# Congregation Sons of Israel



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# **DECEMBER 2018**

23 Kislev - 23 Tevet

FAMILY CHANUKAH PROGRAMS
Two age-appropriate
programs designed for families with
children from age 2 and up.

Sunday, December 2nd 9:00-11:00AM Come celebrate Chanukah as a CSI Kehillah/Community.

Fun & Learning for all.

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Friday, 12/7
from 5 - 7:30pm
PJ Library Shabbanukah
(Shabbat + Chanukah)
A lovely family event
open to all families with
young children.
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SCHOLAR IN
RESIDENCE SHABBAT
12/7 & 12/8
RESERVATIONS
FOR FRIDAY EVENING
DINNER ARE DUE BY
TUESDAY
MORNING,12/3
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SUNDAY 12/9, 9am - 1:30pm



JOEY WEISENBERG IN CONCERT AT CSI: SATURDAY, 12/15 AT 8:30pm.

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#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

(adopted 1999, revised 2007): Congregation Sons of Israel is an egalitarian, Conservative synagogue dedicated imparting Jewish values and traditions from generation to generation in a welcoming participatory environment. We are a caring community committed to lifelong Jewish learning, the observance of mitzvot, meaningful prayer and charitable deeds. promote spiritual, cultural and social connections within our community, to the State of Israel, and to Jews worldwide.

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#### SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

#### Friday 12/7

- ♦ 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Services
- ♦ 6:45pm Dinner for those with Reservations
- ♦ 8pm Talk: The Changing Place of Israel in American Jewish Identity.

#### Saturday, 12/8

- ♦ 9:10am Shabbat Morning Services
- D'Var Torah by Tal Becker: Three Concepts of Justice: A Jewish Perspective.

Kiddush/Lunch immediately following services - open to all

1:15pm Talk: Jewish Aspirations, Israeli Reality



ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS DINNER
SPONSORED BY CSI.
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## FROM THE RABBI Steven C. Kane



As most of you are aware I have spent the last two and a half years studying with 28 other select colleagues throughout the United States at the Shalom Hartman Institute's Rabbinic Leadership Initiative (RLI). Next summer I will conclude the program and become a Senior Rabbinic Fellow of the Hartman Institute. There are many things that make the RLI the preeminent program for continuing education for ordained rabbis, but chief among them is the exposure we have received to some of the greatest scholars and teachers in the Jewish world. Each teacher is a leading thinker or author in their field, be it Bible, Rabbinics, philosophy or Israel. One of the goals of the Hartman Institute is to try and bridge the growing gap between Israeli and diaspora Jews, particularly American Jews. This is accomplished through the dissemination to our congregations of information we have been exposed to, and bringing the iEngage series to synagogues, as we did at CSI last spring.

One of my main teachers about both the history of modern Israel and an understanding of the current political situation is Tal Becker, who is also featured prominently in the videos from the iEngage series. For the past two years I have been attempting to get Tal to come to CSI, but it was only this December that his schedule was open enough to bring him here for our **Scholar in Residence** *Shab-bat*, **December 7-8.** 

We are very fortunate to have Tal Becker for three lectures. We neither view Israel as our parents or our grandparents generation did, nor do our children have the same views as we do. Friday night after services and *Shabbat* dinner, (see pages 2 & 8 for more information) he will address the important question of "The Changing Place of Israel in American Jewish Identity". During *Shabbat* 

morning services Tal will speak on "Three Concepts of Justice: A Jewish View", looking at what it will mean in Jewish terms to have a just solution to the problems of the Middle East. Is peace a higher priority than retaining Biblical land? Will giving up land even bring peace? Finally after lunch (which is free and open to all) he will speak on "Jewish Aspirations, Israeli Reality", a lecture that will tie together some of the ideas found in the earlier talks. The Friday night and Shabbat afternoon sessions will also feature opportunities for questions.

