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Co-Presidents' Words

דברי הנשיא

Warmest greetings to our beloved TvO community! We are so grateful to be in partnership with each other and with you for the next two years, as we step into our turn as co-presidents of this vibrant and loving congregation. One of the biggest perks of leadership is the opportunity to deepen our connections to each of you, getting to know you better as individuals and families. We would like to begin that process by sharing a little bit about ourselves.

My name is Shira Reisman and I am looking forward to serving with Lauren as co-president. I grew up in South Carolina and Israel and have always been connected to Judaism in one form or another. After graduating from Brandeis, I moved to Charleston, SC where I became the Kindergarten and Pre-K Hebrew teacher at Addlestone Jewish Day School. I also became involved in the Conservative Synagogue by working as their Youth Programming Director. In fact, coming from a secular Israeli background, it was not until my time in Charleston and my involvement in Jewish life there, that I decided to become Bat-Mitzvahed (at age 24).



My partner and I moved to Ithaca in 2008 and immediately felt at home at TvO due to the community's openness towards interfaith families. Since that time we have lived abroad for a number of years through Peace Corps and Fulbright, always returning to Ithaca and TvO. I have served on the board of TvO as an at-large member for four years and on the Executive Board, as VP for one year. In addition, I have been involved in building programming for young families. In my free time, I teach special education at LACS and hang out with Jeff and our two kids Asher and Ben (2 and 5).

My name is Lauren Korfine, and I am truly delighted to serve as co-president with Shira, following the incredible leadership of Miranda and Shawn, and all the wonderful presidents who came before them. I was raised in a non-observant-but-very-Jewish-identified family in Brooklyn, New York. The elders around me all spoke to one another in Yiddish, and I lived and learned Jewish values, traditions, history, food, and music. My family's relationship to congregational life was minimal, but our connection to Judaism was strong. I've been writing my own personal spiritual story in Jewish and non-Jewish ways for most of my life, but until

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finding TvO, I have never actually had a spiritual home or a congregation that felt like it was growing a Judaism with which I connected. What a gift to have landed here!

At TvO, I have served on the Jewish Education committee, been a member of our musical group, Azameyra, and two years ago, I joined the Board as co-vice president. Outside of TvO, I have spent many years homeschooling kids, and working as a doula and community childbirth educator and advocate. Recently, I started teaching courses on gender and psychology at Cornell, which has been an exciting return to work I did many years ago.

My partner, Mark, and I live and love in Ithaca's Fall Creek neighborhood with our three kids, Julian (21), Anya (17), and Sage (13), two aging cats (Mochi and Clover), and Elanor, our 3 year old spirited yellow lab.

Over the next couple of years we look forward to hearing from you, so we can strengthen the things that work well, and make changes where we need them. To that end, some of you may have received phone calls from Board members as a check-in to hear how your experience has been in TvO. We hope those of you who received those calls found them helpful. We are planning for yearly check-ins and we strongly encourage you to use this opportunity to give us feedback. Hearing about your experience is so important to us. We will also be working with the Strategic Planning Team to look at our next steps in fostering our growth as a community, continuing to strengthen our programming for all members, deepening member relationships and involvement in various activities, and supporting individual congregants in through their life cycle events. We hope that each and every one of you feels welcome to reach out to us so that more and more we become the inclusive, loving community we want to be.

We look forward to sharing the adventure of these next two years with you!

- Shira and Lauren

Shabbat and Holidays

שבת וחגים

Shabbat services are held about twice a month in the summer. Please join us!

Friday, July 13 Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming Shabbat) 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 14, 9:30 -11 a.m.

Friday, July 27 Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming Shabbat) 7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 10 Kabbalat Shabbat (Welcoming Shabbat) 7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 24 SHABBAT IN THE PARK (see next page)



Join the Tikkun v'Or Community
for our annual

Shabbat in the Park Picnic



Friday, August 24
At the Stewart Park Small Pavilion.
(Rain or shine)

5:30 pm – Playtime

6 pm – Short Family Service
& **Vegetarian dish-to-pass dinner**



Dancing and music with Azameyra



All are welcome—Bring your friends!

