



The Menorah

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From the President: Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block

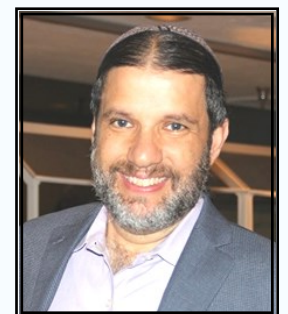
The past several weeks have been excruciating, terrifying, infuriating and heartbreaking. When speaking with friends, family, and colleagues about the horrific violence in Israel and Gaza, I've been struck by the heightened state of stress and anxiety that we are living in. It's impacting so many of my interactions, even when we're focused on something else. I also see how electronic communications, like email and especially social media, compound division, amplify the most extreme views – as their algorithms were designed to do. The most calming interactions I've had across lines of difference and disagreement in these past few weeks, are with people I interact with regularly. I have noticed that when I form genuine in-person relationships with people, I expand the range of what I'm willing to take in, even when I strongly disagree or find what people are saying very hard to hear. During this time, I find myself yearning for the strength I get from the companionship and sense of community that I feel when I sing with a group of people – especially at TI. I hope that our abil-



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From the Rabbi: Rabbi Michael Werbow

As we approached the last weekend of our holidays, with Saturday being Shmini Atzeret and Sunday, Simchat Torah, I had thought that Monday would be a good day to take down the Sukkah. Never had I gotten the Sukkah down the day after Sukkot. Often it is a few weeks or even months. Once, I took it down on New Year's Eve. This year was going to be different. Lev had off from school on Monday and I knew he would be a great help in getting it down.



Plans changed quickly when I instead was faced, along with all of you, with the upheaval following the attack by Hamas on Israel. What message would I send to the congregation? What opportunities were there to get people together? What was happening in the community for us to be a part of, to join together in solidarity? And, how should I process all of this?

The most reliable answer is that there is no good answer. The second most reliable answer is that we should all seek out community and relationship. Sometimes that comes in the form of being on a zoom call with others from an organization you

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ity to come together in-person for prayer, song, and companionship over lunch will provide each of us with some much-needed comfort.

B'shalom,

R. Jason Kimelman-Block

FULL MOON WALK

Sunday, November 26 at 7:30 pm

Gather at the Ohr Kodesh parking lot for fun, adventure, friendship and chocolate treats!

The walk is ~1.5 miles on an asphalt path. Dress for the weather and bring water and a flashlight.

Learn more at
bit.ly/TIFullMoon5784

Canned Goods Drive

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[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.

From the Rabbi - continued

support to hear from them and, if possible, share with them. Sometimes that is sitting around in a small group, as we did in our processing sessions, to share and connect. Sometimes it is calling a friend and going for a walk or out for coffee. Whatever way is best for you, find a way to connect with others.

Next, cut yourself and others some slack. None of us is operating at our best right now. Our heads are in a fog. Our minds are distracted by all that is happening in Israel and Gaza. Our hearts are torn open by the senseless killing and the death of so many civilians. One colleague of mine expressed that, even living here in the U.S., they don't think they'll ever be the same. Another responded: We're in mourning. It will be a process to be sure, but once you're a mourner, even though pain and grief can dissipate, things are never the same.

Let's continue to connect here at TI. Let's speak with each other kindly, even if we disagree. Let's acknowledge that the answers are big and difficult and let's all have the humility to recognize that our answers and our views are not the one truth.

I share this not as an admonition to anyone but as a hope for continued caring and continued civil discourse.

L'Shalom – to a speedy peace,

Rabbi Werbow

Learning Circle for Parents of 13 - 16 Year Olds

Hosted by Rabbi Werbow in his sukkah. Photo by Melissa Werbow.





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Himmelfarb Happenings - Rabbi Kelley Gludt

Himmelfarb is in full swing, and it has been a blessing to have the children back in the building during this difficult time.

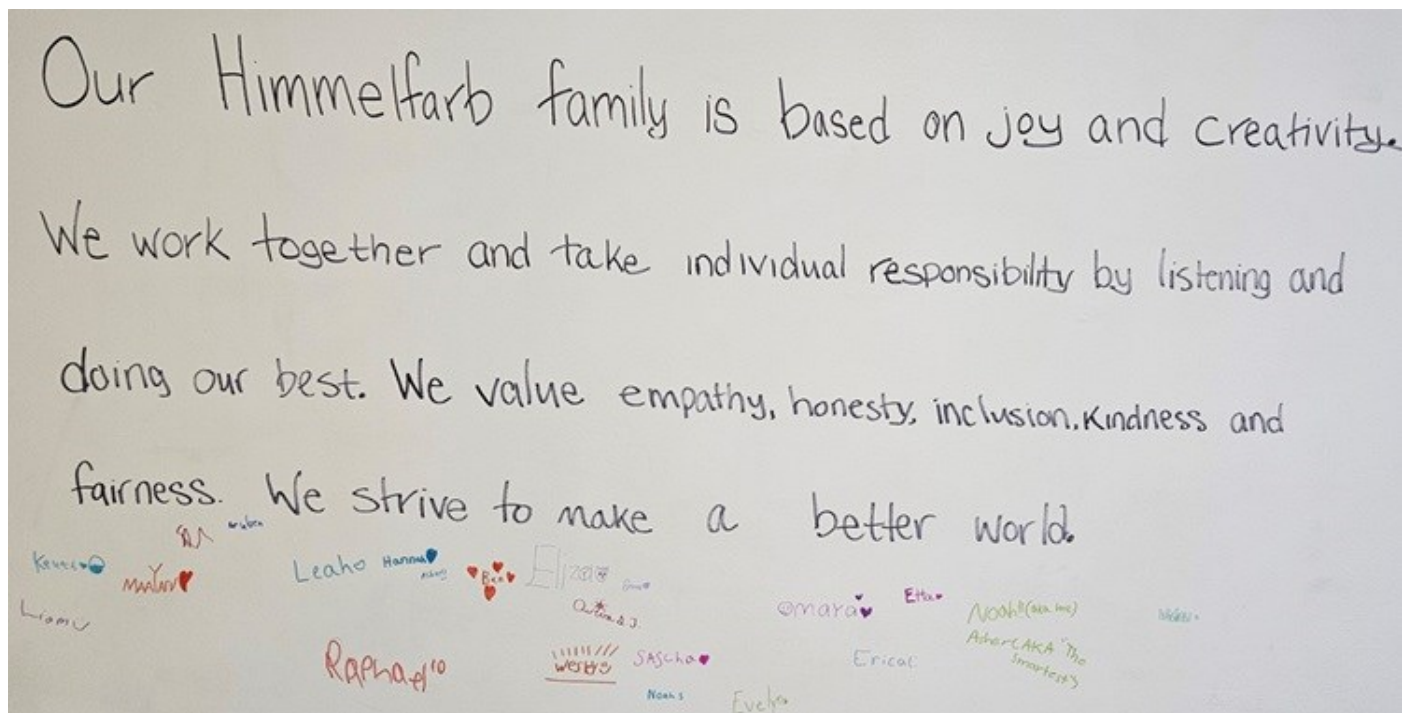
We started the year off discussing the definition of a *brit* by exploring various words, including *agreement, contract, compact, bond, pledge, promise, understanding, arrangement, treaty, accord* and *commitment*. The children gave insightful definitions and successfully clarified the nuances between these words.

We then explained that there is a Hebrew term that encompasses both the meaning and subtleties of all of these words: *brit*. We discussed how a *brit* is a promise between members of a group that details the specific ways they will behave to express shared values. We talked about how a covenant outlines why a community exists, and the commitments that members of that community make to one another. Finally, we brainstormed what would be included in a Himmelfarb covenant, grouped the words and ideas together, and distilled it down to succinctly convey our values.

