



# Congregation Sons of Israel

THE MYERS FAMILY CAMPUS

CONTINUING THE VISION — BUILDING OUR FUTURE

**MARCH 2020**

*5 Adar - 6 Nisan 5780*

March 9th at 7pm  
Megillah Reading,  
Super Slide &  
Bumper Cars

*Are you ready for it?*

**BEST  
PURIM  
CARNIVAL  
EVER**

**Sunday, March 8**

**11:00AM-12:30PM**

**Games!**

**Prizes!**

**Fun!**



**MEN'S CLUB MARCH MADNESS/  
TEXAS HOLD'EM**

**Thursday, March 26th at 7:30pm**

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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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# SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE

## SUNDAY, May 31st

CSI's Annual Event

This year we honor:

Marian & Daniel Levine and

Leona & Neil Schluger

Volunteer of the year:

Marc Auslander



### Five Things... with Rabbi Kane

Join us for our final discussion:  
 Birobidzhan, The Jewish  
 autonomous region of Siberia.  
 Monday, March 16th at 7:30pm



**PASSOVER FOOD DRIVE**  
**See pages 16 & 17**

## FROM THE RABBI

### Steven C. Kane



One of the most complex relationships we have today is our relationship, as American Jews, to Israel. We are unique in that way compared to others. Those whose ancestors came to the United States from Italy or Ireland may retain some of their family's connection to their place of origin, especially if they still have close relatives living there, but by the third generation that relationship is almost gone. They may retain a last name that is clearly ethnic, or they may have recipes from their grandmothers, but they don't have those countries as a part of their liturgy or feel an overwhelming need to visit the land of their ancestors.

Because Judaism involves not just a national connection (indeed for many that national connection is not their primary identity with Judaism), but also cultural, ethnic and religious connections, our relationship to the land of Israel has never been severed throughout our history. One finds murals of sites in the holy land (such as the Temple Mount or Rachel's tomb) in synagogues throughout Europe and the Middle East painted by people who not only never saw these places, their great, great, great...grandparents never did either! Every single time a Jew prays the *Amidah*, or say the *Birkat Ha-mazon* (grace after meals), a return to and a rebuilding of Jerusalem is mentioned. In one of the most famous poems of Jewish history, the poet Yehudah Ha-Levi writes, "My heart is in the east, while I am in the utmost of the west..."

While there has always been a presence of Jews in the Land of Israel, beginning with the late 19th century Jews began to move in greater numbers back to the land of their poets and prayers. Many did not have to go far, coming from other Middle Eastern countries such as Iraq, Egypt and Syria. Other came from Russia and Eastern Europe. What they all had in common was a history of never being fully accepted in these countries, often facing not only legal obstacles (such as a ban on owning land or exclusion from becoming citizens), but often violence that all too often resulted in the loss of life. As we all know, in 1948 all that ended with, after almost 2000 years of exile (think about how long that is to maintain a connection to a land!), the modern State of Israel was created, not by fiat or force, but by a vote of the international body of nations, the U.N. That is why Jews who were often excluded from being citizens of other countries, can claim immediate citizenship in Israel under the "Law of Return", coming from places where their right to be a citizen was often questioned.

As American Jews we have never quite faced the same prejudices as our brothers and sisters in other countries faced. Yes, there have been some horrible antisemitic acts in American history, but our ability to become citizens of the United States and to be protected by its laws has never been in question. Since its inception Israel has been a great ally of the United States, even though Israel began as a socialist country (something it gave up in the 1980's). What Israel has had in common with the United States is that both countries are made up of immigrant-citizens whose ancestors come from many other places and cultures. The citizens of both countries are not united by "biology", but rather a shared set of values. That, it seems to me is exactly why so many Americans admire Israel, and why so many Jews here in America retain their Jewish identity, while at the same time having a relationship to Israel that will be passed on to the next generation of American Jews.

