

# THE TIFERETH ISRAEL FORUM

November / December 2021  
Cheshvan / Kislev / Tevet 5782



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# SHABBAT WARM UP SATURDAYS @ 9:00 AM

## 1st Shabbat Mah Chadash: What's News in Israel

## 2nd, 3rd & 4th Shabbat Torah Talks



9:30 am

November 20 & December 18

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

## Milestone Anniversaries

### November

Stephen & Andrea Britcher	5 years
Hallie & Matt Raskin	10 years
Jackie & Dan Marowitz	35 years
Martha & Mark Rosenson	35 years

### December

Beverly Weston & Ronald Blank	5 years
Susan & Michael Podell	35 years
Joyce & Joel Levenson	55 years
Fran & Reid Wasserstrom	55 years

## Service Times

Livestream will be [available here](#) on a daily basis. All services are in the Sanctuary and livestreamed unless otherwise noted. Please read our Staying Connected weekly email on Thursday afternoons for more information.

Sunday Morning Minyan (Zoom only)	9:00 am
<a href="#">Zoom Link</a> / Meeting ID: 744444213 / Password: tifereth	
Sunday Evening Minyan (Zoom only)	5:30 pm
<a href="#">Zoom Link</a> / Meeting ID: 744444213 / Password: tifereth	
Weekday Morning Minyan	7:30 am
Weekday Evening Minyan (Monday-Thursday)	5:30 pm
Friday Evening Minyan & Kabbalat Shabbat	6:00 pm
<b>Will begin at 5:30 pm starting November 12</b>	
Saturday Morning Shabbat Services	9:30 am

## Shabbat Times

<b>Toldot</b>	<b>November 5-6 / 2 Kislev</b>
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting	6:06 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	7:06 pm
<b>Vayetze / Veterans' Shabbat</b>	<b>November 12-13 / 9 Kislev</b>
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting	5:00 pm
<b>Special aliyah &amp; blessing for the veterans in our community</b>	
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:59 pm
<b>Vayishlah</b>	<b>November 19-20 / 16 Kislev</b>
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting	4:54 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:54 pm
<b>Vayeshev</b>	<b>November 26-27 / 23 Kislev</b>
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting	4:51 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:51 pm
<b>Miketz / Rosh Chodesh Tevet</b>	<b>December 3-4 / 30 Kislev</b>
<b>Shabbat Chanukah</b>	
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting	4:49 pm
<b>No Shabbat Warmup</b>	<b>Services begin at 9:00 am</b>
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:49 pm
<b>Vayigash</b>	<b>December 10-11 / 7 Tevet</b>
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting	4:48 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:49 pm
<b>Vayehi</b>	<b>December 17-18 / 14 Tevet</b>
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting	4:50 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:51 pm
<b>Shemot</b>	<b>December 24-25 / 21 Tevet</b>
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting	4:54 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	5:55 pm
<b>Vaera</b>	<b>December 31-January 1 / 28 Tevet</b>
Shabbat Begins/Candle Lighting	4:59 pm
Shabbat Ends/Havdalah	6:00 pm



## B'nei Mitzvah

**Addison Rose Griffith and Billy David Griffith** will be called to the Torah as B'nei Mitzvah on Saturday, November 20, 2021. Addison and Billy are the children of Brian & Hilary Griffith and the grandchildren of Jim & Karen Griffith and Billy, z"l & Rhoda Linder, z"l.



Addison and Billy are 7th grade students at Columbus Academy and attend the Samuel M. Melton Religious School. They received their b'nei mitzvah instruction from Pam Gurwin, Rabbi Braver, and Rabbi Skolnik. Addison's interests include field hockey, writing, architecture, water parks, and roller coasters. Billy's interests include basketball, lacrosse, chocolate, water parks, and roller coasters.

Brian & Hilary Griffith cordially invite relatives, friends, and members of the congregation to worship with them and join them on this happy occasion for a nosh in honor of Addison and Billy at the conclusion of services. In lieu of flowers for the bimah, a donation has been made to Broad Street Food Pantry in memory of Billy & Rhoda Linder.

