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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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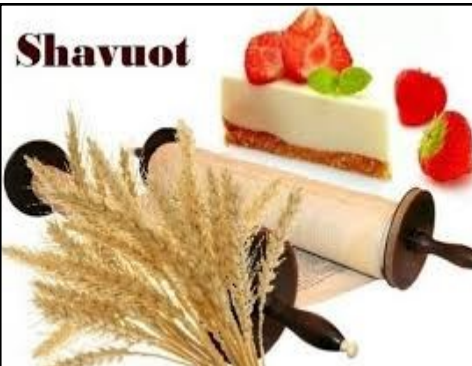
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 Tikkun Leyl Shavuot:  
 Saturday, 6/4, at 9pm  
 On site & Livestream**

**Shavuot Day 1:  
 Sunday, 6/5, at 9:10am  
 On site & Livestream**

**Shavuot Day 2:  
 Monday, 6/6, at 9:10am  
 Yizkor recited  
 On site & Livestream**

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**PRIDE SHABBAT**

**Friday, 6/10, at 6:30pm  
 With author & poet  
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**Saturday, 6/11, at 9:10am  
 Special readings in honor  
 of Pride Month**

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## FROM THE RABBI

### Steven C. Kane



*Shavuot* is perhaps the most unusual holiday in the Torah. We learn in the Torah that *Pesach* celebrates our liberation from Egypt and that *Rosh Ha-Shanah* and *Yom Kippur* begin the new year, offering us the opportunity for *teshuvah* (repentance and forgiveness). *Succot* recalls the huts our ancestors lived in as they wandered in the desert for 40 years, and then later when they were settled in the land of Israel, harvesting crops. Indeed each holiday's name reflects exactly what we are celebrating (for example, we call *Succot* by that name because our ancestors dwelt in a hut called a *succah*). However, when it comes to *Shavuot* this is not the case. The name *Shavuot* means "weeks," referring to the time period from *Pesach* until the next holiday (seven complete weeks). It says nothing about what is being celebrated.

There are two other unique aspects to *Shavuot*. While the Torah tells us to "count off seven weeks" from *Pesach* and then celebrate *Shavuot*, unlike all of the other holidays no specific date is given for its celebration. Finally, although it is grouped with *Pesach* and *Succot* as one of the three "pilgrimage festivals" (*shalosh regalim*), it is celebrated for only one day (two in the diaspora), whereas both *Pesach* and *Succot* are each celebrated for one week.

Because of these unique aspects to *Shavuot*, the rabbis were able to add to the holiday. First, they gave it a date on the calendar, the 6th of *Sivan*. Then they added another layer of celebration to it, establishing it as the day that Moses received the Torah on Mt. Sinai. Judaism has always had a grand tradition of textual study, so a holiday that celebrates the giving of the Torah also celebrates the beginning of our long and deep commitment to the study of our texts. In the 16th century this celebration of Torah study led the kabbalists to institute a full night of study called *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*. They taught that we count the 49 days from *Pesach* to *Shavuot* because our ancestors

needed seven complete weeks (after leaving Egypt) to prepare to receive the Torah on Mt. Sinai. They compared this to a bride who prepares for her wedding seven days in advance. The Zohar, the basic book of Jewish mysticism captures this when it teaches that our study of the Bible on *Shavuot* evening is "like a bride who has placed her jewels in a crown and arranged her adornments prior to her marriage." Some studied from a book also called *Tikkun Leil Shavuot*, which contains a few verses from every Torah portion and then from each of the other 19 books of the Bible. This, however, is not the only way Jews have celebrated our commitment to the study of our texts.

There are three other texts we traditionally study on *Shavuot*. The first is the Ten Commandments, since they are the essence of revelation and are read during the morning service. The second is the study of the Talmud tractate *Bikurim*, which contains the laws of the first fruits of which were blessed on *Shavuot*. The third is the study of the Book of Ruth, a Biblical book whose story takes place at this time of year and is traditionally read at services on the second day of *Shavuot*.