The final product crafted by our community reads as follows:

Our Himmelfarb family is based on joy and creativity. We work together and take individual responsibility by listening and doing our best. We value empathy, honesty, inclusion, kindness and fairness. We strive to make a better world.

To convey the gravitas of our community *brit*, we transcribed it on a classroom wall in the school wing and everyone signed their name. We now have a monument to our community standards, and a reminder of the ideals for which we strive. Check out the photo below of the Himmelfarb Brit, or the next time you are in the building, head upstairs to enjoy it for yourself!



Making Shabbat Lunch More Inclusive - Jennifer Kefer

If you surveyed 10 congregants about what they like best about Tifereth Israel, kiddush lunch would certainly be at the top of the list for most. Indeed, people like kiddush so much that some congregants come “JFK” (Just for Kiddush). TI creates a community space for us to gather – *whether it’s in the sanctuary or the social hall*. We want people to spend Shabbat afternoon with us – to continue Talmud study or Shabbat learning, to play games, and to sing zemirot together.

And yet, we’ve also heard that some in our community struggle during kiddush. Entering a crowded room can be intimidating – especially for newer congregants. For long-time members, it may also be difficult to engage with a new group. What many of us love about TI brings flashbacks to the middle school cafeteria for others. The Membership Committee – inspired by Paul Bardack’s vision and leadership – is working to break down these barriers to ensure that kiddish lunch serves up community for *all* congregants.

To that end, we have launched several new lunch-time initiatives at TI. We hope you’ll take part to help us build a stronger community together!

Fishbowl Shabbat

On Saturday October 21, TI held its first Fishbowl Shabbat. Before lunch, congregants were asked to take a random number from containers in the social hall – and to sit at the table whose number corresponded with the selected number. By randomizing lunch seating, we hoped to create a space for all congregants to engage with one another and to break down some of the barriers for people who don’t yet have a regular table at lunch.

Of course, we realize that some people need to eat in the more accessible and quieter library and that others need to sit with family members, perhaps to supervise a younger child. We tried to anticipate and accommodate these desires.

By most accounts, the first fishbowl experiment was a success. So much so that we plan to repeat this experiment January 27 (mark your calendar!) – and quarterly going forward. We’ve also learned some valuable lessons from the inaugural Fishbowl and plan to add some additional tables in the future for people to

opt out if they choose. We understand that many of us come to synagogue *in order to* catch up with friends they haven’t seen for a while – and we know those interactions are important too.

If you have specific feedback about how to improve this effort, please contact Paul Bardack (prbardack@gmail.com) and me (timembership@tifereth-israel.org).

Mix-It-Up

Beginning October 28 – and every Shabbat morning going forward – we will have several “Mix-It-Up” tables set aside in both the Cherner and the library. Tables will be designated with a placard along with boxes of “conversation starters” to help jump-start discussion. I encourage all members – new and old – to consider stepping outside their routine to meet new people at kiddush.

Welcoming New Members

At the conclusion of services each week, Rabbi Wer-



bow greets visitors and invites them to introduce themselves. Please note our visitors – and invite them to join you for Shabbat lunch (at the Mix-It-Up table or elsewhere). While we cannot exchange contact information on Shabbat, the Membership Committee

Shabbat Lunch continued

has printed business cards, which are available to the left of the Juniper Street entrance. Keep a few in your tallis bag so that you can hand them to visitors. These cards have my contact information so that people can reach out after Shabbat with questions.

TI prides itself on being welcoming and inclusive. But it's possible that the traditions we love – like our large kid-dush lunches – serve the *opposite* purpose to those who are new to our community. We hope these small adjustments will help everyone feel welcome at TI – so that we can fully serve our growing community! *Do you have other ideas about how to make TI more inclusive? Join the Membership Committee! We meet monthly (by zoom) with new initiatives throughout the year. Contact me at timembership@tifereth-israel.org for more information about how you can get involved.*

SHALEM שלם
SPEAKER SERIES



DINA KRAFT
OPINION EDITOR FOR HAARETZ.

Saturday, November 4
at 1 pm
Learn more at bit.ly/TIKraft.

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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 bit.ly/TIRising.](http://bit.ly/TIRising)
Deadline: Sunday, November 5 by 9am

Directing the Heart: Guided Meditation & Reflection

Facilitated by Ann Kline

Saturdays at 10:15 am through November 18



TI member Ann Kline is a spiritual director, retired hospice chaplain and current hospice volunteer. Ann will offer opportunities to reflect on the weekly Torah portion in a personal way through alternative readings and guided meditation.

Drop-in, no registration required. Learn more at bit.ly/TIDTH.

TOWN HALL MEETING

Wed. November 8 at 8 pm

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

In person and via Zoom

Learn more at bit.ly/TItownhall.



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Monday, November 20

*Tuesday, November 21
10 am–2 pm*

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UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP EVENTS

Sponsored by the Membership Committee

CAFÉ KEHILLAH

Saturdays, Nov. 4, 18 & 25 at 10:00 am
Grab a cuppa, visit with friends, or enjoy a
moment of quiet contemplation.
Learn more at bit.ly/TICafe.

NEW MEMBER SHABBAT

Saturday, Nov. 4 at 9:00 am
Celebrate those who joined since 2021!
Support the Kiddush at bit.ly/TIKiddush.

HAVDALAH POTLUCKS

Saturdays at 6:00 pm
Dec. 16, Jan. 27, Feb. 10, Mar. 9
Welcome Shabbat with your TI friends!
Learn more at bit.ly/TIHP23.

Not a TI member yet?

Learn about membership at
bit.ly/TIJoinUs

or write to
TIMembership@tifereth-israel.org.

New Members - Jared Garelick

Helen and Howard Siegel recently joined as out-of-town TI members. After having raised a family in the Boston suburbs, they downsized about ten years ago and moved into the vibrant and walkable Back Bay section of Boston, where they continue to live other than a few months in Key Biscayne, Florida during the winter.

Howard is a Boston-area native, having grown up in Brookline. Helen moved to Boston as a student, to study nursing at Boston University, and never left. She grew up in Rochester, New York, as did this reporter. (In an upstate New York coincidence, both Helen and this reporter are owners of iconic Utica Club "Schultz and Dooley" steins.)

The Siegels are familiar with TI because one of their two daughters is member **Jen Siegel**. Helen and Howard have come to TI many times over the years during visits to see Jen and her husband, **Alex Laufer**. They have enjoyed the services and meeting the people. This year they came for Rosh Hashanah, leading them to look into joining as out-of-town members. This makes Jen and Alex, and their sons **Jonas** and **Abe**, TI's Local Magnet Family of the Month.

Before retirement, Howard owned an equipment rental business, and Helen worked as a nurse, mostly in home health nursing. Besides Jen they have another daughter who lives in Boston with her husband and two daughters.

The Siegels have long been big travelers, whose travel highlights include Australia, New Zealand and, as pictured, China. Howard discovered scuba



diving years ago and his enthusiasm for it has led almost the entire family, down to grandkids, to get certified as divers.

Helen plans to come down for New Member Shabbat on November 4, so give her a welcome if you see her.

Welcome to Helen and Howard.



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](http://bit.ly/TITYJR)



Bridge Builders: Lee & Brenda Footer

This Menorah series features the stories of congregants who have made a commitment to TI's Bridge Campaign. To be highlighted, email TI's VP of Development, Sara Goldberg (sarag.tidc@gmail.com). We'd love to share your giving story.



