

### **Congregation Sons of Israel**

#### THE MYERS FAMILY CAMPUS

CONTINUING THE VISION — BUILDING OUR FUTURE
NOVEMBER 2023

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Thank you for your participation!



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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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10/17
Northern
Westchester
Gathering In
Support Of
Israel at CSI



These young people from Israel blew us away with their articulate, passionate words.

Israelis, American Jews, elected officials, neighbors and Interfaith Clergy are united in song.





With just a few days' notice, our sanctuary filled with members and non-members in support of Israel.

#### FROM THE RABBI Dina S. Rosenberg



One day a person said to God, "God, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

God showed the person two doors. Inside the first one, in the middle of the room, was a large round table with a large pot of vegetable stew. It smelled delicious and made the person's mouth water, but the people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The person shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. God said, "You have seen Hell."

Behind the second door, the room appeared exactly the same. There was the large round table with the large pot of wonderful vegetable stew that made the person's mouth water. The people had the same long-handled spoons, but they were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. A woman dipped her spoon into a bowl of stew before her, but rather than struggling to feed herself, she extended her spoon out and fed the man seated across from her. This person, now satisfied and no longer hungry, gave thanks and returned the favor, leaning across the table to feed the woman.

This was heaven.

The person suddenly understood the difference between heaven and hell. It is neither the qualities of the place nor of the abundance of resources, but the way people treat each other.

In the last three weeks, Israel has experienced a version of Hell. Murder. Rape. Kidnapping. Fire. Their universe has shattered and rather than the world come to their aid, the Jewish people have been attacked and reprimanded. Where is the humanity when faced with barbarism? As we shed tears of anger, frustration, indignation, and sadness, Jewish wisdom teaches us to find the light in the darkness.

Meet Rachel Adari. When terrorists broke into her home early Saturday morning, Rachel didn't have any guns. But she did have another kind of weapon: cookies, which she offered to the men who held her and her husband captive for 15 hours. Her insistence of bringing them snacks and telling them jokes helped buy the couple enough time for their sons, both police officers, to join an operation that resulted in their liberation, a rare moment of rescue on a day marked primarily by loss.

Kibbutz Be'eri's 22-year-old paramedic insisted on staying and helping the wounded, then hid for six hours in the clinic's kitchenette grasping a knife, waiting (like so many) for help that never came. As the terrorists closed in, she texted her last words to her sister, "I love you."

There was the young couple from Kibbutz Kfar Aza, who hid their 10-month-old twins in their safe room before engaging in a hopeless fight with the well-armed terrorists. The twins were saved.

Meet Rabin-Lieberman who noticed early on that someone was trying to infiltrate Kibbutz Nir-Am and ran from house to house to raise the alarm, becoming sort of an Israeli Paul Revere who mustered a strong enough defense that dozens of Hamas attackers were killed before they could do any damage.

These are the people who took hell and found their way into heaven. They fed one another from their spoon, knowing that the favor may not be returned. The difference between heaven and hell is how we treat one another.

May the actions of the heroes continue to bring light to Israel and humanity during this time of darkness.

Rabli Dina Rosenbay

\*\* stories of heroism based on <a href="https://nationalpost.com/news/world/israel-middle-east/acts-of-courage-amid-horror-israelis-rise-to-the-occasion">https://nationalpost.com/news/world/israel-middle-east/acts-of-courage-amid-horror-israelis-rise-to-the-occasion</a> and <a href="https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-767664">https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-767664</a>



The Westchester Board of Rabbis and The Westchester Jewish Council Invite you to a

Night of Jewish Learning and Celebration.

As you can see on the flyer, Rabbi Rosenberg is teaching a session!

Saturday, November 18th
Beth El Synagogue Center, New Rochelle
Register Here

#### CANTORIAL NOTES Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



While the honey from *Rosh Hashanah* is finally used up, when the boards of the *Sukkah* are stacked and stored for the year, the sense of anticipation with which we greet the fall is replaced by looking forward to what awaits us directly. I would like to share with you some of the exciting musical activities that we have planned for the coming months.

Please join us on Saturday evening, December 2nd, as we welcome to CSI our Acapalooza concert featuring two of the New York area top college acapella groups. We are thrilled to welcome Pizmon, students from JTS and Barnard/Columbia. Also appearing will be Tizmoret from Queens College. This will be an amazing concert. I am sure that you will be dancing in the aisles! (You don't have to, though.) Please mark the date on your calendars. You won't want to miss seeing these wonderful college students in concert here at CSI on Saturday evening, December 2nd at 8PM.

