



Congregation Sons of Israel

THE MYERS FAMILY CAMPUS

CONTINUING THE VISION — BUILDING OUR FUTURE

FEBRUARY 2020

6 Shevat - 4 Adar 5780



**Sunday, February 2nd at 9am
with musicians**

**Oren Neiman and Ivan Barenboim
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A Taste of TU B'SHEVAT



Sunday, February 9th at 4pm
Join us for our inaugural
Tu B'Shevat Seder

More information on page 4

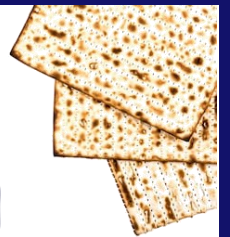


PURIM IS COMING!

**Order your *Mishloach Manot* (Purim bags)
by Wednesday, February 26th**

More information on page 16

HAPPY PESACH



**Look for the
Religious School Passover Candy Sale
to begin soon!**



Candy orders will be due February 28th.

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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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SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE

SUNDAY, May 31st

CSI's Annual Event
 This year we honor:
 Marian & Daniel Levine
 and
 Leona & Neil Schluger



FROM THE RABBI

Steven C. Kane



The Talmud tractate *Rosh Ha-Shanah* begins with the following teaching: "There are four *Rashei Shanah* (New Years) during the year. They are the first of *Nisan*, which begins the New Year for a ruler and the pilgrimage festivals (*Pesach*, *Shavuot* and *Succot*); the first of *Elul* which begins the New Year for figuring the tithes of animals (Rabbi Elazar and Rabbi Shimon say this occurs on the first of *Tishrei*); the first of *Tishrei* which begins the New Year for (the counting of) years, and begins the sabbatical and jubilee for all produce; the first of *Shevat*, which begins the New Year for trees-according to the School of *Shamai*. The School of Hillel says the New Year for the trees begins on the 15th of that month." (*Mishnah Rosh Ha-Shanah* 1:1)

It should not surprise us that the Jewish calendar has four different times that begin a New Year. We have the same for our secular calendar! January 1 begins the New Year for the counting of the years, July 1 begins the fiscal year, and the first Tuesday after Labor Day begins the academic year (and if we want a fourth New Year for a complete parallel, we could say that April 1-or thereabouts-begins the baseball season/year). Each of the four New Years on the Jewish calendar has a purpose, the most well known being the first of *Tishrei* which is when we celebrate *Rosh HaShanah* (for the counting of years) with a major holiday. Today we don't celebrate the other New Years days except the last one. It is perhaps indeed the most unique of all of the dates.

The argument over its exact date was won by the School of Hillel, and so it is the only New Year celebrated on the 15th of the month, not the first. It occurs during the month of *Shevat*, and the way we write the number 15 in Hebrew is with the letters *tet* and *vuv*. *Tet* is the 9th letter in the alphabet and *vuv* is the 6th, so when you put them together, (9 plus 6) you get 15. When the letter *vuv* follows another letter, it is pronounced "oo", hence *tet-vuv* is pronounced as *tu* (too) and this New Year is thus called *Tu B'shevat*, which simply means "the 15th of the month of *Shevat*".

What does it mean that *Tu B'shevat* is the New Year for trees? Why do we need to count "tree years"? The answer lies in the Torah. We read in Leviticus 19:23-25 "When you enter the land and plant any tree for food, you shall regard its fruit as forbidden. Three years it shall be forbidden for you, not to be eaten. In the fourth year all its fruit shall be set aside to be sanctified with celebrations before *Adonai*. Only in the fifth year may you eat its fruit-that its yield may be increased..." These years are counted from the 15th of *Shevat*, hence the New Year for trees.

When Israel was founded in 1948, one of the most important projects was to add to the number of trees in the land. Many of you may recall bringing *tzedakah* to your synagogue to buy "leaves", and ultimately a tree, to be planted by the JNF (Jewish National Fund). This was always done around *Tu B'shevat*, which although it was the middle of our winter, was the beginning of a new spring in Israel.

There is one other way that *Tu B'shevat* has been celebrated. In the 16th century Jewish mystics in the town of Safed in Israel instituted a seder for *Tu B'shevat*, incorporating the fruits of the land and four cups of wine. It was modeled on the *Pesach seder*. While not celebrated universally, it became a way to keep this unique New Year on our liturgical calendar. In modern times this has led to creative celebrations of the same Jewish values we try to emphasize with our organic farm, recognizing the importance of what the earth produces. **This year, for the first time, we will hold our own *Tu B'shevat seder*.** Organized by the CSI Green Team and our Social Committee, this will provide for us a way to further incorporate these values in our own lives. **Please join us on Sunday February 9th at 4:00pm**, as we celebrate the New Years for trees in the middle of winter. It may well be the most unique New Years you will ever celebrate!

L'hitraot,

AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE - March 1st-3rd

Join Rabbi Kane, CSI members and thousands of other Pro-Israel activists for three of the most important days of impact for Israel's future.

CSI members signing up for the first time get a \$100 discount from us. (Rabbi@csibriarcliff.org)

The AIPAC Policy Conference is the Pro-Israel community's preeminent annual gathering. Over three jam-packed days, Policy Conference participants choose from hundreds of informative sessions and participate in the Pro-Israel community's largest and most important advocacy day.

<http://www.policyconference.org/>

Five Things with Rabbi Kane

Monday, February 10th at 7:30pm

We will be discussing the Jewish community of Kaifeng, China.

How did they get there and where did they go?

