



Congregation Sons of Israel

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CONTINUING THE VISION — BUILDING OUR FUTURE

NOVEMBER 2021

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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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HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE THROUGH WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Have a Heart for the Holidays

GIFT DRIVE

Each year WJCS is able to distribute new toys and gift cards to families in our programs through your generosity.

WJCS serves Westchester's most under-resourced communities. For many of our clients, your donation is the only gift they are able to give their children for the holidays.

A \$25 donation sponsors holiday cheer for one child in a WJCS program. You can support the annual WJCS Have a Heart for the Holidays Gift Drive by donating through the link below or shopping our Amazon wish list.

Click here to donate!

FROM THE RABBI

Steven C. Kane



The relationship of Judaism to Thanksgiving is complex and deep. We of course understand that throughout history in the Diaspora, America has been better for Jews than any other country. We have lived in both prosperity and freedom, and our rights are protected by the great institutions of the United States. The idea of giving thanks for the opportunity and successes we have enjoyed in America seems only natural.

What are the connections of Judaism to Thanksgiving? First, like the Jewish holidays, Thanksgiving (the fourth Thursday in November) can either be late or early. (It can fall anywhere between November 22nd and 28th!) More seriously, it was the Pilgrims, having survived crossing the ocean and the difficult weather they encountered, who looked into the Bible for direction. There they found the holiday of *Sukkot*, which gave thanks for the harvest in the land of Israel. There are many who say that Thanksgiving was modeled after the descriptions of *Sukkot* in the Torah.

There are other connections Judaism has to Thanksgiving. There is a religious air to Thanksgiving, and like most religious celebrations, there is a festive meal associated with the holiday. (Otherwise known as Thanksgiving dinner.) In the case of Thanksgiving, all of the main foods at a Thanksgiving meal can be kosher, including and especially the turkey. (For the vegetarians among us, all vegetarian food is kosher.) However, the kashrut of turkey was not a foregone conclusion. Turkey is indigenous to America and when the first Jewish settlers came, their rabbis had to decide whether this new bird, unknown in Jewish tradition, was indeed like a chicken (and kosher) or some new species that might be *tref*. Of course, we know what the majority of them (though not all) decided!

Interestingly, there is a split among ultra-Orthodox Jews regarding Thanksgiving. Some are concerned that it violates what the Torah says in Leviticus 18:3-4, where it states "You shall not copy the practices of the land...where you dwell." Others, however, recall that their parents or grandparents were able to come to America after World War II and rebuild their lives, and they remain profoundly thankful for that. They understand the symbolism of Thanksgiving and their family's personal freedom. Of course, when there are two ideas, one can also find people trying to bridge them. Thus, there are those in the ultra-Orthodox community who purposely serve turkey, though not on Thursday but Friday, for their *Shabbat* meal.

I myself have a great love for Thanksgiving (and turkey). With a family full of rabbis, it was the only holiday celebration where we could all be together. More than that, it has always seemed to me to be a fitting way to celebrate my life as both an American and a Jew. Our *Siddur* (prayerbook) instructs us not to recite *tachanun*, a personal prayer of supplication, on Thanksgiving because it is a "festive day on the civic calendar." It is a day that we can rejoice in America because we are Jews. That seems just about right to me.

Wishing everyone a joyous Thanksgiving,

Rabbi@csibriarcliff.org

CANTORIAL NOTES

Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



I like Hassidic stories. They usually are brief and hit home with a bit of undeniable truth. I would like to share one such story with you.

One day, a hearing-impaired man happened to walk by a house. From the street he could see people moving about inside. Upon closer inspection, he could see a group of Hassidim clapping their hands, swaying and dancing. What he could not see was the Klezmer band in the next room playing one tune after another. Being hearing-impaired, he could not hear the strains of happy music. He concluded that these people must be either crazy or drunk and that it would be best for him to leave immediately.

This is a sad story, indeed. Here is a person who is attracted to a window out of curiosity, observes a strange scene, and, because his vision is blocked and his hearing impaired, comes to a wrong conclusion about what he sees. Had this unfortunate individual understood what was really happening, he, too, would have joined the party.

