



November 8th, 2018
30 Cheshvan, 5779

THE WEEKLY VOICE

Last Sunday evening, November 4th nearly 700 people gathered as a community to take our next steps in the aftermath of the tragic Tree of Life synagogue attack. The immense energy in the room and the willingness for so many people to gather and to begin pushing hate and Antisemitism from our community was incredible. I offer my personal thanks to the clergy of many faiths, the community organizers and leaders who participated and facilitated groups. For an update on the continuing work, please contact me or go to www.thepeacecenter.org for “Bucks Call to Action Against Antisemitism.” Here are my edited remarks which helped to set the framework for the evening:

I learned as a small kid the old nursery ditty, sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me. And for a long time, I tried to absorb that and when I was picked on in school, I tried to ignore it. But that ditty is just wrong. Words matter. Words can and do hurt but words can also heal and bring love into this world. In the book of Proverbs, we learn – *The tongue has the power of life and death. And those who love it will eat of its fruit.* (Proverbs 18:21)

On Saturday, October 27th, 11 people died because they chose to attend synagogue to pray. The week before, a gunman allegedly went to a predominantly black church, found that it was locked so he went to a Krogers grocery store and killed two African Americans who chose to go grocery shopping. This past Friday night two women, a college student and a medical director were shot and killed at a yoga studio with five more wounded by an alleged gunman who made misogynistic comments. The commonality of these events and the continued vandalism and racist and antisemitic acts we are witnessing around our nation and in our Bucks County community are because words matter. Words are hurting all of us in ways no one imagined. Like many, I know that antisemitism and hate still existed but for a long time, it had been pushed under the surface and into the dark corners of this world. No longer; words have allowed it to come back out. It will take words followed by actions to push hate, bigotry and antisemitism back into those dark corners, so people can live their lives with love and compassion.

It begins with everyone in this room. It begins with our civic leaders, with our faith leaders, and with our community leaders. We, as leaders, have to model the behavior for others. We have to speak kindly to one another and about one another. As parents, we have to model behavior for our children. Children learn from the adults around them. And we ourselves have to monitor our own behavior.

In the Jewish tradition on Yom Kippur, the day we seek forgiveness from God, we recite a list 10 times. We recite *Al Het Shechatunu lifanekha*. Forgive us God for we have sinned. *Continued on page 8*

For more information, see our website at www.cboi.org

Shabbat Service Schedule

All services are held at
8:00pm on Friday night
and
9:30am Shabbat morning

Sunday morning minyan
Begins at 9:20am

Upcoming Services

Friday, November 9th
Tot Shabbat at 5:30
Kabbalat Shabbat at 8:00pm

Saturday, November 10th
Shabbat Services at 9:30am

Friday, November 16th
Kabbalat Shabbat at 8:00pm
Cantor May will be here

Saturday, November 17th
Shabbat Services at 9:30am
Rabbi Gaber discusses The Observant Life chapter over Kiddush
Cantor May will be here

Friday, November 23rd
Kabbalat Shabbat at 8:00pm
Cantor May will be here

Saturday, November 24th
Shabbat Services at 9:30am
Cantor May will be here

Please note that the office will be closed on Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23 for Thanksgiving. There will be no Hebrew School on Wednesday, November 21st or Sunday, November 25th. Please check the calendar at www.cboi.org for all dates and times.



Let's Celebrate Sid Moszer

Join us for Shabbat Services
December 1st
followed by a Kiddush Lunch

18 years as our
beloved Torah (Bar/Bat Mitzvah) Teacher
and Friend



Please RSVP to the office by November 26th
215 579-2200 or
sharon.segarra@cboi.org



Congregation Brothers of Israel
530 Washington Crossing Road
Newtown, PA



Dear Friends,

So many of you have been touched by the friendship and caring of Sid Moszer as you prepared for your B'nai Mitzvah.

I know that I do not have everyone's correct email, so I would appreciate parents sharing with your children and former students sharing with other students!

If you want to lead a part of the Shabbat Service, please email me and we can assign you a part.

