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Rabbi's Message

given at the Shir Tikvah Annual General Meeting, June 20, 2021

It's hard to believe the year that we've had. It was one of the most challenging and yet also one of the most rewarding years in recent memory. As a community, we were forced to think outside the box and to reimagine our usual services and programs. And I think that

we truly succeeded.

At the high holidays, we rang in the New Year 5781 on Zoom. And though we could only gather virtually, our spirits were nonetheless lifted as we shared in old traditions and began some new ones. I celebrated Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur with our Conservative minyan last fall, and then planned and led services for Sukkot, Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah for the entire Shir Tikvah community.

At the same time, I partnered with our wonderful school coordinator, Barb Cohan, and our terrific teachers, Carole Fefferman and Sherry Dieckman, bringing our (masked) students to the sukkah and having a chance to shake the lulav and etrog in spite of the pandemic. Throughout the year, I had many such opportunities for collaboration with our school staff; whether through weekly planning meetings, student participation in services, or virtual field trips, we did our best to provide the best learning



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environment possible in a year that was almost completely online. Donelle Macey helped to make some Sundays especially fun, guiding us through the baking of bagels and Chanukah cookies. Despite a few hiccups along the way, it was a pleasure to interact with our kids and to work with all of our teachers. We look forward to another great year ahead, God-willing, in person.

In addition to Sukkot and Simchat Torah, I led services on Zoom this year. It was far from ideal, but as time passed, we slowly but surely figured it out. We went from a few songs and readings to a full service, from my dining room table to the



sanctuary at Shir Tikvah. We

welcomed members from right here in the south suburbs to friends, old and new, from across the country. I led Kabbalat Shabbat, Shabbat morning and festival services. I took part in another outstanding community Seder, and I led megillah reading for Purim. But perhaps some of the most meaningful services came in the form of three b'nai mitzvah last summer and fall for Grant Goldberg, D.J. Munson, and Chuko Akujieze. I worked with each of these young people each week as we studied their Maftir, Haftarah, and worked on their D'var Torah. And each, I truly believe, brought his unique perspective to the lessons he taught us

from the parasha. I have begun to study with our next bat mitzvah, Grace Goldberg, and look forward to working with Rachel Latman, Chase Levy, and Josh Bloomberg in the near future as well.

A huge thanks goes out to our sisterhood, the Women of Shir Tikvah, who continue to do extraordinary things in our community! And a tremendous amount of gratitude to our fundraising, adult education, ritual, school, house, and re-opening committees, who helped ensure that our building and our people remained strong and vibrant even in this toughest of years! Thank you, thank you, thank you to our board for making tough decisions and supporting Shir Tikvah throughout this pandemic and beyond!!!



Though the pandemic made it impossible for me to visit with people in person, I made many phone calls and did my best to connect with people over Zoom as well. I know that isolation was a tremendous issue in the last year. I am so grateful that over the past month or two, as people have gotten vaccinated, we've been able to reunite – in 3D! I've missed seeing you all and am looking forward to being able to start making in-person visits in the very near future.

Very regretfully, I did have the sad duty of officiating at a number of funerals this year. Ironically, as so many communities lost member after member to COVID-19, our community had fewer losses than in any year in recent memory. We miss our friends

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dearly, and we mourn with all of you who lost loved ones and friends in the pandemic or in the past year. We pray that you know peace soon.

I met regularly with our ritual committee, education committee, our board, and on a few occasions, I collaborated with our reopening committee. I kept in touch regularly with our board president, Jerry Tenny, and I must take a moment to acknowledge him and all the unbelievable work that he has done this year. Being synagogue president in any regular year is challenging at best. But you, Jerry, took on this leadership role just as the Pandemic was beginning. With confidence and grace, you have led Shir Tikvah through this unprecedented time and experience, helping to ensure that we kept going, that we found ways to adapt to the changing needs of the moment. Jerry- you have done an exceptional job in your first year as president of Shir Tikvah. Y'shar Ko'ach to you and may you go from strength to strength! A huge thank you also to Bob Oros and Diedre Bodine, our incredible staff, who did everything they could to make sure things ran as smoothly as possible and that our building remained safe and in working order while we had no idea when we would get back. And a giant thank you to our board who led with wisdom and flexibility throughout the past year. I cannot thank each and every one of you enough for all of your hard work and your guidance throughout this uncertain period. In spite of all the challenges, I think we truly found a way to make it feel like home.

