



## Tifereth Israel Congregation

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# The Menorah

## From the President: Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block

Sometime in January, I realized I had had Passover seder on my mind. As I began to think about menus and guests and planning, I caught myself and asked why my brain was taking me in that direction? Passover was three months away! Then I realized that we are in the weeks in the parsha cycle when we read the story of the Exodus from Egypt.



When I mentioned this to a friend, she said that it always struck her as strange that those parshiot don't land during Passover itself. But I like that we have two times of year to focus on the story. In fact, there is a famous Mishna, which is quoted in the Hagaddah, that says we should be focusing on the Exodus story not twice a year, but twice a day – each morning and each evening.

Why the centrality of this story? As Professor Michael Walzer famously wrote in the conclusion of his masterpiece *Exodus and Revolution*, "We still believe, or

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## From the Rabbi: Rabbi Michael Werbow

Isn't it great when you have some found time? Sometimes it's when you have a busy day scheduled and then some of the appointments get rescheduled or a project deadline gets pushed back. You have a bit of found time.

The same thing happens when it is Tu B'Shvat and you are thinking there is only one month until Purim and two months until Pesach but then you flip the calendar and see that it is a leap year. This of course adds an additional month and pushes things back. It also doesn't sneak up on us like that, but it is fun nonetheless.



With this additional month, I am often asked about how things like Yahrzeits are marked. Are they observed in Adar I or Adar II? This, of course, is no simple question, and you will not be surprised to know that there is no simple answer. One of my teachers, Rabbi David Golinkin, lays out support for four different possibilities.

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## From the President - continued

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many of us do, what the Exodus first taught about the meaning and possibility of politics and about its proper form: First; that wherever you live, it is probably Egypt; second; that there is a better place, a world more attractive, a promised land; and third, that the way to the land is through the wilderness. There is no way to get from here to there except by joining together and marching." At this time, with so many megalomaniacal and dehumanizing leaders in this country, in the Middle East, and around the world, it's easy to feel stuck. But recounting the story of the Exodus – not just at Passover, but every day – reminds us to envision a better future, and to reach for others to join together to get there.

R. Jason Kimelman-Block

Game Night knitters and puzzlers.

Photo: Louise Kelley



### **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](mailto:TISocialaction@tifereth-israel.org).

## From the Rabbi - continued

They are:

1. Observe in Adar I
2. Observe in Adar II
3. Observe in both
4. Observe in Adar I the first year and in Adar II all other years.

With support for all these opinions in Jewish legal codes, here is his summary conclusion (you can find his whole explanation by searching for “When a Person Passed Away in Adar golinkin” and it’ll be the first option):

In conclusion, since the custom of yahrzeit and mourner’s kaddish arose hundreds of year after the Talmud, there is no clear consensus as to whether an Adar yahrzeit should be observed in Adar I or Adar II. Furthermore, there is not even a clear consensus among Ashkenazim or Sefaradim. Personally, I prefer the custom of Adar II. Since Purim is observed in Adar II, this is the month which most Jews today consider the “real” Adar. However, it is perfectly legitimate to observe a yahrzeit in Adar I following the many opinions and precedents found above. Finally, while I do not recommend ob-

serving a yahrzeit in both Adars, it is certainly understandable how this custom arose, given the lack of conclusive proof for the other two opinions.

For me, since there is validity to all of these opinions, I think of it another way. It is understandable that we would want to observe in Adar I since we are anticipating this observance and, as with many other things in Judaism, we want to get to it as soon as possible. However, if there is some significance for you in observing in Adar II, for example if you connect the yahrzeit in relationship to Purim, then observe it in Adar II. For example, if you have in your memory that your loved one died two days before Purim, then observe it in Adar II, two days before Purim.

So, take advantage of the extra time. Enjoy all the special activities we have coming up at TI in Adar I. Commit some time to learning more about Purim and Pesach. Dedicate some of your found time to helping others or your community. And, even though we emphasize “Be Happy It’s Adar” in Adar II, be happier now, it’s so much fun.

Rabbi Werbow



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

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



SAVE THE DATE FOR  
TI'S ANNUAL

P U R I M

CARNIVAL

Sunday, March 24 | 11 am - 1 pm

*Treats, Games, Prizes, and More!*

## Membership Committee Update - Genevieve Sapir

One of the phrases I hear a lot at TI is *Tikkun Olam*. Repair the World. We have a strong culture and tradition of trying to fix what's broken. Our Social Action Committee is usually the pointy end of the spear on that. They help people who need help and work toward righting societal wrongs.

*Tikkun Olam* has been on my mind a lot lately, and I've been thinking, what is *Tikkun Olam*? We often look outward with social action and acts of kindness to help those in need. But can *Tikkun Olam* also be inward facing? We are all part of this world. What if we need a little repair as well?

Since the events in Israel on October 7, things have been difficult in so many different ways. I feel like I see the need for *Tikkun Olam* everywhere I look. In the international arena, in domestic politics, and in myself as an individual. There is a lot out there to repair. It can be overwhelming and it can wear us down. When so much is in need of repair, where do we start?

This Purim, the Membership Committee will start with some *Tikkun Olam* in our own little corner of the world, with you, the TI community. We will be giving *Tikkun Olam*-themed *mishloach manot* gift bags to each member household during the TI Purim festivities (in the evening of Saturday, March 23 and during the day, Sunday, March 24). *Mishloach manot* are the traditional gifts we share with one another on Purim to bring us together as a community. Jews give *mishloach manot* to each other as an inward-facing act of *Tikkun Olam*. We do this to unify us as Jews and to bridge whatever divides we have between us. It's about strength and unity through kindness.

We can't guarantee that our *mishloach manot* will give everything that's needed to repair what's broken in the world or to meet your individual needs. But they are a token of our appre-

ciation for this wonderful community and, we hope, a symbol of our strength and unity during these challenging times.

Every household gets a bag free of charge. To give *mishloach manot* is a mitzvah, and we do it as *gemilut hassadim*, an act of loving kindness without the expectation of anything in return. Your bag will be ready and waiting for you at TI starting on the evening of March 23.

We also make it easy for **you** to fulfill this mitzvah. Each member is invited to join us and spread some loving kindness by sponsoring *mishloach manot* that go to other TI members. You can sponsor a bag to individual households or even the whole congregation. When you sponsor a bag, we sign your name to the Purim greeting card that goes to the households you designate. This part has a modest cost associated with it, the details are here: <https://www.tifereth-israel.org/campaign/mishloach-manot-2024.html> The good news is that if you sponsor *mishloach manot*, your mitzvah does double duty. The money we raise through these sponsorships comes right back to support those activities that help make this community strong.

To be clear – the *mishloach manot* are our gift to you irrespective of whether you decide to sponsor a bag for other members.

If you won't be able to join us on Purim, you can pick up your bag at TI during normal office hours between March 25 and April 1, but it's best to call ahead to make sure someone will be there. If you don't think you'll be able to come to the Purim festivities or swing by the TI office that week, please let us know. We will bring the *mishloach manot* to you. Contact us at [TIMembership@Tifereth-Israel.org](mailto:TIMembership@Tifereth-Israel.org) to make the arrangements.



