



The Menorah

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From the President: Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block

Lewis Carroll famously quipped, "If you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there." During the past 5 years, Tifereth Israel has rightly focused on crucial short-term challenges: the retirement of Rabbi Seidel and the search and hiring of Rabbi Werbow; re-doing how we operate during the pandemic-induced shutdown; and reconstituting and rebuilding as we returned to the building. Even through all of that, we continued to thrive as a community.



At the end of her tenure, my predecessor, Sara Goldberg, wisely saw this as the right time for TI to develop a strategic plan to take stock of where we are as a community and create a roadmap for our next phase. That Strategic Planning Committee, chaired by Timothy Michalak, poured over data, met with congregants, and developed revised vision and mission statements to clearly express who we are and what we value.

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From the Rabbi: Rabbi Michael Werbow

This past month, we saw again how we, at TI, like to spend time together. Our Retreat Katan and Chanukah Extravaganza were great successes. Many thanks to those who put in the time and energy (as well as financial contributions) to make them a success. I also want to thank those who took the time to write a note of thanks and appreciation for the events. Those who plan can feel good about a program or activity but they are doubly supported when others express similar thoughts.



Of course, these were only two of our gatherings this month. So many things happen regularly. The calendar is filled with our Hebrew Tanach and Talmud classes taught by Rabbi Seidel, our Sunday morning minyan and class on Zionism and the American Jews, our social action activities serving dinner at Shepherd's Table and tutoring students from Shepherd Elementary, our Hebrew fiction and Intermediate Hebrew groups, our parashat hashavuah and "Directing

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Our next step in our strategic planning process is for the community to map out strategies for the next 2-5 years in five key areas. While there are many areas that are important to the TI community, these are the ones that the Strategic Planning Committee and the Board determined could use the most attention. Each of these areas will have a task force consisting of members from the congregation, and we hope you will consider joining one. The task forces will be:

- Engagement - Meeting the needs of our members and ensuring our community is thriving
- Outreach - TI's interconnection to the wider the community and attracting new members
- Governance and Administration - How both the Board & Staff lead and collaborate
- Financial Sustainability - Ensuring we're on a path to continue for many years
- The Shabbat Experience - Looking at all aspects of how people experience our community on Shabbat

The process will last about three months, so if you have the desire to contribute to big picture thinking, but are hesitant to make a multi-year board commitment, this is your opportunity. Please email me at jkbtiprez@gmail.com to learn more.

R. Jason Kimelman-Block

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.

From the Rabbi - continued

the Heart: Guided Meditation & Reflection sessions, and so much more.

As I return from winter break, and hoping all have a good New Year, you should know that we are already looking ahead to January and February events. Join Rabbi Kelley and me for some Tu B'Shvat celebrations and learning. Sunday, January 21st and January 28th will be opportunities for tots and families to celebrate and Wednesday evening, January 24th adults will have some wine and holiday snacks to learn and celebrate together.

MLK Shabbat on January 13 and Refugee Shabbat on February 10 will bring us special Shabbat

speakers and will enhance our Shalem speaker series. We will also have another full moon hike and a Havdalah potluck. We'll have the Kol Nashim and Gevarim game night on January 20. New members can join with me to make challah on January 21st as you all get more and more tastes of how we at TI enjoy spending time together.

Some of these gatherings are one and done but many are every week or every month. If you haven't been to any of them in a while, start the New Year off with trying some out and connecting to TI.

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>.

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**TU B'SHVAT LEARNING
(FOR ADULTS)**

WED., JAN. 24 AT 7 PM

bit.ly/TITuBShvatLearn

**TOTS TU B'SHVAT
CELEBRATION**

SUN., JAN. 21 A 11 AM

bit.ly/TITotsTuBShvat

**TU B'SHVAT
FAMILY EXPERIENCE**
SUN., JAN. 28 AT 11 AM

bit.ly/TITuBShvatFamily

Tu B'Shvat at TI

**Tu B'Shvat is January 25. Come to TI for learning, food and fun -
there's something for everyone!**

Membership Committee Update - Jennifer Kefer

The TI Membership Committee has three goals: to reach out to, integrate, and engage potential, new, and long-time members of the congregation. To advance these goals, we have been working to identify cohort groups within the synagogue to help create a “community within a community.” This month, we’d like to share updates about two emerging groups at TI.

Empty Nesters

TI launched a new Empty Nesters Havurah on Saturday evening, December 9. The group is intended to engage families who are approaching, preparing to be, or who have recently become empty nesters and whose youngest child is 18-to-29-years old. **Judah Flum** and **Lisa Itkin** hosted the inaugural event, which included 19 people for a lively and festive Chanukah Havdalah. This new group provides a great opportunity for those of us adjusting to their children being elsewhere or who are contemplating retirement, wanting to socialize, exchange ideas, mentor or be mentored. The group is in its early stages and we welcome others who are interested in joining! We will be establishing a listserv soon and plan to schedule an appropriate outdoors event for early 2024. If you are interested in participating, contact Judah Flum (contact information in the TI directory or via timembership@tifereth-israel.org).

