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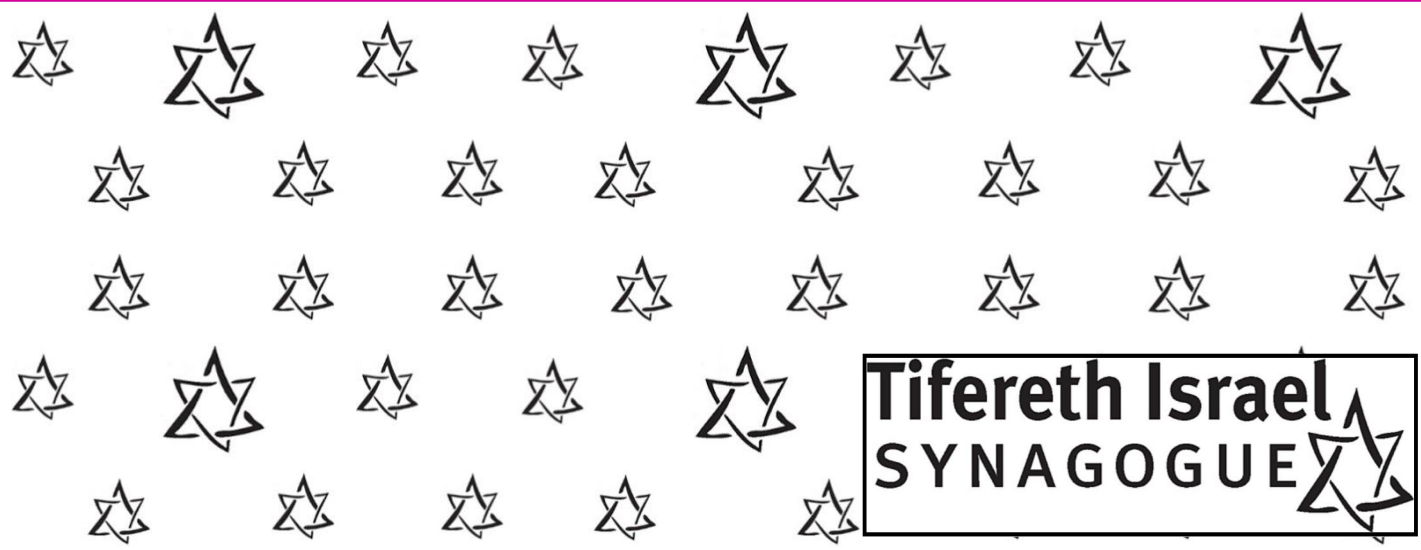
Happy New Year!

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Information & Programming Guide

2019-2020

Classes, Activities, Events, Committees, Volunteer Opportunities & More



Tifereth Israel
SYNAGOGUE

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Welcome to Tifereth Israel Synagogue

"We strive to enrich our cultural and spiritual lives as Jews by connecting with our community, the traditions of our people, Israel, and with God."

We Are A Caring And Engaging Family

We support each other in word and deed, fostering an open atmosphere in which all forms of Judaism and levels of observance are able to thrive.

We Are Unique Jewish Souls

We each follow our own path, seeking to become the Jews we want to be. We honor diversity in all its forms, welcoming interfaith families, same-sex couples, and people of all cultural backgrounds.

We Are A Sacred Community

We come together to celebrate the heritage of our ancestors, express our modern Jewish identity, and create a vibrant and dynamic future for ourselves and our children.

Tifereth Leadership

Executive Committee

President: Jacob Lederman
Vice President: Justin Schoen
Secretary: Marni Duitch
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Immediate Past President:
Will Rogers

Tifereth Foundation Board

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Clergy

Rabbi: Emily K. Barton
Cantorial Soloist: Deirdre Farr
Cantor Emeritus: Pinchas Spiro z"l,

Board of Trustees

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Synagogue Maintenance:
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Important Information

Front Door Security Measure – Congregants to receive Key FOB for entry to Tifereth

The Tifereth Israel Synagogue building doors will now be locked at all times. During business hours you will still have to be buzzed in and your key FOB will only work before and after services. Each member family will be able to request up to two key fobs. If you choose not to get a Key FOB, you will be let in to the building when you arrive for services or another events. At larger events, like a bar or bat mitzvah or the High Holidays, there will be security in place at the front door. If you only frequent the synagogue at the High Holidays or for other large events, you may not want to get a key fob at this time. Please contact **Barb Berven** to fill out a key FOB form. If you have any questions about the key FOBs contact **Elizabeth Hopkins**, Security Chair at Tifereth or **Barb Berven** in the office.

*A special thank you to an anonymous donor for their support of this program with a generous donation to cover the initial FOB costs.

Hearing Assistance Devices for Services

Tifereth Israel Synagogue has hearing assistance devices available to use during services. The devices use plug-in earphones and are located at the entry of the sanctuary. Feel free to bring your own headphones, earphones or earbuds to use with the audio system.

ASSISTIVE
LISTENING
SYSTEMS
AVAILABLE



Large Print Books Available for Services

Many large print books were donated to Tifereth by **Saralee Sloven**. Thank you! They are in the sanctuary for use during services. All large print books, including the *Siddur Sim Shalom* prayer books, are located on the sanctuary bookshelves. If you have any trouble or questions please ask the usher.



Attention Snow Birds

If you will be leaving town for the winter, please check in with the office to let us know the dates you will be gone and to double check that we have your correct address on file. Thank you!

Winter Weather Reminder

Please remember that if the Des Moines schools cancel classes due to weather conditions, Tifereth offices will be closed and all activities will also be cancelled. You can also find cancellations posted on KCCI-TV.

Tifereth Emails

If you aren't receiving the weekly Tifereth Israel Synagogue emails please contact the office at your convenience 515-255-1137 or office@tifereth.org) and we'll resolve the problem as soon as possible.

