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OUR *PURIM* EXTRAVAGANZA IS ON SUNDAY,
3/17. EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT FOR
REGISTRATION ENDS ON 3/13. SEE PAGE 8.

HAMANTASCHEN MAKING WITH
MASTER BAKER, MARK KIRK SUNDAY, 3/24.
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AND...IN PREPARATION FOR PASSOVER
THE CSI WINE TASTING IS ON SUNDAY, 3/24.
15% DISCOUNT ON ALL ORDERS PLACED ON 3/24.
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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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ANTISEMITISM DISCUSSION WITH TEENS AND THEIR PARENTS

**LED BY RABBI ROSENBERG
AND EDEN EDREI**

See page 16.



Hadassah Hospital is launching a campaign **through 3/8 to raise awareness in the world about the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war. This was triggered by the horrible events of October 7th and those that are still happening to the women kidnapped by Hamas.**

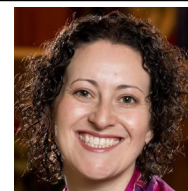
If you wish, you can sign the petition that will be delivered to United Nations offices around the world on March 8th, International Women's Day.

[INFORMATION AND PETITION HERE](#)



FROM THE RABBI

Dina S. Rosenberg



This past month, 40 CSI members saw the Broadway show, *Prayer for the French Republic*. This play spans five generations of a French Jewish family in Paris. The show begins at the height of World War II in 1944 when a family must decide whether to leave Paris to escape the uncertainty of the oncoming occupation of the Nazis or to remain in Paris because they are as Parisian as their neighbors and feel that Paris will protect the Jews. One branch of the family obtain Visas and leave France, some of the family is taken by the SS to Poland to be murdered and others to the Concentration Camps, and the elder branch remains and survives living in Paris through the war. Fast forward to 2018, the family has lived on the same land for generations and is shocked to find themselves asking the same questions in the year 2018 as was asked in 1944. Are we safe? Is it time to leave? How do we respond to Jew-hatred and why does everyone hate the Jews?

As I watched with horror my biggest fears being acted out on stage, I was overcome with profound sadness and anger that Jews have been forced throughout our existence to hide our identity to remain safe. This theme of hiddenness is prominent in our supposedly joyous holiday celebrated in the month of March. Purim masquerades as a joyous holiday because Haman's plot to kill the Jews was foiled – but does our celebration mute the genocidal attempt to destroy the Jewish people in the first place?

Ancient Hebrew texts love a good play on words! According to the story of Purim, Esther's given name was "Hadassah." The name "Esther," which she took to conceal her identity as a Jew before marrying the King, may be related to the Hebrew word *ahs-teer*, "I will hide." The rabbis of the Talmud see this as a description of Esther's act of self-preservation. To be a heroine; to save the Jewish people; Esther was forced to hide her Jewish identity to remain safe. Because of the hatred of one individual, Esther changed her

name and *לֹא הִגִּידָה אֶסְתֵּר אֶת-עַמָּהּ* Esther did not reveal her nationality or her lineage (Megillat Esther 2:10). As so many generations to follow, Jews have to decide do they change their names so they are less easily identified as Jewish. Jews are again finding themselves asking the questions: do we stop wearing kippot? Should we tuck our Jewish themed jewelry under our clothes? Should we remove our *mezuzot*?

Fortunately, the Book of Esther concludes with Esther revealing her identity and the Jewish people being saved from genocide. For many Jews around the world today, we read from the Book of Esther and grasp on to the hope that Jews will no longer need to wear a mask to feel safe. We hope that our world's leadership will ally with the Jewish people and ensure our security. We pray that we won't need to make the decision to leave our home and journey to Israel, our Jewish homeland, for protection.

May we be like the Esther at the end of the story: bold and courageous enough to stand for the truth, to voice our opinion, and to fight for our people.

Rabbi Dina Rosenberg

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Jewish Women's Health Summit
Sunday, 3/10, at 2pm
JCC Mid Westchester

Rabbi Rosenberg will be teaching a class with Dr. Rachel Gerber entitled "Fertility Preservation and Infertility." Register [here](#).

