenthal
4/23 Alice D. Abramson
Sarah Bachman
Tess Cogen
Bessie Hayman
Morris Krakow
Mildred Landay
Libby Mead
Fannie Sidman
Frieda Weissman
4/24 Laura S. Berch
Kathy Davidson
Sue Hoffman

Stanley Gerald Jeweler
Percy Marcus
Deborah Reitberg
Benjamin Rosenthal
William A. Schainker
Steven Schlesinger
4/25 Bernard Cohen
Samuel Leidman
Sara Marks
Morris Pincus
Sonia B. Steppa
4/26 Miriam Barshefsky
Abraham Danenberg
Anne Franks
Sarah Rebecca
Hollander Adler
Isaac Kahn
4/27 Shirley Sternstein
Herman H. Baum
Anne Berenter
Joseph Cherner

Louis Jacob Hollander
Michael Alan Kornstein
Joseph Mulitz
Selma Saxe
4/28 Ziegmund Freifeld
Marion Yetta Gilman
Rabbi Mel Glazer
Jennie Leonard
Jane Schwartz
Elsa Temple
Morton Temsky
April 28–29
4/29 Martin Berger
Rosalie Finkelstein
Ethel K. Roads
Joseph Rod
4/30 Pearl Pauline Berenter
Sara Berlin
Benjamin Bojankosky
Sadie Kaplan

KOL NASHIM EVENTS



PARENT-CHILD MITZVAH KNIT-A-LONG

Sundays at 2 pm: April 16, 23, 30 & May 21

Learn more and register by April 12 at
www.tinyurl.com/Mitzvah-Knitting.



GLENSTONE MUSEUM TOUR

Sunday, May 7 at 12 pm

Learn more and register by May 3 at
<https://tinyurl.com/glenstone123>.

Nayes un Mechayes - Melissa Perera

Joyous News

David and Judy Cohen are delighted to welcome their first great grandchild. Tali Yael Cohen-Rimmer, daughter of grandson Yoav Cohen-Rimmer and his wife Sara Levine, was born in Toronto on February 23, 2023. The Cohens' son Benjy Cohen and wife Jane Rimmer are equally thrilled to become first-time grandparents. The Cohens will meet Tali in April when the family gathers in Toronto for the Passover sederim.

TI members **Rachel Seidel** and **TI Rabbi Emeritus Ethan Seidel** are delighted to report that they have a new grandchild. Their grandson Ira Theodore Seidel arrived February 22, 2023, 1 Adar 5783. At birth he was 10 pounds, 11 ounces. Everyone is



well and extremely happy, including parents, Nathan and Sheila Seidel, baby Ira, and big brother Barry. Ethan (Saba) and Rachel (Savta) are thrilled!

Happenings

Simcha Kuritzky attended the American Numismatic Association's National Money Show in Phoenix, Arizona. His Feline Species Numismatic Type Set exhibit took first place in the Common Theme class, and also won Peoples' Choice. His Hindu medals exhibit took second place in the Geography class. His exhibit on Israel's coin designs and infla-

tion won second place in the Economics class. His exhibit on Dutch-Israel Gold Fantasies got first place in the Arts class.

Myrna Goldman continues to collect zoom background photos from her travels. Her latest trip, with her sister Harriet Ainbinder, was a cruise from Bangkok to Singapore. They arrived in Bangkok early on Friday morning and attended shabbat services and dinner at the local Chabad, in addition to seeing many Buddhist temples and a monastery. After embarking the cruise ship, they had an excursion to the Grand Palace and the Emerald Buddha (really jade, they were told). The next port was the island of Ko Samui, where they visited a coconut plantation and saw monkeys trained to pick coconuts. Myrna recently heard a radio piece about how the monkeys are treated, and now feels guilty. They also visited a resort area on the island and saw a fat Buddha and a big Buddha, and many glitzy displays.

At their next stop in Sihanoukville, Cambodia, they visited a school and were entertained by the students with singing and dancing. They saw the outside of the school's temple, were sprinkled with water by a Buddhist priest, and visited a local market that displayed many unusual and not overly appetizing foods. They saw an enormous statue of Cambodia's first queen and king at their wedding, and spent some time at the beach in the Gulf of Thailand.

They spent 3 days in Saigon visiting the Mekong Delta, the War Remnants Museum, and the Cu Chi Tunnels. On their last day in Saigon (the tour guides had little interest in calling it Ho Chi Minh City), they saw the enormous wholesale Chinatown market, did some shopping at a lacquer store, and saw the inside of Independence Hall, which was the Presidential Palace, including historical official rooms, the basement bunker, and a

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couple taking wedding photos on the beautiful lawn outside the building.