In more recent days, as the state has opened up, I've been back to the usual grind, so to speak. I met with our outstanding and dedicated High Holiday chairs,

Gayle Weil, Carole Fefferman, Dan Greenberg and Janet Herbstman, in preparation for the upcoming Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur observance. And I even got to participate in my very first Memorial Service at the Village of Park Forest! Thank you so much Jerry and Penny for the invitation.

It's been a crazy, odd, challenging, amazing and interesting year. I can't wait to see what the next one brings!

~Rabbi Carmit Harari



President's Message, delivered at our Annual Meeting



Welcome to the third Annual Meeting of Shir Tikvah. This has been a year like no other. When I accepted the position of President-Elect two years ago, I had concerns about taking on this role, but nothing prepared me for dealing with a pandemic.

This has been a difficult year for all of us, but we pulled together to maintain Shir Tikvah as a source of community. We learned new ways to communicate and how to be together via Zoom. As we meet today, we begin the process of returning to normal and becoming stronger as a congregation.

As a congregation, we heard about members who were feeling isolated and other members who were not able to get out of their homes. As a result, the board created a Caring Committee to reach out to provide a personal connection with members of the congregation. Thank you to Eila Koltun for volunteering to chair the committee. The committee members started by calling on our most senior members and those on the Mi Shebeirach list or those with family on the list. The feedback we received was positive, and this committee's work will continue. If you would like to receive a call or join the committee to make social calls to other members, please contact Eila or the office.

We purchased Notebird software to keep track of the calls, and the software has improved communication between me, Rabbi Harari, Diedre and Eila. We are updated when information is entered pertaining to a member. We are using Notebird to maintain the Mi Shebeirach list, birthday and anniversary list, and general membership information. This will ensure we are in touch with members in their

time of need.

Over the last year, the Adult Education Committee has provided various forms of content to our members via Zoom to keep everyone engaged. Barry Sturm has been Chair of the committee since 2014 and has done an excellent job. Barry and his committee look for programs of interest, schedule the events, and complete detailed forms to receive JUF mini grants to cover the cost. I found the speakers to be highly qualified and the topics to be engaging.

Although we could not meet in person, we continued to provide tzedakah to the community. Working with Amy Bloomberg, Shir Tikvah donated the use of our parking lot as a collection site for three JUF TOV Volunteer Network events. These events collected necessities for service organizations and provided limited social interaction during the lockdown. Amy, our JUF representative, has been a great resource providing services to our community, including a training session for the Caring Committee.

Our facility has become the center of activity for Jewish events in the South Suburbs. Shir Tikvah will host Shalom over 50 when it re-starts in person at the end of June and the Cooperative Jewish Council (CJC) Sabbath on July 9. In July, the National Council of Jewish Woman (NCJW) will be packing their Honey for the Holidays in the social hall. The Maxwell Street Klezmer Band will perform August 8 as part of a JUF mini grant. We are planning on resuming yoga classes later this summer. It is great to see our facility being utilized for so many activities.

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For as long as I can remember, Gary Schwarz has kept our facilities in great shape. Gary works closely with Bob, our Jack-of-all-trades maintenance person, to maintain the day-to-day operations of the property. Although the building was rarely used during the last year, it still needed to be maintained. This year the HVAC unit for the main sanctuary needed to be replaced. This was a major capital project costing \$23,000. The contractor noted the old unit lasted 20 years past its normal useful life. That is an example of Gary and Bob's devotion to keeping our facility well maintained over the years.

A financial opportunity arose when our neighbors asked to buy the unused property behind our parking lot. The neighbors on Olive Road wanted to extend their back yards and purchase a section of the unused field. Dan Greenberg oversaw this project, and after negotiations, the sale is scheduled to close this month. Dan has done an excellent job negotiating with the two buyers and working on the legal aspects of dividing and selling the lots. When Dan agreed to function as our legal counsel, I doubt he was expecting this much work. Many thanks to Dan for donating his time and expertise to get this transaction completed.

For the first time in 15 years, I will not present a Treasurer's report. Irwin Friedman agreed to take on the treasurer's position and has done great job monitoring our financial position. In addition to his treasurer's duties, Irwin procured a FEMA grant which provided funds to add protective coatings to our windows, additional security cameras, and reimbursement for armed security guards.

