



Congregation Sons of Israel

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DECEMBER 2021

27 Kislev - 27 Tevet 5782

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

(adopted 1999, revised 2007):

Congregation Sons of Israel is an egalitarian, Conservative synagogue dedicated to 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. We promote spiritual, cultural and social connections within our community, to the State of Israel, and to Jews worldwide.

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THE
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JUDAISM
בית המדרש

**Sunday, December 19, 2021
at 5PM**

as we welcome our guest speaker on site & via zoom

DR. DAVID FREY

**Professor of history and director of the Center for Holocaust
Studies at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.**

**"The Ritchie Boys:
What They Tell Us about America's,
the Army's, and Diversity's Past and Future"**

**The Ritchie Boys were young men, many of them German-born Jews,
who fled Nazi Germany to the US. They were trained in intelligence
and psychological warfare and returned to Germany as soldiers in the
US army.**

This event is free and open to all!

Please REGISTER for the lecture here!

ZOOM LINK

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**The Rabbi's Circle
at CSI**

**This event is generously
sponsored by
The Rabbi's Circle**

FROM THE RABBI

Steven C. Kane



Knowing that the December bulletin is coming out on the third day/fourth night of Chanukah, I wanted to mention the parts of the holiday that I love. Of course, at the top, is the lighting of the Chanukah candles, especially on the 8th night (Sunday, December 5th) when all of the candles are lit. I always go outside our house so I can see the fullness of the candles shining brightly in the window. Next up-I absolutely love latkes! When my children were growing up we used to take the recipe from a different children's book each night. Today I still make "Malka's Secret Recipe," which comes from a book of the same name. (Among other interesting ingredients it includes scallions instead of regular onions.) Over the years, this became the best-liked latke, although the competition was tough! I also have a collection of dreidels, and each Chanukah I bring them out. This year I added a dreidel that bounces (I kid you not) to the many other unique ones that spin.

Last but not least, I love the collection of Chanukah songs we traditionally sing. Some are in Hebrew, others in Yiddish and still others are in English. Each one carries with it memories of singing it as a child, and later as an adult with my own children. Yet, of all the Chanukah songs I know, I find one to be particularly inspiring. It was first performed on Saturday Night Live during the 7th night of Chanukah 5755 (December 3rd, 1994). It is called "The Chanukah Song" written (and performed) by comedian Adam Sandler.

When Sandler first performed the song, he introduced it by telling the audience that "when I was a kid, this time of year always made me feel a little left out because in school there were so many Christmas songs, and all us Jewish kids had was the song 'Dreidel, Dreidel, Dreidel,' and so I wrote a brand new Chanukah song for you Jewish kids to sing..." Then Sandler begins singing "Put on your yarmulke, here comes Chanukah, so much funikah to celebrate Chanukah...but when you feel like the only kid in town without a Christmas tree, here's a list of people who are Jewish, just like you and me."

The verses are filled with references to famous Jewish people, from rock singers and actors to world renowned scientists and all-star athletes. Sandler also makes references to Jewish observances, especially, of course, lighting the Menorah.

Throughout the years, I have seen many attempts to integrate Chanukah into the "holiday season." Most, however, take a part of Christmas and attempt to make it acceptably Jewish. I have seen Chanukah bushes and heard of someone called "Hanukkah Harry" (spelled of course with an H). There is a children's book that begins with the words "Twas the night before Chanukah and all through the house...", based on the famous 19th century Christmas poem. Sandler will have none of that. His song is a unique composition and features a catchy chorus ("Put on your yarmulke, here comes Chanukah"), one that is known not only to his fans, but a generation of Jewish children who grew up in the 2000's. More than that, Sandler wants children to express their pride in being Jewish, and let them know that they have plenty of famous Jewish heroes (including himself) that they can justifiably be proud of.

I have heard from religious Jews in my parent's generation that they would never have worn a kippah in public because it might have meant trouble for them. Yet when I was in college I "put on my yarmulke" and started wearing a kippah full time. For me, it was as much a symbol of pride in my Judaism as it was a religious act. Today, Jewish children also express their pride in who they are through singing Adam Sandler's song each Chanukah. Lighting candles, eating latkes, spinning (or bouncing) dreidels, and singing songs are what defines Chanukah for me. "The Chanukah Song" has now become another part of the holiday I love.

L'hitraot and Chanukah Sameach,

Rabbi@csibriarcliff.org

CANTORIAL NOTES

Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



We are pleased to present our 34th annual concert here at CSI. Over the years, the biggest and best performers of Jewish music have graced our *bima*. Legends such as Theodore Bikel, Craig Taubman, Shlock Rock, Alberto Mizrahi, Safam, Andy Statman, The Klezmatics, Debbie Friedman, Joshua Nelson, Basya Schechter, Shuly Natan (*Y'rushalayim Shel Zahav*), the Maccabeats, Joey Weisenberg, Kapelye and Neshama Carlebach, to name a few, have performed here at CSI.

