

Congregation Sons of Israel

THE MYERS FAMILY CAMPUS

Continuing The Vision - Building the Future



March 2019

24 Adar I - 24 Adar II

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



Megillah reading and a CRAZY night of Purim fun! Wednesday 3/20 at 7pm.



**BLOOD
DRIVE**



Sunday 3/31. See page 4

CSI's Got Soul!

Join us for our Annual Event to honor

Bob & Marilyn Margolies

for decades of dedicated service
and to recognize

Robin Ginsberg

as Volunteer of the Year.

Sunday, April 7, 2019

5:00-8:00 pm

Take a musical journey with

*A Decade of Soul, performing a
classic soul and Motown
production.*

Enjoy delicious Jewish
soul food, beer, and
wine.

And of course...
raffles!

Free babysitting available.



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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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That means it's
 time for CSI
 Sisterhood
 Mishloach Manot
 (Purim Treat Bags)

Mishloach Manot are gifts of food (and fun things) traditionally given to friends on Purim.

The CSI Sisterhood is preparing a lovely Purim package filled with Mamentzen, candy and other goodies. Each person you designate will receive a package.

It's a *Mitzvah*, it's great fun and with CSI Sisterhood, it's easy to do!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

You can participate in the sending of a beautiful gift bag to anyone on our list, at the cost of \$18.00 for the first bag and \$3.00 for each additional bag. Each family you choose will receive one gift bag, along with a Purim card listing all of the people who have sent to them. For example, if you are sent a Mishloach Manot package from more than one individual, you will still only receive one bag; all of the people sending you the Mishloach Manot will be listed on the card.

Thanks to the convenience of running a Mishloach Manot fundraiser online, you can easily place your orders at CSI.HappyPurim.com. You will be able to securely pay by credit card, choose your own "display name" (i.e. the way you wish your name to appear on your recipients' scrolls), and also receive a reciprocity receipt listing who you automatically reciprocated to.

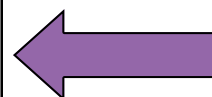
What you
 need to
 do:

Everyone in our synagogue community is receiving a personalized code, similar to a password, for accessing the website. Your personal login code is:

Your code is specifically for your account, so please don't share it with anyone.

CONTINUED...

PURIM IS COMING! The CSI Sisterhood is once again making it possible for us to send **Mishloach Manot (Purim bags)** to our friends at CSI.



YOU ALREADY GOT YOUR LETTER WITH ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS! These letters include **YOUR special code.**

It's fun, it's delicious and it's so easy to participate!

ORDER BY 3/13 AT 5PM.

Don't hesitate to contact either the CSI office or Margie Kirsch at 238—8201 if you need assistance of any kind. We're happy to help!



AIPAC POLICY CONFERENCE
March 24 - 26

Join Rabbi Kane, CSI members and thousands of other Pro-Israel activists for three of the most important days of impact for Israel's future.

There is a \$100 from CSI for first-time attendees The AIPAC Policy Conference is the pro-Israel community's preeminent annual gathering. Over three jam-packed days, Policy Conference participants choose from hundreds of informative sessions and participate in the pro-Israel community's largest and most important advocacy day.

www.aipac.org/at/attend-events/policy-conference

FROM THE RABBI

Steven C. Kane



You may recall that *Rosh HaShanah* was "early" this year, beginning just after Labor Day (September 9). Yet, *Pesach* won't begin until April 19, which would be considered "late". (As we know, all Jewish holidays are either early or late.) How is it that in the course of seven months the holidays went from being early to being late?

The answer lies in the unusual nature of the Jewish calendar. Many people mistakenly believe that Judaism **only** follows a lunar calendar, that is its months follow the phases of the moon, with the first of the month occurring when the new moon appears, and a full moon indicating that half of the month is now over. That though is only partially true. **The months are lunar, but the year is solar.** What that means is that all of the months follow the phases of the moon, (it takes between 29 and 30 days for the moon to go through a full cycle), but the Jewish holidays are celebrated during their appropriate seasons. For example, *Pesach* is a holiday that is always celebrated in the spring and *Rosh HaShanah* in the fall. But, if Judaism only followed a lunar calendar, (as Islam does), a problem would arise since 12 full lunar months are only 354 days, while a solar year is 365 days. In order to keep the holidays in their proper seasons, approximately every three years there is a leap year, (actually, seven times in nineteen years), and an entire month of 29 days is added to the calendar. There is no special name for this month, it is simply called *Adar Bet* (second *Adar*). (In a non-leap year there is only one month of *Adar*.) This year is a leap year and we are now currently in *Adar Bet*, which is why beginning with *Purim* our holidays now are "late".