## In Memoriam

Jayne Seward Gelfer, mother of Diann (Larry) Gordon  
Lynn Friedman, wife of Avner Friedman  
Cyril Duga, mother of Terri (Joel) Ghitman; grandmother of Michelle and Abigail Ghitman  
Margot Marx, mother of Marilyn Marx  
Eleanor Naphtali Weiser, mother of Adam (Laura) Weiser and Kalman (Sharon) Weiser; sister of Arlyne (Marvin) Snyder and Vivian (Mark) Greenberg; grandmother of Aden and Ethan Weiser, and Orly and Talia Weiser.

## Office Closings / Minyan Times

Thursday, November 25 – Thanksgiving (morning minyan @ 9:00 am)  
Friday, November 26 – Day after Thanksgiving (morning minyan @ 9:00 am)  
Friday, December 24 – Christmas Legal Holiday (morning minyan @ 9:00 am)  
Friday, December 31 – New Year's Legal Holiday (morning minyan @ 9:00 am)

## Rosh Chodesh

### Friday

Morning Minyan  
Evening Minyan

### Saturday

Morning Minyan  
Evening Minyan

### Sunday

Morning Minyan (in-person & livestream)  
Evening Minyan (Zoom only)

### November 5 / 1 Kislev

7:20 am  
6:00 pm

### December 4 / 30 Kislev

9:00 am  
5:30 pm

### December 5 / 1 Tevet

9:00 am  
5:30 pm

### TIFERETH ISRAEL CAMP FAIR

Sunday, November 14 @ 12:00 - 1:00 pm  
Tifereth Israel Atrium

Camp Wise, Camp Livingston, Emma Kaufmann Camp, JewishColumbus / One Happy Camper

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS!



## Births

to parents Kenny & Lauren Werman;  
grandparents Howie & Gwen Werman  
and Michael & Linda Shubert and thrilled  
big brothers, Ethan & Eli, on the birth  
of Max Cooper Werman.



to parents  
Andrea & Alex Kain;  
grandparents  
Stacy & Lee Rosenthal;  
and big brother  
Harvey Francis on  
the birth of  
Margo Rae Kain.

to parents Samara & Seth Preisler;  
grandparents Sheila & Lou Chodosh  
and Hedy & Mordechai Preisler; great  
grandparents Helen & Albert Chodosh  
and Olga Simon on the birth of  
Sloan Isabelle Preisler.

## Engagement

to Dan & Amy Conison and Terri Conison on  
the engagement of their daughter and  
granddaughter Megan Conison to  
Ben Gersten. Mazal Tov to Ben's parents  
Steve & Sandy Gersten and to his  
grandparents Barbara & Louis Moss  
and Mazal Tov to Megan's maternal  
grandparents Donald & Harriet Gersman.

## B'nei Mitzvah

to parents Geneva & Steven Ringel;  
siblings Brett and Seth; and  
grandparents Chet & Phyllis Ringel and  
Michael & Debbie Serrer on the  
occasion of Chloe and Jacklyn  
becoming B'not Mitzvah on Sunday,  
September 26, 2021.

to parents Chen-Li & Albert Levy,  
sister Hamutal, and grandparents  
Caroline & Victor Levy, Zilla Loon, and  
Joseph Loon, z"l on the occasion of  
Gabe becoming a Bar Mitzvah on  
Saturday, October 2, 2021.



New Time!

# BOKER TOV

Come sing, dance, and be silly with us on Shabbat mornings!

**Saturday Morning**  
Nov. 6 & Dec. 4

**11:00 - 11:30 am**

**in-person @ Tifereth Israel!**

## SHABBAT FAMILY SERVICE

Second Shabbat of every month:

**November 13 & December 11**  
11:00 am - 12:00 pm in the pit

# Things Are Looking Up

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

"Well, last year you only had two dozen people in the sanctuary," someone told me over the course of the High Holidays. "This year you had 100 ... so things are looking up!"

Task Force, who made incredibly difficult, time-sensitive decisions with wisdom and humility.

And then of course, there's the entire congregation who trusted in our communal leadership to safely and meaningfully guide us all through this sacred journey ... and who were willing to read through dozens of emails with updated sign-up procedures!