How long and in what ways have you been connected to TI?

We have been members of TI for about 12 years. We were a Himmelfarb family, our daughter became a bat mitzvah here, and we have been volunteers for many things over the years. Lee now serves as the coordinator of the Floor Gabaiim and Brenda is an at-large member of the Board. Our daughter **Naomi** was a madricha and has even spent some time working at TI, mainly helping Francie in the kitchen.

What do you love most about TI?

We can't pick just one thing! Lee loves the nusach on Shabbat morning and Brenda loves the quirkiness of the congregation (by which we mean we feel very welcome here). We both love the lay-led nature of the congregation - both during actual services and the commitment of the congregation's members to volunteering to help make things run.

What inspired you to make your campaign gift to TI?

We feel a strong commitment to financially support this institution that has supported us emotionally and spiritually over many years. TI has been there for us through difficult times, as well as simchas. We want to be there for TI.

What do you most hope the Bridge Campaign can accomplish for TI?

We want our shul to have a strong footing for the future and to be able to sustain itself.

What is your greatest hope for TI's future?

We want to see a vibrant community for another 100 years!

Anything else you think could be good to include?

The community at TI is very important to us. A big part of what makes our community great is the effort that so many people put into every aspect of the shul - from making sure there is a minyan to making sure people have meals when they need them, from running services to cleaning and prepping for high holidays, each member of TI has something personal to give. No matter what amount you can give to the Bridge campaign, giving shows commitment to TI and helps keep our community strong.



New Member Shabbat

Saturday, November 4

Barbara & Daniel Bass
 Anna Batler & Gil Landau
 Alan Bandler
 L. Lee Butler
 Kenneth & Merle Deane
 Sarah Feinstein & Larry Held
 Michael Franklin & Sonia Shpilyuk
 Adam & Allison Goldman
 Barbara Grosz
 Moses Hetfield
 Seth Johnson & Kate Snyder
 Rachel Katz & Geoffrey Storchan
 Miriam Klein
 Brandon & Sarina Levey
 Nechama Malkiel & Toby Reiter

Rabbi Jeremy Markiz & Elana Neshkis
 Jennifer Mathis & Ken Gedling
 Amy Morello
 Michael Novey
 Maury Ostroff
 Aviva Prins
 Hank Sacks & Jessica Steinberg
 Adina Schwartz & Jessica Simpson
 Ruth Secular
 Michael Shapiro
 Helen & Howard Siegel
 Jessica & Neil Sitron
 Miriam Szyncer-Taub & Henri Makembe
 Rabbi Lauren Tuchman
 Carole Woodle

Long(er) time members are invited to help sponsor the kiddush at bit.ly/TIKiddush.

Mark Plotkin Cremains Buried at TI's Elesavetgrad Cemetery - Carl Bergman

Mark Plotkin was a prominent local journalist known for his DC Statehood advocacy and remarkable political memory. He was unaffiliated but proud of being Jewish.

Mark had a combative nature and a love for GW basketball. While he often clashed with local officials and fellow journalists, he was highly regarded for his integrity. He was also known for his push to have DC's license plate reflect its voteless status; because of him, the City Council adopted the motto "Taxation Without Representation."

When the EPA floated the idea of taking over the DC's city hall, he persuaded several Councilmembers to write then President Clinton in protest. EPA backed down, and instead, city hall was renovated.

Mark died in 2019. He had no heirs and was cremated, but his ashes were never buried. (See Tom Sherwood's City Paper article on Plotkin's death and cremation at <https://tinyurl.com/2cp8cknm>.)

As a former TI Cemetery Trustee, I knew we were part of Elesavetgrad Cemetery in Far Southeast DC. I had a nodding acquaintanceship with Mark from my days in DC government. I thought Elesavetgrad would be a fitting place for his remains.

I knew cremains would be an issue. However, I was familiar with the Conservative movement's Committee on Jewish Law and Standards position permitting their burial.

I discussed the idea with the Trustee leadership and **Rabbi Werbow**. The Trustees approved and later contributed to the burial cost for his ashes.

I sent a message to Mark's friends, WAMU's Tom Sherwood and Kojo Nnamdi, WRC-TV's Mark Segraves, and former DC Councilmember Jack Evans, who housed Plotkin's cremains. Former Councilmember Elissa Silverman also joined the group.

Together, we selected a spot at Elesavetgrad, away from the other synagogue plots but in an attractive setting. The interment took place on Sunday morning, September 24, 2023. In a brief program, several people gave their, often hilarious, remembrances of Mark. WAMU's Kojo Nnamdi led the 23rd Psalm. Elissa Silverman led the Mourner's Kaddish. Several notables came, including Congressman Jamie Raskin and former DC Mayor Sharon Pratt.

Editor's note: do not miss the City Paper article. It includes photos, as well as one of the funniest correction lines I've ever seen.

THANK YOU

TO MEMBERS OF THE TI FAMILY WHO HELPED WITH
KITCHEN AND FOOD TASKS DURING THE FALL HOLIDAYS

Sheri Blonder
Samer Carter-Hiba
Sharon Cohen
Varda Fink
Naomi Footer

Naomi Freeman
Esther Kimelman-Block
Francie Kranzberg
Josh Kranzberg
Carlos Nieto
Blanca Romero

Claudine Schweber
Rachel Seidel
Sonya Shpilyuk
Rachel Tickner
Ellen Zwibak

Library Notes - Jeri Roth Lande

These are challenging times and I hope you are all coping. If you'd like to read up on Israeli history or escape into a Jewish mystery, the library is always open. So if you are at TI for any service or event, 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, you can check out our catalog (more than 7000 books) from home using this link <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/TiferethIsrael/yourlibrary>

New Additions

Single Jewish Male Seeking Soul Mate by Letty Cottin Pogrebin – A novel about a Holocaust survivor's son who falls in love with an African American woman. KN (Kol Nashim) book group's November selection.

Once We Were Slaves: The Extraordinary Journey of a Multiracial Jewish Family by Laura Liebman – A Sephardic woman's geneological search turns up a fascinating history that includes enslaved Africans in

the Caribbean. KN book group's December selection

Apeiogon: A Novel by Colum McCann – A novel about two men, Israeli and Palestinian who have each lost a child in the conflict. Future KN book group selection.

The Rational Bible: Genesis by Dennis Prager - A verse-by-verse commentary on the Torah, including short related essays. This is the first in the series – if there is interest, I will buy more.

Note-new books are displayed on the shelf in the hall outside the library.

