



# Congregation Sons of Israel

THE MYERS FAMILY CAMPUS

*CONTINUING THE VISION — BUILDING OUR FUTURE*

FEBRUARY 2022

30 Shevat - 27 Adar I 5782

## **MISHLOACH MANOT FUNDRAISER**

Celebrate *Purim* with delicious  
and fun treat bags.  
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## **JEWISH MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES**

Virtual: Saturday, February 12th at 8pm  
Hadar & The Rising Song Institute Part 1  
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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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## **SHABBAT SECURITY UPDATE: NEW DOORBELL**



**Those attending *Shabbat* services on site are asked to enter through the East/Front Door.**

**When the door is locked, kindly ring the bell labeled “Shabbat entry” and the security guard will answer the door as soon as possible.**

**NEW TZEDAKAH FUND:**

**The CSI Environmental Fund  
will support environmentally friendly  
(green) initiatives at CSI.**

**We thank Bob Schloss & Emily Sack for their  
generous donation to begin this important initiative!**

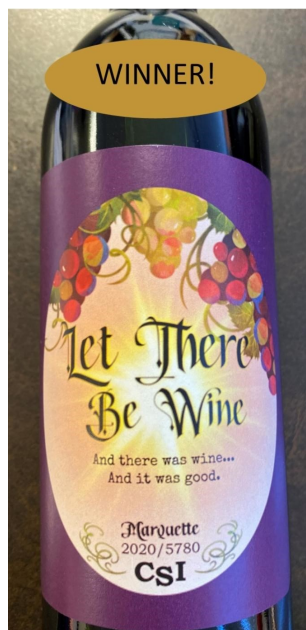
## **CSI Wine Is A Gold Medal Winner!**

**CSI's Wine won a Gold Medal  
in the Hybrid Category  
in the 2021 Prospero Wine Competition.**

**There were 300 competitors!**

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*Mazal Tov* to Janice Rappaport.**

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## FROM THE RABBI

### Steven C. Kane



One of the most important concepts in Judaism is the *minyan*, the gathering of ten people to engage in prayer. In the Talmud, this idea is drawn from different verses in the Torah that refer to both community and the idea of holiness. When the verses are put together, the rabbis learn that in order for God to be truly praised, there must be a community that acts together (referred to in Hebrew as *d'varim shebikedusha*). Certain prayers, including the reading of the Torah, are left out if there is no *minyan*. Of course one may pray while alone, but the rabbis understood that the communal nature of prayer and reading Torah is such that it must be done in a community.

It is not only prayer that requires a community. It is impossible for one to be engaged in Jewish life in general without other Jews. Yes, one can observe most of Jewish life on one's own, but it is not the same without community. A *Shabbat* dinner is enhanced when we invite over other people. The idea of guests in the *sukkah* is underscored by inviting the *ushpizim*, figures in Jewish history who are asked to join us in spirit. What would a Pesach *seder* be without someone to ask and answer the Four Questions?

This has been an incredibly difficult time for the Jewish people because of the constraints on community that Covid has put on us. That difficulty has now been multiplied by the act of terrorism in Colleyville, Texas where a rabbi and his congregants were taken hostage. Shall we always gather as a community now with a sense of fear? Will our synagogues become like the synagogues in Europe that have armed guards openly carrying machine guns, and sometimes military vehicles parked outside to dissuade terrorists and antisemites? Should everyone entering a synagogue now have to go through a metal detector?

We need to be safe but we also need community. We need to be open to helping a homeless person in search of food and warmth but we also need to be vigilant about who enters our doors. There is, of course, no easy answer. However we should find courage in the fact that the Jewish community has faced many challenges throughout our long history and somehow we are not only still here, but we are a flourishing, creative and successful people. Long ago the sage Hillel taught, *al tifrosh min ha-tzibur*, we are not allowed to separate ourselves from the community (*Pirke Avot* 2:5), because the "*minyan*" is our lifeblood. It's what gives us strength and vitality. Covid has challenged us to find new ways to gather, such as on Zoom, and having new security measures will also become a part of our lives that we will adapt to. It will, however, take work and vision and hope. I have no doubt that somehow, we will find a way. We always have.

