

TIFERETH TODAY AND TOMORROW CAMPAIGN UPDATE

- \$600,000:** Amount that has been raised to date toward the \$1 million goal
- 30%:** The percent of Tifereth members who have already contributed to the campaign
- 70%:** The percent of Tifereth members whose participation could bring us to goal by the HIGH HOLIDAYS
- \$1,000,000:** The Campaign goal, which includes
\$250,000 = for an established *growth fund* to address programming and needs of future generations
\$500,000 = \$50,000/year for 10 years to support maintenance and sustainability of the building not included in the annual operating budget
\$250,000 = to retire debt from the recent major building renovations
- YOU:** *The person(s) who can ensure this campaign succeeds - continuing the SPIRIT, CONNECTIONS, and GROWTH of Tifereth Israel Synagogue*

MAZEL TOV



Cora Lucile Eggherman graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School in Des Moines in May, 2015. She received the Roosevelt Foundation Scholarship. Cora also attended Central Academy and Central Campus, and earned a State of Iowa Master Conservationist certificate for her work with Iowa Energy and Sustainability Academy. Cora's activities in high school largely centered around serving on political campaigns and organizing events with Des Moines Student Activism Network. Cora will attend Luther College in the fall, planning to pursue environmental studies and political science. Among other scholarships, she received Luther's largest academic award, the Founders Scholarship, for four years.

YOUTH AND YOUNG FAMILIES

TOT SHABBAT/CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Tot Shabbat and Children's Service will be meeting on **Saturday, September 26th at 10:30am**. Both programs provide an opportunity for parents and children to celebrate Shabbat together. **Rabbi Edelman-Blank** leads the Children's Service. Watch tifereth.org and your emails for updates on all youth programs and activities!

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

Junior Congregation, our Saturday supplement to the education offered by Beit Sefer Shalom, will meet this month on **Saturday, September 26th at 10:30am**.

Junior Congregation offers fun and interesting service experiences rooted in the traditions of the Conservative movement to kids in 4th through 6th grade.

UPCOMING YAD ACTIVITIES

Please plan to attend the following YAD group activity:

- YAD Group lunch, craft, decorating the Sukkah, and education about Sukkah. **Sunday, September 27th 12:30pm**

Watch for emails to come for more information on this event. If you are not on the YAD email list and would like to be, please contact Amanda in the office office@tifereth.org.

UPCOMING BAR/BAT MITZVAHS



Clara Mintzer will be a 7th grader at Stilwell Junior High School in West Des Moines. She is involved in the school orchestra, Lego Robotics, and the Kids Care Club. She plays the piano and the violin. For her mitzvah project she is raising money for the Back Pack Program of the Food Bank of Iowa, and she will also be packing the meals during the school year. Clara is the daughter of **Michael Mintzer** and **Alla Mintzer Zaprudsky**. She will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah **Saturday, September 5th at 9:30am** at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. A Kiddush luncheon will follow the service.



Adam, Mara and Cora Egberman are proud to announce that **Ezekiel Rune (Zeke) Egberman**, 8th grader at Cowles Montessori in Des Moines, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on **October 3rd, 2015 at 9:30am**. Zeke is an aspiring computer programmer whose interests include web design, graphics, and riding his bicycle around town to capture portals on Ingress—a game that combines geocaching and Capture the Flag. All are welcome at a Kiddush luncheon following services.

The Youth Program offers its thanks to the Larry and Suzanne Engman Fund for all of the support they have given to our youth programs this year!

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.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM/CONVERSION CLASS

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.

JEWISH WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Our group will not meet in September because of the High Holidays. Following are the final three books and hosts for the end of the year. All three books are in the Tifereth library.

10/18, Sunday, **Karen Weiss**. *The Paris Architect: A Novel* by Charles Belfoure.

11/18, Wednesday, **Saralee Sloven**. *The Girl in the Green Sweater* by Krystyna Chiger with Daniel Pisner.

12/10, Thursday, **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**.

HIGH HOLIDAYS CHOIR

Please come and sing with us for the High Holidays, for everyone ages 13 and up! We would love to have anyone who enjoys singing. The September rehearsals will be **Tuesday, September 1; Tuesday, September 8th; and Wednesday, September 16th all at 6:30pm.**

–**Francine Griffith** Choir Director

Please contact anyone in the office about questions you have for Francine.

GARDEN NEWS!

YAD and Gardening Committee Sponsoring Harvest Dinner in the Sukkah

Be sure your calendar is marked for **Sunday, October 4, at 4:30pm** for the 4th annual Harvest Dinner in the Sukkah. Like last year, YAD families will be co-sponsoring so their children get to sample fresh garden produce (along with their pizza)!