Dr. Tal Becker was born in Australia and immigrated to Israel in his early 20's. He studied at Columbia University where he received his PhD. While he is a Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute, most of his time is spent serving as the principal deputy legal adviser for the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was a lead negotiator and drafter in the Annapolis peace talks and is a senior member of the current Israeli peace negotiating team. Among his many appointments he has served as Vice-Chairman of the United Nations General Assembly Legal Committee, the first Israeli to hold a position of this stature at the UN in over 40 years. One could not ask for a more "insider", who has a seat at the peace negotiations table and will be able to speak from the unique experiences he has had. I have no doubt you will find him as interesting and engaging as I have each time he has spoken to my RLI cohort.

I look forward to seeing you at what I know will be a fascinating *Shabbat*.

L'hitraot,

Rabbi@csibriarcliff.org

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#### **JOIN US**

FIVE THINGS YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW...
About five moral and ethical issues in Judaism. With Rabbi Kane
The next session is on Monday, 12/10 at 7:30pm when we'll discuss
Jewish views about Capital Punishment.

CONGREGATION SONS OF ISRAEL PRESENTS

# JOEY WEISENBERG

DECEMBER 15, 8:30PM



PHONE
NUMBER OF TICKETS
BENEFACTORS @\$180
SPONSORS @ \$90
PATRONS @ \$50
GENERAL ADMISSION @\$20

SENIOR/STUDENT @ \$12

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CANTOR SHIOVITZ (914) 762-2700 or JSHIOVITZ@GMAIL.COM

> PLEASE SEND CHECK TO: CSI, 1666 PLEASANTVILLE ROAD, BRIARCLIFF MANOR, NY 10510 ATTENTION: CONCERT

# CANTORIAL NOTES Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



Save Saturday evening, December 15 at 8:30 pm for our annual concert. The concert, our 31st annual, will feature international singing star Joey Weisenberg. Joey is the creative and musical director of Hadar in New York City. This promises to be one of our best concerts EVER! We have had some of the biggest and best Jewish performers in the past including Theodore Bikel, Debbie Friedman, Safam, Shlock Rock, Craig Taubman, Andy Statman and the Klezmer Conservatory Band to name a few. This concert will not be your average sitting in the audience concert. It will not be your average passive concert. What it will be is an exciting interactive concert. You will not have to participate but I think you will want to.

My latest book, "Shirah Chadasha: The Music of The Independent Minyan," features 200 pages of music that is sung in synagogues and small minyanim throughout the Jewish world. It is filled with many settings of music that will uplift you spiritually. We sing some of this music in our own services. This is NOT your parent's synagogue music. I must say that I am somewhat cynical when it comes to new synagogue music. In the 38 years I have been a Cantor (31 here at CSI) I have heard thousands of new melodies. Some I like, many I am not so crazy about. However, from the time 5 years ago when I stumbled across the first melodies of Joey Weisenberg and the music of Hadar, I have been taken with it. I went from website to website to hear the music of the Independent Minyan movement. I was obsessed with the music. I wanted to learn and sing everything I could. The name that was a constant in so many of the songs was Joey! Finally, I called Joey and spoke for hours with him. He is the person who seems to make The Independent Minyan go round.

Joey Weisenberg is the Creative Director of Hadar's Rising Song Institute, and the author of "Building Singing Communities" and "The Torah of Music," a 2017 National Jewish Book Award. He is a multi-instrumentalist, singer and composer who has sung internationally with dozens of bands in a wide variety of styles. Having come to love the imperfectly beautiful music of regular people singing together, Joey works to empower communities around the world to unlock their musical and spiritual potential, and to make music a long lasting and fun filled force in shul and in Jewish life. His *nigunim* and music have become popular worldwide.

Please join me on December 15th for an incredible evening of music. I am looking forward to it. I think you will love it. I know I will!

Robyn and I and our entire family wish you and yours a Happy *Chanukah*!

Jshiovitz@gmail.com



JEWISH MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES Saturday, 12/1 at 8pm.

