



The Menorah

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From the President: Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block

The long weeks since the Hamas attacks of October 7 and Israel's subsequent response have been excruciating – full of anger, fear, loneliness, frustration and despair. During this time, I have taken comfort in the TI community, experiencing the beauty and even joy of the vibrancy of Jewish life, even as the outlook for a better life for Israelis and Palestinians is difficult to envision. For me, Chanukah can not come soon enough.

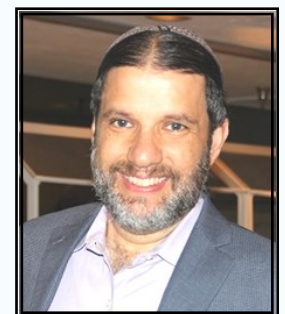


What I love about Chanukah is the power of the simple gesture of lighting candles in the face of encroaching darkness. There is a midrash that sums up the psychological experience of Chanukah perfectly. In the Babylonian Talmud, Avodah Zarah 8a, we read of the story of Adam, the first human being, who when he saw that the days were gradually getting shorter and shorter, said, "Woe is me! Perhaps because I have sinned, the world around me is being darkened and returning to its state of chaos and confusion." He had never experienced the winter solstice before, so as it approached he thought

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From the Rabbi: Rabbi Michael Werbow

There are many reasons given for Chanukah being an eight-day holiday. The most well-known of course is the Talmudic account. In it, when asked "what is Chanukah?" the response is that when the Temple was recovered from the Greeks the Hasmoneans rededicated it and only found a small amount of oil, enough to burn one night but lasted for eight. Other accounts of the story, as retold in the Book of Maccabees, indicate that Chanukah was established as a make-up for having missed the holiday of Sukkot. When the recent holiday of Sukkot passed they were not able to bring offerings and celebrate. So, when they regained control of the Temple, they established an eight-day holiday in celebration.



There are other explanations as well but no matter the source, I see Chanukah as fitting in well with prevailing messages in Judaism. One of these is that we always have multiple opportunities for do-overs. The whole system of Teshuvah, which we focus on in Elul and Tishrei, is based on this idea. The period of

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the world was coming to an end. His response was to fast and pray for eight days. Then after the winter solstice came, he realized that the days were getting longer, and said, "This is the world's natural course." Since we live our lives forward, it is impossible to tell whether some difficult episode is a permanent state of affairs or part of a wider cycle. On Simchat Torah, as I was first processing the news of the attacks, another Tler said something that has stuck in my mind since then. He reminded me that it was just 4 years between the Yom Kippur War and Sadat's visit to Jerusalem; and just 5 months between the Srebrenica massacre and the signing of the Dayton Accords. It is impossible to know what the current horrific violent episode will lead to. While it may feel that something better is impossible, it could be about to begin. This Chanukah, maintaining that hope will be my intention as I light an additional candle each night.

R. Jason Kimelman-Block

FULL MOON WALK

Sunday, December 24 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

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the Omer, drawing our attention to personal growth, also gives us a chance to re-envision how various values play out in the ways we lead our lives. Chanukah is another time in the calendar where we get multiple chances. Each night, we gather together with family and together as a Jewish people. We light the candles to advertise and promote the miracle of Chanukah. Concurrently, we promote miracles that happen in our lives each day.



Chanukah medallions used through Creative Commons license

We add light to a dark time in the year and in the world. Each time we light we have another opportunity, even if we didn't take the last one. There is no, "I didn't light yesterday so I'm not going to light today." It is symbolic of the idea that each mitzvah stands on its own.

No one should give into the negative voice saying, "Who am I kidding? I haven't done this in the past so why should I start now?" The root of the word for Chanukah means dedicate. The Hasmoneans rededicated the Temple. We can and should rededicate ourselves to additional mitzvot and to bringing in more light. Rededication implies a lapse. It also implies an intention to restart and renew. We can choose what we will be rededicating in our lives.

We are given this opportunity to rededicate ourselves. Let's take it.

Chag Urim Sameyach,

Rabbi Werbow

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Himmelfarb Happenings - Rabbi Kelley Gludt

Himmelfarb High is up and running and we have been having an amazing year!

Our ninth and tenth graders participate in a community-wide program, Tzohar, that meets at Ohr Kodesh. Sunday afternoons begin with TI's own beloved Moreh Steve teaching about the theological challenges around the Holocaust and the effective use of propaganda both then and now. The teens from all the local synagogues then have dinner together, followed by a class taught by faculty from the Judaic Studies department at the University of Maryland. This high-level instruction is such a gift, and we feel fortunate to be participating in a collaborative educational experience.

Our eleventh and twelfth graders meet once a month for an in-depth discussion or guest speaker. So far this year they have focused on the matzav (the current situation in Israel), and made the most of the opportunity to meet virtually with Rabbi Debbie Pine of Hillel International. Rabbi Pine discussed the current challenges of life on campus, and our teens asked a wide-range of questions on how to approach college admissions in the current climate.

Our USY'ers (high schoolers) have also been enjoying social gatherings once a month. They most recently spent an evening enjoying Holy Chow and duck-pin bowling, where they lucked into a behind-the-pins tour to see how all of the machinery worked! This month they will gather on Chanukah for dinner and a holiday-themed Sip and Paint.

Not to be outdone, our eighth graders have been meeting weekly at TI for both social and educational programming. Rabbi Werbow is working with them on their davening skills, all of which will be on full display on Saturday, February 24, 2024 for the Teen Take Over, when our amazing teens will take point on all parts of the service. They have also been expanding their critical thinking skills and exploring the more edgy Biblical and Talmudic stories.

As a class, the eighth graders recently watched selections from Netflix's *You So Aren't Invited to My Bat Mitzvah*. We explored how Jews are portrayed in the movie, in both positive and negative ways, and closely examined the synagogue scenes for accuracy. To say that this group had a lot to say about that is a gross understatement. You all would have been proud of both the breadth of their emotions about this topic, and the depth of their observations (i.e., why weren't there any gab'i'im?!).

