



**Kislev—Tevet 5782**

**December 2021**

**web: [shir-tikvah-homewood.org](http://shir-tikvah-homewood.org)**

**email: [office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org](mailto:office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org)**

**1424 183rd Street, Homewood, IL 60430**

**708-799-4110**



## **Rabbi's Message**

Last month, I shared with you some of the wonderful initiatives, in Israel, spearheaded by Rabbi Na'amah Kellman and her husband, Professor Ilan Ezrachi. This month, I have more reason to hope and to give thanks. In a wonderful conversation with Rabbi Gilad Kariv, the first Israeli Reform rabbi elected to the K'nesset, I learned about what is happening in Israel at a governmental level, and his

description is a most welcome one.

First, Rabbi Kariv stresses that the current government is unique. For the first time, since the inception of the State, we have a modern Orthodox prime minister, a non-Zionist Arab party, and more and more women serving in the K'nesset. All parties in the government today are partners in the Kotel (Western Wall) agreement, working to establish an egalitarian prayer space alongside the gendered ones, and as Rabbi Kariv describes it, the current Israeli government is creating a particular opportunity for issues of religion and state to be studied and addressed.

This is a big change from the previous few governments, led by Benjamin Netanyahu, who, Kariv reminded us, made a clear decision to ally with the ultra Orthodox leadership, thus effectively turning his back on Reform, Conservative, and liberal Jews throughout the country. "One of the things that we need to express about this current Israeli government," Kariv told us, "is that it represents the majority [of people in Israel]. It is pushing back against extremists on the right and left. We need to let people know that the right wing prime minister in Israel today is someone you can dialogue with as is the left-wing leadership."

*(Continued on page 4)*

## **Table of Contents**

**Rabbi's Message**  
**Pages 1, 4**

**Holiday Greetings**  
**Pages 2-3**

**President's Message**  
**Pages 6-7**

**Women of Shir Tikvah**  
**Message**  
**Page 8**

**Birthdays &**  
**Anniversaries**  
**Page 9**

**Yahrzeits**  
**Page 10**

**Tributes**  
**Page 11**

**School News &**  
**Announcements**  
**Page 12**

**Event Information &**  
**Flyers Pages 5, 13, 14**

**Calendar**  
**Page 15**

# Hanukkah Greetings 5782

Barry & Susan Bayer

Amy & Rick Bloomberg & Family

Lynn Brown

Gayla & Joel Cahan

Larry & Barb Cohan

Happy   
Hanukkah

Bob Mayer & Shari Cohen

Stacey & Anthony DeFilippo

Sherry & Ron Dieckman

Rabbi Ellen & Dr. James Dreyfus

Deedee DuBrow & Family

Laura & Jake Eisenwasser

Carole Fefferman

Charlotte Fox

Irwin & Harlene Friedman

Ruth & Sherman Friedman & Family

Miriam Garbow & Family

Jean Gilbert

Dan & Debbie Greenberg

Elliott Greenberg

Rabbi Carmit Harari

Susan Johnson

Beatrice Kamen

Eila & Doug Koltun

Robin & Brian Latman & Family

Jack Levitt



# Hanukkah Greetings 5782

Judy & Rich Lieb

Marcia Lippert

Judy Lohr-Safcik

Sharon & Henry Lorsch

Donelle Macey & Family

Fran Moeckler Licht

Bonnie Mosbacher

Rori Narter

Rabbi Shalom & Dalia Podwol

David & Micah Rader

Ed & Evelyn Rappaport

Alene & Ron Rutzky

Carmencita & David Schoeneman

Diane Schwab & Family

Barb & Gary Schwarz & family

Jerry & Penny Shnay

Jordan & Leslie Sigale

Harriet & Dr. Sherman Susman

Celia-Ann & Pam Toll

Jodie & Jeff Virene

Cheryl Warshaw & Joel Weiss

Gayle Weil & Family

Sherry & Scott Wolf

Helen Wolkow



Today, in an unprecedented move, the Labor party leads the Ministry of the Diaspora, and it is committed to pluralism. And Rabbi Kariv noted that many of the wrongs committed against progressive Jews over the years, are starting to be corrected. Put together, these changes add up to an exciting opportunity for the non-Orthodox citizens of Israel who have, over the years, been shut out of government funding and support by an ultra-Orthodox minority. For years now, many young Israelis have evaded the Chief Rabbinate of the State by flying off to Crete and marrying in a civil ceremony there. It is just one of the ways in which Israelis are voting with their feet, so to speak, choosing to ignore Jewish tradition all together rather than be forced into an ultra-Orthodox expression of it.

