Please go to www.tifereth-israel.org to learn more about programs at TI and to register for classes and events.
Hello and welcome to the Program Catalog!

We hope this excites and inspires you about the learning that awaits us all this year. Join the community for Hebrew classes, movie nights, outings, holiday events, family programming, and more. Peruse the catalog, circle your faves, and then jump right in. Please note that this catalog was put together early in the year. The best way to stay in-the-know, get current information, and register for classes and programs is through our newly designed Tifereth Israel website.

This is a growing year for Lifelong Learning. We are adding new classes, creating new parent-child programs, and working on events that will bring us together, inspire learning, and strengthen our community.

We are also looking for people to help with the work of our committee. If you have something to contribute or an interest you would like met, please find me to chat. And here’s to a great year!

Best,
Kim

P.S.: Many, many thanks to all the people who worked countless hours to put this catalog together.

Kim Levone
Vice President,
Lifelong Learning

For more information about programs in this catalog, please contact the TI office:
(202) 882-1605
receptionist@tifereth-israel.org

Tifereth Israel is a multi-generational Conservative congregation that weaves together long-standing tradition and modern innovation. Guided by the wisdom of Jewish culture and customs, we come together in community to live a life of deeper meaning and engagement.
We welcome all — young, senior, married, single, intermarried, with or without children, LGBTQ, traditionally observant or exploring Jewish observance.

Come join us!

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FRIDAY EVENING

Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner
TI Office • (202) 882-1605 • receptionist@tifereth-israel.org

Kabbalat Shabbat (welcoming Shabbat) services are held every Friday evening in the Reamer Chapel at **6:00 pm** during the winter and at **6:30 pm** during daylight savings time. Services last about an hour and are a joyous way to shake off the week and usher in Shabbat.

On certain holidays, the Friday evening service is followed by a delicious Shabbat dinner, often featuring a special program or holiday theme.

We have planned a few shorter, earlier services for tots and families during the year. And several teen-led services are scheduled as part of the regular Friday evening minyan. Both types of services are followed by family dinners.

Services are free and open to all, but reservations and fees are required for dinners. Sign up for dinners by going to the TI website. Cost information will be available prior to the dinners.

October 18  **Dinner in the Sukkah** • Holiday Service and Dinner
November 8  **Tots and Families** • Early Service and Dinner
            **Teens and Families and B’nai Mitzvah Families** •
            Teen-Led Service and Dinner
February 21  **Tots and Families** • Early Service and Dinner
            **USY Tzedakah Dinner** • Teen-Led Service and Dinner
May 8  **Tots and Families** • Early Service and Dinner
            **Teens and Families** • Teen-Led Service and Dinner
SATURDAY MORNING

Mechina
Rina Rebibo • rina@tifereth-israel.org

New this year! To help prepare for B’nai Mitzvah, join Maya Dimant-Lentz from 10:00–10:30 AM on the 2nd and 4th Shabbat of the month for an exciting and intensive class. 6th and 7th graders will learn how to chant the musaf prayers and connect personally to their meaning. After class, students are invited to stay for Junior Congregation until noon.

Cost: $60 for the year. Register here.
10:00 AM • Sep 14, Oct 26, Nov 23, Dec 14, Jan 11 & 25, Feb 8 & 22, Mar 14 & 28, Apr 25

Junior Congregation
Rina Rebibo • rina@tifereth-israel.org

This interactive program for 4th–7th graders is led by Maya Dimant-Lentz. Participants play games, participate in an abbreviated Shabbat morning service, and learn the weekly parsha.

10:30 AM • meets when Himmelfarb is in session.

Kehillah Kids
Rina Rebibo • rina@tifereth-israel.org

Morah Silvia leads this engaging Shabbat program for children in K–3rd grade. Children will learn about Shabbat and chagim by singing songs and tefilot, reading stories, and playing games — all while having fun with their friends!

10:30 AM • meets when Himmelfarb is in session.

Tot Shabbat
Brenda Footer • Brenda.footer@gmail.com

Tot Shabbat brings together children from 18 months to 5 years with their parents in the Reamer Chapel. Brenda Footer — TI member, early childhood educator, and PJ Library Director — leads this monthly program, which includes tefillah (prayer), songs, Shabbat stories, Torah parade, and mini-kiddush.