While we don't have a tradition at CSI of staying up all night for study, we always have a late night study session *Shavuot* evening, honoring Judaism's tradition of textual study. This year we will be studying the Book of Ruth, which though only four chapters long, contains a remarkable depth to it. Together I hope we will discover "The Hidden Message of the Book of Ruth." **I hope you will join us on *Shavuot* evening, Saturday June 4, following our 9:00 pm evening service.** (For those who can't make it in person, it will be livestreamed, though not on Zoom.) And yes, there will be cheese cake!

L'hitraot,

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## CANTORIAL NOTES

### Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



Jewish tradition gives us a prayer to recite upon leaving on a journey. It is called "*T'fillat HaDerech*," and in English, "The Prayer for the Journey." As summer approaches and FINALLY many of us will go on vacation, I thought it appropriate to speak about it.

Composed in Talmudic times, *T'fillat HaDerech* gives us the language by which we may ask God to protect us during our trip, to guide us in peace, and to return in good health. It also petitions God to bless us with the opportunity to make the most of our trip and to enjoy the good will of everyone we might meet along the way.

Does it work? Is it a guarantee? Who knows? Yet it does give us the opportunity to invite God to be a part of our lives on the road. Just as we work so hard to make God a part of our homes, *T'fillat HaDerech* helps us make God a part of our travels. It raises our consciousness about where we are going and what we might encounter. It might inspire us not only to enjoy our destination, but also to remember that with God's help, there might be some small way in which we can make another part of the world a little better place.

Take the prayer with you. Say it on the road or in the air. And may all of us enjoy a healthy, peaceful and relaxing vacation.

May it be Your will,  
Our God and God of our ancestors,  
that You lead us toward peace,  
guide our steps in peace,  
and help us to reach our destination  
in happiness, good health, and peace.  
Keep us from any accidents or  
sorrows along the way.  
Bless us to make the most of  
what we see and do.  
Give us grace, kindness and mercy  
in the eyes of all who we meet.  
God, hear the voice of our prayer.  
Blessed are You, O God,  
who hears our prayer. Amen.

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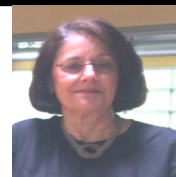
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### *Clare Rosen*



As I write this bulletin article, my last one as President of Congregation Sons of Israel, I look back at the past two years, both incredible and unexpected to say the least. Coming into this presidency I anticipated that I would have new learning experiences about the history of our great congregation, how it operates, daily staff roles and responsibilities, information about the physical condition of the buildings and the history of repairs, and lessons regarding how we grow and learn together through programming and lifecycle events. Not once had I ever had lessons about handling a pandemic, so it should come as no surprise that every day of the last couple of years there was a lot of learning, listening, responding, and planning and re-planning how to support our beloved congregation during this new time and learning how to position ourselves for the future.

Front and center during the past couple of years has been the health and safety of all. Despite this, we maintained worship, ritual, and programming, we spent endless hours learning how to connect and maintain our community over Zoom and other electronic media. Despite the unknowns and difficulties of the situation, and there were many, we accomplished much and much more was learned. I am in awe of the extraordinary efforts by so many to get us where we need to be and to keep us future facing.

For the past couple of years, we have had a significant deficit. To avoid running out of operating cash, Bob Margolies, Treasurer extraordinaire for ten long years, worked endless hours with Debbie Hertz to significantly reduce the deficit. It was extremely challenging and is expected to continue. Bob is passing the mantle at the end of this fiscal year. Simple thanks are not enough. We are so very grateful for Bob's diligence as our Treasurer.

I could not have done my job without the ongoing support and guidance from our elected officers, namely: Robin Ginsberg, VP; Jill Greenstein, VP;

Mark Rosenberg, VP; Fred Schulman, VP; Steven Bender, IPP; Marc Auslander, Secretary; and Bob Margolies, Treasurer. We were all supported by the Board of Trustees: Roberta Bar-Levav, Judy Boehr, Jason Eidlitz, Francine Goldstein, Samantha Hawson, Henrik Sukonnik, Shane Dolch, Jenean Eichenholtz, Suzanne Haber, Marion Sader, Eric Wrubel, Debra Young, Beth Fink, Donna Hannan, Deborah Hertz, Bette Slutsky, and David Zimmerman.