Jewish Women's Health Summit:
Shattering the Myths and Taboos

CANTORIAL NOTES

Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



The Megillah of Esther is undoubtedly the most interesting and diversified of all of the books of the Bible from the standpoint of music. In ancient times, The Megillah was read in fast "parlando" style with the musical interpretation. The Mizrahi Jews still read the *Megillah* in this fashion. Among Western Jews, however, there has evolved more elaborate chant. Within this mode, various characteristic music phrases or themes are repeated and arranged in several different combinations. The result is a colorful tapestry of the Megillah reading.

The *Megillah* receives added luster and interest in that throughout the reading there are interwoven other modes and scales, in addition to actual popular song snatches, which highlight certain dramatic incidents and moods of the *Megillah* narrative. Thus, for example, the opening blessing for the reading is chanted in a style suggesting trumpets announcing the reading of a royal proclamation. It is also the same melody used to introduce the blowing of the *Shofar* on *Rosh Hashanah*. This joyful and expectant feeling is heard again (during the reading) when we read of Mordecai's optimistic expression that "help will surely come."

Heard often throughout the reading is the "Lamentation Theme." This theme, which is expressive of tragic and sad events, is the traditional chant for the Book of Lamentations, which describes, in moving passages, the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. Whenever a passage suggests tragedy or grief, this Lamentations or *Eicha* theme is used. The music thus effects often rapid changes of mood during the reading. There are as many as three "mood" changes in one verse.

An awareness of the musical elements of the Megillah reading certainly adds to the appreciation of the ancient-modern story of Israel's triumph over its enemies.

Please join us on Saturday evening, March 23rd, at 8pm for our reading of *Megillat Esther*.

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Purim Megillah
Reading
Saturday, 3/23
8pm
Open to all!

SCENES FROM OUR FEBRUARY JEWISH MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES AT THE HOME OF SHEERA & RICHARD ZUCKERMAN



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mark J. Rosenberg



I recently came across some commentary on the moment when Moses, who was raised in Pharaoh's royal family apart from the Israelites, recognized that he was part of the Jewish people. At Exodus 2:11, it is written that "when Moses had grown, he went out to his kinsfolk and witnessed their labors. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his kinsmen."

The commentator focused on the word "grown" noting that in Hebrew, the words grow and great share the same the same root, גדול. According to the commentator, this was the moment that Moses realized that he could make a difference in the world, that he could create change. And, the commentator went on, "witnessed their labors" means that Moses stepped out of his selfishness and saw the suffering around him. In other words, when Moses recognized the suffering of others and realized that he could do something to alleviate their suffering, he became great.

This commentary made me think about how we all possess the capacity for greatness. As Shakespeare wrote in "Twelfth Night," "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em."

Very few of us will have the opportunity like Moses to make a difference by changing the course of history or influencing an entire people. However, we all can achieve greatness by making a difference in our community through acts of *Tikkun Olam*, *tzedakah* and volunteerism.

To me, one of the reasons why CSI is great is its longstanding commitment to *Tikkun Olam*. I also recognize the greatness of our members who donate so much of their time and resources to our community. Time and again, I am amazed by how CSI's members step forward when there is a need – a sick member of our community, the preparation of food to feed the unhoused, teaching a class, the organization of a program or event, donating to the *Kol Nidre* appeal (this year's was one of our best ever), are just some of the examples of our members' greatness.

As *Pesach* starts to appear closer over the horizon and we get ready to recount the story of the Exodus from Egypt, let us all think about new ways we can become great, that is, how we can make a difference, both as a community and as individuals.

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WELCOME TO CSI'S NEWEST OFFICE STAFF MEMBER: CAITLIN STOKES

Caitlin comes to us with a degree in Communication & Media with a minor in Creative Writing from Manhattanville College where she recently graduated Summa Cum Laude.

We are thrilled to have her as a member of the CSI office team.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ABOUT *KIDDUSH* SPONSORSHIP

Dear CSI Family,

Our after-services *Kiddush* luncheon is a very important part of our *Shabbat* and Holiday services. It allows CSI's members and guests to socialize and to get to know each other over a light meal. Unfortunately, costs have increased over the past several years and our donations to the *Kiddush* Fund have not caught up.

