



Congregation Sons of Israel

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NOVEMBER 2018

23 Cheshvan - 22 Kislev



**ANNUAL
APPEAL**



Here today. Here tomorrow.

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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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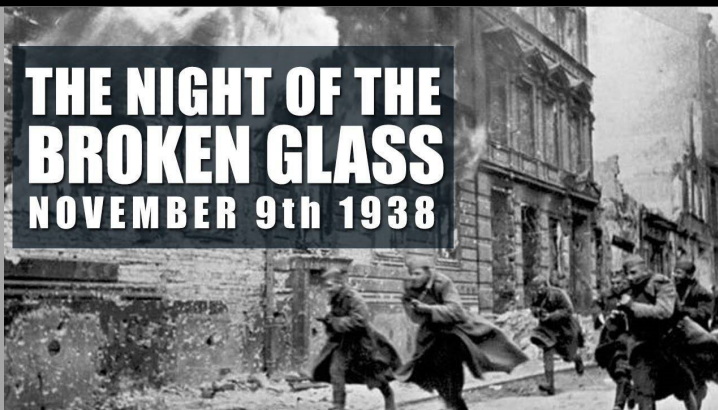
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THE NIGHT OF THE BROKEN GLASS

NOVEMBER 9th 1938



Kristallnacht Remembrance
Shabbat morning, 11/10.

PLEASE NOTE

Kindly do not drop of things you think we can use when the office is closed. We've come in many days to find unmarked and unattended packages both inside and outside the building, which, as you can imagine, is a little bit of a security issue. Kindly stop in when the office is open or call to ask if these items can be used here.

We can help properly dispose of prayer books, but do not have room for other books of Jewish content and, for the most part, cannot use old toys, furniture, or Judaica you no longer want or need.



**NURSERY SCHOOL
PTA ANNUAL
HOLIDAY GIFT
FAIR.**

**DOZENS OF VENDORS,
RAFFLES & REFRESHMENTS**
**\$12 per person * includes 5 raffles
& refreshments**

FROM THE RABBI

Steven C. Kane



In the early part of the 20th century, Germany was considered to be the most cultured and advanced society in Europe. Great authors, poets and musicians were all a part of German culture. Most of the Jewish population of about 500,000 people were "modern Jews". Germany had been the birthplace of Reform, Conservative and Modern Orthodox Judaism, all responses to the attempted integration of Judaism and modernity in the most modern of European countries. Great Jewish thinkers and writers such as the historian Heinrich Graetz, the philosopher Franz Rosenzweig and the scholar Zechariah Frankel, (the founder of what was to become Conservative Judaism), were all German Jews. The Jewish community seemed to be fully integrated into German society.

Many Jews were soldiers in the German army and had fought in WWI. Following the loss of that war, economic disaster affected much of Germany, especially the hyperinflation of the 1920's due to the debt the war had caused. Thus in 1919 the exchange rate was 48 German marks to the dollar. It had risen to 330 marks a few years later, and 7400 by the end of 1922. In early 1933 Adolf Hitler had become Chancellor of Germany and, blaming the Jews for both the loss of the war and the economic issues that ensued, he began to enact a series of anti-Jewish laws. Many Jews tried to leave Germany, though few countries would accept them. Polish Jews living in Germany were expelled, though Poland refused to accept many of them. Families remained at the German-Polish border, homeless and stateless. One such family, the Grynszpans, wrote to their 17 year old son Hershel who was living in Paris about the awful conditions they now found themselves. Hershel received the postcard in early November and despondent about his family, purchased a gun. Taking the gun to the German embassy he proceeded to assassinate Ernst vom Rath, a German embassy official (ironically vom Rath was opposed to the Nazis due to their treatment of the Jews).

Vom Rath died of his wounds on November 9, 1938. The assassination proved to be an excuse for Hitler to unleash German paramilitary forces against the Jewish community as German police and fire officials looked on and did nothing. During those two days about 7500 Jewish businesses and stores were attacked and many destroyed. 1400 synagogues were ransacked and broken into, with *sifrei* Torah, *siddurim* and other books burned and desecrated. Some 30,000 Jewish men were arrested and deported to concentration camps in Germany. Those days of destruction became known as *Kristallnacht*, the night of broken glass. It is now widely seen as the beginning of the Holocaust.

Most years our remembrance of the Holocaust is centered around *Yom HaShoah*, Holocaust Memorial Day in the spring. Since this year is the 80th anniversary of *Kristallnacht*, we will have a special memorial tribute to *Kristallnacht* on *Shabbat* morning, November 10th. One of our long time members, Werner Renberg, saw his father arrested that night, and 80 years later it is still fresh in his mind. We will honor Werner, who turned 90 this year, with a special *aliyah Shabbat* morning. Perhaps there is no better way to show the world 80 years later that Hitler failed, and to recall the "night of broken glass", than to celebrate Jewish life as we will do that day. I hope you can join us.

