



The Menorah

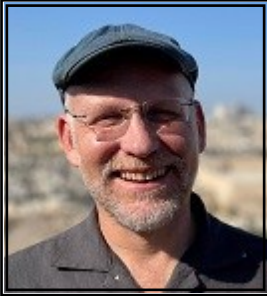
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From the President: Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block

I'm excited to be writing my first column as President of TI. It's been an honor serving on the board under **Sara Goldberg, Sylvia Horwitz** and **Stan Dorn** – large shoes to fill – but luckily they're still playing leadership roles and are good friends and advisors. When people learn that I took on this role, their reactions range from "Mazel Tov!" to "My Condolences" to "Why?" While I know the role will be demanding, I love this community and I want to see it thrive.



This summer will mark twenty years since we joined TI. In that time, we had two kids (#s 3 & 4), navigated the challenges of parenting, career shifts, illnesses, losing a parent, parenting teens, b'nai mitzvah. From having toddlers running around in the aisles of the sanctuary, to making great friends, to getting support through incredible challenges, this community was central to our family. Our lives are immeasurably richer these past two decades be-

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From the Rabbi: Rabbi Michael Werbow

Ah, summertime. A time when children head off to camp or shuttle around town, to all of their day-camp and playtime adventures. A time when people are able to take walks after dinner as the day cools off a bit. A time for either very quick or more lengthy vacations to places near or far.



And, it's a time for those of us in the rabbinic world to think of, and implement, new innovative ideas for the congregation. Here I'd like to focus on some new additions you have seen or will be seeing, that have come out of conversations in our Membership Committee. Led tirelessly by **Jennifer Kefer**, our Membership Committee continues efforts to both bring in new members and to engage and keep connected with those already in our congregation. Both of these aspects of their mission are important to the success of the congregation and we thank them for their efforts.

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cause we were part of TI.

I also want to step into bigger leadership at this time because it's a crucial time for us as a community. We've successfully navigated the pandemic. We have a wonderful new Rabbi. Our religious school is amazing, thanks to the talents and vision of **Rabbi Kelley**. The building is in the best shape it's been in years. I'm constantly floored by the amount that our staff does every day. We are in such a good place because of years of hard work by volunteers and staff. And, looking forward, we must focus on a few key areas in order for TI to successfully navigate into our next phase. Put simply, the cost that it takes to keep things going as they currently are is not covered by the money we're bringing in from membership fees, fundraising and other income.

We are beginning to attract more members, but that takes time. We can all work on it - I'm sure we all know people who are not connected to a synagogue. Tell them about TI, invite them to join you at an event. Right now is when people might be looking for a Hebrew School for the next year. Tell them why the Himmelfarb School is amazing. How it meets the educational, social, and spiritual needs of all learners. How its unique open-classroom model, with mixed ages and learner agency, plays to a wide range of abilities and learning styles. It's a hands-on, experiential, energy filled, joyful Jewish experience. It incorporates Maker Space (arts and crafts garage), Builder Space (Legos), drama, music, centered on the idea that joy is key to Jewish learning.

While this slow and steady work of attracting new members to the community continues, we need additional financial support to take us to the next phase. Hopefully you've already heard about the Bridge Campaign and how important it is to the future of TI. If not - send me an email

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For many of our regulars, you have already seen one new addition, which is meant to make our services more accessible. We have a sign in the front of the room which shows the page we are on. It is not always an exact science of when to flip the numbers (especially if there is a time when one wouldn't move like during the Amidah) but it is generally in the ballpark. Various individuals have stepped forward to help with the flipping. If you are ever interested, just come to the front of the room. This is an especially good task for a child who benefits from being in the service and is hopefully keeping track of where we are in the siddur.

Other initiatives are soon to come. One is a bookcase of children's books and activities in the front as you enter the sanctuary. Here, we will have a good assortment of kid's books (thank you PJ Library) as well as bags of toys that a child can take and engage with at their seats, and with their adults in the sanctuary. It is always a balance when having children in the sanctuary but I always fall on the side of a little noise is okay. (Although, not when it was my children but that is another story.) So many people have shared in the past that one reason for TI becoming their spiritual home was the openness they felt for their children being there. Plus, if you want children to be in the sanctuary when they are older, you need to have them in the sanctuary when they are young.

Another exciting new addition, debuting soon, is a coffee & tea bar on Shabbat mornings. As we roll this out, it will initially be available in the Chapel on mornings when Segulah is not meeting. As we become accustomed to having the drinks available, we will assess offering them on every Shabbat, possibly in a different location. People should feel free to come, grab a coffee (or tea) and schmooze in the chapel during the service. For some time now drinks at the Kiddush, after services, have been sponsored by Gevarim. We thank them for this. Gevarim will also be supporting the coffee & tea bar.

One thing we don't have yet is a fun and catchy name. TI, don't let me down. Let me know your punny names for a synagogue based coffee bar. We'll take submissions under advisement and pick a good one.

There are always new and creative ways that we can add to our efforts to make people feel welcome and to strengthen our community. If you have ideas, please pass them along to Jennifer Kefer or myself. Also, please remember to wear your name tag when you come to services or other events. If yours is missing, please let the office know so we can replace it. If you've taken yours home (and let's be honest, who hasn't) please bring it back the next time you come. We can all be ambassadors for TI to continue building and strengthening our community.

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and we'll find some time to talk. For those of you who have already joined the campaign – thank you!

In addition to working on expanding the membership and the Bridge Campaign, we are in the midst of a Strategic Planning process, adeptly led by board member **Timothy Michalak**. Over the month of June, we will be holding a series of Community Conversations to hear from as many people as possible about what you value about TI and your ideas for how it can thrive into the future.

This is an exciting time for the community. And it will take a community effort to move us forward. If you have ideas or want to get more involved, you can contact me at tipresident@Tifereth-israel.org

JUNE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

6/1	Maayan Brandt Lautman Robert Lande Naomi Sullivan		Richard Kruger Jacob Saletta Miriam Sznycer-Taub		Rachel Peckham Tobias (Toby) Reiter
6/2	Abraham Mancoll		Dov Weitman	6/24	Mark Lewis Joye Newman
6/3	Helene Emsellem Naomi Footer Alexandra Gomes Hannah Perlmutter Adam Riker	6/13	Lionel Cherry		Adrien Shettler-Marx
6/4	Naomi Friedman Linda Heller Matt Heller Sylvia Horwitz	6/14	Rebecca Glaser	6/25	Katherine LaRiviere Bob Mathis Bat Chen Sullivan
6/5	Samuel Handwerker Martha Hare Michael Heimowitz Aviva Taransky	6/15	David Emsellem Neilah Rovinsky Peter Winch	6/26	Lena Tulchin Larry Bram Stephanie Rubin
6/6	Stanley Grabia	6/16	Krayna Feinberg Esther Roitman Bardack Jeremy Steinberg	6/28	Aylat Lifshitz John Lister Rafael (Rafi) Malkiel
6/8	Pearl Schainker Robin Schlesinger Diane Thrush	6/17	Micah Goldberg		Melke Mengiste Jaclyn Shettler Randy Showstack
6/9	Judith Herzog Murdock Andrea Rosen	6/18	Alisha LeVine Howard Rubin	6/29	Dina Borzekowski David Fisher Ron Ghatan Kim Levone Susan Morse Barbara White
6/10	Steven Kalish	6/19	Samuel Cohen Samuel Mancoll	6/30	Zachary Bressler Asa Doherty Alan Weitz
6/11	Eloise Melsky Linden	6/20	Jeremiah Alterman		
6/12	Alison Acosta Penelope Anderegg	6/21	Paul Goldstein Kelly Rickard		
		6/22	Joy Baxt Stan Dorn David Kritz Peter Trooboff		
		6/23	Ari Kefer Daniel Kuhn		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

6/2	Earl Dotter & Deborah Stern Amelia Karraker & Samuel Isaacson Sharon Moshavi & Eric Weiner	6/12	Arnold & Naomi Revzin	6/21	Mark & Mona Berch David & Sara Handwerker
6/4	Larry & Melanie Greenfield	6/14	Shelly & Steve Heller	6/22	Rabbi Jane Berman & Adam Diamond Susan Morse & Harry Waldman
6/5	Linda Greer & Michael Tilchin	6/16	Lisa & Tom Goldring	6/23	Ivy Baer & Marc Rothenberg Cynthia & Jeff Peterman Louis & Madge Lee Spector
6/8	Catherine & Jonathan Tuerk	6/18	Eric & Shira Schechtman Jeffrey & Julie Steinberg Adele & Michael Sumner	6/26	Joy & Leonard Baxt
6/10	Ann Baker & Christopher Zeilinger	6/19	Susan Catler & Keith Secular Kenneth & Merle Deane Adina Schwartz & Jessica Simpson	6/27	Ken & Rachel Lemberg
6/11	Hedy & Lee Ohringer Vivian Seidner & Marc Warshawsky	6/20	Judah Flum & Lisa Itkin	6/30	Devora & Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block

Click <https://bit.ly/BdayAnniv> to help sponsor the June 17 Birthday-Anniversary Kiddush.