Tifereth Facebook Pages

- Tifereth Israel Synagogue- [Facebook.com/tiferethdesmoines](https://www.facebook.com/tiferethdesmoines)
- Tifereth Women's League- [Facebook.com/TIWomensLeague](https://www.facebook.com/TIWomensLeague)
- Tifereth YAD Group- [Facebook.com/groups/1376454289342423/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1376454289342423/)
- Tifereth Tribe Group- [Facebook.com/iowatribe](https://www.facebook.com/iowatribe)



Service Information * Options

Service Times

Unless otherwise noted, Erev Shabbat services regularly begin at **6:00pm on Friday evenings**, and Shabbat morning services regularly begin at **9:30am on Saturday mornings** followed by Shabbat Café at **11:45am**. Rabbi Barton leads a Hebrew Bible Discussion at **12:30pm**. There are no Bible discussions on days when there is a Bar or Bat Mitzvah or special guest artists. For more information on a particular style of service or a full outline of worship opportunities, please see Tifereth Israel website www.tifereth.org or call the synagogue.

Service Honors

Aliyot, leading a service, serving as a Gabbai, chanting Torah and/ or haftarah are all wonderful spiritual practices, as well as ways to grow yourself, serve the community, celebrate the anniversary of a bnei mitzvah, wedding or birthday, honor a person you care about (whether living or already deceased). If you are interested in learning how to celebrate an honor or serve in one of these ways, please contact **Sue Harris**. **Note** that to lead services or chant the Torah or haftarah, you need to be able to read, or at least decode Hebrew. Sue can be reached at: (515) 329-4135 or sue.harris@tifereth.org

Service Honors

Tuesday Morning Minyan Service

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us every **Tuesday at 7:15am**. This brief service is a great way to begin the day while helping our community with a minyan for those with a yartzheit to remember a loved one. No experience required. **Hope to see you there!** Questions contact- **Rose Sloven** Rosiefutur@aol.com



Contemplative Shabbat Service

The second Saturday each month we offer a special 45 minute meditative service including learning, singing, English readings and discussion. This peaceful practice is a part of the main Saturday Shabbat service for all ages to enjoy. The Contemplative Service is on the second Saturday of each month. Torah Service will begin at **10:15am**.

Contemplative Service

Acoustic Shabbat

Come participate in a special Friday Shabbat service featuring instrumental accompaniment and a blend of ancient, traditional, and contemporary Jewish music. Through the music of this service, you'll find connections to the spirit of our holy liturgy, allowing you to pray with your heart, and hands and feet. Lift your voice in song and help create the spirit of holiness that is Shabbat! **ALL are welcome!**



Upcoming Dates-

- **October 18th**– With Mishpacha Shabbat
- **November 15th**
- **December 13th**– With Mishpacha Shabbat
- **January 17th**

Mishpacha Shabbat & Potluck

About once a month, the families of Tifereth Israel come together to celebrate Mishpacha ("Family") Shabbat. The services are designed so that children can easily participate and also have some fun! Songs, activities, storytelling, and instruments are used to help children engage in the service. The service is usually followed by a family event, most often a potluck dinner coordinated by our YAD Group. For more information on the YAD group, go to their [facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1376454289342423/) [facebook.com/groups/1376454289342423/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1376454289342423/)



Upcoming Dates- Fridays at 6:00pm

- **October 18**– With Acoustic Shabbat
- **November 8th** – Includes Consecration
- **February 14th**
- **April 10th**

Tot Shabbat & Jr. Congregation

Tot Shabbat & Junior Congregation meet one Saturday morning per month at **10:30am** Tot Shabbat provides an opportunity for parents and children to celebrate Shabbat together, while Junior Congregation is Tifereth Israel's supplement to the Jewish education offered by Beit Sefer Shalom for children in 3th – 6th grade. **Benjamin Brodkey** will lead Jr. Congregation and **Dori Hauser** will lead Tot Shabbat with parental volunteer support. Thank you to **Jenny Blumberg, Sophie Homonoff** and **Tasha Hausmann** for their leadership for all of these years.

Upcoming Dates-

- **October 26th**
- **November 23rd**
- **February 29th**
- **March 28th**



Needed at Tifereth Israel Synagogue

Ushers/Greeters Needed for Services:

Tifereth is in need of Greeters/Ushers for Shabbat services. Anyone can volunteer! **Sign up for either Fridays, Saturdays or both!** Volunteer on your own, in pairs, or parents and children together! Please contact the office and tell us when you are available! **Thank you!**
barb.berven@tifereth.org

Ride Sharing for Services Needed. Consider Volunteering to Share Your Ride to Service

Our community has seniors and students that do not always have a ride to shul. **Be a mensch!**
Contact office@tifereth.org or 515-255-1137

Sponsor a Kiddush

Do you enjoy Shabbat Café lunches and the lovely desserts we have after Friday night services? Shabbat Café brings together our community after Saturday morning services. It's a chance for congregants to sit and converse over a light lunch and often, celebrate a special occasion, such as a



- **Birthday**
- **Anniversary**
- **Special family event**
- **Life cycle event**

There are plenty of options for sponsoring a Shabbat Café. Interested sponsors can then choose the date, then pick the options for menu, setup, and cost for their month's celebratory Shabbat Café. All members will be notified prior to their birthday and encouraged to join with others also celebrating that month. Please contact **Barb Berven** to discuss your Shabbat café options or give a suggestion.
barb.berven@tifereth.org

Donate for Kiddush

Donate



Would you like to help sponsor a Shabbat Café but are not sure about the expense? **Consider donating to the Elizabeth Sherman Kiddush Fund. No amount is too small to contribute to help us ensure that we can continue to provide delicious food to our congregants after services. It is a way to support our Shabbat Café without taking on the entire cost by yourself.** Honor a loved one's yearzeit, a simcha (a joyous event in your family) or a birthday and help us build this fund! Consider sponsoring a Shabbat Café to share your simcha with our Tifereth Israel community! What a wonderful way to celebrate any time!

Thank you!

Misheberach List Updates Needed

We encourage you to add names to the Misheberach list. Please email the office with any additions either using an English or Hebrew name. To keep the Misheberach list current and correct, please also remember to let the office know when a name can be removed from the list. office@tifereth.org **Thank you!**

Gift Shop hours and information

The Louis & Marilyn Hurwitz Gift Shop inside of Tifereth Israel Synagogue is open any time the office is open. **Monday- Thursday 9:00am to 5:00pm and Fridays 9:00am-3:00pm.** The Gift Shop is run by the Tifereth Women's League. Requests and additional orders can be made by contacting **Andi Duitch** at Andidee@aol.com If you would like to volunteer in the Hurwitz Gift Shop please contact Andi Duitch.