At the home of Stacy & Richard Charney A Sephardic Celebration

RSVP: Jshiovitz@gmail.com

HaMishpacha Senior
Luncheon and Program:
Hanukkah Sing Along with Cantor
Shiovitz
Tuesday, 12/11 at 12:30pm
For those 65+ in our community.

Meet new friends \* Greet old friends.







## http://facebook.com/csifarm



#### **December 2018/ CSI Community Organic Farm Update**

The heat of the summer is long over and we now settle in to our winter months of planning and organizing. What should we plant next year? What did well, why and how should we make adjustments?

Can you believe that we harvested more than 2,000 pounds of food this season? This is actually double the amount from last year! And -- if the squirrels were not such fans of our tomatoes -- we would have had a great deal more. Approximately 10% of our produce was donated to the Ossining Food Pantry and the Croton Food Pantry. We delivered get well packages to some of our sick congregants, welcome packages to some of our new members, and made beautiful flower arrangements for our senior *HaMishpacha* luncheons.

We grew more than 20 different types of vegetables and fruit and approximately 10 different culinary herbs. Dozens and dozens of eggs were sold. The Community Garden was enjoyed by three generations of CSI members!

Last but certainly not least: our Farm Family of volunteers is loyal and reliable and absolutely dedicated. I want to thank them for all of their hard work and answering my unending emails and calls for help. We had a wonderful end of the season pot luck and barbecue on the farm with perfect fall weather and great food.

Coming up: we will be pruning the grape vines in February as per our resident wine expert, Aaron Stern. This might be the first year of wine making so stay tuned!

Interested in finding more about how you can help? Before you know it I will be rounding up the troops again. We can always use a few more people to harvest, weed, tie up plants, weigh and pack up the produce, sell, deliver, publicize, cook, bake, and more.

Finally, anyone have a hammock they can donate?

See you on the farm!

Ryna Lustig

rynalustig@gmail.com

#### Herbs drying in the shed



# FROM THE PRESIDENT Steven Bender



This is the first time I am writing to our community since the horrible sabbath shooting, and murders, of Jews at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh this past October. Perspective: almost 60 years to the day of the Tree of Life massacre, in Atlanta, on October 12, 1958, in the dark of early morning, another act of terrorism was directed against Jews: fifty sticks of dynamite exploded, ripping asunder a part of The Temple, Atlanta's prestigious center of Reform Judaism. Fortunately, only property was damaged. The story of the 1958 bombing, The Temple and its Rabbi, Jacob Rothschild, and the virulent strain of anti-Semitism that motivated the bombers, is grippingly captured in Melissa Fay Greene's The Temple Bombing (Fawcett Columbine 1996). More perspective: almost 120 years ago before the Tree of Life massacre, at the end of the nineteenth century, the political movement called populism had been established as a beneficial voice for the poor, the farmers, the factory wage earners against the large corporations, the wealthy, and the powerful federal government; women played a large part in establishing this movement, hoping to achieve the right to vote and equally participate in the political process with men. But as described by Jill Lepore in

her new book, These Truths: A History of The United States (W.W. Norton 2018), this ostensibly beneficial political movement contained a strain of virulent anti-Semitic, and racist, writings even by some its women leaders. It turns out that populism, according to some of its adherents, was only meant to benefit a certain type of factory or farm worker! Our history, unfortunately, has been marred by many instances of hatred toward Jews. If we are to eradicate it (we may never do this, given our history), we must, when we see it, identify it as such and speak out against it; and, fortunately, most everyone—Jews and non- Jews alike—do. And we must cherish CSI, our Jewish community, as a place where all are welcome, and Jewish history and culture are celebrated. Let us be proud of our Jewish institution and community, and strive to build a better more inclusive and embracive one, in the hope that by doing so, we join the rest of our national Jewish community in standing strong against anti-Semitic hate and violence. I do have hope.

