



The Menorah

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From the President: Sara Goldberg

Over the past few weeks, it's really felt like TI is "coming back." I know that not everyone is yet comfortable attending services or events in person, but I hope even those of you on Zoom can feel the rooms (and hallways) filling. And I hope to see you back in the building when you are ready.



The Purim Carnival filled TI with kids from tots to teens. While having activities on multiple levels certainly didn't contain the chaos, it created a feeling of beautiful, uncontained joy in the building that morning. I got to serve on se-

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From the Rabbi: Rabbi Michael Werbow

There are many key themes that we can look at during this month's upcoming Passover celebration. We can discuss freedom and we can place a great emphasis on education. The whole Seder is set up as a lesson plan and the flow from beginning to end is from slavery to freedom.

Another main theme is "welcoming." Near the beginning of the Seder we make the statement, "*Kol Dichfin Yaytay v'Yaychul*," "Let all who are hungry come and eat." Some have the custom of opening the door at this time to welcome in anyone in need of a meal for Pesach. It seems peculiar though to do this in the midst of the Seder. We have already recited *Kiddush*, to begin the meal, we would hope that everyone already has a place for Seder. If not, then we have failed as a community.

So, one explanation is that we recite "*Kol Dichfin*" not for those who are not there but for those who are at our table to know that we really want them to be there. We make a statement, that we will welcome other people, to reassure those who we have already welcomed in that we are blessed to have their company.



I often find a need to make similar statements in my everyday rabbinical experiences. It is not uncommon when I visit someone in the hospital that they say, "You didn't have to bother." I want them to know that I want to be there; that it is important to me to be able to spend time with them. The same is true when someone has lost a

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curity duty and it was wonderful to see familiar faces and new faces arriving to play and celebrate together.

The evening Megillah reading is always one of my favorite times, and this year it felt like a homecoming. The sanctuary wasn't quite as full as it used to be, but we had a great turnout both in person and

on Zoom. I loved the mix of participation from various locations, and, like the carnival, the beautiful chaos of having so many kids in the building reminded me how special our community is.

Finally, my family attended the Friday night singalong, service, and dinner a couple weeks ago. It was my first Friday night in the building since Rabbi Werbow's visit during the search process. We had a great turnout of kids for the pre-Shabbat singalong and wonderful participation by kids and teens in the service. I'll admit our family was one of the last to leave the Cherner, well after 9pm. We're already looking forward to the next one.

I hope you'll join us in person when you are ready. Masks and COVID-19 vaccinations are still required as part of our efforts to provide an environment that feels and is as safe as possible. And if you aren't ready, we hope you'll keep tuning in on Zoom. However you choose to participate, I hope to "see" you soon.

B'shalom,
Sara Goldberg

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From the Rabbi - continued

loved one. The time I spend with them before and after the funeral is an important way for me to help them connect to the community and to our traditions at a time when they can use the support.

One of the things I am most looking forward to when things are back to “normal” is when people will drop by my office, asking to talk. These chats are also what I view to be an integral part of my job. People come to talk about their relationships with parents, children, spouses or friends and people come to talk about their job situation or about a big decision they are trying to make. People come to share the joys that they have felt from their children or from a recent trip. No matter the reason, I look forward to opportunities for sharing.

Once someone gave me a call to let me know that a friend was in the hospital. The friend didn't want her to tell anyone but she said, “You're not anyone, you're the Rabbi.” I really liked this response. Each of us should have a proxy who informs the synagogue and the Rabbi of important times in our lives. You can't believe the times we, as a *Kehillah K'dosha*, a Holy Community, miss out on sharing with someone's joy of becoming a grandparent or the times we find out that someone was in the hospital long after they have gone home.

“*Kol Dichfin*,” let all who are hungry come and eat – let all who need some one-on-one with the Rabbi receive it. Let those who are part of our *Kehillah Kedosha* be strengthened because of their connection. Be the one to strengthen our connections in this *Kehillah K'dosha*, this holy community that is Tifereth Israel.

Chag Kasher v'Sameyach

Have a Happy and Kosher Passover



The Lande family dressed as the Madrigal family from Encanto, heading out for Purim. Photo by Jeri Roth-Lande



Hamantaschen, made, arranged, and photographed by Esther Herman. Gene Herman was sous chef.

100th Anniversary of the First American Bat Mitzvah

In 1922 Judith Kaplan had the first ceremony identified as a Bat Mitzvah in America. On March 19th TI commemorated this event by having members speak about their Bat Mitzvah experiences. In 1991 a group of TI women asked **Cynthia Peterman** to help them prepare for a group Bat Mitzvah. The official photo of this event appeared in the Jewish Week. It can be seen in the TI history exhibit across from the library, and at right.

This issue features accounts of their B'nai Mitzvah experiences from some members of that class and from others. So many were submitted that we will publish more in the May issue. If you had an adult Bat Mitzvah, please send your memories of it to menorah@tifereth-israel.org.



Front row L to R: Florrie Einhorn, Jeri Greenberg, Margie Odle, Mona Berch (with Torah), Varda Fink, Esther Herman, Karen Fierst, Harriet Herr, Marjorie Greenberg, Back row: Susan Morse, Hedy Ohringer.

My Bat Mitzvah - Hedy Ohringer

The Bat Mitzvah class and ceremony were just two of many milestones in my life, which since 1961 are linked to TI and **Rabbi and Babs Abramowitz**.

Shortly after I took basic Hebrew with **Cynthia Gaizband** (*Editor's note: now Cynthia Peterman*) she invited me and other students to join a new class that could lead to an Adult Bat Mitzvah ceremony. Wanting to continue learning from Cynthia made me say "Yes," but I doubted I'd actually reach the bimah!

Cynthia met each of us at our varying knowledge and skill levels. I still needed "Aleph, Bet" corrections. The trope symbols and their melodies were new to me. I can recognize a tune, but I can't sing it! But I had some tools – Cynthia's tape recording, my husband Lee's help, **Margie Odle's** hand-written score, and my piano. But to my horror, the musical notes read left to right, while the trope read right to left.

In the Bat Mitzvah class, I also learned the order and

meanings of the prayers and readings of the Shabbat morning services. Cynthia made me think of my role as a Jew. I began to place an even higher value on TI's being egalitarian.

On the Bat Mitzvah celebratory day, I was happy being surrounded by family. But I missed our daughter Carla, who had taken leave as TI's USY president to do High School in Israel. I also missed my late father Carl Wertheim's unconditional love and support; yet I laughed inside as I recalled his love of music and his groans when I hit the wrong notes on the piano. Finally, I thought of family members I knew only from stories my parents had told me, because my maternal grandmother, young aunts and uncles were lost in the Holocaust.

Still, the joy and warmth of TI's musical services made the day!

P.S. My chanting felt lovely!