## Tu B'Shvat Celebrations

TI held Tu B'Shvat celebrations for children and for adults this year. Photos of the children's event by Rabbi Kelley Gludt and Michelle Strollo. Photo of the Tu B'Shvat Seder for adults by Morris Klein.





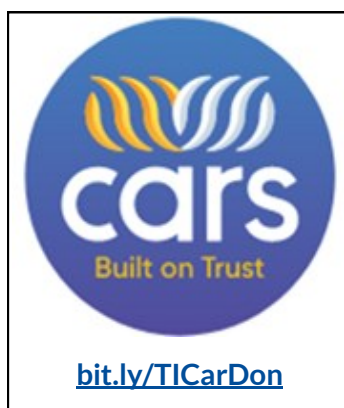
**Kol Nashim** is sponsoring a guided tour of the collection at the new **Capital Jewish Museum**.

**When?** Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 11:15 am (Tour 11:30 to 12:30)

**Where?** The Capital Jewish Museum, 575 3<sup>rd</sup> Street NW, Washington, DC 20001. We will meet at the museum.

**What will we do there?**

- Gain a better understanding of how the **DC Jewish Community** has grown.
- Experience a **reconstructed DC synagogue** from the late 1800's.
- See amazing **Jewish artifacts** and read about Jewish families who were there,
- View the **Wall of Prominent Jewish Families**, some from our own TI family.





# Refugee Shabbat

*Supporting Refugee Families Resettling In  
Our Neighborhood*

February 10, 2024 | Rosh Chodesh Adar I

Cook Afghan Food for Kiddush - Wed and Thur Feb 7/8

Hear about the New Neighbor Interfaith Initiative

Learn about refugee resettlement programs

Hear from Afghan refugees about their experiences

Learn more at [bit.ly/RefugeeShabbat24](https://bit.ly/RefugeeShabbat24)





## Game Night - photos by Margie Odle



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

*Meeting in the library every other Saturday at 10:15 am (February 3 & 17)*



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](https://bit.ly/TIDTH).

## Our Solar Shul - Naomi Friedman & Elliot Rosen

Steeped in prayers thousands of years old, Tifereth Israel, unbeknownst to many, is on the cutting edge of modern, renewable energy generation through an array of solar panels installed on the synagogue roof. Since the date of installation about three years ago, we are generating 100% of the electricity we use! Go TI!

To better understand the renewable energy options available to us, **Richard Gryziak** and **Phil Shapiro** did an enormous amount of study and legwork to become expert in the solar field. Members of the Board helped to negotiate an arrangement by which the panels would initially be owned and operated by an LLC established and funded by a congregant. The planned amortization period for the LLC to get its return on the investment is five years. After this time, the panels, which have a warranted life of 25 years, can change ownership and belong to the synagogue.



Solar panels on the TI roof. Photo courtesy of Elliot Rosen

Since installation, TI has been generating about **120,000 kilowatt hours of solar electricity** per year. By way of comparison, we are generating enough clean electricity to power around 17 homes, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency calculator!

All of the solar electricity the shul generates goes into the electric grid. The shul receives a credit in our electric bill for the amount generated. As a result, our electricity bill has been reduced by more than half, from \$4,500 per month to \$2,000 per month! We continue to pay PEPCO for the delivery of electricity to the building and a modest fee back to the LLC.

Once the shul receives the panels from the LLC, the generated power will not only continue to reduce our electricity bills, it will provide direct income to TI through a mechanism called [Solar Renewable Energy Credits \(SRECs\)](#). Each municipality that has SRECs sets their own rates of return on power generation. SRECs are sold in DC for higher prices than anywhere else in the country!

TI's solar energy breakthrough was a true team effort. We are among a limited group of religious institutions in the country generating all of its electricity from solar energy – saving money and reducing greenhouse gases for the next generation! Check out Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVA)'s [interactive map](#) of over a hundred solar congregations across our region.

TI, way to go!



## New Member Challah Baking

On January 21st, 2024 members who joined TI after 2019 came together with **Rabbi Werbow** and a few members of longer standing to bake challah. This event was sponsored by the Membership Committee. Photos by Jennifer Kefer.





## Social Action Committee Updates

**SeaChange Events - Paula Marting and Franca Brilliant**

### **JOIN for Justice Leadership Building**

**Sunday, January 29**

Members of TI and other SeaChange DMV congregations (a group of synagogues from Maryland, DC, and Virginia) met with JOIN for Justice organizers to learn how to identify, engage, develop, and retain current and new leaders around their talents, passions, and identities. We explored strategies to uncover the very interests, backstories, and hopes of potential leaders, how to approach them in a way that ties to their interests, talents, and skills, and how to engage them in ways that will encourage them to grow their leadership. Stay tuned for more on how we hope to work regionally and put what we've learned into action.

### **Interfaith Power & Light: Maryland General Assembly Briefing on Climate Change Legislation**

**Sunday, Feb. 4, 2-4 pm on Zoom, RSVP [HERE](#)**

Now that the Maryland General Assembly has kicked off the 2024 session, IPL will be offering opportunities for advancing climate legislation. Partners for the Chesapeake and Interfaith Power & Light (DC.MD.NoVA) invite caring faith communities across Maryland to prepare to speak out for our neighbors and our common home during the upcoming legislative session. Join over a dozen groups, including the SeaChange congregations, to come together across every region of the state and many diverse faith communities to speak out together. On the call we will learn about three important legislative priorities, have a chance to ask questions, and decide if we want to sign on to a message of support to legislators.

Please register for this important planning meeting and let us know if you plan to attend. We have had good participation from TI at events this past fall and we want to continue the momentum!

If you have any questions or to learn more about SeaChange, please contact **Franca Brilliant** or **Paula Martin** (contact information in the TI directory).

### **Shepherd's Table - Gene Herman**

TI started out the New Year by serving dinner at Shepherd's Table on Sunday, January 7th. Thanks to our volunteers, **Aviel Roshwald, Esther Herman, Carla Ellern, Joseph Martin, Rebecca Coleman, Ray Coleman, Tali Stopak, Bob Mathis, Dione Pereira, Paula Martin, Steve Garber, and Gene Herman** for providing a helping hand. January 7 was a busy night as about 200 meals were served. This number is among the highest since TI began volunteering at Shepherd's Table over 2 1/2 years ago.

The people served are appreciative as most say thanks for helping serve the food. This TI commitment always depends on volunteers. So, if you are interested, use this link to register and sign up: <https://shepherdstable.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/tiferethisrael/> Kids 13 or older are welcome to participate. Our next serving dates are February 4, March 3 and April 7 (5 - 7:30 pm).

Thanks for your ongoing support.

## Social Action Committee Updates - continued

TI'ers at Shepherd's Table on January 7th..  
Photos by Dione Pereira.



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

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

- Christmas brunch (Dec. 25)
- Food delivery for Rosh Hashana and Pesach
- Serving at Shepherd's Table (usually 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)
- Supporting refugee families with NNIA
- Shepherd Elementary Tutoring Program
- SeaChange
- Gun Violence Prevention
- Racial Justice vigil (every Friday @4 pm)
- Returning Citizens Assistance Network (RCAN)
- Food bin collection for Friendship Place/La Casa



## Family Heirlooms - Allan Tulchin

These pictures are of items that came with my maternal grandparents, Hinde (Greenberg) and Avrim Wishnia. They arrived in the 1920s (he was only semi-legal). The candlesticks were from her parents, who also came to the US and gave them to Hinde when they left for Palestine in 1936.