More important than the system for setting the calendar so that the holidays are in their proper seasons is the authority given to the rabbis of the Talmud to set a calendar at all. After all, how is it that human beings are given the power to set the dates of religious holidays? Shouldn't these dates be set by "God," through our religious texts? That is certainly true of Christmas which is always on December 25th, and Ramadan which is always during the ninth month of the Muslim calendar. There is no council of elders or sages allowed to change when those holidays occur. Yet in Judaism the rabbis of the Talmud were allowed every spring to decide if there should be a leap year, an *Adar Bet*, and such a decision would of course change the date of every subsequent holiday that followed.

The Talmud records an argument in the third century between Rabban Gamliel and Rabbi Yehoshua concerning the date of *Yom Kippur*. Rabban Gamliel was the head of the Rabbinic Sanhedrin and had used his power to choose when *Yom Kippur* would occur that year, based on his ability to set the calendar. Rabbi Yehoshua had thought he had erred in his calculations. On the day Rabbi Yehoshua thought was *Yom Kippur*, he was asked to bring his wallet and his walking staff to Rabban Gamliel, which would have been a violation of *Yom Kippur*. After much deliberation and consulting with his colleagues he did what Rabban Gamliel had asked, thus agreeing that the power to set the calendar, including the date of our holiest day, *Yom Kippur*, was in his hands to do.

What was the basis of this decision? It was a verse from the Torah, (Lev. 23:1), that states, "These are the appointed times (i.e. holidays) of God **which you shall declare.**" In other words, the celebration of all holidays are a partnership between God and the people. God may set the nature of a holiday and what it is we are to celebrate, but it is up to the community to decide exactly when they are to occur in accordance with God's own directions.

Perhaps more than anything else the power and ability of our sages to set the calendar and therefore when our holy days are to be celebrated shows our understanding that Judaism has always been a partnership between the Holy One and the people of Israel. It is neither solely dictated by God nor invented by human beings. Together, throughout the year, we recognize that Judaism is made up of both human and Divine elements, making it the meaningful way of life that it is.

Lhitraot,

Rabbi@csibriarcliff.org

**FIVE THINGS YOU ALWAYS
WANTED TO KNOW...With Rabbi Kane -
Five moral and ethical issues in Judaism.
The next session is on 3/11 at 7:30pm Jewish
views on tattoos, piercings and body alteration.**



COLLEGE PARENTS...

There are almost 40 college students who are going to get *Purim* packages from CSI this year.

Please come help pack up the boxes on 3/12 AT 7pm at CSI. RSVP's are most welcome! Contact Ellen@csibriarcliff.org

OUR ANNUAL PURIM CARNIVAL IS ON SUNDAY, 3/24 DONATIONS NEEDED!

300 kosher hot dogs * 300 kosher *pareve* hot dog rolls
300 water bottles @20 oz. size * 400 napkins * 100 eggs * 200 potato knishes
200 Snack size chips (*pareve*) * 400 small plates * 400 forks
3 bottles of Heinz ketchup * 3 bottles of Heinz mustard * 6 cans black beans
6 cans of chickpeas * 4 bottles of salad dressing * 4 large bags of ice
12 English cucumbers * 6 club size containers of cherry tomatoes

- ◆ These items are available at all major shopping clubs BJ's, Costco & Sam's Club and all major grocery stores.
- ◆ Remember: All food must be marked kosher.
- ◆ If you don't have a club card but would like to donate, you are welcome to borrow our card or drop off money for us to shop with!

