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NOVEMBER 2022

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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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THE UNITED
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 JUDAISM

Thank you to everyone who helped make our High Holiday services so meaningful!

Chair set up: Miriam Fishman, Irwin Kavy, Mike Kirsch, Liz Legatt,
 David Leibert, Eric Leibert, Mike Liegner, Bob Margolies,
 Ryan Morris, David Teicher

Choir: Sherman Alpert, Judy Boehr, Elaine Contard, Josh Diamond,
 Cheryl Katz, Norma Katz, Ronnie Kent, Linda Kingsbury, Deb May,
 Joel Neuberg, Sharman Propp, Emily Sack,
 Wendy Segal

Torah Readers: Adin Fijman, Caleb Fijman, Brandon Hawson,
 Joey Hentel, Judy Kane, Gabby Kogan, Erica Kolbrener,
 Jon Kolbrener, Bernie Lipsy, Josh Markowitz, Alyssa Mathisson,
 Eva Millerman, Joel Neuberg, Harold Ossher, Ruth Ossher,
 Susan Palefsky, Eden Rappaport, Benjamin Schiffrin,
 Aaron Schluger, Claude Tusk, Charles Zweibach

Daveners: Josh Diamond, Andrew Leibert, Dan Levine,
 Aaron Schluger, Neil Schluger, Claude Tusk, Marty Weinberg

Shofar Blowers: Howard Fleischer, David Shiovitz,
 Claude Tusk, Jack Zinn



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 **Thursday, 11/17.**

[Donate online HERE](#)

**TURKEYS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT CSI ON
 FRIDAY MORNING, 11/18 FROM 7AM-12PM.**



FROM THE RABBI

Steven C. Kane



Looking back on my childhood, I believe I grew up at a time when antisemitism was at its lowest point in history. While there were pockets of Jews in the world who were endangered, the vast majority of Jews were not. The single largest Jewish community at risk were Jews in the FSU (former Soviet Union). Yet those Jews began to leave and close to two million emigrated to Israel or the United States in the 1980-90's. Antisemitism that my parents faced either no longer existed or was fading fast. There were no more quotas for Jews at universities, industries formerly closed off to Jews were now open, and even towns and neighborhoods that had made Jews unwelcome were no longer doing so. I remember my rabbi, Arnold Jacob Wolf, telling my confirmation class that there was no "real antisemitism" in the United States anymore, as "real antisemitism" meant a physical threat to Jewish life or property and that simply didn't exist in our time.

Unfortunately, that is no longer the case today. At the end of October we marked the fourth anniversary of the worst antisemitic act in U.S. history, the murder of 11 Jews at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. Since then antisemitism has only increased. The ADL reported that in 2020 there were 2717 incidents of hate crimes against Jews, the largest total since they began compiling such statistics. According to the F.B.I., close to 55% of all religion-based hate crimes are directed towards Jews even though we constitute less than 2.5% of the population. At the same time there are a not insignificant number of people running for public office who have made overt antisemitic statements, including people running as mainstream party candidates for high office, such as Doug Mastriano who is running for governor of Pennsylvania (among other things, he attacked his opponent Josh Shapiro for sending his children to a Jewish day school). College campuses are rife with antisemitism, often under the guise of anti-Zionism. Students who identify openly as Zionist (which is 90% of the Jewish population) are often excluded from progressive groups because, according to some of them, "being a Zionist excludes you from being involved in progressive issues."

After the (ongoing) antisemitic outburst from Ye (Kanye West), Bret Stephens wrote in the NY Times about how, in an era that is hyper-attuned to prejudice and hate, antisemitism has been one of the most under-reported stories in the country. He then wrote, "More often, attacks on Jews are treated as regrettable yet somehow understandable expressions of anger at Israel. In May 2021, Jewish diners at a sushi restaurant...were physically assaulted by a member of a group...chanting 'Death to Jews' and 'Free Palestine'. A KABC report of the event was headlined in part: "Mideast tensions lead to L.A. fight."

Antisemitism has proven to be an "equal opportunity employer," capturing both those on the far left and far right and even some in-between. Responding to antisemitism is difficult because we never know if our response will shine light on a very serious issue or instead exacerbate what may be a passing moment. Earlier in the year I was confronted personally with such a choice. In August a tiki-torch was placed some time during the night in the ground near the front door of our house. I asked myself, "Why was our house the only house targeted? Was it really antisemitic? Did they know I was a rabbi?" The police were called, and they responded quickly. They thought it probably was just some teens playing a prank, and I chose to leave it alone. I hope I made the right choice.