L'hitraot,

Rabbi Kane

My sermons from the High Holidays are now available for those who wish a copy. The themes were: RH Day 1: The Value of Truth in Judaism; Day 2: Judaism, The Ever Dying People; *Kol Nidre*: *Yom Kippur*, My Favorite Holiday, A Day of Love; *Yizkor*: A Reminder of That Which is Important and Permanent in our Lives. To request a copy, please e-mail me at rabbi@csibriarcliff.org

CONGREGATION SONS OF ISRAEL PRESENTS

JOEY WEISENBERG

DECEMBER 15, 8:30PM



NAME _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS

- ___ BENEFACTORS @\$180
- ___ SPONSORS @ \$90
- ___ PATRONS @ \$50
- ___ GENERAL ADMISSION @\$20
- ___ SENIOR/STUDENT @ \$12

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ATTENTION: CONCERT

CANTORIAL NOTES

Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



Becoming a grandparent has been one of the greatest moments in my life. As Robyn and I see Miriam Abigail grow day by day, week by week and month by month (5 months now), we marvel about life. We think about tradition and what is it that we should pass down to her and to our future grandchildren. Each Friday evening we have blessed our children and now we see Rachel and Yonah bless Miriam. It is one of our favorite times and traditions and I know that our children look forward to it.

Please don't read this article if you're standing up. There are so many things for which all of us rush around—we all try to do several tasks simultaneously—where does it end? If you have no time now, maybe you'll save reading this until Shabbat. In a world that pushes us unmercifully to move faster and faster, we need an extra guide to tell us, slow down, it's all right, save that project for later, just sit and talk with me.

When the opening chapter of the Torah describes God creating the world, six days are for building, and one is for rest. Read the text. God is not tired; God is not described as burned out. Rather, a part of the whole of the creative process is not creating. Part of the rhythm with which we function in our lives is to stop on a regular basis to consider from where we have come, and to where we are going. God stopped the work, as we are told later in the Torah, Shavat-rested, and *vayinafash*-recreated God's soul. This is God's basic tip for how to observe Shabbat. It's not so complicated. Let me share some other simple tips to make Shabbat special.

It's as easy as saying Yes and No.

Say No to shopping. Say Yes to reading. Say No to laundry. Say Yes to intimacy. Say No to the quick stop at the ATM or mini-mart on the way home from shul. Say Yes to a family game of Banana gram or Scrabble or some other game everyone enjoys. Say No to housework. Say Yes to having friends for Shabbat Dinner. Say No to mowing the lawn. Say Yes to enjoying a walk. Say No to a follow-up call to a client. Say Yes to calling your mother.

We are taught in the midrash that when God created the world, it happened by God withdrawing into Godself to make space for the world to be. Likewise, by withdrawing from being so much out there, we can create space and time for new opportunities in our own universe. When we stop the noise of producing, we are finally able to hear the beautiful music of the voices of those whom we love, and the quiet songs of the world at rest. On a peaceful walk through the neighborhood, we can hear our neighbors' voices. In the quiet of an afternoon nap, we can hear the inner voice of our own joy, renewing itself in the space of ceased labors. In the space of a quiet afternoon, we can look with pride on who we are and what we will yet become.

Perhaps you will try one or two of these ideas and discover more of yourself and the beauty of Shabbat. Maybe you will pass some of these traditions down to your children and grandchildren. Try lighting candles or saying *Kiddush* or the *Motzi*. Make your own traditions. Perhaps you will like it! Shabbat Shalom!

Cantor Jeffrey Shiovitz

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JEWISH MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES

Saturday, 11/10 at 8pm.

At the home of Sheera & Richard Zuckerman
19 Barnes Road, Ossining

"Jerusalem In Song"

RSVP: Jshiovitz@gmail.com



HaMishpacha Senior Luncheon and Program:

Down On The Farm with Ryna Lustig

Tuesday, 11/13 at 12:30pm

For those 65+ in our community.

Meet new friends * Greet old friends.



<http://facebook.com/csifarm>



November 2018/ CSI Community Organic Farm Update

We love to share the bounty of CSI's Community Organic Farm! Bette Slutsky recently prepared this gorgeous "Welcome" bag filled with our own farm's produce and fresh eggs from our chickens for a new member.

CSI and UJA/Engage Jewish Service Corp held a workshop on Engaging in Jewish Farming. They met on the farm to do some harvesting with children from the Ossining Children's Center. After harvest, they shared a healthful snack together.