Tifereth Committees, Please Get Involved!

Tifereth Israel Synagogue welcomes and encourages you to get involved with any of our many committees! If interested please contact the office, barb.berven@tifereth.org or 515-255-1137
We hope to see you!

- **Adult Education Committee**
The Adult Education committee works Rabbi and the Board to plan and promote adult education opportunities in the synagogue, including regular classes, lectures and invited scholars-in residence.
- **Building and Grounds Committee**
Oversee the maintenance of the building and the property grounds. Responsibilities include coordinate lawn care and snow removal & coordinate repair/maintenance work with contractors and Barb Berven. Review maintenance/service contracts.
- **Chesed Committee**
Call on members in the hospital, shut-ins and seniors. Prepares treat bags for seniors on Rosh Hashanah, Hanukkah and Purim.
- **Fundraising, Budget & Dues Equalization Committee**
Plan events to raise money for the Synagogue. Work with the budget and dues equalization.
- **Financial Committee**
Reviews, prepares, and implements a financially sound budget for Tifereth Israel Synagogue operations.
- **Garden Committee**
Produces and cares for the Tifereth Community Garden in the Rosenblatt Family garden next to the synagogue. Both vegetables, herbs and flowers are produced and shared. We encourage all members to get involved, both adults and children alike.
- **Membership Committee**
Develops and maintain membership application, work with the Executive Committee, Board of Directors and staff to establish yearly goals for membership recruitment, retention, reinstatement and review applications. Develop marketing materials and strategies for recruiting new members.
- **Music Committee**
Music Committee works with the Rabbi and the board to continue the Tifereth tradition of enhancing our services with high-quality music and musicians. The committee advises and supports the High Holiday choir and any other choir events as well as support, recruit, promote any musical performances in-house. The committee advises any Cantor/Cantorial Soloist or Cantorial Intern.
- **Pomerantz Library Committee**
Assist library users, order books for the library, catalog and cover books, evaluate donations, help encourage members to use the library through bulletin articles, implementing reading programs as well as tidy the library.
- **Safety Community**
Coordinates the safety and security of the Tifereth Israel Grounds and works with funding for securing the premise.
- **Tikkun Olam Committee**
Strives to provide congregants with opportunities to work together and make a difference in our local community. Since the current committee's inception in 2010, the committee has primarily focused on hunger issues and promoted better environmental practices at Tifereth.
- **Ritual Committee**
The Ritual Committee serves at the discretion of the Rabbi providing insight, perspective, input and feed back on question of ritual, worship and related matters. Although the committee is not ultimately a decision-making a committee, as the rabbi is the *mara d'atra* of the synagogue, it plays a key role in the organization, support and promotion of worship-related activities and other matters related to Jewish law in the synagogue.

Adult Education

Weekly Shabbat Lunch and Learn

Saturdays, About 12:30-1:15pm. Stay for Kiddush and learning after services! Bring your questions and opinions! Texts will be read in English, but Hebrew will also be provided. Note: There will not be a Torah discussion on the weekends there is a bar or bat mitzvah. Topics change throughout the year.

STEP: Sunday Torah Education Program

Sunday Torah Education Program, moderated by **Mike Kuperman, Sundays, 10:00am–12:00pm.** STEP is a study group that has traditionally been focused on the study of Jewish texts. The group is open to Tifereth members, members of other synagogues, nonaffiliated Jews and others. Study topics have included Torah and Haftarah, as well as Jewish History and Culture courses from the Great Course Catalog, presentations by local and national Jewish professionals and cast members from local Jewish-themed plays.

Torah Scroll Classes

Have you ever wanted to get closer to the Torah scroll? **Everyone** is invited to participate and learn. Some things will only take 5 minutes to learn, Torah Repair and chanting take longer. Times for workshops or tutorials will be based on the responses we get from people like you! Please contact Sue Harris sue.harris@tifereth.org to get started!

- **Hagbah, lifting a Torah**– Tifereth needs **YOU!** In 10 minutes learn the fundamentals to the honor of lifting the Torah in Services! It's easy and important! Come Simchat Torah services Tuesday morning, October 2nd. Enjoy dancing with the Torah. Then stay after services, to learn to lift the Torah. Can't make it? Let us know you're interested and we'll schedule another time on a Shabbos after kiddush!
- **Gelilah**- In just a few minutes, learn how to dress the Torah so it can be returned to the ark, after it is read during services. Can be taught after kiddush on Shabbos days, based on interest expressed.
- **Maintaining and repairing Torahs**- The Torah scroll requires ongoing maintenance and repair. Once a month join Andy Goodman for this basic skills course on Torah care.
- **Rolling a Torah Scroll**- Torahs need to be rolled regularly for 2 main reasons:
 1. To keep them healthy and kosher. Come learn the simple movement needed and sign up to be a Holy Roller! Our Torahs need your help!
 2. To be rolled to it's proper place, for it to be read on Shabbos and holidays. Can you decode Hebrew? If so, come learn how to use resources such as a luach and tikkun, so you can help prepare the Torah scrolls to be read. You can also take pictures and email them to leyners, to help them prepare their Torah portions. It doesn't take long to learn this skill or to do it. Another great way to help the community!
- **Gabbai training**- Gabbais orchestrate the Torah service, including calling people up for honors and assisting people chanting Torah. If you can read Hebrew and follow along during the service, then this Gabbai class may be for you! It's never too late to learn a new skill and help out in the community. Join us **Saturday, December 15th after Kiddush**. Current gabbais are requested to attend so we can review, discuss best practices and update on new procedures.
- **Chanting from the Torah**- Would you love to learn to leyn/chant from our sacred Torah scrolls? Can you decode Hebrew? Can you sing happy birthday? If yes, then you can learn to leyn, Sue Harris would love to teach you & we need you!!! Just let her know if you need a refresher or want to start from the very beginning.

