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The Home of Traditional Judaism in Dallas

A Bright Future for Tiferet Israel Congregation

At services on the 7th day of Pesach, Meir Lewin, our Torah reader, gave a short d'var Torah that spoke directly to Tiferet Israel. The Parsha that day is the story of the splitting of the sea, the Jewish people crossing through, escaping the Egyptians, and celebrating their escape to freedom on the other side. Meir posed the question "Why did Miriam and the women escaping from Egypt have time to pack their tambourines when they did not have time to bake bread?" He said that the commentaries explain the women were so certain Hashem would perform miracles they brought the tambourines. Meir said this simple explanation is a powerful message about faith and trust. When facing difficult times, being strong is important; so is having faith.

Transforming Tiferet Israel into a vibrant Modern Orthodox community and re-engaging with our members post-COVID are very exciting opportunities that involve every aspect of our lives at Tiferet. Many of the changes we will be confronting will be emotionally charged.

Deciding Rabbi Meir Sabo would be our next Religious Leader was only the first step. All of the operating elements of Tiferet

Israel must be re-imagined in a post COVID, Modern Orthodox context: Membership, Programming, Education, Building and Grounds, Finance, and Office Operations. Regarding Ritual, our religious services have been Orthodox since our founding so our ritual practices will remain the same except for the issue of separate versus mixed seating.

Mixed versus separate seating has been an evolving conversation throughout Tiferet Israel's 132 year history. Gerry Cristol in her book *A Light in the Prairie, Temple Emanu El of Dallas 1872-1997* says on page 54, "...Tiferet Israel was formed when some traditionalists who considered joining Shearith Israel...were deterred from doing so because the sexes were not separated." Rose Biderman in her book *They Came to Stay, the Story of the Jews of Dallas 1870 - 1997*, explains on page 135 that Tiferet Israel's first permanent building on Highland Street (near what is now the American Airlines Arena) had a mechitza. When a new facility was built on Grand Avenue in the early 1940's, the building did not have a mechitza but had separate seating for men in the front and for women in the back. In 1942, the congregation voted to make the two back rows mixed seating to attract younger members. In 1955, the Tiferet

Israel families moved to North Dallas after less than 20 years in the building on Grand Avenue and there was no mechitza.

During COVID, we learned to meet and have programs using online services such as Zoom, and we envision continuing to use these tools. We will also be creating in-person programs and services. Connecting in-person as a community is an essential human need and one that cannot be substituted completely online. The in-person human connection in a Jewish environment is a need the synagogue must meet.

We ask each of our members and supporters to be patient as we design and implement programs, and revamp membership services to better serve our newly imagined community.

Our success in the transformation of Tiferet Israel to a vibrant post-COVID, Modern Orthodox community will require us to proceed with faith and trust to ensure Tiferet Israel's survival for another 132 years.

May Hashem bless our efforts with wisdom and strength. And, please, bring your tambourines.



May Mitzvah of the Month



SHARED HOUSING CENTER, INC.

We are collecting items for Shared Housing Center

Items Needed Include: Children's toothbrushes, Women's deodorant, Body lotion

Tiferet Women's Torah Study Group- Thursdays 7PM - 8PM



Open to our Tiferet women members & invited guests
Each week on our own, we read the current Torah portion, explore commentary and insights, then come together to discuss what we've learned. We open the discussion with an overview of the Torah portion and then others are given the opportunity to share, ask questions, and discuss specific topics. By design, the format of this group allows women of all ages and levels of Torah study to come in and out as they can to participate, lead, or simply listen. Our meeting is currently on Zoom and a link is sent to those who RSVP or request to be placed on the Torah Study Group email list. Email Terri Schepps at tschepps@rrc.us.com for more information.

Knot Night at Tiferet- May 4 at 8pm via Zoom



Join us on 5/4/22 via Zoom for a handiwork social hour!

This social hour is open to any age and any gender.
Bring your projects- knitting, crochet, macrame, embroidery, etc.

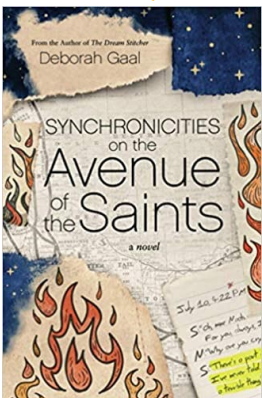
BYOB and Yarn!!