Contact Ronishapiro@csibriarcliff.org



BLOOD DRIVE AT CSI:
SUNDAY, 3/31 FROM 9AM—1:30PM

Contact Jill Greenstein at Jillgreenstein9@gmail.com

CANTORIAL NOTES

Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



Who is your hero? We set certain kinds of people before us because we admire their skills or their values or their accomplishments. As a literary device, authors use heroes to focus the action and carry the story so that we can see circumstances in a particular way. So it is, too, for anti-heroes. We put the other characters in the story into perspective as the anti-hero is the focus of our attention. We know this technique from all kinds of genres, from Shakespeare to cowboy movies.

The *Purim* story of Esther leads us to Haman, the ultimate anti-hero. Haman is the descendant of Amalek, the worst enemy of the Jewish people found in the Torah. Haman plots against the Jews for the most foolish of reasons: they don't bow down to him. Haman is portrayed as evil incarnate, an egomaniac whose hatred of the Jews becomes his sole motivation. We boo the bad guy as we read the story so that we can all live happily-ever-after when the bad guy is destroyed.

But the Esther story is subtler than the cowboy movies I loved to watch with my father. When Haman is hung, the evil decree still hangs over the Jews and the king tells us it cannot be set aside. The only change that happens is a new law allowing the Jews of Shushan to defend themselves. The result is two days of massive killing.

The subtle part of the story is that heroism is defined by the ability to change one's mind. The heroes of this story are Mordecai and Esther who are cast as heroic because they change. At the beginning of the story Esther is told to hide her true identity. It is only later, at a time of much danger, that Mordecai urges Esther to reveal herself to the king in order to save her people. Esther changes from being one who hides herself to one who acts boldly. The king is an anti-hero because he cannot change, the megalomaniac Haman is the bad guy because he too, cannot change his narrow focus of hatred, and this leads to his ultimate demise.

We read *Megillat Esther* at a season of change. Of course it is not Spring yet but the days are lighter and brighter, the buds on the trees are swelling, and we feel some hope that Springtime, if not here today, will at least come tomorrow(or at least next month).

Jewish tradition values change. Apology, *t'shuva*, means to change one's direction. It is the highest, most heroic of human values. We are not fixed, one-dimensional beings. When we see evil before us, as Mordecai and Esther did, we must allow ourselves to change and respond as humans of insight and will. The king and Haman are judged as equally evil because they refuse to change, acting in single modes that are blind to the realities around them.

Let's rejoice at our season of change. Let's take advantage of a season of change to look forward to opportunities in our lives to change and grow. Let's consider who we admire and why. May our changes inaugurate a season of liberation and joy. Be happy - it's *Adar*!

Jshiovitz@gmail.com



***HaMishpacha* Luncheon:**
Tuesday, March 12th at 12:30pm
Discussion with Rabbi Kane
about Israel and its
upcoming election.

HaMishpacha is a free luncheon for those 65+ in our community. Your support of the CSI Caring Community enables us to continue hosting these luncheons. Thank you!



NEWS AND EVENTS from *Roni Shapiro, Educational Director*

Secure your
child's spot!

REGISTER
Now



CSI Summer Camp 2019
CSI Nursery School 2019-2020

Email Janice@csibriarcliff.org
For registration materials



**Adult Shabbat
Coffee & Limmud
with Roni**

Saturday, March 30th

10:30AM - 12:00PM

Would you like to learn more about
the *Shabbat* morning service or
study Torah?

Join us!

**Free babysitting will be made available in
Room 6—just RSVP to
RoniShapiro@csibriarcliff.org**

For Your Consideration

Did you know about these funds that support CSI's Educational Programming?

Educational Director's Discretionary Fund

This fund assists in educational projects to benefit the CSI students.

Mitzner Family Special Educational Needs Fund

Donations are used to fund our Lev program,
providing 1:1 shadows, technology, and Special Education training.

Rachel Greenstein Children's Resource Library Fund

This special fund provides books for our children's library.

Rhoda & Mel Miller Tuition Assistance Fund

This fund provides Religious School tuition assistance to CSI members.

NEWS AND EVENTS from *Roni Shapiro, Educational Director*



For *Dalet & Heh* students (grades 6 & 7)

Did you
KNOW?

March 2
10:30AM-12:00PM

This *Shabbat* service, led by *Morah Sheera*, helps our *Dalet & Heh* class students in preparation for *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* AND *Kadima* services count towards students' *Bar* and *Bat Mitzvah* requirements.