Adult Education & Book Discussions

International Halakhic Day of Study

November 17th 12:30-2:00pm The CJLS is sponsoring the International Seminar for Halakhic Study, a day on which Conservative/Masorti communities will come together to study a specific teshuvah of the CJLS. The teshuvah to be studied is **"Women and Mitzvot"** by **Pamela Barmash**. The purpose of the Seminar is to show how our spiritual values and ethical ideals shape our halakhic practice, to emphasize the importance of halakhah and the study of halakhah among Conservative/Masorti Jews, and to create a sense of a world-wide community among Conservative/Masorti congregations and schools. Once you RSVP the teshuvah will be sent you in advance. RSVP to barb.berven@tifereth.org

More information can be read here- <https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/international-seminar-halakhic-study-fall-2019>

Spring Classes

More classes to be announced. Stay tuned for a series on *The Band's Visit*: the movie and the play. "The eight Egyptian musicians who comprise the Alexandria Ceremonial Police Orchestra arrive by mistake in a small town in Israel's Negev Desert. Their booking set for a different city, and with no transportation out of the town or any hotels to stay at, the band settles at a restaurant owned by Dina (Ronit Elkabetz), who offers them lodging. Overcoming ethnic barriers, the Egyptians find diversion and companionship with the Israelis through a pervading undercurrent of shared melancholy."



A Year of Online Learning with JTS

Join JTS faculty for live online mini-courses offered throughout the year. Encounter compelling scholarship that brings Jewish text and wisdom to bear on contemporary life. Cost: \$60 per 3-session course, \$80 per 4-session course, \$100 per 6-session course. All sessions take place from 12:00–1:00 p.m. ET. Recordings will be available for those unable to attend live. More Information google- **A Year of Online Learning with JTS**



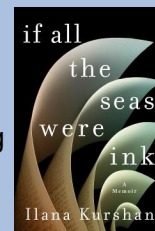
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Adult Ed. Classes– We Want Your Input

We want your input! Are there subjects you would like to learn more about? Movies and books you would like to discuss? Please contact us and we'll try to make it happen! Please contact the Tifereth office with your ideas, topics and suggestions. office@tifereth.org

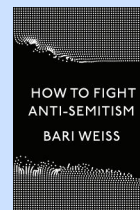
Book Discussion for Jewish Book Month in November

Thursday, November 21 at 5:30, **Sabrina Silva** will lead a book discussion on *If all the Seas were Ink* by Iana Kurshan. "Kurshan takes us on a deeply accessible and personal guided tour of the Talmud, shedding new light on its stories and offering insights into its arguments both for those already familiar with the text and for those who have never encountered it. For people of the book both Jewish and non-Jewish *If All the Seas Were Ink* is a celebration of learning through literature how to fall in love once again." RSVP to barb.berven@tifereth.org



Lunch Book Discussion with Rabbi Barton

Thursday December 5th at 12:30pm Join Rabbi Barton for a Lunch Book Discussion. The book to be discussed is *How to Fight Anti-Semitism* by Bari Weiss. "For most Americans, the massacre at Tree of Life, the synagogue where Bari Weiss became a bat mitzvah, came as a total shock. But anti-Semitism is the oldest hatred, commonplace across the Middle East and on the rise for years in Europe. So that terrible morning in Pittsburgh raised a question Americans can no longer avoid: Could it happen here?" Location has yet to be determined.



Chavruta Program

Tifereth Israel Synagogue's **Chavruta program!** Chavruta, the Hebrew word for "friendship," is a traditional style of Jewish learning that puts the student first. Two students sit together to study a text - anything from Midrash to Movies- and analyze it as a team. Discussing new ideas helps both partners better understand what they think about the text. Chavruta also offers the opportunity to engage with the Tifereth community and Jewish learning on YOUR schedule. Chavruta is open to all who want to participate in Jewish learning. No experience required. Fill out the interest form to get started. A member of the Adult Education committee will contact you with more information and introduce you to your new chavruta partner. <https://goo.gl/forms/wmL0KfNdZzkiWDpG3>

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GLOBAL DAY OF JEWISH LEARNING

SAVE THE DATE!

November 17, 2019

THE 2019 GLOBAL DAY THEME IS: SPEAKING VOLUMES

Pomerantz Library

Tifereth Pomerantz Library

Please stop into the Rose Lee & Marvin Pomerantz Library and see what is new! The Tifereth Israel Synagogue Rose Lee & Marvin Pomerantz Library is a special place. If you have not been in the library in awhile, we welcome you to explore all the books it has to offer. On Wednesday mornings, Library Volunteers **Rita Weinberg** and **MaryPaul Even** are available for questions and suggestions. We continue to add to our **"Free to a Good Home"** section on the east wall for you to add to your personal library. If you would like to get involved with the Pomerantz Library please let the office know.

Tifereth Reading Programs for Adults and Children

Please join our new Tifereth Reading Programs! For every Jewish book, such as content, author and/or illustrator read, you may fill out a ticket and enter into a monthly drawing. The more you read the more tickets you may enter. Please put your tickets into the raffle container in the Pomerantz Library. The Children's Reading Program allows them to earn prizes as they fill out a chart for reading Jewish books. Thirdly, we encourage anyone to fill out a book recommendation card to be hung next to that book sections in the Library! Suggestions for books to purchase for the library are always welcome.

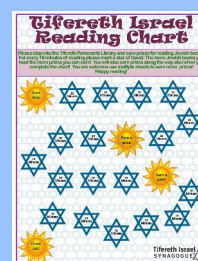


Tifereth Israel
SYNAGOGUE
Community Book Recommendations

Book: _____

Why: _____

Recommended By: _____



ADULT READING PROGRAM Tifereth Israel
SYNAGOGUE
Pomerantz Library

For every Jewish book, such as content, author and/or illustrator read, you may fill out a ticket and enter into a monthly drawing. The more you read the more tickets you may enter. Please turn your tickets into Tifereth office. **חַי וְשִׂמְחָה שְׂמֹחִים וְשִׂמְחָה!** Happy Reading!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Contact: _____

Book Read: _____

Youth and Young Families

YAD

YAD is a group for families with children, from toddlers on up. Whether they're painting rocks for the synagogue garden, decorating the sukkah, or dancing the night away at our annual disco party, kids of all ages will find fun ways to engage with Judaism and their families.