Recently there was a column by Dana Milbank in the Washington Post entitled "American Jews start to think the unthinkable." It was about the fact that many of us have had conversations asking, "if we had to flee the United States, where would we go?" This was, ADL head Jonathan Greenblatt said, one of the most frequently asked questions he gets. Greenblatt is quoted as saying "As Jews, we know at some point the music stops. This is burned into the collective consciousness of every Jewish person." I certainly don't know when the music will stop, but it does appear to be getting a lot softer. Let us hope that with antisemitism no longer being under-reported it will cause it to recede. I'm not as certain today as I once was.

L'hitraot,

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CANTORIAL NOTES

Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



This month the Cantors Assembly, the international organization of Conservative Cantors, will celebrate its 75th Anniversary. Founded in 1947 as an offshoot of the Jewish Theological Seminary, The Cantors Assembly became the professional organization of *Hazzanim*. Upon my graduation from the Cantors Institute-College of Jewish Music, now known as the HL Miller Cantorial School of the Jewish Theological Seminary, in 1981, I became a member of the Cantors Assembly (CA). The CA began as an organization with the intent to professionalize its members as well as offer a group of like-minded, talented singers who were observant and knowledgeable Jews. A new music library was created for recordings and sheet music, and Days of Study were organized as well as conventions. I have been honored to serve four terms on the Executive Council and chair two conventions.

From the very beginning, the Cantors Assembly created a publishing arm to codify and to preserve Synagogue music as well as create new and interesting music for its membership. Thus, in 1950, the Cantors Assembly began publishing Synagogue music. It remains today as one of the two major publishers of Jewish music. In its 75-year history, four people have served as the Director of Publications, a volunteer yet fulfilling position. January 1st will mark 30 years that I will have served as Director of Publications.

As times have changed, the Cantors Assembly has published fewer books of *Hazzanut*. This has reflected the changing musical styles of our members and their congregations. We began to offer music that would provide more opportunities for communal singing in our *tefillot*.

With the publication of the three volumes of *Zamru Lo: The Next Generation*, compiled and edited by Cantor Jeffrey Shiovitz (yes, me!), *hazzanim* and lay leaders could expand their congregational music offerings. Each volume in the series of *Shabbat*, High Holidays, *Hallel* and the Weekdays give prayer leaders a smorgasbord of melodies from which to choose. These volumes are now required texts in all of the Cantorial schools. We have published a *Hazzan's Manual*, music for choir, Jewish a cappella, as well as music from Jewish Latin America. One of the most important publications that reflects the kind of music our synagogues are singing and thirsting for is *Shira Chadasha: The Music of the Independent Minyan*. It is transforming the ways we are singing in *shul*. Did I mention that this publication was compiled and edited by your Cantor?

The Cantors Assembly has now published approximately 125 volumes of music in its 75-year history, with 75 in the last 30 years. I am very proud to be a member of the Cantors Assembly and to serve as its head of Publications. When asked what are my hobbies, this heads the list.

During the pandemic, the CA began offering concerts, classes on Jewish music, and lectures via Zoom. Thousands of people all over the world partake in the offerings. If you are interested in what is offered, go to www.cantors.org. I am truly lucky and honored to be a member of the Cantors Assembly. I have learned so much and have gained many friends along the way.

Robyn and I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

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JEWISH MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES RETURNS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th at 8pm via ZOOM

In honor of the 75th Anniversary of the State of Israel, our topic will be The Best of the Best. We will learn about and listen to the music of the early years 1948-60s. Please RSVP to jshiovitz@gmail.com.

FROM THE PRESIDENT *Mark J. Rosenberg*



Coming off the introspection of the High Holidays and starting the annual cycle of reading the Torah beginning at *Bereisheit*, moved me to thinking about how much our past plays a role in our present and future. This could not have been better represented by the experience I had at my recent 40th high school reunion (Briarcliff High School Class of 1982). I went to the reunion expecting that I would have some laughs, a few drinks and that would be it. After all, we didn't have 20th and 30th reunions, I hadn't spoken with many of the people who were attending for close to forty years and figured that there was probably a reason for that.

My expectations could not have been more wrong. It was a joyous event. Everyone was so happy to see one another and reconnect. It did not matter if classmates were friends in high school. We were all happy to be together and wanted to catch-up with everyone.