Children's Books

Many of the children's books in our library are from a wonderful group called PJ library. PJ Library sends free, award-winning books that celebrate Jewish values and culture to families with children from birth through 12 years old. That's right, they send you free age-appropriate Jewish books once a month. Here is their website if you'd like to sign up. <https://pjlibrary.org/enroll-in-a-community>

Ongoing Social Action/Social Justice/ Environment Activities

Please contact **Melissa Perera**, Social Action VP (TISocialAction@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 1st Sunday of the month)
- Supporting refugee families with NNIA
- Shepherd Elementary Tutoring Program
- SEA Change
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Black Lives Matter vigil (every Friday @5 pm)
- Returning Citizens Assistance Network (RCAN)
- Food bin collection for Friendship Place/La Casa

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

11/1	Eli Cohen Mical Schneider	11/20	Jennifer Kefer Seth Riker Jill Saletta
11/2	Helen Disenhaus Shira Einhorn Rose Ellen Halper Michael Lav	11/21	Sheryl Frank Ezra Gilvin Dena Greenstein Ellis Merlin Laura Schiavo
11/3	Morris Rodenstein Mark Saltman	11/22	Benjamin Borzekowski
11/4	Sharon Cohen Samuel Hedrick	11/23	Shira Rubinstein Schechtman
11/5	Deena Dugan	11/24	John List
11/6	Aviva Blonder Laura Craig Sylvana Ehrman	11/26	Daniel Bass Jessica Sitron
11/7	Lucas Liebman	11/27	Rebecca Hyman Alexander Laufer
11/8	Seth Grimes Samuel Isaacson Amy Kritz	11/28	Wendy Blake-Coleman Raymond Coleman Adena Galinsky Geoffrey Storchan
11/11	Steven Bressler Ira Gilvin Deborah Skolnick-Einhorn	11/29	Benjamin Dreyfus
11/13	Paul Roitman Bardack	11/30	Roxanne Gomes Rachel Katz Louise Kelley Lee Ohringer
11/14	Micah Rubin Genevieve Sapir Lawrence Schainker		
11/15	Ilana Handwerker Judy Tulchin		
11/16	Wylie Levone		
11/17	Lisa Blumenthal Melea Greenfeld		
11/18	Gabriel Kravitz Sharon Moshavi Rachel Pitlick Judy Rodenstein		
11/19	Katherine Benton-Cohen Max Heimowitz Samuel Heimowitz Jordan Hope		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

11/1	Dori Gilman & Michael Heimowitz
11/2	Michael Pitch & Elaine Weiss
11/5	Sanford & Shelley Reback
11/6	Jessica & Neil Sitron
11/9	Allison & Daniel Turner
11/10	Joshua & Sara Goldberg David Pelzer & Ellie Tiemann
11/23	Rabbi Charles & Krayna Feinberg
11/27	Iris & Michael Lav
11/28	Edward Koren & Claudine Schweber

Celebrate on November 18

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

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



Donations—July 1 to October 31

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Michael Franklin & Sonya Shpilyuk	Joseph & Paula Martin	Judith Zander
Naomi Freeman & Morris Klein	Bob Mathis & Tali Stopak-Mathis	Diana & James Zurer
Jared Garelick & Ellen Kramarow	Allison & Colin McMillan	Ellen Zwibak
Ron Ghatan & Megan Larkin	David & Janice Mehler	
Jane Gilvin & Jennifer Lav		
Seth Glabman & Martha Hare		

Tifereth Israel Social Action: Afghan Refugee Family Update - Rachel Seidel

Our work with the Shirzad family continues with the help of many TI volunteers and others from NNIA. Here is a quick update:

Zabi (the father) is enjoying his work with Lutheran Social Services. As an immigration Legal Coordinator he is a case manager for many refugees. Right now he works 3 days a week in the office and 2 at home. In addition, he is very involved with the care of all the children. On weekends he takes the family on outings, and connects them with other Afghan refugee friends and family (his sister and her family also live in nearby Silver Spring). He is taking an online class to help learn English idioms.

Hadia (the mother) is excited to be making good progress learning to drive. She passed her Drivers Education class and is practicing on city streets and the highway. Hadia recently completed six hours of professional driving lessons, and appreciates her additional practice time with an NNIA volunteer. She continues to take a twice weekly online English class and is making excellent progress with speaking. One of her goals is to improve her writing skills. Finally she is starting to interview for jobs in childcare centers. However, no luck yet.

Ahmad is enjoying third grade and his reading and math skills are improving with the help of his teachers and several volunteer tutors. We now have a tutor working with him on homework and building academic skills Monday-Thursday for 45-60 minutes each afternoon.

Asra will turn 7 at the end of October. She continues to thrive at school (first grade) and tells me she loves reading even if it gets her "tired" from all the hard work. After our tutors finish working with her brother, we try to spend some time reading and playing with Asra and the other siblings

Yusra loves attending her half day preschool at Acorn Hill. She is a keen observer of nature and loves to point out various interesting flowers, mosses, acorns etc. as we walk her to her outdoor classroom. Various volunteers have been incredibly helpful getting her to and from school. Her teacher reports she is speaking more and more each day. And she is also starting to do more imaginary play.

Muzamil shares a birthday with his sister Asra. On October 28 he will turn one. He is a curious and smiley little guy, who has started to walk (and climb and get into things). Thankfully the kidney operation he needed in September was successful. Doctors at Children's Hospital will continue to follow his progress, but as of now I don't believe further treatment is required,

Again, a big thank you to all who have been involved with our family—whether through volunteering time or making donations. Both activities greatly ease their experience as refugees far from home and from most of their relatives. All our efforts are greatly appreciated by the Shirzad family.

SEA Change Programs

November 9, 7:00 to 8:30 pm via ZOOM

Join fellow members from SEA Change partner congregations to learn how to identify, engage, develop, and retain current and new social justice leaders. Explore strategies to uncover their interests, backstories and hopes and learn how to proposition them in ways that link to their interests, talents, and skills and support them to grow their leadership. This program is for those interested in strengthening TI's congregational engagement with SEA Change.

December 5, 7:00 -9:00 pm, location TBD

Climate Action. Following the recent AIM/Interfaith Power and Light/SEA Change climate action workshop, this interfaith group will engage in conversations with Maryland officials on how to ensure that the massive investment that the federal government is putting into climate infrastructure through the Infrastructure Investment Act is used equitably and effectively in Maryland. In particular, recognizing the intersectional impact of climate on health and housing, we would like the funding to be prioritized for low and moderate income families and for multi-unit dwelling.

Around TI: Photos by Janet Braun



Family members cooking for Nathan Turner's Bar Mitzvah



New 16th Street doors - installation in progress



Mayor Muriel Bowser addresses TI as part of our Speakers Series on October 22nd.

Sukkot Photos



Clockwise from upper left: List family Sukkah; guests in the Kefer family Sukkah; Etrog vodka; Allie Gomes with the lulav and etrog; Kefer Sukkah under construction. Photos courtesy of the families.



What can you do with your etrog after Sukkot? Here are some ideas gleaned from various sources:

- Make etrog vodka
- Use the etrog juice to give a citrus kick to jams or sauces
- Stick cloves into all over the surface, and use it along with your spice box at Havdalah
- Chop up the peel and candy it (same way you candy other citrus peels) and use in cookies or cake

Joan Nathan Cooking Demonstration

Former TI member Joan Nathan demonstrated malai, a rich ricotta and cornbread pudding from her most recent cookbook, *King Solomon's Table*, at an event sponsored by Kol Nashim. She also talked about Jewish cooking, her research, and her upcoming autobiography-cum-cookbook. Audience members shared anecdotes and asked questions, and then devoured the malai. Joan also signed books and chatted with people. Photos by Louise Kelley.



A Silver Kiddush Cup and Two Bowls - David Cohen

Among our treasured possessions are three items inherited from my parents, a silver kiddush cup and saucer, representing the ritual side of Jewish life, and two hand-hewn wood chopping bowls, representing the domestic, culinary side (see photos below). All three are over 125 years old and come from Belarus, from which both my parents' families emigrated in the first decade of the 20th century, my father's family to northern Vermont and my mother's to the Lower East Side of New York City.

The kiddush cup and bowls were brought by my



mother's parents, Pinya and Alta Singerman, who died years before I was born. When my parents, Samuel and Rachel Cohen, were married, her father gave the kiddush cup to my father as a wedding gift. My father used it for Shabbat and festivals all his married life, and now, so do I. The designs on the cup and its saucer don't match, so they probably have different origins, but they were partners ever since I can remember, so they belong together as far as I am concerned. The number 84 is engraved on the bottom of

the cup. Perhaps it stands for 1884, the year it might have been made.