In the past number of years that relationship has been challenged, especially on college campuses. There are those who want to claim that all peoples have the right to a homeland, except one—the Jews. They have accused Jews of buying illegitimate political influence and of committing atrocities that have no basis in fact. This is of course exacerbated by the fact that Israel is far from a perfect country, and like the United States may commit acts that we as Jews find problematic or even unethical. Yet even as our relationship to Israel grows in its complexity, it should not obscure what having a Jewish state has meant to us as Jews. The pride in our history, culture and identity is intrinsically tied to Israel, even as we express our Judaism here in America. We continue to look to make both Israel and America better places that reflect our own values and ideals. When either country fails in its mission, our job is not to give up on it, but to work even harder to help make it better.

As you read this I will be heading with 8 members of CSI to the AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington D.C. as I have done for the past 15 years. As a progressive Jew, I feel it is important to have my voice heard and to listen to others at the only bi-partisan pro-Zionist national organization that exists. I will come back filled with new ideas, having listened to the leading politicians and thinkers of both the United States and Israel. I look forward to sharing with you what will once again prove to be a very intense and educational experience, one that I value as an American Jew.

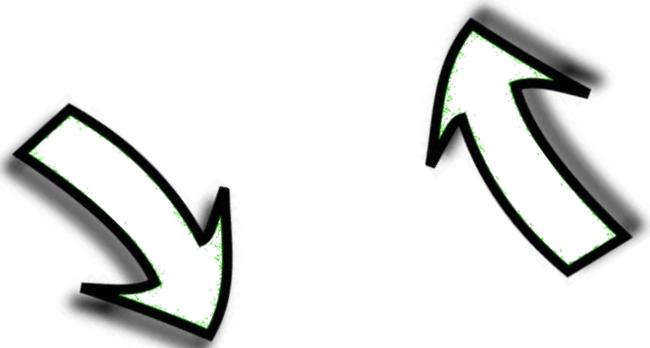
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# DID YOU KNOW...?

We sent almost 40 college students  
*Purim* packages this year!



Help us make  
this a fun and  
successful  
event!



## Here's what we need donated:

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](mailto:Ronishapiro@csibriarcliff.org)

## CANTORIAL NOTES

### *Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz*



For many years, I have had the privilege and fun to play two of the best villains in Jewish history: Haman and Pharaoh. If I ever try to deviate from the plan and come to the Megillah reading as someone or something other than Haman, my family puts up a fight and I of course go as Haman. Maybe it's the drama that goes with the part or maybe I love having everyone scream when they hear my name. Whatever the reason, I really enjoy it.

I wanted to explore the origin and use of the "grogger" at Purim. Some in the Midwest (that's you, Rabbi) call it "gregger." Noisemaking at the name of Haman dates back to the earliest days since the *Megillah* reading became customary. In Deuteronomy 25:19, we are commanded to "erase" the name of Amalek, who was the first enemy of the Jews after they left Egypt. We still find some Asian communities that write the name of Haman (who was supposed to be a descendant of Amalek) on a piece of paper and erase it at the mention of Haman's name, or write it on the soles of their shoes and rub and stamp on it. But the practice of using the grogger at the mention of Haman's name, as we know it today, goes back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century in France and Germany.

In view of the fact that the grogger is now classified among musical instruments as a percussion instrument, it should be interesting to trace its origins here. The grogger is a combination of two primitive instruments: the "bull-roarer" and the "scraper." The bull-roarer consisted of a long stick, at the top of which was attached a string, and at the end of the string a thin board. When this was twirled, it made a weird noise. The scraper consisted of a notched shell, bone or gourd which was scraped with a rigid object. The grogger combines both of these rattles.

Noisemaking of this kind was an old custom among primitive people at the outgoing or incoming of new seasons in order to scare off evil spirits. Purim, which comes at the beginning of spring, most likely adopted the grogger from primitive practices at this period of the year.

I'd like to wish everyone a joyous and Happy *Purim*.