Kadima, our social group for sixth, seventh and eighth graders, has focused mainly on food so far this year. We gathered in the Sukkah for s'mores, and more recently enjoyed "Pie Pie," making individual pizza pie and dessert pies. Next up for this crew is dinner and ice skating in Silver Spring.

TI is a fortunate community in so, so many ways, not the least is the kind, engaging, fun and wonderful teens that are a part of this community. Thank you for sharing them with us!



Photo by Jennifer Kefer

Membership Committee Activities - Jennifer Kefer

On November 4, Tifereth Israel honored the 29 families who have joined TI since July 2022. It was an inspiring service that reflected the energy of our lay-led community.

The celebration began on Thursday evening, when several new members joined veteran members (and Francie Kranzberg, our wonderful kitchen maven!) to prepare a special kiddush lunch. Participants had an opportunity to get to know one another better, while contributing to the community.

On Shabbat, honorees participated in nearly every aspect of the service - they delivered a D'var Torah, read Torah, and led Musaf and Ein Keloheinu. New members were also called up for an Aliyah and received a special blessing from Rabbi Werbow.

In keeping with the "welcome to the TI family" theme, honorees received a gift bag with a few tokens of welcome and appreciation (see photo):

- Something Old: A cookbook of "historic" TI recipes (circa 2004)
- Something New: A wine glass with the TI logo
- Something Borrowed: A coupon book filled with "quintessential" TI experiences (like learning a new melody from Stan Dorn, leading "Al Keyn," and sharing l'chaims with Rabbi Werbow)
- Something Blue: A blue pasta scoop - with an invitation to "get the scoop on TI" (and find out why we have 350 of these sitting in storage!)

We are so grateful for our new members - and encourage everyone to help welcome them to the community. Huge thanks to Membership Committee members **Rona Siskind**, **Melissa Werbow**, and **Adrienne Torrey** for creating such a special morning.

College Care Packages

On October 26, a dozen congregants gathered together to prepare care packages for 40 TI teens and young adults who left high school in the last four years. Eight parents joined to assemble the packages, and many more contributed baked goods, snacks, and gadgets for the project. Contents included snacks (pretzels, chips, granola bars, tea, hot chocolate, and homemade rugelach); toys (playdough, dreidels and gelt, cards, stress cubes with affirmations, gel pens

and coloring bookmarks); first aid (Band Aids, Emergen-C mix, and ear plugs); and a hand-written note from members of the TI community. (See photo of contents on the next page.)



This event was intended to both reconnect parents with one another and to remind our emerging adults that they are a part of a community back home. At the time it was first conceived, we had no idea how badly our college students would need this virtual hug! But as antisemitism is rising on campuses around the country, this reminder of the people who love and miss them in Washington, D.C. could not have been better timed. In the days following the delivery of these packages, I have received a dozen notes, photos, and Facetime calls from excited students.

Big thanks to **Jared Garelick** and **Allison Turner** for helping organize, **Susan Catler** for gathering addresses, the many parents who contributed both time and

Membership Committee Activities - continued

treats, and Larry Paul for generously supporting shipping of these packages.



If you'd like to help organize similar programs in the future, I encourage you to consider joining the Membership Committee. We meet (by Zoom) on the second Thursday of each month. If you'd like to join our efforts, email me at timembership@tifereth-israel.org

Directing the Heart: Guided Meditation & Reflection Facilitated by Ann Kline

Meeting in the library every other Saturday at 10:15 am starting December 9th



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.

Tifereth Israel Social Action - Gene Herman

Julius Rosenwald Shalem Program December 16th

Julius Rosenwald was the son of German immigrants and turned Sears, Roebuck and Co. into the country's largest retailer. He used his new-found wealth to become a visionary philanthropist. Mr. Rosenwald became a close friend of Booker T. Washington. He became a trustee at Tuskegee Institute. Shortly after Mr. Rosenwald joined Tuskegee he agreed to Booker T. Washington's suggestion that more educational opportunities were needed for Blacks. In 1917, Rosenwald created the Julius Rosenwald Fund. Between 1928-1948, the fund provided assistance to nearly 900 individuals in the fields of education, history, medicine and the arts. Most were Black. The fund supported early

NAACP cases and contributed to historically black colleges and universities.

Julius Rosenwald also invested in improving the educational level of Black children in the south. Between 1913-1932 the Julius Rosenwald Fund helped fund the construction of 5,357 schools and related buildings across 15 southern states. These schools educated one-third of the African-American students in the South. Many of the graduates made significant contributions to the civil rights movement. He also funded the construction of a Black YMCA and an important housing project in Chicago. The innovative and far-reaching philanthropy of Julius Rosenwald on African-American education are nationally significant but are little known parts of 20th century American history. Lately, there has been an effort to tell the Rosenwald story through creation of a multi-site national park in his honor.

This Shalem program has 2 prominent speakers to help TI remember the many contributions of Julius Rosenwald and the importance of being a sponsor for the creation of the park. The speakers are: Stephanie Deutsch, who has spoken at TI previously, has written a book about Rosenwald and is now working to establish the park. The second is Dorothy Canter. She is Chair of the campaign to create the Julius Rosenwald and Rosenwald Schools National Historic Site.

Monthly Dinners at Shepherd's Table

Thanks to **Claudine Schweber, Joseph Martin, Paula Martin, Rebecca Coleman, Raymond Coleman, Howard Sumka, Michele Sumka, Esther Herman** and **Gene Herman** for helping to serve dinner at Shepherd's Table on Sunday, November 5. This was a busy time. TI has been volunteering at Shepherd's Table for more than 2 years.

