



# The Menorah

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## From the President: Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block

As we enter the month of Elul, we begin to look ahead to the high holiday season, and its challenge to each of us to take a clear-eyed look at the ways in which our actions could be better aligned with our values. We are mostly examining our relationships: with our family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, as well as the divine. Since for many of us, this is a season when we find ourselves at TI for long periods of time, it's a very natural time to reflect on our relationship to Judaism and to the Jewish community - in



the wider sense, as well as the very local sense. As I hope everyone knows, the TI community is currently engaged in an expansive period of reflection through our strategic planning process. This is an important time for us to be reflecting on what this community means to us in our lives, how we envision its future, and what actions we might consider committing to in the coming year. Perhaps you'd like to get more involved in committee work, including ritual, communications, social action, the green committee, funeral practices, Kol Nashim, Gevarim, or others. Perhaps

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## From the Rabbi: Rabbi Michael Werbow

As we are about to turn the calendar to September, we are in the middle of the month of *Elul*, the month immediately preceding *Rosh Hashana*.



With that in mind I look to a symbol with which many are familiar and which bridges these days of Elul and the *Aseret Yamei Teshuvha* (The Ten Days of Repentance). This ritual object is the *Shofar* which we have been hearing blown each day for the month of Elul and will then hear on *Rosh Hashana* (but only on the second day because the first day is Shabbat) and as a conclusion to *Yom Kippur*.

The blasts of the *Shofar* are most commonly connected to the process of *Teshuvah*, of examining our behavior and looking to realign ourselves to be able to get things right the next time. There are three different types of notes which the tradition explains as different sounds related to the process of *Teshuvah*. The first and longest blast is the *Teki'ah*. It is seen as the alarm clock. It calls out to us to awaken and pay attention to our shortcomings. Maimonides took note of this sound and gave it

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## From the President - continued

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this is the year you'd like to strengthen our services, whether through learning to lead parts of the service, be a floor gabbai, or learn ways to support the leader through strong congregational participation. Perhaps you'd like to spend a few hours a week in the office, lending some assistance to our staff, who have a bottomless list of tasks and requests. Or perhaps you'd like to invite others in the community over for a meal or a play-date. I'd like to challenge the whole community to find one action you're willing to commit to this year to enhance the vibrancy of this community. And you'll have some time in the coming weeks to reflect on what might be the right thing for you.



Kefer family at Tiferet Israel Street in 2019. Photographer unknown.

## From the Rabbi - continued

words. The *Teki'ah*, he says, cries out, "Awaken you slumberers from your sleep, search your deeds and return in penitence."

The second set of notes is the *Sh'varim*, or "broken" ones. These notes are shorter than the *Teki'ah* and, when added together, equal it in length. The rabbis see this sound as the wailing of an individual that occurs after a loss. In this context, a person who recognizes they are not measuring up has lost their grand, ideal picture of themselves.

The last set of notes is the *T'ru-ah*. These nine, short, quick, blasts emulate the sobbing of a person who is afraid. This correlates to the fear that one has when confronted with the daunting task of personal change.

While this is a traditional understanding of the sounds of the *Shofar*, and might be one many have heard before, I would like to express an interpretation that looks to the future instead of the past.

Thinking first about the shortest of the blasts, the nine quick notes of the *T'ru-ah*, we can equate these to the snapping of someone's fingers in an impatient manner. These blasts lead us to think of change that is needed immediately and which will have short and quick fixes. We all have a list of these items or could come up with them with little effort.

Our medium range goals can be linked to the *Sh'varim*. In some way the sound of them gives us an idea of plodding along. D'dah, D'dah, D'dah. We need to slow down a bit to think about what these mid-range goals might be. Not only do we have to approach them a bit more thoughtfully, we have to give ourselves permission to take time in achieving them as well. These will be goals that we would like to assess midway through the year as well as next year at this time.

Lastly, we have long term goals. Change is hard. The long blast of the *Teki'ah* reminds us to be patient. We must have goals but we also must give ourselves time to reach them.

Whether it be the *Teki'ah*, *Sh'varim* or *T'ru-ah*, the blasts of the *Shofar* are there to stir us, to guide us and to give us a push.

As we begin 5784 as a congregation, we look to the future. We will soon culminate our strategic planning process and will have a series of goals for us to work towards. We know that we each personally, as well as congregationally, have many goals. Some of them are short term and we expect immediate results from immediate change and action. Some are mid-range. We want to see growth and development but will understand that we will have to look back in six months or a year to truly assess how we have grown or where we have more work to do. And, some of our goals will take some time. We need to be patient with ourselves and our *Kehillah*. If we take the long view we can see a wider and more beautiful horizon.

Tifereth Israel has a strong foundation. The blast of the *Shofar* is not going to rock that foundation but will stir us all to look to the future, see the potential and provide the background music for our celebration.

On behalf of Melissa, Maya, Lev and Asher, I would like to wish you all a *Shanah Tovah*, a good, sweet and goal achieving New Year.

B'shalom,

Rabbi Werbow

### Donate Canned Goods

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee



**La Casa**, supportive housing for formerly homeless men, is in need of canned goods.

Bring cans to the TI Juniper Lobby.

Questions? Contact Melissa Perera at [TISocialaction@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:TISocialaction@tifereth-israel.org).



## We're On Our Way....to Groups.io



Photo left: Louise Kelley  
Photo right: Jennifer Kefer

TI has moved our listserv to the popular Groups.io platform. If you haven't already done so, join today to connect, share news and participate in small group conversations. We also are excited to be giving away two of TI's new T-shirts to two randomly selected listserv members. The winners will be chosen during the first week of October, so join soon! To join the listserv, send [an](mailto:an) email to [TIDCMainList+subscribe@TiferethIsrael.groups.io](mailto:TIDCMainList+subscribe@TiferethIsrael.groups.io) or email Janet Braun in the TI office at [janet@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:janet@tifereth-israel.org).

## GOLDBERG CLEANUP DAY

Sunday, September 10, 9:30 am

Help make TI sparkle for the High Holidays!

Sign up to volunteer at <https://bit.ly/TIGBD23> (walk-ins also welcome).





## Himmelfarb, Family, and Youth Activities - Rabbi Kelley Gludt

Himmelfarb reconvenes this month, and we are so excited to see our TI families!

We are fortunate to have all of our amazing faculty returning: Hindy, Hayley, Talia, Gabi, Charlotte, Maya, Steve, Rachel, and Fylis.

We will kick off the year on Sunday, September 10 with a family event that includes a welcome, Goldberg Clean Up Day, meet the teacher, and World of Wonder, an educational magic show.

The holidays will then be upon us! Please join me for a family service on the first day or Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. Next up will be Sukkot-Fest on October 1, a kid-orientated activity consisting of holiday-themed and chag-appropriate rotations. TI kids will once again be reading a verse from each Torah portion on Simchat Torah, this year on the morning of Sunday, October 8.

Himmelfarb is back to regularly scheduled programming on October 15. Our "second opening

day" will include this year's Himmelfarb dance, creating a brit for the year, a tad of text study, and an arts and crafts project.