Upcoming Dates-

- **October 13th, 3:30pm** Sukkah Decorating
4:30 pm Potluck in the Sukkah
- **December 28th, 6:00pm** Havdalah/Hanukkah Party
- **January 25th, 6:00pm** Disco Party
- **May 3rd, 11:00am** Family Cook-out & Fun Run
- **May 29th-May 30th** Shavuot Event

For more information on the YAD group, go to their **facebook group**-
facebook.com/groups/1376454289342423/

Children's Art Club

A Monthly Educational Program for kids at Tifereth.

Art enriches our lives. It strengthens our connection to ourselves, our self image, our spirituality, and our community, gives us empathy, and helps us connect and understand each other. The aim of the Tifereth Art Club is to make a positive difference by instilling children with the potential to express their creativity while giving them a sense of Jewish pride. Art is a powerful tool for success, and so much fun! Sessions will be led by **Cynthia Shulman**. One **Sunday each month at 12:30pm**. For questions and suggestions please contact barb.berven@tifereth.org



Lunch will be provided. There is no cost to participating families. This educational program is made possible by the **Marcovis Youth Fund. For Ages 4 – 13. RSVPs are REQUIRED for a correct headcount on lunch and supplies!**

Upcoming Dates –

- **November 3rd**
- **December 1st**
- **January 5th**
- **February 2nd**
- **March 1st**
- **April 5th**
- **May 3rd**

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Engman Camp Shalom Winter Break Camp

December 23, 24, 26, 27, 30 & 31

Caspé Terrace
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

\$50/Day

Daily Lunch, snacks and field trips included

Contact Anna Zavell to register and for more information | anna@jewishdesmoines.org

Teens and Young Families

Kadima and USY

Kadima and USY are international Conservative movement youth groups.

Kadima is a group for **5th-8th graders** which meets several times a year for social events and community projects. 6th-8th graders are eligible to participate in regional retreats and activities.



USY is a fun way for Jewish teens from **9th-12th grade** to make friends, learn about Judaism, and become community leaders. In addition to events in Des Moines, there are regional and international events throughout the year.



Rabbi Barton will have an organizational meeting for Kadima and USY, watch for details to follow.

FAMILY CAMP

You're invited! Enjoy an incredible vacation with your family in the Northwoods of Wisconsin this summer! Do you like swimming and kayaking? Arts and music? Ropes course thrills? Basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer, and tennis? Singing around the campfire? You'll enjoy all this and a beautiful Ramah Shabbat at Family Camp!

AUGUST 12-16

Questions? Contact Robin at rRubenstein@ramahwisconsin.com

ON THE ROAD: IN DES MOINES

Camp Ramah

IN WISCONSIN ביוסקונסין חנה רמה

NOVEMBER 13

Save the date to learn more about Camp Ramah in Wisconsin!



EMTZA Region USY Presents:
Kadima Kinnus 2019
EMTZA UNDERCOVER: Discover Kadima
October 25th-27th
Sunstream Retreat Center, Ogden, IA

OPEN TO EMTZA 6th, 7th & 8th GRADERS ONLY!

Suit up because you're invited to EMTZA Region USY's Kadima Kinnus. This convention is reserved just for 6th, 7th and 8th grade EMTZAniks interested in making lasting friendships with Jewish teens from around the Midwest! From silly team bonding activities to learning about building your own communities, it's an event you don't want to miss! See you in Ogden, IA this October! Programming is planned by our EMTZA Region Teen Board and the Convention Teen Chairs. Programming will be engaging, fun, and unique. Your teen will come away with new friends, new knowledge, and more engaged in their Jewish life.



Price includes: food, board, activities, and convention regalia, but does not account for transportation costs. Early Bird pricing: \$235 (**UNTIL October 6TH!**) Regular pricing: \$260 (**REGISTRATION CLOSING OCTOBER 11th**).

Scholarship: Please be in touch with your chapter advisors to see if scholarship is available. Each chapter has different policies and procedures. If you would like additional scholarship, please apply for the Emtza Region Scholarship Fund in Regpacks. If you have questions, please contact us directly. All transportation details and costs are arranged by your local chapter youth director. Check with your chapter representative for more specific details about travel arrangements. All participants must be registered members of Kadima before attending the convention. Please be in touch with your chapter advisor to find out how to sign up!

Register at www.regpacks.com/emtza1920

USC Shoah Foundation Jr. internship program

USC Shoah Foundation is looking for 20 students in 7th-11th grades who are interested in participating in its highly competitive William P. Lauder Junior Internship Program. The program provides a dynamic and unique learning opportunity to engage with testimonies – personal stories – from survivors and witnesses of genocide. Through the transformative nature of testimony, participants broaden their civic agency while expanding their 21st century skills. For more information visit the link below- <https://iWitness.usc.edu/SFI/Sites/JuniorIntern/>



If you or someone you know is interested, register soon!
Application Deadline
October 14, 2019 by 5pm PST

Synagogue Events & Activities

Havdalah, Game Night & Potluck

It will start between Daylight Saving Times, November 2019 to February 2020, when the sun set early enough to enjoy an evening of fun! After a brief Havdalah service and we will break out the games and enjoy potluck together. We'll also have a movie here for younger children. This fun evening is open to everyone -- singles, couples, families with children young and old, members, visitors, and guests -- **ALL are welcome!**



Upcoming Dates-

- **December 13 at 6 pm**
- **January 11 at 6:15 pm**
- **February 8th at 6:45 pm**

The Tikkun Olam Committee

The Tikkun Olam strives to provide congregants with opportunities to work together and make a difference in our local community. Since the current committee's inception in 2010, the committee has primarily focused on hunger issues and promoted better environmental practices at Tifereth.



- We participate annually in the **Des Moines Hunger Hike**, an event of the Des Moines faith community addressing the issue of hunger here in our home city. The annual walk raises awareness, and funds that religious organizations raise are awarded to local service agencies to assist in combating hunger. **This year's hike will be Sunday, October 13th at 1:30pm.** Please join Team Tifereth and/or plan to donate and hike!

- We prepare an evening meal several times a year for the families at a local homeless shelter. Congregants donate food supplies and prepare the food for delivery to the shelter. **We have prepared 41 meals** since starting this project in 2011! Are you able to get involved this year?

Upcoming Dates-

- **November 3rd, 1:00pm**
- **More dates** will be announced soon. Watch for details.

