

A silver menorah with nine lit blue candles is the central focus of the cover. The menorah is made of polished silver and has a traditional design with a central stem and four curved arms on each side. The candles are blue with white wicks and are all lit, casting a warm glow. The menorah sits on a wooden surface, and the background is a soft-focus indoor setting with a window and a plant.

# THE TIFERETH ISRAEL FORUM

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# Anniversary Shabbat

9:30 am  
November 21 & December 19

Each month, congregants celebrating a wedding anniversary are invited to share a special aliyah during Shabbat morning services.

## Milestone Anniversaries

November	
Jack & Judy Yalowich	30 years

December	
Gerry & Barb Cohen	60 years
Jerry & Debby Yarov	50 years
Yuriy & Helen Kushnir	45 years
Jackie & Cheryl Jacobs	35 years
Jim & Nancy Wasserstrom	20 years

# SHABBAT WARM UP

SATURDAYS @ 9:00 AM

Zoom Link  
Meeting ID: 628202612  
Password: tifereth

1st & 3rd Shabbat  
Mah Chadash:  
What's News in Israel

2nd & 4th Shabbat  
Torah Talks

## Service Times

Tifereth Israel continues to use **Zoom** as its primary method of remaining connected as a community.

Sunday Morning	9:00 am
<b>Zoom Link</b> /Meeting ID: 777187544/Password: tifereth	
Sunday Evening	<b>new time</b> 5:00 pm
<b>Zoom Link</b> /Meeting ID: 744444213/Password: tifereth	
Monday-Friday Morning	7:30 am
<b>Zoom Link</b> /Meeting ID: 678807396/Password: tifereth	
Monday-Thursday Evening	5:30 pm
<b>Zoom Link</b> /Meeting ID: 744444213/Password: tifereth	
<b>Friday Evening - Kabbalat Shabbat</b>	<b>new time</b> 5:30 pm
<b>Zoom Link</b> /Meeting ID: 416257518/Password: tifereth	
<b>Shabbat Morning Services</b>	9:30 am
<b>Zoom Link</b> /Meeting ID: 628202612/Password: tifereth	

## Shabbat Times

<b>Vayera/Veterans' Day Shabbat</b>	<b>November 6-7/20 Cheshvan</b>
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	5:05 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	6:05 pm
<b>Chayei Sarah</b>	<b>November 13-14/27 Cheshvan</b>
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	4:59 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:59 pm
<b>Toldot</b>	<b>November 20-21/5 Kislev</b>
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	4:54 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:54 pm
<b>Vayetze</b>	<b>November 27-28/12 Kislev</b>
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	4:50 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:50 pm
<b>Vayishlach</b>	<b>December 4-5/19 Kislev</b>
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	4:48 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:48 pm
<b>Vayeshev/Shabbat Chanukah</b>	<b>December 11-12/26 Kislev</b>
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	4:49 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:49 pm
<b>Miketz</b>	<b>December 18-19/4 Tevet</b>
Shabbat Begins/Light Candles	4:51 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:51 pm
<b>Vayigash</b>	<b>December 25-26/11 Tevet</b>
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting	4:54 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:54 pm

## Rosh Chodesh

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 17/1 Kislev</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 16/1 Tevet</b>
Morning Minyan	7:20 am
Evening Minyan	5:30 pm

## Chanukah Morning Minyan

<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 11/25 Kislev</b>
<b>Monday-Friday</b>	<b>December 14-18/28 Kislev-3 Tevet</b>
Morning Minyan	7:20 am

## B'nei Mitzvah

**Camryn Zidel** will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, November 7, 2020. Camryn is the daughter of Katrina and Eric Zidel, the sister of Maya Zidel, and the granddaughter of Dan and Greta Zidel, R.K. Levy, Beverly Sokol, and the late Sally Levy.



