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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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**Shavuot**

**Sunday, 5/16 at 7pm Erev Shavuot Study**

**Session at 8:30pm Erev Shavuot Service**

**Monday, 5/17 at 9:30am Shavuot Service**

**Tuesday, 5/18 at 9:30am Shavuot Service,**

**Yizkor recited**

**The Rabbi's Circle Lecture Series**  
**Thursday Evening, May 20th at 7:30PM**



Please join us for a special virtual lecture as we welcome **Dr. Jack Wertheimer** - The Joseph and Martha Mendelson Professor of American Jewish History at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

**"How Have Synagogues Fared During COVID-19 and What May Lie Ahead"**

This event is open to all but registration is appreciated.

**[REGISTER HERE](#)**





## CANTORIAL NOTES

### Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



This is a season of anticipation. We are all living in anticipation of life and what life will look like in the immediate and near future. Soon, *Shavuot* will be upon us. We've been counting the Omer since the second night of *Pesach*, casting ourselves as a people who anticipate living again in God's revelation of Commandments to all the Jewish people. Every day, when we say *Sh'ma Yisrael* and the *V'ahavta*, we affirm that God commands us anew every day—"asher m'tzavcha hayom"—that You commanded us today." From this prayer we learn that revelation is not just an event, but more a constant process of understanding the ways in which God and God's commandments are real in our lives. But unlike the wedding anniversary some of us will celebrate this month, or birthdays, or *Yahrzeits*, we consecrate particular days to symbolize something that is ongoing. So it is with *Shavuot*. As we gather together in *shul* or via livestream, we re-experience the Torah's description of Sinai, and we are standing there, feeling the power of that experience and saying with our ancestors, "*na'aseh v'nishma*, we will do and we will hear."

This is a season of anticipation for students. This unusual school year will be ending and summer's relief is in sight. For graduates, will graduation be in person or virtual? This milestone launches them into the next phase of their lives. Parents "kvell" at the wonder of growing children, fear for their future well-being, and start to speculate about their own future in this next phase of family life.

Gardeners get to realize a winter's anticipation as our minds let go of the seed catalogues and plunge into the soil. (There are still some garden beds available on the CSI Farm if you are interested.) We hope that some of the harvest will be left by the animals and insects to enable us to enjoy some of the fruits of our labors. Speaking of anticipation, this is the time to remember to grow a pumpkin for your *Sukkah* next fall!

Many anticipate summer vacations. Yes!!! For many, so much planning and investment goes into such a short time. And, many of us did not have a summer vacation last year. Leisure can be a wondrous time of re-creation. There are books to be read, friends to see (remember what that is?), and naps to take on the soft sand and quiet beaches (Cape Cod, here we come!). I hope your summer vacation (yes, I know we still have some time to go) will bring you rest and renewal.

Jeffrey Shiovitz

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### HA MISHPACHA

**Tuesday, May 11th at 12:30pm**

**Join us for *HATIKVAH*: Hope Reborn.**

**[ZOOM LINK](#)**



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### *Clare Rosen*



More than a year has passed since the pandemic took hold of our way of life. In previous bulletin articles I've written about resiliency, loss, our relationship with time, forgiveness, how we may handle a safe re-entry into a changed world, etc. While I can continue to focus on these and other topics, instead, I'd like to focus on hugs.

Much has been written and researched about the importance of physical contact. When touched in a positive way the neurochemical oxytocin is released, which reduces stress and improves immunity. During these past fourteen months most of us have been unable to hug loved ones or hold the hands of friends. We know the benefits of hugging: reducing stress and fears, communicating comfort and love, increasing heart and overall health. How do we replace such a vital tool for our emotional well-being?

Although there's no exact substitute for human touch, interacting via video with a conversational hug can be almost as beneficial. "A conversation hug is an intentional communication that deepens a connection and sense of presence between people who are unable to be together physically. It resonates with those who are alone as well as those who are living with others. It incorporates words, tone of voice, body language, listening skills and 'space.' The goal is to approximate what we get from hugs — but through conversation." (Dr. Dale Atkins, *Commentary*, June 9, 2020)

Connecting to others on a Zoom call or on FaceTime and taking the time just to ask how they're doing is a very effective way to make an emotional connection. The idea is to engage and feel the presence of the person or group you are connecting with on a more intimate level.