Our Jewish Music Through The Ages begins its 36th year! I know, I can't believe it either. It will feature some of my favorite music. All programs are Saturday evenings in member's homes. This year's series features the best 100 Jewish songs of all time. (I know, not everyone will agree on the songs. It's OK.) It's a detailed collection covering holy music and hip-hop, Broadway standards and rock. For every song listed there are hundreds more!

Lastly, if you have ever wanted to read from the Torah, think about "Torah for the Troops." This time-tested method for learning to read the Torah will guarantee that you become a Torah reader. Give it a chance. I think you will like it. We meet on Monday evenings at 7:15PM.

These are a few of the things planned for this year. I hope you can join me for some or all of these events. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me.

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Jewish Music Through The Ages
The Best 100 Jewish Songs of All Time

Saturdays at 8pm 11/11, 1/6, 2/3, and 3/2

Enjoy a wonderful evening of music, food and schmoozing.

For information and to RSVP click here.

### The 36th Annual Cantor's Concert

## Acapalooza!

Saturday, December 2nd 7:30pm

CSI welcomes two of the top Jewish Collegiate A Cappella groups

Tizmoret - Queens College
Pizmon - JTS/Columbia University

### **REGISTER HERE**



## FROM THE PRESIDENT Mark J. Rosenberg



The October 7th terrorist attacks in Israel shocked the world and left a deep wound among Israelis and Jews throughout the world. The one place we believed to be safe no longer felt that way. Even here in the United States, thousands of miles away from the conflict, the Jewish community feels a vulnerability which I don't recall ever feeling. It's not just threats of violence and vandalism to Jewish institutions, it's the anti-semitic speech on college campuses which many students and faculty apparently now feel free to openly espouse.

Amidst this time of sadness and fear, we are reminded of the strength of community. How a community can support us and help us get through trying times. This was apparent on the first *Shabbat* after October 7th, when a large number of us attended services. Without anything needing to be said, the sense of support and togetherness was palpable. It simply felt good to be in *shul* with members of our community.

This sense of community support was even stronger at the October 17th CSI event in support of Israel. That event, which was attended in person and on Zoom by close to 800 CSI members, former members, nonmembers (a number of whom are gentile), interfaith clergy and local leaders, reminded us that we are not alone. We received a clear message that we have each other and we have members of the larger community who stand with us during these trying times. To me, the remarks of interfaith solidarity by the Catholic priest struck a chord of hope. That we can put aside our differences and love thy neighbor as thyself.

While there is hope, we also need to ensure our safety at CSI. To that end, I ask you all for small things that make a big difference. Please do not unlock or prop open exterior doors without the approval of our security personnel. Research shows that one of the

most basic and important security precautions is locked doors. In addition, please do not use the rear doors by the classrooms and Nursery School Director's office except in cases of emergency. While these security measures may cause some inconvenience, they help protect all of us.

"Oseh shalom bimromav. Hu ya'aseh shalom aleinu. V'al kol Yisrael V'imru" (They who make peace in their high places, may they bring peace upon us, and upon all Israel.)

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## TOWN HALL MEETING: ASK THE PRESIDENT

For all CSI families.
Sunday, November 19th
From 11:30am - 1pm

Registration is required.

You may attend at CSI or observe on Zoom.
Only those registered will be given the Zoom link.



Thank you to
Cheryl Kestenbaum
and all those who
donate to the
Ira Kestenbaum
Beautification
Fund at CSI.

These gorgeous flowers were exactly what we needed at the High Holidays and, thanks to all this rain, are still in bloom.

Something good had to come from all the rain!



Special thanks to Rosa, who nurtured several of these from last year.





One may think that since it is fall, the farm-related activities have ceased. This is not the case. The dead tomato plants and others that are no longer productive need to be pulled. Fall salad crops will continue to be harvested for a bit and there is more going on.

