



The Voice of our Community

Kol Kehillah

KISLEV - TEVET 5781

DECEMBER 2020

Virtual Shabbat Services

Friday, December 4

Shabbat Worship 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 5

Shabbat Morning Service 9:45 AM

Torah Study 10:00 AM

Torah Portion: Vayishlach

Friday, December 11

First Day of Hanukkah

Family & Children's Hanukkah Shabbat

6:00 PM

Shabbat Worship 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 12

2nd Day of Hanukkah

Shabbat Morning Worship 9:45 AM

Torah Study 10:00 AM

Torah Portion: Vayeshev

Friday, December 18

8th Day of Hanukkah

Shabbat Worship 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 19

Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah: Rebecca Seltzer 10:30 AM

Torah Portion: Miketz

Friday, December 25

Shabbat Worship 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 26

Shabbat Morning Service 9:45 AM

Torah Study 10:00 AM

Torah Portion: Vayigash



a candle
NEVER LOSES
any of its
LIGHT
by lighting
another



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a great miracle happened here



TO YOU AND YOURS

A Note From the Rabbi

Jason Holtz



Rabbi Moshe Druin
inspecting our
Torah scrolls



A TIME FOR RENEWAL

In late November, Rabbi Moshe Druin, a *sofer*, a scribe, visited TKC to work on maintaining and restoring our Torah scrolls. As he examined our Holocaust Memorial Scroll from Bzenec, which was written way back in 1780, he remarked on how it is aging beautifully and with a little bit of work, would be fit for regular use.

To be perfectly honest, I was a little surprised. Torah scrolls can hold up well for a long time, but this particular one is 240 years old! It's older than the United States Constitution. It's one of the few surviving remnants of its original Jewish community.

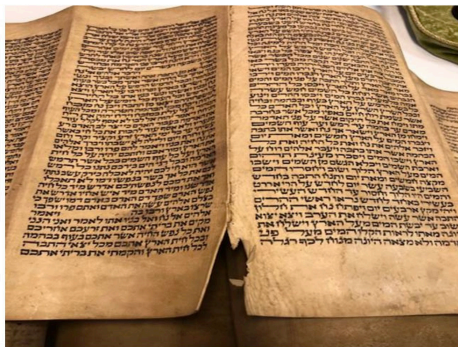
Through us, the scroll has new life and continues to teach the stories and values that it had for hundreds of years. That, in and of itself, is special. However, with the *sofer's* reassurance of its continuing durability, I intend to use it regularly. It now sits in our ark not on the top shelf – where it is hard to reach but easy to admire – but now down below, easily within the grasp of anyone, ready to continue its service.

As the *sofer* was hard at work, I thought of Chanukkah. Chanukkah is a holiday of renewal. The story talks about a dark time, when the Greek Seleucids attempted to extinguish Jewish life. The Maccabees fought back, and the Menorah they lit in the Temple gave off just a small amount of light, but it was enough to kindle the hope for a brighter future.

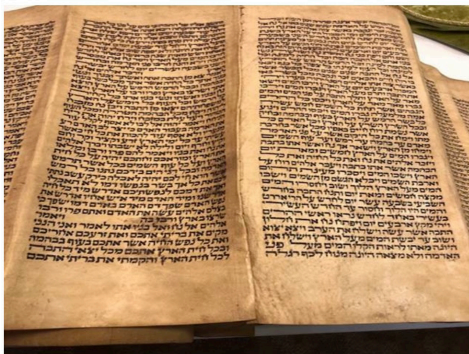
Our Torah scrolls – in particular the Holocaust Memorial Scroll – are in some ways like that Menorah. They offer their own sort of illumination, as well as hope for restoration and renewal.

As we finish 2020, we're all in need of a bit of renewal. This has been a hard year. Chanukkah and our beautiful, long-lasting Torah scrolls can be a bit of inspiration and reassurance. And when we can finally – and hopefully soon – come together again, like the Maccabees of old, we can formally rededicate our community. *Chadeish yameinu k'kedem* – God, renew our days as old!