A typical *Kiddush*, without any add-ons, now costs more than twice the Sponsorship level. To more accurately reflect the costs of a *Kiddush*, starting on March 1, we will be changing the *Kiddush* Sponsorship for a basic *Kiddush* to \$360.

The minimum donation to the *Kiddush* Fund will remain at \$36. We very much appreciate all of our *Kiddush* sponsors and donors and hope that you will continue to sponsor and donate to *Kiddushim*.

If you wish to sponsor a *Kiddush* and will have extra guests or would like to have special foods served, please contact [Ellen](#) so that she can price that for you.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Rosenberg





**PURIM EXTRAVAGANZA AT CSI ON
SUNDAY, MARCH 17th from 11am - 1pm**

JUMP! CLIMB! HANG! RACE!

The Grit Ninja will be setting up **AWESOME EQUIPMENT** for people aged 4+. There are also super fun non-Ninja activities for those under 4! **Adult Ninja competition at 11:30!**

Face Painting / Temporary Tattoos / Pop A Shot / Match a Move
Corn Hole/ Sand Art/ Tetra Balance /
AND a hilarious game we're calling
The Haman Bubble Wrap Stomp

Lunch is included in the price of admission!
Early Bird Discount ends March 13th.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



***Hamantaschen* baking with master baker, Mark Kirk. Sunday, 3/24 from 10:15am - 11:30am. \$10 per member family, \$15 for non-member families.**

Each family will go home with 12 *hamantaschen* to bake!
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HERE](#)**



CSI Community Organic Farm

Regenerative Agriculture Rooted in Jewish Tradition

This is a time of many contradictions: As I write this, I am watching snow falling and forming a beautiful wonderland outside my window, but despite that, spring is in the air!! I have been hearing and seeing robins chirping happily away. With the month of Adar, we can find some joy when we celebrate Purim, while we still experience grief and horror at the situation in Israel. I hope we can all try to focus on small moments of joy.

One way to find beauty and awe in our world is through gardening. We are a synagogue with a farm, with chickens and grapes producing wine!! How magical is that?!!! Over the winter, your farm committee has been very busy. David Levitt continues to get our farm ready for the production of vegetables and flowers this coming spring/summer. In addition to our farm, we have set aside space for congregants to have their own garden. You can grow your own vegetables and/or flowers. Give it a try. I am here to help you. Please contact me at: jillgreenstein9@gmail.com and I can give you information about this.

Purim is coming and we are reminded to drink wine until we can no longer tell the difference between Haman and Mordechai !! While we do not recommend such excessive drinking, some wine is good for you and what better way to celebrate than to drink wine produced right here at CSI!!! For information on helping rack the wine and bottling it, contact Aaron Stern at: sternab@aol.com.

On March 24th, we invite you to sample our wine, which will be ready for purchase for your Passover table. You will certainly impress your family and friends with our terrific wine.

Not only has your farm committee been busy, but our chickens continue to lay eggs! You can buy farm fresh organic eggs. (\$6/dozen). Inquire at the CSI office.

These are some of the ways you can enjoy the benefits of our CSI community:

-RENT A GARDEN BED TO PRODUCE YOUR OWN VEGETABLES

-PURCHASE EGGS

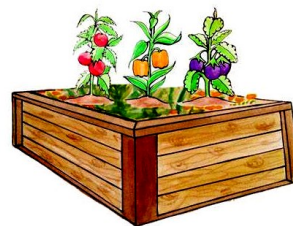
**TASTE OUR WINE ON
MARCH 24th,
11:15am -
12:45pm**

**AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE IN
TIME FOR
PASSOVER**

**%15 discount for
orders placed on 3/24.**



-Jill Greenstein



FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Naomi Elyachar



In my article in the most recent bulletin, I described some of the beauty and wonder that occurs every day in our 2's classes. This month, I wanted to do the same for our 3's program.

