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JANUARY 2022

28 Tevet - 29 Shevat 5782

JEWISH MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES
Saturday, January 8th at 8pm
NEW SYNAGOGUE MUSIC FROM ISRAEL
PART TWO: SHABBAT

FIVE THINGS...WITH RABBI KANE Monday, January 10th at 7:30pm THE JEWS & HOLLYWOOD

RABBI'S CIRCLE SPEAKER:
Sunday, January 30th at 5pm
SETH ROGOVOY
"BOB DYLAN: PROPHET, MYSTIC, POET"



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(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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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CSI SPONSORED CHRISTMAS DINNER. THANKS TO ALL!

- 36 donations enabled us to purchase 210 turkey dinners from Orfinos and 130 gift cards to C-town and Stop and Shop.
- 8 congregants donated homemade and store-bought desserts
- 4 congregants supplied a mini food pantry
- Toys and reusable grocery bags were donated
- 19 volunteers set up, distributed and cleaned up
- 80 adults and 29 children came to the Church
- Special thanks to Tyler Martin for making home deliveries
- Special thanks to Susan Code and Debby Kittay-Parker for being the "toy ladies"
- Special thanks to Duna Williamson from First



Robin Ginsberg & Melissa Kogan

Co-chairs, CSI Christmas Dinner

FROM THE RABBI Steven C. Kane



He was given the name Shabtai Zisel ben Avraham at his bris. His paternal grandparents had emigrated from Odessa in 1905 and his maternal grandparents were Lithuanian Jews who came to the United States in 1902. Born in Duluth, Minnesota in 1941, his parents moved to the town of Hibbing (where his mother Beatty was born) in 1947. The Jewish population was small, numbering only a few hundred people, with an Orthodox synagogue, Agudas Achim, serving as its center. Bobby Zimmerman, as he was then known, celebrated his Bar Mitzvah there in 1954. As a teenager he went to Camp Herzl, a Zionist summer camp in Wisconsin. Later, when he moved to New York City he would change his name to Bob Dylan.

Throughout his life Bob Dylan won many awards, including ten Grammy Awards, an Academy Award and a Golden Globe. However, the crowning achievement of Bob Dylan's life was being awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2016. It was awarded for "having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition". He was the first musician to win the Nobel Prize.

How much did Judaism influence Bob Dylan?
Were his children raised as Jews? Did he
compose any songs with specific Jewish content?
Is there a Jewish side to some of his most popular
and influential songs, such as "Blowin' in the
Wind", "Like a Rolling Stone" and "The Times
They Are a-Changin' "?

I think most of us, when we read about someone who has a relationship to Judaism, want to know more about it. The writer Seth Rogovoy has been at the forefront of investigating the "secret Jewish life" of many in the entertainment world, particularly rock musicians. He is active in the Jewish community, and was the founder and lay leader of The Southeast Berkshire Minyan in great Barrington, Mass. His articles often appear in the Forward, a paper that began as a daily Yiddish newspaper in 1897 (then called in Yiddish The Jewish Daily Forward) but today is an English online source for Jewish news and culture. Of all of the rock musicians that Seth has written about, his passion centers on the life and career of Bob Dylan. He has been called by the Religion News Service "American Jewry's greatest Dylan scholar", and is author of a book, "Bob Dylan: **Prophet Mystic Poet".**

In thinking about the lectures for this year's Rabbi's Circle series, I thought it would be interesting to delve into an area that we had never explored before. As a personal fan of Bob Dylan (I once wrote a paper for a college class on "Blood on the Tracks"), I am very excited to hear what Seth Rogovoy will teach us about his Jewish influences. Please join us, in person or on Zoom, as we explore the life of *Shabtai Zisel ben Avraham*, Bob Dylan.

L'hitraot

So C. Kan



Sunday, January 30th at 5pm

RABBI'S CIRCLE SPEAKER: SETH ROGOVOY
Writer, award-winning critic, book author, lecturer, teacher,
musician, and radio commentator.
"BOB DYLAN: PROPHET, MYSTIC, POET"

Open to all.