11:10 AM • Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, Jun 6
SATHURDAY AFTERNOON

Simcha Kiddush
TI Office • (202) 882-1605 • receptionist@tifereth-israel.org

Celebrate loved ones’ birthdays or anniversaries each month. It’s a great way to honor a family member, friend, or yourself! Suggested minimum donation is $36 per listing.

To help sponsor, sign up here.

Oct 12, Nov 9, Dec 14, Jan 18, Feb 8, Mar 7, Apr 25, May 16, Jun 13

Shabbat Talmud Study
Andrew Reamer • TiGevarim@tifereth-israel.org

For the last four years, Rabbi Seidel has led a regular Shabbat study of Tractate Brachot, the first tractate of the Talmud and one of the most accessible. Study sessions are held approximately twice a month after lunch on Shabbat. Even if you’ve never studied Talmud before, you might enjoy dropping in! All readings are in English.

1:00–1:45 PM • Nov 2 & 16, Dec TBD, Jan TBD, Feb TBD, Mar 7 & 21, Apr 25, May 9 & 23, Jun 6 & 20 • Sponsored by Gevarim.

SHALEM
Shabbat Afternoon Learning Monthly

Led by TI members and invited speakers, once a month TI offers engaging learning following lunch, beginning at approximately 1:15 PM.

October 19 Update on TI Refugee Assistance
March 7 Kol Nashim Shabbat
April 18 Environmental Shabbat

Watch for more information about SHALEM talks throughout the year.

Board Game Shabbat
Yvonne Shashoua • yvshashoua@hotmail.com

Everyone is invited to join friends and the TI community after Kiddush lunch for a few hours of gaming together. Bring your favorite Shabbat-friendly board games or card games, or choose games from our closet.

1:15 PM • November 9
SATURDAY EVENING

Community Havdalah and Potluck Dinner
Susan Catler • (202) 829-5144 • TIMembership@tifereth-israel.org

Join in the warmth and light of our community havdalah services and potlucks held in congregants’ homes once a month during the winter. Please bring a kosher dairy or vegetarian dish, enough for eight people to share.

**Havdalah potlucks will be held in December, January, February, and March.**

RSVP via the TI website.

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CELEBRATE JEWISH HOLIDAYS AT TI

*See the TI online calendar for all holiday service times.*

**ROSH HASHANAH**

*Sunday, September 29–Tuesday, October 2*

- **Mon, Sep 30**  Tashlich Walk and Potluck • 5:00 PM
- **Mon, Sep 30**  Tot Rosh Hashanah I • 10:30 AM
- **Tue, Oct 1**  Tot Rosh Hashanah II • 10:30 AM
- **Sun, Oct 6**  Cemetery Service, Mt. Lebanon Cemetery • 5:00 PM

**YOM KIPPUR**

*Tuesday, October 8–Wednesday, October 9*

- **Wed, Oct 9**  Tot Yom Kippur • 10:00 AM
- **Wed, Oct 9**  Gentle Yoga • 2:30 PM
- Discussion led by Rabbi Minna Bromberg • 5:00 PM
- Teen Shmooze • 5:00 PM
- Break the Fast • 7:30 PM
SUKKOT
Sunday, October 13–Sunday, October 20

Mon, Oct 14  Sukkah Walk • 12:45 PM
Wed, Oct 16  Pizza in the Hut • 6:30 PM
Thu, Oct 17  Politics and Beer in the Sukkah • 7:30 PM
Fri, Oct 18  Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah • 7:00 PM
Sun, Oct 20  USY Sushi & Snacks in the Sukkah • 12:30 PM

SIMCHAT TORAH
Monday, October 21–Tuesday, October 22

Mon, Oct 21  Celebrate and Dance with the Torahs • 7:15 PM
Tue, Oct 22  Hakafot and Tot Simchat Torah • 10:30 AM

HANUKKAH
Saturday, December 22–Monday, December 30

Wed, Dec 18  Hanukkah Extravaganza • 6:15 PM
Sun, Dec 22  Tot Hanukkah Party • 5:00 PM

TU BISHVAT
Sunday, February 9–Monday, February 10

Sat, Feb 8  Tu Bishvat Seder • 1:00 PM

PURIM
Monday, March 9–Tuesday, March 10

Sun, Mar 8  Purim Carnival • 12:15 PM
Mon, Mar 9  Tot Purim Service and Dinner • 5:30 PM
Welcome **TI TOTS**! TI is a warm and welcoming place for children and is happy to have them in the Sanctuary during services. Special services and events are offered especially for children under the age of 5 and their families.