While our 2's are just beginning school the first time, learning school routines, and finding a place of comfort outside of their own home, our 3's enter school with increased comfort, confidence, and skills. There is an immense amount of learning and growth that happens during the three year old year. Our 3's classes build upon the wonderful foundation that began in the 2's. Children in our 3's love to take on new responsibilities as they gain independence. Our teachers create a classroom environment that serves as a holding container for the children to practice their newly developing skills. These children quickly learn to do their routines independently—hanging up their coats, putting away their belongings, leading a classroom job, putting away classroom materials, and cleaning up after themselves. Our teachers understand the importance of creating spaces and structure that allow our children to easily understand what to do when. When they understand routines that may seem simple to us, such as where to put their placemats and water bottle after snack, this builds confidence in the children that helps them feel comfortable taking risks and trying new challenges.

Another key component of the 3's classes is that children begin persisting longer at activities. This means they spend more time engaging with their peers, using and practicing pragmatic language skills, and building important skills such as manipulating fine motor tools. One can see the noticeable difference in their attention span and level of engagement by viewing their artwork and corresponding documentation. While the artwork hanging on the bulletin boards is beautiful to look at, when you see the photographs alongside the artwork of the children engaging in creating these pieces, you can see that often multiple processes—cutting, tearing, planning, constructing, gluing, painting—go into the creation of one piece of work. For example, our students in the Tree Room recently created tree artwork by tracing, etching, painting, and printing. Our curriculum is designed to be immersive, so they did this alongside learning about trees and plants, reading related books, participating in tree-related movement activities, and tracing signs that said “I love trees” to hang up by their artwork.

Our 3's teachers create a classroom environment with a wonderful balance of both care and nurture that also encourages skill development. They understand how to help our three-year-olds become capable and independent young learners who are curious, inquisitive, and risk takers. We love seeing the immense growth that happens in the three year old year at school!

Naomi Elyachar

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NURSERY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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March

3/8 Sprout and Acorn Room Shabbat

3/13 Professional development day, no school

3/25 Purim celebration at school

3/29 Spring break, no school



Thank you!



Thank you to the CSI Nursery School Parents Association and all school parents who have contributed to their efforts and fundraisers so far this year. With the money raised through this year's parents night out, raffle, and auction, we have been able to purchase many new supplies for our school. We have replaced many of our ride on toys with new, high-quality trikes. We have also purchased new classroom supplies that promote constructive, creative, and cooperative play.

Thank you all for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

| DATE TIME | EVENT (Registration required for each event) See links and/or below for more information | REGISTRATION LINKS |
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| SAT Mar 16th 11:00am - 12:00pm | Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Rosenberg A Shabbat service geared towards families with children under 5 years old. |  |
| SUN Mar 17th 11:00am - 1:00pm | Purim EXTRAVAGANZA with Grit Ninja OPEN TO ALL! Grit Ninja will be setting up AWESOME equipment in our social hall for kids 4 & over. We have a separate, safe and enclosed area for our under 4's too! |  |
| SUN Mar 24th 10:15am | Congregational Hamantaschen Baking Come in costume! |  |

Tot Shabbat at CSI

Led by Rabbi Rosenberg

Join us at CSI for Tot Shabbat followed by Kiddush lunch.

11:00am March 16th

Our next Tot Shabbat is January 13

More dates to come!

Stories


Songs


Dancing


Musical Instruments


This fun-filled introduction to Shabbat is geared towards children under 5 years old, and is a lively, interactive service for the whole family.

Open to all—members, non-members and friends!

Please RSVP below.

PURIM FUN!

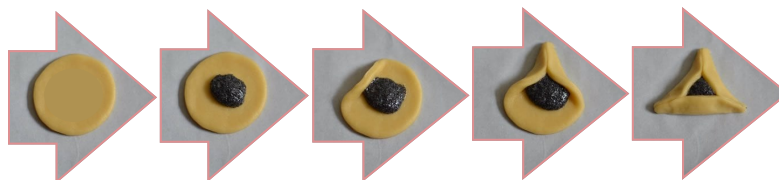
Purim Extravaganza!