CANTORIAL NOTES Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



In this coming month, on January 16th-17th, we will celebrate the holiday of *Tu B'Shevat* (literally the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat), otherwise known as the holiday of the trees. The name derives from the fact that in Israel, this time of year is the very beginning of Spring, and the early signs of growth and regeneration may be seen all around. In Israel and in America as well, the Kabbalistic tradition of participating in a Tu B'Shevat Seder has re-emerged. Such a Seder emphasizes the importance of the natural world and uses red and white wine, fruit, and nuts as symbols of nature. Perhaps you attended the Seder put on by our Social Committee two long years ago, pre-pandemic. My wife Robyn and I also wrote a Tu B'Shevat Seder for the Women's League for Conservative Judaism in the late 1990's. (Check it out!)

Recently, *Tu B'Shevat* has also become synonymous with concern for the environment. The world we inhabit is in great jeopardy because of the way we have carelessly taken advantage of the natural resources of our forests, the destruction of the ozone layer, global warming, and various forms of pollution. These should be our most important causes before it is too late to reverse the trend we have begun.

The occasion of *Tu B'Shevat* makes it appropriate to focus on these important issues and address ourselves to them. Synagogues often schedule speakers on *Tu B'Shevat* to discuss environment and the dangers we have placed upon ourselves. This relatively minor holiday has become, in many places, a catalyst for action to save the earth.

On *Tu B'Shevat*, we take the time to glorify the natural world. But we must also consider the deeply rooted Jewish tradition that we are caretakers in God's world, not owners in our own right. We have a sacred responsibility to protect the earth and the other creatures that live on this planet. We have an obligation to preserve the environment for our own sake, for the sake of future generations, and for the sake of God, whose magnificent creation is so gravely threatened.

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JEWISH MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES

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NEW SYNAGOGUE MUSIC FROM ISRAEL PART TWO: SHABBAT MORNING



ZOOM LINK

FROM THE PRESIDENT Clare Rosen



In last month's Bulletin I wrote that we, as Jews, are reminded over and over to "welcome the stranger." I spoke about CSI's courage to speak out on behalf of the Afghan refugees.

In 1913 the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) was founded. The mission of the ADL is to "stop the defamation of the Jewish people, and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." That was written in 1913, yet it is as pressing today as it was then.

The ADL's Jewish values inform our work and the change we seek in the world. These values also guide the strategies and tactics of all of the ADL's programs and activities globally, nationally and locally.

These values are to:

- Have the **courage** to speak out.
- **Stand up** for the Jewish State of Israel.
- Show **respect** to those we work with.
- Embrace the power of **collaboration**.
- Believe in the power of **inclusion**.
- Observe the highest standard of integrity.
- Hold ourselves accountable.

Nearly 72 years later ADL founded the A World of Difference Campaign (AWOD) to "raise public awareness of prejudice and discrimination and to mobilize residents to challenge all forms of bigotry in their homes, schools, workplaces and communities."

Not long after, Jill Greenstein and I, along with two other clinicians responded to a group of students who were concerned about racism and bigotry in our school district. This was the late 80s, over two decades after the civil rights movement. The students put articles in the newspapers, went classroom to classroom to inform teachers, staff and students that prejudice and discrimination was at the tipping point. This remarkable group of students are now in their 40's, still shaking up the world.

Because their passion was contagious, Jill and I felt compelled to address their concerns. We raised funds from local churches and synagogues to attend the AWOD 5 day *Train the Trainer Program*. The mission of AWOD is "to empower people to recognize and address personal and institutional prejudice and discrimination, and to actively promote prejudice-free, inclusive schools and communities in which individual differences are respected and valued."

The very first training activity was to reflect on our own prejudices. Many in the training institute initially denied having prejudices against anyone. Until we all searched deep within ourselves to face these prejudices, we had to remain with this activity. It was heartwrenching. The next activity was to write down the words that define us. The position of each word was significant; e.g. Mother, wife, psychologist, friend, American Jew or maybe Jewish American. There was no right or wrong answer.

