



FROM THE RABBI'S STUDY:

Ways to Banish the Darkness

The holiday of Hanukkah is not mentioned at all in the Hebrew Bible and it is only mentioned a handful of times in the Talmud. But, as is often the case with Jews and especially Jewish law, when Hanukkah is mentioned, it is at the center of a debate. The most famous Talmudic disagreement about Hanukkah involves how many candles should be lit each night of Hanukkah. The School of Shammai says: On the first day we light eight, and after that we gradually reduce. But the School of Hillel says: On the first day one is lit, and thereafter they are progressively increased.

According to Shammai, we start out by lighting eight candles on the first night, and then we decrease by one candle each night. Hillel maintains that we start out by lighting one candle, and then we increase until we have a full menorah on the eighth night. (The halachah follows Hillel.). Shammai and Hillel's perspectives really differ on the question of how to begin bringing light into your personal life.. Shammai says that the first thing you must do is fight your evil—completely. When you want to fight evil, you can't take baby steps. You have to come out swinging. Taking small steps in the right direction, argues Shammai, is like building a sand castle on a beach: it will be washed away by the first wave of the raging sea.



Therefore, says Shammai, on the first night of Chanukah you must kindle all your lights, as you need every ounce of energy to fight the darkness outside. Tomorrow it will be a bit easier. You weakened the evil on the first night, so there is less of it on the second; hence, all you need on the second night is seven lights. Eventually, you will rid yourself of the darkness, and you won't need any light with which to fight it.

Hillel says: Forget the evil and darkness; just take one small step in the right direction. Just light one small candle which is something anyone can do. The key, however, is that tomorrow you add one more light. Small but consistent growth. Before you know it, your menorah will be full. And so too in our own lives, with our own personal struggles—making small, manageable changes can add up to a great deal of goodness and light.

One of my favorite and yet less-known Hanukkah songs is "Banu choshech l'garesh." The words are: "Banu choshech l'garesh, b'yadeinu or va'esh, kol echad hu or katan, v'chulanu or eitan, sura choshech hal'a sh'chor, sura mipnei ha'or! We

have come to drive away the darkness, in our hands light and fire. Each of us is a small light, and together a great one. Flee darkness, before the light." I have been thinking about the Talmudic debate between Shammai and Hillel and also this song for a while, especially in light of current events. I believe Hillel and Shammai's perspectives both have strong points and it really depends on the situation. This also is illustrated in the song "Banu choshech l'garesh." We each individually are one small light, but gradually, our own lights can grow, like Hillel tells us to light the menorah. But, together, all at once, we are one big light and that too is needed to drive away the dark.

I hope, as the days literally and figuratively seem to get darker, you are able to find ways to make your own light shine and to join together with others to bring even more light into the world. There are many ways to do that here at Tifereth, including with a book group on Anti-Semitism and our Community Hanukkah party at the end of December. But, I hope one special way you can help bring light into the world is by honoring one particularly bright individual light: Barb Berven. As many of you know, she will be retiring at the end of the month, just after Hanukkah ends. We are having a goodbye party for her on **December 17 from 6-8pm** and will be sending out more information about how to come together and be one big light for her as she leaves us. She has been such an incredible Executive Director, and I know I am filled with so much gratitude that I have been able to work with her for as long as I have. I could not have gotten to know this community so quickly and well without her help and knowledge. I will miss her every day and I know many of you will too. Please come, bring your light and your good wishes, and maybe a gift for her, and together let us celebrate everything she has given us.

Happy Hanukkah!  
Rabbi Barton



# Schedule of Services

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For more information on a particular style of service or a full outline of worship opportunities, please see Tifereth Israel website [www.tifereth.org](http://www.tifereth.org) or call the synagogue.

DECEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES	
<b>6-7 December</b>	<b>9 Kislev</b>
<b>Shabbat Parashat</b>	<b>Vayetzei</b>
<i>Candle Lighting:</i>	4:26pm
<i>Friday Evening:</i>	Traditional Shabbat
<i>Saturday Morning:</i>	Traditional Shabbat
<b>13-14 December</b>	<b>16 Kislev</b>
<b>Shabbat Parashat</b>	<b>Vayishlach</b>
<i>Candle Lighting:</i>	4:26pm
<i>Friday Evening:</i>	Acoustic Shabbat
<i>Saturday Morning:</i>	<b>Contemplative Service + Traditional Shabbat (10:15am)</b>
<i>Saturday Night:</i>	<b>Havdalah, Game Night &amp; Potluck 6:00pm</b>
<b>20-21 December</b>	<b>23 Kislev</b>
<b>Shabbat Parashat</b>	<b>Vayeshev</b>
<i>Candle Lighting:</i>	4:29pm
<i>Friday Evening:</i>	Traditional Shabbat
<i>Saturday Morning:</i>	Traditional Shabbat
<b>27-28 December</b>	<b>30 Kislev Shabbat Hanukkah</b>
<b>Shabbat Parashat</b>	<b>Miketz / Rosh Chodesh - Tevet</b>
<i>Candle Lighting:</i>	4:33pm
<i>Friday Evening:</i>	Shabbat Hanukkah
<i>Saturday Morning:</i>	Shabbat Hanukkah
<i>Saturday Night:</i>	<b>All Age Tifereth Hanukkah Party</b>

JANUARY SHABBAT SERVICES	
<b>3-4 January</b>	<b>7 Tevet</b>
<b>Shabbat Parashat</b>	<b>Vayigash</b>
<i>Candle Lighting:</i>	4:39pm
<i>Friday Evening:</i>	Traditional Shabbat
<i>Saturday Morning:</i>	Traditional Shabbat
<b>10-11 January</b>	<b>14 Tevet</b>
<b>Shabbat Parashat</b>	<b>Vayechi</b>
<i>Candle Lighting:</i>	4:45pm
<i>Friday Evening:</i>	Traditional Shabbat
<i>Saturday Morning:</i>	<b>Contemplative Service + Torah Service (10:15am)</b>
<i>Saturday Night:</i>	Havdalah, Game Night & Potluck 6:15pm
<b>17-18 January</b>	<b>21 Tevet</b>
<b>Shabbat Parashat</b>	<b>Shemot</b>
<i>Candle Lighting:</i>	4:53pm
<i>Friday Evening:</i>	Acoustic Shabbat
<i>Saturday Morning:</i>	Traditional Shabbat
<b>24-25 January</b>	<b>28 Tevet</b>
<b>Shabbat Parashat</b>	<b>Vaera</b>
<i>Candle Lighting:</i>	5:02pm
<i>Friday Evening:</i>	Traditional Shabbat
<i>Saturday Morning:</i>	Traditional Shabbat
<b>31 January-1 February</b>	<b>6 Shevat</b>
<b>Shabbat Parashat</b>	<b>Bo</b>
<i>Candle Lighting:</i>	5:11pm
<i>Friday Evening:</i>	Traditional Shabbat
<i>Saturday Morning:</i>	Traditional Shabbat