The Zoom link is available at [TiferetIsrael.org](https://www.tiferetisrael.org)

Tiferet Israel Book Club- May 10th at 4pm via Zoom



Synchronicities on the Avenue of the Saints by Deborah Gaal



Here is a magical realism/conundrum/thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Here's the lowdown – Book-Life-Physicist, Noah Friedman, is bipolar and is racing against time before the experimental drug he is currently taking steals his mind, then his life. His deranged psychiatrist is aiming to clear \$10 million on the sales of this drug and has become Noah's enemy. As Noah starts his quest to free himself from the drug and the doctor, he soon finds himself with a coterie of odd compatriots: Noah's burnt-out and misguided but loving mom, Sally, Jean-Paul, an African shaman and mentor who steers Noah on his path, Noah's struggling journalist friend Fleck, and a Russian Revolution-era ghost who demands Noah right an old wrong, or else. Together they work to stop the world-wide launch of the deadly drug. At the same time, a pharmaceutical kingpin is intent on raiding the Friedman family business and has been using Sally to do so. Can Noah right the wrongs of his ancestors in time to heal himself, save his mother, and also prove that love creates synchronicity with what and who is loved?

The Passing of an Icon

When someone passes away, there's a rippling effect on the lives that person has touched. When it comes to the loss of a legend, that effect is enormous. Recently, the Jewish community suffered a devastating loss with the passing of a great man of honor, Erv Rovinsky of blessed memory. Erv was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, a renaissance man, engineer, Zionist, soldier, singer, teacher, student and friend to all. He was a quiet man, always willing to offer wise advice and ready to help anyone in need.

At Tiferet Israel, Erv wore many hats; past president many times, head of ritual committee, gabbai emeritus, executive board member and a regular attendee at daily minyans. Erv was an extremely hard worker, who worked full time into his 90s, and like the great sages of the past, when Erv wasn't working he was studying Jewish texts.

When it came to hospitality, Erv and his beloved wife, Shirley, had no equals — Shabbat dinners, holiday meals, dinner in the sukkah — their home was open to all. Back in the good old days it was common for a group of men to walk with Erv to his home after shul on a Friday night and have a traditional lechaim, which always included a celebratory shot of vodka, before heading home. And if you were fortunate enough to be invited to Erv and Shirley's house for one of their amazing Shabbat dinners, you would hear stories of what the Dallas Jewish community was like in the "old days."

I will always remember Erv's soothing voice when doing kiddush, and Erv substituting the word "idleness" for "sloth" during his reciting of Eshet Chayil. At the end of this song of praise to his wife Shirley, he would add his own comment of "We love you ladies." I never asked Erv why he said that because he did in fact 'love the ladies.' But upon reflection I believe Erv added that because when Erv and Shirley had a single woman at their Shabbat table, Erv in his typical kind way wanted to include everyone in his praise.

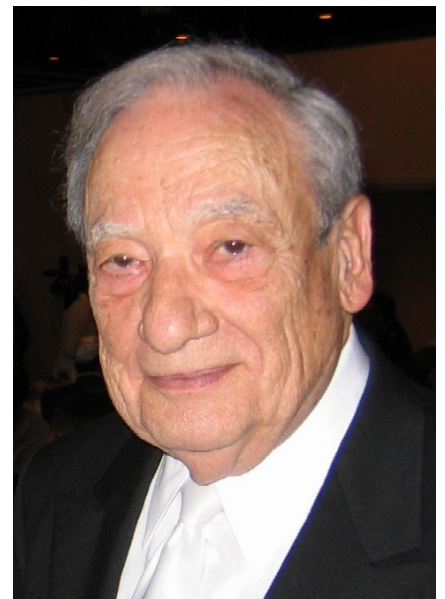
At Erv's funeral service, which was so crowded that there was standing room only, I couldn't help noticing the people who showed up. They were from diverse organizations and synagogues throughout the community. From orthodox to traditional to conservative to reform, there was a common theme that Erv had touched their lives in a special way. To Erv, a Jew was a Jew no matter his or her affiliation.

