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## *From Rabbi Brian Walt*

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Dear Friends,

People often ask me with curiosity and some concern what it is like to live on Martha's Vineyard year round. My response is that some of the best time on the island is before and after the summer season when it is so crowded. And, the winter is quiet and a time for reflection, connecting with friends, reading and other activities. Lastly the year round community on the Vineyard is a small, close and caring community.

It is also true that winter can be isolating and feel very long – at times endless, particularly in February and March. February is a difficult month and so many people leave the island for a break that we joke that the last person to leave on the ferry should put out the lights.

Caryn and I are so fortunate to be among those going somewhere warm in February. In three days time, we depart for a three-week vacation in South Africa to celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. We will spend most of the time in Cape Town where I grew up, staying in rental apartments a short walking distance from my family's home. We will be on the seashore and look forward to swimming, biking, walking and enjoying the magnificent city of Cape Town, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. We will also spend time with family: my sister and nieces who live in South Africa, and my brother and sister in law from Los Angeles who will also be on vacation in South Africa.

Cape Town has been in the news recently as it is rapidly running out of water for its four million residents. Efforts to improve the dire situation by encouraging people to conserve water have not worked. Recently Day Zero, the day on which there will not be enough water for everyone, has been moved from April 12 to April 1 and from today (February 1) all residents will be restricted to 50 liters of water a day (about 100 pints of water). The City has initiated a public relations campaign to explain what this means and to ensure compliance.

Two of the factors causing this crisis are climate change and the increase in the population of the city.

Cyril Ramaphosa who will be the next president of South Africa said recently in an interview on CNN. "Climate change is a reality ... if people around the world, specifically South Africa, ever thought that climate change is just a fable or a fiction, we in South Africa as regards Cape Town are now seeing the real effects of climate change." Cape Town is probably only the first city of its size to experience such a dramatic crisis in terms of enough water for everyone.

Cape Town is a city that attracts 1.5 million tourists each year because of its spectacular

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beauty. Tourism is one of the foundations of its economy and yet it is even considering restricting tourism.

Last week at Shabbat services, I was struck by the story of the crossing of the Reed (Red) Sea. Immediately after this transformative event the Israelites enter the wilderness and there is no water. I thought of Cape Town and our upcoming trip. Cape Town is surrounded by water. For the people of Cape Town “the crossing of the sea” will be if they can figure out a way to deal with this frightening crisis together. It will take sacrifice by everyone for the common good. In a society with obscene levels of economic inequality, the danger of catastrophic violence is a possibility.

And it seems to me that this is the reality we all face, in our own country at our time of crisis and around the world. We all need to place the common good of everyone as our personal and shared commitment. And if we are unable to do this, we could face devastating consequences.

I am really looking forward to our trip and what I will learn from being there at this time. And, I look forward to sharing some reflections on my trip during my residency in Ithaca in March.

Lastly, I want to highlight that this newsletter includes a description of an adult education class on Jewish Mindfulness that will begin in March (the class is already filled but we are taking names for a waiting list). The newsletter also has details of the services in March and April that includes two Bnot (Bnai) Mitzvah ceremonies (Hope Machlin and Owen Thomas), a family service and Shabbat dinner for people of all ages, and a special discussion in honor of the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King’s “Beyond Vietnam” speech and a discussion of the Poor People’s Campaign then and now. Last month I participated in a conference call with some clergy to discuss this exciting new initiative.

I look forward to being with you in Ithaca in March and April for all this. It has been a long break and I look forward to seeing you all.

Meanwhile, keep warm and enjoy the blessings of the winter.