Fast forward to twenty years later when I was the Assistant Superintendent in a school district for seriously emotionally disabled and behaviorally disordered students. The teaching staff was 85 percent Caucasian, the security and support staff were primarily Black or Latina, as were the students. The divide between the faculty and support staff was huge. Again I was approached by the support staff complaining that the divide was too deep and wide to step across. They demanded that something be done, and without delay. Once more the ADL responded with a grant to another training program, A Workforce of Difference. "ADL's A WORKPLACE OF DIFFERENCE® anti-bias and diversity training program helps create an inclusive workplace environment that allows all employees to acquire skills critical to the future of an organization's success."

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FROM THE PRESIDENT -continued-

Three years ago, my granddaughter, then in 9th grade, applied to and was accepted into the ADLs *Peer Training Program*. This program trains middle and high school youth to actively promote inter-group dialogue, understanding and respect. The students go into classrooms to encourage the topic-based student discussions. The Peer Training Program is a credit-bearing "program." I am confident that she will help to make her school a better place, a place where open dialogue is not only encouraged, but accepted.

I'm so very proud of CSI's efforts to secure justice and fair treatment for all. If you haven't already joined in these efforts, you can do so now. Join the PRIDE committee, the Afghan Refugee committee, volunteer at the Opportunity Shop, deliver food from the farm to those in need, or donate clothing to needy people in our region. Doing any of these activities is a win-win. It's not only those who are helped, but the helpers also benefit.

Thank you for volunteering.

Happy New Year.



Thank you to those who supported the Cantor's Concert 34th Annual Program

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AN EVENING OF SONG WITH SINGER/SONGWRITER
JOSH WARSHAWSKY



FARMING IN JANUARY?!!

CSI's Farm and Community Garden is never asleep! The Farm Committee continues to meet and discuss how to continue to improve our services. This past summer we harvested more than 3,161 pounds of produce. 382 pounds (12%) were donated to Lifting Up Westchester's White Plains Soup Kitchen and to the Kol Ami Food Pantry. Jewish farming is not a new phenomenon. There is a strong history to farming, which is currently seen through the development of Jewish farms and food justice organizations, such as KOL Foods, Adamah, Urban Adamah, Hazon, the Jewish Farm School, Kayam, Grow and Behold, and EcoGlatt. These organizations are teaching Jewish values as related to food consumption and holiness.

We are on the forefront of these ideas! Our farm grows organic vegetables, flowers and grapes for wine!! What a wonderful opportunity we have to share and pass onto our children. Why not consider joining us? David Levitt, our farmer extraordinaire; Ryna Lustig, our creator; Fred Schulman, our farm maven (he grew up on a farm); Aaron Stern, our vintner; John Chambal, Chef to the Stars; and our many, many volunteers. We welcome all participants. You can help us grow crops, deliver crops, cut flowers for *Shabbat*, bottle wine, grow your own garden, etc. What a meaningful and Jewish experience.

Feel free to email us: Ryna Lustig or Jill Greenstein.

Thank You to the CSI Organic Farm from The Congregation Kol Ami Food Pantry Team

Dear David,

On behalf of the Kol Ami Food Pantry Team, I would like to say "Todah Rabah" to Congregation Sons of Israel for your generous donation of fresh produce. We packed about 30 bags of groceries yesterday for delivery and had about seven walk-in guests. Everyone was able to receive some fresh produce in their bags and we didn't have anything left over.

Thanks again.

Mary Ann Latona Nadler

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)

Women's Clothing & Shoes

Children's Clothing (4T & up)

Coats

Jackets

Sweaters

Scarves

Hats

Gloves

Belts

Ties

Pocketbooks

Wallets

Leather goods

Luggage

Backpacks

Jewelry & Watches

Tools

Sporting Goods

Collectibles

Judaica

Small Appliances (in working

order with ALL parts)

Lamps

Pictures/Art Work

Picture Frames

Coffee Table Books

Hard Cover Best Sellers

Vases

Crystal & China

Dishes

Silverware

Platters

Kitchenware

Pots & Pans

New Toys & Games

Gently Used Toys & Games

(clean & in working order)

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



As we come to the end of a calendar year, it is a wonderful time to reflect on what a positive start to school we have had this year. Our students have been learning, making connections, and experiencing joy. Our dedicated teachers come to work enthusiastically and set up thoughtful and innovative provocations and experiential activities for their students. And our families have been welcomed through our doors, making visible once again the warm community that is such a hallmark of our school. We have had school-wide family programs and even a CSI Hanukkah program that safely brought together all members of our community. All of this has happened despite the need to wear masks, visit the doctor regularly, and quarantine when necessary, and with the looming threat of Covid still around us.