If you would like to volunteer or donate to the Shelter Dinners please contact-
Hadassah Holl hdg.holl@gmail.com
Judith Taylor taylor.judith730@gmail.com
Mike and Alla Mintzer mikeandalla@msn.com

Senior Activities

The Jewish Family Services of the Jewish Federations of Greater Des Moines provides senior adult Activities and services that empower seniors in Central Iowa to maintain independent and active. One of the many services they provide are monthly kosher luncheons at area synagogues with speakers, entertainment and field trips. If you or someone you know would like to access their senior adult services, please call, information below. We also welcome requests and suggestions. **Please join us!**



Upcoming Dates-

- **October 3rd 12:00–1:30pm** Louise Kaufmann will be providing entertainment at Temple B'nai Jeshurun. Come to enjoy some favorite songs!
- **November 14 12:00–1:30 pm** We will visit The Iowa Jewish Life Center for our senior luncheon. Lunch will be provided by the Life Center and we will get a chance to visit with the Life Center staff.
- **December 19 12:00–1:30pm** Senior Luncheon and Hanukkah celebration. Abe Goldstein and Laura Sparks will be entertaining us with Hanukkah songs at Tifereth Israel Synagogue. Come join us for music and Hanukkah foods!

To RSVP please call Jody Ingersoll, Director of Jewish Family Services 515-987-0899 ext. 210

Garden Committee

The Garden Committee produces and cares for the Tifereth Community Garden in the Rosenblatt Family garden next to the synagogue. Both vegetables, herbs and flowers are produced and shared. We encourage all members to get involved, both adults and children alike. Some of the accomplishments of the garden committee are-

- In 2012 raised bed gardens were added for easier accessibility for all.
- In 2013 a native plants bed was added to attract pollinators and butterflies to Tifereth's grounds and beautify the large expanse of yard. This environmental effort expanded to an Old Growth Prairie Bed in 2014, using seeds from the Tipton, Iowa native prairie. We also planted black raspberry bushes along the building and additional plants and trees on the grounds
- In 2016, Polk County Conservation chose Tifereth and nine other Des Moines congregations to install native pollinator gardens. We planted the 200 donated pollinator plants to expand our prairie bed.

If you would like to volunteer or donate to the Garden committee please contact-
MaryPaul Even mpvreven@yahoo.com
Get involved!

Synagogue Events & Activities

Erev Nashim

Erev Nashim is a purely social, multi-generational gathering of women in the Jewish community. We dine at restaurants throughout the greater Des Moines area, schmooze, kibitz, and share what's new in our lives. This is a great way to meet and get to know other women! This monthly outing is one of Tifereth Israel's most popular programs and is open to any women who are in any way connected to the Des Moines Jewish community. For more information or suggestion, please contact **Jody Hramits** jodyhramits@gmail.com
Please join us! Dinners are at 6:30pm.
Please watch for upcoming dates



Young Adults Group

This year a new group for Jewish adults 21-35 year to gather, get to know each other and enjoy events around the Des Moines metro including social and social action events.
Please watch for details and dates to follow on facebook and synagogue emails.

Tribe

The Tifereth Tribe is for adults 35+ to meet, and enjoy themselves in a social setting. For **suggestions** and event information, please **like** the Tifereth Tribe Facebook page, facebook.com/iowatribe



Please watch for upcoming dates



Ask the Rabbi

We have started an **"Ask the Rabbi"** column in the Tifereth Bulletin! Each month Rabbi Barton will pick a question or two from congregants of all ages, and answer them to the best of her ability. Please submit a question, whether you are 5 or 105! Please send your questions to office@tifereth.org and in the subject line please put **"ask the Rabbi"**



Sukkot

Tifereth had a newly enlarged Sukkah, even larger than last year! Please join us a few events during Sukkot!

- **October 13, 9:00am-** Build the Sukkah Please help build and decorate the Tifereth sukkah.
- **3:30pm-**YAD will be decorating the sukkah
- **4:30pm-** This year has a **NEW** take on the Harvest Dinner, TIS will be having a **potluck** and **everyone is invited to dine together in the newly enlarged Sukkah!** Please bring a **parve** dish to share in the Sukkah. **RSVP to Barb.berven@tifereth.org**
- **October 14 & 15th-** Sukkot Services
- **October 18, 6:00pm** Acoustic & Mishpacha Shabbat & Potluck in the Sukkah! Enjoy a community Potluck in the Sukkah. Please bring a parve dish to share.
RSVP to barb.berven@tifereth.org



Shemini Atzeret & Yizkor Service

October 21st at 9:30am, Services will be held on Shemini (eighth) Atzeret, the "eighth day of assembly," which will include our second **Yizkor** (Remembrance) service of the liturgical year.



Simchat Torah

- **October 21, 2019 at 6:00pm, Celebration!**

Come be a part of our festive and family-friendly holiday celebration and services! Enjoy dinner and an ice cream bar, plus games, music and dancing with the Torah! Music provided by the Java Jews. Services will begin after that. Everyone in attendance will receive an Aliyah. Fun for all ages! RSVP for a headcount on food
barb.berven@tifereth.org



- **October 22nd at 9:30am,** Simchat Torah morning services. Everyone in attendance will receive and Aliyah as we celebrate the completion and restarting of our annual Torah reading cycle.

Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel

The Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel, a national organization based in New York City, works to ensure a pluralistic, egalitarian, and fully democratic Israel. It does this by supporting the Masorti Movement in Israel. That movement is based on values of inclusion combined with traditional practice and Halakha (Jewish Law). The Masorti Movement in Israel creates opportunities for all Jews to live Jewish lives in Israel unhindered, and on their own terms. masorti.org



Join the Masorti Foundation in Building A More #Inclusivelsrael

Support Masorti Israel's mission: empower Jews of all backgrounds to lead lives inspired by Jewish values of tradition, inclusion, egalitarianism and pluralism.

Your support for Masorti initiatives being launched this year will strengthen Israeli lives and society.