Kol Tuv/All the best,

Rabbi Brian Walt



PS. On January 30, the New York Times had a good article on the water crisis in Cape Town. Check it out if you are interested in more information. < <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/30/world/africa/cape-town-day-zero.html>>

## ***Shabbat and Holidays***

שבת וחגים

**Friday March 2, 6:15 - 8:30 p.m. Purim celebration**

**Friday March 9** Led by Cantor Abbe Lyons & students of kitah daled/hey (4th & 5th grade)

6:15 p.m. Dish to pass dinner, 7 pm Shabbat service

*Holy Place: Join Cantor Abbe and the Daled-Hey students for joyful prayer, song and learning about the building of the Mishkan.*

**Saturday, March 10, 9:30 -11 a.m.** Shabbat morning service with Miranda Phillips

**Friday March 16, 6-7 pm Tot Shabbat**, followed by Shabbat oneg at 7 p.m.

7:30 Shabbat service TBA

\***Friday March 23, 7:30 pm** Shabbat service led by Rabbi Brian with Hope Machlin

\***Saturday March 24** Bat Mitzvah: Hope Ze'eva Machlin \*

**Friday March 30** No services scheduled - first night of Passover

**Friday April 6, 7:30 pm** Shabbat service led by

**Saturday, April 7, 10:00 am** morning service / 11:00 am haftarah

Led by Cantor Abbe & students of kitah vav/zayin (6th & 7th grade)

*Our delightful Vav-Zayin class will once again share their learning about prayers and Torah at this morning service, hopefully another fabulous original skit! In addition, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Beyond Vietnam speech, with a very special haftarah chanting of portions of the actual speech text selected by Rabbi Arthur Waskow of the Shalom Center.*

**Friday April 13, 7:30 pm** Scout Shabbat: Service led by Naomi Wilensky with students who are members of Scouting programs and the religious school.

\***Friday April 20, 6 pm** Shabbat service and family dinner with Rabbi Brian

\***Saturday, April 21** Shabbat morning with Rabbi Brian

\***Friday April 27, 7:30 pm** Shabbat service led by Rabbi Brian with Owen Thomas

\***Saturday April 28** Bar Mitzvah: Owen Thomas

***Watch your emails for announcements of more SHABBAT MORNING services led by Miranda Phillips in March and April.***

*\*See below for more details about services with Rabbi Brian.*

### **SHABBAT WITH RABBI BRIAN**

**Friday, March 23, 7:30–8:30 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

Hope Machlin, daughter of Lisa and Paul Machlin, who is becoming a Bat Mitzvah this Shabbat, will lead parts of the service, along with Rabbi Brian and Cantor Abbe.

Rabbi Brian will share a short reflection on his trip to South Africa, with time for discussion after the service.

**Saturday, March 24**

***Shabbat Morning Service / Bat Mitzvah of Hope Machlin***

Service will be led by Rabbi Brian, Cantor Abbe and Hope Machlin

8:45-9:30 a.m. Chanting and Silent Meditation with Rabbi Walt.

*Please note early starting time.*

10:00 – 10:40 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

10:40-11:20 a.m. Torah Reading and Haftarah

11:20-12:15 p.m. Hope's Dvar Torah, discussion, blessings, concluding prayers and Kaddish

12:15 p.m. Kiddush/Lunch

This Shabbat is a Shabbat Hagadol/The Great Shabbat, the last of four special Shabbatot before Pesach. On this Shabbat we read a special passage from the prophet Malachi. At the end of the passage, Malachi talks about the messianic time: “I will send the prophet Eliyahu to you before the coming of the great, awesome day of God. God will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents.” (Malachi 3:23). These words connect us to the role that Eliyahu plays at the end of the Pesach seder. Some rabbis believe that this Shabbat is called the Great Sabbath because of the reference in this haftarah to the “great, awesome day of God.” In our tradition Pesach is connected to a future time when all people will be free and live in peace with one another.

Hope will read several passages from the Torah portion, Tzav, and the Haftarah. Following the Torah reading, Hope will share her insights about the Torah reading and invite us all to engage in a short discussion.

**Friday, April 20, 6:00-7:15 p.m.**

***Family service and dish-to-pass Shabbat dinner for people of all ages!***

Rabbi Brian Walt and Azameyra, the TVO singers, directed by Marne Kamp, will lead the service.

Join us for a very short family-friendly Shabbat service and table rituals followed by a dish-to-pass Shabbat dinner. Please note that we have changed the format of this service so that it will be more accessible to younger children. The service before the meal will be very short and the evening will end at 7:15 with time for those who want to stay to continue with more dancing and singing.