Irwin, working with Diedre, kept the office running throughout the pandemic. When the office was closed, Diedre came in to pay bills and

make deposits. Diedre is a great asset to the congregation. In addition to the accounting, she manages the Yahrzeit program and the new Notebird program. Her most valuable attribute is being a resource for our members who need assistance.



Preparing the budget for the prior year was a difficult task. With the pandemic affecting us all, there were

concerns how these changes would affect donations. We decided to budget the dues and Kol Nidre according to our long-term plan. The financial support of our members was fantastic. Thank you to everyone. Your support through dues and Kol Nidre contributions is a sign of your faith in Shir Tikvah.

Ruth Friedman and her fundraising committee did a fantastic job and exceeded expectations. Since we would not be able to host in person events, we expected fundraising to be lower. Thanks to the creativity of Ruth and her committee, this was a successful fundraising year. The Ad Book came in just under last year, due to the continued support from our members. Shalach Manot set a sales record, and there were new activities which we will continue in the future: Aurelio's night and holiday food sales.

The school completed its second year with COVID restrictions. Barb Cohan, the school administrator, kept the focus on the children and maintained open lines of communication with the parents. We give a special thank you to our teachers: Carole Fefferman for Hebrew school;



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and Sherry Dieckman and Rabbi Harari for Sunday School. My daughter is a teacher and I have heard how difficult it is to keep children's attention on Zoom for hours of school. This year our teachers needed to be extra creative to keep the students focus after school and on Sunday. Thank you to our parents for their support and feedback.

Ritual observance is the main priority of our synagogue and was especially important during the trying times we were living through. The Ritual chairs, Carole Fefferman and Janet Herbstman, did an exceptional job ensuring that services continued throughout these challenging times. High Holiday planning and execution became a new experience as we planned two virtual services. I will admit, monitoring the Reform services was my most stressful time as President. The High Holidays were a success and provided us all with a spiritual renewal. We now look forward to returning to the synagogue for services, along with plans for outside services.

Rabbi Harari had to adapt to the changing environment, conducting services first from her home and then from an empty synagogue. I know this was a difficult year for her. I saw her joy when we held our first in person trial service and she heard us singing with her. Rabbi Harari has kept busy on the phone and Zoom, staying in contact with our members in need and attending committee meetings. We made an exception last summer to allow three B'nai Mitzvahs to be held in the synagogue with limited attendance. We were all masked and distanced, and the services were beautiful.

We all know how active Gayle Weil and the Women of Shir Tikvah are and how the lack of social contact with members was difficult. Gayle seems to be involved in everything, and she became a reliable contact for me to call. The

Women of Shir Tikvah contribute at every Shir Tikvah function. A Passover Seder was held on Zoom which provided a nice sense of community.

This was a year when many difficult decisions needed to be made. I want to thank the Board of Directors for the meaningful discussions and debates around these tough decisions. The Re-Opening Committee did a great job providing information to the Board, which then debated the issues. Several times, reopening was considered, but then the pandemic would surge again. It was frustrating to keep the synagogue closed, but it was in the best interest for the health of our members and staff.

Thank you to Sherry Dieckman and Sherman Friedman for being a sounding board for me and pointing me in the right direction when I was looking for guidance. Together they also oversaw the virtual High Holiday preparations.

This will be a year to remember as we begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel. As we welcome congregants into the synagogue, we will continue to provide the services on Zoom. Zoom has allowed Judy Lohr-Safcik to stay active from Arizona and Rabbi Harari's father to join services from Florida. We will take the lessons learned from this year and integrate them with our normal operations going forward. This year Shir Tikvah did an amazing job of adapting to the situation we found ourselves in. We worked together to keep the congregation viable until a time when we could be together in person. This is the spirit of Shir Tikvah, and I am proud to have been the President as we pulled together as a congregation, and I look forward to the new year.

Thank you.

~Jerry Tenny, President



We hope everyone is being safe this summer! We had a successful book review in June. Thank you to Bonnie Mosbacher for working on this and thank you to Nancy Burrows for your excellent discussion of *Have you seen Luis Velez*.

The WoST are busy putting together our calendar for the upcoming year. In this bulletin are flyers for membership, challah sale for the holidays and holiday greetings. Please consider joining us as members of Sisterhood this year.

On Sunday, August 8, the WoST are sponsoring a BBQ lunch at 12:00pm for our congregants. We will serve kosher hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, a drink and a cookie for \$10. Please RSVP for this event.

