



# The Menorah

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## From the President: Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block

The Fall holidays are a time of year when it's most clear how central volunteer participation is to the life of TI. Here are just some of the things that volunteers help make possible: getting the building ready for the High Holidays on Goldberg Clean-up Day; Rosh Hashana meal deliveries; the services themselves: from daveners, to greeters, to security, to gabbis, to Torah and Haftarah readers, to ark openers; meal preparation; putting up the sukkah; assisting the staff.



Some synagogues have thousands of members and hire a large staff to do many of these things. That is simply not who we are. Our size is both our strength and our challenge. It means we can get to know each other on a smaller scale – and it also means that we all need to pitch in for things to work, in partnership with our small, dedicated and talented staff.

Of course, there will be an ebb and flow over time, where some years other commitments don't allow much volunteer time for TI, but perhaps this coming year is

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## From the Rabbi: Rabbi Michael Werbow

### The day after Yom Kippur

Some may think it is the big exhale but that is not the case. There are sukkot (yes, plural) to put up, a sukkah walk route to plan and services to prepare for. So much of the last few months has been planning the High Holidays that now is the time to focus on everything else.



But, we don't leave the holidays behind so quickly. I still have the melody for the closing brachot of Musaf in my head: "Hamelech haKa'do'o'osh." Not to mention the, "oy, v'oy, v'oy, v'oy" of **Carla Ellern's** Avodah service. Just as the melodies linger, so do the feelings of warmth and community that I felt all throughout the holidays. I am blessed with the best view in the room. I get to look out at the kahal, all the people that make up our TI community. Yes, it is hard to see and pick out each and every person but collectively, I can see that we are a good bunch. When we stood together and sang things like Avinu Malkeinu the room was filled with voices. If we had that kind of energy on a regular Shabbat, we would never have to ask people to sit closer.

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## From the President - continued

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one where you can do a little bit more? Or you might have the ability to contribute funds in addition to time, through the Annual Appeal.

For TI, the contributions our members make with their time, energy and funds, are not “extra” – they are the basics of what it takes for this community to thrive. We are very fortunate to be in a community with so many who step up – and we could use your energy, talents and contributions as well.

B'shalom,

R. Jason Kimelman-Block



**Tzurielle Shashoua** blows the shofar. Photo: Azaria Hileman-Shashoua



## From the Rabbi - continued

The lingering feelings of the holidays also include much gratitude. There is so much work that goes into planning for the holidays. It is almost impossible to name everyone who helped out. This is not because the list is endless but more because of the fear of leaving someone out. Many of the things that get done are not even visible. People played all kinds of different roles to put things in place for the services and activities of the days to flow smoothly. I hope that I'll be able to thank people individually but if I don't hit everyone, please know that your help in planning and implementing the holidays is much appreciated.

The holidays are also a boost of new people coming to connect with us. I met a number of new people and know that there were others I didn't. If there are people you brought with you to services, or people who you think would enjoy a connection with us at TI, please bring them around. Whether it is for a service, a meal, a social, educational or social action program, you are the ones who can make the connection. I am happy to give someone a tour, meet for coffee and get to know them (and you) better.

Last year, we rode the high of our retreat and the installation weekend. This year, we will have an in-house shabbaton, a cooking event with Joan Nathan (thanks Kol Nashim), conversations with Mayor Bowser and Gil Preuss from the Federation, and much more (and that's just in the next couple of months).

So, keep the flow of energy from the holidays flowing as we enter into Sukkot. Stay connected, bring others around and look forward to a wonderful 5784!

B'shalom,

Rabbi Werbow

## Elul Learning Circle for Parents of 13 - 16 Year Olds

Hosted by Rabbi Werbow in his home. Photo by Jennifer Kefer.



# 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 • [Kids' Sukkah Fest](#)

noon • Kiddush in the Sukkah

12:30 pm • [Sukkah Walk](#)

**Chol Hamoed Sukkot**

Tue., October 3 • 4:00 pm: [Werbow Open Sukkah](#)

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

Thu., October 5 • 6:00 pm: [USY Progressive 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 Simchat Torah](#)

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

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

9:00 am • [Festival Services](#) \*

10 am • [Kids' Simchat Torah Program](#)

*\*In person and via Zoom*

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



## Himmelfarb: High Holy Days - Rabbi Kelley Gludt

I doubt any of us will ever again take for granted coming together to pray, learn, repent, and celebrate, which is why it is no exaggeration to say that the holidays at TI have been incredible this year.

I was blessed to be able to spend time with our community's families on both Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. For the new year, we sang Mah Tovu and made tents with our arms, explored the things for which we are grateful, enjoyed a story of creation, and some of us even went to a birthday party for the world, complete with games and cake. To top it off, our teens hilariously acted out the Torah reading.

On Yom Kippur we began with a self-reflective exercise, the Sin-O-Meter, exploring some of the missteps we made this past year by concretizing them. Throughout the service, we explored the Jewish take on confession and redemption, including reciting a

modern (and rhyming!) Vidui. Our older elementary students engaged in an incredibly insightful discussion of the value of public and communal admissions of wrongdoing. After examining Ashamnu and Al Chet, our children offered their own beautiful interpretations about these prayers, including everything from a sense of community inclusion to a shared shouldering of the burden to a wide expanse in which to find ourselves. The teens helped me explore the concept of judgement versus discernment, and how to navigate the value of acceptance and the importance of forming an opinion on a person's actions.

The thoughts and feelings shared by all the children and teens this year added so much to my own personal celebration and inspiration over the High Holy Days. I look forward to another amazing year of learning from them all.

## It's 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. And photos of your family Judaica, with some information about their history. 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).

## WELCOME TO CAFÉ KEHILLAH



Step into the Chapel  
to enjoy a cuppa!  
Saturdays, October 7 & 21  
beginning at 10:00 am



## UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP EVENTS

*Sponsored by the Membership Committee*



### CAFÉ KEHILLAH

*Saturdays October 7 and 21 at 10:00 am*

Grab a cuppa, etc.

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

### FISHBOWL SHABBAT

*Saturday, October 21 at 12:15 pm*

Meet and mingle with newer members and visitors during Kiddush lunch.

Learn more at [bit.ly/TIWelcome](http://bit.ly/TIWelcome)

### PETS IN THE PARK

*Saturday, October 21 at 5:00 pm*

Gather with the TI community and your pets, large and small, at [Jessup Blair Park](#).

Learn more and register at [bit.ly/TIPets23](http://bit.ly/TIPets23)

### COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

*Sunday, October 26 at 7:00 pm*

Connect with parents and pack gifts for your college students.

Learn more at [bit.ly/TICare23](http://bit.ly/TICare23)

### NEW MEMBER SHABBAT

*Thursday, November 4 at 9:00 am*

Celebrate our members who have joined TI since 2021.

Learn more at [bit.ly/TINM23](http://bit.ly/TINM23)

### HAVDALAH POTLUCKS

*Saturdays at 6:00 pm*

December 16, January 27, February 10, March 9

Welcome Shabbat with your TI friends!

Learn more at [bit.ly/TIHP23](http://bit.ly/TIHP23).

## Shepherd's Table Dinner Volunteers Dione Pereira

On September 3rd these TI members served 160 dinners at Shepherd's Table: **Bob Mathis, David Rubin, Stephanie Rubin, Joseph Martin, Paula Martin, Rebecca Coleman, Ray Coleman, Stephen Garber, Dione Pereira, Howard Sumka, Michele Sumka, Esther Herman and Gene Herman.** Other volunteers pictured include a father (Kebila Fonkem) and son (Benedict Fonkem, 8th grade from Takoma Park middle school), along with the new Shepherd's Table chef, Karl Wakefield. Photos by Dione Pereira.