Thus, we are proud to introduce you to one of Jewish music's rising new stars, Rabbi Josh Warshawsky. Josh will present a concert of new and wonderful, upbeat and spiritual music on Sunday evening, December 12th at 7:30 pm. Josh is a nationally touring musician, composer, songleader, and teacher of Torah. Originally from Chicago, Josh has shared his unique and wonderful melodies with over 100 Jewish communities throughout the US, Canada and Israel. He has released five albums of Jewish music and his

newest recording made its debut last month. His music has also been featured on six Jewish musical anthologies. In my position as Chair of Publications for the Cantor's Assembly, I will be collaborating with Josh in the coming year on a new anthology of his music. The melodies are written intentionally to express the deep meaning of the words of our tradition.

Josh serves on the faculty of Songleader Boot Camp and Chavurah and appears in concert throughout the Camp *Ramah* system each summer. I know that you will really enjoy his music, so please make sure that you attend our annual concert on Sunday, December 12th at 7:30 pm. Please register [here](#). I look forward to seeing you then.


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**SEE PAGE 6 FOR INFORMATION ON OUR
12/12 CONCERT WITH RABBI JOSH WARSHAWSKY**

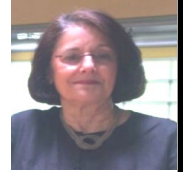
***HaMishpacha* Musical Program
Tuesday, December 14th at 12:30pm**

The Best of Broadway — Who Knew They Were Jewish?

[ZOOM LINK](#)



FROM THE PRESIDENT *Clare Rosen*



As Jews we are reminded over and over to “welcome the stranger.” A couple of weeks ago, we held an informational meeting to learn how we can be a host organization for Afghan refugees. More than 55,000 people have been evacuated from Afghanistan and need to be resettled in the US. HIAS (founded as the Hebrew Immigration Aid Society) has a long history of helping refugees and immigrants resettle in our country. HIAS reminds us of what Hillel wrote: “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, who am I? If not now, when?” (Ethics of our Fathers, 1:14)

I know I can count on you to follow our Jewish tradition of showing kindness and generosity to immigrants. Many of our parents and grandparents were immigrants, people who benefited from the opportunities given to them. There are many references in the Torah that remind us to treat the “stranger” as our own. “You shall have one standard for stranger and citizen alike, for I the LORD am your G-d.” (Leviticus 24:22)

Additionally we are commanded to stand up for the widow, the poor, and the orphan as well as the stranger, and I am confident that our CSI community will continue to demonstrate these values repeatedly. There are those in our greater Briarcliff/Ossining community who don’t have enough food or warm clothing. While it seems inconceivable to us that there are children who go to bed hungry or don’t have clean clothes to wear to school, these are real situations. Each year we generously collect food for the food pantries, donate warm coats for those in need, and provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to the hungry, to name a few of the ways our congregations stands up.

Helping Afghan refugees cannot wait. We need to step up now. Besides raising the necessary funds to house a refugee in our community, there are many non-monetary in-kind ways to help. The goal is to slowly encourage independence as we provide the necessary resources.

I wish you all the best,
Clare E. Rosen, President
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Saturday, 12/4
9:10am

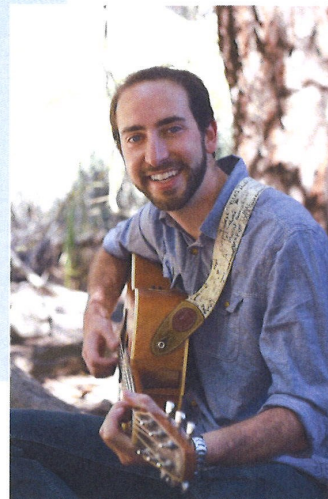
Dedication of YJC Torah

Please join us on *Shabbat*
December 4th
9:10am



During services, we will hold a special dedication ceremony honoring the Torah generously donated to CSI from the Yorktown Jewish Center. That morning, we officially welcome our YJC families to CSI.

**AN EVENING OF SONG
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SUNDAY
DECEMBER 12th
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He has released three albums of Jewish music, filled with melodies written intentionally to express the deep meaning of the words of our tradition.

He is on the faculty of Songleader Boot Camp and leads the Ramah Shabbaton and the Ramah Chavurah. Josh has spent the past 19 summers at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin, and the last six summers teaching and performing at Ramah camps across the country.

\$10 per person

**Concert will be held
via Zoom**

[REGISTER HERE](#)



CSI Community Organic Farm

Regenerative Agriculture Rooted in Jewish Tradition

ORGANIC FARM UPDATE: VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!

This is always a bittersweet time of year at the farm. The days are short and the weather has changed. Most of the fields have been cleared from the season of growth and production and the planting beds are being prepped for next year. The sprinkler system is shut down and the tomato stakes are pulled and stacked for next year. The wood chip piles seem to ebb and flow as we spread them where needed and a new load gets delivered.

We have a few months of quiet outside on the farm but we hope to be busy inside. We need to plan for next year. Will you be part of our group? What varieties should we try to plant for next year? New ideas are welcome! And opportunities to help abound.

We need a volunteer coordinator for our various committees and to help us integrate better with other groups within the synagogue.

... or just join one of our groups ...