For *Alef, Bet & Gimel* students (grades 3, 4 & 5)

Did you
KNOW?

March 16
March 30
10:00-11:00AM

Alef, Bet & Gimel students are required to attend a minimum of 5 *Shabbat Sheera* Services during the 2018-2019 school year AND the RS PTA will award prizes to those children who attend 5+ services.



Mark
your
calendar

RS Class Family services

Kids lead - families come!

THIS month:

Dalet March 9
(6th grade) 10AM-12PM
Class

And just around the corner:

Bet & Gimel April 5
(4th & 5th grade) 6:30PM
Classes

Alef May 3
(3rd grade) 6:30PM
Class



Hebrew High School

Class & Brunch
Sundays
11:00AM - 12:15PM

March 10
March 17

Topic: Bible Stories Rated "R"

March 31

Topic: Jewish Mobsters of
Sing Sing Prison



Heh &
High School
Families!



SAVE THE DATE

Heh & High
School
Graduation

May 7
6:30-8:00PM

NEWS AND EVENTS from *Roni Shapiro, Educational Director*

**Wednesday
March 20th**

PURIM

Join us
at CSI for the
Megillah reading
and a **CRAZY**
night of *Purim* fun!



Details coming
soon!

**CSI
Teens!**

WE NEED **YOU**
TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S
PURIM CARNIVAL
SUCCESSFUL!

Have fun while getting
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS!!!

Purim Carnival Set Up
SATURDAY NIGHT, March 23
8:00-9:00PM

Carnival Day
SUNDAY, March 24
10:30AM-1:00PM

Email
RoniShapiro@csibriarcliff.org
to volunteer

Volunteers Needed!
**PURIM
CARNIVAL**

**Adult Helpers
Needed!**

Looking for volunteers for CSI's
Purim Carnival:

March 23
Saturday night set-up
8:00PM-9:00PM

March 24
Sunday, Carnival Day
9:00AM-1:00PM

- Food prep
- Food sales
- Admission/ticket sales
- And more!

Volunteer to help for any or
all of these times!

Please email
Janice@csibriarcliff.org
if you can help!

CSI's Purim CARNIVAL

Purim Fun for ALL AGES
Sunday, March 24
11:00AM-12:30PM

Games! Prizes! Fun!

Buy one bracelet per child for **unlimited GAMES**.
Refreshments will be available for purchase.

ADVANCE PURCHASE PRICES:

\$18 for each bracelet

\$15 each for three or more bracelets

Advance prices are good through Friday, March 22 at noon

DAY OF CARNIVAL PRICE:

\$20 each

Avoid the line! Save money!
Pre-buy bracelets in the office today!



NURSERY SCHOOL PTA

Bossy Frog Band to come to the NS on Sunday, 5/19 at 11am.

MUSIC & FUN!

Co-Presidents: Linda Lanier and Randi Teplow-Phipps
 Treasurer: Linda Lanier * Communications Chair: Naomi Elyachar
 Hospitalities Chair: Caitlin Scheir * Holiday Boutique Chair: Emily Newfield
 Moving-Up Day Chair: Erica Bagliebter
 Social Coordinators: Rachel Gerstein and Angela Kotsubey
 Fundraiser Chair: Alissa Lupu



USY/KADIMA - Andrea Bromberg, Advisor



Kadima had a great time bowling and gaming with our friends from Bet Torah! Strikes and spares all around! Pictured: Eden Rappaport, Gavin Reff, and Joey Hentel.

What?	When?	Where?
<i>Kadima Kinnus</i> (Grades 5-7) http://www.regpacks.com/metny1819	Friday, March 1- Saturday, March 2	ICCI in Queens
<i>Megillah</i> Reading	Wednesday, March 20 at 7pm	CSI
<i>Purim</i> Carnival Set-Up and Night Out	Saturday, March 23 at 8pm	CSI
<i>Purim</i> Carnival	Sunday, March 24 at 11am	CSI
Tri-State <i>Purim</i> Party	Sunday, March 31 from 3-6pm	Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale

Also, Encampment registration is open! METNY Encampment is for grades 6-12 and will take place at Camp Ramah in the Berkshires from August 18-25. Register at https://www.regpacks.com/reg/templates/build/?g_id=100901855

Have questions? E-mail Andrea at csiusy@csibriarcliff.org



CSI Community Organic Farm

Regenerative Agriculture Rooted in Jewish Tradition

March 2019/ CSI Community Organic Farm Update

We are inching our way through winter and coming up on spring!