Another Successful Year - Rabbi Kelly Gludt

Another amazing year of fun, friendship, learning and growing has concluded at the Himmelfarb School.

During the 5783 school year, Gan and Alef (kindergarten and first grade) gained proficiency in the alef-bet, celebrated the holidays, and practiced mitzvot. Vav and Zayin (sixth and seventh grade) researched key moments in modern Jewish history, led tefilah for all of Himmelfarb, and explored what it means to be a Jewish adult. Our Club BBK cohort (bat/bar/kabbalat mitzvah kids and their parents) spent time with **Rabbi Werbow** reflecting on the significance of reaching this milestone.

Our second through fifth graders learned all about Shabbat and foundational Biblical stories in our Maker Space, Builders Space, Music, Drama and Beit Midrash options. Students did a deep dive into the Four Questions, learned how a Torah scroll is made, created omer counters, mastered using Hebrew letters numerically, created beautiful buttons with their Hebrew names, and experienced what it was like to be at the foot of Mount Sinai.

Hebrew learning continued in small groups and individually online, with huge strides made in decoding. We reinforced Hebrew skills in weekly davening and in our Tefilah Workshop, where the children spent time with key prayers from the Shabbat service, including the nusach, fundamental vocabulary and choreography associated with each.

As a school, we cleaned up 16th Street, decorated the Sukkah with flair, indulged during the Tu B'Shevat ice cream seder, flashmobbed the Himmelfarb dance at the Hanukkah Party, enjoyed the Magevet concert, and participated in a Passover version of *Nailed It!* before finishing off the year with a rousing Color War (yasher koach Green!).

Being together was truly a blessing, and one that neither I nor the awesome Himmelfarb faculty take for granted. Thank you to everyone—students, teachers, parents, madrichim—who made the 5783 Himmelfarb year such a rousing success!



Color War photos
by Rabbi Kelley
Gludt



My Origins - David Cohen

My parents, Samuel and Rachel (Singerman) Cohen, were second cousins whose families immigrated in the first decade of the 20th century from southwestern Belarus, near the Ukrainian border. They grew up, however, in vastly different milieus in America.

My father was born in Belarus in 1906, immigrating in 1911 at age five with his mother and older sister to join his father who had come to the US soon after my dad's birth to set up a junk business in Vergennes, a town of about 1200 in northern Vermont. The only other Jews in town were my grandmother's brother, who ran a general store, and his family. My dad's non-Jewish friends, hearing my grandmother call him Sh'leimkeh (the diminutive of his Hebrew name Sh'lomo) nicknamed him Slanky.

He and his sister, soon Americanized, served as mentors to their four younger siblings born in America. When my dad was about nine he began boarding with a family in Burlington, which had a Jewish community and synagogue, so he could attend Hebrew school and prepare for his bar mitzvah. He eventually returned home and graduated from Vergennes high school.

By contrast, my mother was raised among thousands of Jews. The youngest of five children, she

was born in 1910 on the Lower East Side of New York City, and attended for many years an outstanding, progressive Hebrew school, including its teacher training program. She attended, and graduated class valedictorian from, Seward Park High School in Manhattan. She was active in a variety of programs and activities, teaching in a Hebrew gan (kindergarten) and serving on the national board of Junior Hadassah.

Like my father, she too served as a family mentor, not to siblings, who were all older, but to her nieces, the daughters of her oldest brother and sister, helping them navigate their teenage challenges.

Samuel and Rachel, despite their family connections, had minimal contact as children. Through a charming set of circumstances which would require another article to recount they came together when he was in his early 20s and she in her late teens. The country boy Vermonter and city girl New Yorker eventually married in 1933, beginning a long and extraordinarily happy life as a couple.

Editor's note: Be like David! Be like other TI'ers who have also shared their family origin stories in the Menorah! Your family story article can be long or short. If you would like some guidance in telling your story please contact me at menorah@tifereth-israel.org.

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Refugee Resettlement Work Starts Up Again at TI - Rachel Seidel

Members of Tifereth Israel have begun work with an Afghan refugee family, helping them adjust to life in the U.S. We met the family through the Social Action Committee's recent involvement with NNIA—the New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance. NNIA is an association of over twenty faith communities working together to settle refugees who are now living in the DC area. The congregations include many churches, several temples/synagogues, one mosque and a few other groups. We are their first DC congregation. Lucky for us the family we are matched with lives right across the DC/Maryland line—less than 5 minutes from TI.

This family, like so many Afghan refugees, had a long difficult journey to get to the U.S. Before August 2021 they lived in Balkh Province in Afghanistan. The father practiced law as a Defense Attorney for over ten years in a firm that did contract work for the US State Department. His wife graduated college and became a teacher.



At the time of their exit from Afghanistan they had three children—a boy (now 8) and two girls

(now 6 and 3). Since their arrival here, they have had one more child—a baby boy who is now 7 months old.

On August 1, 2021, the U.S. Embassy evacuated all employees from the father's company since their lives were at risk due to work on sensitive cases. On August 1, he was flown to Kabul while his wife and three young children remained in Balkh Province. Five days later, they too were flown to Kabul. The family lived isolated in a hotel in Kabul and later made their way to Doha. From there they were sent to a relocation camp at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and then to a temporary hotel in White Oak, Maryland. The ECDC (Ethiopian Community Development Council) helped with their resettlement. Within a month, NNIA started working with the family to provide support. Volunteers found them a two-bedroom apartment in Silver Spring, furnished it, registered the children for school, arranged for food and diaper deliveries, helped with legal paperwork, etc.

Currently the father, whose English is very strong, has a job as a contract worker at a refugee resettlement agency. The mother is taking classes to learn English and is taking care of the children. The two oldest attend Rosemary Hills Elementary. The oldest, a second grader is a gentle, somewhat reserved young man who is getting tutoring help with reading. Their older daughter is finishing kindergarten and has thrived at school. She has picked up English quickly. The 3-year-old daughter is full of energy, but also has a long attention span and loves to play with puzzles and toys she can manipulate. Right now, she is home all day with Mom. Hopefully we will get her into a local pre-school summer camp and perhaps the pre-school program itself next year. Finally, there is Muzamil - a very sweet 7-month-old baby—who has been monitored by Children's Hospital since before he was born due to some health concerns.

While the family is incredibly grateful to be here in the US and is very appreciative of all the volunteers supporting them, the transition to living in

Refugee Resettlement Work at TI - continued

our country has not been easy. The mother, in particular, has struggled with not having her family around her after she gave birth and more recently with the news of her father's unexpected death in Afghanistan. She has two younger siblings (ages 16 and 19) back in Afghanistan who she helped raise and they are very scared of living there with the Taliban in control. So—she worries. With this in mind, in addition to practical help and support—perhaps a crucially important goal for TI's involvement with the family is getting to know them well and helping them feel a part of a community that cares. This will take time/patience, but hopefully we will get there in time.



