



Congregation Sons of Israel

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CONTINUING THE VISION — BUILDING OUR FUTURE

MARCH 2021

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THE RABBI'S CIRCLE LECTURE SERIES

Wednesday, March 10th at 7:30pm

Join us for a timely talk with Dr. Jonathan Sarna

*"White Supremacy and Antisemitism:
Lessons from the Capitol Attack"*

Open to all. See Page 2.

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PASSOVER UNIVERSITY IS
COMING...PESACH PROGRAMMING
STARTING
ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 13TH.
More information coming soon!

And More...

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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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PASSOVER SERVICES

**Thursday 3/25 8am: Service for the Fast of the First- Born
 (Last Day to Sell [Chametz](#))**

Saturday 3/27: First Seder evening

**Sunday 3/28 9:30am: *Pesach* Morning Service
 Second Seder evening**

Monday 3/29 9:30am: *Pesach* Service

Friday 4/2 6:30pm: *Pesach* Service

Saturday 4/3 6:30pm: *Pesach* Service

**Sunday 4/4 9:30am: *Pesach* Service
Yizkor recited**

Services will be [live-streamed](#) from the Sanctuary.



Passover Candy Sale: See page 10

**Rabbi's Circle Lecture Series
 Wednesday, March 10th at 7:30pm**

**Featuring Dr. Jonathan Sarna
 "White Supremacy and Antisemitism:
 Lessons from the Capitol Attack"**

ZOOM LINK

Meeting ID: 931 0548 5944

Passcode: 3mVc6W

Dr. Jonathan Sarna is University Professor and the Joseph H. & Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History and Director of the Schusterman Center for Israel Studies at Brandeis University. He is also past president of the Association for Jewish Studies and Chief Historian of the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia. Dr. Sarna was Chief Historian for the 350th commemoration of the American Jewish community and is recognized as a leading commentator on American Jewish history, religion and life.



FROM THE RABBI

Steven C. Kane



As we approach *Pesach*, I always write my bulletin column about the holiday. After all there is always something to say about *Pesach* and the *Seder*! People have wonderful traditions and memories and are constantly searching for new meaning on this day. Yet this year, as we approach *Pesach*, my mind is focused instead on the one year anniversary of our decision to move our activities, both religious and cultural, out of the synagogue building. Last year we celebrated *Purim* with the reading of the *Megillah* in the CSI sanctuary, though our celebration afterwards was toned down. Then the following *Shabbat*, March 14, we had our last "regular" service in the sanctuary, as we celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of Brandon Hawson. It was right after that *Shabbat* that we began a number of months sheltering in place, followed by a gradual (partial) re-opening of CSI. While we are one of the few synagogues in Westchester to offer in person services on *Shabbat* and holidays, most of our other activities continue to be held virtually.

There are many ways this past year has affected us. First and foremost, we mourn with those who have lost loved ones to the pandemic. While the number of deaths has continued to climb to horrendous heights (now over 500,000 people-more than all of the wars we have fought since the beginning of the 20th century, including WWI, WWII and Vietnam), for those whose family and friends have died, it is the loss of that one person that has changed their world. *Ha-Makom yinachem*; may God grant them comfort.

There has been other ways that life has been made difficult since *Purim* of last year. Many people have been unable to visit elderly relatives for a year or more. Babies have been born who have yet to meet their grandparents, aunts and uncles. Children in school have often had to learn "remotely", causing social and learning issues. People have lost their jobs and their income.

Yet there are many ways that life under Covid has taught us some pretty profound lessons. Indeed there is always some good that (almost) every situation, even dire ones, can bring. Since this month we will be marking both one year of the pandemic and celebrating *Pesach*, I would like to suggest an additional set of four questions to be asked at the *Pesach Seder* this year.

Mah nishtanah ha-shanah hazot mi-kol ha-shanim? Why is this year different from all other years? What have we learned?

1. While in other years we met in person or remotely, this year we have only gathered remotely and learned how to make community on line. This has taught us that when, one day soon, we return to in person gatherings, we will enable people who can't be physically present to still be a part of our community remotely.

2. While in other years we sometimes celebrated our life cycle events to excess, we have learned to make due with simpler celebrations that included (most of) the core people in our lives. We have learned that those who are most central to our lives may be all we need to celebrate the key moments in life.

3. While in other years we were sometimes sensitive to how our actions affected others but other times not so sensitive, this year by the simple act of wearing a mask we have learned that everything we do, even the essential act of breathing, can and does affect others.

4. While in other years we may have taken for granted all of the people who worked to make our lives better, from the person who bags our groceries in the store to the health care worker administering vaccines, this year we have truly come to realize the important contributions that so many selfless people make to our lives and the lives of those around us.

Let me add one other word from the *Haggadah*: *Dayenu!* A year is certainly enough! May we say at this year's *Seder*, *b'shanah ha-ba'ah*, next year, may we all be able to celebrate *Pesach*, whether in Jerusalem or Briarcliff Manor, together with our extended families and loved ones.

Judy, Arielle, Tamar, Daniel, Elan and I all wish you a *chag kasher v'sameach*, a *zissen* (and healthy) *Pesach*.

L'hitraot,

Rabbi@csibriarcliff.org

CANTORIAL NOTES

Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



It seems so strange that it has been one year since we shut down for the Pandemic. Who would have thought that we would be celebrating *Pesach* without our family and friends for a second year! As we approach another *Pesach* in lockdown, I have been thinking about how we can make our Seders meaningful and fun. How will we prepare to make this night(s) different from all others? First, on Saturday evening, March 13th will be our Jewish Music Through the Ages program which will feature the Music of Passover. Following that program, I will be posting a Spotify playlist on the CSI website for you to listen to an eclectic list of Passover music, including new music, children's music and favorites. On Monday evening, March 22nd, as part of the *Hazzan's Tish*, we will have a "Sing Through the *Seder*." Don't forget the interesting and really FUN *Seder* that Rabbi Kane and the Shiovitz family recorded last year.

Pesach is an especially great time for singing. It's Spring, it's a holiday and new hope is on the horizon. In the synagogue, if you listen attentively, you can hear the uniquely original festival modes that clothe the old prayers in new colors. There is the *Hallel* with its poignant bittersweet mode, the mystical and beautiful prayer for "*Tal*," in which we ask God to be gracious to the land of Israel and to bless it with dew during the coming dry season. There is also the original and distinctive pattern for the chanting of the *b'rachot* of the Amidah with the final note left hanging in the air, unfinished and yet somehow complete.