This is the time of year when our grapes are harvested and become wine! Pruning the vines during the winter, netting them in the summer to keep the birds from consuming our entire crop and bringing the ripe, delicious grapes into the kitchen for storage until processing takes lots of work. Under the leadership of our grape and wine expert, Aaron Stern, our harvest was assisted by volunteers Naftali Lustig, Adam Stern, Larisa Wayne-Paulmeno, Tom Hannan, Ruth Speier, Fran Fortinash, Michael Stern and yours truly. We can always use additional folks in the wine producing process. You'll learn a lot, meet some really nice people and enjoy our tastings. The finished product is something that we're proud of. This year, I served a bottle of our 2022 vintage at our Rosh Hashanah dinners. One of our quests was surprised that we had made our own wine at CSI and he was really impressed by the wine's flavor. I agree. We still have some bottles available for sale. Stop by the office if you would like to purchase some.

New at the farm is our latest crop of chickens. They are getting along with each other and we anticipate that they will be laying eggs shortly. As they mature, the number of eggs produced each day is expected to increase. The eggs from our farm are consistently very good tasting. Did you ever think that you would be a member of a synagogue that produces its own wine and has chickens that lay eggs right on our property? If you want some of our fresh eggs, check with the CSI office to make sure that we will have some for you.

New this year is the quantity of ripe apples that were picked by our farm manager, David Levitt. As with the wine, I served the apples, with honey bought through the Sisterhood, at our holiday meals. They were attractive and tasty. This also impressed our guests.

The abundance of rain helped to maximize the size of the vegetables, but it did lead to some negative impacts on yields and promoted disease. Still, the vegetables were abundant and delicious. Picking them at the peak of their flavor was appreciated by those who were able to purchase products at our farm stand.

Our farm committee welcomes your participation. Whether you are growing vegetables in your own bed, assisting with wine preparation, selling at the farm stand, helping with the crops or cheering on the chickens, we look forward to your involvement. If you would like more information, contact Ryna Lustig: <a href="mailto:rynalustig@gmail.com">rynalustig@gmail.com</a>, assisting with wine, reach out to Aaron Stern: <a href="mailto:sternab@aol.com">sternab@aol.com</a>, and growing your own vegetables, contact Jill Greenstein: <a href="mailto:jillgreenstein9@gmail.com">jillgreenstein9@gmail.com</a>.

-Mike Kirsch

The next vintage of CSI Wine is on it's way!

Thank you to our volunteers!



## FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR Naomi Elyachar



The start of the school year is always abuzz with excitement. Teachers come back energized, friends are excited to see one another, and parents are thrilled to have childcare and structure back in their days. Our teachers prioritize social emotional support at the beginning of the year to help children acclimate to the classroom and we also focus on creating classroom routines, so students understand expectations and feel comfortable in their new setting.

The beginning of the school year also always coincides with many Jewish holidays. While instituting these new classroom routines and getting to know their new students, teachers are simultaneously creating learning experiences around Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and Simchat Torah—all within the first few weeks of school! We also come together as a school community each week to celebrate the joy of Shabbat. We know how important it is that our students learn the traditions and values associated with these holidays.

This year, we are finding even greater importance in focusing on Jewish holidays, traditions, and values. As the war in Israel continues, our families struggle with feelings of sadness, fear, anxiety, and anger. One thing we can do to feel empowered during this challenging time in the nursery school is

continuing to teach our children about our Jewish faith. It is a gift that our young children only know to be proud to be Jewish and to feel kindness toward their Jewish friends. By continuing to learn about our Jewish heritage and values, sing songs about *Shabbat*, and teach about peace and kindness, we help bring up the next generation of children to feel pride and joy in their Jewish identity and to feel accepting and curious about other ideas and faiths.

I extend my deepest gratitude to parents for continuing to be a part of this effort to bring their children into an openly Jewish and joyful environment each day, to the teachers for spreading messages of love, acceptance, and inclusion in our school, and to our larger community for their outpouring of love and support to their Jewish neighbors during this time. As I search for a way to have some sort of meaningful impact when I feel so powerless right now, I think to the impact I can have as a community member who is proud to be Jewish and in leading a school that helps to form Jewish identity for our next generation.

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#### Become a CSI Member for \$180\*



As a nursery school family, you are an important part of CSI. Join CSI as full members and take advantage of the innovative and family-friendly experiences. Make CSI YOUR community!