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Religious School

בית ספר תיקון ואור

We finished our school year with a fabulous *siyyum* (celebration of completion), including songs, skits, and snacks. See a few photos below and more on our Facebook page!

Registration forms for the 2018-2019 school year are now available at www.tikkunvor.org or info@tikkunvor.org

If you are considering enrolling your kindergarten or first grade child for the first time, please contact Naomi as soon as possible, as we are still deciding on the timing of these classes, based on the number of students enrolled in each of our youngest grades.



Mazel Tov

מזל טוב

Mazel tov to Ariel Blanchard on becoming a bat mitzvah!

Feeding the Hungry: Machil Re'avim מאכיל רעבים

Did you know that in 2016 the Rescue Mission Friendship Center provided 30,804 meals to the needy in Ithaca? Our temple contributed to this total by making 60 lunches for the 4th Thursday of each month.

Thanks to Robin & Ed Dubovi, Deb Miller, Daniel Sverdlik, Harriet London, and Dorothy Debbie for making lunches in April.

Thanks to Sue Merkel & Joe Yavitt, Nina Cummings & Doug Stayman, and Paul & Dorothy Debbie for making lunches for the Rescue Mission Friendship Center in May.

June

To help with lunches in the next few months, please contact Dorothy Debbie at dorothynotwork@gmail.com or 272-3893. Families welcome!

For those of you who would like to help out but can't come make the lunches, you can still contribute financially to the lunchmaking. TvO has a Feeding the Hungry Fund that you can contribute to and these contributions will be used to reimburse the person who buys the supplies.

ALSO: TvO congregants staff the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard food pantry on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army building on Albany Street. We need a few people willing to act as substitutes when one or more of the three regular volunteers are not available. For more information or to volunteer, contact Judy at jasaulny@earthlink.net or 607-279-1406.

WHAT TO DO WITH THOSE LEFTOVERS FROM THE ONEG? DINNERS OR PARTIES?

No Need to Eat Them All!

Clean food is welcome

at the Friendship Center (618 W. State St. across from Kinkos)

Monday - Friday 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM phone 273-6684

Outside of those hours, call the shelter
at 273-9177 to arrange to deliver food.

Membership & Welcoming Committee ועד החברות

Welcome to new TvO members Rabbi Tziona Szajman and Tim Olivieri, and their daughter Eliyana.

The best way to support Tikkun v'Or is by becoming a member. For more information contact Ann Wexler <annwex1@gmail.com>

Many Thanks

רב תודה

Thanks to:

- Recent service leaders: Anne Bussard and Peter Silberman;
- Recent oneg hosts: Carol and Sam Shama and Anne Bussard;
- Miranda Philips for leading Shabbat morning services;
- Marne Oshae, Anne Brous, and Nico Tedayan for leading our inspirational Intergenerational Shabbat service;
- Rabbi Brian Walt for leading Shabbat services;
- Marne Oshae and Lauren Korfine for leading music, and Diana Levy and Corinne Stern for leading dancing;
- Rabbi Brian and Judy Saul for facilitating an important conversation about recent events in Gaza and Israel;
- Weekend coordinators and oneg hosts: Aron Gutman, Laurie Willick, Sara Schaffzin, Peter Burford, Sue Merkel, Judy Saul, Mihal Ronen, Naomi and Adina Wilensky, Zoey Zentner, Lisa and Hope Machlin, Sharon Ziegler, Sarah Rubenstein-Gillis, Max and Ezri Rubenstein-Miller, Beth Cohen, and Abby Thomas;
- Thanks to Ruby Turner for the lovely flowers in front of the synagogue, and to Dan Kraak for the new trees.