The mezuzah scroll came from Avrim's side -- his father was a sofer. My mother's older brother has another one. The portrait was a study for an oil portrait (I don't know if it still exists) done of Hinde while she was still in Poland. My mother said the artist was of some note. Photos by Allan Tulchin.







# SPONSOR MISHLOACH MANOT!

*Sign up by Friday 3/1/24*

[bit.ly/MishloachManot2024](https://bit.ly/MishloachManot2024)



The mishloach manot team is working to spread the joy of Purim presents throughout the community! Send Purim greetings to other TI members by sponsoring Purim gifts!

## Impressions of Israel Now - Adele Natter

When Ray and I told our kids that we were planning to go to Israel, their reaction was, "Are you crazy?!" Nevertheless, we proceeded to go on a 10-day trip to Israel, which included a family wedding, visits with relatives, and participation in a JNF Volunteer Mission. I felt I needed to go at this time. I strongly identify with the country of Israel, with the Jewish people, and I wanted to do what I could to help my people and lend my support. I wanted to see the situation for myself and to make a contribution.

### Jewish National Fund (JNF) Volunteer Mission

Prior to this trip, I had very little knowledge of JNF. I thought the organization just plants trees in Israel. Well, they certainly have done that, and there are beautiful forests (!) in Israel. It turns out that JNF is well known there. 75% of the population of Israel is concentrated in the central area surrounding Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Haifa. JNF's mission is to promote development in the south (Negev) and in the north (near the border with Lebanon and Syria). Population growth in these regions will increase the Jewish presence and security in these areas.

### The Mood of the Country

Israelis approach the situation with varied perspectives. On the one hand, Israelis are traumatized. Israel is a very small country, and everybody knows somebody. Fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, friends, neighbors are being held captive in Gaza. The identity as a strong, start-up nation is badly shaken. There is a lot of uncertainty, and no one wanted to predict what might happen next. Yet, people are marrying, starting families. Burying and building into the future. Pained yet purposeful. Discouraged yet determined. There is the sense that Israel has to go it alone and can only rely on itself.

### Ever Present Consciousness of the Hostages

A very moving experience was visiting Hostages Square in Tel Aviv, an area next to the Tel Aviv Museum of Art that was given over to the families of the captives in Gaza. The square is now filled with art installations dedicated to the hostages. The first of these was a long table with 240 places, set for Shabbat, each chair with a hostage's photo on it. I was

emotionally overcome by the comparison of October 7 with the Holocaust (my mother was a Holocaust survivor) and I was not the only one moved to tears.

For our first day of volunteer work, our group picked tons of clementines at a Moshav, T'lamim, just a few kilometers from the Gaza border, with the booms of war in the distance. Had we not picked the fruit, it would have rotted on the trees, due to a shortage of agricultural workers. Another day, we stooped to plant broccoli seedlings. Israeli food is fantastic, much fresher and more flavorful than we normally get here. But without volunteers working in the farms and fields, Israel could experience a food shortage. Getting my hands into the soil and with a new appreciation of farmers and the hard work agricultural workers perform, I felt a palpable sense of connection with the land.

Also, there are thousands of internally displaced people who have been evacuated from the northern border communities and from settlements and farms near Gaza. Most are living in hotels, including the one we stayed in. Next to us was a family of five, all living in one room. Makeshift schools have been set up in hotel meeting rooms, but the families cannot cook for themselves, for example.

We were taken to several places in the Gaza envelope, communities in the southern border area. One of them was Re'im, site of the Nova music festival. It has become an impromptu memorial park to the beautiful (mostly) young people who were massacred there, and our group said Kaddish.

The bottom line is that the trip to Israel was important, meaningful, emotional, and eye-opening. I accomplished what I had wanted to do. We had opportunities to connect with the land and with people in border communities and on the front lines, and to hear their different perspectives on the situation. Every single person I met, without exception, thanked us sincerely for coming and for our support.

If you want to get the news from Israel, the source that Israelis tune into is i24, which is available as a free app and at [i24NEWS - Breaking news from the Middle East, Israel and around the world](#)

## Impressions of Israel Now - continued

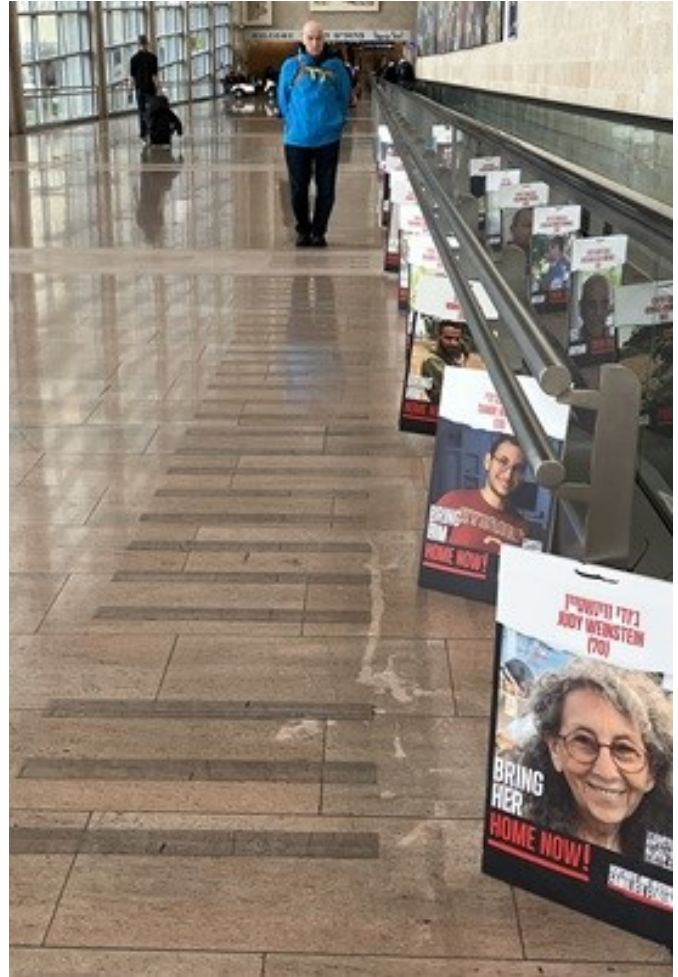


Photo upper left by Ray Natter.  
Other photos by Adele Natter.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

2/11 Sandra Adelstein & Oscar  
Mataquin

2/18 Sylvia Horwitz & Dov  
Weitman

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2/1 Galya Diamond-Berman  
Lawrence Held  
David Neimark

2/2 Abigail Friedland  
Jonathan Heppen  
Ann Kline  
Allegra Levone

2/3 Sarah Mehler  
Jennifer Siegel Laufer  
Naomi Taransky

2/4 Miriam Davidson  
Adam Kofner  
Alan Meyrowitz  
Joshua Rofrano  
Ruth Secular  
Mia Seltman

2/5 Henry Greenfeld  
Miriam Klein

2/6 David Beyer  
Samuel Gryziak  
Jonathan Halpern  
David Schneider

Eric Weiner  
Margaret Wolfson  
2/7 Sarah Coleman  
Joshua Nadas  
Michael Sumner