### Between Self and Others

Co-Sponsored by Tifereth Israel and [IYUN](#)

Thursdays at 7:30 pm from October 19 through November 9

TI's own Melissa Werbow, Education Director of the Hill Havurah and the NoVA Program Coordinator for the Haberman Institute for Jewish Studies, will facilitate sessions for young adults as they reflect on the essential elements of relating to others: forgiveness, discerning purpose, public presentation, speech and communal responsibility.

Learn more and find the registration link at [bit.ly/TIYA2023](https://bit.ly/TIYA2023).

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**10:30 am**

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## Goldberg Day Thank You



Thank you to the following people who helped prepare the synagogue for the High Holidays:

Sheri Blonder  
Samer Carter-Hiba  
Carla Ellern  
Brenda Footer  
Lee Footer  
Naomi Footer  
Eliot Goldberg  
Myrna Goldberg

Allie Gomes  
Roxi Gomes  
Himmelfarb Families  
Francie Kranzberg  
Jeri Roth Lande  
Rachel Lande  
Jennifer Lav  
Sarah Mancoll

Sheridan Neimark  
Carlos Nieto  
Mike Schneider  
Mical Schneider  
Rachel Seidel  
Eric Schechtman  
Shira R. Schechtman  
Geoffrey Storchan

Ed Stromberg  
Jevera Temsky  
Allan Tulchin  
Hillel Tulchin  
Judy Tulchin  
Lena Tulchin  
Lev Werbow  
Ellen Zwibak



## New Members - Jared Garelick

**Geoffrey Storchan** and **Rachel Katz** have lived in the area for about twenty years, and currently reside in the Petworth neighborhood of DC. Geoff grew up in West Bloomfield, Michigan and Rachel in Dayton, Ohio. Although they didn't meet until later, both attended the University of Michigan, aligning their lifelong college football loyalties.

Geoff has a background in biochemistry, and now works in health care consulting. Rachel works at C-



SPAN on its business side, doing marketing, business development, and other special projects for the public affairs broadcaster.

The family includes two boys, Noah, who just started fourth grade, and Ethan, who is in pre-k 3. They found TI through friends, members **Adam** and **Jessica Perlmutter**, who recommended TI for its Himmelfarb Hebrew School. That makes the Perlmutter's TI's Magnet Family of the Month.

Geoff enjoys playing hockey and is an amateur radio operator. Rachel is a crossword fanatic (the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post*) and a baker. They are also a big Camp Ramah family, specifically Ramah Wisconsin, where Rachel went for years as a camper and a counselor and now Noah has begun to go. They enjoyed Rosh Hashana services at TI and look forward to meeting more people.

**Rabbi Lauren Tuchman** is a DC-area native. She grew up in Gaithersburg and Bethesda. Other than

several years studying in Pennsylvania and then in New York City, this area has remained home.

Like many people entering the rabbinate now, hers was not a completely straight path. After getting her undergraduate degree Lauren earned a master's degree in Judaic Studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary, intending to be a professor. After a three-year break, during which she determined that she preferred working with people, she returned to JTS for rabbinical school, graduating as a rabbi in 2018. She believes she is the first blind woman ordained as a rabbi.

Lauren works primarily as an educator. She does some disability-related consulting for local and national Jewish organizations. She also teaches, much of it through the Inside Out Wisdom and Action Project, known by the prototypically Jewish acronym "IOWA." The IOWA Project provides education and organizing inspired by the Mussar movement, a Jewish movement focusing on ethical and character development. This fall, after the holidays, she hopes to offer a course on the weekday Amidah, exploring how the text developed and ways we today can connect with it spiritually.



Lauren became familiar with TI by coming to its building. She has been a stalwart attendee of the Segulah minyan for years. She is also a friend of member **Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block** and of **Rabbi Werbow**. She did a training together with Rabbi Werbow several years ago and was excited to hear he was a candidate and then hired by TI. Now, as a Segulahnik wanting to invest in the continuity and strength of TI, she felt it was the right time to join.

Lauren loves reading – she was excited by the book club list recently released by TI's Kol Nashim. She also describes herself as a bit of a foodie, grateful for the range of vegetarian options available locally and always happy to enjoy a good vegetarian meal.

Welcome to this month's featured new members!

## TI Shofar Blowers at Marvin Caplan Park

Photos by Judah Flum. Drash: Michal Schneider. Shofar blowers; Rabbi Werbow and Michael Schneider.



**TOWN HALL MEETING**  
Wednesday, November 8  
at 8:00 pm

Join TI President  
Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block and  
others to hear important updates about  
our congregation.

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

A decorative graphic at the bottom of the text box. It features a row of colorful speech bubbles in shades of green, yellow, red, and blue. Below the speech bubbles is a row of colorful human silhouettes in various colors like orange, purple, blue, and red.





The Paul and Annetta  
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**School Begins**  
**Sunday, October 15**

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

10/1 Kellan Anderegg  
Joshua Felman  
Gayle Hope  
Claudine Schweber  
Dina Yael Shapiro  
10/2 Morton Alterman  
Daniel Berman  
Juliet Kuhn  
Rabbi Ethan Seidel  
10/3 Mark Feldman  
Adam Perera  
Eric Schechtman  
Deborah Stern  
Rachael Wolfson  
10/4 Brandon Levey  
Vivian Rubinstein  
Adina Schwartz  
Paul Seltman  
10/5 Carl Bergman  
Jaren Kammer Goldberg  
Jevera Temsky  
10/6 Pierre Dugan  
10/7 Myriam Rofrano  
10/9 Raphael Galinsky-  
Kramer  
Joseph Martin  
10/10 Judith L. Cohen  
Yaelle Sullivan  
Asher Werbow  
10/11 Jessica Perlmutter  
Jon Weintraub  
10/12 Rachel Bressler  
10/13 Dody Goldberg  
Marc Rothenberg  
Richard Siegel  
10/14 Noah Siskind

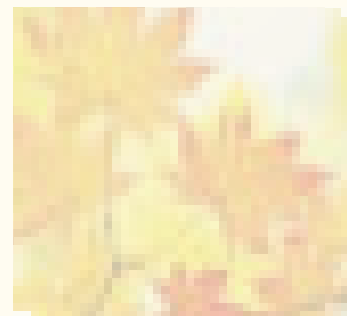
Ellie Tiemann

10/15 Rachel Lemberg  
Carole Woodle  
10/16 Henri Makembe  
Avital Richman-Dreyfus  
10/17 Gail Feldman  
Lynne List  
Joel Rogers  
Lila Gabrielle Shapiro  
10/19 Ilana LeVine  
10/20 Juliet Acosta  
10/21 Paula Martin  
10/22 Paula Flicker  
Judah Flum  
Danielle Glosser  
Gil Landau  
10/23 Ernie Englander  
Rabbi Sarah Meytin  
Joshua Smiley Kravitz  
10/24 Maury Ostroff  
Jeff Peterman  
Neshama Rovinsky  
10/25 Nessa Schwartz  
Jessica Steinberg  
10/26 Anita Kramer  
Isaac Kritz  
Nora Rubin  
10/27 Sarah Berman Osborne  
Alexander Isicson  
Jacob Meytin  
10/29 Dinah Berch  
Cyrus Blumenthal  
Eliza Goettsch  
Simone Kimelman-Block  
Michael Strollo

10/30 Nathan Suddleson  
Sage Suddleson  
10/31 Asher Meytin  
Louise Weingarten  
Wiener