March 17, 11 - 1

- ◆ Face Painting
- ◆ Temporary Tattoos
- ◆ Pop A Shot
- ◆ Tetra Tower
- ◆ Corn Hole
- ◆ Match-A-Move
- ◆ Bubble Wrap Stomp
- ◆ Cotton Candy,
- ◆ Hot Dogs
- ◆ Chicken Nuggets

Join us and master baker Mark Kirk for a fun, hands-on experience. Each family will make dough and roll out 12 hamantaschen to take home for baking!

SUN
Mar 24th
10:15am



HAVDALAH IN PAJAMAS

This family event was held on February 3rd.
We had a great turnout and so many fun activities!



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR *Sheera Zuckerman*



The year 2024 is off to a strong, spirited start. Though we lost some teaching days due to unexpected snow, we still managed to strengthen our CSI religious school community. In January, before saying farewell to *Shabbat*, the Third and Fourth grade families gathered at Rabbi Rosenberg's house. There they were treated to a delicious deli dinner, made braided *Havdalah* candles, added spices, and ended *Shabbat* by using what they had made for the *Havdalah* ceremony. We dimmed the lights, crowded into the dining room, held children close, while we ushered in the new week with a multisensory experience that included fire, spices and wine. What a wonderful way to separate *Shabbat* from the "mundane." The Rabbi and I are in the process of securing future dates for other families to have similar small gatherings.

The following day, Camp *Ramah* Nyack came to enhance the entire religious school's *Tu B'shvat* celebrations. We thank Saul Zebowitz from Camp *Ramah* Nyack for making pita with us, and we thank our fabulous Religious School PTA for helping us cut vegetables for our Israeli salad, baking the pita, and serving us with a smile.

Our school-wide programming is centered around Jewish holidays and is rooted in our core *derech erez* values. At CSI Religious School we learn about *mitzvot*, what we're

commanded to do, and focus on cultivating an intentional community grounded in kindness, civil discourse and respectful disagreement. As part of the *mitzvah* to feed the hungry, we joined in the CSI program providing food for the unhoused in our community. Thank you to Liz Legatt for spearheading the *mitzvah* and thank you to our outstanding families for donating all the food. Without their help, our students would not have been able to pack breakfasts and lunches for those in need.

Each day we do our best to educate our learners and remind them that they matter. We continue to be dedicated to weaving our theme of *chesed*/kindness into every aspect of your child's education, so we develop a culture of individuals ready to lead with care and compassion in the wider world.

We're looking forward to March where we'll be spending time learning about *Purim*, and joining CSI families on Sunday, March 17th for a *Purim* Extravaganza followed by a congregational Hamantaschen baking program.

B'Shalom,

Sheera Zuckerman
Religious School Director
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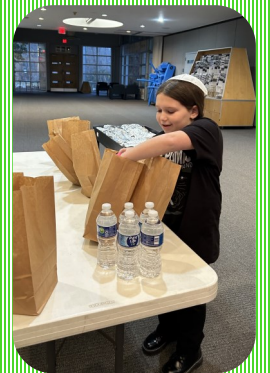


We've been busy at CSI Religious School!

Baking Pita & making Israeli salad



Packing meals FOR the UNHOUSED



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARCH

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March

3/17 Purim Extravaganza 11am

3/31 No school - Spring break



School in session

School closed

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

ANTISEMITISM DISCUSSION WITH TEENS AND THEIR PARENTS

Teens and their parents are invited to CSI on March 12th at 6:30pm to join Rabbi Rosenberg and our *Shlichah* (Israeli ambassador), Eden Edrei for an important conversation about antisemitism currently being experienced on high school and college campuses.

The presentation will begin with parents and teens together and then we will divide into separate groups to have age-appropriate discussion on this disconcerting and thought-provoking topic.

You are encouraged to invite your friends (non-CSI members) to attend. Our goal is to educate and empower our teens to feel proud to be Jewish and to have the knowledge to support Israel while effectively combating antisemitism.

Dinner will be served!

Please [RSVP HERE](#) by March 7th.