2/8 Hersh Garelick  
2/9 Dr. Dana Beyer  
Sarah Bram

Lisa Goldring  
Maya Werbow

2/11 Iris Lav  
Jack Stone

2/12 Nina Bronk Kellner  
Naomi Davidson

2/13 Mae Cooper  
Joseph Isaacson

2/14 Jacob Gotthelf  
Gabriel Kritz

Sophie Roth  
Jonathan Tickner

2/15 Seth Glabman  
Andrew Siegel

2/17 Rabbi Chuck Feinberg  
Abigail Kabaker

2/18 Laurinda Berger  
Leslie Rothenberg

2/19 Gabriella Nesse  
Sanford Reback

2/21 August (Augie) Morello  
Jonathan Morris  
Eve Murdock

2/22 Ken Fand  
Elliot Rodberg  
Diann Saltman

2/23 Jay Finkelstein  
David Mermelstein  
Barry Silber

Emma Sitron  
Mia Strollo  
Marc Suddleson

2/25 Sara Feinstein  
Elizabeth Kessin Berman

2/26 Jonathan Beyer  
Joanne Hovis  
Leilah McMillan

Hannah Rubin  
Raphael Schwartz

2/27 Ari Held  
Wesley Melsky Linden  
Maya Shelef

2/28 Ira Forman  
Gideon Goldman  
Ralph Miller

Ami Newman-Paul  
Chris Simon  
Howard Sumka

**Celebrate on February 17**

Honor a family member, a friend or even yourself!

Go to [bit.ly/BdayAnniv](https://bit.ly/BdayAnniv) to help sponsor the Kiddush.

## Save the Date - Shalem Program March 10: A Guide To Aging And Caregiving

*"There are only four kinds of people in the world – those that have been caregivers, those that are caregivers, those who will be caregivers, and those who will need caregivers."* Rosalynn Carter

On Sunday, March 10 TI members **Morris Klein**, who is an elder care attorney, and **Howard Gleckman**, who is a columnist on aging issues and author of the book *Caring for Our Parents*, will answer your questions about how to prepare for your own old age and how to assist aging parents and spouses.

Topics will include pitfalls along the way, financial and legal preparation, aging in place, finding a new community, managing health care and long-term care, and the emotional and financial challenges of being a family caregiver. Join us if you are caring for a loved one or may be soon.

This program is sponsored by Shalem, but it will be held at TI on Sunday morning, March 10 starting at 10:45 (right after minyan).

**Hadar DC  
In-Town Shabbaton**

**March 15-16**

A Shabbat of learning, singing,  
and community in Chevy Chase,  
Silver Spring, Shepherd Park

TI is co-sponsoring Hadar's first DC area Shabbaton!  
Learn more at [bit.ly/TIHadar2024](https://bit.ly/TIHadar2024)

## Nayes un Mechayes - Dori Gillman

### Good News: Children and Grandchildren

**Deborah Stern and Earl Dotter** recently welcomed not one but two grandchildren. **Olivia Rose Dotter**



was born on June 23, 2023, 4 Tamuz 5783 to their son Daniel Dotter and his wife Jaime, in Timonium, Maryland;

**Ezra Benjamin Felsman** was born to their daughter



Rachel and her husband, Henry Felsman, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on August 13, 2023, 26 Av 5783.

**Mona and Mark Berch's son Joshua** and his wife **Dinah** announce the birth of their child Rayna Fae Berch. Rayna is a spelling variant of the Spanish



“Reina” meaning queen, from Joshua's grandmother's Hebrew name Malkah; Fae is from the name of Dinah's great-grandmother.

Former Tifereth Israel members Rabbi Ruti Regan & Ari Ne'eman are pleased to announce that their son



was born on Monday, December 29, 2023, 18 Tevet 5784. Ruti, Ari, the baby boy, and big sister Shoshana are all happy and healthy.

### Travels

**Myrna Goldman** took a long cruise in late December and early January with her sisters, Sharon Rubin and Harriet Ainbinder, and her brother-in-law David Rubin. They started in Lima and ports included Pisco (Peru); and in Chile: Coquimbo/La Serena, San Antonio (near Santiago), Puerto Chacabuco and Punta Arenas. They cruised the Antarctic and then

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## Nayes un Mechayes - continued

stopped in the Falkland Islands and then continued to Punta del Este and Montevideo in Uruguay, and



their final port was Buenos Aires, Argentina. The highlights were beautiful fjords in Chile and stunning mountains, glaciers, and icebergs (they saw the largest iceberg in the world) in the Antarctic. They also saw a lovely rainbow and made the appropriate blessing. They loved seeing several penguin colonies in the Falklands.

### Sad News

**Dr. Judith Frankel**, nee Topelberg, mother of Tifereth Israel member **Lois Frankel (David Hart)** and grandmother of Ari, passed away December 24, 2023, 12 Tevet 5784, at the age of 93. She is



also survived by two other children, Karen Frankel (Douglas Carrel) and Desha (Tess) Frankel; three grandchildren, one great-grandchild (born December 21, 2023), and many step grandchildren and

step great grandchildren.

Judith had a long and happy marriage to the late Dr. Robert I. Frankel. Born and raised in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn, she received a Ph.D. from Ohio State University and was a pioneering female faculty member at the University of Cincinnati.

To read a 1993 article about some of her work and views, [click HERE](#).

Tifereth Israel member **Annette Graubart**, mother of TI member **Dina (Ron) Borzekowski**, and nana of Emma Rose, Ben, and Ruby, died on January 7, 2024, 26 Tevet 5784 after a relatively short illness. She was 86. She is also survived by her son, Glen Graubart, and his children, Adam and Rachel Graubart. Her husband of 55 years, Daniel Graubart, died in 2015.

Annette lived in New York and Florida. She was a tax professional and paralegal, working alongside her late husband, Daniel. When not working, Annette was a member of Temple Beth El in



Spring Valley, serving as a Sisterhood president and active board member.

For the last few years, Annette lived at Riderwood in Silver Spring. She was very involved there, organizing rallies against gun violence and played regularly in bridge (she was a life

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## Nayes un Mechayes - continued

master) and mah jong tournaments. She also served on several committees with the Riderwood Jewish Community, coordinating monthly entertainment events.

**Susan Steeble**, sister of Tifereth Israel member **Paula (Joseph) Martin**, aunt of TI member **Rachel (Sarah) Meytin**, and great-aunt of Coby and Asher, died on Friday, January 12, 2024, 2 Shevat 5784, after a sudden brief illness. She was 10 days shy of her 79th birthday. Susan is also survived by her husband of almost 54 years, Robert Steeble of Baltimore; her daughter Diana Steeble (Karin Johnson) of Seattle, Washington; her son Andrew Steeble of Everett, Washington; her sister Ellen Brotman of Monroe Township, New Jersey; and several nieces and nephews.

Born and raised in Milford, Connecticut, Susan received a Bachelor of Arts Cum Laude from Mount Holyoke College, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and a Masters of Arts in Teaching from Johns Hopkins University. She continued to



reside in Baltimore and taught French at Towson High and Baltimore Polytechnic Institute. She went on to work for many years as an editor of medical journals at Lippincott Williams & Wilkins Publishing. After her retirement, Susan was able to devote more time to her passion for Jewish genealogy. Until her passing, she served on the board of the Jewish Genealogy Society of Maryland and edited its quarterly newsletter, *L'dor*

*V'dor*.