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

10/6 Michael Bullen &  
Deborah Horowitz  
10/10 Danielle Glosser &  
Howard Riker  
10/12 Phillip & Ruth Shapiro  
10/14 Sharon Cohen & Elliot Rosen  
Tina Lunson & Sarna Marcus  
10/16 Ellie Cabot & Matthew  
Watson  
10/17 Daniel & Ariel  
Brandt Lautman  
Alene Moyer & Aviel  
Roshwald  
10/19 Rachel & Steven Bressler  
Jennifer & Naomi Taransky  
10/20 Lois Frankel & David Hart  
10/24 Jonah Murdock &  
Stephanie Roodman Murdock



**Celebrate on October 21**

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

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

## New Amudim - Judy Herzog Murdock

*Editor's note: two beautiful new amudim, created by **Judy Herzog Murdock**, were in place to cover the Torah reading desks for this year's High Holiday services. Photos courtesy of the Murdock family.*

I would like to thank **Adrienne Torrey** and the ritual committee for giving me the honor of making these amudim. The original artwork is by Karin Foreman who generously allowed me to use her art and

asked only for a picture of the amudim in return. I would also like to thank **Lisa Goldring**, my quilting sistah and mentor. I want to thank my husband, **Myron Murdock**, for his constant support and daily assurances of, 'yes, they will be finished in time and and yes they look nice!' If these amudim contributed in a positive way to anyone's tefilot, I am beyond gratified.





## Tifereth Israel Social Action: Focus on SeaChange and Rosh Hashana Food Delivery - Franca Brilliant, Gene Herman, Paula Martin and Melissa Perera

### Update from SeaChange, a Social Justice Synagogues Consortium

In the summer of 2022, Tifereth Israel started a new chapter in its long commitment to tikkun olam. We joined with several other Montgomery County synagogues (Washington Hebrew, Tikvat Israel, Adat Shalom, Shaarei Torah) and one Baltimore based congregation (Har Sinai-Oheb Shalom) as part of the second SeaChange cohort in the Washington region. SeaChange is a program of the Jewish Organizing Institute and Network (JOIN, <https://www.joinforjustice.org/>) which commits participating congregations to study, engage, and act (hence SEA + Change) to combat racial inequity through the combined strength of our communities.

Throughout the summer and fall of 2022 a group of TI congregants joined with members of the other synagogues to study racism, learn organizing principles, and develop strategies for galvanizing their congregations to become highly effective agents for social change. Through a careful vetting process, the

synagogues collectively decide to partner with Action in Montgomery (AIM, <https://www.actioninmontgomery.org/>), and Interfaith Power and Light (IPL, <https://ipldmv.org/>) to help guide the work of the congregations. In 2023, the congregations worked with AIM to support the Montgomery County rent stabilization bill (which capped increases at a maximum of 6% to ensure that no landlord could impose precipitous rent hikes) and joined with IPL in hosting a solar energy workshop to introduce options for purchasing solar power in the Washington DC metropolitan region.

This fall, working with AIM and IPL, the SeaChange congregations will focus on achieving significant climate justice policies in Maryland. Please join us for a working session on Sunday October 15, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm, at B'nai Israel Congregation. This session will focus on how we can influence distribution of the enormous amount of Federal funds coming to the state under the Infrastructure Act so they are used to reduce carbon emissions and provide oppor-

# ANNUAL APPEAL



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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>.**



## TI Social Action -continued

tunities for apartments and homes to become safer, more climate friendly, and healthier. This working session will be followed by an action in November (date to be announced) with state elected officials and agency representatives.

Register here for the October 15 working session: (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLLPdSQSuM-llmu9wdLREcuDKC4fvNXFAXv2mESsEFUxw84Q/viewform>). For more information contact **Franca Brilliant** ([fsbrilliant@gmail.com](mailto:fsbrilliant@gmail.com)) or **Paula Martin** ([prmartin2@aol.com](mailto:prmartin2@aol.com)).

### Rosh Hashana Food Delivery

Tifereth Israel has started the holiday season on a high note. On Sunday morning 9/10/23, 33 TI volunteers were kind enough to deliver 70 Rosh Hashana food bags to marginalized members of the local Jewish community, including **Estie Alemu, Wilma Brier, Carla Ellern, Krayna Feinberg, Varda Fink, Michael Franklin, Miriam & Bill Galston, Seth Glabman, Paul Goldstein, Sheryl & Rick Gross-Glaser, Matt Heller, Anita Isicson, Richard Kruger, Michael Lav, Joseph Martin, Melissa Perera, Morris Rodenstein, David & Stephanie Rubin, Claudine Schweber, Ruth Shapiro, David Silber, Howard & Michelle Sumka, Naomi & JT Taransky, Rachel Tickner, Adrienne Torrey, Paula Tucker, Reenie Wagner, and Dorothea Wolfson.**

The Social Action Committee wants to thank them for continuing the TI tradition of concern and action to alleviate certain special needs of individuals residing in our area. A part of the project included the pickup of the packages from the distribution site. This was accomplished with the help of **Mark Berch, Naomi Freeman and Gene Herman.** Helping coordinate the delivery sites with the volunteers were **Naomi Friedman and Dione Pereira.** In addition, the Social Action Committee donated \$500 from the Marvin Caplan Fund to JSSA to support this project. Thanks, and a sweet new year to all.

### Social Action Upcoming Events

- Fridays Oct 6, 13, 20, 27 – Black Lives Matter Vigil – 5 pm
- Sunday Oct 15 – SeaChange working session – 1:30 pm

- Sunday Oct 15 - Shepherd's Table – 5pm
- Sundays Oct 15, 22, 29 – Shepherd Elementary Tutoring Program – 5 pm
- Wednesday Oct 18 – SAC mtg 8-9 pm

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

Please contact **Melissa Perera**, Social Action VP ([TI\\_SocialAction@Tifereth-Israel.org](mailto:TI_SocialAction@Tifereth-Israel.org)) about getting involved in any of these ongoing activities.

- Christmas brunch (Monday Dec 25)
- Food delivery for Rosh Hashana and Pesach
- Serving at Shepherd's Table (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)
- Supporting refugee families with NNIA
- Shepherd Elementary Tutoring Program (starts Oct 15)
- SeaChange
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Black Lives Matter vigil (every Friday @5 pm)
- Returning Citizens Assistance Network (RCAN)
- Food bin collection for Friendship Place/La Casa

### COVID Shofar Blowing

**Gene Herman** blows the shofar in COVID isolation

Photo: Esther Herman



## Post-HiHo Sanctuary Reset

Photos by Janet Braun



Naomi and Samer used ingenuity to transport machzors down from the balcony while Rachel and Miriam switched out hundreds of machzors for chumashim in the main Sanctuary.

**Thank you to the following TI members and staff who did such a splendid job of cleaning up after the High Holidays and preparing the shul for Sukkot:**

Sheri Blonder  
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 Sara Goldberg  
 Myrna Goldman

Richard Gryziak  
 Bruce Heppen  
 Francie Kranzberg  
 Josh Kranzberg  
 Rachel Lande  
 Carlos Nieto  
 Elliot Rosen  
 Phil Shapiro  
 Howard Sumka  
 Jevera Temsky  
 Rabbi Michael Werbow  
 Ellen Zwibak



## Around TI



Trumpet menorah, in use at the home of TI's brass player, **Gene Herman**. Herman family photo.