The CSI Green Team and The Social Committee invite you to

A Taste of TU B'SHEVAT

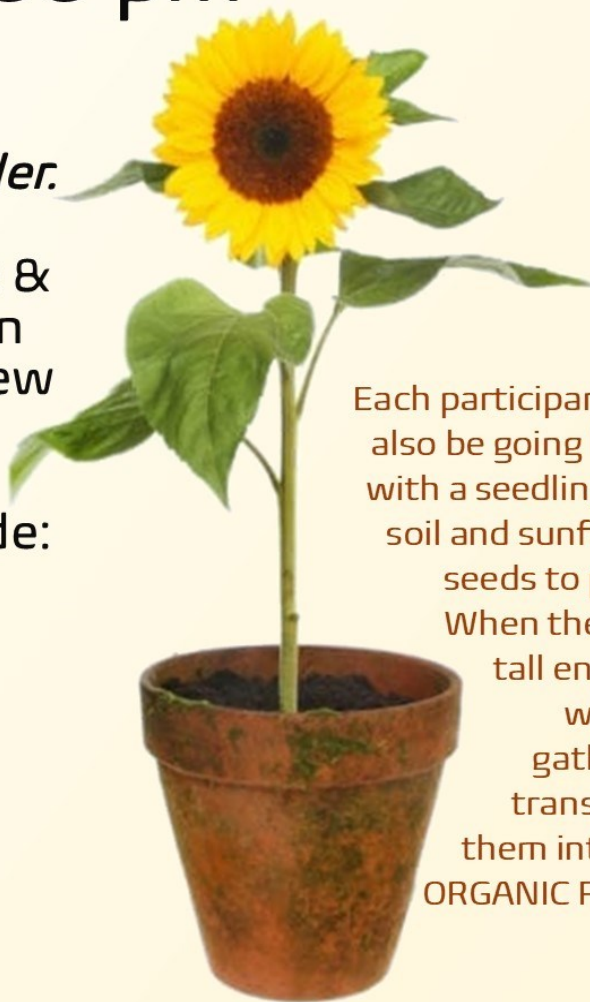
Sunday, February 9
at 4:00 pm

Join us at CSI for our
inaugural *Tu B'Shevat Seder*.

Together with Rabbi Kane &
Cantor Shiovitz, we'll learn
about *Tu B'Shevat*, the New
Year of Trees!

Our short seder will include:

- 🍃 prayer
- 🍃 songs
- 🍃 vegetarian soup
- 🍃 hearty bread
- 🍃 salad
- 🍃 nuts
- 🍃 fruit
- 🍃 & WINE!



Each participant will
also be going home
with a seedling pot,
soil and sunflower
seeds to plant.
When they are
tall enough,
we'll all
gather to
transplant
them into our
ORGANIC FARM!

\$5/PERSON

Please RSVP to Barbara Block: bblockmsw@aol.com

Open to all!

CANTORIAL NOTES

Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



This coming week, February 8th, we will chant the Song of the Sea from the Torah. I wanted to share some thoughts from Rabbi Larry Hoffman, a past scholar-in-residence here at CSI.

What Makes Music Sacred?

Solomon Liebshutz loved this week's *parasha*, with its centerpiece, "*Shirat Hayam*" ("Song of the Sea"), the Israelites celebration of deliverance from Egypt. Solomon appreciated the power of song, especially this one, called simply "The Song" in Jewish lore, as if there was no other.

He was a *Chazzan*. In 1718, Solomon wrote a vivid portrait of the cantorate of his time, calling it "*T'udat Shlomo*." The questions he raised remain with us to this day.

What exactly is sacred music? Is "*Hatikvah*" sacred or just Israel's national anthem, even if we sing it in synagogues sometimes? How about rock tunes to the *Kaddish* marketed these days among Orthodox teenagers? Are the congregational melodies of Shlomo Carlebach as sacred as the traditional sounds called *nusach*? Nothing so agitated synagogues 150 years ago as whether they might use organ music.

The problem is that sacred music is not like Chinese pottery or Vermeer paintings. In 1961, someone named Van Meegeren so brilliantly forged a Vermeer it looked exactly like one. Sacred music isn't the kind of thing that gets forged. You cannot compare it to an original prototype the way you can an unknown vase that either is or is not an authentic product of the Tang Dynasty.

So what makes music sacred? If it is not an identifiable quality of the music, what is it? Tradition approached this question with a close look at "The Song's" second verse, *Zeh eli v'anvehu* (This is my God, Whom I will glorify"). Glorify God? The Midrash asks, "Glorify" implies adding to God's glory but God's glory is infinite already. We can however, beautify what we do before God in a glorious way. Such sacred artistry presents evidence of human glory, but it reminds us that even the best we do is only a reflection of the ultimate glory that is Gods.

If we leave services with only the glory of the music, or only the glory of the singer, we have not been party to sacred music, no matter how artistically brilliant the music or the musician. But, if the same song and singer evoke the reality of that Divine presence of which we are but pale images, the music—even if otherwise artistically banal—is transformed into the sacred, as we are. For at least pale images are at least images. Made in

the image of God, we sometimes know the essence of ourselves by knowing God first. But often it works the other way around. We know God by appreciating first what we at our best can do.

Sacred music drops hints of God through the striking recognition of our own godliness. We may not manage to split the sea, but we can save people by acts of kindness. We create no entire universe, but we do at least create. Rashi and his interpreters say it well: A song as beautiful as "*Shirat Hayam*" emerges only from the *ru'ach hakodesh*, the holy spirit of God that of its own wells up within us. Yet it happens only because we decide to sing it.

Sacred art is human "best" empowered by what only God can give. It glorifies God by analogy. If we can do this, what must God be capable of?