Using her genealogical skills to trace her family history, Susan discovered that she and her sister Paula are 4th-great-granddaughters of Rabbi Raphael of Bershad, a disciple of Rabbi Pinchas Shapira of Korets. In 2008, she created a website, Two Tzaddiks, to present their lives and teachings to the English-speaking world.

Susan collaborated on many pioneering genetic genealogy research studies and is a co-author of a forthcoming book about the Shpoler Zeida, an early Chassidic Jewish leader, and his over 5,000 descendants, whom Susan helped trace.

Former TI member **David Pollock** (whose wife was Judy Kirpich) has died. Appreciations and obituary can be found here: <https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/farewell-sheikh-daud/>

**Dr. Jeanne S. Meisler**, mother of Tifereth Israel member **Adena Galinsky (Joel Kramer)**, and grandmother of Raffi, died unexpectedly on Friday, January 12, 2024, 2 Shevat 5784. She was 77. Jeanne is also survived by Shira Galinsky Klein (Robert Klein), and grandchildren Ben and Miriam.

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

All photos courtesy of the families.

## Chanukah Extravaganza



Photo by Jeff Peterman



## RISING SONG SHABBAT

*Sponsored by the Ritual Committee*

### KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES AND DINNER

Friday, February 9 at 6:00 pm  
Snacks for kids at 5:30 pm

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

Register for dinner at [bit.ly/TIRising](http://bit.ly/TIRising)  
by Monday, February 5 at 9:00 am

## FULL MOON WALK

Sunday, February 25 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](http://bit.ly/TIFullMoon5784)

### USY Skating Party - photos by Rachel Lande





## Kol Nashim Book Group - Jessica Weissman

The KN book group met January 16th to discuss Allegra Goodman's *The Family Markowitz*, a set of linked short stories about three generations of the title family. Some of us appreciated the humor, while others thought the characters, especially the grandmother, were stereotypical and exaggerated. Some recommended other later works by the author as incorporating the same level of writing without the stereotypes.

We will meet in February via Zoom. The Zoom link is the same each month. **Janice Mehler** 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. With the link.

Our February reading is another entry in the Jewish Lives series: *Jerome Robbins, a Life in Dance*, by Wendy Lesser. It is a compact biography of Robbins, choreographer for both *West Side Story* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. Wendy is the founder and editor of The Three-penny Review, a dance critic and author of many non-fiction books. She was also your editor's best friend from 8th grade until we went off to college.

To hear Wendy discuss the book, go to [Podcast – Jewish Lives](#) and scroll down to Episode 42: Jerome Robbins. It's an informative and witty interview.

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).**

**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

## Refugee Shabbat - Louise Kelley

During services at the Refugee Shabbat on February 10, Zabi Shirzad will speak, telling his family's story of leaving Afghanistan, coming to Maryland, and settling as a refugee here. Bob Cook and Christine King will talk about NNIA (New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance). NNIA is the group that sponsored the 12 refugee families now living in Silver Spring, including the Shirzads, and provides support to 35 more families. Over 20 faith communities belong to NNIA; TI was the first DC congregation to join.

Hadia Shirzad, a member of TI's kitchen staff, will help us make an Afghan meal for Kiddush and teach volunteer cooks how to make her recipes.

After 1:00, there will be a panel discussion about

refugees. Joyce Mange and Bob Mathis of NNIA will participate, and Zabi and Hadia Shirzad as well. The focus of this part of the program is to educate people about the needs of refugees here, and to show people different ways TI volunteers been involved and to encourage more people to participate.

**Bob Mathis** and **Rachel Seidel** of TI have helped coordinate support from TI to the Shirzads, via contributions and volunteers from Social Action, Kol Nashim and other members of the congregation. Joyce Mange is the lead NNIA volunteer for the Shirzads. She has been working with the family since the fall of 2022. The goal is to help them become independent in a few years.

## Gevarim - Andrew Reamer

**Talmud Study with Rabbi Seidel** -- Shabbat, February 3, 1:00-2:00 pm. Tractate Sanhedrin in English translation. (In Reamer Chapel or Berch Library)

**Jewish History Online** -- Sunday, February 18, 10:30 AM-12:15 pm (on TI Zoom)

**Nazi Town, USA: The Story of German American Bund** (PBS American Experience)

In February 1939, more than 20,000 Americans filled Madison Square Garden for an event billed as a “Pro-American Rally.” Images of George Washington hung next to swastikas and speakers railed against the “Jewish controlled media” and called for a return to a racially “pure” America. The keynote speaker was Fritz Kuhn, head of the German American Bund. Nazi Town, USA tells the largely unknown story of the Bund, which had scores of chapters in suburbs and big cities across the country and represented what many believe was a real threat of fascist subversion in the United States. The Bund held joint rallies with the Ku Klux Klan and ran dozens of summer camps for children centered around Nazi ideology and imagery. Its melding of patriotic values with virulent antisemitism raised thorny issues that we continue to wrestle with today. Broadcast January 23, 2024.

## Kol Nashim - Louise Kelley

Kol Nashim has a series of events coming up. For full information about the book group see the article on the preceding page.

There’s a trip to the Capital Jewish Museum coming on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, with docents to guide the TI group. In April, **Melissa Werbow** will reprise her wonderful presentation on Passover participation on the afternoon of April 7<sup>th</sup>. **Cynthia Peterman** returns with her fabulous talk about Jews & Film in May, tentatively scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

Game Night was a great success, with 50 people enjoying a variety of games, snacks and delightful conversation. KN was especially pleased to see new members present, as well as families. Several people plumbed the mysteries of Mah Jong for the first time.

The poker players noted the presence of new, younger players including a “15-year-old Texas hold'em card shark who joined the octogenarians.”

The MLK Shalem, sponsored by the Social Action Committee, was a staged reading of scenes from Louise Kelley’s play about the life of Harriet Tubman and her friendship with a (fictional) Jewish woman. It included a wonderful cast. Marcia E. Cole, local poet, performer and activist, played Harriet Tubman. **Ruth Secular** appeared as Harriet’s Jewish friend Ruth Schreiber, **Ethan Seidel** was abolitionist Thomas Garrett, **Smitty Herron** appeared as William Still and **Carl Bergman** was the Caretaker. **Jessica Weissman** was Ruth’s cousin, Rebecca Mizrahi. It was a splendid performance!