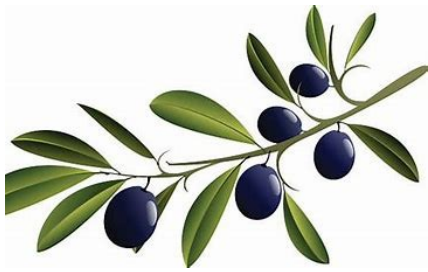
Looking forward to seeing you soon!

B'shalom,

Gayle Weil

**CLICK HERE
TO RSVP**

<https://forms.gle/Iyu9vd5iFCVI729E7>



Women of Shir Tikvah

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Penny Shnay

August, 2021

We invite you to join us as we explore new ways for the Women of Shir Tikvah (WoST) to enrich our congregation. This year we are adding the opportunity for our conservative minyan women to affiliate with Women's League of Conservative Judaism as individual members. We will continue our affiliation with Women of Reform Judaism and Women of Reform Judaism Midwest District.

We look forward to your support for the 2021-2022 year, and we look forward to working with you.

In Sisterhood,

Gayle Weil

WoST President



Member:



Women of Shir Tikvah

HOLIDAY GREETINGS 3 greetings for \$25
Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah and Passover

Greetings will appear in the bulletin the month
of the holiday.

Please send your \$25 check (payable to Women
of Shir Tikvah) to:

Women of Shir Tikvah
1424 183rd Street
Homewood, IL 60430

Checks received by August 24th will be
included in the September bulletin. Checks
received after August 24th will be in the
October bulletin.

The next month for greetings is December, in
time for Chanukah!

Name _____



(as you want it to appear in the bulletin)

Check # _____



Holiday Greetings 5778

Abramov Family
Barry & Susan Bayer
Nacho Tejada, Cathy Burnett & Family
Nancy & Larry Burrows
Gayla & Joel Cahan
Stacy & Anthony DeFilippo
Rabbi Ellen & Dr. James Dreyfus
DeeDee DuBrow
Carole Fefferman
Ruth & Sherman Friedman & Family
Rabbi Carmit Harari
Sue & Rob Held
Susan Johnson
Eila & Doug Koltun
Marcia Lippert
Sharon & Henry Lorsch



Example Greetings Page

Women of Shir Tikvah

Challah & Cake Sale for Rosh Hashanah

Orders, with payment, are due by Tuesday, August 24th.

Pickup 2:00—4:00 pm on Wednesday, September 1st.

Shir Tikvah, 1424 183rd Street, Homewood, IL 60430

The Women of Shir Tikvah will once again sell Challahs, and cakes for Rosh Hashanah. A welcome and sweet addition to your holiday table.



Name _____ Phone _____

	Quantity		Total
Plain Round Challah	_____	\$7.00	_____
Raisin Round Challah	_____	\$7.00	_____
Round Apple Strudel	_____	\$12.00	_____
Honey Cake	_____	\$10.00	_____
Chocolate Bobka	_____	\$15.00	_____
Chocolate Fudge Coffee Cake	_____	\$13.00	_____
Plain Bagels (6 pk)	_____	\$6.50	_____
Everything Bagels (6 pk)	_____	\$6.50	_____
Bagel Dough	_____	\$5.00	_____
		TOTAL	_____

Paid: _____ Check # _____ Payable to: WoST **Orders must be paid by pick-up.**

**Questions? Please call Donelle Macey at 708/620-0269,
or Diedre at 708/799-4110.**

August Birthdays

8/1 Doug Koltun
8/4 Carol Gilbert
8/8 Marcia Heilicser
8/8 Elizabeth Proctor
8/9 Ilene Uhlmann
8/10 Jack Levitt
8/11 Lana Golland
8/12 Micah Rader
8/12 Rayna Adler
8/13 Grant Goldberg
8/13 Doris Machtinger
8/15 Larry Cohan
8/15 Bob Mayer
8/21 John Chiera
8/23 Mercedes Neves-Hatchwell
8/24 Susan Held



September Birthdays

9/1 Iris Blumenthal
9/2 Michael Kaminsky
9/2 Dorothy Kenis
9/3 Marcia Lippert
9/4 Larry Burrows
9/5 Judith E. Lieb
9/7 Madelyn Levy
9/7 Carole Fefferman
9/9 Carrie Tenny
9/9 Tom Gilbert
9/13 Sherry Dieckman
9/15 Helen Wolkow
9/19 Chuko Akujieze
9/19 Cheryl Bernstein
9/19 Carol Zucker
9/25 Georgina Kaminsky
9/28 Edith Buntman
9/29 Matt Levy
9/29 Ramona Engelberg
9/30 Amy Schneider



