

# Congregation Sons of Israel THE MYERS FAMILY CAMPUS

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**JANUARY 2021** 

17 Tevet - 18 Shevat

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#### **Congregation Sons of Israel**

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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 welcoming participatory environment. We are a caring community committed to lifelong Jewish learning, the observance of mitzvot, meaningful prayer and charitable deeds. promote spiritual, cultural and social connections within our community, to the State of Israel, and to Jews worldwide.

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# THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM

# We are proud to share that CSI won THREE awards at the December 7th USCJ/METNY Installation and Awards Ceremony!

Long-time CSI member **Irwin Kavy** won the Rothschild Award in recognition of **outstanding synagogue leaders** throughout the Conservative movement from our METNY region.

This region is comprised of the five Boroughs of NYC, Nassau Suffolk, Rockland and Putnam Counties as well as Greenwich, CT. Our nominee rose to the top of a very large pool!

**The Schechter Awards** are given in recognition of synagogues that have developed unique, creative and dynamic initiatives or programs that enhance the life of the synagogue. This year's categories focused specifically on areas relating to the pandemic.

CSI won a **GOLD** award in the category of **Early Childhood Center for our Nursery School and our Director, Naomi Elyachar.** The CSI Nursery School provides an innovative, creative and safe on-site program for children aged 2 - 4 using outdoor and indoor classrooms. Naomi, working with our Nursery School, Organic Farm and Custodial staff along with member volunteers, created a unique



and truly Award-Winning early childhood experience.

CSI won a **BRONZE** award in the category of **Adult Education and for Rabbi Kane**. The award was a special recognition of our *Elul* program offerings in preparation for the High Holidays. Rabbi Kane, Cantor Shiovitz and members of the CSI family stepped up to teach classes and run programs remotely when outreach and connection was most crucial.





## FROM THE RABBI Steven C. Kane



As we enter the secular new year, many have said how grateful they are that the year 2020 is over. Indeed there is a famous Yiddish saying (concerning the other new year, Rosh HaShanah), "May the old year end with its curses, and the new year begin with its blessings." Yet one never knows where blessings (or curses) will come from, and indeed at times it is a curse itself that will bring with it a blessing. With that in mind I'd like to tell you the story of Israel Abraham Burla.

Israel Abraham Burla was born in the city of Salonika, Greece in 1961. Salonika is a port city in Greece and before WWII the Jewish community of Salonika was the center of commerce in the city, so much so that the port was closed on Shabbat. Out of the 60,000 Jews of the city, 50,000 were murdered by the Nazis. Israel Abraham Burla's family was one of the few Jewish families who survived, having been hidden during the war.

Israel Abraham became known as Albert, and he grew up and studied medicine, receiving a doctorate in reproductive biotechnology from the Aristotle University in Salonika. At the age of 34 he moved to the United States, married and had two children. It was in America that he joined the Pfizer Pharmaceutical company, becoming the head of global vaccines. In 2019 he was appointed CEO of Pfizer. As we all know by now, the past year has seen Pfizer become the first company to develop a vaccine for Covid 19, a vaccine that is making it possible for people around the world to successfully fight the Coronavirus.

Is there a "curse" in history that was worse than the attempted genocide of our people? For many who survived the holocaust the decision to bring children into the world was a great act of faith. In spite of all that they had witnessed and experienced, they still felt that life was worth perpetuating. They understood that while life may bring with it terrible, terrible curses, there are always new possibilities and opportunities for blessings. Imagine that, the child of Holocaust survivors heads an effort that will save millions of lives around the world!

In the coming year we will attempt to put our lives and community back together. Families that have not seen each other except on Zoom will be reunited. Synagogue programs and services will no longer need to be held (exclusively) remotely, and we will once again enjoy in person classes, lectures and meals. Indeed, let the old year leave with its curse of Covid-19 and the new year begin with the blessing of us all getting vaccinated. Let us thank not only Albert Burla for what he has given to the world, but also his parents for having faith in humanity in spite of the holocaust.