**Paul Bardack** blows the Shofar at Kemp Mill Neighborhood Park. Photo: **Judy Rodenstein**



**Michal Schneider** delivers a drash at Marvin Caplan Park. Photo: **Judah Flum**



**Michael Schneider** blows the Shofar at Marvin Caplan Park. Photo: **Judah Flum**



## Kol Nashim Events -

Louise Kelley

Coming to Tifereth Israel live and in person, *Cooking with Joan Nathan* on October 15 at 10:30 am! Kol Nashim is delighted to invite everyone to meet the bestselling cookbook author; please come taste something delicious, a recipe from Nathan's cookbook, *King Solomon's Table*. Admission is free. Copies of her books will be available for purchase - you can get the book autographed as well.

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, learn how to trace your Jewish roots via a presentation from the Jewish Genealogy Society. Save the date.

Kol Nashim and Gevarim will sponsor our annual Game Night on January 20<sup>th</sup> a tradition featuring board and card games and an array of delicious nibbles.

The KN Book club will meet on October 17 at 7:30 pm at the home of Myrna Goldman and over Zoom to discuss *Spies of No Country* by Matti Friedman.

## RISING SONG SHABBAT

*Sponsored by the Ritual Committee*

### RISING SONG ON SHABBAT MORNING!

*Saturday, October 21 at 9:00 am*

Services will be 'in the round' in the Cherner, with some new tunes and lots of ruach.

### RISING SONG KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES AND DINNER

*Friday, November 10 at 6:00 pm*

*Snacks for kids at 5:30 pm*

Circle up in song for a soul-filling Shabbat. Stay for dinner and keep on singing!

[Register for dinner at https://bit.ly/TIRising.](https://bit.ly/TIRising)

**Deadline: Sunday, November 5 by 9am**

## 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

## 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**

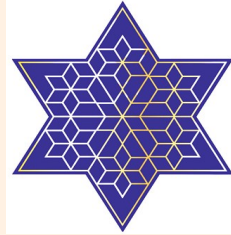
**November 5: USY Bowling**

**November 12: Kadima Pie Pie**

**November 19: Tot Gathering**

**December 9: USY Chanukah Celebration**

**December 10: Chanukah Extravaganza**



## SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Oct. 7 at 5:00 pm: Tot Simchat Torah

Oct. 14 at 10:15 am: Junior Minyan

Oct. 14 at 11:00 am: Tot Shabbat—Yoga with Doda

Oct. 21 at 10:00 am: Mini Minyan

Oct. 28 at 10:00 am: Junior Minyan

Nov. 4 at 11:00 am: Shabbat Family Jam

Nov. 11 at 10:00 am: Mini Minyan

Nov. 11 at 10:15 am: Junior Minyan

Nov. 11 at 11:00 am: Tot Shabbat—Yoga with Doda

Dec. 2 at 11:00 am: Shabbat Family Jam

Dec. 9 at 10:00 am Mini Minyan

Dec. 9 at 10:15 am: Junior Minyan

Dec. 9 at 11:00 am: Tot Shabbat—Yoga with Doda

Dec. 23 at 10:15 am: Junior Minyan



Learn more about these programs:

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

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

*Editor's note: Len Bachman found this note to the congregation from his wife Sarah (and himself) while going through boxes. If you are a legacy member, please send in your memories for our continuing series.*

### Thank You

How can we express our thanks to you, the TI community - no, the TI family that sustained us during the months of illness and therapy that followed. You held our hands, you fed us, you visited. And all we can say now is "Thank you."

Sarah and Len Bachman

P.S. I am healing slowly. I am also becoming impatient with the slowness of my recovery. My sincerest thanks to all of you who supported me, and who showed they cared what happened.

Sarah Bachman

## 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).

## 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.



**JOAN NATHAN**

Come try some tasty samples!

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

## Nayes un Mechayes - Dori Gillman

### Good News

**Paula Flicker** went to Cape Cod to visit with a cousin and her mother's younger sister, age 95.

**Max Heimowitz** starts at Oxford on October 1 working toward a Masters in Slavonic Studies and learning Ukrainian. His brother, **Sam**, is traveling to Britain with him to settle him into the university.

**Jessica Weissman** and **Louise Kelley** are both fully retired, to the intense approval of their dog. Jessica is getting used to not having anything to program and is trying to forget everything she knows about Excel formulas. Louise is reveling in neither assigning nor doing any homework.

The **Siskind** family (**Rona, David, Noah, Lena**) had an action-packed end of 5783. First, **Rona's** painting "Snowy Morning at the Station" won 3rd place in the Kensington category at the Montgomery Art Associ-



Photo: Jennifer Kefer

ation "Paint the Town" show, held over Labor Day weekend. This is one of the longest running area art shows, with hundreds of paintings by local artists. **Noah** completed the Long Trail which runs along the spine of Vermont from Massachusetts to the Canadian border. It took him 3 weeks to conquer 272 miles of mud, rock, and mountains. **David** went with him for the first 40 miles. He trained for this in the summer walking local trails with 25-pound weights in his

pack. Out on the West Coast, **Lena**, an engineer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, monitored the testing of an upcoming NASA satellite which will map sources of carbon dioxide around the globe. She led her first technical rock climb ("lead" as in go first to clip the rope into gear placed on the cliff and set up a belay for her partner to follow) on the cliffs above Malibu. May 5784 provide other grand adventures!

Dr. Daniel Kraft, son of Michael and Lisa Kraft, was recently featured on CNN's ['The Next Frontier' episode on the future of health and medicine](#). He also is host of the [CVS podcast series on health](#) and has given numerous talks on this subject at medical meetings in the U.S. and many other countries.

Dina Kraft won the American Jewish Press Association 2<sup>nd</sup> place Excellence in Feature Writing award for an article in Hadassah magazine (May 2022) on ["Israel's Take on Abortion."](#) Dina's co-authored book ["My friend Anne Frank,"](#) the memoir of the late Hannah Pick-Goslar, made the New York Times top 10 non-fiction best seller list in June. Dina is the Editorial Editor of Haaretz.

In August, the Krafts had a family reunion in Breckenridge, Colorado and a large family picnic in Denver with many of the 70 descendants of Mike's maternal grandparents who settled there after World War I. This included the annual family horseback ride, a tradition that goes back to when Daniel and Dina were old enough to ride.



**Margalit Jane**, daughter of **Mae Cooper** and **Gideon Bass**, was born on September 12, 2023, 27 Elul 5783.

Mom, Dad, big brother **Nathaniel**, and big sister **Leah** are delighted and all are doing well. All grandparents,

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## Nayes un Mechayes - continued

including TI members **Barbara & Daniel Bass**, are thrilled.

### Sad News

**Joel Efreim Cohen**, brother of TI member **Sharon Cohen (Elliot Rosen)**; uncle to Joseph Rosen and TI member **Lillian Rosen (Joshua Nadas)**; and great-uncle to Shira and Amy Nadas, died on August 12, 2023, 26 Av 5783, at the age of 70. He is also survived by his wife Dianne Reeves, daughter Sarah Cohen of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; son Samuel Cohen (Alison) of North Palm Beach, Florida; daughter Dr. Madeline Cohen (Ian Hartsough) of Boston, Massachusetts; granddaughter Joanna Celeste Cohen of North Palm Beach, Florida; sister Judith Kolko (Dr. David Kolko) of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.



Dr. Cohen was a consummate second-generation Floridian. His childhood was full of outdoor adventures, including boisterous Little League baseball games. Practicing medicine in his hometown was a source of great pride, and he became known for his skills and compassion. He adored spending time on the water with his children, teaching them to fish, snorkel, and water ski. His crowning sport fishing achievement was catching a 713 lb. blue marlin in the waters off Hopetown in the Bahamas, seconded only by the thousands of billfish he released.

To read the obituary, [click HERE](#).