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- [Facebook.com/TIWomensLeague](https://www.facebook.com/TIWomensLeague)
- Facebook **Group- The Tifereth Israel Yad Squad**

# Service Information \* Options

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## 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](mailto:sue.harris@tifereth.org)

Service Honors

## Tuesday Morning Minyan Service



Winter is here and that means we need help ensuring our weekly minyan. Snow birds leave town, others travel, and some can't make it when the weather is colder. Consider this your opportunity to join us any Tuesday 7:15am! Come once a month or once in awhile. You may even find it's a great way to start your day every week! If you'd like to receive email updates and weather alerts please contact **Rose Sloven** [rosiefutur@aol.com](mailto:rosiefutur@aol.com) As with all synagogue events if Des Moines Public Schools are closed for weather we will also be closed. **Thanks for your ongoing support for our community.**

## 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. Torah Service will begin at **10:15am**.

## 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– Fridays at 6:00pm**

- December 13th
- 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- [facebook.com/groups/1376454289342423/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1376454289342423/)**

**Upcoming Dates- Fridays at 6:00pm**

- February 21st
- 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-**

- February 29th
- March 28th



# Service Volunteers

Thank you to all the congregants who volunteered their time and energy to assist with our Shabbat services in **November**.

<b>Greeters/ Ushers:</b>	Gloria Bernstein, Jill Cantor, Marni Duitch, Beverly Ellis, Dory & Andy Goodman, Jody Jacklin
<b>Service Leaders:</b>	Acoustic Shabbat Band, Rabbi Barton, Reuben Biel, Benjamin Brodkey, Deirdre Farr, Andy Goodman, Zeke Hausmann, Lester Homonoff, Harvey Weinberg
<b>Gabbais:</b>	Scott Birkett, Benjamin Brodkey, Tasha Hausmann, Peter Karney, Robin Karney, Mike Kuperman, John Zieman
<b>Torah Readers:</b>	Reuben Biel, Scott Birkett, Deirdre Farr, David Friedgood, Sue Harris, Elianah Siepmann
<b>Haftarah Readers:</b>	Reuben Biel, Deirdre Farr, David Friedgood
<b>Drash:</b>	Neil Hausmann, Rebecca Shaffer, Elianah Siepmann, Steve Weiss
<b>Shabbat Café &amp; Oneg Sponsors:</b>	Gloria Bernstein, Barbara Geller, Jody Jacklin, Alla & Mike Mintzer, Rebecca Shaffer, Rose Sloven

*A Heartfelt Thank You to the All the Shabbat Volunteers!*

*"Alone we can do so little...  
Together we can do so much."  
Helen Keller*



*Happy Hanukkah!  
from Tifereth Israel Synagogue*

# Important Information

## 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.



## 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 during 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.

## Tifereth Emails

If you would like to receive our weekly Tifereth Israel Synagogue emails please contact the office at your convenience 515-255-1137 or [office@tifereth.org](mailto:office@tifereth.org)) to be added to our outgoing list. Thank you.

# 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](mailto:barb.berven@tifereth.org)

## 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](mailto:barb.berven@tifereth.org)



## Donate for Kiddush

Would you like to help sponsor a Shabbat Cafe 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 yahrzeit, a simcha (a joyous event in your family) or a birthday and help us build this fund! Consider sponsoring a Shabbat Cafe to share your simcha with our Tifereth Israel community! What a wonderful way to celebrate any time! **Thank you!**

Donate



## 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](mailto:office@tifereth.org) or 515-255-1137

**MENSCH** (n.)

*An upstanding, worthy, honorable person of either sex.*

## 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](mailto:office@tifereth.org) **Thank you!**



## Volunteers are needed to be shomrim

**Missy Wolnerman** is compiling a list of shomrim volunteers to be called when needed. Shomrim (Hebrew for guards) must be Jewish. You will be sitting with the deceased at Dunn's funeral home during the day or overnight before the funeral. You can do it by yourself or in a pair.

To sign up for a time or for more information, please contact **Missy Wolnerman** at [missywolnerman@gmail.com](mailto:missywolnerman@gmail.com) or text/ call 515.778.6619.

**Thank you!**

## Gift Shop hours and information

**Hanukkah Sales Have begun! Don't Miss the NEW items!**

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](mailto:Andidee@aol.com) **If you would like to volunteer in the Hurwitz Gift Shop please contact Andi Duitch.**

# Community News

## Retirement Announcement & Retirement Party!

After more than a decade of managing our day to day operations with great care and concern, **Barb Berven** has decided to retire at the end of this year. We will be sad to see her go and wish for her the best in her retirement!

- We will be having a **retirement party** for Barb on **December 17th from 6:00 -8:00pm**. Please join us to wish Barb farewell, enjoy heavy appetizers and desserts and give a speech if desired.
- We would also like to make her a tribute book. We ask that you please send an email to the office ([office@tifereth.org](mailto:office@tifereth.org)) with a little note for Barb to create a book which will be given to her.
- On behalf of the community we would like to send her off with a generous monetary gift and a physical memento gift as a thanks to all of her hard work, dedication and efforts she has given us. If you would like to contribute to these gifts please have it to the office by **December 13th**. Thank you.
- If you can not attend the party and but would like to give barb a card or gift you are welcome to send it or drop it off at Tifereth anytime during office hours.



Thank you, it's appreciated!

For Food Count- **RSVP for the Party to [office@tifereth.org](mailto:office@tifereth.org)**

## Recent Passing's

*It is with great sorrow that we recall the recent passing of:*

**Alice Helen Fisher 10/29/19**

Beloved mother of Susan Fisher (Jonathan Yenkin) and Stephen Fisher, grandmother to Alex & Max Yenkin

**Gilbert Leslie Schechtman 11/8/19**

Beloved father of Deirdre (Tom) Farr, Maureen Schechtman, and Marya Schechtman (John Marko), husband, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, teacher and friend

*May their memory always be for a blessing.*

## Announcement: Current Openings At Gan Shalom

There are only 10 spots left for the 2020-2021 Gan Shalom school year for the 2 year old and 3 year old class rooms.