So it is an especially exciting prospect to see some change on the horizon. And yet, Kariv warns, everything we wish will not happen. “It’s going to be a slow process,” he cautions us. “Nothing is going to change overnight.” Still, it is a unique government and a unique time in the State of Israel. Though more religiously observant than his predecessor, Prime

Minister Naftali Bennett has thus far shown a willingness to compromise. And for our part, we now have our own interests represented in the K’nesset with Rabbi Gilad Kariv. Nothing is guaranteed, but it is nice to know that the majority of Israelis, many of whom have expressed great support for Reform and Conservative values and practices, will have their interests represented from within the government, and have their needs and desires expressed in governmental support, allocation of funds, and the like.

As we celebrate Chanukah, which reminds us of the value of religious freedom, it is wonderful to know that a long-held monopoly over Jewish expression may soon come to an end, or at least lessen, and that every Jew will be able to practice his/her/their Judaism in the way that is most personally meaningful, in the homeland that belongs to all Jews!

Wishing you a warm and wonderful holiday filled with light!

*~Rabbi Carmit Harari*



## A Special Evening With Tal Schneider

Tal Schneider, the Political and Diplomatic Correspondent for the Times of Israel will give a presentation. She covers Israel's fierce political arena, including Israel unprecedented political crisis and four rounds of intense 2019-2021 elections. She is a top Israeli analyst in high demand, a frequent media commentator, writer and speaker who served as Washington correspondent for Ma'ariv covering the 2004, 2008, 2016, 2020 US election cycles.

**Monday, December 13th  
at 7:00 PM**

### **Israeli society at a crossroads:**

A look at Israel's four principal sectors—the national-religious, the secular, Arabs and the ultra-orthodox

**in person at  
Joliet Jewish Congregation  
250 N Midland Ave, Joliet, IL 60435  
(815) 741-4600**



Co-sponsored by  
Beth Shalom B'nai Zaken  
Ethiopian Hebrew  
Congregation,  
Joliet Jewish Congregation,  
and Shir Tikvah.

Register  
today  
to attend



## President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday. It was nice to be able to get together with the family again. Celebrating holidays brings a sense of normalcy to our life. I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Hanukkah. This is one of the years when all the holidays are so early. With Hanukkah falling the same weekend as Thanksgiving, I was able to light the first night's candle with my grandson. There are some benefits to the early holidays.

Activity at Shir Tikvah seems to be getting close to pre-pandemic levels. The office is open regular hours with in-person Shabbat services being held every weekend. Shalom over 50 is drawing a nice crowd every Tuesday, the Sunday and Hebrew school are holding classes along with other meetings and programs taking place. It is refreshing to see this activity in our building again.

We have done a decent job of keeping Shir Tikvah a source of community while providing a safe environment for our congregants. We cannot, however, let our guard down. The Re-Opening Committee developed a set of rules to operate safely, and we must continue to follow them. The rules comply with the State of Illinois mandate requiring a mask to be worn inside. I think this mandate, hopefully, has allowed Illinois to avoid the recent surges other states have experienced.

When you are in the building to attend a service, a program or just to visit you must wear a mask covering your nose and mouth. Please practice social distancing and maintain a few feet between other people. Limited food service is allowed in the building, which is a welcome

change. As a reminder, when you are in the building eating or drinking, please put your mask back on when you have finished.

We are all thankful to be able attend activities in Shir Tikvah and include food service. To continue these programs, we must all work together to maintain a safe environment. It is appropriate to ask a fellow member to put their mask on or adjust it properly. Our members have been diligent following the rules and might just need to be reminded. I have walked in without a mask before realizing I forgot to put one on. If we all look out for each other, it will keep us all safe.