**Vivian Ruth Kranzberg**, mother of Tifereth Israel member **Joshua (Francesca Hess) Kranzberg** and

grandmother of Dena and Alena, died on August 28, 2023, 11 Elul 5783, at the age of 96 after a brief illness. She is also survived by her daughter Rachel Miller and Rachel's daughters Abigail (Sam) Kahn and Tamara Miller, and her sister Shulamith Simon. She was predeceased by her husband of 47 years Maurice B. "Maury" Kranzberg, sister So-relle (the late Dr. William) Parker, and brothers Rabbi Mordecai (the late Maxine) Simon, Dr. David (the late Barbara) Simon, and Dr. Nathan (the late Carolyn) Simon.

Vivian Ruth Simon was the third child of Dr. Abraham and Rose Simon. Abraham Simon was a renowned expert on Semitic languages and a teacher of Jewish law and texts, who came to Saint Louis from by way of Cardiff, Wales. His wife Rose was a native St. Louisan. Vivian received her bachelor's degree from St. Louis University in 1947 and her master's degree in social work from Columbia University in 1950.

After working at Montefiore Hospital in New York City, she took a job with the Kinney Institute in Minneapolis, where she stayed for several years before returning to St. Louis. She met her future husband, Maury Kranzberg, at a wedding in March of 1957. They were married three months later.



The bride's mother, Rose, told Maury that, years before, his father, Sam, had suggested to Vivian's father Abe, that it would be nice if one of Sam's sons married one of Abe's daughters. They were referring to a match between Maury's youngest



## Nayes un Mechayes - continued

brother and Vivian's oldest sister. As they say, the best laid plans...

Vivian was an inveterate volunteer who worked to many charitable organizations including Hadassah and the Sisterhoods of the various shuls with which she was affiliated. Additionally, every week for 20 years she helped to provide lunch at a local senior residence. She also served on the board of the Child Daycare Association of St. Louis.

To view the obituary, [click HERE](#).

**Fred S. Flatow**, father of TI member **Ruth (Phil) Shapiro**, and grandfather of Elisa, Laura, and Tamara, died on September 15, 2023, 29 Elul 5783, at the age of 95 after a long illness. He is also survived by his wife Ursula "Sue" Flatow; sons Steven and Daniel; and grandchildren Robert and James.



To read the obituary, [click HERE](#).

**Flora Secular**, mother of Tifereth Israel member **Keith Secular (Susan Catler)** and grandmother of Abraham, Deborah, and **Ruth**, died on Labor Day, September 4, 2023, 18 Elul 5783, at the age of 100 after a brief illness. She is also survived by her son David (Sallie) Secular, daughter Lisa Secular (John Gibson), grandchildren Jennifer Secular, Samantha Secular, Rebecca Gibson, Michael Secular, and James Gibson, and great-granddaughter Michella Johnson. She was predeceased by her husband Richard Secular, siblings Michael (Gerry) Zimmerman and Jean (Adrian) Coleman, and her parents.

Flora Esther Zimmerman was born on August 26, 1923 in Hackney, London. After graduating from high



Photo by Lisa Secular

school, she joined the Women's Royal Air Force and was trained as a meteorologist. She served throughout World War II, first in London during the Blitz and then at air force bases throughout the United Kingdom.



Photo by Bacharach

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## Nayes un Mechayes - continued

After the war, she went to the United States and met Richard Secular in New York. They married and had three children - living first in Brooklyn with her in-laws and then in New Rochelle. She worked for many years for the New Rochelle school system.

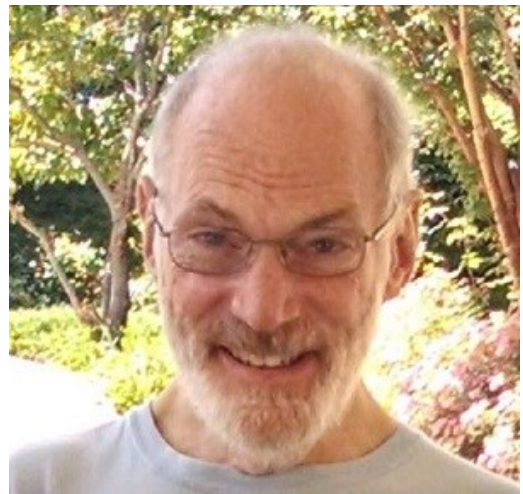
Flora cared for her family, especially by feeding them her special recipes, many of them learned from her mother-in-law Bertha (James) Secular, including gefilte fish, thick chicken soup, fruit borscht, baked barbecue chicken, and meat balls with Rice Krispies.

Until her recent illness she was a voracious reader, consuming three or four books a week, usually histories and mysteries, and doing the New York Times crossword puzzle each day in pen. She was able to celebrate her recent 100th birthday with her entire extended family - her three children and their spouses, her eight grandchildren and their five significant others, and her great-granddaughter, as well as four of her English relatives.

Tifereth Israel member **Lionel Cherry**, father of **Leora**, died on the second day of Rosh Hashana, Sunday, September 17, 2023, 2 Tishri 5784, after a recent fall. He was 76.

He is also survived by his ex-wife Lisa Schwartz and a sister, Pamela (Dan) Feil.

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



## Directing the Heart: Engaging with Torah through Guided Meditation and Reflection October 28-November 18

**Ann Kline** will lead this weekly drop-in gathering, offered during the Shabbat Torah reading, will provide an opportunity to reflect on the Torah portion in a more personal and intimate way. There will be an alternative reading of the parsha and a guided meditation each time. If time allows, there will also be an opportunity for those who wish to share about the experience.

Ann will be using Rabbi Yael Levy's book: "Directing the Heart: Weekly Mindfulness Teachings and Practices from the Torah." Handouts will be provided, but people may want to purchase the book to continue with the reflection and practices. No meditation experience required. This could be continued after the four weeks if there is enough interest.

Ann Kline has 20+ years of experience facilitating many types of spiritual and bereavement groups. She is a spiritual director, retired hospice chaplain and current hospice volunteer.



## Kol Nashim Book Group - Jessica Weissman

The KN book group met September 19th to select future readings. For the first time we set up selections for the whole year, from October through August. Next September we will have another book picking meeting.

We also decided that for a while at least we will hold hybrid meetings, with participants able to choose between attending in person for a more fluid experience, or by Zoom for the ability to stay home. We will work out a method for ensuring that Zoom attendees can have their input.

Myrna Goldman will host the next meeting on October 17th at 7:30. Here are our readings:

**October 17, 2023** *Spies of No Country: Israel's Secret Agents at the Birth of the Mossad* – Matti Friedman. Before there was Israel, there was a predecessor to Mossad and its spies were in operation. Matti Friedman tells this compelling story with his usual skill. Lots of copies available.

**November 21, 2023** *Apeirogon* – Colum McCann. Fictionalized tale of two men, one Palestinian and one Israeli, who both lose children in violent ways. Balanced and fascinating. Lots of copies available.

**December 19, 2023** *Once We Were Slaves: the Extraordinary Journey of a Multiracial Jewish Family* – Laura Arnold Leibman. An enthusiastic genealogist always assumed her family were Sephardic grandees going way back. She finds that on her father's side the story is very different and far more interesting. Plenty of copies.

**January 16, 2024** *Single Jewish Male Seeking Soulmate* – Letty Cottin Pogrebin. Zach Levy, the left-leaning son of Holocaust survivors promises his mother that he'll marry within the tribe. But when Zach falls for Cleo, an African American activist grappling with her own inherited trauma, he must reconcile the family he loves with the woman who might be his soul mate. A New York love story complicated by the legacies and modern tension of Jewish American and African American history. 5 library copies available now.