Once we are able to enter our building again, I can assure you that we will not be going back to the way we operated before. But in my mind's eye I can see the joy in congregants' faces just to be able to be with one another again in person. I imagine being in person for services and raising our voices together in prayer. I also imagine those of us who may not be with us physically but are equal participants in our community.

We don't yet know what the other side looks like and how quickly we will get there. But for now, when we can't physically hug, the next best option is to approximate a hug with a clear, intentional, purposeful connection.

Lean in for a "conversational hug" with each other here at CSI.

Respectfully,

Clare E. Rosen, President  
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# CSI Community Organic Farm

## Regenerative Agriculture Rooted in Jewish Tradition

### \*FARM FUN\*

I continue to enjoy my relationship with the farm and fellow “farmers.” One of my most enjoyable days took place in March when about nine of us bottled our wine (CSI Marquette) in preparation for its use at our Passover Seders. I learned so much, including how the wine is pumped into the clean bottles, how corks are inserted using a special machine, and how the labels are applied to the bottles and around the corks. Once we completed our wine bottling, I visited our beautiful chickens and took some eggs, and dug up, with the assistance of David Levitt, some fresh horseradish for use at my Seders. I also took home a couple of garlic bulbs, which were harvested last summer. Check out the “collage” from that day. It is important to know that all are welcome at the CSI organic farm. There is no “in” group. Use our farm as an enjoyable and learning experience. Share it with your families.

The farm is a busy place in the spring—waking up from its winter nap. It goes through distinct seasons in predictable ways. While horseradish is our earliest crop, other spring crops include many herbs, such as chives, oregano, thyme, and mint and leafy cold weather vegetables such as lettuce and spinach. Summer brings a bountiful crop of regular and cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, yellow and zucchini squash, garlic and others. Our fall vegetables include Brussels sprouts, spinach and lettuce. As you can tell, we’ve come full circle!

I hope that you know what happens to our harvests. Some is sold to local restaurants, it’s available to interested folks who are affiliated with CSI, and a very significant amount is distributed to local food pantries. As you can see, your support of the farm helps you personally to learn and grow. It also helps those in need and it helps the synagogue in its efforts to thrive in so many ways.



New this year is our small greenhouse where we will plant seeds this month. The seedlings will replace plants that have already finished their productive times. We are looking for a few volunteers to assist in the greenhouse. Training will be provided. Let [Ryna Lustig](#) know if you can spare a little time to help out.

We continue to provide community garden beds for those who would like an opportunity to plant, nurture and harvest their own vegetables. You are welcome to contact [Jill Greenstein](#) if you would like to participate in this activity. As always, instructions will be provided if you feel that you would like some advice.

I hope that you will enjoy the farm as much as I do. Please get involved and support this very worthwhile endeavor.

Mike Kirsch

## FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

### *Naomi Elyachar*



With the weather warming up, our nursery school classes have returned to their outdoor classrooms! We have changed the format of our day a bit to include some time spent in our traditional indoor classrooms, some time spent moving and running around in one of our outdoor play spaces, and some time spent in our outdoor classrooms. There have been so many positives to spending more time outdoors. The children are out in fresh air, have opportunities to navigate uneven ground, experience different sensory input, and appreciate the nature around them. In addition to the health benefits of spending more time outdoors, it has also made our students more resourceful, resilient, and flexible.

Seeing the way our school has benefited from more outside time, we have decided to make outdoor classrooms a permanent part of our school. Although this was a change we were forced to make because of the pandemic, it turned out to be a change we loved and learned from. Spending more time outside at the nursery school fits in so nicely with the values of CSI as a whole institution. Being a part of a synagogue with a farm and nature trail lends itself so naturally to spending more time outside as a school. We are so fortunate to have such large, beautiful grounds for our children to learn and play on.

Even though we started the school year outside, returning back to our outdoor classrooms this spring has a different feeling. We used to be outdoors because we were afraid to be inside. Now, with teachers and most parents vaccinated and after spending most of the winter months inside, we no longer have the fear that kept us outside at the beginning of the year. We are back outside now because we see the benefits of children learning and playing outdoors and because we have the cooperation of all parties—children, teachers, and parents—to make outdoor learning successful and meaningful!