(\* applicable for all families enrolled in nursery school whose oldest child is not yet in 3rd grade)

#### **CSI NURSERY SCHOOL**

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11/10 Veteran's Day, no school

**11/22** Thanksgiving celebration, no Kids Karousel

11/23-11/24 Thanksgiving, no school

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TOT SHABBAT: FOR KIDS 0 - 5
SATURDAY, 11/18, AT 11AM WITH
RABBI ROSENBERG









#### CSI NURSERY SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The CSI Nursery School Parents Association (NS PA) kicked off the 2023-2024 school year with excitement and success. We currently have 21 members, both returning and new, who have graciously dedicated their time and efforts to help make this another great year!

We have already begun the school year with many events for the children and their parents! Our annual back-to-school events (Back-to-School playground and classroom visits & First Day of School Parent Schmooze) were successful, and a great way to ease everyone back into the school year!

This fall, the CSI NS PA has been working hard on planning fun-filled programs for children and parents alike. Coming this November - we are thrilled to be bringing back our most popular fall events from last year: Fall Family Photo Shoot & Pilates on the Farm!! This year, our Fall Family Photoshoot will be taking place on November 5th with Ali Blake Photography at the CSI farm; Pilates on the Farm with Lisa Schoenholt from Brooklyn Embodied will be happening on November 8th.

Lastly, the CSI NS PA Parents' Night Out is in full planning mode! The event is being held at Soul Brewing Company in Pleasantville, on Saturday evening, December 2nd. Parents' Night Out is the PA's largest fundraising event of the year. We have very exciting silent auction items that are reflective of the PA's strong connection to the community and their passion for the Nursery School. If you would like to contribute a silent auction item or experience for the fundraiser, please reach out to <a href="mailto:csinspa@gmail.com">csinspa@gmail.com</a>.

The CSI Nursery School Parents Association members are dedicated to helping create special memories for the children and the families of this great nursery school community! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to become a member, all are welcome!

## Sing along & S'mores on the Farm

On October 22, the **CSI Social Committee** sponsored a fun-filled event at the farm which included a petting zoo, a sing along with Brian Gelfand, s'mores and other snacks, and the Bubble Bus (funded by the NS PA).







## FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR Sheera Zuckerman



The 2023-24 academic year is off to a strong and spirited start. Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur children's creative services were well attended and our students and their families joined together on Sukkot for a fun-filled treasure hunt, and made edible Sukkot. Unfortunately, the solemnity and celebration of Shabbat, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah that followed, were shattered by a number of unprecedented and horrific acts of violence inflicted by Hamas terrorists against innocent civilians. Rabbi Rosenberg carefully addressed this crisis with our 5th-7th grade learners.

As I look ahead to the future of our school with a steadfast commitment to its continued growth, I am pleased to share with you that our students did an outstanding job of packing up the donated food for Project Isaiah. Each class had an opportunity to do the important *mitzvah* of helping feed the hungry.

On October 29th, an Israeli Art Specialist, Gal Segall, joined us for a school wide art project based on the art of *Hanoch Piven*. Students have learned how we're all created in *b'tzelem Elohim*, in God's image, so using loose parts and recycled materials, students had the opportunity to create a self-portrait.

November 5th, Emma Schifrin, our CSI nature specialist, will be taking the children out on the farm for a *Teva* special, a nature adventure.

November 14th, the 5th-7th graders will be going on a school trip with Irwin Kavy to the CSI cemetery and taking a tour and learning about the original CSI building in Ossining.

We have welcomed new students and faculty, reinvigorated our CSI religious school with school-wide programming centered around Jewish holidays, and *mitzvot* rooted in our core *derech eretz* values, and have focused on cultivating an intentional community grounded in kindness. It is my hope that we continue to develop a culture of individuals ready to lead with care and compassion in the wider world.

At this time, we are holding the people of Israel in our thoughts and hearts as we pray for their safety and peace for all Israel.

B'Shalom,

Sheera Zuckerman
Religious School Director
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11/4	Nature Specialist teaches at CSI RS
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11/7 No school - Election day

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11/14 5-7 Grade Field Trip

11/26 No school - Thanksgiving break

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#### December

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12/31 No school - Winter break

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School in session School closed



Thank you to so many people for making the Project Isaiah food drive run smoothly:

- to everyone in the Congregation who took bags and filled them with the food items requested by the Ossining Food Pantry
- to Sheera Zuckerman and all of the religious school classes and their teachers for the terrific packing job they did to ready the food for delivery
- to Gail Sider, Eleanor Frey, Mary Dale Allen, and Neal Haber who helped the religious school students to lovingly and joyfully
- to Religious School parents Justin Giffuni, Emily Newfield, Jackie Shifren, Lindsey Alter, Alissa Lupu, and Howard Fleischer who loaded, delivered, and unloaded the food at the Pantry in a record 45 minutes
- to Shoprite in Croton for donating the bags we distributed to the Congregation

The Ossining Food Pantry is very appreciative of our support, which has been continuous for decades. What a wonderful way to begin the New Year! *Todah Rabah*!