I believe there is much to be learned from this story. I would compare the happy Hassidim to regular participants in our synagogue services. (I hope I won't be criticized for being overly optimistic!) I suggest that the hearing-impaired person in our story is similar to the uninitiated observer of any traditional Jewish worship service. Even the most basic of Jewish services consist of unusual antics. For example, the *Shema* "peek-a-boo," the "*Shmoneh Esrei Shuffle*," and the "kiss me once, kiss me twice, kiss me once again" ritual of the *Tzitzit* during the *Shema* prayer to name a few. (I hope I don't arouse the ire of those who feel my description of Jewish ritual reflects undue

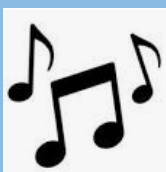
levity.) How strange these practices must appear to one who is unsure as to what they mean, and of how to perform them. Is it any wonder that many would-be participants in synagogue life do not do so, since they, like our uninformed friend, do not feel part of what they see happening around them?

Yet there is a crucial difference between the story's protagonist and many uninitiated observers. These Jews are not permanently spiritually deaf. They, if they desire it, can become attuned to the music of Jewish life. Moreover, I am convinced that those who associate with a synagogue - - to any extent - - possess a curiosity about prayer and Jewish values each time they enter a synagogue. Every time they attend a service, they are handed a *siddur*. Every time they open it, their curiosity about it is rekindled, even if only for a moment and even if they have little knowledge of its contents.

One of my greatest joys as a Cantor is to help people achieve positive feelings about authentic prayer. One of my greatest challenges is to arouse that latent curiosity that so many have, and to encourage them to express it, use it, and benefit from it.

My role (among others) as Cantor is to make a partial picture whole and to make audible the inaudible, so that each individual who *davens* with us will feel that they are one of those dancing, happy Hassidim.

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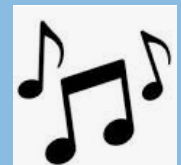


HaMishpacha Musical Program

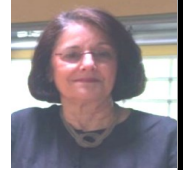
Tuesday, November 16th at 12:30pm via Zoom

The Best of Broadway featuring the music of Stephen Sondheim

RSVP to Cantor Shiovitz [here](#).



FROM THE PRESIDENT *Clare Rosen*



In the Hebrew calendar, most of the month of November 2021 corresponds to the month of *Kislev*. *Chanukah* always falls on the 25th of *Kislev*, typically during the month of December, but this year *Chanukah* starts on November 29th with Thanksgiving falling on November 25th, just four days before *Chanukah*. *Chanukah* is often referred to as the Festival of Lights, yet it is squeezed between the brightness of the candles, the beauty of the rainbows after the rains and the darkness of winter. *Kislev* is often referred to as the Month of Miracles, but is also the month of dreams and dreamers.

The secular holiday Thanksgiving centers around a “feast” as a symbol of plenty. Yet, so many of us are not satiated and content with whatever we have. I was recently reminded that here in Westchester, among the top ten wealthiest counties in the country, many go hungry every day, nearly 10% of the population. Whether with food or wisdom, we have the responsibility to feed others when we feed ourselves. So often we close our eyes to other’s plights, remaining in the dark, but opening our eyes to the light can guide us along the path to help others. *Chanukah* too, encourages a

feast of another kind. We feel compelled to give and give to our children and family members.

I ask you to identify one way you can “feed” others. For some of you it will be giving money to Feeding Westchester, helping in a food pantry, volunteering at a shelter, delivering wellness meals/food, or organizing a food drive. Judy Boehr, the Chair of both the Caring Committee and the Social Action Committee, would welcome your joining her to help those who are ill and hungry. For many years, CSI has served a Christmas dinner to those in our community who don’t have the means to have their own. Last year, we distributed over 400 meals and toys, and we hope to match that this year. Two years ago, we housed several men and women who didn’t have a place to live. Because of COVID the program was suspended last year. This year, we hope to be able to provide money and boxed breakfast and lunch to the homeless in this program.

May you experience the joy of *Chanukah* and the gratitude of Thanksgiving.

Clare E. Rosen, President
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TURKEY DRIVE AT CSI

To benefit the Star of Bethlehem Church.

Checks made out to CSI can be mailed or brought to the office until Tuesday, 11/23. TURKEYS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT CSI ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, 11/24 FROM 7AM - 12PM.