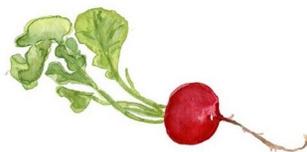
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#### ***HaMishpacha* Luncheon:**

**Tuesday, March 3rd at 12:30pm**

"Sing-Along with Shari Ship"

*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!



# CSI Community Organic Farm

## Regenerative Agriculture Rooted in Jewish Tradition

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Folks attending CSI's *Tu B'Shevat Seder* were invited to participate in the Farm's sunflower project. Starting to grow the seedlings is easy!

In mid-April, place the peat pellets on a shallow tray (such as a recyclable aluminum cooking tin) with the small hole up (this will become the top open end). Pour an inch or so of warm water into the tray and let the peat pellets expand. Too much water at once will just have your pellets floating all over the place. Add more warm water if necessary until the pellets have fully expanded, but be sure to pour out the excess water from the bottom of the tray once they are no longer absorbing any more water. Other than during this expansion phase you never want your pellets sitting in water (this can result in rotted seeds).

Push a seed about a half inch or so down into the top (open end) of the peat pellet so that it's covered. Keep it moist by sprinkling with water when the top of the pellet starts to dry. The seeds take about 4 to 8 days to germinate with proper warmth and moisture (this can be done in the dark). As the germination rate is likely to be around 80 percent, an extra seed or two has been included. Just reuse your peat pellet if nothing germinates after about 10 days. Once germinated they should be placed at a window that gets indirect sunlight until they're a few weeks old. Then they should be hardy enough to take direct sunlight and could even be given some outdoor time during warm days as time progresses. Ultimately, they can be left outside as overnight temperatures climb. We'll target sometime around late May or early June to plant everything at the Farm. Thank you for participating!

As we're initiating our crop planning for the 2020 season, feedback regarding our produce from last year is most welcome. Comments can be sent to David Levitt at [david.m.levitt@verizon.net](mailto:david.m.levitt@verizon.net).

We are looking forward to growing a pumpkin patch this coming year, thanks to a donation of pumpkin seeds by Gail Sider.

See you on the Farm!

-- Dara Mirsky, with David Levitt and Jill Greenstein





### Emergency Shelter Program – January 19th - January 26th

The Emergency Shelter Partnership between the Ossining Ministerial Group and CSI was a huge success. We agreed to provide overnight shelter and an evening meal, breakfast and bagged lunch to homeless adults seeking such services during the winter.

From January 19th to January 26th, CSI housed and fed approximately 14 men and 2 women, homeless in the Ossining/Briarcliff area. The outpouring of compassion from our community was amazing and so appreciated by all the participants. (In particular, the feedback we received indicated our food was absolutely delicious!!) Congregants cooked, served, provided clothing, toiletries and simple conversation to make this an important demonstration of *tikun olam*.

Rabbi Kane, Cantor Shiovitz, Ellen Johnson, our religious school and nursery school, under the guidance of Roni Shapiro, our teen group under the guidance of both Andrea and Amanda Bromberg, our *HaMishpacha* ladies, religious and nursery school parents and more than two dozen individual congregants helped make this a success. We are so proud of our community!!

Thank you to all who participated.



Jill Greenstein & Abbe Marcus



Thanks to our Social Committee and the CSI Green Team, our *first annual Tu B'Shevat Seder* was a huge success. More than 50 people participated in prayer, song, wine & food. Together they celebrated the renewal of nature as we prepare for spring.



## NEWS AND EVENTS from *Roni Shapiro, Educational Director*

### Shabbat Noar

Youth Learning Services  
for 3rd-7th graders  
Led by Morah Sheera

**March 7**

**March 21\***

\*Please note that this date may have appeared  
incorrectly in past notices.