**L'hitraot**

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## CANTORIAL NOTES

### Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



It's hard to believe that it has been 11 years since the passing of Jewish musical icon Debbie Friedman. Debbie died at age 59 of pneumonia. If you grew up in the Reform movement—especially if you ever attended a song session at a Reform Jewish camp—you are, I'm sure, familiar with the singer/songwriter's large and gorgeous musical repertoire. Influenced by folk artists like Peter, Paul and Mary, Debbie's music is modern, moving and wide-ranging in styles, from the soothing "*Mi Shebeirach*" to the upbeat and joyous "Miriam's Song."

Debbie was born in New York and grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota. As a teenager, she noticed that something was wrong with her family congregation's services. She felt that they lacked a way for young people to connect. Debbie wrote her first Jewish song, "*V'ahavta*" (And You Shalt Love), in 1970 when she was only 19 and first performed it at a Jewish Youth convention. Using both Hebrew and English lyrics, she began to write songs for all ages, and her source material and subjects spanned everything from prayers to Jewish texts to educational songs to children's songs. Debbie's influence extended far beyond the Reform movement. Her music brings comfort and joy to so many.

I was very lucky to have known Debbie, and I had the opportunity to work with her on some projects. She graced our *bima* here at CSI on two occasions as she shared her music and soul with us.

In honor of Debbie's memory, I would like to share with you 10 of her top songs. Listen to them and others from her huge catalogue on Spotify or YouTube.

#### 1. "*Mi Shebeirach*"

One of Debbie's most popular and frequently-sung melodies, this song offers the Jewish prayer for healing in both Hebrew and English. This song remains relevant and important to us now as always.

#### 2. "*Miriam's Song*"

This wonderfully upbeat song tells the story of Moses's sister Miriam. The song reminds us of Miriam's fortitude and leadership. It has now become a staple of Passover Seders the world over. My family dances to it!

#### 3. "*Oseh Shalom*"

The Prayer for peace recited after the *Amidah*. It is such a beautiful melody.

#### 4. "*V'ahavta*"

Debbie's first original song is sentimental and spiritual.

#### 5. "*Birchot Havdalah*"

There are so many reasons to love *Havdalah*. My favorite reason is that I love to sing this beautiful melody. Her refrain of *yai-lai-lai* will send you into the new week on a great note.

#### 6. "*Not By Might*"

Another very upbeat song that features a lot of clapping. "Not By Might" celebrates the spiritual resolve of the Jewish people and also of the Maccabees in the *Hanukkah* story. If you like to dance off your anxiety, this is a great song for you!

#### 7. "*L'chi Lach*"

Back on the sentimental side, this song tells the story of Abraham and Sarah's journey to Canaan, which eventually becomes Israel. "*Lechi lach*, to a place that I will show you, *Lech l'cha*, to a place you do not know. And you shall be a blessing."

#### 8. "*Devorah's Song*"

Similar to "Miriam's Song." This buoyant tune celebrates a woman prophet from the Book of Judges. It is really quite nice and off the beaten track.

#### 9. "*Alef Bet*"

This song is a staple that many people don't realize was written by Debbie. It's such a catchy version of the Hebrew alphabet that it has become a mainstay at Hebrew Schools across generations and denominations. If you want to teach your children some Hebrew, this one's the perfect place to start!

#### 10. "*Light These Lights*"

Last but not least, one of my favorite *Hanukkah* songs. You will love it!

**(11. "Happy Thanksgiving"—A wonderful bonus choice; great for the kids!)**

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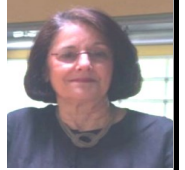
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Clare Rosen



Each month as I sit to write my next bulletin article, I look back at my earlier written ones. This month, I caught my breath as I reread February 2021's article. So here we are nearly two years since the New Rochelle case of Covid-19 "locked" the doors to most public and private establishments and made "social distancing" and mask-wearing a way of life.