B'vracha (with blessings),

L'hitraot,

Rabbi@csibriarcliff.org

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## CANTORIAL NOTES Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



I love all types of Jewish Music. Some I like more than others. I really love Jewish themed rock n' roll. When I was a student in Cantorial school at the Jewish Theological Seminary, I had a part time job in the International USY office in New York. My job was to direct the USY Bookmobile as it traveled around the country selling Jewish books to synagogues and Jewish teens. It turns out that the job was a one year appointment as the Bookmobile died that year. Literally. It was no longer able to run. However, in December of 1979, the Bookmobile and I attended the USY International Convention in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. At this convention, I met a young Cantor who was performing with his Jewish rock n' roll band, Safam. They were great! I loved their music and I made a new friend. Robbie Solomon looked a little like James Taylor and sang a little like him, too.

Robbie Solomon will be performing in concert on Saturday night, January 30th at 8pm. Robbie is an internationally known composer of Jewish Music. His stirring anthem "Leaving Mother Russia" became the rallying cry of the Soviet Jewry movement and established him as an important musical interpreter of Jewish

conscience. He has since written hundreds of Jewish songs and has become a sought after concert performer. Robbie has written some of my favorite Songs. He has performed throughout the United States and Canada as well as Israel and Europe. Robbie is an ordained Cantor who studied at Hebrew Union College, the Rubin Academy in Jerusalem, Berkeley College of Music and the New England Conservatory in Boston.

I know you will love him and hope you can join us for what promises to be a wonderful evening of Jewish Music on January 30th at 8pm. One of my favorite parts of our concerts has been the delicious desserts. Unfortunately, we will not be providing them this year. So, bring your own or have wine and cheese, sit back and enjoy. I look forward to seeing you all there. Happy New Year from my family to yours.

Cantor Jeffrey Shiovitz

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The Hazzn's Tish
Monday, 1/4 at 7:30 pm &
Monday, 1/25 at 7:30 pm

**REGISTER HERE** 

## CANTORIAL NOTES... continued

#### **JEWISH MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES**

Saturday, January 9th at 8pm

Debbie Friedman: A Retrospective on Her 10th *Yahrzeit* 

**REGISTER HERE** 



### HaMishpacha Virtual Program Tuesday, January 12th at 12:30-1:30pm

Join us for a VIRTUAL TOUR of the Illinois Holocaust Museum Exhibit "Notorious RBG" REGISTER HERE

### CSI PRESENTS A VIRTUAL EVENING OF MUSIC

FEATURING SINGER/SONGWRITER

## **ROBBIE SOLOMON**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30th at 8 PM



Robbie Solomon is a legendary composer of contemporary Jewish music. He is the lead singer and composer for the popular Jewish music group, SAFAM and his works have been performed and recorded by numerous cantors and choirs throughout the world.

For more information and to register, please click <u>HERE</u>.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT Clare Rosen



Individual grief is a part of our life processes, most of us have grieved for a loved one, family member or close friend. Yet we don't have to personally know the individual who died. Many of us experienced unbearable sadness when President Kennedy was assassinated, others grieved for John Lennon or the 7 astronauts who died during liftoff of the Space Shuttle Challenger.

The term *Collective Grief* was first used following the 9-11 terrorist attacks. As a nation we were in utter disbelief, paralyzed by what we thought was impossible. Our country was attacked on its own soil and therefore, we mourned the loss of control, security and power. Each of the past 19 years' anniversary we hear the names of those who died on 9-11 spoken by loved ones whose lives are forever changed. The nation changed after 9-11 as well.