In fact, TI volunteers just began working with the family in May. We joined in with Joyce Mange (good friend of **Rachel Seidel**) who is the NNIA lead for the family and a few other NNIA volunteers. So far **Bob Mathis** has done a ton of research and work finding summer camp programs for the 2 older children. **Judith Hertzog Murdock** and Rachel Seidel have been babysitting twice a week for the two younger children when Hadia takes her Zoom English class. Kol Nashim has generously offered some financial support. And **Janice Mehler** has started working with the larger NNIA group helping at their monthly Women's Circle events. There are many, many volunteer opportunities coming up—both with our family and with other families that NNIA supports, and we would

love to have many more TI'ers join in this good work.

Here are a few needs coming right up:

- Drivers to help get children to and from summer camps
- Financial support—grocery store gift cards, camp tuition (we already have a lot of financial Aid—but will need to cover the gaps)
- Some babysitting in June—specifically June 6 and 13, 12:45-2pm
- Possible driving help to doctor's appointments

Here are a few future needs:

- Creating and/or participating in some fun days for the 3 older children at the end of August when there is no camp and school has not started (think Zoo, a picnic, etc.)
- Ongoing financial support to help with groceries
- Helping the mother navigate public transit and possibly helping her learn to drive

Tasks with the organization NNIA

- Drivers to take families to appointments, the monthly Women's Circle, etc.
- Financial and in-kind donations
- Volunteer drivers helping the food committee—picking up and delivering prepackaged food to a few families. Ideally drivers would do this 2 or 3 times a month.

If you can volunteer for any of the above, please contact us and we would be happy to help you get involved! Additionally, if you have questions/suggestions about NNIA or TI's refugee support work please get in touch.

With much gratitude for all of TI's history of social action.

Rachel Seidel rachelbseidel@gmail.com

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Then and Now

On June 17th TI honors the dedication of our longtime members with a Legacy Member Shabbat. Several of the honorees supplied family photos from then and now.



Myrna Goldman, undated photos



Simcha Kuritzky, left 1986, right 2023



Shelly and Steve Heller and family. Above 1970s, below 2021





Donate Canned Goods to La Casa Food Pantry *Sponsored by the Social Action Committee*

[La Casa](#) provides supportive housing for previously unhoused men in Columbia Heights. Bring cans for their food pantry to:

- The TI Juniper Lobby (10-4 M-F)
- La Casa, 1444 Irving St., NW
- Friendship Place, 3655 Calvert St., NW.

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

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Questions? Contact Sheri Blonder at sheri@tifereth-israel.org.

Order Memorial Plaques

Order by June 30 to have your plaque up in time for Yom Kippur (subject to manufacturer's schedule) at <https://bit.ly/TIPlaques>.



Establish a permanent memorial to honor the memory of a family member or friend.

One plaque: \$700 | Two or more: \$500 each

Nayes un Mechayes - Dori Gillman

Happenings

Rabbi Ethan and Rachel Seidel are so pleased that their son **Alex Seidel** received his Masters in Environmental Engineering from George Washington University this May. In addition to his class work, Alex spent the last two years working in one of Blue Plains Sewage Treatment Plant's labs evaluating methods for removing nitrogen from waste water. Alex is very grateful to GW's engineering department for giving him this opportunity to further his career and also for the support and guidance of TI's very own Shelly Heller. Ethan and Rachel Seidel are extremely grateful that his graduate studies brought Alex and his partner Meghan back to the East coast and living right here in DC!

The American Numismatic Association will honor **Simcha Kuritzky** with their Medal of Merit for decades of service to numismatics and the Association at their annual convention held in Pittsburgh in August.

Max and Sam Heimowitz graduated from Yale University on May 21. Max, Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, received a BA in French and a BA in Russian. He also received a prize for the best senior essay in French. Max will be headed to Oxford in the fall. Sam, Cum Laude, received a BA/MA in East Asian Studies (Chinese), and a BA in Russian, Eastern European, and Eurasian Studies (Hungarian, Turkish). He also received an Arts Award and hopes to study and do research in the country of Georgia in the fall.

Sad News

Longtime Tifereth Israel member **Ruth Unterweger**, wife of **Mike Unterweger**, died on May 19, 2023, 28 Iyar 5783, at age 87. She is survived by children Lee (Eileen), Elliot (Annette) and Paul Rodberg, Susan Rodberg Corp and Paul (Laura) and Michael Unterweger; grandchildren David, Steven, Joseph and Daniel Rodberg, Lucas, Valerie and Veronica Corp, Jonathan Unterweger and Jennifer (Peter) Laanisto; great-grandchildren Ellie and Brody Laanisto; and brothers Myron (Paula) and Jerome (Patricia) Bloom. Ruth was a longtime member of Hadassah organizations in the Montgomery County area, serving many years in officer positions including secretary, treasur-

er and president. Funeral services were held on Tues-



day, May 23 at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery.

Esther (Maisel) Greene, mother of Tifereth Israel member **Janice (David) Mehler** and grandmother of Sarah and John, died on May 12, 2023, 21 Iyar 5783, at age 98. She was predeceased by her husband **William Greene** in 2010. To read the obituary, [click HERE](#).



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

Kol Nashim Book Group - Jessica Weissman

On May 16th the KN book group returned to meeting in person, at the home of **Louise Kelley** and **Jessica Weissman**. We wore masks at the request of one attendee, and will continue to do so as long as there are requests. Our discussion of Chloe Benjamin's novel *The Immortalists* was wide-ranging and more free-flowing than discussions were when we were using Zoom and had to raise our hands and take turns and all that. More people disliked the book than liked it, which proves that such a book can lead to an excellent discussion. In other words, you don't have to like it to talk about it in interesting ways.

Our next meeting is on June 20th at the home of **Paula Flicker**. We can arrange for one or two people to attend via Zoom if necessary.

Our June 20th reading is *East West Street: On the Origins of "Genocide" and "Crimes Against Humanity"*, non-fiction by Philippe Sands. Set in what is now Lviv, the book combines a family detective story with an exploration of the parallel lives of the two men who invented the world-changing concepts of genocide and crimes against humanity.

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. Please RSVP so Paula knows how many guests to prepare for. But if you don't get around to it, come anyway. 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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Gevarim Events - Andrew Reamer

Jewish History Online

June 11, 10:30 am-12:15 pm: *The Global Reach of the Yiddish Theater—The Vilna Troupe, God of Vengeance, and Yiddish Performance the World Over*. Professor Debra Caplan and performer Caraid O'Brien discuss where Yiddish theater was performed throughout the world during its heyday in the twentieth century. Debra follows the many branches of the world-famous repertory company the Vilna Troupe, tracing where they performed. Caraid discusses the evolution of Sholem Asch's Yiddish classic *God of Vengeance* from its 1907 debut in Berlin to eventual Broadway scandal in 1923. Presented by the Yiddish Book Center.

Talmud Study with Rabbi Seidel -- June 17, 1:00-2:00 pm. Tractate Sanhedrin in English translation.

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

Serving at Shepherd's Table - Gene & Esther Herman

The TI tradition of caring for the less fortunate in our community continues. On May 7, **Dione Pereira, Esther Herman, Howard Sumka, Claudine Schweber, Edwin Stromberg, Joseph Martin, Paula Martin and Gene Herman** were the volunteers that helped serve dinner to 160 local homeless residents. The meals are prepared fresh for each appropriate serving and are very much appreciated.

TI is responsible for serving dinner on the first Sunday of each month. The evening shift begins at 4:30 pm and lasts about 2 1/2 hours. The time passes quickly because everyone is involved with specific assignments. There is always a need for volunteers. If you feel inclined the registration link is <http://tiferethisrael.shepherdstable.volunteerhub.com/>



The next TI serving dates are July 2 and August 6. Thanks to all for helping keeping TI's commitment on track.

Photos by Dione Pereira.



TI Tot Family Cookout



Photo by Lillie Rosen



Photo by Jeff Peterman



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Questions?

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TIFERETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION MASK POLICY

Effective Friday, April 14, 2023, masks became optional at all Tifereth Israel events, services and classes. Below is the full text of the policy, as approved by the Board of Directors on April 10, 2023.