What a privilege it is, as a rabbi, to lead these services — to be on the bima representing a process that takes dozens of people months to put together, and to fully trust that all the logistics have created a solid foundation for our spiritual work to be most effective. Thank you.

And then, the rest of the year begins. Our Judaism 101 and 201 classes have launched for the year, along with new editions of Dinner, Drinks, & Drash and Lunch & Learn, as well as the return of our weekly classes and study groups. Religious School is back in session (and back in person!), bringing joyous Jewish learning into the building each week. We look toward Chanukah celebrations together and with our families. The rhythms of the year begin again ... and even if we're still not entirely past the pandemic, at least things are "looking up."

## Sisterhood Gift Shop Pop-up

The Tifereth Israel Gift Shop and other vendors will be selling Chanukah decorations and other gifts. Send your children to Religious School with money so they can do their own shopping. Parents and congregation are welcome to shop as well. We hope to see you there! Masks required.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Tifereth Israel Sisterhood

# Friends, Family, and Minyan

Karl Rubin, President | [karlrubin12@gmail.com](mailto:karlrubin12@gmail.com)

A long time ago, before the pandemic, there were a handful of people I knew that used to talk about Congregation Tifereth Israel as being too big, impersonal, and not very welcoming. Although I didn't agree with them, as that was not my experience, I did understand what they were saying. If you were not from Columbus and with deep roots at Tifereth Israel, there was a chance that you might feel overwhelmed with all the majesty of the large main sanctuary, the history of many families' multi-generational involvement with the shul, and at least at that time, hundreds of people all gathered together.

Shortly after that, a little over five years ago on a sunny afternoon in May, my mom passed away in a hospital in Cleveland. Needless to say, I was devastated. Although my mom was in her 80s and had struggled with health issues much of her life, it was still a shock, a blow, a loss and incredibly scary to think about life without my mom. And while I have some extended family, I don't have a large family and I really didn't have anyone in Columbus to grieve with other than my wife and son, who were both incredibly supportive. And so I began to go to Shacharit services most mornings and say kaddish for my mom. This was a very different experience than being in the main sanctuary for Shabbat. It was obviously much smaller, more intimate, and each person made an effort to get to know me.

At first, it felt a little awkward as there were a number of people who I didn't know and while the services, were similar to the Shabbat services, they felt different, too. I also was not particularly fond of getting up an hour earlier, go to services and then go to my office, but over time I grew accustomed to the new routine and in a relatively short period of time this became my new routine.

One of the first things I realized, after the initial numbness of losing my mom lessened, was that I was not alone, both literally and figuratively. There were several other people each morning who were also sharing their losses and stood up for their loved ones, as well, and by extension, my loss.

I looked forward to seeing this small group of warm, welcoming people every morning. Often there would be a new person who we would welcome the same way we were welcomed in the past. Many of the people I met during that very sad and lonely time in my life have become long-term friends. It's hard to lose someone you love, but by coming to minyan you realize you are not alone, others do care and there is much you can do to help others, often just by your presence.

I hope to see you at minyan sometime soon to share the beauty of every day, but also to support each other. That's what friends and family do.

## B.R.E.A.D. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

**When:** Monday, November 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm  
**Who:** Network Members/people interested in becoming network members  
**What:** Hear exciting updates on our existing campaigns, hear from public officials, vote on our new problem focus, and more.

**For more information including the Zoom link, contact:**  
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# Tifereth Israel Sisterhood

**Board Meetings**  
 Sundays @ 7:00 – 8:00 pm on Zoom  
 Email [Sisterhood@tiferethisrael.org](mailto:Sisterhood@tiferethisrael.org) for zoom information.

November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13, March 6, April 10, May 1

**Gift Shop Chanukah Pop-Up**  
 November 14  
 10:00 am – 12:30 pm

The gift shop is open to the public the first Sunday of the month during religious school hours. We are still taking personal shopping appointments. Masks must be worn.