But the best singing is heard at the *Seder*. There are some who claim to be tone-deaf but I think that most of these are really ear lazy. The melodies of the *Seder* are so simple, so much the creativity of the whole Jewish people, so inherently and instinctively Jewish that it is hard to believe that one could sit at a *Seder* and not join in.

The Four Questions are traditionally sung to the same *nigun*, same tune that students of the Talmud have been using in their study for centuries. *Dayeinu*, with its recurrent joyous refrain, is hard to resist. The songs that appear at the end of the *Haggadah* and sung with such gusto and delight come to us from Jewish communities the world over—from Germany, Yemen, Spain, Iraq, Jerusalem and Latin America.

Passover is a time for singing. It is a time of freedom. One of the freedoms is the freedom from the inhibitions that may have kept you from joining in the singing.

Robyn and I and our children, Rachel and Yonah, David and Gina, Sarah and Drew, Talia and our grandchildren, Miriam and Jamie wish you a singing, enjoyable and *zisen*(sweet) *Pesach*.

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Cantor Jeffrey Shiovitz



CANTORIAL NOTES... *continued*



JEWISH MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES

Saturday, March 13th at 8pm

THE MUSIC OF PASSOVER

[REGISTER HERE](#)

A SPECIAL HAMISHPACHA PROGRAM

Sunday, March 14 at 11am

“Yonina: See and Hear Jerusalem Like Never Before”

Yonina, the Israeli -American musical duo gives a live acoustic performance complemented by a very special musical journey to ancient Jerusalem filled with interesting and personal stories.

Presented by the UJA Federation of New York
[This Free Program is Open to All]

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Contact [Cantor Shiovitz](#) with any questions.

THE HAZZN'S TISH

Monday, March 8th at 7:30pm
and

Monday, March 22nd at 7:30pm
“Singing Your Way Through
The Seder”

[REGISTER HERE](#)



FROM THE PRESIDENT *Clare Rosen*



For more than four decades, my CSI “family”, our synagogue community, has been there for me and my family when we needed them the most. In the mid 1970’s I was stricken with meningitis, a debilitating illness. For four months my CSI family provided meals for my husband and very young children. Many days someone came by to feed me. Having the love and support transformed our family. For my children, they learned the importance of helping those in need and the expression of gratitude and appreciation opened their hearts to others.

When my husband was so very ill with pancreatic cancer, again my CSI family was there for us. I could not have “stood up” without CSI’s support, both physical and emotional.

And once again my CSI family is “helping” me through a stressful move and resettling in my new home. I consider myself to be so blessed by CSI. The connectivity I feel with you, my CSI family, has elevated me, elevated me to give back, pay it forward.

I’m sure that many of you have similar stories about the times when you needed help and CSI was there. That’s what makes CSI a very special community. Because of you, together we have improved our community and people’s lives.

Since the COVID pandemic struck nearly a year ago so many of our CSI community have struggled. Some have lost their jobs; many others are isolated, and others are trying to juggle their children’s education while having their own full-time jobs in-person or remotely. And so many have had to bury their loved ones with only a small group of people.

A year ago, we would have been horrified to think that we could not have the traditional *shiva*. And all of us have been challenged by the disruption in our daily routines. Helping others is a win-win, you will get as much as those being helped. Here are some relatively easy ideas:

- A heartfelt handwritten note, card, or postcard goes a long way.
- If you like to bake, make brownies, cake or cookies.
- Organize a meal drop-off with other members of our community.
- Pick up a flower(s) or plant for others.

Whatever you can do, be it small or large, will make our community stronger. These acts will bring us together and amplify our cooperative efforts.

With appreciation and love,

Clare E Rosen, President CSI
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TAKE A LOOK...



The
Westchester
Jewish
Council

is a wonderful local organization
which provides a great variety of
programs and support.

[Check out their website here.](#)



עזרה Project Ezra

Project Ezra has been
the Lower East Side

helping elderly Jews on
for over 40 years.

CSI has been partnering with them to provide for their seniors for over 25 years. We have provided 72 boxes of Passover food which they typically distribute to their clients the week before Seder. But these are not typical times and in-person collections and distributions are not possible this year.

Because of the Pandemic last spring, rather than personally deliver our boxes, Project Ezra sent checks directly to their clients. This enabled them to order Passover food or get help from Ezra to ensure that their Passover food needs were met.

Last year because of our CSI families' generosity, we were able to cover the cost of our customary donation (and more!). (Each box of food costs \$36-50.) For Ezra's clients, these donations are the only source of their Passover food. Let's try to exceed last year's success!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Donate to Project Ezra by sending a check to **Rabbi Kane's discretionary fund**. (NOTE: Please indicate "Project Ezra" in your donation. He will forward these funds to Project Ezra. Please send your donation in **by March 12th** so that Ezra has time reach their seniors before Pesach (Seder is March 27th.) You can also send a check to the CSI office.

OR

If you prefer to **donate directly**, you can **send a check** to: Project Ezra / 387 Grand Street- Ground Floor / New York, NY 10002 / Attn: Gerry. (Note "Congregation Sons of Israel" on your check.)

Wishing you a Happy Passover as we look toward a new freedom and good health!



FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Naomi Elyachar



During my first year as the Nursery School Director, I have thought a lot about what it means to be a Jewish nursery school. Our classes learn about and explore every Jewish holiday. We usually have some sort of celebration for our holidays, although this year it has been difficult to celebrate with as much rigor and excitement as we have in the past. We want to help our students develop a strong Jewish identity and connection to their Jewish past and community. We have certain rituals and traditions that we follow in school, such as saying the blessings over our snacks and learning the *shema*. But we also want to be a school where all families feel comfortable. Each of our school families may observe and believe differently. We need to find a way to be true to who we are as a school while also making all of those who walk in our doors each morning feel that this is a place for them.

By focusing on Jewish values, I believe we fulfill each of these goals and our school mission. Jewish values can be incorporated into any and every curricular unit, both Jewish and secular. Learning about Jewish values is learning how to make good choices, be a vital part to one's greater community, and be successful in life. The values we focus on are both Jewish and universal—kindness, including others, celebrating our differences, gratitude, and the responsibility of doing good deeds and giving to others. By learning about these Jewish values, we help teach about our heritage and develop the children's connection to Judaism while also creating an inclusive

environment that does not leave any who practices differently at home feeling as though they are an outsider learning about someone else's traditions.

