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MAH JONGG MONDAYS

MITZVAH DAY

HANUKKAH

**1/20/23 SOUP SHABBAT
RETURNS DURING
SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE
WEEKEND**

OUR GATES ARE OPEN

We're Here!

**Services and Programs
remain In-Person and Virtual.**

LOOKING FORWARD TO:

**LULU FIELD SCHOLAR-
IN-RESIDENCE
JANUARY 20-22, 2023**

CGOH GALA IN MAY

**Our Gates Are Open
In-Person & Virtual
Connected & Safe**

**SHABBAT SERVICES
IN-PERSON & LIVE-
STREAM EVERY FRIDAY
AT 7:00 P.M.**

**Jammies & Jeans
5:30 P.M. FIRST FRIDAY OF
THE MONTH FOR FAMILIES
WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

**ZENOBICS TAI CHI
EVERY MONDAY
AT 6:30 P.M.
ON ZOOM and IN PERSON**

**WEEKLY EVENTS WITH RABBI
MATT: IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL**

**• TALMUD STUDY
EVERY THURSDAY AT 12:00 P.M.**

**• TORAH STUDY
EVERY SATURDAY AT 9:00 A.M.**

**ALL VIRTUAL PROGRAMS
ARE HELD BY ZOOM.**

**WORSHIP SERVICES
ARE LIVE-STREAMED
AND IN-PERSON**

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
www.cgoh.org for
access to our virtual and
live-stream offerings.**

December 2022

- **12/1 Sisterhood Speaker:** Thursday, December 1, 7:30 p.m. Anthropologist, Brenda Rosenbaum & Ellen Auerbach will discuss "Women Among Us".
- **12/2 Jammies & Jeans:** Friday, December 2, 5:30 p.m. Children's Shabbat followed by pizza & mac n' cheese for the families.
- **12/4 Brotherhood Speaker & Breakfast:** Sunday, December 4, 10:00 a.m., Dr. Al Magid will speak about his friendship with a leader of China.
- **12/5 Mah Jongg Mondays begin** ~ 1:00 p.m. when the office is open, so is a table to play Mah Jongg- bring your set and enjoy!
- **12/8 Red Cross Blood Drive at CGOH:** Thursday, December 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **12/11 Mitzvah Day:** Sunday, December 11 at 11:30 a.m. Join us to learn about organizations we can help with our time and/ funds, eat lunch while learning, & get a cool T-Shirt to wear as you volunteer and represent CGOH.
- **12/12 Sisterhood White Elephant Re-Gift event**
- **12/14 Alicia Jo Rabins speaks about her book-** Zoom only
- **12/18 Chanukah on Jay:** 2:30 - 4:00 across from City Hall
- **12/21 Teen Night- Winter Solstice Evening:** 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- **12/21 Life & Legacy Chanukah Dinner:** 5:30 p.m.
- **12/23 Family Hanukkah Dinner:** Friday, December 23 at 6:00 p.m. join us for Mona Golub's famous latkes.
- **12/26 Office Closed**

January 2023

- **1/2/23 Office Closed**
- **1/5, 12, 19, & 26 Art Workshops continue:** 10:30 a.m. - Noon
- **1/6/23 Jammies & Jeans:** Friday January 6, 5:30 p.m. Children's Shabbat followed by pizza & mac n' cheese for the families.
- **1/8/23 Brotherhood Speaker & Breakfast:** Dr Carlos Cotto Jr., the Assistant Superintendent of Innovation, Equity, and Engagement for the Schenectady City School District.
- **1/8/23 Sisterhood Book Club:** In Person & Zoom
- **1/9/23 Sisterhood General meeting:** Discuss future plans-Zoom
- **1/16/23 Office Closed MLK Day**
- **1/20/23 The Return of the Soup Shabbat:** Friday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m. to raise funds for SiCM - Schenectady Community Ministries.
We need volunteers to make soup. Please contact Arnie.
- **1/20-22/23 Lulu Field Scholar-In-Residence Weekend**

Planning Ahead ... Thursday, May 4, 2023 Gates of Heaven Gala Celebration

Mark your calendars to join us on **Thursday, May 4, 2023** to celebrate the 27th year of Rabbi Matt Cutler as the spiritual leader of Congregation Gates of Heaven and to recognize Del & Randy Salmon as awardees of the Rabbi Michael Szenes Humanitarian Award.