**AN EVENING OF SONG
WITH SINGER/SONGWRITER
JOSH WARSHAWSKY
SUNDAY
DECEMBER 12th
At 7:30 pm**



Rabbi Josh Warshawsky is a prayer, gatherer, music creator, and lifelong meaning seeker. He is a nationally touring Jewish musician, songleader, composer, and teacher of Torah.

He has released three albums of Jewish music, filled with melodies written intentionally to express the deep meaning of the words of our tradition.

He is on the faculty of Songleader Boot Camp and leads the Ramah Shabbaton and the Ramah Chavurah. Josh has spent the past 19 summers at Camp Ramah in Wisconsin, and the last six summers teaching and performing at Ramah camps across the country.

BENEFACTORS \$180

SPONSORS \$90

PATRONS \$50

GENERAL ADMISSION \$20

SENIOR/STUDENT \$12

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT CANTOR SHIOVITZ**

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CSI Community Organic Farm

Regenerative Agriculture Rooted in Jewish Tradition

Greetings from the CSI Community Organic Farm

As I write this update in mid-October, the 2021 season is winding down with our fall harvests of leafy greens, herbs and a few hardy varieties of cherry and regular tomatoes. We'll be asking our community gardeners to wrap-up their season in the next week or two to allow us time to prep our planting beds for winter. As is becoming our annual ritual, we'll also be laying down a fresh coating of wood chips to keep the weeds and mud at a minimum come next season. We'll be experimenting in the greenhouse to see if we can extend our harvest by growing kale.

Thanks to all who supported us this season by making purchases at our farm stand, donating to the Organic Farm Fund and volunteering to assist with the many chores.

Stats, as of the middle of October, include a total harvest of 2,796 pounds, 321 pounds of which was donated and the bulk of the balance sold at our farm stand or to local restaurants. In addition, our chicken flock benefited from the produce that wasn't deemed of sufficient quality to sell.

The daylight hours are shorter and it's getting cooler, but the picnic area and nature path are still open for your enjoyment.

Comments or suggestions are always welcomed.

See you on the farm!
David Levitt



**THE CSI OPPORTUNITY SHOP IS DOING
GREAT BUSINESS - Stop in to drop off or to shop!**

**61 North Greeley Avenue, Chappaqua
10-2 Monday - Friday
OPP SHOP PHONE: 914 483 4144**

As promised, CSI is donating a portion of profits to organizations providing essential services to those in need.

Our first donation is to:



**HERE IS A LIST OF WHAT CAN BE DONATED TO THE OPP SHOP
AT 61 NORTH GREELEY AVENUE, CHAPPAQUA
MONDAY - FRIDAY FROM 10AM - 2PM
PLEASE - NO DROP OFFS AT CSI!
CALL THE OPP SHOP AT: 914-483-4144.**

**Men's Clothing & Shoes (NO
SUITS)**

Women's Clothing & Shoes

Children's Clothing (4T & up)

Coats

Jackets

Sweaters

Scarves

Hats

Gloves

Belts

Ties

Pocketbooks

Wallets

Leather goods

Luggage

Backpacks

Jewelry & Watches

Tools

Sporting Goods

Collectibles

Judaica

**Small Appliances (in working
order with ALL parts)**

Lamps

Pictures/Art Work

Picture Frames

Coffee Table Books

Hard Cover Best Sellers

Vases

Crystal & China

Dishes

Silverware

Platters

Kitchenware

Pots & Pans

New Toys & Games

**Gently Used Toys & Games
(clean & in working order)**

When you stop in, you are likely to bump into
a CSI member you know as we have a
great group of volunteers.

VISIT THE OPP SHOP WEBSITE!

FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR *Naomi Elyachar*



Communities are formed and strengthened through common interests and values and through time spent together. When I speak to new prospective school parents, I describe our school as a place not only for your child but for your entire family as well. We are a school and community where it feels easy to belong. Although I still believe this to be true, it's hard to feel the strength of our community and the welcoming embrace of our school families when our shared time is only at quick school drop offs and pick ups. With vaccines still unavailable to our youngest children, this is still an isolating time for so many. And since I come to work every day and spend my days with the teachers and children and interacting with parents, I sometimes forget that many families with young children are still mostly home during the day.

How wonderful, then, as the pandemic restrictions continue for our youngest children, that we can find ways to safely come together. Our Nursery School *Shabbat* was a beautiful reunion of sorts for our school community. It has been nearly two years since we last had a program for all school families together at the same time. Our students are so happy to sing every Friday morning as we practice for *Shabbat*. Inviting families to be a part of this celebration on a Friday evening as *Shabbat* actually begins brought even more joy to an already joyful part of our week.