This past month, our students had the opportunity to take part in a hands-on tzedakah project. Providing hands-on experiences for young children to learn about the importance of giving back teaches them from a young age the Jewish and human values of kindness, justice, and helping those in need. Engaging our students in an honest dialogue about people in our community and world who are in need helps build empathy and teaches that there is no "us" and "them"; we are all people and we must take care of one another. If our students can learn these lessons at two, three, and four years old, they will learn their part in making our world a better place as they grow up. Learning and living Jewish values is how we raise our children to contribute meaningfully to society, and this is in essence what it means to be a Jew and also what it means to be a good person. When we focus on Jewish values, we are able to build a Jewish preschool that is both true to our mission and a place where all our students and families belong.

Naomi Elyachar

Nursery School Director

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CSI Nursery School Tzedakah Project in Action



MORE FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL

Are you thinking about summer?



We are!

Registration is now OPEN for
CSI's Summer Day Camp.

Visit www.csibriarcliff.org
and go to the Learning Tab
to link to our Summer Camp page
or click here:

REGISTER NOW FOR CAMP



please note

CSI Nursery School registration
is already underway for the
2021-2022 school year.

**Visit our website
for more information
or to register your child,
click here.**

Please join us with your little one for A "TASTE" OF CSI NURSERY SCHOOL

THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AGED TWO AND UNDER WITH A PARENT/CAREGIVER, IS FREE, AND OPEN TO EVERYONE!

Email: naomi.elyachar@csibriarcliff.org



START YOUR WEEK WITH AN OUTDOOR, SAFE AND
SOCIALLY-DISTANCED MUSIC AND ENRICHMENT ACTIVITY FROM
9:30-10:30 A.M. ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAYS:



MARCH 22ND
APRIL 5TH
APRIL 19TH
MAY 3RD
JUNE 7TH



BRING YOUR OWN PARK BLANKET AND
JOIN US FOR SINGING, PLAY TIME,
AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER
FAMILIES FROM THE AREA.

Advanced registration is required and enrollment will be limited. Please email CSI Nursery School
Director, Naomi Elyachar, at naomi.elyachar@csibriarcliff.org.

*All Covid protocols will be followed—everyone over two years old must be in a mask, brief
screenings will be conducted upon arrival, and we will ask all participants to maintain social
distance.*

Nursery School Book Wish List

We have created a book wish list to
help add to the Nursery School's
library. We would be so appreciative
of any book purchased to expand
our library and enhance our
educational program!



Link to: [Book Wish List](#)

NOTES FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

- ◆ The Parent's Association is having its next meeting on Tuesday, March 9th at 8pm on Zoom. Link to be shared.
- ◆ Plans are underway for spring mini photo shoots for our NS families sometime in April. Stay tuned...
- ◆ We are also looking for parent volunteers for this years Moving Up Day Celebration, if you are interested please email csinspa@gmail.com.

~ CSI NS Parents Association

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

In Parshat Mishpatim, read back in February, God gives Moses the laws the Jewish people must follow. It begins with “these are the words you should place before them.” Rabbi Akiva one of Judaism’s most beloved teachers, however, is concerned with HOW the words are taught. Rabbi Akiva says that one should “Set them like a table that is fully laid out before them.” The words should be ready to be eaten.

I love this metaphor for teaching. How can we create lessons that are as attractive and inviting as our set table? How can we be sure each learner feels invited, welcome, comfortable, and safe? How can the teachings nourish the learner and not rush her, allowing time to linger and digest the information? How can we revisit the teachings with compassion until each learner understands?

Our teachers at CSI are setting the table for their students. With patience, passion and caring, they cater teachings to each individual child, especially critical during this challenging time of remote learning. They take care to create appetizing lessons in an environment for exploration and questioning. Lively discussions, innovative interactive games, and Jewish music; including holiday songs, *tefillah* and Israeli music are a sampling of the nourishing activities teachers utilize to make learning attractive and inviting. *Todah Rabah* to our inspiring teachers! Let all who are hungry come eat at Congregation Sons of Israel Religious School!

Speaking of a setting a table, Passover is right around the corner! During Passover, many elements of the sensory experience of the holiday are on the seder plate. Families today can substitute new foods for the traditional ones on the Seder plate that also symbolize tears, mortar, sacrifice, and new life. Vegetarians may not feel comfortable with a lamb shank (*zeroah*) on the seder plate and may choose to replace it with a roasted beet, for example, since the color looks like the blood of the sacrifice. This type of change exemplifies bringing new traditions that reflect our modern lives and values. [Explore new ideas for the Seder plate at this website:](#)

During the Seder, the children are really the true centerpiece of the Passover celebration. In the *Haggadah*, we are instructed to teach them but more importantly the children are encouraged to ask questions. Their inquisitiveness makes us *kvell* with pride. Here at CSI Religious School, we are always *kveling* about our students who are doing much more than learning our ancient rituals, values and customs. They are given opportunities to think deeply and to learn about their history by asking questions.

Be sure to share your past traditions with your children and create new ones together. In this way, Judaism remains strong, vibrant, and woven into our daily lives.

Chag Sameach,
[Libby Spitzer](#), Assistant Educational Director



**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PTA
ONLINE PASSOVER
CANDY SALE:
[ORDERING
INFORMATION HERE](#)**

**PHOTOS FROM RABBI KANE'S
HAMENTASHEN BAKING CLASS!**





CSI Community Organic Farm

Regenerative Agriculture Rooted in Jewish Tradition



Here Comes the Sun

As I write this, it's February and you will read this in March. It's still cold outside and there's snow on the ground. How can we even begin to think about gardening – but the seed catalogs have arrived and it is time to think about spring/summer activities.

If you look outside at the ground, things can look bleak and grey, but underneath a wonderment of growth is happening! At CSI, we have developed a very special opportunity. Thanks to the dedication of Ryna Lustig, David Levitt, Fred Schulman, Aaron Stern, Emma Schifrin, Michael Kirsch and so many others, land that five years ago had been filled with brush and weeds has been turned into a well-run farm and community garden. Last year our farm produced 3,578 pounds of produce.