Solomon Liebshutz remembered his early years when cantors shared music so that all might equally sing the glory of God. Later he bemoaned the impact of artistic competition that led every cantor to keep his music to himself and even steal from someone else, and "wrap himself in a *tallit* that is not his own."

In the end, we recognize music as sacred when its singer—cantor, choir or congregation—no longer owns it. It is the gift of God running through, no longer ours the moment it escapes our lips. Great spiritual qualities—love, compassion, selflessness or art—begin deep inside us, but are not altogether "by" us. Our own brilliance evokes the greater glory of God: God's activity becomes believable, even tangible, the moment we observe our own imitation of it.

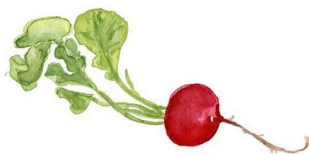
This is the week we vow to know God through knowing the best that is in ourselves. "This is my God." We are led to say, as we sing and dance and pray with passion, discovering through human creativity that we have played the role of God in our own tiny way.

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JEWISH MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES

The final program in this year's Jewish Music Through The Ages will take place on Saturday evening, February 8th at the home of Abbe and Deane Marcus. The topic for the evening will be Cuban Jewish Music. Space is limited. Please RSVP to Cantor Shiovitz at jshiovitz@gmail.com.



CSI Community Organic Farm

Regenerative Agriculture Rooted in Jewish Tradition

February 2020 Update

Although we are in the middle of winter, the gardening catalogs have begun to arrive, and we are dreaming of delicious homegrown tomatoes, peppers, flowers, and more! For those who experienced the fun of community gardening last year, we hope you are ready for more this summer! And for those who have not yet tried it, we suggest you take a chance. More information on signing up for your own bed will be coming soon.

We spent one full day trimming trees throughout the Farm and removed one tree with structural problems in the trunk. Thank you to Bill Davies of Westchester Tree Life for excellent service. He also delivered a large pile of wood chips that are slowly being spread around the perimeter of the community garden and the main field.

The grape vines will be re-trained to grow only on the top cordon. This is a recommendation that our expert wine grower, Aaron Stern, learned from his professional wine growing connections and is in response to the unfortunate disease that attacked our crop last year.

Winter pruning will begin this month and anyone interested in learning or helping should please contact rynalustig@gmail.com.

The base for a small greenhouse was installed. The actual greenhouse is a kit and will be assembled in the spring. This space will allow us to experiment with growing some mid-season crops from seed. It will not be heated but the ability to control the growing environment while the seeds germinate will hopefully increase our success rate and allow us to better time our second planting of certain crops (and double the yield).

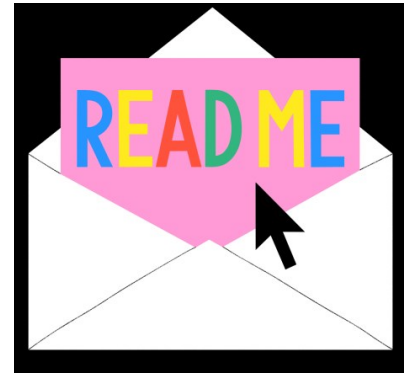
Now for some numbers: our first year of farming yielded close to 700 lbs. of food. The second-year tally was 1,874 lbs. This last year (our third growing season) yielded 3,282 lbs. of produce, of which 676 lbs. was donated to Fred's Pantry in Peekskill. We're so proud of this growth!

Our chickens have continued laying, albeit at a slower pace than in warmer weather. This contrasts with feedback from other folks who report that their flocks basically stop laying in the colder weather. So, we'll take that as a sign that our birds are happy.

Finally, we have had eight 7-foot white cedar picnic tables (with separate benches) delivered to accommodate school programs and events, and improve the quality and aesthetics of the Farm experience.

-- Dara Mirsky, with Ryna Lustig, David Levitt, Jill Greenstein, and Fred Schulman

Are you hearing about events and programs from a friend at CSI instead of through your own email? Rest assured, we are sending all messages to all member families and to all non-member school families (including billing statements).



As a sender, we have no control over what is actually delivered to your “in box”. That is entirely up to the receiver/account holder.

Please be sure to:

- Set your internet preferences to accept all email from CSIBRIARCLIFF.ORG
- If you have Gmail, be sure to check your “Promotions” tab/folder. A LOT of emails gets selected to go there!
- Kindly look in your spam folder regularly. Each person’s email provider has different security settings. Since we send group emails, important and timely messages may get caught in a filter.



MARION & RAY SADER'S THOUGHTS ON THE RECENT CSI TRIP TO ISRAEL

I have a clear memory of May 1948 when the state of Israel was established and my father was overjoyed; I think I was more puzzled than anything else. None of our family had a connection with Palestine; WWII had only recently ended and, except for my “foreign” Uncle Saul, rescued from Europe early in the ‘40s, to come live with us, I was not immersed in the Holocaust to any great extent. My concerns centered on me: my books, my friends, my family.

Home to me had always been western Massachusetts, to which I have continuously returned as often as possible. At least, until this past ten days when **that** “home” was nudged a bit from the central core inside me to provide space for another distant, different, distinctive, and divided place.

Yes, the trip to Israel for both Ray and me provoked a feeling of being home unlike any other time in my life. My only regret is that I had never gone to my “homeland” when I was younger. The handsome soldiers (male and female) nonchalantly carrying their rifles aroused jealousy; how I wanted to be one of them! Men and boys walking freely wearing kipahs and some with fringes hanging from their jackets caused me to recall indelible incidents of anti-Semitism from my youth. A world full of Jews, all looking different, from different countries! For one raised where there were barely a minyan number of families at any one time and no public Jewish life, this was a compelling eye opener. I thought to myself how different would I be if I had grown up somewhere in Israel?