There is NO *Shabbat Noar* on 3/28

**10:30am-12:00pm**

3rd-5th graders:

Must attend at least 5 of these services  
during the 2019-2020 school year

6th & 7th graders:

Attendance at these services will count toward  
*Bar/Bat Mitzvah* requirements

**Other 2020 *Shabbat Noar* dates:**  
April 18 & 25, May 2 & 16

It's the *Dalet & Heh*  
**PASSOVER**  
**SHOPPING**  
**CHALLENGE!**  
**WHEN IS IT?**  
**March 31st**  
**4-6PM**

**WHAT IS IT?**

A field trip to purchase Kosher  
for Passover items for the  
Project Ezra food drive, which  
provides needed Passover Food  
for the elderly in New York City.

**WHERE IS IT?**

**Stop & Shop in Mt. Kisco**

**CSI TEENS**

Upcoming  
Hebrew High School  
Brunch & Class:  
MARCH  
1st & 15th  
11AM-12:15PM



Families of our *Dalet*  
(6th grade) Students

**Please Join Us!**

**March 28, 2020**  
**10:00AM**

- The students will be leading a *Shabbat* learning service of their own for YOU in the sanctuary.
- Following the service, we will all have *kiddush*/lunch together.
- Cost is \$36 per family due by March 20.
- The children do get *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* service credit.
- Kindly RSVP to [janice@csibriarcliff.org](mailto:janice@csibriarcliff.org) to let us know how many are coming and if there are any food allergies in your family.

### *Alef Siddur* Cover Project

The parent workshop  
will be held on  
**March 22nd from 9-11AM**

Come decorate your  
child's cover as a special  
surprise to be presented  
at the *Alef* Family  
service on May 8th.



# NEWS AND EVENTS from *Roni Shapiro, Educational Director*



# CSI TEENS!

We need YOU to make this year's *Purim* Carnival the BEST EVER!  
Have fun while getting COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS!!

Saturday Night , March 7th from 7-8:30pm

*Purim* Carnival Set Up

Sunday, March 8th from 10:30am-1pm

*Purim* Carnival Work Hours

Look for the Sign Up Genius email from Roni

# PURIM 2020

## BEST PURIM CARNIVAL EVER

Sunday, March 8  
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 per bracelet
CARNIVAL DAY PURCHASE PRICE	\$20 per bracelet

No charge for kids under 2.

Advance prices are good through Friday, March 6th at noon  
**Avoid the line! Save money!**

The *Purim* fun doesn't stop!

March 9th  
**Megillah Reading**  
Beginning at 7:00PM

Plus, come play on the  
**Super Slide**  
AND  
**Bumper Cars**

Courtesy of the CSI RS PTA!

Dalet & Heh come in costume  
for double service credit!

Gimel students get 2 credits  
towards **next year's** service  
requirements!

## NEWS AND EVENTS from *Roni Shapiro, Educational Director*

### Register NOW!

## CSI NURSERY & SUMMER SCHOOL & CAMP

Registration is open for  
CSI's Summer Camp 2020  
and Nursery School 2020-2021!  
Secure your child's spot now!

Questions?  
Call (914) 762-2700  
or email [Janice@csibriarcliff.org](mailto:Janice@csibriarcliff.org)



Tuesday mornings from 9-10:30AM  
for children aged 6 to 24 months  
with an adult

Tuesdays for Tots will meet:



March

3  
17  
24  
31



### A few March calendar changes to note:

- ★ Tot Shabbat
- ★ Bim Bam Shabbat
- ★ Family Learning Day...

**...will not be meeting this month**

## NURSERY SCHOOL PTA

### OUR UPCOMING EVENTS:

**May 20th: MAD SCIENCE** From air to animal friends and butterflies, to water, weather and worms, the preschool science programs are designed to captivate the curious nature of young children. Mad Science brings the wonders of science to preschool kids.

**SPRING 2020: BOSSY FROG BAND** The songs are fun and interactive and the kids will surely love it! The Bossy Frog Band thrills young audiences with their 100% interactive, over-the-top, banjo-driven, costume-character-dancing musical performance.