It is not just about farming, but about Jewish spirituality. We are working towards combining organic gardening and social justice. Adamah – Hebrew for earth; and from the earth, we create food. Of the vegetables we produced, 1205 pounds (33%) were donated to our local food banks (930 pounds went to the Ossining Children's Center).

In the community garden, families had the joy of growing their own vegetables and flowers.

And let's not forget about wine! CSI will have our own wine from grapes grown here! What could be more special!!

Picture yourself sipping on CSI wine, or munching a vegetable while sitting on benches under our trees, or taking a walk on our nature paths, or strolling around our memorial garden, or listening to the clucking of chickens, or just watching and being part of nature. This is our community!!

I am inviting you to become part of this project. We always welcome new volunteers and ideas. I guarantee you will come away with a "fresh approach to Judaism that centers on gratitude. Gratitude for all living things and an awareness of the transformative process of nature we are all a part of." (from New Voices)

Jill Greenstein

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david.m.levitt@verizon.net

For Community Garden Information Contact:

jillgreenstein9@gmail.com

We are announcing the formation of the **Greenhouse Growing Group (GGG)**. The small greenhouse by the main field is fully equipped to start the growing of our mid-season crops and flowers from seed. We would like to have a group of volunteers to insure that there is a daily inspection of the plants, light watering and temperature checks, etc. No experience is necessary. On-the-job training is available. This is not a heavy lifting / bending task but we do need a good group of loyalists! The baby plants are fragile. This project would not start until mid-May. *Todah Rabah!*

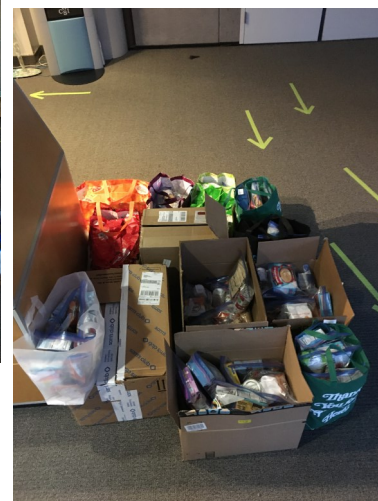
Email Ryna Lustig with any questions:
rynalustig@gmail.com



USY/KADIMA—Andrea Bromberg, Advisor

thank
you!

With the help of very generous donors in the CSI community, teens were able to sort and pack 294 pounds of food to donate to Feeding Westchester in Elmsford. 294 pounds! On Monday, February 8th, Dina Millerman (12th), Hayley Satran (12th), Shoshana Daly (11th), Daniel Satran (10th), Ryan Wancier (10th), Brandon Hawson (8th), Simon Eichenholtz (8th), and Miles Eichenholtz (8th) gathered to make Help from Home bags for Westchester's food bank. Andrea and Amanda Bromberg then delivered them. Even though the pandemic is keeping us from visiting the pantry itself, it is not stopping us from helping from home. *Kol Hakavod* to the teens who helped and to all the individuals and families who donated. See the before, during, and after photos!



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 9th at 7:30pm

CARING COMMUNITY - Judy Boehr, Chairperson

The Caring Community is expanding – both in membership and services! Our usual offerings include food for bereaved families, dinner and rides for those with illness, baby gifts for our newest members, and friendly outreach calls. We are hoping to expand these and offer some new services.



Dinner during illness is an especially welcome help. We are looking to **update our list of cooks** who can provide a meal when a congregant has surgery or some other need that makes cooking dinner difficult. If you would like to **join this list**, please contact Judy Boehr at tanglewoodtoots@juno.com (even if you have been on the list before).

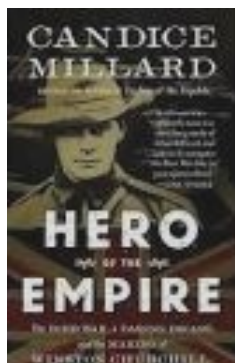
Some members of our community have been ill with (and thankfully recovered from!) COVID. They have told us that soup (esp. chicken soup) was very helpful. We have members who are happy to safely drop off some homemade chicken soup. If you have COVID and would **appreciate some soup or other help**, please notify Ellen Johnson or Judy Boehr, who will confidentially arrange a delivery for you.



Many of us have experienced difficulty **scheduling appointments for the COVID vaccines**. Caring volunteers are ready to help you on this quest. Let us know, and we'll connect you with someone who can facilitate this process.

Caring Community zoom meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. Our next (zoom) meeting is **Wednesday, March 17th at 7:00 p.m.** You can join us through the CSI website.

MEN'S CLUB



Our next book club meeting is on **March 4th at 7:30pm** where we will be discussing "Hero of the Empire" by Candice Millard. Contact Alan Grotenstein for further information. agrotenstein@gmail.com

JOIN THE MEN'S CLUB—WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

To join the Men's Club, you can do it right now [here](#). (Community | Men's Club from the CSI Home page). It's easy! Please contact [Jason Eidlitz](#) with any questions.

SISTERHOOD NEWS



SUNDAY, MARCH 14th at 1pm
[VIRTUAL] PASSOVER SHOPPING EVENT AT MATANAH
JOIN US ON THE ZOOM!

We have *seder* plates, *matzah* plates, Elijah and Miriam cups, bags of plagues, plague headbands and masks, juggling matzah balls, *matzah* stress balls, frogs, Passover games and more!
 First *Seder* is Saturday, March 27th!

Sisterhood volunteers will be in the Gift Shop showing lots of items via Zoom. You can let us know through Zoom's chat function if you would like to make a purchase. Payment can be made by check or credit card.

You can either pick up your purchase(s) at CSI or a volunteer will drop it/them off at your home.

[ZOOM LINK](#)

Shop while supporting CSI. Open to all.
 Questions? Contact Robin Ginsberg.



Matanah, the gift shop of CSI, is always open for virtual shopping via Facetime or appointment.

Please contact Robin
robsamg@optonline.net

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN SISTERHOOD!

Please mail a check for \$36.00 (\$54 for non-CSI members) payable to:
 CSI SISTERHOOD.

to Annleah Berger, 10 Charlotte Court, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.

Please include your name, address, email address and telephone number.

Sisterhood is offering complimentary membership to any CSI members

or

school families who have not previously joined Sisterhood.