It is also the time of year to look ahead at what's to come. Cold weather is upon us and Covid numbers continue to rise, but spring will come again, and I look forward to more opportunities for togetherness. I am hopeful, too, that at some point soon in 2022 vaccines

will be available to our younger children so that families with children under 5, including my own, can all breathe a sigh of relief and feel safer about resuming many normal activities.

As registration opens for a new school year, I hope that during this next year I will be able to focus more time and energy on not just the health and safety protocols of the school but also on an educational vision for the future of our nursery school. I would love to think that I can spend more of my time thinking about purposeful play, process-based art, emergent curriculum, a focus on Jewish values and tikkun olam, and supporting social-emotional growth and development than on masks, quarantines, and contact tracing.

Regardless of what 2022 throws our way, with many months of experience operating an early childhood program during a pandemic behind us, I do know that we will be able to have a positive learning and growing experience for our students whatever the circumstances.

Naomi Elyachar
Nursery School Director
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1/3	Schoolresumes
	Registration opens for the 2022-2023 school year
1/17	NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL

Grown-up and me Classes

Please join us with your littlest learners!

霖 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.

January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th February 1st, 8th, 15th

\$125 for all sessions \$95 for CSI members

Little Explorers

For toddlers ages 16-24 months

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

January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th February 2nd, 9th, 16th

\$200 for all sessions \$150 for CSI members





Classes will take place in a well-ventilated indoor environment. Grown-ups and parents of children in attendance must be vaccinated. In accordance with CSI Nursery School policies, participants must be up to date on childhood immunizations. Advance registration is required.

Please reach out to CSI Nursery School Director, Naomi Elyachar, with any questions.



11:00am-12:00pm

Stories, songs, & fun led by Judy Kane

For families with preschool aged - 2nd grade children, their siblings, and their parents/adults.

All are welcome!

FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear CSI Nursery School Families,

Despite the unpredictability this year presented, we came together strong as a community, enjoying many moments of joy and connection. As we close out 2021 we want to take this moment to reflect on the past several months and celebrate.

We kicked off the school year with a very busy September. We hosted a back-to-school playdate on our school playground and held a Parent Schmooze for the first day of school. PJ Library cosponsored a *Sukkot* celebration at Law Park Pavilion. Our children decorated pumpkins, listened to a PJ Library *Sukkot* story, and enjoyed a dance party. We hosted a *Simchat Torah* celebration with crafts, story time, a scavenger hunt, and dancing with Rabbi Kane and the Torah. A lot of fun was had all throughout the month!

In October, our families gathered for *Shabbat* on the farm. The evening began with a *tzedakah* project for seniors, followed by a *Kabbalat Shabbat* service and dinner for the entire family. It was heart-warming to see everyone gathered together for good food and conversation!

November was filled with many activities. Our Fall Soiree was a huge hit! More than 50 nursery school parents gathered at Woods Tavern Bar and Grill to enjoy a night out under the stars with food, drinks, and live music. Between our song dedications and silent auction, we raised \$3,000 towards future educational programming and supplies for our nursery school children! And plans are already underway for a Spring Soiree on Saturday, May 14th, 2022 - Save the date! We ended November filled with gratitude as nursery school families gathered with their children at the farm for a pre-Thanksgiving celebration with singing and snacks led by our wonderful director, Naomi Elyachar. We also provided our school children with Hanukkah gift bags filled with activities and yummy treats.

As we entered into December and celebrated Hanukkah, our students enjoyed a *Hanukkah*-themed puppet show sponsored by the PA with funds raised from our three fall fundraising events. In addition to our major fundraising from the Fall Soiree, we raised money with beautiful family mini photo shoots and class photo placemats. Our class placemats have quickly become a favorite item at the dinner table.