The two wooden bowls are crude and not completely round, so were probably hand, not machine, made, and are scarred by the blows of choppers over many years. They were used by my maternal grandmother Alta and my mother Rachel for chopping gefilte fish for Passover, so they appeared only once a year, unlike the kiddush cup which was present and used year-round. Who knows, perhaps my grandmother inherited the bowls from her own mother, so their age is uncertain.

I myself have been making gefilte fish for many years, perfecting a recipe from my mother's inexact oral instructions and some written recipes. While Judy has urged me to simplify things by using a food processor, I stubbornly delight in chopping the fish by hand in my mother's Belarusian bowls. A few years ago my granddaughter Eliana joined me in my gefilte fish pro-

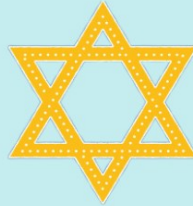


duction ritual, becoming at least the fifth generation of our extended family to use the bowls.

It is comforting to know that the cup and bowls will outlive us and continued to be used by future generations to enrich their lives as Jews.

Photos by David Cohen.

Editor's note: Do you have Jewish ritual objects or kitchenware or embroidered items handed down through your family? Send photos and their story to menorah@tifereth-israel.org. Please include the name of the photographer if known. I'm also looking for stories of your family history.



SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

TOT SHABBAT FAMILY JAM

November 4 & December 2 at 11 am

Learn more at bit.ly/TITots.

MINI MINYAN

November 11 & December 9 at 10 am

Learn more at bit.ly/TIMini.

JUNIOR MINYAN

November 11, December 9 & 23 at 10:15 am

Learn more at bit.ly/TIJrMinyan.

TOT SHABBAT: YOGA WITH DODA

November 11 & December 9 at 11 am

Learn more at bit.ly/TITots.

YOUTH & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

USY BOWLING

Sunday, November 5 at 7 pm

Learn more at bit.ly/TIUSY115.

KADIMA PIE PIE

Sunday, November 12 at 6:00 pm

Learn more at bit.ly/TIKadPie.

TOT+ GRATITUDES

Sunday, November 19 at 11 am

Learn more at bit.ly/TITotNov19.

USY CHANUKAH PARTY

Saturday, December 9 at 7:00

Learn more at bit.ly/TIUSY129.

CHANUKAH EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 pm

Learn more at bit.ly/TIChan23.



RETREAT KATAN

Friday, December 1 – Saturday, December 2

featuring



UMD's Award-Winning Jewish A Cappella Group

FRIDAY NIGHT

Services Featuring Rak Shalom

Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY

Services with Special Guests Rak Shalom

Kiddush Luncheon

Afternoon Games and Sessions

Light Seudah Shlishit

Havdalah

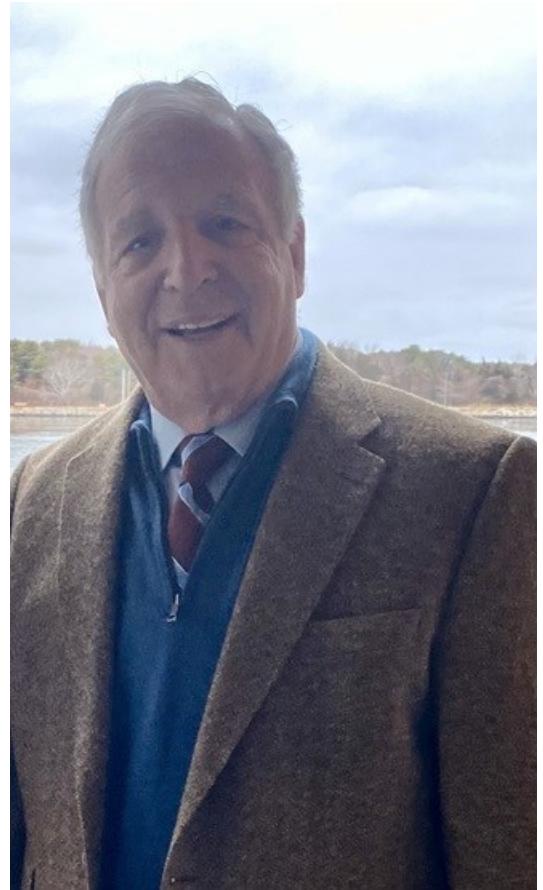
Support Retreat Katan at bit.ly/TIKatanDon

Find updated information at bit.ly/TIKatan

Celebrate Myron Murdock's 80th Birthday - Judy Herzog

We will be celebrating **Myron Murdock's** 80th birthday on Shabbat morning November 25, 2023. Myron has been a member of TI since 1976. He and his first wife Rose raised their three sons, **Jonah**, Erik, and Jeremy at TI.

Two of his grandchildren, **Eve** and **Solomon Murdock** were also raised at TI. We are honored to be able to celebrate this milestone with our TI family. We look forward to seeing everyone at services that morning and at the Kiddush luncheon immediately following.



FLOOR GABBAI TRAINING

Sponsored by the Ritual Committee

Sunday, November 12 at 10:30 am



The Floor Gabbai plays a key role in making sure weekly Shabbat services run smoothly. The Gabbai training will provide clear instructions for how to do this important job. Come hold a Torah!

Go to bit.ly/TIGabb1123 for more information.



REMEMBER TO
'FALL BACK' AT 2 AM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Friday Night Services will begin at 6 pm
from November 10
through March 8.



Nayes un Mechayes - Dori Gillman

Good News

Rabbi Abramowitz celebrated his 95th birthday



this summer at his home in Marblehead Massachusetts with family and friends.

Eti and Paul Roitman Bardack are thrilled to announce the birth of their granddaughter (name not yet officially announced, prior to a naming ceremony) in October to parents Daniella Bardack and Alan Tarrab.

Shai Weiss, grandson of **Jeremy z"l and Marcia z"l Goldberg**, son of Devra and Dr. Avi Weiss, and brother to Zahava, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at Midbar Kodesh Temple in Henderson, NV in September. Shai's first cousins, including **Samuel and Jaren Goldberg**, held a tallit aloft as Shai was called to the Torah. The locals held their breath while Uncle **Eliot Goldberg** executed a flawless Goldberg Hagbah. Grandparents Rabbi Loel and Patty Weiss of Middletown, RI, and family and friends from across the country, Canada, and Israel were also present for the simcha, with additional family and friends joining by livestream.

Shai is an 8th grader whose favorite subject is math. Shai's hobbies include coding, engineering, 3-d printing and entrepreneurship, and he is an avid gamer. Shai has a second degree black belt in Taekwondo, is adept at getting around town by bike and bus, and likes to play flag football.



Shai has attended USY and Jewnior NCSY events, Camp Ramah, and JCC day and overnight camps. Together with his family, he has participated in Tik-kun Olam projects, such as distributing food to migrant workers on Purim and helping to sort food at a kosher food pantry. Shai is a regular davener, leyner, and shaliach tzibur at both Midbar Kodesh and the Summerlin Minyan Project, an independent, traditional, egalitarian minyan.

Sad News

Helen Sachs, mother of Tifereth Israel member **Hilary Sachs (Mathew Kunkin)** and grandmother of **Emil Kunkin**, died on October 17, 2023, 2 Cheshvan 5784, at the age of 95 at her home in California. She is also survived by her daughter Merry (Matthew) Shugart and grandson Jordan Stratford. She was predeceased by her husband of 54 years Leo Sachs, her parents Emil and Rosie Kurtz, her brothers Natie and Louie Kurtz, and her infant daughter Joy Sachs.