A lot of congregants may not realize this, but our past presidents have been incredible in their support and leadership. Irwin Kavy, Mike Kirsch, Jack Zinn, and Sharon Richter have gone above and beyond to help with security grants, building issues, financial issues, and love for all things CSI.

I also want to personally recognize and express my appreciation to our clergy and office staff, who had to dig deeper than they always do to support all of us during these trying times. And I would be remiss if I didn't single out Rosa for being our rock throughout. Thank you, Rosa.

Our teachers, Nursery School and Religious School, under the outstanding directorship of Naomi Elyachar and Wendy Segal, were steadfast in their commitment to their students, be it in person or by Zoom.

The congregational meeting is June 21st, where you will learn the details of the 2022-23 budget and the slate of new officers and board members. If you are in good standing (by having paid all your dues and fees) you can participate, and vote either by Zoom or in-person. Our incoming President is wonderful and will continue moving our congregation into the next 130+ years. The incoming President will need our support, time, and assistance in so many ways, which involves all of us, to keep CSI a special place.

With humility and thanks,  
Clare E. Rosen, President  
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# You are invited to CSI's Family-Friendly Annual Event

Sunday, June 12th, 4pm - 7pm

- Under a beautiful tent on the CSI Farm
- Fully catered menu for all age groups
- Wine & spirits
- Non-alcoholic beverages
- Live music with the Mike Risko Band for adults

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# CSI Community Organic Farm

## Regenerative Agriculture Rooted in Jewish Tradition

Greetings from the CSI Community Organic Farm,

By the time you're reading this article we will have most of the planting beds filled and will be anticipating our first significant harvests of the season. Please keep an eye out for email alerts regarding our farm stand operating hours and the availability of our produce. We anticipate hosting weekly farm stands for our members and the local community once again this year. Your support of this unique feature of the CSI community is critical for us to maintain the program.

Our chickens are producing about a dozen eggs per day. Purchasing these farm fresh heirloom eggs in the CSI office for \$6 per dozen is another way you can help support the CSI Farm. Please call the office in advance to confirm availability and reserve yours. In comparison to store-bought eggs, I find that the CSI eggs have a stronger/thicker shell and a more richly colored yolk.

The CSI walking/nature path has expanded slightly and is ready for those looking to take a contemplative, relaxing stroll through the woods. Our picnic table, outdoor worship and fire pit areas have all received a fresh coating of wood chips and would be an inviting place to take a lunch break or have dinner with family. Perhaps you'd like to reserve this wonderful feature of our campus for an event? Please call the office to inquire about availability.

We've been busy preparing our planting beds by tilling the aisles to return soil to the raised beds, adding a bit of organic fertilizer and distributing chips to slow the inevitable weed growth. The irrigation system is running and the Community Garden is ready for both seasoned and novice gardeners to enjoy the rewards of growing their own food. Please reach out to Jill Greenstein at [jillgreenstein9@gmail.com](mailto:jillgreenstein9@gmail.com) to reserve one of our roughly 3' x 15' beds.

Produce for the season includes bush beans, celery, six varieties of cucumber, eggplant, squash, zucchini, chard, bok choy, basil, eight varieties of lettuce, sweet pepper, five varieties of cherry tomato, six varieties of regular tomato, fennel, kohlrabi, peas, kale, arugula, sorrel, spinach, radish and dill in addition to our garlic and perennial herbs like chive, oregano and mint. We'll also be growing eight varieties of flowers this year, and we'll supplement with seeded crops started in our greenhouse. If you have suggestions regarding other vegetables you'd like us to try in the Community Garden, please let us know.

As always, volunteers to help with the various farm chores are welcome. No prior experience is necessary. Tasks include harvesting, harvest weighing, order preparation, farm stand set-up, sales, and greenhouse management, as well as outdoor labor associated with planting, weeding, pruning, staking, tying, chicken coop tending and chip distribution.

Looking forward to seeing you on the farm!