Rabbi Jason Holtz



Before and After-
Repairs



Happening in December

Tuesdays on Zoom - AA Meetings at 8 pm
 Wednesdays on Zoom - Talmud Discussion Group with
 Rabbi Holtz at 12 noon.
 Sundays on Zoom - Religious School at 9 am

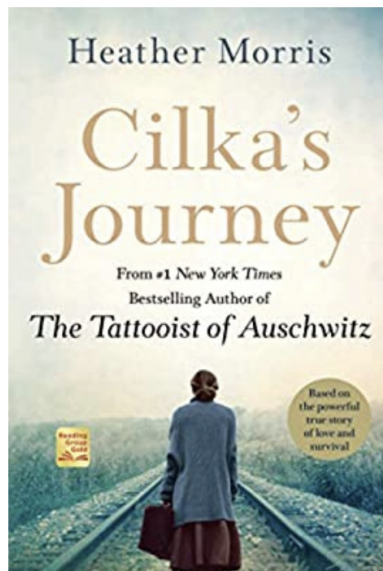
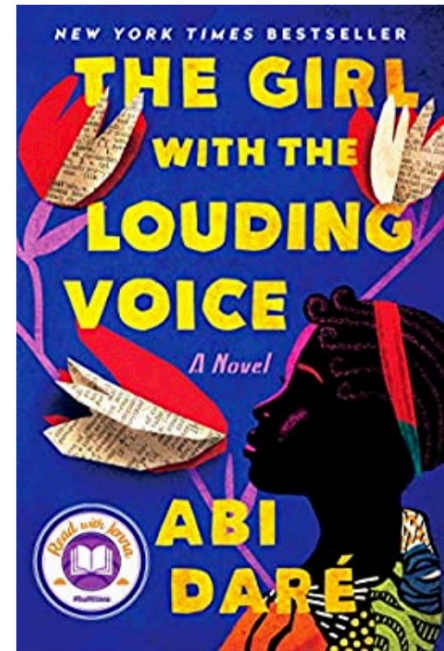
8 6:45 PM - Executive Committee Zoom Meeting
 7:30 PM - Board of Trustees Zoom Meeting

10 *First Night of Chanukkah*

17 *Last Night of Chanukkah*

31 *New Year's Eve*

Check our online calendar for all Temple programs & events at
www.kehillatchaim.org



THE NEXT Novels and Nosh Book Club Sunday, January 10th

The Novels & Nosh Book Club will not meet again until Sunday, January 10th! Until then, cuddle up with a good book. The club will be reading two choices: *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare and *Cilka's Journey* by Heather Morris. (Morris also wrote *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*.)

Click here to join in on the discussion:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83981418965>

Please contact Linda Greenhill at greenhillz@comcast.net with book ideas for future months. We hope to see you then!

Milestone Anniversaries

Steve Best
 and
 Melissa Schein
 25 years

Milestone Birthdays

Matthew Manuel

Hannah Williams

News from the TKC President



For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone...You shall also seek out from among all the people those who are capable and who fear God... Let them share the burden with you.

Exodus 18:18; 21–22

It is that time of year again. Over the next few months, TKC's Nominating Committee led by our Immediate Past President, Jonathan Young, will be compiling the slate of nominees to serve as the lay leaders of our kehillah in 2021-2022 and beyond. If you have ever considered the possibility of one day joining our temple's leadership team, now is a great time for you to learn more and explore the many ways that you might help guide our congregation in the coming years. At our annual meeting of members in April, we will be electing our next team of officers and trustees. Will your name be on the list?

Becoming an officer, trustee or committee chair offers a marvelous opportunity for you to help guide and develop the programmatic and spiritual direction of our temple. You can help us continue to improve the ways and means by which TKC adheres to the great principles and ideals of our Jewish people in order to be a community of vision, one that truly represents a center of religious living and religious action, striving to secure lifelong learning opportunities through the study of Torah and the texts of our faith.

In addition to being an honor, the responsibility of being a leader of our kehillah represents a critical and sacred trust. The new leadership team will be called upon to deal with financial and business aspects of the congregation, continuing our ongoing efforts to secure the financial and spiritual future of Temple Kehillat Chaim for generations yet to come. As one of the leaders of our synagogue, you can help set an example for your fellow congregants by your participation in our educational, cultural and worship programs and services.

As the pandemic continues, TKC faces great challenges. No one can say with certainty what the long-term effects may be, but I am confident that our kehillah will persevere and continue to thrive. There is no doubt, however, that keeping any damage from the pandemic to a minimum will require our leaders to be innovative and to think outside of the box. Many traditional educational, spiritual and fundraising events, for example, may have to be reimaged.

In the aftermath of this crisis, there will be an opportunity to create a new paradigm of congregational life and service. At present, our leaders are focusing on pandemic protocols and reopening strategies. While there still will be plenty of pandemic-related decisions to be made in the coming months, I believe that by springtime, our new leadership team will be able to begin to focus more on how to navigate the future, to envision and prepare for a new congregational paradigm in the aftermath of COVID-19.