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# The Rabbi's Circle at CSI presents: Scholar-In-Residence



# December 7-8. 2018 Tal Becker

Principal deputy legal advisor for the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiating team. He is also a fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute.

#### Friday, 12/7

6:00pm: Kabbalat Shabbat Services

6:45pm: Scholar-in-Residence Dinner. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**. SEE FORM BELOW.

8:00pm: Talk: The Changing Place Of Israel in American Jewish Identity.

#### Saturday, 12/8

9:10am: Shabbat Morning Services

D'var Torah by Tal Becker: Three Concepts of Justice: A Jewish Perspective.

#### KIDDUSH/LUNCH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICES - OPEN TO ALL.

1:15pm Talk: Jewish Aspirations, Israeli Reality.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH FULL PAYMENT B	Y 12/4.
Name(s):	Email:
Adults @ \$25 eachChildren 6-14 @	\$18 each (children 5 and under are FREE)
Special Family Rate @ \$75 for entire family	TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:	
(please indicate how many veget	arian/vegan/other meals are necessary)
DINNER IS FRIDAY, 12/7, FOLLOW	ING 6:00pm SERVICES.
R.S.V.P. BY 12/4. PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORMS	AND CHECKS (with S-I-R in memo)
PAYABLE TO CSI TO: Dina Katz, CSI, 1666 Pleasantvi	ille Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510
OR EMAIL DINA@CSIBRIARCLIFF.ORG	



# Once again, CSI members will be providing a hearty and festive CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER for those in need at First Presbyterian Church in Ossining.

# Your support makes it happen. There are many ways you can participate!

- ♦ **Shop** for items we need (green beans, cranberry sauce, apple juice)
- ♦ **Cook** and bring a turkey, stuffing, or sweet potatoes to the church on Christmas Day.
- ♦ Help set up.
- ◆ Greet our guests and serve dinner. (13+ to serve)
- HELP US TO HELP THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE IN NEED

- ♦ Help clean up.
- ♦ Going away? Too busy? No problem! You can always **shop** for items that we need in advance.
- ♦ **Monetary donations** are also always welcome. We use them to help make the event more joyous for our guests.

This is a wonderful family event and children are invited to join us - there is always a craft table set up for them! The day is always very special for our guests and a meaningful experience for our CSI families.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE PROPER AMOUNT OF FOOD AND NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS, PLEASE BE SURE TO LET ONE OF US KNOW IN ADVANCE IF YOU WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN SOME WAY.

HERE'S HOW TO REACH US...

Please contact **Robin Ginsberg** if you would like to **participate on December 25th**. Email Robin at **robsamg@optonline.net** or call 914 - 941-1507.

Please contact **Jamie Cotel** if you would like to **shop in advance**, **donate money or cook for the dinner.**Email Jamie at **Jamiecotel23@aol.com** or call her at 914 - 826 - 0692.



#### CSI KIDS - NEWS AND EVENTS

#### Family Chanukah Celebrations!

## **CSI Religious School Chanukah Family**



**Learning Day** Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:00-11:00AM

Celebrate as a Kehillah/Community!

#### Schedule

#### (-2<sup>nd</sup> grades (Shorashim & Prozdors)

9:00-9:45AM

Family Drumming Session with Musical IQ: The Miracle of Chanukah

9:45-10:30AM Students teach families in their Religious School classrooms

#### 3rd-7th grades (Alef-Heh)

9:00-9:45AM

Students teach families in their Religious School classrooms

9:45-10:30AM

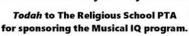
Family Drumming Session with Musical IQ: The Miracle of Chanukah

#### **All Together**

#### 10:30-11:00AM

- Latkes, Sufganiot, Arts & Crafts
- · All-school performance of Chanukah songs
- · Lighting of the Community Chanukiyah

Tzedakah: We will be collecting kids clothing for Kids Kloset & toys for Toys For Tots



Simultaneous activities will be happening for younger children

All are welcome!