Tifereth had been given this information before it's shared with the general public. If you are thinking about enrolling your children at Gan Shalom please do so asap. They have amazing staff providing amazing programs for children.



## A Special Thank You

The YAD group does so much for Tifereth and its members. Its organizers and volunteers rarely get thanked enough for all their efforts!

We would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to YAD and **Maggie Matijevich** for helping with the Consecration service and dinner. Under Maggie's leadership YAD continues to organize great events for our families, including decorating the Sukkah and its potluck dinner, and also YAD's part in the Simchat Torah Family celebration. Thank you Maggie and all the YAD families!

*Thank You!*

# Community News

## Tikkun Olam Activity 2019 Des Moines Hunger Hike



We want to spend a minute to thank everyone who came out to the 2019 Hunger Hike! Thank you for hiking: **Mike Kuperman, Judy Taylor, Rose Sloven, Bev Ellis, Saraya Buraks Thomson, Hailey Homonoff, Maureen Pletcher, Ellie Kaufman, Avi Kaufman, Wendy Beckerman** and collecting your donations. Wendy's group collected 4,000 cans for \$200 to add to their collection. Also, wanted to thank the Tifereth Tuesday Morning Minyan group for donating all their Tzdukah! It was a beautiful crisp fall day! There was an unofficial theme that grew throughout the day, through the speakers and the hikers... we walk together. Ambassador Quinn gave a special welcome to hikers as this is his last year participating since he will retire soon as President of the World Food Prize Foundation. **Rev. Sarah Trone Garriott** gave an excellent keynote speech, urging us to do more together, united as a community, to address the issues that are pushing our neighbors into food insecurity. "It's time for us to come together to do more... change the circumstances that are making it so hard for our neighbors we've got to do things in a slightly different way and we've got to do it together, together so we can speak out and act." - Rev. Garriott



We did it! This year we combined and made our contributions under Des Moines Area Jewish Communities which included Tifereth Israel Synagogue, Temple B'nai Jeshurun, and the Jewish Federation School. We beat our goal of \$1,600 with your amazingly generous contributions of \$1,825.61 ! This year the need was greater due to the fact that one in five children in Polk County have food insecurities! 96% of our donated money is distributed to established non-profit agencies that provide free food to needy person, one-half it of staying in the immediate area and the other half going to organizations in the U.S. and beyond. The Des Moines Area Jewish Community contributed knowing we helped while doing our small part to help repair the world. If you meant to make a contribution but didn't, you may send your check to the Tifereth Office until January 31, 2019, made out to Des Moines Area Hunger Hike. Be sure to note on your check that you are with the **Des Moines Area Jewish Community**. The Hunger Banquet will be held in March and over 20 non-profit agencies will be given checks from donations from all the Des Moines Area faith communities. Until next year's "Count Down", thank you again to everyone who helped.

## International Day Of Jewish Halakhic Learning with Rabbi Barton



As a part of the International Day of Jewish Halakhic learning sponsored by CJLS on November 17th, Rabbi Barton led a class of 20 people. The teshuvah studied was "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."

**Watch for more classes to come this winter.**

**To suggest a class, book for discussion or a Jewish related film please let us know! [office@tifererth.org](mailto:office@tifererth.org)**



# Community News- YAD Hanukkah Project 2019



Dear Congregants:

Tifereth Israel Synagogue is beginning its annual Hanukkah Project to help everyone celebrate the Festival of Lights. This year we are once again sponsoring several families in our Jewish community. We hope that this project will be rewarding for everyone who participates and will bring joy and community to those families who are going through some financially difficult times.

If you would like to purchase gifts, below are the ages and interests of the children. We would also suggest that all of the kids would be interested in age-appropriate books, art supplies and games.

	Age	Gender	Clothing Size	Interests/Gift Suggestions
<b>Child 1</b>	4	Male	Shirt – Size 5 Pants – Size 4/5	Car, Tractor, Super Heroes, Policemen and Firefighters, Paw Patrol
<b>Child 2</b>	4	Male	Size 4T	Garbage/Recycling Trucks, Hot Wheels, Ghostbusters, Dinosaurs, Pug Dogs
<b>Child 3</b>	4	Male	Size 5T	Legos, Jurassic World, Puzzles
<b>Child 4</b>	4	Female	Size 4	Shopkins, Play Doh, Peppa Pig, Books (Fairy Tales, Animals as Characters, About Animals)
<b>Child 5</b>	7	Male	Size 7/8 Likes Athletic Clothes	Books (D.A.T.A. set series, Magic Tree House, Geronimo Stilton), K'nex, Legos, Board Games, Card Games, Robots, Nerf Guns
<b>Child 6</b>	10	Male	Shirt – Size Youth XL Pants – Size 12 Regular	Arts/Crafts, Cooking/Baking, ChapStick, Books, Legos, Subway Gift Cards
<b>Child 7</b>	10	Male	Shirt – Size Youth XL Pants – Size 12 Regular	Science/Creative Items, Cooking/Baking, Books, Nerf Guns, McDonald's Gift Cards
<b>Child 8</b>	11	Female	Size 14	Makeup, Art Supplies
<b>Child 9</b>	11	Female	Size 12-13 Juniors	Art Kits (Drawing/Coloring), Bath and Beauty Products (Scented Lotions, Soaps, Body Spray), Taylor Swift, Books (Fantasy, Biographies)
<b>Child 10</b>	13	Female	Shirt – Size Large (Adult or Teen) Pants – Size 11 Juniors	Books, Drawing Supplies

Anyone who would like to participate can either:

- Purchase item(s)** from the wish list. If you choose to purchase an item, please contact **Alla Mintzer Zaprudsky** or **Jill Cantor** to let us know which item(s) you will be purchasing, so that we can ensure we have a good variety. Also, please include a gift receipt in case there is a problem with the sizing. Please leave all items, unwrapped, at the synagogue by Friday, December 6, 2019.
- Donate money** towards purchasing the items and gift cards. If you would like to donate money towards the project, please give cash/check to Barb Berven and indicate as YAD Hanukkah Project by **Friday, December 6, 2019**.

**Please leave all donations at Tifereth Israel Synagogue by Friday, December 6, 2019.** We will wrap the presents and have them distributed to the families in time for Hanukkah.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact **Alla Mintzer Zaprudsky** at [mikeandalla@msn.com](mailto:mikeandalla@msn.com) or **Jill Cantor** at [jillcantor22@gmail.com](mailto:jillcantor22@gmail.com).

