Last month, I shared my excitement and anticipation of a trip of a lifetime. I was headed to Europe, to connect to my roots and to learn about Jewish history. I have since returned from my travels and the experience was at once emotionally moving, intellectually

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challenging, and incredibly powerful. A few highlights of my trip follow:

During our visit to Warsaw, we had the opportunity to visit the remarkable Polin Museum, which covers more than one-thousand years of Jewish history in Poland. Our guide, an active Polish Jew, shared her story with us and helped us better understand the state of Jewish life in modern-day Warsaw.

We visited multiple synagogues throughout our travels like the Great-Synagogue in Warsaw and the Dohany Synagogue in Prague. Some were ornate, others, were plain. Some synagogues were very old, like the Alt Neu Synagogue in Prague, which is one of the oldest surviving synagogues in Europe. Built in the 13th century, it is still a functioning congregation today. And yet others, were a bit newer, like Beit Simja (House of Happiness) in Prague, or Beit Polin (House of Poland) in Warsaw, where progressive Jewish leaders were bringing Judaism back to life.

Though incredibly difficult, visits both to Auschwitz / Birkenau and Terezin were so significant to better understanding the Holocaust. I felt that we were bearing witness to the horrors of the Sho’ah, and I am quite certain that my own observances of Holocaust remembrance will forever be touched by these visits.

A meeting with Jonathan Orenstein, Director of the JCC in Krakow, assured us that Jews throughout Poland and much of Europe have a place to learn about their religion and heritage, a place to experience Shabbat dinners and Purim celebrations, and a place to study, worship, and sing.

Visits to multiple memorials throughout our trip gave reassurance that Poland, The Czech Republic, and Hungary have made significant strides towards acknowledging the atrocities of the Holocaust and their communities’ roles in them. No victim will be forgotten.

My trip was a tremendous experience and I am still processing it. I am grateful for the opportunity to have traveled to Europe, visited so many significant sites, met so many wonderful people, and learned from everyone on my trip. I look forward to sharing a more detailed presentation with you in the future.

~Rabbi Carmit Harari
It is December in the Chicago area. The weather has turned cold and snowy, there is less daylight and Thanksgiving has come and gone. We now look forward to Chanukah, “The Festival of Lights.” This year like all of the Jewish Holidays, Chanukah is late, starting at sunset on December 22nd.

Here are some facts about Chanukah that you may or may not know:

- Chanukah is one of the few Jewish holidays not mentioned in the Bible.
- Chanukah is a Jewish festival commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem.
- It originates in 168 BC, over 2,000 years ago with the reclaiming and cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem from the Greeks.
- After the temple was cleansed there was only enough oil to light the lamps for one night; miraculously the oil lasted for eight nights.
- Modern traditions of Chanukah include eating latkes or potato pancakes, sufganiyot or jelly donuts, Chanukah gelt or foil wrapped chocolate coins and playing a game of dreidel.
- Compare the miracle to that of having only 1% power left in your cell phone battery, but miraculously having the phone last for 8 hours.

The story and lessons of Chanukah have relevancy in today’s world. Chanukah is about oppression and fighting for freedom. Today with anti-Semitism at record levels, it is imperative that we make our voices heard. As of Oct. 30 of this year, the Anti-Defamation League had recorded 780 anti-Semitic acts that included vandalism, arson, and the distribution of hate writings. The Student Union at the University of Toronto voted against having kosher food in the cafeteria, saying to do so would be a Pro-Israel move. On Nov. 26, The Wall Street Journal wrote a very powerful article about the alarming rise of anti-Semitism in Eastern Europe, as well as in the rest of the western world. We must stand up for freedom of speech and religion. We must stay strong as both a community in the south suburbs and as Shir Tikvah. We need to be alert and speak up when we see something out of the ordinary.