The number of dinners served was approximately 200. This number is the highest since TI began this service. It is not a good reflection on the level of homeless in our neighborhood. We depend on volunteers, so if you are interested please register at

MIX-IT-UP SHABBAT



New to TI?

Want to make new friends?

**Sit at a "Mix It Up" table
and expand your circle!**

Brought to you by the Membership Committee

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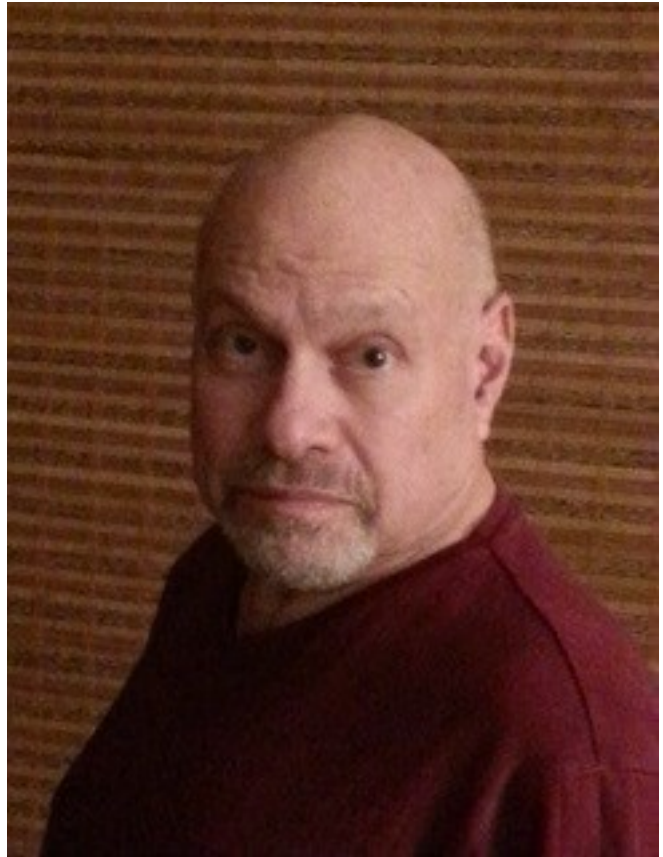
New Members - Jared Garelick

Michael Shapiro is no stranger to TI – he was our Executive Director for a decade, from 1988-1998. And that wasn't even his original connection. He grew up in Washington attending a different synagogue, but his father's family had been TI members. Mike has an uncle and a grandparent buried in TI's section of the Elesavetgrad Cemetery in Southeast DC.

Most of Mike's career was spent working in a variety of non-profit organizations, although he also had his own business in Charlotte, North Carolina for about a decade. Now retired, he and his wife **Arlene** are the proud parents of two grown daughters and grandparents of three grandsons. They are now living with their younger daughter and her son in Silver Spring.

For the past thirty years Mike has devoted significant time to umpiring amateur baseball games. Before retirement, he negotiated to take off a few afternoons a week during the spring season to umpire high school games. To him it was like a vacation. No matter what else is happening in work or life, umpiring a baseball game requires total concentration. He still works high school and adult recreation league games but has cut down; this year he umpired only about 85 games.

Mike enjoys being back at TI, reporting that he likes the services and camaraderie. Welcome back to TI Mike!



Social Action - continued

<https://shepherdstable.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/tiferethisrael>. Kids 13 and older are welcome. Dates for next year start with January 7 and February 4, 2024.

Christmas Brunch at Shepherd's Table

In December, instead of serving dinner at Shepherd's Table, we provide Christmas Day brunch. This year Christmas falls on a Monday. The shift runs from 9-12 pm with meal service beginning at 9:15 am. A holiday meal is served to each person. We expect to serve at least 200 people. To make the meal more festive TI also hands out presents to those present. The presents usually consist of warm weather clothing such as socks, gloves, scarfs and caps. TI buys these items using funds provided by donations. Donations to help cover the cost can be made to the TI Social Action Marvin Caplan Fund. Once the clothing items arrive we need volunteers to assemble gift packages (could involve kids). To volunteer for helping with the present assembly please get in touch with **Julie Steinberg** (contact information in Shulcloud). Donations or assistance with the brunch program will be greatly appreciated.

Composer Seth Glabman Conducts Premiere Performance - Adele Natter

TI's own **Seth Glabman** conducted the Greenbelt Community Orchestra in a performance of his original work, "Soundscape Rhapsody #1" before an overflow audience on Sunday, November 19. He also led the orchestra in pieces by Mozart and Carl Maria Von Weber.

Seth Glabman received his master's degree in Music Education from Queens College of the City University of New York and his Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Maryland. He has dedicated his life to music as a performer, scholar, composer, and teacher.

This production was also the inaugural performance of the Greenbelt Community Orchestra. A few TI members were fortunate to be among the diverse and enthusiastic audience. Photos by Adele Natter.



Recent and Future Empty Nesters Chavurah

- Judah Flum & Lisa Itkin

Hello recent and future empty nesters of TI!

The TI Membership Committee is working on establishing a new Chavurah within the TI community.

The latest opportunity is a gathering of adults who are approaching, preparing to be or have become empty nesters, which will be known as the "Empty Nesters Chavurah." It would be a great opportunity for those of us adjusting to our children being elsewhere and/or contemplating retirement, wanting to socialize, exchange ideas, mentor or be mentored.

If you would like to be part of this or might be interested in the idea, we would like to invite you to an initial gathering which will be a Havdalah at our home in Silver Spring, on Saturday, December 9, from 6:15 PM to 10:00 PM. This is just one of the events toward formation of this Chavurah.

This event will happen like a standard community Havdalah. We will serve potato latkes, sour cream and applesauce, and will have plenty of wine and whisky, other liquors and beer,

water and seltzer, while we are asking attendees to bring a pareve or dairy main, side or dessert to serve 8-10 people.