Our crops ending in October include cherry tomatoes, garlic, potatoes, eggplant, peppers, herbs, beets, and squash. Coming up in November we'll have kale, swiss chard, and lettuce. We are also planting the cover crop seed for the winter to help enrich the soil biology. To purchase veggies, please stop by on Sunday mornings, or stop in the office during the week.

Of course, we are always looking for interested volunteers. Please contact rynalustig@gmail.com.

See you on the farm! -- *Ryna Lustig & Dara Mirsky*



September 23, 2018

Rabbi Steven Kane
Congregation Sons of Israel
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Dear Rabbi Kane,

On behalf of the Ossining Food Pantry and the individuals and families we serve, please accept again my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your so very kind and gracious support of the Pantry, and for the 7+ pounds of assorted peppers and 20+ pounds of squash donated to the Pantry from the CSI Community Organic Farm.

Please know that, when added to the groceries we normally provide, the individuals and families we serve so very much appreciate the special treat of these so very fresh vegetables.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness, kindness and support.

Sincerely,

Martin B. Engelhardt, Jr.
Martin B. Engelhardt, Jr.
President

These packages were created for and delivered to all of CSI's newest members.



FROM THE PRESIDENT Steven Bender



I hope you all are enjoying the fall season. During my *Kol Nidre* address, I highlighted certain events in CSI's past based on a history of our synagogue written by the late Dr. Barry Shapiro for our centennial celebration in 1991. A number of congregants approached me afterwards inquiring how they could access Dr. Shapiro's history. I am happy to announce that the history is now available on our website www.csibriarcliff.org by clicking the link on our main web page entitled "For a great article on CSI's history from our Centennial Journal, (1991) HERE." The history is beautifully written, and demonstrates how over the years we have thrived as an institution, in part, by adapting to the ever changing spiritual needs of our members. Enjoy the article!

And one reason we *are thriving now* is because of the many individuals who volunteer to help CSI run the many varied events throughout the year. One example is the Social Action Committee's Project Isaiah. Packing and distributing the donated food is a monumental task; as the picture below highlights, many Nursery School parents volunteered this year to assist in this wonderful *mitzvah*. Thank you to all the volunteers shown below, and to the many more who will help us throughout the year.

President@csibriarcliff.org

Left to right...
Lauren Feinman,
her daughter Liana
and their
babysitter, Esma,
Alissa Lupu,
Angela Kotsubey,
Sarah Donner,
Ben Plaxsun,
Valy Cisco,
Jamey Gelardi
Emily Newfield,
Paul Grower,
Judy Boehr,
Megan Lin.



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3 YEAR TRUSTEES
Jamie Cotel
Orit Daly
Donna Hannan
Deborah Hertz Levitt
Mark Rosenberg
Bette Slutsky

2 YEAR TRUSTEES
Robin Ginsberg
Jenean Eichenoltz
Abbe Marcus
Marion Sader
Neil Schluger
Debra Young

1 YEAR TRUSTEES
Roberta Bar-Levav
Judith Boehr
Jason Eidlitz
Francine Goldstein
Samantha Hawson

**Board of Trustees
Members**

Join us at CSI for a
CYBERSECURITY WORKSHOP

**WHAT YOU NEED
TO KNOW TO KEEP
YOUR FAMILY SAFE
AND SHOP ONLINE SECURELY**



**Sunday, November 18
9:00 - 11:00AM at CSI**

**Join Ethical Hacking, Identity Theft Prevention, and
Internationally Published Security Expert, Todd Feinman**

With the holiday season and Cyber Monday quickly approaching, many of us will be buying more online and using our computers to find the best gifts. Hackers know we target the best “deals” and prey on all of us to get a little lackadaisical with so much going on in our lives. They will be trying to steal our identity, passwords, credit cards, or personal data with intent to steal money or worse.

Goal: Increase your understanding of how to be more secure and keep your family protected in cyberspace.

Requisite Knowledge: How to turn on a computer and access the internet.

**RSVP or questions to Ronishapiro@csibriarcliff.org
Free babysitting for children younger than
Kindergarten in Room 6**

NEWS AND EVENTS from Roni Shapiro, Educational Director



Something for Everyone!

Adult Shabbat Coffee & Limmud with Roni



Saturday, November 3rd
10:30AM - 12:00PM

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

Join us!