We will be having one full day of preventative tree work done on the trees immediately surrounding the field. This maintenance is necessary for safety reasons. There is one dead tree by the entrance to the Farm and several that need pruning or cabling. We hope to be able to offer firewood to the members once we get the logs split, so stay tuned.

We've just finished our last jar of summer tomato sauce which means it is time to start thinking about ordering seeds and plant starts. Help is always needed and welcomed at all levels of the process. Contact Ryna Lustig for more info at rynalustig@gmail.com.

It's time to start thinking about gardening in our Community Garden this spring. The Community Garden is a great way to learn about growing vegetables and flowers, have fun, and share ideas with others. To help you get started *Matanah*, the gift shop at CSI, is selling easy-to-use "Grow Packets" from Backyard Safari Company this year. Each egg carton contains seeds, soil, and everything you need to start your vegetables, herbs, and flowers from scratch! If you're still not sure how to do this, Jill Greenstein will help you and answer any questions. Contact her at jillgreenstein9@gmail.com. Stop by the gift shop where one carton has already been planted as a demonstration.

Of course, any and all help is welcome. Do you have an idea? Questions? Let us know.

See you on the farm!

-- Ryna Lustig & Jill Greenstein

MEN'S CLUB NEWS - Mark Reisman & Richard Langeloh, Co - Presidents

TEXAS HOLD 'EM AND MARCH MADNESS: The Men's Club invites you to join them for an evening of NCAA playoffs and Texas Hold'Em on Thursday, 3/28. Dinner, too. Big winner of the evening gets a reserved parking spot for the High Holidays. **RSVP's a must!** \$36 for Men's Club members, \$54 for others (makes you a member of Men's Club!). Contact Mark Reisman at Mreisman@rrallp.com or Rick Langeloh at rlangeloh89@aol.com Flyer on page 16

Men's Club Passover wine tasting and sale presented by Dodd's in Millwood is Sunday, March 31st from 5pm to 7pm. \$30.00 a person \$50.00 per couple includes wine and hors d'oeuvres. All are welcome! Please RSVP by Tuesday March 26th to Aaron Stern at sternab@aol.com Jason Eidlitz at jshoedog@optonline.net Flyer on page 17

The J. Harold Nissen Award Dinner: Please join the Men's Club at CSI on Sunday May 5th at 5pm as we honor Mike Kirsch as Man of the Year for CSI. Please go to hvfjmc.org to make dinner reservations and place journal ads. If you have any questions please contact Jason Eidlitz at jshoedog@optonline.net

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Mah Jongg

MONTHLY EVENING GAME
Monday, 3/18 at 7:30pm



SUPPORT SISTERHOOD:

REMEMBER TO ORDER YOUR PURIM BAGS BY 3/13/AT 5PM. Contact the office or Margie Kirsch at 238—8201 if you need help. We have all family order codes on file, don't hesitate to ask !



The Gift Shop will be open Sundays 3/3, 3/10 and 3/17 from 9:30 - 12 and during the Purim Carnival on Sunday, 3/24! If you need something on another day, just email Robsamg@optonline.net and we will contact you to arrange a mutually convenient meeting.

President:	Robin Ginsberg
Treasurer/ Financial Secretary:	Sharon Richter
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Membership:	Anneleah Berger
Mah Jongg Chair:	Cheryl Katz
Gift Shop:	Robin Ginsberg/ Jill Greenstein / Marion Jablansky/ Sharon Orenstein



PRIDE COMMITTEE NEWS— CO-CHAIRS, ANDY KAGAN & DIANA SCHUTT



Thank you to Dr. Cassandra Klebenoff for her wonderful program at CSI on Sunday, 2/10. We are grateful for her insight and for the support of all those in attendance.

The next Pride Committee meeting is Thursday, 3/14 at 7:30pm.