EARN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS HELPING AT CSI's PURIM EXTRAVAGANZA



The Purim Extravaganza is March 17th from 11am-1pm. Teen volunteers are wanted to help run activities and to assist with set up and clean up. Interested teens can contact [Ellen](#) in the office.



Thank you to those who brought in coats for IFCA during January. When I brought the coats to the IFCA thrift shop at 2 p.m. on a Tuesday, I mentioned that there were some beautiful coats in the bags. A couple of hours later, I received this email: "You were right, the donations were great. I think we sold every one of them today. People were standing and waiting for them to go out." Thanks again!

On January 27th, members of CSI joined with Ossining Town Historian Joyce Sharrock Cole, students from the Roosevelt School in Ossining, and members of the Ossining community to build a replica of a Rosenwald School at the Bethany Arts Community Center. This room is part of a larger exhibit for Black History Month. Julius Rosenwald (a Jewish executive at Sears Roebuck,) in collaboration with his friend Booker T. Washington and the communities they served, built 5,000 schools for African American children in the rural South. The CSI Civil Rights Trip with Abbe Marcus, Robert Goldstein, and Rabbi Kane, visited one of these schools in Alabama last March. It was a memorable experience for all of us. There is still time for you to view this project at the Bethany Arts Community Center-it runs through March 8th.— Judy Boehr





As we have for the past several years, we will be collecting money rather than Passover food for Project Ezra, a wonderful organization that services elderly Jews on the Lower East Side. Although Passover begins in April, it is never too early to think about this program.

Any amount is welcome - *chai* (\$18) or double *chai* (or more!) is always appreciated. The cost of the box of food we donated in the past is approximately \$65. Project Ezra will deliver small packages with Passover essentials to their clients. These seniors will also receive a direct relief check they can use for Passover shopping.

To donate through CSI: We will provide a link in the coming weeks to donate on line through CSI.

To donate directly to Project Ezra: Go to their website (www.projectezra.org) and click on DONATE. (Where it says "tribute text" if you note that this is from Congregation Sons of Israel in Briarcliff, NY, Ezra will keep track of our donations – similar to the memo line on a check.) You can pay by credit card or send a check to: Project Ezra, 387 Grand Street (Ground Floor), New York, NY 10002 (Please write "Congregation Sons of Israel Briarcliff" on the memo line.)

CARING COMMUNITY

We are happy to support congregants who no longer drive at night. The Caring Community has volunteers who will gladly drive you to and from evening events at CSI. We are developing a list of people who would appreciate this service. Please reach out to either Judy Boehr tanglewoodtoots@gmail.com 914-762-1984 or Ellen Johnson (ellen@csibriarcliff.org) 914-762-2700 to let us know.



Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 27th, at 7pm.
Contact [Judy Boehr](mailto:judyboehr@gmail.com) with any questions.

SISTERHOOD NEWS



Sisterhood Book Club Discussion
 Sunday, 3/3, at 11am at CSI
The Thread Collectors
 by Shaunna Edwards and Alyson Richman

In New Orleans, Stella, a Black woman, says goodbye to her beloved, William, as he leaves to join the Union army. In New York City, Lily, a Jewish woman, contributes to the abolitionist movement and pens letters to her husband, Jacob, a Union army musician. While serving, William and Jacob form a friendship over music, and the lives of all four are drawn together.

Please RSVP to [Shelley Glick](#).



Mishloach Manot for Purim: Sisterhood is once again offering all CSI families the opportunity to send *Mishloach Manot* to everyone in the CSI community. It's fun and easy! Sign up [here](#). Last day for orders is Monday, 3/18.

Save the date for Sisterhood *Shabbat*: Saturday, May 11th
 Invitations to participate will be sent to all current Sisterhood members.

It's never too late to join the CSI Sisterhood: \$36 CSI Members / \$54 Non-Members. Sisterhood offers complimentary membership for one year to new CSI members and to any CSI members or school families who have not previously joined the CSI Sisterhood. Sign up [here](#).