August Anniversaries

8/4 Dalia & Rabbi Shalom Podwol
8/5 Amy & Rick Bloomberg
8/5 Michelle & Ron Tenny
8/13 Leslie & Jordan Sigale
8/14 Carmencita & David Schoeneman
8/15 Georgina & Michael Kaminsky
8/17 Fern & Manny Katz
8/17 Ruth & Sherman Friedman
8/17 Barbara & Michael Sitrin
8/18 Liz Proctor & John Chiera
8/22 Andreatte & Mark Brachman
8/25 Judy & Carl Levy

September Anniversaries

9/1 Ellen & Chuck Stone
9/4 Rabbi Ellen & Jim Dreyfus
9/5 Joan & Robert Mahler
9/6 Diedre & Kevin Bodine
9/16 Carrie & Jerry Tenny
9/17 Sarah & Jeff Goldberg

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please email Diedre at office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org and let her know!

Yahrzeits

Week of August 6

Marie Altmann
Hugo Berju
Marvin Bernstein
Hedwig Bierig
Deborah Campbell
Nathan Cordell
Jan Irene Davis
Hy Dosick
Henrietta Friedman
Rachel Frydman
Libbie Garbow
Ann Gilbert
Eva Gould
Ray Graubart
Helen Gutmann Johnson
Benjamin Krugman
Joseph Malis
Eva Markle
Beverly Myrow
Frieda Rosenthal
Anna Schwartz
Manfred Segall
Anna Sher
Eleanore Shoerman
Marvin Snyder
Charles Teitelman
Morris Wiczer
Samuel Wineberg
David Zucker

Week of August 13

Joseph Baker
Florence Case Bode
Julius Bolgla
Rebecca H. Cohn
Gladys Dredze
Annette Dunn
Lillian Edelstein
Betty Fink
David Frisch
David Gilbert
Louis Gilbert
Dawn Gold
Helen Goldstein

Jean Greenspan
Hattie Gurse
Chaim Hemleben
Milton Kurland
Betty Latter
Ruth Leibson
Morris Sam Levin
Minna Lieb
Dr. Kenneth Lippel
Rabbi Israel Miller
Gerald Myrow
Phyllis Paper
Mercedes Pelfini
Goldie Pollock
Beverly Rodin
Irving Rubin
Reba Runes
Jules Rutzky
Lynne Selinger
Nathan Shapiro
Vivian Stelzer
Henry Zalman

Week of August 20

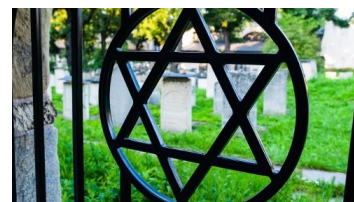
Bernice Akujieze
Sam Beber
Minnie Berlin
Rabbi Allan Blustein
Lester Brachman
Bertha Braunstein
Frances Cohen
Earl Barry Fidler
Loren L. Fox
Isidor Frohman
Linda Gilbert
Anna K. Goldstein
Abraham Greenberg
Sol Klein
J. Harry Kulakofsky
Samuel Kushner
Irving Laskey
Jack B. Leibowitz
Elizabeth Levine
IdaMae Miller
Edward Mintz

Mary Multach
Dorothy Newmark
Gertrude G. Offenbergl
Ben Ratowitz
Alexander Schein
Ann Sherman
Pauline Silver
Dominick Slupski
Dr. Ernst V. Spitzer
Ida Susman
Rose Tannebaum
Claire Waxman
Eve Weinberg
Judith Yurman

Week of August 27

Irene Adler
Max Adler
Leah Altman
Ruth Arkiss
Samuel B. Arvey
Ada Axelrod
Molly Berliner
Evelyn Blumenthal
Niusia Eiger
Ida Ephron
Bernard Fefferman
Morris Gerber
Benjamin Goodman
Judy Grossman Wardynski
Paul Herman
Sarah Kamenetsky
Ida Kaplan
Max Kaplan
Benjamin L. Katz
Joseph Kleinman
Joseph Klempner
Hyman Lazar
William Leffler
Joseph Levinthal
Adolph Lippel
Evelyn Lippel
Seymour Lippert
Jack Lohn
Edmund Makos