I am hoping all our members have had their first round of vaccination shots. This is the most important action we can take to protect ourselves. If you have not been vaccinated, please contact your physician. The vaccine is readily available at local pharmacies. If you are eligible for a booster shot, it is recommended to get one as this will increase your protection from getting the virus. The booster shots are also readily available at local pharmacies.

Sadly, this pandemic is far from over. Just last weekend, a new variant was discovered in South Africa. It is a mutation of several strains of COVID and called the Omicron variant. What does this new variant mean for Shir Tikvah? I doubt that we will go back to the shutdown of the building that occurred in March 2019. If the vaccine is effective and since a substantial percentage of us are vaccinated the risk is not as great as before the vaccine. My guess is we will continue to wear masks indoors though the winter.



I know we are all tired of hearing about COVID and wearing a mask. I never would have believed that this pandemic would last this long. When news of this Omicron variant came out, you realize requiring a mask inside is a small price to pay for staying healthy.

Due to the vaccine, we are making progress, and can be together with our family without a mask. Last weekend, I went to a Green Bay Packer game for the first time since COVID. It was outside and we wore a mask with a winter face cover on top for double protection through the whole game. It just felt good to get back to doing the

things we do every winter. Wearing a mask did not take away from the enjoyment of being at the game. This is our reality now and for the near future. Let us work together to keep Shir Tikvah a safe space for spiritual worship and community events.

*~Jerry Tenny, President*





Chag Sameach Chanukah!

We hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season. The Women of Shir Tikvah participated in the JUF coat drive by providing gift cards for needy adults and children in our community. We learned that the need is great and is not going away. We would appreciate any donations to WoST to help defray costs.

We are sponsoring a simple Oneg after services on Friday nights. The treats are individually wrapped and we supply coffee, tea and water. We hope you will join us at a service. Service starts at 7:30 PM in the Sanctuary.

We wish everyone a Happy Secular New Year. It is our hope that 2022 will see us returning to normalcy.

Chag Sameach Chanukah.

Gayle Weil

**Our October WoST Board Meeting met at Harlene Friedman's .**





### **December Birthdays**

12/6 Mike Larks  
12/7 Pamela Toll  
12/10 Marsha Lotz  
12/10 Ed Rappaport  
12/13 Deedee DuBrow  
12/14 David Herbstman  
12/14 Michelle Tenny  
12/15 Marimonica Murray  
12/16 Lloyd Graff  
12/17 Judy Levy  
12/20 Robin Latman  
12/20 Jim Dreyfus  
12/20 Dale Robinson  
12/20 Gary Schwarz  
12/20 Joel Weiss  
12/23 Linda Wilkins  
12/25 Bob Oros  
12/25 Larry Malis  
12/28 Jeff Virene  
12/29 Zachary Larks  
12/29 Marilyn Tannebaum  
12/31 Janet Herbstman



### **December Anniversaries**

12/4 Michelle & Benjamin Ritter  
12/21 Gayla & Joel Cahan  
12/22 Alene & Ronald Rutzky  
12/28 Pat & Mitch Simon  
12/30 Judy & Ken Fleischer



### **January Birthdays**

1/2 Jalussee Miller  
1/3 Evelyn Rappaport  
1/7 Fern Katz  
1/8 Cathy Burnett  
1/9 Daniel Blumenthal  
1/9 Amy Berk  
1/9 George Uhlmann  
1/10 Sherman Susman  
1/12 Edith Feldmann  
1/15 Merle Hurowitz  
1/21 Bernie Heilicser  
1/22 Amy Elias  
1/22 Jodie Virene  
1/27 Donelle Macey  
1/30 Rori Narter

### **January Anniversaries**

1/19 Lana & David Golland  
1/19 Dale & Roy Robinson  
1/24 Nancy & Larry Burrows  
1/30 Evelyn & Ed Rappaport

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please email Diedre at  
[office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org](mailto:office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org) to let her know!