Naomi Elyachar  
Nursery School Director  
[Naomi.Elyachar@csibriarcliff.org](mailto:Naomi.Elyachar@csibriarcliff.org)

### **Time to think about gardening!**

Once again, CSI is offering garden beds for CSI families to grow your own vegetables and flowers. Novices, as well as seasoned gardeners, are welcome. Help is always available. For further information, please contact:

[Jillgreenstein9@gmail.com](mailto:Jillgreenstein9@gmail.com)



## Calendar Notes

**No School on Monday, May 17th &  
Tuesday, May 18th for *Shavuot***

**No School on Monday, May 31st for  
Memorial Day**

**Last Day of School and Moving Up Day is on  
Friday, June 11th**

**Camp begins on Monday, June 28th  
(Register [HERE!](#))**





## MORE FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL

# 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](mailto: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:



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.

Advance registration is required and enrollment will be limited. Please email CSI Nursery School Director, Naomi Elyachar, at [naomi.elyachar@csibriarcliff.org](mailto: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](#)

### Are you thinking about summer?



We are!

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

Visit [www.csibriarcliff.org](http://www.csibriarcliff.org)  
and go to the Learning Tab  
to link to our Summer Camp page  
or click here:



**REGISTER NOW FOR CAMP**

please  
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Interested in Nursery School? We still  
have space in our 2's class. Please  
spread the word to your family &  
friends.

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

## FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear CSI Families,

With spring officially in the air, the Nursery School Parents Association was thrilled to host local photographer, Lori Berkowitz, who graciously dedicated her time to our spring mini photo shoot for CSI Nursery School families. Half of the proceeds from the event benefited the CSI NS PA towards future educational initiatives. It was a very successful event that we hope to offer again in the future.

### Friday Morning Weekly Walking Group

Since last month, Nursery School parents have been grabbing some fresh air, earning their steps, and enjoying the company of other CSI parents at our weekly Friday morning Walking Group. Parents have been meeting at Wishnie Park immediately after school drop-off. Strollers and dogs are always welcome; no commitment required. Come join us every Friday (weather permitting)!

### Moving Up Day

It's hard to believe, but the end of the school year is quickly approaching, which means that our 4's class 'Moving Up' ceremony is not far away. In collaboration with our wonderful Nursery School Director, Naomi Elyachar, 4's class parents have begun planning this special day for their students and teachers. In recognition of this unprecedented year and the tremendous efforts of the teachers and administration, it's sure to be a special day of celebration.

### Join our next PA Meeting!

**Wednesday, May 5th at 7:30pm**

Our parents' participation and support of our school community is a key aspect that makes CSI one of the best nursery schools in Westchester! With the end of the year quickly approaching, we are beginning to look ahead to next year. Come join us as we brainstorm exciting events and initiatives for next year—Cinco de Mayo style!

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, suggestions, and/or concerns!

We love to hear from you: [csinspa@gmail.com](mailto:csinspa@gmail.com)

The CSI NS Parents Association





## FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

It is hard to believe that Religious School is ending this month! It has been a challenging and successful year at CSI Religious School. Our students and faculty are now maven in virtual learning. To complement Hebrew and Jewish values lessons, we have literally gone “outside our Zoom box” as we explored art, cooking, acting and more - all on Zoom!

Our incredible teachers are Jewish educators who have done everything in their power this year to “be there” for their learners, as they do every year. We have had the privilege of meeting students “where they are” this year in a new way - in their homes. As we learned about their home life, their pets and interests, CSI teachers helped guide each student’s personal Jewish journey and helped provide each student with personal meaning and relevance.

Our Shalom Learning values-based curriculum helped our students develop the inner strength to do what is right and to take responsibility for their actions. The lessons featured Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) skills to help learners build positive relationships and make responsible decisions. This interactive curriculum helped students explore holidays, history, Jewish text, Israel and *tefillah* through a Jewish values lens.

Thank you to the parents of our religious school students for your support this year. By working together - parents, community, and school faculty - our children developed a stronger bond to CSI and a love of being Jewish!