FROM OUR RABBI

REDEDICATE YOURSELF TO YOURSELVES THIS HANUKKAH!

RABBI MATT CUTLER ~ MCUTLER@CGOH.ORG



The word "Hanukkah" means "dedication." The focus of the holiday is the rededication of the sacred space. As Ecclesiastes wrote, "There is nothing new under the sun." It is appropriate at this season that we rededicate ourselves to the sense of the sacred. Maimonides taught that since the Temple has been destroyed, we are to create a mikdash me'at—a sanctuary within the self. So as we prepare for Hanukkah, let us rededicate ourselves to ourselves! May each night be a source of personal dedication for an aspect or value that we should seek to foster in the months and year ahead. May the Hanukkiah serve as an aperçu of sorts, a reference point that is illuminating to our behavior.

Hanukkah lasts eight days. Here are eight focal points for us, one for each night:

1. **Health:** Each morning, our tradition encourages us to say blessings to acknowledge with gratitude that we are alive. The bracha states thanks to God for creating our body with skill and praises God that openings that are supposed to open work and those not meant to open do not! If we take this blessing to the next level, make a pledge to yourself to go for a check up to the doctor, commit to exercise—basically, take care of yourself.
2. **Diet:** Traditional Jews are mindful of what they eat as they try to live with the essence of Kashrut, Jewish dietary laws. They are onto something—let's pledge to be more mindful of how and what we eat. If you are like me, the nervous eating habit has me unconsciously eating. As my wife states, I am on a see-food diet.... I see food, I eat it. One way to address this is taking a conscious pause before we eat. Perhaps reciting the appropriate food blessing will instill a mindful sense of eating.
3. **Self-spiritual-care:** A physician-friend taught me about being in the here-and-now vs. concerned about the future. Each releases a chemical response. The satisfaction about being in the moment releases endocannabinoids within us that makes us more relaxed, while thinking about our to-do list releases a dopamine rush that gives us energy but also anxiety. Spending a few minutes each day to center ourselves can help. Meditate. Pray. Just relax and let the mind be. If you need some guidance on this, let me know. We have some good coaches in the congregation and I have some good resources that can help.
4. **Learning:** A century ago, the Zionist leader Ahad Ha'Am said that learning was the key to our survival. Our personal intellectual growth is essential for healthy living. So—study and learn something. Listen to a podcast. Read an article or a book.— maybe even my weekly Torah commentary that shows up in your email in-box. Don't be stagnant. Grow. Learn. Thrive.
5. **Work on relationships:** Former Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas said: "On their death bed, no one ever said that they wish they had spent more time in the office." While our vocations and livelihood are very important, so is our family. Remember to put them first. If you need a reminder of this, read the local obituaries. Vocations get a few words but those whom a person loved fills up most of the space. So practice what is going to be the final word about you—cultivate and enjoy your bonds within your family.

6. **Cherish your friends:** Simple enough—"love your neighbor as yourself," that is Torah's reminder to us as well as God's command. Make friends dear to you and then they will fall under the category of #5 which is listed above!

7. **Be a part of the community:** No person should live as if they are an island. All living organisms are interdependent on their environment as well as other living entities. For us, it is defined by community. Volunteer in it. Engage it. Cast your Vote. Share your voice and your ideals. Listen to others. Construct a plan for a better tomorrow in some way shape and form; then take steps to do it.

8. **Practice Tsedakah:** This is more than charity. It is justice. Give for certain but live your life so that you see the face of God in everyone you interact with to ensure human dignity. May you emerge from Hanukkah with a greater dedication to yourself and how you interact with the world.

May God bless you in such an endeavor!

CHAG ORIM SAME'ACH!!

Matthew J. Futer

FINDING MEANING IN DEDICATION

Josh Cooper-Ginsburg

Director of Administration and Operations



Having recently attended the annual conference of the National Association of Temple Administrators (NATA); I have been reflecting on a seminar with Mark Jacobson, Executive Director of The Temple in Atlanta, Georgia, and Brian Rissinger, Executive Director of Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. Together, they hold 80 years of experience serving their congregations in a professional position of leadership. They shared with me their perspective, experience, and appreciation of their work, further confirming my motivation to serve this congregation and our community, in this professional capacity. I greatly value the partnership I share with Rabbi Matt and Arnie, which allows each of us to best serve our membership and leadership in ways that are meaningful to each of us and to each of you. The collaborative and welcoming environment our administrative assistants, Tammy and Michelle, have developed in the synagogue office have made this past year a terrific experience as we make our way back from pandemic restrictions and expectations. As we continue to maintain standards of health and general safety in the building, we are excited to see more people returning to in-person activities and we are eager to greet you at the door.