CSI has a long and proud history of social action, including feeding the hungry, comforting the sick and helping the needy. Our congregation has also advocated for change to address the root causes of hunger and other social and economic injustices.

The time is ripe for reflecting on our social action and social justice focus and commitments, and we invite you to join us. Our goals include creating a clear mission statement, as well as parameters for projects.

We also plan to brainstorm opportunities to collaborate with other CSI groups, such as the Green Team.

If we haven't lured you yet, we plan to put the "social" back in social action and social justice, and hold efficient yet congenial monthly (or so) meetings.

We want and need you! Reach out to Gail Sider (gailsider@gmail.com)

or Judy Boehr (tanglewoodtoots@gmail.com).



October 17, 2023

Congregation Sons of Israel 1666 Pleasantville Road Briarcliff Manor, NY 10511 Attn: Ms. Judy Boehr

Dear Ms. Boehr:

On behalf of the Ossining Food Pantry, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to you and all the members of the CSI community for again carrying out an incredibly successful food drive. It remains our single largest yearly food drive donation. The sensitivity of your members to the needs of those members of our greater Ossining community that continue to have difficulty providing for themselves and their families, and the willingness to help them meet those needs cannot be overstated.

Food insecurity continues to be a challenge for many of our neighbors. The Ossining Food Pantry regularly serves hundreds of "food insecure" households through direct distributions at our pantry, our homebound food delivery program, and by partnering with other organizations to operate additional distribution sites. In-kind donations, such as those that your food drive has produced, are truly a vital component of our operation.

Sincerely

Day Sayor

Douglas Gaynor

Coordinator In-Kind Donations



#### **CARING COMMUNITY**

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 29th at 7pm.
Contact Judy Boehr with any questions.

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THIS
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EVENT



# SHUK TO THE CORE Israeli Vendor Fair

Come support artists and vendors from across Israel who have traveled to the US to sell their wares.

Art \* Judaica \* Jewelry \* Kippot \* Crafts
Literature \* and more!

Tuesday, November 14 4:00-8:00 pm

Located at: Temple Israel Center 280 Old Mamaroneck Road White Plains, NY 10605

Suggested Entry: \$5 per person ages 5+ to support the artists.

Food will be available for purchase and there will be activities for children.

Register at: https://tinyurl.com/3wzp83m2

All proceeds from the sale of wares will go to the Israeli vendors.

#### Thank you to our cosponsors!



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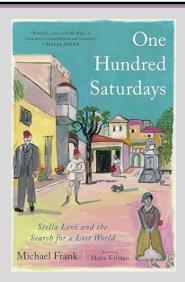








#### SISTERHOOD NEWS



**Sisterhood Book Discussion** 

Sunday, 11/5, at 11:00am at CSI.

One Hundred Saturdays: <u>Stella Levi and the Search for a</u>
Lost World by Michael Frank.

To register, please email **Shelley Glick**.



It's never too late to join the CSI Sisterhood: \$36 CSI Members / \$54 Non-Members. Sisterhood offers complimentary membership for one year to new CSI members and to any CSI members or school families who have not previously joined the CSI Sisterhood. Sign up <a href="here">here</a>.

Matanah, the Sisterhood Gift Shop, will be open on Sundays during Religious School. Please stop by to see our wide array of items: 11/5, 11/19 and 12/3 from 9:15-11:15am

President: Robin Ginsberg \* Treasurer/ Financial
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Corresponding Secretary/ Marion Jablansky \*
Membership: Annleah Berger \* Mah Jongg Chair: Cheryl Katz,
Gift Shop: Merrie Daitch/Robin Ginsberg/
Jill Greenstein/ Marion Jablansky/ Sharon Orenstein
www.wlcj.org

## Christmas Meal Distribution

## CSI-Sponsored Christmas Meal Distribution Monday, December 25th

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

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

This year CSI members will once again be providing a CHRISTMAS DAY EXPERIENCE for those in need. Your support makes it happen. There are many ways you can participate!