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

Come to a women's celebration of *Rosh Chodesh Kislev*

Kislev—the month when *Chanukah* is celebrated



Thursday, November 8
7:00–9:00 PM
at CSI

**Appetizers, Drinks & Israeli Dancing with our Special guests:
6 Israeli women from the organization
Women Cook נשים מבשלות**

Women Cook is a women's social initiative, made up of women from towns and cities throughout Israel, particularly the periphery, distressed communities and coming from different culinary traditions; Moroccan, Tunisian, Ethiopian and many more. The initiative was created to empower women and give them an opportunity to be economically independent and preserve their rich cultural traditions.

This group will be made up women from Moroccan, Kurdish, Bukharian, Yemenite and Ethiopian backgrounds.

<http://cooking-woman.co.il/>

<https://www.facebook.com/nashim.mevashlot/>

Hear their stories, learn their dances plus a few with Judy Kane

CSI Sisterhood Members – Free
Non-Sisterhood Members – \$18

RSVP to Ronishapiro@csibriarcliff.org

Rosh Chodesh Women's Programs are co-sponsored by CSI Sisterhood.

TEENS & FAMILIES: BEFORE THE TURKEY, DO A MITZVAH! Help set up for the Ossining Community Thanksgiving Dinner

- Meet at CSI on Thanksgiving by 9:30AM.
- Travel by bus to the First Presbyterian Church of Ossining to help set up for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Bus leaves CSI by 9:45AM and returns to CSI by 11:15AM.
- Dress to work!
- Community service hours given to teens!

RSVP to Ronishapiro@csibriarcliff.org



TURKEY TZEDAKAH

Help us reach our goal of collecting

80 turkeys

to be brought to the Star of Bethlehem Church
in Ossining for distribution to those who need them.

Bring a turkey to CSI
on November 21st

OR

Donate money to buy a turkey
by November 19th



CSI KIDS – NEWS AND EVENTS

CSI Religious School Need-to-Know Info

Shorashim, Prozdor 1 and Prozdor 2 Families:
(K—2nd grade)

Shabbat Sababa: A "Cool" Shabbat **November 2nd at 6:15PM**

A special *Shabbat* service at which your children
will show you what they have learned about *Shabbat*.

Taste their *challah*, see their *Shabbat* crafts
and enjoy their *Shabbat* singing & performance.

Please RSVP to Janice@csibriarcliff.org

Suggested Donation of \$18 per family to CSI Religious School

JOIN CSI's HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL

***Mazal Tov* to these High School kids who are
continuing their Jewish Education at CSI!**

Ian Horowitz
Harrison Ginsburg
David Katz
Hannah Mortman
Shoshana Daly
Zachary Anisman
Dina Millerman

Hayley Satran
Rachel Mathisson
Ryan Wancier
Abbie Nass
Jason Yules
Laura Horowitz

Mazal tov

It's not too late to join!

Limud/Learning:

Sunday Brunch & Teen Only Classes with Roni 11am-12:15pm

Employment:

Job opportunities for pay and community service:
EITHER WAY, IT LOOKS GREAT ON COLLEGE APPLICATIONS
(You must be registered to work for pay)

Tikun Olam/Social Action Programs:

Volunteer & Get Community Service Credit

NOVEMBER HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

4	Classes & Brunch
18	Classes & Brunch
22	<i>Tikun Olam</i> - Thanksgiving Day set up at the Church

**There are NO Religious School Classes
on these days in NOVEMBER:**

6	No Classes—Teacher In-service
11	No Classes—Veterans Day
25	No School—Thanksgiving Holiday



Shabbat Sheera

for student in grades 3, 4, & 5
(*Alef, Bet & Gimel*)



10:00-11:00AM
November 3
November 10

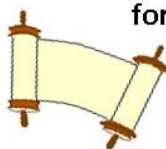


Alef, Bet & Gimel students are required to attend
a minimum of 5 *Shabbat Sheera* Services
during the 2018-2019 school year.

The RS PTA will award prizes to those children who
attend 5+ services.

Kadima Service

for students in grades 6 & 7
(*Dalet & Heh*)



10:30AM-12:00PM
November 17



This *Shabbat* service is intended for *Dalet & Heh* class
students (6th and 7th grade). Led by *Morah Sheera*, this
service helps to prepare students in preparation for *Bar*
and *Bat Mitzvah*.

**These *Kadima* services count towards students'
Bar and *Bat Mitzvah* requirements.**

CSI KIDS – NEWS AND EVENTS

CSI Nursery School Need-to-Know Info

There are NO Nursery School Classes on the following days in NOVEMBER:

November 6	Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 12	Veterans Day
November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving



Thank you to
Dr. Jewel Weiss
for visiting our
Nursery School classes
and teaching us all about
how to care for our teeth!

Is your toddler between 15 and 22 months old?



A separation program for children 15-22 months old (without a caregiver)
Led by Roni Shapiro

Fun with art, books, movement and play!