When I started in my role as Director of Administration and Operations here at Congregation Gates of Heaven last December, my first day was on the last day of Hanukkah. As such, I dedicated myself to serving this congregation and I am glad to **rededicate myself to this purpose for another year**. This means I am available to you in the office for any information you may need on how to engage in the temple and how to support Gates of Heaven, from a financial or spiritual standpoint. More specifically, I intend to dedicate myself to healthier living and finding new ways to improve myself each and every day, for my own benefit, for the benefit of my family, and for the benefit of our congregation.

I am proud to be a part of this forward-thinking, inclusive congregation and I am proud to serve in the role I have chosen as my vocation, and glad it has chosen me as well. **If we haven't yet met, I invite you to join me at the synagogue for a cup of coffee and a snack (yes, we have delicious oneg leftovers regularly!) so we can get to know each other better and so you can help me to learn your needs and the skills which make you an asset to our congregation.** I look forward to working with you to make this coming year at Gates of Heaven better than ever.

Chag Sameach!

Josh

Life & Legacy...Chanukah Dinner

The members of the Life and Legacy Society will be gathering on Wednesday, December 21st at 5:30, the 4th night of Chanukah for our annual Chanukah Dinner. There **IS** light at the end of the pandemic, and we look forward to celebrating the season of lights together.

Dinner will be Ed's latkes, turkey and side dishes. If you have a favorite Chanukah dish that you'd like to share, let Paula know and we'd be happy to include it.

Life and Legacy giving supports our congregation for future generations. We are so appreciative of the 68 commitments that have been made over the last 4 years. These dedicated congregants are helping to ensure that our community will be lighting candles together for years to come. *We are happy to welcome folks who are interested in learning more about our program.*

Please contact Paula at metzner.paula@gmail.com to RSVP or for any questions you have about Life and Legacy.





Join us for Dinner

HANUKKAH

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

Friday, December 23

\$10.00 per person; \$25.00 per family

5:45 PM

Bring Your Menorah

"Light Up The Night"

RSVP--CALL THE OFFICE AT 518-374-8173

OR GO TO WWW.CGOH.ORG



Hanukkah Sameach, Y'all

by Ina Fried

As you light your Hanukkah candles, imagine yours is one of fewer than two dozen Jewish households in a town of 20,000 people. That was my reality growing up in Greenwood, Mississippi, in the 1950s and 1960s.

When I began elementary school, I was one of two Jewish children in my grade. In one of the other elementary schools, my grade had three Jewish children, of whom two were my cousins. In Aaron's grade, 30 miles away in Indianola (population 8,000), his cousin was the only other Jewish child.



My two older sisters and I enjoyed Hanukkah. Of course, we looked forward to eight nights of gifts. When they heard about that custom, our non-Jewish friends envied us. But the gifts were usually small toys, a hollow plastic dreidel filled with chocolate gelt, or even tangerines, which were newly developed in Florida in the 1950s.

To celebrate the holiday, we placed a blue and white Star of David above the dining room door, and we made construction-paper chains to hang from the dining room ceiling. Every evening before supper – the Southern term for the evening meal – we recited the Hebrew blessings and took turns lighting colorful candles in the silver menorah. My parents placed the menorah on the dining table in front of windows that faced the street. The curtains were open so that the light was visible to passers-by.

At supper, potato latkes carried on another Hanukkah tradition. We ate ours with applesauce, not sour cream, because supper was usually fleishig – beef or chicken. My family kept kosher at home, with all the meat arriving frozen, shipped from Chicago packed in dry ice.

We sang “Maoz Tzur” and played dreidel at home and at Sunday School. About 30 children from Greenwood and surrounding even smaller towns attended Sunday School at Ahavath Rayim, the last orthodox synagogue in Mississippi. Aaron and his siblings were among children who carpooled from as far as 50 miles away. (We started dating when I was 16 and he was 18.)