TI replaces its policy of Dec. 12, 2022 with the following masking policy:

1. The **guiding principle** of Tifereth Israel's masking policy is to simultaneously:

1. Continue to accommodate, to the fullest extent possible, community participation by members who believe that community-level masking is an important safeguard for their health; while also
2. Allowing members, prospective members, and guests who are no longer wearing masks to participate masked or unmasked as they see fit.

2. Effective April 14, 2023, **masks shall be optional at all Tifereth Israel events, services, and classes**, whether outside the facility or within it (including the Wolman sanctuary, Cherner auditorium, Reamer chapel, Himmelfarb School, library, "ping pong" space, lobby and hallway spaces, kitchen, offices, and other spaces), **except as specifically noted below**.

3. At all **services** (whether in the Wolman sanctuary, Cherner auditorium, Reamer chapel, or elsewhere) the mask-optional policy will expressly apply to identified and marked sections of the seating area; other spaces will be maintained and clearly marked as mask-required.

4. TI Event organizers are encouraged to make **large community events as inclusive as possible**. This could include having some mask-required activities, Zoom activities, outdoor activities, or other approaches that offer various audiences an opportunity to participate as they are comfortable.

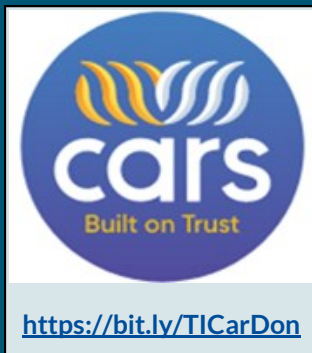
5. Event hosts of **off-site events** (e.g., Havdalah potluck) shall have the option of requiring masking in their homes.

6. Masks shall be optional during **meals, social events, etc.**, whether in the Cherner Auditorium or elsewhere, with the following exceptions and specifications:

1. At all food-service/ meal events, outdoor seating will be available for anyone who prefers to eat outside, weather permitting.
2. Generally, organizers will make good-faith attempts to make community events as inclusive as possible via use of mask-required food-service or other options.

This policy will take effect on April 14, 2023. The Board will reevaluate this policy as conditions indicate.

WAYS TO DONATE TO TI



New(ish) Members Bake Cheesecake with Rabbi Werbow



Photos by Jennifer Kefer



YOUTH & FAMILY



Tot Shabbat—For children 18 months to 5 years

Saturday, June 10 at 11:00 am

Yoga with Doda

Family Pool Party—For kids of all ages!

Sponsored by the TI Tot Committee

Sunday, June 11 at 12:00 pm

Register at <https://bit.ly/TIPool23>

Junior Minyan—Learner's service for elementary schoolers

Saturdays, July 8 & 22 at 11:00 am

Saturdays, August 12 & 26 at 11:00 am

**REGISTER NOW FOR
THE HIMMELFARB SCHOOL:
<https://bit.ly/THimmelfarb>.**

Notes from the Library - Jeri Roth Lande

New Books: I finally have my TI library credit card and have gotten all the approvals necessary to buy books. Yay! The first two new books for the Mollie L Berch Library are displayed on the shelf in the hall outside the library - at least until someone takes them out.

Koshersoul: The Faith and Food Journey of an African American Jew by Michael Twitty - This is not a cookbook, though it does have recipes. Rather, it's the musings of the author on the food of the Jewish and African diasporas and what they say about their communities. He gave a fascinating talk at TI several years ago. You can read a review at <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/59629542-koshersoul>.

Sarah (Women of Genesis 1) - by Orson Scott Card. This is a novelized version of the life of Sarah, the matriarch written by the well-known science fiction writer. You can read a review at https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/7958.Sarah?ref=nav_sb_ss_1_12

If you have ideas for other books I should purchase, feel free to let me know. No promises to purchase them, but I'd love to know your thoughts. I am especially interested in current Jewish fiction (most popular area to borrow), children's books, ecology and Judaism and hidden and/or isolated Jewish communities. Contact me at rothland@erols.com

Please Help Yourself to Books: There are now three locations for duplicates and other books that are looking for new homes. There are 2 shelves in the hall outside the library, one shelf in the children's book section and an entire bookshelf in the first floor elevator lobby.

Library is Open! Just a reminder that the Mollie L Berch Library is generally open whenever the building is open. That includes Shabbat, when there's a special procedure so you don't have to write to check out books. There are more than 7000 books on a variety of topics, so please come by and look it over.

Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

June 2, 2023

David & Amy Kritz
 Matthew Kunkin & Hilary Sachs
 Simcha Kuritzky
 Susan Laden
 Samuel Lair
 Gil Landau & Anna Batler
 Robert Lande & Jeri Roth Lande
 Alexander Laufer & Jennifer Siegel
 Mike & Iris Lav
 Jennifer Lav & Jane Gilvin
 Beverly Lehrer
 Elihu Leifer
 Ken & Rachel Lemberg
 Brandon & Sabrina Levey
 Steven LeVine & Nurilda Nurlyba-
 yeve
 Wylie & Kim Levone
 Mark Lewis & Janet Nesse

June 16, 2023

Daniel Liebman & Lis Davis
 Michael Linden & Rebecca Melsky
 Fred Lipschultz & Rabbi Devorah
 Lynn
 John & Lynne List
 John Lister
 Peter & Sarah Mancoll
 Amy Mann
 Aliza Marcus & Andrew Apostolou
 Sarna Marcus & Tina Lunson
 Joseph & Paula Martin
 Bob Mathis & Tali Stopak-Mathis
 Tobi McFarland
 Allison & Colin McMillan
 David & Janice Mehler
 Stephen Meltzer
 Ethan Merlin & Joelle Novey
 Michael Novey
 David & Dana Mermelstein
 Rabbi Sarah & Rachel Meytin

June 30, 2023

Timothy Michalak & Robin Reiss
 Josephine Mickelson
 Michael & Barbara Milton
 Amy Morello
 Kenneth Morris & Terri Zall
 Jonah Murdock & Stephanie
 Roodman Murdock
 Myron Murdock & Judith Herzog
 Murdock

Joshua Nadas & Lillian Rosen
 Raymond & Adele Natter
 Sheridan & Dana Neimark
 Stephen Nelson & Leslie Good-
 man-Malamuth
 Michael New & Linda Turnowski
 Larry Paul & Joye Newman
 Fylis Peckham & Perry Peckham
 Daniel Pedersen & Dafna Spear
 David Pelzer & Ellie Tiemann

July 7, 2023

Melissa Perera
 Adam & Jessica Perlmutter
 Jeff & Cynthia Peterman
 Joshua Pitlick & Janet Blank
 David & Laurel Rabin
 Glenn Rapoport
 Jacqueline Ratner
 Andrew Reamer
 Sanford & Shelley Reback
 Toby Reiter & Nechama Malkiel
 Kelly Rickard & Stephen Rickard
 Howard Riker & Danielle Glosser
 Morris & Judy Rodenstein
 Joel Rogers & Ruth Lieberman
 Paul & Esther Roitman Bardack
 Charles Rombro & Pamela Stone
 Elliot Rosen & Sharon Cohen
 Aviel Roshwald & Alene Moyer
 Marc Rothenberg & Ivy Baer

July 14, 2023

David & Stephanie Rubin
 Howard & Hannah Rubin
 Stephen & Jill Saletta
 Mark & Diann Saltman
 Richard Schachter
 Alex Schaffer & Nichole Berns
 Lawrence & Pearl Schainker
 Eric & Shira Schechtman
 Laura Schiavo
 Michael & Mical Schneider
 Adina Schwartz & Jessica Simp-
 son
 Keith Secular & Susan Catler
 Ruth Secular
 Rabbi Ethan & Rachel Seidel
 Paul Seltman & Jeanne Ireland
 David & Lois Shapiro
 Phillip & Ruth Shapiro
 Noam & Deborah Shelef