Interfaith Family Group

Of the 329 households that make up Tifereth Israel’s membership, more than 10 percent—36 households (double chai!)—include a non-Jewish partner. The Membership Committee is launching a new TI Interfaith Group to help connect these households to one another. On **Sunday, January 21, from 10:30 am to 12:00 p.m., all TI members who identify as being part of an interfaith household are invited to gather in the TI Library for a meet and greet.**

The creation of the TI interfaith group is consistent with TI’s mission to be welcoming to all, including household members that are not Jewish. While the January 21 meeting will be focused on participants meeting one another, the group will begin to identify next steps, including issues they would like to discuss at future meetings as well other needs that would help make their experience at TI more fulfilling. Possibilities include a discussion circle for interfaith households, particularly leading up to a child’s B’nai Mitzvah; a learner’s minyan; and regular social gatherings.

According to the Pew Research Center’s 2020 statistics, about two-thirds of U.S. Jewish adults are either married (59%) or living with a partner (7%). Among those who are married, many have spouses who are not Jewish. Fully 42% of all currently married Jewish respondents indicate they have a non-Jewish spouse. Among those who have gotten married since 2010, 61% are intermarried. We are grateful that some of these households have found a home at TI.

Please encourage your non-Jewish TI family member or any non-Jewish friends who attend TI to join us on January 21 for snacks, brainstorming, and community. For more information about this initiative, please reach out to **Allison McMillan** or **Adrienne Torrey** (contact information in the TI directory or via timembership@tifereth-israel.org)

We are so happy to announce these new groups. Please contact the Membership Committee (timembership@tifereth-israel.org) if you have other ideas about how to help build community at TI. The Membership Committee meets the second Thursday of the month via Zoom and we’d love to have you!

Lifelong Learning: Tu B'Shvat - Rabbi Kelley Gludt

It's a new secular new year, just in time to celebrate one of our four Jewish new years: Tu B'Shvat, the birthday of the trees.

The holiday is named for the date it falls on. "Tu" corresponds to the numerical equivalent of 15, and Shevat is the month in which we celebrate. The basis for the holiday can be found in Leviticus 19:23, which states, "When you enter the land [of Israel] and plant any tree for food, you shall regard its fruit as forbidden. Three years it shall be forbidden for you, not to be eaten." The fruit from year four was given to the Kohanim at the Temple, and for the fifth year and every year after, the farmers enjoyed the produce.

While the law may have been clear, what was left open was how to count the years. The Rabbis decided to make an all-inclusive "birthday" for the trees, regardless of when they had actually been planted. The date, not surprisingly, relates to the land and weather patterns in Israel, falling toward the end of the rainy season, the optimal time to plant new trees.

Tu B'Shvat has been observed in a myriad of ways at different times, and in recent years has made a resurgence with environmental concerns and with the Tu B'Shvat Seder. Creative celebrations, drawing on the Kabbalistic approach to the holiday, have also increased in popularity.

This year, TI will mark the birthday of the trees with three learning opportunities. Our youngest members and the adults who go with them will gather on Sunday, January 21 at 11:00 for a nature-themed craft, story time, songs, and a tree-inspired snack. All families with children in elementary school are invited to join us on Sunday, January 28 at 11:00 for our Tu B'Shvat Family Experience. On Tu B'Shvat itself, Rabbi Werbow and I will lead a text study exploring the four themes of Tu B'Shvat, with the Seder's accompanying four colors of wines of course.

We look forward to learning with you all as we mark the trees' special day!

Finally, I wanted to share a recent poem from our very own **Ava Strollo** (Kitah Vav/Club BBK), on the next page. May the light of TI's children continue to bring us comfort and hope.

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Paula Tucker at the White House Chanukah Party. Photo courtesy of Paula Tucker.



Lifelong Learning - continued

Stars

By Ava Strollo

As December approaches,
I don't count down the days 'til Christmas
There is no advent calendar or a star on top of the tree

Instead I stare into the light of a flame
The Chanukah candles shine bright like a star
The star of David
Which I gaze upon from the grounds of my synagogue

But Chanukah can't compare to a hunt for the Afikomen on Passover
Or to a rumbling stomach on Yom Kippur
Not even to grandma's special apple cake which we serve
On Rosh Hashanah

But on top of all the holidays
The festivals and celebrations
The hardships and challenges
The mourning and sorrow

We don't need a star on the tree to shine
There is no star in the night sky that glows brighter
Than my culture's symbol

A flag colored blue and white
And a star with rough edges and curves
To symbolize the identity of our people.

We are stars
And like a tree topper
Or a night sky
We will always shine bright

It's time for the Annual
MLK SHABBATON
Sponsored by the Social Action Committee
January 13, 2024

FEATURING



Marcia E. Cole, playwright, poet, actor, educator and native Washingtonian, will speak during Shabbat services. She is a strong advocate for literacy, believing that arts are essential to understanding our world. Among other works, her books *Light in Dark Places History in Verse* and *Behold a Ball of Light History in Verse*, feature poetry that explores aspects of the African American experience in danger of being overlooked or forgotten.