PESACH 5782

April 15 - April 23

Learn more at bit.ly/PesachTI22

SERVICES

- Pesach Day 1 • Saturday, Apr 16, 9:00 am
- Pesach Day 2 • Sunday, Apr 17, 9:00 am
- Pesach Day 7 • Friday, Apr 22, 9:00 am
- Pesach Day 8 • Saturday, Apr 23, 9:00 am
 - ~10:15 • am Reading of Shir Ha'Shirim
 - ~11:00 am • Yizkor Service

SIYYUM BECHORIM

Friday, Apr 15 at 7:00 am

Rabbi Werbow will hold a Siyyum for the study of Mishnah Moed Katan. Celebratory meal to follow.

SHAKE UP YOUR SEDER WITH MELISSA WERBOW

Sunday, April 3 at 4:00 pm via Zoom

Sponsored by Kol Nashim

Melissa Werbow will share tips and tricks for making your seder come alive for guests of all ages.

Learn more at bit.ly/ShakeUpYourSeder22.

ART & MATZAH MAKING

Sunday, April 3 at 11:00 am

Sponsored by the TI Tot Committee

Families with young children are invited to get creative with a Passover-themed art project, and hands a little dirty, with some matzah making!

Learn more at bit.ly/TotsPesach22.

SELL YOUR CHAMETZ

Complete the form by Friday, April 15th at 8:30 am
Learn more at bit.ly/TIChametz22.

MAOT HITIN

A fund to help impoverished Jews in our community.
Learn more at bit.ly/MaotHitin22.

PASSOVER DELIVERIES

Volunteer on Sunday, April 10 at 9:00 am.
Learn more at bit.ly/DeliveriesPesach22

My Bas Mitzvah- Meira Bracha (Michele) Sumka

In May of 1956, when I was 12, I had my Bas Mitzvah on a Friday night at Congregation Adath Israel in Woodbridge, New Jersey. It was a small Conservative congregation in a small New Jersey town. I chanted the Haftarah, Beha'alotecha, which I had learned with the help of a 78 RPM record, plus the tutoring of the rabbi, Rabbi Samuel Newberger. I also gave a speech, which the rabbi had written for me. I was pleased with my performance, although some of the adults said I read the speech too fast.

I knew that the Haftarah wasn't generally chanted at the Friday evening service, but I didn't question it. I was happy to have the opportunity to have a bas mitzvah. There must have been a regular Oneg Shabbat after the service, and on Saturday afternoon my mother made a party for family and friends at our home.

This was the standard in my shul. Boys had their Bar Mitzvot on Saturday mornings near the date of their birthdays. The girls in the class had a joint Bas Mitzvah on a Friday night near Shavuot. Since I was the only girl in my class, I got to have mine all to myself!

Our Hebrew school classes were coed, and the only time I felt excluded from any of the learning was when the rabbi took the class down into the sanctuary, brought the class up on the bima, took a Torah out of the Ark and unrolled it on the table. All the boys gathered around it as the rabbi

pointed out something on the scroll, while I stood on my tiptoes and tried to get near enough to see it. I felt very upset that I couldn't see the Torah and that no one even realized that I was trying to get closer. As a "good girl", it didn't even occur to me that I could raise my voice and ask to get closer to see it.

One of the most positive and long-lasting byproducts of the event was that before the service the rabbi met with my parents and me and asked what my Hebrew name was. They said I had never been given a Hebrew name, but I was named for my paternal grandfather, whose name was "Meir Berl". The rabbi said OK, then, her Hebrew name will be Meira Bracha, which means, "Blessing of Light". I thought, "oh, that's nice".

I didn't think much more of it until I became a Reiki Master in a class in the Old City in Jerusalem and had to write down my name for the diploma I received. That's when I started realizing the role of spirituality in my life.

Later, when I started studying Judaism seriously, in the Jewish Renewal class on Women's Wisdom, my teacher, Rabbi Nadya Gross, told me that I **was** a Blessing of Light! She guided me to study in the Sage-ing Mentorship Program, where I learned about teaching Age-ing and Preparation for Dying, and then encouraged me to learn to be a Spiritual Director. Ever since, I have been holding onto that name and working to deserve it!

Purim carnival photos by Jeff Peterman



Volunteer Spotlight - Jared Garelick

Stephanie Rubin has been teaching an adult Hebrew class at TI for long enough that she doesn't remember when she started it. Ten years maybe?

The format is pretty set by now. She leads a group in reading ten or twelve lines of Torah that they translate together from Hebrew and discuss. Over the years the class has covered parts of Exodus and Leviticus, but they keep returning to Genesis, where they are now. They find that Genesis has the most compelling stories and narratives that are fun to translate.

The class meets on Thursday mornings at 10:30 for an hour or a bit more. While the focus is on the language, Stephanie says that there's a large social aspect to the class that keeps people coming. Many of the participants, she reports, have been coming for years, some for as long as she's been leading the class.

Anyone is welcome to come try it. You don't have to be fluent in Hebrew. If you were, you wouldn't need the help. Any text yields additional treasures in the original.

The class, which long met in person, migrated to Zoom with the pandemic. It's not quite the same but is better than nothing. And through the magic of the internet, it has even attracted a new regular attendee who lives in San Francisco and has never met the others in person.

As an illustration that learning can continue in adulthood, Stephanie only began to learn Hebrew when she began the process of converting to Judaism. She then continued studying for years with Yocheved Karlin, a beloved local teacher of Hebrew to adults, along with some classes with **Rabbi Seidel**. She is now learning Yiddish on Zoom.

Stephanie and her husband, **David**, have been

TI members for about 24 years. Over the years she has volunteered in a variety of ways. Many of you might have cooked casseroles for So Others May Eat, which Stephanie and David coordinated until the pandemic led SOME to decline prepared food donations. For a time, Stephanie also taught the kindergarten and first graders at TI's Himmelfarb Hebrew School, which she enjoyed. These days she is a regular at TI's weekly Black Lives Matter vigil,



held every Friday at five, which she strongly urges others to attend.

Stephanie says she likes to do something to be involved in the TI community, which she finds creates a feeling of belonging. Whether you take her class or not, that's a good lesson to learn from her.

Thanks Stephanie, for helping other TI'ers learn.

Erev Purim at TI

At the megillah reading on Erev Purim. Photos by Julie Steinberg.



Adele Natter and Louise Kelley, or Vashti and King Hashie



Sheri Blonder, or an unknown marauder



The Rabbi in the Hat



Naomi Freeman and Jeff Steinberg in a musical number



Melissa Werbow and Rabbi Jason Kimelman-Block



Lena, Hillel and Allan Tulchin in their native costumes.

Who Knows One?

TI hosted an episode of the online game show Who Knows One? The game is based on the old sport of Jewish Geography, with contestants attempting to identify a person based on clues about the person and on contacting their friends who might have a connection through camp, shul, college or whatever else to the person. Photos by Jennifer Kefer.



My Haftarah: a Milestone for TI and Me - Barbara White

I never set out to be a trailblazer. Yet one Shabbat morning in June or July of 1973, near my 37th birthday, I became the first adult woman to chant a Haftarah at TI. It had all the elements of an adult Bat Mitzvah, but we did not call it that. The concept of an adult Bat Mitzvah was not yet on our radar.