A smaller group attended the reform temple's Sunday School. Yes – there were two Jewish congregations in Greenwood. Now, the reform temple no longer exists. At Ahavath Rayim, a cousin leads services once a month for a handful of remaining members.

During Hanukkah, my sisters and I took little tin menorahs to school and talked to our classes about Hanukkah and the Maccabees' fight for freedom of religion. Unlike our granddaughter's school holiday programs in Niskayuna, there were never any references to Hanukkah at the school Christmas program. The Jews of Greenwood didn't try to hide their Jewishness. In any case, that would have been difficult when downtown was sprinkled with businesses named Gelman's, Goldberg's, Kantor's, Kornfeld's and Stein's. Although Aaron recalls being called anti-Semitic slurs, I was not aware of any violence toward Jews in Greenwood or Indianola.

The Ku Klux Klan and White Citizens' Council were preoccupied with other matters, such as the Freedom Riders and civil rights marches around the courthouse.

Jews in other Southern towns were not as lucky. In 1956, The temple in Atlanta was bombed. In 1967, a synagogue and rabbi's home in Jackson, MS, were bombed. In 1968, the reform temple in Meridian, MS, was bombed. The suspect was arrested with a box of dynamite in the yard of a prominent Jewish businessman, my mother's first cousin.

As the Jewish children of that time period grew up, most of us moved away, and most of the small Jewish congregations in Mississippi closed. One of my Sunday School classmates established the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience in the 1980s, to preserve the artifacts and history of small Jewish communities across the South. In 2000, he expanded into the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life, which conducts Jewish educational programs for congregations in the South. In 2021, the Museum reopened in New Orleans, displaying more than 4,000 items from 13 Southern states.

See photo on back cover with more info!

CGOH Brotherhood Update

Brotherhood is off and running with another year of active programming. During the Summer, we attended a Tri-City ValleyCats game together with the Congregation Beth Emeth Brotherhood. This Fall we assisted with the CGOH cemetery clean-up; sponsored the Temple's Break-the-Fast; and raised the sukkah for Sukkot. In October, we had our first in-person breakfast meeting since 2020! We also arranged a program, in the sukkah, with Cantor Ze'evi on connecting music to liturgy. Our breakfast/speaker & Zoom programs have included Town of Niskayuna developments; therapy dogs and dog training; and a discussion on a friendship with a member of China's ruling elite.

Coming up in 2023 is a lecture on the puzzle of the Jewishly observant non-believer; Jewish humor; and a presentation on the development and success of Music Haven. We hope you will join us!

Gates Circles - Renewed Opportunities

Gates Circles are congregant-led small groups which meet on a regular basis or just once or twice. These self-reflecting affinity groups serve to intersect shared interests and Jewish values. Gates Circles provide a safe and nurturing community within our community and participants experience meaningful connections and powerful personal growth. Here are a few ideas:

- Cinema Circle—movies are often a mirror image of society and can be inspirational and expand our basic knowledge of the world and attitudes around us.
- Adult Bar/Bat/B Mitzvah Circle—it is never too late to become a Bar/Bat/B Mitzvah. Whether you studied Hebrew years ago or starting from scratch, this can be an extremely meaningful opportunity to spark a new relationship with Judaism.
- Dance Circle—dance is journey. Improve your technique and meet new friends.
- Dayenu Circle—join a nation-wide movement of small groups of Jewish people working on climate action.

What would you like to share with others? Please volunteer! Pick your topic.

We are looking for willing facilitators to lead a small circle. This can be a one-time meeting or an ongoing gathering. We offer necessary ingredients to make your get-together successful. The staff will help you with sign-ups and reservations if needed, promotion and more. Email Arnie at arotenberg@cgo.org or call the synagogue office and let us know what you would like to do.