Aside from the many Buddhist temples, they were overwhelmed by the enormous number of motor-bikes in Saigon, even more than in Bangkok. They disembarked in Singapore and saw the outside of one of the main synagogues, a kosher market, and a small museum about the history of the Jewish community in Singapore. Also noteworthy in Singapore was the waterfall inside the airport, the largest indoor waterfall in the world.

Sad News

Tifereth Israel member **Andrew Gelfand**, husband of **Allegría Gelfand**, died Friday afternoon, March 3, 2023, 10 Adar 5783. He was 83 and suffered a heart attack while being treated for cancer. He is survived by two sons, Harold (Stephanie) and Daniel (Anne), and five grandchildren, Emmett, Isaac, Evelyn, Julian, and Sydney.



Diane Bressler, mother of Tifereth Israel member **Steven (Rachel) Bressler** and grandmother of **Zachary** and **Anna**, died on March 6, 2023, 14 Adar 5783, at age 81. She was predeceased by her husband Melvin Bressler in 2018.

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



Editor's Note

Dear Loyal N & M Readers – My time as editor of the Nayes un Mechayes column will be coming to an end. My last column will appear in the June issue of the Menorah. I'm hoping that someone will be able to take this column over. If not, it will likely disappear. If you are interested in editing the N & M column, please contact me or Jessica Weissman.

Donations

February 15 to March 19

Accessibility Fund

Mark & Mona Berch in memory of Andrew Gelfand

A Nathan Abramowitz Fund

Hedy & Lee Ohringer in honor of
Rabbi and Rachel Seidel's grandson
Hedy & Lee Ohringer in memory of Clare Golub,
Henry Jacobs, Noah Roitman and Steve Ross
Louise Kelley & Jessica Weissman in memory of
Andrew Gelfand

Annual Appeal

Deena & Pierre Dugan

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Rachel & Steven Bressler
Katherine Benton-Cohen & Hal Cohen
Sharon Cohen & Elliot Rosen
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Miriam Davidson
Stan Dorn & Carla Ellern
Joshua & Sara Goldberg
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Sylvia Horwitz & Dov Weitman
Neil & Rachel Hyman
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General Donation

Bruce & Laurie Berger in memory of Clare Golub
Sheri Blonder in memory of Andrew Gelfand
Ariel & Daniel Brandt Lautman in honor of the
TI retreat organizers
Wilma Brier & Jack Stone
Sharon Cohen & Elliot Rosen in memory of
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Raymond & Rebecca Coleman
David & Helene Emsellem in honor of
Jason Shai Isaac
Paula Flicker in memory of Clare Golub
Miriam & William Galston in memory of Steve Ross
Miriam & William Galston in honor of Dick and
Marjorie Siegel's anniversary

Miriam & William Galston in honor of the
Seidels' new grandson

Stephen Garber and Lynne Snyder in memory of
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Eliot & Traci Goldberg in honor of
Ira Theodore Seidel

Elisa Greene & Matthew Moore

Lawrence & Melanie Greenfield in memory of
Clare Golub

Rose Ellen Halper & Edwin Stromberg

Morris Klein & Naomi Freeman in memory of
Andrew Gelfand

Alan Landay in memory of Clare Golub

Dana & Sheridan Neimark in honor of Jevera Temsky

Andrew Reamer in honor of Dick and Margie Siegel

Arnold & Naomi Revzin in memory of Steve Ross

Eileen Rose & David Silber in honor of the
Purim volunteers

Mical & Michael Schneider in honor of
Julie Steinberg and all those involved with the
Misloach Manot

Phillip & Ruth Shapiro in memory of Noah Roitman

Adele & Michael Sumner in honor of Rabbi Werbow

Jonathan & Rachel Tickner in memory of Steve Ross
and Neil Tickner

Paula Tucker In memory of Clare Golub

Mike & Ruth Unterweger in memory of Henry Jacobs
and Steve Ross

Barbara & Howard White in memory of
Andrew Gelfand, Clare Golub and Steve Ross

Rabbi Werbow's Installation

Alan Bandler

Anna Batler & Gil Landau

Carl Bergman & Marjorie Odle

Judith Berland

Alice Burton

Susan Catler & Keith Secular

Joel Coffidis & Adrienne Torrey

Katherine Benton-Cohen & Hal Cohen

David & Judy Cohen

Sharon Cohen & Elliot Rosen

Miriam Davidson

Lis Davis & Dan Liebman

Benjamin Dreyfus & Rabbi Elizabeth Richman

Rabbi Charles & Krayna Feinberg

Donations continued

February 15 to March 19

Rabbi Werbow's Installation (cont)