*B’shalom,*

[Libby Spitzer](#), Assistant Educational Director



**May 7th: 5:30pm *Kabbalat Shabbat* Religious School service outdoors on the farm**

**May 9th: No Religious School - Happy Mother’s Day to our CSI Moms!**

**May 14th: 5:30pm *Kabbalat Shabbat* Religious School service outdoors on the farm**

**May 16th : 12:00pm *Kitah Heh* Graduation and fun activity with USY on the farm [Last day of school for *Kitah Heh*]**

**May 16th : Religious School outdoors on the farm TIME TBD**

**May 18th: No Religious School - *Shavuot***

**May 23rd: Last Day of Religious School [K-6th grades] outdoors on the farm TIME TBD**

## USY/KADIMA—Andrea Bromberg, Advisor



**Sunday, May 16th at 12pm -- Hebrew High Senior Send-Off**  
**Join us as we say thank you and farewell to our graduating seniors!**





Join us at CSI's Annual Event as we celebrate the strength of our community. Let's focus on what we're grateful for while we look toward better times ahead!

**Sunday, June 13**  
**7 - 8:30 pm via Zoom**

**Eric Dittelman** will entertain us with his unique combination of amazing mind reading and improv comedy. Read more about him at [ericdittelman.com](http://ericdittelman.com)!



Each ticket purchase includes the online event for your household plus tasty sweet treats for you to enjoy.

Our **Gratitude Journal** will give you a chance to look back on this past year and give thanks as we look ahead to a better future.

Take a chance on our **raffles** and win big prizes! (Coming in May.)

**[Get more information and RSVP right here](#)**



## SISTERHOOD NEWS



**Join CSI Sisterhood for a  
funny and fabulous  
year-end program!  
Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 pm**

Joyce Eisenberg & Ellen Scolnic are  
**The Word Mavens**

Two Ladies Who Know The Difference Between  
Kvelling and Kvetching

The Word Mavens will engage and entertain you with their hilarious, fact-filled look at Jewish holidays, traditions, foods, and more. They will share funny stories, Yiddish mistakes and little-known facts they uncovered while writing their best-selling Dictionary of Jewish Words and their other books, The Whole Spiel: Funny Essays About Digital Nudniks, Seder Selfies and Chicken Soup Memories and Stuff Every Grandmother Should Know.

They'll answer questions like:  
What is the recipe for charoset?  
What's the difference between schnecken and rugelach?  
What is the correct way to spell Hanukkah?

R.S.V.P. to [Robin Ginsberg](#)  
Zoom link will be emailed.  
This event is free for Sisterhood members.





## SISTERHOOD NEWS - continued



### Sisterhood Member Appreciation Luncheon

**Sunday, May 23rd at 12:00pm  
On the CSI Farm**

- ♦ Masks and Social Distancing protocols will be followed
- ♦ Covid Waivers will be utilized
- ♦ Lunch will be provided from Ben's Kosher Deli
- ♦ In the event of rain, the food will be available for pick-up and we will gather together on Zoom

**Additional information will be sent by email to current  
Sisterhood members.**

### YOU CAN ALWAYS JOIN SISTERHOOD!

Please mail a check for \$36.00 (\$54.00 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](#).

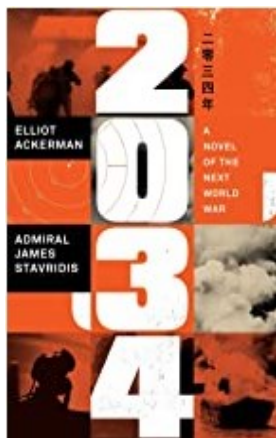
*Matanah*, the gift shop of CSI, is always open for virtual shopping via Facetime or on site by appointment.

Please contact [Robin Ginsberg](#).

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## MEN'S CLUB



**Our next book club meeting is on Thursday, May 27th at 7:30pm. We will be discussing 2034: A Novel of the Next World War by Elliot Ackerman.**

### **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.**

## CARING COMMUNITY - Judy Boehr, Chairperson

Are you looking for something to take your mind off COVID? We are looking for people who are interested to knit or crochet stroller size baby blankets for the newest members of our community. We will provide the patterns, instructions, and yarn.



When people are experiencing health issues that make preparing dinner difficult, we are happy to provide dinner. We are always looking to expand our list of cooks. If you are interested in helping when this need arises, contact [Susan Hodara](#).



The Caring Community is here to help. We provide help with phone calls, dinners, visits (one of these days!!), rides, and other needs that arise. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from our kindness, let us know.