Jack Marcus
Henry Mosbacher
Bernard Pechter
John Rannells
Louis Rein
Rose Rein
Sanford Rosenbaum
Benjamin Schoenberg
Erna Schrimmer
Leonard Shapin
Janice Slupski
Irene Warady
Raymond Weinstein
PFC James Kenneth
Wozniak



Tributes

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In Memory of

Etta Roven, Victor Blumenthal from Iris Blumenthal
Anna Engelberg, Bella Brown, Paul Leibson from Ramona Engelberg
Miriam Rutzky from Alene & Ron Rutzky
Rebecca Levinson from Cheryl Warshaw
Alfred Eisen, Ruth Kaiser from Henry Lorsch
Richard Kuhn, Madeline Kuhn, Dora Schneider, Hyman Schneider, Tat'yana Abramov from Amy & Nancy Schneider
Dan Ritter, Saul Ritter, Sylvia Ritter from Ben Ritter
Boris Faynshteyn from Ida Raff
Edythe Leibowitz from Sharon Lorsch
Barry Ruche from Marilyn Ruche
Rebecca Yellen, Marvin Smason, Lillian Smason from Sarah Smason
Riv Ebenstein, Abe Ebenstein from Debbie & Dan Greenberg
Donald Sugarman from Lori Sugarman
Meyer Levin, Jack Levinson from Cheryl Warshaw
Helen Rubin from Diane Wolf
Ethel Weiss from Joel Weiss
Esther Shuftan from Frank Shuftan & Judy Jakush
Sylvia Hely from Ev & Ed Rappaport
Haskell Rosen from Roz & Oren Conway
Marilyn Himmel, Ralph Wilkins from Peter & Linda Wilkins
Max Lucas from Ellen Kahn

Mazel Tov

To Joel & Gayla Cahan on the birth of their new grandbaby, Maya, from Judy & Ken Fleischer
To Joel & Gayla Cahan on the engagement of their son, Noah, from Judy & Ken Fleischer

Sympathy

To Eila & Doug Koltun in memory of Mildred Weinstein from Judy & Ken Fleischer

General Fund

In Memory of

Helen Lang from Marilyn Ruche
Leonard Silverman from Anne Silverman
Alfred Reisler, Ruth Reisler from Marcy & Harold Reisler
Frank Ascher from Margo Rannells
Lawrence Mintz from Lori Sugarman and Terri Palomaki
Jacob Tenny, Joan Barr from Jerry Tenny
Richard Michaelson from Judy & Rich Lieb
Rose Malis from Keigh & Larry Malis

Leo Wolkow from Helen Wolkow & Family
Jean Singer from Judy Fleischer
David Spector from Carol Spector
Joseph Kessler, Jack Proctor, Meyer Proctor from Elizabeth Proctor & John Chiera
Abe Portman from Irwin & Harlene Friedman

Get Well

To Ginny Gilbert from Laura & Jake Eisenwasser
To Ed & Ev Rappaport from Laura & Jake Eisenwasser

Sympathy

To Eila & Doug Koltun in memory of Mildred Weinstein from the Women of Shir Tikvah Board, David & Carmencita Schoeneman
To Leonard Lasker in memory of his wife, Adeline, from Carol Spector, Sarah Smason, Beatrice Kamen

Mazel Tov

To Janet & David Herbstman on the birth of a new grandbaby, Raya Annette, from Eila & Doug Koltun, Laura & Jake Eisenwasser
To Eila & Doug Koltun on the birth of their new grandson, Douwe Douglas from David & Carmencita Schoeneman

Choir Fund

In Memory of

Doris Becker from Ernest Ratowitz
Peggy Eisenstein from Larry & Nancy Burrows
Marjorie Epstein, Edward Tregilgas, Bernard Epstein, Mary Jo Tregilgas from Ryba & David Epstein



*We mourn the death of
Ray Winterfeldt, and the death
of Adeline Lasker.
May their memory forever be a
blessing and may their families
be comforted among the mourners
of Zion and Jerusalem.*

Tributes

Sisterhood Tributes

Sympathy

To Eila & Doug Koltun in memory of Eila's mother, Mildred Weinstein, from Carmencita & David Schoeneman

To Leslye Botta in memory of her mother, from the Sisterhood Board, Judy Lohr-Safcik, Penny & Jerry Shnay, Carole Fefferman, Donelle Macey, Bonnie Mosbacher, Ruth & Sherman Friedman