We will work with you to individualize your child's separation and transition into the group!

Email Janice@csibriarcliff.org for more information

Nursery School Families!
Please join us for our
**CSI Nursery School
Family Thanksgiving Celebration!**
Almost 2's, too!

Wednesday, November 21st
11:15 AM

Enjoy a Thanksgiving sing-along and treats!

Happy
Thanksgiving

RSVP on the sign-up
sheet outside your
child's classroom.



Tuesday mornings from 9-10:30AM.
**For infants and toddlers through
24 months with an adult.**

NOVEMBER PLAY DATES:
13, 20, 27

NURSERY SCHOOL PTA

CSI Nursery School PTA upcoming events



Annual Holiday Boutique
Presented by the CSI Nursery School PTA

November 27
4:30—8:30PM
\$12 includes entry + 5 raffle tickets

How to support the NS PTA

T-Shirts: Order your very own CSI NS 2018-2019 T-shirts. Variety of sizes. \$12 per shirt. Please contact us with your order today!

Mabel's labels: Get your clothing labels and help-out the NS PTA at the same time. Go to mabelslabels.com click on support a fundraiser on the top. Find CSI and order whatever you'd like. It's that simple.

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



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PTA

We hope you are enjoying the Challah Fairy challahs! Remember, there are always a few extra for purchase on Friday mornings. Just stop in the office.

USY/KADIMA - YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Mallory Kovitt, Youth Advisor CSIUSY@csibriarcliff.org



In case you missed it, please enjoy USY President David Katz's *Yom Kippur* remarks to the congregation.

"I started fasting for *Yom Kippur* when I was five years old. I remember being in a chaotic room with hungry teachers and overfed toddlers. I definitely stood out. When I told the kids that I was fasting, they would gasp from surprise and tell me that their parents were fasting, but not them. They always sounded impressed with me. Comments like these from my peers boosted my ego: I felt more religiously conservative and more faithful to Judaism than my fellow five-year olds. In some ways, I obnoxiously identified more with the adults in the room than the kids. Today, looking back, I'd say my incessant need to follow the written complexities of Jewish Law derived not from a place of internal commitment, but rather of external pressure and a desire to impress. I wasn't fasting as an act of repentance, but because the grownups I loved and respected were, and I quite simply wanted to be like them. Even more than that, I was afraid of ever being slandered with the term "Bad Jew" by my peers. Bad Jew. It's a term we have all heard at some point, and maybe have even identified with. As I've matured and really come into my own ownership of my Jewish identity, I really do cringe when people mar themselves with these two words.

A less mature version of myself believed that a "Bad Jew" is a Jew who doesn't attend Hebrew School or services, gives little regard to *Shabbat*, doesn't fast on *Yom Kippur*, and cuts corners on rituals and everyday practices. Today, I don't think that makes someone bad—I think it is someone saying they are unsure if there is a seat in the community for them, and could use a little empathy. I don't think of myself as being Jewish. I'm a Jew, just like all of you here today. We cannot be bad or good at this; it is the core of who we are. I don't think this is an unique perspective, either. I've come to realize that many Jews, myself included, see Judaism as not only a religion, but as an identity. The quibble between "Jew" versus "Jewish" symbolizes this - saying one is a Jew implies their self-identification whereas saying one is Jewish implies they believe they belong to something else. We do belong to a greater community, but Judaism also belongs to us. We take this identity to our very core, and it's the foundation of any community we could ever build.

Our interaction with each other defines our Judaism. On *Yom Kippur*, the holiest day of the year, what brings me to fast and attend services? It is my personal reflection, my desire to be a better in the upcoming year, and a better member of our CSI community and global Jewish community. I can walk into any synagogue and know the same prayers as people whom I've never met before. That's amazing. We have a mutuality with

millions of people worldwide and are responsible for being better Jews for the goodness of everyone. Now as I stand before you as a representative of my generation of Jews, I can optimistically say that our community involvement will continue to burn bright. In my current position as USY President, I have the privilege of experiencing and catalyzing these synapses that have kept us strong. Our chapter bubbles with teenagers - the next generation of Jews - who are beyond eager to reach out to other Jews.

My neighbor and I are both USY Presidents in our region. My five-year old self would have chortled at the prospect of teenagers gathering voluntarily simply because of their shared Judaism, but I see the beauty it has created, the beauty that just engaging with each other as self-identifying Jews, as I stand up here. We are all fiercely individual members of the same tapestry, only sewn because we grew up under the same teachings and prayers. There's something quite magnificent about that."



NOVEMBER 17TH

6:30 – 10:30PM

CSI PROGRESSIVE COMMUNITY DINNER

Please join us for a lovely evening where you'll have the opportunity to "party around town"!