### ACCESSIBILITY

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

**Contact [info@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:info@tifereth-israel.org) if you need:**

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

**Tell a service greeter in the Sanctuary if you need:**

**Assisted Listening Device ● Large print prayerbook  
Wheelchair accessible seating ● Wheelchair lift to Bimah**

## Yahrzeitn Observed in February

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

### January 26-27

2/1 Bella Birnman  
Bertha Leah Charnow  
Eugene S. Cohen  
Audrey Lynn  
Betty Danzig Roth

Albert Lopatin  
Eva Millman  
Simon A. Simmons  
Edith Wulfsohn

Gerard Previn Meyer  
Harry Millstein  
Vladimir Miskinyants  
Abraham L. Schiller

### February 2-3

2/2 Sophie Barron  
Annie Chertok  
David Dubin  
Rose Lerner Einsiedler  
Irving Koren  
Mary Moffitt  
Anna Dora Rosenthal  
Esther Kite Schwartzman  
Hershel Shanks  
Sadie Temple

2/8 Lorraine L. Berman  
Leo Eizenstat  
Fred Glaser  
Abe Kessel  
Hava Netzer  
Abraham Perera  
Harry Riker  
Henry Shapiro  
Stanley Sidman  
Hyman Traiger  
Anna Wayne  
Pauline Graboff Wolberg

2/12 Macklouf Emsellem  
Goldie Back Goldberg  
Carl Johnson  
Hyman Katz  
Nettie Marron  
Dorothy Mathis  
Louis Ari Lione Mintz  
Milton Scham  
Louis A. Simmons  
Morris Tranen

2/3 Nancy Berman  
Lew S. Birns  
Susanne Faigen  
Nettie Goldman  
Faye L. E. Isikoff  
Annie Naiman  
Delores Reback

### February 9-10

2/9 Joel Burton  
Samuel Kavruck  
Benjamin Natter

2/13 Isaac Handy  
Sol Lynn  
Harry Mintz  
Sally Ohringer  
Justin Robinson  
David B. Sussman  
Joseph David Zeller

2/4 Clare Golub  
Hana Sarah Handy  
Gladys Karr  
Nathan Kramarow  
Florence Mintz  
Nandor Rosenthal

2/10 Esther Bertha Blacker  
Shirley F. Danoff  
Alfred Dorn  
Albert Emsellem  
Jack Gilman  
Jacob Green  
Alexander Constantine  
Hiltner  
Julius Katz  
Annette Korn  
Ziva Lifshitz  
Pearl Malcom  
Fay W. Sterenbuch

2/14 Daniel Coleman  
Milton M. Finkelstein  
Ghers Fisher  
Fred Gordon  
Bertha Kruger  
Miriam Lynn  
Anne Mitlin  
Jeannette Tilchin  
Julius Weinberg  
Toba Miller Wilensky

2/5 Yetta Blaser  
Max Robert  
Murray Schmutter

2/11 Maklouf Mikael Amsellem  
Guy Isaac Amsellem  
Agnes Anker  
Rabbi Theodor Hertz-  
Gordon  
Sanford Heller  
Jack Harry Kamen  
Ida Kline  
Shmuel Lapin

2/15 Marie Amsellem  
Samuel Edelman  
Ester Robin Rose Herman  
Seymour Horwitz  
Joseph Kahanov  
Herman Joseph Nissen -  
baum  
Morris Root  
Sarah Rosen

2/7 Abraham Bernstein  
Christine Louise Bonsby  
Abraham Friedlander  
Nira Hodos

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## Yahrzeitn Observed in February - continued

### February 16-17

2/16 Nathan Disenhaus  
Fran Eizenstat  
David Feinsilver  
Louis Jewler  
Jack Vogel

2/17 George E. Bachman  
Sadie Ostroff Primack  
Flora Sandler  
Maurice Silverman  
Marsha Sussman

2/18 Julius Blaser  
Sam Bojankosky  
Rose Lewis Glaser  
Sylvia Kessler  
Morris Rubin  
Martin A. Saginor  
Cecelia P. Schor  
Annie Shapiro  
Audrey Yalowitz

2/19 Andrew Gelfand  
Michael Liberson  
Adolph Novak  
Zelda Rothberg  
Samuel Rovin  
Jack Steinberg  
Henry Yalowitz

2/20 Benjamin Bookin  
Naomi Ruth Caplan  
Samuel L. Cohen  
William Katz  
Myer Kuritzky  
Joseph Kurtz

Harry Moses Lazar  
Morris Michelson

2/21 Michael Goldberg  
Henry Charles Handels-  
man

Susan Schreibman  
Anthony M. Schwartz  
Morris Zetlin

2/22 Irv Borochoff  
William David Miller

### February 23-24

2/23 Marilyn M. Bernstein  
Diane Bressler  
Roslyn Flum  
Gail Kefer  
Abraham Massri  
Minna Needle  
Charles Rosenberg

2/24 Morris Bookin  
Harold Dicker

2/25 Lenore Anderson  
Stanley Baker  
Abraham Benson  
Jay O. Cohen  
Harvey Fenster  
Elaine Horwitz  
Yetta Krakow  
Maynard A. Nathanson  
Edward Reamer  
Max B. Sheer

2/26 Simon Borzekowski

Myrtle Cohen  
Marvin Kefer  
Larry Rozanski  
Clara Berenter Sennett  
Ethel Silber

2/27 Ida Gentner  
Viola Kalmus  
Sarah Lav  
Sidney Shapiro

2/28 Haya Marcus Abraham  
Gay Auerbach  
Allan Coleman  
Rabbi Daniel I. Leifer  
Isadore Tuerk

2/29 Irving Abramson  
Millie Heppen  
Eric Frank Kammer  
Betty Klein  
Arthur Lemberg  
Henry Liebowitz  
Sol Peres  
Lucy Shleien  
Charles Julius Sidman

3/1 Frances Footer  
Leroy R. Hollander  
Morris Nathanson  
Moshe Netzer  
Edith Ratner  
Pauline Miller Shereshef-  
sky

## 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](https://bit.ly/TIKabbalat).

### RISING SONG KABBALAT SHABBAT AND DINNER \*

*Friday, February 9 at 6:00 pm, snacks at 5:30 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Shabbat of the month)*

Circle up in song as we catapult the community into a soul-filling Shabbat. Come and sing, stay to eat, and sing some more! Learn more at [bit.ly/TIRising](https://bit.ly/TIRising).

### MISHNA WITH RABBI WERBOW \*

*Saturdays at 8:15 am (cancelled Feb. 17)*

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](https://bit.ly/TIMishna).

### SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES \*

*Saturdays at 9:00 am*

Services are traditional and egalitarian, led by TI members in partnership with Rabbi Werbow. Come to pray; stay for a delicious lunch and lively conversation.

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

### 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](https://bit.ly/TISunday).

### MONTHLY LEARNER'S MINYAN

*Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 am (2<sup>nd</sup> Shabbat of the month)*

If you'd like more inspiration and less confusion on TI's Saturday mornings, the Learner's Minyan may be right for you. Ritual VP Stan Dorn and special guests will lead these services.

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

### 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](https://bit.ly/3KLa1hH).

\*In person and virtual | \*\*Virtual only

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## ONGOING RELIGIOUS SERVICES & LEARNING (cont'd)

### 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](http://bit.ly/45tiT3B).

### DIRECTING THE HEART: GUIDED MEDITATION & REFLECTION

Saturdays, February 3 & 17 at 10:15 pm

TI member Ann Kline offers an opportunity to reflect on the Torah portion in a personal way during the Shabbat Torah service.

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

### MONTHLY TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI SEIDEL

Saturday, February 3 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](http://bit.ly/TITalmud). TI members can access Talmud text at [bit.ly/TIBavli](http://bit.ly/TIBavli).

### MONTHLY HEBREW TANACH CLASS: KOHELET (ECCLESIASTES)

Friday, February 16 at 11:00 am

Join an in-person exploration of Kohelet using the Tanach and biblical and rabbinic texts. Ability to read and translate Hebrew without vowels helpful but not required.