Tikkun v'Or Tribute Cards

TRIBUTE CARDS have been sent:

To the Thomas family in honor of Owen's bar mitzvah
From Annie Wexler and Tony Gaenslen

To Rachel and Elan Shapiro in memory of Rachael's father, Richard Goldsborough
From Sharon Zeigler
From Annie Wexler and Tony Gaenslen
From Suzanne Aigen
From Karin Suskin and Chris Sperry

In memory of Brian Cutler's mother, Alice Cutler:
From Suzanne Aigen

Tribute cards are an easy way to acknowledge lifecycle events
(simchas, yahrzeits, memorials, expressions of appreciation and thanks),
while reinforcing our community connections, and supporting our financial needs.

Each card sent is a donation to our synagogue.

For more information, contact Sherry Burford at <sherry@tikkunvor.org>
or at (607) 319-4982.

Condolences

תנחומים

Tikkun v'Or sends our condolences to Rachael and Elan Shapiro, Gabriel and Ariana, on the death of Rachael's father, Richard Goldsborough. He was a member of TvO since he moved to Ithaca four years ago. He was born on April 12, 1927 and died on May 1, 2018. Donations in his name may be directed to Hospicare.

Tikkun v'Or sends our condolences to Karl Smolenski, Alita Howard, and Obie and Rennie on the death of Karl's grandmother, June Strunk, on June 11. She was just shy of her 96th birthday, and lived a good, long life.

May their memory be for a blessing.

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צדקה

Many thanks to our recent donors:

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Bequest from the Solomon H. Goldberg

Charitable Remainder Trust for the benefit of Sarah Suplee

Thanks to the IAUGC (Ithaca Area United Jewish Community) for grants benefitting the Religious School, especially the scholarship fund.

Shabbat in the Park 2018

Shabbat in the Park will be held on Friday, August 24, rain or shine, at the Small Pavilion at Stewart Park (please note the venue).

The Small Pavilion is adjacent to the children's playground.

Playtime for kids starts at 5:30 pm followed by a short service, dish-to-pass dinner, and dancing at 6 pm.

Shabbat in the Park is a yearly outdoor service and potluck dinner that is open to the entire community of Ithaca! Bring your family and friends!

Judy Saul will lead the service

and TvO's own band, Azameyra, will provide music for dancing.

TvO will supply drinks, plates, cups, and cutlery. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share.

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Doors open at 6:30 for refreshments and schmoozing. Screenings begin at 7 PM.

\$8 at the door(cash or check only please)

Open to the public

Wednesday, July 25: The Sturgeon Queens and Bagels in the Blood

Two documentaries concerning delicious food purveyors: Russ & Daughters Jewish Gourmet Grocery Store in lower Manhattan and Montreal's Fairmount Bagels.

Wait until you taste the refreshments!

Wednesday, August 22: The Band's Visit

Now a popular Broadway musical - Come and see the original 2007 Israeli film.

Arabic; English; Hebrew with subtitles



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On May 15, 2018 our community came together to enjoy each other's company, and to salute three local couples who have given so much over the years. We honored Rosalind and Howard Feinstein, Sorel and Kurt Gottfried, and Heather and John Rosenthal. Attendees learned about the many ways their contributions to IAUJC are used to help others here in Ithaca and around the world. We heard from Mathew Rebera, a teen who benefited from an IAUJC financial grant to go to Jewish camp last summer. Our featured speaker was Dr. Jeremy Benstein, Associate Director of the Heschel Center for Environmental Learning and Leadership in Tel Aviv, and the author of *The Way into Judaism and the Environment*. His topic for the evening was *"The Environment as a Focus of Jewish-Arab Coexistence in Israel."*

"What I appreciated most about the evening was seeing the broad spectrum of community members who came together to salute the work of the IAUJC and to pay tribute to the honorees. It was nice to see people from every quarter of the community." Rabbi Scott Glass, Temple Beth El

"We plan to have Jeremy back next year, so more folks can hear him. He was really terrific. Thank you for bringing him to our community, and to my attention!" Miranda Phillips, co-president, Tikkun v'Or

Indeed, in the group of almost 100 attendees, there were representatives from quite a few sections of our Ithaca Jewish community. Together, we can accomplish so very much for the good of all.



Howard Erlich, center, with Howard and Roz Feinstein



Marcia Zax with Heather and John Rosenthal



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