Check out [Mabel's Labels](http://mabelslabels.com) to help put your child's name on everything. Go to [mabelslabels.com](http://mabelslabels.com) and click on Support a Fundraiser. Click on CSI NS PTA (Briarcliff Manor) and start shopping. A percentage of the proceeds is given back to support the PTA.

### CSI NS PTA Board 2019-2020

President: Randi Teplow-Phipps

Treasurer: Angela Kotsubey

Holiday Boutique Chair: Emily Newfield

Moving-Up Day Chair: Erica Bagliebter

Food and Drink Chair: Alissa Lupu

Class Parent Liaison: Naomi Elyachar

Hospitalities Chair: Caitlin Scheir



**SUPPORT  
YOUR KIDS  
PTA**

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PTA

**We hope you are enjoying the Challah Fairy challahs!  
Remember, there are always a few extra for  
purchase on alternate Friday mornings.  
Give the office a call to find out what's for sale.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE  
PASSOVER CANDY SALE.**

## USY/KADIMA—Andrea Bromberg, Advisor

Here's what's coming up for teens at CSI and around the region:

What?	When?	Where?
METNY Purim Bash	See calendar at <a href="http://www.metnyusy.org">www.metnyusy.org</a>	
Purim Carnival Set-Up	Saturday, March 7 – 7:00-8:30pm	CSI
Purim Carnival	Sunday, March 8 – 10:30am-1:00pm	CSI
Megillah Reading Extravaganza	Monday, March 9-- 7pm-8:30pm	CSI
Spring Has Sprung Nature Walk	Sunday, March 22 – 12:30pm (Rain date Sunday, March 29)	Rockwood Hall State Park

### CSI's 2019-2020 USY Board:

Rachel Mathisson – Co President /David Katz – Co President/Elan Roth – Religion/Education & Israel Affairs  
 VP/Hayley Satran – Communications & Membership/Kadima VP/Dina Millerman – Social Action/Tikkun Olan VP

- Have questions? E-mail Andrea at [csiusy@csibriarcliff.org](mailto:csiusy@csibriarcliff.org). Or speak to a USY board member!
- Want METNY updates on your phone? Text @metnyu to 81010 for reminders.
- Want to register for a regional or divisional event? Follow this link: [https://www.regpacks.com/reg/templates/build/?g\\_id=100901855](https://www.regpacks.com/reg/templates/build/?g_id=100901855)

## CARING COMMUNITY - Merrie Daitch, Chairperson

Our CSI Caring Community is a committee whose sole purpose is to help our members who need some TLC. After you let the shul office know what is going on in your life, they can set the wheels in motion.

You will hear from Judy Boehr if you are sick or need a *mazel tov*. Merrie Daitch makes our bereavement calls. We offer *Shabbat* dinners or bereavement bags for our mourners. If you need food because of illness or catastrophe, Susan Hodara will give you a call. If you have a baby, Resa Mestel Fox will send you a special gift. Susan Grotenstein delivers holiday gifts to our members who are home/facility bound. **(Please let us know about congregants whose situation has changed and now fall into this category.)** Many of our over 30 members help with *Shabbat* deliveries, visit our members who are sick and cook when called upon. We thank them all! If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact our chair, Merrie Daitch, at [merrietunes@yahoo.com](mailto:merrietunes@yahoo.com)



The Caring Community has been a long-time supporter of the *HaMishpacha* Luncheons at CSI. Your donations to this fund can help us maintain this beloved program for seniors in our area. Your donations to CSI's Caring Community are put to work to provide much-needed socialization and support. Thank you!