Jaclyn Shettler
 Randy Showstack & Michele Za-
 dor
 Richard & Marjorie Siegel

July 21, 2023

David Silber
 Morton & Christine Simon
 David & Rona Siskind
 Joseph Davidson
 Jonathan & Catherine Tuerk
 Neil & Jessica Sitron
 Sarah Sorscher & Marcus Hedrick
 Louis & Madge Lee Spector
 Gregory Stackel & Genevieve Sa-
 pir
 Jeffrey & Julie Steinberg
 Michael Stempel & Sheryl Frank
 Hayim & Malka Stopak
 Michael & Michelle Strollo
 Edwin Stromberg & Rose Ellen
 Halper
 Shelley Sturman
 Marc Suddleson & Molly Surden
 Yochanan Sullivan & Yvonne
 Shashoua

July 28, 2023

Howard & Michele Sumka
 Michael & Adele Sumner
 Miriam Sznycer-Taub & Henri
 Makembe
 Jennifer & Naomi Taransky
 Kassahun Teffera & Melke Men-
 giste
 Jevera Temsky
 Glenn & Diane Thrush
 Rachel Tickner
 Michael Tilchin & Linda Greer
 Adrienne Torrey & Joel Cofidis
 Lisa Traiger
 Peter & Rhoda Trooboff
 Paula Tucker
 Daniel & Allison Turner
 Lester & Judith Turner
 Michael Unterweger
 Mark Verschell & Elizabeth Leff
 Susan Vitale
 David Wachtel & Jenny Goldstein
 Reenie Wagner
 Harry Waldman & Susan Morse
 Marc Warshawsky & Vivian Seid-
 ner

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.

May 26-27

6/1 Morris Baron
Jacob Cohen
Joseph Furman
Matilda Gallun
Arthur Galston
Sarah Kahansky
Esther Plotkin
Misha Woll
6/2 Doris Cadish
Nettie Saltz
Rose Blanco
Eugene Freed
Harriet Herr
Harriet Herr
Fay Lehrer
Jack M. Pollock
Milton Rodberg
Ernest Shifflett
William Sperling

June 2-3

6/4 Walter Bell
Max Blaser
Mary King Boin
Harold Cadish
Samuel Friedlander
Abraham Tunick
6/5 Rae Miriam Caplan
Brenda Gerwin
Bernard Golub
Rabbi Julius Hess
Jean Moore
Lester Robert Morss
Adrienne Siegel
Rothenberg
Nate Sagalkin
6/6 Paula Grace Cohen
Louis Gilman
Esther Miller
Rose Jeweler Peres
Gertrude Green Silver
stone
6/7 Gertrude Baum

Hyman Eller
Jacob Sodden
Sarah Miriam Solomon
6/8 William Frohlich
Nathan Gandel
Meyer David Rich
Moses Snesil
Rabbi Jacob Weitman
6/9 Avi Dorot
Gertrude Krick
Joel Levin
Albert Saks

June 9-10

6/10 Moses Michael Bailin
Edna Gorewitz
Gerald G. Gross
Ethel Heller
Lewis Leeds
Sylvia Stahl
Joel David Vile
Hinde Wishnia
6/11 Minnie Corman
Rose Greenberg
Sarah Schlossberg
Louis Sugar
6/12 Mary Barclay
Marilyn Brown
Solomon Friedenber
Leona Greenstein
Barnett Shapiro
Sidney Stanger
6/13 Feyga Khakim
Harry Moore
Stuart Arnold Peres
Morris Schwartzman
Louise Libby Sidman
Libbey Sussan
6/14 Sylvan Cahn
Rose Goldman Stadler
Thelma Hecht
6/15 Ashur Baizer
Murray Braverman
Spring Burrington-Reiss

Dick Davisson
Lawrence Feldman
Anthony Pitch
Kenneth Steinberg
6/16 Rose Levine
Sophie Sima "G" Slatko
June 16-17
6/17 Jennie Alpert
Rubin Finkelstein
Augusta Herman
Dorothy Keyser Heyman
Sarah K. Mendelson
Blanche Riker
Morris Schweber
6/18 Seymour Berland
Natalie Lewis
Sarah Peters
Saul J. Ritter
Harry Seidman
William Tenn
Leah Weissman
6/19 Jay Steven Brown
James Feron
Rabbi Mordecai S. Halpern
Edythe Lee Herman
Francesca Hess
Henry Isadore Hoffman
Abraham Loube
Louis Mensh
6/20 Margaret Baxt
Samuel Cohen Footer
Kenneth M. Herman
Samuel Marvin Smith
6/21 Louis Borochoff
Anna Rubin Gale
Samuel David Lopatin
Abraham E. Schor
Zev Siegel
Dorothy G. Weingarten
Joseph Wohl
6/22 Shirley Berman
Ezra Elencwajg

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Upcoming Yahrzeitn continued

Herbert Gleckman	Belle Jeanette Gittleman	Ethan Naftalin
Irma Goldberg	Samuel Jeweler	Barney David Usher
Leonard Goldman	Bethel Johnson	6/29 Samuel Footer
Anna Leah Greenberg	Sophie Kavruck	Helen Goldstein
Abraham Jewler	Raymond Zurer	Beatrice Levy-Kessel
Helen Carolyn Lyman	6/26 Adolf Ermann	Dr. James Krivo
Esther Rosenberg	Eve Singer Gaizband	Arthur Miller
6/23 Dorothy Hodos	Anna Travers Keimowitz	Lucille Richman
Evelyn "Kiki" Kaplan	Abraham H. Malnik	Amalie Mollie Siegler
Allen Marmon	Anna Miskinyants	6/30 Rose Adler Einhorn
Freda Moore	Wolfe Sneiderman	Oscar Asher Smith Herron
Jeannette Scherling	6/27 Zalman Fishman	Abraham Klein
Sadie Rose Weilerstein	Rae Jasinowsky	Betty Krakover
Russell Wine	Jack Arthur Stone, Sr.	Sophia "Pat" Lischin
June 23-24	Barney Oscar Weitz	Eli Ratner
6/24 Brenda Cywan	Blanche Baehr Hausman	William Rothenberg
Robert Flug	Joseph Janus	Stanley Sturman
6/25 Paul Nathan Baer	Eli Messinger	Nada Warshawsky

JUNE KABBALAT SHABBAT DINNERS

RIISING SONG

**UPTOWN
SHABBAT**

Sponsored by the Ritual Committee

June 9 at 6:30 pm

Snacks for kids at 6:00 pm

Circle up in song for a soul-filling Shabbat.

Stay for dinner and keep on singing!

Register for dinner by 9:00 am on
Sunday, June 4 at <https://bit.ly/TIRising>.

Featuring Cantor Robyn Helzner

and Chazzan Larry Paul

June 23 at 6:30 pm | Snacks for kids at 6:00 pm

Enjoy the melodious service, then celebrate
with a delicious meal.

Register for dinner by 9:00 am on
Sunday, June 18 at <https://bit.ly/TISHD>.

Donations - April 20 to May 19

Bridge Campaign

Judith Berland
Eti & Paul Roitman Bardack

General Donation

Dina & Ron Borzekowski in honor of Ruby and her
graduating classmates
Paula Flicker in honor of Rona Siskind
Joshua & Sara Goldberg
Myrna Goldman in honor of Lev Werbow's
Bar Mitzvah
Shelly & Steve Heller in memory of Arnold Hammer
Naomi Freeman & Morris Klein in memory of
Esther Greene
Alexander & Jennifer Laufer toward the Rising Song &
Graduation Dinner
John & Lynne List in memory of Esther Greene
Janet Potash in memory of Esther Greene
Andrew Reamer in memory of his father
Irving Reamer^{z"l} on his 100th birthday
Howard & Michele Sumka in honor of Lev Werbow's
Bar Mitzvah
Jevera Temsky in honor of the Legacy Kiddush
Yael Traum in honor of Lisa Goldring
Allan & Judy Tulchin in memory of Esther Greene
Alan & Cynthia Weitz in memory of Esther Greene
Barbara & Howard White in memory of Esther
Greene
The following donated toward the Werbow Tribute
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Sheri Blonder in memory of Esther Greene

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David & Janice Mehler in memory of Alan Mehler
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Bernard Golub