Please go to <https://tiferethdc.shulcloud.com/event/empty-nesters-chanukah-havdalah.html> and contact Judah Flum for sign up information.

Other than your names and best contact info, we ask you to let us know four things, 1) are you interested in being part of the Chavurah, 2) will you be joining us for the Havdalah, 3) whether 1 or 2 of you will attend the Havdalah and 4) if you are joining us for the Havdalah, what pareve main, side or dessert you will be bringing.

We do have a cat and we're fine keeping her up in one of the rooms upstairs; please be aware of that and let us know if we need to address it.

We are looking forward to kicking off this community Chavurah and hope that you are able to join us. As you're giving it thought, please plan to let us know by December 6th.

Treasures from the Family of Choice - Lisa Goldring

Who says family treasures have to stay within blood family lines? Some items are just as treasured when they come from friends who become family. This challah plate came to me about 25 years ago. It was in JoAnn Albert's family and neither she nor her sister wanted it. I needed a challah plate for a Rosh Hashana dinner, and it was a match made in heaven!

Aunt JoAnn comes to all of my holiday family dinners, and her challah plate has pride of place on my table. I wonder whether one of my daughters or my niece will get it when both JoAnn and I are gone.

Photo by Tom Goldring



November 14th March for Israel



Photo below by Carla Ellern. Photos above by anonymous helpful passers-by.



November 14th March for Israel



Photo at left by David Handwerker. All others on this page by Sara Handwerker.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

12/1 Barbara Bass
 12/2 Karenna Seltman
 Lena Siskind
 12/3 Leo Shettler-Marx
 12/4 Noah Bullen
 Francis Gomes
 Geoff Thale
 12/5 Leah Weinryb Grohsgal
 Jeanne Ireland
 12/6 Overton Butler
 Jacob Heller
 12/7 Simona Sacks
 Mike Unterweger
 12/8 Beverly Lehrer
 Judy Shapiro
 Alexander Wolfson
 12/9 David M. Cohen
 Eliot Goldberg
 Tali Stopak-Mathis
 12/10 Melissa Perera
 12/11 Isabella Gotthelf
 Seth Johnson
 Howard Siegel
 12/12 Elizabeth Handwerker
 Elana Kellner
 12/13 Luis Acosta
 Benjamin Galat
 Daniel Galat
 Ava Strollo
 12/14 Emma Rose Borzekowski
 Flair Doherty
 Josh Kranzberg
 12/15 JoAnn Albert

Mona Berch
 Marsha Gentner
 12/16 John Goggin
 Vera Makembe
 12/17 Eleanor Frankel Hart
 Renee Gindi
 Shelley Reback
 Elliot Rosen
 Ellen Zwibak
 12/20 Rona Siskind
 Louis Spector
 12/21 Estie Alemu
 Ronni Davis
 Charlotte Goldberg
 Dan Liebman
 Tina Lunson
 Stephen Saletta
 12/22 Paul Craig
 12/23 Lillian Rosen
 12/24 Hannah Forman
 Jacob Forman
 R. Kelley Gludt
 12/25 Myron Murdock
 Samantha Reback
 12/26 Jon Alterman
 Ezra Brandt Lautman
 Marjorie Greenberg
 Alene Moyer
 12/27 Ari Vitale Levin
 12/28 Mitchell Lazarus
 Yvonne Shashoua
 12/29 Sara Goldberg
 Michael Linden
 Jessica Weissman
 12/30 Gordon Glaser

Joanna Kramer
 Hillel Tulchin
 12/31 Sonya Weiner

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

12/1 Francie & Josh Kranzberg
 12/2 Christine & Mort Simon
 12/20 Andrew Apostolou &
 Aliza Marcus
 12/21 Judy & Morris
 Rodenstein
 Mical & Michael
 Schneider
 12/23 Barbara & Michael
 Milton
 12/27 R. Ethan & Rachel Seidel
 12/28 Daniel &
 Elizabeth Handwerker
 12/30 Ron Ghatan &
 Megan Larkin
 12/31 Genevieve Sapir &
 Gregory Stackel



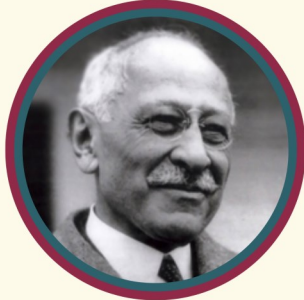
Celebrate on December 16

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ROSENWALD SCHOOLS
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Saturday, December 16 at 1:15 pm

Special guests will speak about the campaign to establish the Julius Rosenwald & Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park.

Learn more at bit.ly/TIShalem1216.



USY bowling event. Photo by Jennifer Kefer

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
- SeaChange
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Black Lives Matter vigil (every Friday @4 PM)
- Returning Citizens Assistance Network (RCAN)
- Food bin collection for Friendship Place/La Casa





RETREAT KATAN

Friday, December 1 – Saturday, December 2
featuring



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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY EVENING: 6 pm: Services led by Rak Shalom | 7 pm: Shabbat Dinner

SATURDAY

8:15 am: Mishna with Rabbi Werbow

9 am: Services

Noon: Kiddush Luncheon

1 pm: Game Time (Anagrams, Board Games)

2 pm: Learning Sessions – Adults & Teens

2 pm: Jewpardy – Elementary Aged

2:45 pm: Learning Sessions – Adults & Teens

2:45 pm: Ga-Ga Tournament – Elementary Aged

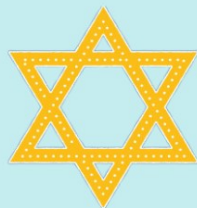
3:30 pm: Rak Shalom Concert

4:30 pm: Mincha

5 pm: Seudah Shlishit

6 pm: Havdalah

Learn more at bit.ly/TIKatan



SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

TOT SHABBAT FAMILY JAM

December 2 at 11:00 am

Learn more at bit.ly/TITots.