Caring Community Zoom meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month. Our next meeting will be May 19th at 7pm. Contact [Judy Boehr](#) for further information.

## PRIDE COMMITTEE - Suzanne Haber, Chairperson



Pride Committee meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month.

Our next meeting is:  
**Tuesday, May 11th at 7:30pm.**

Contact **Suzanne Haber** for further information.



### **SATURDAY, JUNE 5th**

We will celebrate **Pride Shabbat on June 5<sup>th</sup>**.  
Please join us as we welcome Nadav Shachmon  
as our speaker.



Nadav, the Westchester Israeli *Shaliach* (emissary), was born and raised in Jerusalem and now lives in White Plains with his husband, Aylee, and their daughter, Aviv. Nadav will share his personal story as a gay man growing up in Israel and serving in the IDF, and he will also speak about what life is like for the LGBTQ community in Israel today.





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(From Generation to Generation)

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- Why you need an independent escrow agent
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## CSI Pride Event

**Wednesday,  
June 16, 2021  
6 – 8 p.m.**

Online and In-person at  
Congregation Sons of Israel  
1666 Pleasantville Rd.,  
Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510

**MODERATED BY  
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## A SPECIAL NOTE FROM PROJECT EZRA

We've just gone through the second Passover in which our volunteers, who include many of you, could not join us to distribute food packages to our elders. This does not mean, however, that we were not able to help our elders celebrate the holiday.

Project Ezra staff delivered 175 Passover food packages to our elders. And thanks to your generosity, we were able to give cash assistance to help our seniors celebrate the holiday with dignity. Special thanks to the members of Westchester Jewish Center, Congregation Sons of Israel, Woodlands Community Temple, and Park East Synagogue, whose contributions made it possible to increase the amount of aid we provided to each elder at a time when such assistance is especially needed.

Project Ezra's staff have also been helping our elders make appointments to be vaccinated against COVID, and take them to and from their appointments. For homebound seniors, we helped arrange for in-home vaccinations. I'm happy to report that all our clients have now been vaccinated.

Thank you for your continued support. While we missed seeing those of you who have joined us for the Passover package distributions, in the spirit of Next Year in Jerusalem, we can say with realistic hope,

Next Year on Grand Street!

On behalf of the Ezra community,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ron Wegsman'.

Ron Wegsman

President of the Board



## MAY 2021 / 19 Iyar – 20 Sivan

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NS=Nursery School JITN= Jews In The News C/L=Candle Lighting Time						1 19 Iyar  Shabbat Morning Services on site AND STREAMED 9:30am  Emor
2 20 Iyar  Minyan 9:15am	3 21 Iyar  Minyan 8am  Sisterhood Board 7:00pm  Talmud 9pm	4 22 Iyar  JITN 11:15am  Education Committee 7:30pm  Second Generation Survivors 7:30pm	5 23 Iyar	6 24 Iyar  Minyan 8am	7 25 Iyar  Shabbat Program & RS Services on the Farm 5:30pm  Kabbalat Shabbat on site AND ZOOMED 6:30pm  C/L 7:41pm	8 26 Iyar  Shabbat Morning Services on site AND STREAMED 9:30am  MINCHA BM: AVA SCHWARTZ 7:30pm  Behar-Bechukotai
9 27 Iyar  Minyan 9:15am  NO RS	10 28 Iyar  Minyan 8am  Talmud 9pm	11 29 Iyar  JITN 11:15am  HaMishpacha 12:30pm: HATIKVAH  Pride Committee 7:30pm	12 1 Sivan	13 2 Sivan  Minyan 8am  HaMishpacha Discussion Group 10:30am  Cooking with the Clergy 7pm 	14 3 Sivan  Shabbat Program & RS Services on the Farm 5:30pm  Kabbalat Shabbat on site AND ZOOMED 6:30pm  C/L 7:48pm	15 4 Sivan  Shabbat Morning Services on site AND STREAMED 9:30am  BM: LORELEI GARY  Bamidbar
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## OUR MAY B'NAI MITZVAH