This year's curriculum brings back the Tefilah Workshop and weekly davening, along with Hatif (snack) and Hafsakah (break), of course. Our Judaics curriculum will pick back up with Biblical Literacy before transitioning to Midot (ethics/values). Beginning in the spring we will explore Jewish Women's History Month, Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion Month, Jews of Color, Refuge and Immigrants, and Pride. This lineup plays to TI's commitment to diversity and inclusion and will hopefully move our community closer to living our values.

If you know of anyone looking for a welcoming, experiential and joyous supplemental education program, please send them our way!

### On the origins of TI's Al Keyn - Barbara White

Most of us are familiar with the TI call-and-response of "Al Keyn" that comes in the middle of the Aleynu prayer. Some of us have been here long enough that we can recall hearing TI congregant Al Blanco, z'l, lead the Al Keyn from his usual spot in, I believe, the third row of the congregation.

But where did Al Blanco learn the Al Keyn?

Contrary to occasional rumor, TI's unique custom has nothing to do with Al's Sephardic heritage. Instead, it goes back to TI's USY youth group in the mid-1970s. At one point, a group of USY kids would often lead a few of the Friday night prayers and they did so with great gusto. Their favorite new tune, and ours, was the Al Keyn.

When the USY members sang the Al Keyn, they were on the bimah. They sang the first and the third Al Keyn, and taught the rest of us to echo them. In other words, this was led from the bimah, not from the congregation. Interestingly, there was no Al Keyn when anyone other than a group of USY-ers led the Aleynu.

One Friday night, I was asked to lead services, and when I reached the Aleynu, I used the USY Al Keyn. After we finished the Aleynu, I made an announcement from the bimah. I said that in the future I hoped to hear other TI adults besides myself leading Al Keyn. No one took up my suggestion.

Al Blanco came to all TI services, but he never led. However, a week or two after I led the Al Keyn, we all heard Al booming it out from his spot in the third row.

Looking back, I realize that despite not being a service leader, Al was indeed following my suggestion: that some TI adult besides me lead the Al Keyn. He continued to lead it for many years. And after his passing, we decided to continue to include the Al Keyn in his memory.

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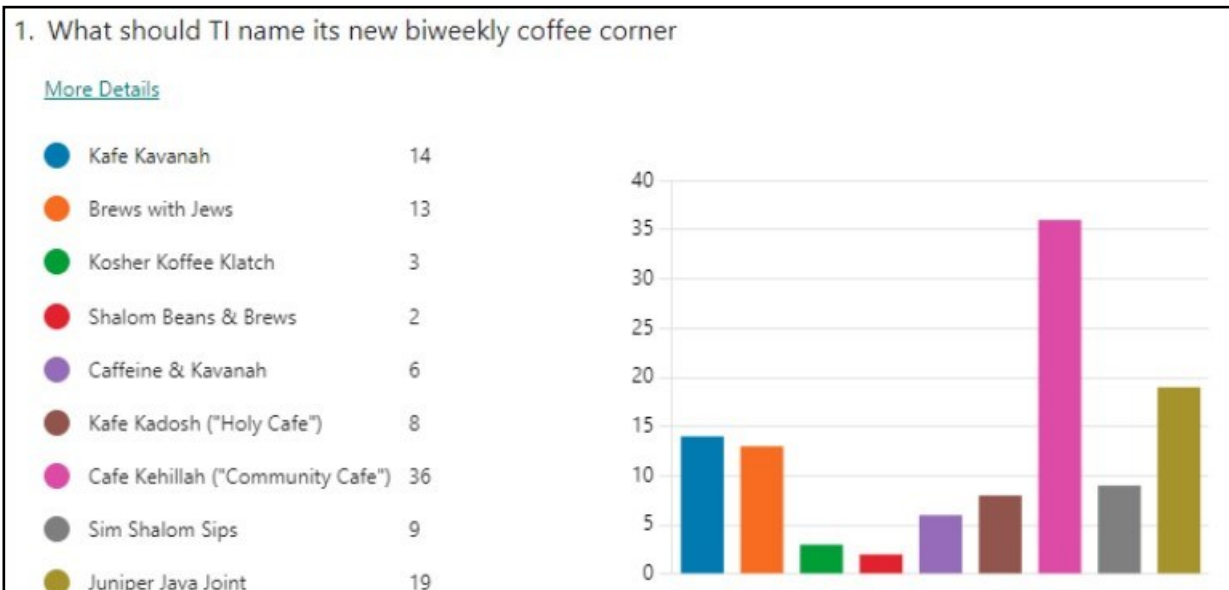
## Coffee Corner Gets a Name - Jennifer Kefer

The people have spoken! And the name for the new TI coffee bar is "Kehillah Cafe" (Community Cafe). This pop-up coffee corner will be set up in the chapel whenever Segulah is not meeting on site. We hope that this creates a welcoming space for congregants to gather and take a break from services together.

Little ones are also welcome to spend time with their adults in this room - and there should be Shabbat-friendly toys and books available.

Fun fact: All the names were generated by AI, except Juniper Java Joint and Sim Shalom Sips.

A summary of votes follows.



# CELEBRATE HIGH HOLIDAYS AT TI



Artwork by Llewelyn Craig

Register for Services,  
youth activities  
and childcare  
at <https://bit.ly/TIHHE>.

## SCHEDULE

### ELUL

Sat., 9/9 9 pm Selichot \*  
Sun., 9/10 Noon Cemetery Service

### ROSH HASHANA

Fri., 9/15 6:30 pm Wolman Services \*  
Sat., 9/16 Day I  
9 am Wolman Services \*  
11 am Teen Program & Family Services  
11:30 am Age-Specific Services

### Sun., 9/17 Day II

9 am Wolman Services \*  
Afternoon Tashlich, Mincha & Ma'ariv

### YOM KIPPUR

#### Sun., 9/24 EREV YOM KIPPUR

6:30 pm Mincha \*  
6:45 pm Kol Nidre \*

#### Mon., 9/25 YOM KIPPUR DAY

9 am Wolman Services \*  
11 am Family Services  
11:30 am Age-Specific Services  
Noon Yizkor Service (Wolman)  
12:45 pm Teen Program  
Mid-Afternoon Learning Sessions \*  
5:30 pm Mincha \*  
6:30 pm Neilah \*  
7:45 pm Break Fast

\* In person and via Zoom

## CHILDCARE

For children 18 months to 12 years

Rosh Hashana I: 9:00 am—1:15 pm  
Rosh Hashana II: 9:00 am—1:15 pm  
Kol Nidre: 6:15 pm—end of services  
Yom Kippur Day: 9 am—1:15 pm

## VOLUNTEERING & TZEDAKAH



### DELIVER A SWEETER NEW YEAR

Sunday, Sept. 10 at 9:00 am  
Deliver bags of Holiday groceries to seniors, immigrants and others in need in our community.



### GOLDBERG CLEANUP DAY

Sunday, Sept. 10 from 9:30 am-2 pm  
All ages and abilities can help ready the building and grounds for the New Year. Snacks provided!



### EMPTY YOUR POCKETS

Sunday, Sept. 24 at 6:15 pm  
On your way to Kol Nidre services, donate to Mosaic Visions, dedicated to forming an inclusive space for Jews of Color.

