

SUCCESSFUL 4TH ANNUAL HARVEST MEAL IN THE SUKKAH

The sun came out just in time for the 60-plus congregants of all ages who attended the 4th Annual Harvest Meal on Oct. 4. Sponsored by the Gardening subcommittee of the Tikkun Olam Committee, this event features our Tifereth Garden's produce prepared by committee members and other congregants who assist. The event was again co-sponsored by YAD, allowing our enthusiastic young families' children to try new vegetable dishes along with their pizza, and promoting a wonderful cross-section of the congregation to celebrate together the Sukkot holiday.

Garden produce was harvested and frozen or pickled throughout the summer. The last vegetables were harvested on Sept. 27 by YAD families and cooking started! This year's menu was: Moroccan Squash Soup, Beet and Kale Salad, Kale Quiche, Spaghetti Squash Lasagna, Green Bean Casserole, Green Bean and Corn Succotash, Cooked Collard Greens, Variety of Kosher Dill Pickles, Basil Pesto on Pasta, Roasted Green Tomatoes, and Lemon Balm Mint Tea.

Committee members and others who cooked and prepared ahead or that day were: **MaryPaul Even, Avilah Getzler, Ashly Bixler, Bev Ellis, Margie Koslow, Mary Reavely, Simma Stein, and Peggy Altman.** **Alla Mintzer** took leadership for the YAD refreshments and involvement, and **Margo Nechtow** helped with setup and decorations.

Thanks also to all who donated funds to the gardening committee that day or throughout the year. Proceeds will be used for our 2016 garden. Watch this winter for garden planning meetings and first planting dates in late spring. Everyone is welcome to participate and have a voice in our environmental efforts on Tifereth's grounds.

HUNGER HIKE 2015

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our congregation outdid itself this year. We raised \$735.62 for the Des Moines Area Hunger Hike!

This money will be donated to local and national organizations to help provide the much needed funds to help feed those less fortunate than us. We can be proud that Tifereth Israel's Tikun Olam efforts for this once a year effort were so successful.

Thank you to each and every one of you who so willingly opened your wallets and check books with your generous contributions.

Special thanks to the many members of the Women's League and the Sunday Morning STEP class who helped support our effort this year.

And a big THANK YOU to all of you who came out on a beautiful warm sunny Sunday afternoon to hike the 5K route through the city with members of other faith communities. Our presence was indeed, visible. Unfortunately, the need never ends, so don't forget to keep on dropping your food contributions into the big red buckets in the lobby. And count your blessings as you do.

-Nancy Waldman Hunger Hike Coordinator



Not pictured in the photo are Beth, Allison, and Lexi Ohringer and Zander Leman.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

TORAH FUND

The 2015-16 Torah Fund Campaign goal is \$2,000. Women's League wishes to thank any that have already donated, if you have any questions, please call Gwen Griger. Generous donations are greatly appreciated and support Jewish seminary. Any questions, please call **Gwen Griger** at 537-1454.

*A note from **Rabbi Edelman-Blank**:* The Women's League Torah Fund helps subsidize the education of rabbinical students at both Conservative seminaries in America. Personally, I feel deeply indebted to Women's League for helping to make my training possible. Please help our synagogue's Women's League support this worthwhile cause.

DUES

The billing statement for Women's League dues has gone out. Please mail your \$36 dues to **Gwen Griger**, 7955 Wistful Drive Unit # 26 WDM, IA 50266. Please have your dues in by **December 15, 2015**.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Please plan to attend the following activities:

- Mahjong night **November 5 at 6:00 pm** with an optional soup and salad dinner \$8
- Women's League Shabbat **November 14 at 9:30am**
- Latke Lunch **Sunday, December 6 at 12:30pm**, more details coming soon!
Place your orders by calling Samantha Johnson at 515-238-4084 only \$8.50 per dozen!

Raise your voice in song at an

Acoustic Shabbat Service

led by
Lay Cantor Patrick Courtney
and guitarist Nels Dovre

Friday, November 13, 2015 at 6:00pm

in the Tifereth Israel sanctuary

The first of many upcoming musical Shabbat services!