### AVA SCHWARTZ: MAY 8th

Hi, I am Ava Schwartz and my *Bat Mitzvah* is May 8th. I live with my Mom, Dad, brother Ethan, and my rabbit in Briarcliff Manor. I am 13 years old and in 8th grade. When I am not in school, I go to Westchester Gymnastics, I bake, and hang out with my friends and family. Even though I am unable to have a typical *Bat Mitzvah* right now I am still very grateful that my family and friends are watching me. My *Bat Mitzvah* project is helping Senior Citizens to protect them and detect a scam. I am working on this project with my partner Meera C. We wanted to help prevent Senior Citizens from being scammed in the future. We have been working very hard to help the Seniors to use the internet safely without worrying about being scammed. This project was originally a Girl Scout project but since Covid has come into our lives I had to change my project, and I decided to make this my *Bat Mitzvah* project. I am very proud that my friend and I have been making a difference in people's lives. I am very excited that my *Bat Mitzvah* is coming up very soon! I have worked very hard with Cantor Shiovitz and I can finally show you what I have been working on for the past 8 months. I want to say thank you to my parents, Cantor Shiovitz, Rabbi Kane, and all my teachers who have helped me reach this moment today.



### LORELEI GARY: MAY 15th

Hi, my name is Lorelei Gary. I live in Garrison, New York with my parents, James Gary and Sarena Straus, my 11-year old brother, Knox, our black lab, Julia and our two barn cats, Bandit and Cowboy. I'm in the 7th grade at The Masters School in Dobbs Ferry. I love to make digital art and I play the flute. I am named after my Uncle Stephen Straus, whose Hebrew name was Shlomo – my Hebrew name is Shlomit, which means peaceful. I'm also named for my great grandma, Dora, whose Hebrew name was Devorah, which means honeybee. My *Torah* and *Haftorah Parshot* are *Bamidbar*, which means "In The Wilderness." Because of my name, Peaceful Honeybee, and the meaning of my *Parshot*, "In the Wilderness," and because Israel is the land of milk and honey, and because of my love of nature, I decided to focus my *mitzvah* project on the honeybee.

One in three bites of food we eat are thanks to the bee, yet we are facing a worldwide collapse of honeybee colonies. While big change is needed to save the bees, there are small things we can do to help. One of the largest threats that bees face is lack of a safe habitat. As part of my *mitzvah* project, I am giving away pollinating flowers for my *Bat Mitzvah* guests to plant a bee garden that is rich in pollen and nectar. My friends and I will also be building "bee condos" for people to take home and hang in their gardens. These bee condos have small tube "apartments" where mason bees can safely take up residence. Having a "bee corridor" creates a place for bees to safely traverse a community. I have also asked that, instead of gifts, my *Bat Mitzvah* guests donate to one of several charities I have selected including The Bee Conservancy, Riverkeeper, The National Brain Tumor Society (in memory of my Uncle Stephen) or The Alzheimer's Association (in honor of my grandma Rose Gary).

Thank you to Cantor Shiovitz and Rabbi Kane for helping me reach this day!



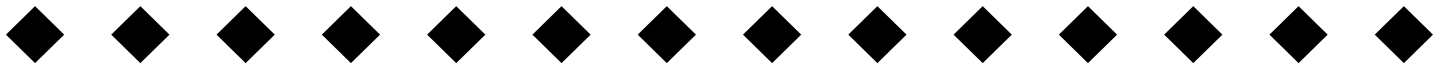
## OUR MAY *B'NAI MITZVAH* - *continued*

### MILES EICHENHOLTZ: MAY 22nd

My name is Miles Eichenholtz. My mother's name is Jenean Eichenholtz and my father's name is Seth Eichenholtz. I live in Cortlandt Manor, New York. I have lived in Cortlandt Manor my whole life. I attend Blue Mountain Middle School in the Hendrick Hudson School District. Some of my hobbies are snowboarding, basketball, track, cross-country, gaming, and biking. I am proud to become a *Bar Mitzvah* because it will show how far I've come in my journey and will be a huge milestone in my Jewish life. I would like to thank my brothers for always showing me support in my Hebrew studies. I would like to thank my father for always pushing me to become a better person. I would like to thank my mother for always encouraging me to practice and improve my Hebrew reading skills. I would like to thank my grandparents for helping me study and figure out all the hard parts of my Hebrew learning. I would like to thank the Cantor for teaching me my Hebrew and always being there for help when I need it the most. I would like to thank the Rabbi for directing me in person and helping me stay on track. Everyone played an important role in my success and thank you too, everyone, who believes in me.