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Nayes un Mechayes - continued

Helen was born on Delancey Street and spent most of her youth in Brooklyn. After high school she worked as a bookkeeper in a bridal veil company. Known for her beauty and style and her gorgeous red hair, Helen caught the eye of her future husband, Leo, at a night class at City College. After marrying, they moved to Kingston, Pennsylvania, where they welcomed their daughters. Leo's job in advertising later took the family to Syracuse, New York, and then Southfield, Michigan. The late 1970s brought them to Vista, California, where they started and operated a bookstore, L and H Books. Helen instilled in her daughters a deep appreciation for Jewish values of tzedakah, Tikkun Olam, and education. She was a voracious reader of mysteries, an avid antiquer, a great Jewish cook, and a doting grandmother. Helen spent her last twelve years living with Merry and Matthew.

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



TI Sukkah. Photo by Jevera Temsky.



New doors arriving. Photo by Eliot Goldberg.

Kol Nashim Book Group - Jessica Weissman

The KN book group met October 17th to discuss *Spies of No Country: Israel's Secret Agents at the Birth of the Mossad* by Matti Friedman. This very timely book covered the work of a set of young Jewish men who grew up in Arab countries, who operated under cover there. Initially part of the Palmach, they were transferred to the predecessor of Mosad. Attendees mainly found the book compelling, and took particular note of Friedman's assertion that there are no longer Israelis who could pass for Arab and do the same work.

Having read one book covering violence and conflict, the group chose to postpone our scheduled reading, *Apeirogon*, and move up our next fiction reading: *Single Jewish Male Seeking Soulmate* by 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. A few library copies available now.

Paula Flicker will host the next meeting on November 21st at 7:30. You can choose to attend by Zoom or in person.

The Zoom link is the same each month. **Janice Mehler** also includes it in the evite Invitation. If you are not on the Evite list, contact Janice to be added. You'll get an electronic invitation and a timely reminder. Please specify whether you intend to attend in person or by Zoom.

All are welcome I look forward to seeing many of you at the next meeting.

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

ACCESSIBILITY

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

**Contact info@tifereth-israel.org if you need:
Accessible parking and/or seating ● Use of a walker or wheelchair**

**Tell a service greeter in the Sanctuary if you need:
Assisted Listening Device ● Large print prayerbook
Wheelchair accessible seating ● Wheelchair lift to Bimah**

Your Ancestors Declared *Lekh Lekha*: Find Out When and Where - Louise Kelley

Have you ever wondered about the journey your ancestors took? Where did your people come from, how far back does the story go? Explore your family's roots on November 5th at 10:30. Kol Nashim is sponsoring the event "Tracing Your Roots: An Introduction to Jewish Genealogy" presented by members of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Washington. You will learn about many sources of information that are readily available and often free. These sources can be used to follow people from their country (or countries) of origin to the United States and within the US. Perhaps you already know some of

your family history, but there's always more to a story. There will be plenty of time for discussion as well. Bring your questions and begin to find some answers.

You may not be able to trace all the way back to Sarah and Abraham, but you'll go further than you think!



Rabbi Werbow addressing an Israel rally at Adas Israel.

Photo: Susan Catler



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. [recorded April 30, 2023]

Session 2 -- *Zionism Before Statehood: Between Hostility and Advocacy*, November 12, 10:30 AM-12:15 PM [on TI zoom]

What did it mean to be a Zionist during the first half of the 20th century? This panel aims to unravel the different threads of Jewish engagement with Zionist ideas during a period when the establishment of the State was far from assured. Jewish organizations and individuals in the US, Eastern Europe, and Palestine in these years engaged with Zionist ideas in surprising ways, displaying a spectrum of attitudes ranging from hostility to advocacy. This range of responses is especially relevant today as the State of Israel debates the future of its political system.

Panelists:

- Adina Hoffman | Jerusalem/New Haven
- Yuval Evri | Brandeis University
- Zohar Segev | University of Haifa, Israel

Moderated by Raquel Ukeles | National Library of Israel

Talmud Study with Rabbi Seidel -- Shabbat, November 11, 1:00-2:00 PM. Tractate Sanhedrin in English translation. (In Reamer Chapel or Berch Library)

November Yahrzeitn

*Yahrzeitn appear under the Shabbat date when the name is recited.
Send information updates and corrections to sheri@tifereth-israel.org.*

October 27-28

11/1 Deborah Cohen Christie
David Furman
Jason Geiger
Shirley Molenof Goodman
Harry Lopatin
Bess Milgrom
Hyman Suchman
11/2 Libby Birnbaum
Theodore Bollt
Emily Borzekowski
Michael Grad
Jasha Michael Levi
Merilee Rosenberg
Fanny White
11/3 Meyer Baskin
Senator Paul David
Wellstone
Avrim Chaim Wishnia

November 3-4

11/4 Doris B. Driesen
Lillian Pittle Norris
Phyllis Warren
11/5 David Alexander
Gertrude Fortgang
Michael Herman
Harriet Ruth Luber
Stephen Gordon Rod
Barbara Russell
Ari Sokolov
Freida Sperling
11/6 Bessie Bachman
David Cohen
Dutchy Markowitz
Samuel Rosenfeld
Jacob Weintraub
11/7 Vesta Jean Anderson
Ralph Forman
Naomi Fortgang Nesse
Maury Kranzberg
Susan O'Ney
Sarah Pinson
Milton Vinnick
11/8 Sadie Abrams
Ina Rabinowicz

Miriam Roshwald
11/9 Fannie Barco
Lillie Blaser
Benjamin Goodman
David Greer
Adaya Shachar
Lillian Shulman
11/10 David J. Cohen
Robert Feinberg
Daniel Greene
Sam Katz
Faye Klitzman
Henry Root
Harry N. Sher
Michael Jon Wellisch

November 10-11

11/11 Polly Clein Bergman
Irving Fleishman
Joseph Schery
11/12 Ruth Boorstein
Sidney Brown
Sadie Rosenthal Goldstein
Frances Passen Levin
Nathan Peres
Jerome Rosenberg
Rudolf Schlesinger
Ruth Schlesinger
11/13 Charlotte Green
Michael J. Heimberg
Sonya Rozansky
11/14 J. Max Abramowitz
Nathan Berlin
Ruth Breslow Young
Thomas Andrew Israel
David Baer Jeweler
Gertrude Kline
Louis Levine
Richard Theodore
Rombro
Annie Shapiro
Debra Shleien
Edward Yalowitz
11/15 Samuel Mitlin
Morris Rothberg
Isaac Siskind

Frances Stahl
Eva Sussman
11/16 Leonard Braunstein
William Jeweler
Gloria Newman
Bernard Tucker
Ruthuse Weingarten
Moscou
11/17 Leon H. Burka
Sam Burka
Milton H. Burke
Shirley Levine
Irving S. Peres

November 17-18

11/19 Haya Berlin
Ellis Bloom
Rebecca T. Friedman
William Harvey
Frederick Lehrer
Harry Silverman
Sanford E. Stromberg
Dorothy May Zeserman
11/20 Alex Abrams
David Friedman
John Moreno Suarez
Jay Weil
11/21 Eli L. "Lee" Garelick
Seymour Goldberg
Bessie Raffel
Clara Shaikewitz
Ethel Annie Silverman
Rabbi Harry Silverstone
Charles S. Temple
11/22 A. Nathan Abramowitz
Paul I. Danaceau
Gertrude Liberson
Ceil Lourie
Herman Newman
Samuel Shapiro
11/23 Phyllis S. Kuritzky
Irving Maydeck
Michael Roepke
Leo Sachs

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November Yahrzeitn - continued

11/24 Hattie Goldman Rich	Jacob Herman	Moses Melamed
Audrey Halper	11/27 Robert A. Barcion	Esther A. Nathanson
Sam Hantman	Milton Beyer	Robert Roodman
Barry Lourie	Sandra Footer Brecher	Mollie Spector
Betty Nathanson	Irma Herr	Michael P. Unterweger
November 24-25	Eugene Charles Vitale	Samuel Wagshal
11/25 Murray Bogen	11/28 Daniel Caplan	11/30 David Cohen
Marion Krakow	Sheldon Lisbon	Golda Ostrofsky
Freda Slotar	Isaac Nacson	Eva Rosenberg
Lewis Leo Sperling	Rose Wine	Harry Sheftell
11/26 Mary Ackerman	11/29 Selma Beyer	John Temple
Jacob Robert Fishman	Esther Edith Harris	



**Young Adult Learning Circle:
Between Self and Others**
Co-Sponsored by Tifereth Israel and [IYUN](#)
Thursdays at 7:30 pm through November 16

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 reflection sessions 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.