LEARN MORE ABOUT HIGH HOLIDAYS  
AT TI AT [HTTPS://BIT.LY/TIHHD23](https://bit.ly/TIHHD23).



## Library Notes - Jeri Roth Lande

Hope you all had a great summer and are ready to start the New Year. While you are in the building for all the services and events of the fall holidays, be sure to take some time to look around the library. Remember, you can check out books at any time, even on Shabbat and Yom Tov. Directions are by the card catalog on the left side of the room.

Also, don't forget about the duplicates and other books looking for a new home. There are now three areas where the give-away books are located – each with a sign.

- On the main floor in a bookcase near the elevator
- In the bookcase just outside the Mollie L. Berch Library, on the right side
- In the children's book nook, bottom shelf, across the hall from the library

Recent additions:

- *House of Love and Prayer* by Tova Reich, collection of short fiction that takes place in the Orthodox world
- *The Tunnel* by A.B. Yehoshua, TI book club selection and finalist for National Jewish Book Award

What kind of books would you like to see in the library? Is there a specific book of Jewish interest you think we should add? The last time I asked for input, I thought I might be inundated with requests and opinions (this is TI, after all), but only received one suggestion. I bought the book. So don't be shy, let me know how I can make the library of more use to you.

## It's Still Your Menorah - Jessica Weissman

The Menorah is only as good as your contributions. Sure, we run many regular columns and lots of notices about TI activities. But what people really want to see is articles from you about your thoughts and experiences, and photos of TI-ers doing interesting and relevant things.

Please send me your photos, at least medium resolution, with the name of the photographer.

I'm still looking for family histories and legacy member memories. Also reviews of books and even movies of Jewish interest. Did you see *Golda*? What did you think? Should the rest of us spend two hours and the price of a ticket on it? Did you read a book that you found enlightening, interesting, or even entertaining? If it has Jewish interest, let the rest of us know. Send your material to [menorah@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:menorah@tifereth-israel.org).



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**School Begins**

Sunday, October 15

**Himmelfarb Opening Event**

Sunday, September 10 at 9:30 am

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**Questions?**

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

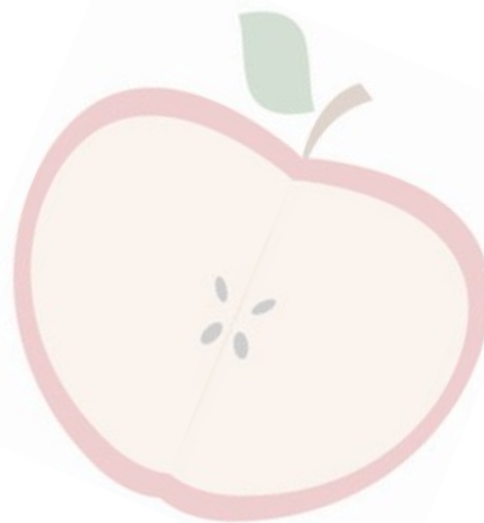
### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

9/1 Jacob Dorn  
Lisa Goldberg  
Adam Perlmutter  
Yael Smiley  
Harry Waldman  
9/3 Burt Barnow  
Aviva Blumenthal  
Alexander Flum  
Judith Turner  
9/4 Fylis Peckham  
Anais Stackel  
9/5 Esther Feron  
Hannah Halpern  
9/6 Anna Batler  
Rafi Pedersen  
Phillip Shapiro  
9/7 Stefan Gottschalk  
Shemaya Klar  
9/8 Barbara Milton  
9/9 Amelia Goldberg  
Rebecca Pelzer  
9/10 Isaiah Friedland  
Glenn Rapoport  
9/11 Ari Afflerbach  
Deborah Shelef  
9/12 David Handwerker  
9/13 Lael Stackel  
9/14 Walter Berman Osborne  
Marcia Goggin  
Cramer Gotthelf  
Tobi McFarland  
Jessica Simpson  
9/15 Sidney Bailin  
Esther Kimelman-Block  
Eli Rogers

9/16 Traci Kammer Goldberg  
Neil Sitron  
9/17 Micah Bailin  
Benjamin Verschell  
9/18 Sharon Brown  
Richard Gryziak  
Madge Lee Spector  
9/19 Lisa Anderegg  
David Silber  
9/20 Noah Gabel  
Dori Klar  
Kenneth Morris  
Rachel Seidel  
9/22 Michael Pitch  
9/23 Abraham Greenstein  
9/24 Sasha Frank Stempel  
Ethan Merlin  
Michele Sumka  
9/25 Patrick Moorehead  
Laurel Rabin  
Dafna Spear  
Felice Taransky  
9/26 Esther Herman  
Rachel Decter Hyman  
Sarah Sorscher  
9/27 Joel Cohen  
9/28 Dennis Kirschbaum  
Gregory Stackel  
9/29 Natan Kimelman-Block  
9/30 Deborah Horowitz  
Barbara Raimondo

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

9/1 Henry Levin & Susan Vitale  
Alan & Cynthia Weitz  
9/2 David & Laurel Rabin  
9/4 Gideon Bass & Mae Cooper  
9/7 Diane & Glenn Thrush  
9/8 Rabbi A. Nathan &  
Barbara Abramowitz  
Lynn Golub-Rofrano &  
Joseph Rofrano  
Mitchell Lazarus &  
Judy Shapiro  
9/9 Neil & Rachel Hyman  
9/10 Judith Heimlich &  
Jon Weintraub  
Barbara & Howard White  
9/17 Ira Forman & Caryn Pass  
9/18 Dinah & Joshua Berch



**Celebrate on September 9**

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

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



## New Members - Jared Garelick

**Sabrina and Brandon Levey** recently moved from downtown Silver Spring to Takoma Park. Brandon, originally from Baltimore, is a lawyer with the Gilbert law firm. He specializes in insurance recovery and bankruptcy work, while also maintaining a significant *pro bono* practice working with people in prison to get their sentences shortened. That builds on his work before law school in criminal justice reform.

Sabrina, who, like this correspondent, grew up in Rochester, New York, is an environmental scientist. She works in the publishing department of the Ecological Society of American helping to prepare its scientific journals.

Sabrina and Brandon describe finding TI by searching for a synagogue to attend on a random Friday night. They came to TI and, as they were leaving, Rabbi Werbow invited them to dinner. They started coming to more things at TI, liked the community, and decided to join. Sabrina has especially liked learning with Melissa Werbow together with other young people.

Brandon is a runner and Sabrina is in a Jewish a cappella group. Together they enjoy walking and doting on their dog Jasper.

Welcome Sabrina and Brandon!



Photo courtesy of Sabrina and Brandon Levey

### ACCESSIBILITY

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

**Contact [info@tifereth-israel.org](mailto: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 • Wheelchair lift to Bimah**

## Tifereth Israel Social Action: Focus on Mosaic Visions and Support for Immigrant Families - Melissa Perera, Dee Sanae (Mosaic Visions) and Rachel Seidel

### Empty Your Pockets Campaign: Mosaic Visions

At the Tifereth Israel Social Action Committee's August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, we voted to make **Mosaic Visions** the beneficiary of the **Empty Your Pockets Campaign**. We encourage congregants to give generously to this organization on their way into Kol Nidre on September 24!