## PRIDE COMMITTEE - Suzanne Haber, Chairperson



THE CSI PRIDE COMMITTEE is closely aligned with an organization named Keshet which works for the full equality of all LGBTQ Jews and our families in Jewish life. *Keshet* equips Jewish organizations with the skills and knowledge to build LGBTQ-affirming communities, create spaces in which all queer Jewish youth feel seen and valued, and advance LGBTQ rights nationwide.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:30pm**  
**SAVE THE DATE: Pride *Shabbat* at CSI is Saturday, June 20th**



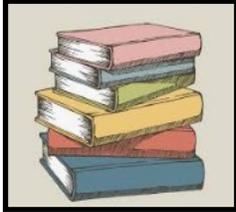
**MEN'S CLUB - Mark Reisman & Richard Langeloh, Co - Presidents**



**MEN'S CLUB BOOK CLUB**  
 Our next meeting is Thursday, March 12th  
Deathride: Hitler vs. Stalin the Eastern Front 1941-1945  
 by John Mosier

For more information please contact  
 Alan Grotenstein [agrotenstein@gmail.com](mailto:agrotenstein@gmail.com)  
 914 591 8372 Office \* 914 953 7866 Cell

Our April book pick: My Mother's Son by David Hirschberg



**FJMC HUDSON VALLEY "MAN OF THE YEAR"**  
**Sunday, May 3rd, 2020**  
 Orangetown Jewish Center - Rick Langeloh will  
 be honored as Man of the Year  
 along with Outstanding Youth, Rebecca Zinn.  
 Please save the date. More info to follow.

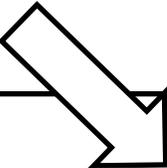


**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR...**

CSI Men's Club Annual  
 Texas Hold 'Em and March Madness!  
 Join us on Thursday, 3/26 at 7:30pm.



We'll spend some time assembling the *Yom HaShoah* candles for our annual project, and then enjoy dinner, poker and basketball.

 **RSVPs by Tuesday, 3/24 a must!**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36 PER PERSON (MADE OUT TO MEN'S CLUB)

Need more information?  
 Contact Mark Reisman at [Mreisman@rralp.com](mailto:Mreisman@rralp.com) or Rick Langeloh at [RLangeloh89@gmail.com](mailto:RLangeloh89@gmail.com)

Mail to: CSI, 1666 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510 or drop off in the office.

## MARCH 2020: 5 Adar – 6 Nisan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 5 Adar	2 6 Adar	3 7 Adar	4 8 Adar	5 9 Adar	6 10 Adar	7 11 Adar
9:15am Minyan  11am H.S.   AIPAC	7:15am Minyan 9am Almost 2's 10:30am N.S. Sign Lang  4:30pm Art Class 7pm Education Committee 7pm Sisterhood Board  AIPAC	9am Tues/Tots N.S Nature 11:15am JITN 12:30pm HaMishpacha Luncheon  7:30pm Women's Writing 7:30pm Second Gen. Survivors 7:30pm Pride Mtg.  AIPAC	9am Almost 2's	7:15am Minyan	9am Almost 2's 9:30am N.S. Yoga  12 NOON- DEADLINE TO BUY PURIM CARNIVAL BRACELETS AT A DISCOUNT  5pm Memory Minyan C/L 5:36pm 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat	9:10am Shabbat Service 10:30am Shabbat Noar 12:30pm Hazz'n's Tish 8pm CARNIVAL SET UP   CHANGE CLOCKS  Tetzaveh
8 12 Adar	9 13 Adar	10 14 Adar	11 15 Adar	12 16 Adar	13 17 Adar	14 18 Adar
9:15am Minyan  11am PURIM CARNIVAL Pick up Purim Bags!    11am Farm Committee	7:15am Minyan 9am Almost 2's  4:30pm Art Class  7pm Megillah Reading, Bumper Cars & Giant Slide (Pick up Purim Bags, too.)  	10:15am N.S. Purim Seudah  11:15am JITN  PURIM	9am Almost 2's	7:15am Minyan  10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion	NO NURSERY SCHOOL: PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES  C/L 6:43pm  NOTE TIME CHANGE 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat  	9:10am Shabbat Service  BAR MITZVAH: BRANDON HAWSON  Rabbi's Bible Discussion Class- after Kiddush  Ki Tisa
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Judy Boehr, Chairperson

**Thank you to everyone who generously donated winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves for IFCA in Ossining. We sent over 3 carloads of warm clothing to our neighbors! Special *todah rabbah* to Amy Alpert for transporting the coats to IFCA. (She is in charge of the thrift shop there.)**



Our next important project is the **collection of Passover food for Project Ezra** on the Lower East Side. As in years past, we have committed to filling 72 boxes with specific items that they request. The food we send allows elderly Jews to celebrate Passover. Many have no other source of Passover food.