Camryn is in 7th grade at Bexley Middle School and attended the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. She received her Bat Mitzvah instruction from Cantor Jack Chomsky and Dr. Jerry Benis. Camryn is a member of the Bexley Middle School tennis team and is passionate about baking and cooking.

The Zidels cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them via Zoom. In lieu of flowers for the bimah, a contribution is being made to "In Christy's Shoes" in honor of Camryn.

**Noah Grischkan** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 14, 2020. Noah is the son of Jennifer and Jonathan Grischkan, the brother of Kate Grischkan, and the grandson of Richard and Nancy Slate and Gloria and Michael Grischkan.



Noah is a 7th grade student at Bexley Middle School and attends the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. He received his Bar Mitzvah instruction from Cantor Jack Chomsky. Noah also plays hockey with the Easton Youth Hockey Association and is an active participant behind the scenes in his school's theatre arts program.

The Grischkans cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them via Zoom.

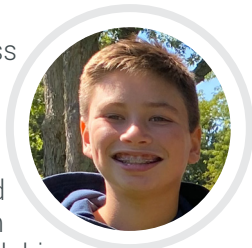
**Joseph Bertram Gurwin** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, November 21, 2020. Joey is the son of Pam and Scott Gurwin, the brother of Michael Gurwin, and the grandson of Stephanie and Preston Gurwin and Judie Swedlow and Gerry Swedlow z"l.



Joey is an 8th grade student at Columbus Academy and attended the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. He received his Bar Mitzvah instruction from Cantor Jack Chomsky and his mother. Joey likes to play baseball, football, and basketball.

In lieu of flowers, the Gurwins made a donation to Tifereth Israel in honor of Cantor Jack Chomsky's 38 years of service. The Gurwins invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them via Zoom.

**Lolan Reiss** will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on November 21, 2020. Lolan is the son of Adam and Shara Reiss and the grandson of Bruce and Pam Silberman and Sam and Debbie Reiss.



Lolan is a 7th grade student at Bexley Middle School and attended the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. He received his Bar Mitzvah instruction from Cantor Jack Chomsky. Lolan also loves basketball, watching sports, and spending time with his friends.

In lieu of flowers for the bimah, a donation has been made to Children's Hospital in honor of Lolan Reiss.

# Mazal tov!

## Births



To proud grandparents Carol & Stephen Handler, parents Julie & Dan Winick, and big brother Jordan on the birth of Andrew Winick.

Andrew

To proud parents Sarah & Alex Gardner, grandparents Lynn Gardner, Lisa Meshenberg, and Fred Binstock on the birth of Solomon Gardner.



Solomon



To proud parents Amy & Matthew Brill, big sisters Miriam & Ruby, grandmother Ethel Wolff, aunt and uncle Beth & Brad Nacht, and cousins Marc, Evie and Lucy Nacht on the birth of David Eli Brill.

David

## B'nei Mitzvah

To Amy & Jason Judd, on the occasion of their daughter, Sigal, becoming a bat mitzvah on Saturday, October 17.

To April & Kyle Katz, on the occasion of their daughter, Scarlett, becoming a bat mitzvah on Saturday, October 24.



# Reflecting on the holidays and moving forward

Rabbi Alex Braver | [abraver@tiferethisrael.org](mailto:abraver@tiferethisrael.org)

I can still remember what it was like when the COVID-19 pandemic began last spring... What seemed like a distant news story emerged as a looming threat and then very quickly transformed into an immediate reality. Synagogue staff and volunteers scrambled into action, transforming the very real bonds of our community into virtual connections, tethering us to one another through Zoom services and classes, not to mention phone calls and other in-person volunteering opportunities. Our sha'at ha-dahak, our moment of emergency, became an extended reality, and changes we expected to live with for only a few weeks became our lived reality for months now.

The High Holidays were our first real test at designing an experience for the coronavirus era from the ground up. It's hard to understate how jarring it was for us as clergy to stand on the bima, appropriately masked and distanced, looking out on the sanctuary with a capacity for 500 people but populated by a scattered dozen congregants... and in the back of the room, three large cameras, and a table full of computers and other video equipment. For us on the bima, though, if we squinted our eyes a bit, it almost felt like returning back to our normal High Holiday experience.