If you wish to make a donation in Sid's Honor please call the synagogue office at 215-579-2200.

I would be wonderful to see you and share our tribute to Sid. JOAN



Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Foster Care Program:

"A Journey from Harm to Home"

Madap Sharma, a former refugee of Bhutan who fled his home country to escape the brutal policy of cultural and religious homogenization, will speak on issues of Refugee Resettlement and the Unaccompanied Refugee Minor Foster Care Program.

Event will take place at Newtown Friends Meeting (219 Court Street, Newtown, PA) on Monday, November 12, at 7:15 pm.

For more information, please visit our website, www.thepeacecenter.org or call (215) 750-7220.

Dear Friends,

Hoping to see many of you on at Shabbat Services, December 1, when we honor SID MOSZER for his 18 years of service.

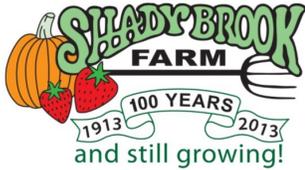
We are putting together a tribute booklet for Sid and need you to make it happen.

Please take a few minutes to reflect on any memories or specific ways in which Sid was part of your family's B'nai Mitzvah celebration. Nothing too long, just a short statement to help us say thank you!

WE MUST HAVE THESE NO LATER THAN NOV. 14, 2018.

Please email them to Sharon Segarra at sharon.segarra@cboi.org

Looking forward to sharing our tribute to Sid.
Warmest wishes, Joan Hersch



COMMUNITY HANUKKAH CELEBRATION

Monday, December 3, 2018
6:00-7:00pm

SHADY BROOK FARM

931 Stony Hill Road, Yardley, PA 19067
NO CHARGE...JUST FUN

Crafts, Stories, Dreidel

Light the Giant 12ft. Menorah

Sing, Dance around the Bonfire

Be a Hanukkah Mitzvah Maker

Bring a non-perishable food item for a local food pantry

For more information contact
sueweiner30@verizon.net

Congregation Brothers of Israel 55 Plus



Sunday,
January 27, 2019
3:00 PM

ON GOLDEN POND

Bristol Riverside Theatre

120 Radcliff St.
Bristol, PA 19007



\$40. p.p.

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Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
Amount of Tickets: _____ x \$40. \$ _____
Check Enclosed: _____ Bill My Account: _____

Breakfast with a VET

Sunday, November 11th

9:30 AM

At

Garden of Reflection

Join CBOI's Men's Club as they get together at Garden of Reflection for a prayer service followed by lunch at Moish and Itzys or Einsteins

RSVP by Friday, November 9th by noon
rgfsfc53@gmail.com

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Schmoozing with a Schmeat



November 18th
10 AM to 12 Noon
Come meet all of the CBOI Committees



Interested in getting involved?
Don't know what there is to do, or how to get started?
Don't know what committee seems right for you?
Come learn what all of the committees do, socialize with your fellow members, and enjoy a bagel and a schmeat.



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The Observant Life

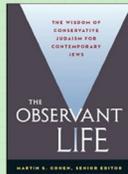
The Wisdom of Conservative Judaism for Contemporary Jews.

Approximately once a month, Rabbi Gaber will lead a discussion following services on a section of the Observant Life. This seminal work shares a modern take on Jewish life and living. Rabbi Gaber will assign sections of the book to read in preparation for the discussion.

September 22	Interfaith Relations	727-750
October 20	Citizenship & Civic Morality	427-451
November 17	Sibling Relationships	693-708
December 15	Gossip, Slander, and Talebearing	582-589
January 19	Public Appearance and Behavior	373-390
February 16	Individuals with Disabilities	831-855
March 16	Among Co-Workers	529-539
April 13	'Animals'	838-856
May 18	Repentance	412-421
June 15	Conclusion	

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You are encouraged to purchase a copy of the book through the synagogue for \$25.00



Sisterhood Chanukah Get Together

Thursday, November 15th 7 PM

At the home of Jody Kessel
2031 Silverwood Drive, Newtown, PA.