After lunch, Kol Nashim is sponsoring a reading of the play *Harriet and Ruth*, written by TI member Louise Kelley. The play is based upon Louise's research on the local Underground Railroad. Marcia E. Cole, who often appears in period costume in order to offer an intimate opportunity to engage with those in the past, will read the part of Harriet Tubman. The program will conclude with a facilitated discussion.

Learn more about Marcia Cole at bit.ly/TIMarciaCole .
Learn more about the Shabbaton at bit.ly/TIshabbaton .
Learn about the Social Action Committee at bit.ly/TISocialAction .

Holiday Lights of TI



8th day at the Lavs'. Photo: Iris Lav.



Rabbi Chuck and Krayna Feinberg helping at the Christmas Brunch. Photo: Mindy Hoffman

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

Meeting in the library every other Saturday at 10:15 am (January 6th & 20th)



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

Racial Justice Vigil - Carolivia Herron

Editor's note: Every Friday from 4pm to 5pm a core group of TI members gathers on the 16th Street sidewalk in front of TI and stands vigil for racial justice, holding banners. Anyone is welcome to join the vigil. Sponsored by the Social Action Committee.

When we started I could still hear his last breath with the policeman's knee on his throat. I could hear it. George Floyd
and the whole Atlantic Ocean pressing down, down from the sky
down, down, where he couldn't breathe, and neither could you
or you Floyd.

Black lives matter.
They matter all of the time.

True. Truth is not enough. The fact that something is true is never the reason for saying it. The fact that something is not true is never the reason for not saying it. You don't have any words left. You don't agree with the organization. We don't agree with the prescribed statements of the organization. The words Black Lives Matter don't belong to an organization. We, at Tifereth Israel, changed the color of our sign to show that we don't agree with all of the words of the organization. We changed our sign from black on white to black on gold. The words belong to US. We don't defund police or unfund protection or make snide remarks that are almost but not quite or maybe just a little bit... antisemitic.

No, it's not because other lives do not matter.
No, it's not because Black lives matter more than other lives.
No, it's not because
No
It's not

That's not the reason.

Forgotten.
We thought you had forgotten that Black Lives Matter.
And we remember.
Here! Look! Guess what?

Guess what matters...
Black lives
Matter

Remember.

We are Susan and Henry and Stephanie and David and Gi-Gi and Ed and Melissa and Smitty and Carolivia and Lev and Rabbi Michael. And there are others who visit us.

Social Action - continued

Christmas Brunch - Gene Herman

A group of TI members served Christmas Brunch at Shepherd's Table on Monday, December 25th. Special thanks to **Reb Chuck Feinberg, Krayna Feinberg, Eric Weiner, Joseph Martin, Lisa Goldberg, Michele Sumka, Sharon Moshavi, Dione Pereira, Esther Herman, Howard Sumka, Paula Martin, Stefan Gunther and Gene Herman** for their commitment and taking the time to provide service to the area's homeless. The number of people served was about 135. Their mealtime was brightened by the presence of 2 musicians who played and sang holiday songs. In addition, the TI Social Action Committee provided gifts for each person. The chief distributors of these gifts were Reb Chuck and Krayna Feinberg. TI has a continuing commitment to help serve the homeless dinner at Shepherd's Table the first Sunday of each month (5-7:30 pm). If you are interested in hands on work, please join us. Children 13 or older are welcome. To register and sign up go to

<https://shepherdstable.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/tiferethisrael/>

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 (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
- Racial Justice vigil (every Friday @4 pm)
- Returning Citizens Assistance Network (RCAN)
- Food bin collection for Friendship Place/La Casa



TI'ers preparing food to be served at the Christmas brunch. Photos by Dione Pereira.



Chanukah Lights of TI



Clockwise from upper left: photos by Jeff Peterman, Jennifer Kefer, Judy Rodenstein, Diana Zurer,

It's Your Menorah - Jessica Weissman

Every month we run many columns, lists, calendars and photos in the Menorah. But without you, there would be no Menorah. Not only do you supply nearly all the photos, you also contribute articles about topics of Jewish interest that interest you. You can be sure that if a topic interests you enough to write about it, it will be of interest to the Menorah readership. So please think about writing something for the Menorah. I'll be glad to work with you if you are unsure about the topic or how to approach it. Contact me at menorah@tifereth-israel.org to get started.

NEW MEMBER CHALLAH BAKING

SPONSORED BY THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
January 21 at 6 pm

Did you join TI after 2019?

Join Rabbi Werbow, veteran Tiers and other new members to bake challah and get acquainted.