Our school community since the start of the last school year when I began in the school director position was like a web—individuals seeing one another here or there, but never all together. At our Nursery School *Shabbat* we were finally all together in the same place at the same time. The spirit of *Shabbat*—and of hope after a time of isolation and despair—was in the air. I am hopeful that we are on our way toward a time of continued togetherness and strength and look forward to many opportunities to celebrate together this year.

Naomi Elyachar

Nursery School Director

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Nursery School Shabbat



FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL

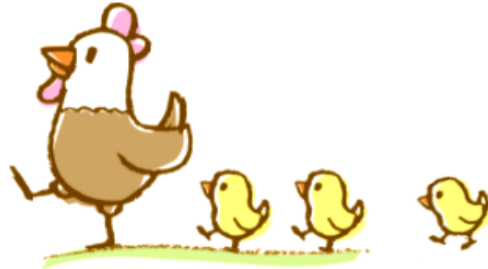
Torah for Tots



Torah for Tots
 Saturday, November 13th
 11 am - 12 pm

Stories, songs, & fun

led by Judy Kane



For families with preschool aged – 2nd grade children, their siblings, and their parents/adults.

All are welcome!

November

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| 2 | NO SCHOOL for students - Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| 9 | Picture Day |
| 11 | NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day |
| 25-26 | NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Recess |



FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear CSI Nursery School Families,

October was a busy month full of fall activities! It's only the start of what promises to be a fun-filled school year. On October 22nd, families gathered for our Nursery School *Shabbat* program on the CSI farm. Children worked on a special *Shabbat* project with their grown-ups. These wonderful *Shabbat* bags will be donated to seniors. We then had a *Kabbalat Shabbat* service outdoors followed by dinner for the entire family. It was heart-warming to see everyone gathered together for good food and conversation! Our fall mini-photo shoots with local photographer Lori Berkowitz were a big success. We were able to raise a few hundred dollars for the PA that will go towards educational programming for our Nursery School children. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Also this past month, the Sprout class had a wonderful parents night out at 105-Ten. It was a great opportunity for the parents to get to know one another better and enjoy some kid-free conversations. Thank you so much to class parent, Jenn Stern, for organizing this night!

We're looking forward to our Fall Soiree at Woods Tavern Bar & Grill on November 6th. The evening will include live music by the famous Mike Risko Band, dinner, unlimited wine and beer, and dessert under the stars. (Check out the restaurants' Instagram page for photos of the space.) In case of rain, we will be under a tent. Our evening will also include a silent auction, raffle, and song requests for purchase. All proceeds will benefit the CSI Nursery School.

Just a reminder that the PA is always looking for volunteers among our nursery school families! It's never too late to join, and volunteers are needed in all capacities and time commitments. If you are interested in joining the PA, please reach out to Melinda at the email below.

Happy Fall!

CSI Nursery School Parents Association
csinspa@gmail.com



MORE FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

RS Calendar Notes

November 2

No School—Election Day

November 6

Shabbat Chavaya

(for Kindergarten—7th graders)

10:30AM-12PM

November 7

No School

November 13

Junior Congregation

(for 3rd—7th graders)

10:45AM-12PM

Torah for Tots

(especially for families with preschool—2nd graders)

11AM-12PM

November 28

No School—Thanksgiving break

HEBREW HIGH & USY

November Calendar

11/7—NO HH/USY (NO RS)

11/14—HH 11:15-12:30

11/21—USY 11:15-12:30

11/28—NO HH/USY (Thanksgiving break)

HH Teachers:

Sheera Zuckerman

Cantor Shiovitz

Rabbi Kane

USY Advisor:

Andrea Bromberg

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Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Project Isaiah food drive for the Ossining Food Pantry. It was very successful! It was wonderful to see overflowing bins of food in our synagogue lobby again! The children in grades 4-7 did a terrific job counting and packing the food. Thanks to all of you; you were fabulous! Thanks also to their teachers Sheera Zuckerman and Caren Shapiro and Cantor Shiovitz for your support. Veteran sorter/ packers Gail Sider, Ronnie Kent, Cheryl Katz, and Samantha Hawson were also a great help— *todah rabbah!*

We delivered six carloads of food to the Ossining Food Pantry in record time. Many thanks to Nursery School parents Jen Stern, Anthony Adorno, and Dawn Chan, along with Debbie Hertz, David Levitt and Tom Hannan. The Pantry staff was so happy with our contribution, and you all really made a difference for people in our community.