Like thirteen-year-olds at their Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, I felt as though I was on the threshold not of the unknown, but rather at the entrance to a world that I was a part of, as though I was returning to a place that was partially mine. The past, the present, and the future were all around us as our group of nine traveled via mini-bus; from the old City of David and the Kotel, to the very new trend of Jewish veiled “modesty women” depicted in an exhibit at the Israel Museum, to the Innovation Center at the Stock Exchange, where R & D for future technical development is funded and promoted.

This was Israel for me—the trip of a lifetime and a dream come true, especially ever since our eldest son backpacked through Europe after college in 1980 and, moved by the Anne Frank Museum in Amsterdam, decided to stop off in Israel. The stopover turned into five months picking grapefruit on a kibbutz near Naharia.

From December 23, 2019 to January 2, 2020 we visited Israel; or, as Robin Kane humorously observed, by bridging the years, we had fulfilled our version of the promise: “Next year in Israel.”

Postscript from Ray: I saw the vague hope of my youth turned into concrete reality before my eyes. I saw a vibrant and confident people who are ready to face the future with confidence in themselves. It was, for me, the trip of a lifetime.





JUST A FEW HIGHLIGHTS

- Herzl's love of theater was used in the depiction of his own life at the Herzl Museum. Herzl's utopian dream came true.
- Herzl is buried high on the top of a hill; the graves of Israeli prime ministers are buried lower down. The symbolism is pointed.
- Women once had the role of mohels—and many still do.
- Roman ruins at the Cardo are a reminder of other historical eras
- besides Egypt, the Ottoman Empire, and British Mandate, etc.
- In 2320 BCE a mass circumcision took place in Egypt; 120 young men were circumcised.
- At the Kotel, there is a “lending library” containing various prayer books. They sit on shelves behind glass doors, freely available for use by visitors. Another example of our reputation as “people of the Book.”
- The “Dead Sea” is really the “Sea of Salt” and is the lowest point on the planet; however, it is disappearing one meter per year.
- A machtesh is **not** a crater.
- Giving food to the needy poor has been part of a charity group in Israel since 1788 and we joined by helping fill bags of couscous. An assembly line of fun for all!
- The Culinary Queens of Yeruham provide North African style lunches to visitors in the Negev. Jews worldwide connect via food!
- The remnants of a Roman road (once a wall) surrounding Masada, with ruins of Roman camps, preparing to attack the over 900 Jews inside.
- The Essenes's utopian society and its connection to the Dead Sea Scrolls. A Jewish “cult” doomed to die out.
- Menorahs, menorahs, everywhere. And as we lighted candles each night, often onlookers joined us in song. Hardly a Xmas tree to be seen!
- Yad Vashem Museum, remembering both the individuals who perished and the ones who helped to save many. Statements by survivors along the way are most moving. From a dark, crowded, rather narrow beginning, one winds through exhibits until, at the end, a panoramic view of Jerusalem appears: rather than extermination, a new nation appears.

NEWS AND EVENTS from Roni Shapiro, Educational Director

Register NOW!

CSI NURSERY & SUMMER SCHOOL & CAMP

Registration is open for
CSI's Summer Camp 2020
and Nursery School 2020-2021!
Secure your child's spot now!

Questions?
Call (914) 762-2700
or email Janice@csibriarcliff.org



NURSERY SCHOOL TU B' SHEVAT CELEBRATION

Monday,
February 10th

Support JNF:
Plant a tree
in Israel
Visit www.jnf.org



CSI Nursery School

FAMILY SHABBAT CELEBRATION & Dinner

February 7th
5:15 - 7:00pm

- 5:15-5:45 Bim Bam *Shabbat* Service
(musical, kid-friendly service
where kids will lead some songs)
- 5:45-6:30 *Shabbat* dinner
**Bring a bottle of Kosher wine to
share with your table!**
- 6:30-7:00 Children perform in classrooms

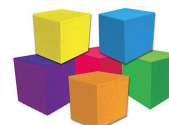


Tuesday mornings from 9-10:30AM
for children aged 6 to 24 months with
an adult

Tuesdays for Tots will meet:



February
4th
11th
25th



NEWS AND EVENTS from *Roni Shapiro, Educational Director*



Families of Bet & Gimel Students:

Please join us for a special
Bet & Gimel Shabbat Celebration
February 7, 2020

6:30 pm Appetizers
7:00 pm *Shabbat Rocks* Service
led by your *Bet & Gimel* students

Oneq to follow services

RSVP to Janice@csibriarcliff.org by 2/3
\$18 per family payable to CSI

**SHABBAT
ROCKS**

OPEN TO ALL
February 7th
7pm
Led by CSI
Bet and Gimel
Religious School Students

Shabbat Noar

Youth Learning Services
for 3rd-7th graders
Led by Morah Sheera

February 8
February 29
10:30am-12:00pm

3rd-5th graders:
Must attend at least 5 of these services
during the 2019-2020 school year

6th & 7th graders:
Attendance at these services will count toward
Bar/Bat Mitzvah requirements

Other 2020 *Shabbat Noar* dates:
March 7 & 28,
April 18 & 25, May 2 & 16

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

Join Roni for
**adult shabbat
coffee & limud**
Limud means learning!