#### **February 2021 Bulletin Article**

*Since the COVID pandemic struck nearly a year ago so many of our CSI community have struggled. Some have lost their jobs; many others are isolated, and others are trying to juggle their children's education while having their own full-time jobs in person or remotely. And so many have had to bury their loved ones with only a small group of people. A year ago, we would have been horrified to think that we could not have the traditional shiva. And all of us have been challenged by the disruption in our daily routines. Helping others is a win-win; you will get as much as those being helped. Here are some relatively easy ideas:*

- *A heartfelt handwritten note, card, or postcard goes a long way.*
- *If you like to bake, make brownies, cake or cookies.*
- *Organize a meal drop off with other members of our community.*
- *Pick up a flower or plants for others.*

*Whatever you can do, be it small or large, it will make our community stronger. These acts will bring us together and amplify our cooperative efforts.*

In February 2021, we were glued to the daily TV reports coming from Dr. Fauci and Governor Cuomo. Now, in February 2022, we are exhausted and skeptical of the confusing reports about the Omicron variant. The Omicron variant

transmission rate is much higher than the other variants, but for fully vaccinated people the presentation is much milder. Wearing masks is a way of life as is avoiding indoor dining and other "risky" situations.

What does this all mean to our congregation; young families, empty nesters, and seniors? Most are yearning to return to the "good old days." Yet we have to adapt to the "new normal." CSI has remained steadfast throughout the pandemic and very flexible as we respond to the ups and downs of the infection rate. Everything you need is here, but possibly has a different look. Morning *minyan* (both in person and remote) is held every Sunday, Monday, and Thursday morning. *Kabbalat Shabbat* is an addition that brings us together for a pre-service schmooze via Zoom. You can attend *Shabbat* services on Friday evening via Zoom or in person and Saturday morning via livestream or in person. We also offer a number of classes each week, and several book clubs sponsored by the Men's Club, Sisterhood and the Rabbi's Circle. We remain committed to educating our preschoolers at the CSI Nursery School and provide a robust Jewish education at our religious school.

Some of you may not have participated in anything the past couple of years. If so, what "value" are you redeeming from CSI? We would like to listen to you and find ways for you to feel connected to the CSI community.

Please email me at [clayrcsi@gmail.com](mailto:clayrcsi@gmail.com). You are as important as every congregant is, but it's important for you to feel so. Let's talk and "meet."

Best,

Clare E Rosen, President  
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# CSI Community Organic Farm

## Regenerative Agriculture Rooted in Jewish Tradition

The CSI Farm is about to begin our sixth growing season.

Prior to our first growing season we worked on preparing the site and improving the infrastructure: removing invasive species, installing the fence, digging the well, installing the irrigation system, creating the mounded growing beds, and insuring the safety of our congregants by countless days of health and safety pruning (tree work) in our beautiful oak grove. There have been numerous side projects including the spreading of hundreds of yards of wood chips to create the outdoor gathering spaces and the wood chip walking path through the woods, the building of the mini greenhouse, and multiple rounds of organizing of the farm shed (including sacred book burial) and more.

In the meantime....

We learned of other like-minded organizations across the country that are involved in the Jewish Farming Community. [The Jewish Farmer Network](#) is one of them and on Sunday, February 6th, they are offering a "Virtual Gathering of Jewish Farmers." Aside from the interesting programming at this two-day event, I was amazed by the bios of the Teachers and Facilitators. This is a new face of Judaism in the U.S. (storytelling, culinary arts, youth education, food justice, herbalism, advocacy, etc.) and I urge you to check them out at the link above.

Equally as impressive is the list of organizations (mostly all new to me) that are supporting this conference. They include:

Jewish Community Farming Field Building Initiative  
 Grow Torah  
 Adam  
 Robariah Farms  
 Aleph: Alliance for Jewish Renewal  
 Living Tree Alliance: The Kibbutz Reimagined  
 Mitsui Collective: Resilient. Together.  
 Wilderness Torah: Center for Earth-based Judaism  
 Hazon: The Jewish Lab for Sustainability  
 At the Well  
[neohasid.org](http://neohasid.org)  
 Abundance Farm: Community Justice Education

I encourage everyone to support our farm here at CSI. Join our local food movement. Get grounded! We need you! Email [Ryna Lustig](#) for more information.