Testament: *"The Founder and Visionary behind Mosaic Visions, Dee Sanae, along with its esteemed Board, are humbled and deeply appreciative to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Tifereth Israel for continuing to plant seeds into the growth and future of Mosaic Visions. This year's bestowed honor of being chosen as the beneficiary is a testament to the shared commitment towards a more inclusive and vibrant future."*

Mosaic Visions is a non-profit organization headquartered in Washington, DC, with an international presence with the following mission statement: *"Mosaic Visions strives to create a more tolerant, just society (tikkun olam in practice) through arts, education, and alliance-building that promotes equity for communities of color leaders with a focus on Jews of color."*

Dee Sanae, director and founder of Mosaic Visions, identifies as a Black, Japanese, and Jewish woman and grew up in a time and place where being multicultural was looked down upon. After encountering isolated moments while trying to reconnect with her Jewish heritage and facing marginalization from both the Black and Jewish communities, she drew inspiration not only from her personal journey but also from the stories of fellow Jews who had undergone similar experiences. This led her to establish Mosaic Visions—an initiative to foster an inclusive environment for underrepresented Jews of Color. This initiative then became a collective and then a 501c3 in 2020 after producing and moderating its first panel with Sixth & I called *We Matter: Black and Jewish*.

In 2022, Washington Jewish Week featured Dee Sanae in their article *"Magic and miracles with Dee Sanae"* ([Magic and miracles with Dee Sanae - Wash-](#)

[ington Jewish Week](#)). Many may recall the inspiring virtual Shalem program at Tifereth Israel in December 2020 titled "What's the Problem? Jews of Color Up Close" featuring a conversation with Dee Sanae and Tifereth Israel member Carolivia Herron that focused upon racial justice and creating an environment at Tifereth Israel that is welcoming and inclusive of Jews of Color.

These types of conversations are part of what Mosaic Visions does. Mosaic Visions facilitates dialogue to strengthen and unify the Jewish community by being more inclusive of Jews from all racial and ethnic backgrounds. Grounded in Pirkei Avot, which reminds us that acts of loving-kindness are one of the pillars upon which the world stands, these exchanges of ideas and experiences are meant to help prepare for action-oriented projects focused on community-building and strengthening acceptance and inclusion of diverse identities.

One such project organized by Mosaic Visions is the *Spirit of Humanity | Ein Sof Virtual Festival* - "Where soul, spirit, activism, and art align," which is a cultural and artistic festival showcasing Jews of Color through art, music, poetry, writing, songs, and short films. This beautiful collection of creative expressions can be found on the Mosaic Visions website (<https://mosaicvisions.org>) and includes a submission by Tifereth Israel member Carolivia Herron.

Mosaic Visions intends to hold this festival annually and is excited to share that the festival will be held for the first time in person at the end of January 2024. Dates will be announced before Rosh Hashana. Watch their website and social media (Instagram: @mosaic.visions; FB: Mosaic Visions; LinkedIn: Mosaic Visions) for the call for submissions in mid-September 2023. This festival's theme will be "Assembly While Looking at Our Collective Future". Mosaic Visions seeks those who identify as Jews of Color, Jewish Diaspora Artists, and marginalized artists to submit in the following categories: Spoken Word, Visual Art, Literary, Music, and Performing Arts.

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## TI Social Action -continued

A few other programs are being developed and have opportunities for support, including “*Standing in Solidarity with Action*”, a panel series that launched during Mosaic Visions’ Juneteenth film screening, and a panel discussion called “*Black x Jewish*” partnering with Edlavitch JCC’s J x J. This panel series will feature local activists comprised of people of color, Jewish leaders, Jews of Color leaders, and civic leaders who will discuss current topics that address race, religion, culture, and humanity and activate, and align our communities together through action prompted by intellectually provoking yet honest conversations.

Mosaic Visions is expanding future programs that will be announced at the end of the fiscal year 2023. Please stay tuned as Mosaic Visions assembles sponsoring and partnering organizations, synagogues, and individual donors who will join them in the journey and goal to heal and advocate for a more equitable future for the marginalized in the Jewish community and surrounding communities of color while promoting togetherness with trust. Mosaic Visions hopes that Tifereth Israel will join them as they build for the future.

### Update on the Shirzad Family

A huge thank you to the many Tifereth Israel volunteers have been helping out the Shirzad family this summer. For those who missed earlier notes, the Shirzads are an Afghan refugee family –two adults and four children—who live in nearby Silver Spring. They escaped Afghanistan and arrived here in December 2021. Tifereth Israel has signed on to work with this family (and possibly others) through New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance (NNIA) which the Social Action Committee voted to join last spring.

Some of the activities we have helped out with include, but are not limited to:

- Locating free summer camp programs for the two elementary age children and making sure they had a lovely summer of outdoor fun, field trips, science lessons, and making friends
- Getting the children started on swimming lessons
- Helping with transportation for dental appointments and other medical trips
- Assisting adults with paperwork and filling out

forms

- Providing support to help with buying groceries and baby formula (thank you Kol Nashim!); and,
- Planning for the fall—getting the 3 year old enrolled in a high quality preschool with full funding provided, as well as getting the older children school supplies (mostly thanks to a very dedicated volunteer from Shaare Tefila Congregation).

As one of the faith communities that make up NNIA we frequently learn of many of the needs of new refugees in our area. In addition to financial support, volunteers tutors are needed right now to serve on NNIA’s education committee, and volunteer drivers are needed to help on NNIA’s food distribution committee. If you are interested in helping either with various needs for the Shirzad Family or volunteering with other NNIA refugee families, please contact **Rachel Seidel** or **Bob Mathis** to get more information. Thank you all so much for your support!

# THANK YOU!

Thanks to the generosity of the following donors, we have a brand-new bimah lift in the Sanctuary. The TI community is grateful for their support in making accessibility a priority.

Sharon Brown & Kol Nashim  
Andrew Reamer & Gevarim  
Janet Nesse & Mark Lewis  
The George Greenberg Building  
Preservation Fund Trustees

### Social Action Upcoming Events

- Sunday, Sept. 3 - Shepherd’s Table – 5pm

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## TI Social Action -continued

- Sunday, Sept. 10 – Rosh Hashanah Grocery Delivery – 9-10 am
- Wednesday, Sept. 13 – SAC mtg @ 8-9 pm
- Sunday, Sept. 24 (Kol Nidre) – Empty Your Pockets Campaign

**Shepherd's Table August Service** - Nine members of TI helped serve dinner on August 7th at Shepherds Table. Volunteers were **Bob Mathis, Tali Stopak, David Rubin, Stephanie Rubin, Joseph Martin, Paula Martin, Krayna Feinberg, Esther Herman** and **Gene Herman**. Approximately 160 dinner meals were served during the evening.

The numbers remain high, and TI is committed to help out on the first Sunday of each month. Shift time is from 5-7:15 pm. The upcoming shifts are September 3, October 15 (because of Sukkot), November 5 and December 3. TI is also scheduled to serve brunch on Christmas Day. Volunteers are welcome for all dates.

To register with Shepherd's Table and sign up for a shift go to:

<http://tiferethisrael.shepherdstable.volunteerhub.com/>

### Ongoing Social Action/Social Justice/Environment Activities

Please contact **Melissa Perera**, Social Action VP at [TISocialaction@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:TISocialaction@tifereth-israel.org) about getting involved.