We've been incredibly touched to hear from many of you at home that you felt similarly — that not only did the technology work (for the most part) as planned, but that you could feel our *kavannah* (spiritual intention and focus) through the internet and screens, reaching your homes and your hearts. It was powerful, too, to hear that so many of you were still able to plug into the true meaning of this sacred time: that we all, always,

contain within us the possibility for transformation and change, and that our better selves are always within reach if we act, pray, and behave with generosity of spirit.

It would have literally been impossible for us to do this spiritual work without the lay leaders, office and facilities staff, and production team members that worked for months to create the structure for these holidays. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you... and, let's never do it this way again, please!

As we move into 5781, we have so many other experiences designed from the ground up for our pandemic reality, however long it lasts.

Our Religious School and Hebrew High have pivoted toward online learning, with opportunities for full-class and smaller-group learning experiences. We're also using a brand-new, specially designed curriculum that explores how Jewish values can help guide us through this challenging time.

Our Jewish learning is back and better than ever, with opportunities to gather virtually morning, noon, and night. Check our new monthly Asking Deeper Questions: Judaism 201 class, our Wednesday morning parsha study, or one of our long-running morning classes taught by Rabbi Skolnik, Rabbi Berman, and me. The only downside this year is that Lunch & Learn and Dinner, Drinks & Drash are BYO Lunch and Dinner!

Our shul continues to be full of life, learning, and even joy in the midst of "all this." We hope you'll continue to feel connected in the coming months.



# Being Together

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For everything there is a season. But, sometimes, it is just not the right time.

I am sure most members of Tifereth Israel are well aware that talks between our congregation and Agudas Achim have been under way since January of this year concerning the possibility of the merger of the two egalitarian, traditional congregations. Three Congregation Tifereth Israel members and three Agudas Achim members were appointed as a joint committee to explore and evaluate the process. The three CTI members, Karl Rubin, Arnie Good, and Nancy Gurwin, worked diligently on behalf of our shul and deserve our thanks.

Unfortunately, we have reached the point that it has become apparent that the best interests of both shuls would not be served by continuing the process at this time. A failure to agree on the list of issues that had to be resolved to enable negotiations to go forward created an obstacle that proved too difficult to overcome. Agudas Achim has hired an interim-rabbi as they continue their search for a permanent rabbi to fill the vacancy that was the initial impetus to examine the merger idea.

I do not mean to infer that the possibility of the merger is gone

forever. The time may well come, sooner or later, when it will be possible to go forward and renew merger efforts. In the meantime, we will strive to ensure that the Conservative movement continues to thrive in Central Ohio.

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I wanted to share some information about our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services that I found interesting and exciting. Notwithstanding that only a very few congregants could be physically present during services, the level of participation was higher than I expected. On Rosh Hashanah we had 667 unique live stream viewers on the first day and 388 on the second. There were 701 viewers for Kol Nidre and 852 on Yom Kippur day. There were an additional 624 views on YouTube. Rabbi Skolnik, Rabbi Braver, Cantor Chomsky, and all others who were involved in planning and making the services happen are deserving of our deepest gratitude.

We can all be proud of Congregation Tifereth Israel's creativity and success in dealing with these strange times.