This is the new schedule:

6:00-6:15 p.m. Shabbat Family Service

6:15-6:45 p.m. Shabbat meal (dairy and vegetarian dish-to pass) and story

6:45 -7:15 p.m. Singing and folk dancing

7:15 - 8 p.m. More singing and dancing!

Come meet new people and strengthen connections with others in the community. If you know very little about Shabbat, or if you do it every week, you will leave with a neshama yetera (the extra soul) - the gift of Shabbat.

**Saturday, April 21**

***Special Shabbat Focus: The Tzara'at (systemic contagion) of Economic Inequality, Racism and Militarism, and The Poor People's Campaign***

April 4 was the fiftieth anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's historic speech, Beyond Vietnam, at the Riverside Church. At the church that day Dr. King called for a revolution of values in American society that will challenge the triplet the triplet of racism, extreme materialism and militarism. Following the address, Dr. King devoted the last year of his life to the Poor People's Campaign dedicated to ending systemic economic inequality, racism and militarism.

At our service, we will study sections from Dr. King's courageous, inspiring and prophetic talk and discuss the implications of his address for us at this time. We will also hear a report on the Poor Peoples Campaign led by Reverend Barber, that has been endorsed by the Union of Reform Judaism. We will explore how we as a congregation may participate in this important initiative.

9:00-9:40 a.m.. Chanting and Silent Meditation with Rabbi Walt

10:00-10:40 a.m. Shabbat morning service

10:40-11:15 a.m. Torah & Haftarah Reading: Beyond Vietnam, (Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.)

11:15-11:50 a.m. Haftarah Discussion and Discussion about the Poor People's Campaign

11:50-12:00 noon Closing Songs and Prayers including Mourner's Kaddish

12:00 noon Kiddush/Lunch

**Friday April 27, 7:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Kabbalat Shabbat Service**

Owen, son of Abby and Bryan Thomas, who is becoming a Bar Mitzvah this Shabbat, will lead parts of the service with Rabbi Brian. Music with Marne O'Shae and Lauren Korfine. Come join us for a joyful Shabbat service. Rabbi Brian will offer a brief teaching about the Torah portion.



**Saturday April 28**

**Shabbat Morning Service/Bar Mitzvah of Owen Thomas**

8:45-9:30 a.m. Chanting and Silent Meditation with Rabbi Walt.

*Please note early start time.*

10:00 – 10:40 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service

10:40-11:20 a.m. Torah Reading and Haftarah

11:20-12:10 p.m. Owen's d'var Torah,  
community discussion, blessings,  
concluding prayers and Kaddish

12:15 p.m. Kiddush/Lunch

This Shabbat we have a double Torah portion: *Acharei Mot/Kedoshim*. We will focus on Kedoshim (The Holy) that describes many ethical and ritual commandments that are part of our sacred tradition. It includes many inspiring and important ethical values and some that we may reinterpret or reject. The Torah portion includes the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself that Rabbi Akiba regarded as the great principle of Torah. Owen will share some of his thoughts about the Torah portion and invite community discussion.

***\*Bnai Mitzvah services are communal events at which we welcome a young person into our community. Lisa and Paul Machlin, and Abbe and Bryan Thomas are dedicated members and leaders in our congregation and we hope that many congregants will come to the services to welcome Hope and Owen into the community and to celebrate with them and their families.***

*With great pride and joy  
We invite you to join us as our daughter  
Hope Ze'eva Machlin  
is called to the Torah  
as a Bat Mitzvah  
Saturday, March 24 at 10 am  
  
Paul and Lisa Machlin*

*We invite you to share our joy  
as our son  
Owen Valentine  
is called to the Torah  
as a Bar Mitzvah  
Saturday, April 28, 2018  
10 a.m.  
  
— Abby and Bryan Thomas*

**Tot Shabbat:****Friday, March 16, 6-7 pm**

Families with young children, people who like to be around young children, and the young at heart are all welcome to this veggie/dairy potluck dinner followed by Shabbat singing and stories (with PJ Library books). We'll have a dessert oneg at 7 p.m.

**Hebrew for Adults**

עברית מבוגרים

One Sunday a month from 10:30-11:15 a.m. at Ithaca Bakery at Triphammer Marketplace. Check the weekly e-news for upcoming dates.

