
The Israelight

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Executive Director's Corner

Kate Rose, Executive Director

Looking Back

As we enter the winter season, I want to share where we've been these past few months and where we're headed next. The fall was busy in all of the best ways, and it was full of moments that reminded us what a strong community we have.



We began the year with meaningful High Holiday services, led by our skilled and dedicated Cantor, Nathaniel Schudrich, with support from Rabbinic Student Tim Motz, whose presence on the bimah added warmth and depth to our worship. The momentum continued as we welcomed the holiday season: our Sukkot Across America gathering brought all generations together in the Sukkah, and Simchat Torah filled the Sanctuary with dancing, song, and joy.

This fall, we also saw the launch of a new year of Adult Education offerings, including Dana Bernbach's presentation on Jewish Mysticism and the *Ana B'Koach Prayer*, as well as Ron Weisberger and Barry Shuster's session on the Joys of Jewish humor. Ron's history lesson paired with Barry's unforgettable stand-up routine brought both learning and laughter to our community. We also saw the launch of the Cantor's fall classes, bringing Hebrew lessons and Torah study to our community.

A highlight of the fall season was our Musical Shabbat Honoring Rita Leen, a service filled with song followed by an event honoring Rita's generosity and legacy. The Sanctuary was filled with music provided by the Cantor and our TI band, and many participants shared how uplifting the service felt. A big thank you to our Programming Committee for organizing such a great event.

Hebrew School kicked off with a pool party and brunch at the Schudrichs', setting a fun and welcoming tone for the year. Thanks to our Education Director, Melynda Schudrich, for her creativity and dedication to our Hebrew School. Throughout the fall, our students have shown wonderful engagement and connection. In addition to Hebrew school students, USY teens offered holiday help, volunteer projects, and leadership. We love seeing our future leaders step up!

Our Friendsgiving Potluck in November brought incredible food, friendship, and laughter to the Social Hall. Thanks to Jackie Mindlin and all of the volunteers for making the event such a success. And through our “Year of Participation,” we’re seeing more new faces, more intergenerational involvement, and a growing culture of showing up for one another.

Behind the scenes, we have continued improving building operations and communication systems. We resolved water issues, addressed plumbing repairs, updated mail-handling procedures, and made progress on security and general building needs. The cemetery has also seen fall cleanup, irrigation repairs, and map updates. A special thank you to Paul Bacdayan for his efforts at the cemetery.

We are also grateful to Board President Ross Chartoff for his steady leadership and many hours of hands-on work supporting these efforts. In addition, we extend our sincere thanks to Rabbi Emeritus Kanter for graciously stepping in while Cantor Nathaniel Schudrich focuses on his health. Ross’s leadership and Rabbi Kanter’s willing to step in have made a real difference.

This season has already shown us the true impact of our **Year of Participation initiative**. Week after week, we’ve watched members step forward, sometimes in big ways, sometimes in small but meaningful ones, to enrich the spirit of the TI community. We are grateful to our volunteers, committee chairs, and Board of Directors for their contributions and willingness to jump in wherever needed. Your dedication is felt in every program, every event, and every improvement behind the scenes. Thank you for modeling what a committed, caring community truly looks like.

Looking Ahead

Thank you for your patience, your presence, and your willingness to pitch in, especially while we support Cantor Nathaniel and his family following his surgery, and while staff and volunteers navigate a full season of activity. This fall reminded us once again that TI truly is a community defined by resilience and generosity. We also send wishes for a speedy and complete healing to Carol Saltzman from upcoming surgery.

As we enter the winter months, let us do so with gratitude for one another and hope for the season ahead.

Warmest Regards,



Kate Rose
Executive Director
Tifereth Israel Congregation

A Message from the President

Ross Chartoff, President

Having had the pleasure of reading an advance copy of Kate's article I was inspired to add a brief note of personal thanks to those who have helped me the most to do the job of President.

I want to thank Cantor Schudrich. Nachum Shmuel is an integral part of virtually everything we do. As he faces his current health challenges I pray, every day, for his complete and speedy recovery. We have a lot of good work ahead of us.