Thank you for your help.

Tifereth Israel Synagogue  
**Alla Mintzer Zaprudsky and Jill Cantor**

# Community News

Thank you to those that contributed to this year's Kol Nidre appeal. With your generous support we raised over \$4000. Thank you and Happy New Year!

## Jacob Lederman and the Tifereth Board of Directors

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- Roselind & Sheldon Rabinowitz
- Allyson & Scott Reister
- Saralee Sloven
- Patsy Tobis
- Laurie & Joe Wahlig
- Mark Waldinger
- Nancy Waldman
- Max Yaro
- Debra & John Zieman
- Viktoriya & Viktor Zilbermints

## End of Year Dues, Campaign & Donations

If you are planning to make dues or Today and Tomorrow payments in November or December to be credited to your account for 2019 tax purposes, all checks must be dated no later than **December 31, 2019**, and received in the office by **January 10, 2020**. If you are planning to do a stock transfer, please contact Barb, as we have changed accounts during 2019 and we want to guarantee your payment is received and appropriately applied to your account. Also, it is very helpful to let us know when you are transferring stock. Occasionally, we receive stock transfers with no name attached. If you have already made a stock transaction, please call Barb to make sure that it has been credited to your account.

## Interested in Group Volunteering?

A few people in the Tifereth community have expressed interest in forming a Tifereth group for volunteering at Meals from the Heartland. Groups may have both adults and children. If you would like to be a part of a Tifereth group please contact the Tifereth office and tell us if either a Tuesday or Thursday evening would work for you. We hope you will join us! [office@tifereth.org](mailto:office@tifereth.org)



## Save The Date & Help Needed

Women's League Shabbat will be February 8, 2020. Not only will Women's League sponsor a delicious lunch for Shabbat Cafe but we will highlight our members and women who want to participate in the service. This is your opportunity to come share Shabbat and be included in the many needed roles. **No experience necessary!**



Can you read one of our many prayers in english? Can you read Torah or Haftorah? Give a D'var Torah? Dress or lift the Torah? Just an example of the many moving parts in our weekly service. Men are welcome to participate too of course! Never participated in part of the service before? Help is available for any part of the service and it's a wonderful way to add to your own enjoyment and skills. Please help us make this a Tifereth Israel community Shabbat! Contact **Rose Sloven** [rosiefutur@aol.com](mailto:rosiefutur@aol.com) with questions or to participate!

# Community Events

## The Tikkun Olam Committee



### November Dinner Recap-

The Tifereth Tikkun Olam Committee appreciates the congregants that took the time to provide food and/or assist in this meal preparation: **Bev Ellis, Janice Rosenberg, Judy Taylor, Mike and Alla Mintzer, Barb Berven, and Tim Urban.** This service provides food for families in need as outreach from the Tifereth congregation. We prepare these meals four to five times each year and encourage congregant participation. It takes just a few hours on a Sunday afternoon and it is fun to cook and chat with other people. **Please keep your eyes open for our committee activities in future Tifereth newsletters and sign up to help if you are able or to donating food or money for the cost of the dinner.**

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.

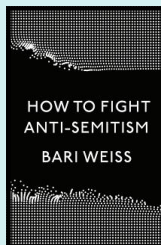
- We participate annually in the **Des Moines Hunger Hike**, an event of the Des Moines faith community addressing the issue of hunger here in our home city. The annual walk raises awareness, and funds that religious organizations raise are awarded to local service agencies to assist in combating hunger.
- We shop, prepare and deliver an evening meal several times a year for the families at a local homeless shelter and in the Ohringer Kitchen: A Blumentahl Family Legacy. Congregants donate food supplies for this dinner. **We have prepared 42 meals** since starting this project in 2011! Are you able to get involved this year? **Don't forget that teens can earn Silver Cord hours for volunteering as well!**

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

## 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.



### Amazon Link to get the book-

[https://www.amazon.com/How-Fight-Anti-Semitism-Bari-Weiss-ebook/dp/B07P51KC9Z/ref=tmm\\_kin\\_swatch\\_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1573846454&sr=8-1](https://www.amazon.com/How-Fight-Anti-Semitism-Bari-Weiss-ebook/dp/B07P51KC9Z/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1573846454&sr=8-1)

## Adult Art Night

### December 12th at 6:30pm

Enjoy an adult evening of socializing and getting creative with art. Taught by **Cynthia Shulman**, the evening will include making your own dreidel! The cost is \$15 per person. RSVP is necessary for a headcount of supplies. Please remember to **RSVP** to [barb.berven@tifereth.org](mailto:barb.berven@tifereth.org)



## 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 14 at 6 pm
- January 11 at 6:15 pm
- February 8th at 6:45 pm

## Senior Activity-

### Thursday, December 19th, 12:00pm

Senior Luncheon and Hanukkah celebration! Join us at Tifereth Israel Synagogue

### Abe Goldstein & Laura Sparks

will be entertaining us with Hanukkah songs. Come join us for music and Hanukkah foods!



**RSVP to Jody Ingersoll at**  
 515-987-0899 ext 210 or [jody@dmjfed.org](mailto:jody@dmjfed.org)  
 Please let us know if you need a ride.

# Womens League Annual Hanukkah Latkes Sale

Women's League is making & selling delicious latkes for only  
**\$10.00 per baker's dozen!**

**You will be notified when they are ready.  
Orders can be picked up at Tifereth during office hours**

**Thank you for your support of Tifereth Israel Women's League!**



**Order by calling Samantha Johnson  
515-238-4084 or email [rsjohn@msn.com](mailto:rsjohn@msn.com)**

## Happy Hanukkah!

**Please stop by the Louis & Marilyn Hurwitz Gift Shop to  
see our selection of many Hanukkah items!**

Always open during office hours, M-TH 9-5pm & F 9-3pm.



# Community Events- Hanukkah!



## Hanukkah Party



Sponsored by YAD

Saturday, December 28th, 6:00pm

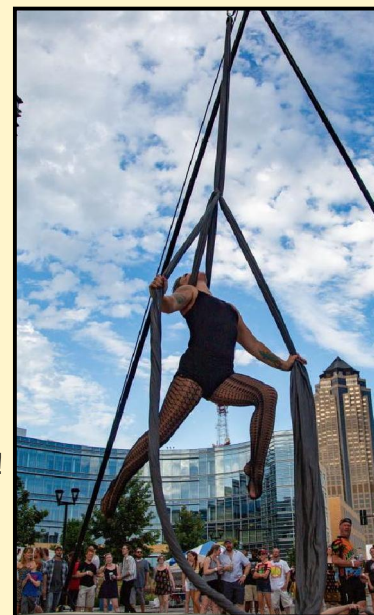
Tifereth Israel Synagogue

This year Tifereth will have one large Hanukkah party for **all ages!** The night will include the lighting of Hanukkah Candles (bring your Hanukkah & Candles), a Dinner catered by **Fresh Mediterranean Express**, an **AERIAL performance by Bonnie Renee**, crafts, cocktails, games DJ music & more!