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Esther Greene

Torah Repair Fund

Myrna Goldman in honor of Hannah Zibel's
Bat Mitzvah

Yahrzeit Donations

Jon Alterman & Kathy LaRiviere in memory of
Samuel Alterman
Leonard Bachman in memory of Samuel Meir Jaffe
Alan Bandler in memory of Archie Bandler
Florence Berlin in memory of Moses Snesil
Susan Catler & Keith Secular in memory of
Harold Cadish
Susan Catler & Keith Secular in memory of
Doris Cadish
Bob Chew & Ronna Corman-Chew in memory of
Michael Alan Kornstein
Karen & Marc Drazin in memory of Mary T. Jeweler
Joshua Felman in memory of Ruth Felman
Barry & Karen Fierst in memory of Joseph &
Emilie Boyars
Paula Flicker in memory of Susan Flicker
Martha & Newton Frohlich in memory of
William Frohlich
Eliot & Traci Goldberg in memory of
Deborah Reitberg
Elizabeth & Stuart Gorewitz in memory of
Edna Gorewitz
Sylvia Horwitz & Dov Weitman in memory of
Rabbi Jacob Weitman
Roberta & Steven Jellinek in memory of
Evelyn Jellinek
Dennis Kirschbaum & Barbara Raimondo in memory
of Sabina Josephine Raimondo
Edward Koren & Claudine Schweber in memory of
Vera Goldfischer Schweber
Edward Koren & Claudine Schweber in memory of
Moishe Schweber
Elaine Miller in memory of Esther Miller
David & Stephanie Rubin in memory Bernard Rubin
Vivian Rubinstein in memory of Samuel Friedlander
Eric & Shira Schechtman in memory of
Allan Schechtman
Roberta Schery in memory of Mitchell Stein
Jonathan Wilkenfeld in memory of July Wilkenfeld
Lesley Zark in memory of Judith Zark Kress
Diana Zurer in memory of Misha Woll
Diana Zurer in memory of Joseph Furman

Our Family Trope - Naomi Friedman

With the recent wave of wonderful B'nei and Kabbalat Mitzvah at TI, I cannot help but think about my daughter's Bat Mitzvah one year ago. Dinknesh's Bat Mitzvah was a tremendous highlight for my family. Not only did she do a beautiful job, she was the first woman in my immediate family to have a Bat Mitzvah at either 12 or 13. Her chanting of the Torah linked us to several generations as she used the Trope taught to my brother and me by my father, who learned it from his uncle, my great uncle Yudel.

Throughout the dark days of the pandemic, Dinknesh met with my brother weekly through the miracle of Facetime - learning the musical notes of the Torah Trope he had learned as a boy. Our father taught us to read Torah, using our family Trope, every Friday night after dinner. At some point, unfortunately, I chose to quit these lessons as I realized I was not to have a Bat Mitzvah and would rather spend time with my mother or do other things. I regret that decision to this day.

Uncle Yudel, whose name was Yehuda (Julius) Shulman, was my grandmother's brother. He was born in 1897, in White Russia, or Belarus. Apparently exhausting what the local Rabbi could teach him, at age eight, he left Babonya, Belarus, and went to study in the Mir Yeshiva. He studied there for 11 years. During WWI, his uncle hid him and my

grandmother in the Ukraine. It was either in Babonya or the Mir that Yudel developed his Torah Trope.

Uncle Yudel, my grandmother Ida, their brother Sid, and four cousins came to the United States in 1921 via Boston and went directly to join their oldest living brother, Yicheal, in Newark, NJ. Yicheal had come to the US in 1900, acquired a chicken market and became a successful businessman and Rav.

In the 1930's Yudel became a partner in the Shulman family's coal company and in 1932, he married his first cousin, Sarah, and eventually moved to Lakewood, NJ, where he studied in the Lakewood Yeshiva.

Yudel's Torah Trope is pretty much the standard Torah Trope with an extended "Tipcha." It is extended to be four syllables, Tip-cha-a-a.

What makes the Torah Trope special is the link that connects my grandparent's generation with my daughter's. Dinknesh never met her great-great uncle Yudel, her great grandmother Ida, or my father, but she sings the Torah melody that was heard in Lakewood and Newark, NJ; Queens, NY (where I grew up); and likely Belarus and the Ukraine - across multiple generations. That was a very happy day!

Kol Nashim Glenstone Visit



Photos by Louise Kelley



SPECIAL SERVICES & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RISING SONG KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER *

Sponsored by the Ritual Committee

Friday, June 9 at 6:30 pm; kids' snacks from 6:00 pm–6:30 pm

Deadline to register for dinner: Sunday, June 4 by 9:00 am

Circle up in song and catapult the community into a soul-filling Shabbat!

Learn more and register for dinner at <https://bit.ly/TIRising>.

UPTOWN SHABBAT AND DINNER

Featuring Cantor Robyn Helzner and Chazzan Larry Paul

Friday, June 23 at 6:30 pm; snacks for kids from 6:00 pm–6:30 pm

Deadline to register for dinner: Sunday, June 18 by 9:00 am

Join in soulful song with Cantor Robyn Helzner, a leading interpreter of world Jewish music, and TI member Chazzan Larry Paul.

Learn more and register for dinner at <https://bit.ly/UptownShabbat>.

TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI SEIDEL

Saturday, June 17 at 1:00 pm

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>.

**Attend in person or virtually*

ACCESSIBILITY AT TI

At TI, we want everyone to be able to participate as fully as possible in services and activities.

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

- *Accessible parking and/or seating*
- *Use of a walker or wheelchair*

Tell a service greeter in the Sanctuary if you need:

- *Assisted Listening Device*
- *Large print prayerbook*
- *Wheelchair accessible seating*
- *Bimah lift (almost ready!)*

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

SERVE DINNER AT SHEPHERD'S TABLE

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee

Sunday, June 4 at 5:00 pm (next date Sunday, July 2)

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

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

KOL NASHIM BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, June 20 at 7:30 pm (next date Tuesday, July 18)

This month's book is *East West Street* by Philippe Sands. All are welcome, including people who have not finished or even started the book

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

JEWISH HISTORY ONLINE *

The Global Reach of the Yiddish Theater—The Vilna Troupe, God of Vengeance, and Yiddish Performance the World Over

Sponsored by Gevarim

Sunday, June 11 at 10:30 am

Learn about Yiddish theater during its heyday in the twentieth century. This recorded discussion with Professor Debra Caplan and performer Caraid O'Brien was presented online by the Yiddish Book Center and will be hosted by Andrew Reamer.

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

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>.

RAIN GARDEN CARE

Sponsored by the Green Committee

Sunday, June 25 at 10:00 am (next date July 23)

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

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

DONATE CANNED GOODS TO LA CASA FOOD PANTRY

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee

La Casa, a 40-unit supportive housing building for previously homeless males in Columbia Heights, is in need of canned goods for their food pantry. Cans may be brought to the TI Juniper Lobby Monday-Friday from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. For additional drop-off locations see <https://bit.ly/TILaCasa>.

* 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 and lively conversation!

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

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN **

Sundays at 9:00 am

Services are lay-led, with Rabbi Werbow sharing insights. Stay around to eat and socialize!

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.*

Kol Nashim Events - Louise Kelley

Kol Nashim's May event at Glenstone was a great success. 36 people enjoyed the amazing art and soothing landscape that is Glenstone. The museum is unusual because the visitors do self-guided tours to see both the exterior and interior art installations, in the galleries and other buildings set in 230 acres in upper Montgomery County. See the photos elsewhere in this issue.

TI members got to stroll about the galleries, see a variety of vivid modern art and sculpture, and enjoy the peace of the place. Founders Emily Wei Rales and Mitchell Rales first opened Glenstone in 2018 and have expanded it several times to accommodate the now 1,300 piece collection.

KN is making a contribution to support the Afghan refugee family sponsored by TI's Social Action Committee and New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance. The money will go to necessities such as food, etc., or whatever the family needs. See the article on page 8 for more information.

Coming in July: Movie Night, co-sponsored by KN with Gevarim.