All my classmates seemed to be nicer, more caring versions of their old selves. The ups and downs of life - marriages, divorces, children, the loss of parents and other people close to us, professional successes and tough times - have a way of humbling us and can make us better people.

What I didn't expect was that the reunion would be so emotional. The passage of time obviously played a role in that. Most of us met when we were in elementary school and the last time we were all together, we were teenagers. But it was more than that. All of us had the same sense of where we came from and the shared experience of growing up together.

What also struck me was that when we shared recollections, how frequently acts of kindness were remembered. The beloved gym teacher who treated all of his students well, whether they were star athletes or the biggest klutzes. The classmate who unexpectedly nominated another for an honor in high school. And, the classmate who thanked another for how she made him feel welcome when he moved to Briarcliff in eighth grade. Interestingly, while recipients of the acts of kindness have strong memories of them, the classmates who performed them often did not.

What I took from my reunion is how important shared experiences are in building connections between each other, and the power of kindness. And that, in its essence, is our synagogue – years of shared experiences, deep connections to our community and a sense of the need to take care of one another. As we move into this year's cycle of Torah and the weather turns cooler, I look forward to continuing along the path we have set of returning to our roots of kindness and connections that have been the foundation of our community for generations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark J. Rosenberg'.

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CSI invites you to be a Greeter during Services

Greeters do the following:

- Welcome people to CSI as they enter
- Provide a *Shabbat* handout, when there is one
- Point out where they can pick up a *tallit* and *kippah*, if needed
- Kindly ask them to silence or turn off their phones

Now that the doors are locked during services, there is an additional, very important task for Greeters, and that is to let people into the building. Andy Polay, our Security Manager, will be providing brief instructions for Greeters related to security issues.

For each service, there are two sets of Greeters: 9am - 10:30am and 10:30am - 12noon (and perhaps a bit later when services run past noon).

Please click the button below to sign up as a Greeter for specific dates and times:

Sign-up Here

Once you complete the sign-up form, you will receive a confirmation email from info@signupgenius.com, just so you know that that's not spam.

Questions? Email us by clicking [here](#). If any changes are necessary after you've signed up, please send us an email or phone Liz Legatt (914-261-1991) by 2pm the day before your scheduled time slot.
(If the day before your scheduled date is a Holiday, then by the previous day.)

Thanks for your help and support!

CSI Greeters Coordinators

Please Update your CSI account Emergency Contact Information

For the safety and security of our community, we need up-to-date Emergency Contact Information for every member of our synagogue and school families. Of course, when children are enrolled in school, parents list their contact information. But (and we pray that nothing like this ever happens), what if a parent has a medical emergency while at CSI, or there is an accident in the parking lot, or (G-d forbid) an act of violence takes place? To ensure that we can contact the right people, we need emergency contacts for every adult, too. And not just spouses giving each other's names. We need to know who else we can call if the situation requires it.

If you have not already done so, please take a minute now to log in to your ShulCloud account through the CSI Community Portal (<https://www.csibriarcliff.org/>) and enter or update Emergency Contact information for every adult member in your family. Once you are logged in, navigate to My Account>My Profile>Edit Profile>Emergency Contact Info. After you have filled in your contact information, you **must** click on the *Save Changes to Person* button at the bottom-right of the page. It's quick and easy. Thank you!



CSI Community Organic Farm

Regenerative Agriculture Rooted in Jewish Tradition

Greetings from the CSI Community Organic Farm!

Our 2022 season is winding down with our fall harvesting of kale, Swiss chard, chive, radish, kohlrabi, turnip, bok choy and a few hardy varieties of cherry and regular tomatoes. Our community gardeners should be wrapping up their season in the next week to allow us time to prep our planting beds for winter. Before the winter weather arrives, we'll be adding pea gravel to the BBQ area to make it more level and expand the chip base behind the chicken coop to provide a larger gathering area for events next season.

Special thanks go out 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 October 24th, include a total harvest of 3,542 pounds. This exceeds our total from last season and brings us within reach of exceeding our highest volume year. 35% of our produce was donated to either the Lifting Up Westchester Soup Kitchen or the Congregation Kol Ami Food Pantry. Both of these organizations are in White Plains. The bulk of the balance was sold at our farm stand and at the Opportunity Shop, or used for CSI activities. In addition, our chicken flock benefited from the produce that wasn't deemed of sufficient quality to sell. Between this and the leftovers from the kitchen, it's good to be a CSI chicken!