February 8th
10:30AM -
12:00PM

NEWS AND EVENTS from *Roni Shapiro, Educational Director*

Sunday, February 9th
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CELEBRATES



9-11AM
 Support JNF:
 Plant a tree in Israel
 Visit www.jnf.org



Heh Field Trip

Tuesday, February 4
 4:00 PM

**Edenwald Cottage School
 in Pleasantville**

Heh class students will tour the facility, learn about the residents, play some games with the kids and have pizza, ice cream and snacks. This fulfills the *mitzvah* of love your neighbor as yourself.

Edenwald is always looking for donations. Please send in items such as:

- CDs
- comic books
- video games (new or used)
- extra sports equipment
- a new game or toy



Are you ready for it?

**BEST
 PURIM
 CARNIVAL
 EVER**

**Sunday, March 8
 11:00AM-12:30PM**

Games! Prizes! Fun!

CSI Teens News

We are proud of our CSI Teens who are continuing their Jewish Education in our Hebrew High School:

*Zachary Anisman
 Shoshana Daly
 Harrison Ginsburg
 Ian Horowitz
 Laura Horowitz*

*David Katz
 Dina Millerman
 Hannah Mortman
 Abbie Nass*

*Daniel Satran
 Hayley Satran
 Ryan Wancier
 Jason Yules
 Rebecca Zinn*

And thank you to their families for supporting our High School programming by registering their teens!

**Upcoming Hebrew High School
 Brunch & Class:**

FEBRUARY

**2nd
 &
 9th**

11AM-12:15PM



NURSERY SCHOOL PTA

OUR UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS:

February 6th: DINOSAURS ROCK An interactive school assembly that's educational, hands-on, & includes a fossil-dig with specimens to keep and take home!

February 8th: PARENTS ONLY SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL Hosted by one of our gracious CSI NS PTA parents. A night to spend time with other CSI parents in a casual social setting.

COMING IN THE SPRING:

May 20th: MAD SCIENCE From air to animal friends and butterflies, to water, weather and worms, the preschool science programs are designed to captivate the curious nature of young children. Mad Science brings the wonders of science to preschool kids.

SPRING 2020: BOSSY FROG BAND The songs are fun and interactive and the kids will surely love it! The Bossy Frog Band thrills young audiences with their 100% interactive, over-the-top, banjo-driven, costume-character-dancing musical performance.

Check out **Mabel's Labels** to help put your child's name on everything. Go to mabelslabels.com and click on Support a Fundraiser. Click on CSI NS PTA (Briarcliff Manor) and start shopping. A percentage of the proceeds is given back to support the PTA.

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RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PTA



THE PASSOVER CANDY SALE WILL BE UNDERWAY VERY SOON. ORDERS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 28TH.

**We hope you are enjoying the Challah Fairy challahs!
Remember, there are always a few extra for
purchase on alternate Friday mornings.
Give the office a call to find out what's for sale.**

USY/KADIMA—Andrea Bromberg, Advisor

Here's what's coming up for teens at CSI:

What?	When?	Where?	Who?
Shul In! (Overnight at the synagogue) RSVP here https://forms.gle/AAsA6SDMqRPyyG7G9	Saturday, February 1- Sunday February 2 ~8pm-8am	CSI	Heh, High School, USY, and Jewish teens who aren't CSI members (Heh cannot sleep over)
"A Taste of Tu B'Shevat" Dinner	Sunday, February 9 at 4pm	CSI	Heh, High School, and USY

CSI's 2019-2020 USY Board:

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- Have questions? E-mail Andrea at csiusy@csibriarcliff.org. Or speak to a USY board member!
- Want METNY updates on your phone? Text @metnyu to 81010 for reminders.
- Want to register for a regional or divisional event? Follow this link:
https://www.regpacks.com/reg/templates/build/?g_id=100901855

On Sunday, January 19, teens and parents came together to prepare dinner for the homeless staying at CSI. They served fresh-baked garlic bread, vegetable lasagna, brownies, and apple cobbler, as well as salad and fruit. Thank you to everyone who helped---Amanda Bromberg, David Katz, Alyssa Mathisson, Rachel Mathisson, Dina Millerman, Brookie Ramer, Randi Ramer, Hayley Satran, Jonathan Wexler, and Suzanne Wexler. A special shout out to Amanda for crafting the menu, taking the lead, and ensuring that everything ran smoothly. *Kol hakavod!*



READY TO REGISTER? CLICK HERE!
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/AAsA6SDMqRPyyG7G9](https://forms.gle/AAsA6SDMqRPyyG7G9)

TEEN SHUL-IN AT CSI

FOR TEENS GRADES 8-12.
7TH GRADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US UNTIL 11 P.M.

SATURDAY, 2/1-
SUNDAY, 2/2
8 P.M.-8 A.M.

SNACKS AND BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED, BUT FEEL FREE TO BRING KOSHER FOODS TO SHARE!

PACK A SLEEPING BAG, PILLOW, BLANKET, PAJAMAS, TOILETRIES, AND TECH-FREE GAMES

THE SHUL-IN WILL BE SUPERVISED BY TWO YOUTH ADVISORS, ONE BEING ANDREA

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Judy Boehr, Chairperson



Our Winter Clothing Drive for the IFCA in Ossining continues. Thank you to all who have donated. Collection bins are in the Synagogue lobby. Please come and drop off clean coats and jackets (men, women, children), hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens. We will deliver them as the bins fill so that they can be used immediately.

Thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to the great success of the CSI sponsored Christmas dinner!

We joyously fed over 75 guests at the First Presbyterian Church and delivered meals to 8 homebound individuals.

All of our guests went home with extra meals, lots of cookies, candy goody bags, supermarket gift cards and toys for the children in their lives.