Please RSVP by November 9th



We will be collecting infant and women's toiletries to be donated to a shelter

\$10-\$15 Gift Exchange

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Don't miss a beat!!!! Chanukah Celebration Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018 5:15 PM

ALL STUDENTS INVITED
KINDERGARTEN THRU 7TH GRADE

Confirmation Students will be meeting with Rabbi Gaber

BRING FRIENDS - OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY!

The Delightful Story of Chanukah

"... An exciting tale of mystery, miracles, triumph, joy, and a single bottle of olive oil..."

This is an interactive Drum Tale which takes its audience back in time to experience the light and joy of Chanukah. As we journey, we will encounter many experiences, adventures, and characters along the way, which will all be brought to life through various musical innovations.



For more information call Joan Hersch at 267 980-7500 or morahj@aol.com

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HAVE YOU BEEN WANTING TO LEARN HEBREW?

Has it been years since you learned the Alef-bet in Hebrew school?

Have difficulty following along during services?

Never learned to read Hebrew?

The Bucks County Rabbis Council will be offering a county-wide **Beginner's Hebrew class in Fall 2018.** taught by Julie Stockler.

Tuesdays 7pm to 8:15pm at Congregation Kol Emet
1360 Oxford Valley Road
Yardley, PA 19067.



October 23 to December 4, 2018. Just \$75 for 6 classes. Members of any synagogue receive a 50% discount.

This class is being held in conjunction with a 20-session Introduction to Judaism course. Please note that this class will NOT be covering conversational Hebrew.

For questions or to register for either or both classes, call **Rabbi Anna Boswell-Levy** at 215-438-8522 x 3 or email at rabianna@kolernet.org.

Services This Weekend:

Friday, November 9th
Tot Shabbat at 5:30pm
Candlelighting: 4:29pm
Kabbalat Shabbat 8pm

Saturday, November 10th
Shabbat Services 9:30am
Torah Reader: Rabbi Daniel Wolpe
Parashah: Tol'dot, Pg. 146, Genesis 25:19
Haftorah: Malachi 1:1

Yahrzeits

Israel Albert, Ruth Aranoff, Bernard Biederman, Noel Blum, Betty Bulitt, Max Caplan, Lorraine Cohen, Leon "Pat" Cooper, Dora Cooper, Daniel G. Deutsch, Gussie Frey, Gloria Fried, Clara Friedman, Siman Friedman, Gussie Goldberg, Benjamin B. Goldman, Israel Heller, Sarah Herkowitz, Sandra Howard, Sylvia Kalendar, Ernst Kohn, Katherine Kosoy, Yetta Laskey, Morris Lavine, Harry Lavine, Phyllis Leventhal, Louis Levine, Rebecca L. Nass, Amy R. Nechamkin, William Olinsky, Anna Perla, Zelma Rosenberg, Shirley Rosenfeld, Hilda Rosenthal, Eva Schulz, Arnold Gary Schwartz, Louis Seplow, Nathaniel T. Sutnick, Carolyn Taub, George Weiner, Rosalind Yarmark, Bertha Zeisel

To the Education Fund from

Sheril and Arnold Hirsch in memory of Ida Maretsky, mother of Judith Young
Donna and Seymour Nowicki in memory of Ida Maretsky, mother of Judith Young

To the Chasin Fund from

The Brand Leudemann Family in memory of Ida Maretsky, mother of Judith Young
Marni Brand and family in memory of Judith Young's mother, Ida Maretsky
Joan and Rabbi Howard Hersch in memory of Ida Maretsky, mother of Judith Young

To the Millie Minsky Technology Fund from

Phyllis and Jordan Warshafsky in memory of Beverly Axe, mother of Francesca Axe

To the Year of Torah Fund from

Victor Giuffre in memory of Elsie Epstein, mother of Roz Zucker, Ida Maretsky, mother of Judith Young and in honor of the birth of Judy and Albert Algazi's grandson