- Rosh Hashana grocery delivery (Sunday, Sept. 10)
- Empty Your Pockets Campaign (Sunday, Sept. 24)
- Christmas brunch (Monday, Dec. 25)
- Serving at Shepherd's Table (1st Sunday of the month)
- Supporting refugee families
- Shepherd Elementary Tutoring Program (starts Sunday, Oct. 15)
- SEA Change
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Black Lives Matter vigil (every Friday @5pm)
- Returning Citizens Assistance Network (RCAN)

# ANNUAL APPEAL



The Annual Appeal is TI's main source of operating support beyond dues, tuition and general donations. As always, TI is committed to strong fiscal responsibility while sustaining existing programs and coming up with new, creative responses to the community's needs. Through your generosity, TI will flourish and grow in the New Year. Thank you in advance for your gift.

**Donate now at <https://bit.ly/TIAppeal23>.**

## **FAMILY & YOUTH ACTIVITIES**



**October 1: Sukkah Fest (kids-only Sukkot program)**

**October 5: USY Progressive Sukkot Dinner**

**October 8: Simchat Torah Program**

**October 28: Teen Takeover**

**November 5: USY Bowling**

**November 12: Kadima Pie Pie**

**November 19: Tot Gathering**

**December 9: USY Chanukah Celebration**

**December 10: Chanukah Extravaganza**



## ***SHABBAT CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES***

September 2: Shabbat Family Jam

September 9: Junior Minyan

September 23: Yoga with Doda

September 30: Junior Minyan

October 7: Shabbat Family Jam (PM)

October 21: Mini Minyan

October 14: Yoga with Doda, Junior Minyan

October 28: Junior Minyan

November 4: Shabbat Family Jam

November 11: Yoga with Doda, Mini Minyan,  
Junior Minyan

December 2: Shabbat Family Jam

December 9: Yoga with Doda, Mini Minyan,  
Junior Minyan

December 23: Junior Minyan

Learn more about these programs:

Tot Shabbat: [bit.ly/TITots](https://bit.ly/TITots)

Mini Minyan: [bit.ly/TIMini](https://bit.ly/TIMini)

Junior Minyan: [bit.ly/TIJrMinyan](https://bit.ly/TIJrMinyan)



## TI Memories - Legacy Member Myrna Goldman

My earliest memories are of the people who were at services early, when I arrived. They should all rest in peace. My first friend was Mr. Tenn (William, I think), who always pointed to the seat in front of him in the almost empty sanctuary and told me that he had saved it for me. Later, I sat near the front with a group of people, including Joe Cohen (father of David (Carla) Cohen), Abe Esses, Mary Jeweler, and the legendary Al and Barbara Blanco. This was my first community at TI, and I remember them all vividly. They were particular fans of my Torah reading, which made me feel good.

Al and Barbara were dear friends, and they invited me regularly to their home for meals. Barbara was a fabulous Sephardic cook, and one had to really pace oneself to have room for all her delicacies. Of course, she would be insulted if you didn't eat every last thing. The Bergers were of-

ten guests there with me. The Blancos were very helpful to me during my late mother's illness and death. Another example of their friendship was when they had me sleep over at their house (only a few blocks from my condo) when my air conditioning gave out during a miserable heat wave. Not only did they give me their guest room, but Barbara also got up at 5:30 in the morning to make me breakfast before I went to work!

I have made many friends and received much support and love from the TI community over the years, but these first friends hold a special place in my heart.

*Editor's note: Myrna is among the TI legacy members who shared their memories at the recent Legacy Member Shabbat. If you are a legacy member, please submit your TI memories to [menorah@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:menorah@tifereth-israel.org). Even if you don't fit the definition, consider submitting an article about your TI history.*

## Cooking with Joan Nathan

Sponsored by Kol Nashim | Sunday, October 15 at 10:15 am

Joan Nathan is a former TI member, a world famous cook and the author of several cookbooks.



Come try some tasty samples!

Register at <https://bit.ly/TIJN23>.

## Nayes un Mechayes - Dori Gillman

### Good News

**Myrna Goldman** recently travelled to Norway, Finland, and the Arctic. She went with her sister, Harriet Ainbinder. Norway started with visits to Oslo and Bergen. They then boarded a ship to cross the Arctic Circle and see the beautiful fjords. Port stops included Trondheim, Bodo, Tromso, and the North Cape, above the Arctic Circle. They disembarked in Kirkenes and then traveled to Ivalo and Inari, in Finnish Lapland. They then flew to Helsinki, where they ended the tour. They enjoyed the scenery, cool weather (not too rainy), and excellent air quality. Other highlights were learning about the Sami indigenous people and about salmon fishing.

**Lisa Traiger** has a great story in the Washington Jewish Week, a substantial profile of Capital Camps "yoetzet" Michelle Cades, an informal in loco parentis advisor to campers. <https://www.washingtonjewishweek.com/mom-on-duty-michelle-cades/>

Dina Kraft, daughter of **Mike and Lisa Kraft**, is quoted extensively in an article about Hannah Goslar, whose memoir, *My Friend Anne Frank*, was co-authored with Dina Kraft. Read it here: <https://forward.com/news/555835/anne-franks-best-friend-dina-kraft-hannah-pick-goslar/>

### Sad News

**Louis Surden**, father of TI Member **Molly Surden (Marc Suddleson)**, and grandfather of Jacob, Sage



Photo courtesy of the family

and Nathan, died on August 4, 2023, 17 Av 5783. He is also survived by his wife Marjorie (nee Goldman); son Harry Surden (Mara Mintzer); grandchild Kaya; and sister Esther Surden (Harvey Katz). **To read the obituary, [click HERE](#).**

May the family be comforted and his memory be a blessing.

## Kol Nashim - Esther Herman

TI's Kol Nashim (Voice of Women) grew out of the traditional sisterhood of TI that largely cooked, baked and served for events at TI, provided flowers for the bimah for major Jewish holidays and raised funds for the Torah fund and other regional programs of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism. Our board of ten members meets monthly to recommend programs that would be of interest to the general population of Tifereth Israel's women.

The majority of women who are members of TI pay annual Kol Nashim dues that help defray costs of these programs and activities, as well as payment of dues to the Women's League. We are fortunate to have been able to purchase tzedakah boxes for presentation to the young individuals during their b'nai mitzvah as well as make significant contributions for the new bimah lift and to the Afghani family with whom we are working to help settle in the nearby area.

Be on the lookout for KN's future activities:

- Joan Nathan, Jewish cook extraordinaire, will create a cooking event in the Cherner Auditorium on Sunday morning October 15. Joan's latest book, *King Solomon's Ta-*

*ble*, will be available for purchase at that time.

- A Jewish genealogy event is scheduled for Sunday morning November 5.
- The monthly book club continues alternating fiction and non-fiction works that are predicted to enable lively discussion. Recent selections and discussions included *The Tunnel* by A.B. Yehoshua and *Barbra Streisand: Redefining Beauty, Femininity and Power* by Neal Gabler. At our September meeting we will pick our next set of books.
- A community Havdalah potluck, sponsored by Kol Nashim, will be held at the home of **Margie Odle** and **Carl Bergman** on January 27, 2024.