You do NOT want to miss this one!

RSVP is required for a correct headcount on food and supplies. Thank you!  
[barb.berven@tifereth.org](mailto:barb.berven@tifereth.org)



Bonnie Renee, Aerial Performer



## HANUKKAH SHABBAT CAFE

Join us for a special Hanukkah Shabbat Café following services on **December 28th!**

Women's League will be sponsoring and preparing a delicious Hanukkah Kiddush!

*Please Join Us & Happy Hanukkah form Women's League!*

LIGHT.  
LOVE.  
LATKES.

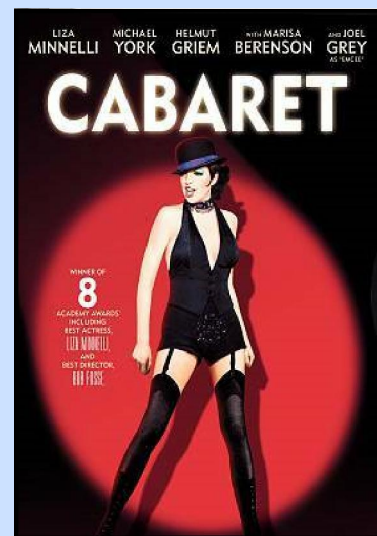
## Join us for an evening of Hanukkah Candles, Dinner and the Film *Cabaret* Tuesday, December 24th

- 6:00pm Catered Asian Fusion Dinner
- Lighting Hanukkah candle lighting following Dinner
- 7:15pm The movie *Cabaret*



Cost will be \$18. We are still working on the catered dinner, which will primarily be vegetarian. More details to follow.

RSVP will be **REQUIRED FOR FOOD COUNT**  
[barb.berven@tifereth.org](mailto:barb.berven@tifereth.org)



# Pomerantz Library News

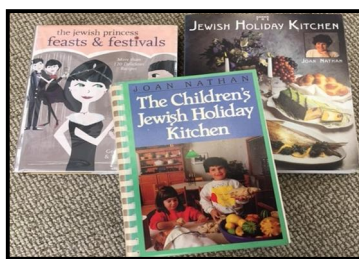
Please stop into the Rose Lee & Marvin Pomerantz Library and see what is new!

Happy Chanukah from the library! We have an abundance of children's books for the holiday as well as many cookbooks with fresh ideas.

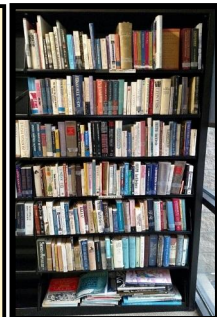
Thank you Sashya and Ben Clark for donating the Koran Talmud Bavli Nidda in honor of Rabbi Barton. We continue to accession the generous donations we have received. Remember to check out the "Free to a Good Home" section on the east wall of the library when you visit the synagogue.

As always, the library is available whenever the building is open and MaryPaul and Rita are available for help on most Wednesday mornings.

Thanks! *Rita Weinberg and MaryPaul Even*



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.



FREE TO A GOOD HOME

The reading program is well underway! We are thrilled with the response and hope you are enjoying your Jewish reads. There are forms in the office and the library as well as a jar to return completed adult forms. Suggestions for books to purchase for the library are always welcome. We have had many adult forms returned already and many children's' books checked out so don't miss out on the wonderful prizes the Rabbi has chosen. See below for the Adult Reading Program Winners!

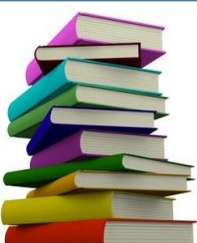
*Mazel tov! Reading Winners!*


**October Winners-**

- Mia Blumberg
- Neil Hausmann

**November Winners-**

- Sabrina Strobl
- Carla Herling



**Tifereth Israel**  
**SYNAGOGUE**   
Pomerantz Library

## ADULT READING PROGRAM


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. קריאה שמחה! Happy Reading!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Read: \_\_\_\_\_



**Tifereth Israel**  
**SYNAGOGUE**   
Community Book Recommendations

Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Why: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended By: \_\_\_\_\_

# Adult Education

## STEP: Sunday Torah Education Program

**STEP's** study of the Hebrew Bible is ongoing. The discussion meets **Sundays at 10:00am** (except on holidays) in the Tifereth Israel Bookey 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**.

## Learn to Leyn/Chant with Sue Harris

Would you love to learn to leyn/chant from our sacred Torah scrolls? Can you decode Hebrew? If yes, then I'd love to teach you! Please email me at [sue.harris@tifereth.org](mailto:sue.harris@tifereth.org) and let me know if you need a refresher or want to start from the very beginning. **Thank you!**

## Chavruta Program

Introducing: Tifereth Israel Synagogue's new **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/wmL0KfNdZzklWDpG3>

## 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**



EVENTS & LEARNING  
ONLINE COURSES AND EVENTS

## Weekly Shabbat Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Barton, Topic- Mishnah

Stay for Kiddush and learning after services! **Saturdays** from approximately **12:30-1:15pm**. Bring your questions and opinions! Texts will be read in English, but Hebrew will also be provided. Note: There will not be a Torah/ Mishnah discussion on the weekends there is a bar or bat mitzvah. This group is currently studying Talmud tractates Bava Kamma.

## Learn to be a Holy Roller

Every week the Torah needs to be rolled for services and it's a multi person job. We would love to have a few volunteers help with this task, you just need to be able to reach above the Bimah! **All ages welcome!** Contact [sue.harris@tifereth.org](mailto:sue.harris@tifereth.org) if interested or talk to her at Shabbat services. **Thank you!**



## 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. "



## 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](mailto:office@tifereth.org)

# Youth and Young Families

## Tot Shabbat & Jr. Congregation

Tot Shabbat provides an opportunity for parents and children to celebrate Shabbat together. Junior Congregation is Tifereth Israel's supplement to the Jewish education offered by Beit Sefer Shalom for children in 3th – 6th grade. The next date for Tot Shabbat and Jr. Congregation is **February 29th at 10:30am**. Watch your emails for updates on all youth programs and activities. To be added to the list please contact [office@tifereth.org](mailto:office@tifereth.org).