Masorti Movement Community Growth Initiative

Gifts will enable Masorti Israel to meet the spiritual, educational and life-cycle needs of 800,000+ Israelis looking for deep connections to Judaism, meaning, and community. Funds will expand:

- New and emerging Masorti communities in underserved areas and provide them with specially trained rabbis and community educators.
- NOAM-Ramah community engagement programs – doubling by 2024 the number of kids benefiting from camping and youth group experiences - and offering scholarships to kids from economically disadvantaged backgrounds who will gain valuable civic engagement and leadership skills.
- Jewish Pluralism Watch education, advocacy efforts to garner State recognition for marriages and conversions officiated by Masorti-Conservative Rabbis in Israel.



Masorti Movement Special Needs Inclusion Initiative

Gifts will:

- Expand the Bar/Bat Mitzvah program empowering teens with developmental disabilities to experience the joy of celebrating this milestone.
- Provide scholarships enabling kids and teens with special needs to be included in NOAM-Ramah camping and youth movement programs.
- Empower people with special needs to better understand Jewish texts by creating Belt Midrash study groups, where peer learning is facilitated through the use of music, art and theater.



Your support of Masorti #Inclusivelsrael campaign initiatives builds a powerful Movement to secure the pluralistic Jewish State of Israel envisioned by its founders.

Give online at masorti.org/support-inclusive-israel-initiatives

If you prefer, send a check to The Masorti Foundation, 3080 Broadway, New York, NY 10027
For more information about the community-building work of the Masorti Foundation for Conservative Judaism in Israel, go to <https://www.masorti.org>.

Thank you

~ Rising Streams, a 2018 report by the Jewish People Policy Institute, an independent research organization established by the Jewish Agency for Israel

Masorti Israel Milestones 2018

Masorti Foundation

2018 was filled with hugely important Masorti milestones. Whether it's 800,000 Israelis now seeking out alternative forms of Jewish practice, or hundreds of kids with disabilities given the chance to fully participate in Jewish practice, or increasing local congregations, 2018 was a year of building and growing based on the Masorti values we treasure.

800,000

The Jewish People Policy Institute reports that 800,000 Israeli Jews are seeking out alternatives to Orthodox Judaism and look to Masorti and other liberal streams of Judaism for services.

1,600/711

Explosive growth in Masorti's youth movement, NOAM! Now 1,600 members strong with a record 711 campers attending this summer's Ramah-NOAM camp. NOAM is the growth engine of Masorti, shaping the future of young Israeli leaders.




1,000/100,000

Over 1,000 egalitarian services were held at Azarot Yisrael, the Masorti Family Kotel, showcasing Masorti's "One Wall for One People" advocacy campaign. An estimated 100,000 people participated in these Kotel events.

200+

Kids with disabilities and their families were helped to fully participate in Jewish and Israeli life thanks to Masorti. Families and schools across Israel were engaged through Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies, made possible by ADRABA—the Shirley Lowy Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities.



80/5000+

Masorti Israel has created 80 *kehillot* and *minyanim* across the country providing religious services, educational programs, lifecycle events and community service opportunities. Over 50% of members being Israeli-born. Masorti congregations serve both their members, as well as hundreds of thousands from the broader Israeli community. With the assistance of the national Masorti Movement Religious Affairs Bureau, Masorti Israel officiates at over 5000 Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, conversions, circumcisions, baby namings, burials, and other lifecycle events.

There are so many wonderful Masorti Israel programs that together help build the Israel we want for ourselves and future generations. To support the essential work of Masorti Israel please consider donating securely online, or by check in a check. <https://masorti.org/support-masorti/> Masorti Foundation / 3080 Broadway / New York, NY 10027-- info@masorti.org -- 212-870-5880.

AIPAC, American Israel Public Affairs Committee

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee is a lobbying group that advocates pro-Israel policies to the Congress and Executive Branch of the United States.

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Tifereth Women's League

Women's League has been an important part of



Tifereth Israel Synagogue since it was first organized as The Lasies Auxiliary in 1901. We support the Synagogue in numerous ways including contributing to the General Fund, hosting fun and interesting events, sponsoring Shabbat Café meals, koshering the kitchen for Passover, and running the Louis & Hurwitz Gift Shop. Through the annual Torah Fund Campaign, we contribute to the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and the American Jewish University in California. We are always looking for new members! For more information please like us on [Facebook.com/TIWomensleague](https://www.facebook.com/TIWomensleague) or

contact our Co-Presidents

Samantha Johnson

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Barbara Leventhal Beckerman

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Tifereth Israel Sisterhood Calendar of Events 2019-2020

- **October 19th-** Women's League Shabbat. Sisterhood members participate in the service and we invite the congregation to stay for the Shabbat Café meal after services, sponsored by Women's League.
- **November 7th** at 6:30pm Cheese & Wine Event with speaker on travel
- **December 1, 8, 15, 22nd (Sundays)-** Latke sale. Women's League annual latke fundraising sale. Pre-order our delicious latkes starting in mid-November. Watch for details.
- **December 28th-** Hanukkah themed Shabbat Cafe Latkes and lunch after services, sponsored by Women's League.
- **Annual Hamentashen Sale**
- **March 26th 6:30pm-** Women's History Month with speaker
- **May 20th 6:00pm-** Fashion Show See the newest fashions from Cindy's Boutique in Valley Junction modeled by our own Tifereth members! Enjoy a soup and salad bar dinner during the show, and shop at a pop-up boutique. Cindy will donate 10% of all the evening's sales to Women's League.
- **June 6th** Shabbat Café for summer kick-off & Camp Send-off!

We are looking for new ideas and volunteers! Please contact Co-Presidents- **Samantha Johnson** at rslijohn@msn.com or **Barbara Beckerman** at barbaraleventhal@gmail.com to volunteer or for more information.

Tifereth Women's League



מה יפה ירושתנו

Tifereth Israel Women's League Membership 2019 - 2020

*Tifereth Israel Women's League is celebrating its 100th year!
We invite you to join us!*

2018 - 2019
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Gloria Bernstein

We are the active Sisterhood at Tifereth Israel. Our fundraising efforts assist in our ability to contribute to Tifereth Israel Synagogue, including needed items for the kitchen and youth lounge, gifts to Bar/ Bat Mitzvah children, USY, and much more. We work on social action projects such as collecting items for the homeless, and sponsor many entertaining and educational programs throughout the year plus events that revolve around the holidays with special activities during Passover and Hanukkah. We also work in conjunction with other groups within the synagogue and the community. Please contact us for more information about Women's League or any of our programs, and we hope to see you soon!