Late fall is still a great time to enjoy our picnic area and the expanded nature path.

Comments or suggestions are always welcomed.

See you on the farm!

David

The CSI Organic Farm has DONATED almost 2 tons of produce since 2018:

2018: 198 pounds
2019: 637 pounds
2020: 1,205 pounds
2021: 387 pounds
2022: 1,234 pounds to date

Grand Total of 3,661 pounds!

Some of our beautiful farm produce includes radishes, kohlrabi, kale, eggplant, Swiss chard, and zinnias.



Christmas Meal Distribution

CSI-Sponsored Christmas Meal Distribution Sunday, December 25th

For decades now, CSI has served a hearty and festive Christmas Day Dinner for our neighbors at First Presbyterian Church in Ossining. The CSI community has generously given their time, expertise, and monetary donations to ensure the success of this warm, wonderful, and necessary program.

This year we will not be hosting a sit-down celebration, but CSI members will be providing a CHRISTMAS DAY EXPERIENCE for those in need. Your support makes it happen. There are many ways you can participate!

- * Shop for items we need.
- * Cook and bring a turkey, stuffing, or sweet potatoes to the church on Christmas Day.
- * Provide home-made or store-bought desserts.
- * Donate new toys and games for the children.
- * Donate food pantry items.
- * Help set up.
- * Greet our guests and help distribute meals, toys and food pantry items.
- * Help clean up.
- * Going away? Too busy? No problem! You can always shop for items that we need in advance.
- * Monetary donations are also always welcome. We use them to help make the event more joyous for our guests by distributing supermarket gift cards.

Sign-up information will be sent out after Thanksgiving.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Robin Ginsberg robsamg@optonline.net or Melissa Kogan mrk1023@aol.com.

JOURNEYS to
CHANGE



Now, as always,
Congregation Sons of Israel
is your home.

A Civil Rights Journey

An intergenerational immersive experience

Sunday, March 12 - Wednesday, March 15, 2023



**We will take you to the places and
amazing storytellers of the movement**



HIGHLIGHTS FROM AN INCREDIBLE JOURNEY

- The EJL Museum and Memorial created by Bryan Stevenson and the Equal Justice Initiative
- Day trips to Selma, Birmingham, and Atlanta
- Service and dinner at Temple Mishkan in Selma
- Tour 16th Street Baptist Church and Kelly Ingram Park
- Visit to Stone Mountain
- Visit The Human and Civil Rights Museum in Atlanta
- Visit The King Center in Atlanta



\$1,600 for double occupancy
\$1,900 for single occupancy

Includes:

- Round-trip airfare from NY to Atlanta
- 3 nights accommodations (Springhill Suites/Downtown Montgomery)
- Transportation by Coach Bus
- All museum admissions and guides
- Most meals

Registration information will be available on our website (www.csibriarcliff.org) and sent via email shortly after the High Holidays.

A \$350 deposit (\$50 non-refundable) will be collected to secure your spot.

Full payment will be due on February 12th, 2023.

For more information please contact Abbe Marcus at abbe@journeys2change.com.

FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Naomi Elyachar



This fall, I had the opportunity to visit my three children's elementary school classrooms' "Back to School Night" presentations. Hearing about the curriculum from the teachers and glancing around the room is important for all parents, but as an educator and school director, I revel in the opportunity to see other classrooms, teaching styles, and curriculum choices—particularly after two years of not being in the school building.

What struck me was how different early childhood classrooms are from elementary schools. Once children enter kindergarten, they are taught using carefully selected, manufactured, purchased curricular programs. Their teachers use the same curricula that are used in hundreds of districts across the country and the teachers use the same program in the same way year after year. The teachers are the facilitators of the curricula they are given, which are usually developed by experts and backed by research.

I am fortunate that my children go to a school with exceptional teachers where the administration has thoughtfully chosen the curricular programs they will implement. But hearing from them made me realize what a different job it is to be a teacher in early childhood. We place a high value on our teachers' creativity and innovation and expect that they develop their own curriculum based on child and teacher interest. We also firmly believe that in quality early childhood programs, children are given hands on opportunities to construct their own knowledge through exploration, play, and using the thoughtfully selected materials and

opportunities the teachers have set out in ways that are meaningful to them.