Thank you to Rabbi Kanter. The Rabbi has been a teacher, an advisor and, always, a sympathetic listener. I have been inspired by his willingness to jump back into things and help us during Cantor Schudrich's recovery.

I would like thank the members of the Executive Committee, Paul Bacdayan, Liz Ackerman, Michael Mello, David Carlen and Judy Brown. We have certainly faced a number of challenges. By working together, listening to each other and respecting each other we have made a lot of progress. I look forward to facing the future together.

To the hard working members of the Board, especially those serving as committee chairs, thank you – your work is essential to Tifereth Israel.

And last, but not least, thank you to our executive director, Kate Rose. Because of the time I spent trying to fill the executive director's chair after her predecessor left us I believe that I have an almost unique understanding of the challenges she faces. Her determination to work for the betterment of TI and her willingness to work through the tough issues is exactly what we need at this time. Yasher Koach.



Ross Chartoff
President
Tifereth Israel Congregation

In Memoriam

WE OFFER SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO OUR MEMBERS (IN BOLD)
AND THEIR FAMILIES

Margie Walder, Diane Walder, and Cindy (John Rumbut) and their families, on the loss of their beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, **Leona "Nonie" Walder**

Ruth Glicksman and her family, on the loss of her beloved sister, Barbara Sher

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GENERAL FUND

In appreciation of TI and in memory of Deborah Roher: by Anonymous

In appreciation: by Susan Cayleff

In honor of the Cantor and Rabbi: by Carl Superior

In honor of Dr. Ray Aghai's 90th birthday: by Rosi Geller, Samuel Fisher, Robyn Arvedon, Janet & Robert Feingold, Robert Baarsvik, Paula Tetrault, Phyllis Bornstein, Sarah Bessette & Dene Scotney

In honor of Mark Glassman's 80th birthday: by Rosi Geller

In honor of Rabbi Raphael Kanter & Cindy Benson: by John D. Mandelbaum

In honor of Debbie Kaplan's special birthday: by Sylvia Eisner

In support of TI: by Matthew & Laura Philips

Wishing the TI community a new year filled with good health, joy and progress toward peace in Israel and throughout the world: by Janet Freedman & Andy Peppard

Wishing Barbara Kaplan a very Happy Birthday: by Barbara Gotlib

In memory of Steven M. Greenwood, beloved brother of Judy Pollack: by Rosi Geller

In memory of Joseph Friedman, beloved father of Lisa Friedman: by Rosi Geller

In memory of Moussa Aghai: by Parviz & Mina Barkhordari, Dorothy & Dr. Rahim Aghai

In memory of Beverly Zexter, beloved mother of Alan Zexter and Susan DeMelo: by Alan & Jane Zexter

In memory of Lee, beloved mother of Pam Lipman: by Bunny Russo

Yahrzeit for

Beloved mother Martha Sonion: by Judi & Bruce Roth

Beloved father Harry Roth: by Judi & Bruce Roth

Beloved grandmother Lillian Caplan: by Martha Hammel

Beloved father Sherwood Marnoy: by Andrea & Murray Lukoff

Beloved father Samuel Kisner: by Ronald Kisner

Beloved parents Leah & Sam Heyman: by Evelyn Silber

Beloved brother & sister-in-law Renee & Charles Heyman: by Evelyn Silber

Beloved brother & sister-in-law Albert & Mary Heyman: by Evelyn Silber

Beloved mother-in-law Theresa Silber: by Evelyn Silber

Beloved mother Ronnie Glassman: by Barry Glassman

Beloved mother Mary Franklin: by Seena Franklin

Beloved husband Aaron Gotlib: by Barbara Gotlib

Beloved father Alvin Glaser: by Marjorie Zeidel

Beloved uncle Lawrence Prince: by Barry Federman

Beloved husband Alvin Glaser: by Rozzy Glaser

Beloved mother Ida Clasky: by Rozzy Glaser

Beloved father Alvin Glaser: by Iris & Gary Wallace

Beloved mother Rebecca Weinstein: by Claire Levovsky

Beloved parents Elaine & Leonard Kaner: by Mindy & Richard Goldstein, Marc & Lina Kaner