Samantha Johnson and Barbara Leventhal-Beckerman - Co - Presidents

Contact Samantha at: rsjohn@msn.com or 515-238-4084

Contact Barbara Leventhal-Beckerman at 515-326-2739

2019-2020 Women's League Membership

Please return this portion with your payment by October 1st

Yes, I would like to be a Women's League Member for the 2019-2020 year.

Name _____ Indicate your selection
Address _____
Phone _____ __ \$36 Annual Membership
E-mail _____ __ \$54 Supporter

Mail to: _____ __ New Member

Rose Sloven—Attention Women' League Membership
13002 Hazelwood Drive, Clive, IA 50325-7470



Membership Information and Application

Tifereth Israel Synagogue is a warm, welcoming, and thriving egalitarian Conservative congregation in the heart of Des Moines, Iowa. Since the synagogue's founding in 1901, Tifereth has been a spiritual home for generations of Jewish families in Des Moines.

At Tifereth Israel, your spirit will be invigorated by inspirational worship services. Your mind will be nourished by creative, interactive educational activities. Your soul will be nurtured by a compassionate, supportive, and lively Jewish community. Jewish traditions, old and new, are embraced at Tifereth. We honor diversity in all its forms and welcome to our synagogue Jewish people of all cultural backgrounds as well as interfaith and same-sex couples.

There's never been a better time to become a member of Tifereth Israel Synagogue!

In recent years, there has been renewed energy, enthusiasm, investment, and pride in our congregation.

Our synagogue renovation is complete. We have achieved our dream of worshipping, celebrating, and enjoying time together in a newly improved modern, vibrant facility.

We now have a splendid group of families with young children and our programming for families has never been better. You'll see kids frolicking in the synagogue during Adon Olam and attending YAD Shabbat Services.

Our worship services continue to be revitalized with new ideas, new tunes and innovative sermons from our rabbi .

Inventive adult education classes are being offered by clergy, congregants, and community members.

Membership Information

Family Name:
Home Address:
City, State, Zip:
Home Phone:
Marital Status: Married: <input type="checkbox"/> Single: <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced: <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed: <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of Marriage (M/D/Y):
May we share this with the Jewish Federation of Greater Des Moines?

	Applicant 1	Applicant 2
Name:		
Birth Date:		
Hometown:		
Email Address:		
Cell Phone: May we Text you?		
Occupation:		
Employer:		
Business Phone:		

Hebrew Name Translated into English with Father/Mother's Name: (e.g. "David ben Ya'akov v' Sarah" or "Leah bat Yosef v' Rachel")
Applicant 1:
Applicant 2:

Children: Name	Hebrew Name	Birth Date	Grade/College

Present or most recent synagogue affiliation (name and location):

Please list any special skills that may be of potential service to the Synagogue, such as leading services, reading Torah, chanting Haftarah, teaching Hebrew, accounting, arts, construction, legal, teaching, music, drama, public relations, fundraising, etc.:

How can we help you grow in Judaism? Such as adult b'nai mitzvah, learning to read or conversational Hebrew, learning parts of the service, Torah study, classes etc.

Getting Involved: Tifereth Israel eagerly encourages your involvement and needs your support as a member. We have many committees to help our Synagogue. Committees include: Adult Education, B'nai Mitzvah, Building and Grounds, Bulletin, Tikkun Olam Committee, Youth Programs, Education Committee, High Holidays, Library, Membership, Office Assistance (Volunteers), Shabbat services, Senior Programming, Social Activities, Women's League / Sisterhood, Worship Committee, Young Families Program (YAD). Please list committees about which you would like more information.

If you have a Yahrzeit to commemorate, Please fill in below:

Name	Relationship	English Date (M/D/Y)	Before/After sunset

We will send a reminder card prior to that date. The name of your beloved relative will be read during the Shabbat services prior to the Yahrzeit and at Morning Minyans

I (we) hereby apply for membership to Tifereth Israel Synagogue and promise to abide by its constitution, rules and regulations. I (we) understand that my (our) membership application and dues must be reviewed by the Membership committee and approved by the Board before my (our) membership in the Congregation will take effect.

Applicant(s) Signature

Date

“Moses asked the Israelites to bring offerings, whatever their hearts moved them to bring, for the building of the tabernacle” Exodus 25:2

Purpose:

To support our congregation's costs. Our operational cost is \$2200 per member unit. At Tifereth Israel, our staff and facility are supported by your contributions (dues). As the Torah instructs us, we ought to give according to our means. We must rely on ourselves to sustain this Kehilla (community). Also, providing dues is a vital part of joining our community. It helps support and enrich Jewish life in Des Moines.

Guiding Practice:

We suggest a minimum of \$1200 for a family and \$600 for an individual per year. In addition, we suggest a dues raise of 2% each year to adjust as prices raise. Families and individuals can also contribute to the community through volunteer opportunities in addition to financial payments.

However, we ask that you study your own situation and make a personal decision about what you are able to afford based on a self-assessment of your family's financial means and priorities. As in many families and true to ours, we rely upon one another to help support those with more difficult financial situations due to reduced income or lost jobs in this challenging economy. The Dues are set by the Board, and the Membership committee determines the dues for first year congregants.

Payment:

Annual Dues pledges are sent out on May 1, the beginning of our fiscal year. Please fill out and return the pledge no later than June 1. Tifereth Israel accepts Visa and MasterCard to pay dues. If you wish to use that method please consider increasing your contribution 2-3% to cover the financial charge we incur. Free ACH (automatic withdrawal) can be set up with your bank or you may make monthly payment arrangements with our office or treasurer. Installment payments shall commence June 1.

Dues delinquencies must be resolved prior to use of synagogues' resources and before a member may be re-accepted after resigning their membership. By mutual agreement, no other synagogue in Des Moines will accept a member whose dues are delinquent at his/her previous synagogue. Please contact the office if special consideration/accommodation is needed.

A copy of the By-Laws is available from the office.

For questions or more information, please call the office or the membership chair.



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Tifereth Israel SYNAGOGUE



“We strive to enrich our cultural and spiritual lives as Jews by connecting with our community, the traditions of our People, Israel, and with God”