**Tot Shabbat**

See page 3 for information.

11:10 AM • Nov 2, Dec 7, Jan 4, Feb 1, Mar 7, Apr 4, May 2, Jun 6

**Tot Family Fridays — Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner**

*Rina Rebibo • rina@tifereth-israel.org*

Movement, songs, stories, and giggles are featured in our early Kabbalat Shabbat service for children ages 0–5 and their adults. Led by various guests, this fun and relaxed service is a great way to say goodbye to the hectic week and welcome in the peace of Shabbat. Families are invited to stay for a community Shabbat dinner. Services are free and open to all families, but reservations and fees are required for dinners.

*Shabbat Service, 5:30 PM • Dinner, 6:30 PM • November 8, February 21, May 8*

**Mitzvah of the Month Class**

*Rina Rebibo • rina@tifereth-israel.org*

New this year — coming January 2020! Taught by Early Childhood Educator Lee Anderegg, three- and four-year-olds will meet at TI one Sunday morning a month, and learn by doing a mitzvah. Parents are invited to join the Parent Shmooze while their little ones are having fun with their friends!

**Cost: $50 for the series. Register here.**

Sundays • 9:30–11:00 AM • Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 29, Apr 26, May 31

**Holidays**

Come to TI for tot holiday programs designed especially for our little ones.

- **Mon, Sep 30** Rosh Hashanah I • 10:30 AM
- **Tue, Oct 1** Rosh Hashanah II • 10:30 AM
- **Wed, Oct 9** Yom Kippur • 10:00 AM
- **Tue, Oct 22** Simchat Torah • 10:30 AM
- **Sat, Nov 16** PJ Library Havdalah • 5:00 PM
- **Sun, Dec 22** Hanukkah Party • 5:00 PM
- **Mon, Jan 20** MLK Day of Service • **time TBD**
- **Mon, Mar 9** Purim Service & Dinner • 5:30 PM
TI prides itself on engaging all of our **YOUTH** and their parents with vibrant and diverse programs. On Shabbat and certain chagim, children are invited to join organized activities held upstairs in the classrooms or downstairs in the library. For information about school and other events, contact Rina Rebibo at *rina@tifereth-israel.org*.

**Kehillah Kids**
See page 3 for information.

*Sat**urdays, 10:30 AM • meets when Himmelfarb is in session.*

**Junior Congregation**
See page 3 for information.

*Sat**urdays • 10:30 AM • meets when Himmelfarb is in session.*

**Kippah Kraze**
*Rina Rebibo • rina@tifereth-israel.org*

Ever wonder why Jews wear a kippah (and why some don’t)? Why are there so many different types of kippot? Families with 3rd and 4th graders are invited to learn all about kippot and to decorate their own kippah.

*Sat**urday, February 22 • 7:30–9:00 PM*

**Parent Shmooze**
*Rina Rebibo • rina@tifereth-israel.org*

Expanding this year! All parents of school-aged children are invited to meet up at TI on Sundays at 9:30 AM for coffee and an informal learning session. Shmooze with new friends, have some coffee, and learn a little.

*Sat**urdays • 9:30 AM • Sep 8–May 17 • meets when Himmelfarb is in session.*
TI offers many activities for **PRETEENS AND TEENS**, from classes to Shabbat events to programs with the USCJ Youth Movements, Kadima and USY.

**Mechina**

See page 3 for information.