## Upcoming YAD and Family Activities

Please plan to attend the following TIS family activities:

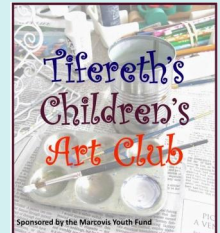
- **December 28th at 6:00pm** Tifereth Hanukkah Party sponsored by YAD. **RSVP** to [barb.berven@tifereth.org](mailto:barb.berven@tifereth.org)
- **January 25th at 6:00pm** Disco Party & Catered Dinner



## Tifereth Art Club, a Monthly Educational Program for kids at Tifereth.

- **December 1st at 12:30pm, including lunch!**
- **January 5th at 12:30pm, including lunch!**

The aim of the Art Club is to give children the potential to express their creativity and a sense of Jewish pride. Art is a powerful tool for success, and is fun! Kids will be able to complete art projects connected to a Jewish theme. Sessions will be one Sunday each month and lunch is provided!



There is no cost to participating families, this educational program is made possible by the **Marcovis Youth Fund**. **A RSVP is required for a headcount on supplies and food.** Thank you! [barb.berven@tifereth.org](mailto:barb.berven@tifereth.org)

Engman Camp Shalom  
Winter Break Camp

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

Caspe 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](mailto:anna@jewishdesmoines.org)

Save the Date!

YAD  
DISCO PARTY  
& Dinner

Get ready to dance at the  
YAD Disco Party & Dinner!

January 25th at 6:00pm.  
Dinner will be catered

RSVP is required for food head count.  
Please contact- [barb.berven@tifereth.org](mailto:barb.berven@tifereth.org)



# Women's League News



Women's League for Conservative Judaism is the network for all women who support our mission of enhancing Jewish knowledge, engaging in Jewish life, expanding communal involvement, and supporting klal Yisrael. It is for those who belong to affiliated sisterhoods and those who join directly. As an active arm of the Conservative / Masorti movement and the largest synagogue-based women's organization worldwide, Women's League provides service to thousands of women and hundreds of women's groups.

**Membership:** Dues Statement for the 2018-19 Women's League membership and statements have been mailed. **Please send your payments to Rose Sloven** 13002 Hazelwood Drive, Clive, IA 50325-7470

**Torah Fund:** Torah Fund is ongoing. The Campaign will end **MAY 31, 2020**. To date 14 people have donated to the Campaign. Our Goal is \$2,000 and we have collected over \$1,300 in donations so far. Any questions please call **Gwen Griger** at 515-537-1454.

Women's League donations to T.I. Women's League or Torah Fund will be included in your annual account overview from the synagogue. Thanks to **Barb Berven** for helping us make this accounting possible for you. If you have questions about a donation or want to be sure your donation is accounted for please contact **Rose Sloven** or **Barb** in the office.

## Save the date-

The Women's League Wine and Cheese Night has been rescheduled to **Sunday, February 9th in the afternoon**. Our featured speaker is **Ann Blumburg** who will talk about travel.

## \$10 Jewish Calendars

There are a limited number of Women's League Calendar Diaries for the upcoming year available in the Hurwitz Gift Shop for only \$10. They are packed with information and are a of great way to stay organized. Thank you for your support.



## \$10 Jewish Coffee Table Book for Sale at Tifereth

*Women's League for Conservative Judaism, With Strength and Splendor, Jewish Women as Agents of Change* by **Lisa V. Kogen** (Only 10 copies remain)



## \$6 Gefilte Fish Lay Loaf or 3/\$18

Women's League will be making more Gefilte Fish Layer Loaves over the summer. They are perfect for Light Summer brunches! They can be wrapped and kept frozen for up to 6 months. Please call or email if you would like to place an order. They're \$6 a piece or three for \$18. [auntsqueezy@aol.com](mailto:auntsqueezy@aol.com) 515.480.9037



## \$5 Greeting Cards

The Gift Shop has several types of cards for special occasions such as, sympathy, mazel tov, get well, thank you and general celebration. The money spent on these cards are donations to Torah Fund.



## Tifereth Israel Women's League

מה יפה ירושתנו

**Women's League is Celebrating Our 100th Anniversary!**

Look for details coming soon about our celebration gala!

- Annual Latke Sale Begins December 12—\$10 per dozen of our delicious latkes
- December 28, 2019 - Hanukkah Themed Shabbat Café Featuring Our Delicious Latkes
- February 8, 2020 - Women's League Sponsored Shabbat Café
- February 9, 2020— Wine and Cheese night with Speaker **Ann Blumburg**
- Annual Hamantashen Sale
- March 26, 2020 - Women's History Month Evening with Featured Speaker
- May 20, 2020 - Fashion Show Featuring Our Own Tifereth Models Modeling Fashions From Cindy's Boutique and dinner
- June 6, 2020 - Shabbat Café Summer Kick Off/Camp Send Off



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!*

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](mailto:rsjohn@msn.com) or 515-238-4084  
Contact Barbara Leventhal-Beckerman at 515-326-2739

#### 2018 - 2019 Board Members

Co-President -  
Samantha Johnson

Co-President -  
Barbara Leventhal-  
Beckerman

Vice President -  
Torah Fund Chair  
Gwen Griger

Vice President -  
Gift Shop -  
Andi Duitch

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Judy Taylor

Secretary -  
Kathy Bassman

Membership -  
Rose Sloven

#### At Large:

Beverly Ellis

Jody Jacklin

Louise Kaufmann

Gloria Bernstein

## 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

# DONATIONS: October 23-November 15, 2019

## Pomerantz Library Fund Library Fund –

Bertie and Arnie Waltman  
In Memory of Esther Bergh

## Dubansky Simchat Torah Fund

Ellen Sideman Caplan  
In Memory of Benjamin Sideman  
In Memory of Irene Sideman