Have you always wanted to learn Hebrew but never found the time? Did you once know how to read Hebrew, but the rings on the trees have accumulated since your bar/bat mitzvah and your skills are a bit shaky? Can you sort of follow along, but resort to the transliteration every time? Are your kids learning Hebrew and you wish you could help them? You are not alone!

Join us on a self-paced, independent study journey to learn to read Hebrew. Each participant will work through the curriculum independently at her or his own speed. The focus is on prayer-book Hebrew. We meet approximately once a month to support and encourage each other, share tricks, ask questions, and read aloud with each other.

Contact Abby Thomas at [abby.thomas@cortland.edu](mailto:abby.thomas@cortland.edu)

**Adult Education with Rabbi Brian Walt: Mindfulness**

Thursday, March 22 & Monday, April 23 & Monday, June 11  
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Jews have played a role in the spread of the teachings of Buddhism and of mindfulness practice in America. Over the past two decades, many rabbis have trained in mindfulness, and Jews across the country find that integrating mindfulness with Jewish practices creates an opening to a meaningful Jewish life. Those with a commitment to Jewish practice access new spiritual depth. Those with little or no connection discover a meaningful entry into Jewish spiritual practices.

There are no pre-requisites for the class, no prior knowledge of Mindfulness, Buddhism or even Judaism is necessary. The class is open to people of all faiths or no faith.

Tuition: \$15 for TvO members, \$30 for non-members

***The class has already filled; At this point we are only taking names for a WAITING LIST.***

Contact [info@tikkunvor.org](mailto:info@tikkunvor.org) or 607-256-1471

# Tikkun v'Or Purim Comedy & Music Night Friday, March 2 6:15 - 8:30 p.m.

6:15-6:45 p.m, Brief Shabbat service  
& children's costume parade  
6:45-7:30 p.m. Potluck dinner  
7:30-8:30 p.m. Purim Bash!  
A cabaret atmosphere complete with bar  
serving grown-up and kid-friendly drinks

Bring:

- \*Veggie/dairy triangular foods to share (be creative!)
- \*A non-perishable can/box of food to donate
- \*Your family and friends
- \*A sense of humor



Do you want to tell a funny story, perform a skit,  
tell some jokes, share a song...

(content should be amusing and/or lighthearted and appropriate for audiences of all ages).

Please email Joan Friedman (jfriedman102@gmail.com) with your name (and a brief description of your act)

## Co-Presidents' Words

דברי הנשיא

Greetings! Two months into 2018, and I am excited to see the Purim Comedy and Music Night right around the corner, Friday, March 2nd at 6:15pm. Be sure to get there early to see or participate in the children's costume parade and stay late for a cabaret atmosphere sure to bring some smiles and combat those winter blues.

Yes, I do remember that during the middle of March 2017 we got hammered by a huge snow storm and I know that the pesky groundhog did in fact see his shadow this year....but I'm thinking ahead. Join together at the Community Passover Seder on March 31st (registration form in this newsletter and please save the date for this year's annual meeting on May 6th where we'll have our yearly business meeting and meaningful discussions.

In the last newsletter, we shared some of the takeaways from the congregational listening sessions from November that were aimed at exploring our current use of space. Out of those listening sessions, a strategic planning group formed, to gather further information on these fronts:

- High Holiday space needs, including parking;
- Demographics: How have we grown historically, and how much do we expect to grow in future? How has the composition of our congregation changed and what are the implications for building design and fundraising;
- Leadership (spiritual and administrative): projected salary costs and space needs;
- Building expansion and maintenance -- projected costs.

Additionally, the Jewish Education Committee (JE) has been tasked with visioning space needs for the religious school. Both the strategic planning group and JE are progressing thoroughly and thoughtfully with their respective charges.

Over the next few months, the strategic planning group will interview key stakeholders, and invite feedback from the general congregation, so as to help guide the board in setting short and long- term priorities.

Miranda and I are so grateful to the planning group and JE for forging ahead and to all who have been actively involved in this process. We look forward to keeping you all informed and to seeing you in the coming months.

Stay warm and think spring!