Last but certainly not least, we recognized the amazing efforts of our teachers by sponsoring three breakfasts at their monthly staff meetings and professional development days, which was met with warm gratitude. They are such a big part of our CSI family, and we are thrilled to be able to give them this small but meaningful token of our appreciation.

As you can see, it was a busy and exciting fall. We couldn't have done it without the incredible support of our director, Naomi, the CSI teachers, clergy and staff, and our amazing team of parent volunteers. We look forward to many more community programs and events this coming winter and spring. Stay tuned as we kick-off our Hot Topics Monthly Workshops for parents starting in January and welcome Science with Ilana in February.

As we get ready to welcome 2022, we wish you and your families a very joyous and healthy new year.

With gratitude, CSI Nursery School Parents Association csinspa@gmail.com



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR Wendy Segal



What's Your Name? Mine is Masha Shulamit bat Shimshon haKohen v'Yehudit.

Earlier this year, I saw on the news people protesting the death of someone allegedly at the hands of someone in law enforcement. Those at the rally were calling out, "Say his name!" They were demanding that those speaking at the event and those reporting it — and those charged with investigating the incident — use the victim's name so he would not become merely a statistic. Using someone's name helps us remember that each person is unique, valued, deserving of dignity. That person was once a baby, given a name by his or her loving parents.

Recently, I asked Rabbi Kane to help our arts specialist, Linda Levin, by writing out a list of each of our religious school student's Hebrew names in preparation for a project she was designing. I realized that most of our teachers have known most of our students since they were quite young, sometimes from the student's nursery school days, so the teachers tend to call the students by their well-known English names. In other religious schools, students are known primarily by their Hebrew names. I love this practice and hope to encourage the teachers to use their students' Hebrew names more often. If we don't use their Hebrew names while they're in religious school, most students only hear their Hebrew names at their bar/bat mitzvah and perhaps at their wedding. What a shame! Our Hebrew names should not be used **only** when we're born, when we die, and at a milestone moment or two in between.

Most parents give their children a Hebrew name to honor someone beloved in their family. For Ashkenazi families, it's usually a deceased relative. By using this relative's name for a new person, the memory of that relative lives on. The name is spoken. The parents get to tell the child a story or two about the person he or she was named after. We explain how we hope that child grows to emulate some of the finer qualities his or her namesake displayed in life. In Sephardic families, it's more common to name a baby after a living relative, again to honor that person and make sure their good name continues on to the next generation. If your religious school child does not have a Hebrew name (or if you're not sure what it is), please do speak with Rabbi Kane. It's never too late to give your child a Hebrew name.

A week or so ago, we read the Torah portion of Shemot, literally "names." The book of Exodus begins with a list of names of the sons of Jacob, the tribes who were released from slavery in Egypt. The midrash (Vayikra Rabba 32) asks why the Jews merited this redemption. The answer in part – and when a book of commentary asks a question, it almost always already has an answer in mind! – is that the Hebrews continued to speak their own language and give their children Hebrew names, even after hundreds of years in Egyptian captivity. Giving our children Hebrew names and using those names is at least as old as Sinai. Using our children's Hebrew names helps us maintain our unique identity. Over the next few weeks, I hope you find an opportunity to talk to your students about their Hebrew names, and I hope they will share their family stories with me!

Wendy Segal Religious School Director RSDirector@csibriarcliff.org

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Religious School Calendar

January

Saturday, 1/8 4:30-6PM **Religious School Family** *Havdalah* **Service** for all students and parents, kindergarten through 7th grade.

Click **HERE** for last month's email with the details.

Can't make it? Please let us know **HERE**.

NO SCHOOL for kindergarten through 6th grade

Sunday, 1/9
7th grade/Zayin students and parents
B'nai Mitzvah class with Rabbi Kane from 9-11AM

Junior Congregation (for 3rd-7th grades)

Saturday, 1/29 10:45AM-12PM

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*.

Looking ahead...

Mark your calendars with these dates for future Junior Congregation services:

February 12th

March 12th

April 2nd

A look at CSI RS in session!



CSI TUNIOR CONSTES





HEBREW HIGH & USY



Kol Hakavod to Shoshana Daly and Eden Rappaport, who participated in the Westchester Youth Alliance's annual Thanksgiving meal-pack for those in need.