Now COVID-19 has again paralyzed our nation. Our *Collective Grief* as a country is for the loss of independence, ability to be with family and friends and the loss of tens of thousands of individuals each day. We can't control what's happening around us. We are powerless, unable to stop the pandemic, a tsunami of disease. Most of us have been isolated in our homes and neighborhoods, fearful that we will transmit the virus or be infected by others. Thanksgiving came and went absent the traditional large family gathering, as did *Chanukah* and New Year's Eve celebrations. Even with the vaccine(s) to

protect us against COVID-19, death rates and illness continue, causing many to also experience *Anticipatory Grief*. We see that COVID-19 continues and there doesn't appear to be an end in sight.

CSI is a sanctuary for all of you. We have abundant zooms, webinars and other opportunities to help lessen the isolation most are experiencing. I realize that zoom is not a stand-in for face-to-face interactions, yet it brings us together safely. We can pray together, sing together, learn together and even shop together. Our own Robin Ginsberg did an excellent QVC impersonation selling the beautiful items from the CSI Giftshop at last month's *Chanukah* sale sponsored by the Sisterhood.

Activities, programs, classes are all listed on the CSI calendar and also announced via emails, the monthly bulletin and the weekly *Shabbat Shalom*. Every member can find at least one to join. Being "together" is healthy for all.

Clare E. Rosen
President
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The Westchester Jewish Council

is a wonderful local organization which provides a great variety of programs and support.

Check out their website here.

## FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR Naomi Elyachar



When I began my position at CSI in July, the first task I gave myself was to call each family who may be interested in re-enrolling for this school year and explain my plans to safely reopen our nursery school in the fall. And even before my first official day, I spoke with each of the teachers as well. Along the way, I had many conversations with our executive board members and the Rabbi. I heard many of the same questions from each of these conversations: what if we have to shut school down and become a virtual program? What if this year ends up like last year? If the plan is to be outside what will you do when it gets cold outside or when it rains? What will happen if my child has a runny nose or if someone comes down with COVID-19?

The truth was, I did not really know how to answer these questions. I could sense everyone's anxiety around the unknown and had many of my own as well. But I knew that if we allowed ourselves to be guided by our values rather than by our anxieties, we could do our best to make the seemingly impossible become possible. Our anxieties were all of the questions we were asking one another. Our values, though, were stronger. Collectively as a school community, we value education. We value showing our children that this world is a safe place and that there are people who can care for us outside of our own families and homes. We value being a part of a community and taking care of one another. We value showing our children that we can persevere in hard times.

Likewise, I also worried about a school shut down or individual classes closing repeatedly. I kept telling myself, "if we can get through six weeks in person, this will be worth it." Then, "if we can just make it to Thanksgiving, we will have done something incredible!" And now, we have made it to the end of 2020 and it really has been incredible.

I am constantly in touch with our school families and time and time again see how they each prioritize the collective good of our school over their individual needs. Through these actions, we have come together as a community like never before. I know this will continue through to next year as well. I am so proud of the work we have done here thus far and am honored to be a part of our school community.

Naomi Elyachar Nursery School Director Naomi.Elyachar@csibriarcliff.org

THANK YOU TO
THE SIEGER FAMILY
FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATION
TO THE
RACHEL GREENSTEIN CHILDREN'S
RESOURCE LIBRARY FUND

Nursery School Book Wish List



We have created a book wish list to help add to the Nursery School's library. We would be so appreciative of any books as gifts during this holiday season (and beyond!) if you are in a position to give. We would love to expand our library to enhance our educational program at the school!

Link to: **Book Wish List** 

## FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

A hearty congratulations to Naomi and our nursery school teachers and staff on receiving the METNY Solomon Schechter Gold Award for their innovation and planning in response to the pandemic! We are so proud and grateful to be able to send our children to this amazing school, and be surrounded by such talent and dedication from our teachers and staff. Mazel Tov on this incredible award!

We wish all of our nursery school families, teachers and staff a happy and healthy new year!

Farewell and good riddance 2020, HELLO 2021!