Do You Like to Take Photos? - Jeff Peterman

For a decade or more, I have been the "official" TI photographer - taking photos at TI events and maintaining a collection of the photos going back about 20 years. The photos are also shared with the Menorah. Unfortunately, I find myself lacking the time to cover most events at TI these days and would love to find someone else with the passion, skills, equipment, and free time, to take this on. I'd be happy to give any guidance needed - and maybe find time for some photo editing/processing if needed.

If interested, please reach out to me. Contact information in ShulCloud.

SPECIAL SERVICES & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

RISING SONG KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE AND DINNER *

Sponsored by the Ritual Committee

Friday, November 10 at 6:00 pm, snacks for kids 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.

* Attend in person or virtually

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

SERVE DINNER AT SHEPHERD'S TABLE

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee

Sunday, November 5 at 5:00 pm

Help serve dinner to homeless individuals one Sunday each month.

Learn more and register at bit.ly/TIServe.

JEWISH HISTORY ONLINE

ZIONISM BEFORE STATEHOOD: BETWEEN HOSTILITY AND ADVOCACY **

Sponsored by Gevarim

Sunday, November 12 at 10:30 am

View and discuss this presentation by the [Center for Jewish History](#) as they examine the long relationship between the American Jewish community and the Zionist movement.

Learn more at bit.ly/TIHistory23.

KOL NASHIM BOOK GROUP*

Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 pm

The book this month is [Single Jewish Male Seeking Soulmate](#) by Letty Cottin Pogrebin . All TI members are welcome, including those who have not finished or even started the book.

Learn more at bit.ly/KNBooks.

FULL MOON WALK

Sunday, November 26 at 7:30 pm

Start at Ohr Kodesh parking lot, 8300 Meadowbrook Lane

Enjoy a walk of ~1.5 miles round trip, with chocolate treats at the halfway mark.

Learn more at bit.ly/TIFullMoon5784.

VIGIL AGAINST RACISM

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee

Friday, November 3 at 5:00 pm; Fridays, November 10, 17 and 24 at 4:00 pm

Join the TI community on 16th Street in solidarity with Black lives.

Learn more at bit.ly/TIVigil.

DONATE CANNED GOODS TO LA CASA FOOD PANTRY

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee

[La Casa](#), a supportive housing building for previously homeless males, is in need of canned goods.

Learn more at bit.ly/TILaCasa.

*In person and virtual | **Virtual only

ONGOING RELIGIOUS SERVICES & LEARNING

KABBALAT SHABBAT AND MA'ARIV *

Friday, November 3 at 6:30 pm

Fridays, November 10, 17 and 24 at 6:00 pm

At TI, we love to sing, especially on Friday night! Come warm your soul with a joyful start to Shabbat.

Learn more at bit.ly/TIKabbalat.

MISHNA WITH RABBI WERBOW *

Saturdays, at 8:15 am except November 25

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.

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.

PARASHAT HASHAVUA CLASS **

Mondays 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.

INTERMEDIATE HEBREW-BEGINNING TANACH **

Thursdays at 10:30 am except November 23

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

Learn more at bit.ly/45tiT3B.

TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI SEIDEL

Saturday, November 11 at 1:00

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

Learn more at bit.ly/TITalmud. TI members must log in to access the Talmud text at bit.ly/TIBavli.

SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN

Sundays at 9:15 am

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

Learn more at bit.ly/TISunday.

*In person and virtual | **Virtual only

Donations September 18 to October 15

Bridge Campaign

Paula Flicker
John & Lynne List
David & Stephanie Rubin
Allan & Judy Tulchin
Matthew Watson

Cemetery Fund

Carl Bergman & Marjorie Odle in memory of
Mark Plotkin

Funeral Fund

Phillip & Ruth Shapiro

General Fund

Robyn Altman & Brendan Doherty in honor of
Sheri Blonder
Mark & Mona Berch
Mark & Mona Berch in honor of the birth of
Margolit Bass
Marvin Catler in memory of Flora Secular
Myrna Goldman in memory of Joel Efrem Cohen
Myrna Goldman in memory of Fred Flatow
Myrna Goldman in memory of Vivian Kranzberg
Shelly & Steve Heller in memory of Fred Flatow
Sylvia Horwitz & Dov Weitman
Ken Morris & Terri Zall in memory of Lionel Cherry
Hedy & Lee Ohringer in memory of Fred S. Flatow
Phillip & Ruth Shapiro in memory of Vivian Kranzberg
Louis & Madge Lee Spector in memory of
Lionel Cherry
Howard & Michele Sumka in memory of Fred S. Flatow
Lisa Traiger in memory of Flora Secular
Lisa Traiger in memory of Vivian Kranzberg
Avi & Devra Weiss in honor of
Myron Murdock's 80th birthday
Avi & Devra Weiss in honor of their 19th anniversary
Alan & Cynthia Weitz
Barbara & Howard White in memory of Lionel Cherry
Barbara & Howard White in memory of Fred S. Flatow
Ellen Zwibak in memory of Joel Efrem Cohen
Ellen Zwibak in memory of Fred S. Flatow
Ellen Zwibak in memory of Vivian Ruth Kranzberg
Ellen Zwibak in memory of Flora Secular

Gevarim Fund

Iris & Michael Lav
Gabriel Movsesyan

Helping Hands Fund

Renana Brooks in memory of Vivian Ruth Kranzberg

Lisa Schwartz in memory of Lionel Cherry
Phillip & Ruth Shapiro in honor of Susan Catler

Kol Nashim to Support Joan Nathan Event

Ivy Baer & Marc Rothenberg
Sharon Cohen & Elliot Rosen
Jared Garelick & Ellen Kramarow

Madeline Nesse Fund

Renana Brooks in memory of Lionel Cherry

Marvin Caplan Social Action Fund

Miriam Davidson for refugee support
Dana & Sheridan Neimark in honor of the birth of
Margalit Bass
Dana & Sheridan Neimark in memory of Fred S. Flatow
Ellen Reinach to thank TI for the Rosh Hashana gift