Here are a few candy menorahs from our *Chanukah* event!

Who says you shouldn't play with your food?!





Hebrew High & USY January/February Events				
1/8	METNY Prom			
1/30	Briarcliff Fire Department Presentation w/ Q&A			
2/13	Keshet Workshop on LGBTQ Equality			

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE



I am happy to report that we all had a wonderful time on December 5, 2021 in our lovely Social Hall at CSI. We were very fortunate to have such a large turn-out with everyone who participated following strict Covid safety protocols.

The room was beautifully decorated with balloons and banners along the walls and around the room. We were initially greeted with the lovely, festive music of Brian Gelfand, who led us all in song. Rabbi Kane warmly welcomed everyone there. Then there were many, many fun activities for the kids. They could express their artistic talents in a myriad of ways – coloring in *Chanukah* magnets, making chain-link garlands, decorating a goodie bag with washable markers, crayons and stickers, getting a temporary *Chanukah* tattoo or even coloring on a special tablecloth with paint sticks or markers. The older kids got to make menorahs out of Legos or washi tape or they could play Chanukah Bingo or play with *Chanukah* Rubik's cubes.

We had a beautiful communal lighting of quite a few *Chanukiahs*, many of which people brought from their homes to share for this occasion. The blessings were led by Cantor Shiovitz and followed by some more heartfelt communal singing. We then announced the winners of the adult and kid's raffles, generously donated by *Matanah*, CSI's beautifully stocked gift shop.

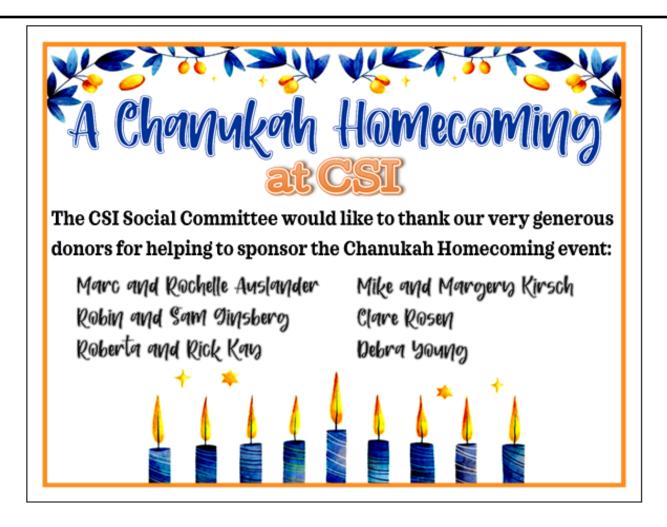
Although we had initially planned to serve hot latkes and cool *sufganiyot* at the event, we had to do a last minute Covid pivot. Since we needed to have everyone remain masked for the entire event, we sent home To-go bags instead. We even threw in some extra gelt, because who doesn't love chocolate gelt on *Chanukah*!

A special shout out has to go to the entire CSI community. All this was made possible by all of the time and effort that went into preparing for this event from the Social Committee, the clergy, Naomi from the Nursery school and Wendy and the teachers from the Religious school, the entire office staff and quite a few Board members. A special thank you to Sheera and the older kids for all of their assistance before, during and after, in making this a fun and safe event. On the day of the event there were many volunteers who did everything from wrap latkes and set up the To-go bags, to supervise the activity tables and help with the clean-up afterwards. Finally, special mention to Rosa. She is truly the one person without whom we could not have run this event so successfully. Her expertise and warmth truly made everything a pleasure.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next event,

Debra Young

SOCIAL COMMITTEE















CHANUKAH HOMECOMING





















































Thank you to everyone who donated coats and gloves for IFCA in Ossining. I brought them to the thrift shop there in the morning and had an email that same afternoon saying, "Thanks for the coat drive. We had a successful day with many happy customers!" The coat drive has ended because the thrift shop at IFCA is closing for the next few months.

WE ARE LOOKING TO EXPAND SOCIAL ACTION PROJECTS. IF YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS OR ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, PLEASE EMAIL <u>Judy Boehr</u> OR CALL 914-762-1984.