— *Shawn Murphy, Co-President*



## Religious School

## בית ספר תיקון ואור

Religious School students now sit with their Tefillah buddies to follow along for our morning services. Older and younger students are paired up to help each other follow along in the siddur.

**Gan and Kitah Alef** כיתה א (K/grade 1) have baked and grape-juiced their way through learning about Shabbat. They made colorful kiddush cups, delicious challah, and aromatic spice jars for havdalah.

**Kitah Bet/Gimel** כיתה ב/ג (grades 2/3) are learning about the early life of Moshe, leading up to the important stories of Passover. They also love learning about *gmilut chasadim* (acts of lovingkindness).

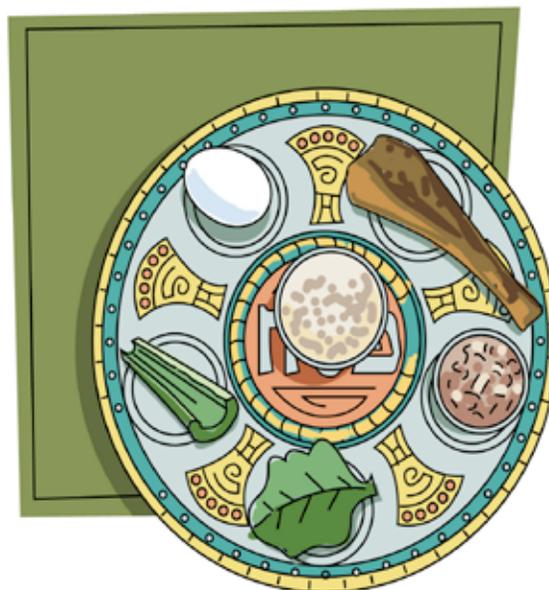
**Kitah Daled/Hey** כיתה ד/ה (grades 4/5) students are practicing finding kavana (concentration) in the keva (the fixed order) of prayers. They continue to ask fundamental questions about the place of the Torah in our lives,

**Kitah Vav/ Zayin** כיתה ו/ז (grade 6/7) led Friday night Shabbat services with Cantor Abbe Lyons, and will be leading with her again on Saturday morning, April 7. All are welcome to join us for this fun and lively service with students! In class, they recently discussed the importance of Shabbat -- for people and for animals, and read the 10 commandments in Hebrew and English.

Coming up in March and April, we'll be preparing for Purim and Passover and more class services:

**Friday, March 9, 6:15 pm Dinner, 7 p.m. Service**, led by Cantor Abbe Lyons and the students of kitah daled/hey (4th / 5th grade)

**Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m.** Shabbat morning service led by Cantor Abbe Lyons and the students of kitah vav/zayin (6th / 7th grade).



## Teens v'Or

Teens v'Or made lunches for the Friendship Center in January. Plans for this spring include a discussion about anti-Semitism, a night "shul-in" at the temple, a bake sale to raise money for some charities/non-profits, a movie night & discussion, and a chocolate seder. All teens on our list have been sent information about these events; let us know if you want to be added to that list!

Teens age 13 and up are invited to join anytime. Contact Samantha <[sbutlien@ithaca.edu](mailto:sbutlien@ithaca.edu)>.

**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 Kora van Wittelsbach, Stephen Wagner, Carol & Sam Shama, the Merkel-Yavitt family, and Harriet & Howard London for making lunches in December.

Thanks to Samantha Butlein and Teens v'Or youth group participants Julia, Max, Maya, Noah, Raia, Sam and Jeramie for making lunches for the Friendship Center in January. Please contact Dorothy Debbie at [dorothynotwork@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: **RESONATE**

**Saturday, May 5 at 7 p.m. at Tikkun v'Or**

Middle Eastern and cantorial music infused into folk, rock, blues and jazz sounds  
with lyrics that speak to the issues of our day.

RESONATE, founded by musician and activist Will Fudeman and Cantor Abbe Lyons with a multifaith group of Ithaca musicians - Mahmud Burton (oud, hand drums, ney, guitar), David Frumkin (violin, guitar, vocals), Jon Hilton (bass) and John Simon (vocals, guitar).