- Shop for items we need.
- Cook and bring a turkey, stuffing, vegetables or sweet potatoes to the church on Christmas Day.
- Provide individually wrapped home-made or store-bought desserts.
- Donate <u>new</u> toys and games for the children.
- Donate food pantry items.
- Help set up.
- Greet our guests and help distribute meals, toys and food pantry items.
- 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 by distributing supermarket gift cards.

We will provide a link for donations and a sign up for volunteers.

If you have any questions, please contact: Robin Ginsberg or Sue Lerner.



#### **MEN'S CLUB**

## Thank you to all who attended or sponsored a seat at this year's Scotch, Surf 'n Turf & All That Jazz Dinner!

We are especially pleased that we got to join together again for an evening of fellowship, great food, and wonderful music.

Special thanks to our Chef John Chambal, Dessert Maestro Helene Rude, Aaron Stern and his Surprise Sorbet, Fred Schulman (he knows a guy!), Ellen Johnson Slaw Crafter and Greenskeeper, the wonderful J's – Janice and Jen, our crack office staff, Slicing/Dicing Tom Hannan, Rosa and her daughter Maria, David Zuckerman and Key Grip Matt Keyser, Andy Polay and his Cool Jazz Trio, Jack Zinn the Cloud Wrangler, Centerpiece Wizard Sheera Zuckerman (from her garden!), Mark Kirk the Undaunted (truly a cut above), Rabbi Rosenberg, and Scotch Whisperer Roy Summer and The Men's Club Pourers (occasional sippers and potential glee club).

#### Thank you to our donors:

Marc and Rochelle Auslander, Elliott and Debbie Barish, Larry Blau, Larry and Paula Edlavitch, Ellen Johnson, Mike and Margery Kirsch, Richard Langeloh and Helen Chuckrow, Ronnie and Diane Myers, Joel Neuberg, Steve and Janice Rappaport, Linda & Andy Polay, Fred and Lois Schulman, Jack Zinn and Darlene Fairman

Finally, a big round of applause for all those who helped to put things away.

Congratulations to the winners of the on-site raffle: Aaron Stern and Larry Blau!



Our Most Excellent Raffle is now live and runs through November 30th. You may bid on many different whiskeys, rye, scotch and wine.

All proceeds from this raffle will be donated in support of Israel.

Please participate here.



### Scotch, Surf 'n Turf & All That Jazz Dinner











Sukkah thanks to our second-to-none
Sukkah Building Dudes.
We love you!

#### **MEN'S CLUB - continued**



Men's Club Book Club OHN Wednesday, 12/20, at RISHAM 7:30pm, at CSI The Exchange by EXCHANGE John Grisham

Chess Club: Monday evenings at 7:30. Open to all. For location information please email us here.

Did someone say breakfast? Fred and Richard are considering a Salami & Eggs or Lox, Eggs & Onions set of breakfasts following Sunday Minyan for Men's Club Members. If this interests you, please let us know.

Interested in Men's Club activities? Reach out to Richard Zuckerman, Interim Coordinator, at mensclub@csibriarcliff.org.

You can join the Men's Club any time by clicking here.

#### SECOND GENERATION SURVIVORS AT CSI

#### Kristallnacht Remembered

November 9th marks the anniversary of Kristallnacht, also known as The Night of Broken Glass, which took place in 1938. The Second Generation Group will be meeting on Tuesday, November 14th, at 7:30pm at CSI where we will discuss Kristallnacht and its aftermath. Please stop by if you have stories to share about your family.-this meeting is open to all CSI members.



## A SPECIAL MESSAGE IN HONOR OF GERALD & MILLICENT CITRON

On October 7, 2018, thanks to the generosity and support of Gerald & Millicent Citron, CSI held a beautiful ceremony to dedicate The Myers Family Campus at CSI in honor of one of our founding families. (Gerry hails from the Myers clan.)

That date also happened to be Gerry Citron's 85th birthday.

So, we are taking this opportunity to wish him a

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY (10/7/23)

and thank the Citrons for their continued

support and generosity to CSI.

In case you didn't know, the Citron Adult Study Center, in memory of Gerry's brother, Dr. Joel P. Citron, was built and dedicated on 9/26/21, and is in constant use for Adult Learning classes at CSI.