#### Families with Nursery School aged children!



Sunday, December 2nd 9:00-11:00AM Come celebrate Chanukah as a **CSI Kehillah/Community** at Family Fun Day!

#### 9:00-9:45

· Participate in a family drumming session with Musical IQ: The Miracle Of Chanukah

#### 9:45-10:30

Go to assigned Nursery School classrooms:

- · Enjoy a light breakfast
- · Chanukah puppet show, games & crafts

#### 10:30-11:00

- · Latkes, Sufganiot, Arts & Crafts
- · Child performances of Chanukah songs
- · Lighting of the community Chanukiyah

#### Tzedakah

We will be collecting kids clothing for Kids Kloset & toys for Toys For Tots

Thank you to The Religious School PTA for sponsoring Musical IQ program.

Free & All Are Welcome!



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A lovely family event open to all families with young children

# December 7th

RSVP by December 3rd

5:00-7:30PM

Cost: Payable to CSI PJ Library \$18 per adult & 1 bottle of Kosher wine \$5 per child 2 years old and up Children under 2 are free

For more info, contact Naomi at naomi.elyachar@gmai To RSVP, contact Janice at Janice@csibriarcliff.org

- Chanukah crafts & games
- . Mini Shabbat Rocks service with your kids performing
- Gourmet Shabbat dinner & kid-friendly food

Followed by a kid's show:

What's Tkiya? Visit www.tkiya.org for more information

Enjoy wine & friends, while your children are supervised by CSI staff during the show!









## **NEWS AND EVENTS from** Roni Shapiro, Educational Director



#### Celebrate Shabbat!

#### Shabbat Sheera

for student in grades 3, 4 & 5 (Alef, Bet & Gimel)

December 1 & December 8 10:00-11:00AM

#### Did you know?

Alef, Bet & Gimel students are required to attend a minimum of 5 Shabbat Sheera Services during the 2018-2019 school year

#### AND

The RS PTA will award prizes to those children who attend 5+ services.



#### Kadima Service for students in grades 6 & 7

(Dalet & Heh)

December 15 10:30AM-12:00PM

#### Did you know?

This Shabbat service, led by Morah Sheera, helps our Dalet & Heh class students in preparation for Bar and Bat Mitzvah.

#### AND

These Kadima services count towards students' Bar and Bat Mitzvah requirements.



## Adult Shabbat Coffee Limmud with Roni

Saturday, December 15th 10:30AM - 12:00PM

Would you like to learn more about the Shabbat morning service or study Torah?

Join us!

Free babysitting will be made available in Room 6—just RSVP to RoniShapiro@csibriarcliff.org

#### **Proud of Our Teens!**

#### JOIN CSI's HEBREW **HIGH SCHOOL!**

Mazal Tov to these High School kids who are continuing their Jewish Education at CSI: Ian Horowitz

Harrison Ginsburg

David Katz

Hannah Mortman

Shoshana Daly

Zachary Anisman

Dina Millerman

Hayley Satran Rachel Mathisson Ryan Wancier **Abbie Nass** Jason Yules Laura Horowitz

#### Need a babysitter you can trust? Hire these teens:

Thire these teems.				
Name	Grade	Cell phone	Town/Village	
Shoshana Daly	9	914-434-8901	Croton-On-Hudson	
Lior Ben-David (drives)	11	914-602-1767	Ossining	
Ari Ben-David (drives)	12	914-338-9747	Ossining	
Laura Horowitz	10	914-980-7636	Briarcliff Manor	
Abbie Nass	9	914-274-0296	Chappaqua	
Jason Yules	9	914-502-7955	Ossining	

## It's not too late to register!

Even if your teen is not going to come to everything, your registration supports the many programs being offered.