Stay healthy,  
Farmer Dave



# ***SCENES FROM THE FARM***







**HERE IS A LIST OF WHAT CAN BE DONATED TO THE OPP SHOP  
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**Pots & Pans**

**New Toys & Games**

**Gently Used Toys & Games  
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**When you stop in, you are likely to bump into  
a CSI member you know as we have a  
great group of volunteers.**

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## FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

### *Naomi Elyachar*



The end of the school year can be very bittersweet. What a joy it is to look back upon a year of accomplishments. We have had another successful and safe school year during the pandemic. The teachers and parents continue to amaze me with their flexibility, support, and creativity while we navigate the ever changing environment. Our children have grown beautifully despite many obstacles in their way. And yet at the same time, there is always sadness along with the fondness in thinking about upcoming changes.

On a personal level, this is the second year I have been bringing my son with me to my work and his school nearly every day. What a special and unique opportunity that has been for me to have a window into my child's day to day school experiences and spend extra time with him. While I am looking forward to getting in my car next year and going to my workplace without a child in tow as most other adults do, I will miss being with him every morning tremendously as he moves on to kindergarten. I am extremely grateful for this experience.

The end of the school year is filled with many other moments that bring feelings of both joy and longing. I'm proud of what we have done this school year, and I also wished we could do more. We have reformatted our outdoor spaces, yet I wish they could look a bit different. We continue to try to make our curriculum more experiential based and hands on, but we could do more. With the help and generosity of Jill and Joel Greenstein, we created the new Rachel Greenstein Memorial Children's Library. It is a beautiful space, but I wish our classes had the opportunity to spend more time there. I take these examples of wishing to do better and go forward toward next school year with new ideas and gusto for carrying them out. I look forward to recharging over the summer and planning for another successful school year full of continued growth and development.

Naomi Elyachar  
Nursery School Director  
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# JUNE

6	NO SCHOOL— <i>Shavuot</i>
9	Last full day of school
10	End of year classroom visits and 4s Moving Up program



## FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL

Registration is open for the 2022-2023 school year! Please help spread the word to new families! Each new family referral will earn you a \$100 credit toward your tuition.



RSVP [Jenniferbethstern@gmail.com](mailto:Jenniferbethstern@gmail.com)

## FROM CSI SUMMER CAMP



# REGISTER TODAY FOR CSI SUMMER CAMP

CSI Summer Camp is for children 2, 3, and 4 years old  
2022 Camp dates: Tuesday, July 5th - Friday, August 12th  
Weekdays 9:00am - 11:55am

**Attendance options:**

4s must register for 5 days/week.  
3s may register for 3-5 days/week.  
2s may register for 2-5 days/week.

**Tuition per days of attendance:**

5 days/week -- \$2,085  
4 days/week -- \$2,030  
3 days/week -- \$1,975  
2 days/week -- \$1,920

A \$200 non-refundable deposit per child, applied to your tuition, is due with registration.

A Security Fee is included in the tuition. Payment schedule details can be found within the online registration form.

SCAN FOR REGISTRATION



[Click HERE for more information!](#)

## FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

### *Wendy Segal*



What a year of changes and challenges this has been! Not only did it start with a new religious school director – me! – but we were live and in person for the first time in a couple of years. We were sent back to Zoom for a couple of weeks in January, but then returned to in person classes. We were masks on, masks off, masks on. We were using virtual curriculum, then real books. Programs got deleted and added. This year was anything but routine!

I want to thank so many people for helping me to transition into my new role this year. The office staff, especially Janice Rappaport, were invaluable. The Education Committee and the Board and Trustees were very supportive. The Rabbi and Cantor were always available to me when I needed them. The parents were so encouraging! But mostly it was the children. Their enthusiasm and flexibility really made this a most successful year, and I'm so grateful.

The Religious School PTA and I will be spending time over the summer mapping out events for the coming school year. (They're looking for more parents to join and we certainly can use the help to make the special programs as vibrant as possible, so if you have children in the religious school, now is the time to join if you haven't already. The sign-up form is on the CSI website under "Religious School.") The teachers and I will be spending time over the summer planning curriculum. The Rabbi, Cantor, and I will be spending time over the summer coordinating services. Andy Polay, our head of security, and I will be talking over the summer to make sure our children are as safe as they can be while in our care.