With gratitude, The CSI Community

### November 2023

### 17 Cheshvan - 17 Kislev 5784

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NS: Nursery School RS: Religious School JITN: Jews in the News C/L: Candle Lighting			1 17 Cheshvan  NO NS – Parent Teacher Conf.  11am Talmud & Contemporary Issues 7:30pm Social Comm.	2 18 Cheshvan 8am Minyan 9:15am Little Explorers 10:30am Gratitude Meditations	3 19 Cheshvan 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat. Sanctuary & Zoom 7pm Membership Dinner	4 20 Cheshvan 9:30am Shabbat Service Sanctuary & Live Stream
					C/L 5:31pm	
5 21 Cheshvan	6 22 Cheshvan	7 23 Cheshvan	8 24 Cheshvan	9 25 Cheshvan	10 26 Cheshvan	11 27 Cheshvan
9:15am Minyan	8am Minyan		11am Talmud &	8am Minyan 9:15am Little Explorers	NO NS 6:00pm Kabbalat	9:30am Shabbat Service Sanctuary & Live Stream
11am Sisterhood Book club	11:30am Creation of the State of Israel	11:15am JITN NO RS	Contemporary Issues	10:30am Gratitude	Shabbat Sanctuary & Zoom	BM: George Wrubel
	7pm Sisterhood Board			Meditations	C/L 4:23pm	8pm Jewish Music Through the Ages
	8pm Finding Faith	7:30pm Educ. Comm.			Veterans Day	Chayei Sara
12 28 Cheshvan	13 29 Cheshvan	14 1 Kislev	15 2 Kislev	16 3 Kislev	17 4 Kislev	18 5 Kislev
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19 6 Kislev	20 7 Kislev	21 8 Kislev	22 9 Kislev	23 10 Kislev	24 11 Kislev	25 12 Kislev
9:15am Minyan 11:30am CSI Town Hall: Ask The President	8am Minyan 11:30am Creation of the State of Israel 7:30pm Exec.	11:15am JITN	NS Thanksgiving Celebration 11am Talmud & Contemporary Issues	NO NS – OFFICE CLOSED 8am Minyan	NO NS-OFFICE CLOSED 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat Sanctuary & Zoom	9:30am Shabbat Service Sanctuary & Live Stream
	Comm.			Thanksgiving Day	C/L 4:12pm	Vayetzei
26 13 Kislev 9:15am Minyan	27 14 Kislev 8am Minyan	28 15 Kislev 11:15am JITN	29 16 Kislev 11am Talmud & Contemporary	30 17 Kislev 8am Minyan		Save the date: Sunday, 12/10 Security Brunch
NO RS	11:30am Creation of the State of Israel	7:30pm Board of Trustees	Issues	9:15am Little Explorers 10:30am		With Andy Polay, CSI Security Manager
	8pm Finding Faith			Gratitude Meditations		Manager

#### RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

#### **Opportunities to Assist Israelis**

The CSI Resettlement Committee has the opportunity to turn our attention to our Israeli brothers and sisters. With the help of our friends at WJCI and B' Yachad Westchester (a coalition including UJA Federation, WJCI, Shames and Mid-Westchester JCCs, and our local Israeli delegation) there is an initiative in place to support Israelis relocating during these challenging times.

WJCI has identified the following ways we can help Israeli individuals and families in need as they arrive in New York:

#### **Provide Temporary Housing**

Many Israelis fleeing danger in Israel need temporary housing here in the US. B'Yachad Westchester asks for your help in identifying housing options for people fleeing danger for a finite period. Housing MUST have a private entrance and no access to lodging by anyone other than the Israeli family members. Temporary housing could be a carriage house, a basement apartment or a snowbird's home. Or a group could raise money to pay for an Airbnb. Local realtors can help identify apartments to a family for free or at a discounted rate.

#### Be a Buddy to a Family and Provide Community Connections

WJCI is looking for volunteers to help families connect to their new communities. Buddies could help with school/early childhood enrollment, community tours, Hebrew -speaking mental health support, and orientation. Volunteers can also provide *Shabbat* dinners, invitations to community events, rides and carpools, playdates, supermarket, Target and Amazon gift cards, and furniture or other donations.

If you know of available housing, know an Israeli families that needs temporary housing assistance, want to be a buddy to an Israeli family coming to America for a short time, please email WJCI at <a href="mailto:lsraelCrisis@wjci.org">lsraelCrisis@wjci.org</a>.