# In Memoriam

**Daniel Wagner**, father of Warren (Shari) Wagner, Stephanie (Bill) Tuthill, Carolyn Sigall (Juvenal Diaz) and Rosalie (Clark) Harrison

**Julius Goldstein**, husband of Shirley Masser Goldstein

**Arnold David Rubin**, father of Karl Rubin (Sharon Simon), Nancy (Bruce) Bailey and Judson (Linda) Rubin; grandfather of Jacob Rubin, Rachel Slayton, Joshua, Benjamin and Leah Bailey and Allison and Shannon Rubin

**Solbert Green**, father of Ellen Green, Jody (Gary) Greenwald and Lisa Green (Ted Moulinier)

**Howard Pavlofsky**, husband of Kathy Pavlofsky; brother of Marlene (David) Miller, Gary (Lisa) Pavlofsky, and Ervin (Wendi) Pavlofsky; father of Veronica Pavlofsky, Ashley (Eric) Munoz, Cori Pavlofsky, Victoria Hayes, Erika Hayes, and Andrew (Elisabeth) Pavlofsky

**Jules Joseph Duga**, husband of Cyril Z. Duga; father of Terri (Joel) Ghitman and Jan Z. Duga; grandfather of Abigail Ghitman and Michelle Ghitman

**Henry Walens**, Father of Judith (Ed Webber) Walens-Webber, Sanford (Norma) Walens and Stanley (Stephani) Walens.



## BOKER TOV ZOOM

Sunday Mornings  
November 1 & December 6

11:30 am - 12:00 pm

## LAILA TOV ZOOM

a new Friday night Shabbat experience for preschool-aged kids and their grown-ups

Friday Nights  
November 20 & December 18

5:45 - 6:15 pm

Sing & dance with Todah!  
[Zoom Link](#)  
Meeting ID: 85120064830  
Password: tifereth



# VETERANS' SHABBAT

All veterans are invited to join us for Zoom services for an aliyah on Saturday, **November 7 @ 9:30 am.**

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 628202612

Password: tifereth

Help us honor our veterans! If you are a veteran or know a veteran, please email Rebecca at [rhaimowitz@tiferethisrael.org](mailto:rhaimowitz@tiferethisrael.org) to ensure we can reach out to all of them.

"I WILL GO HOME, EAT, DRINK AND BE AT PEACE WITH MYSELF."

BABYLONIAN TALMUD TAANIT, 11A



Join Congregation Tifereth Israel's Rodef Shalom Tzedek (Justice Seekers) Network in repairing suffering in our community. Check out B.R.E.A.D.'s Roadmap for Real Change Now - B.R.E.A.D.'s response to systemic racism and economic injustice in Columbus [[click here](#)]. Attend B.R.E.A.D.'s Annual Assembly on Zoom on November 9.

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## Why I love Tifereth Israel

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When our family moved to Columbus from Alabama fifteen years ago, it was almost a certainty that we would join Tifereth Israel. Stuart and I had been members of a Conservative synagogue in Birmingham, so we were looking for a traditional, egalitarian shul with a robust youth program for our three children and a well-rounded assortment of activities for us. Tifereth fit the bill – it had what we required.

What we didn't realize at the time was that this large, long-established, seemingly conventional congregation was bursting with vitality, creativity, and people who were willing to make things happen. The output of effort towards initiating new programs, enlivening standard practices, and pushing the envelope went way beyond what we expected. For example:

- Most shuls offer a few adult education classes a year, or just a once-a-year scholar. But Tifereth has some kind of Jewish learning going every day, plus multiple guest speakers annually. The programs have changed over time, but the number and breadth of offerings is as high as ever – and there is so much to choose from.

- Most synagogues present a cultural program periodically. Tifereth makes music and performance a central attraction – not just by bringing in guest artists, but by featuring our own talented composers and singers in services and concerts, as well as a

professionally-produced, and often congregant-written, Purim spiel.

- Many congregations set up alternative services at the high holidays. Tifereth has offered an array of creative Shabbat alternatives throughout the year for as long as we've been here: Service of the Spirit, Minyan Chadash, Musical Kabbalat Shabbat, and the special Learners' Minyan developed by members of our Men's Club. Not to mention a variety of children's services that run 12 months – not just September to May.

- Conservative synagogues usually have a social action committee, but how many take the initiative to reach across an entire city and help build an interfaith social justice organization like B.R.E.A.D? The fact that the network continues to grow and have a positive impact after decades of operating at the grass-roots level is a testament to the dedication of our active clergy and congregants.