Please keep an eye out for information on school registration and other announcements. If you have questions or comments about religious school in the coming year, I'll be around all summer. Just email me at [RSDirector@csibriarcliff.org](mailto:RSDirector@csibriarcliff.org) and I'll gladly get back to you.

Have a happy and safe summer!

Wendy Segal

Religious School Director

[RSDirector@csibriarcliff.org](mailto:RSDirector@csibriarcliff.org)

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THIS FALL COMING SOON!**



## FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



7TH GRADE RS (ZAYIN CLASS) AND  
HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GRADUATION

**MAZAL TOV!!**







## TEACHERS & SUBS WANTED FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Are you interested in teaching or being a sub in our Religious School?

Hours: Sundays 9-11am and Tuesdays 4-6pm

Please contact Wendy Segal, our Religious School Director, [here](#)  
or call (914) 557-9922.

## CARING COMMUNITY

The Caring Community is here to support our CSI family.

One of the services we provide is driving people to doctor's appointments.

Call Judy Boehr (914-762-1984) if you need a ride, but please call several days in advance so that we have time to arrange a driver for you.

Other alternatives:

Taxi rides within Ossining are no more than \$5/trip: Ecua Taxi (914) 944-4500

2 outlets that give free rides:

- TRA (Transportation Resources Access):  
(914) 764-3533  
Register on line [here](#).
- Ride Connect (through Family Services of Westchester):  
(914) 242-7433  
Link [here](#).



## CARING COMMUNITY - continued

As we featured last month, through the Caring Community, three seniors and three Nursery School classes have been “pen pals.” The children and their teachers sent letters to Judy Duke, Sharon and Arnie Richter, and Barbara Weiss. The letters were heartfelt and beautifully crafted messages about Passover. The seniors are crafting their responses, which will be delivered to the children. Hopefully, this is just the beginning of intergenerational interactions at CSI. It brought great joy. Thanks to Naomi, the teachers, the children, and Caring Committee partners Liz Legatt and Gail Perlow for making this happen.

JUDY DUKE





# MAZAL TOV!

## CSI High School Scholars

Congratulations to Congregation Sons of Israel High School students, who earned impressive recognition and awards at WESEF, Westchester Science and Engineering Fair 2022 on March 24th!

**Shoshana Daly** attends Croton-Harmon High School in Croton-on-Hudson. Shoshana was recognized for her project, The Rational Design of a Lipase from *Geobacillus Sterothermophilus* T6 for Increased Stability in Methanol.

Shoshana received the **Dr. Rhea Jezer Energy 21 Student Scholar Prize** and earned **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize in her category, Biochemistry**. Her teachers at Croton-Harmon High School are Donna Light-Donovan and Robert Keehn. Shoshana's mentor on her research is Inbal Rush at the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology. Shoshana plans to attend Tufts University in Boston in the fall.



**Daniel Hannan** attends Ossining High School in Ossining. Daniel was recognized for his project, Motivations for Vaccine Hesitancy Among EMS Providers in the United States who Declined the COVID-19 Vaccine.

Daniel earned **2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize in his category, Behavioral and Social Sciences**. His paper, of the same name as his project, was **published in Cambridge University Press**. He shares the byline with his mentor, Aditya Shekhar. Daniel's science teachers at Ossining High School are Valerie Holmes and Angelo Piccirillo. Daniel is planning to attend Macaulay Honors College at John Jay College of Criminal Justice CUNY to pursue studies in Cell and Molecular Biology in Fall 2023, following a year of working and studying abroad in France.



## CSI High School Scholars (continued)

**Josh Linett** attends Briarcliff High School in Briarcliff Manor. Josh was recognized for his project, The Methylmercury Levels of Dragonfly Larvae in Westchester County, New York.

Josh received the **U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize** and earned **4<sup>th</sup> Place Prize in his category, Environmental Sciences**. Josh's science teacher at Briarcliff High School is Melissa Carnahan. Josh will continue his studies at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee.



**Ben Raphael** attends Briarcliff High School in Briarcliff Manor. Ben was recognized for his project: Effect of Muscle Fatigue in Relation To Baseball Injuries.