\$200—CSI Member Families \$500—Non-member Families

#### Limmud/Learning:

Sunday Brunch & Teen Only Classes with Roni 11am-12:15pm

#### Employment:

Job opportunities for pay and community service: EITHER WAY, IT LOOKS GREAT ON COLLEGE APPLICATIONS (You must be registered to work for pay)

Tikun Olam/Social Action Programs: Volunteer & Get Community Service Credit

This month, come to Sunday Brunch & Class on December 9th

Thank you for supporting our teen programs!



#### **NURSERY SCHOOL PTA**

#### THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE ANNUAL GIFT FAIR!

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from the Nursery School PTA! Save the Date: Annual NS PTA cocktail party on Saturday February 2, 2019!

Co-Presidents: Linda Lanier and Randi Teplow-Phipps \* Treasurer: Linda Lanier Communications Chair: Naomi Elyachar \* Hospitalities Chair: Caitlin Scheir Holiday Boutique Chair: Emily Newfield \* Moving-Up Day Chair: Erica Bagliebter Social Coordinators: Rachel Gerstein and Angela Kotsubey \* Fundraiser Chair: Alissa Lupu

#### **RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PTA**

We hope you are enjoying the Challah Fairy challahs! Remember, there are always a few extra for purchase on Friday mornings. Just stop in the office.

#### **USY/KADIMA - YOUTH PROGRAMMING**

Mallory Kovitt, Youth Advisor CSIUSY@csibriarcliff.org







**Next Event:** USY/Kadima Chanukah Scavenger Hunt, Sunday 12/9 at 1:30pm

#### MEN'S CLUB NEWS - Mark Reisman & Richard Langeloh, Co - Presidents



#### MEN'S CLUB BOOK DISCUSSION: Thursday, December 6 at 7:30 PM

#### We Have Chosen Our First Book!!

# Walking the Bible: A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses by Bruce Feiler

Join us for what *Good Reads* decreibes as: Both a heart-racing adventure and an uplifting quest, **Walking the Bible** describes one man's epic odyssey—by foot, jeep, rowboat, and camel—through the greatest stories every told. From crossing the Red Sea to climbing Mount Sinai to touching the burning bush, Bruce Feiler's inspiring journey will forever change your view of some of history's most storied events.

I personally read this book many years ago, and I am looking forward to enjoying the adventure again. The next meeting will be held at my house on Thursday, December 6 at 7:30 PM. To RSVP or for more information, contact Alan Grotenstein at <a href="Agtroten-stein@gmail.com">Agtroten-stein@gmail.com</a>



#### Brian Gelfand in concert at CSI

Saturday, 1/26/19 at 8pm \$18 per person for an evening of fantastic live music.

Sponsored by the CSI Men's Club.

RSVP to Mark Reisman <u>Mreisman@rrallp.com</u>
Or
Rick Langeloh RLangeloh89@gmail.com





#### SISTERHOOD NEWS

Mah Jongg Monday, 12/17 at 7:30pm



When is the last time you visited *Matanah*, the Gift Shop of CSI?

We are open from 9:30am - 12pm on each of the Sundays on which

Religious School meets 12/2, 12/9 & 12/16)

If you need something on another day,

just email <a href="mailto:Robsamg@optonline.net">Robsamg@optonline.net</a> and we will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient meeting.

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**Sharon Orenstein** 



#### PRIDE COMMITTEE NEWS — CO-CHAIRS, ANDY KAGAN & DIANA SCHUTT



Our Community Event has been re-scheduled due to the Snowpocalypse that hit us on Thursday, 11/15!

In order to make it possible for those with young children to attend, we have re-scheduled for Sunday, 2/10 from 1—3pm with free babysitting.

We'll welcome Dr. Cassandra Klebenoff who will lead interactive, timely and interesting workshop about issues of importance in the LGBTQ community.

Our next Pride Committee meeting is on Thursday, 12/20 at 7:30pm. It is open to all who are interested in participating or are just curious about the committee.