Snacks and Childcare Provided



Challah braided by TI members Spring '23

Register by January 18 at bit.ly/TIBaking



Myrna Goldman at the November 14th march.
Photo by Lee Footer

Full Moon Walk December 24th

Left to right: Richard Schachter; John List; Rabbi Chuck Feinberf; Paula Flicker; Susan Morse and Krayna Feinberg; photo by Lynne List. An hour of pleasant walking with temperatures in the mid-40s with occasional views of the full moon and a variety of chocolate treats at the halfway point. Join us for January's walk on Sunday, January 28th at 7:30.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1/1	Brendan Doherty		Samer Carter-Hiba	1/25	Adrienne Goldstein
	Jeri Roth Lande	1/13	Yona Smiley Kravitz		Shira Nadas
	Rabbi Lauren Tuchman		Ruther Lieberman		Abigail Perlmutter
	Nathan Winch	1/14	Amy Morello		Molly Surden
1/2	Anita Finkelstein		Hannah Bergman	1/26	Amira Handwerker
	Abraham Secular		Adam Cohen		Jonathan Waldman
	Rhonda Trooboff		Amy Mann	1/27	Raphael Diamond-Berman
1/3	Azaria Hileman-Shasoua		Hedy Ohringer		Samuel Krammer Golberg
	Sonya Rubin		Rebecca Simon		Ruth Shapiro
	Allison Turner	1/15	Adele Sumner		Benyamin Sullivan
1/4	Janice Mehler		Daniel Kraft	1/28	Merle Deane
	Danielle Showstack	1/16	Andrea List		Jonas Laufer
1/5	Marcus Hedrick	1/17	Helen Moorehead		Rabbi Elizabeth Richman
	Stephen Heller		William Galston	1/29	Edward Koren
	Alan Landay	1/18	Rebecca List		Raymond Natter
1/6	Rabbi Jane Berman	1/19	Patricia Greenstein		Alexander Seidel
	Desiree Douglas	1/21	Janet Blank	1/31	Leah Burd
	Jennifer Goldstein		Ann Baker		
	Rachel Goldstein		Nathaniel Bass		
	Emily Heppen		Sheri Blonder		
	Michael Novey	1/22	Ari Halper-Stromberg		
	Susan Vitale		Julius Cohen		
1/7	Mariah Finkelstein		Dana Reback		
1/8	Miriam Feinsilver	1/23	Thomas Wolfson		
	Miriam Galston		Leonard Baxt		
	Dori Gillman		Max Merlin		
	Karen Levin Acosta		Caryn Pass		
1/10	Ari Roth	1/24	Arnold Revzin		
	Seth Schlesinger		Daniel Schneider		
1/11	Rebecca Bullen		Matthew Watson		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

1/1	Alan & Renee Gindi
1/2	Kenneth Bronk & Nina Kellner
1/12	Nurilda & Steven LeVine
	Ann & Howard Gleckman
1/14	Naimah & Richard Kruger
	Allan & Judy Tulchin
1/15	Morris & Naomi Klein
1/18	Melissa & R. Michael Werbow
1/19	John & Marcia Goggin
1/28	David & Lois Shapiro

Celebrate on January 20th

Honor a family member, a friend or even yourself!

Go to bit.ly/BdayAnniv to help sponsor the Kiddush.

SeaChange - Franca Brilliant

SeaChange, the coalition of DC area synagogues working together to promote social justice, has had an active month and TI has been well represented! On December 5th, eight members of TI joined the SeaChange congregations at a rally to support health, housing, and action on climate change in Maryland organized by Action in Montgomery, the Sierra Club, Interfaith Power and Light DMV, PATH (People Acting Together in Howard) and ACT (Anne Arundel Connecting Together). Almost 400 people from congregations of many faiths spoke to state leaders Senator Brian Feldman, Delegates Lorig Charkoudian, Pam Queen, and Lily Qi, and Maryland Energy Administration Director Paul Pinsky about pursuing legislation on environmental and housing issues and broke into small groups to discuss ways to continue to work for a sustainable, equitable energy future for Maryland. **Rabbi Werbow** contributed a brief D'var Torah, as shown above (photo by David Choy).



TI participants from left to right: **Joelle Novey** (Director of Interfaith Power and Light, one of the organizations sponsoring the rally), **Naomi Friedman**, **Devora Kimelman-Block**, **Rabbi Werbow**, **Paula and Joe Martin**, **Julie Steinberg**, TI Administrative Assistant Joseph Gelula, and **Franca Brilliant**

On December 17, almost 100 representatives from nine congregations across the DMV celebrated the completion of the SeaChange training for the first Virginia group of synagogues to join the program. We ate, we talked about the work we are doing, and we identified ways we can collaborate across congregations and jurisdictions. Several TI members attended, and our very own **Paula Martin** participated in the pecha kucha (a Japanese rapid fire presentation format) to talk about her SeaChange experience.

If these activities pique your interest and you would like to learn more about SeaChange, please contact Franca Brilliant or Paula Martin (contact information in the TI directory).

Tifers at the November 14th March for Israel



Photos above by Jennifer Kefer. Photo below by an anonymous helpful passer-by.



Chanukah Extravaganza Photos

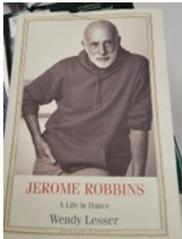


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Notes from the Library - Jeri Roth Lande

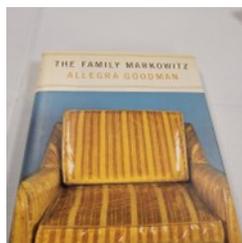
We have several new additions to the library since I last wrote. The adult books are all Kol Nashim book club selections.

New Additions-Adults



Jerome Robbins A Life in Dance by Wendy Lesser, a short biography from the Jewish Lives series.