Ben received the **BASF Expanding Knowledge in Science Award**. His research was in Medicine and Health Sciences category. Ben's science teacher at Briarcliff High School is Mrs. Shaniece Mosley. Ben will be completing his Senior year at Briarcliff High School.



**Shoshana Daly, Daniel Hannan, Josh Linett** and **Ben Raphael** have enjoyed a friendship going back years, to Congregation Sons of Israel's Nursery and Religious Schools, with Daniel, Josh and Ben meeting in Nursery school, and Shoshana joining them at CSI in 2008. Together they attended religious school, each becoming *B'nai Mitzvah* in 2017-2018.



# AFGHAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

## Learn More About Refugee Resettlement

[HIAS Resettlement Video](#) about a refugee warm welcome for refugees in Tulsa, OK.

## Advocacy

HIAS – [Advocacy Resources](#)

International Rescue Committee – [Advocacy Resources](#)

## Get Involved

[Contribute to the CSI Refugee Resettlement Fund](#) or volunteer with us!

We are **looking for more volunteers to drive** the family to appointments, events, and the grocery store. Please contact us at [resettlement@csibriarcliff.org](mailto:resettlement@csibriarcliff.org) if you can help with driving or would like to learn how to get involved.

Thank you!

Abbe Marcus and Julie Peskoe

Co-Chairs, CSI Resettlement Committee



**One-on-One Shadow needed for a 2 1/2 year old camper this summer.**

**Camp dates: July 5th - August 12th,  
M - F, 9am - 11:55am**

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## SECURITY UPDATE

Hello CSI Families,

A note of thanks:

It was my absolute pleasure to teach at our first 'Security *Kiddush*' on May 15th.

I want to thank the Board for their ongoing support and their dedication to keeping everyone safe. Thank you to Ellen for her assistance and *kiddush* and to Richard Zuckerman who is a great "tech bodyguard." His willingness to be on-site for these programs is a gift to us all.

Most of all though, I was gratified by the great turnout and the participation of our "Village." It does take a village and we are all part of the Security system. I set out to show that teamwork is of ultimate importance and by you taking part, you proved the point. I also want to thank those who could not make it that day, but have spoken to me before and since.

In these times, the issues we discussed remain at the forefront and keeping you as safe as possible is my passion. To that end, the work is ongoing and we're going to schedule another class soon, practice more, and cover more material.

Again, I promise you'll leave enriched, safer, and with full stomachs! Thank you all for your support and participation. Without you, the team is incomplete.

I remain available (through the office) and look forward to seeing you at the next session soon!

Sincerely,  
Andy Polay





## SISTERHOOD NEWS

**Sisterhood offers complimentary membership for one year to new CSI members and to any CSI members or school families who have not previously joined Sisterhood. JOIN US!**

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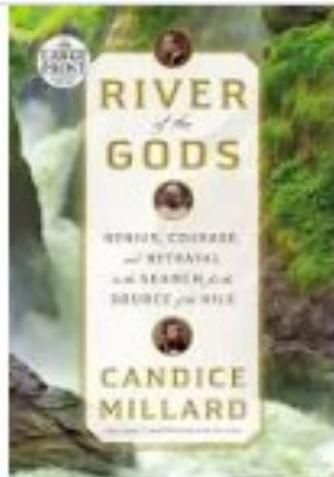
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**MEN'S CLUB *SHABBAT*  
SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH**

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**Men's Club Book Club: Tuesday, July 12th, 7:30pm**  
**We will be discussing River of the Gods by Candice Millard.**

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***Mazal Tov* to Claude Tusk  
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## PRIDE COMMITTEE - Suzanne Haber, Chairperson



**CSI will celebrate at *Shabbat* services June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday evening, June 10th, 6:30pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat*.**

**Joy Ladin, a widely published essayist and poet, literary scholar, nationally known speaker on transgender issues, will join us on [Zoom](#).**

**The topic of Joy Ladin's talk is: *Jonah, God, and Other Strangers: Reading the Torah from a Trans Perspective*.**



From 2003 to 2021, Dr. Ladin held the David and Ruth Gottesman Chair in English at Stern College of Yeshiva University. Her gender transition and return to teaching in 2008 made her the first openly transgender employee of an Orthodox Jewish institution.