**February 20, 2024** *Jerome Robbins: A Life in Dance* – Wendy Lesser. A short biography from the Jewish Lives series. The author is Jessica's best friend from junior high and high school (author of a dozen other books including biographies and works on music) and is willing to visit us via Zoom for part of our discussion. Enough copies available.

**March 19, 2024** *The Postcard* - Anne Berest. Family of Holocaust survivors receives a mysterious postcard that prompts them to track down what happened to other family members. Incorporates a portrait of Parisian intellectual life and won a French literary prize. Lots of copies with significant

### **Funeral Practices Committee Always On-Call**

*Chaverim* of the Funeral Practices Committee are on call to provide counsel and services to synagogue members and their dependents.

**In the event of a death, before contacting the funeral home please contact one of the following chaverim or the TI office (202-882-1605).**

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

**Marcia Goggin** c: 301-792-1063

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



## Kol Nashim Book Group - continued

number of holds at the library. Suggest getting on the hold list two months in advance at least.

**April 16, 2024** *Plunder* – Menachem Kaiser. Kaiser attempts to find out what happened to his family's property in Poland and possibly regain some of it. He gets involved with Nazi treasure hunters and finds out more family history. Not really a Holocaust book – combination of adventure story and an exploration of what inheritance really means. Some copies but easy to find used.

**May 21, 2024** *Kantika* – Elizabeth Graver. Sephardic multigenerational family saga, from Turkey through Barcelona, Havana, and New York. Still backed up with requests at the library, so suggest getting on the hold list early.

**June 18, 2024** *My Friend Anne Frank* – Hannah

Pick-Goslar with Dina Kraft. Hannah was close to Anne and the Frank family, and reconnected with Otto Frank after surviving the camps. She went on to live a happy long life in Israel. This is her story. Lots of copies but lots of holds too.

**July 16, 2024** *Heaven and Earth Grocery Story* – James McBride. Black and Jewish communities intersect in Pottstown PA in the 20s and 30s. Approximately 777 kajillion people on the hold list for 70 or so copies at the library. Suggest getting on the hold list early.

**August 20, 2024** *Golda Meir* – Deborah Lipstadt. Another one from the Jewish Lives series. Lipstadt's experience as an ambassador and in other international relations roles gives her extra insight into Golda Meir. Plenty of copies.

## Gevarim - Andrew Reamer

### Jewish History Online: Zionism and American Jews (Center for Jewish History)

*Zionism and American Jews: Bringing us Together and Pulling Us Apart* marks the State of Israel's 75th birthday by gathering twenty internationally recognized scholars at the Center for Jewish History to discuss-- in five one-hour sessions--the long relationship between the American Jewish community and the Zionist movement.

Sunday October 29, 10:30 AM-12:15 PM: *What is Zionism?* This introductory panel asks what Zionism means, both in a global and American context. We will begin with a famous pamphlet written by American Supreme Court Justice and Zionist leader Louis Brandeis in 1915 and ask the panelists how it corresponds to, or diverges from, their own personal definitions of Zionism. We will also explore which aspects of the Zionist thought of Brandeis and other early figures in the movement still have meaning in our own era and which are no longer relevant. Lastly, we will ask whether Zionism wards off, or is susceptible to, the criticisms of Zionism that are so widespread today.

Future sessions:

November 12: *Zionism Before Statehood: Between Hostility and Advocacy*

December 3: *Zionism After Statehood: The Legacy of 1948*

December 17: *Zionism Today: Religion and Culture*

January 7: *Zionism's Future: Whither Israel-Diaspora Relations?*

**Talmud Study with Rabbi Seidel** -- Shabbat, October 21, 1:00-2:00 PM. Tractate Sanhedrin in English translation. Texts in translation are provided at the session.

## SPECIAL SERVICES & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

### RISING SONG ON SHABBAT MORNING! \*

*Sponsored by the Ritual Committee*

Saturday, October 21 at 9:00 am

Services will be downstairs in-the-round, in 'Rising Song' spirit to fill our Shabbat with ruach.

Learn more at [bit.ly/TIRSMorn](http://bit.ly/TIRSMorn).

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

*Sponsored by the Ritual Committee*

November 10 at 6:00 pm; kids' snacks at 5:30 pm

Deadline to register for dinner: Sunday, November 5 by 9:00 am

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

Learn more and register for dinner at [bit.ly/TIRising](http://bit.ly/TIRising).

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

### SERVE DINNER AT SHEPHERD'S TABLE

*Sponsored by the Social Action Committee*

Sunday, October 15 at 5:00 pm

Help serve dinner to homeless individuals one Sunday each month.

Learn more and register at [bit.ly/TIServe](http://bit.ly/TIServe).

### KOL NASHIM BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 17 at 7:30 pm

All TI members are welcome, including those who have not finished or even started the book. Join the email list for monthly reminders and updates about whether the club will meet in person or virtually.

Learn more at [bit.ly/KNBooks](http://bit.ly/KNBooks).

### RAIN GARDEN CARE

*Sponsored by the Green Committee*

TBD

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

Learn more at [bit.ly/TIGarden](http://bit.ly/TIGarden).

### VIGIL AGAINST RACISM

*Sponsored by the Social Action Committee*

Fridays at 5:00 pm

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

Learn more at [bit.ly/TIVigil](http://bit.ly/TIVigil).

### JEWISH HISTORY ONLINE: ZIONISM AND AMERICAN JEWS: BRINGING US TOGETHER AND PULLING US APART \*\*

*Sponsored by Gevarim*

Sunday, October 29 at 10:30 am

View and discuss this presentation by the [Center for Jewish History](http://Center for Jewish History) as they mark the State of Israel's 75th birthday. Learn more at [bit.ly/TIHistory23](http://bit.ly/TIHistory23).

## ONGOING RELIGIOUS SERVICES & 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 [bit.ly/TIKabbalat](http://bit.ly/TIKabbalat).

### MISHNA WITH RABBI WERBOW \*

*Saturdays, October 14, 21 and 28 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 [bit.ly/TIMishna](http://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 a delicious lunch and lively conversation!

For online resources, go to [bit.ly/TIShabbat](http://bit.ly/TIShabbat).

### PARASHAT HASHAVUA CLASS \*

*Mondays, October 2, 16, 23 and 30 at 11:00 am*

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

Learn more at [bit.ly/3KLa1hH](http://bit.ly/3KLa1hH).

### INTERMEDIATE HEBREW-BEGINNING TANACH \*

*Thursdays 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 [bit.ly/45tiT3B](http://bit.ly/45tiT3B).

### TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI SEIDEL

*Saturday, October 21 at after Kiddush lunch*

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

Learn more at [bit.ly/TITalmud](http://bit.ly/TITalmud). TI members can access Talmud text at [bit.ly/TITalmud](http://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 [bit.ly/TISunday](http://bit.ly/TISunday).