Visit our [Facebook page](#) for up-to-date information!  
[Email us](#) to stay in touch!

stay safe and stay engaged

Tifereth Israel Sisterhood



## 1-1 SHUL SKILLS STUDY

Interested in leading services, reading Torah, or picking up any other synagogue skills? Want to learn for an adult b'nei mitzvah? Fill out the form below, and we'll match you with a lay leader, or one of our rabbis, who will work with you at your own pace and schedule! Contact Rabbi Braver [abraver@tiferethisrael.org](mailto:abraver@tiferethisrael.org) with questions.

[bit.ly/shulskillsstudy](https://bit.ly/shulskillsstudy)



## RABBIS' STUDY CIRCLE

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

Join our weekly study group as we explore Rabbi Shai Held's *The Heart of the Torah: Essays on the Weekly Parsha*.

[Zoom Link](#)



## SISTERHOOD SHORT STORY GROUP

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

Please join our lively discussions of intriguing stories that engage and entertain.

[Zoom Link](#)

## MISHNA YOMI

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

Join us for an in-depth learning and conversation about Pirkei Avot/ the ethics of our sages. Read one mishna every day and join for a weekly check-in on all 7! Drop in for a few sessions, or make it a regular part of your week!

[Zoom Link](#)

## RASHI +

Thursdays | 8:15 am | Rabbi Berman

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](#)



## SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: DARA HORN

Save the date: January 21-22, 2022

Dara Horn is the award-winning author of six books, including *People Love Dead Jews: Reports from a Haunted Present*. She received her doctorate in comparative literature from Harvard University, studying Yiddish and Hebrew. She has taught courses in these subjects at Sarah Lawrence College, Yeshiva University, and Harvard.

## "PEOPLE LOVE DEAD JEWS" BOOK GROUP

Wednesdays | 12:00 pm | Rabbis Skolnik and Braver

December 8: *In the Haunted Present, Everyone's (Second) Favorite Dead Jew, Frozen Jews, Dead American Jews Part One*

December 22: *Executed Jews, Fictional Jews, Legends of Dead Jews*

January 5: *Dead American Jews, Part Two, On Rescuing Jews and Others, Dead Jews of the Desert*

January 19: *Blockbuster Dead Jews, Commuting With Shylock, Dead American Jews, Part Three*

[Zoom Link](#)

More information on pages 9-10



# Tifereth Israel

## ASKING DEEPER QUESTIONS: JUDAISM 201

1st Wednesdays | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | Rabbi Braver

Feel like you've got the basics, but want to take your Jewish education to the next level? Join us for this once a month series focused on exploring some deeper questions about Jewish thought and practice, while also providing practical skills and advice for those looking to add more Jewish ritual to their lives.

November 3: **Going Deeper Into Prayer: The Amidah**

December 1: **Jewish Mysticism: Studying Hassidic Spiritual Masters**

Free (suggested donation of \$72) for the entire yearlong series.

[Register here](#)

[Zoom Link](#)



## FRIDAY BOOK GROUP

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

Join in on this long-running book group as we read *Moses: A Human Life* by Avivah Zornberg, a deep exploration of Moses' psychology and inner life.

[Zoom Link](#)

## WELCOMING SHABBAT MINDFULNESS

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

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

[Zoom Link](#)



## SHABBAT WARMUP

Saturdays | 9:00 - 9:30 am

Get ready for Shabbat services with a different learning opportunity each week!

**Ma Chadash (1st Shabbat)** | Rabbi Skolnik  
What's News in Israel?

**Torah Talks (2nd, 3rd & 4th Shabbatot)** | Rabbi Braver  
Questions and conversation about the weekly Torah portion.

## ISRAEL DISCUSSION GROUP

2nd Saturdays | ~12:15 pm (after services) | Rob Cohen

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

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

Classes are held on Zoom, with in-person options when available as determined by our COVID-19 safety procedures. Please see the weekly *Staying Connected* email for the latest information about times, locations, and dates.

# Jewish Learning

## LUNCH & LEARN

2nd & 4th Wednesdays | 12:00 - 1:00 pm

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

November 10: **Jewish Mystics on the Weekly Torah Portion** | Rabbi Braver

December 1: **HaTikvah: History and Context of the Israeli National Anthem** | Rabbi Berman

December 15: **Blessings & Lessons For Our Children** | Rabbi Skolnik

[Zoom Link](#)



## DINNER, DRINKS, AND DRASH

1st & 3rd Tuesdays | 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Study with Rabbis Skolnik and Braver, along with guest teachers from across Columbus!