B'nai Mitzvah

Hi! My name is Hannah Zibel. I go to Takoma Park Middle School. I am in 6th grade. I love drawing and theater. I am in a production of Newsies Jr. at school and hope to continue drama. I love skiing and go with my family every winter. I also go to Camp Moshava and have been going there for 4 years.

I have been going to TI since before I can remember and am really excited to see my Himmelfarb friends at camp this summer.

Thanks to Marilyn Fine for teaching me everything I need to know and more.



Photo by Renee Gindi.



Family photo

Hi, I'm Penny Anderegg. I go to Takoma Park Middle School, and I am in 7th grade. My parasha is Ba'ahalotecha, and I'm very excited to become a Bat Mitzvah. I like doing ballet at Maryland Youth Ballet, and I love playing the keyboard in my school band. For my Bat Mitzvah project I want to make the world a better place helping out animals in need. I am so excited to see all of my friends and family, and to have an opportunity to celebrate with them!



Each of us has a vital role to play helping secure TI's financial future as we continue redefining our community in this rapidly changing world. Working together, we will build a powerful bridge between the challenges of today and our hopes and plans for the years to come.

Donate to the Bridge Campaign at <https://bit.ly/TIBRIDGE>.

Kol Nashim Glenstone Visit



Photos by Julie Steinberg

Give Me that Old-Time Alphabet! - Simcha Kuritzky

Editor's note: This is the second part of a two-part article. The first part appeared in the May issue of the Menorah.



A number of inscriptions also appear on Israel coins and medals. In 1988, Israel issued a medal showing the two small silver scrolls uncovered 9 years earlier in Ketef Hinnom which quote from the Priestly blessing (Numbers 6:24-27), which appears at the end of every Amidah. The town of Lachish was a major military encampment during the Babylonian war. In the 1930s, a set of letters written on pot shards (ostraca) were found. The entire alef-beyt, using letter shapes from these ostraca, appears on Israel's 1990 anniversary coins honoring archaeology. In 1996, a number of medals and coins were issued commemorating Jerusalem's tri-millennial as the Jewish capital city. The official medal shows a mosaic of King David from a synagogue in Gaza while beneath is the Paleo-Hebrew *House of David*, from a Tel Dan stone tablet, the only contemporary inscription of the Davidic dynasty. The first Israel medal to sport a Paleo-Hebrew legend has twenty different spellings of Jerusalem surrounding a rampant lion, the city's symbol. The two Paleo-Hebrew versions of Jerusalem appear on the First Revolt shekels, year one has the defective spelling with six letters (lacking the *yud*) which appears frequently in later books of the *Tanakh*, while the subsequent years have the seven-letter version that we see in siddurim.



Inside the Shiloah Tunnel was a dedication plaque that was discovered in 1880, and most of this plaque's Paleo-Hebrew text appears on the 2019 City of David medal, part of a views of Jerusalem series. The plaque describes how two sets of stonecutters worked on both sides and met up in the middle. The last coin, issued in 2005, shows what is the oldest inscription, though it is only an artist's conception: the abbreviated Ten Commandments, each represented only by the first word. The other side shows Moses holding the two tablets, but there the inscription is in square script.

Israel has used her money's designs to link the Third Commonwealth with ancient Israel and Judea. Increasingly, this has meant using the old Paleo-Hebrew alef-beyt on money and medals.

A Continuing Conflict Between Middle East Neighbors: Jews and Arabs in Palestine/Israel, 1882-2022- Elihu Leifer

In my Menorah article, “A Land of Two Peoples: Jews and Arabs in Ancient Palestine” (October 2021), it was noted that the Jews’ origin as a distinct identifiable ethnic group (although not yet as a nation or state) was in the central highlands of Judea and Samaria no later than the 13th century B.C.E. By the end of that century the Jews had become an agriculturally—based sedentary entity with 250 tiny villages and a total population of about 45,000.

The first recorded presence in Palestine of Arab peoples was in 734 B.C.E. Until 634 C.E., when Arabs from the Arabian Peninsula conquered Palestine from the Byzantine Empire, both groups—Jews and Arabs—maintained a continuous presence in the Land. As far as the Jews are concerned, this was true, notwithstanding wars, destructions, exiles, and persecutions, although the Jewish population fluctuated widely because of these events.

Bringing that story to the present time, the two groups have continued to maintain such a presence there. Prior to 1880 C.E. small numbers of religious Jews, mainly from Europe, had made their way into Palestine for several centuries. Beginning in the 1880’s the volume of this flow increased as a result of the Russian empire’s pogroms against the Jews. Many of these new “olim” were Jewish nationalists belonging to the “Lovers of Zion” (“Chovevei Tzion”) movement which established its first agricultural settlements in Palestine in 1882. During the following fifteen years substantial additional numbers of Jews, secular and religious, made “aliyah”, forming new agricultural settlements or inhabiting the “holy cities” of Jerusalem, Hebron, Tiberias and Safed.

The Arabs in Palestine took notice. While the fellahin (peasants), who formed the majority of the population, were inert, socially and politically, there was a relatively small but dominant segment of the Arab population—the “urban notables”—who controlled political, economic and intellectual Arab life, and who took an active interest. These included wealthy, often landowning families such as the al-Husseinis, al-Khalidis, al-Nashashibis, al-Alamis, al-Nusseibehs,

and al-Dajanis. In 1891 members of some of these families sent a telegram to the Ottoman government asking it to put an end to Jewish immigration to Palestine and to ban land sales to Jews who in many cases would then force Arab peasants from the lands where they worked and lived.

In 1897 Theodore Herzl founded the “Zionist Organization” and “political Zionism” was born. After the “Young Turks” revolution in Constantinople in 1908, there was a relatively free press in the empire, and Arabs expressed their views on the Zionist program. There was also an Ottoman parliament in which many of the Arab notables served as deputies and raised this issue.

By 1914, when war broke out in Europe, Jews in Palestine numbered 80-85,000 out of a total population of approximately 700,000. Arabs both in and beyond the limits of Palestine were well-informed about Zionist activities in the country, and anti-Zionist societies had been formed.

In September 1914, before the Ottoman Empire entered the war on Germany’s side, Husayn Ibn Ali, the leader of the Arab House of Hashem and sharif of Mecca in the western portion of the Arabian Peninsula met with a British government Middle East expert to discuss how the Arabs might benefit if they joined the allied forces against the Turks. The following year, Husayn asserted a formal Arab claim to Palestine as part of a pan-Arab caliphate. The British High Commissioner for Egypt responded by pledging Crown recognition for Arab independence, except not in “those portions of Syria lying to the west of Damascus, Homs, Hama and Aleppo.” (London, he said, also had an established position and interest in Iraq.) Yet the “wide belt between Arabia and Syria” would be included. Debate ensued over what exactly had been promised, but at the time, Husayn deemed the British assurances sufficient, and he and his son Faysal launched a successful uprising against the Ottomans.

Meanwhile, Jewish leaders in Palestine, Britain, and

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the United States were busy seeking British approval for a Jewish homeland in Palestine following the war. In November 1917 Britain issued the Balfour Declaration wherein it expressed consent for the establishment in Palestine of “a national home for the Jewish people.” The phrase “national home” was intentionally left unclear and it was followed by an important limitation: “... it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine...”

In January 1918 the British government informed the Husaynis that the allied powers were “determined that the Arab race shall be given full opportunity of once again forming a nation in the world.” As regards Palestine, the British, while reaffirming the Balfour Declaration, were “determined that no people should be subject to another” and consistent with “the freedom of the existing population, both economic and political, no obstacle should be put in the way of the realization of this ideal.”

Unknown to the Arabs and the Jews, Britain had negotiated a secret pact with the French in 1916 known as the “Sykes-Picot Agreement”. Under that agreement Palestine was to be part of British and French spheres of influence. The British sphere would include all of Palestine with the exception of territory north of a line from Acre to the northern end of the Sea of Galilee, which was to belong to the French zone. In addition, in the “central area” of Palestine, west of the Jordan River, including Jerusalem, there would be established an international administration, the form of which would be determined following consultations with the other allies.