Beloved mother Bronya Brudner: by Faina Veinstein

Beloved father Vladimir Brudner: by Faina Veinstein

Beloved parents Louis & Sadie Siegel: by Barbara Friedland

Beloved father Fred Horenstein: by Ruth Glicksman

Beloved father Morris Kaplan: by Riesha & William Morse

Beloved mother Libby Morse: by Riesha & William Morse, Rosi Geller

Beloved father Sumner Gersin: by Cathy & Steven Morochnick

Beloved parents and grandparents Bernadine & Sanford Belkin: by Jack Belkin and Tessa Belkin

Beloved mother Priscilla Tabachnik: by Deborah Forman

Beloved brother Joseph Silverstein: by Louis & Bonnie Silverstein

Beloved father Samuel L Lipman: by Kenneth Lipman

Beloved mother Sylvia Namyet: by Sharon & Richard Grahn

Beloved husband Sidney Shwartz: by Norma Olivier

Beloved father Rabbi Bernard H. Ziskind: by Jonathan & Martha Ziskind

Beloved father Julius Kivowitz: by Barbara Gotlib

Beloved father Benjamin Mazza: by Elliot Mazza

CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

In appreciation: by Michael & Maura Zeman

In appreciation for the Cantor's visit during ill health: by Bob & Esther Eisner

In appreciation, sending beautiful blessing to TI and all of your loved ones: by Robert & Leslea Harellick

In appreciation, with thanks to Cantor Schudrich for the High Holiday services: by Martha Hammel

In honor of Cantor Schudrich: by Matthew & Laura Philips

In appreciation for the Cantor's beautiful leadership during the High Holidays: by Deborah Cohen

Mazal Tov to Cantor Schudrich on his inspiring sermons during the High Holidays: by Bob & Esther Eisner

In memory of Leona "Nonie" Walder, beloved mother of Margie Walder: by Michael & Maura Zeman

Yahrzeit for

Beloved father Donald Zeman: by Michael & Maura Zeman

Beloved mother Gloria Zeman: by Michael & Maura Zeman

Beloved grandfather Malcolm Zeman: by Michael & Maura Zeman

Beloved husband Laurence Blacker: by Linda Blacker

Beloved parents Sheldon & Estelle Caplan: by Paul Caplan

Beloved brother Fred McCormack: by Dorothy & Rahim Aghai

Beloved father Aaron Gotlib: by David & Heidi Gotlib

Beloved sister Rosalyn Geller: by Irma Trupp

Beloved mother Ruth Greenhill Spatt: by Beth & Donald Lucero

Beloved father Raymond Eisenberg: by Todd & Amy Eisenberg

Beloved brother Jordan Kates: by Ellen Berkowitz

Beloved father Fred Levin: by Jerry & Susan Levin

Beloved son Eric Steven Grossman: by Lorrie & Norman Grossman

Beloved mother Bertha Leen: by Lorrie & Norman Grossman

Beloved mother and grandmother Jeanette Surgecoff: by Marsha & Judd Zeitz

Beloved father Sheldon Handler: by Mark Handler

Beloved mother Ruth Greenhill Spatt: by Beth & Donald Lucero

Beloved father, grandfather, great grandfather and great great grandfather Donald Barash: by Judith Blumberg

Bby Doris Levine

Beloved father Matthew Tatelbaum: by Nancy & Stan Waldman

Beloved mother Ida Tatelbaum: by Nancy & Stan Waldman

Beloved father Robert Waldman: by Nancy & Stan Waldman

KIDDUSH FUND

In celebration of the anniversary of Cindy Benson's Bat Mitzvah: by Cindy Benson & Rabbi Raphael Benson

In honor of honor of Dr. Rahim Aghai's 90th birthday: by Randy & Ely Harary, Brenda & Martin Levin, Esther & Karl Kaiserman

In memory of Leona "Nonie" Walder, beloved mother of Marjorie Walder: by Marcia Goldstein