The model of elementary school classrooms using purchased curricula and that of early childhood classrooms relying on teacher created and child driven curriculum are both valid models because they are both appropriate for the age of the child they are intended for. How exciting that our nursery school is a place where children engage in creative, multi-modality, open-ended learning. This type of active learning and productive play may look innocent to many, but these are the moments when deep connections and understanding are taking place. Our early childhood program, although so vastly different from elementary schools, is preparing our youngest learners to be successful as they move on to kindergarten and beyond. As I continue to impart my educational vision upon the school, I love pushing our teachers to move further from the same aesthetic look and mechanics of elementary school classrooms. In doing this work of becoming less like traditional pre-k and kindergarten programs and even more innovative and open-ended, we are better preparing our students for their future years of school. Teachers love to teach, but they also love to learn. I am appreciative of the opportunities I have to learn both from the teachers around me at CSI Nursery School and the teachers at our local elementary schools as I continue to build upon the excellence at our school.

Naomi Elyachar
Nursery School Director
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November



2 nd	NO SCHOOL for students Parent-Teacher Conference Day
11 th	NO SCHOOL Veterans Day
15 th	Picture Day
23 rd	In-school Thanksgiving celebration
24 th & 25 th	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving recess

FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL

Little EXPLORERS at CSI

Please join us with your littlest learners
at CSI in Briarcliff Manor!

☆ Explore, learn and play with other children

☀ Learn the structure of a school routine in a safe, fun setting

👤 Meet other local families



For toddlers 15-24 months
with a caregiver
11/3, 11/10, 11/17 9:30-10:45am



Advance registration is required.

Please email our Nursery School Director at Naomi.Elyachar@csibriarcliff.org
for registration information and questions.

Grown-ups and parents of children in attendance must be vaccinated against Covid-19.
In accordance with CSI Nursery School policies, participants must be up to date on childhood immunizations.

www.csibriarcliff.org

Music & Fun for Little Ones at CSI!

Click or scan
to register!

Join us at CSI Nursery School as we welcome
Rose from Musical Round-Up!

Friday, December 9th
10:45-11:45 a.m.

This program is FREE and open to all!
Registration can be accessed through our web calendar.
<https://www.csibriarcliff.org/calendar>



Please note, all children must be up to date on childhood immunizations
and all grown-ups in attendance must be fully vaccinated for Covid-19.

Please e-mail CSI Nursery School Director, Naomi Elyachar at
naomi.elyachar@csibriarcliff.org, with any questions.

DON'T
FORGET:

11/2 -
Conferences

11/15 -
Picture Day

NURSERY SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The CSI Nursery School Parents Association (PA) has started off the 2022/2023 year with a resounding energy, brought by the 22 members contributing their time this year!

We ushered in the school year with the Back-to-School Playdate, where the children and grown-ups were able to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers. This was followed by the first day of school Parent Schmooze, when grown-ups were able to mingle with old and new friends.

To celebrate the fall holidays, the children received some take-home craft activities for *Rosh Hashanah*. For *Sukkot* they built their own mini-sukkot made out of sweet treats, in the CSI sukkah!

This fall, the PA planned some first-time events in addition to bringing back some family favorites. In October, we had a beautiful morning of pilates out on the farm with Lisa Schoenholt from Brooklyn Embodied. Our family photo shoots will be taking place again on November 6th at the CSI farm, with photographer Sam Blasone. Lastly, the CSI NS PA Parents' Night Out Event is in full planning mode! The event is being held at Captain Lawrence - The Barrel House in Mt. Kisco, on Saturday evening, November 12th. Parents' Night Out is the PA's largest fundraising event of the year. We have very exciting silent auction items that are reflective of the PA's strong connection to the community and their passion for the Nursery School. If you would like to contribute a silent auction item or experience for the event, please reach out to csinspa@gmail.com

The CSI Nursery School Parents Association is here for the children and the families of this great nursery school community! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to become a member. All are welcome!



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Orit Daly



We had a beautiful *Rosh Hashanah*, *Yom Kippur* and *Sukkot* season in the Religious School. We had an incredible turnout for our Children and Teen services during the holidays. It was so good to see everyone together after two years apart. We sang, read books and discussed our place in the Jewish world.

After the flurry of the Jewish holiday season, apple and honey dishes get put away and the *Sukkah* and its decorations get stowed until next year. In the Religious School, this is the time when we bring out the lessons on what it means to be a Jew the rest of the year. We can once again concentrate on the daily, weekly and monthly rituals and traditions that define our Jewish world.