### SIMON EICHENHOLTZ: MAY 22nd

My name is Simon Eichenholtz and I live in Cortlandt Manor, New York. I go to Blue Mountain Middle School, and participate in the National Junior Honor Society. Some of my hobbies are snowboarding, playing my bassoon, and going biking. I would like to thank my parents who have always supported me my entire life. This past year has been difficult for all of us, but they have always pushed me to work hard and never give up. I love you guys so much! Thank you also to Cantor Shiovitz and Rabbi Kane for helping me reach this day.



## LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

**Mazal Tov to:** Lisa and Ira Schwartz on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Ava.

**Mazal Tov to:** Sarena Straus and James Gary on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Lorelei.

**Mazal Tov to:** Seth and Jenean Eichenholtz on the *B'nai Mitzvah* of their sons, Miles and Simon.

**Mazal Tov to:** Jack Zinn on being named to the Board of Westchester Jewish Council.

**Condolences to:** Kenneth Sankin on the loss of his mother, Ruth Sankin Schildkraut.

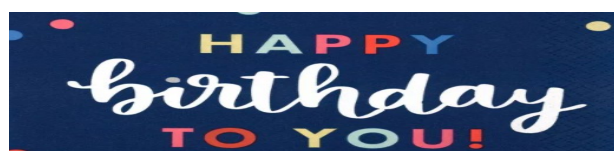
**Condolences to:** Susan Thrope on the loss of her mother, Betty Greenberg.

**Speedy Recovery to:** Joel Kazin



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	Day	Years
Mayra & Aaron Stern	1	44
Suzanne & Neal Haber	1	38
Lauren Thaler & Bill Null	10	40
Carol & Tom Neuman	11	46
Karen & Ed Scharf	15	33
Toni & Elliot Band	17	34
Beth & Harold Levine	22	38
Patti & Bill Robbins	23	39
Resa Mestel & Alan Fox	23	39
Melissa & Michael Reiner	23	29
Laura & Daniel Gold	23	28
Roberta & Doron Bar-Levav	23	22
Lynn & Ron Hanover	24	51
Cindy & Richard Katz	24	29
Nance & Jeffrey Lichtman	24	24
Deborah & David Levitt	24	23
Darlene Fairman & Jack Zinn	24	23
Joyce Perlmutter & Claude Tusk	27	42
Stacy & Richard Charney	27	31
Jill & Jonathan Lerner	29	49
Diane & Jason Eidlitz	29	31
Allison & Andrew Markowitz	30	22



CELEBRANT	Day	Age
Emily Belle	1	6
Kai Kapahi	8	4
Noah Eichenholtz	29	11

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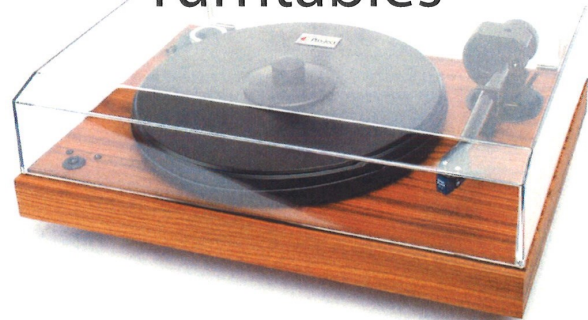


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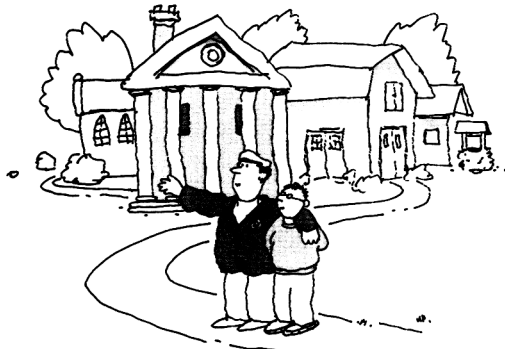
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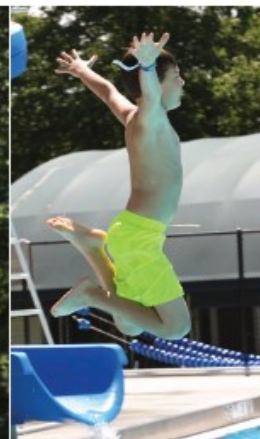
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