CSI Refugee Resettlement Committee

The CSI Refugee Resettlement Committee is preparing to welcome an Afghan refugee family here in Ossining (or nearby) in late January or early February. There is still more to do to create a welcoming and supportive community around the newly settled family. Whether you have a lot of time or a little, or no time, please join us. We need your help, your ideas, and your financial contributions. Here is a link to a <u>list</u> of ways to get involved in the work of the committee. We would love to find a way for you to join us. Here are a few immediate needs:

The <u>Housing Committee</u> is 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 resettlement@csibriarcliff.org.

The <u>Furnishings and Housewares Committee</u> is beginning to identify items for the apartment now!

- 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.

We expect to have only about 2 weeks' notice of the family's size and composition before they arrive. We cannot yet determine the quantity or size of each item that will be needed. But our hope is that if people sign up in advance, we can have options in place -- so that we can act quickly when we get more information, and the apartment is rented. The committee will also need drivers, schleppers, and a van to move donated items into the rented home.

PLEASE DO...Think about what you'd like to donate, and view our wish list on this Refugee Supplies Spreadsheet. Kindly Contact Linda Kingsbury (fieldstreetfour@gmail.com) to sign up for what you'd like to donate and your availability to help with the move.

PLEASE DO NOT...Purchase any items until we confirm with you that we need them or bring any items to CSI until we confirm with you that we are ready to collect them.

We are thrilled at the support the CSI community has already provided. If you haven't been

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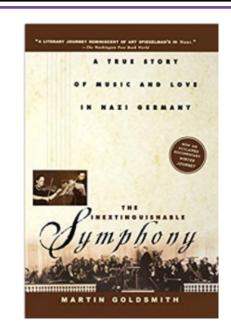
Sisterhood Book Club

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

The Inextinguishable Symphony

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

In the spring of 1933, more than 8,000 Jewish musicians, actors, and other artists were expelled



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

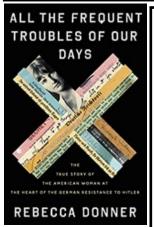
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MEN'S CLUB



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

Join the Men's Club here.

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

Please contact <u>Jason Eidlitz</u> 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, January 11th at 7:30pm.
Contact Suzanne Haber for further information.

CARING COMMUNITY

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

If you or another congregant you know is experiencing a need, please contact the CSI office (762-2700) or <u>Judy Boehr</u> (762-1984).

Join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, January 19th at 7pm.



JANUARY 2022 / 28 Tevet - 29 Shevat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NS=Nursery School RS=Religious School JITN= Jews In The News C/L=Candle Lighting Time						9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and Livestream
2 29 Tevet	3 1 Shevat	4 2 Shevat	5 3 Shevat	6 4 Shevat	7 5 Shevat	Va'era 8 6 Shevat
NO RS 9:15am Minyan on	8am Minyan Zoom	11:15am JITN		8am Minyan Zoom		9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and Livestream
site and Zoom				11am Contemporary		11am Torah For Tots
	7:30pm Sisterhood Board	7:30pm Education Comm. Zoom		Issues & The Talmud Zoom	6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and Zoom	4:30pm RS Havdalah
	8:45pm Talmud on site and Zoom				C/L 4:25pm	8pm Jewish Music Through the Ages
9 7 Shevat	10 8 Shevat	11 9 Shevat	12 10 Shevat	13 11 Shevat	14 12 Shevat	Bo 15 13 Shevat
NO RS	8am Minyan Zoom	55,7514.	20 3110400	8am Minyan Zoom	12 SHEVUL	9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and
9:15am Minyan on site and Zoom	7pm Defensive Driving	11:15am JITN		10:30am HaMishpacha	6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat	Livestream
	7:30pm Five Things on site and Zoom-The Jews & Hollywood	7:30pm Pride Comm.		Discussion Group 11am Contemporary	on site and Zoom	
	8:45pm Talmud on site and Zoom	7:30pm Second Gen. Survivors		Issues & The Talmud Zoom	C/I 4:22 mm	Beshalach
16 14 Shevat	17 15 Shevat	18 16 Shevat	19 17 Shevat	20 18 Shevat	C/L 4:32pm 21 19 Shevat	22 20 Shevat
NO RS	NO NS-MLK DAY	11:15am JITN		8am Minyan Zoom		9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and
9:15am Minyan on site and Zoom	8am Minyan Zoom 7:30pm Learn to Chant Haftarah	7:30pm CSI Exec. Comm.	7pm Caring Community	11am Contemporary Issues & The Talmud Zoom	6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and Zoom	Livestream
	TU B'SHEVAT				C/L 4:40pm	Yitro
23 21 Shevat	24 22 Shevat	25 23 Shevat	26 24 Shevat	27 25 Shevat	28 26 Shevat	29 27 Shevat
9:15am Minyan on site and Zoom	8am Minyan Zoom			8am Minyan Zoom	6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat	9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and
4pm Sisterhood Book club	7:30pm Learn to Chant Haftarah 8:45pm Talmud	7:30pm Board of Trustees		10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion Group	on site and Zoom	Livestream
	on site and Zoom			Contemporary Issues & The	C/L 4:49pm	
30 28 Shevat	31 29 Shevat			Talmud Zoom		Mishpatim
9:15am Minyan on site and Zoom	8am Minyan Zoom					
5PM: Rabbi's Circle Speaker Seth Rogovoy – BOB DYLAN: PROPHET,	7:30pm Learn to Chant Haftarah 8:45pm Talmud					
MYSTIC, POET	on site and Zoom					