**Dr. Ladin is the author of twelve books, including *The Book of Anna*, awarded the National Jewish Book Award in Poetry earlier this year; *The Soul of the Stranger: Reading God and Torah from a Transgender Perspective*, a finalist for both a Lambda Literary Award and Triangle Award; and her moving memoir of gender transition, *Through the Door of Life*, a finalist for a National Jewish Book Award and winner of a Forward Fives Award. We look forward to having her with us.**

**Saturday morning, June 11<sup>th</sup>**


***Shabbat* services begin at 9:10am and will be supplemented with poetry written by Joy Ladin, as well as special readings and prayers for Pride. In person and Live Stream.**

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**Our next meeting is: Tuesday, June 7th  
 at 7:00pm. Contact [Suzanne Haber](#) for further information.**

## JUNE 2022 / 2 Sivan – 1 Tammuz 5782

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NS=Nursery School JITN= Jews In The News C/L=Candle Lighting Time			1 2 Sivan	2 3 Sivan	3 4 Sivan	4 5 Sivan
				8am Minyan Zoom  11am Contemporary Issues & The Talmud Zoom	6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and Zoom  C/L 8:05pm	9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and Livestream  9pm Shavuot Service/Tikkun Leyl Shavuot on site and Livestream  EREV SHAVUOT  Bamidbar
5 6 Sivan	6 7 Sivan	7 8 Sivan	8 9 Sivan	9 10 Sivan	10 11 Sivan	11 12 Sivan
9:10am Shavuot Morning Service on site and Livestream  SHAVUOT	NO NS 9:10am Shavuot Morning Service/Yizkor on site and Livestream  SHAVUOT	11:15am JITN  7:00pm Pride Committee  7:30pm Educ. Comm. Zoom		8am Minyan Zoom  10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion Group Zoom  11am Contemporary Issues & The Talmud Zoom-LAST SESSION	NS Last Day Moving Up Day  6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and Zoom  PRIDE SHABBAT Guest Speaker Joy Ladin via Zoom  C/L 8:09pm	9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and Livestream  PRIDE SHABBAT  Nasso
12 13 Sivan	13 14 Sivan	14 15 Sivan	15 16 Sivan	16 17 Sivan	17 18 Sivan	18 19 Sivan
9:15am Minyan on site and Zoom  4pm CSI'S ANNUAL EVENT HONORING AARON STERN 	8am Minyan Zoom  7:30pm Sisterhood Board 7:30pm Mahjong  8:45pm Talmud via Zoom-LAST SESSION	11:15am JITN  7:30pm CSI Exec. Comm.  7:30pm Second Generation Survivors		8am Minyan Zoom  10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion Group Zoom	6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and Zoom  C/L 8:12pm	9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and Livestream  MEN'S CLUB SHABBAT  Beha'alotecha
19 20 Sivan	20 21 Sivan	21 22 Sivan	22 23 Sivan	23 24 Sivan	24 25 Sivan	25 26 Sivan
9:15am Minyan on site and Zoom  3pm Kol Rinah in Concert	8am Minyan Zoom  7:30pm Mahjong	11:15am JITN  7:30pm Annual Congregational Meeting  8:30pm Board of Trustees	7pm Caring Community	8am Minyan Zoom  10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion Group Zoom	6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and Zoom  C/L 8:14pm	9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and Livestream  Sh'lach
26 27 Sivan	27 28 Sivan	28 29 Sivan	29 30 Sivan	30 1 Tammuz		
9:15am Minyan on site and Zoom	8am Minyan Zoom  7:30pm Mahjong	11:15am JITN		8am Minyan Zoom		PLEASE REFER TO THE WEB CALENDAR FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE INFORMATION



## LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

**Condolences to Bernard and Karen Lipsy on the loss of Bernard's sister, Ettarae Alpert.**

**Condolences to Gilbert and Sharon Balog on the loss of Gilbert's sister, Beth Michelle Berger.**

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***Mazal Tov* to Joyce Perlmutter and Claude Tusk on the birth of their grandson, Kasriel Arthur Tusk. Kasriel is the son of Warren Tusk and Elisabeth Cohen.**