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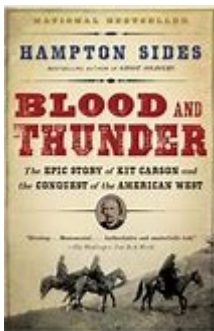
www.wlcj.org

MEN'S CLUB



Thank you to all who joined us for the 2024 World Wide Wrap!
We had an enlightening service and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast.

We donated over \$900 to the Friends of the IDF
thanks to the generosity of our participants and supporters.



Men's Club
Book Club:
Tuesday, 3/5
at 7:30pm

Blood and Thunder
by Hampton Sides

Chess Club:
Monday
evenings at 7:30. Open
to all. For location
information please email us [here](#).



Friday Night *Shabbat* service at West Point:
April 12, 2024 at 7PM.
Registration required
by Sunday, 3/31.

[INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION HERE](#)

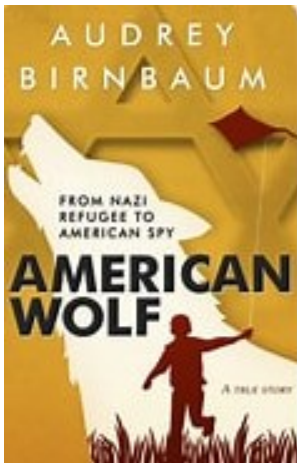


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MEN'S CLUB

Interested in Men's Club activities? Reach out to Richard Zuckerman,
Interim Coordinator, at mensclub@csibriarcliff.org.

You can join the Men's Club any time by clicking [here](#).

SECOND GENERATION SURVIVORS AT CSI



BOOK DISCUSSION:

NEW DATE: Tuesday, 3/12, at 7:30pm

Join us for an engaging discussion with Audrey Birnbaum about her newly published book, American Wolf: From Nazi Refugee to American Spy. This book chronicles Audrey's father's life, from his escape from Nazi Germany in 1941 to his subsequent return to Germany as a young American intelligence officer during the height of the Cold War.

Please RSVP to [Elizabeth Metzger](#). Friends are welcome!

SECURITY

SECURITY BRUNCH AT CSI

Sunday, 3/10/2024

11:30am

OR

Sunday, 4/14/2024

11:30am

In our effort to continue heightening our awareness of safety protocols, CSI Security Manager Andy Polay will host two next level Security classes.

Each date has a maximum of 25 participants.

- Light brunch 11:30am - 12pm
- Update and teaching with Andy Polay
- Hands-on security exercises
- Q & A after the exercises

You need not have attended any other sessions to participate on 3/10 or 4/14.

These sessions are planned for practical, active drills under varying scenarios.

Come learn new skills and/or build our skills, teamwork and camaraderie already in place.

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March 2024 / 21 Adar I – 21 Adar II