# Yahrzeits

## Week of 12/3/2021

Clara Aronson  
Amy Spark Bartkowica  
Julius Cohen  
Pola Davis  
Lillian Feinberg  
Melvin Ginsburg  
Eric Glaser  
Harry Hirsch  
Harry Horwitz  
Samuel Jaffe  
Anna Kaplan  
David Katleman  
Eleanor Knight  
Benno Kronthal  
Aaron Hyman Kroopkin  
Jean Lieberman  
Celia Lippman  
Jacob Litton  
Benjamin Lurie  
Mildred Magid  
Bailey Manilow  
Louis Mansfield  
Jacob Marks  
Arthur H. Mayer  
Phyllis McGrath  
Alice Meyers  
Samuel Mitlin  
Betty Portman  
Dr. Martin Rozenfeld  
Morris Runes  
Minnie Schneider  
Matthew Smason  
Herman Snyder  
Klara Stern  
Samuel Strat  
Tessie Sultan  
Morris Vinegar  
Dr. Seymour Warady  
Nathan Weinhouse  
Lili Wollman

## Week of 12/10/2021

Kurt Altman  
Irving Arine  
Earl Arkin  
Rosa Beber  
David Beederman  
David Benzecrit  
Norman Blumstein  
Carole Bransky  
Benjamin Burrows  
Sydney Choslovsky  
Sam Fine  
Maureen Merle Gerber  
Alan Marc Goldberg  
Sam Gollay  
Henry Greilsheim  
Bela Gruen  
Eva Hoffman  
Eva Horwitz  
Dorothy Katz  
Joseph S. Klein  
Gladys Lassner  
Berniece Mirsky  
Bernard Narter  
Dora Paskin  
Sara Platt  
Alex Rubin  
Cindy Sax  
Fred Schulein  
Amy Michelle Shapin  
Harry Shiff  
David I. Spark  
Lottie Steiner  
Jenny Strassman  
Helen Strat  
Greta H. Wagner  
Dorothea Wolf  
Emmy Wolf  
Nellie Wolf  
Norman Wolf

## Week of 12/17/2021

Yetta Abelman  
Jacob Arkiss  
Martin Berkowitz  
Dr. I.R. Birnbaum  
Harry Block  
Sam C. Brin  
Marie Brower  
Libby Cohn  
Linnea Cutler  
Menachem  
Eisenwasser  
Pink Feinberg  
Sidney Friedman  
Louis Gershowitz  
Meta Goldberg  
Ida Handler  
Selma Heumann  
Miriam Kohn  
Anne Levene  
Jerome Levitt  
Esther Levy  
Charles Lewis  
Emma Mansfield  
Rose Marks  
Fannie L. Mayer  
Frederick Naschauer  
Anna Noskin  
Morris Pomerantz  
Carl Reikes  
Hyman Reznick  
Max Roven  
Florence Madeline  
Rozenfeld  
Joel Bernard Runes  
Sydney Switt  
Anna Tenny  
Hermine Weiseberger

## Week of 12/24/2021

Tat'yana Abramov  
Max Adelman  
Sarah Birnbaum  
Dora Blitstein  
Anne Brodsky  
Hertsell Conway  
Leona DeLue  
Morris Eisen  
Julius Garb  
Helen Hartman  
Anna Herman  
Henry Hesky  
Julius Kahn  
Norman Kaplan  
Seymour Kaplan  
Sonia Kite  
Morris Klein  
Jacob Kwiecki  
Louis Lacob  
Harry Merkin  
Joseph Moore  
Fabian Pincoffs  
Henry Riffer  
Sadie Roamie  
Benjamin Rosenblum  
Frank Safcik  
Barbara Saxonberg  
Stanley Schoenberg  
Rose Weil  
Esther Weisberger  
Bernard Wiss  
Mary Zeman  
Hedwig Zwang

## Week of 12/31/2021

M. Eunice Armstrong  
Jack Batush  
Gene Bernstein  
Sarah Vogel Cohen  
Sylvia Cohen  
David Coleman  
Ross DeLue  
David Dorenfest  
Anna Dreier  
Lillian Flaschen  
Meyer Friedman  
Sidney Friedman  
Zena Friedman  
Paula Goetz  
Charles Gollay  
Rissa Henry  
Jennie Hoffman  
Anne Jacobson  
Molly Kamins  
Max Kaplan  
Ida Levinson  
Ida Lichtenstein  
Rose Liebersen  
James Lorsch  
Sam Marks  
Seymore Marks  
Ethel Miller  
Rose Mozer  
Marilyn Putterman  
Bernard Resnick  
Jack Rosen  
Joseph Rosenstein  
Hyman Schwedel  
David Shaw  
Ann Shiff  
Frances Shulein  
Mathilde Tigay  
Alan Warady