Everyone is welcome to sample the dishes the gardening committee will be making from this year's produce. Some plants always do better than others, and the committee never plants all the same vegetables each year. But to whet your appetite, there are already many containers of basil pesto, green beans, and collard greens in the freezer. The spaghetti and butternut squashes and tomatoes are still ripening and the herbs are ready to add flavor. Come try something new along with the usual great kosher pickles! (The cucumbers have been plentiful.)

Enjoy the fruits of the harvest with the company of several generations of congregants and the wonderful holiday of Sukkot. You'll have a chance to say the blessings and shake the lulav and etrog, too. Water and soft drinks will be provided. Bring your own wine if you prefer a glass with dinner. Please RSVP to the Tifereth office by **Friday, September 25**. Finally, the harvest dinner is free, but we will accept donations for Tifereth's garden fund to cover our cost for the fifth season of garden development in 2016!

SHELTER DINNER

Tifereth garden's tomatoes and cantaloupe were used in preparation of the shelter dinner on **Sunday, August 23rd**. Volunteers who donated other food supplies and/or cooked that afternoon were: **Aaron Beckerman, Avilah Getzler, Larry Blumberg, Michael Stein, Simma Stein, Mary Reavely, Saralee Sloven, Nancy Waldman, Mike Kuperman and Peggy Altman**.

Next date for preparing dinner for the New Directions Shelter for Women on Grand Ave. is **Sunday, October 25th**. Leave your name at the office if you would like to be contacted for assisting on that date.

FROM THE TREASURER'S CHEST

I'd like to use this space this month to share with you something I've been a witness of over the past year. For many of you reading this it is not new information, but for many others it'll be a revelation.

Our co-presidents, **Phil Bear** and **Harvey Giller** have done so much work for our congregation I am amazed. They have worked tirelessly to make our Capital Campaign successful, in addition to the regular tasks of president AND on top of their own careers and family. Of course there are other members that have taken on leadership roles regarding the Campaign also, whom we owe thanks to. It takes a lot of work to keep Tifereth running smoothly. Barb, Amanda, Rabbi and Patrick, cannot do it alone.

Whether you're new and have not gotten involved yet or you're a veteran of this congregation, your involvement will increase your appreciation of this institution. I've learned a lot about how this congregation works from getting inside it. You can too. Contact myself or any board member with your ideas and any inquiries you have regarding finding a place for you to help out.

Here are words of wisdom from a Founding Father, Benjamin Franklin: "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."

Thank you,

Jacob Lederman

DONATIONS: JULY 15—AUGUST 15

Building Revitalization Fund

Shari and Stanley Engman
Recovery of Betty Abrams
In Memory of Bart Axelrod

Camp Ramah Fund

Roselind and Sheldon Rabinowitz
In Memory of Dorothy Pomerantz
In Memory of Jacob Rabinovitz

General Fund

Charlene Abramsohn
In Memory of Julius Abramsohn
Shelley and Martin Brody
In Memory of Dorothy Miller
Lois Brown
In Memory of Rita Zaprudsky
Suzanne and Larry Engman
In Memory of Rebecca Engman
Judy and Larry Feldman
In Memory of Morris Matulef
Elise and Jim Galinsky
In Memory of Jessie Duitch
Yelena and Andrey Korsakov
In Memory of Mendel Kertsman
Kay Myers
In Honor of Alice Friedgood
In Honor of Ken Waltman
Jody and Todd Jacklin
In Memory of Al Lipsey
Sheila and Michael Johnson
In Memory of Barney Pearl
In Memory of Mildred Pearl
Michael Kuperman
In Memory of Dr. Rabbi Marvin Luban
Cari Lefkow
In Memory of Janet Stern

General Fund Continued

Hannah and Will Rogers
In Memory of Dr. Rabbi Marvin Luban
Marcia and Michael Rosenblatt
In Memory of Maxwell Rosenblatt
Frances Rosen
In Memory of Emma Rosen
Carolyn Rosenfeld
In Memory of Abraham Rosenfeld
In Memory of Beverly Rosenfeld
Rosemary and Ed Seidenfeld
In Memory of Ted Seidenfeld
In Memory of Tillie Seidenfeld
Ronit and Dana Simon
In Honor of Adam & Dorian Kuperman's Wedding
In Memory of Dr. Rabbi Marvin Luban
Rose and Dan Sloven
In Memory of Dr. Rabbi Marvin Luban
Bernard Waltman
In Memory of Shelley Groomes

Marcovis Youth Fund

Lois Brown
In Memory of Blanche Weindruch
Harriet Pidgeon
Recovery of Shirlee Marcovis
Maxine and Harry Weindruch
Speedy Recovery of David Marcovis
Complete Recovery of Shirlee Marcovis

David D. Pidgeon Book Fund

Harriet Pidgeon
In Honor of Barry Pidgeon's Special Birthday
In Memory of Abe Pidgeon

Tifereth Israel Synagogue families and friends who wish to remember their loved ones throughout the year may make contributions to any of our funds listed below.