Rounding out our ten member board, we welcome our newest member, **Barbara Milton**, who joins **Margie Odle**, **Sharon Brown**, **Rose Ellen Halper**, **Debbie Pomerance**, **Pearl Schainker**, **Esther Herman**, **Louise Kelley**, **Adelle Natter** and **Varda Fink**. Together we brainstorm monthly and in-between, developing new programs and ideas that would enrich and bring together members of TI, especially women.

## WELCOME TO THE CAFE KEHILLAH



Step into the Chapel  
to enjoy a cuppa!  
September 2 & 23  
beginning at 10:00 am







# FALL CHAGGIM AT TI

**Fri., September 29 | Erev Sukkot**

6:30 pm • [Shabbat Services and Dinner](#)\*

**Sat., September 30 | Sukkot 1**

9:00 am • [Shabbat and Festival Services](#)\*

10:15 am • [Junior Minyan](#)

noon • Kiddush in the Sukkah

**Sun., October 1 | Sukkot 2**

9:00 am • [Festival Services](#)\*

11:00 am • [Sukkah Fest \(Kids Program\)](#)

noon • Kiddush in the Sukkah

~1:00 • [Sukkah Walk](#)

**Chol Hamoed Sukkot**

Wed., October 4 • 7:30 pm: [Politics & Beer in the Sukkah](#)

Thu. Oct. 5 • [USY Progressive Sukkot Dinner](#)

**Fri., October 6 | Hoshana Rabah**

7:30 am • [Services](#)\*

6:30 pm • [Shabbat Services](#)\*

**Sat., October 7 | Shmini Atzeret**

9:00 am • [Festival Services](#)\*

~11:00 am • Yizkor Service\*

5:00 pm • [Tot Shabbat](#)

7:00 pm • [Erev Simchat Torah Services](#)\*

**Sun., October 8 | Simchat Torah**

9:00 am • [Festival Services](#)\*

*\*In person and via Zoom*

Learn more at [bit.ly/TIFallChag](https://bit.ly/TIFallChag).

## SPECIAL SERVICES & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

### RISING SONG KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES AND DINNER\*

*Sponsored by the Ritual Committee*

Our monthly soul-filling Rising Song Shabbat Services will begin after the Fall Chaggim.

Information will be posted at <https://bit.ly/TIRising>.

## 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! Each month we have at least one 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>.

### MISHNA WITH RABBI WERBOW\*

*Saturdays, September 2, 9 and 23 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>.

### TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI SEIDEL

*Saturday, September 23 at after Kiddush lunch*

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

Learn more and access text on line at <https://bit.ly/TITalmud>.

### 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*



## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

### SERVE DINNER AT SHEPHERD'S TABLE

*Sponsored by the Social Action Committee*

*Sundays, September 3 at 5:00 pm*

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

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

### INTERMEDIATE HEBREW-BEGINNING TANACH\*

*Thursdays, September 7, 14, and 28 at 10:30 am*

This virtual class, taught by TI member Stephanie Rubin, is reading [Bereishit](#), covering approximately ten verses each week

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/45tiT3B>.

### PARASHAT HASHAVUA CLASS\*

*Mondays, September 11 and 18 at 11:00 am*

Meet online with Rabbi Werbow and a lively group of congregants to discuss insights from the weekly Torah portion.

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3KLa1hH>.

### KOL NASHIM BOOK CLUB

*Tuesday, September 19 at 7:30 pm*

All TI members are welcome to attend and help select books for the coming year. Join the email list for monthly reminders and updates about whether the club will meet in person or virtually.

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

### RAIN GARDEN CARE

*Sponsored by the Green Committee*

*Sunday, September 10 at 10:00 am*

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

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

### VIGIL AGAINST RACISM

*Fridays at 5:00 pm*

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

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

### 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 is in need of canned goods. Bring your cans to the TI Juniper Lobby Monday-Friday from 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

For additional drop-off locations see <https://bit.ly/TILaCasa>.

\* Attend in person or virtually

## September Yahrzeitn

Please note: Yahrzeit dates are listed under the Shabbat date when the name is recited during services.  
If any information is missing or incorrect, please contact Sheri Blonder at [sheri@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:sheri@tifereth-israel.org).

### August 25-26

9/1 Samuel Horowitz  
Sidney L. Levine  
Samuel Mogul  
Rachel Sieradzki

### September 1-2

9/2 Anita Herzog  
Jack Isicson  
Rose Rubinstein  
Audrey Smith  
Bobbe Stanger

9/3 Melaku Zeleke

9/4 Morris Hodos

9/5 Hyman Friedman  
Stisha Kayson  
Arnold Mayer  
Sara Mincosky  
Susanne Spellberg  
Harold Wilkenfeld

9/6 Mark H. Blacker

Gisela Englander

Ida Goldstein

Aaron Greenfeld

Samuel Abraham Gross

Irvin Matusow

Murray Murdock

Martin B. Stahl

Jacob Steppa

Harry Louis Ziggles

9/7 Cecia Hess

9/8 Judith Friedman

William Rothenberg

Judah Leon Shereshefsky

### September 8-9

9/9 Marshall Abrams

Arthur Berger

Theodora Perry

I. Al Spector

Hyman E. Wilensky

9/10 Adele Mildred Koss

Thelma Weil

9/11 Sonya Bandler

Mildred Bender

Natalie Halpern Eichen

Nathan Raymond

Rosenthal

Annette Shulman

Abraham Hiram Simon

9/12 Betty Frank

Hayes Wheeler Mayo

Morton Taub

9/13 Louis Greenwald

William Sodden

9/14 Paul Barman

Nirmala Khot Fernbach

Ben Goldman

Abraham B. Herman

Sadie Koren

Sarah Pronin Levine

Evelyn Perera

Eleanor Traiger

Ruth Wagner

9/15 Morris Cohen

Frances L. Hess

Abraham Schlossberg

### September 15-16

9/16 Ray Axelrod

Harry H. Naiman

Sophie Schainker

Jerry M. Wiener

9/17 Stella Esther Emsellem

Alfred Fuchs

Ida Gouline Glass

Beatrice G. Gotthelf

Samuel Adam Mensh

Shirley Rosenberg

Eugene Joseph Schubert

Bruce Steinberg

Helen Stern

9/18 Hannah Dora Blankstein

Evelyne Robinson

9/19 Ruth Bender

Sam Goldberg

Itzak Solomon

Jack Weissman

Sam Wolfe

9/20 Gertrude Berman

Bob Brooks

Manny Goldman

Mark Kinland

Alan Michael Lopatin

Estera Waldman

Gertrude R. Weinstein

Sylvia Weissbrodt

9/21 Rose Footer

Lena M. Hollins

Harry Kahansky

Gertrude Leeds

Daniel Levine

David Moshavi

Leonard Paul

Elizabeth Sperling

9/22 James Amdur

Rachel S. Cohen

Marion Greer

MaryB. Lewis

Oscar Margoles

Leo Pomerance

Michael Sirkis

Frank E. Timoner

Luciano Alberto Vitale

### September 22-23

9/23 Jim Auerbach

Elliot Jerome Eisenbach

Max Franks

Buzya Bluma Greenfeld

Teme Druck Grunberg

Pearl Silverman

Kimelblatt

Aaron A. Kutnick

Bessie Lewis

Anna Parson

Selma Warsaw

9/24 Saul Bernstein

Matilda Helfenbein

Louis Edward Morse

9/25 Esther Davidson

Johnny Lewis

Jacob Rudnick

9/26 Fred Mayer

David Simon

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In July TI-ers participated in a solar power workshop. Interfaith Power and Light organized the workshop with the support of the SeaChange consortium of synagogues of which TI is a member. Photo by Joelle Novey.