CSI NS Parents Association csinspa@gmail.com

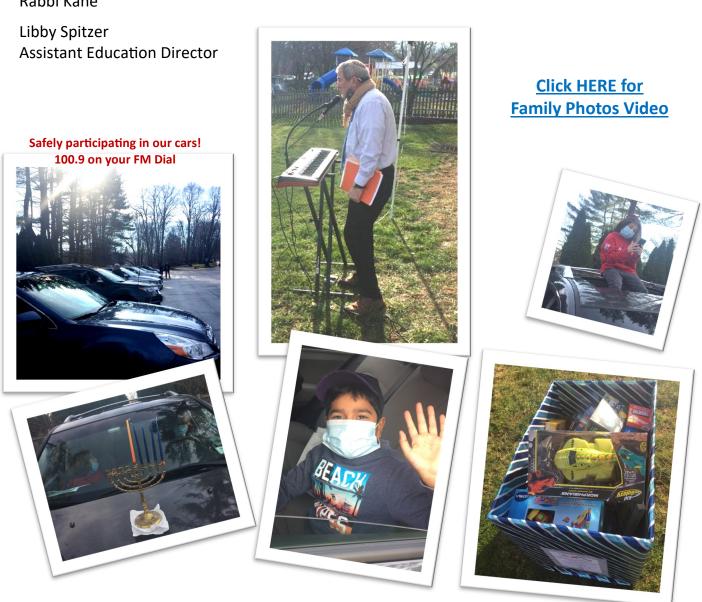


## FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

On Sunday, December 13th, our Religious School Chanukah Drive-In was perfect in every way! It was a sunny warm day, and our CSI parking lot was filled with smiling, happy faces on a wonderful Chanukah morning. In our cars, families sang Chanukah songs, opened Chanukah gift bags, played a fun Kahoot game, and ate yummy sufganiyot. Our generous families brought unopened toys and games for local children in need. We saw our beautiful families in a Chanukah video. The morning ended with a community lighting of individual Chanukah menorahs on the hoods of the cars and of our beautiful CSI menorah.

We want to thank everyone who came, and we hope it brought some Chanukah light and warmth to the holiday. Thank you to the teachers, teens, Ellen Johnson, Irwin Kavy, Fred Schulman, Global Security and Andy Polay, Brian Gelfand, and Barry Spitzer who created the Chanukah photo video.







#### **GREETINGS FROM THE CSI ORGANIC FARM!**

We've wrapped-up the 2020 season with a few harvests of the more hearty greens (bok choy, chard, spinach, lettuce and brussel sprouts) to offset the diet of our chicken flock. We've put the planting beds to rest with a final weeding and hilling up, cleaning leaves, coating our main paths with a fresh layer of wood chips and performing other general maintenance tasks. All just in time for our first significant snowfall.

Stats, as of the middle of December, include a total harvest of 3,578 lbs. (109% of last year's total) with 1,205 lbs. (33%) donated, 429 lbs. sold to restaurants, 441 lbs. offsetting the feed for our chicken flock (now at 22 hens) and most of the balance sold at our farm stand. 930 lbs. of our donations went to the Ossining Children's Center.

Our new chicks have matured into hens and are beginning to provide us with eggs, though production is low at this time of year given the short daylight hours and lower temperatures.

Keep in mind that the picnic area and nature path are open for your enjoyment and can be accessed at the back right of the building past the chicken coop. Weather permitting it's a great location for a lunch break out of the house.

Please let us know if you have comments or suggestions for items to grow next year or would like to get involved. We're looking for a handful of folks to form a greenhouse team in the spring time and help to nurture our summer transplants.

#### **CSI VINEYARD UPDATE**

In mid September, we harvested the grapes remaining after birds gorged themselves. With the help of Fred Schulman, David Levitt, John Chambal, Michael Kirsch, Larisa Wayne Paulmeno and my sons, Michael and Adam Stern, we purchased a supply of Marquette grapes from Double A Vineyards to supplement our production.