We would like help with:

Flowers for Shabbat:

Collect flowers on Friday morning from the field and arrange into a bouquet for the kiddush table.

Farm to Table delivery for seniors in the community:

Organize two to three baskets for Friday delivery of fresh produce and flowers from the farm.

Weekly Farm Stand:

Help run the farm stand once a week.

Greenhouse:

Help extend the growing season by seeding and caring for starter plants.

Overage cooking and baking:

Help us manage some of the high quality tasting but lower quality (bruised) produce by cooking/baking and then freezing to be distributed within the community.

Stop by the farm and/or email [Ryna Lustig](#) for more info.



The Gazette



Opportunity Shop reopened by CSI

by Susan R. Eisenstein

Fred Schulman, an active member and officer of Congregation Sons of Israel, Briarcliff Manor, is dedicated to helping his greater community. He is also a man of action.

After the building housing the Opportunity Shop at 61 North Greeley Avenue in Chappaqua was sold--coinciding with the expiration of the lease held on the thrift shop's quarters--Mr. Schulman approached CSI's Board of Trustees with a proposal to take on and operate the shop. The new owner/landlord offered a long-term lease, and each of the parties enthusiastically embraced the re-opening.

The Opportunity Shop had been operated for decades by the Sisterhood at Beth El Synagogue in Chappaqua. Over the years some of the original volunteers moved--or passed away. As well, the staff of volunteers changed to include some non-members of Beth El, including Lois Schulman, Mr. Schulman's wife and a fellow member of CSI who had elevated to a management position at the shop.

All of the committed women who ran the shop over the years enjoyed the camaraderie, the pleasant social environment, the satisfaction of operating a successful business (even without pay) and the knowledge that the profits were all going to a charitable cause.

The Opportunity Shop closed in March 2020, the same month COVID-19 struck in Westchester County and many businesses were required to suspend their operations. The combination of the prospect of higher rent and the onslaught of COVID led to Beth El's decision to not renew the lease.

After almost a year and a half of seeing the space had not been leased by the new owner/landlord, Mrs. Schulman and her husband reached out to the old crew. All clearly missed the fun and satisfaction of working there and were ready to go back to work.

The lease was signed as of August 1, and since then the shop has been thoroughly cleaned, painted and re-fixture (with all work performed or supervised by Jogn Chambal, another member of CSI). Donations began being accepted on September 1, and the official reopening was September 13.

In addition to the roster of past volunteers and contributors, members of CSI have volunteered to work as well as donate merchandise.

Mrs. Schulman continues to manage the shop.

"Even after a year and a half, I saw how much Lois and her fellow staff missed the good works done at 'The Opp Shop' and I reached out to the new landlord to try to recreate this longstanding institution of

charity and fun," Mr. Schulman explained. "It's a place where valued but unused possessions can be put to good use and committed people can find an enjoyable workplace to fulfill worthy goals."

"Since its closing, not a week went by without all of the volunteers hoping for a way to reopen," Mrs. Schulman said. "It's unusual to have a place where workers, givers, and buyers all feel a sense of satisfaction."

In keeping with Congregation Sons of Israel's history of helping those in need in the greater community, each month CSI will earmark a charity to which it will donate some of the earnings. Given the current situation in Afghanistan, which necessitates urgent resettlement of many thousands of people, they have chosen HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) as the first charity. In future months, CSI will identify other charities to help victims of Hurricane Ida, raise funds for senior citizens to buy food, buy taxi vouchers for medical appointments and support local food pantries.

The phone number for The Opportunity Shop is 914-483-4144. The hours for sales are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m., to 4 p.m. For donations, the hours are the same. For consignments, 10 a.m. to noon.

**HERE IS A LIST OF WHAT CAN BE DONATED TO THE OPP SHOP
AT 61 NORTH GREELEY AVENUE, CHAPPAQUA
MONDAY - FRIDAY FROM 10AM - 2PM
PLEASE - NO DROP OFFS AT CSI!
CALL THE OPP SHOP AT: 914-483-4144**

Men's Clothing & Shoes (NO SUITS)	Collectibles
Women's Clothing & Shoes	Judaica
Children's Clothing (4T & up)	Small Appliances (in working order with ALL parts)
Coats	Lamps
Jackets	Pictures/Art Work
Sweaters	Picture Frames
Scarves	Coffee Table Books
Hats	Hard Cover Best Sellers
Gloves	Vases
Belts	Crystal & China
Ties	Dishes
Pocketbooks	Silverware
Wallets	Platters
Leather goods	Kitchenware
Luggage	Pots & Pans
Backpacks	New Toys & Games
Jewelry & Watches	Gently Used Toys & Games (clean & in working order)
Tools	
Sporting Goods	

When you stop in, you are likely to bump into
a CSI member you know as we have a
great group of volunteers.

[VISIT THE OPP SHOP WEBSITE!](#)

FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Naomi Elyachar



There can be a lot of excitement when two holidays happen around the same time. For adults, holidays that blend into one another can also be stressful and make our lives feel hectic, but for most children, more opportunities to be with friends and family, eat delicious food, and—of course—receive presents equals more fun and joy. Thanksgiving and Hanukkah are different holidays, but as an educator, I like to think about the values related to each holiday and in this case, they are very similar.