**So how can you help? Take the shopping list in the bulletin with you when you do your shopping.**

- ◆ Please only contribute items that are on the list. Be on the lookout for promotions for free 5-lb. boxes of *Matzah!*
- ◆ Bring your donations to the bins in the CSI lobby **by Sunday, March 31st**. That's when we will pack up the food which Project Ezra will pick up on Thursday, April 1st.

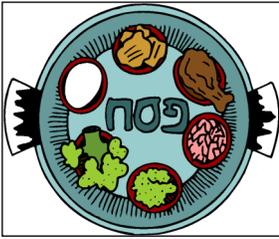
**Other ways to contribute....Donate money.**

- ◆ We estimate the cost of a complete box to be around \$50-\$60, should you want to sponsor a complete box.
- ◆ **Donations in any amount are welcome.** It's a *mitzvah* to shop for others, but if this is not possible, we will shop for you. Please contact Judy at [tanglewoodtoots@juno.com](mailto:tanglewoodtoots@juno.com) in time for us to shop before packing day (March 31st.) **Come help us pack the boxes on March 31st**, a family-friendly activity.
- ◆ **Actually deliver the food to the elders in New York** on Sunday, April 5th. This is a wonderful way for you and your children to see where our food actually goes and experience the joy our recipients feel.

**SHOPPING TIPS: ALL ITEMS MUST BE MARKED U-P or Kosher for Passover.** Some items are harder to find than others. (see the items in bold on the list.) Those items are generally available at the Stop and Shop in either **Croton, Mt. Kisco or White Plains** across from the Westchester in White Plains. Please look for these items when you are nearby.

Thank you for sharing the joy of Passover with others.





## PROJECT EZRA SHOPPING LIST FOR PASSOVER

- ◆ 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 ELDERERS ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE. PLEASE NOTE THAT 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)

**PLEASE DONATE ONLY THE ITEMS WE ASK FOR HERE...THANKS!**

- 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 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

Thank you in advance for responding so generously.  
In many cases, your package is the only source of Passover food for Ezra's elderly.

If you would like to make a donation (or fund a complete box),  
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DONATIONS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE WELCOME. We will shop for you.

Please bring your food to CSI by 10am on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

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In honor of the birth of Emily Alicia Schiz

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In honor of the birth of Jane Ruth Schoenfeld  
Speedy recovery to: Arthur Baer

## LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

**Condolences to:** CSI member Barry Seidel and CSI teacher, Maris Seidel Aschen on the loss of their father, Melvin Seidel.

**Condolences to:** Sharon Orenstein on the loss of her father, Norman Altman.

**Mazal Tov to:** Susan Wattenberg on the birth of her granddaughter, Leah Avery Khani. Leah's parents are Dana & Kevin Khani.

**Mazal Tov to:** Rebecca & Douglas Schiz and to Margie & Mike Kirsch on the birth of Emily Alicia Schiz. Emily is the daughter of Rebecca & Douglas Schiz and is little sister to Henry. She is also the granddaughter of Margie & Mike Kirsch.

**Mazal Tov to:** Debbie & Elliott Barish on the birth of their granddaughter, Maya Gabrielle Feinstein. Maya is the daughter of Jamie & Laurence Feinstein.

**Mazal Tov to:** Barbara & Henry Schoenfeld on the birth of their granddaughter, Jane Ruth Schoenfeld. Jane is the daughter of Danielle Wolinsky and Adam Schoenfeld.