But something else was. In mid-1973, TI was in the middle of a 3-year process to make our services gender-egalitarian. As we gradually opened up service roles to women, some at TI began to view this process more favorably. Others left the congregation. **Rabbi Abramowitz** strongly supported women's participation. Yet some long-time members were vigorous, even raucous, in their opposition, and we did not want to rock the boat any more than necessary.

That 1973 Haftarah happened by chance. Earlier, I'd said to Howard, my husband, "I'd love to be able to do a Haftarah, but of course I can't." Howard pointed out that TI women could now

take an aliyah for a special occasion, including birthdays. Birthdays? That was a surprise.

I set about learning to chant a Haftarah. Unlike many women my age, I could read Hebrew easily, and the rabbi helped me learn the trope. In case you're wondering, all went well. After my Haftarah, all but one of the older men who regularly attended services came up to shake my hand. The one who did not, turned to Howard and said: "Give Barbara a kiss for me."

Now, almost 49 years later, I still wonder: Did I or did I not have a Bat Mitzvah that day? I still don't know. I do know that by chanting a Haftarah at TI that long-ago Shabbat, I played a small role in a large change in Judaism. I'm glad about that. And I applaud the many women who have celebrated their adult Bat Mitzvot at Tifereth Israel. Those women knew what they were doing.

Adapted and abridged by Barbara from her talk at TI on March 19, 2022.

My Bat Mitzvah - Varda Fink

When I was a girl growing up in Milwaukee, there were not many Bat Mitzvot. My father, who was a Jewish educator and had smicha from Ukraine, rejected the concept as an "Americanism" and of no religious significance. Until I was 12 and refused to go because I was banned from entering the men's section, we attended an Orthodox, Chassidic shul. When I told him that I would not go there anymore because I refused to be relegated to behind the mechitza, he agreed with me and we left.

For a long time after this I stopped attending synagogue on my own or engaging in any Jewish practice outside of my parents' home and continuing my Hebrew education. Once children arrived it became important for me to re-engage. The primary criterion for belonging to a synagogue was that it be egalitarian. It never occurred to me that I could have a Bat Mitzvah until the class was offered at TI in 1991. Both my daughters had their Bat Mitzvot before me and were encouraging. I had read Torah at each of their Bat Mitzvot. Having my own was coming full circle.

Editor's note: We are publishing additional Bat Mitzvah recollections in the May issue of the Menorah. If you had an adult Bat Mitzvah or were Bat Mitzvah before the practice was common, please send your recollections to menorah@tifereth-israel.org.

UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS



TOT SHABBAT

Saturdays at 11:00 am

Location (playground or indoors) will be announced on Thursdays.

Join [Auntie A](#) and others for a ruach-filled service for tots and their families and friends. Enjoy prayer, song, activities, stories, and snack.

Learn more at: bit.ly/titotshabbat.



HEBREW TANACH W/ RABBI SEIDEL

Friday, Apr 1 & 29 at 11:00 am

Via Zoom only - no in-person attendance

Explore Kohelet (Ecclesiastes) 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.



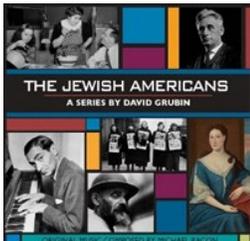
SERVE DINNER AT SHEPHERD'S TABLE

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee

Sunday, Apr 3 at 5:00 pm

Help serve dinner to homeless individuals on the 1st Sunday of each month. Registration required.

Learn more at bit.ly/TIShepherdsTable.



JEWISH HISTORY ONLINE

Sponsored by Gevarim

Sunday, April 3 at 10:30 am

Dive into one-hour segments of the PBS miniseries *The Jewish Americans*, followed by discussion led by TI member and historian Allan Tulchin. Learn more at bit.ly/TIJewishHistory.



TI RISING IN SONG

Sponsored by the Ritual Committee

First Thursday of every month at 8:00 pm

TIers are invited to learn and practice joyful, prayerful singing together. Come to class with a topic or something you are interested in learning!

Drop-ins welcome. Learn more at bit.ly/TIrising.



RAIN GARDEN CARE

Sponsored by the Green Committee

Sunday, April 3 & May 15 at 10:00 am

Come dig into the TI rain garden! Each month, volunteers weed and plant, depending on the season. BYO shovel and gloves. Learn more at bit.ly/TIgardencare.

WEEKLY SERVICE SCHEDULE



KABBALAT SHABBAT*

Fridays at 6:30 pm

At TI, we love to sing, especially on Friday night! Join in TI's full evening service to bring in Shabbat with the community.



SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES*

Saturdays at 9:00 am

Services are traditional, egalitarian, participatory, and led by TI members in partnership with our Rabbi.



ZOOMdalah!

Saturdays after sundown, check calendar for times

TI's virtual neighborhood gathers via Zoom for a warm and welcoming service to bring in the new week.



SUNDAY MORNING MINYAN*

Sundays at 9:15 am

Start the week by giving your spiritual life a lift! Services are lay-led, with Rabbi Werbow sharing insights into prayers and approaching holidays.

**Attend in the Sanctuary or via Zoom*

Registration required for in-person attendance. [Learn more about in-person services at TI here.](#)



Purim carnival
Photos by Jeff
Peterman



SPECIAL EVENTS



HAVDALAH FAMILY JAM

Saturday, Apr 9 at 4:30 pm

Rhythm & Ruach is back at TI for a spirit-filled, musical Havdalah celebration. The event is geared for families with young children and will be in-person at TI. Learn more at bit.ly/FamilyJamTI22.



PRE-KADIMA/KADIMA DRUM CIRCLE

Sunday, April 3 at 12:30 pm

Following a pizza lunch, our very own Auntie A will be leading Pre-Kadima (3rd, 4th and 5th graders) and Kadima (6th, 7th and 8th graders) in a spirit-filled drum circle.

Learn more at bit.ly/DrumCircleTI22.



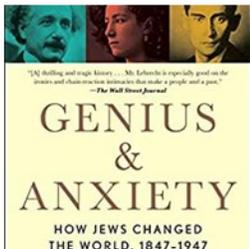
EXILE AND REDEMPTION ACCORDING TO THE CHERNOBYLER REBBE

Sponsored by Gevarim, Led by Stan Dorn

Sundays Apr 3 & 10 at 8:00 pm

This drop-in class will focus on the drashes of Rebbe Menahem Nahum and what the Exodus story means to us today.

Learn more at bit.ly/ExileandRedemptionTI



KOL NASHIM BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 pm

Join Kol Nashim to discuss *Genius & Anxiety: How Jews Changed the World 1847 - 1947* by Norman Lebrecht.

Learn more at bit.ly/TIKNBookClub.



UPTOWN SHABBAT

Friday, Apr 22 at 6:30 pm

Join in soulful song with Cantor Robyn Helzner, a leading interpreter of world Jewish music. TI Member **Stan Dorn** will be standing in for Chazzan **Larry Paul** this month. Guitar will be played during Kabbalat Shabbat.