## Garden Fund

Friends of Peggy Altman  
Remembering her Birthday

## General Fund

Madelyn and Edward Bernstein  
In Memory of Mildred Bernstein  
Barb Berven  
In Memory of Gilbert Schechtman  
Margo and Don Blumenthal  
In Memory of Joe Blumenthal  
In Memory of Morris Sylvan  
Lois Brown  
In Memory of Esther Bergh  
Judy and Larry Deutch  
In Memory of Gilbert Schechtman  
Beverly Ellis  
In Honor of Rebecca Shaffer's  
Bat Mitzvah  
Suzanne and Larry Engman  
In Memory of Irving Cohn  
Margaret and Gary Epstein  
In Memory of Joseph Epstein  
In Memory of Rose Rae Epstein  
David Farber  
In Memory of Edward Farber  
Judy and Larry Feldman  
In Memory of Ethel Matulef  
Judy and Marshall Flapan  
In Honor of Mike Mintzer's Birthday  
In Memory of Esther Bergh  
Elise and Jim Galinsky  
In Memory of Louis "Blackie"  
Galinsky

## General Fund Continued

Jan and Lou Hockenber  
Good Health for Susan Harris  
In Memory of Gilbert Schechtman  
Sandi and Bill Kitzes  
In Memory of Arny Engman  
Christina and Jacob Lederman  
In Memory of Meyer Sidney Lederman  
Evelyn and Al Mintzer  
Thinking of you – Gary Fingert  
Marilyn and Sigmund Nussbaum  
In Memory of Esther Bergh  
In Memory of Louis Segal  
Linda Podolsky  
In Memory of Ben Beckerman  
Susy Robinette Rosenblatt  
In Memory of William W. Rosenblatt  
Mimi and Corey Sommers  
In Appreciation of the High Holiday  
Services  
Edward Seidenfeld  
In Memory of Rosemary Seidenfeld  
Simma and Michael Stein  
In Appreciation  
Mark Waldinger  
In Memory of Steve Gold  
In Memory of Carla Liebow Hon  
In Memory of Barry Pidgeon  
Karen and Steve Weiss  
In Honor of Mike Mintzer's Birthday  
In Memory of Gilbert Schechtman  
Max Yaro  
Recovery of Barb Berven  
In Memory of Gilbert Schechtman

## Marcovis Youth Fund

Shirlee and Jim Marcovis  
Recovery of Larry Engman  
Recovery of Elena Schneider  
In Memory of Bob Cohen

## Pidgeon Book Fund

Zona Pidgeon  
In Memory of Larry Pidgeon

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Richard Ansher  
In Memory of Dorothy Diamondstone  
Christine Dietz  
In Memory of Wayne Dietz  
Elise and Jim Galinsky  
In Memory of Louis "Blackie" Galinsky  
Shirley and Jerry Hadenfeldt  
In Memory of Dorothy Lederman  
In Memory of Marvin Lederman  
Edward Seidenfeld  
In Memory of Rosemary Seidenfeld  
Mimi and Corey Sommers  
In Appreciation of Janith Davidson's  
Unveiling  
Dana Davidson Theveneau  
In Appreciation of Janith Davidson's  
Unveiling

## Rosenthal Memorial Cemetery Fund

Michele Dobrin  
In Memory of Eva Dobrin  
Jeri Malashock  
In Memory of Henry Malashock  
In Memory of Lois Malashock  
In Memory of Esther Robinson  
In Memory of Sol Robinson

## Harry Simon Fund

Vicki and Alan Givant  
Recovery of Elena Schneider  
In Memory of Renee Handleman  
In Memory of Howard Rutman  
In Memory of Gilbert Schechtman  
Suzann Simon  
In Memory of Miriam Cohen  
In Memory of Gilbert Schechtman

## Tikkum Olam – Shelter Dinners

Barb Berven  
In Honor of Mike Mintzer's Birthday  
Robin and Peter Karney  
In Honor of Mike Mintzer's Birthday

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

- General Fund
- Stanley Isaacson Torah Fund
- Kitchen Fund
- Brody Youth Fund
- Marcovis Youth Fund
- David D. Pidgeon Book Fund
- Louis & Dorothy Pomerantz Camp Ramah Fund
- Pomerantz Library Fund
- Prayer Book Fund
- Program Endowment Fund
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Rosenthal Memorial Fund & Cemetery
- 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
- Women's League
- YAD Group

**Tifereth Israel**  
**SYNAGOGUE**



Thank you to those that contributed photos to the Tifereth Bulletin. It is very appreciated! These people include, **Fran Biel, Jenny Blumberg, Kristin Davis, Sue Harris, & Rita Weinberg**

If your name was not mentioned please let the office know, it will be added to next month's Bulletin.

We would really like to add your photos to the Tifereth Bulletin, if you have photos to submit, please send them to [office@tifereth.org](mailto:office@tifereth.org)

# Happy Birthday To:

<b>December 1</b>	Sheya Finkelstein Jessica Harrington	<b>December 10</b>	Sophie Homonoff Cynthia Shulman	<b>December 23</b>	Anya Finkelshteyn Harlan Rosenberg
<b>December 2</b>	Albert Mintzer Tanya Shoykhet	<b>December 12</b>	Tiffany Deal Samuel Engman David Greenspon	<b>December 24</b>	Simon Roberts Serge Staroselsky
<b>December 3</b>	Allan Rovner	<b>December 14</b>	Shelley Kitsis	<b>December 25</b>	Anders Dietz- Swenson Jeffery Marcovis Michael Marcovis Marcie Morrison
<b>December 4</b>	Kathy Bassman Dorothy Bruggemann	<b>December 15</b>	Ariel Simon	<b>December 26</b>	Maggie Matijevich
<b>December 5</b>	Alex Linchinskaya Marilyn Nussbaum Susan Zuckman	<b>December 16</b>	Sabrina Strobl	<b>December 27</b>	Lindsey Johnson Leah Kalmanson Aaron Rosenberg
<b>December 6</b>	Matthew Homonoff	<b>December 17</b>	Bobbi Ginsberg	<b>December 28</b>	Robert Singer Taylor Yavitz
<b>December 7</b>	Rose Toubes	<b>December 18</b>	Lorraine Neiman	<b>December 30</b>	Benjamin Adelman
<b>December 8</b>	Tanya Keith Charlotte Rausch	<b>December 19</b>	Mindy Bell Josh Waltman	<b>December 31</b>	Blaine Bookey
<b>December 9</b>	Elliot Kosby Barbara Lettween	<b>December 20</b>	Sandra Pomerantz-Reed Abby Wahlig Alexander Wiczner		
		<b>December 22</b>	Leonid Resh		

# Happy December Anniversaries To:

<b>December 14</b>	Heidi Schneider & Joel Mintzer	<b>December 21</b>	Laurie & Joe Wahlig
<b>December 15</b>	Maria Vorozhbit & Mikhail Mendelev	<b>December 29</b>	Vicki & Alan Givant
<b>December 17</b>	Toni & Tim Urban	<b>December 30</b>	Vera & Gennady Aginsky
<b>December 18</b>	Robin & Philip Bear Allyson & Scott Reister	<b>December 31</b>	Maggie & Matt Matijevich