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OSSINING, NY 10562
www.ossiningfoodpantry.org

October 20, 2021

Congregation Sons of Israel
1666 Pleasantville Road
Briarcliff Manor, NY 10511
Attn: Ms. Judy Boehr

Dear Ms. Boehr:

On behalf of the Ossining Food Pantry, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to you and all the members of the CSI community for carrying out an amazingly successful food drive to help those members of our greater Ossining community that are having difficulty providing for themselves and their families.

Rest assured that your efforts are truly appreciated, more especially during these challenging times when so many of our neighbors are in dire need. During this current crisis, the Pantry has regularly served almost 1000 "food insecure" households through both direct distributions and partnering with other organizations in Ossining to operate additional distribution sites as well as a homebound food delivery program. In-kind donations, such as those that your efforts have produced, are truly a vital component of our operation.

While I cannot provide a specific total valuation, based on typical local pricing, I would estimate that the value of the items received as a result of the 2021 CSI Project Isaiah food drive was in excess of \$3,300. We could not accomplish our mission without the generosity and concern of supporters such as yourselves. Please pass our wholehearted thanks on to all those who participated in this drive.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas Gaynor".

Douglas Gaynor
Chairperson, In-Kind Donations

The Ossining Food Pantry is recognized as a "public" 501 (c)(3) charity under the provisions of section 509 (a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, and no goods or services, or any consideration whatsoever, was provided by the Pantry in return for your donation.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

A SPECIAL CHANUKAH SHOPPING EVENT at MATANAH -The Gift Shop at CSI-

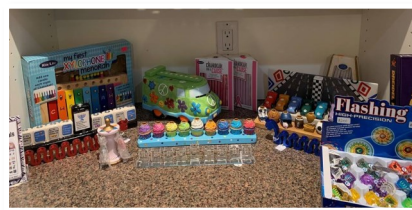
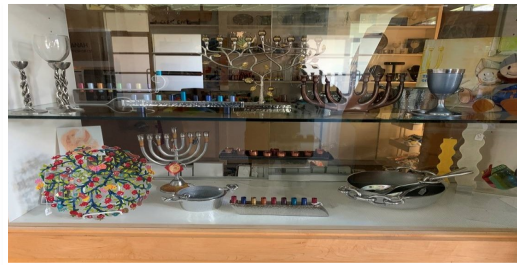
Sunday, November 21st 9am-3pm

Come to *Matanah* and shop for all of your *Chanukah* needs. We have menorahs, dreidels, candles and gifts.

Sign up [HERE](#) for a 15 minute time slot for your personal shopping experience.

Chanukah begins Sunday, November 28th!

The gift shop is also open on Sunday, November 14th from 9am-11am during Religious School.



If you are interested in learning to play Mah Jongg contact Cheryl Katz/914-945-0826.



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Recording Secretary: Beth Levine * Corresponding Secretary/ Bulletin: * Marion Jablansky
Membership: Annleah Berger * Mah Jongg Chair: Cheryl Katz
Gift Shop: Merrie Daitch/Robin Ginsberg/ Jill Greenstein/ Marion Jablansky/ Sharon Orenstein
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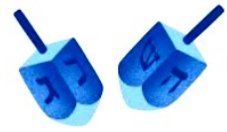
SISTERHOOD NEWS-The Cheese Guy Event



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

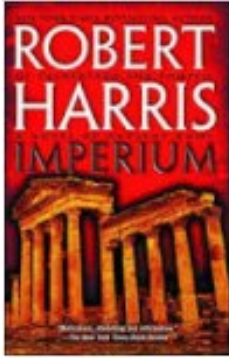


SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5th at 4pm
A FAMILY CHANUKAH CELEBRATION!



MORE INFO TO FOLLOW SOON!

MEN'S CLUB



Our next book club meeting is on Monday, November 22nd at 7:30pm. We will be discussing Imperium by Robert Harris.

Join the Men's Club [here](#).

Or from the CSI Homepage, click on Men's Club in the Community tab menu. It's easy!