If you are considering being more involved in temple leadership, but you are hesitant because you fear you may lack the specific knowledge and experience needed to be successful, don't worry! The Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) recently launched a number of new short online courses that are available to TKC members, which cover the various aspects of synagogue life. These courses are asynchronous, meaning you can select the courses you are most interested in, and then start and move through them at your own pace. These courses use a variety of modalities, including videos and blog posts, and you can even test your knowledge with a quiz at the end of each unit.

These lessons include units for experienced leaders looking to refine their skills, as well as units focused on building basic foundational skills for new potential congregational leaders. The "Emerging Leaders" resources include an implementation guide and 11 modules, all developed through the lens of Jewish texts and values. The topics covered are:

- Introduction to congregational leadership
- Learning about your congregational community
- Congregational mission, vision, and values
- Reform Judaism
- Personal leadership style
- Leadership skill
- Congregational governance
- Financial responsibility of congregational leaders
- Being a congregational ambassador
- Goal setting
- Social justice

Other online courses from the URJ available for TKC members looking to acquire new skills or enhance and sharpen their existing skills include financial, leadership and governance training.

Interested?

Whether you are considering the possibility of being a part of TKC leadership for the first time, or you are a past leader wishing to get more involved once again, or you have suggestions about other members for potential leadership roles, or you just simply want to learn more about the possibilities, please let Jonathan Young, Rabbi Holtz or me know.

Speaking from my own personal experience, being involved in the leadership of our kehillah has been among the most profound and rewarding endeavors of my life. As many of you know, I have been active in TKC leadership off and on for all 39 years of our synagogue's existence, and each time has been among my favorite highlights. And after all these years, the privilege I currently enjoy of once again serving as our temple president may top them all!

So I urge you to consider giving yourself a similar life-changing reward!

Alan Abrams

Brotherhood News

Hello Gentlemen,

Hope all of you are doing well during these trying times. It's that time a year to renew your membership to Brotherhood.

Dues are 36 dollars and checks can be made to TKC Brotherhood and mailed or left at the office. If you could just shoot a quick email to me to me telling me you renewed so I can update our master list.

We are always looking for new members and if you want information please contact Jeff Seltzer or Dan Eifert at tkcbrotherhood@gmail.com

We are planning to gather in small group in the near future just to hang out and schmooze. More info will be forthcoming. Thank you all and hope you had a Happy New Year!!

Jeff Seltzer and Dan Eifert



Sisterhood News



Mazel Tov to Sisterhood members Leslie Anderson and Kathy Starr on your recent B'nai Mitzvah.

Sisterhood enjoyed a socially distanced lunch on November 7 at Hola! Taqueria. It was great to see everyone.

Please reach out if you have any questions or would like to get involved in the Sisterhood.

We would love to have you!

Happy Hanukkah!

Judy Singer and Debbie Lutchen
Sisterhood Co-Presidents

News from the Mitzner Family Religious School

Chanukkah Cabaret & Art Gallery

featuring artwork by our Religious School students!

Cabaret includes performances by friends of TKC!

Sunday, December 13
Cabaret: 1 pm to 2 pm
Art Gallery: Open all day!
Donations requested by 5 pm



Please support our Religious School by purchasing the artwork your student(s) created! Anyone can donate – parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends!

Suggested donation: \$25 per art piece

You can make a donation by going to [clicking here](#). Please note in the donation bar that the donation is for the Religious School Art Gallery. Cash or check donations are also accepted.

Michelle Erste



Join us for a Little Mensches virtual Chanukah Party December 13th at 11:00! We'll make candles, play games, sing songs, make some Chanukah decorations and crafts, read some Chanukah books, and eat donuts and gelt!

Email Amy Bryson at tkclittlemensches@gmail.com to RSVP by December 8th.

Thank you, and hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving! from Amy Bryson

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TWO "Ugly shirt" kits, including all the embellishments needed to make a fun holiday shirt/sweatshirt/sweater including printed cotton fabrics, felt, and metallics in pre-cut holiday shapes, pom poms, yarn, bells, and more, plus fabric glue to use on your shirt of choice!



TWO "Paint your own dreidel" craft kits, including wooden dreidel and 6 paints to decorate, then play!



TWO "Edible dreidel" craft kits, including Hershey's kisses, marshmallows, frosting and pretzels to make delicious treats.