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# Happy Birthday To:

<b>January 2</b>	Jill Cantor	<b>January 15</b>	Adam Kaplan	<b>January 24</b>	Allison Ohringer
<b>January 3</b>	Charles Lipman	<b>January 16</b>	Benjamin Hockenberg Harriet Pidgeon	<b>January 25</b>	Jeff Faber Kelsey Kupitz
<b>January 4</b>	Louise Kaufmann	<b>January 17</b>	Chelsea Bear Andrew Goodman	<b>January 26</b>	Amit Harazi Abigail Lederman
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<b>January 7</b>	Jacob Fuller Dean Lambert	<b>January 20</b>	Paige Blair Roselind Rabinowitz	<b>January 28</b>	Tania Kac
<b>January 9</b>	Allison Engman Elijah Huisman	<b>January 21</b>	Aaron Beckerman Laurie Wahlig Tricia Yavitz	<b>January 29</b>	Brian Pearl
<b>January 10</b>	Amira Biel Ron Feder Mark Levitt	<b>January 22</b>	Phyllis Friedman	<b>January 30</b>	Lois Brown Julie Burton David Hadenfeldt Ryan Karney Thresa Parker
<b>January 14</b>	Deirdre Farr Jacob Goldstein Maria Hay	<b>January 23</b>	Andrew Giller Helana Nechtow Hannah Rogers	<b>January 31</b>	Miriam Copeland

# Happy January Anniversaries To:

<b>January 1</b>	Linda & Robert Carpenter Alyse Biondi & Zak Christensen	<b>January 13</b>	Nicole & Jason Kosby
<b>January 3</b>	Ellen & Matthew Kirschner	<b>January 17</b>	Eleanor & Alex Resh
<b>January 12</b>	Shari & Stanley Engman	<b>January 31</b>	Annie & Ayal Naggar

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











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# December 2019 / Kislev– Tevet 5780

Calendar subject to change

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 STEP 10:00am Women's League Latke Sale Begins, Sundays until the 22nd Children's Art Club 12:30pm	2 4 Kislev	3 5 Kislev Morning Minyan 7:15am	4 6 Kislev	5 7 Kislev Lunch & Book Discussion with Rabbi Barton at Cool Basil Party Room 12:30pm, RSVP	6 8 Kislev Evening Services 6:00pm  4:26pm	7 9 Kislev Morning Services 9:30am Shabbat Café 11:45am Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 12:30pm
8 STEP 10:00am Women's League Latke Sale	9 11 Kislev	10 12 Kislev Morning Minyan 7:15am	11 13 Kislev	12 14 Kislev Adult Art Club 6:30pm	13 15 Kislev Acoustic Shabbat Evening Services 6:00pm  4:26pm	14 16 Kislev Contemplative Service 9:30am Torah Service 10:15am Shabbat Café 11:45am Lunch & Learn with Rabbi 12:30pm Game Night & Potluck 6:00pm
15 STEP 10:00am Women's League Latke Sale	16 18 Kislev Tifereth Board Meeting 6:00pm	17 19 Kislev Morning Minyan 7:15am Retirement Party for Barb Berven 6-8pm	18 20 Kislev	19 21 Kislev Sr. Hanukkah Luncheon 12:00pm at TIS	20 22 Kislev Evening Services 6:00pm  4:29pm	21 23 Kislev Morning Services 9:30am Shabbat Café 11:45am Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 12:30pm
22 STEP 10:00am Women's League Latke Sale Hanukkah 5:38pm 	23 25 Kislev Hanukkah 5:38pm 	24 26 Kislev Morning Minyan 7:15am Hanukkah 5:39pm 	25 27 Kislev Hanukkah 5:39pm 	26 28 Kislev Hanukkah 5:40pm 	27 29 Kislev Evening Services 6:00pm  4:33pm Hanukkah 4:33pm 	28 30 Kislev Morning Services 9:30am Shabbat Café 11:45am Lunch & Learn w/ Rabbi 12:30pm Rosh Chodesh Hanukkah Party 6:00pm  Hanukkah 5:42pm
29 STEP 10:00am Hanukkah 5:42pm Rosh Hodesh 	30 2 Tevet Hanukkah	31 3 Tevet Morning Minyan 7:15am				

# January 2020 / Tevet-Shevat 5780

Calendar subject to change

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 4 Tevet <b>New Years Day</b>	2 5 Tevet	3 6 Tevet Evening Services 6:00pm 	4 7 Tevet Morning Services 9:30am Shabbat Café 12:00pm Lunch & Learn with Rabbi 12:30pm
5 8 Tevet STEP 10:00am Children's Art Club & Lunch 12:30pm	6 9 Tevet	7 10 Tevet Morning Minyan 7:15am <b>Fast of 10th of Tevet</b>	8 11 Tevet	9 12 Tevet	10 13 Tevet Evening Services 6:00pm 	11 14 Tevet <b>Contemplative Service</b> 9:30am, Torah Service 10:15am Shabbat Café 11:45am Lunch & Learn with Rabbi 12:30pm <b>Game Night &amp; Potluck</b> 6:15pm
12 15 Tevet STEP 10:00am <b>Halakhah Discussion on</b> <b>Donations from Ill-gotten</b> <b>Gains</b>	13 16 Tevet <b>Tifereth Board</b> <b>Meeting 6:00pm</b>	14 17 Tevet Morning Minyan 7:15am	15 18 Tevet	16 19 Tevet	17 20 Tevet <b>Acoustic Shabbat</b> Evening Services 6:00pm 	18 21 Tevet Morning Services 9:30am Shabbat Café 11:45am Lunch & Learn with Rabbi 12:30pm
19 22 Tevet STEP 10:00am	20 23 Tevet <b>Martin Luther King</b> <b>Day</b>	21 24 Tevet Morning Minyan 7:15am	22 25 Tevet	23 26 Tevet	24 27 Tevet Evening Services 6:00pm 	25 28 Tevet Morning Services 9:30am Shabbat Café 11:45am Lunch & Learn with Rabbi 12:30pm <b>YAD Disco Party 6:00pm</b>
26 29 Tevet STEP 10:00am	27 30 Tevet <b>Rosh Chodesh Sherat</b>	28 31 Shevat Morning Minyan 7:15am	29 3 Shevat	30 4 Shevat	31 5 Shevat Evening Services 6:00pm 	

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