Victor Giuffre in memory of Phyllis Giuffre

To the Marci Scharf Fund from

Holly and Mark Nemiroff in memory of Ida Maretsky

To the Dr. Seymour Cohen Fund from

Howard and Janet Cohen in memory of Dr. Seymour Cohen

Donations

We thank you for your generosity-

To the General Fund from

Jen and Brandon Wind in memory of Elsie Epstein, grandmother of Lauri Preston and Ida Maretsky, mother of Judith Young

Susan and Jim Wartenberg in memory of Beverly Axe, mother of Francesca Axe
Phyllis and Jordan Warshafsky in memory of Judith Young's mother, Ida Maretsky

To the Yahrzeit Fund from

Mark Litowitz in memory of Riva Urken

Tina Hayman in memory of Elliott Arthur Finkle

To the George Weiner Fund from

Maxine and Brian Goldsmith to Judith Young with heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your mother, Ida Maretsky

To the Alvin Berger Fund from

Gloria Berger in memory of Beverly Axe, mother of Francesca Axe

To the Martin Belovin Fund from

Carol and Jerry Schwartz with Happy Birthday wishes to Harriet Belovin
Sue and Ron Schwartz in memory of Ida Maretsky, mother of Judith Young

Phyllis and Jordan Warshafsky in memory of Beverly Axe, Francesca Axe's mother
Sue and Ron Schwartz in memory of Harriet Belovin's special birthday

To the Prayer Book Fund from

Surelle and Barry Wind in memory of Judith Young's mother, Ida Maretsky
Roberta and Gregory Kenwood in memory of Anna Perla and Bernie Perla

To the Caring Committee Fund from

Janet Barudin in memory of Beverly Axe, Francesca Axe's mother
Rita and Len Schultz in memory of Beverly Axe, mother of Francesca Axe and Ida Maretsky, mother of Judith Young

Janet Barudin to Roz Zucker and Lauri Preston in memory of Elsie Epstein

Janet Barudin in memory of Ida Maretsky, mother of Judith Young
Donna and Seymour Nowicki with get well wishes to Hillarie Altman

To the Rabbi's Discretionary Fund from

Fran and Fred Edelman in memory of Elsie Epstein, mother of Roz Zucker and Ida Maretsky, mother of Judith Young

To the Spring Gala Fund from

Sharon and Rich Segarra and family in memory of Ida Maretsky, mother of Judith Young
Andrea and Alan Kornblum in memory of Elsie Epstein, mother of Roz Zucker and Ida Maretsky, mother of Judith Young

At a Glance

2018-2019 5779

It's Cool to be in Shul
Celebrate Shabbat
in real time ~
PRAYER PARTNERSHIP
Students will have the opportunity
to lead the Congregation in the
prayers they've learned in their
classes! A calendar of assigned
Prayer Partnership dates will be
sent home.



CLASS SHABBATOT
6TH/7TH GRADE SHABBAT 2/9
KINDERGARTEN 3/1
5TH GRADE SHABBAT 3/29
ELEMENTARY SHABBAT 5/17

This is a tentative schedule.
Check www.cboi.org
for any changes or additions.

CONFIRMATION
ALL CLASSES MEET ON WEDNESDAYS
5:15- 6:30 PM
9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/7, 11/28,
12/5, 12/12, 12/19, 1/9, 1/30, 2/13, 2/27,
3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, 5/1, 5/15
CEREMONY OF CONFIRMATION JUNE 7TH

TORAH TOTS
Sundays 10am - Noon
9/23, 12/2, 1/13,
3/3, 5/5

Friday Nights at 5:30 PM
7/20, 8/24, 9/14,
10/19, 11/9, 12/7,
1/11, 2/8, 3/8,
4/12, 5/10, 6/7

YOM TOV CELEBRATION DAYS
Rosh Hashanah Sept. 9-10
Yom Kippur Sept. 19
Sukkot Family Party Sept. 26
Simchat Torah Oct. 1
Family Hanukkah Party Dec.9
Tu B'Shevat Program Jan. 16
Purim Carnival March 17
Family Megillah Reading Mar. 20
Passover Program April 14
Yom Hashoah May 5
Lag B' Omer May 22
Shavuot June 9