Please contact Robin Ginsberg robsamg@optonline.net

President: Robin Ginsberg * Treasurer/ Financial Secretary: Sharon Richter * Recording Secretary: Beth Levine
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SISTERHOOD NEWS



The Sisterhood Book Club, led this year by Roberta Bar-Levav and Susan Thrope, had a memorable discussion on January 21st. The novel we all read, "Exile Music" by Jennifer Steil, is historical fiction at its finest. The story, which follows the lives of an Austrian family fleeing the Nazis and emigrating to Bolivia, was rich with detail and as it turned out was very personal for our members, Eleanor and Michael Frey and Sonia Kleinman. Please make sure to read their thoughts on pages 16 and 17 in the Bulletin.

What made this discussion so exceptional was Susan Thrope's skill as an interviewer. We thank Susan for taking the initiative to search out the author and invite her to our discussion. Susan's well-researched questions were amazing and we all were mesmerized by the openness of the author Jennifer Steil. We look forward to the next book selection!



Thank you to all who participated in Sisterhood's annual *Mishloach Manot* fundraiser. Through the support of our very generous members, we are able to fund improvement projects for CSI that are not included in the budget. These projects include new lighting in the parking lot, reupholstery of the chairs and the pews in the Sanctuary, the purchase of new chairs to be used in the Social Hall and the Sanctuary and new lights in the Social Hall.

To show our appreciation, all participants are invited to a special musical performance with singer Lisa Yves on April 11th.

You should have received the Zoom link in an email from Margery Kirsch, *Mishloach Manot* chairperson.

Please contact Margery with questions. margerykirsch@gmail.com or 914-238-8201.

Special thanks to Ellen Johnson and Jennifer Halperin for their dedication to Sisterhood and their expertise in managing the mailings.

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BOLIVIA

I was born Miguel Jacobo Frey in Cochabamba, Bolivia in October 1940.

My parents fled Berlin in April, 1939, after living through Kristallnacht. My father's entire family - parents, two sisters, nephew, & brother-in-law were killed by the Nazis. My mother's mother was killed in Auschwitz. I never knew grandparents. My mother's two older sisters & their husbands, fled by 1936, one to Israel, (Irgun & Haganah) one to the USA where my uncle enlisted in the US Army & earned a Purple Heart. No country except Bolivia was willing to offer asylum to my parents. HIAS and the JOINT helped to resettle my parents who arrived with less than \$5.00 each.

"We had to forget what we had before - this was a new life." Kathe Frey (mother)

"English is my fourth language. At home we spoke German, in school, I spoke Spanish, and in the street, the language was Quechua.

My father was a dry goods salesman in Berlin. He needed work in Cochabamba and when asked if he could make mattresses, said, "I can do that." So, he created a mattress factory and had 3 or 4 people working for him. Only the Europeans used mattresses. The Bolivians were not familiar with them. I have my father's mattress making tools. Life was very difficult for my parents.

(summer, 1939- August, 1946)

I remember two earthquakes and having to run to the town square

I remember sitting on the house roof - hearing people shooting each other.

Was it a game? A war? A gang thing? Toys? People fell to the ground.

I remember my brother being born and the carpet I was born on

I remember an Incan friend who took me to the park which had only swings. He pushed me and cracked my head open. I still have a dent in my head

I remember the DC3 that flew us out - not being able to reach altitude, so we had to leave the next day. I remember getting lost at the airport in Bogota, a stop on our way to the USA, where I saw so many cars that I got distracted."

As a living legacy to the Frey's courageous acts, one of their grandsons has devoted his life to teaching about the Holocaust and Genocides all over the world., and has created the Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies at the US Military Academy at West Point.

We must fight for the right of people seeking asylum. We must welcome the refugee/stranger. We must return to the inspiring words of Emma Lazarus "...Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore...Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me..."

Michael Frey, January, 2021

Also see article in Women's League Outlook, Volume 27, #3, March, 1957.

"I Lived in Cochabamba", by Kate Frey

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From Sonia Kleinman:

Thank you Susan, Roberta, and the Sisterhood for a delightful Q&A with the author, Jennifer Stiel, author of *Exile Music*. As a daughter of German Jewish immigrants who fled Europe and immigrated to Bolivia, the book touched me very deeply. I laughed with it (for the things that she made up and could have never happened), cried with it (realizing the hardships my parents went through) and argued with it (when I disagreed with the author).

I had the opportunity to share with the Sisterhood some of my experiences growing up in such a colorful, beautiful, and interesting country. I am forever grateful to Bolivia for saving my parents' and grandparents' lives. The book made it abundantly clear that we - as Jews - have the duty to be sensitive and caring towards immigrants and refugees, since not long ago that is exactly what we were. We should not see immigrants as "them", but as "us," human beings searching for a better life or escaping terrible situations.

Exile Music describes many colorful customs, landscapes, foods and drinks, music, etc. of Bolivia. It was my pleasure to do a "show and tell" (as did Eleanor Frey), showing Sisterhood members what some of the musical instruments look like, especially the charango, which was mentioned prominently in the book. I also showed them a box of bags of coca tea, which is the best remedy for altitude sickness and digestive upsets. I shared the Bolivian stamps that my father, Theo Herzenberg, designed and told them about an uncle (Robert Herzenberg) who, as a mineralogist, discovered new minerals and also founded a school which exists to this day and educated several generations of children. The book mentions an important revolution that took place in 1952, and I showed the Sisterhood a silver plate (which was in my parents' living room at the time) with a hole that a stray bullet that entered the house made in it. I also showed them an "Ekeko," a figure that represents abundance, and the miniature items that are sold at a yearly fair for "good luck" with the belief that if you purchase the miniatures (such as houses, trucks, cars, tools, food, airline tickets, money, university degrees, etc.) these will bring you good luck in real life.

I shared the joy of having spent every weekend during my childhood in the stunning landscapes of the countryside, of having gone to school there, and of the privilege of still having strong bonds with family and friends who live there.

I also shared that issues of identity could be complicated for children of immigrants. The process of figuring out my identity took years and is possibly still going on... I can answer with confidence that my answer totally depends on the situation: Sometimes I am Uruguayan (since I was born there when my family left Bolivia temporarily), sometimes I am Bolivian (especially during my student years in Israel, my friends from other countries identified me as "the Bolivian"), sometimes I am a Bolivian Jew, sometimes I identify as a German Jew or as a "Yekke" (a term used by Eastern European Jews to poke fun at German Jews). But the truth is that most of the time I am a Wandering Jew and all of the time I am a Wondering Jew!