Learn more at: bit.ly/TIUptownShabbat



GAME NIGHT

Sponsored by Kol Nashim

Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 pm

Enjoy games, snacks, wine and conversation with the community. All sorts of board games will be provided - or you can bring your favorites!

Learn more at bit.ly/TIGameNight22.

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Judith Turner

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Marcia Ann Sussman

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Dealing with Death - Who Does What at TI

The Tifereth Israel community is here to support you in a variety of ways in your time of need. The [Rabbi](#) is here for you for comfort, pastoral counseling and, usually, to conduct the funeral. The [Funeral Practices Committee](#) assigns a **chaver** (volunteer) to advise and guide you in matters both spiritual and practical as you move through the process of grieving and bereavement. The [Helping Hands Committee](#) is available to coordinate many types of assistance, such as arranging shiva minyanim and organizing a meal of condolence.

When a member of Tifereth Israel or the dependent child of a member dies, call the TI office or a chaver **first**. During working hours call should be to the Tifereth Israel office (202-882-1605); on weeknights or the weekend call a chaver. **Do not call the funeral home before calling TI** – that will only make arrangements more difficult. If a death is imminent, an advance call to the Rabbi, the office, or a chaver is appropriate.

The chaverim are:

Shelly Heller h: 301-942-1836
w: 202-994-5906//c: 301-996-2704
Bruce Heppen h: 301-299-3255
c: 202-997-1890//w: 703-417-8983
Marcia Goggin c: 301-792-1063

The chaver gets information from the family and then contacts the funeral home. TI uses Hines-Rinaldi, as it is the funeral home providing services under contract with the Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington. Working with the funeral home, and consulting with the family and the Rabbi as needed, the chaver arranges to have the *met* (the deceased) transported to the funeral home and helps schedule the funeral service and burial. The chaver contacts the men's or women's Taharah Committee, TI volunteers,

who meet at the funeral home to prepare the *met* for burial before the funeral. The chaver also helps the family write an obituary and place death notices as desired, and order death certificates. If the funeral is not local, the chaver works with Hines-Rinaldi to arrange transportation.

While the *met* is at the funeral home, it is traditional to have someone stay with the body until the funeral. This is known as **shemira** (honor guard). Currently, only one person can serve as a *shomer* at a time, so Helping Hands coordinates *shemira* with the Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington (JFPCGW). This often results in the use of paid *shomrim*, especially when more than one *met* is at the funeral home.

If volunteer *shomrim* can be used, Helping Hands recruits congregants and friends of the deceased to serve for a two hour shift. If volunteers cannot be used, or if the family wants to be assured of continuous coverage and this cannot be guaranteed by the JFPCGW, the family can authorize Hines-Rinaldi directly or through the chaver to arrange for paid *shomrim*.

The **meal of condolence** is provided to the mourners when they return from the cemetery and includes certain symbolic foods. It is traditionally arranged by the community or friends of the family for the immediate family and out of town relatives. For local funerals, if the family desires, the Helping Hands Committee can arrange for volunteers to provide food and to set it up in the family's home.

When a member of TI or a family member of a Tler dies, the Helping Hands Committee prepares a **Sad News announcement** to send to the congregation and some TI alumni. The no-

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Dealing with Death - continued

tice usually contains information about the deceased, the survivors, the funeral, shiva, shiva minyanim, and any requests for volunteers. If volunteers are needed, links to sign up are in the notice. A draft is prepared based on information from the chaver and the Rabbi and emailed to the family. The family reviews and revises the notice before it is sent out.

TI supports TI families during **shiva** by arranging **shiva minyanim**. The timing and number of shiva minyanim are worked out with the Rabbi, who finds service leaders. When the funeral is out of town, one or more minyanim can be held locally after the family returns. Helping Hands prepares signup sheets for in-person or Zoom shiva minyanim and includes signup links in the Sad News notice. For Zoom shiva minyanim, Helping Hands also arranges for a host to run the Zoom, and for those who registered to get the link to attend. Helping Hands monitors the signups to make sure there will be a minyan present and lets the

community know when help making the minyan is needed.

TI provides **siddurim** (prayer books) and **kippot**, a **mourning kit** with reading material, and, if the family wishes, **low chairs** on which the mourners can sit. These can be brought to the family's home by Helping Hands or the Rabbi, or can be picked up through the TI office.

If the mourners would like **meals brought to the family while they are sitting shiva**, Helping Hands creates a signup sheet indicating the number of people to be fed and their dietary requirements, and organizes delivery. To avoid mourners feeling like they have to provide food for visitors, Helping Hands tries to bring reasonably healthy **food for the people attending the shiva minyanim** to nibble on while waiting to talk to the mourners.

To contact Helping Hands, either email TI-Help@Tifereth-Israel.org or call/text **Susan Catter** at (202) 277-0119.

Tifereth Israel has cemetery sites available for purchase at Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Adelphi, Maryland. If you are interested in purchasing a gravesite, please contact Executive Director **Jevera Temsky** at tiexec@tifereth-israel.org.

Before the burial can happen, three items must be paid in full - the site, opening and closing (site preparation and the behind-the-scenes expenses), and liner (the cement box into which the casket is placed). These goods and services can be purchased at the cemetery after the plot sale has been completed. Contact the cemetery office (301-434-4640) for information and to work with a counselor.

TI's weekly Black Lives Matter vigil (March 18th), with Rabbi Werbow, David Rubin, Stephanie Rubin, Car-olivia Herron, Susan Vitale, and Henry Levin. Photo by Louise Kelley.



Nayes un Mechayes- Melissa Perera

Travel and Accomplishments

For a decade, **Claudine Schweber & Ed Koren** have made an annual pilgrimage to the Virginia Festival of the Book in Charlottesville, Va. 5 days of book talks, author panels, interactive events about history, religion, poetry, novels, graphic tales and more—all in downtown Charlottesville and on the UVA campus. They did try to restrain their book purchases;->. Extra bonus: lots of walking between the 2 sites. The last 2 years of COVID = no book festival:-<(. At last, this March, back to books and talks and walks! (+masks and vaccines for indoor events). Hurray!!!! <https://www.vabook.org/>

March was a big month for **Shira & Eric Schechtman**. On March 12th, Shira participated in an Adult Bat Mitzvah at Congregation B'nai Jeshurun in Pepper Pike, Ohio at Eric's boyhood congregation. The path to March 12 started two years earlier when the pandemic shut everything down, and two months later, COVID claimed Eric's father in Cleveland, just before Shavuot. Eric looked for a daily minyan, and a friend of Eric's brother suggested B'nai Jeshurun. The first day someone recognized Eric from his Rosh Hashanah Torah readings in Cleveland, and others remembered Eric's father having taught them in the BJC religious school in the early 1960s. In this way Eric was able to bond with a minyan as he had hoped. Then 9 weeks later Eric lost his mother, and the twice daily minyan experience kept Eric going at a very difficult time. At the same time in June 2020,



Shira & Eric started Zoom classes with BJC's Cantor which they both enjoyed tremendously. In January 2021 the Cantor announced his final Adult Bat Mitzvah class before his imminent departure, but the class needed another member to continue. So, Shira joined the class! During this time, both Eric and Shira took on things they'd never done before: Eric tutored one of the other class members and led P'seukei; Shira led Shacharit up to the Amidah and read Torah and two sections of Haftorah. Towards the end Eric spoke about the experience to the whole congregation in a special tribute for the Cantor.