The Postcard by Anne Berest, novel about Holocaust descendants who receive a postcard that leads to many discoveries.



The Family Markowitz by Allegra Goodman, collection of linked short stories about three generations of a Jewish family.

New Additions-Children

She's a Mensch! Jewish Women Who Rocked the World by Rochelle Burk.

Sammy Spider's First Trip to Israel by Sylvia Rouss.

Yossi and the Monkeys-A Shavuot Story by Jennifer Tzivia MacLeod.

A Beautiful World by Yael Gover.

Library is Open!

It's your library – please stop by. Remember the Mollie L Berch Library is generally open whenever the building is open. That includes Shabbat, when there's a special procedure so you don't have to write to check out books. There are more than 7000 books on a variety of topics, so please come by and look it over. You can also check out our collection from home using this link <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/TiferethIsrael/yourlibrary>

Donations

No, this is not a pitch for a donation – just the opposite. Because our congregation loves books and the library didn't buy any for a few years, we have a huge surplus in the library fund - \$11,000 to be exact. Enough to buy books for many years. So if you are thinking about making a contribution in honor/memory of someone to TI, please choose another fund. There are many that could really use the money.



SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

TOT SHABBAT FAMILY JAM

*January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4 and June 1
at 11:00 am*

Learn more at bit.ly/TITots.

MINI MINYAN

*January 20, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11 and June 8
at 11:00 am*

Learn more at bit.ly/TIMini.

JUNIOR MINYAN

*January 13 and 27, 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.

TOT SHABBAT YOGA WITH DODA | FAMILY JAM

*January 6 and 13, 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.

YOUTH & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

TU B'SHEVAT FAMILY EXPERIENCE

Sunday, January 28 at 11:00 am

BAT/BAR/KABBALAT MITZVAH CLUB (CLUB BBK)

*Sundays January 7 & 21, February 4 and 11, March 2 and 10,
April 5 and 21, May 5
at 9:15 am*

Learn more at bit.ly/TIBBKClub.

Nayes un Mechayes - Dori Gillman

Good News

Susan Vitale reports that she was awarded a black belt in karate (specifically, non-traditional tang soo do). Since 2015, she has been taking classes with Kaizen Karate (which used to teach classes at TI). They provide wonderful support and encouragement for youth and adults alike. Quite a journey for a middle-aged, non-athletic person!

Esther Herman reports: We have musical news of the **Rachel and Joseph Firschein** family. Jenny is an accomplished dancer and was accepted into the University of North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem to pursue her studies in ballet and academics. She is in the 11th grade there. Amusingly, UNCSA has the "Fighting Pickle" as its mascot. Younger sister, Ava, is the family vocalist. She was the child understudy for the new opera, "Grounded" that had a run at the Kennedy Center. Ava is in the DC Children's Chorus and was able to sing a duet of songs from "Grounded" with her opera cohort at a recent choral production. Earlier in the year, she studied and per-

formed with The Cincinnati Youth Choir which is affiliated with the University of Cincinnati. Here's to grandparents' pride!!!

Yael Smiley and **Gabe Kravitz** are pleased to announce that their son, **Asher Israel Smiley Kravitz**, was born on Monday, December 4, 2023. Yael, the baby, Gabe, big brother **Josh**, and big sister **Yona** are all doing well and are delighted with the

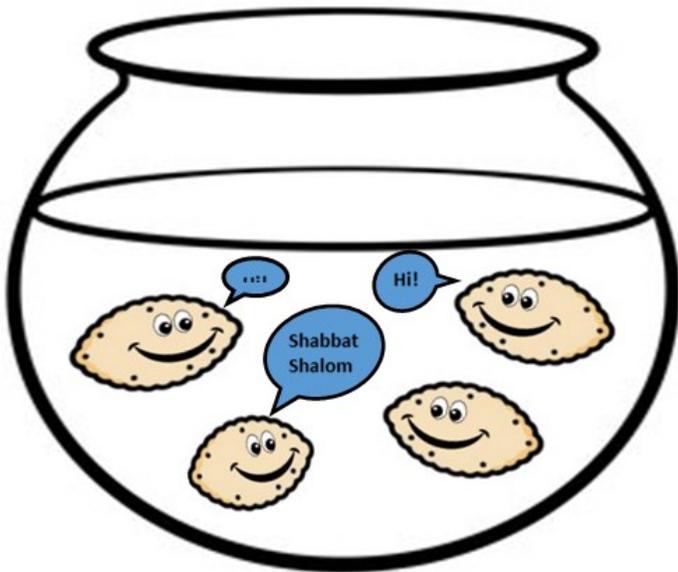


Smiley-Kravitz family photo

new addition to the family.

If you would like to help the family by bringing them a meal, [click HERE to sign up](#).

Welcome to (Gefilte) Fishbowl Shabbat!