Between now and the end of the year, retirees 70 1/2 years of age and older are required to take a distribution of traditional retirement accounts or face tax penalties. **But if you donate your RMD to the synagogue you may experience tax advantages.** Here is an article from US News and World Report that outlines some basic information:

<https://money.usnews.com/money/retirement/iras/articles/2017-12-04/how-to-donate-your-required-minimum-distribution-to-charity>

Of course, consult your financial advisor for more information.



for kids ages 6 months - 8 years

for kids ages 8.5 - 11



PJ Library sends your child the gift of free, wonderful, age-appropriate Jewish children's books or music in the mail every month. All families in the Greater Philadelphia area raising Jewish children ages 6 months through 8 years of age are welcome to enroll.

PJ Our Way is the next chapter of PJ Library for kids ages 8.5-11. PJ Our Way books are chapter books, and kids get to choose which books they want to receive, for free! Check out the PJ Our Way website designed for kids, by kids.

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We are mindful that books at different levels may best suit children with special needs up to and over age 11. We are happy to adjust the age group for the books to best meet your child's needs. Please contact Robyn Cohen at rcohen@jewishlearningventure.org for this or any other question.

In partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation and the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, Jewish Learning Venture is proud to offer PJ Library and jkidphilly to your family.



Team Tefillah

Learn to Lead Services

- Friday Night Service
 - Kabbalat Shabbat
 - Maariv Service
- Saturday Morning Service
 - Chant at least one Aliyah of Torah
 - Chant the Haftarah
 - Shacharit Service
 - Torah Service
 - Musaf Service

JOIN THE TEAM
+ MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Open to all
post B'nai Mitzvah students
and every adult.

Participants will receive an \$18 honorarium for each service or reading completed. Teens will also receive Israel Dollars toward a summer Teen Trip to Israel.



RABBI AARON GABER WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE, TUTORING AND RECORDING OF THE SHABBAT SERVICES.

Contact Rabbi Gaber at rabbi.gaber@cboi.org
or call the office at 215 579-2200
To Get Involved

Be the difference
that defines
the New Year.

12.03.18

NEW YORK CITY
METROPOLITAN PAVILION

Never Is Now is the nation's principal event designed to explore the contemporary drivers of anti-Semitism and all forms of hate. You're invited to join ADL, along with other experts, academics and leaders in a variety of fields, to learn and be inspired to make a difference.

Attend ADL's **Never Is Now** to learn more about fighting hate for good.

Register at NeverIsNow.org using code **BOININ18** for special pricing.



#NeverIsNow18

CBOI recently added the option of text messaging our members in times of emergency. But you have the ability to OPT-OUT. If you do not want to receive text messages we deem of an truly urgent nature, please contact the office by phone at 215-579-2200 or gina.caplan@cboi.org and we are happy to respect your wishes.



Sunday, December 9th
4 PM



Adults \$15 .. Children 12 and under \$7.00
Under 5 free



RSVP by December 2nd
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Join Us As We
Light The 7th
Candle On The Menorah