\* Attend in person or virtually

\*\*Attend virtually only



## October 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).

### September 29-30

10/1 Max Blankstein  
Naomi Grosfeld  
Louis Levine

10/2 Lou Bojan  
Laverne Burwell Hall  
Bourke  
Harry Polster  
Harry Silverman  
Judy Sweet

10/3 Nathan Halpert  
Max Jasinowsky  
Louis Liebowitz  
Doris Raffel

10/4 Sol Brown  
Mary Burke  
Samuel Isaac Burke  
Mike Goldstein  
Joseph Gotfried  
Gershon Herron  
Morris H. Kolker  
Jerome Warshawsky

10/5 Albert Colman  
N. Mitchell Jason  
Irving Korn  
Beila Organic  
Shoshana Roitman

10/6 David Lester Bergman  
Wolf Cornblatt  
Pvt. Irving Jack Harris  
Morris Levy

### October 6-7

10/7 Sidney Banner  
Simon Beloff  
Esther Green  
Jacob D. Kessler  
Ida Rubin  
Sidney Scherling

10/8 Annie Harris  
Bernard Jason  
Mari Tischler

10/9 Abba Berman  
Esther Danenberg  
Betty Davidson  
Ida Sheer

Sol Abraham Simmons

10/10 Morris M. Abramson  
Sandra S. Cohen  
Ida Lutsky  
Adele Panikoff  
Harold Stahl

10/11 Eva Friedenberg  
Robert Rovinsky  
Morris J. Silverman  
Claire Weissman

10/12 Ida Jacobs Fishkin  
Flora Frankel  
Sophie Friedenberg  
Barbara Herman  
Grossman  
Louis Kraft  
Max Lopatin  
Elnatan Sullivan  
Alezah Weinberg

10/13 Sylvia Kahn Forman  
Adele Hantman  
Henry Rose

### October 13-14

10/14 Esther M. Bondareff  
Nathan Cohen  
Reuben Rosenberg

10/15 Georgia Carol  
Johnson Herron  
Annie Pulver  
Jonah Rashi Rovinsky  
Ruth Katz Shapiro  
Merrill Snyder

10/16 Lillian T. Platt  
Lillian Yasmer

10/17 Henrietta Weiss  
Disenhaus  
Kitty Smith  
Anne Neimark Stein  
Louis Winkler

10/18 Philip Berenter  
Carla Cohen  
Betty S. Fleishman  
Mark Fox  
Annie Gilman  
Rose Herman

Maxine "Cookie"  
Kornstein  
Ray Peres  
Jay Stanley Wolf

10/19 Maurice Bernard  
Berenter  
David S. Bishins  
Richard Aran Goldberg  
Paul Kimelman  
Leona Milton  
Starlene Rae  
Donn Joseph Zark

10/20 Marjorie Axel  
Stanley Hadoff  
Florence Brown Jaffe  
Theodore Jellinek  
Abigail Pincus  
Nathan Silverman  
Louis Jack Stahl

### October 20-21

10/21 Sadye Ruth Herman  
Madeline Klein  
Sondra Singer

10/22 Clarence S. Carbaugh  
Sylvia Levin Hepner  
Estelle Kaplan  
Harold Organic

10/23 Jacob Adler  
Morris Brown  
Samuel Bulman  
Harry Evans  
Muriel Meyrowitz  
Norma Lee Naiman

10/24 Harold Corman  
Isidore Gross  
Morris Harris  
Harry Harris  
Mildred Keshin  
June Kuffler Nelson  
Nathan Peck  
Abraham Rosen  
Howard Rothenberg

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## Heirlooms and Traditions

From **Janice Mehler**:

My mother-in-law Anne (a former TI member) embroidered a tablecloth as a wedding present for her sister. Seventy years later, Aunt Jeannie asked if my daughter or I would like it - in pristine condition; she never used it because she didn't want to sully it. My nephew and his wife agreed to take it, noting that their sons are surely less careful than Aunt Jeannie's daughters would have been. Sully away, boys - we're glad the tablecloth is being used.

Photo by Janice Mehler.



Above left: Rosh Hashana challah tradition, as established by Gene Herman's mother and continued by Gene. Photo by Esther Herman.

## October Jahrzeitn - continued

10/25	Norman Brier Henry Freeman Louis C. Silverman	10/28	Solomon Block Gertrude Feinberg Max Granat		Nathan Edenbaum Moses Einhorn Jennie Horowitz
10/26	Sarah Moskowitz Annie Zimmerman Roslyn Zitelman Gretna Zlatin		Max David Jacobson Michael Levine Barbara Meyrowitz Rose Niederman Ben Parson		Bertha Snider Jeweler Maurice Charles Mickelson Eleonore Turpin
10/27	Frances Broder Mary Cohen Ruth Lee Lewin Eva Lodge May Malbin Yitzchak Rabin Eli Taylor	10/29	Samuel Corman Anne Kurtz Elsie Novak Jacob Siegel	10/31	Louis Abraham Charnow Esther Ann Coleman Ann Barnow Liberson Minerva Michelson Martin Mittelmann Albert Shuster Doris Starr
<b>October 27-28</b>		10/30	Esther Beloff		

## Donations August 16 to September 17

### Accessibility Fund

Shelly & Steve Heller in memory of Rodney Brooks

### Annual Appeal

Sheri Blonder

Henry Einhorn

Brenda & Lee Footer

Lois Frankel & David Hart

Jared Garelick & Ellen Kramarow

Jane Gilvin & Jennifer Lav

Stefan & Wilhelmina Gottschalk

Esther & Gene Herman

Neil & Rachel Hyman

Devora & Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block

Lisa & Michael Kraft

Amy & David Kritz

Rich Kruger & Naimah Weinberg

John & Lynne List

David & Janice Mehler

Ethan Merlin & Joelle Novey

Alan Meyrowitz

Timothy Michalak & Robin Reiss

Susan Morse & Harry Waldman

Dana & Sheridan Neimark

Andrew Reamer

David & Stephanie Rubin

Diann & Mark Saltman

Marjorie & Richard Siegel

Howard & Michele Sumka

Judith Zander

Diana Zurer

### Bridge Campaign

Brenda & Lee Footer

Devora & Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block

### George Greenberg Building Preservation Fund

Anonymous for Sanctuary Lighting

Mical & Michael Schneider in memory of

Joel Efrem Cohen

### General Donation

Robyn Altman & Brendan Doherty in honor of

Margie Odle and Carl Bergman

Robyn Altman & Brendan Doherty in honor of

Rabbi Michael and Melissa Werbow

Mark & Mona Berch for the purchase of First Aid Kits

Mark & Mona Berch in memory of Joel Efrem Cohen

Mark & Mona Berch in memory of Flora Secular

Sheri Blonder in memory of Josh Kranzberg's mother

James Catler in memory of Flora Secular

Helen Disenhaus

Naomi Freeman & Morris Klein in memory of

Flora Secular

Naomi Freeman & Morris Klein in memory of

Vivian Ruth Kranzberg

Miriam & William Galston in memory of

Vivian Ruth Kranzberg

Erik & Gayle Hope

Edward Koren & Claudine Schweber in support of the

Joan Nathan program

Roz & Ted Kram in memory of Vivian Ruth Kranzberg

John & Lynne List in honor of Judah Flum and

TI Shofar Blasts

Alan Makovsky in memory of Vivian Ruth Kranzberg

Dana & Sheridan Neimark in memory of

Joel Efrem Cohen

David & Rona Siskind in honor of the marriage of

Jacob Dorn and Catherine Garrison

Allan & Judy Tulchin in support of the

Joan Nathan program

Barbara & Howard White in memory of

Joel Efrem Cohen

Barbara & Howard White in memory of

Vivian Ruth Kranzberg

Barbara & Howard White in memory of Flora Secular

### Harold & Beila Organic Retreat Fund

Renana Brooks in memory of Vivian Ruth Kranzberg

### Helping Hands Fund

David Barber in memory of Flora Secular

Miriam Davidson in memory of Flora Secular

Miriam Davidson in memory of Vivian Ruth Kranzberg

Judith Herzog Murdock & Myron Murdock in memory of

Flora Secular

### Kol Nashim

Judith Herzog Murdock & Myron Murdock in

memory of Shirley Engelman

Judith Herzog Murdock & Myron Murdock in memory of

Harriet Charnow Robbins

### Madeline Nesse Fund Donation

Shelly & Steve Heller in memory of Joel Efrem Cohen

### Marcia F. Goldberg Scholar-in-Residence Fund

Shelly & Steve Heller in memory of Dr. Noach Ravin



## Donations August 16 to September 17 - continued

### Marvin Caplan Social Action Fund

Esther & Gene Herman in memory of Flora Secular  
 Esther & Gene Herman in memory of Ruth Kranzberg  
 Esther & Gene Herman in memory of  
 Joel Efram Cohen  
 David & Judy Marwell in honor of  
 Esther & Gene Herman  
 Judith Herzog Murdock & Myron Murdock in support  
 of refugee families  
 Dana & Sheridan Neimark in memory of Flora Secular  
 Dana & Sheridan Neimark in memory of  
 Vivian Ruth Kranzberg