In the award winning film, "To Sir with Love," starring Sydney Portier, there's a famous song that contains the following lyrics. "But how do you thank someone who has taken you from crayons to perfume. It isn't easy, but I'll try."

These words reflect how we all feel. How do we thank Erv for teaching us how to be better Jews as well as better people? He would probably tell us to increase our Jewish knowledge, appreciate the beauty of Jewish life and be kind to our fellow man.

Erv, thank you for being an inspiration to a generation of Jewish men and women and leading by example. You have set the gold standard for us all and taught us how a righteous Jew should lead their life. You will be greatly missed.

Your friend, Warren Abrams



Tiferet Israel and Community Events

May 3

Community Yom HaZikaron Memorial Ceremony
7:30PM - 9:00PM, Anshai Torah

May 4

Yom Ha'atzmaut
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Akiba Yavneh Academy Schultz Rosenberg Campus

May 4

Knot Night at Tiferet
8PM via Zoom

May 5

Tiferet Israel's Women's Torah Study Group,
7-8 PM via Zoom

May 8

JCC Double Chai Bagel Run
7:30AM - 11:00AM at the Dallas JCC

May 10

Tiferet Israel Book Club
4 PM via Zoom

May 12

Tiferet Israel's Women's Torah Study Group
7-8 PM via Zoom

May 19

Lag B'Omer Community Carnival Honoring Jordana Bernstein
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Akiba Yavneh Academy Schultz Rosenberg Campus

Tiferet Israel's Women's Torah Study Group
7-8 PM via Zoom

May 26

Tiferet Israel's Women's Torah Study Group
7-8 PM via Zoom

May 30

Office Closed for Memorial Day

June 4

Rabbi Sabo Welcome Weekend

June 5 & 6

Shavout Services- Details Coming Soon

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April Donations

General Fund

Linda Sue Walker

In Memory of

Benjamin Turner

Jaime Kopel & Marcia
Turner-Kopel

Erv Rovinsky

Gail and Frank Meyer
Katherine E Friedman
Michael & Jenifer Blum
Elliot Ginchansky
Leslie & Fred Brotsky

Saul Israel

Nancy & Solomon Israel

Luis Turner

Marcia Turner

Eliyahu Kuntz

Sidney Kuntz

Sandy Kuntz

Louis Goldberg

Esther Cohen

In Honor of

Tolmas Grandson

Gloria & Lionel Reiman

Ephraim Weiss, Mordechai Weiss,
& Machman White

David Weber

Ilya Kisin

Marcia Kopel

Jerome Benjamin

Samuel Weber

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Sonia Meltzer

Elliot Ginchansky

Building Fund

In Memory of

Rose Apanof

Debra Polsky

Florence & Esir Tobolowsky Education Fund

In Memory of

Harriet Tobolowsky Goodman

Larry & Brenda Norton

Prayerbook Fund

In Memory of

Erv Rovinsky

Ms. Linda Wisch-Davidson

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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Warren Zahler

Zoe Zahler

Alana Zahler

Sadie Samuelsohn Book Fund

In Memory of

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Suzi & Jerriy Candy

Sarah Soltes

Scholarship Fund

In Memory of

Morton Rachofsky

Sam Feldman Family

Sunshine Fund

For a Speedy Recovery

Sonia Meltzer

Shirley Rovinsky

Tiferet Israel Service Times

Morning Minyan:

Tuesday 7:00 am

Friday 7:00 am

Sunday 8:00 am

Friday Evening:

Friday 6:30 pm

Shabbat Service:

Saturday 9:30

April Kiddush Sponsors

April 2, 9, 16, & 23
Kiddush was sponsored
by Tiferet Israel
Sisterhood

April 30th Kiddush was
sponsored by
Sue Kretchman in
memory of her uncle,
Allan (Aaron) Stern

Sponsor a Kiddush

Celebrate Shabbat by
sponsoring kiddush in
honor of or in memory of
someone special.
Contact Kaila in the
Tiferet Office at
214.691.3611