*Saturdays • 10:00 AM • Sep 14, Oct 26, Nov 23, Dec 14, Jan 11 & 25, Feb 8 & 22, Mar 14 & 28, Apr 25*

**Drinks & Drash**

New this year — high schoolers can meet with Rina on Thursdays at 5:00 PM at Kaldi’s to schmooze and learn about the weekly parsha. We will dive into the Torah, look at different commentaries, and see how the parsha can be applied to their lives today. Open to all 9th–12th graders.

*Thursdays • 5:00–6:00 PM • Kaldi’s in Silver Spring*

**High School Seminar — Global Transitions: US/Israel Relations in the 21st Century**

*Aaron Bregman*

With the upcoming elections in both the US and Israel, educator Aaron Bregman is back with an exciting and timely course. **Global Transitions: US/Israel Relations in the 21st Century** meets once a month on Sundays from 6:00–8:00 PM; dinner (pizza or sushi) is included. Students will take a deep dive into the changes in government and politics in America and Israel that impact each country and the rest of the world.

*Aaron Bregman is the Jewish History Department Chair at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School.*

*Sundays • 6:00–8:00 PM • Oct 6, Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 8, Apr 19, May 3 • Register here.*
Teen-Led Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Being a part of the community, 6th–12th graders are encouraged to lead the congregation in either one or many prayers during a lively Kabbalat Shabbat service, followed by a delicious dinner.

**November 8, February 21, May 8**

6th Grade B’nai Mitzvah Retreat

*Rina Rebibo • rina@tifereth-israel.org*

A Shabbaton will be held for 6th graders as they prepare for their B’nai Mitzvah. Built to foster understanding of what the B’nai Mitzvah means to each student and to strengthen friendships, the retreat starts with Kabbalat Shabbat and dinner, is filled with interactive workshops and social activities, and ends with Kadima Laser Tag on Saturday night.

**Friday, January 31–Saturday, February 1 • Location to be announced.**

TI is proud to support **USY AND KADIMA**. At TI we use the motto **Friends, Family, Home** to encapsulate the transformative impact Kadima and USY can have on our teens. Through inspiring Shabbat services, commitment to social action, and non-stop fun programming, our teens build leadership skills and become part of a dynamic Jewish community. We invite all TI teens to join our welcoming, supportive, and exciting chapter. For more information contact Rina Rebibo at **rina@tifereth-israel.org**.

Kadima (6th–8th Grade)

**Wed, Oct 9**  Yom Kippur Teen Shmooze • 5:00 PM
**Wed, Oct 16**  Kadima Pizza in the Hut • 6:30 PM
**Fri, Nov 8**    Teen Kabbalat Shabbat and Dinner • 6:00 PM
**Sun, Nov 10**  Kadima Master Chef • 12:15 PM
**Sun, Dec 8**   Kadima Board & Brew • 12:30 PM
**Wed, Dec 18**  TI Hanukkah Extravaganza • 6:30 PM
**Sat, Jan 11**  Kadima Movie Night • 6:00 PM
**Jan 31–Feb 1** 6th Grade B’nai Mitzvah Retreat
**Sat, Feb 1**    Kadima Laser Tag • 7:00 PM
**Fri, Feb 21**  Teen Kabbalat Shabbat & USY Tzedakah Dinner • 5:30 PM
**Sun, Mar 8**   TI Purim Carnival • 12:15 PM
**Sun, Mar 29**  Kadima Chocolate Seder • 12:15 PM
Helping Hands — Tifereth Israel’s Caring Community

Susan Catler • (202) 277-0119 • TIHelp@tifereth-israel.org

Tifereth Israel’s Helping Hands facilitates congregants assisting fellow congregants in times of need. Volunteers bring meals, provide rides, run errands, and let the community know when congregants need visits or calls or when a new baby has joined a TI family. The group can also bring Shabbat Boxes — with candles, juice, and challah — to congregants in the hospital or rehab over Shabbat.

When a death occurs in a TI family, Helping Hands posts a notice to the congregation, organizes food for the bereaved family, and brings food to shiva minyanim for visitors and minyan attendees. When a member dies, Helping Hands recruits volunteer shomrim and organizes a meal of condolence.

This program uses a computer service called Lotsa Helping Hands to schedule help and alert volunteers when help is needed. Each time someone volunteers, it is a one-time commitment.