In addition, on March 31, Eric completed a 42-year career as a computer systems engineer for a series of US Government contractors. He started writing software, and over time served in an ad-

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visory role on evaluating software written by other contractors. He began his career in Redondo Beach, CA, and then continued in Fairfax VA, and DC after moving from California to Maryland in 1985.

Happy News

Judah Irwin Hoffer (Yosef Yihuda), grandson of TI member **Marsha Gentner** and Joseph Berman z"l, was born to Jillian Berman & Steven Hoffer on March 7, 2022. He is named after his grandfather, Joseph Berman, along with a great-grandfather, Irwin Hoffer.



Sad News

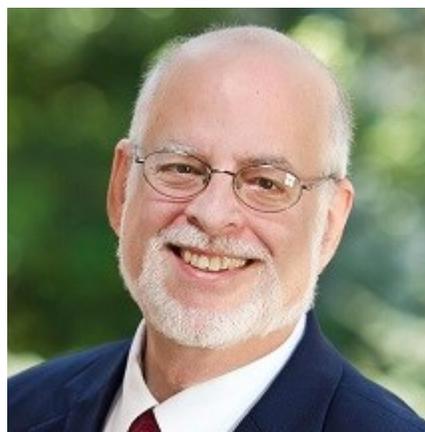
TI member **Neil Tickner**, husband of **Rachel Tickner** and father of **Jonathan**, died early on the morning of March 18, 2022, 15 Adar II 5782 at age 70 after a long illness. He is also survived by his sister Cecile Greenberg; same-age "three Musketeers" cousins Stephen Kasloff and Norman Abrams; cousins Jennifer Lipman-Bartel, Martha Simon, and Roy (Faith) Stander; mother-in-law Jessica Friedlander; brother-in-law David (Sheryl) Friedlander; nephews Noah and Rafael; and other cousins and friends.

Neil Tickner was born in Philadelphia in 1951. After graduating from Central High School in 1969 he earned a B.A. from Franklin & Marshall College and an M.A. from Temple University. He met Rachel in 1984 at the Hillel House for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. They married in 1988 at the Hillel House that served Washington University in St. Louis. Jonathan was born in Silver Spring, Maryland in 2000.

Neil spent over twenty-five years in public radio (at WILL in Champaign, Illinois, and WHYY in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) and twenty years in me-

dia relations at the University of Maryland, College Park. His radio work included stories on a Midwestern KKK meeting and cross-burning, neighborhood renewal in North Philadelphia, an aural re-creation of the original radio news coverage of the Pearl Harbor bombings, interviews with Holocaust survivors who endured the experiments of Dr. Mengele, and a series of open-to-the-public programs on astronomy at the Franklin Institute. He also spent several years at WHYY as the local host for NPR's morning news program "Morning Edition." Neil nurtured younger journalism colleagues and generously shared his editing skills with friends. His work was recognized by numerous professional awards. At the University of Maryland, College Park, Neil first facilitated media communications with faculty subject experts and lent his indefatigable, genial presence to his department's booth at the university's annual open house. Later, as Speechwriter/Assistant to the University President, Neil wrote op-ed pieces, recognized faculty and staff accomplishments, and collaborated on the university's annual report to the state legislature. Neil retired in January 2021. Despite declining health he continued his interest in reading about Jewish history, especially that of the Hasidim, until his death.

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



More Purim Carnival Photos

TI marked a joyous return to Purim in person with snacks, costumes, activities, rides, crafts, entertainment, a photo booth and more . Let's do it again next year!



Photos above by Jeff Peterman

Photos below by Rachel Lande



SHAKE UP YOUR SEDER! With help from Melissa Werbow **Sunday, April 3rd at 4:00 pm via Zoom**

Melissa will share tips and tricks for making your Passover Seder delightful for guests of ALL ages.

Click below to register for this fun event:

bit.ly/ShakeUpYourSeder22



Kol Nashim Book Group - Jessica Weissman

At our March meeting we discussed *The Last Watchman of Old Cairo*, by Michael David Lukas. This is a multilayered historical novel tracing the involvement over generations of members of a Cairo family as watchmen over the Ibn Ezra synagogue. Consensus was that the book was enjoyable though inaccurate on some details of Jewish practice, and possibly not totally convincing as a story.

We next meet on April 19th to discuss Norman Lebrecht's *Genius and Anxiety*. Lebrecht is an entertaining and insightful writer, and his subjects go beyond the well-known such as Freud, Marx, Einstein, etc. If you can't finish the book, select the people who interest you most, but please include the chapter on Felix Mendelssohn.

There are print and electronic copies at the Mo-Co library, and the book is widely available in print and electronic formats. Lots of used and remaindered copies, too.

Books for the upcoming months:

May's book: *The Puttermesser Papers*, a novel by Cynthia Ozick. Five episodes, some realistic and some fantastic, in the life of a single Jewish lawyer in New York, named Ruth Puttermesser. Transcendent, layered and fascinating. A few library copies but easy to find used and new.

June's book: *A Rosenberg by Any Other Name: A History of Jewish Name Changing in America*, by Kirsten Fermaglich. The author examined many name-change petitions submitted by Jews, discovering patterns and reasons that contradict the false narrative of name changes at Ellis Island. May sound dull, but definitely is not.

July's book: *Nemesis*, a novel by Phillip Roth. A young Jewish man in Newark leads a summer recreation program during the polio epidemic in 1944/5, against the backdrop of the last part of

WWII. The novel focuses on the effects of the epidemic on him, his charges, and the community. Plenty of parallels to contemporary issues.

August's book: *The Blessing and the Curse: the Jewish People and Their Books in the Twentieth Century*, by Adam Kirsch. What's better than a book? A book about books, including some that the book group has discussed. An erudite and accessible survey of Jewish life and culture in the twentieth century, as reflected in important books. Kirsch pursues several themes across authors ranging from Franz Kafka to Philip Roth, Anne Frank to Tony Kushner, Hannah Arendt to Judith Plaskow.

We meet at 7:30, for now over Zoom. As the weather improves and COVID poses less of a threat, we will reconsider meeting in person. Meetings last until 9pm, or until we run out of things to say. This rarely happens. We are TI!

Our meetings are open to everyone interested in talking about books, not just TI members. So if you have friends who might enjoy the kind of books we read, bring them along. Also including those who have not finished (or even started) the book. We make no commitment to avoid spoilers, however.