What's in the air at Tifereth? No doubt we have and have had creative clergy and synagogue professionals. Certainly there are Tifereth lifers and active newer members who step up to the plate, to run programs, and volunteer. There is a unique spirit of willingness to try new things and energy to see them through that makes Tifereth an especially vibrant and dynamic community.

## Office Closings

### November

Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 – Thanksgiving

### December

Thursday, December 24 @ 1:00 pm – Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Thursday, December 31 @ 1:00 pm – New Year's Eve

Friday, January 1 – New Year's Day

## Meals on Wheels Holiday Volunteering

Share in the mitzvah of helping others and deliver a meal to a person or family in need on Thanksgiving and/or Christmas Day. Space is limited and spots fill up quickly. Training will be done remotely. To sign up, email Rebecca at [rhaimowitz@tiferethisrael.org](mailto:rhaimowitz@tiferethisrael.org). Please specify which day(s) you would like to deliver.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2020  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020

## CHANUKAH UNDER THE STARS

December 12 6:15 – 7:00 pm

Tifereth Israel parking lot

Join us for havdalah, chanukiyah lighting, hot chocolate and a special night sky activity as we celebrate under the stars!



# Jewish Learning

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

All classes are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted



### PEREK YOMI

Tuesdays with Rabbi Skolnik  
9:00 - 10:00 am

Explore a new section of the Hebrew Bible each week, beginning with "In the beginning" and moving onward from there! Drop in for a few sessions, or make it a regular part of your week!

[Zoom Link](#)



### RABBIS' STUDY CIRCLE

Wednesdays with Rabbis Skolnik & Braver  
9:30 - 10:30 am

Session 1: October 14 - November 18  
*The Heart of Torah: Essays on the Weekly Parsha, by Rabbi Shai Held*

Session 2: February 3 - March 10  
*Tales of the Rabbis: Stories from the Talmud*

Session 3: May 5 - June 9  
*On Conservative Judaism*

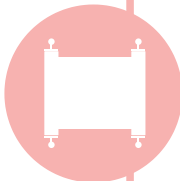
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### SISTERHOOD SHORT STORY GROUP

Wednesdays with Fran Duchene, Marilyn Fais, Helen Miller and Lola Steinhart  
10:30 - 11:30 am

Please join our lively discussions of intriguing stories that engage and entertain.  
Session dates same as above.

[Zoom Link](#)



### RASHI+: WEEKLY TORAH STUDY

Thursdays with Rabbi Berman  
8:30 - 9:30 am

Through careful reading and lively discussion, come study the classic commentary of Rashi (Rabbi Shlomo ben Yitzchak) and other Medieval Torah commentators. Knowledge of Hebrew is not necessary. New students are always welcome.

[Zoom Link](#)

### FRIDAY BOOK GROUP

Fridays with Rabbi Braver  
8:15 - 9:15 am

On November 20, we'll be finishing our study of Marc Brettler's *How to Read the Jewish Bible*.

Beginning December 4, we'll begin Roger Kamenetz's *The Jew in the Lotus: A Poet's Rediscovery of Jewish Identity in Buddhist India*

[Zoom Link](#)

### WELCOMING SHABBAT MINDFULNESS

Fridays with Beth Brown  
3:00 - 3:30 pm

Explore meditation techniques from a Jewish perspective. Ease ourselves away from the stresses of the week. All are welcome.

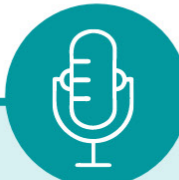
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How much better to acquire wisdom than gold! To acquire understanding is preferable to silver.  
Proverbs 16:16

# Winter 5781

## FEATURED PROGRAMS



### DINNER DRINKS & DRASH

1st & 3rd Tuesdays with Rabbis Skolnik & Braver, and guest teachers  
6:30 pm

Join our rabbis and guest teachers from across Columbus (and beyond) for nights of learning and discussion.