We employed a crusher/destemmer machine to prepare the grapes for fermentation which was done over a ten (10) day period in the meat kitchen. The fermented must (crushed fruit juice) was then inoculated to begin malolactic (secondary) fermentation and was pumped into a 225 liter oak barrel and several glass containers which are currently stored in an unused classroom while the wine matures. On December 13th we racked the wine (pumped it through a filter to remove sediment) and returned it to the oak barrel. Assuming all goes well, the plan is to bottle much of the wine in late March and the balance in late summer to meet Passover and New Year demands.

Help will be needed in February to prune the vines in preparation for next year's harvest. If you're interested, please email me at sternab@aol.com.

- Aaron Stern









Photos courtesy of David Levitt



### USY/KADIMA—Andrea Bromberg, Advisor

Hebrew High School is happening for 8th-12th graders!

We meet every other Sunday from 11:15-12:15. As it gets colder outside, we will move our classes inside. Masks will be worn and social distance will be enforced.

#### Come join us!

Have questions? E-mail Andrea at <u>csiusy@csibriarcliff.org</u> or speak to a USY board member!

- Want METNY updates on your phone? Text @metnyu to 81010 for reminders.
- Click here to register for upcoming virtual events with USY
- USY has a limited number of \$3,000 RootOne vouchers to help fund teen travel to Israel
  in the summer of 2021. They're already over 60% full so if you want to travel to Israel
  with USY, clink the link above to put down your \$100 deposit.

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



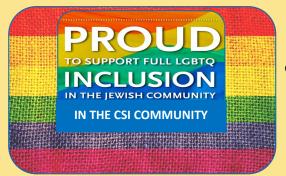


Our next book club meeting is on Thursday, January 14th at 7:30pm. We will be discussing <u>The Indomitable Florence Finch</u> by Robert Mrazek.

Contact Alan Grotenstein for further information.

agrotenstein@gmail.com

### 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.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 12th at 7:30pm



### CSI Sponsored Christmas Meal Distribution - Pandemic Style Robin Ginsberg and Melissa Kogan

On December 24, 2020, the Annual CSI Sponsored Christmas Dinner at First Presbyterian Church in Ossining was transformed by a small group of volunteers into a meal distribution event. Thanks to the generosity of almost 90 congregants and school families, we raised over \$6,000 and were able to purchase 200 delicious turkey dinners from Orfino's Restaurant in Briarcliff, 600 cookies from the Briarcliff Bakery and gift cards to C-town and Stop & Shop. An additional 250 cookies were donated by the Ossining Bakery. There was an abundance of toys for the children and grandchildren donated in part by the CSI Nursery school families.

The distribution took place over a 2 hour period with everyone wearing masks and respecting social distances. The recipients were very appreciative for all they received. They were grateful they we didn't let a little Covid stand in our way.

Thanks to Susan Code and Debby Kittay-Parker for being the "toy ladies" every year. Special thanks to David and Gabby Kogan for their dedication to this event every year. Special thanks to Tyler Martin for delivering meals to homebound families.

Special thanks to Duna Fullerton, our friend from First Presbyterian Church for helping us out and to Lindsay Joyce, the office manager from the church for her assistance.

And thanks to the generosity of our CSI family, we have enough money remaining to run a second meal distribution in the next few months.



Supermarket gift cards, delicious meals, and toys which were put into beautiful gift bags.









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The Reverend Shaun Ellison Jones, Pastor

December 3, 2020

Judy Boehr Congregation Sons of Israel 1666 Pleasantville Road Briarcliff, NY 10510

Dear Friends:

We are grateful for your donation of an abundance of Turkeys provided for the Thanksgiving holiday to assist and support persons in our community.

Star of Bethlehem has been serving the Ossining Community for many years. Your donation helps us to continue to offer assistance to those within our congregation and community. Because of the economic change of Northern Westchester County, we have witnessed an increased number of people needing assistance and we will continue to provide services to the

Thank you again for your highly valuable support and your generous donation.