Thanksgiving and Hanukkah are both holidays to focus on gratitude and generosity. Most families in our community are fortunate to have abundant holiday meals and enough presents to fill multiple playrooms. We can talk to our children about being thankful for our

blessings and should couple those conversations with teachings about the responsibility of sharing our good fortune with others.

Teaching young children the true stories of Thanksgiving and Hanukkah can be tricky. Whatever truly happened hundreds of years ago that now lead us to eat turkey and latkes is mostly not relevant in young children's lives, but the values surrounding the stories are. Hanukkah and Thanksgiving are both holidays where we can focus on the value of respecting and celebrating each other's differences. This year, as our nursery school students enjoy our Thanksgiving singalong, Hanukkah puppet show and parties, we will also be teaching them the values of gratitude, generosity, and appreciation of each other's differences.

Naomi Elyachar
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DECEMBER

12/5	CSI's Chanukah Homecoming (register HERE)
12/9	"The December Dilemma"
12/18	Chavurah Family Service
12/23-31	No School—Winter Recess (School resumes January 3rd)
Coming soon!	Registration for the 2022-2023 school year

FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL

Grown-up *and me* Classes

Please join us with your littlest learners!

☆ Explore, learn and play with other children

☀ Learn the structure of a school routine in a safe, fun setting

☾ Meet other local families

Taste of CSI

For babies 0-15 months

Tuesdays, 11:00-11:45 a.m.

November 30th, December 7th, 14th

January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

February 1st, 8th, 15th

\$125 for all sessions

\$95 for CSI members

Little Explorers

For toddlers ages 16-24 months

Wednesdays, 9:30-10:45 a.m.

December 1st, 8th, 15th

January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

February 2nd, 9th, 16th

\$200 for all sessions

\$150 for CSI members

Register *HERE* ☆

Classes will take place in a well-ventilated indoor environment.

Grown-ups and parents of children in attendance must be vaccinated.

In accordance with CSI Nursery School policies, participants must be up to date on childhood immunizations.

Advance registration is required.

Please reach out to CSI Nursery School Director, [Naomi Elyachar](#), with any questions.

CHAVURAH FAMILY SERVICE

**December 18th
10:30AM**

Chavurah service is a lively adaptation of *Shabbat* services designed especially for families. Judy Kane leads these upbeat, joyful services with the help of musician Brian Gelfand.



THE DECEMBER DILEMMA

Thursday, December 9th

7:30 p.m.

Join other nursery school parents for the first in a series of discussions on hot parenting topics!

The focus of this month's discussion will be on the "December Dilemma"-- the time of year when many religious holidays are observed, often leading to mixed emotions for ourselves and our children. How can we teach our children the value of our own family traditions (whether they are of one or more than one faith), acknowledge the complicated emotions these holidays bring up, and respect the celebrations of others? Join us as we unpack this multifaceted topic.

Please RSVP to csinspa@gmail.com

FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear CSI Nursery School Families,

As we head into the holidays, it seems like an opportune time to reflect on the various ways we have come together as a community. It has happened in so many ways in the past month, and more events are coming for children and adults alike to connect and get to know each other.

Our Fall Soiree, held on Saturday, November 6th, was a big hit! More than 50 people gathered at Woods Tavern Bar and Grill at the Hudson Hills Golf Course to enjoy a night out under the stars with food, drinks, and live music by The Mike Risko Band. Between our song dedications and silent auction, we are thrilled to announce that we raised **\$3,000** towards future educational programming and supplies for our nursery school children! We are grateful for our families' generosity in helping to make this evening a huge success. We hope everyone who attended had a great time and met someone new! Plans are already underway for a Spring Soiree in May—we can't wait!

On Wednesday, November 24th, we invited our nursery school families to join the children at the CSI Organic Farm for a pre-Thanksgiving celebration with singing and snacks. Our school children were gifted a Chanukah surprise organized and sponsored by the Parents Association.

With the holiday season upon us, we are excited to host Wonder Spark Puppets on December 1st featuring *The Troll that Stole Hanukkah*, an interactive and fun puppet show for our nursery school children.

Just a reminder that the PA is always looking for volunteers among our nursery school families! It's never too late to join, and volunteers are needed in all capacities and time commitments. If you are interested in joining the PA, please reach out to Melinda at the email below.

We wish you and your families a very happy, healthy and joyous holiday season.