Please feel free to contact either of us at any time: DianaSchutt18@gmail.com, Kagana53@gmail.com

CARING COMMUNITY - Merrie Daitch, Chairperson



Your donations to CSI's Caring Community enable us to continue our HaMishpacha Senior luncheons. We very much appreciate your continue generosity.

SPECIAL NOTE: Those members of our community who are not able to get out very much appreciate visits. Contact me for the details.

Merrie Daitch merrietunes@yahoo.com



**Judy Boehr,
Chairperson**

Thank you to all who donated winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves! They are very much appreciated.

Our next collection is for Project Ezra. There is a full page flyer on page right there



PERTINENT DATES

COLLECTION BEGINS MID-MARCH

Preliminary sort and pack Sunday, 4/7

Final pack Tuesday, 4/9

Pick up by Project Ezra Thursday, 4/11



Each year CSI families donate Passover foods for elderly Jews living on the Lower East Side of NYC.

IN MANY CASES, YOUR PACKAGE IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF PASSOVER FOOD FOR EZRA'S ELDERLY.

- ◆ PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL FOOD ITEMS MUST BE MARKED **KOSHER FOR PASSOVER**.
- ◆ THE KOSHER SIGN ALONE IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR PASSOVER USE.
- ◆ IN ADDITION, PLEASE TRY TO CHECK THAT ALL ITEMS ARE CURRENT AND MARKED **FOR THE CURRENT YEAR**.

THE FOLLOWING LIST OF PASSOVER FOODS COMPRISES A PASSOVER PACKAGE DELIVERED TO FRAIL ELDERS ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE.

ALL ITEMS THAT ARE IN **BOLD TYPE** ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED, AS THEY ARE SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO FIND. (i.e. canned fruits and vegetables and jelly that is MARKED **KOSHER FOR PASSOVER**.)

2 BOXES MATZO (sometimes 5 lbs. free with store coupon!)

1 BORSCHT

1 SOUP

1 JAR OR CAN OF GEFILTE FISH

1 **JAM OR JELLY**

1 DESSERT ITEM (CAKE, COOKIES, MACAROONS, ETC)

2 CANS OF TUNA, SALMON OR SARDINES

2 CANNED FRUITS

2 CANNED VEGETABLES

1 BOTTLE OF GRAPE JUICE

1 BOTTLE OF VEGETABLE OIL

1 INSTANT COFFEE OR TEA

1 SMALL JAR OF HONEY

NUTS OR DRIED FRUIT



If you would like to make a monetary donation, please contact Judy Boehr (tanglewoodtoots@juno.com or 762-1984)

DONATIONS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE WELCOME.
We will shop for you!

MARCH 2—Hi, my name is Daniel Dolch.

Supporting me as I make my way to becoming *Bar Mitzvah* will be my parents and younger sister. I live in Chappaqua with my family and adopted pets - Isaac the dog and Oscar the cat - and attend Seven Bridges Middle School.

I love photography and travel, a passion that began when I was barely 3, and was fueled when my grandmother took my dad and I on safari 2 ½ years ago. As a result, I became the art editor of my school's literary magazine my first year in middle school, and the yearbook photographer the following year.

I really enjoy playing violin and am in my school Orchestra and Chamber Music group as well as the Westchester Putnam Youth Orchestra. I have also been a fencer for 5 years and have won gold and silver medals for my team, Way of The Sword, nearly every year.

I love to cook and know good it makes my family feel, so for my *Bar Mitzvah* project I plan to go Ronald McDonald house and cook some nice meals with my family. I did this with my *Heh* class and I remember that we each had a job according to our strengths; non-was more important than the other. We all worked together to make a three-course meal for a bunch of families who could use some good home cooking while their kids were in the hospital.

I am always in motion, which bugs my teachers but makes happy! I am on wheels every day biking and skateboarding but also enjoy hiking and camping with my family and the boy scouts. Scouting brings nearly all my favorite things together, being out in nature with my friends and camera, and cooking by a campfire.

I am proud to become *Bar Mitzvah* because not only is it a bridge from childhood to manhood but also because it will be a celebration of five years of learning.