If you are not on the evite list, please contact **Janice Mehler** (contact information in the TI directory) to be added. RSVPs are not absolutely necessary until we start meeting at members' homes, but being on the list gets you timely reminders and an email with the Zoom link.

Here's the big secret: **we use the same Zoom link every month.** So save the link someplace, and you won't have to search for it every month.

I look forward to seeing many of you at these meetings.

TI Afghan Refugee Welcome Home Project - Bob Feron

If I am not for myself, then who will be for me?

And if I am only for myself, what am I?

And if not now, when?

- Rabbi Hillel

Our commitment to tikkun olam – healing and repairing the world – is a natural outgrowth of TI's progressive concern for the local community and world around us—a concern that is needed now more than ever. This April our congregation has several opportunities to act on these Jewish values. Specifically, this month we earnestly request your support to overcome the main obstacles that so far have prevented the launch of our **TI Afghan Refugee Welcome Home Project**.

1. We urgently need several adult TI volunteers to help **move the donated furniture** on an occasional Sunday, or perhaps very late on a Spring weekday afternoon, perhaps once or twice per month. We've already received quite a few offers of attractive donated furniture in superb condition that we haven't been able to accept because we haven't yet identified enough eager and able-bodied TI volunteers. So we really need you!
2. We urgently need a lead volunteer to coordinate the furniture-moving team. **This could be you!** If not, please speak with someone else at TI who is close to you who would be superb at performing this role. FYI, we've already identified coordinators for all donations of food, kitchen items and other household goods.
3. We urgently need several hundred dollars in donations to pay for the **short-term rental of a suitable storage space** where we can hold all the donated furniture and household supplies for several weeks before moving everything into the designated apartment for the Afghan family (or families). The donated funds would also pay for the rental of a truck or van to move everything, if necessary. Please click [here](#) to donate to this project through the Marvin Caplan Social Action Fund. Or you could support this project by offering to lend us your own moving van or a small truck (just occasionally).

We intend to put our Jewish values into action by mobilizing to finally launch this **TI Afghan Refugee Welcome Home Project**, in cooperation with the **International Rescue Committee (IRC)**. We intend to do this by mobilizing a team of TI volunteers who will collect and store all the essential furniture, goods and food to stock an apartment for one family of Afghans. IRC staff will locate, select and pay for this apartment for the first 90 days, probably in Prince George's County. After that, the family will pay the rent. IRC staff members provide support for job search efforts by the adults in the Afghan families.

Our role as volunteers for the **TI Afghan Refugee Welcome Home Project** will be to fill the empty rental apartment with everything that a recently-arrived family from Afghanistan needs to have to feel at home. We are certainly capable of doing this and doing it well. Within the next few weeks, we intend to schedule a meeting to provide more details to the congregation, and especially to recruit TI volunteers. First, however, we need to fill the urgent needs outlined above.

Please contact us if you can help as a volunteer. Once we've identified and set aside at least 90% of the essential furniture, goods and food to stock an apartment for one family of Afghans, we will coordinate with the IRC Office to obtain a date (or week) when the apartment will be furnished by TI volunteers.

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Social Action Volunteer Opportunities

Gene & Esther Herman

Passover Food Delivery Project: Passover is an important and special holiday. Jews from all over the world join together to celebrate the Exodus from Egypt. Food is an important component of Passover. You and your family have the opportunity to enhance the holiday for others by distributing essential Passover Seder foods, thereby helping to bring the holiday to an increased number of Jews in our area. There are Jewish members of our broader community who may not be able to obtain traditional Passover foods. Bnai Brith's Project Hope has been dedicated to alleviating this situation in our community for years. TI has been a longstanding participant in both assisting and donating to this project. Your financial contribution to this project can be made through the [Marvin Caplan Social Action Fund](#). Project Hope purchases a variety of Passover foods which are sorted into deliverable packages. Distribution of the packages depends on congregations such as TI. Delivery of the food will occur on the Sunday before Passover, **Sunday, April 10th**. Packages, of which TI has 50 to distribute, will be available at the Juniper Street steps from **9-10 am. We are looking for volunteers**, who can take some time and distribute the Passover goods to otherwise isolated Jews in

our community. To sign up, please go to <http://tinyurl.com/PesachDeliveries>, or go to [TI's Passover page](#) and look for the Tikkun Olam opportunities. You can also contact [Gene Herman](#).

Thanks, and have a zissen Passover.

Serving Dinner at Shepherd's Table: Join a group of Tiers who are committed to serving dinner once a month to homeless individuals in our community. TI has agreed to be available to serve meals on the first Sunday of each month (April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4, October 2, November 6, December 4). Each shift starts at 5:00 pm. and ends at 7:30 pm. In March, 105 meals were served. Tiers who have participated in the past have found the experience rewarding, whether clearing tables or serving the meal. Each shift has a ten-person limit. The age limit is 13 and above.

If you want to be part of this ongoing activity, please register with Shepherd's Table and then select a specific date or dates.

To register with Shepherd's Table, go to <http://tiferethisrael.shepherdstable.volunteerhub.com/>.

TI is a compassionate congregation and this is one way to continue that tradition. Contact [Gene Herman](#) with questions.

TI Afghan Welcome Home Project - continued

Most of the Afghan families that still require housing have already moved off the Army bases that housed them initially, so they are now in low-cost hotels.

If you would like to lend a hand one of these ways, please email [Bob Feron](#) or [Gene Herman](#) to express your desire to help. If you previously sent us an email, but haven't yet received a detailed response, please email us again. We are human, after all.

In a few months, it should be possible for TI volunteers to work directly with Afghan refugees. This could include assisting them in learning where to purchase food or household supplies, serving as a job search mentor for the family's wage earner(s) or serving as a volunteer tutor for their school-age children. Some of these tasks can be done remotely, but others will involve in-person visits. You can select whatever is most comfortable for you.

Please look for more information about the **Tifereth Israel Afghan Refugee Welcome Home Project** that will appear in **Tidbits** and other emails from the TI office in future weeks.

Almost Equal: My Bat Mitzvah Story - Iris Lav

I grew up on the south side of Chicago, in Hyde Park. My parents belonged to a small Orthodox shul called Hyde Park Hebrew Center that met in a converted residential house. When I was about 7 years old, in 1953, they sent me to Hebrew School there. The first year of Hebrew School, the boys and girls were taught together – learning the alef-bais in Ashkenazi Hebrew. After that first year, we were told that the boys and girls would be taught separately with the boys learning Torah and the girls learning skills such as maintaining a kosher kitchen.

Being a somewhat obstreperous eight-year-old, I told my parents that I wanted to learn Torah with the boys and didn't see the point of continuing in Hebrew school with the girls. My mother could teach me what I needed to know about the kitchen. I told them that I wanted to transfer to the Hebrew School at the Conservative shul in our neighborhood, where several of my friends from my public school class went. My mother, who was something of a feminist, readily agreed. But my father, who had spent many years studying in a yeshiva along with his secular studies and quoted Talmud at every opportunity, was the one who had to agree. It turned out that he was happy that I was so interested in studying Torah, so I had permission to transfer – although they would continue to belong to their Orthodox shul.