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or call (607) 256-1471

## ***Membership & Welcoming Committee***

ועד החברות

Welcome to new TVO members:

Drew and Liesl Margolin and their children, Lionel and Quincy

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 Brous, Beth Cohen, Peter Silberman, Miranda Phillips, Cantor Abbe and the students of kitah vav and zayin (sixth and seventh grade), Sam Debbie, and Faith Rogow;
- Oneg hosts: Lise Rosenfield, Mihal Ronen, Peter Silberman, Diana Levy, Nomi Talmi, Dalya Tamir, Tziona Szajman, Faith Rogow;
- Shabbat in the Community hosts: Sara Schaffzin and Tommie Blecher;
- Peter Silberman for coordinating Shabbat in the Community;
- Miranda Phillips for leading Shabbat morning services;
- Ian Shapiro and Noa Shapiro-Tamir for leading a Tu B'shvat discussion about climate change;
- Shira Reisman and Marne Oshae for leading Tot Shabbat;
- Jonathan Plotkin and Arthur Birnbaum for organizing and cooking for Dinner & a Movie;
- Diana Levy and Stacey Langwick for facilitating the screening of the film 13th;
- Alita Howard and Abby Thomas for supervising Religious School Sunday January 21;
- Thanks to Regi Teasley, Shawn Murphy, Ian Shapiro, Anne Brous, Sally Ezra, and everyone else who helped with heating issues at Tikkun v'Or.

## ***Donors***

צדקה

**Thank you to our recent donors:**

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*Thanks to the Ithaca Area United Jewish Community (IAUJC) for a grant to support our Religious School and congregation through tuition assistance.*

## ***Dinner and a Movie: Season 8***

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**Fiddler on the Roof (encore!) Saturday, March 10, 5:45 p.m.**

*\*\*Due to the length of the film, please note the early start time\*\**

Season 8 of Dinner and a Movie - A Special Potluck Finale and Thank You!

Swiftly fly the years! You probably think we forgot. But miracle of miracles, eight years later, we remembered! To those of you who are too young to recall, it was our first Dinner and a Movie Night, the schnapps was flowing (so more like Drinking and a Movie Night), we raised our glasses, joined in on the bottle dance and happily headed home at the 90 minute intermission. It was a memorable evening but maybe we forgot just a bit about watching the second half. No way we're going to spoil some vast eternal plan, so let's try again and this time sing along from beginning to end. Don't biddy biddy bum all day, arrive early and grab a good seat!

Nu, what's for dinner? A little bit of this. A little bit of that.

As has become our custom, the last Dinner and a Movie of the season will be a potluck thank you to Arthur for all of his hard work.

Bring a veggie dish, a snack to share or something to drink.

We'll bring the schnapps.  
L'Chaim!



Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and the film begins promptly at 6:30. Be sure to arrive early to maximize your schmooze time! This is not a publicly advertised event but all human beings are most welcome so feel free to bring friends. This is a free event at Tikkun v'Or. Feel free to contact Jonathan Plotkin with any questions at 607-227-3618 or [jjplotkin@gmail.com](mailto:jjplotkin@gmail.com).



# Celebrate Purim!

with other PJ Families

**Thursday, March 1st 3:30 to 5:30**

**Borg Warner Room of the Tompkins County Public Library**

**Hear the Megillah! Purim Baskets! Face Painting!**

**Amazing Pete's Balloons, Dress up! Music and more!**

**Admission: three non-perishable food items for ACT's Kitchen Cupboard**

*(this donation will help you complete the four mitzvot for Purim)*

**Please contact Marjorie at [marjorie.twcny.rr.com](mailto:marjorie.twcny.rr.com) if you can help with activities**

**Please invite other Jewish families who might be interested!**

## ***Tikkun v'Or Tribute Cards***

TRIBUTE CARDS have been sent:

To Janie Carsik, in memory of Gary Davidson

from Sue Merkel and Joe Yavitt

from Peter and Sherry Burford

May his memory be for a blessing.

To Brian Cutler and Moriah Tebor Shaw, in memory of Alice Cutler

from Miranda Phillips

from Suzanne Aigen

May her memory be for a blessing.

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>](mailto:sherry@tikkunvor.org)

or at (607) 319-4982.