Whether you shopped, cooked, set up, greeted and served, please know how appreciated you are.

Special thanks always to our dedicated kitchen crew. (Ronnie Kent, Howard Code, Josh Parker, Richard Zuckerman, Abbe Marcus, Deane Marcus, Barry Yellen and Sue Lerner).

Special thanks to our "toy ladies", Susan Code and Debby Kittay-Parker, who every year go above and beyond for the children.

Thanks to our piano players, Brian Gelfand and Matt Green.

Thanks to Duna (our friend from First Presbyterian) for playing the guitar and leading us in song.

Special thanks to our clean-up crew! (the Diamond Family, the Rappaport family and Sonia Kleinman)

And a warm welcome and extra-special thanks to Tyler Martin (grandson of Marion and Ray Sader) who stepped up to make our home deliveries.

We couldn't do this without all of our CSI family.

Robin and Jamie





CSI's ANNUAL *PURIM* CARNIVAL

SUNDAY, MARCH 8th

DONATIONS NEEDED!

300 kosher hot dogs * 300 kosher *pareve* hot dog rolls
 300 water bottles @20 oz. size * 400 napkins * 100 eggs
 200 potato knishes * 200 Snack size chips (*pareve*) *
 400 small plates * 400 forks * 3 bottles of Heinz ketchup *

3 bottles of Heinz mustard * 6 cans black beans *

6 cans of chickpeas * 4 bottles of salad dressing * 4 large bags of ice

12 English cucumbers * 6 club size containers of cherry tomatoes

- These items are available at all major shopping clubs BJ's, Costco & Sam's Club and all major grocery stores.
- Remember: All food must be marked kosher.
- If you don't have a club card but would like to donate, you are welcome to borrow our card or drop off money for us to shop with!

Contact Ronishapiro@csibriarcliff.org

Congregation Sons of Israel *1666 Pleasantville Road * Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510



That means it's
time for CSI
Sisterhood
Mishloach Manot
(Purim Treat Bags)

For Matthew & Lindsay Yannocone,

Mishloach Manot are gifts of food (and fun things) traditionally given to friends on Purim.

The CSI Sisterhood is preparing a lovely Purim package filled with *Hamantaschen*, candy and other goodies. Each person you designate will receive a package.

It's a *Mitzvah*, it's great fun and with CSI Sisterhood, it's easy to do!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

You can participate in the sending of a beautiful gift bag to anyone on our list, at the cost of \$18.00 for the first bag and \$3.00 for each additional bag. Each family you choose will receive one gift bag, along with a Purim card listing all of the people who have sent to them. For example, if you are sent a *Mishloach Manot* package from more than one individual, you will still only receive one bag; all of the people sending you the *Mishloach Manot* will be listed on the card.

Thanks to the convenience of running a *Mishloach Manot* fundraiser online, you can easily place your orders at CSI.HappyPurim.com. You will be able to securely pay by credit card, choose your own "display name" (i.e. the way you wish your name to appear on your recipients' scrolls), and also receive a reciprocity receipt listing who you automatically reciprocated to.

What you
need to
do:

Everyone in our synagogue community is receiving a personalized code, similar to a password, for accessing the website. Your personal login code is: SRDKM-LCEQV

Your code is specifically for your account, so please don't share it with anyone.

CONTINUED...

PURIM IS COMING!

The CSI Sisterhood is once again making it possible for us to send *Mishloach Manot* (*Purim* bags) to our friends at CSI. Letters will be mailed with all the details on how to participate. These letters include YOUR special code for online ordering. It's fun, it's delicious and it's so easy to participate! Deadline for ordering is Wednesday, February 26th. Orders may be picked up at the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 8th or at the Megillah reading on Monday, March 9th.

Don't hesitate to contact either the CSI office or
 Margie Kirsch at 238—8201
 if you need assistance of any kind. We're happy to help!



SISTERHOOD NEWS - www.WLCJ.org



Join CSI Sisterhood and help gather
diapers and wipes for babies in need.



#FilltheVan is a community-wide baby diaper and wipe drive that helps struggling local families. Please bring donations of new and unopened baby diapers and wipes to CSI. On February 14th, (914)cares will be picking up these donations and will fill the van to deliver to families in need.

Please look for collection boxes in the lobby. Contact Robin Ginsberg for further information.



The Gift Shop will be open :
Sunday, February 9th from 9am-11am



MAH JONGG

Next Game: Monday, February 10th at 7:30pm

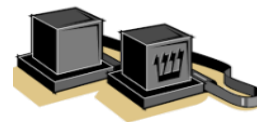


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MEN'S CLUB - Mark Reisman & Richard Langeloh, Co - Presidents

JOIN CSI'S MEN'S CLUB 20th ANNUAL WORLD WIDE WRAP -

Sunday, February 2nd



At 9am we will wrap *tefillin*, followed by *minyan*, breakfast and amazing live music with *Sha'ar*.

Open to all: Men, women and teenagers are encouraged to wrap *tefillin* to show solidarity with Jews around the world.