Paula Flicker
 Judah Flum & Lisa Itkin
 Lois Frankel & David Hart
 Naomi Freeman & Morris Klein
 Jared Garelick & Ellen Kramarow
 Renee Gindi & Alan Zibel
 Seth Glabman & Martha Hare
 Howard Gleckman & Ann Kline
 Joshua & Sara Goldberg
 Lisa Goldberg & Stefan Gunther
 Myrna Goldman
 Lisa & Tom Goldring
 Lynn Golub-Rofrano & Joseph Rofrano
 Marjorie Greenberg
 Linda Greer & Mike Tilchin
 Barbara Grosz
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 Bruce Heppen & Bonnie Suchman
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 Sylvia Horwitz & Dov Weitman
 Harvey Kabaker & Andrea Kline
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 Devora & Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block
 Rich Kruger & Naimah Weinberg
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 Joseph & Paula Martin
 Barbara & Michael Milton
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 Tobias Reiter
 Eti & Paul Roitman Bardack
 Genevieve Sapir & Gregory Stackel
 Lawrence & Pearl Schinker
 Mical & Michael Schneider
 Minyan Segulah
 Rabbi Ethan & Rachel Seidel
 Marjorie & Richard Siegel
 Jeffrey & Julie Steinberg
 Michael & Michelle Strollo
 Howard & Michele Sumka

Jevera Temsky
 Rachel Tickner
 Allison & Daniel Turner
 Judith & Lester Turner
 Alan & Cynthia Weitz
 Barbara & Howard White
 Louise Wiener
 Diana Zurer
 Ellen Zwibak

Helping Hands Fund

Brenda & Lee Footer in memory of Marsha Sussman
 Susan Vitale in memory of Julia Mohn Vitale Drake
 Alan & Cynthia Weitz In honor of Rabbi Ethan &
 Rachel Seidel's new grandson

Kiddush Donations

Miriam & William Galston

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John & Marcia Goggin in memory of Steve Ross

Maot Hitin

Susan Catler & Keith Secular

Marvin Caplan Social Action Fund

Sheri Blonder in memory of Clare Golub
 Miriam Davidson in honor of
 Rabbi Ethan & Rachel Seidel's new grandson
 Rabbi Charles & Krayna Feinberg

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Congregation Olam Tikvah in honor of
 Rabbi Werbow
 Miriam Davidson in honor of
 Rabbi Werbow's installation
 Miriam & William Galston in memory of
 Jack Steinberg
 Gabriel Kravitz & Yael Smiley in honor of
 Rabbi Werbow's installation
 Marshall Lewis
 Adele & Michael Sumner in memory of
 Andrew Gelfand
 Mike & Ruth Unterweger in honor of
 Rabbi Werbow's installation

SPECIAL SERVICES & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

MASK-OPTIONAL SEATING AT SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Saturday, Apr. 1

Some sections of the Sanctuary will be clearly marked for those who wish to not wear a mask, and those who want to be masked.

Learn more at <http://bit.ly/3K0EI2s>.

TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI SEIDEL

Saturdays, Apr. 1 and 15 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 and access text on line at <https://bit.ly/TITalmud>.

SIYYUM BECHORIM *

Wednesday, Apr. 5 at 7:00 am; Siyyum with celebratory meal at 7:45 am

Join Rabbi Werbow in completing the study of *Mishnah Moed Katan*, followed by a special kaddish and meal.

Learn more at <http://bit.ly/3ICT283>.

PESACH SERVICES *

Thursday, Apr. 6 at 9:00 am

Friday, Apr. 7 at 9:00 am

Shabbat, Apr. 8 at 9:00 am with reading of *Shir HaShirim* (Song of Songs) at approximately 10:00 am

Wednesday, Apr. 12 at 9:00 am

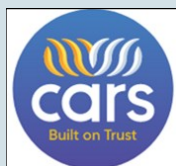
Thursday, Apr. 13 at 9:00 am with *Yizkor* at approximately 11:00 am

See the full Pesach schedule at <https://bit.ly/PesachTI23>.

*Attend in person or virtually

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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

JEWISH HISTORY ONLINE: HITLER'S JEWISH REFUGEES: HOPE AND ANXIETY IN PORTUGAL *

Presented by [Marion Kaplan](#), Skirball Professor of Modern Jewish History, NYU (pre-recorded)

Sponsored by Gevarim

Sunday, Apr. 2 at 10:30 am

Delve into the experience of Jewish refugees as they fled Hitler to live in limbo in Portugal.