To reserve your spot, complete this form and mail it along with your check to CSI, Att: Progressive Dinner:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dietary Restrictions? _____

(Please note: We will do our best to accommodate dietary needs)

Pet Allergies? _____

Do you need a ride? (Y/N) _____

Donation Amount: _____

Suggested Donation \$36; higher multiples of Chai are most appreciated.
All proceeds go to CSI.

Committee: Judy Boehr, Faye Dittelman, Jenean Eichenholtz,
Samantha Hawson, Abbe Marcus, Helene Rude

6:30 – 7:30pm Hors D'Oeuvres

8:00 – 9:15pm Dinner

9:30 – 10:30pm Dessert

Meet New People!

Share a meal!

**Relax with friends
and neighbors!**

DON'T MISS OUT!

**RSVP WITH THIS
FORM OR VIA
EMAIL TO
HELENE RUDE:
hlrude@me.com**

The Rabbi's Circle at CSI presents: Scholar-In-Residence



December 7-8, 2018

Tal Becker

Principal deputy legal advisor for the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiating team. He is also a fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Friday, 12/7

- 6:00pm: *Kabbalat Shabbat* Services
 6:45pm: Scholar-in-Residence Dinner. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** SEE FORM BELOW.
 8:00pm: Talk: The Changing Place Of Israel in American Jewish Identity.

Saturday, 12/8

- 9:10am: *Shabbat* Morning Services
D'var Torah by Tal Becker: Three Concepts of Justice: A Jewish Perspective.

KIDDUSH/LUNCH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICES - OPEN TO ALL.

- 1:15pm Talk: Jewish Aspirations, Israeli Reality.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH FULL PAYMENT BY 12/4.

Name(s): _____ Email: _____

____Adults @ \$25 each ____Children 6-14 @ \$18 each (children 5 and under are FREE)

____Special Family Rate @ \$75 for entire family TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: _____
 (please indicate how many vegetarian/vegan/other meals are necessary)

DINNER IS FRIDAY, 12/7, FOLLOWING 6:00pm SERVICES.

R.S.V.P. BY 12/4. PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORMS AND CHECKS (with S-I-R in memo)
 PAYABLE TO CSI TO: Dina Katz, CSI, 1666 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510
 OR EMAIL DINA@CSIBRIARCLIFF.ORG

OUR NOVEMBER B'AR MITZVAH



NOVEMBER 3, 2018

Hello, my name is **Joshua Markowitz** and I couldn't be more excited to tell you that on November 3rd, 2018, I will become a *Bar Mitzvah*! I live in Briarcliff Manor, New York with my hard-working mom Allison, my hilarious dad Andy, and my caring older sister Stephanie. We have lived here for over 11 years. Here in Briarcliff, I attend Briarcliff Middle School where I am in the 8th grade and I play modified basketball, modified soccer, and the violin in the orchestra. Outside of school, I play on the CSI basketball team, an AAU basketball team, and travel soccer. Outside of sports, I like hanging out with my friends and family, watching movies, going to restaurants, and playing video games.

For my *Bar Mitzvah* project, I did a series of Midnight Runs throughout the year, to help the homeless and the needy in New York City. For each run, we packed vans full of food and clothes, drove into NYC, and made many stops throughout the night to give the food and clothes to the needy. By participating in a whole series of Midnight Runs, my dad and I were able to join groups from all different synagogues in Westchester. I met so many new people from the Jewish community, and we all got to share in this experience together. Most importantly, at each stop I met all the people who needed our help, and I got to learn more about their experiences and their situations. They were all so grateful for the food and clothing. Even though it was very sad at times, after every run I felt a rush of happiness because I knew I made a difference in people's lives.

I am so proud to become a *Bar Mitzvah* because I get to be a part of continuing Judaism. As people are becoming less religious in general, becoming a *Bar Mitzvah* shows my commitment to continue our Jewish ways. I am so proud to be Jewish. Also, I have been studying and practicing so hard, and I cannot wait for it to pay off on November 3rd. Finally, every time I do something important, I always want to do it to the best of my ability, and working to become a *Bar Mitzvah* has been the most significant chance to do this so far in my life.

I would like to thank my parents and my sister for always being there for me, and for each helping me prepare for my *Bar Mitzvah* in their own way. Thank you to Roni Shapiro and all of my Religious School teachers for teaching me about my religion for the last seven years. Last but not least, thank you to Cantor Shiovitz and Rabbi Kane for teaching me how to lead the service and about the meaning of becoming a *Bar Mitzvah*.