General Fund
Brody Youth Fund
Building Endowment Fund
Building Revitalization Fund
Cantor's Discretionary Fund
Library Fund
Gendler Lecture Fund
Stanley Isaacson Torah Fund
Marcovis Youth Fund
David D. Pidgeon Book Fund
Louis and Dorothy Pomerantz Camp Ramah
Scholarship Fund

Prayer Book Fund
Program Endowment Fund
Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Rosenthal Memorial Fund
Ruth Rissman Children's Book Fund
Elizabeth Sherman Shabbat Café Fund
Harry Simon Memorial Fund
Spiro Music Endowment Fund
Tifereth Israel Foundation
Tikkun Olam / Garden Fund
YAD Group

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

September 2	Madelyn Waltman Viktor Zilbermints	September 12	Angela Johnson Esther Sandler	September 24	Ariella Rogers
September 4	Melissa Estaver	September 13	Felix Hausmann Sarah Weinberg Benjamin Weiss	September 25	Ethel Norman Ali Rosenberg
September 5	Alex Giller	September 14	Peter Lettween Gabriel Mintzer	September 26	Naomi Wolf-Klass
September 6	Judy Flapan Margo Nechtow	September 15	David Cantor Phillip Chen Steven Edelman-Blank Max Yaro	September 27	Libby Hadenfeldt Daniel Singer
September 7	Josh Sager	September 18	Frances Fleck Shayna Grund Tim Urban	September 28	Dinah (Dini) Feeley
September 8	Larry Blumberg Brook Rosenberg Betsy Rosenblatt	September 20	Blake Carpenter	September 29	Gennady Aginsky Jody Hramits Norene Mostkoff
September 10	Stanley Engman	September 22	Sharon Fuller Doug Jotzke Douglas Nelson		
September 11	Thomas Farr	September 23	Robert Duitch Donald Pochter		

HAPPY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept 1	Idit & Avi Hazan	Sept 6	Sharon & Josh Engman
Sept 2	Paige & Mark Blair Susie & Josh Kimelman	Sept 10	Bruria & Benyamin Kaufman Yelena & Vladimir Malina
Sept 3	Barbara & Jerome Geller Dana & Bernard Leman	Sept 11	Sharon & Jay Beecher
Sept 4	Melanie & Peter Sandler	Sept 15	Marilyn & Louis Hurwitz
Sept 5	Gloria & Allan Rovner Karen & Steven Weiss	Sept 16	Jenna & Josh Sager
		Sept 20	Alice & David Friedgood

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:





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| October 1 | Dorothy Schatz | October 11 | Dorothy Goodman
Aviva Jotzke
Ryan Reister | October 19 | Jeffrey Duitch
Zachary Hockenberg
Dana Leman |
| October 2 | Gloria Bernstein
Jarad Bernstein
Harrison Bevan
Ron Herzog
Jordan Huisman
Janel Marcovis
Melanie Sandler | October 12 | Aedan Courtney | October 21 | Larry Stein
John Wahlig |
| October 3 | Richard Fuller
Justin Schoen | October 13 | Katie Rosenblatt
Lily Toubes | October 23 | Aaron Ellis
Jerry Hadenfeldt |
| October 4 | Natalie Bookey
Josh Kimelman
Dani Lipman | October 14 | Marilyn Hurwitz | October 26 | Kathy Elsner
Jacob Lederman |
| October 6 | Benjamin Fuller | October 16 | Mason Bear
Ben Bremen | October 27 | Andi Duitch
Emily Engman Paper
Clara Mintzer |
| October 7 | Eric Adelman
Brittany Brody
Michael Lipsman | October 17 | Edward Bell
Ashly Bixler
Alan Fritzer
Daniel Khalastchi
Aliza Nechtow
Rita Weinberg | October 29 | Maria Mendeleev |
| October 10 | Alice Friedgood
Barbara Galinsky | October 18 | Jessica Kaplan | | |

HAPPY OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- Oct 3 Mindy and Edward Bell
- Oct 5 Pnina and Marshall Luban
- Oct 12 Christine and David Copeland
Mara and Adam Egberman
- Oct 15 Jill and David Cantor