With gratitude,

CSI Nursery School Parents Association
csinspa@gmail.com



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Wendy Segal



In the Talmud, a discussion about lost items and when the original owner must be found can sidetrack into a discussion about how to deal with local non-Jewish officials, whether wine barrels are meant to be strong enough to stand on, and what the best way is to steal a sheep. In the adult education class I teach via Zoom, we also get sidetracked. Recently, in the middle of a discussion about something entirely different, we wound up debating whether it's appropriate to spend so much time in religious school teaching Hebrew when we might be engaging the kids in acts of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world. Everything from protesting racism to committing to a vegetarian or a vegan diet might fall under the umbrella of *tikkun olam*, which generally demands active participation in some behavior meant to right a social or environmental wrong. One of the class attendees suggested our religious school perhaps should spend more time engaging our students in acts of *tikkun olam* – much like our Reform friends do – and less time on Hebrew. I used to agree. The more I have considered the question over the past 20 years or so, the more strongly I feel that we're on the right track. Of course, our Torah demands advocating for the rights of those with less privilege when it reminds us to care for the widow and the orphan and the stranger among us, because we were strangers once in Egypt. Of course, our Torah demands we take care of the earth even during times of war, when it forbids Jewish armies from destroying the fruit trees of our enemies. Of course, our Torah demands that we consider the ethical treatment of animals when it decrees that we not even remove an egg from a nest without shooing the mother bird away first or when it requires us to guide a lost animal home.

But do you have to be Jewish to care for the homeless? Do you have to be Jewish to be an environmental activist? Don't they preach against bullying in nearly every school? Don't they encourage young people to reduce, reuse, and recycle in almost every classroom? Aren't these actions something we would expect of all decent people?

On the other hand, do they teach the sound of the *shema* in public school? Do they sing "*Am Yisroel Chai*" with gusto in public school classrooms? Do they instill a sense of pride in the accomplishments of Jewish scientists, authors, lawmakers, musicians, philosophers? Do they show you how to find your way around a *siddur* or a *chumash*? Do they explain the ethical, moral, historical, and even environmental lessons of the seder plate? Do they teach you that prayer in Hebrew is *tefillah*, which really means self-judgment? Do they ask you to reflect on a time when you felt awe and thought, "Maybe Gd really did make this world?" Do they tell you that Jacob is renamed Yisrael, literally "struggled with Gd," and wonder whether we are called the Children of Israel because it's expected that we also will struggle with Gd?

I think we're on the right track. It's hard to teach a foreign language in four hours a week, especially one that uses different letters. It's harder since we have to teach Jewish holidays and Jewish heroes and Jewish texts and Jewish history and Torah and Tanakh and love of Israel. Yes, we do encourage our students to perform acts of charity, but we also teach Hebrew, the language which binds Jews into one family. And bringing Jewish families together is *tikkun olam*, too.

Wendy Segal
Religious School Education Director
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MORE FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

RS Calendar Notes

December 5th

10:30AM

*Chanukah Homecoming*Register **HERE****December 11th**

10:45AM-12:00PM

CSI Junior Congregation

(For 3rd-7th grades)

A *Shabbat* service at which students can learn and practice the parts of CSI's *Shabbat* service, explore Torah stories, and get ready for their *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah*.

December 18th

10:30AM

Chavurah Family Service

Chavurah service is a lively adaptation of *Shabbat* services designed especially for families. Judy Kane leads these upbeat, joyful services with the help of musician Brian Gelfand.

**December 26th**

No School—Winter Recess

December 28th

No School—Winter Recess

HEBREW HIGH & USY

On Sunday, October 31st, the teens were joined by CSI member Ryna Lustig for a hands-on lesson in native and invasive plant species. Together with Ryna, teens made and planted "seed bombs." To do this, teens collected native plants from in and around the farm, and then removed their seeds. Teens mixed clay (dirt and water), formed a ball, and put the seeds inside. The teens then scattered the "seed bombs" around the perimeter of the synagogue. We are hopeful that some germinate, leading to more native plants on campus.



Hebrew High & USY December Calendar

12/5	Hebrew High School/Chanukah Homecoming at CSI 10:30AM-12PM USY Regional Scavenger Hunt at Palisades Mall 12-3PM
12/12	USY Service event
12/19	Hebrew High School

HH Teachers:

Sheera Zuckerman
Cantor Shiovitz
Rabbi Kane

USY Advisor:

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

A Chanukah Homecoming

at CSI

December 5th

10:30AM

An event for the whole community

Bring your children, your parents, your grandparents, and neighbors!

We're coming together for:

Activities & crafts for kids (Plus take-home dreidels and chocolate gelt)	Raffles (Items provided by <i>Matanah</i> , The Gift Shop at CSI)
Music for all (Led by Brian Gelfand)	Tzedakah collection (Accepting coats & gloves in all sizes, new or gently used)
Refreshments (<i>Sufganiyot</i> [mini jelly donuts] and latkes with all the "fixins")	And a special CSI candle lighting! (Bring a <i>chanukiah</i> [Chanukah menorah] and candles from home to light with your fellow celebrants)

This event is free but registration is required.
PLEASE REGISTER HERE



Guaranteed to provide warmth and brightness!

Christmas Meal Distribution

For decades now CSI has provided a hearty and festive Christmas Day Dinner for our neighbors at First Presbyterian Church in Ossining.

The CSI community has always given generously of their time, expertise and monetary donations to ensure the success of this warm, wonderful and necessary program.

Last year we successfully provided Covid-friendly boxed meals for those in need. **We're doing it again on 12/24.**

We will also distribute supermarket gift cards and toys for the children.

There are several ways to help!

Here are
some

[FOR MONETARY DONATIONS CLICK HERE](#)

additional

items that are needed:

Homemade or store-bought desserts packaged individually to be dropped off at the First Presbyterian Church on Friday, 12/24, from 9:30–11am.