November 17 with Rabbi Skolnik  
*Making Meaning of the New Month: Rosh Chodesh in Liturgy and Tradition*

December 1 with Rabbi Braver:  
*Etz Hayyim Hi: The Torah Service in Depth*

December 15 with Dr. Ted Borkan, Clinical Psychologist:  
*Discovering the Torah's Encrypted Parenting Lessons*

January 5 with Tifereth Israel Clergy  
Topic TBD

January 19 with Dr. Krista Dalton, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Kenyon College  
*Rewritten Bible as "Fan Fiction" in the Dead Sea Scrolls*

Interested in sponsoring a night of learning in honor or memory of a loved one? Contact [Rabbi Braver](#).

[Zoom Link](#)



### SIDDUR & TORAH TROPE TUTORIAL

2nd and 4th Sundays with Jerry Benis  
10:00 - 11:00 am

Learn how to lead parts of the Shabbat morning service and chant Torah trope, or refresh your memory. Basic Hebrew reading skills required.

RSVP to [jerrybenis@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrybenis@yahoo.com).

[Zoom Link](#)

### LUNCH & LEARN

2nd & 4th Wednesdays with Rabbis Skolnik & Braver, and guest teachers  
12:00 - 1:00 pm

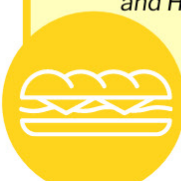
Study and discussion over lunch, with our rabbis and guest teachers.

November 11 with Rabbi Skolnik  
*Lessons to Learn from the Election*

December 9 with Michal Avera-Samuel, Columbus Community Israeli Shlichah  
*Journey to Jerusalem*

December 23 with Rabbi Braver  
*Why Should I Give Tzedakah... and How Much?*

[Zoom Link](#)



### ISRAEL DISCUSSION GROUP

2nd Saturdays with Rob Cohen  
approx. 12:15 pm after services

Discuss the latest in Israel news with a lay-led discussion about recent events.

[Zoom Link](#)



קנה חכמה מה טוב מחרוץ וקנות בינה נבחר מקסף:  
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Tifereth Israel is proud to be part of the Life & Legacy Program of JewishColumbus. If you'd like to learn more about planned giving and how you can build your own legacy, we'd love to talk with you. Please join us!

Please reach out to Laura Moskow Sigal at [lsigal@tiferethisrael.org](mailto:lsigal@tiferethisrael.org) or at 614-928-3269.

## The Year to Come

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Interim Executive Director

The ability to combine your passion with your profession is rare these days. When you're lucky enough to have both, it's a blessing. Working at Tifereth Israel these past three months has truly been a blessing.

As a TI member for the past 22 years, I've often wondered how the clergy and staff work together, what they do on a daily basis, and how my dues are spent. Seeing the impact that our clergy have on our members has been an eye opener and I can now say that I know the answers to those questions. In the midst of the pandemic, I now understand what they've had to do to pivot to everything new.

In this new year, I hope we have a chance to reassess what's important to us. My goals as the interim executive director are to bring my non-profit expertise to TI, reduce expenses, increase revenue, and bring staff and congregants together around a shared

mission. That, and figure out how to cover the expenses of a 100-year-old building that seems to have a mind of its own. I won't ask you for a donation to the building fund, but I can tell you that leaky roofs and broken water pipes do not fix themselves.

P.S. I'm writing this on the day after our first virtual Spotlight. It occurred to me that things will be changing again. Cantor Chomsky is leaving us. All the b'nei mitzvah students will be working with someone else. We will no longer hear his voice on Shabbat. He won't be stopping into my office to say hi and chat about Fenway, his cat, or what cell phone might work in Israel. I bid and won a "Jackdaica" item on the TI online auction. It will be a way for me to remember that although "times they are a changing," some will remain the same.