**THE CSI OPP SHOP IS A GREAT SUCCESS! SALES ARE CONSISTENT, PROVIDING A WONDERFUL REVENUE STREAM FOR CSI. DONATE! SHOP! AND THANKS!**

**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
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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*



Last month, our school was challenged by Covid. Coming back to school after the holiday break felt reminiscent of reopening the school in September 2020. As Covid cases climbed in New York and Westchester, they climbed at our school as well. Whereas we had been fortunate to have a quiet school year thus far related to Covid, this current wave in January left many of our families affected with either a positive Covid case in their household or a Covid exposure leading to a quarantine. Guidelines at the national and local level were constantly in flux, extremely difficult to decipher, and often at odds with one another.

I am so proud that despite many recent obstacles, our teachers continue to provide a safe, nurturing educational environment for our students to come to each day. This past month, the classes have been exploring winter and *Tu B'Shevat*. Reading about winter, learning about hibernating animals, talking about ways to stay warm, and creating winter themed artwork have all been coupled with

dressing in our winter gear and playing outside in the snow together! It is refreshing to see that despite the wintry weather, children love the experience of crunching on the snow, picking up newly formed ice, and sledding together.

While some of our special programs had been put on hold in January, we look forward to welcoming parents back to the classroom for *Shabbat* celebrations in February and spending more time together at school.

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# February

**2/12**

Chavurah Service at 10:30AM

**2/21-2/25**

NO SCHOOL — Winter Recess

**2/28**

School resumes



## 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.**

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>



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 email CSI Nursery School Director, [Naomi Elyachar](#),  
with any questions and for registration information.



## **CHAVURAH FAMILY SERVICE**

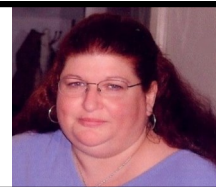
February 12th  
10:30AM

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



## FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

### Wendy Segal



#### Should We Be Celebrating Purim This Year?

Purim, celebrated in the middle of the Hebrew month of *Adar*, is coming. I'm usually crazy about Purim, but I'm not sure I'm as enthusiastic about it this year.

This year, *Adar* begins on Wednesday, February 2nd. There's a well-known saying from the Talmud, "When *Adar* comes, joy increases." (*Ta'anit* 29a) This happens to be a leap year in the Hebrew calendar, which means we add an entire month rather than just one day. That extra month is added right before Passover, so this year we have two months in a row called *Adar*: *Adar* I and *Adar* II. When that happens, we celebrate Purim during *Adar* II. So why am I not as excited about Purim coming as I am most years? For one thing, Purim is not for another 8 weeks or so. Like Chanukah and Passover, Purim is rarely "on time," it is always early or late. This year, because of the extra month, it's late. It seems difficult, maybe foolish, to plan too far ahead these days. Just as we were beginning to exhale came another variant. Just when that wave began to recede came another, with more cautions, less decorative and more serious masks, boosters.

And there are tragedies. Events make the news to remind us that we're not everyone's favorite minority. It's not a new phenomenon. It's difficult to be Jewish. From the days of Pharaoh, we were a distinct people. On our way to Sinai, we were attacked by the Amalekites. Our sages tell us that Haman was a descendant of those very Amalekites. As a nation with unique ways and unique laws, we make some people uncomfortable and even suspicious. In the Book of Esther, Haman takes the king aside and tells him, "There is a certain people, scattered and dispersed among the other peoples in all the provinces of your realm, whose laws are different from those of any other people...." (Esther 3:8) That's how Haman prefaces his suggestion that the Jews of the realm be eliminated. In light of the frightening occurrence at Beth Israel Congregation in Texas, is this really the time to party?

Actually, yes. Yes, it is. Over these last two years, the pandemic has made me shy away from others, just when I need the companionship and support from my friends and family most. Now I'm trying to watch for hopeful numbers. I take sensible precautions by being fully vaccinated, wearing the recommended mask, and avoiding indoor crowds. But now that I've taken steps to safeguard my physical health, I need to safeguard my mental health by beginning to resume some of the activities I miss most.