To the Winterfeldt Family, in memory of Raymond, from Judy Lohr-Safcik, Penny & Jerry Shnay, Susan & Barry Bayer

In Honor of

To Janet & David Herbstman in honor of their new granddaughter, Raya Annette, from the Sisterhood Board, Judy Lohr-Safcik, Penny & Jerry Shnay, Carole Fefferman, Donelle Macey, Susan & Barry Bayer, Bonnie Mosbacher, Ruth & Sherman Friedman

To Sandy Rusnak in honor of Aaron's marriage, from the Sisterhood Board, Judy Lohr-Safcik, Penny & Jerry Shnay, Carole Fefferman, Donelle Macey, Susan & Barry Bayer, Bonnie Mosbacher

To Rabbi Ellen Dreyfus, thinking of her during difficult times, from Judy Lohr-Safcik

Thank you to my Shir Tikvah family for the cards and words of encouragement for my full recovery!
Ginny Gilbert



Mazel Tov!

To Risa & Lloyd Graff on their granddaughter, Chava Gabriela Roy, becoming Bat Mitzvah! Proud parents are Scott Roy and Rabbi Sarah Graff.

To Diedre & Kevin Bodine as they celebrate the marriage of their son, Jacob to Cameron Bittinger on August 21!

To Bonnie Mosbacher whose grandson, Lev Mosbacher was elected National President of NFTY, The North American Federation of Temple Youth.

To Shelley & Ben Ritter as they celebrate the marriage of their son, David to Jessica Dickerson on August 20!



To Stuart & Nancy Friedman on the birth of their granddaughter, Zelda Ilana.

To Janet & David Herbstman on the birth of Raya Annette, born May 28th to Risa & Jason Wachtler

News You Can Use!



Watch for school updates here. The new year is currently in the planning stage! We are looking forward to working with your students this year!

School Coordinator



Each year, for the High Holidays, we prepare a booklet to inscribe the names of relatives and friends who are no longer with us. This is an acknowledgment of our love for those who have passed away who can never be forgotten.

You should have received either a snail mail or an email by now to offer the opportunity to update or add a listing to this booklet. If you have not, but would like to have a listing, please call Diedre at 708-799-4110 to let her know.



New Address or Phone?

Please take a moment to call or email the office with your new information!

Ray Hamad, 433 W. Van Buren St., Chicago, IL 60607

Click the logo to go to a calendar of upcoming classes/events.



Shalom Transportation

Are you over 55 and need a ride? Need to get to an activity at night, or just don't want to drive somewhere? The South Suburban office of JUF has partnered with GoGo Grandparent to offer 10 rides a month, up to 25 miles, for just \$5.00 a ride! How does this work? Call Amy Bloomberg at 708-249-6086 or email amybloomberg@juf.org to get registered and learn the easy program details. This program is generously funded by the Albert and Lucille Delighter and Marcella Winston Foundation, a Supporting Foundation of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.





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Maxwell Street Klezmer Quartet

Join the fun at Shir Tikvah
on Sunday, August 8th at 2:00 PM
Free and Open to the Public

Named after Chicago's 19th century Jewish marketplace, Maxwell Street Klezmer Band injects fresh energy into the music of the past. Vocalist Bibi Marcell warms the stage with her love of Yiddish while Shelley Yoelin jazzes things up with his expressive clarinet. With violinist Alex Koffman leading the way with his blend of classical and klezmer playing style and Gail Mangurten bringing it all together on keyboard, this Klezmer quartet pays tribute to the masters of the past while having fun with tradition. Maxwell Street appeals to audiences of all ages and backgrounds with engaging energy, warmth and humor.

Make your reservations today at <https://forms.gle/JHb2YSvnAzwEtGan6>.



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Shir Tikvah is pleased to partner with Jewish United Fund in serving our community through the South Suburban Mini-Grant Kehilah program.

Save the Dates!
Tuesday, October 26 at 10:30 am
& Wednesday, October 27 at 7:30 pm

We are thrilled to join with dozens of congregations throughout the Chicagoland area for a virtual (Zoom) session: Hinei Mah Tov: Israeli and American Jews' Views of Each Other. And how liberal Jewish movements in Israel have made progress, faced opposition, and cooperated with Rabbi Naamah Kelman and Professor Elan Ezrachi.