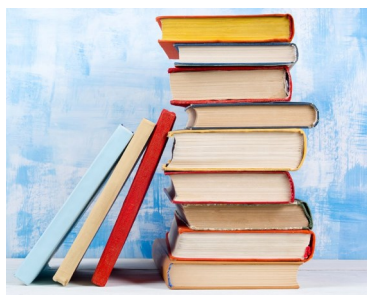


The *Sha'ar* Duo is comprised of Oren Neiman (guitar) and Ivan Berenboim (clarinet). Oren recently completed a lengthy stint as the guitarist in the Off-Broadway and Broadway Yiddish language productions of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Among other credits, Ivan is the resident clarinetist at a synagogue in Manhattan and teaches at Hebrew Union College in New York City. This is a family-friendly event; all are welcome. **A donation of any amount at the door would be appreciated to support this Men's Club event.**

Please contact Mark Reisman to RSVP. mireisman@icloud.com



**March Madness &
Texas Hold 'Em -
Thursday, 3/26 at 7:30pm.**





MEN'S CLUB BOOK CLUB

For more information please contact
Alan Grotenstein agrotenstein@gmail.com
914 591 8372 Office * 914 953 7866 Cell

"MAN OF THE YEAR" Sunday, May 3rd, 2020

Orangetown Jewish Center - Rick Langeloh will
be honored as Man of the Year
along with Outstanding Youth, Rebecca Zinn.
Please save the date. More info to follow.

FEBRUARY 2020 - 6 Shevat – 4 Adar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Abbreviations: C/L = Candle Lighting Time JITN = Jews in the News NS = Nursery School RS = Religious School		WORLD WIDE WRAP SUNDAY 2/2	TU B'SHEVAT SEDER SUNDAY 2/9			1 6 Shevat 9:10am Shabbat Morning Service <i>Bo</i>
2 7 Shevat 9:15am Minyan 9 – 11 MEN'S CLUB WORLD WIDE WRAP Open to all! (See page 18) 11am High School	3 8 Shevat 7:15am Minyan 9am Almost 2's 10:30am NS Sign Lang. 11:30am Women's Torah Study 4:30pm Art Class 7pm Education Committee 7pm Sisterhood Board 8:45pm Talmud	4 9 Shevat 9am Tuesdays for Tots 11:15am JITN HEH Trip to Edenwald 7:30pm NS/Search Comm. 7:30pm 2 nd Gen. Survivors 7:30pm Women's Writing	5 10 Shevat 9am Almost 2's	6 11 Shevat 7:15am Minyan NS Dinosaurs Rock	7 12 Shevat 9am Almost 2's 9:30am NS Yoga C/L 5:03pm 5:15pm NS Shabbat 6:30pm Bet & Gimel appetizers 7pm Shabbat Rocks	8 13 Shevat 9:10am Shabbat Morning Service 10:30am Shabbat Noar 10:30am Shabbat Limud 12:30pm Hazz'ns' Tish MINCHA BM: RYAN HOROWITZ Jewish Music Through the Ages [Off Site] NS PTA SOCIAL <i>Beshalach</i> 15 20 Shevat 9:10am Shabbat Morning Service <i>Aufruf:</i> Lindsey Yellen and Adam Matloff <i>Yitro</i>
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23 28 Shevat 9:15am Minyan NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL	24 29 Shevat 7:15am Minyan 9am Almost 2's 10:30 NS Sign Lang. 4:30pm Art Class 7:30pm Women's Writing 8:45pm Talmud	25 30 Shevat 9am Tuesdays for Tots 11:15am JITN 7:30pm Board of Trustees	26 1 Adar 9am Almost 2's MISHLOACH MANOT ORDER DEADLINE	27 2 Adar 7:15am Minyan 10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion	28 3 Adar 9am Almost 2's 9:30am NS Yoga PASSOVER CANDY ORDER DEADLINE C/L 5:28pm 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat	29 4 Adar 9:10am Shabbat Morning Service 10:30am Shabbat Noar MINCHA BM: KATELYN FOGEL <i>Terumah</i>

Purim is coming! Make sure to order your fun and delicious Mishloach Manot (Purim Bags)!

Letters with your order code and all instructions are in the mail. (See page16)

CARING COMMUNITY - Merrie Daitch, Chairperson

Our CSI Caring Community is a committee whose sole purpose is to help our members who need some TLC. After you let the shul office know what is going on in your life, they can set the wheels in motion. You will hear from Judy Boehr if you are sick or need a *mazel tov*. Merrie Daitch makes our bereavement calls. We offer *Shabbat* dinners or bereavement bags for our mourners. If you need food because of illness or catastrophe, Susan Hodara will give you a call. If you have a baby, Resa Mestel Fox will send you a special gift. Susan Grotenstein delivers holiday gifts to our members who are home/facility bound. **(Please let us know about congregants whose situation has changed and now fall into this category.)** Many of our over 30 members help with *Shabbat* deliveries, visit our members who are sick and cook when called upon. We thank them all! If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact our chair, Merrie



The Caring Community has been a long-time supporter of the *HaMishpacha* Luncheons at CSI. Your donations to this fund can help us maintain this beloved program for seniors in our area. Your donations to CSI's Caring Community are put to work to provide much-needed socialization and support. Thank you!

PRIDE COMMITTEE - Suzanne Haber, Chairperson



THE CSI PRIDE COMMITTEE is closely aligned with an organization named Keshet which works for the full equality of all LGBTQ Jews and our families in Jewish life. Keshet equips Jewish organizations with the skills and knowledge to build LGBTQ-affirming communities, create spaces in which all queer Jewish youth feel seen and valued, and advance LGBTQ rights nationwide. **A team from CSI participates in the Keshet Leadership Project thanks to a generous contribution from CSI member Clare Rosen.** The Project kicks off with a dynamic,

experiential day-long Leadership Summit that builds the capacity of leaders and their institutions to create LGBTQ inclusive and affirming environments for all community members. Keshet's expert facilitators train participants to use concrete strategies and tools for inclusion. Participants leave with an action plan for their institution outlining how to implement the strategies and tools they learned at the Summit. Each institution receives a year of follow-up coaching and consultation to help implement these concrete steps toward LGBTQ equality

SAVE THE DATE:

Pride Shabbat at CSI is Saturday, June 20th

OUR FEBRUARY B'NAI MITZVAH



RYAN HOROWITZ - FEBRUARY 8th

Hi, my name is Ryan Horowitz. On February 8, 2020 I will become a *Bar Mitzvah*. I live with my mom and dad, Jennifer and Marc, my older brother, Ian and my French bulldog, Harley in Briarcliff Manor. I attend Briarcliff Middle School, where I am currently in seventh grade. My favorite sports are baseball and lacrosse. I also enjoy skiing (and most recently, snowboarding), going to Lake Owego Camp and rooting for Ohio State and the Giants!