Congregation Brothers of Israel
55 Plus Group



Sunday, December 2nd
5 PM

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Register and pay online at <https://tinyurl.com/y9nm7x3r>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 23 Cheshvan Rabbi Dan Wolpe - Adu. 7:00p	2 24 Cheshvan SHOW UP FOR SHABBAT First Candle Lighting 5:30p Candle Lighting 5:38p Kabbalat Shabbat Servi. 8:00p	3 25 Cheshvan Chayei Sara Shabbat Mevarchim SHOW UP FOR SHABBAT Shabbat Services 9:30a Havdalah 6:45p
4 26 Cheshvan National Liberty Museum Liberty Museum in Philadelphia 55 Plus Group Sunday School 9:15a Minyan Services 9:20a Tree of Life Synagogue. 6:00p	5 27 Cheshvan	6 28 Cheshvan Leisure Club 10:00a	7 29 Cheshvan Talmud Class 11:00a Hebrew School 5:00p Confirmation 5:15p	8 30 Cheshvan Rosh Chodesh Kislev Newtown Ministerium L. 12:30p Rabbi Dan Wolpe - Ad. 7:00p	9 1 Kislev Rosh Chodesh Kislev Candle Lighting 4:30p Tot Shabbat 5:30p Kabbalat Shabbat Servi. 8:00p	10 2 Kislev Toldot Shabbat Services 9:30a Havdalah 5:37p
11 3 Kislev NO Sunday School NO Minyan Services 9:20a Breakfast With A Vet 9:30a	12 4 Kislev	13 5 Kislev Executive Committee Me. 7:30p	14 6 Kislev Talmud Class 11:00a Hebrew School 5:00p Gala Committee Meeting 5:00p	15 7 Kislev Sisterhood Hanaukka 7:00p	16 8 Kislev Cantor May will be here Candle Lighting 4:24p Kabbalat Shabbat Servi. 8:00p	17 9 Kislev Vayetzei Cantor May will be here Shabbat Services 9:30a The Observant Life - 12:00p Havdalah 5:31p
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Continued from pg. 1 If you read that list closely, the majority of verses remind us of how we have gossiped about others, how we have misrepresented ourselves to others, how we have misled others and how we have spoken meanly about others. At the end of the prayer, we ask God to forgive us, to pardon us and to grant us atonement. God will do that, but it is up to us to adjust our behavior. I ask everyone tonight, please speak kindly to each other and about each other.

Words matter. Words are also used to create good in this world. When God created the world, God did so by speaking it into existence. And from those words flowed actions which help to better the world. Tonight, we have gathered after a week of sadness and anger. A week of funerals in Pittsburgh and an outpouring of love from most quarters of the world. Tonight, we begin to take back our community. Tonight, we remind the world that hate has no home here now or ever. We do that by taking the next steps.

In a few moments, we ask that you select from one of five affinity groups and to join a discussion forum. The groups will be facilitated by community leaders and organizers who are involved in this important work every day. You will begin the discussion and you will learn and share how you can do more than offer “thoughts and prayers”. You can take action to make our community more loving and to push the minority of haters out of our community.

Here are the five groups:

- Building Interfaith Relations Forum and discuss in smaller groups how you can enhance the relationships between people of different faiths.
- Reducing Gun Violence Forum and discuss ways to reduce gun violence and to reach out to our elected leadership to let them know that this is not only important to you but it is essential that we eliminate gun violence.
- Community activism to end Antisemitism and Hate forum. Words of love are needed but so are actions. You are a vital part of that change in our community.
- Educate the community on Immigration policy Forum. I can only say if it were not for an immigration policy that allowed my great grandparents into this country, my parents and grandparents may have perished in the Holocaust and I would never have been born. All of us here are immigrants and descendants of immigrants to this country. Jewish Tradition teaches us to take care of the stranger when they come to our house. Abraham showed hospitality to strangers, shouldn't we?
- Finally, Creating Acts of Loving Kindness Forum. Many of us have been touched by the beautiful acts that others have shared this week. Someone stopped by my synagogue with cookies to give us sustenance as we sat shiva for the 11 precious souls in Pittsburgh. We can do more to share kindness in this community.

Let's together take the next steps toward showing the world that hate has no home in Bucks County or in our country. When the Israelites stood at the border of their Promised Land, they were given a choice. Choose life or choose death. Let us together choose life and through words and actions bring more compassion to our community and be an example to our children and to our children's children. So, we can demonstrate to our children and to their children that we can heal this world for the better.

I end with the word of Ari Mahler, the nurse, who cared for the gunman in Pittsburgh: Love. That's why I did it. Love as an action is more powerful than words, and love in the face of evil gives others hope. It demonstrates humanity. It reaffirms why we're all here. The meaning of life is to give meaning to life, and love is the ultimate force that connects all living beings. I could care less what Robert Bowers thinks, but you, the person reading this, love is the only message I wish to instill in you. If my actions mean anything, love means everything.