MINI MINYAN

December 9 at 11:00 am

Learn more at bit.ly/TIMini.

JUNIOR MINYAN

December 9 & 23 at 10:15 am

Learn more at bit.ly/TIJrMinyan.

TOT SHABBAT: YOGA WITH DODA

December 9 at 11:00 am

Learn more at bit.ly/TITots.

YOUTH & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

USY CHANUKAH PARTY

Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 pm

Learn more at bit.ly/TIUSY129.

CHANUKAH EXTRAVAGANZA

Sunday, December 10 at 5:00 pm

Learn more at bit.ly/TIChan2023.

BAT/BAR/KABBALAT MITZVAH CLUB (CLUB BBK)

Sundays at 9:15 am

December 10, January 7 & January 21

Learn more at bit.ly/TIBBKClub.

Nayes un Mechayes - Dori Gillman

Nayes

Dana and Sheridan Neimark left Tuesday morning for Northampton, MA, to spend Thanksgiving 2023 with daughter Rebecca, son-in-law Lee Spector, their son Eli (from medical school in California) and daughter Anya (from Atlanta) and their significant others, as well as other Moshniks of the Spector clan from California. Then, Friday morning off to Highland Park, NJ, to spend Shabbat with son Matthew, his wife Dikla, and their 5 children Bin-yamin, Noa, Frieda, Yona and Ilan, before returning home on Monday.

In October three Tlers, **Judi Berland**, **JoAnn Albert**, and **Lisa Goldring** met at the Bevis Marks synagogue in London for Friday night services and dinner.



Photo by Lynwood Sawyer

After dinner, they walked to the Liverpool Street Underground Station where they discovered a small memorial to the children brought to England on the KinderTransport during World War II.

For a description of the memorial and the history of the sculpture, see:

<https://yoursculpture.wordpress.com/2015/09/14/fur-das-kind-at-liverpool-street-station/>



Photo courtesy of Lisa Goldring

Sad News

Paul William Miller, father of TI member Laura (J. C.) Craig, and grandfather of Paul and Llewelyn, died unexpectedly in the early hours of September 15, 2023, 29 Elul 5783, near his home outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was 80. He is also survived by his wife of 58 years, Lee Stern Miller; his sister Susan (Jerry) Slear, niece and nephews, Julie, Stuart, and Marc Reiss; brother-in-law Harris W. W. Stern and nephew Harry S. Stern. He was predeceased by his mother and father, Elizabeth and Milton Miller, and his parents-in-law, Jean and Mike Stern.

During much of his life, Paul was a polymath who needed very little sleep. He graduated in 1965 with a degree in sociology at Temple University but with a young wife and baby on the way, decided that computer systems would be a more re-

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warding path. He taught himself to code at night and got jobs at Honeywell and ARA Services. In the mid-90s, after suffering a brain injury that affected his vision, he became an artist. He worked with paper, porcelain, glazes, and hand-building techniques at the Clay Studio in Philadelphia.

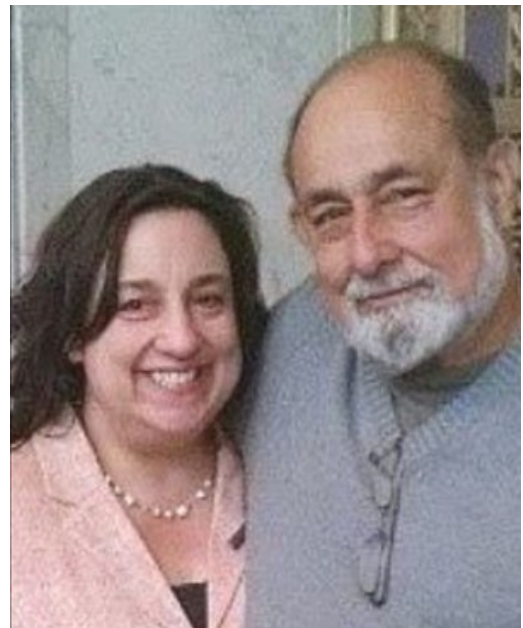
Even as he reinvented himself as an artist, he maintained his sales and software skills. He consulted to non-profit organizations for many years and contributed to organizations that made a difference in people's lives. He loved to travel with his wife. Before the brain injury, they were avid birders.

His spiritual journey was also an important part of his life. He grew up in a Jewish family, living for a time with his maternal grandmother who spoke only Yiddish. He spent much of his adult life searching for a spiritual home. At one time he attended meetings at the Philadelphia Ethical Society. Later, he began to explore Buddhism and became a member of the Shambhala Meditation Center of Philadelphia. He then found a spiritual leader in Lama Losang Samten at the Chenrezig Tibetan Buddhist Center. He was proud to participate in his grandchild's Bar Mitzvah at TI.

In 2017, he moved to the Coventry House Co-Op, where he formed many friendships that sustained him in his later years. He joined the Mankind Project, an international organization that connected men to themselves and others. He was particularly committed to his group of elders in the community and ran a Zoom program based on Stephen Levine's "A Year to Live."

His quirky sense of humor sometimes yielded unexpected results, such as when he joked to his future wife that he was named Paul "Wilhelm" Miller, after the Kaiser. He was hoisted on his own petard when his fiancée believed him and their engagement announcement in the Times-Picayune was published with the wrong name. Always a kidder, he never learned his lesson.

Most of all, Paul adored his family. He spent many hours having fun with his grandchildren and was incredibly proud of both of them.



Family Photo

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

RISING SONG SHABBAT

Sponsored by the Ritual Committee

RISING SONG ON SHABBAT MORNING

Saturday, December 16 at 9:00 am

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

Canned Goods Drive

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.