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS



CELEBRANT	Date	Age
Taylor Satran	2	13
Yousef Nabi	15	10
Eli Falah	18	11



CELEBRANTS	DATE	YEARS
Barry & Gail Perlow	2	51
Vladimir & Marina Sukonnik	3	35
Leonard & Kathleen Levin	3	13
David & Georgia Keidan	12	53
Warren & Susan Altwerger	14	49
George & Heidi Pinsky	15	11
Stephen & Marsha Ackerman	29	56
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Mazal Tov to: Lindsey and Jason Alter on the naming of their daughter, Shoshana.

Mazal Tov to: Faye Dittelman and David Perelman on the birth of their grandson, Izzy Perelman. Mazal Tov to: Susan and Ken Sankin on the birth of their granddaughters, Gabrielle Bina, born in November, and Liv Avery, born in June.

Mazal Tov to: Karen and Bernard Lipsy on the wedding of their grandson, Aaron Krakow, to Zoe Heiliczar, in Jerusalem.

Mazal Tov to: Lois & Fred Schulman on the birth of their granddaughter, Toni Amara Schulman-Corr.

Condolences to: Ruth Weinreb on the loss of her father, Stanley Weinreb.

Condolences to: Peter and Elaine Contard on the loss of Peter's brother, Michael Contard.

Condolences to: Susan, Eric, Andrew and David Leibert and Steve, Janice, Eden and Meia Rappaport on

the loss of long-time CSI member, Rosalyn Rappaport.

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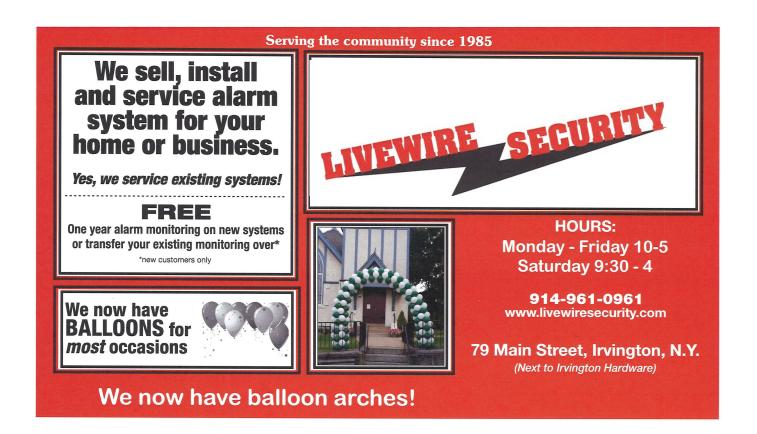
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