This year we mark a return to field trips for the 7th grade *B'nai Mitzvah* class with an opening trip to the

CSI cemetery and the old CSI building in Ossining. This trip is designed to connect the kids to our past as a congregation in Ossining/Briarcliff and the broader Jewish community.

One important aspect in our school is the joy that the younger kids have when they work with older kids and teenagers. It's fun for the kids and for the teens and it keeps everyone connected to their community in a different and organic way. It's not too late to sign up your older teens to join us for Hebrew High School and USY programming as well as work in the Religious School.

Orit Daly
Religious School Director
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CSI Religious School students and teens helped to bring our prayerbooks out from storage and place them on the seats throughout our sanctuary set up for the High Holidays.



NOVEMBER 2022

Sundays, 9-11AM RS for Kindergarten –7th grade		Tuesdays, 4-6PM RS for 3rd –7th grade	
		1	School Open
6	School Open	8	NO SCHOOL Teacher in-service
13	NO SCHOOL Veterans Day Weekend	15	School Open
20	School Open	22	School Open
27	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Recess	29	School Open

FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Junior Congregation

Next service:

November 5

10:45am - 12:00pm



3rd-7th grade students must attend THREE of these services during this school year.

USY-ANDREA BROMBERG, ADVISOR

TEEN HAPPENINGS

What?	When?	Where?
Westchester Youth Alliance Fall FUNdraiser – Click here for more info! https://westchesteryouthalliance.org/events/fall-fundraiser	Sunday, November 6 from 4PM-6PM	First Congregational Church of Chappaqua
USY Regional Convention – Click the link for details and to register! https://www.usy.org/fall22	Friday, November 18 (2PM) - Sunday November 20 (11:30AM)	West Orange, NJ
Westchester Youth Alliance Thanksgiving Meal Pack	Sunday, November 20 from 2PM-4PM	Temple Shaaray Tefila in Bedford, NY
USY Winter Civil Rights Journey https://www.usy.org/civilrights	January 12-15, 2023	Atlanta, GA Selma, AL Montgomery, AL
USY Summer Travel https://www.usy.org/summer-travel	June, July, and August 2023	U.S., Canada, Israel, Europe, and the Dominican Republic

Have questions? E-mail Andrea at csiusy@csibriarcliff.org

CARING COMMUNITY

The Membership Committee (thank you/*todah rabah* to Roberta Bar-Levav) along with the Farm Committee (thank you/*todah rabah* to Fred Schulman, David Levitt, and Ryna Lustig) have been delivering "Random Acts of Challah" bags on Friday afternoons to our members. Flowers and produce from our organic farm have added to the sweetness of the challahs.

We hope to continue this during the less active farm months coming up.



Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 30th at 7pm.

Contact [Judy Boehr](#) with any questions.

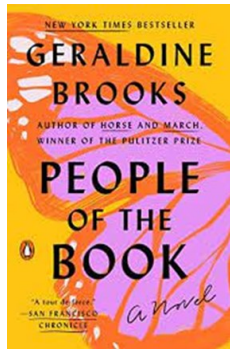


Thank you to all who contributed to the Project Isaiah food drive to benefit the Ossining Food Pantry. Thank you to Sheera Zuckerman, Andrea Bromberg, the Nursery School children, and the Religious School students in grades 4 through 7 who packed up the food for delivery. Thanks also to Jacob Moss, Jennifer and Joey Hentel, and Gail Sider. The food was delivered on October 28th, thanks to Tom Hannan, Anthony Adorno, Cheryl Katz, David Levitt, and Ronnie Kent. Our contribution makes a big difference for our neighbors in need.

Project Isaiah



SISTERHOOD NEWS



Sisterhood Book Club: Sunday, November 13 at 4pm on Zoom *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

This story traces the harrowing journey of the famed Sarajevo *Haggadah*, a beautifully illuminated Hebrew manuscript created in fifteenth-century Spain. Please RSVP to Shelley Glick: ssglick@gmail.com

Mah Jongg: Monday nights at CSI at 7:30pm, Contact Cheryl Katz: cabkatz@hotmail.com for more info.

Matanah - The Gift Shop of CSI, The gift shop will be open when Religious School is in session: Next dates: 11/6, 11/20 from 9-11am



Sisters In The Sukkah



Sisterhood Membership

Sisterhood offers complimentary membership for one year to new CSI members and to any CSI members or school families who have not previously joined Sisterhood.