Please feel free to contact wither of us at any time: DianaSchutt18@gmail.com, Kagana53@gmail.com

#### **CARING COMMUNITY - Merrie Daitch, Chairperson**

Join us! Everyone needs a little loving care sometimes. Why not be part of the Caring Community movement. We meet, at most, once a month (sometimes bl-monthly). You never know who you may meet. Most of our commitments are short-term and very doable. We appreciate new and interesting insights and ideas.

We also help sponsor taxi rides to *shul*. If you are 70 and live in the TOWN of Ossining you are eligible for \$3 taxi tickets to be used within the town. The Caring Community will pick up the remaining \$3 if the rides are used for your transportation to shul. You must go to the Ossining Recreation Dept. with an ID, and pick up your tickets. Make sure that you ask for a receipt. Put your receipt and pertinent info. in an envelope and send or take it to CSI-c/o Margie Kirsch, Caring Community. Just remember that we will only reimburse up to 10 tickets a month. (You may get up to 15 from the Rec., but our reimbursement stops at 10 a month.)

SPECIAL NOTE: Those members of our community who are not able to get out very much appreciate visits. Contact me for the details.

Merrie Daitch merrietunes@yahoo.com



## Judy Boehr, Chairperson

A belated, but heartfelt thank you to Sandy, manager of the Shoprite in Croton, who provided the bags we needed for the Project Isaiah food drive. Be sure to thank her when you are there doing your shopping. Shoprite is always very generous.

For the next 2 months, CSI will once again collect **winter clothing** for IFCA in Ossining. This drive is a great help to people in our community who are lacking warm clothing at this time of year. Please bring your **coats, hats, mittens/gloves, and scarves** and help us fill the bins in the lobby. We will deliver them as they come in so that they can help our neighbors.

# DECEMBER 2018 - 23 *Kislev* - 23 *Tevet*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Abbreviations:  C/L = Candle Lighting Time JITN = Jews in the News N.S. = Nursery School R.S. = Religious School		DEADLINE FOR SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE DINNER IS TUESDAY, 12/4		TICKETS FOR THE 12/15 CONCERT WITH JOEY WEISENBERG MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR		9:10am Shabbat morning service 10am Shabbat Sheera Hazz'ns' Tish After Kiddush
2 24 Kislev 9:15am Minyan 9 – 11am Chanukah Family Learning Day & Family Fun Day	3 25 Kislev 7:15am Minyan 9am Almost 2's 10:30am Sign Language 11:30am Women's Torah Study 4:30pm Art 7pm Sist. Bd. 7pm Bridge Class 7:30pm Torah Trope 8:45pm Talmud	4 26 Kislev 9am Tuesday for Tots 11:15am JITN 5:30pm – 6pm Community Candle Lighting 6:45pm Caring Community 7:30pm Second Generation Survivors 7:30pm Social	5 27 Kislev 9am Almost 2's	6 28 Kislev 7:15am Minyan	7 29 Kislev 9am Almost 2's C/L 4:10pm 5pm - 7:30pm PJ Bim Bam Shabbanukah 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45pm SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE DINNER 8pm Speaker:	Vayeshev 8 30 Kislev  SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE SHABBAT 9:10am Shabbat morning service  D'Var Torah: Tal Becker 10am Shabbat Sheera  1pm Talk: Tal Becker
Erev Chanukah 1st Candle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Chanukah Candle	Committee  3 <sup>rd</sup> Chanukah Candle	4 <sup>th</sup> Chanukah Candle	5 <sup>th</sup> Chanukah Candle	Tal Becker  6 <sup>th</sup> Chanukah Candle	7 <sup>th</sup> Chanukah Candle Miketz
9 1 Tevet 9:15am Minyan 9am - 1:30pm BLOOD DRIVE 11am High School 8th Chanukah Candle	10 2 Tevet 7:15am Minyan 9am Almost 2's 4:30pm Art 7pm Bridge Class 7:30pm Five Things: Capital Punishment 8:45pm Talmud Last Day of	9am Tuesday for Tots 11:15am JITN 12:30pm HaMishpacha Luncheon & Program 7:30pm Women's Writing	9am Almost 2's 9:30am N.S. Mad Science 7:30pm Sisterhood Social Action Program Flyer Page 16	13 5 Tevet 7:15am Minyan 10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion	14 6 Tevet 9am Almost 2's  C/L 4:11pm 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat	9:10am Shabbat morning service 10:30am Kadima 10:3am Chavurah Service 8:30pm CONCERT: JOEY
16 8 Tevet	Chanukah  17 9 Tevet	7:30pm Exec. Committee 18 10 Tevet	19 11 Tevet	20 12 Tevet	21 12 Toylot	WEISENBERG Vayigash
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23 15 Tevet 9:15am Minyan No School	24 16 Tevet 7:15am No School	25 17 Tevet  CSI CHRISTMAS DINNER: Flyer on page 9	26 18 Tevet NO SCHOOL	27 19 Tevet 7:15am Minyan NO SCHOOL 10:30am	28 20 Tevet NO SCHOOL C/L 4:18pm 4:30pm	29 21 Tevet 9:10am Shabbat morning services
30 22 Tevet 9:15am Minyan No School	31 23 Tevet 9:15am Minyan No School	NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED		HaMishpacha Discussion	Kabbalat Shabbat	Shemot