## Annual Congregation Tikkun v'Or Community Seder Saturday, March 31, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

*At Tikkun v'Or, 2550 North Triphammer Rd. in Lansing*

The Tikkun v'Or Community Passover Seder will be held on March 31, the second night of Pesach. The meal will be partially catered and partially dish-to-pass. Our caterer will provide a vegetarian or chicken entree, vegetarian matzo ball soup, beverages, and some ceremonial foods. To supplement this, we ask that each family bring a vegetarian dish to share that will comfortably feed 8–12 people. This can be a side dish, a large salad, or a dessert. All dishes must be Pesachdikhe (kosher for Passover), so remember: no bread, pasta, or other grains, though the Sephardic tradition allows rice and beans.

The fee covers the costs incurred for the Seder, including catering, table/chair rentals, and other incidentals. *We do not want anyone to miss the Seder because of financial circumstances, so if cost is an issue, please send what is affordable to you.*

This event is brought to you by volunteers. We will need help with some ceremonial foods, setup, and other preparation. Please contact Joan Friedman at [friedman.joan@gmail.com](mailto:friedman.joan@gmail.com) if you can help.

Please complete and mail the form below with your check. **No registrations will be accepted after Friday, March 23 or once we have reached our capacity (120),** so please register early!

Mail registration with check to:

Joan Friedman, 4030 Jacksonville Road, Trumansburg, NY 14886

**Please make checks payable to Tikkun v'Or**

(Registrations will be considered incomplete without enclosed check)

*Passover is a time when many Jews make contributions to tzedakah. As part of TvO's effort to help end hunger in our community, we are collecting monetary donations for the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard. A space for monetary donations is included on the form below.*

SEDER RESERVATION FORM – Return by March 23, 2018		
No. adult temple members attending	_____ @ \$18 per person	\$ _____
No. temple members age 6–12 attending	_____ @ \$10 per person	\$ _____
No. adult non-members attending	_____ @ \$28 per person	\$ _____
No. non-members age 6–12 attending	_____ @ \$15 per person	\$ _____
<i>Note: children 5 and under are free</i>		
Special Family Rates		
Member family of four	_____ @ \$50 + \$5/add. child	\$ _____
Non-member family of four	_____ @ \$80 + \$8/add. child	\$ _____
Donation to the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard		\$ _____
Donation to help others attend the 2018 Seder		\$ _____
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>		<b>\$ _____</b>
# of vegetarian entrees we would like _____	# of meat entrees we would like _____	
Names of adults: _____		
Names & ages of children _____		
E-mail: _____	Contact us to help with the Seder: Y / N	
We will bring: Dessert ___ Salad ___ Kugel/Side dish ___		
We can also bring: An empty Seder plate _____ A full Seder plate _____		



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As you may know, IAUGC focuses a great deal of attention on programs in our local community. Our desire is to support Jewish education on all levels, promote Jewish values in our youth, and encourage our traditions. The campership grantee program is one way we make a difference to local families. It has been made possible by the generous endowment given by Robert and Marcia Ascher. *We welcome new donations to this program where need is now exceeding our funding.* Presently, the awards committee is reviewing applications for grants for this coming summer. If you or someone you know could use financial help to send their child to Jewish summer camp, please visit <https://iaujc.org/camperships-can-make-jewish-camp-affordable>. Attending Jewish summer camp is a wonderful way to connect our children with our Jewish community and traditions, impacting Jewish identity. We are so glad that we are now able to offer this assistance. Below, is an excerpt from a thank you letter we received from the parent of one of our campership scholarship recipients.

“I can't thank you enough for all that you do for [ ]. He is very excited for summer camp. He is looking forward to meet his friends and get to know new friends and experience camp[ ] a healthy Jewish living experience. We are deeply appreciate IAUGC, camp [ ], PJ library and all who contributed to this.”

Announcing our Spring IAUGC Programs:

**PJ Library Purim Celebration** March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Tompkins County Public Library, Borg Warner Room 3:30-5:30 PM – For young families and their friends. Games, crafts, learning about the 4 Purim mitzvot including hearing the Megillah! All are welcome. Admission is 3 non-perishable food items.