Kol Nashim Book Group - Jessica Weissman

The KN book group met November 22nd to discuss *Single Jewish Male Seeking Soulmate* by Letty Cottin Pogrebin. While some attendees thought the characters were stereotypes, others found the book compelling if not an example of great writing. We also disagreed about whether the ending was ambiguous; we all agreed that it was too abrupt.

Our December reading is *Once We Were Slaves: The Extraordinary Journey of a Multi-Racial Jewish Family*, by Laura Arnold Liebman. Blanche Moses, member of a prominent Jewish family and obsessive genealogist, had always thought her maternal ancestors were Sephardic grandees. Through her research she discovered that the truth of her maternal grandmother's line was quite different and more interesting, as implied in the book's title.

Copies are plentiful in the MoCo library, and the book is easily available in electronic and printed formats.

We will meet in December via Zoom. 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.

January's reading is Allegra Goodman's *The Family Markowitz*. This was her first published work, a set of linked short stories about three generations of the title family. Library copies are available.

All are welcome, whether you have finished or even started the book. Highly reliable peer-reviewed research shows that a statistically significant portion of those who have not finished the book plan to do so after attending the discussion.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming meetings.

Funeral Practices Committee Always On-Call

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

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

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Marcia Goggin c: 301-792-1063

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 w: 703-417-8983



Kol Nashim, the Voice of Women at TI, invites you to save the date

January 20th at 8:00 pm

GAME ON!

You want to compete, you know it, it's fine. We've got board games, role playing games or bring your own. **Game Night** by KN and those party people, *Gevarim*, always a good time.

Excellent snacks & drinks provided.

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 3 -- *Zionism After Statehood: The Legacy of 1948*, December 3, 10:30 AM-12:15 PM [on TI zoom]

This panel addresses how the 1948 War of Independence changed American Jewish attitudes towards Zionism. The three panelists will upend prevailing assumptions about this pivotal year in Jewish history by reassessing the origins and consequences of the Jewish state's creation. The panel will examine the surprising degree of U. S. government opposition to Israel's creation before 1948; the tensions between the principles underpinning the new state's political order and their realization in practice; and the ways in which popular culture created an idealized image of Israel in the minds of American Jews. Panelists:

- Jeffrey Herf | University of Maryland
- Deborah Dash Moore | University of Michigan
- Omer Bartov | Brown University

Moderated by Gavriel Rosenfeld | Center for Jewish History and Fairfield University

Session 4 -- *Zionism Today: Religion and Culture*, December 17, 10:30 AM-12:15 PM [on TI zoom]

From the beginning, Zionism and Israel have been entwined with American religious identity. This panel explores recent and contemporary snapshots of Israel as a repository of spiritual meaning, a central dynamic of the American gaze. We will explore the intersections of American Judaism in its multiple manifestations, including the question of Aliyah, the role of consumption and consumerism and the image of Israel in the American Jewish imagination, and the wider context of American Evangelical embrace of Israel over recent decades. Panelists:

- Amy Weiss | University of Hartford
- Shaul Kelner | Vanderbilt University
- Zev Eleff | Gratz College

Moderated by Jess Olson | Yeshiva University

Talmud Study with Rabbi Seidel -- Shabbat, December 9, 1:00-2:00 PM. Tractate Sanhedrin in English translation. (In Reamer Chapel or Berch Library)

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:

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Wheelchair accessible seating ● Wheelchair lift to Bimah**

December Yahrzeitn

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

November 24-25

12/1 Al Blanco
Mollie Fischer
Julius Gottlieb
Brian Daniel Greenstein
Beverly Hartstein
Meg Wilkes Karraker
Frances Silverman
Ezekiel Wolf

December 1-2

12/2 Dora Burka
Samuel M. Jewler
David Levy
Irving Malbin
Yetta Rosen
Irving I. Rosenberg
Cynthia Sperling Yosseff
Bertha Minnie Trupp
Benjamin Yormark
12/3 Corey Axel
Sylvia Woolf Morss
N. David Neimark
Bernard Rubinstein
12/4 Rose Corman
Rose Epstein
Sadie Grolman
Samuel Reibstein
12/5 Joseph Birnman
Lena Kramer
Martha Levy
Faye Phillips
Rabbi Jack L Shapiro
Karl Waldman
12/6 Leon Kandell
Sara Rovinsky
Israel Temple
12/7 Mollie Bernstein
Rose Bojankosky
Frances Cooper
Miriam Taishoff
Jacobson
Ida Klaben
Charles Lipshitz
Roy Weber
12/8 Gilda Bram

Morton L. Cohen
Irving Hoffman
Robert List
Edith Schwartz Sarrow
Max Sherman
Flora Wertheim

December 8-9

12/9 Joseph Caplan
Jennie Donsky
Evelyn Reiss
Ralph Trupp
Ruth Goldstein
Weintraub
12/10 Muriel Berkowitz
Florence Gross
Abe Hofberg
Frances Peck
12/11 Bernard Anker
Bertha Feldman
Lorraine Goldman
M. Jerry Winnick
12/12 Robert Allan Barr
Chuck Britt
William Greene
Alvin Himmelfarb
Sarah Hofberg
Joseph Levin
Meyer Liebman
Joseph Perlzweig
Mollie Rudnick
Selmajean Schneider
Annie Silverman
Hyman Sperling
12/13 David Davidson
Toby Footer
Herbert Gelernter
Miriam Mae Hoffman
Charles Louis Kincannon
Hannah Clair Klein
Dr. Herbert Radler
Dr. Solomon Weintraub
12/14 Lewis Berman
James Flug
Irma Naiman
Greenspoon

Lou Meckler
Lillian Reamer
Esther Root
Carol B. Sherman
Laurence S. Weiss
12/15 Pauline Danowitz
Estelle Frankel Druskin
Irene Feigelis
Zelda Joy Fields
Marilyn Gleckman
Beatrice F. Lewis
Helen Switkes Pedolsky
Frieda Perlzweig