Non-perishable food items for our mini-food bank that need to be dropped off at the First Presbyterian Church on Friday, 12/24, from 9:30-11am.

Toys for the children which can be dropped off in the CSI lobby by Friday, 12/17.

Reusable grocery shopping bags for our guests to use which can be dropped off in the CSI lobby by Friday, 12/17.

We need a few (fully vaccinated) VOLUNTEERS to help on 12/24

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WINTER COAT AND GLOVE DRIVE

People in our community need warm clothes.

Once again, we will be conducting a drive
for IFCA in Ossining.

Please bring clean **coats and gloves for men, women
and children** to the bins in the CSI lobby.

We will deliver them as the bins fill so that they
can be used immediately.

AGAIN: COATS & GLOVES ONLY, THANKS!

The collection will run through December 31st.

Thank you for your support.



The annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive
for the Star of Bethlehem Church in
Ossining was a huge success. **THANK
YOU** to everyone who bought turkeys
and generously donated money
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us make our money go as far as possible.

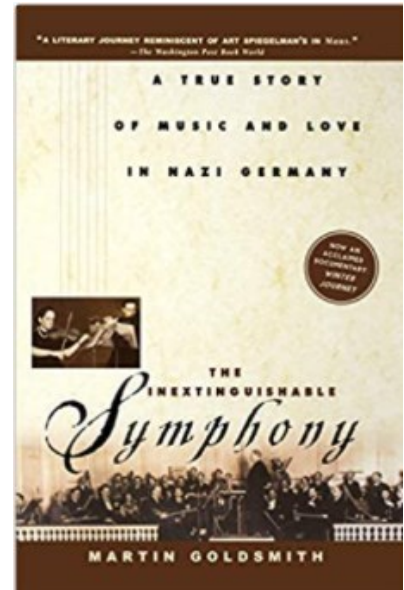
**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR OWN TOM HANNAN FOR
DOING ALL THE SCHLEPPING FOR THIS EVENT.**

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Sisterhood Book Club

Sunday, January 23rd
at 4:00 PM on Zoom

The Inextinguishable Symphony
A True Story of Music and Love in Nazi Germany
By Martin Goldsmith



In the spring of 1933, more than 8,000 Jewish musicians, actors, and other artists were expelled from their positions with German orchestras, opera companies, and theater groups. Later that year, the Judische Kulturbund, or Jewish Cultural Association, was created to allow Jewish artists to perform for Jewish audiences. Here is the riveting and emotional story of Gunther Goldschmidt and Rosemarie Gumpert, two courageous Jewish musicians who struggled to perform under unimaginable circumstances and found themselves falling in love in a country bent on destroying them.

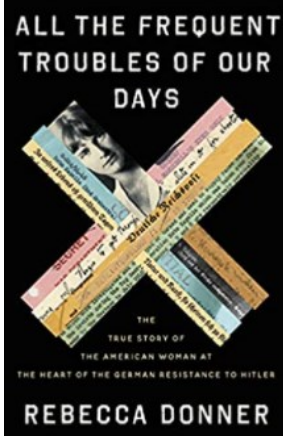
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MEN'S CLUB



Our next book club meeting is on Tuesday, January 4th at 7:30pm. We will be reading All the Frequent Troubles of our Days by Rebecca Donner.

Join the Men's Club [here](#).

Or from the CSI Homepage, click on Men's Club in the Community tab menu. It's easy!

Please contact [Jason Eidlitz](#) with any questions.



PRIDE COMMITTEE - Suzanne Haber, Chairperson



Pride Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

Our next meeting is:
Tuesday, December 14th at 7:30pm.
Contact [Suzanne Haber](#) for further information.

CARING COMMUNITY








We are here to make CSI a closer, more caring and supportive community. Together we celebrate *simchas*, console those who are ill or experiencing a loss, and help congregants who need a phone call, a ride to a doctor, or a little TLC.

If you or another congregant you know is experiencing a need, please contact the CSI office (762-2700) or [Judy Boehr](#) (762-1984).

Join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, December 15th at 7pm.