**"Music is what takes you from where you are to where you want to be."
-- The Baal Shem Tov**

ADULT EDUCATION

MINCHAH MEDITATION & DISCUSSION GROUP

Come participate in a meaningful Shabbat experience on Saturday afternoons this fall! We will be meeting **Saturdays at 12:30pm** (following Shabbat Café) for an hour-long exploration of heartfelt Jewish meditation, followed by a thought-provoking **study and discussion group from 1:30-3:30pm**. Please consider yourself invited, whether you're already a regular Saturday attendee, you have enjoyed our High Holiday Alternative Services, or even if you don't often attend because you have trouble connecting with the traditional liturgy. Everyone is welcome – members, visitors, and first-time guests, Jews and non-Jews, young and young-at-heart, and those who think of themselves as “spiritual but not religious.” Come as you are, whether for lunch, meditation, discussion or all three! If you'd like to know more, please contact **Patrick Courtney** in the synagogue office, or just drop by any Saturday.

MILLER INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM PROGRAM

This class covers fundamental elements of the Jewish religion. It is particularly designed for individuals interested in converting to Judaism, but is also appropriate for anyone who would like to learn more about the tradition. Please contact **Rabbi Edelman-Blank** if you would like more information. This class usually meets Sundays at 1:00pm.

JEWISH WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Following are the final three books and hosts for the end of the year. These books are available in the Tifereth library.

11/1, Sun., 2:00pm, **Karen Weiss**, *The Paris Architect: A Novel* by Charles Belfoure

11/18, Wed., 6:30pm **Saralee Sloven**. *The Girl in the Green Sweater* by Krystyna Chiger with Daniel Pisner

12/10, Thurs., 6:30pm **Nancy Waldman**. *Henna House* by Nomi Eve. Chanukah party.

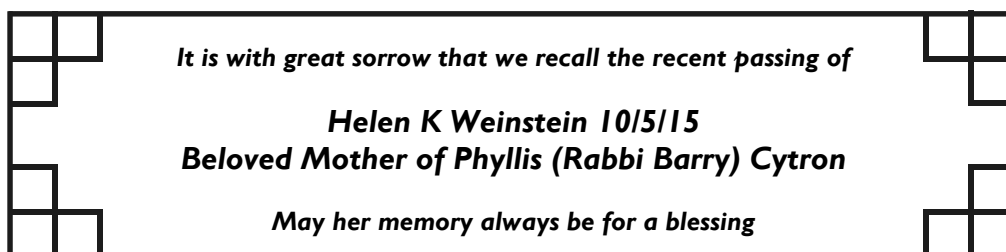
STEP: SUNDAY TORAH EDUCATION PROGRAM

STEP's ongoing study of the Hebrew Bible has transitioned into an examination of the context of the development of the Bible and other texts. The discussion meets **Sundays at 10:00am** (except on holidays) in the Tifereth Israel Classroom. Feel free to stop in anytime; there's always a fresh pot of coffee and something sweet to eat! STEP is moderated by **Mike Kuperman**.

EREV NASHIM

Erev Nashim is Women's Night out! Purely social. Please join us for the November and December dinners.

- **Wednesday, November 11, 6:30pm** - Louie's Wine Dive - 4040 University DM
- **Wednesday, December 9, 6:30pm**- Django-210 10th Street, DM



BOARD UPDATE

The Tifereth board is made up of congregants ranging from the young to the young at heart, representing families who have been here since the start and those who have recently found their way to Des Moines. Some of us have adult children, others who are still in school, and some, like Lilianna and I, have a dog who thinks he is a child. In short, we are elected to represent the entire Tifereth membership to keep the synagogue running, look out for the financial interests of the organization, and manage the staff.

To keep the congregation better informed about recent board actions and activities, each issue of the bulletin going forward will feature a board update from a different trustee. We will try to inject our individual voices and biographies so that you can get to know us a little better.

Lilianna came to Des Moines in 2002 to attend Drake University. As a student actively involved in campus Jewish life, she accepted the gift of Birthright Israel, where we met. I moved here in 2006 and we married in 2009. Today we both work at Drake: she is Assistant Director of Admission where she concentrates on recruiting future Drake students from the Chicago suburbs, and I am Director of Public Relations and Media Management. Outside of work and Tifereth commitments, Lilianna serves as advisor to Drake Hillel and I am on the board of the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines. My close childhood friend, now rabbi at Congregation Or Ami in Houston, calls us Jewish unicorns: Millennials who are active in organized Jewish life. We hope to get more of our generation equally involved in Tifereth and the broader community. Outside of Jewish life, we can often be found hard at work improving our Drake Neighborhood home.