SOCIAL COMMITTEE - Barbara Schoenfeld, Chairperson

The Social Committee hosted a Comedy Night on February 13th featuring Joel Chasnoff. It was well-attended and an enjoyable evening of fun and laughter.

A special thanks to Marion Sader, on the Social Committee, for finding the comedian and "sealing the deal." We thank Marc Auslander for managing the Zoom meeting and Jack Zinn for organizing the Shul Cloud information to register everyone. Last but not least, thanks to Ellen Johnson for the wonderful advertising for the event.

We have had three events this year, the magician, the musical concert with Lisa Stein and Matthew Stein, and the recent Comedy Night.

Looking forward to Spring-29 days away- when we can get together outdoors and hopefully, see each other again!

- Barbara Schoenfeld

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE**CSI INVITES YOU TO****MIX & MINGLE****Sunday, March 21st from 4:30-5:30pm
VIA ZOOM**

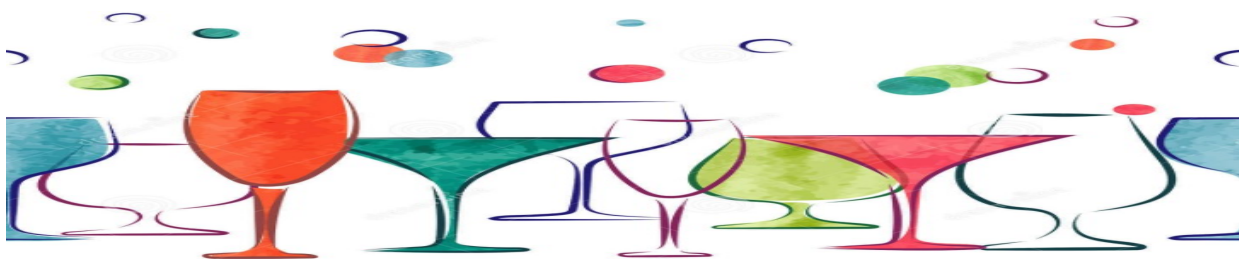
This purely social gathering (free to all) will be reminiscent of our Progressive Dinners of previous years. Bring your own cocktails and hors d'oeuvres (or tea and cookies) and join in the Zoom. We will first meet all together and then divide into break-out rooms for more intimate conversations. At the end of the small gatherings we will reconvene for a chance to wrap-up. This will give us all the opportunity to meet up with “new” friends and reconnect with some “old” friends.

Getting to know one another is the goal.

Please register below.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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OUR MARCH *BAR MITZVAH*

MARCH 6th: REUBEN DALY

My name is Reuben Moshe Daly. I live in Croton-on-Hudson with my mom, Orit, my dad, David, and my sister, Shoshana. I attend Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School. My *Bar Mitzvah* is on March 6th.

I have been studying Karate for 8 years and recently earned my black belt in September. I love animals and plants. I have a crested gecko named Norbert, a 30-gallon tank with several different species of fish, and enough plants to take up all the window space in my entire house. I also love the outdoors and hiking. My *Bar Mitzvah* project was to help repair and reconstruct damaged trails and walkways. So far I helped fix a boardwalk over a creek on Turkey Mountain. It's a cool project because I get to help out hikers, (I come from a family of hikers) and get to be in the woods. Wood planks are large and get heavier the farther you hike and hiking with the boards of wood really makes you appreciate the work it takes to make nature accessible to all.

I am so proud to become a *Bar Mitzvah* because it means that I have reached an age where I am thought to be "responsible," that I am an adult, and can try to be less dependent on others. I would like to thank my Mom and Dad, all my friends, Rabbi Kane, Cantor Shiovitz and Sheera Zuckerman, my teacher for several years now, for helping me get here. I am looking forward to my *Bar Mitzvah*.

C E L E B R A T E !

MARCH 2021 / 17 Adar – 18 Nisan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 17 Adar Minyan 8am Sisterhood Board 7pm Talmud 9pm	2 18 Adar JITN 11:15am Second Generation Survivors 7:30pm	3 19 Adar NS Photos 9am	4 20 Adar Minyan 8am NS Photos 9am	5 21 Adar Kabbalat Shabbat on site AND ZOOMED 5:30pm C/L 5:34pm	6 22 Adar Shabbat Morning Services on site AND STREAMED 9:30am BM: REUBEN DALY Ki Tisa
7 23 Adar Minyan 9:15am	8 24 Adar Minyan 8am Women's Torah Study 11:30am Hazzn's Tish 7:30pm	9 25 Adar JITN 11:15am Education Comm. 7:30pm Pride Committee 7:30pm	10 26 Adar Rabbi's Circle Lecture 7:30pm "White Supremacy & Anti-Semitism: Lessons from the Capitol Attack"	11 27 Adar Minyan 8am HaMishpacha Discussion Group 10:30am	12 28 Adar Kabbalat Shabbat on site AND ZOOMED 5:30pm C/L 5:42pm	13 29 Adar Shabbat Morning Services on site AND STREAMED 9:30am JEWISH MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES 8pm Vayakhel-Pekudei
14 1 Nisan Minyan 9:15am HaMishpacha Special Program 11am Virtual Shopping with Matanah 1pm	15 2 Nisan Minyan 8am Women's Torah Study 11:30am Five Things 7:30pm Talmud 9pm	16 3 Nisan JITN 11:15am Executive Committee 7:30pm	17 4 Nisan NO NS- Professional Development Day Caring Community 7pm	18 5 Nisan Minyan 8am	19 6 Nisan Kabbalat Shabbat on site AND ZOOMED 6:00pm [NOTE NEW TIME] NO NS C/L 6:49pm	20 7 Nisan Shabbat Morning Services on site AND STREAMED 9:30am Vayikra
21 8 Nisan Minyan 9:15am Social Committee MIX & MINGLE 4:30pm	22 9 Nisan Minyan 8am Hazzn's Tish 7:30pm "Singing Your Way Through the Seder" Talmud 9pm	23 10 Nisan JITN 11:15am Board of Trustees 7:30pm	24 11 Nisan	25 12 Nisan Service for the Fast of the First Born 8am Last Day to Sell Chametz HaMishpacha Discussion Group 10:30am	26 13 Nisan NS Passover Celebration 11am Kabbalat Shabbat on site AND ZOOMED 6:00pm C/L 6:57pm	27 14 Nisan Shabbat Morning Services on site AND STREAMED at 9:30am FIRST SEDER  Tzav
28 15 Nisan Pesach Service 9:30am SECOND SEDER	29 16 Nisan NO NS PASSOVER RECESS Pesach Service 9:30am	30 17 Nisan NO NS PASSOVER RECESS JITN 11:15am	31 18 Nisan NO NS PASSOVER RECESS			NS=Nursery School JITN= Jews In The News C/L=Candle Lighting Time