Meet and mingle with newer members and visitors at Kiddush lunch on January 27th. Learn more at bit.ly/TIWelcome



Hanukah at the Hermans'. Photo: Gene Herman

RIISING SONG SHABBAT

Sponsored by the Ritual Committee

KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICES AND DINNER

Friday, January 12 at 6 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
Deadline: Monday, January 8 by 9 am

FULL MOON WALK

Sunday, January 28 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
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Chanukah yard display. Photo: David Silber

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New Menorah Series: Pets

Do you have pets that are not cats or dogs? Nothing against cats or dogs, but this series is aimed at highlighting more unusual pets. Over the next year we will publish portraits of people and their non-cat/non-dog animal companions.

So, do you keep any of these in your home or yard, or board them out?

- Chickens
- Gerbils
- Parrots
- Parakeets
- Canaries or other birds
- Ferrets
- Horses
- Donkeys
- Fish
- Rabbits
- Snakes
- Lizards or other reptiles
- Sheep
- Goats
- Llamas or alpacas
- Chinchillas
- Ants (in an ant farm, not naturally occurring)
- Hermit crabs
- Mice
- Bees
- Hamsters
- Guinea pigs
- Anything else you have and think should be on the list

Let your Menorah editor know (menorah@tifereth-israel.org). Include something about why you chose that pet and what life is like with them. If more than one Tier has the same kind of animal we'll group them.

Gevarim - Andrew Reamer

Talmud Study with Rabbi Seidel -- Shabbat January 6, 1:00-2:00 PM. Tractate Sanhedrin in English translation. (In Reamer Chapel or Berch Library)

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 5 -- *Zionism's Future: Whither Israel-Diaspora Relations?*, January 14, 10:30 AM-12:15 PM [on TI zoom]

In an age of deep social divisions both in the US

and in Israel, what is happening to the relationship between American Jews and Israel? Is the US government's support for Israel contingent on a broad American Jewish consensus on Israel? How might these relationships develop in the decade to come?

Panelists:

- Dov Waxman | UCLA
- Mira Sucharov | Carleton University
- David Makovsky | National Library of Israel
- Eric Alterman | CUNY - Brooklyn

Moderated by Jonathan Gribetz | Princeton University

Game Night with Kol Nashim -- Saturday, January 20, 7:00 PM at TI



**Interfaith
Meet & Greet**

Sunday, January 21 at 10:30 am

Interfaith households (at least one family member not raised Jewish) will meet, share about their families and think about convening in the future.

Rabbi Werbow will welcome everyone

Light snacks will be served

Childcare for families with young ones

Contact [Adrienne Torrey](#) for more information.



Kefers at the November 14th rally for Israel.
Photo by Jennifer Kefer.

Yahrzeitn Observed in January

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

December 29-30

1/1 Florence S. Block
Sidi Ermann
Eva Fisher
Bayla Kraft
David Schechtman
Marie Weintraub
1/2 Miriam Lydia Blechman
Grimes
Morris Fleishman
Anna Footer
Shirley Levy
Tillie Mogul
Joseph Reamer
Esther Stromberg
1/3 Nelly Hadassah Brenner
Freha Emsellem
Diana Engel
Eugene Englander
Burt Lopatin
Muriel G. Snyder
Leo Turkel
1/4 Charles W. Bergman
Hertsell Conway
Benjamin Dinkin
Esther Horwitz
Noah Roitman
Sam Stein
1/5 David G. Coran
Eliot Goldings
Minnie Kinland
Ben Laden
Rebecca Hanna Mensh
Esther Pincus
Hilda Pomerance
Herschel Weil
Richard S. Weiss

January 5-6

1/6 Celeste Green Gellner
Miriam Goldman
William Greenberg
Barbara Sarah Jewler
Albert Kline
Florence Meltzer

Joseph Witt
1/7 Herbert Edward Blanco
William Fargotstein
Sadie Goldberg
Anna Zeller
1/8 Ella Berger
Albert Burke
Angela Kavruck
Jacob Kestenbaum
Cecelia Lachman
Samuel Symons
1/9 Rose Gandel
Mildred Sarah Goodman
Jeffrey Remer
Blanche Salod
1/10 Harriet Lee Bondareff
Marie Brier
Rebecca Gorewitz
Nathan Landay
Lawrence Mason Miller
Ira Pearlman
William W. Prager
Helen G. Quint
Louis Rose
1/11 Lawrence P. Blonder
Gertrude Cohen
Abraham Feit
Morton Gerber
Flora Hoffman
Marjorie Hecht Watson
Ida Yoelson
1/12 Robert Ackerman
Abraham Berlin
Philip Filderman
Isaac Friedman
Bernice Lillian Herr
Annie Kessel
Leo Kramer
Jack Padve
Morton Alfred Seltman
Fred I. Simon
David Wall
Benjamin Warsaw
Fannie H. Wolf

January 12-13

1/13 Naomi Decter
Tirza Freeman
Joseph Malnik
Philip Mincosky
Harold Newman
Harry Plotkin
David A. Saltz
Brenda Sandler
Leon Sandler
Alfred Salim Shashoua
Bernard Slatko
Henry Stern
Chaye Zissel Wolf
1/14 Sara Berman
Anne Cherner
John A. (Jack) Doherty
Efraim Herbert Gale
Rose Gotfried
Eva T. Mendelson
Tillie Weinstein
1/15 Marvin Caplan
Rosalind Corman
Adolph Greenfeld
Gerald Leland
Freda Levy
William Mancoll
Deborah Serling
Mermelstein
Vivian Sherman
John P. Stromberg
1/16 Helen Graber Fabian
Harry Faigen
Samuel H. Gorewitz
Myrtle Leidman
Pauline Natter
Sara Skidell
Gertrude G. Steinberg
Barbara Jeanne Weitz
1/17 Gussie Blankstein
Terri Kahan
Lena Sodden
Phillip I. Trupp