Please contact Susan Catler or go to the TI website for questions, suggestions, to register as a volunteer, or to request assistance for yourself or others in the congregation. Remember, the TI community can only help out if you let us know when help would be appreciated.
Add your voice to ours! **KOL NASHIM** (the Voice of Women) at TI focuses our efforts on activities that reflect the religious and secular interests of women in our congregation. We develop a diverse and engaging calendar of activities, with women as the focus but always welcoming to men. Special activities include panels on issues of note, outings, and guest speakers. Questions? Talk with a Kol Nashim Board member at Shabbat lunch, or email [TIKolNashim@tifereth-israel.org](mailto:TIKolNashim@tifereth-israel.org).

### 2019–2020 Events

**Sun, Oct 13**  Return to Glenstone • **11:45 AM**

**Sun, Nov 3**  American Jewish Military History Museum Tour • **11:00 AM**

**Sat, Jan 11**  Game Night • **7:00–10:00 PM**

**Sun, Feb 23**  Brunch with speaker, author Dr. Pamela Nadel • **10:15 AM**

**Sat, Mar 7**  Kol Nashim Shabbat — Luncheon, **12:30 PM** • SHALEM, **1:15 PM**

### Return to Glenstone

Kol Nashim has reserved a return visit to this expanded private contemporary art museum in Potomac that houses thousands of post–World War II works of art in distinctive indoor and outdoor spaces. Tours are self-guided, with museum docents available inside and out to answer questions. Space is limited, so please sign up soon!

*Sunday, October 13 • 11:45 AM–2:00 PM • Sign up here.*

### Tour of the National Museum of American Jewish Military History

Join Kol Nashim for a 90-minute docent-led tour focusing on stories of both men and women as we view the exhibits. We will have additional time to explore the museum which is closed to the public on Sundays.

*Sunday, November 3 • 11:00 AM–1:00 PM • Sign up here.*

### Game Night

*Co-sponsored by Kol Nashim and Gevarim*

All sorts of board games will be provided, plus cards and mah jongg, or bring your favorites. Enjoy a variety of snacks and beverages. All ages are welcome!

**Cost:** $5 per person, $15 family maximum. [Sign up here.](mailto:)

*Saturday, January 11 • 7:00–10:00 PM*
Kol Nashim Brunch with author Dr Pamela Nadell

Dr. Pam Nadell, noted author and American University Professor, will return to TI for a Sunday brunch and discussion of her latest book, *America’s Jewish Women: A History from Colonial Times to Today*. Copies of her book will be available for purchase and signing.

**Sunday, February 23 • 10:15 AM–12:30 PM • Sign up here.**

Book Club

*Jessica Weissman • KNBook@tifereth-israel.org*

Kol Nashim’s book club reads fiction and non-fiction books that appeal to a wide variety of interests, and range over many topics and genres, especially those with Jewish content that stimulate discussion and are readable by a person with other obligations in life during the month between meetings.

All are welcome to the meetings, held on third Tuesdays at members’ homes. Come (even if you haven’t finished the books), discuss, kibbitz, and enjoy.

**Tuesdays • 7:30–9:00 PM • Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, Jun 16 • Titles and locations to be announced.**

The GREEN COMMITTEE is committed to improving our own environmental impact and contributing to building a heathier and more sustainable future. We created the Rain Garden Project on the Juniper Street side of the building that helps minimize polluted runoff going to the Chesapeake Bay. Our next project is to get Sacred Grounds certification through the National Wildlife Federation. We continue to work at implementing *tikkun olam* (repair the world) and *shmirat ha’admah* (stewardship of the land) here at TI.

Have questions or want to get involved? Contact Green Committee Chairperson Carla Ellern at *carla.ellern@gmail.com*.

Rain Garden Weeding Parties

*Carla Ellern • carla.ellern@gmail.com*

Bring small shovels, clippers, and gloves. To RSVP, please contact Carla.

**Sundays • 10:15–11:15 AM • Oct 6, Nov 3, Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7**

2020 Events

- **Sat, Feb 8** Tu Bishvat Seder • 1:00 PM
- **Sat, Apr 18** Environmental Shabbat — Dvar Torah, 10:30 AM • SHALEM, 1:15 PM
GEVARIM, the men’s network at Tifereth Israel, organizes activities that offer opportunities for connection, growth, and enjoyment in the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual realms. People of all genders are welcome. For more information, please contact Gevarim coordinator Andrew Reamer at TIgevarim@tifereth-israel.org.