I would like to thank Rabbi Kane, Cantor Shiovitz, and all my teachers at CSI for teaching be about my Jewish heritage, my sister Jesse for always being by my side and comforting me when I felt stressed learning Hebrew and my *Haftarah* portion, my mom for helping organize this whole thing and for making me buckle down on my Hebrew even though I really didn't want to, and Dad for sitting down and sounding out each word with me when I first started and I couldn't really understand or read the language and for always being by my side and helping me understand my religion.



MARCH 9—Hi, my name if Nathan Lucht. On March 9th I will be called to the *bimah* to recite my Torah Portion. My parents are Lauren & Christ Lucht, and I have two brothers, Eli and Gabriel. I also have a dog, Lucky. I live in Briarcliff Manor and go to Briarcliff Middle School where I play trombone in my band. Last September my family adopted Lucky, a black labradoodle, from the SPCA right here in Briarcliff. He has made such an impact on my life. He is one of best friends. To thank the SPCA for giving me my dog, I set up a GoFundMe page to collect donations towards teats, toys, medicine, cleaning supplies and other necessities for the dogs still living at the shelter. For my *Bar Mitzvah* project, I am volunteering at the SPCA.



MARCH 2019: 24 Adar I – 23 Adar II

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Abbreviations: C/L = Candle Lighting Time JITN = Jews in the News JMTA = Jewish Music Through the Ages N.S. = Nursery School R.S. = Religious School		Purim Carnival Sunday 3/24. Buy your bracelets at a discount before 3/22 at 3pm. Contact Janice.	Remember to order your Mishloach Manot (Purim Bags!)		1 24 Adar I 9am Almost 2's C/L 5:21pm 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat	2 25 Adar I 9:10am Shabbat Service BM: DANIEL DOLCH 10:30am Kadima Service 10:30am Chavurah Service Shabbat Shekalim Vayakhel
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10 3 Adar II 9:15am Minyan 11am H.S.	11 4 Adar II 7:15am Minyan 9am Almost 2's 6:30pm Bridge 7:30pm Five Things...Jewish views on tattoos, piercings and body alteration 8:45pm Talmud	12 5 Adar II 9am Tues/Tots 11:15am JITN 12:30pm HaMishpacha Luncheon 7pm COLLEGE PURIM PACKING – Join us!	13 6 Adar II 9a Almost 2's 9:30am N.S. Music 5pm DEADLINE FOR ORDERING PURIM BAGS ONLINE	14 7 Adar II 7:15am Minyan 10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion 7:30pm Pride Committee	15 8 Adar II NO NURSERY SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES C/L 6:44PM 7pm Shabbat Rocks	16 9 Adar II 9:10am Shabbat Service 10am Shabbat Sheera Shabbat Zachor Vayikra
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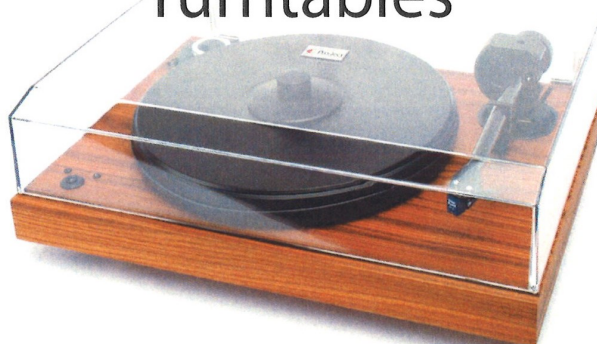


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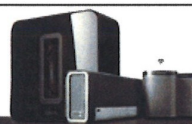
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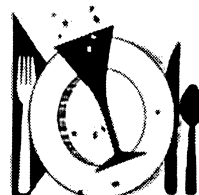
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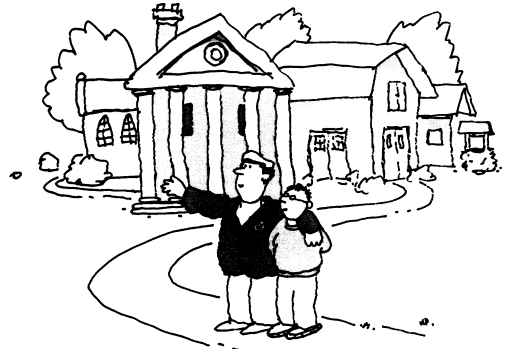
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