This first update is an exciting one: The Tifereth Today and Tomorrow campaign has been a resounding success! In just 13 months, congregants have committed over \$1.2 million to sustain and grow the congregation while paying off the remaining mortgage from the renovation project. Some of the funds will ensure that the building remains in top condition while others will provide programming opportunities that we wouldn't otherwise be able to bring to Tifereth.

Thanks to the leadership and persistence of Judy Flapan, Shelley Brody, and an advisory committee representing the breadth of Tifereth members, we exceeded the campaign's financial goal. But just because we have reached a substantial dollar figure does not mean that we are done. It is important that everyone have the opportunity to be a part of this campaign for the future of Tifereth Israel Synagogue.

While we are proud to report that 58% of congregants, including 100% of the current board and past presidents, made meaningful contributions to the campaign, we would love to see every member participate in making a financial commitment to the future of our community. It is a lofty, but important goal. We understand that not everyone is in a position to make a substantial gift, and that is ok. I remember sticking a quarter in the JNF tzedakah box every Sunday as a child. It was what my family could afford, and although I don't think the Bernstein family planted many trees in Israel by ourselves over the years, together as a community my classroom made a difference. I am asking all families who have not yet contributed to make a similar, symbolic contribution. As a community we can come together to show that we believe in the future of Tifereth and that Jewish life will continue to thrive for years to come in Des Moines.

Please consider making a campaign pledge before we officially close the campaign at the end of 2015. To make a contribution, please call Barb in the office at 255-1137.

L'Shalom,
Jarad Bernstein

DONATIONS: SEPTEMBER 21—OCTOBER 16

Building Revitalization Fund

Audrey and Harlan Rosenberg
In Honor of Jeanne Levitt's
Special Birthday
In Honor of Kay Myers's
Special Birthday

Louis and Dorothy Pomerantz Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

Roselind and Sheldon Rabinowitz
Recovery of Brad Long
Recovery of Harriet Pidgeon
In Memory of Mildred Kaufman

Dubansky Simchat Torah Fund

Ellen and Richard Caplan
In Memory of Irene Sideman
Cindy Dubansky
In Memory of Israel Dubansky
In Memory of Lillian Dubansky

Garden Fund

Mary Noss Reavely
Recovery of Brad Long

General Fund

Steve Adelman and Kathy Elsner
In Memory of Frances Adelman
Madelyn & Edward Bernstein
In Memory of Mildred Bernstein
Judy and Marshall Flapan
For Return to Better Health –
Beth Waldinger
In Memory of Helen Weinstein
Fran Fleck and Terry Greenley
In Memory of Dorice Bassewitz
Elise and Jim Galinsky
In Memory of Jacob Duitch
In Memory of Louis "Blackie" Galinsky
Barb Hirsch-Giller and Harvey Giller
In Memory of Bernard Giller
Gwen and Harry Griger
Recovery of Lora Lee Spiro
In Memory of Rose Rosen
Marilyn and Lou Hurwitz
In Honor of Kay Myers's 80th Birthday
Jody and Todd Jacklin
In Memory of Ethel Carson
Michael Kuperman
In Memory of Mildred Kaufman
In Memory of Dorene Ziemann
Mariya Lichinskaya
In Memory of Haya Golubkova
In Memory of Greg Lichinsky

General Fund Cont.