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Politics and Beer

TI members Bill Galston, Brookings Institution Senior Fellow, and Howard Gleckman, Senior Fellow, Tax Policy Center, will give their opinions and lead a discussion on the national politics of the moment, one year out from the national election. Beer, hard cider, soft drinks, and snacks will be served. Free to Gevarim members; donations welcome from non-members.

Thursday, October 17 • 7:30 PM • In the Sukkah • Sign up here.

The Dead Sea Scrolls — Great Courses Video Lecture

Allan Tulchin • allan.tulchin@gmail.com

A video course on The Dead Sea Scrolls (24 half-hour lectures), taught by Professor Gary A. Rendsburg of Rutgers University, will be shown over 12 sessions from October through June. TI member and history professor Allan Tulchin will facilitate a discussion after each set of lectures.

Sundays • 10:30 AM • Oct 27, Nov 17, Dec 8 & 22, Jan 5 & 26, Feb 16, Mar 8 & 22, Apr 19, May 3, Jun 7
Movie Nights at TI
Andrew Reamer • TIGevarim@tifereth-israel.org

Jewish-themed movies will be presented, ranging from dramas to comedies to documentaries, from the newly released to the silent, and from made-for-theaters to made-for-TV. All non-English films will be shown with subtitles, when available. All showings are free to TI members and are followed by a 20–30 minute discussion led by TI members.

Sundays • 7:30 PM • Oct 27, Nov 24, Dec 24, Jan 19, Feb 23, Mar 15, Apr 26, May 17, Jun 14 • Titles to be announced.

Shabbat Talmud Study
Andrew Reamer • TIGevarim@tifereth-israel.org

See page 4 for information.

1:00–1:45 PM • Nov 2 & 16, Dec TBD, Jan TBD, Feb TBD, Mar 7 & 21, Apr 25, May 9 & 23, Jun 6 & 20 • Sponsored by Gevarim.

Anti-Semitism Worldwide: Patterns, Challenges, and Responses
Ira Forman

TI member Ira Forman will give an anti-Semitism update to TI and the wider DC Jewish community. A discussion session will follow the lecture.

Ira Forman is the former US Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism under President Barack Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry.

Thursday, November 14 • 7:30 PM

Game Night
Co-sponsored by Kol Nashim and Gevarim

See page 12 for information.

Saturday, January 11 • 7:00–10:00 PM

JTS Livestream
Andrew Reamer • TIGevarim@tifereth-israel.org

Several times a year, Gevarim hosts a livestream of a Jewish Theological Seminary lecture or panel discussion on topics of interest to the TI community. Following the livestream, stay for comments and discussion.

Date and sign-up information to be announced.

Post-Passover Craft Beer Tasting
Andrew Reamer • TIGevarim@tifereth-israel.org

After Pesach, Gevarim will schedule an outing to a local craft brewery.

Date and sign-up information to be announced.

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Social justice is an important part of being Jewish and has been one of the most meaningful commitments of Tifereth Israel Congregation. The guiding philosophy of TI’s SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE comes from Rabbi Hillel, who said, “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?”

The Social Action Committee has been actively promoting social justice for over 40 years. The committee is continually hoping to attract new individuals with new ideas to continue TI’s tradition of Tikkun Olam! Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month.

For more information contact the Social Action VP, Varda Fink (TISocialAction@tifereth-israel.org) or committee members Claudine Schweber (pariscs@gmail.com), Gene Herman (gene511@aol.com), or Larry Baizer (lbaizer@yahoo.com).

2019–2020 SPECIAL EVENTS

Holiday Food Delivery
Larry Baizer • lbaizer@yahoo.com or Gene Herman • gene511@aol.com
Deliver bags of holiday groceries just before Rosh Hashanah and Passover to Jewish seniors and others in need so that they can celebrate the holidays, too.