*Sponsor a night of learning in honor or memory of a loved one -- reach out to Rabbi Braver for more information.*

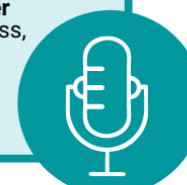
November 2: **Is Judaism a Democratic Religion?** | Rabbi Skolnik

November 16: **Caring for Our Elders: Helping Families Navigate the Challenges of Aging** | Jewish Family Services

December 7: **Abortion Rights in 2021: Jewish and Modern Context** | Rabbi Braver and Reverend Terry Williams, Ohio Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

December 21: **Let My People Go: The Soviet Jewry Movement, 30 Years After the Fall of the USSR** | Karen Moss, Katya Rouzhina, Alex Weisler

[Zoom Link](#)





Join us for a special Religious School day with pizza, sufganiyot, and an optional matinee performance of the stage adaptation of Eric Kimmel's award-winning children's book,

# Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins

DECEMBER 5 (Religious School starts at 10:30 am)  
FREE for Religious School students  
RSVP REQUIRED: [bit.ly/5782RSHanukkah](https://bit.ly/5782RSHanukkah)

Visit [catco.org](https://catco.org) for more information about times for other showings, prices, and other CATCO family events.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 11:00 AM



## Aliyah Ceremony

7TH GRADE

Please join us to honor this class of 5782 as we bid them farewell from our Religious School and welcome them into our Hebrew High School program for second semester.

**WHAT'S NEXT IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL?**

- November 7 at 7:00 pm  
VIRTUAL Grade 6 Family B Mitzvah Orientation & Program
- November 20 at 10:00 am  
IN-PERSON Grades 5-6 Davening Detectives: Torah Service (Second Option)
- November 12 at 9:00 am  
IN-PERSON Grade 7 Family Genealogy Program with Columbus Jewish Historical Society

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS?**

Contact Miriam Berk at [mberk@tiferethisrael.org](mailto:mberk@tiferethisrael.org)



# Chanukah Under The Stars

Saturday, December 4  
6:15 pm Tifereth Israel parking lot

Join us outside for a musical Havdalah and concert featuring **RABBI JOSH WARSHAWSKY**, and our rabbis, Hillel Skolnik, and Alex Braver.



Bring your own chanukiyah to light, and there will be s'mores, telescopes, and hot chocolate to enjoy with your Tifereth Israel family!

Chanukah begins  
Sunday evening, November 28 / 25 Kislev





Our bi-monthly Forum has gone digital. If we can better serve you by sending you a printed copy, please email Joy at [jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org](mailto:jcontreras@tiferethisrael.org).

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## Why I love Tifereth Israel

Barry Yaillen | [byaillen@gmail.com](mailto:byaillen@gmail.com)

Growing up, my family moved around a lot, so, by the time I was in college, we had lived in 7 different states. My parents Earl, z"l and Janet, z"l always made sure to find a synagogue to join wherever we moved, to anchor our family's spiritual lives, and to quickly become part of a community. In all but one city, that place was a conservative shul.

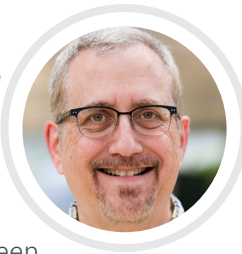
My father moved to Columbus in 1980, to begin his tenure as executive director of Jewish Family Services. Several months later, my mother, brother, and I followed, together with our dog, Tzimmes. My parents joined Tifereth Israel and quickly became involved in committees: education for Dad, choir and sisterhood for Mom. My brother and I were both attending colleges out of state, so we did not join TI at that time. When I later returned to Columbus, my wife Tracee, and I joined Tifereth.

Within a few years, I came to terms with my identity as a gay man, so Tracee and I divorced. At that time, in the mid-1980's, I honestly felt there was no longer a "place" for me in the

TI community. So, I joined another local temple. I have been singing in its choir for more than 30 years!