**Annual Jacob and Jeannette Geldwert Holocaust Commemoration** on Thursday evening, 7 PM, April 12 at Temple Beth El with guest speaker Lea Malek , Holocaust survivor, now retired from Malek's Bakery in Rochester. Free and open to the public.

**Community Program in May featuring Dr. Jeremy Benstein**, co-founder of the Heschel Center for Sustainable Environment in Tel Aviv, “The Environment as a Focus for Jewish-Arab Coexistence in Israel”.

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# March 2018 - Tikkun v'Or

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> No Religious School	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> TVO Board meeting 7-9	<b>28</b> Purim (5778) begins at sundown Midweek 4:30-6	<b>1</b> Purim (5778) PJ Library Purim Celebration	<b>2</b> Purim Comedy Night 6:15-8:30 pm	<b>3</b> Parashat Ki Tisa
<b>4</b> Religious School 9:15-12	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Midweek 4:30-6	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Kabbalat Shabbat 6:15 p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. service Cantor Abbe and dated/hey students	<b>10</b> Parashat Vayatehl-Pikudei Shabbat morning service 9:30 -11 am Dinner & a Movie 5:45 pm Fiddler on the Roof
<b>11</b> Daylight Saving Time begins Religious School 9:15-12	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> TVO Exec mtg	<b>14</b> Midweek 4:30-6	<b>15</b> Building rental	<b>16</b> Shabbat in the Community Tot Shabbat 6-7 pm Oneg 7-7:30 Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Anne Brous	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day Parashat Vayikra
<b>18</b> Religious School 9:15-12	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Vernal Equinox Rabbi Brian 3/21-3/26	<b>21</b> Midweek 4:30-6 Lunches for FC	<b>22</b> Adult Ed 7-8:30	<b>23</b> Kabbalat Shabbat Rabbi Brian 7:30 pm	<b>24</b> Parashat Tzav - Shabbat HaGadol Shabbat morning 8:45-9:30 meditation 10 am service Bat Mitzvah: Hope Mlachlin
<b>25</b> No Religious School New Member Brunch @ Burford house	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> TVO Board meeting 7-9	<b>28</b> No class	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Passover (5778) (Pesach) begins at sundown	<b>31</b> Passover (5778) (Pesach) Community seder 6 pm

# April 2018 - Tikkun v'Or

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> April Fool's Day, Easter Sunday No RS	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm	<b>7</b> Shabbat service 10 am Cantor Abbe and Vav/Zayin
<b>8</b> Religious School 9:15-12	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> TVO Exec mtg	<b>11</b> Yom HaShoah (5778) (Holocaust Remembrance Day) begins at sundown Midweek 4:30-6	<b>12</b> Yom HaShoah (5778)	<b>13</b> Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Naomi Wilensky Scout Shabbat	<b>14</b> Parashat Shemini
<b>15</b> Religious School 9:15-12	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Tax Returns due Yom HaZikaron (5778) (Israel Memorial Day) begins at sundown	<b>18</b> Yom HaZikaron (5778), Yom HaAtzmaut (5778) (Israel Independence Day) begins at sundown Midweek 4:30-6	<b>19</b> Yom HaAtzmaut (5778) Rabbi Brian 4/19-29	<b>20</b> Shabbat Service & Dinner 6 pm Rabbi Brian	<b>21</b> Parashat Tazria-Metzora Shabbat morning 9-9:45 Meditation 10 am service
<b>22</b> Earth Day Religious School 9:15-12	<b>23</b> Adult Ed 7-8:30	<b>24</b> TVO Board meeting 7-9	<b>25</b> Midweek 4:30-6 Lunches for FC	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm Rabbi Brian	<b>28</b> Parashat Acharei-Kedoshim Shabbat morning 8:45-9:30 meditation 10 am service Bar Mitzvah: Owen Thomas
<b>29</b> Religious School 9:15-12	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Lag B'Omer (5778) begins at sundown Midweek 4:30-6	<b>3</b> Lag B'Omer (5778)	<b>4</b> Kabbalat Shabbat 7:30 pm	<b>5</b> Cinco de Mayo Parashat Emor Resonate Concert

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