Emory Walk for the Homeless
Pierre Dugan • (240) 417-7415 • duganpierre@gmail.com
Join other TI members for the annual Emory Walk for the Homeless. TI has partnered with Emory Beacon of Light since 1999 to help provide transitional housing in DC.

Sunday, October 13 • 1:00 PM

Christmas Dinners
Larry Baizer • lbaizer@yahoo.com
Help prepare and serve Christmas dinners to residents of four local shelters. Each year we cook and serve over 300 meals. Volunteers can help to cook the food in the TI kitchen and/or serve the meals on December 25th.

MLK Social Action Shabbaton
Gene Herman • gene511@aol.com
TI’s annual tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. will include a morning speaker and an afternoon panel dedicated to a current social justice issue.

Saturday, January 18
**ONGOING ACTIVITIES**

**Food and Clothing Collections**  
*Jeri Roth Lande • rothland@erols.com*  
Donate food, clothing, other items for distribution to local organizations. Items collected change every few months.

**Martha’s Table Van Run**  
*Gene Herman • gene511@aol.com*  
Join us as we drive a soup-and-sandwich van on the second Sunday each month to serve dinner to the homeless on the streets of Washington.  
*Second Sundays • 4:30 PM • Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 12, Feb 9, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10, Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9*

**Refugee Assistance**  
*Janet Nesse • jnesse@mhlawyers.com*  
We are committed to facilitating the integration of refugees into the local community. To that end TI is supporting a family from Syria by helping them to take advantage of the available resources and ensuring they proceed on their journey to becoming Americans. We also endeavor to share up-to-date information on the overall refugee situation with the congregation.

**Shepherd’s Table**  
*Larry Baizer • lbaizer@yahoo.com*  
Volunteers from TI assist in preparing and serving food at Shepherd’s Table in Silver Spring. Shepherd’s Table helps people who are homeless or in need by providing basic services, including meals, social services, medical support, clothing, and other assistance in an effective and compassionate manner. The dinner shift on the first Sunday of each month is reserved for TI volunteers.  
*To volunteer, sign up here.*

**Shepherd Tutoring Program**  
*Bruce Heppen • shepherdtutoringprogram@gmail.com*  
For over 20 years, adults and teenagers from TI and Shepherd Park tutor elementary students (grades 2–6) from our local public elementary school. Meeting weekly for one hour at TI, we read, practice math skills, or review homework. Tutors of all ages are welcome; middle and high schoolers can receive Service Learning credits for their participation.  
*Sundays • 5:00–6:00 PM • Opening date: October 6. The program meets when school is in session; check the TI online calendar for updates.*  
*To be a tutor, sign up here.*
SOME Shelter Casseroles

Stephanie or David Rubin • rubindavid409@gmail.com

Prepare a casserole for the shelter operated by So Others Might Eat (SOME). Opened as a small soup kitchen in 1970, with the help of volunteers SOME now provides a nourishing, hot breakfast and lunch every day of the year. Bring casseroles to TI by 3:00 PM on the dates listed below. Or contact the Rubins to bring frozen casseroles to their house.

**Third Tuesdays • by 3:00 PM • Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 14, Feb 18, Mar 17, Apr 6 (first Monday due to Passover), May 19, Jun 16, Jul 14, Aug 18, Sep 15**

Advocacy

Several ongoing and evolving issues affect our community and country: preserving the environment; preventing gun violence; sheltering refugees; and promoting gender equality, voting rights, and healthcare. We have identified several organizations that work to promote these causes. We invite congregants to take a role in one or more of these organizations as well as informing and/or mobilizing congregational attention and support for these efforts. Come to a Social Action meeting and find out more.

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**2019–2020 CLASSES AND PROGRAMS**

Read Along with Rabbi Seidel

Rabbi Seidel will be leading a shul-wide reading of a few books this year. The first selection is *If All the Seas Were Ink*, by Ilana Kurshan. It’s a memoir of the author’s recovery from a failed first marriage through daily study of Talmud. Over the seven and a half years it takes to complete “Daf Yomi,” the international page-of-talmud-per-day study program, she describes her life in Israel and her finding a new mate with honesty, linking passages she studied to the vicissitudes of her life. Rabbi Seidel says he found the author’s “bookish, self-deprecating voice endearing and inspiring.” We hope you’ll read it — we plan to have a few discussions about the book in late fall.
Beginning Hebrew
Allan Tulchin • allan.tulchin@gmail.com

Students in this class will start with the alphabet and end with basic reading and a bit of vocabulary. Textbook: Alef Isn’t Tough.