NOVEMBER 2018 - 23 Cheshvan - 22 Kislev

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ABBREVIATIONS: C/L = Candle Lighting Time JITN = Jews in the News N.S. = Nursery School R.S. = Religious School				1 23 Cheshvan 7:15am Minyan	2 24 Cheshvan 9am Almost 2's 9:30am NS Yoga C/L 5:33pm 6:15pm Shabbat Sababa (Cool Shabbat!) Hors D'Oeuvres 7pm Shabbat Rocks & Family Night	3 25 Cheshvan 9:10am Shabbat Service BM: JOSH MARKOWITZ 10am Shabbat Sheera 10:30am Shabbat Limud CLOCKS BACK Chaye Sarah
4 26 Cheshvan 9am BM Group Class with Rabbi Kane #2 9:15am Minyan 10am Men's Club Book Discussion Group: Open meeting 11:15am High School	5 27 Cheshvan 7:15am Minyan 9am Almost 2's 4:30pm Art 7pm Sisterhood Board 7:30pm Torah Trope 8:45pm Talmud	6 28 Cheshvan 9am Tue for Tots 11:15am JITN NO N.S. - Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30pm Yiddish NO R.S. 6:45pm Caring Community 7:30pm Women's Writing 7:30pm 2 nd Generation Survivors	7 29 Cheshvan 9am Almost 2's 9:30am NS Music 7:30pm Social Committee	8 30 Cheshvan 7:15am Minyan 10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion 7pm Rosh Chodesh with Roni	9 1 Kislev 9am Almost 2's C/ 4:25pm 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat	10 2 Kislev 9:10am Shabbat Service Kristalnacht Remembrance 10am Shabbat Sheera The Hazz'ns' Tish after kiddush 8pm Jewish Music Through the Ages - Off Site Toledot
11 3 Kislev 9:15am Minyan NO SCHOOL	12 4 Kislev 7:15am Minyan NO NURSERY SCHOOL 11:30am Women's Torah Study 7:30pm Torah Trope 7:30pm Five Things with Rabbi Kane 8:45pm Talmud	13 5 Kislev 9am Tue for Tots 11:15am JITN 12:30pm HaMishpacha Luncheon & Program 3:45pm Heh Trip to Jewish Cemetery & Old CSI Building	14 6 Kislev 9am Almost 2's	15 7 Kislev 7:15am Minyan 7pm LGBTQ+ INFORMATION WORKSHOP Open to all	16 8 Kislev 9am Almost 2's 9:30am NS Yoga C/L 4:19pm 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat	17 9 Kislev 9:10am Shabbat Service 10:30am Kadima Service 10:30am Chavurah Sevice Pirke Avot discussion after Kiddush 6:30pm Progressive Dinner Off Site Vayetze
18 10 Kislev 9am BM Group Class with Rabbi Kane #3 11:15am High School	19 11 Kislev 7:15am Minyan 9am Almost 2's 10:30am Sign Lang. 4:30am Art 7:30pm Torah Trope 7:30pm Mah Jongg 8:45pm Talmud	20 12 Kislev 9am Tue for Tots 11:15am JITN 12:30pm Yiddish 4-7pm Heh Trip & Dinner Night 7:30pm Women's Writing 7:30pm Exec Comm	21 13 Kislev 9am Almost 2's 11:15am N.S. Thanksgiving Feast	22 14 Kislev 9:15am Minyan NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING Teen & Family Tikkun Olam Program	23 15 Kislev NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED C/L 4:14pm 4:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	24 16 Kislev 9:10am Shabbat Service Vayishlach
25 17 Kislev 9:15am Minyan NO SCHOOL	26 18 Kislev 7:15am Minyan 9am Almost 2's 10:30am Sign Lang. 4:30pm Art 8:45pm Talmud	27 19 Kislev 9am Tue for Tots 9:30am Nature of Things 11:15am JITN 4:30 - 8:30pm N.S. HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE	28 20 Kislev 9am Almost 2's 9:30am NS Music 7:30pm BoT	29 21 Kislev 7:15am Minyan	30 22 Kislev 9am Almost 2's CL 4:11pm 6pm Kabbalat Shabbat Service	

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



COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL
The CSI Pride Committee invites you to
join us as we begin to raise awareness
of the LGBTQ community.

Thursday, November 15, at 7pm
we welcome clinical Psychologist Dr. Cassandra Klebanoff (*)
who will lead us in a timely, interactive and
informative workshop.

Learn how to Create Safer Spaces
Explore all kinds of Visible & Invisible Identities



We welcome you to ask ALL
of your questions!