And when it feels like perhaps the safest thing to do is to hide our Jewishness so we don't stand out as too distinctive or become too visible to those who wish us harm, perhaps that's the time to proclaim our uniqueness even more proudly. This may be just the right time to plan a child's *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah* or add a new *mitzvah* to your life or watch a Jewish movie with our kids. We can allow antisemites to dictate how we express our Judaism, or we can embrace what Haman called us, "a certain people...different from ...any other people."

One of our primary goals in Religious School is to instill in our children a fierce pride in their heritage and history, a strong sense of why we do that which makes us different. We teach your children about our Torah, about our prayers, about Israel, about our values, about our history, about our calendar, and about our holidays. So yes, this really *is* the time to get ready to read the Megillah and get silly. This really *is* the time to party. It's time to come out of our cocoons. Happy *Adar*!

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## FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

# Religious School Calendar

## February

<b>Saturday, 2/5</b> <b>10:45AM—12PM</b>	<b>Junior Congregation</b> (for 3rd-7th grades) *
<b>Saturday, 2/12</b> <b>10:30AM</b>	<b>Chavurah Family Service</b> (musical service for families with children preschool—2nd grade)
<b>Saturday, 2/12</b> <b>10:45AM—12PM</b>	<b>Junior Congregation</b> (for 3rd-7th grades) *
<b>Sunday, 2/20</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL—Winter Break</b>
<b>Tuesday, 2/22</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL—Winter Break</b>
<b>Sunday, 2/27</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL—Winter Break</b>



\* **Junior Congregation** is a *Shabbat* service led by *Morah* Sheera at which students can learn and practice the parts of CSI's *Shabbat* service, explore Torah stories, and get ready for their *B'nai Mitzvah*.

Mark your calendars with these dates for future Junior Congregation services: **March 12th & April 2nd**

## HEBREW HIGH & USY

### Hebrew High & USY February Events

<b>2/6</b>	Hebrew High School
<b>2/13</b>	USY—Teen Talk with Keshet: LGBTQ+ Allyship/Inclusion
<b>2/20</b>	NO HHS or USY—Winter Break
<b>2/22</b>	NO HHS or USY—Winter Break

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Cantor Shiovitz  
Rabbi Kane

#### USY Advisor:

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## FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PTA



# MissChocolate

## Fundraising

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OR

Ask for the student's seller ID#, enter it at

<https://shop.misschocolate.com/>, and start shopping!

Kids collecting orders in person and/or on their online store can earn prizes for their sales!

#### 2. Order through CSI's online store **HERE**

#### 3. Stop by the CSI main office (please call ahead at 914-762-2700!)

They have catalogs, order forms, and can accept cash or check payments

### ..... A FEW NOTES: .....

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(on the left-hand side of the page)

##### CATALOG A

Items ship to CSI in time for Passover and SHIPPING IS FREE.

##### CATALOG B

Items ship to your home and there will be a **SHIPPING CHARGE**.

#### **PAYMENT BY CHECK—**

Please make your check payable to "CSI RS PTA"

#### **QUESTIONS?**

Email [CSIRSPTA@gmail.com](mailto:CSIRSPTA@gmail.com)



**SALE ENDS MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>**





## AFGHAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

**The CSI Afghan Refugee Resettlement Committee is fully engaged in preparing to host a family in our community this month.** Our efforts were recently recognized and boosted with a grant of \$5,000 from the Westchester Jewish Coalition for Immigration and the UJA-Federation.

This grant brings us closer to our fundraising goals, but there is still much to do.

We would love for you to join us.

### Here's how you can help:

**Housing Committee:** We are looking for leads on affordable two- or three-bedroom apartments or small houses in the Ossining area. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for housing by emailing us at [resettlement@csibriarcliff.org](mailto:resettlement@csibriarcliff.org).

**Furnishings and Housewares Committee:** Many congregants have generously donated beautiful furnishings – thank you! We are still identifying needed items. View our list [here](#). Please email [Linda Kingsbury](mailto:Linda.Kingsbury@csibriarcliff.org) to donate or sign up to help.