Our dog, Harley, is a part of our family and like a big brother to her, I help take care of her. I really love animals, so I knew I would enjoy the experience of volunteering at the SPCA of Westchester for my *Bar Mitzvah* project. At the SPCA, I spend time reading to the dogs and preparing treats for them. It is rewarding when I see how happy it makes them to see me. I know that I am adding extra fun to their day and making them feel special. Volunteering at the SPCA also reinforces that it makes you feel good to help others. My Mom and I also initiated a pet supplies drive for the SPCA and we were able to donate tons of materials, such as food, blankets and toys.

I am excited to become a *Bar Mitzvah* and I would like to thank all of my Hebrew School teachers (especially Sheera Zuckerman), Roni Shapiro, Cantor Shiovitz, Rabbi Kane and my family for helping me prepare for this day!

KATELYN FOGEL - FEBRUARY 29th

Hi, my name is Katy Fogel. I live in Briarcliff Manor with my mom, dad, two brothers, and the best dog. I am very excited that my *Bat Mitzvah* is coming up so soon, on February 29th, 2020. I am a 7th grader at Briarcliff Middle School. I like school and have a very nice group of friends. Some of the things that I enjoy in my free time are dance, volleyball, and spending time with family and friends. I decided to try a new sport (volleyball) in the fall. I was almost certain that I wasn't going to like it, but I stuck with it and ended up really liking it and making new friends. I also enjoy dancing (especially hip-hop dancing) and have been doing it for about 6 years. Whether it's in the studio or in my house (for fun!), dance never gets boring. My favorite thing to do is hang-out with my friends and go places with them. I also enjoy playing with my dog and going on walks with her in Rockefeller Park on the weekends. This summer I acted in the Lion King, my fourth Random Farms production. I loved acting and singing on stage. I was very proud of myself for doing it.

For my *Bat Mitzvah* project, I interviewed a holocaust survivor named Hyman Mendolowitz. Hyman explained that he grew up in Romania with a lot of siblings, but when he got older the Germans separated his sisters and mother from him. So, Hyman was left with his father and one brother. Hyman was sent to a lot of concentration camps, which was very scary for him, because he didn't know what was going to happen, where he was going to be next, or where his next meal was going to come from. At one of the concentration camps Hyman and his family were starving and he contracted typhoid fever, a disease that almost killed him. Right when Hyman and his father and brother were about to lose hope, three soldiers liberated the camp. Interviewing Hyman made me realize how lucky I am and made me proud to be Jewish. What amazed me most was that despite all Hyman had been through he retained a positive attitude and faith in G-d. It was a true honor to meet Hyman and his wife Miriam.

I am very proud to become a *Bat Mitzvah* because it officially means that I am a young Jewish adult. I am grateful to my Hebrew school teachers, Rabbi Kane, Cantor Shiovitz, and mostly to my parents for planning my bat mitzvah celebration and making sure I am prepared for this day.

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LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Condolences to: David Zimmerman on the loss of his father, Joel Zimmerman.

Condolences to: Marian Jablansky on the loss of her mother, Leah Slotnick.

Speedy Recovery to: Suzanne Haber.

Mazal Tov to: The Horowitz Family on Ryan's *Bar Mitzvah*.

Mazal Tov to: The Fogel Family on Katelyn's *Bat Mitzvah*.

Mazal Tov to: Toni & Elliot Band on the engagement of their daughter, Melissa, to Jared Hahn.



CELEBRANTS	DATE	YEARS
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Susan & Asher Banks	4	52
Linda & Steven Kavee	6	33
Barbara & Henry Schoenfeld	12	44
Bryna & Michael Sweedler	17	57
Susan & Peter Diamond	18	41
Elyse & Mark Kovler	19	37
Jane & Richard Taffet	19	36
Julie & Andrew Peskoe	21	33

CELEBRANT	DATE	AGE
Meia Rappaport	1	10
Zachary Kirsch	2	12
Leah Falah	6	12
Yael Falah	6	12
Mia Benjamin	6	12
Katelyn Fogel	21	13
Talya Simon	26	6

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CELEBRANTS	DATE	YEARS
Barry & Gail Perlow	2	49
Vladimir & Marina Sukonnik	3	33
Leonard & Kathleen Levin	3	11
Joel & Iris Kazin	9	48
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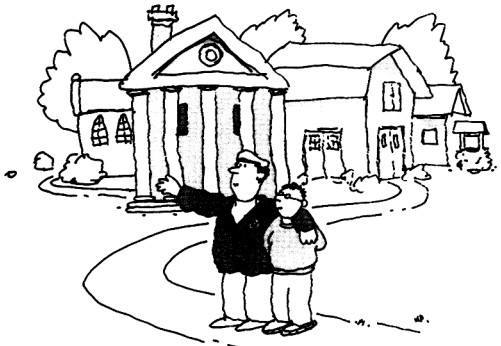
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