If you have questions or suggestions for what we as a committee can do, please let us know.

Thank you,
Abbe Marcus & Julie Peskoe, Co-Chairs





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## October Birthdays

CELEBRANT	DAY	' AGE
Blake Alter	1	5
Abigail Kirk	3	4
Chloe Kornberg	6	13
Noa Zak	19	3
Alexandra Johnsen	22	13

## November Birthdays

CELEBRANT	DAY AGE
George Wrubel	2 13
Oliver Fijman	4 12
Noa Lea	21 6
Joshua Staines	24 5

## October Anniversaries

CELEBRANTS	DATE	YEARS	
Adam & Marnie Tihany	1	28	
Steven & Lisa Cohn	2	29	
Jeffrey & Mary Dale Allen	4	54	
Daniel & Jill Singer	5	26	
Alan & Elizabeth Legatt	5	48	
Howard & Susan Code	6	38	
Paul & Susan Hodara	9	40	
Leonard & Deborah Chubinsky	10	41	
Mark & Barbara Nackman	10	41	
Andrew Staines & Marisa Levi	11	8	
Gerald & Millicent Citron	12	61	
Samuel & Robin Ginsberg	12	38	
Mark & Marnie Rosenberg	19	27	
Asaf Falah & Jeanette Liu-Falah	19	17	
Naftali & Ryna Lustig	21	39	
Bennett Ashley & Ruth Weinreb	21	33	
Rabbi Steven & Judy Kane	23	40	
Henrik & Jaime Sukonnik	23	12	
Steve & Janice Rappaport	24	19	
Andrew & Elaine Bloom	25	53	
Werner & Dalia Renberg	28	61	
Andrew & Emma Schifrin	30	18	
Robert & Marilyn Margolies	31	47	
Elliott & Debbie Barish	31	41	

## November Anniversaries

CELEBRANTS	DATE	YEARS
Eric & Margaret Frankfort	2	55
Adam & Helene Rude	4	33
Paul & Renee Horowitz	5	35
Alan & Daphne Crosswell	9	37
Corey & Emily Ginsburg	11	23
Jonathan & Wendy Gottlieb	13	29
Howard & Libbe Pavony	20	46
Richard & Sheera Zuckerman	23	37
David & Debra Silberman	28	31
Michael & Marion Jablansky	29	42
Michael Harlow & Janis Golubock	29	3

We mourn the loss of longtime CSI member Gerald Sherr.

Condolences to CSI teacher Michelle Korzen on the loss of her mother-in-law, Ruth Shirley Cohen.

Condolences to former CSI members Nan and Allen Banks on the loss of their daughter, former member, Sarah Banks LaCour.

Condolences to Bennett Ashley on the loss of his mother, Hilda Ashley.

Condolences to Celiane Silverstein on the loss of her mother, Paulette Levy.

Condolences to Cora Loteyro on the loss of her husband, Marc Lewy.

Condolences to Sharman Propp on the loss of her mother, Ellen Honig Propp.

Condolences to Norma and Stephen Katz on the loss of their son.

Mazal Tov to Marci Dressler and Lou Sherman on the birth of their granddaughter, Maisie D'Angelo Sherman.

Mazal Tov to Toni and Elliot Band on the birth of their granddaughter Charlie Noa Hahn.

*Mazal Tov* to Joan and Alan Gordon on the birth of their granddaughter Everly Nora Goldstein.

Mazal Tov to Patti and Bill Robbins on the birth of their grandson Safi Robbins Beyrouty.

Mazal Tov to Nursery School parents Mara and Jarett Kohn on the birth of their son Gabriel.

*Mazal Tov* to Debra and Alan Goodman on the naming of their grandson Asher Joel Goodman.

Mazal Tov to Cheryl Katz on the engagement of her son Daniel and Kayce Perkins.

Mazal Tov to Sadia and Ahsan Nabi on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Mikhael.

Mazal Tov to Anna Medeiros and Howard Fleischer on the Bar Mitzvah of their son Harrison.

Mazal Tov to Samantha and Ron Hawson on the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Brianna.

Mazal Tov to Eric Wrubel and Paul Toth on the Bar Mitzvah of their son George.

Speedy Recovery to Julianne Ashkinaze.

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