USED furniture (except mattresses, which must be new) and items for the kitchen, bath, laundry, and broom closet.

NEW sheets, towels, clothing, toiletries, groceries, and cleaning supplies -- and mattresses.

AMAZONSMILE WISH LIST – once we know the makeup of the family, we will be sending out an

AmazonSmile Wish list (½% of each purchase goes back to CSI) for toiletries and other new items.

Look for information and a link from CSI soon.

DRIVERS & SCHLEPPERS – volunteers needed for move-in day, including vans.

**Driving Committee Chair and Drivers:** We need a chair to oversee and schedule driving needs for the family. We also need drivers. This might include rides to doctors' appointments, job interviews or the grocery store. If you are interested, please email [resettlement@csibriarcliff.org](mailto:resettlement@csibriarcliff.org).

**Community Committee Co-Chair:** Co-chair needed to help orientate family to the community, which may include creating a Welcome Book, getting a library card, navigating public transportation and grocery stores. If interested email [Lauren Thaler](mailto:Lauren.Thaler@csibriarcliff.org).

**Donations:** We are close! Your donations are appreciated! [DONATE HERE](#)



# WELCOMING THE STRANGER

This year on March 4th and 5th, CSI, in partnership with WJCI and HIAS, is excited to participate in Refugee *Shabbat*.

**Refugee *Shabbat*** is a moment for congregations, organizations, and individuals in the United States and worldwide to dedicate a *Shabbat* experience to refugees and asylum seekers. Last year, over 30 synagogues in Westchester observed Refugee *Shabbat* and the results were a huge success. We are exploring speakers and learning opportunities for a meaningful experience. Information to follow.

**THANK YOU** to all the volunteers and congregants who have supported this committee.

We continue to be inspired by your commitment and involvement. If you haven't yet been involved and would like to be, please reach out to [Abbe Marcus](mailto:Abbe.Marcus@csibriarcliff.org) (845-494-9288), [Julie Peskoe](mailto:Julie.Peskoe@csibriarcliff.org) (914-772-0396) or [resettlement@csibriarcliff.org](mailto:resettlement@csibriarcliff.org).

Rabbi Kane with CSI members  
Abbe Marcus, Julie Peskoe, Linda Kingsbury



**WE ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO EXPANDING CSI'S SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS. IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS OR ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, PLEASE EMAIL [Judy Boehr](mailto:Judy.Boehr@csibriarcliff.org) OR CALL 914-762-1984.**

## 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](mailto:Judy.Boehr@csibriarcliff.org) (762-1984).



## SISTERHOOD NEWS



***Purim* begins on Wednesday, March 16th  
and Sisterhood's *Mishloach Manot* Fundraiser starts now!**

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 emailed with all the details on how to participate.
- ♦ These letters include YOUR special code for online ordering.
- ♦ This is Sisterhood's largest fundraiser and it enables Sisterhood to cover costs for essential projects at CSI.
- ♦ It's fun, it's delicious and it's so easy to participate!

**ORDER BY March 9th AT 5PM.  
PICK-UP INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO EVERYONE.**

**Contact the office with any questions. We're happy to help!**



## SISTERHOOD NEWS-continued

### PLANNING IS UNDERWAY FOR OUR SISTERHOOD *SHABBAT* SATURDAY, MAY 7th

We hope that everyone will join us, either live or via live stream, for what we know will be a beautiful and meaningful service.

Members comfortable attending live are essential to making this event a success and are needed to participate at all levels.

Please email Gail Sider by March 1st and let her know if you would like a speaking part or a non-speaking part.

If you are seeking a speaking part, please indicate whether you are volunteering for English or Hebrew.

And we particularly need you, Torah readers!