***Mazal Tov* to Carole and Andrew Kagan on the wedding celebration of their daughter, Dara, and Taylor Morton.**

***Mazal Tov* to Meredith and Philip Belle on the birth of their son, Jordan Tyler Belle. Jordan is little brother to Emily and Zachary.**

***Mazal Tov* to Lisa & Larry Honigman on the birth of their granddaughter, Charlotte. Charlotte is the daughter of Jason & Allison Honigman.**

***Mazal Tov* to Ben Raphael who will be playing on Team USA in the Maccabiah games in Israel this summer.**

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**Speedy Recovery to Merrie Daitch.**

**Speedy Recovery to Cantor Jeffrey Shiovitz**

**Speedy Recovery to Iris Kazin.**



Celebrant	Date	Age
Rafael Hamra	8	2
Lynn Friedman	17	1
Jacob Pinsky	22	11
Cameron Klein	24	11

<b>CELEBRANTS</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>YEARS</b>	<b>J U N E  A N N I V E R S A R I E S</b>
Diane & Ronnie Myers	1	42	
Lois & Fred Schulman	2	37	
Jill & Adam Semler	2	31	
Karen & Allen Saperstein	5	45	
Susan & Andrew Morris	5	40	
Susan Ziskin & Daniel Ginsberg	7	24	
Erica & Michael Olin	8	34	
Carol & Marc Levitt	9	25	
Jill & Joel Greenstein	10	49	
Janice & Barry Kirschner	12	51	
Dorit & Christopher Walsh	13	8	
Orly & Daniel Zonan	14	42	
Meryl & Martin Weinberg	14	41	
Roberta & Rick Kay	16	49	
Karen Saponar & Steve Begleiter	16	31	
Lois & Joseph Gottlieb	17	66	
Joyce & Burton Koyner	17	61	
Rosanna & Marshall Frank	18	61	
Debra & Alan Goodman	18	45	
Corazon Loteyro & Marc Lewy	18	5	
Marci Dressler & Lou Sherman	20	40	
Jenean & Seth Eichenholtz	22	19	
Barbara & Norman Block	23	48	
Samantha & Ron Hawson	23	20	
Deborah & Richard Yoken	24	49	
Suzanne & David Wexler	24	21	
Bonnie & Steven Bromberg	26	39	
Leah & Charles Zweibach	26	7	
Margery & Michael Kirsch	27	51	
Alice & Isaac Merin	27	40	
Bella & Bernie Jacobson	28	53	
Barbara & John Palefsky	28	35	
Paula & Larry Edlavitch	29	42	
Rhonnie & Arnold Zeitlin	30	65	

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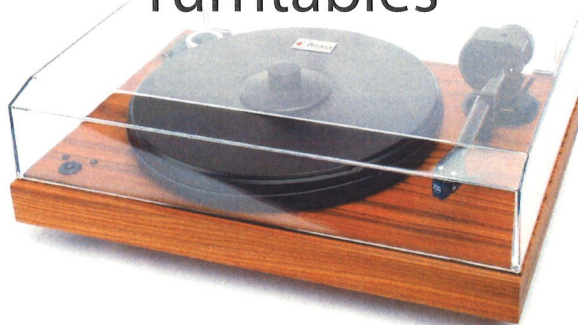


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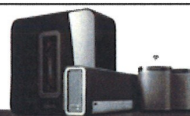
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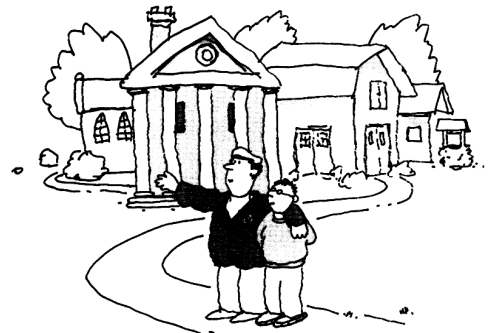


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