DECEMBER 2021 / 27 Kislev – 27 Tevet

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 27 Kislev	2 28 Kislev 8am Minyan via Zoom 11am Contemporary Issues & The Talmud via Zoom 7:30pm Poetry via Zoom w/Neil Schluger	3 29 Kislev 9am NS Parents Assoc. Mtg. 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and via Zoom	4 30 Kislev 9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and livestream *YJC TORAH DEDICATION* 12:00pm Hazz'n's Tish
			 Chanukah 4 th Night	 Chanukah 5 th Night	 Chanukah 6 th Night C/L 4:09pm	 Chanukah 7 th Night Miketz
5 1 Tevet 9:15am Minyan on site and via Zoom  10:30am A Chanukah Homecoming  Chanukah 8 th Night	6 2 Tevet 8am Minyan via Zoom 7:30pm Sisterhood Board 8:45pm Talmud on site and via Zoom	7 3 Tevet 11:15am JITN 7:30pm Education Comm.	8 4 Tevet	9 5 Tevet 8am Minyan via Zoom 10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion Group 11am Contemporary Issues & The Talmud via Zoom 7:30pm Poetry via Zoom w/Neil Schluger	10 6 Tevet 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and via Zoom C/L 4:09pm	11 7 Tevet 9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and livestream 10:45am Junior Congregation – RS Grades 3-7 Vayigash
12 8 Tevet 9:15am Minyan on site and via Zoom 7:30pm CANTOR'S CONCERT with JOSH WARSHAWSKY via Zoom 	13 9 Tevet 8am Minyan via Zoom 7:30pm Five Things on site and via Zoom-Julius & Ethel Rosenberg 8:45pm Talmud on site and via Zoom	14 10 Tevet 11:15am JITN 12:30pm HaMishpacha Musical Program via Zoom 7:30pm Exec. Comm. 7:30pm Pride Comm. 7:30pm Second Gen. Survivors	15 11 Tevet 7:00pm Caring Community 7:30pm Climate Change with Bob Schloss on site and via Zoom	16 12 Tevet 8am Minyan via Zoom 11am Contemporary Issues & The Talmud via Zoom	17 13 Tevet 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and via Zoom C/L 4:10pm	18 14 Tevet 9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and livestream 10:30am Chavurah Family Service Vayechi
19 15 Tevet 9:15am Minyan on site and via Zoom 5:00pm Rabbi's Circle Lecture Dr. David Frey "The Ritchie Boys"	20 16 Tevet 8am Minyan via Zoom 8:45pm Talmud on site and via Zoom	21 17 Tevet 11:15am JITN 7:30pm Board of Trustees	22 18 Tevet	23 19 Tevet NO NS Winter Recess 8am Minyan via Zoom 10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion Group 11am Contemporary Issues & The Talmud via Zoom	24 20 Tevet NO NS Winter Recess 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and via Zoom C/L 4:13pm	25 21 Tevet 9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and livestream Shemot
26 22 Tevet NO RS Winter Recess 9:15am Minyan on site and via Zoom	27 23 Tevet 8am Minyan via Zoom NO NS Winter Recess	28 24 Tevet NO NS Winter Recess NO RS Winter Recess	29 25 Tevet NO NS Winter Recess	30 26 Tevet 8am Minyan via Zoom NO NS Winter Recess	31 27 Tevet NO NS Winter Recess 4:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and via Zoom C/L 4:18pm	NS=Nursery School RS=Religious School JITN= Jews In The News C/L=Candle Lighting Time

CHANUKAH

Chanukah commemorates the victory of the Jewish forces, led by Judah Maccabee, over the Syrian forces (often called Syrian-Greeks because they had come under the influence of Greek culture) led by Antiochus Epiphanes in the year 167 BCE. Antiochus had outlawed circumcision, *Shabbat* observance and other customs basic to Judaism. He then desecrated the Holy Temple in Jerusalem by placing the statue of a Greek god in the Holy of Holies, and conducting sacrifices of unclean animals.

After three years of fighting, the forces led by Judah recaptured the Temple on the 25th of *Kislev*. They found it in ruins. As they began to repair and rebuild it, crowds of Jews congregated to celebrate and bring proper sacrifices to God. One version of the story tells us that the Jews celebrated the rededication of the Temple for eight days since they had been denied access to the Temple for the eight days of *Sukkot*. Of course, we are all familiar with the legend in the Talmud that recounts one cruse of oil found with the seal of the *Cohen Gadol* (High Priest). It was sufficient for one day, but a great miracle happened and the oil burned for eight days.

KINDLING THE LIGHTS

This year the first *Chanukah* candle is lit on **Sunday, November 28th**. One candle is lit on the first night, two the second night and so on, adding a candle each subsequent night. The "*Shamash*" candle is lit first and used to light the others. On the first night the candle is placed on the far right of the *menorah* (as it faces you). Each night a candle is added to the left and candles are lit left to right, so that the newest candle is always lit first, the second newest second, and so on.



Place right to left; Kindle left to right

People often use larger candles on Friday night because these candles must burn for a period of time after complete darkness sets in.

On Friday night, December 3rd, *Chanukah* candles are lit before *Shabbat* candles.

Matanah, the gift shop at CSI, has a wonderful selection of candles, menorahs and gifts for *Chanukah* and all year.

While kindling the lights, say the following blessings:

Baruch attah Adonai Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'haddlik ner shel Hanukkah.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה

Praised are You, *Adonai* our God, Ruler of the universe whose *mitzvot* add holiness to our life and who gave us the *mitzvah* to light the lights of *Chanukah*.

Baruch attah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha-olam she-asah nissim la-avoteinu by-yamim ha—heim u-va-z'man hazeh.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם ובזמן הזה

Praised are You, *Adonai* our God, Ruler of the universe who accomplished miracles for our ancestors in ancient days, and in our time.

On the first night only add the following benediction:

Baruch attah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha-olam shehecheyanu vekiamanu vehigianu lazman hazeh.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
שחיהנו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה

Praised are You, *Adonai* our God, Ruler of the universe, for granting us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this day.