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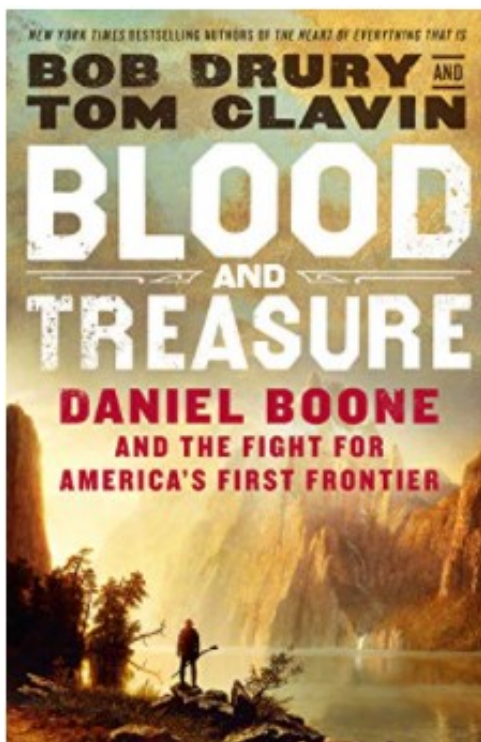


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## MEN'S CLUB



Our next book club meeting is on Thursday, February 10th at 7:30pm. We will be discussing **Blood and Treasure** by Bob Drury and Tom Clavin.

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, February 8th  
at 7:30pm.

Contact [Suzanne Haber](#) for further information.

# FEBRUARY 2022 / 30 Shevat - 27 Adar I

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>NS=Nursery School</b> <b>RS=Religious School</b> <b>JITN= Jews In The News</b> <b>C/L=Candle Lighting Time</b>		<b>1 30 Shevat</b>  <b>11:15am JITN</b>  <b>7:30pm Education Comm. Zoom</b>	<b>2 1 Adar I</b>	<b>3 2 Adar I</b>  <b>8am Minyan Zoom</b>  <b>11am Contemporary Issues &amp; The Talmud Zoom</b>	<b>4 3 Adar I</b>  <b>6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and Zoom</b>  <b>C/L 4:58pm</b>	<b>5 4 Adar I</b>  <b>9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and Livestream</b>  <b>10:45am Junior Congregation-RS Grades 3-7</b>  <b>Terumah</b>
<b>6 5 Adar I</b>  <b>9:15am Minyan Zoom</b>	<b>7 6 Adar I</b>  <b>8am Minyan Zoom</b>  <b>7:30pm Sisterhood Board</b>  <b>7:30pm Learn to Chant Haftarah</b>  <b>8:45pm Talmud on site and Zoom</b>	<b>8 7 Adar I</b>  <b>11:15am JITN</b>  <b>7:30pm Pride Committee</b>  <b>7:30pm Second Generation Survivors</b>	<b>9 8 Adar I</b>	<b>10 9 Adar I</b>  <b>8am Minyan Zoom</b>  <b>10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion Group</b>  <b>11am Contemporary Issues &amp; The Talmud Zoom</b>	<b>11 10 Adar I</b>  <b>6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and Zoom</b>  <b>C/L 5:06pm</b>	<b>12 11 Adar I</b>  <b>9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and Livestream</b>  <b>10:30am Chavurah Family Service</b>  <b>10:45am Junior Congregation-RS Grades 3-7</b>  <b>8pm Jewish Music Through the Ages</b>  <b>Tetzaveh</b>
<b>13 12 Adar I</b>  <b>9:15am Minyan Zoom</b>  <b>11:15am Keshet/LGBTQ+ Teen Event</b>	<b>14 13 Adar I</b>  <b>8am Minyan Zoom</b>  <b>11:30 Women's Torah Study w/Rabbi Jan Uhrbach</b>  <b>7:30pm Learn to Chant Haftarah</b>  <b>8:45pm Talmud on site and Zoom</b>	<b>15 14 Adar I</b>  <b>11:15am JITN</b>  <b>7:30pm CSI Exec. Comm.</b>	<b>16 15 Adar I</b>  <b>7pm Caring Community</b>	<b>17 16 Adar I</b>  <b>8am Minyan Zoom</b>  <b>11am Contemporary Issues &amp; The Talmud Zoom</b>	<b>18 17 Adar I</b>  <b>6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and Zoom</b>  <b>C/L 5:15pm</b>	<b>19 18 Adar I</b>  <b>9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and Livestream</b>  <b>Ki Tisa</b>
<b>20 19 Adar I</b>  <b>NO RS</b>  <b>9:15am Minyan on site and Zoom</b>	<b>21 20 Adar I</b>  <b>NO NS</b>  <b>8am Minyan Zoom</b>  <b>8:45pm Talmud on site and Zoom</b>	<b>22 21 Adar I</b>  <b>NO NS</b> <b>NO RS</b>  <b>11:15am JITN</b>  <b>7:30pm CSI Board of Trustees</b>	<b>23 22 Adar I</b>  <b>NO NS</b>	<b>24 23 Adar I</b>  <b>NO NS</b> <b>8am Minyan Zoom</b>  <b>10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion Group</b>  <b>11am Contemporary Issues &amp; The Talmud Zoom</b>	<b>25 24 Adar I</b>  <b>NO NS</b>  <b>6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and Zoom</b>  <b>C/L 5:23pm</b>	<b>26 25 Adar I</b>  <b>9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and Livestream</b>  <b>Vayakhel</b>
<b>27 26 Adar I</b>  <b>NO RS</b>  <b>9:15am Minyan on site and Zoom</b>	<b>28 27 Adar I</b>  <b>8am Minyan Zoom</b>  <b>7:30pm Five Things w/Rabbi Kane</b>  <b>8:45pm Talmud on site and Zoom</b>					