Temples around the country have increased security and at Shir Tikvah, we have too. We have updated our security system with cameras and motion detectors at both the front and back doors. Monitors are located in the office, so that we know what is going on around our building. Doors are now locked and security guards are used for many events. We are asking that you let Diedre know if you will be meeting in our building. Our board will be meeting in December and formally adopting a security policy. We are not living in fear, but we are being proactive to prevent and deter criminal activity.

Happy Chanukah,

~Sherry and Sherman
2020 Membership Directory & Ad Book

Dear Fellow Congregant,

It’s not too late and we need your support for the 2020 Shir Tikvah Membership Directory and Ad Book. You can help support Shir Tikvah with an $18 donation to place your name on a special support page, honoring our co-presidents!

In addition, we ask for your support by placing an ad. The ads can celebrate families – children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, life cycle events, anniversaries, birthdays, etc. Please use the attached sheet as a guide. If you put in an ad last year, we have included it for your review.

Send in your ad and your payment today! If you have any questions, please contact our office at 708-799-4110.

Please consider soliciting an ad from a local business that you frequent. Forms are included or pick one up at Shir Tikvah.

All ads and forms are due to the office by December 20, 2019.

Sincerely,

Shir Tikvah Ad Book Committee
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Nancy & Larry Burrows & Family

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Gayle & Norman Weil
Diane Wolf
Sherry & Scott Wolf
Rabbi Leo & Helen Wolkow
Lenore & Burton Zeiger
Women of Shir Tikvah had a very active November. On November 10, we discussed the book *The Only Woman in the Room*. Nancy Burrows facilitated the discussion about the early life of Hedy Lamarr. Before our discussion, we enjoyed a soup and salad lunch prepared by some of our Sisterhood members. On Sunday, November 17, we had our gently used jewelry and purse sale. It was very successful. Sisterhood turns the profits of the sale over to the fundraising committee of the Temple. A big thank you to Ruth Friedman and her committee for another outstanding job. Thanks to Carmencita and David Schoeneman for providing your gold and silver expertise.

Don’t forget to join us on Wednesday, December 4 for our meeting about nothing birthday celebration at Aurelios at 12:30. We eat and chat and enjoy each other’s company. Hope to see you there.

December 10 – 15, I will be attending the URJ Biennial in Chicago with 5000 other Jews. I will take part in WRJ sponsored sessions and services. I will learn about events happening in the Reform Jewish world. I am especially looking forward to Shabbat services on Friday and Saturday.

Wishing everyone a Happy Chanukah and joyous secular New Year.

**Gayle Weil, Sisterhood President**
Chanukah Celebration

Sunday, December 29th, 4:00 pm
Watch for details in your emails!

Cost is $10 for adults
Children 13 & Under $5; 6 & Under FREE
Make check payable to Shir Tikvah

We will eat, sing songs, light candles and have a lot of fun!

Shir Tikvah, 1424 183rd St., Homewood
Bring your Chanukiah!

RSVP to Amy Bloomberg
amy.bloomberg@gmail.com,
or call 708-991-7218
Shabbat Service Times for December, 2019

Reform Services

Friday, December 6, 7:30 pm
Shabbat Evening Service with Nancy Friedman

Saturday, December 7, 10:15 am
Shabbat Morning Service
Parashat Vayetzei
Torah: Genesis 28:10-30:13
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10

Friday, December 13, 7:30 pm
Shabbat Evening Service with Nancy Friedman

Friday, December 20, 7:30 pm
Lay-Led Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 21, 10:15 am
Rabbi Carmit Harari Leading
Parashat Vayeshev
Torah: Genesis 37:1-37:36
Haftarah: Amos 2:6-3:8
Followed by Bible and Bagels

Friday, December 27, 7:30 pm
Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, December 28 10:15 am
Parashat Miketz
Rosh Chodesh Tevet First Day
Chanukah Sixth Day
Torah: Genesis 41:1-41:52; Numbers 28:9-15
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Conservative Services

Saturday, December 7, 9:45 am
Shabbat Morning Service
Parashat Vayetzei
Torah: Genesis 28:10-30:13
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10