# **CSI Sisterhood Community Action**

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# **Abbott House**





# Wednesday, December 12, 2018 7:30pm - 9:00pm



For the past few years, CSI Sisterhood has chosen a local non-profit organization to share their mission with us and we have provided gifts for their beneficiaries for the holiday season. This year we have chosen **Abbott House**.

Abbott House welcomes and builds lasting foundations of support for children, families and adults with complex needs. The heart of their work is about helping human beings recover from deep trauma, or intervening to prevent and minimize trauma in the first place. Abbott House works hard to reunite families, create new ones and make promising futures a reality so that all those entrusted to their care feel a sense of belonging rooted in hope and community.

#### Joining us for the evening will be:

Lauren Candela-Katz, MSW, CFRE - Chief Development Officer: Lauren Candela-Katz brings nearly 30 years of experience to Abbott House in her role as Chief Development Officer. She is a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE) and a national speaker helping nonprofits achieve their mission.

**Kate Hope - Manager of Stewardship, Technology & Communication:** Kate Hope manages Abbott House's communications, constituent database, fundraising reporting, social media and special events.

There is no charge for this event but we ask that everyone bring new, unwrapped toys and/or gift cards for the children and teens of Abbott House to help make sure they have a very happy Holiday.

Suggested Gifts Include: Amazon/Target Gift Cards, makeup, board games, science kits, legos, educational games, dolls (dark and light skinned), blocks, perfume/cologne, headphones, jewelry making sets, arts & crafts sets, sports items, building sets, handheld games, stuffed animals, and small electronics.

If you can't join us, but would still like to donate, gifts may be dropped off between 12/2 - 12/12. \*

Please RSVP to Beth Levine by 12/7 at hl2151@msn.com

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#### **SPECIAL NOTE**

#### Women's Writing Workshop

In 2015 a group of CSI women began a Women's Writing Workshop (WWW), which meets 15 times between October and June. This group is now in its 4th year of creating, writing, sharing, discussing.

Because several inquiries of interest have been recently made by CSI women, organization of a second WWW is being considered. If you are interested in forming a second WWW, please contact either of the following for more details.

Gail Sider: gailsider@gmail.com Marion Sader: marsader@optonline.net







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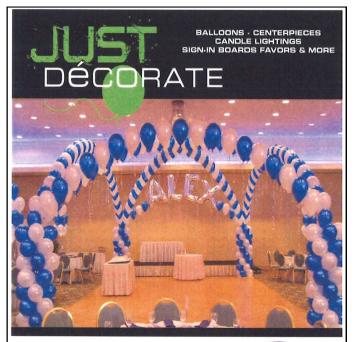
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