## LIFE CYCLE EVENTS



CELEBRANT	Date	Age
Meia Rappaport	1	12
Evan Staines	6	1
Natalie Staines	6	1
Emily Schiz	7	2
Lia Sukonnik	12	3
Jonathan Hamra	23	3



CELEBRANTS	DATE	YEARS
Barry & Gretta Seidel	1	36
Asher & Susan Banks	4	54
Steven & Linda Kavee	6	35
Henry & Barbara Schoenfeld	12	46
Michael & Bryna Sweedler	17	59
Richard & Jane Taffet	19	38
Mark & Elyse Kovler	19	39
Andrew & Julie Peskoe	21	35

**Mazal Tov to:** Carol and Tom Neuman on the birth of their granddaughter, Olivia Vail Pawlowsky.

**Mazal Tov to:** Robyn and Cantor Jeffrey Shiovitz on the birth of their granddaughter, Maya Rose Lemonik.

**Condolences to:** Sharman Propp on the loss of her father, Theodore Propp.

**Condolences to:** Eleanor Frey on the loss of her husband, Dr. Michael Frey.

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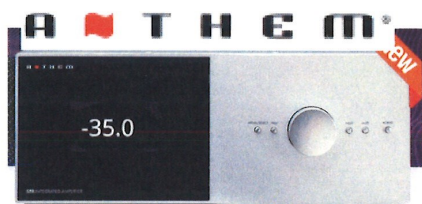
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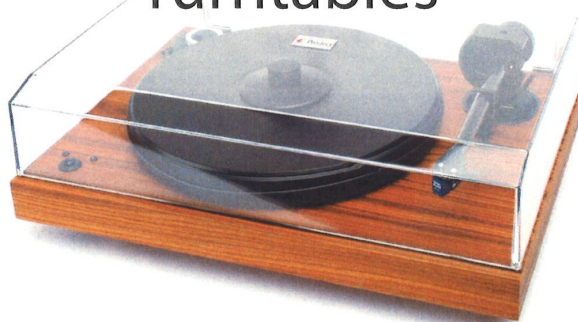


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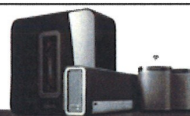
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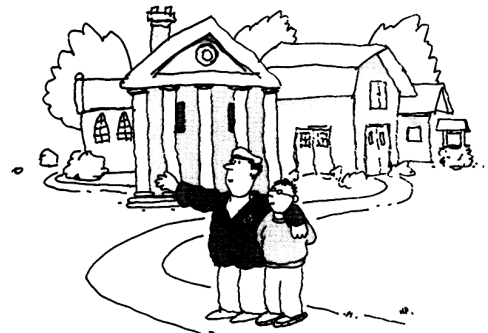
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