## MEETINGS & BRUNCHES

Sunday, November 1 at 11:00 am

[Zoom Link](#) / Meeting ID: 864 3937 3452 / Password: 533260

Zoom brunch co-sponsored with Men's Club. Speaker Margie Miller presents "Coping with the Challenges of Life." She is a 9/11 widow, and the immediate Past President of Women's League of Conservative Judaism. Margie will share her story of love, loss, and leadership, as well as inspire us.



Margie has served as a vice president of Mercaz, a board member of JTS, Ziegler and American Friends of Neve Hanna. Previously she was the President of South Shore Long Island/Island Brooklyn Region, a Women's League consultant, former Lead Trainer at 22 WLCJ Leadership Institutes and the WL Convention 2014 Chair.

**General Meetings: all are welcome and encouraged to attend in-person or via ZOOM. Second Sunday @ 7:00 pm**

November 15	March 14
December 13	April 11
January 10	May 9
February 14	*May 11 Annual Meeting

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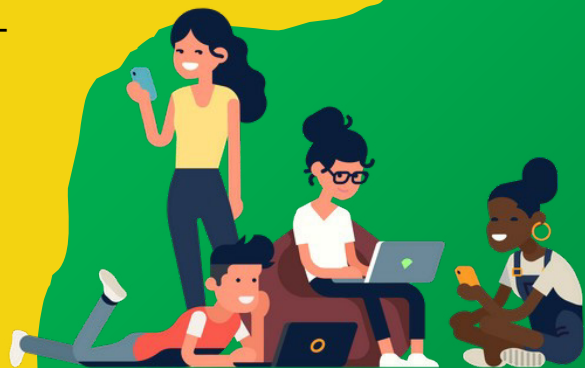
- Explore how to celebrate during a pandemic; navigate expectations from friends and family; find Jewish meaning in their bar/bat mitzvah; manage being the center of attention on this special day.
- Meet with your peers (during Sunday class) and with parents (on November 15, 2020 and January 31, 2021 at 7:00 pm)

Check out @13, Moving Traditions' podcast!

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Questions?  
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### SEEING OUR FAITH THROUGH OTHERS' EYES: JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE IN DIALOGUE

**Scholar in (Virtual) Residence  
Marc Brettler. Ph.D.**

Tuesday, January 12  
**The Book of Psalms @ 9:00 am**

Saturday, January 23  
**Is the Bible "True"? - Dvar Torah during Shabbat morning services @ approx. 11:30 am**  
**What Does the Bible Teach About Justice? - Shabbat morning teaching @ 12:30 pm**

Sunday, January 24  
**Why and How Should Jews Read Christian Scriptures? - Sermon during First Congregational Church Zoom services, which begin @ 11:00 am. All are welcome.**  
**What About the Messiah? - Lecture and discussion @ 12:30 pm**

Marc Brettler is the Bernice and Morton Lerner Distinguished Professor of Jewish Studies in the Department of Religious Studies at Duke University. The Dora Golding Professor of Biblical Studies Emeritus and former chair of the Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies at Brandeis University. He has also taught at Yale University, Brown University, Wellesley College, and Middlebury College. A graduate of Brandeis University, he has published and lectured widely on metaphor and the Bible, the nature of biblical historical texts, and gender issues and the Bible. He's co-edited and written the *Jewish Study Bible*, *The Jewish Annotated New Testament*, *The Bible With and Without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently*, and more.

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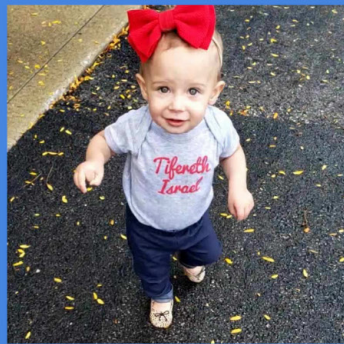
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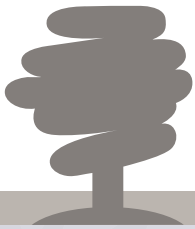


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