Rose Lee Pomerantz
In Honor of Kay Myers's Birthday
In Honor of Eskie Shephard's Birthday
Frances Rosen
In Memory of Edward Rosen
Simma and Michael Stein
Recovery of Lora Lee Spiro
In Memory of Dorice Bassewitz
Rose and Joseph Toubes
In Memory of Abraham Hoffman
Rita and Harvey Weinberg
In Memory of Dorene Ziemann
Phyllis and Max Yaro
In Memory of Betty Svetinsky

Marcovis Youth Fund

Florence Lipsman
In Honor of Michael Lipsman's
Special Birthday
Frances Lipsman
Robbie Lipsman & Eric Wright
Josh, Doug and Harper
In Honor of Michael Lipsman's
Special Birthday
Wendi and Bill Lipsman
In Honor of Michael Lipsman's
Special Birthday

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Jennifer and Jonathan Dorfberger
In Appreciation of Daughter's Simchat Bat
Denise and David Swartz
In Appreciation

Rosenthal Cemetery Fund

Jeri Malashock
In Memory of Henry Malashock
In Memory of Lois Malashock
In Memory of Esther Robinson
In Memory of Sol Robinson

Elizabeth Sherman Shabbat Café Fund

Margo and Don Blumenthal
In Memory of Ben Altman
Simma and Michael Stein
In Celebration of Kay Myers's Birthday

Spiro Music Fund

Jeri Dunitz and Lea Tatar
In Memory of Lou Small

Tifereth Today and Tomorrow Fund

Kay Myers
In Honor of Jeanne Levitt's 85th Birthday

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

November 1	Karen Engman Ari Johnson	November 13	Peggy Altman Mara Garnaas Jody Jacklin	November 23	Barbara Geller Joseph Goodman Samantha Johnson Arielle Lipman Mitchell Simon
November 2	Samuel Blair	November 15	Katie Engman Todd Engman Mallory Goldstein Sally Harris Arthur Sanders	November 24	Devorah Feeley Jean Hirsch Ruth Levine
November 3	Jerome Geller Emma Kirschner Matt Matijevich Paul Sacks Alexander Shcharansky	November 16	Wallace Bevan Arnold Engman	November 25	Kimberly Chapman Daniel Levin
November 4	Steven Adelman Judith Gregerson Vitaly Shoykhet Patsy Tobis	November 17	Elliott Bear Lester Homonoff Stephen Nussbaum Rose Sloven	November 26	Jennifer Hadenfeldt Elizabeth Oxer
November 6	Michael Adelman	November 18	David Lettween	November 27	Kenneth Waltman
November 7	Jeanne Levitt Jadwiga Wiczner	November 19	Alyseann Galinsky Sheldon Rabinowitz Steven Weiss	November 28	Emma Estaver
November 8	Jason Nunemaker	November 20	Jane Frons Dahl Mitchell Shulman	November 30	Vicki Givant Landon Huisman Jacob Kuperman
November 11	Phyllis Yaro	November 21	Adam Egherman Scott Koslow Asher Naggat		
November 12	Cindy Levy	November 22	Alex Cantor		

HAPPY NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Nov 2 Amy & Brad Brody

Nov 8 Norene & Samuel Mostkoff

Nov 25 Phyllis Friedman & Mark Schneider

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:





December 1	Sheya Finkelstein Jessica Harrington	December 11	Eli Frankel Shelly Salutsky	December 22	Leonid Resh
December 2	Albert Mintzer Tanya Shoykhet	December 12	Samuel Engman David Greenspon	December 23	Anya Finkelshteyn Harlan Rosenberg
December 3	Allan Rovner	December 13	David Hurkin Bernard Levine	December 24	Grant Oxer
December 4	Adi Hazan Alicia Herzog	December 14	Shelley Kitsis	December 25	Anders Dietz- Swenson Jared Levy Jeffrey Marcovis Michael Marcovis Marcie Morrison
December 5	Marilyn Nussbaum	December 15	Moshe Feeley Ariel Simon	December 26	Maggie Matijevich
December 6	Matthew Homonoff	December 18	Lorraine Neiman	December 27	Lindsey Johnson Aaron Rosenberg Tatiana Shcharansky
December 7	Jeanette Rosen Rose Toubes	December 19	Mindy Bell Josh Waltman	December 28	Robert Singer
December 8	Tanya Keith Charlotte Raush	December 20	Sandra Pomerantz- Reed George Shcharansky Abigail Wahlig Alexander Wieczner	December 30	Benjamin Adelman
December 9	Barbara Lettween	December 21	Roger Hon	December 31	Blaine Bookey
December 10	Sophie Homonoff Cynthia Shulman				

HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 11	Wendi Harris & Stuart Oxer	Dec 21	Laurie & Joe Wahlig
Dec 14	Heidi Schneider & Joel Mintzer	Dec 29	Vicki & Alan Givant
Dec 15	Maria & Mikhail Mendeleev	Dec 30	Vera & Gennady Aginsky
Dec 17	Toni & Tim Urban	Dec 31	Maggie & Matt Matijevich
Dec 18	Robin & Phillip Bear Allyson & Scott Reister		





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Calendar subject to change

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 19 Cheshvan STEP 10:00am Miller Program 1:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00p Jewish Women's Book Group 2:00pm	2 20 Cheshvan	3 21 Cheshvan Morning Minyan 7:15am	4 22 Cheshvan Refugee Resource Center 6-8pm	5 23 Cheshvan	6 24 Cheshvan Consecration and Evening Services 6:00pm  4:43pm	7 25 Cheshvan Morning Services 9:30 Shabbat Café 11:30am Minchah Meditation & Study 12:30pm Havdalah 5:45pm
8 26 Cheshvan STEP 10:00am Conversion Class 1:00pm	9 27 Cheshvan	10 28 Cheshvan Morning Minyan 7:15am	11 29 Cheshvan Refugee Resource Center 6-8pm	12 30 Cheshvan	13 1 Kislev Music Service at Tifereth 6:00pm "Acoustic Shabbat"  4:36pm	14 2 Kislev Morning Services 9:30 Women's League Shabbat Shabbat Café 11:30am Minchah Meditation & Study 12:30pm
15 3 Kislev STEP 10:00am Miller Program 1:00pm	16 4 Kislev	17 5 Kislev Morning Minyan 7:15am	18 6 Kislev Jewish Women's Book Group 6:30pm Refugee Resource Center 6-8pm	19 7 Kislev	20 8 Kislev Evening Services 6:00pm  4:31pm	21 9 Kislev Morning Services 9:30 Tot Shabbat, Children's Service, Jr. Congregation 10:30am Shabbat Café 11:30am Minchah Meditation & Study 12:30pm
22 10 Kislev STEP 10:00am Miller Program 1:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00p	23 11 Kislev	24 12 Kislev Morning Minyan 7:15am	25 13 Kislev Refugee Resource Center 6-8pm	26 14 Kislev Office Closed Thanksgiving Day	27 15 Kislev Office Closed Evening Services 6:00pm  4:27pm	28 16 Kislev Morning Services 9:30 Shabbat Café 11:30am Minchah Meditation & Study 12:30pm
29 17 Kislev STEP 10:00am Miller Program 1:00pm Confirmation Class 5:00p	30 18 Kislev Board Meeting 6pm					

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6 24 Kislev STEP 10:00am Miller Program 1:00pm Women's League Latke Luncheon 12:30pm	7 25 Kislev Chanukah Day 1	8 26 Kislev Morning Minyan 7:15am Chanukah Day 2	9 27 Kislev Chanukah Day 3 Refugee Resource Center 6-8pm	10 28 Kislev Chanukah Day 4	11 29 Kislev Chanukah Day 5 Michpacha Services 6:00pm YAD Chanukah Celebration 7:00pm  4:24pm	12 30 Kislev Morning Services 9:30 Tot Shabbat, Children's Service Jr. Congregation 10:30am Shabbat Café 11:30am Minchah Med & Study
13 1 Tevet STEP 10:00am Miller Program 1:00pm Chanukah Day 7	14 2 Tevet Chanukah Day 8	15 3 Tevet Morning Minyan 7:15am	16 4 Tevet Refugee Resource Center 6-8pm	17 5 Tevet Bulletin Deadline	18 6 Tevet Evening Services 6:00pm  4:26pm	19 7 Tevet Morning Services 9:30 Shabbat Café 11:30am Minchah Meditation & Study 12:30pm
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday* 9:00am—5:00pm

Friday 9:00am—3:00pm

*Closed Monday through Thursday from 12:30pm—1:30pm

*The Rabbi is usually in the building except Mondays.
Please feel free to call the office and set up an appointment.*

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Sunday 9:00am—12:00pm

Wednesday 9:30am—12:00pm

*Also open during office hours

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Wednesdays 9:00am - 11:00am

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