Saturday, December 14, 9:45 am
Parashat Vayishlach
Torah: Genesis 32:4-33:20
Haftarah: Obad. 1:1-21

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Candle Lighting Times

Friday, December 6
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Friday, December 20
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Candle lighting times are for Homewood, IL
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In Honor of
Their Grandson’s naming from Sherry & Scott Wolf
In Memory of
Stanley Blumenthal from Iris Blumenthal
David Greenberg, Anna Greenberg, Pearl Greenberg from Elliott Greenberg
Fannie Gerber from Vivian Gerber
Janice Byrd from Phil Byrd and Linda & Richard Katz
Renee Mirsky, Berniece Mirsky from Mark Mirsky
Matthew Smason from Sarah Smason
Marian Schoeneman from Carmencita & David Schoeneman
Philip Schneider, Jules Rutzky from Alene & Ron Rutzky
Iris Ourch from Nancy & Stuart Friedman
Louis Turken from Lynn Brown
Goldie Leventhal from Arvey Stone
Lester Brachman from Mark & Andreatte Brachman

General Fund
In Memory of
Lee Yates from Ellen Kahn & Family
Joseph Schoeneman from Carmencita & David Schoeneman

Genevieve Sosin from Jeffrey, Bettie, Barbara & Melissa Gilbert
Harold Brown, Gertrude Gold from Judy Lohr-Safcik
Miriam Rutzky, Phylis Schneider from Alene & Ron Rutzky
Bernard Lieb from Judy & Richard Lieb
Gerald M. Silver, Jean Johnson, Albert Johnson from Susan Silver Johnson

Adult Education & Programming Fund
Chester Ulman from Barb & Larry Cohan

Family Concerns/Shiva Fund
Pearl Kliff from Beverly & Edwin Sokol
Zena Friedman, Betty Portman from Irwin & Harlene Friedman

Choir Fund
In Memory of
Shirley Ruth Mandell, Harry Horwitz, Eva Horwitz from Lucille Kulwin
Paula Buschke, Leo Schwarz from Gary & Barb Schwarz
Robie Adler from Caryl Chudwin

Mazel Tov!
To Jerry & Carrie Tenny on the birth of their first grandchild! Lawrence “Ren” Jay Sekine-Tenny was born October 31st to proud parents Zachary & Rachel.

Mazel Tov!
To Jerry and Carrie Tenny on the birth of your grandson, Ren, from Laura & Jake Eisenwasser
To David Gottlieb on your retirement from Dan & Debbie Greenberg

Women of Shir Tikvah
Sisterhood News
Gold cards are available at a cost of $5.50. Please send your request to Carol Zucker.

We mourn the deaths of Harold Brown, Gertrude Gold, Shirley “Lee” Yates, Don Kroopkin, Pauline Wolfson, and Ren-e Rodgers.
May each of their memories forever be a blessing to all who loved them and may their families be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Sisterhood Tributes
To Mr. & Mrs. J. Heiferman in memory of Lee Yates from Alene & Ron Rutzky, Carol & Rich Zucker, Ruth & Sherman Friedman, Susan & Barry Bayer, Penny & Jerry Shnay, Carole Fefferman, Bea Kamen, Ginny Gilbert
To Mr. & Mrs. J. Tenny in honor of their new grandson from Carole Fefferman, Donelle Macey, Bonnie Mosbacher, Susan & Barry Bayer, Penny & Jerry Shnay
To Carol Spector wishing a Speedy Recovery for her son, Joseph from Bea Kamen, Ginny Gilbert, Penny Shnay, Susan & Barry Bayer
To the family of Gertrude Gold in her memory from Susan & Barry Bayer, Penny & Jerry Shnay
Each month, on the 1st Wednesday, the Sisterhood gathers at the Aurelio’s Pizzeria in Homewood at 12:30pm to celebrate the birthdays in the month. All WoST members are free to join them!