# Tributes

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

### **In Memory of**

Jeffrey Gerber from Ilene & George Uhlmann  
Vera Brachman from Mark Brachman  
Marian Schoeneman from David Schoeneman  
Joseph Schoeneman from David Schoeneman  
Sol Hurowitz from Merle Hurowitz  
Louis Turken from Lynn Brown  
Jack Barshay from Marilyn Tannebaum  
William Frisch from Julie Gutfreund  
Renee Mirsky from Mark Mirsky  
Stanley Blumenthal from Iris Blumenthal  
Frederick "Papa" Stein from David & Robin Stein  
Roslyn Greenberg from Dan & Debbie Greenberg  
Simon Kaufman from Henry Lorsch  
Curt Lorsch from Henry Lorsch  
Baruch Lorsch from Henry Lorsch  
Irving Weinberg from Roz & Oren Conway  
Genevieve Sosin from Jeffrey, Bettie, Barbara & Melissa Gilbert  
Marshall Virene from Jodie & Jeffrey Virene  
David Greenberg from Elliott Greenberg  
Anna Greenberg from Elliott Greenberg  
Matthew Smason from Sarah Smason

## General Fund

### **In Memory of**

Rose Kenis from Dorothy Kenis  
Belle Fisher from Dorothy Kenis  
David Kenis from Dorothy Kenis  
Harry Fisher from Dorothy Kenis  
Rene Rodgers from Tommie & Dan Gbur  
Pearl Kliff from Beverly K. Sokol  
Leonard Kessler from Elizabeth Proctor & John Chiera  
Celia Proctor from Elizabeth Proctor & John Chiera

### **Sympathy**

To the family of Leo Wolfson from Jack Levitt  
To Sandi & Keith Reich, following the death of Judy, from Ilene & George Uhlmann  
To the family of Diane Wolf, from Ilene & George Uhlmann, Bill Bransky, and Bea Kamen

## Choir Fund

### **In Memory of**

Gertrude Gold from Alan & Carol Gold

## **Sisterhood Tributes**

### **Sympathy**

To the family of Leo Wolfson from the Sisterhood Board  
To Sandi Reich and family in memory of her sister, Judy Layne, from Ruth & Sherman Friedman, the Sisterhood Board  
To the family of Diane Wolf from the Sisterhood Board

If you, or someone you know, are interested in burial plots at Beverly Cemetery, please contact the office at 708-799-4110, or email [office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org](mailto:office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org).



*We mourn the deaths of  
Marty Schneider, Judy Layne, and Diane Wolf.  
May their memory forever be a blessing & may their  
families be comforted among the mourners of  
Zion & Jerusalem.*

## News You Can Use!



### December

In November we took our first field trip to Rosenblum's Judaica and had brunch at Emma's Bagel Café. We also made latkes and decorated Hanukkah cookies. They did a fantastic job and really loved eating them as well as making them!

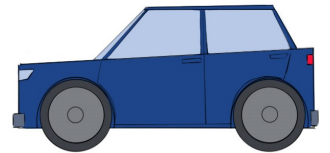
Rabbi Harari, Ms. Dieckman, Ms. Macey, and Ms. Fefferman

(No class December 19, 22, 23, 26, 29, 30)



# W

e are exploring the possibility of offering rides to and from services and want to hear from you if you're willing to be a driver! Please either call Diedre or email her. 708-799-4110, [office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org](mailto:office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org).