## September Yahrzeitn - continued

9/27 Max Wolman  
 Samuel Flug  
 Elaine Kay Orlinsky  
 Fanny Putter  
 Masha Spiegel  
 Daniel Wolpin  
 9/28 Florence Bailin  
 Bayla Bennett  
 Edward Berman

Anne Conway  
 Isabelle Finkelstein  
 Marvin Itkin  
 Fradel Kramer  
 John Leidman  
 Charles Moshenberg  
 Stella Peck  
 Geraldine Revzin  
 Samuel B. Sussan

Bella Weisbrot  
 9/29 Edward Boorstein  
 Rose Nathanson Wruble  
**September 29-30**  
 9/30 Robert B. Flanders  
 Mordechai Mickelson



## Donations—July 20 to August 15

### A. Nathan Abramowitz Fund

Raymond & Rebecca Coleman

### Annual Appeal

Ivy Baer & Marc Rothenberg

Mark Feldman

Harvey Kabaker & Andrea Kline

Eric & Shira Schechtman

Yvonne Shashoua & Yochanan Sullivan

Allan & Judy Tulchin

### Bridge Campaign

Diana Zurer

### General Donation

Coleman Conroy in support of TI's security activities

Rick Glaser & Sheryl Gross-Glaser in support of  
High Holidays at TI

Myrna Goldman in memory of Harriet Robbins

Myrna Goldman in memory of Dean Stackel

Clifford & Francine Golub in memory of Clare Golub

Shelly & Steve Heller in memory of Mordi Feinberg

Ken & Nancy Supowit in honor of the anniversary of  
Morris and Abby Klein's b'nai mitzvah

### Marvin Caplan Social Action Fund

Miriam Davidson in memory of Jeff Davidson

Miriam Davidson in memory of Sadie Robert

Hannah Docter-Loeb in support of refugee assistance

Naomi Freeman & Morris Klein in honor of  
Rabbi Chuck Feinberg

Myrna Goldman in memory of Janet Brandt

Kol Nashim of Tifereth Israel in support of  
refugee assistance

### Mollie Berch Library Fund

Myrna Goldman in memory of Shirley Engelman

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Miriam & William Galston in honor of Rabbi

Abramowitz's 95th birthday and the

82nd anniversary of his bar mitzvah

David & Janice Mehler in honor of Rabbi Werbow

### Torah Repair Fund

Shelly & Steve Heller in memory of Jack Neufeld

### Yahrzeit Donations

Ivy Baer & Marc Rothenberg in memory of

William D. Rothenberg

Eti & Paul Roitman Bardack in memory of

Lawrence Bardack

Anita Bollt & Steven Kalish in memory of Lena Morris

Wilma Brier & Jack Stone in memory of Julius Brier

Sharon Brown in memory of Evelyn Brown

Henry Einhorn in memory of Anne Farber,

Florence Farber and Hannah Bella Einhorn

Esther & Gene Herman in memory of Abraham Her-  
man

David & Janice Mehler in memory of Anne Mehler

The Moorehead Family in memory of Alex Kincannon

Emily Novick & David Sieradzki in memory of

Rachel Sonia Sieradzki

Morton Simon in memory of Zelma Charmé Fink

Howard & Michele Sumka in memory of

Rhoda Sherman Sumka Steinberg

Howard & Michele Sumka in memory of Irving Sumka

Diana Zurer in memory of Chasie Furman

Early birds at TI's End  
of Summer party,  
Photo: Louise Kelley



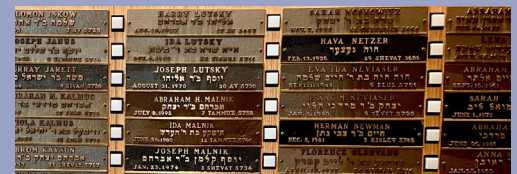
# Shofar Blowing and End of Summer Party



Photos by (clockwise from upper left): Jennifer Kefer, Louise Kelley, Louise Kelley, Louise Kelley, Jennifer Kefer

## REMEMBRANCES

### MEMORIAL PLAQUES



Establish a permanent memorial for a loved one at <https://bit.ly/TIPlaques>.

### BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



Add the names of loved ones at <https://bit.ly/TIBOR84> by Tuesday, September 5 at 9 am.



## Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

### September 1, 2023

Hal Cohen & Katherine Benton-Cohen  
Susan Chapin  
Raymond & Rebecca Coleman  
Laura & J.C. Craig  
Miriam Davidson  
Lafayette (Ronni) Davis  
Adam Diamond & Rabbi Jane Berman  
Helen Disenhaus  
Stan Dorn & Carla Ellern  
Desiree Douglas  
Benjamin Dreyfus & Rabbi Elizabeth Richman  
Pierre & Deena Dugan  
Henry Einhorn  
Marshall Einhorn & Deborah Skolnick-Einhorn  
David & Helene Emsellem  
Ernie Englander  
Rabbi Charles & Krayna Feinberg  
Miriam Feinsilver  
Roger & Gail Feldman  
Joshua & Mita Felman  
Mark Felman

### September 8, 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 Kramarrow  
Allegría Gelfand  
Marsha Gentner  
Ron Ghatan & Megan Larkin  
Seth Glabman & Martha Hare

### **September 22, 2023**

Rick Glaser and 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 Gabel  
Stanley Grabia & Varda Fink  
Marjorie Greenberg  
Larry Greenfield & Melanie Gross Greenfield  
Abraham & Dena Greenstein

### October 6, 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 Bullen  
Hedy Howard  
Neil Hyman & Rachel Decter Hyman  
Samuel Isaacson & Amelia Kar-raker

### October 20, 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

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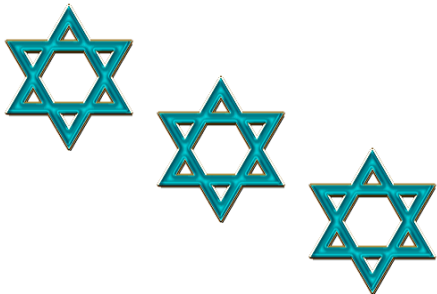


## B'nai Mitzvah

Hello. My name is Asa Doherty and I am starting 8th grade at Silver Creek Middle School. My Bar Mitzvah is September 2nd and the parsha is Ki Tavo.

In my free time I like to play sports like baseball and basketball and hang out with my friends. I spend my summers at Camp Airy in northern Maryland.

I'd like to thank my Hebrew tutor Mrs. Fine for teaching and being patient with me the whole time, as well as my Himmelfarb teachers for helping me to learn about my roots.



### Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments - continued

#### October 20, 2023 continued

Edward Koren & Claudine Schweber  
Michael & Lisa Kraft  
Anita Kramer  
Joel Kramer & Adena Galinsky  
Joshua & Francesca Kranzberg  
Gabriel Kravitz & Yael Smiley

#### October 27, 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 Nurlybayeva  
Wylie & Kim Levone  
Mark Lewis & Janet Nesse

## End of Summer Party



Photos above: Louise Kelley



## HEAR THE SHOFAR BLASTS OF ELUL

### Schedule

Sunday, September 3 • 10:05 am—Tifereth Israel

Monday, September 4 • 3:00 pm—[Silver Spring Civic Center](#)

Tuesday, September 5 • 5:45 pm—[Fort Stevens](#) (DC)

Wednesday, September 6 • 5:15 pm—[Marvin Caplan Park](#) (DC)

Friday, September 8 • 5:15 pm at [Kemp Mill Urban Park](#)

Sunday, September 10 • 10:05 PM—Tifereth Israel



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Learn more and find newly added dates at [bit.ly/TIShofar23](https://bit.ly/TIShofar23).

## SUPPORT A SHABBAT KIDDUSH!

Celebrate a simcha with the TI community and your guests.

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## Chaim Gross' Ten Commandments Sculpture Medals

- Simcha Kuritzky

The Ten Commandments (*Aseret haDvarim*, literally “ten words”) have been a popular theme in art and numismatics for centuries. Usually they are represented by the words themselves (often in translation), or just the first two words in Hebrew of each commandment, or just the first word or letter. An unusual set of sculptures interprets the commandments visually. In 1970, the Joseph Meyerhoff Foundation commissioned Chaim Gross to produce panels representing the Ten Commandments to decorate the JFK Airport synagogue. These were dedicated May 7, 1972. Each bronze panel contains a Hebrew letter (as numerals 1 through 10) and a semi-abstract representation of the particular commandment. These sculptures can still be seen today at Kennedy Airport in New York, albeit in a small chapel in Terminal 4. Chaim Gross also drew watercolors, and some of his work graces stamps and first-day covers. He produced pencil and watercolor interpretations of the Ten Commandments as well as lithographs.



There are two medal sets that portray these commandment sculptures: ten round medals, and ten irregular rectangular art bars mounted on a frame. Miniature versions of the ten sculptures attached to walnut tablets with a spring-loaded catch that fits into a groove in the inside rim of the bar were commissioned by the Judaic Heritage Society (JHS) for sale to the public for \$650. The irregularly-shaped bars are pure silver plated in rhodium and platinum with 24 karat gold highlights. A total of 5735 sets (referring to the Jewish year of issue) were made. Accompanying the set of bars was a book describing the *Ten Commandments* sculpture. It was printed in August, 1973 with commentary by Rabbi Israel Mowshowitz, and is an invaluable aid in interpreting the artwork.

The round medals were probably minted in 1975, a time of a minor boom in medallic art thanks to rising silver prices. Each medal is 51mm and contains around 91 grams of silver or 72.5 grams of bronze.

Each medal has a similar reverse. At top center is a Hebrew letter ה heh, which stands for  $\text{השם}$  *HaShem*, the Name of God, in a sunburst frame that represents light and truth radiating out from God. This figure was on the doors of the original Ark but is not in the new synagogue. At center is Chaim Gross' signature. At top is the legend THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, and at the bottom is the inscription identifying the number of the commandment on the obverse. What follows is a description of each commandment and its artwork, shown by the original sculpture, the ingot bar, and the round medal.



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## Chaim Gross Ten Commandments - continued

The first commandment, by the Jewish and some Protestant denominations' reckoning, is "I am the Lord your God who brought you forth from Egypt. You will have no other gods." God is represented by the all-seeing eye at top left, and Egypt by the pyramid near the center and broken staff beneath it. A large letter *alef* stands for 1. Below the pyramid are the Israelites, being crushed by servitude in Egypt and helped by the beneficial rays emanating from the Eye of God, while the flames at right represent the purifying power of the word of God.



The second commandment prohibits worshipping graven images. In the center is the Golden Calf being attacked by pick hammers. Below that is one or two snakes as symbol of subversion, linking idolatry with adultery (a theme popular with Israel's prophets). At top right is the letter *beyt*, which is 2. Below the *beyt* is a dove, symbol of fidelity, which faces the opposite direction of the calf and snake.



The third commandment prohibits defaming God, which Gross interprets as adopting an untrue image of the Almighty. The Torah scroll represents God's Name, while God's pointing finger represents the revelation of God's truth in the affairs of humanity. Above is a bird with outstretched wings, raising the viewers gaze heavenward. At top right is *gimel*, which is 3.



The fourth commandment establishes the Sabbath. At bottom right is a table with two candles. The rabbis created the tradition of lighting two candles to inaugurate the Sabbath and provide light during the evening when it is prohibited to light new fires. The figures at left are angels facing each other. According to legend, the one facing the candles is a good angel who blesses the observant family, and the angel facing



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away from the candles is an evil angel who is forced to say "Amen." If the family were not properly observing the Sabbath, the angels' roles would be reversed. At top right is  $\daleth$  dalet, which represents the number 4.



The fifth commandment requires honoring one's parents. The figure at bottom right is the child, offering flowers and bowing before the two figures at the left which are the father and mother. The dove, a symbol of love, rests behind the parents. At top left is  $\heh$ , here representing the number 5.



The sixth commandment prohibits murder. The Talmud says that murdering one person is like murdering a world, so Gross chose to represent murder with the mushroom cloud of an atom bomb, the greatest killing machine humanity has devised, indiscriminately destroying the innocent with the guilty. At the center right is  $\vov$ , here representing the number 6.



The seventh commandment prohibits adultery. The faint lines in the background represent the outline of a house. Many birds are naturally monogamous. These two birds are mated to others. As a potentially adulterous couple they are both attracted to each other (note their heads and necks form a heart shape) but also held apart by their feelings for their mates. Wings, representing angels and resistance to temptation, separate their heads. At the far top right is  $\zeta$  zayin, here representing the number 7.

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## Gross Ten Commandments - continued



The eighth commandment prohibits theft. The hand in the center is that of a thief, while the hand grappling with it from the left is the hand of justice. The stolen coins drop from the thief's hand, showing that dishonest gains are ephemeral. At the center right is  $\aleph$  khet, here representing the number 8.



The ninth commandment prohibits perjury. Along the bottom is a book representing *Torah* and truth. The flames which come from it dispel the darkness of ignorance. The Hebrew letter and book together form an oil lamp, also a symbol of truth. The powerful hand in the forefront fends off lies and demonstrates the power of truth. At the center right is  $\aleph$  tet, here representing the number 9.



The tenth commandment prohibits coveting. If we see something we want, we might covet it, so this commandment is represented by a hand covering a huge eye. Assisting the hand is an angel in bird form, whose wings block the eye. The angel's eye is wide open because it cannot sin. At top right is  $\aleph$  yod, here representing the number 10.

Meyerhoff's largesse allowed Gross's artistic genius to grace the walls of the JFK Airport synagogue. If you are one of the lucky few, you can even own a medal based on this artwork.



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