PESACH GUIDE: 2021
From The Committee On Jewish Law and Standards (CJLS)
of the Rabbinical Assembly

Last year we experienced a truly different Passover, from the preparations & purchases, to the Seders, and beyond. As Passover approached, the CJLS provided updated guidelines for the moment in which we found ourselves--so many uncertainties about food supplies, financial difficulties, and the loss of family and community gatherings as we once knew them.

While much has changed, we mustn't forget we continue to be in the midst of a devastating pandemic. So many of our community members are still experiencing hardship--physically, financially, and emotionally. Public health restrictions remain in place, distancing and masks still necessary, and indoor gatherings of multiple households remain dangerous (please see our CJLS pandemic guidance [here](#)). While we may have a much better sense of supply lines, we also know that normative shopping in public spaces continues to be a challenge--a potentially dangerous environment that many of us avoid.

We also remain aware and sensitive to--as we were last year--how emotionally significant Seder can be with family members, special friends, guests, and with as many people as possible at the physical table. God willing, this will be the last year for which private small immediate family and individual seders will be necessary in the future. But they are in fact necessary this year, so please stay home.

Food requiring no Kosher for Passover certification no matter when purchased (they are certainly hametz-free):

Baking soda * Pure bicarbonate of soda, without additives * Eggs * Fresh fruits and vegetables (including pre-washed bagged) * Fresh or frozen kosher meat (other than chopped meat) * Nestea (regular and decaffeinated) * Pure black, green, or white tea leaves * Unflavored tea bags * Unflavored regular coffee * Olive oils (and other pure oils) * Whole or gutted fresh kosher fish * Whole or half pecans (not pieces) Whole (unground) spices and nuts * OU/Star-K Raisins * Kosher wine Plain butter, either salted or unsalted * Unflavored Seltzer Water, Sparkling Water (without additives)

The following list of basic foods should be purchased before Passover. The reason for this is that these products present the consumer with a slightly lesser level of certainty (unlike the category #1, for which there is certainty) as to whether an unintentional trace amount of hametz may have found its way into the product. However, if the food item is crucial and one cannot procure a marked KP version of food during the holiday itself, one could purchase said item on Hol-HaMo'ed.

All pure fruit juices * Filleted fish * Frozen fruit (no additives) * Plain cheeses (without added flavor morsels) * Non-iodized salt * Pure white sugar (no additives)
 Quinoa (with nothing mixed in)* GF ideal * White milk
 Some products sold by Equal Exchange Fair Trade Chocolate (See available options [here](#)) * Frozen Vegetables (needs to be checked for possible hametz before cooking)
 Chopped meat * Plain, non-flavored almond milk, rice milk, soy milk, cashew milk.
 Non-flavored Cream Cheese with ingredients of milk and cream, salt, stabilizers (xanthan and/or carob bean and/or guar gums) * Non-flavored Yogurt with milk and bacteria, only (which are Lactobacillus bulgaricus and Streptococcus thermopiles).
 Canned Tuna with just tuna, water or oil, salt, and pyrophosphates * 100% maple syrup * 100% Agave * Ground Salt and Peppers * Plain (non-Flavored) Decaf Coffee
 Year-round supervised plain margarine * Pure Honey * Dried fruit, prunes only without potassium sorbate * Club Soda

Kitniyot:

Fresh kitniyot: Corn on the cob and fresh beans (like green beans or lima beans in their pods) may be purchased before and during Passover, that is, treated like any other fresh vegetable. Many do not consider green beans to be “kitniyot”, fresh or otherwise. This is certainly an accepted and longstanding practice among communities. This particular addition would be even for those who do treat green beans as kitniyot--i.e., when fresh they should be treated like any other fresh vegetable.

Dried kitniyot (legumes, rice and corn) can be purchased bagged or in boxes and then sifted or sorted before or on Passover. These should ideally not be purchased in bulk from bins because of the concern that the bin might previously have been used for hameitz, and a few grains of hameitz might be mixed in. In any case, one should inspect these to the extent possible before Passover and discard any pieces of hametz. If one could not inspect the rice or dried beans before Passover, one should remove pieces of hametz found in the package on Passover, discarding those, and the kitniyot themselves remain permissible.

Frozen raw kitniyot (corn, edamame [soy beans], etc.): One may purchase bags of frozen non-hekhshered kitniyot before or during (if necessary) Passover provided that one can either absolutely determine that no shared equipment was used or one is careful to inspect the contents before Passover) and discard any pieces of חמץ hameitz. Even if one did not inspect the vegetables before Passover, if one can remove pieces of hameitz found in the package on Passover, the vegetables themselves are permissible.

Requires Kosher for Passover label at any time:

All baked goods * Farfel * Matzah * Any product containing matzah *Matzah flour
 Matzah meal *Pesah cakes * All frozen processed foods * Candy * Chocolate milk
 Herbal tea *Ice cream * Liquor * Soda *Vinegar *Margarine

It has become quite common for many folks to use food-shopping services in which individuals shop on behalf of others and drop products off at the door. While not inherently problematic for Passover, it is not uncommon for shoppers to substitute similar items for others, grocery stores often mismark products with their own signage, and Kosher sections can be confusing for the inexperienced Passover shopper. This is potentially challenging, such that those who utilize these services specify precisely what it is they prefer in the days before Passover, and certainly during the holiday itself. Some services provide options for flagging “no substitutions”, which should be utilized whenever possible. We also strongly recommend those who use those services to be extra judicious in checking their orders for accuracy at delivery.