Basic Kiddush: \$160
Enhanced Kiddush: \$250

May Birthdays

May 1
Mindy Tobolowsky

May 2
Harold Weingarten

May 5
Allan Shulkin

May 7
Faye Lavi

May 9
Simon Marcus

May 12
Shirley Rovinsky

May 16
Stephanie Ayers

May 17
Sury Sacher

May 24
Bonnie Whitman

May 28
Steven Blasnik

May 29
Rose Abrams

May 30
Garry Smith

May Anniversaries

May 1
Yoosef and Faye Lavi

May 5
Sheldon and Terri Schepps

May 28
Solomon and Nancy Israel

May 29
Steven and Deborah Goldfine

May 31
Daniel and Stephanie Prescott

May Yahrzeits

May 1, 2022 ~
Nisan 30, 5782
Philip Sugal
Jack Maxwell Whitman

May 2, 2022 ~
Iyar 1, 5782
Julius Brauman
Rodger Scott Steinberg

May 3, 2022 ~
Iyar 2, 5782
Geraldine Goldblatt
Benjamin Ross

May 4, 2022 ~
Iyar 3, 5782
Burton Barcoff
Max Schmidt
Ida Schultz Webster

May 5, 2022 ~
Iyar 4, 5782
Frank Blashka
Sima Kisin
Sidney Kuntz

May 6, 2022 ~
Iyar 5, 5782
Irving Ginsberg
Miriam Glatzer
Dorothy Kleinman

May 7, 2022 ~
Iyar 6, 5782
Anna Israel
Albert J Prescott

May 8, 2022 ~
Iyar 7, 5782
Robert L. Schenkler
Helen Topek
Marian Weinberg

May 9, 2022 ~
Iyar 8, 5782
Fredrick Bert Schenkler

May 10, 2022 ~
Iyar 9, 5782
T. Bender
Leo Krueger
Theodore O'Krent

May 11, 2022 ~
Iyar 10, 5782
Arnold Abrams
Rose Apanof
Else Heymann
Ira Ross
Shoshana Wolanow

May 12, 2022 ~
Iyar 11, 5782
Vivian Lorraine
Blashka
August Danburg
Devorah Domb
Harry Goldman
Nathan Oxman

May 13, 2022 ~
Iyar 12, 5782
Gaston Maya

14 May, 2022 ~
Iyar 13, 5782
Mendel Davidowitz
Rona Diamond
Patricia Mandell
Louis Oxman
Pinchas Reiman
Izzy W. Skibell

May 15, 2022 ~
Iyar 14, 5782
Rose Golden
Harriet Goodman
Rosetta Herman
Nanci Gale Stern

May 16, 2022 ~
Iyar 15, 5782
Mike Levine
Morton Rachofsky
Estelle Ross
Harry Stitsky

May 17, 2022 ~
Iyar 16, 5782
Bernard Blumenthal

May 18, 2022 ~
Iyar 17, 5782
Helen Jerome
Pearl Kupfer
Louis Rosenbach

May 20, 2022 ~ Iyar
19, 5782
Caroline Marx

May 21, 2022 ~ Iyar
20, 5782
Aaron "Sonny" Charles
Ivor Robinson

May 22, 2022 ~ Iyar
21, 5782
Robert Steinberg

May 23, 2022 ~ Iyar
22, 5782
Shelly Borin
Lillian Ginsberg
Norman W. Hempling

May 24, 2022 ~ Iyar
23, 5782
Harry Black
Henry Marx
Sara Wolf

May 26, 2022 ~ Iyar
25, 5782
Rachel Davidson
Helene Silverman
Robert Silverman

May 27, 2022 ~ Iyar
26, 5782
Alfred Morris Benjamin
Arnold Greenberg
Martin Leeds
Emanuel Strauss

May 28, 2022 ~ Iyar
27, 5782
Rosa Rosenbach

May 29, 2022 ~ Iyar
28, 5782
Jack Polsky
Max Reisberg
Freida Rubin
Harriet Shulkin
Etia Terner

May 30, 2022 ~ Iyar
29, 5782
Samuel Jonas Bienstock
Bessie Goldin
Joe Schuman
Sam Sturman

May 31, 2022 ~ Sivan
1, 5782
Gwen G. Benjamin
Margit Fruhlinger
Sally Rosenthal