Sincerely

Reverend Shaun Ellison Jones, M.DIV

The Ossining Food Pantry is

seeking our help feeding our hungry neighbors. Currently they distribute bags of food on Tuesdays from 12pm-2pm at the Trinity Church in Ossining. Three or four volunteers are there each week, and they are looking to add to this crew. (You wouldn't have to be there every week if there is a positive response.) We could help them at this existing time or, better yet, help them institute a new time slot to serve people. Social distancing applies. The system is in place; we'd just help to make it happen. This is a great way to enhance our longtime commitment to the Ossining Food Pantry. If you would like to be involved in this effort or other social action projects, Contact Judy Boehr (914-762-1984) (tanglewoodtoots@juno.com) or Janis Golubock (jgolubock@yahoo.com).

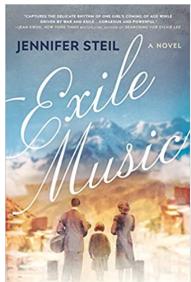
## **CARING COMMUNITY - Judy Boehr, Chairperson**

We don't see each other in person very much these days, but that doesn't mean we don't care. The Caring Community continues to respond to our congregants' needs. A phone call when you've had a loss, a check-in for seniors and others who need a friendly hello, and delivery of delicious meals if you are sick are just a few of the ways we reach out to help. If you have a caring need, let the office know or contact Judy Boehr.

We are hoping to broaden our committee membership to help spread good cheer within our community. The time commitment is small, but the rewards are great. Join us!

Contact Judy Boehr (914-762-1984) tanglewoodtoots@juno.com.

#### SISTERHOOD NEWS



#### **BOOK CLUB**

Sunday, January 24th

from 4:00-5:30 pm via ZOOM

"Exile Music" by Jennifer Steil



Based on an unexplored slice of World War II history, *Exile Music* is the captivating story of a young Jewish girl whose family flees refined and urbane Vienna for safe harbor in the mountains of Bolivia.

"Gorgeous and lyrical, *Exile Music* captures the delicate rhythm of one girl's coming of age while driven by war and exile. Heart-wrenching, tender and powerful." —Jean Kwok, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Searching for Sylvie Lee* 

"This riveting, elegantly rendered coming-of-age story sheds light on the community of Jewish refugees who found sanctuary in La Paz, Bolivia. With vivid historical details and unforgettable characters, *Exile Music* captures the heartbreak of exile, the painful scars of survival, and the redemptive power of art."

—Amy Gottlieb, author of *The Beautiful Possible* 

Please RSVP to Roberta Bar-Levav rbarlevav@gmail.com

#### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN SISTERHOOD!

Please mail a check for \$36.00 (\$54 for non-CSI members) payable to: CSI SISTERHOOD. to Annleah Berger, 10 Charlotte Court, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y. 10510. Please include your name, address, email address and telephone number.

Sisterhood is offering <u>complimentary membership</u> to any CSI members or school families who have not previously joined Sisterhood.

Please contact Robin Ginsberg <a href="mailto:robsamg@optonline.net">robsamg@optonline.net</a>

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Barbara Schoenfeld, Chairperson**

# A VIRTUAL EVENING OF COMEDY with

JOEL CHASNOFF

Saturday, February 13th at 8pm

HERE is a taste of Joel's comedy. It's clean, creative and hilarious.



Join us as we welcome world renowned comedian Joel Chasnoff.

Joel has opened for Jon Stewart and has also served in a combat unit of the Israeli army. Originally from Chicago he is a day school graduate and former camp counselor in the Young Judea and Ramah movements.

Joel is the author of the comedic memoir <u>The 188th Crybaby Brigade</u> about his tour of duty in the Israeli Army. He co-authored the cookbook Balaboosta with Israeli chef Einat Admony.

He began his career performing at Hillels on college campuses and has now appeared at more than 1,000 events world wide. He currently resides in Israel with his wife and four children.