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Calendar subject to change

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 17 Elul Morning Minyan 7:15am Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:30pm	2 18 Elul	3 19 Elul	4 20 Elul Evening Services 7:00pm  7:26pm	5 21 Elul Clara Mintzer Bat Mitzvah 9:30am Shabbat Café 11:30am Selichot Program 7:30pm
6 22 Elul STEP 10:00am Conversion Class 1:00pm	7 23 Elul Labor Day Tifereth Office Closed	8 24 Elul Morning Minyan 7:15am Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:30pm	9 25 Elul Bulletin Deadline Refugee Resource Center 6-8pm	10 26 Elul	11 27 Elul Evening Services 6:00pm  7:14pm	12 28 Elul Morning Services 9:30 Shabbat Café 11:30am Minchah Meditation & Study 12:30pm
13 29 Elul STEP 10:00am Conversion Class 1:00pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 7pm	14 1 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah Morning Services 9am Tashlikh Service 4:30pm Gray's Lake Tifereth Office Closed	15 2 Tishrei Rosh Hashanah II Morning services 9:00am Tifereth Office Closed	16 3 Tishrei Choir Rehearsal 6:30-8:30pm Refugee Resource Center 6-8pm	17 4 Tishrei	18 5 Tishrei Shabbat Shuvah Evening Services 6:00pm  7:01pm	19 6 Tishrei Shabbat Shuvah Morning Services 9:30 Shabbat Café 11:30am Minchah Meditation & Study 12:30pm
20 7 Tishrei STEP 10:00am Kever Avot 1:00pm Conversion Class 2:00pm	21 8 Tishrei	22 9 Tishrei Morning Minyan 7:15am Food Drive 5:45pm Kol Nidre Service 6:45pm	23 10 Tishrei Yom Kippur Morning Services 9am Spiritual Side-Trips 2p Minchah and Concluding Services, Break-the-fast 5:15pm Tifereth Office Closed	24 11 Tishrei	25 12 Tishrei Evening Services 6:00pm  6:49pm	26 13 Tishrei Morning Services 9:30 Tot Shabbat, Children's Service, Jr. Congregation 10:30am Shabbat Café 11:30am Minchah Meditation & Study 12:30pm
27 14 Tishrei STEP 10:00am Conversion Class 1:00pm YAD Decorate the Sukkah and Lunch 12:30pm	28 15 Tishrei Sukkot Sukkot Service 9:30am Tifereth Office Closed	29 16 Tishrei Sukkot II Sukkot Services 9:30am Tifereth Office Closed	30 17 Tishrei Sukkot III Refugee Resource Center 6-8pm			

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
4 21 Tishrei Sukkot VII STEP 10:00am Conversion Class 1:00pm Harvest Dinner 4:30pm	5 22 Tishrei Shemini Atzeret Morning Services 9:30a Simchat Torah Family Celebration 5:30pm Tifereth Office Closed	6 23 Tishrei Simchat Torah Morning Services 9:30am Tifereth Office Closed	7 24 Tishrei Refugee Resource Center 6-8pm	1 18 Tishrei Sukkot IV	2 19 Tishrei Sukkot V Shabbat Chol Hamoed Evening Services 6:00pm  6:37pm	3 20 Tishrei Ezekiel Egberman Bar Mitzvah 9:30 Shabbat Chol Hamoed Shabbat Café 11:30am
11 28 Tishrei STEP 10:00am Conversion Class 1:00pm Hunger Hike 1:30pm	12 29 Tishrei	13 30 Tishrei Morning Minyan 7:15am Bear Lecture 7pm	14 1 Cheshvan Refugee Resource Center 6-8pm	15 2 Cheshvan Bulletin Deadline	16 3 Cheshvan Evening Services 6:00pm  6:14pm	17 4 Cheshvan Morning Services 9:30 Shabbat Café 11:30am Minchah Meditation & Study 12:30pm
18 5 Cheshvan STEP 10:00am Conversion Class 1:00pm Jewish Women's Book Group 2:00pm	19 6 Cheshvan	20 7 Cheshvan Morning Minyan 7:15am	21 8 Cheshvan Refugee Resource Center 6-8pm	22 9 Cheshvan	23 10 Cheshvan Evening Services 6:00pm  6:04pm	24 11 Cheshvan Morning Services 9:30 Shabbat Café 11:30am Minchah Meditation & Study 12:30pm
25 12 Cheshvan STEP 10:00am Conversion Class 1:00pm Shelter Dinner 2pm	26 13 Cheshvan Board Meeting 6pm	27 14 Cheshvan Morning Minyan 7:15am	28 15 Cheshvan Refugee Resource Center 6-8pm	29 16 Cheshvan	30 17 Cheshvan Evening Services 6:00pm  5:54pm	31 18 Cheshvan Morning Services 9:30 Tot Shabbat, Children's Service, Jr. Congregation 10:30am Shabbat Café 11:30am Minchah Meditation & Study 12:30pm

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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GIFT SHOP HOURS

Sunday 9:00am—12:00pm

Wednesday 9:30am—12:00pm

*Also open during office hours

LIBRARIAN HOURS

Wednesdays 9:00am - 11:00am

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