Please contact [Jason Eidlitz](#) with any questions.



PRIDE COMMITTEE - Suzanne Haber, Chairperson



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

Our next meeting is:
Tuesday, November 9th at 7:30pm.

Contact [Suzanne Haber](#) for further information.



CARING COMMUNITY

We are here to make CSI a closer, more caring and supportive community. Together we celebrate *simchas*, console those who are ill or experiencing a loss, and help congregants who need a phone call, a ride to a doctor, or a little TLC.

If you or another congregant you know is experiencing a need, please contact the CSI office (762-2700) or [Judy Boehr](#) (762-1984).



NOVEMBER 2021 / 26 Cheshvan – 26 Kislev

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>(*) Please contact CHERYL KATZ if you wish to meet at CSI for Mah Jongg lessons on Monday nights.</p>	<p>1 26 Cheshvan</p> <p>8am Minyan via Zoom</p> <p>7:30pm Sisterhood Bd.</p> <p>7:30pm Mah Jongg lessons at CSI (*)</p> <p>8:45pm Talmud on site and via Zoom</p>	<p>2 27 Cheshvan</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED Election Day</p> <p>NO NS Parent Teacher Conferences</p> <p>NO RS</p> <p>7:30pm Education Comm. via Zoom</p>	<p>3 28 Cheshvan</p>	<p>4 29 Cheshvan</p> <p>8am Minyan via Zoom</p> <p>11am Contemporary Issues & The Talmud via Zoom</p>	<p>5 1 Kislev</p> <p>6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and via Zoom</p> <p>C/L 5:28pm</p>	<p>6 2 Kislev</p> <p>9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and livestream</p> <p>10:30am Shabbat Chavaya – RS Grades K-7</p> <p>Toldot</p>
<p>7 3 Kislev</p> <p>NO RS</p> <p>9:15am Minyan on site and via Zoom</p>	<p>8 4 Kislev</p> <p>8am Minyan via Zoom</p> <p>11:30am Women's Torah Study via Zoom</p> <p>7:30pm Mah Jongg lessons at CSI (*)</p> <p>8:45pm Talmud on site and via Zoom</p>	<p>9 5 Kislev</p> <p>11:15am JITN</p> <p>7:30pm Pride Comm.</p> <p>7:30pm 2nd Generation Survivors</p>	<p>10 6 Kislev</p> <p>7:30pm Climate Change with Bob Schloss on site and via Zoom</p>	<p>11 7 Kislev</p> <p>8am Minyan via Zoom</p> <p>NO NS Veterans Day</p> <p>10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion Group</p> <p>7:30pm Poetry via Zoom w/Neil Schluger</p>	<p>12 8 Kislev</p> <p>6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and via Zoom</p> <p>C/L 4:21pm</p>	<p>13 9 Kislev</p> <p>9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and livestream</p> <p>10:45am Junior Congregation – RS Grades 3-7</p> <p>11am Torah for Tots</p> <p>Vayetzei</p>
<p>14 10 Kislev</p> <p>9:15am Minyan on site and via Zoom</p>	<p>15 11 Kislev</p> <p>8am Minyan via Zoom</p> <p>7:30pm Mah Jongg Lessons at CSI (*)</p> <p>7:30pm Five Things on site and via Zoom-Jewish Communists & Socialists</p> <p>8:45pm Talmud on site and via Zoom</p>	<p>16 12 Kislev</p> <p>11:15am JITN</p> <p>12:30pm HaMishpacha Musical Program via Zoom</p> <p>7:30pm Exec. Comm.</p>	<p>17 13 Kislev</p>	<p>18 14 Kislev</p> <p>8am Minyan via Zoom</p> <p>11am Contemporary Issues & The Talmud via Zoom</p>	<p>19 15 Kislev</p> <p>6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat on site and via Zoom</p> <p>C/L 4:15pm</p>	<p>20 16 Kislev</p> <p>9:10am Shabbat Morning Services on site and livestream</p> <p>Vayishlach</p>
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Chanukah commemorates the victory of the Jewish forces, led by Judah Maccabee, over the Syrian forces (often called Syrian-Greeks because they had come under the influence of Greek culture) led by Antiochus Epiphanes in the year 167 BCE. Antiochus had outlawed circumcision, *Shabbat* observance and other customs basic to Judaism. He then desecrated the Holy Temple in Jerusalem by placing the statue of a Greek god in the Holy of Holies, and conducting sacrifices of unclean animals.