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

\*In person and virtual | \*\*Virtual only

## Game Night - photos by Louise Kelley





## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

### CAFÉ KEHILLAH

*Saturdays at 10:00 am*

Grab a cuppa! Visit with friends or enjoy a moment of quiet contemplation.

### SERVE DINNER AT SHEPHERD'S TABLE

*Sponsored by the Social Action Committee*

*Sunday, February 4 at 5:00 pm*

Help serve dinner to homeless individuals one Sunday each month.

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

### JEWISH HISTORY ONLINE—THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND \*\*

*Sponsored by Gevarim*

*Sunday, February 18 at 10:30 am*

View and discuss the PBS program *Nazi Town USA*, which tells the story of the antisemitic German-American Bund.

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

### KOL NASHIM BOOK GROUP \*\*

*Tuesday, February 20 at 7:30 pm*

The book this month is *Jerome Robbins: Life in Dance* by Wendy Lesser. All TI members are welcome, including those who have not finished or even started the book.

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

### FULL MOON WALK

*Sunday, February 25 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](https://bit.ly/TIFullMoon5784).

### VIGIL AGAINST RACISM

*Sponsored by the Social Action Committee*

*Fridays at 4:00 pm*

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

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

### CANNED GOODS COLLECTION

*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](https://bit.ly/TILaCasa).

\*In person and virtual | \*\*Virtual only



## ONGOING YOUTH & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### MINI MINYAN

*Saturdays February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11 and June 8  
at 11:00 am*

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

### JUNIOR MINYAN

*Saturdays February 10, March 16 and 30,  
April 13 and 27, May 11 and 25, June 8  
at 10:15 am*

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

### TOT SHABBAT

#### YOGA WITH DODA | FAMILY JAM

*Saturdays February 3 and 10, March 2 and 9,  
April 6 and 13, May 4 and 11, June 1  
at 11:00 am*

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

### BAT/BAR/KABBALAT MITZVAH CLUB (CLUB BBK)

*Sundays February 4 and 11, March 2 and 10,  
April 5 and 21, May 5  
at 9:15 am*

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

## YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

### TEEN TAKEOVER SHABBAT

*Saturday, February 24 at 9:00 am*

## Donations—December 19, 2023-January 17, 2024

### Annual Appeal

Alan Bandler  
 Joy & Leonard Baxt  
 Bruce & Laurinda Berger  
 Miriam Feinsilver  
 Jenny Bryant & Bruce Friedland  
 Miriam & William Galston  
 Marsha Gentner  
 Carolivia Herron  
 Ruth Secular

### Bridge Campaign

Earl Dotter & Deborah Stern  
 Miriam Quintal  
 Ellen Zwibak

### Building Fund

Estate of Marcia Goldberg  
 Louise Kelley & Jessica Weissman in memory of Dr.  
 Judith Frankel

### General Fund

Bruce & Laurinda Berger  
 Raymond & Rebecca Coleman  
 Patricia Dicks  
 Stan Dorn & Carla Ellern  
 Miriam Feinsilver  
 Naomi Freeman & Morris Klein in memory of Annette  
 Graubart  
 Miriam & William Galston  
 Deborah Horowitz & Michael Bullen  
 Charles Kahanov  
 David Kimelblatt in memory of Annette Graubart  
 Minyan Roeh  
 Andrew Reamer in memory of Dr. Judith Frankel and  
 Annette Graubart  
 Henry Rubin  
 Gidon Van Emden & Sharon Light  
 Barbara & Howard White in memory of Dr. Judith  
 Frankel, Annette Graubart, Susan Steeble, and  
 Jeane S. Meisler

### Kol Nashim

Wilma Brier & Jack Stone  
 Elisabeth Davis & Daniel Liebman  
 Larry & Melanie Greenfield  
 Louise Kelley & Jessica Weissman  
 Edward Koren & Claudine Schweber

Kelly & Stephen Rickard  
 Judy & Morris Rodenstein  
 Lawrence & Pearl Schainker  
 Ethan & Rachel Seidel  
 Phillip & Ruth Shapiro  
 Rachel Tickner

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

Avi & Devra Weiss in memory of Marcia Goldberg

### Marvin Caplan Social Action Fund

Miriam & William Galston  
 Rachele (Shelly) & Stephen Heller in memory of  
 Marty Berger  
 Esther & Eugene Herman in memory of Annette Graubart and Susan Steeble

### Mollie E. Berch Library Fund Donation

Miriam & William Galston in memory of Gertrude G.  
 Steinberg

### New Initiatives Fund

Miriam & William Galston in memory of Susan Steeble

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Ivy Baer & Marc Rothenberg  
 Robert & Patricia Polster in memory of Ruth Polster

### Tu B'Shvat Programming

Paul & Eti Roitman Bardack  
 Stan Dorn & Carla Ellern

### Yahrzeit Donations

Erwin Bondareff in memory of Harry Bondareff  
 Elihu Leifer in memory of Lillian Lascoff  
 Ellen Rose Halper & Edwin Stromberg in memory of  
 John P. Stromberg  
 Robert & Judith Samuels in memory of Philip and  
 Florence Samuels  
 David & Judith Cohen in memory of Pinya Cohen and  
 Naomi Decter  
 Robert Greenberger in memory of Tillie Mogul  
 Morton & Christine Simon in memory of Jerrold Paul  
 Simon  
 JoAnn Albert in memory of Roslyn Albert  
 Carol Levin in memory of Celeste Green Gellner

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## COMMUNITY HAVDALAH POTLUCKS

*Sponsored by the Membership Committee*

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.

RSVP and learn more at [bit.ly/TIHP23](http://bit.ly/TIHP23).

## Donations - continued

### Yahrzeit Donations continued

Naomi Friedman in memory of Isaac H. Friedman  
 Lisa & Michael Kraft in memory of James Kraft  
 Ernie Englander in memory of Beth Shulman  
 Rose Ellen Halper & Edwin Stromberg in memory of  
 Lee Ruslander  
 Florence Berlin in memory of Abraham Berlin  
 Erwin Bondareff in memory of Harry Bondareff  
 Robert Chew & Ronna Corman Chew in memory of  
 Max Friedman and Stuart David Corman  
 Vera Mayer in memory of Tilia S. Waltman  
 Stephen Meltzer in memory of Florence Meltzer  
 Elaine Miller in memory of Lawrence Mason Miller  
 Deborah & Noam Shelef in memory of Helen Quint  
 Marion & Michael Usher in memory of Ruth Pol-  
 check Usher  
 Glennie & Louis Wall in memory of David Wall and  
 Rosa Wall  
 Miriam & William Galston in memory of Jack Stein-  
 berg  
 Joseph & Paula Martin in memory of Terri Kahan