(*) Dr. Cassandra Klebanoff is an engaging speaker with the Westchester County Psychological Association. She is a licensed clinical psychologist who works with individuals and couples in her private practice in White Plains. Her specific focus and interests are working with people who are moving through traumatic life experiences as well as clients who identify as LGBTQ+, working on multicultural issues and identity development.



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Rosh Chodesh, see page 9

Mah Jongg
Monday, 11/19 at 7:30pm



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CARING COMMUNITY - Merrie Daitch, Chairperson

Join us! Everyone needs a little loving care sometimes. Why not be part of the Caring Community movement. We meet, at most, once a month (sometimes bi-monthly). You never know who you may meet. Most of our commitments are short-term and very doable. We appreciate new and interesting insights and ideas.

Did you know that the Caring Community funds the Partners in Caring Program that comes from Westchester Community Jewish Services? The program provides Shari Baum, our social worker, who conducts classes and is available for onsite counseling, guidance and supportive services. Contact her at 914-761-0600 x145 or sbaum@wjcs.com. Make sure that she knows that you are a member of CSI.

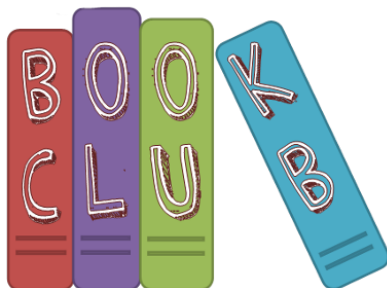
We also help sponsor taxi rides to *shul*. If you are 70 and live in the TOWN of Ossining you are eligible for \$3 taxi tickets to be used within the town. The Caring Community will pick up the reminding \$3 if the rides are used for your transportation to shul. You must go to the Ossining Recreation Dept. with an ID, and pick up your tickets. Make sure that you ask for a receipt. Put your receipt and pertinent info. in an envelope and send or take it to CSI—c/o Margie Kirsch, Caring Community. Just remember that we will only reimburse up to 10 tickets a month. (You may get up to 15 from the Rec., but our reimbursement stops at 10 a month.)

With winter coming, this is a wonderful service for our seniors.

Merrie Daitch

merrietunes@yahoo.com

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



MEN'S CLUB BOOK DISCUSSION

Join us in the Chapel on Sunday, 11/4, at 10am.

We'll discuss what book we'd like to read for our first discussion and set the date, time and place for that discussion.

For more information, contact Alan Grotenstein

AGtrotenstein@gmail.com



**Judy Boehr,
Chairperson**

Thank you to everyone who bought food as part of CSI's Project Isaiah food drive during the holidays. *Todah rabbah* to Roni and the religious school children for counting and bagging the food in preparation for delivery to the Pantry. You were terrific! A special thank you to the amazing corps of nursery school parents who formed an enthusiastic caravan to deliver the food: Jamey Gelardi, Steve Plaxsun, Angela Kotsubey, Paul Grower, Megan Lin, Emily Newfield, Alissa Lupu, Sarah Donner, Valy Cisco, and Lauren Feinman. As always, thanks to the Zinn family for sorting and delivering the food.



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Michael & Marion Jablansky	29	37

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George Wrubel	2	8
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Emily Newman	10	8
Eli Weintraub	12	5
Joshua Markowitz	21	13
Bradley Newman	25	11
Marley Stern	27	7

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS:

Mazal Tov to: Allison & Andrew Markowitz on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Joshua.

Mazal Tov to: Carol & Tom Neuman on the birth of their granddaughter, Marlow Emerson Blumenstein.

Mazal Tov to: Debra Young on the birth of her granddaughter, Penelope Seren Rosenberg

Mazal Tov to: Joanne & Alan Suna on the engagement of their son Joshua to Mikel Ashkin.

Speedy Recovery to: Debi Cohen

Condolences to: Nurit Praeger on the loss of her father, Chaim Gavrielli.

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 In honor of Rabbi Kane

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 In honor of Rhea Wolfthal

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 Thank you Rabbi Kane

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Thank you to Gail Sider and Barbara Schoenfeld for their hard work polishing the silver Torah crowns for the High Holidays. They truly shone!

Special thank you to Jeff Miller and Irwin Kavy. Their years of expertise keep our High Holiday *Aliyot* running smoothly. We absolutely cannot do it without them.

Bravo to our *shofar* blowers! We thank Andrew Kagan, Judy Kane, David Shiovitz, Sarah Shiovitz, Claude Tusk and Ian Zinn



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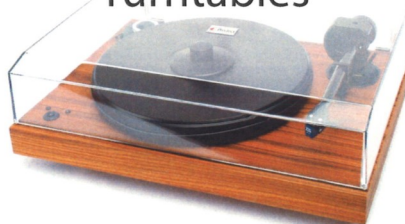


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