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| NS: Nursery School RS: Religious School Click here for the Web Calendar. | | NOTE: Kabbalat Shabbat Services will remain at 6pm unless otherwise indicated. |  MEGILLAH READING SATURDAY, 3/23 AT 8PM | | 1 21 Adar I 5:29pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat | 2 22 Adar I Ki Tisa 9:30am Shabbat Sanctuary & Live Stream |
| 3 23 Adar I 9:15am Minyan 11:00am Sisterhood Book Club | 4 24 Adar I 8:00am Minyan 11:30am Creation of the State of Israel 7:00pm Sisterhood Board | 5 25 Adar I 11:15am Jews in the News 12:30pm Women's Torah Study 7:30pm Men's Club Book Club 7:30pm Educ. Comm. | 6 26 Adar I 11:00am Talmud & Contemporary Issues 7:30pm Social Committee | 7 27 Adar I 8:00am Minyan 8:00pm Ritual Committee | 8 28 Adar I 5:37pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat | 9 29 Adar I Shekalim Vayakhel 9:30am Shabbat Sanctuary & Live Stream |
| 10 30 Adar I 9:15am Minyan 10:30am History of Israeli/Palestinian Conflict 11:30am Security Brunch 2:00pm Jewish Women's Health Summit at JCCMW | 11 1 Adar II 8:00am Minyan 11:30am Creation of the State of Israel 8:00pm Wrestling With Torah | 12 2 Adar II 11:15am Jews in the News 6:30 Teen Discussion 7:30pm 2nd Generation Survivors Book Discussion 7:30pm Pride Committee | 13 3 Adar II NO NS-Staff Dev. Day 11:00am Talmud & Contemporary Issues | 14 4 Adar II 8:00am Minyan 10:30am Gratitude Meditations 11:15am HaMishpacha Discussion Group | 15 5 Adar II 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:45pm Candle Lighting | 16 6 Adar II Pekudei Lay Led Liturgy 9:30am Shabbat Sanctuary & Live Stream 11:00am Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Rosenberg |
| 17 7 Adar II 9:15am Minyan 11:00am Purim Extravaganza | 18 8 Adar II 8:00am Minyan 11:30am Creation of the State of Israel 7:30pm Exec. Comm. | 19 9 Adar II 11:15am Jews In the News 12:30pm Women's Torah Study | 20 10 Adar II 11:00am Talmud & Contemporary Issues 7:00pm Policies & Procedures Comm. | 21 11 Adar II 8:00am Minyan 10:30am Gratitude Meditations | 22 12 Adar II 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat 6:53pm Candle Lighting | 23 13 Adar II Zachor Vayikra 9:30am Shabbat Sanctuary & Live Stream 8:00pm Megillah Reading |
| 24 14 Adar II PURIM 9:15am Minyan 10:15am Hamentaschen Baking 11:15 Wine Tasting | 25 15 Adar II 8:00am Minyan NS Purim Celebration 8:00pm Wrestling With Torah | 26 16 Adar II 11:15am Jews In the News 7:30pm Board of Trustees | 27 17 Adar II 11:00am Talmud & Contemporary Issues 7:30pm Caring Community | 28 18 Adar II 8:00am Minyan 10:30am Gratitude Meditations 11:15am HaMishpacha Discussion Group | 29 19 Adar II NO Nursery School 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00pm Candle Lighting | 30 20 Adar II Parah Tzav 9:30am Shabbat Sanctuary & Live Stream |
| 31 21 Adar II NO RS 9:15am Minyan | | | | | | |

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Happy Birthday

| Date | Celebrant | Age |
|------|----------------|-----|
| 2 | Jordy Elyachar | 7 |
| 9 | Harper Harlow | 3 |
| 14 | Penelope Stern | 12 |
| 27 | Emma Schulz | 3 |

Happy Anniversary

| DATE | CELEBRANTS | YEARS |
|------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 3 | Jay & Gayle Waxenberg | 39 |
| 5 | Douglas & Rebecca Schiz | 7 |
| 5 | Mark & Rika Reisman | 30 |
| 6 | Daniel & Nancy Cohen | 30 |
| 10 | Ira & Ellen Eisenstein | 40 |
| 16 | Steve Saper & Shelley Glick | 44 |
| 19 | Michael & Susan Thrope | 26 |
| 25 | Gil & Sharon Balog | 52 |
| 26 | Stephen & Sharon Alpert | 41 |
| 31 | Dan & Marian Levine | 34 |

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Condolences to Ellen Kahan on the loss of her mother, Leona Esther Radack.

Condolences to Cantor Jeffrey Shiovitz on the loss of his brother, Nathan Shiovitz.

***Mazal Tov* to Judy and Rabbi Steven Kane on the birth of their grandson, Eli Tzvi Lorberbaum.**

***Mazal Tov* to Karen and Bernie Lipsy on the engagement of their grandson, Yoni Krakow, to Rachel Rosenbaum.**

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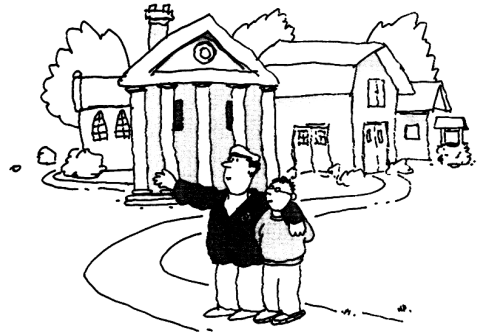


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