After lighting the candles:

These lights we kindle to recall the wondrous triumphs and the miraculous victories wrought through Your holy *kohanim* for our ancestors in ancient days at this season. These lights are sacred through all the eight days of *Chanukah*. We may not put them to ordinary use, but are to look upon them and thus be reminded to thank You and praise You for the wondrous miracle of our deliverance.

מִעוֹז צוֹר יְשׁוּעָתִי לֵךְ נָא לְשַׁבַּח.
תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי וְשֵׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְכָּר.
לְעֵת תִּכְזַּר מִטְבַּח מִצַּר הַמִּנְבָּח.
אֶז אֲנַמּוֹר בְּשִׁיר מִזְמוֹר חֲנֻכַּת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ.

Ma'oz tsur yeshu'ati lecha na'eh leshabeakh.

Tikon beit tefiloti vesham todah nezaveakh.

Le'et tachin matbeakh mitsar hamnabeakh,

'az 'egmore beshir mizmor khanuat hamizbeakh.

Rock of Ages, let our song praise Your saving power. You amid the raging throng were our sheltering tower. Furious they assailed us, but Your help availed us. And Your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us.

OUR DECEMBER *BAT MITZVAH*

PARKER GINSBURG

My name is Parker Ginsburg and I am an eighth grader at Seven Bridges Middle School in Chappaqua. On December 27th in Israel, I will read from the Torah and recite my Torah portion *Va'eira*. I am so lucky to have my parents, my brother, grandparents and uncle come with me to share in this special day! After having to postpone my *Bat Mitzvah* from last year, I am so excited to have it finally arrive.

I have many interests; I love to play soccer, basketball and lacrosse. I also love to draw. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and my dog Lulu. I plan on volunteering at the Cottage School in the coming days and use this opportunity to help others. These last few years have been so difficult for so many, and I am eager to help other people out and spend my time making things a little easier for them.

I am so appreciative of Cantor Shiovitz and all the time he has spent with me teaching and preparing me for my service. I also want to thank Rabbi Kane who has taught me so much about Judaism, and the many teachers that have been supporting me from my first days at Hebrew School. I made so many new friends. I have learned so much and look forward to continuing my Jewish studies. They have all helped me reach this milestone!



LIFE CYCLE EVENTS



CELEBRANT	Date	Age
Andrew Weber	22	11
Henry Schiz	24	4
Gideon Rosenthal	29	9
Aiden Parker	30	11



CELEBRANTS	DATE	YEARS
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Eric & Lisa Nadler	10	26
Jeffrey & Ilene Calderon	13	29
Giora & Karen Payes	15	20
David & Lisa Zimmerman	17	27
Jeffrey & Robyn Shiovitz	18	38
Jonathan & Erica Kolbrener	18	27
Joshua Diamond & Zhanna Glazenburg	19	28
Gary & Bette Slutsky	22	59
Sid & Joan Schneider	22	53
Paul Kalman & Betty Balsam	22	48
Richard & Betsy Rosenblum	26	50
Thomas & Donna Hannan	31	27

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Condolences to: Beth Levine on the loss of her father, William Ditchek.

***Mazal Tov* to:** Joanne and Alan Suna on the birth of their granddaughter, Noa Avery Britchkow. Noa is the daughter of Rachel and Michael Britchkow.

***Mazal Tov* to:** Susan and Paul Hodara on the birth of their granddaughter, Eden Byrd Foley. Eden is the daughter of Ariel and Mark Foley.

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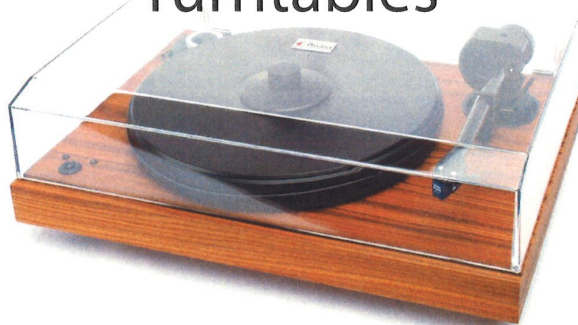


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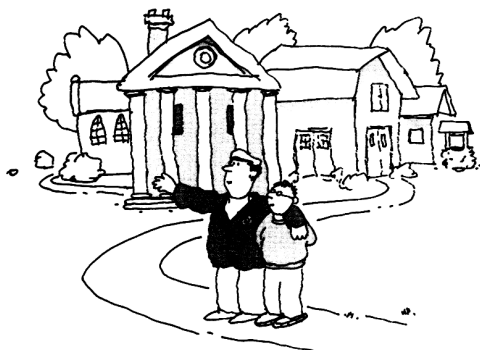
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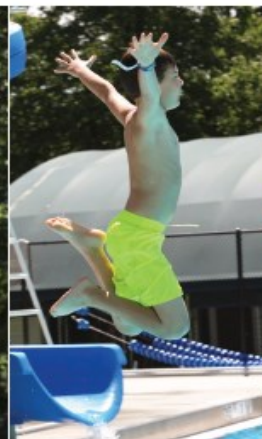
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