December 15-16

12/16 Miriam Meyer Gross
Sadie C. Nathanson
David Simon
Judith Z. Weilerstein
Walter Wulfsohn
12/17 Dora Gerber
Madeline Kohn
Alan H. Kotz
Samuel Poms
12/18 Roger A. Amsellem
Alexander H. Grolman
Helen Janus
Ernestine List
Micah Naftalin
Leah Bluestone Odle
12/19 Anna Goodman
Cesia Honig
Marshall Jacobson
Samuel Jewler
Abraham Millman
Sumner M. Morss
David Mostow
Mildred Pearlman
Malcolm Peterman
12/20 Goldie Feinsilver
Lillian S. Lascoff
Estelle Rose Morss
David Primack
12/21 William Gorewitz
Susan Harvey

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December Yahrzeitn - continued

12/21	Ida Mendelson Lepp Isaac M. Neviasher Miriam Penn Morris Wolf		Isaac Millman Meyer Needle	12/28	David Albert Gutman, Jr. A. Arvin Lynn Ruth Bell Virginia Dublin Morris Max Jewler Jerrold Paul Simon
12/22	Saul Berenbaum Melvin Bressler Louis Eisenstein Dr. Denis Fabian Martin Lawrence Friedman Martin Leff Hyman Mendelson Belle P. Modell Jens Pedersen Doris Pincus Beryl G. Reynolds Isaac Joel Shleien Minda Tilchin	12/24	Goldie Friedman Ralph Handwerker Morris Kaplan David I. Rothberg		
		12/25	Dorothy Frankel Filderman Dr. Henry Goldstein Esther Hillson Hilda Kahn Albert Marks Norman Morris R. Raymond Rothman	December 29-30	
December 22-23		12/26	Leon Cywan Barbara Goldberg Mazer Bernie Shleien	12/30	Rose Barshefsky Stephanie Diamond Cohen Milton Forman Robert Frankel Stella Kraft Isaac Levy Naomi Meckler Arnold Schainker
12/23	Roslyn H. Albert Mollie Botkin Maurice Cowan Rebecca Goldstein Brian Leslie Kalmus Tova Levine	12/27	Fannie Fishman Frances Friedlander Clara Goldring Marie Nash Johnson Leon Kahanov Gladys Elizabeth Miller Marjorie S. Schiffman Ella Schwarz	12/31	Ruth Davidson Robert S. Gallun Anna Schwarz Herbert Wagner

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ONGOING ACTIVITIES

CAFÉ KEHILLAH

Saturdays, Dec. 2, 16 & 30 at 10:00 am

Grab a cuppa, visit with friends, or enjoy a moment of quiet contemplation.

Learn more at bit.ly/TICafe.

SERVE DINNER AT SHEPHERD'S TABLE

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee

Sunday, December 3 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

Sundays, December 3 and 17 at 10:30 am

View and discuss this presentation by the [Center for Jewish History](#) as 20 experts examine the long relationship between the American Jewish community and the Zionist movement.

Learn more at bit.ly/TIHistory23.

KOL NASHIM BOOK CLUB *

Tuesday, December 19 at 7:30 pm

The book this month is [Once We Were Slaves: the Extraordinary Journey of a Multiracial Jewish Family](#) by Laura Arnold Leibman. 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, December 24 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

Fridays at 5:00 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 *

Fridays 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

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.

DIRECTING THE HEART: GUIDED MEDITATION & REFLECTION

Saturdays, December 9 & 23 at 10:15 am

TI member Ann Kline is a spiritual director, retired hospice chaplain and current hospice volunteer. She will guide reflection on the weekly Torah portion through alternative readings and meditation.

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

TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI SEIDEL

Saturday, December 9 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 can access 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.

PARASHAT HASHAVUA CLASS **

Mondays, December 4, 11 & 18 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 WITH STEPHANIE RUBIN **

Thursdays at 10:30 am

This virtual class is reading [Bereishit](#), covering approximately ten verses each week.

Learn more at bit.ly/45tiT3B.

*In person and virtual | **Virtual only

Donations—October 16 to November 12

Annual Appeal

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 Ira Forman & Caryn Pass
 Renee Gindi & Alan Zibel
 Seth Glabman & Martha Hare
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 Myrna Goldman
 Abraham & Dena Greenstein
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 Dennis Kirschbaum & Barbara Raimondo
 Robert Lande & Jeri Roth Lande
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 Adele & Michael Sumner
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Patricia Dicks
 Seth Glabman & Martha Hare in honor of Judah Flum's special birthday
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 Francie & Josh Kranzberg in memory of Fred S. Flatow
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 Nechama Malkiel & Toby Reiter in support of the Chanukah Extravaganza
 Mical & Michael Schneider in honor of Nathan Turner's Bar Mitzvah
 Allison & Daniel Turner
 Barbara & Howard White in memory of Helen Sachs

Helping Hands Fund

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 David & Janice Mehler in memory of Flora Secular

Kol Nashim

Hannah & Howard Rubin for the Genealogy Program

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Trudy Horkin in memory of Diane Stahl
 David & Janice Mehler in honor of Rachel Seidel, for Refugee Support
 Dana & Sheridan Neimark in honor Nathan Turner's Bar Mitzvah

New Initiatives Fund

Paul Moorehead in memory of Alexandra P. Kincannon

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Devorah Labaton Stein & Micah Stein in honor of our local police force

Sunday Tzedakah

Trudy Horkin in memory of Zilla Loon

Yahrzeit Donations

Florence Berlin in memory of Nathan Berlin
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Donations – October 16 to November 12 - continued

Yahrzeit Donations

Carole & David Preston in memory of
Alvin Himmelfarb

Christine & Morton Simon in memory of Lillian T. Platt

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members

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Yizkor Donation

Myrna Goldman



COMMUNITY HAVDALAH POTLUCKS

Sponsored by the TI Membership Committee

December 16 | Hosted by Rabbi & Melissa Werbow

January 27 | Hosted by Margie Odle & Carl Bergman

February 10 | Hosted by Jenn & Josh Kefer

March 9 | Hosted by Mikey Franklin & Sonya Shpilyuk

Dinners start at 6:00 pm.