**CGOH hosts a Lulu
Field Scholar-in-
Residence weekend:
January 20-22, 2023**

**It begins with 5:45
p.m. Soup Shabbat
on January 20**

**Friday evening
7:00 p.m. Rabbi
Limmer will
discuss Building
Beloved
Community in a
World of Justice**

**Saturday morning
9:00 a.m.
Torah Study &
Continental
Breakfast**

**Saturday
afternoon
4:00 p.m.
Seudah Shlishi
program, light
refreshments**

**Sunday morning
10:00 a.m. Light
Breakfast & Lulu
Field Lecture**

**More information will be
available on our website
www.cgoh.org or in the
"What's Happening at
Gates" newsletters as the
event grows near.**

**Our Scholar-in-Residence
for the weekend is
Rabbi Seth Limmer, DHL**



Rabbi Seth M. Limmer, DHL, is the founder of Open Judaism, committed to promoting interfaith work for justice and peace. During his rabbinate he has served as chair of the Justice, Peace & Civil Liberties of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, as vice-chair of the URJ's Commission on Social Action, as dean of faculty for Eisner and Crane Lake Camps, as adjunct professor at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and currently serves As the Vice President of Leadership of the CCAR.

On behalf of his lead role in organizing the Reform Movement's participation in the NAACP's 2015 America's Journey for Justice, Rabbi Limmer accepted the Rabbi Maurice Eisendrath Bearer of Light Award, the highest honor of the URJ. Author of many articles, 2016 saw the publication of his first full-length book, Medieval Midrash: The House for Inspired Innovation. Rabbi Limmer also served as co-editor of Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority, published by CCAR Press in 2018.

In 2021, Rabbi Limmer was appointed to serve on the Illinois State Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes, and was a founding member of the Faith Leader Social Justice Advisory Committee to the Mayor of Chicago. Rabbi Limmer has served as Senior Rabbi of Chicago Sinai Congregation and Congregation B'nai Yisrael of Armonk, NY.



Mah Jongg Mondays

Want to play Mah Jongg?

Congregation Gates of Heaven is pleased to offer up space in our Sisterhood - David Hatkoff Room.

1:00 every Monday (that the office is open).

Check our website calendar to verify dates.

So far, December & January dates are on the CGOH website.

Let us know if you are interested but need an alternate time or day of the week.

OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

We share in their joy and extend warm congratulations to:

- Ally Mayo (daughter of Shari & Richard) got engaged to Gregory Cimerman.
- Julia Kronick (Steve & Carrie's daughter) got engaged to Shaynne Rodriguez.
- Roland & Amy Ozols on the recent marriage of Sarah Ozols to Derek Edwards.
- Rabbi Matt & Sharon Cutler on the recent marriage of Benjamin Cutler to Beckie Hamroff.

We grieve with those who have lost loved ones and extend our condolences to:

- Eugene Wells, on the passing of his wife, Sheila Gordon.
- Tzinia Balkin, on the passing of her husband, Robert Balkin.
- Irwin & Rosalie Margolis, on the passing of their son, Todd Margolis.
- David Maisel, on the passing of his mother, Maria Maisel.
- Jeffrey & Lisa Frankel, on the passing of their son, Matthew Frankel.
- Jayson & Justin Frankel, on the passing of their brother, Matthew Frankel.
- Hayden & Evan Goldstein, on the passing of their mother, Amy Goldstein.
- Elliott Goldstein, on the passing of his wife, Amy Goldstein.
- Arden Rauch, on the passing of his brother, Mitchell Cohen.
- Pastor Albert Manu of PramPram, Ghana, on the passing of his wife, Grace Manu.
- Sue Ellen Friedman, on the passing of her cousin, Michael Rothchild.
- Susan Weissman, on the passing of her cousin, Louise Warren.
- Kim Mousaw, on the passing of her friend, John Sterrett.
- Brian Cuttler, on the passing of his uncle, Alan Hochheiser.

Yahrzeit listings
are in the Friday
temple e-newsletter.



**WE RECORD WITH SORROW THE
PASSING OF OUR MEMBERS**

**Robert Balkin
Amy Goldstein
Maria Maisel
Sheila Gordon
Matthew Frankel**

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Donations received between August 11 to
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Brian Cuttler

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the Haftarah from Mario & Ellen Marx
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HIGH HOLY DAYS APPEAL

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*Each donation is
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** Photo: Ina's cousin, Joe Erber, left, and uncle, Meyer Gelman, in Ahavath Rayim Synagogue. When the congregation became too small to support a rabbi, Joe, a postal worker and member of the Auxiliary Police, served as lay leader, sometimes having worn his pistol to services.

Photo by Bill Aron. Shalom Y'all!