Yet, I still felt a connection to Tifereth Israel, where I had attended services and had been active through the years. While my mom continued to be an integral part of TI, I gradually started becoming more involved, and was welcomed as if I had never been gone. I found comfort in attending minyans to say kaddish for my parents after each of them passed away. I was embraced by long-time members and met new friends just starting their "Jewish Journeys."

Attitudes have certainly changed since the 1980's, as so many members have realized that they have LGBTQ relatives who still want to be part of the community. I am honored to chant Torah, Haftarah, and lead minyans. So, I love Tifereth Israel because it "feels like home," a place where we are all welcomed and valued.



## Meet the Board

Julie Jacobson, Membership Co-Chair | [juliejacobson12@aol.com](mailto:juliejacobson12@aol.com)

Tifereth Israel has always been a part of my life. Growing up in Columbus, I attended Hebrew School at Tifereth, where, in addition to the knowledge I gained, I also made lifelong friends. I have especially fond memories of learning Israeli dances in the lower social hall. I remember David Davidovich teaching us dance steps while he simultaneously played his accordion and danced!

While living and working in New York City, I met my prince charming Mike, and there was no discussion – we would get married in Columbus at Tifereth Israel. I had been returning to Columbus regularly and attending services at Tifereth. It was important to me that the ceremony happen at my "special place." Our New York friends and Mike's family traveled to Columbus for the big event. Rabbi Berman and Cantor Chomsky officiated. The sanctuary was decorated beautifully and I always remember that magical moment

every time I look at the bima.

After 20 years in New York, I returned to Columbus with Mike and immediately became involved at Tifereth Israel. With Shelia Chodosh, I co-chaired the 100th Anniversary Celebration. I chaired the Cultural Arts Committee and became active in B.R.E.A.D. Several years ago, I was asked to serve on the Board of Trustees as Co-Chair of the Membership Committee.

As Membership Committee Co-Chair, I enjoy welcoming new members into our congregation and watching as they become involved. And, it makes me happy to see new members making friends and acquaintances at Tifereth, just as I did as a child and continue to do now as an adult.

Tifereth Israel is still, after all these years, my "special place."



"JUSTICE,  
JUSTICE  
SHALL YOU  
PURSUE"

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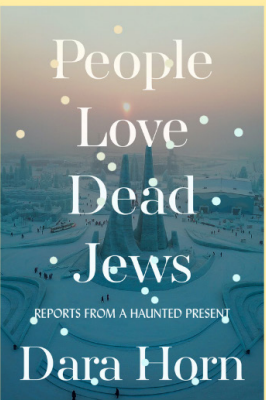
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## Another Year Has Passed

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Executive Director

Whew! We made it through another High Holiday season. I hope that they were meaningful to everyone, regardless of whether you were able to join us in person or if you viewed by livestream. As I reflect on the 23 years my family has been a member of Tifereth Israel, I realized that I never really paid much attention to whether or not there were enough chairs, or how many police officers were around. I did notice, of course, if there was no toilet paper in the restroom, if people were schmoozing too loudly in the atrium, or if it was too cold in the sanctuary.

Serving as your executive director for the past two High Holidays, I have had a very different perspective. Would there be enough volunteers to staff the registration tables, what if someone forgets their COVID vaccination card, etc.? Thankfully, none of these concerns actually

happened. Our members were so wonderful and totally understood if there was a short wait at the door, if they had to show their card once again, or if we needed to talk with someone about their registration (or lack of one). You even allowed us to offer you a selection of seat choices based on the number of people in your group. Folks stayed socially distanced, and appreciated our efforts to keep all of us safe.

On behalf of the lay leadership, clergy, and staff, I want to thank you for your participation in our High Holiday services this year. I can only hope that next year, we will all be davening together again, and masks will be a thing of the past. Then, my biggest concern will be if we rented enough chairs. May this coming year bring you health, happiness, and an end to this pandemic.



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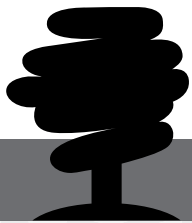
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