Sarah Berman Osborne in memory of Nancy Berman  
 Louise Kelley & Jessica Weissman in memory of Chris-  
 tine Louise Bonsby  
 Adele & Ray Natter in memory of Benjamin Natter  
 Naomi Freeman & Morris Klein in memory of Judith  
 Frankel  
 Lynn Rofrano Golub & Joseph Rofrano in memory of  
 Clare Lewis Golub  
 Stan Dorn & Carla Ellern in memory of Alfred M. Dorn  
 Rachelle (Shelly) & Stephen Heller in memory of San-  
 ford Heller  
 Esther & Eugene Herman in memory of Ester Robin  
 and Rose Herman  
 Lisa & Michael Kraft in memory of Nandor Rosenthal  
 Jeffrey & Kathryn Kotz in memory of Jack Gilman  
 Brenda & Lee Footer in memory of Marsha Ann Suss-  
 man  
 Gordon Glaser in memory of Elizabeth Robinson  
 Marjorie Greenberg in memory of Susan Schreiber  
 Elihu Leifer in memory of Agatha Leifer  
 Freda & Stephen Resnick in memory of Albert Lopatin

## Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

### February 16, 2024

Harvey Fernbach  
 Robert Feron & Dione Pereira  
 Jay & Rachel Finkelstein  
 David & Patricia Fisher  
 Paula Flicker  
 Judah Flum & Lisa Itkin  
 Daniel Fody  
 Lee & Brenda Footer  
 Ira Forman & Caryn Pass  
 Michael Franklin & Sonya Shpilyuk  
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 Joshua & Sara Goldberg  
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 Myrna Goldman  
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 Lynn Golub-Rofrano  
 Francis Gomes & Rachel Lande  
 Michael Gotthelf & Rachel Vile  
 Stefan & Wilhelmina Gottschalk  
 Stanley Grabia & Varda Fink  
 Marjorie Greenberg  
 Larry Greenfield & Melanie Gross Greenfield  
 Abraham & Dena Greenstein

### March 1, 2024

Franca Brilliant  
 Barbara Grosz

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 Jonathan Halpern & Gretchen Young  
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 David & Sara Handwerker  
 Eliot Harrison & Wendy Blake-Coleman  
 David Hart & Lois Frankel  
 Michael Heimowitz & Dori Gillman  
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 Matt & Linda Heller  
 Stephen & Shelly Heller  
 Bruce Heppen & Bonnie Suchman  
 Eugene & Esther Herman  
 Carolivia Herron  
 Moses Hetfield  
 Yohanan Higgins  
 Gayle & Eric Hope  
 Deborah Horowitz & Michael Bullen  
 Hedy Howard  
 Neil Hyman & Rachel Decter Hyman  
 Samuel Isaacson & Amelia Karraker

### March 15, 2024

Alexander Isicson  
 Anita Isicson  
 Leonard Jewler & Andrea Rosen  
 Seth Johnson & Kate Snyder  
 Harvey Kabaker & Andrea Kline  
 Steven Kalish  
 Joshua & Jennifer Kefer  
 Louise Kelley & Jessica Weissman  
 Kenneth Kellner & Nina Bronk Kellner  
 Jason & Devora Kimelman-Block  
 Miriam Klein  
 Morris Klein & Naomi Freeman  
 Aaron Kofner & Anat Shahar  
 Roger Kohn  
 Allan Kolker  
 Edward Koren & Claudine Schweber  
 Michael & Lisa Kraft  
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 Gabriel Kravitz & Yael Smiley

### March 22, 2024

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

### March 29, 2024

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

## The Dreyfus Affair in Medals - Simcha Kuritzky

As Jews integrated into the social and economic fabric of their host countries after emancipation in the Nineteenth Century, resentment increased among their Christian neighbors. In France, it was the court martial of Alfred Dreyfus that brought their hatred to the surface. Dreyfus was an engineer who entered the army and rose to captain on the general staff in 1892. In 1894, the French Intelligence Service intercepted a letter to the German embassy that revealed state secrets. The army forged documents to show that Dreyfus wrote the letter, and Dreyfus was summarily convicted of treason and sent to Devil's Island in South America. In 1896, George Piquard of the French Intelligence Service intercepted a letter written by the German military attaché to Ferdinand Esterhazy which made it clear that it was Esterhazy who had sent the original letter. Esterhazy was tried but acquitted, and Piquard was transferred to Tunisia (then under French control). In 1898, Emile Zola published his famous letter accusing the government of a cover-up. A new trial in 1899 declared that Dreyfus was guilty but reduced the sentence to ten years. Piquard was accused of forging the evidence against Esterhazy and court martialled. The President immediately pardoned Dreyfus and released him from prison. He and Piquard were finally exonerated in 1906.



The scapegoating of a fully assimilated Jew shocked world Jewry, and many Jews lost faith in emancipation and liberal reforms. One of those Jews was Theodore Benjamin Herzl, a journalist who witnessed Dreyfus' "degrading" (stripped of rank, as shown in the picture above) before he was sent to Devil's Island. Although Herzl, like most Jews at the time, thought Dreyfus was guilty, he was horrified by the large crowd gathered outside the courtyard walls shouting "Death to the Jew!" Two years later, Herzl organized the first Zionist Congress.



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## The Dreyfus Affair in Medals - continued

The French issue lots of political medals, and the Dreyfus Affair appear on several. This 28mm, 8.26g looped bronze medal was issued after 1898. One side shows three busts in circles with olive sprigs. In the center is Dreyfus, to the left is Zola, and to the right is Dreyfus's defense counsel Labori. On the other side are two busts with an oak sprig (the symbol of Germany) at top. On the left is Esterhazy, and on the right is Du Paty de Clam, who was the commandant in charge of the original investigation. The only inscriptions are the men's names. These medals are scarce.



This 50mm medal was produced as a fund raiser for the anti-Semitic nationalists. The obverse shows Minister of War General Mercier, who brought the original charges against Dreyfus, with the note that he was Judge of the Traitor Dreyfus. The reverse has his quote from the third trial, "My conviction acquired by the debates of 1899 is in no way shaken, my conscience does not allow me to associate myself with the vote you are going to issue" (13 July 1906). These medals are also scarce.



There are also medals which show only the defense side of the trial. The French 29mm medal on the left has Dreyfus on one side and Labori on the other. It was contemporary to the second trial and may have been worn by Dreyfus' supporters. The Dreyfus Affair was publicized worldwide. The second medal here, measuring 34x25mm, is in Russian, naming the journalist Zola and Advocate (Lawyer) Labori. Neither of these have any description of the affair. They may have both been struck at the same mint, as the Labori portraits are almost identical.

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## The Dreyfus Affair in Medals - continued



The Franklin Mint of Philadelphia issued a 120 medal set in the mid-1970s honoring major events in Jewish history. One of the medals shows a bust of Captain Dreyfus superimposed on a trial scene. The reverse has the inscription “Dreyfus: victim and hero of the Dreyfus Affair, Alfred Dreyfus, Jew, French Army Captain, falsely convicted and imprisoned for treason, then absolved. 1859-1935.” The latter dates are of his birth and death, not the years of the Dreyfus Affair. These 38mm medals are fairly common and were issued in bronze, silver, and gilded silver.



Fantasy notes are being printed these days commemorating various individuals and events. Several of them use a zero denomination to avoid charges of fraud or counterfeiting. This zero euro fantasy note honors Zola with his famous I Accuse! article in the background. It was postal cancelled using a French stamp of 2006 honoring the centenary of Zola’s “rehabilitation” or restoration of rank.

For the real history enthusiast, there are contemporary posters, broadsides, and newspaper articles available on the Dreyfus Affair. Many of them show Dreyfus as a dragon or monster. It’s important to remember that the battle against “alternative facts” is nothing new, and it is possible for the truth to prevail.



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