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Yahrzeitn Observed in January - continued

1/18 Harry Bondareff
Solomon Flum
Meyer Frank
Libby Hertz
Morris Katzman

1/18 Moses Lewis
Susan Riker
David Roffe
Barry Seidel
Max Tischler

1/19 Pinya Cohen
Dorothy Borenstein
Greenberg
Abraham Jack London
Mollie Schainker
Ruth Polacheck Usher

January 19-20

1/20 Harry Friedenberg

Victor Leidman

1/21 Esther Gershowitz

Rita Golub

Robert Halper

Bernard Koltow

Lillian Kronstadt

Ruth Polster

Rose Rodenstein

1/22 Jennie Lippman

Margine Moshenberg

1/23 Marguerite Cohen

Sarah Lerner

Rose Ann Murdock

Rose Parks

Robert Reiss

Elizabeth Robinson

Walter Roth

Norman Snow

Max Tulchin

1/24 Stuart David Corman

Max Friedman

Bernard Miller

George Revzin

Steve Ross

Philip Samuels

Belle Shapiro

Marion Sneiderman

1/25 Marcia Goldberg

Jennie Hoffman

David London

Sheldon Roodman

Isadore Schwarz

1/26 Phillip Abraham

Jennie Schutz

January 26-27

1/27 Albert Heyman

Joseph Bergman Rosenthal

Tilia S. Waltman

Rhonda Weiss

Reuben I. Wolfson

1/28 Esta Benson

Norma E. Cherner

Bernard Danzansky

Grace Feldman

Bertha Greenfield

Stanley Herman Siegel

Cecelia Taransky

1/29 Joseph Braverman

Allan Robert Pearlman

Rose Perlzweig

Samuel Rod

Ethel Weiss

1/30 Rhea Berenbaum

Leon Nathan Hirschman

Bessie Friedman Lewis

William Silverman

Judith Pearlman Wolfson

1/31 Mollie Aronowitz

Julian Berch

Nathan Fanaroff

Ethel Feig

Nathan Golden

Abrom Kayson

James Kraft

Agatha I. Leifer

Abraham N. Parson

Harris Samuels

Beth Shulman

Esther L. Yaverbaum

2/1 Bella Birnman

Bertha Leah Charnow

Eugene S. Cohen

Audrey Lynn

Betty Danzig Roth

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

Refugee Shabbat Program—February 10

Program will include Shabbat morning speakers, lunch and a Shalem panel discussion

Come to hear speakers from the New Neighbors Interfaith Alliance and learn about their work with refugee resettlement/support

Come to hear Zabi Shirzad—an Afghan refugee—who is the father of the family TI volunteers are supporting

Come to hear about challenges new refugees face and both big and small opportunities for TI members to get involved!

Sponsored by TI's Social Action Committee

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.

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, January 8, 22 & 29 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.

DIRECTING THE HEART: GUIDED MEDITATION & REFLECTION

Saturdays, January 6 & 20 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.

*In person and virtual | **Virtual only

ONGOING RELIGIOUS SERVICES & LEARNING (cont'd)

MONTHLY TALMUD STUDY WITH RABBI SEIDEL

Saturday, January 6 at 1:00 pm

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.

MONTHLY HEBREW TANACH CLASS: KOHELET (ECCLESIASTES)

Friday, January 19 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.

*In person and virtual | **Virtual only



Joelle Novey and Mikey Franklin at the IfNotNow "Chanukah for Ceasefire" protest outside the White House on December 11th. Photo by Eliana Roberts Golding.



Havdalah at the conclusion of the Retreat Katan. Photo by Naomi Freeman.

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, January 7 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—ADDRESSING ANTI-SEMITISM: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES **

Sponsored by Gevarim

Begins Sunday, February 18 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 GROUP *

Tuesday, January 16 at 7:30 pm

The book this month is *The Family Markowitz* by Allegra Goodman. 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, January 28 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 4:00 pm

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

Learn more at 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.