Dr. Ezrachi and Rabbi Kelman will reflect on their shared life journeys, from the viewpoints of an Israeli and an American who met 45 years ago. They will talk about what Israel and American Jewry were like when they met, and how they saw the other in this context. They will also discuss how things have changed over the decades that they have been together, and their respective roles and activities. Additionally, Dr. Ezrachi and Rabbi Kelman will describe the progress made by both Conservative and Reform Judaism in Israel, as well as collaboration between the two movements on issues of mutual concern, including with unconventional Orthodox leaders and institutions.

Two breakout sessions will follow: Rabbi Kelman will discuss the renaissance and challenges of Jewish life in Israel through her work as a rabbi and the Dean of Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem. Professor Ezrachi will focus on issues of Jewish peoplehood, Israel-Diaspora relations, and his work teaching Israelis about American Jewry.

There are two opportunities to attend! Both sessions will be live, contain the same presentation, and provide the opportunity for Q&A. We encourage you to take part in what promises to be an intriguing look at the relationship between American and Israeli Jewish communities.

Rabbi Naamah Kelman is a descendant of 10 generations of rabbis, becoming the first woman to be ordained by the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem in 1992, where she is currently the Dean. Born and raised in

New York, she has lived in Israel since 1976; where she has worked in

community organizing, Jewish education, and the promotion and establishment of Progressive and Pluralistic Judaism for Israelis. Naamah Kelman has been intensely involved in the emerging education system of the Israeli Movement for Progressive (Reform) Judaism. Among the founders of the first Progressive day school, she has overseen the development of curricular materials, teacher training programs, and family education. She has been engaged in teacher training and enrichment, the professional development of Israeli Rabbinical students, and the establishment of "Mazorim" Spiritual Care/Israeli Chaplaincy. She was the Director of the Year in Israel Program for HUC's North American students. She is a board member of Rabbis for Human Rights, MELITZ, and the Tali Education Fund. Naamah Kelman is deeply engaged in inter-faith dialogue and feminist causes. She is married to Dr. Elan Ezrachi and they have three children.

Elan Ezrachi, PhD, is a Jerusalem-based consultant in the areas of Jewish Peoplehood education and Israel engagement and the author of *Awakened Dream – 50 Years of Complex Unification of Jerusalem.*

He was born in Jerusalem where he also resides. After six years as a helicopter pilot in Israel's Air Force, Elan went on to pursue a career in Jewish education. He has served in various executive roles including: the International Dept. of Melitz – Center for Jewish Zionist education, the Charles Bronfman Mifgashim Center, Masa – Israel Journey (founding CEO), and the International School for Jerusalem Studies at Yad Ben-Zvi.

Elan received his BA and MA from Hebrew University in Education and Jewish Thought and a doctorate from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. His dissertation topic was: "The Dynamics of interaction between American Jews and Israelis". Along with his executive career, Elan has taught at the Hadassah Academic College, the Schechter Institute, and Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem. He currently teaches at the University of Haifa at the MA Ruderman Program on American Jewry and the MA program on Jewish Peoplehood.

Elan is married to Rabbi Naamah Kelman and is a grandfather to five boys.

**There is no cost to participate in the session/s.
Watch for links and more details in the weeks to come.**

AUGUST 2021 AV-ELUL 5781

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Choir	5	6 Diedre Out Evening Service 7:30p 7:43p 	7 Morning Conservative Service 9:45a Jack Levitt D'var Torah & Kiddush
8 WoST Luncheon 12p Klezmer Quartet 2p	9 WoST Board 10:30a Board Meeting 8:00p	10 Shalom Over 50 11a	11 Choir	12	13 Evening Service 7:30p 7:33p 	14 Morning Reform Service 10:15a
15 Klezmer Rain Date, if needed	16	17 Shalom Over 50 11a	18 Choir Diedre on Vacation	19	20 Evening Service 7:30p 7:23p 	21 Morning Conservative Service 9:45a
22	23	24 Shalom Over 50 11a	25 Choir	26 Ad Book Committee Mtg 7:30p	27 Evening Service 7:30p 7:12p 	28 Morning Reform Service 10:15a
29	30	31 Shalom Over 50 11a				
<p>ZOOM Information: Call In: 312-626-6799 Fridays 813 5752 1894, 482310 Saturdays 834 8666 8692, 835590 Tuesdays 841 6306 7317, 105466 Board Meeting 876 9274 3109</p>						