### Mollie Berch Library Fund

Jeri Roth Lande & Robert Lande for children's books  
 for the library

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Robyn Altman & Brendan Doherty in honor of  
 Melissa & Rabbi Michael Werbow  
 Carolivia Herron in honor of Jessica Weissman and  
 Louise Parker Kelley  
 Tefillah Georgina Salmon for anyone that needs help  
 Howard & Michele Sumka in memory of Flora Secular  
 Howard & Michele Sumka in memory of  
 Vivian Ruth Kranzberg

### Torah Repair Fund

Shelly & Steve Heller in memory of  
 Vivian Ruth Kranzberg

### Yahrzeit Donations

Alan Bandler in memory of Sonya Bandler  
 Charlotte Bardack in memory of Lawrence Bardack  
 Sharon Brown in memory of Bernard Jason  
 Sharon Brown in memory of Sol Brown

David & Judy Cohen in memory of Rachel Cohen  
 David & Judy Cohen in memory of Daniel Levine  
 David & Judy Cohen in memory of Sarah Levine  
 Debbie Pomerance & Paul Goldman in memory of  
 Manny Goldman  
 Robert & Phyllis Greenberger in memory of  
 Samuel Mogul  
 Esther & Gene Herman in memory of  
 Abraham Herman  
 Carolivia Herron in memory  
 Georgia Carol Johnson Herron  
 Carolivia Herron in memory Gershon Herron  
 Louise Kelley & Jessica Weissman in memory of  
 Claire Weissman  
 Louise Kelley & Jessica Weissman in memory of  
 Jack Weissman  
 Ruth Lieberman & Joel Rogers in memory of  
 Mara Lieberman  
 Emily Mayer Widenhofer in memory of Arnold Mayer  
 Vera Mayer in memory of Fred Mayer  
 Vera Mayer in memory of Arnold Mayer  
 Dana & David Mermelstein in memory of Martin Stahl  
 Sally Hausman & Eli Nadel in memory of  
 Edward Boorstein  
 Sara Organic in memory of Beila S. Organic  
 Rose Ellen Halper & Edwin Stromberg in memory of  
 Irving Stromberg  
 Barbara & Howard White in memory of Rae Mestetsky  
 Jonathan Wilkenfeld in memory of Sarah Wilkenfeld  
 Betsy Wohl in memory of Jonathan Wohl

### Yizkor Donations

Stan Dorn & Carla Ellern in memory of  
 Alfred M. Dorn

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## Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

*Editor's note: Rescheduling of the monthly Rising Song Shabbat has resulted in reassigning some groups to a different Shabbat.*

### 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 Karkaker

### October 13, 2023

Alexander Isicson  
 Anita Isicson  
 Leonard Jewler & Andrea Rosen  
 Seth Johnson & Kate Snyder  
 Harvey Kabaker & Andrea Kline  
 Steven Kalish  
 Joshua & Jennifer Kefer  
 Louise Kelley & Jessica Weissman  
 Kenneth Kellner & Nina Bronk Kellner

Jason & Devora Kimelman-Block  
 Shemaya & Dori Klar  
 Morris Klein & Naomi Freeman  
 Aaron Kofner & Anat Shahar  
 Roger Kohn  
 Allan Kolker  
 Edward Koren & Claudine Schweber  
 Michael & Lisa Kraft  
 Anita Kramer  
 Joel Kramer & Adena Galinsky  
 Joshua & Francesca Kranzberg  
 Gabriel Kravitz & Yael Smiley

### October 20, 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

### October 27, 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

### November 3, 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 Goodman-Malamuth  
 Michael New & Linda Turnowski  
 Larry Paul & Joye Newman  
 Fylis Peckham & Perry Peckham

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## B'nai Mitzvah

Hi. I am Nathan Turner and I am going to be a Bar Mitzvah on [October 14, 2023](#). I go to Milton (formerly JPDS), and I am getting a phone for my Bar Mitzvah. I'm very excited. I've been preparing for my Bar Mitzvah for 8 months now under the watchful screen and audio of Yael Uhr.

I like to write short stories with odd main characters, and odd stories with short main characters. I also like Magic: The Gathering and Dungeons & Dragons. I am excited to share my terrible voice and wonderful, amazing, fabulous, self-congratulatory spirit with the congregants of TI.

My dad was bar mitzvahed on the very same bima in 1985. I hope you all come to be part of my celebration (and to enjoy the yummy food).



## Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments - continued

Daniel Pedersen & Dafna Spear  
David Pelzer & Ellie Tiemann

### November 17, 2023

Melissa Perera  
Adam & Jessica Perlmutter  
Jeff & Cynthia Peterman  
Michael Pitch & Elaine Weiss  
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

### November 24, 2023

David & Stephanie Rubin  
Howard & Hannah Rubin  
Hank Sacks & Jessica Steinberg  
Stephen & Jill Saletta  
Mark & Diann Saltman  
Richard Schachter

Alex Schaffer & Nichole Berns  
Lawrence & Pearl Schinker  
Eric & Shira Schechtman  
Laura Schiavo  
Michael & Mical Schneider  
Adina Schwartz & Jessica Simpson  
Keith Secular & Susan Catler  
Ruth Secular  
Rabbi Ethan & Rachel Seidel  
Paul Seltman & Jeanne Ireland  
David & Lois Shapiro  
Mike Shapiro  
Phillip & Ruth Shapiro  
Noam & Deborah Shelef  
Jaclyn Shettler  
Randy Showstack & Michele Zador  
Richard & Marjorie Siegel



## TI Shofar Blowers Around Town

Left: Yvonne Shashoua. Right: Paul Bardack.



Photo: Azaria Hileman-Shashoua



Photo: Judy Rodenstein



### TRACING YOUR ROOTS: AN **INTRODUCTION** TO JEWISH GENEALOGY

*Sponsored by Kol Nashim*  
**Sunday, November 5, at 10:30 am**



Members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Washington will discuss how to begin exploring your family history.



**[Register at bit.ly/TITYJR](https://bit.ly/TITYJR)**

## SHALEM SPEAKERS PROGRAM

### Revisiting Ancestors' Communities in Germany

*Saturday, October 28 at 1:15 pm*



TI Members Naomi Freeman and Morris Klein will share what they learned from local historians when they visited towns in Germany where Naomi's mother and grandmother were born.

Learn more at [bit.ly/TIOct28](http://bit.ly/TIOct28).



Judy Rodenstein, Cynthia and Jasmine Peterson, Morris Rodenstein, Mark and Mona Berch and Lisa Traiger listen to Paul Bardack blowing the shofar at Kemp Mill Urban Park. Photo: Eti Bardack.

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

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@TIDCMainList+subscribe@TiferethIsrael.groups.io) 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).



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