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Chanukah Extravaganza Photos



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Donations—November 13 to December 17

Annual Appeal

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 Shelly & Stephen Heller in honor of Myron Murdock
 Amy & David Kritz
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In support of the Chanukah Extravaganza
 Robert Feron & Dione Pereira
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 Sarah Levine
 Michael & Michelle Strollo
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Kol Nashim

Brenda & Lee Footer to support the Joan Nathan event

Marvin Caplan Social Action Fund

Harvey Kabaker & Andrea Kline in support of refugee assistance & Christmas donations for shelters
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 Rabbi Charles & Krayna Feinberg
 Paula Flicker
 Beverly Lehrer
 Nechama Malkiel & Toby Reiter
 Kenneth Morris & Terri Zall
 Alan & Cyndy Weitz

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 Adele & Ray Natter
 Marny & Thomas Stevens in honor of Myron Murdock

Torah Repair Fund

Shelly & Stephen Heller

Yahrzeit Donations

Robyn Altman & Brendan Doherty in memory of Jack Doherty
 Natalie Arosemena in memory of Jeffrey Reamer, Samuel Gorewitz, Rebecca Gorewitz, Robert Allan Barr & Joseph Levin
 Karen Barr & Andrew Engel in memory of Diana Engel
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 Ernie Englander
 Rabbi Charles & Krayna Feinberg in memory of Rose Epstein
 Lois Frankel & David Hart in memory of Robert Frankel
 Elizabeth & Stuart Gorewitz in memory of William Gorewitz
 Larry & Melanie Greenfield in memory of Miriam Meyer Gross
 Rose Ellen Halper & Edwin Stromberg in memory of Esther Stromberg
 Denise & Sheldon Iskow in memory of Leon H. Burka
 Lisa & Michael Kraft in memory of Stella Kraft
 Susan Laden in memory of Ben E. Laden
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COMMUNITY HAVDALAH POTLUCKS

Sponsored by the Membership Committee

January 27 | Hosted by Branden & Sabrina Levey
 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.

Donations – November 13 to December 17 - continued

Yahrzeit Donations

Vivian Rubinstein in memory Frances Friedlander

Rabbi Ethan & Rachel Seidel in memory of Barry Seidel

Ellen & Norman Sinel in memory of M. Jerry Winick

Catherine & Jonathan Tuerk in memory of Gladys Elizabeth Miller

Harriet Vinner in memory of Helen Janus

Chanukah Extravaganza Photos



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Upcoming Friday Night Minyan Assignments

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 Ber-
man
Helen Disenhaus
Stan Dorn & Carla Ellern

January 26, 2024

Desiree Douglas
Benjamin Dreyfus & Rabbi Eliza-
beth Richman
Pierre & Deena Dugan
Henry Einhorn
Marshall Einhorn & Deborah
Skolnick-Einhorn
David & Helene Emsellem
Ernie Englander
Rabbi Charles & Krayna Feinberg
Miriam Feinsilver
Roger & Gail Feldman
Joshua & Mita Felman
Mark Felman

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
Bruce Friedland & Jenny Bryant
Naomi Friedman
Judy Galat & Geoff Thale
William & Miriam Galston
Rebecca Gan
Jared Garelick & Ellen Kramarow
Marsha Gentner
Ron Ghatan & Megan Larkin
Seth Glabman & Martha Hare

February 23, 2024

Rick Glaser and Sheryl Gross-
Glaser
Howard Gleckman & Ann Kline
John & Marcia Goggin
Eliot Goldberg & Traci Kammer
Goldberg
Joseph Goldberg
Joshua & Sara Goldberg
Adam & Allison Goldman
Myrna Goldman
Paul Goldman & Debbie Pomer-
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Tom & Lisa Goldring
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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



Chanukah Extravaganza
Photo: Genevieve Sapir

Start the New Year with TI's Learner's Minyan - Stan Dorn, Ritual VP

"Almost unintelligible to the uninitiated." That's how a famous judge described particularly complex federal regulations,* but it's also how many people experience traditional Shabbat morning services.

If you'd like more inspiration and less confusion on TI's Saturday mornings, the Learner's Minyan may be right for you. The first session will combine an overview of the morning service's basic structure with an exploration of traditional Jewish prayer's basic elements, including the role of song. Each later session will focus on a particular major chunk of the service.

The Learner's Minyan will feature hands-on practice singing key communal prayers, as well as discussions about the nature of prayer, explorations of favorite liturgical gems, and approaches to ancient prayers that many of us find challenging intellectually or morally. No prior knowledge of Hebrew, Judaism, or prayer is required.

The Learner's Minyan will meet on Saturday mornings, from 10 am to 11 am. The first session will take place January 27. After that, we'll meet on the second Saturday of every month, starting on February 10 and concluding on June 8.

I'll be leading many of the sessions, but special guest stars will teach as well. As a result, partici-

pants will encounter a variety of perspectives on Jewish prayer.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me, at TIRitual@tifereth-israel.org. Following is a list of topics we plan to cover during each session.

Planned Schedule:

January 27. An overview of the Saturday morning service, including the different major sections; the basic structure of traditional Jewish prayers; the role of melody and song; plus learning and practicing *Adon Olam*.

February 10. Blessings of dawn and verses of song, plus learning and practicing *Aleinu*.

March 9. The *Shma* and its blessings, plus learning and practicing *Ein Keloheinu*.

April 6. The morning *Amidah*, plus learning and practicing *Eitz Chayim*.

May 11. The Torah service and *Musaf*, plus learning and practicing the *Musaf Kedusha*.

June 8. Wrap-up session. Important topics we couldn't cover during earlier sessions, questions, comments, reflections, thoughts about further learning.

* *Friedman v. Berger*, 547 F.2d 724, 727, n. 7 (CA2 1976).

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