Yahrzeit for my friend George Heinz: by Bob Eisner

Yahrzeit for beloved mother Lucilia Leite Figuerido Pinheiro: by Rosaria Arteaga

Yahrzeit for beloved mother Sara Piratinskiy: by Vera Westgate

Yahrzeit for beloved sister Andrea Allen: by Marcy Foote

Yahrzeit for beloved mother Ida Herrup: by Wil & Carole Herrup

Yahrzeit for beloved grandfather Jacob Brown: by Howie & Sheila Galitsky

ZISKIND SCHOOL FUND

Donation: by Roberta Apfel & Bennett Simon

In appreciation: by Jarrett Meltzer

In memory of Leona "Nonie" Walder, beloved mother of Marjorie Walder: by Ellen Hull

Yahrzeit for beloved husband Chuck Hull: by Ellen Hull

Yahrzeit for beloved grandfather Samuel Finger: by Ellen Hull

Yahrzeit for our friend Chuck Hull: by Bob & Esther Eisner

PRESIDENTIAL ENRICHMENT FUND

Yahrzeit for Sally Glicksman: by Bob Eisner

BUILDING FUND

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy & Peaceful New Year: by Daniel Abesh

THELMA & GEORGE SCHWARTZ FUND

Yahrzeit for beloved parents Thelma & George Schwartz: by Lois & Jay Horowitz

Yahrzeit for beloved son-in-law Todd Herman: by Lois & Jay Horowitz

SAM & LEAH HEYMAN FUND

Yahrzeit for beloved parents Leah & Sam Heyman: by Evelyn Silber

Yahrzeit for beloved brother & sister-in-law Renee & Charles Heyman: by Evelyn Silber

Yahrzeit for beloved brother & sister-in-law Albert & Mary Heyman: by Evelyn Silber

Yahrzeit for beloved mother-in-law Theresa Silber: by Evelyn Silber

CHESED WINTER ASSISTANCE FUND

In honor of Dr. Rahim Aghai's 90th birthday: by Carol & Robert Saltzman

Yahrzeit for beloved husband Nelson Wasserman: by Ivy Feuerstadt

Yahrzeit for beloved sister Maxine Sinderoff: by Rozzy Glaser

Yahrzeit for beloved father-in-law Morris Glaser: by Rozzy Glaser

MICKELSON CHILDREN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Get well wishes to Maria DaRosa: by Judi Crock & Paul Cromwell

Wishing Dennis Bessette a speedy recovery: by Judi Crock & Paul Cromwell

In honor of Patricia Blouin's 70th birthday: by Judi Crock & Paul Cromwell

In memory John DeTerra, beloved husband of Suzanne DeTerra: by Judi Crock & Paul Cromwell

In memory of Zachary, beloved son of Helen Berns Freedberg: by Kala Joblon & Stanley Mickelson

In memory of Alan Hughes, beloved husband of Nancy Hughes: by Kala Joblon & Stanly Mickelson

For the yahrzeit of beloved father Jerry Crock: by Judi Crock & Paul Cromwell

In memory of Mark Johnson, beloved son of Karen Swanson: by Judi Crock & Paul Cromwell

HOWARD Z & FLORENCE MANN FUND

Yahrzeit for beloved mother Florence Mann: Jeffrey Mann, Edward Mann, Susan Bain

MINYAN BREAKFAST CLUB

(submitted by Rena Deneault)

Anonymous donation

In honor of Elliot Rosenfield's 85th birthday: by the Smalley Family and the McNabb Family

In honor of Dr. Ray Aghai's 90th birthday: by Patricia & Elliot Rosenfield, Thomas & Carole Wallace

Happy 90th Ray: by Barry Shuster

For the yahrzeit of Alan Graubart, loving husband and father: by Myra Goldberg, Michael, Lori and families

In memory of beloved brother Fred Isdepski: by Rena Deneault

In memory of beloved mother Mary Soltys Isdepski: by Rena Deneault

In memory of Nasser Cohenmehr: by Rahim Aghai