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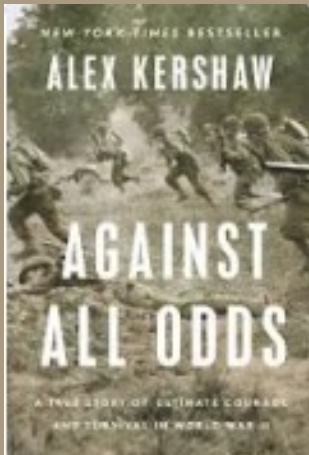


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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

On October 9th, after a two-year hiatus due to a certain pandemic that shall not be named, we were very fortunate to resume our annual participation with the Jacob Burns Jewish Film Festival. Approximately 25 of us met at CSI for brunch that morning. Rosa presented a beautiful display of foods and desserts for us to enjoy. After some in person schmoozing, something we will never again take for granted since the pandemic, we headed over to the JBFC. We watched a fascinating, award winning, Israeli film titled "Cinema Sabaya." A short but lively conversation was held by some of us outside the theater following the film. The film really raised some very interesting points that could easily lead to further discussion regarding one possible future for Israeli/Palestinian relations.

Watch out for our upcoming December plans!

RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

We need your help! The CSI Resettlement Committee will be welcoming a family from Ukraine in the next few weeks. We will be providing the family with housing, furnishings, clothing, employment opportunities, ESL lessons, rides, and more. We'll soon be sharing a detailed list of items the family will need. In the meantime, if you know of any short-term housing rentals (4-6 months) for a family of 4, please let us know. Word of mouth may be the best way to find housing for this family and eventually new housing in Ossining for the K family (their lease is up March 1st).

On Tuesday, October 18th, a few of us from the committee met on Zoom with members of HIAS, a Russian/English translator, and our Ukrainian future neighbors. We learned a lot about the family on our call. Dad's (Andrii's) English is improving; we used a Russian/English translator for clarity. Mom (Katarina) and 14-year-old son (Nakita) are learning the Roman alphabet and the family is watching "Friends" together to improve their English. The 14-month-old (Anastasia) was mostly off camera as it was late in Poland. The family left Mariupol, Ukraine with two suitcases of belongings after the war broke out. They walked across the border to Poland and are currently living in a refugee shelter in Warsaw. The family is anxious to come to the US to start a new life. Andrii is a car mechanic, Katarina has been staying home with the 14-month-old, and Nakita loves computer games and graphic art. The entire family loves pizza.

We are all looking forward to providing this family with a safe, welcoming place to start their new lives in the US. Please email us if you would like to get involved. The CSI community has been very generous and supportive, and the effort is appreciated by both families.

Thank you,

Julie & Abbe

Email us here at : resettlement@csibriarcliff.org



PRIDE COMMITTEE



Our next meeting is November 8th at 7:30pm.
For more information or to join our committee,
contact [Suzanne Haber](#).

November 20th is Transgender Day of Remembrance, a world-wide annual observance honoring the memory of transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of transphobic violence.

Here is a prayer by Rabbi Reuben Zellman, reflecting on the loss of so many people in our communities who died for being themselves.

God full of mercy, bless the souls of all who are in our hearts on this Transgender Day of Remembrance. We call to mind today young and old, of every race, faith, and gender experience, who have died by violence. We remember those who have died because they would not hide, or did not pass, or did pass, or stood too proud. Today we name them: the reluctant activist; the fiery hurler of heels; the warrior for quiet truth; the one whom no one really knew.

As many as we can name, there are thousands more whom we cannot, and for whom no *Kaddish* may have been said. We mourn their senseless deaths, and give thanks for their lives, for their teaching, and for the brief glow of each holy flame. We pray for the strength to carry on their legacy of vision, bravery, and love.

And as we remember them, we remember with them the thousands more who have taken their own lives. We pray for resolve to root out the injustice, ignorance, and cruelty that grow despair. And we pray, God, that all those who perpetrate hate and violence will speedily come to understand that Your creation has many faces, many genders, many holy expressions.