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

SERVE DINNER AT SHEPHERD'S TABLE

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee

Sunday, Apr. 2 at 5:00 pm (next date May 7)

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

Register and learn more at <https://bit.ly/TIServe>.

RAIN GARDEN CARE

Sponsored by the Green Committee

Sunday, Apr. 16 at 10:00 am (next date May 21)

Dig into the TI rain garden! Weed or plant, depending on the season. BYO shovel and gloves.

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

KOL NASHIM BOOK CLUB *

Tuesday, Apr. 18 at 7:30 pm (Yom HaShoah)

This month's book is *People Love Dead Jews* by Dara Horn.

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

JEWISH HISTORY ONLINE: BECOMING ELIJAH: PROPHET OF TRANSFORMATION *

Sponsored by Gevarim

Sunday, Apr. 23 at 10:30 am

Join a conversation with author Daniel Matt about his book, tracing how Elijah developed from the Bible to Rabbinic Judaism, Kabbalah and Jewish ritual.

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

VIGIL AGAINST RACISM

Fridays at 5:00 pm

Join the TI community on 16th Street in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement.

Register and learn more at <https://bit.ly/TIVigil>.

SHEPHERD ELEMENTARY TUTORING

Sundays at 5:00 pm during the school year

TI adults and teenagers tutor students from our local public elementary school.

Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/ShepherdTutor>.

* Virtual only

ONGOING RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND LEARNING

KABBALAT SHABBAT AND MA'ARIV *

Fridays at 6:30 pm

At TI, we love to sing, especially on Friday night! Twice each month we have a special service and dinner. Come warm your soul with a joyful start to Shabbat.

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

Learn about Rising Song Shabbat at <https://bit.ly/TIRising>.

Learn about Uptown Shabbat at <https://bit.ly/UptownShabbat>.

MISHNA WITH RABBI WERBOW *

Saturdays at 8:15 am

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>.

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>.

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN **

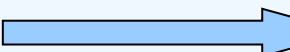
Sundays at 9:15 am

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*

** *Note: Services are in-person only unless there is a request for Zoom. Request Zoom by contacting Rabbi Werbow at mwerbow@tifereth-israel.org by 9:00 am on the Thursday preceding services.*

Use this QR code to read the Menorah
and view the archives. 



Purim Shpiels & Megillah Reading - photos by Julie Steinberg



Crane preparing to lift our new air-handling equipment into the building via the roof. Photo by Sheri Blonder.

B'nai Mitzvah

Hi, I'm Lev Werbow. I go to Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School of the Nation's Capital, and I'm in 7th grade. Next year, I will be attending the Siena School. I am a "newish" member at TI. Some of you might know my father, the rabbi (since being installed last month). I like to cook and play cards. I do sound for the performances at Milton. I enjoy volunteering at TI in the kitchen and am learning to be a floor gab-bai. Nancy Weisz has been my Bar Mitzvah tutor. She has been helping me with the haftarah, the Torah service and other prayers. I appreciate her help very much. I can't wait for all my family and friends from Buffalo, West Palm Beach, Pittsburgh, and Sarasota to come and celebrate with all of us in DC on my special day.



Werbow family photo



Linden family photo

Hi! My name is Eloise Linden and my Bat Mitzvah is on April 22, Rosh Chodesh! My Torah portions are Tazria and Metsora.

I am a 7th grader at Inspired Teaching School. I love to hang out with my friends, play board games, and do aerial arts. I also love acting. I was in the Levine School of Music's productions of *Matilda* and *Annie*. I was also in a school production of *The Little Mermaid*.

I would like to thank my tutor and aunt, Liba Kornfeld, for teaching me my haftarah, how to read Torah, and much more.

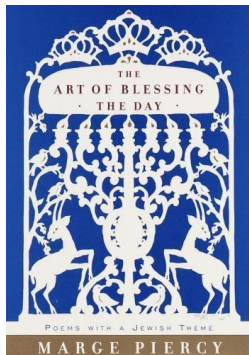
SUPPORT A KIDDUSH!

Supporting a Kiddush lunch is a wonderful way to celebrate a simcha with the TI community and your guests. There are options to fit any budget! Your contribution will be acknowledged in the Shabbat handout and during announcements at the end of Shabbat morning services.

To discuss supporting a Kiddush, please contact
Synagogue Administrator Sheri Blonder at sheri@tifereth-israel.org.