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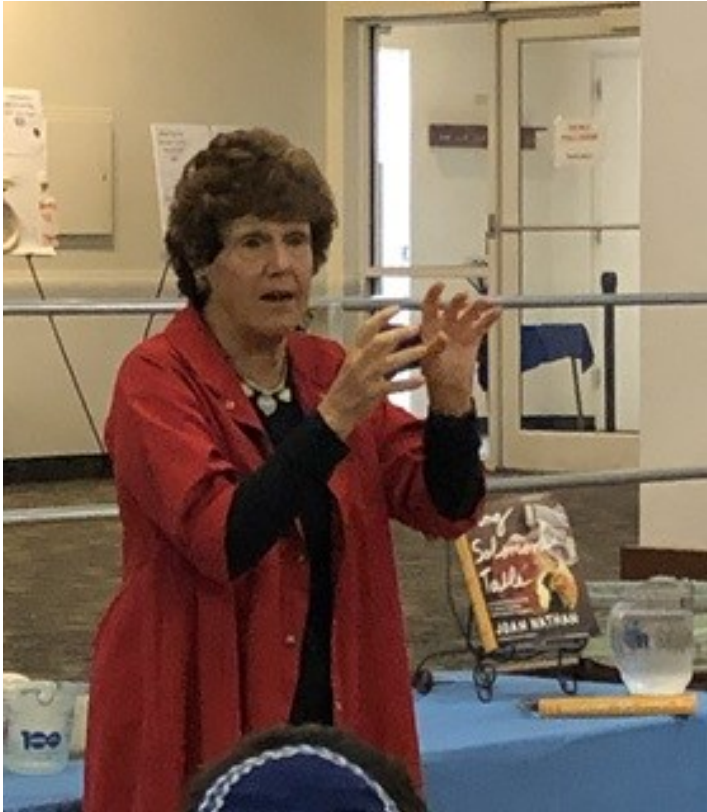


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Hanukkah Lamps from Around the World - Simcha Kuritzky

The second commemorative coin Israel issued was for the holiday of Hanukkah in 1958. It was intended as an inexpensive gift of Hanukkah gelt, and although it was sold for about 2 lirot, it could have circulated as a one lira coin. In the fifth year of the series, the Bank of Israel decided to start portraying Hanukkiyot or Hanukkah lamps from different parts of the world. The series was suspended in 1963 after regular issue lira coins were circulated, but started up again as low-value silver coins in 1972 in preparation for Israel's 25th anniversary of statehood, then issued annually until 1990 with different lamps each year. These designs were resurrected on brass half new sheqel coins issued in Hanukkah mint sets from 1993 to 2009, with only one new design added. We are going to look at these coins and lamps in geographical, rather than chronologic, sequence.



We start with Israel herself. The only Eretz Israel lamp is portrayed on the 1977 (5738) 10 lirot. It shows an oil lamp made in the early Twentieth Century, which includes the inscription "This is the dedication of the Temple, Rifka Pardis, Jerusalem." The original lamp is in the Ethnology and Folklore Museum of the Ha-Aretz museum complex. This lamp was chosen to honor one decade since the unification of the city of Jerusalem. It was the first copper-nickel Hanukkah coin of the 1970s, due to the rapidly rising price of silver. Next to it is the 1979 (5740) 100 lirot with a 19th Century lamp from Egypt. This lamp was chosen to honor the Israel-Egypt peace treaty that had just been signed. This was the last Hanukkah coin of the lirot series, and the high denomination indicates how poorly Israel was dealing with inflation.



Egypt is, of course, in Africa, and Israel issued coins portraying three other lamps from north Africa. The first was the last of the one lira Hanukkah coins, issued in 1963 (5724), the lamp which is only identified as being from 18th Century North Africa uses architectural elements such as key-hole doorways and arches. The lamp from 19th Century Algeria actually is shaped like a building. It appeared on 1986 (5747) NIS1 and 2 silver coins. The 19th Century Tunisian lamp also uses the key-hole doorway design, and it was issued two years after the Algerian.

Hanukkah Lamps from Around the World - continued



Next are lamps of the Arab world in Asia. In the early 1970s, Israel began to focus attention on persecuted Jewish communities in Eastern Europe and the Middle East. Lamps from those areas were shown when Israel resumed the Hanukkah coin series. The Russian lamp is discussed below, but Israel issued a 1973 (5734) silver 5 lirot and 1974 (5735) silver 10 lirot for Babylon (Iraq) and Damascus (Syria), respectively. The 18th Century Babylonian lamp includes small birds and hamsas in the backplate, while the 18th Century Damascus lamp has a backplate in the shape of a portal with a seven-branched menorah inside. On either side are shields inscribed with Deuteronomy 28:6 "Blessed are you coming and blessed are you going." In 1982 (5733), Israel portrayed a Yemenite lamp in commemoration of the centennial of the Yemenite Aliyah. This lamp is among the simplest in design, with long trenches for the oil and just a geometric pattern around. The coin includes the inscription "I will rise as a date palm" (Shir HaShirim 7:8) which was the watchword of the migration movement in 1882.



Finishing up Asia are the last two lamp coins of the silver series. The 1989 (5750) silver NIS1 and 2 show a round lamp from 17th Century Persia (now Iran), where the oil spouts go around the outside and the shamash is in the center. The next year's coins featured a lamp from 19th Century Cochin, India. The backplate contains a Magen David.

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Hanukkah Lamps from Around the World - continued



The next lamps represent the largest Jewish populations, starting with Russia (mentioned earlier). Israel chose a 20th Century Russian lamp, though the design may have been copied from an earlier piece. Two lions support a crowned menorah, and the crown is surrounded by the letters from the dreidel **ש.נ.ג.ה.ש.** The actual lamp is made of lead and is in the Israel Museum. This was the first silver Hanukkah coin, issued in 1972 (5733) with the 5 lirot denomination. The obverse includes an inscription commemorating Israel's 25th year. Next is Poland. The second of the silver sheqel Hanukkah coins portrays a silver lamp from Poland made in 1854. The shamash position shows a swan above an embossed flower. The next lamp is bronze, made in the Rhineland in 1574. The backplate includes the entire text of HaNerot Halalu. Since Germany did not exist as a state back then, the lamp is described as coming from Ashkenaz.



Continuing south, we have two lamps from what is now the Czech Republic. The first is from 18th Century Prague. This brass lamp has side stands showing Moses holding the decalogue and Aaron with incense. This was portrayed on the 1983 (5744) NIS1 and 2. The next year, Israel showed a lamp from nearby Theresienstadt. Terezin was founded as a garrison town a day's ride north of Prague in the 1790s, named for the late Empress Maria Theresa. The Nazis turned it into a ghetto where over 30,000 died of the wretched conditions. However, the Nazis did allow Jews limited cultural expression there. The 1984 (5745) NIS1 and 2 coins show a Hanukkah lamp produced in the automotive shop, using lug nuts to hold candles. Below is the dates the ghetto was active, 24.11.1941 – 9.5.1945.



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Hanukkah Lamps from Around the World - continued

Two lamps come from Mediterranean Europe. The first Israel coin to show a lamp was the 1962 (5723) lira with a bronze 17th Century lamp from Italy. The first Israel Hanukkah coin of the sheqel series shows a 19th Century lamp from Corfu, a Greek island in the Ionian Sea. The lamp has a floral design, and the original lamp has the inscription Giuseppe di Jeossua Minerbo nato [born] in Dicembre 1871 Corfu.



Western Europe is represented by three lamps. The 1975 (5736) 10 lirot shows a lamp from 18th Century Holland, while the only Hanukkah 25 lirot coin was issued in 1978 (5739) with a lamp from 14th Century France. The French lamp is triangular with a rosette like a Gothic cathedral window above 12 Moorish doorways symbolizing the 12 tribes and the Temple gates. Last is a lamp from England made in 1709 by silversmiths John Rusien and Eliah Lindo that portrays ravens feeding the prophet Elijah.

Editor's note: The second part of this 2-part article will appear in next month's Menorah.



Rabbi Werbow introduces Mayor Bowser. Photo by Janet Braun.



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