The autumn of 1918 witnessed the first manifestation of organized Arab opposition to the Balfour Declaration.

In February 1919 the Zionist leaders submitted a statement of position, with a map, to the Paris Peace Conference urging that Palestine “shall be placed under such political, administrative and economic conditions as will secure the establishment there of the Jewish national home” and “ultimately render possible the creation of an autonomous common-

wealth.” The map designated the territory involved and included a portion of southern Lebanon, the Golan Heights and a large area east of the Jordan River.

Faysal also appeared at the peace conference. Speaking as the emissary of “my father who by request of Britain and France led the Arab rebellion against the Turks,” he appealed for “Arab self-determination” and asked that “the Arabic speaking peoples of Asia be recognized as independent sovereign peoples under the guarantee of the League of Nations.”

Winston Churchill was appointed Britain’s Secretary of State for Colonial Affairs in February 1921. A few weeks later Chaim Weizmann sent him a letter pleading that the Jewish homeland’s eastern boundary extend east of the Jordan River to include all of present-day Jordan. This area, Weizmann wrote, “has from the earliest time been an integral and vital part of Palestine. Here, the tribes of Menasseh, Gad and Reuben... first pitched their tents and pastured their flocks. The fields of Gilead, Moab, and Edom, with the rivers Amnon and Jalibok... are historically, geographically and economically linked to Palestine, and it is upon these fields—now that the rich plains of the north have been taken away from Palestine and given to France—that the success of the Jewish National Home must legally rest.” The subject was considered by the “Cairo Conference” convened by Churchill on March 12, 1921 but was left undecided. Sir Herbert Samuel, a Jew who had already been appointed Britain’s first High Commissioner in Palestine, was instructed to foster a Jewish homeland there.

Later that month Churchill traveled to Palestine stopping first in the city of Gaza where 150,000 Arabs demonstrated their displeasure. In Haifa, the executive committee of the “Haifa Congress of Palestine Arabs” handed Churchill a 12,000-word statement denouncing the Zionist program. The next stop for Churchill was Jerusalem. The previous year the annual Moslem Nebi Musa celebration in the Old City had resulted in Arab crowds storming the Jewish Quarter; nine persons had been killed and 239

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wounded, and there had occurred rapes of Jewish women, the burning of Jewish dwellings, and the looting of Jewish property. This time, Churchill sought to assure Arab protesters that they would not suffer as a result of the national Jewish home; and he admonished the Jews in attendance that “every step you take should be also for the moral and material benefit of all Palestinians.”

In June 1922 Churchill submitted to the Zionist Organization a “British policy in Palestine” which reminded the organization that the Balfour Declaration “did not contemplate that Palestine as a whole should be converted into a Jewish national home.” It went on to state that “Jewish immigration cannot be so great in volume as to exceed whatever may be the capacity of the country at the time to absorb, that the immigrants should not be a burden upon the people of Palestine as a whole, and they should not deprive any section of the present population of their employment.” The executive of the Zionist Organization promptly issued a resolution assuring “His Majesty’s Government that the activities of the Zionist Organization will be conducted in conformity with the policy therein set forth.”

In July the British Mandate over Palestine was approved by the League of Nations. The language of the Mandate incorporated the Balfour Declaration, defined the territory covered, and addressed issues of administration and civil rights. The Mandate did not cover any part of the entity denominated “Transjordan” whose borders were spelled out in a separate British memorandum submitted to the League.

The British Mandate over Palestine lasted for more than 25 years (1922 – May 15, 1948) and there were periodic and serious violent confrontations between Palestinian Arabs and Jews throughout. In 1936 the “Great Arab Revolt” erupted in Palestine targeting both the Jewish communities (the “Yishuv”) and the mandate authorities. It lasted for three years and resulted in British restrictions on further Jewish immigration. On November 29, 1947, following a series of British and international commission/committee reviews of the “Palestine problem”, the

General Assembly of the United Nations, the agency that succeeded the League of Nations, adopted a recommended “Partition Plan” whereby the Mandate would be replaced by autonomous Jewish and Arab states; Jerusalem would be placed under an international trusteeship. Under this plan, the Arab state would embrace 4,500 square miles, 804,000 Arabs and 10,000 Jews; the Jewish state would encompass 5,500 square miles, 538,000 Jews and 397,000 Arabs. The final U.N. vote on this resolution was 33 for, 13 against, 10 abstentions, and one absent. The U.S., Soviet Union and France voted in favor; Britain abstained.

The Zionist Organization accepted the partition plan, whereas the Arabs did not. The Arab League, consisting of Egypt, Transjordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq and Saudi Arabia, pledged to resist its implementation by force, stating “the partition line shall be nothing but a line of fire and blood.” Palestine Arabs and “irregulars” from a number of Arab states immediately commenced attacks in Palestine in what became the first phase of the “1948-49 War”.

On May 15, 1948, just as the last contingent of British Mandate forces and officials were leaving the Land, David Ben Gurion, in Tel Aviv, read out to leaders of the Yishuv the “Scroll of the Establishment of the State of Israel”. It included the following language concerning the mission of the new state:

It will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the charter of the United Nations.

In the continuing absence of a constitution, this declaration remains the most authoritative statement of the principles by which the Jewish state was to be guided.

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The United States (President Harry S. Truman) was the first country to recognize the new state, followed by the Soviet Union. Immediately, the regular armies of the surrounding Arab nations attacked Israel. During the 1948-49 War thousands of Arabs left or were displaced from their homes in what is presently the State of Israel. In the war Jordan captured a portion of Jerusalem, and the territory comprising Judea and Samaria naming the latter the "West Bank"; the international community did not recognize Jordan's claim to these lands, and in the 1967 "Six Day War" Israel repossessed them. In the ensuing years, Israel has exercised control over the West Bank notwithstanding its overwhelming Palestinian Arab population. Incursions by citizens of Israel into the West Bank, with the imprimatur or acquiescence of Israeli governments, and the displacements of Arabs living there, have continually occurred. Violent confrontation between Jews and Arabs in Israel/Palestine continues unabated largely conducted by Arab terrorist organizations (some funded by external sources) and extremist nationalist and ultra-religious Jewish settlers.

While a state of war continues between Israel on the one hand and Syria, Lebanon and Iraq on the other, peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan were signed in 1979 and 1994, respectively; those treaties seem to be holding fast. In 1993 the "Oslo Accords" were reached creating a "Palestine Authority" (PA) in the West Bank with a view toward giving the Palestine Arabs there a gradually expanding government with an immediate security function. At the outset, the West Bank was divided into three administrative areas: "Category A" – fully controlled by the Palestinians; "Category B" – partly controlled by the Palestinians; and "Category C" – fully controlled by Israel. But Israel retained power to enter all of the West Bank to respond to terrorist actions. This agreement remains in effect and arguably has reduced violence. Israel unilaterally withdrew from Gaza, removing its citizens and their settlements. A host of international legal issues stemming from the ongoing conflict remains unresolved. For an objective analysis of these issues I recommend a book by American attorney Joel M. Margolis, entitled "The

Israeli-Palestinian Legal War" (self-published, 2021).

Today, Israel is an economic and military powerhouse, but it still faces existential issues largely relating to Iran and its proxies. Israel makes substantial contributions to the world at large in areas of science, technology and medicine.

Unfortunately, the living conditions of most Palestinian Arabs remain very poor and the population as a whole is devoid of hope for its future. As a result, Palestinian terrorism remains a continuing problem, with the numbers of terrorist events and organized terrorist groups in the West Bank increasing in the last year. The right wing Jewish nationalists and ultra-orthodox religionists, who respond in kind and would like to establish more settlements at the expense of Palestinian residents, and ultimately exercise sovereignty over the entire territory, are at the height of their political influence in the current Israeli government.

Editor's note: this is the first part of a two-part article. Look for the second part, with a proposed path forward, in the next issue of the Menorah.

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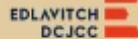
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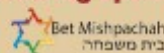
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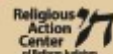
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