However, switching was not quite that easy. The

Conservative shul, Rodfei Zedek, was at that time very large and very wealthy. Its tuition for Hebrew school was much higher than at the little Orthodox shul, and higher than my parents could afford. But my mother was somehow able to talk them into giving me a partial scholarship, even though we weren't members.

Rodfei Zedek was quite forward thinking for its time. While women could not go up to the bimah or participate in the services, an exception was made for girls having a Bat Mitzvah. At my Saturday morning Bat Mitzvah in 1959, I was allowed to chant the Haftorah and give a speech (that for some reason was written for me by the Hebrew School principal). Girls were not allowed to take the maftir aliyah, so my father did that. But in an attempt to allow the girls some equality with the boys, there was an option to chant the Haftorah from a scroll that used Torah script without vowels or trope – which I did. Kudos to the rabbi at the time, R. Ralph Simon, for pushing the envelope.

Although we joined TI in 1977, it wasn't until 1990, when our daughter had her Bat Mitzvah at TI and we decided that all five of us – she, her two older brothers, my husband, and I would divide up the parshah and all layn, that I finally read from the Torah itself. The unfinished business from my Bat Mitzvah was complete.



Left: Louise Kelley at the Black Lives Matter Vigil. Photo by Susan Vitale.

Right: Shalach Manot bags ready to be delivered. Photo by Jennifer Kefer.



Gevarim - Andrew Reamer

Jewish History Online

Sunday, April 3-- 10:30 am-12:15 pm • via Zoom (see TI calendar for link)

Pioneers: Remembering the First Jews in America

Jewish Heritage Alliance (JHA) teamed up with Museum of Jewish Heritage and American Friends of Beit Hatfutsot for a special program exploring the lives and communities of the earliest American Jews, including in New York, Rhode Island, and Georgia, and the arrival of descendants of Crypto-Jews to America's southwest. JHA's mission is the exploration of the saga of Sefarad, the Jews of the Iberian Peninsula, a fascinating segment of Jewish and World history, and the profound consequences of their story.

Exile and Redemption, According to the Chernobyler Rebbe

Sunday, April 3 -- 8:00 pm--9:00 pm • Session 2 • via Zoom (see TI calendar for link)

Sunday, April 10 -- 8:00 pm--9:00 pm • Session 3 • via Zoom (see TI calendar for link)

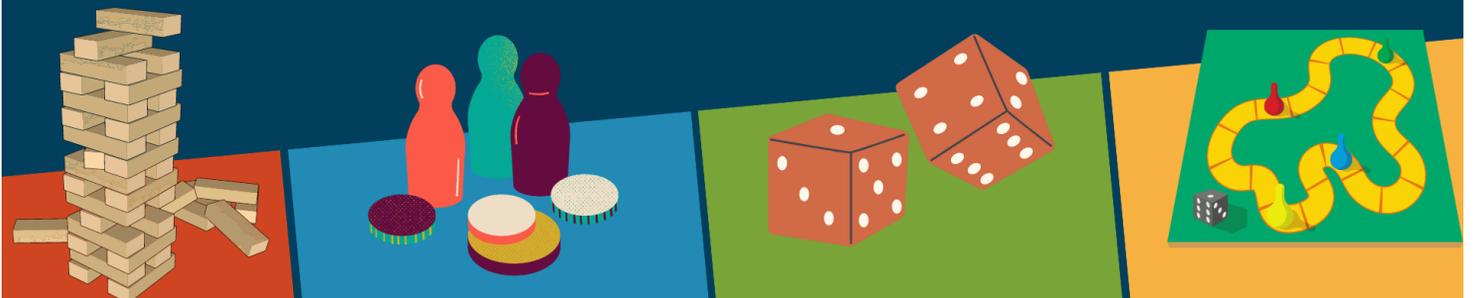
According to the early Chassidic master Rebbe Menahem Nahum of Chernobyl, each of us experiences exile and redemption many times in life. This four-part drop-in class led by **Stan Dorn** covers inspiring, spiritual understandings of what the Exodus story can mean to us today. The main text will be *The Light of the Eyes: Homilies on the Torah*, a translation of Rebbe Menahem Nahum's drashes, published by Arthur Green. No background or Hebrew knowledge required.

GAME NIGHT

Sponsored by Kol Nashim

Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 pm

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April Yahrzeitn

Editor's note: We list upcoming yahrzeitn based on ShulCloud records, under the Shabbat dates when the name is recited and by the yahrzeit date.

Apr. 1-2

4/2 Mae B. Dennison
 Jeanne Clare Feron
 Melchior Goldring
 Rae L. Krivo
 Ann Kent Laredo
 Gussie London
 Pearl Siegel
 Sidney Siegel
 Morris Weissman
 4/2 Harry Bernstein
 Warren Grabel
 Edward Joseph White
 4/4 Susan Joan Alper
 Jack Barco
 Mendel Bennett
 Herman Dodek
 Gary Harmatz
 Benjamin Perlzweig
 Louis Aron Pittle
 Samuel Reich
 4/5 Aaron Charles Gaizband
 Benjamin Gittleman
 Bernard Kellner
 Hilda Pastor
 Fanya Woll
 4/6 Irving Driesen
 Alexander Eidenbaum
 Bernard H. Fernbach
 Ernest Rabinowicz
 Phoebe Sharaf
 Freda Pollack Siegel
 Lawrence Urbach
 4/7 James Anderson
 Louis Blumen
 David Einsiedler
 Rabbi Bernard Klein
 Allen Charles Lande
 Abe Ripkin
 Betty Shuman
 Harold A. Simmons

4/8 Jacob Ruben Fain
 Bette Fargotstein
 A. Harold Green
 Alma Jacobson
 Iris Kadin
 Solomon Peters

Apr. 8 - 9

4/9 Sylvia Baizer
 Pnina Borzekowski
 Bessie Cohen
 Benjamin Jeweler
 Anthony Koiro
 Sara Matalon
 4/10 Joseph Berman
 Daniel Graubart
 Asher Melzer
 Aaron Michael Silber
 Bryna Wilensky

4/11 Samuel Lachman
 Henry L. Lyman
 Sarah Rod
 4/12 Esther Baker
 Marion Cohen
 Mary Kimelman
 Jules Levin
 Vivian Weiss

4/13 Charlotte Gottlieb
 Lou B. Levin
 Bernard A. Mizel
 Usher Rubinstein
 Daniel Zodikoff
 4/14 Abraham Joshua Doner
 David Lewis Miller
 Joseph Jacob Morss
 Louis A. Nathan
 Milton Nurenberg
 Stanley Ring
 Sadie Sussan
 Robert Yelin

4/15 H. Thomas Austern
 Leonard Borzekowski
 Chester Catler
 Esther Jewler
 Isaac Milzman
 Gail Phillips
 Rose Schwartz Ross
 Annette Shapiro