Our next movie at Shir Tikvah is Sunday, January 12th, at a new time: 2:00 pm. The movie is “Live and Become” with discussion facilitated by Suzanne Patterson, film lecturer for The Knowledge Exchange at Governors State University. Refreshments will be served and is open to the community. $10 donation per person.

When you shop at Jewel — think of the Sisterhood! Purchase your Jewel Cards to benefit the Women of Shir Tikvah. Denominations of $25, $50 and $100 are available through the office.

So many rings, necklaces and earrings by the pair, Gems, jewels and baubles everywhere! We had scarves and purses for everyone to buy, There was something for everyone, OH MY!

Thank you to all our generous members, their families and friends who donated their gently used jewelry, scarves, purses, etc. for us to sell. And a special thank you to the wonderful, fantastic and enthusiastic committee that fixed, cleaned and polished the jewelry till it shone, working their fingers to the bone!

Thank you, Thank you Penny Shnay, Barb Schwarz, Carole Fefferman, Nancy Burrows, Sharon Lorsch, Susan Bayer, Gayle Weil, Laura Eisenwasser, Judy Fleischer, Judy Lieb, Donelle Macey, Ellen Kaplan, DeeDee Dubrow, Bea Kamen and Patti Kelner. And we can’t forget the men who manned the front door, set up and packed up, Gary Schwarz, Jerry Shnay, Larry Burrows, Rich Kaplan, Barry Bayer, Ken Fleischer, Rich Lieb, Jake Eisenwasser and Norman Weil.

A Special BIG THANK YOU to Carmencita and David Schoeneman! What a wonderful team! They bought our gold and silver and thrilled us with their valuable finds among all the items on our tables.

We raised money for the temple and had a lot of fun doing it.

Ruth Friedman

The Shir Tikvah Sunday School has gotten off to a great start! In November we began thinking about tangible and intangible things that make up a Jewish home. We visited Risa and Lloyd Graff’s home to help us in this pursuit. We started the foundation for our "Shir Tikvah Home" with Jewish values. On December 8 and 15 we will continue to work on our "Home" and look at our names, both Hebrew and English, with a focus on Jewish naming ceremonies.

Shir Tikvah's Hebrew School, taught by Carole Fefferman, covered the alefbet and continues working on prayers.

Both schools will revisit the Festival of Chanukah.

Barb Cohan
Shir Tikvah School Coordinator
Join us at Shir Tikvah on Tuesdays, at 11:00 am for A Little of This—A Little of That (current events, Yiddish and other interesting bits);
Lunch (served up by Bergstein's NY Deli), Meeting; Entertainment.

Come see what you're missing!

**Schedule:**
September 24 — Discussion with Ted Slowick
No Meetings October 1, 8, 15, 22 (High Holidays)
*Wednesday, October 16 — Harvest Lunch at a local restaurant with entertainment!*
October 29 — Performance by Bud Boblink
November 5 — Performance “Acapella Fellas”
November 12 — Performance by Bud Boblink
November 19 — Performance by Mark Dvorak
November 26 — Performance by Steve Cooper
December 3 — Performance by Bud Boblink
December 10 — Discussion with Citizens Utility Board
December 17 — Performance with Larry Berghaeh
December 24 — Special Lunch and Hanukah Celebration and performance by Ted Lemen
December 31 — Performance by Mark Dvorak

Lunch is served including a variety of tuna salad, egg salad, corned beef, lox and bagels,
with chips, cole slaw, and cookie!

**Fun discussions and interesting programs!**
Enjoy some old friends and meet some new ones. If transportation is an issue or you have any
other questions, please call 224-406-9233 for more information.

We hope you join us next time at Shir Tikvah, 1424 183rd Street, Homewood, IL 60430.
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**URJ Biennial December 10-15**

- 13:00 p STR 7:30 p with Nancy Friedman
- 14:00 pm Flossmoor Book Club

**Chanukah Candle**

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**Chanukah Party**

- 4:00 pm Chanukah Party

**Rosh Chodesh**

- 7:30 pm Rosh Chodesh Tevet

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