Check Out the Books in the Mollie L. Berch Library

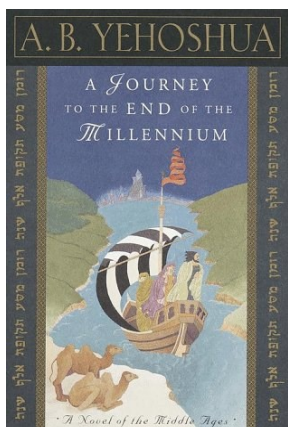
Looking for a good book to read? Are you old school enough to check out a book from the TI Mollie L. Berch library? Here are a few suggestions:



The Art of Blessing the Day: Poems with a Jewish Theme by Marge Piercy (2013)

As Jews we know there is a blessing for nearly everything that happens in life. Marge Piercy brings new language to the moments in our days and years when we pause to take stock of our experiences. Some of the poems, like traditional blessings, evoke a feeling of gratitude. Many simply bear witness to the difficult truths we must accept and endure. Piercy's vivid storytelling draws us in as we become observers of the beauty and the pain in the everyday.

– Barbara Raimondo

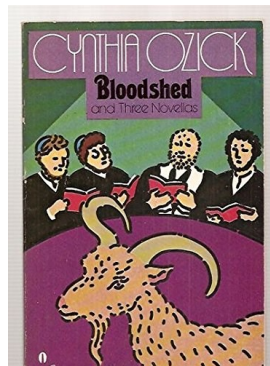


Journey to the End of the Millennium by A.B. Yehoshua (1997)

I was entranced by this novel set in 999, when Ben Attar, a Jewish merchant travels throughout western Europe. The novel accurately portrays the variety of people he meets and the challenges he faces.

It overlaps historically with a much-loved mystery series written by Sharan Newman whose heroine Catherine LeVendeur faces similar issues with her secret Jewish relatives in France.

– Sharon Cohen



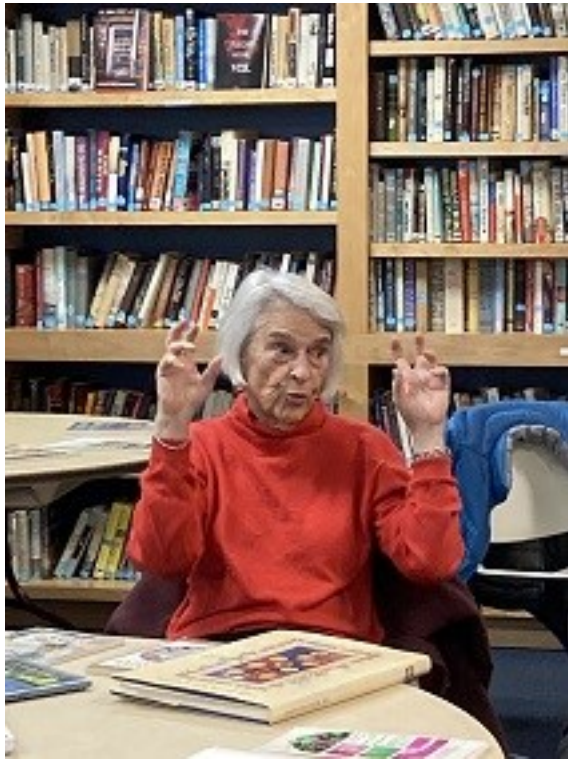
Bloodshed, by Cynthia Ozick (1972)

In this collection, subtitled *Bloodshed and Three Novellas*, the stories are mystical and mundane, inscrutable, and fascinating. The world produced by Ozick is populated by a Polish diplomat, an African Prime Minister, Holocaust survivors, children of survivors, all manner of rebbes and rabbis, the Cohen Gadol, Nobel prize winners and wannabes, a ba'al ga'avah, "usurpers," and various goats. There's a lot to absorb and the book is not an easy read, but each story compels the reader to plow ahead in hopes of deriving meaning and understanding of what the Ozick world has to offer.

--Deena Dugan

Editor's note: this is a tiny sample of the riches in our TI library. If you're tired of waiting behind 37 other holds at the public library, or if you are interested in specialized books about the Jewish community, state of synagogue life, or Jewish history that just aren't in the public library, TI's library is here for you. Next time you're at TI, take a good look at what's on our shelves. New books are outside the Emsellem room across from the children's library nook. There's a checkout system that is usable even on Shabbat. And if you want to submit a book review, the Menorah welcomes them.

Kol Nashim Haggadah Sharing - photos by Louise Kelley





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