Sundays • 9:15–10:15 AM • meets when Himmelfarb is in session

Advanced Beginning Hebrew
Josh Goldberg • joshuadgoldberg@gmail.com

If you can read Hebrew, even haltingly, this class will help build your knowledge of grammar and vocabulary. Textbook: Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way.

Sundays • 10:15–11:15 AM • meets when Himmelfarb is in session

Continuing Advanced Beginning Hebrew
Stephanie Rubin • rubisteph@gmail.com

A continuation of the advanced beginning Hebrew class, this course is for people who already know some vocabulary and basic grammar and want more in-depth knowledge. Textbook: The First Hebrew Primer: The Adult Beginner’s Path to Biblical Hebrew, 3rd Edition.

Sundays • 9:15–10:15 AM • meets when Himmelfarb is in session

Intermediate Hebrew/Beginning Tanach
Stephanie Rubin • rubisteph@gmail.com

The class has been reading B’reishit, usually covering approximately ten verses each week. If you’d like to join this class, please contact Stephanie.

Thursdays • 10:30–11:30 AM

Full Moon Hikes
John List • (703) 624-1467 • Listfam@gmail.com

Enjoy nature at night on a Full Moon Hike! Each hike is about two miles round trip, scheduled for the Sunday night closest to the full moon. The starting point will be at or near TI and will be announced for each hike. Wear clothing appropriate for the weather, and bring a flashlight and water.

Plan on about 90 minutes of fun, adventure, and friendship, with chocolate treats at the half-way point.

Contact John List for details before each hike.

November 10 • 7:30 PM  March 8 • 7:30 PM
January 12 • 7:30 PM  May 10 • 8:30 PM
Tanach with Rabbinic Commentaries
Rabbi Ethan Seidel • eseidel@tifereth-israel.org

This class will spend two sessions on Psalm 90 this fall, as well as two sessions on the first chapter of Isaiah, reading both the text and assigned Rabbinic commentaries in Hebrew. This class requires a solid grasp of Biblical Hebrew and a willingness to wrestle with Rabbinic Hebrew.

Fridays • 11:00 AM–12:00 NOON • Nov 1 & 15, December 6 & 20; check the TI online calendar for class dates in 2020.

Parashat HaShavua
TI office • (202) 882-1605 • receptionist@tifereth-israel.org

Discuss insights from the Torah portion of the week. Sessions will be led by either Rabbi Seidel or a member of the class. Bring your questions and an open mind; no Hebrew skills necessary.

Mondays • 11:00 AM

Hebrew Fiction Book Group
Naomi Morse • naomimorse@verizon.net

The Hebrew Fiction Book Group, reading in Hebrew without vowels, meets Monday afternoons at 1:00 in one of the upstairs classrooms at TI. The group reads modern Hebrew novels, preparing several pages ahead of time for each session. If you’d like to join this group, please contact Naomi Morse for more information.

Mondays • 1:00–2:00 PM

Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class
Janet Nesse • jnesse@mhlawyers.com or Rabbi Avis Miller • rabbi@opendor.org

TI’s adult bar/bat mitzvah class, which began late in the spring, is still accepting new students. If you’ve never celebrated becoming bar/bat mitzvah, or if you already have but would enjoy studying with a congenial group of like-minded adults, this may be the course for you. Explore the how and why of Jewish ethical values, life cycle, holidays, prayers, history, and current practices. The discussion class, which meets twice a month, alternates weeks with instruction in Hebrew and Torah chanting.

The ceremony will be held at TI on December 12, 2020, the Shabbat during Hanukkah, a time of rededication. For more information, please contact teachers Rabbi Avis Miller or Janet Nesse.

Wednesdays • 7:30 PM
Please go to [www.tifereth-israel.org](http://www.tifereth-israel.org) to learn more about programs at TI and to register for classes and events.