\$18 per household \$54 per household with Sponsor recognition during the Zoom event and in the CSI Bulletin

**REGISTER HERE** 

Please contact Barbara Schoenfeld for more information.

<u>Bschoenfeld11@gmail.com</u>

## **JANUARY 2021 / 17 Tevet – 18 Shevat**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10 26 Tevet	11 27 Tevet	12 28 Tevet	13 29 Tevet	14 1 Shevat	15 2 Shevat	Shemot
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31 18 Shevat Minyan 9:15am						NS=Nursery School JITN= Jews In The News C/L=Candle Lighting Time

## We appreciate all of those who are serving on our Committees and the work they are doing on behalf of CSI.

#### \*New members are always welcomed\*

#### **2nd Generation Survivors Club**

If you are a child of Holocaust survivors, please consider joining this wonderful group. Whether you are seeking to keep their stories alive for the next generations, or you'd simply like to find comfort and camaraderie – please join us. Chair: Cheryl Katz (<a href="mailto:cabkatz@hotmail.com">cabkatz@hotmail.com</a>)

#### **Building & Grounds Committee**

It takes a lot to keep CSI running! This committee manages all of the properties of the Congregation and makes recommendations for the administration of the properties, and rules for their use. Chair: Irwin Kavy (ijkavy@gmail.com)

#### **Caring Community**

The CSI Caring Community has long been the standard-bearer for *Gemilut Chasadim* – Acts of Loving Kindness. Our volunteers are always there in times of need. Meetings are held at CSI on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. If you wish to help or know of someone in need please contact Judy. Chair: Judy Boehr (tanglewoodtoots@juno.com)

#### **Cemetery Committee**

The Cemetery is over 100 years old, contains an enormous wealth of CSI History and is a rich Classroom for our Hebrew School. It is where we periodically bury religious books and articles that cannot be merely thrown away. The Committee is currently working a recommendation to the Board that we revise the Constitution and sell plots, to raise necessary funds. Please reach out to Irwin if you would like to get involved in this effort. Chair: Irwin Kavy (ijkavy@gmail.com)

#### Choir

Our choir is a wonderful addition to our High Holiday services. Their beautiful melodies enhance our services. If you would like to lend your voice to the choir, then please contact the Chair – Judy Boehr. Chair: Judy Boehr (tanglewoodtoots@juno.com)

#### **Education Committee**

This Committee supervises the schools of the Congregation, determines policy, and formulates the rules and regulations for the administration of our schools. It provides support and guidance to the Educational Director, and oversees all CSI Schools, Youth Groups and Camps, provides a forum and secondary resource for parents and teachers, reviews curriculum, assists the PTAs, and dialogues with outside Conservative Jewish Educational organizations and associations. Please get involved in this extremely important committee!

Chair: Jill Greenstein (jillgreenstein@gmail.com)

#### **Fundraising Committee**

The Fundraising Committee identifies fundraising opportunities for CSI and develops projects to ensure that CSI has the funds to keep growing and thriving.

Chair: Eric Wrubel (ericwrubel@gmail.com)

#### **Membership Committee**

Membership is the lifeblood of any *shul*. This committee needs your help to reach out to potential new members and invite them to join us and to engage those who are part of the CSI family. Please help keep us vibrant and growing! Chair: Roberta BarLevav (<a href="mailto:rbarlevav@gmail.com">rbarlevav@gmail.com</a>)

#### Men's Club

Our award-winning Men's Club schedules regular events including Sunday morning *Minyan* Breakfasts, Texas Hold 'Em, book club, *Yom HaShoah* candle distribution, Scotch & Steak in the Sukkah and more. Join today! Chair: Jason Eidlitz (jshoedog@optonline.net)

#### **Organic Farm Committee**

Our news-making farm and associated programs will help to bring forth many important Jewish traditions and values related to ecology, agriculture, nutrition, healing/health, well-being, spiritual connection, social & environmental justice and the benefits of productive physical work. We are beginning to realize our vision of growing food and flowers to nourish our bodies and souls so get engaged in this exciting endeavor!