Lastly, many of us have already opened products in our homes that are *Hametz*-free but used in the course of normal year-round cooking. If one is able to ascertain with a high level of certainty that no hametz contaminated the opened product (or at worst a negligible amount), it would be reasonable to set it aside for Passover use for this year (especially if procuring a new package presents a potentially dangerous situation one typically avoids or is financially prohibitive).

***A Note on Medications:** Though COVID has disrupted our lives in many ways, it has not affected any questions of the permissibility of medications on Pesach, or during the year. The following is a general guide; however, any specific questions should be directed to your rabbi. Special thanks to Rabbi Steve Kane, who is writing a longer responsum on this topic, for this explanation and expansion from previous Passover guides. All medications that are needed for illnesses and medical conditions that involve possible life-threatening situations are permitted.

Medications that do not involve life threatening situations are divided into two categories. Those medications, in particular pills which are known remedies in the medical community and are made to be swallowed whole, are permitted, since they are to be considered like a “burnt item” that has lost its relationship to its possible non-kosher origin. Although swallowed, they are considered to be neither food nor (edible) *chametz*.

However medications for illnesses or medical conditions that do not involve a life-threatening situation (including vitamins and supplements) that have been formulated to be edible or semi-pleasant to drink can be problematic. This includes soft gel caps which often contain porcine gelatin and liquid medicines that often contain glycerin and other additives (which can be made from animals). It is recommended that all such over the counter items be purchased with *hashgacha* (Kosher certification) before Pesach and state on their packaging that they contain no starch. If this is not possible, then it is preferable to purchase unflavored liquids and hard capsules, also prior to Pesach. If none of these are available, consult your rabbi.

A note on Passover that begins on a Saturday night: When Passover starts on a Saturday night, “Erev Pesach” is stretched over three days.

- The **fast/feast of the firstborn**, which would normally be on Passover eve, is pushed two days earlier, so that we do not have to fast on Shabbat or Friday. So, the traditional **Siyyum for the firstborn will be held on Thursday morning**.
- Then, **Thursday night** is when we search for Hametz by candlelight. Kitchens should be completely switched over to kosher for Passover and we get rid of almost all our hametz by burning or selling it by the sixth hour of the day on **Friday**.

But what about challah on Shabbat? For Shabbat meals, there are two solutions: Eat hametz, but very carefully. The hametz sale document, and the way that we dispose of hametz, has a loophole for any hametz that we are planning to eat on the rest of Friday evening or Shabbat morning. We can therefore hold back enough challah for Shabbat dinner and Shabbat lunch (this is a great time for paper plates or outdoor dining). We finish eating the hametz by the fifth hour and dispose of any leftovers by the sixth. Leftovers can be discarded--rendered inedible. At that time, we recite the “Kol Chamira” formula (normally recited when burning the hametz) that cancels any remaining hametz.

“Egg Matzah” is not technically considered Matzah, but is also not hametz, as it is similar to bread. So, it’s possible to use two sheets of it in the place of challah, and thus be totally kosher-for-Passover.

For those interested in timing vis-a-vis the ending of Shabbat and Seder, as well as options for how to begin Seder early, [click here](#). Thanks to Rabbi Josh Heller for contributing to this last piece of guidance.

CHAMETZ SALE: Deadline is 9am, Thursday, 3/25.

Kindly email Rabbi Kane (Rabb@csibriarcliff.org) with your name and address, giving him permission to sell your *chametz*.

It is customary to give *tzedakah* for *chametz* sale. You may donate to the [Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund here](#). Please note “*chametz*” in your donation.

[CHAMETZ SALE FORM HERE](#)

If you prefer, you can send a check to the CSI office along with the form.

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Condolences to: Mindy Berkower on the loss of her mother, Barbara Pisetzner.

Mazal Tov to: Debra & Alan Goodman on the birth of their granddaughter, Avery Ruth Goodman.

Mazal Tov to: Orit & David Daly on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Reuben.

Mazal Tov to: Paula & Larry Edlavitch on the birth of their granddaughter, Rivka Yenta Crowe.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



DATE	CELEBRANTS	YEARS
3	Jay & Gayle Waxenberg	36
5	Douglas & Rebecca Schiz	4
5	Mark & Rika Reisman	27
6	Daniel & Nancy Cohen	27
10	Ira & Ellen Eisenstein	37
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19	Mike & Susan Thrope	23
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Omitted from the February bulletin:
Happy 1st birthday to Emily Schiz!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Date	Celebrant	Age
2	Jacob Janowitz	11
2	Daniel Weber	8
6	Lorelei Gary	13
7	Jesse Dolch	12
12	Jonah Kornberg	7
18	Sasha Lopez-Ross	12
21	Stephanie Ben-Zvi	13
25	Darah Pergament	13
27	Reuben Daly	13
31	Harley Bloom	7

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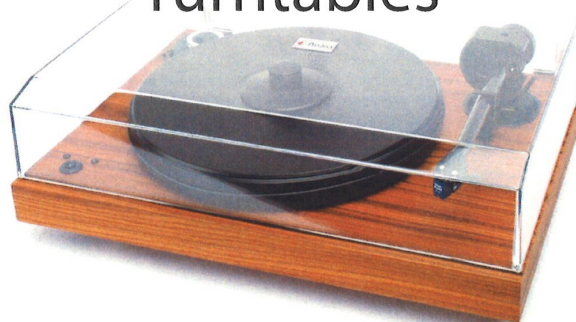


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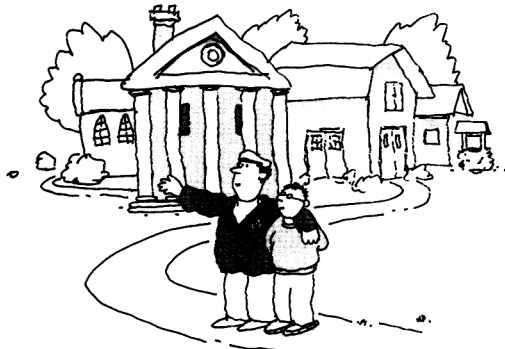
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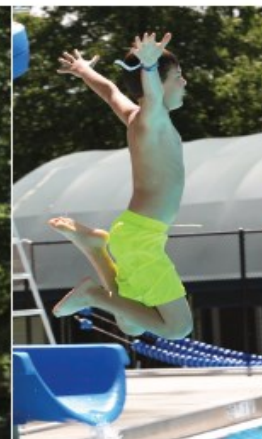
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