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- Delivery will be made by TKC Religious School along with the Chanukah Gift Boxes in early December

Questions of concerns: contact RAFTY raftycomm@gmail.com or Alissa Glatter 678-462-9245

College Outreach

Chanukkah packages are in the mail to all of the students who replied with their updated addresses. Since many campuses are shutting down before the Thanksgiving holidays, we reached out to the students to see where they would be during the first two weeks of December. The package included Chanukkah gifts, winter essentials and snack items. It's not too late to include your college student in the program. Simply send us their campus mailing address and email address to: TKCCollegekids@gmail.com, and we will add them to our list.

In light of the low turnout for the last few events, Klub345 will be waiting until after the new year to schedule any events.

If you have any events that you would like to see scheduled, please let us know by emailing klub345@gmail.com.

Wishing you all a very Happy Chanukkah! See you in the new year.

KLUB345

Tzedakah/Donations

The General Fund (Adult B'nai Mitzvah Class: Leslie Anderson, John Butler, Cookie Levine, Kathy Starr)

In honor of the the marriage of Allison Goldstein & Sam Blechman
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The Youth Engagement Fund

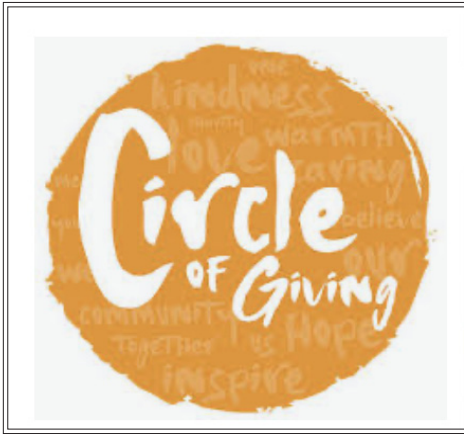
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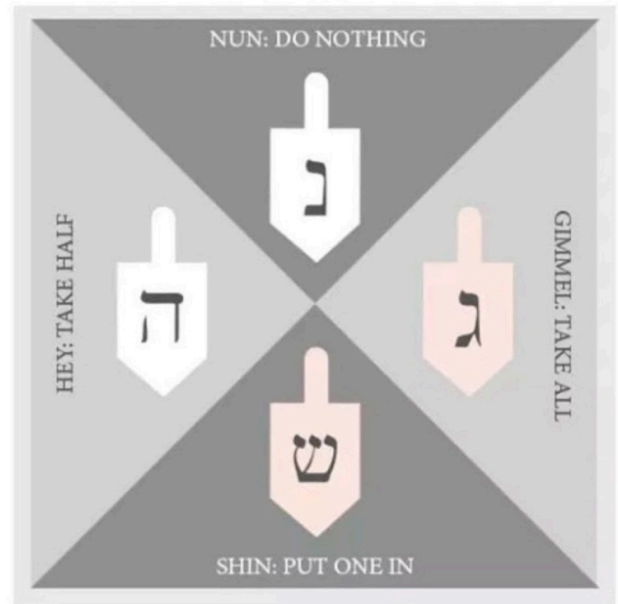
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Posted by Hannah Williams
Jul 8 • 🌐

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* indicates yahrzeit plaque



Yahrzeits continued from page 12

DEC 18/19

Date	Loved One	Remembered By
	Harold Doroshov	Charles Bernath & Jeanne Pais
	Richard S. Feinberg*	Leslie Kopel
	Jim Gleason	Colleen & Eric Simon
	Marion Pearlberg*	Ronnie Dinin
	Elisabeth Bauer	Gina & John Bauer
	Charles Manis*	Debbie and Steve Kahn
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	Vivian Bader	Andrea Bader & Les Capouya
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	Stephen Gary Bush*	Rosalyn Bush
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DEC 25/26

Gilbert Greenhill	Linda Greenhill
Marvin Lieber	David & Kari Lieber
Tereza Cano Jenez	Tom Bryant & Ulysses Jimenez
Helaine (Lainie) Liebman	Carole & Richard Liebman
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This is where we need your help. Recently, our mom had unexpected, big expenses due to needed dental work and car repairs. She had money saved up to take care of rainy day expenses but has little left over to spend for gifts on Christmas for her daughter who is a straight -A honor student in the 6th grade. She has even been featured as a speaker at three Ted Talks.

The daughter is wishing for a Fujifilm Instax Mini instant camera in lilac (amazon \$99.95), A 3600LHompow smartphone mini portable video projector (Amazon \$72.66 w/5%off) and a Voch nightlight Bluetooth portable 6 color LED wireless speaker (Amazon \$33.95). Our mom would love an air fryer or a year subscription to Disney+. Even an Amazon gift card of any amount would be much appreciated.

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