**Our Ad Book & Directory has arrived! Please come to Shir Tikvah to pick up your copy at your convenience.**

#### Corrections to directory:

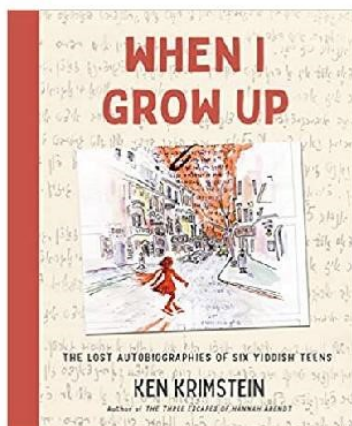
Susan Bayer's email is [sbayer41@gmail.com](mailto:sbayer41@gmail.com)

Jean Gilbert's new address: 6301 Lincoln Highway, Apt. 115, Matteson, IL 60443.

If you spot an error please let Diedre know so she can correct it and let others know.







Ken Krimstein will speak at Shir Tikvah  
on Sunday morning, December 5<sup>th</sup> at  
11:30 AM about his new graphic  
nonfiction book  
*When I Grow Up: The Lost  
Autobiographies of Six Yiddish  
Teenagers*

*When I Grow Up* is based on six out of hundreds of newly discovered, never-before-published autobiographies of Eastern European Jewish teens on the brink of WWII-found in 2017 hidden in a Lithuanian church cellar. These autobiographies, long thought destroyed by the Nazis, were written as entries for three competitions held in Eastern Europe in the 1930s, just before the horror of the Holocaust forever altered the lives of the young people who wrote them.

*When I Grow Up* shows us the stories of these six young men and women in riveting,

almost cinematic narratives, full of humor, yearning, ambition, and all the angst of the teenage years.

Ken Krimstein has published cartoons in the New Yorker, Barron's, The Harvard Business Review, Prospect Magazine, Punch, The National Lampoon, the Wall Street Journal, Narrative Magazine, and three of S. Gross's cartoon anthologies. He teaches at De Paul University and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and is an advertising creative director.

Please register for this program [HERE](#)



1424 183<sup>rd</sup> Street, Homewood, IL 60430

708-799-4110 . [www.shir-tikvah-homewood.org](http://www.shir-tikvah-homewood.org)

email: [office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org](mailto:office@shir-tikvah-homewood.org)

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





**By popular demand, we're meeting again!**

**Come join our knitting (crochet, needlepoint) circle where we can make new friends, catch up with each other, share tips, and learn new needle-work skills while stitching up hats, scarves or squares to build a blanket to make a difference for people in need. If you're in the midst of a project, feel free to bring that and work on it with the group.**

**We plan to make 8 x 8 squares if you want, or receive a pattern to make preemie baby hats.**

**Join us:**

**Wednesday, 12/8 at 2pm in person at Shir Tikvah**

**Completed projects will be donated to our JUF TOV Nourish our Neighborhood program**

**For more details: [amybloomberg@juf.org](mailto:amybloomberg@juf.org) or [iuhmann@jccchicago.org](mailto:iuhmann@jccchicago.org)**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1  Ritual Meeting 7:15PM	2  Adv. Hebrew School 4:30PM Yahrzeit Minyan 7:00PM	3  Shabbat Evening Service 7:30PM 4:02p 	4  Reform Service 10:15AM Grande Prairie Singers Concert 5:10p 
5  Sunday School 10AM Nourish 10:30AM Mini-Grant 11:30AM 5:10p 	6 Board 8PM	7 Shalom Over 50s 11AM-2PM	8 JUF Knit/Crochet 2PM  Hebrew School 4:30PM	9 Adv. Hebrew School 4:30PM	10 Shabbat Evening Service 7:30PM 4:14p 	11 Conservative Service 9:45AM  Jewish Music on Zoom from JJC 7PM
12 Sunday School 10AM	13 WoST Board 10:30AM  Mini-Grant Tal Schneider at JJC 7PM	14 Shalom Over 50s 11AM-2PM	15 Hebrew School 4:30PM	16 Adv. Hebrew School 4:30PM	17 Shabbat Evening Service 7:30PM 4:08p 	18 Reform Service 10:15AM
19	20	21 Shalom Over 50s 11AM-2PM	22	23	24 Office Closed  Shabbat Evening Service 7:30PM 4:04p 	25 Conservative Service 9:45AM
26	27	28 Shalom Over 50s 11AM-2PM	29	30	31 Office Closed	