After three years of fighting, the forces led by Judah recaptured the Temple on the 25th of *Kislev*. They found it in ruins. As they began to repair and rebuild it, crowds of Jews congregated to celebrate and bring proper sacrifices to God. One version of the story tells us that the Jews celebrated the rededication of the Temple for eight days since they had been denied access to the Temple for the eight days of *Sukkot*. Of course, we are all familiar with the legend in the Talmud that recounts one cruse of oil found with the seal of the *Cohen Gadol* (High Priest). It was sufficient for one day, but a great miracle happened and the oil burned for eight days.

KINDLING THE LIGHTS

This year the first *Chanukah* candle is lit on **Sunday, November 28th**. One candle is lit on the first night, two the second night and so on, adding a candle each subsequent night. The “*Shamash*” candle is lit first and used to light the others. On the first night the candle is placed on the far right of the *menorah* (as it faces you). Each night a candle is added to the left and candles are lit left to right, so that the newest candle is always lit first, the second newest second, and so on.



Place right to left; Kindle left to right

People often use larger candles on Friday night because these candles must burn for a period of time after complete darkness sets in.

On Friday night, December 3rd, *Chanukah* candles are lit before *Shabbat* candles.

Matanah, the gift shop at CSI, has a wonderful selection of candles, menorahs and gifts for *Chanukah* and all year. See page 17 for details about this year's in-person *Chanukah* shopping event.

While kindling the lights, say the following blessings:

Baruch attah Adonai Eloheinu melek ha-olam, asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'haddlik ner shel Hanukkah.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה

Praised are You, *Adonai* our God, Ruler of the universe whose *mitzvot* add holiness to our life and who gave us the *mitzvah* to light the lights of *Chanukah*.

Baruch attah Adonai, Eloheinu melek ha-olam she-asah nissim la-avoteinu by-yamim ha—heim u-va-z'man hazeh.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם ובזמן הזה

Praised are You, *Adonai* our God, Ruler of the universe who accomplished miracles for our ancestors in ancient days, and in our time.

On the first night only add the following benediction:

Baruch attah Adonai, Eloheinu melek ha-olam shehecheyanu vekiamanu vehigianu lazman hazeh.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם
שהחיינו וקיימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה

Praised are You, *Adonai* our God, Ruler of the universe, for granting us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this day.

After lighting the candles:

These lights we kindle to recall the wondrous triumphs and the miraculous victories wrought through Your holy *kohanim* for our ancestors in ancient days at this season. These lights are sacred through all the eight days of *Chanukah*. We may not put them to ordinary use, but are to look upon them and thus be reminded to thank You and praise You for the wondrous miracle of our deliverance.

מִעוֹז צוֹר יְשׁוּעָתִי לֵךְ נָא לְשִׁבְחָךְ.
תִּכּוֹן בֵּית תְּפִלָּתִי וְשֵׁם תּוֹדָה נִזְכָּר.
לְעֵת תִּכְזַּר מִטְּבַח מִצָּר הַמִּנְבָּח.
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Ma'oz tsur yeshu'ati lecha na'eh leshabeakh.

Tikon beit tefiloti vesham todah nezaveakh.

Le'et tachin matbeakh mitsar hamnabeakh,

'az 'egmore beshir mizmor khanuat hamizbeakh.

Rock of Ages, let our song praise Your saving power. You amid the raging throng were our sheltering tower. Furious they assailed us, but Your help availed us. And Your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us.

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CELEBRANT	Date	Age
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Oliver Fijman	4	10
Emily Newman	10	11
Joshua Staines	24	3
Brandon Cohen	28	3



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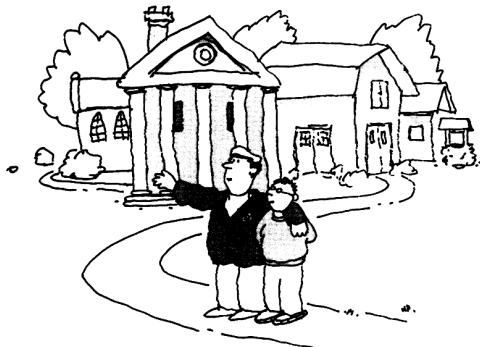
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