Please bring a kosher dairy or vegetarian dish to share.

Please RSVP so families know how many to expect.

RSVP and learn more at bit.ly/TIHP23.

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Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

December 15, 2023

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

December 22, 2023

Howard & Michele Sumka
Michael & Adele Sumner
Miriam Sznycer-Taub & Henri Makembe
Jennifer & Naomi Taransky
Kassahun Teffera & Melke Mengiste
Jevera Temsky
Glenn & Diane Thrush
Rachel Tickner
Michael Tilchin & Linda Greer
Adrienne Torrey & Joel Colfidis
Peter & Rhoda Trooboff
Rabbi Lauren Tuchman
Paula Tucker
Allan & Judy Tulchin
Daniel & Allison Turner
Michael Unterweger

Susan Vitale
David Wachtel & Jenny Goldstein
Reenie Wagner
Harry Waldman & Susan Morse
Marc Warshawsky & Vivian Seidner

December 29, 2023

Louise Weingarten Wiener
Leah Weinryb Grohsgal
Jon Weintraub & Judith Heimlich
Dov Weitman & Sylvia Horwitz
Alan & Cynthia Weitz
Melissa Werbow
Howard & Barbara White
Peter Winch & Denice Zeck
Carole Woodle
Adam & Dorothea Wolfson
Lesley Zark
Christopher Zeilinger & Ann Baker
Yohanes Zeleke
Alan Zibel & Renee Gindi
Diana Zurer
Ellen Zwibak

January 5, 2024

Luis Acosta & Karen Levin
Sandra Adelstein
Andrew Afflerbach & Joanne Hovis
JoAnn Albert
Estie Alemu
Jon Alterman & Katherine LaRiviere
Morton Alterman
Robyn Altman & Brendan Doherty
Lisa & Tim Anderegg
Leonard Bachman
Heike Bailin
Burt Barnow & Joyce Kaiser
Gideon Bass & Mae Cooper

Charlie Baum
Leonard & Joy Baxt
Mark & Mona Berch
Bruce & Laurinda Berger
Carl Bergman & Marjorie Odle
Judith Berland

January 19, 2024

Sidney Bailin
Sarah Berman
Dana Beyer
Jackie Binogol
Sheri Blonder
Gideon & Lisa Blumenthal
Ron & Dina Borzekowski
Larry & Lise Bram
Sarah Bram
Daniel & Ariel Brandt Lautman
Steven & Rachel Bressler
Renana Brooks
Sharon Brown
Alice Burton
L Lee Butler
Nataliya Chernyak Cowen
David & Elana Cohen
David & Judith Cohen

January 26, 2024

Hal Cohen & Katherine Benton-Cohen
Susan Chapin
Raymond & Rebecca Coleman
Laura & J.C. Craig
Miriam Davidson
Lafayette (Ronni) Davis
Adam Diamond & Rabbi Jane Berman
Helen Disenhaus
Stan Dorn & Carla Ellern

January 26, 2024

Desiree Douglas
Benjamin Dreyfus & Rabbi Elizabeth Richman

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Chanukah Lamps from Around the World - Simcha Kuritzky

Editor's note: this is the conclusion of an article that ran in the November issue of the Menorah.



Last are two lamps from the Americas. In honor of the U.S. bicentennial, Israel's 10 lirot of 1976 (5737) shows an early American Chanukah lamp. This is also the only coin of the series with the inscription in English as well as Hebrew. This lamp is in the form of a box so it could be easily transported, and was probably made for a frontier peddler. It is also the only lamp shown lit. The one lamp that only appears on the brass half new sheqel is from the Dutch island of Curaçao, in the Caribbean off the coast of Venezuela. The lamp was donated to Congregation Mikve Israel-Emanuel in 1716 by Jacob Yesurun Henriques. It bears the Hebrew inscription "In the year, 'beaten for the light' to kindle an eternal flame." It is the oldest Chanukah lamp in continuous use. This coin was part of the 2002 (5761) Chanukah mint set.

From 1962 to 1990, Israel issued 22 coins portraying Chanukah lamps from around the world, and 15 of these were also put on a brass half new sheqel in a mint set from 1993 to 2009, plus one lamp that was new to the series. Even though most are silver, they are inexpensive to collect. The mint sets with the lamp coins are harder to find, but are reasonably priced. They can be a fun way to add some Chanukah art to your holiday.

It's Still Your Menorah - Jessica Weissman

The Menorah would be a bunch of blank pages without you. Yes, we run a set of regular columns, and we include information about TI events. But what makes the Menorah interesting is what you contribute. If there is a topic of Jewish interest (broadly interpreted) that you have something to say about, make it a Menorah article. If you've read a book of Jewish interest that excited you, tell the rest of TI about it in the Menorah. I'll be glad to talk through your idea with you, and to work with you to find a good approach.

Also, I'm still looking for family history articles and articles about heirlooms and Judaica handed down in your family. Tell your story to the best audience around - your fellow congregants.

There will be some new series starting in 2024. Stay tuned.

Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments - continued

January 26, 2024

Pierre & Deena Dugan

Henry Einhorn

Marshall Einhorn & Deborah
Skolnick-Einhorn

David & Helene Emsellem

Ernie Englander

Rabbi Charles & Krayna Feinberg

Miriam Feinsilver

Roger & Gail Feldman

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