Chair: Ryna Lustig (<a href="mailto:rynalustig@gmail.com">rynalustig@gmail.com</a>) Farm Manager: David Levitt (<a href="mailto:David.m.Levitt@verizon.net">David.m.Levitt@verizon.net</a>)

#### **Pride Committee**

CSI's PRIDE Committee was established to create an embracing community and safe spaces for all of our members and guests, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. We are committed to educating and creating awareness around LGBTQ+ subjects through a variety of programs and collaborations. Everyone at CSI is welcome to join and help us create educational and social programming for allies and for members of the LGBTQ+ community, of all ages!

Chairs: Suzanne Haber (Shab2@optonline.net)

#### NS & RS PAs

Our PAs support our Nursery School and Religious School respectively. Get involved to help support our kids and keep them engaged throughout their journey!

NS email: csinspa@gmail.com

RS Chairs: Samantha Hawson (Samantha Hawson@yahoo.com) & Jenean Eichenholtz (J31K@aol.com)

#### **Ritual Committee**

The Ritual Committee is in charge of all religious services, ceremonies and rituals of the congregation, and sets the parameters for our services. It also appoints ushers and distributes Aliyot and other honors for Shabbat and holiday services

Chairs: Joel Neuberg (rebyoel@optonline.net) and Neil Schluger (ns311@columbia.edu)

#### **Sisterhood**

CSI Sisterhood welcomes all women of CSI to join. We are part of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, the largest synagogue-based women's organization in the world. Sisterhood offers social and educational programs throughout the year, including monthly Mah Jongg nights, speakers and a book club, our ever-popular Sisterhood *Shabbat* and much more. We support CSI with our annual *Purim Mishloach Manot* fundraiser and *Matanah*, the gift shop of CSI.

Chair: Robin Ginsberg (<a href="mailto:robsamg@optonline.net">robsamg@optonline.net</a>)

#### **Social Committee**

The Social Committee sponsors purely social activities for different age groups throughout the course of the year. With one goal in mind – fun for everyone – they are always looking for new ideas so don't be shy! Chairs: Barbara Schoenfeld (bschoenfeld11@gmail.com)

#### **Social Action Committee**

The Social Action Committee helps the broader community via our annual Christmas Dinner, food drives, clothing drives – whatever is needed; they reach out in all directions!

Chair: Judy Boehr (tanglewoodtoots@juno.com)

#### **Technology Committee**

We're tasked with: Finding ways to improve information on our website (offloading some work from the office), reviewing CSI's technology infrastructure and recommending improvements and, evaluating technology requests from other CSI committees.

Chair: Jack Zinn (<u>math.zinn@gmail.com</u>)

Seeking: Marketing/Communications, HTML/CSS, web design, networking and cloud, other general technical skills.



### **LIFE CYCLE EVENTS**

Condolences to: Bella Jacobson on the loss of her mother, Jenny Latowicki.

**Condolences to:** Allen Britvan on the loss of his father, Max Britvan.

Condolences to: Alan Sultan & Rabbi Yaffa-Shira Sultan on the loss of their father, former CSI member,

Toby Sultan (Ann z"l).

Condolences to: Marvin Gimpel and Lois Gimpel Shaukat on the loss of their wife and mother, Gladys

Gimpel.

Mazal Tov to: Susan & Ken Sankin on the wedding of their daughter, Lindsey, to Daniel Wallach.



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2	Barry & Gail Perlow	49
3	Vladimir & Marina Sukonnik	33
3	Leonard & Kathleen Levin	11
9	Joel & Iris Kazin	48
12	David & Georgia Keidan	51
14	Warren & Susan Altwerger	47
29	Stephen & Marsha Ackerman	54
29	Gary & Rachel Licht	8



Date	Celebrant	Age
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