Apr. 15 - 16

4/16 Morris Benson
 Harry Borow
 Adolph Filderman
 Abraham Friedman
 Samuel Goodman
 Frances Nahon
 Joseph Portner
 William Stulman
 4/17 Harry I. Dobkin
 Tobias Naftalin
 Max Starr
 Alfred Verschell
 4/18 Elizabeth McDonald
 Floyd Robinson
 4/19 Harriet Ostroff Dicker
 Baruch Lifshitz
 Ray Netzer
 George Wall
 4/20 Joseph Barron
 Isaac Harris
 Bernard Rosen
 4/21 Else Nielsen Carbaugh
 Annie Dubin
 Jacqueline Molovinsky
 Celia Rothberg
 Betty Ruth Saks
 Juliette Silvera
 Frieda Woll

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April Yahrzeitn continued

4/22 Daniel Anker
Dorothy Bessie Berstein
Harry Miles Cohen
Sally Dugan
Abraham Flicker
Frank Frankel
Janet "Jennie" Kessin
Bert Stoller
Alice Woll

Apr. 22- 23

4/23 Ida Benson
Joy Greisen
Joseph James Rofrano
Benjamin Roth

4/24 Hannah Abelman
Clara Garner
Lillian Goldman
Henry Keimowitz
Samuel Mickelson

4/25 Morris Nevin
Lena Bulman
Samuel Zimmerman
4/26 Joseph Boyars
Sarah Brown
Abraham Lincoln Hess
4/27 Helene Lourie Buchman
Julia Drake
Cyrus Samuel Fischer
Morton Gold

Jacob Markel
Monice Mendelson
Florence Olshvang
Louis Widome
4/28 Isadore "Izzy" Birnbaum
Max Jewler
Mae Klein
Lena Schiller
Richard Secular
Hyman Shulman

Lena Tulchin
Dulcie Voisin
4/29 Arlene Rothman
Bangilsdorf
Emilie Boyers
Fannie Katzman
Joan Klein
Alfred L. Schwartz
Abe Weissbrodt

Apr. 29 - 30

4/30 Rachel (Ray) Cohen
Sarah Eidenbaum
Morris Krakover
Florence Levenbaum
Ida Gordon Rod
Ida Silverman Shuster
Myrna Sullivan



Wear a Hat to Shul Day Saturday, April 9



Why? Wearing a hat is fun and this is a good opportunity for more Tiers, men and women, to try it.

We usually have it on Bella Abzug's yahrzeit, but there was a Bat Mitzvah that day. Whatever you think of Bella, you have to admire her hats.

So try it. You may like it.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

4/1	Leah Bass		David Rubin		Gabrielle Dugan
	Franca Brilliant	4/10	Varda Fink	4/20	Marjorie Siegel
	Allegria Gelfand		Rabbi Devorah Lynn		Rachel Vile
	Liam Rickard		Beila Organic	4/21	Elijah Lister
	Leigh Verbois		Anat Shahar		Jennifer Tuerk
	Naimah Weinberg		Ross Tilchin		Rabbi Michael Werbow
4/2	Deborah Secular	4/11	Marilyn Blakely	4/22	Judith Heimlich
	Lev Werbow	4/12	Yahli Gan		Ken Lemberg
4/3	Stephanie Baxt		Daniel Pedersen		Rebecca Melsky
	Jared Greenstein		David Pelzer		Marc Schlesinger
	Michael Stempel		Stephen Rickard	4/23	Mikah Berg
4/4	Henry Einhorn	4/13	Adam Kritz		Lisa Weintraub Schifferle
	Dinknesh Friedman		David Siskind	4/24	Avi Felman
	Devin McMillan		Kassahun Teffera		Lisa Kraft
	Joshua Pitlick	4/14	Joshua Kefer		Eitan Shelef
4/5	Meribor Matusow		Ilene Levine	4/25	Alexandra Kincannon
4/6	John Mehler		Yoni Pedersen		Larry Paul
	Jennifer Taransky		Daniel Turner		Tzurielle Shashoua
	Glenn Thrush			4/27	Vivian Seidner
4/7	Roger Feldman		Marc Warshawsky		Michelle Stollo
	Tom Goldring	4/15	Ruby Borzekowski		Joshua Weitz
	Emil Kunkin		Naomi Morse	4/28	Andrea Kline
	Sheridan Neimark	4/16	Gabriella Pereira-Feron		Solomon Kritz
	Janet Nesse	4/17	Ivy Baer		Dana Mermelstein
	Yonatan Richman-Dreyfus		Emily Goldman		Jonah Murdock
4/8	Evan Fisher		Howard White	4/29	Gideon Blumenthal
	Jamie Fisher	4/18	Hedy Gottschalk		Lynn Golub-Rofrano
	Johan Gottschalk		Matthew Neimark		Stefan Gunther
4/9	Chalom Blonder		Robin Reiss	4/30	Isaac Nelson
	Jessica Cohen		Charles Rombro		
	Harvey Kabaker	4/19	Joel Coffidis		

Happy Anniversary!

4/1	Daniel Pedersen & Dafna Spear	4/21	Allison & Colin McMillan
4/4	Robert Lande & Jeri Roth Lande	4/21	Hannah & Howard Rubin
4/13	Deborah & Noam Shelef	4/25	Lisa & Michael Kraft

B'nai Mitzvah



My name is Ali Acosta. My Bat Mitzvah is [April 9](#). I go to JDS, and I'm in 7th grade. My service project was for a charity, Birthday Cakes 4 Free Maryland, that gives birthday cakes to children and seniors who can't afford them. I baked and decorated birthday cakes starting in [September 2021](#). I also organized my friends to join me in my virtual cake baking party and we were able to donate 13 cakes to the charity.

I love art, reading, and theatre. I would like to thank my mom and dad for helping me plan this celebration, and my Bat Mitzvah teacher, Dov Kosowsky, for helping me prepare. I would also like to thank my physical therapist, Andrea Santman, for designing a horah chair with a seat belt so I won't be terrified to get lifted up at my party. I am really excited for my Bat Mitzvah service and party and I can't wait to celebrate with all the people I love.

Hi, I'm Dinknesh Friedman. I am 12 almost 13 years old and I'm in 7th grade at Milton Gottesman Jewish Day School in DC. My parsha is Tazria. I have been going to TI since I was a baby and my mom has been a member for about 15 years. I like to do sports and I like to dance. One of my favorite sports is basketball. I do Hiphop at Citydance and have been dancing since I was very young. For my mitzvah project, I am interested in helping women in need and am researching local women's shelters to donate to. My uncle Richard Friedman was my Bat Mitzvah tutor and helped me learn my Torah and Haftorah readings using our family trope. I also want to thank **Stephanie Rubin**, who helped me learn Musaf and the Torah service, **Rabbi Kelley** and **Rabbi Werbow**. I am so excited that even with COVID my family and my friends from school and camp are here to celebrate my Bat Mitzvah with me!





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