**Mazal Tov to:** The Hawson Family on Brandon's *Bar Mitzvah*.

**Speedy recovery to:** Arthur Baer.

## OUR MARCH *BAR MITZVAH*

**MARCH 14th:** Hi, my name is **Brandon Hawson**. I live with my mom, dad and sister in Briarcliff Manor where we've lived since the summer of 2016. My *Bar Mitzvah* is coming up on March 14, 2020 and I am very excited! I attend Briarcliff Middle School where I am currently in seventh grade. I enjoy playing the bass clarinet in Band, I participate in the digital music club in school, and I am in a Boy Scout Troop. My favorite sports that I love to play are tennis and baseball.

My *Bar Mitzvah* project is focused on feeding the hungry. I volunteered at a Thanksgiving Dinner with Boy Scouts to help feed the less fortunate, elderly and Veterans in the community. My mom and I also put up flyers for a Christmas Dinner that CSI sponsored at a local church, and donated food for the dinner. We also set up a fundraiser for *Mazon*, a Jewish organization that helps fight hunger in the US and Israel. I feel proud to be able to help so many people who are less fortunate and to make the world a better place. Another way I help is right here at CSI. I have been volunteering to help the younger Religious School kids at CSI on Sunday mornings, giving them snacks and helping to teach them to read Hebrew. I feel happy I can help them learn Hebrew, teach them about Judaism and show them how they can learn about God..

I am very excited and a little nervous to become a *Bar Mitzvah*. I have gone through the CSI Religious School and attend *Shabbat* services regularly, both of which have helped prepare me for this momentous day. I would like to give a special thanks to Cantor Shiovitz, Rabbi Kane, Roni Shapiro and all of my Hebrew School teachers especially Sheera Zuckerman, who have taught me and guided me along the way. I would also like to give a special thanks to my mom, dad, sister and all of my family and friends for helping me reach this amazing day. I look forward to becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*!



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3	35	Jay & Gayle Waxenberg
5	3	Douglas & Rebecca Schiz
5	26	Mark & Rika Reisman
6	26	Daniel & Nancy Cohen
10	36	Ira & Ellen Eisenstein
13	21	Andrew Rotter & Rhona Golubock
16	40	Steve Saper & Shelley Glick
18	36	Allen & Andrea Britvan
18	20	Mark & Romina Wancier
19	22	Mike & Susan Thrope
25	19	Diego Antman & Irit Bomer
25	48	Gil & Sharon Balog
26	37	Stephen & Sharon Alpert
29	61	Jack & Ellen Freeman
31	30	Dan & Marian Levine

Date	Years	Celebrant
2	3	Jordy Elyachar
2	10	Jacob Janowitz
2	13	Brandon Hawson
5	14	Daniel Dolch
6	12	Lorelei Gary
7	11	Jesse Dolch
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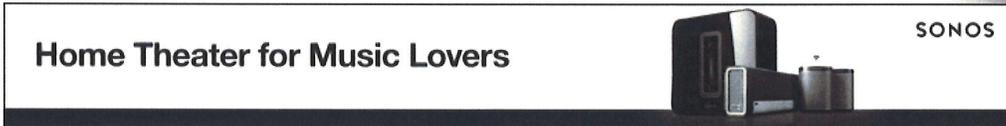
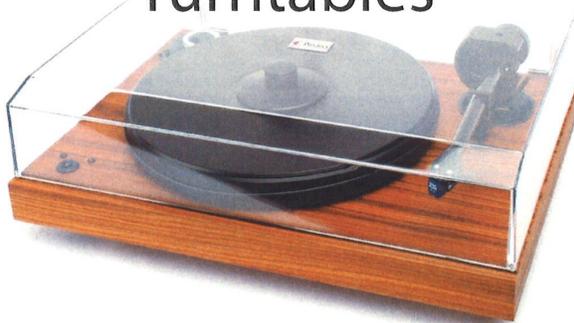
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