Blessed are they, who have allowed their divine image to shine in the world.
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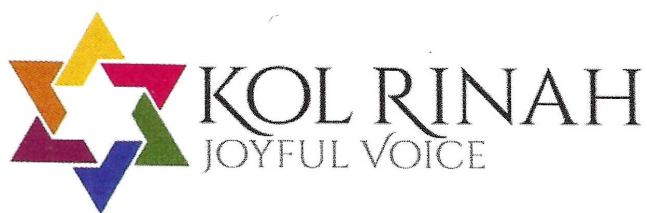
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 Cheshvan 12 9:15am Minyan	7 Cheshvan 13 8:00am Minyan 2:30pm Women's Torah Study 8:45pm Talmud with Rabbi Kane	8 Cheshvan 14 NO RS / TEACHER IN SERVICE US Election Day 11:15am Jews In the News 7:30pm Second Gen. Survivors 7:30pm Pride Committee	9 Cheshvan 15	10 Cheshvan 16 8:00am Minyan 10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion Group with Shari Baum-Zoom 11:00am Contemporary Issues and the Talmud	11 Cheshvan 17 NO NS / OFFICE CLOSED Veterans Day 4:22pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat	12 Cheshvan 18 Vayera 9:10am Shabbat Sanctuary&LiveStream 5:29pm Havdalah
13 Cheshvan 19 NO RS 9:15am Minyan 4:00pm Sisterhood Book Club 7:30pm Rabbi Search Committee: Zoom meeting	14 Cheshvan 20 8:00am Minyan 7:30pm Five Things You Always Wanted to Know 8:45pm Talmud with Rabbi Kane	15 Cheshvan 21 11:15am Jews In the News	16 Cheshvan 22	17 Cheshvan 23 8:00am Minyan 11:00am Contemporary Issues and the Talmud 7:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	18 Cheshvan 24 7:00am Turkey Drop-Off 4:16pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat	19 Cheshvan 25 Shabbat Mevarchim Chayei Sara 9:10am Shabbat Sanctuary&LiveStream 5:23pm Havdalah
20 Cheshvan 26 9:15am Minyan	21 Cheshvan 27 8:00am Minyan 2:30pm Women's Torah Study 8:45pm Talmud with Rabbi Kane	22 Cheshvan 28 11:15am Jews In the News	23 Cheshvan 29 NS THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION	24 Cheshvan 30 Rosh Chodesh Kislev NO NS / OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Day 9:15am Minyan	25 Kislev 1 Rosh Chodesh Kislev NO NS / OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving Friday 4:12pm Candle Lighting 4:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	26 Kislev 2 Toldot Bat Mitzvah of Parker Ginsburg 9:10am Shabbat Sanctuary&LiveStream 5:19pm Havdalah
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CELEBRANT	DATE	AGE
George Wrubel	2	12
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Joshua Staines	24	4



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Adam & Helene Rude	4	32
Paul & Renee Horowitz	5	34
Alan & Daphne Crosswell	9	36
Corey & Emily Ginsburg	11	22
Jonathan & Wendy Gottlieb	13	28
Howard & Libbe Pavony	20	45
Richard & Sheera Zuckerman	23	36
David & Debra Silberman	28	30
Michael Harlow & Janis Golubock	29	2

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Mazal Tov to Ryna and Naftali Lustig on the engagement of their son Elliot and Talia Niederman.

Mazal Tov to Corey and Emily Ginsburg on the *Bat Mitzvah* of their daughter, Parker.

Mazal Tov to Nursery School parents Bari and Richard Strohmenger on the September birth of their son, Max Wyatt. Max is little brother to Zachary.

Condolences to Janine, Ingrid and Shirley Gherson on the loss of their husband and father, Paul Gherson.

Condolences to Peter & Elaine Contard on the loss of Peter's brother, Christopher Contard, Jr.

Speedy Recovery to Steve Bender.

Speedy Recovery to Barbara Schoenfeld.

Speedy Recovery to Bette Slutsky.

Speedy Recovery to Mike Thrope.

A Note from Sonia & Paul Kleinman: THANK YOU for the "Random Acts of Challah!" We were the lucky recipients of CSI's kind and beautiful gesture, which nourished us physically and spiritually. The challah, the colorful and delicious veggies from the CSI organic farm, and the beautiful flowers brought joy, color, taste, and warmth to our hearts and our *Shabbat* table! Thank you also to the messengers who delivered all this with a big smile: Ryna and Naftali Lustig.



"CSI in Dubai": CSI members Lois Shaukat, her husband Max, and Jack Kleinman (son of CSI members Sonia and Paul Kleinman) celebrating *Rosh Hashanah* in Dubai

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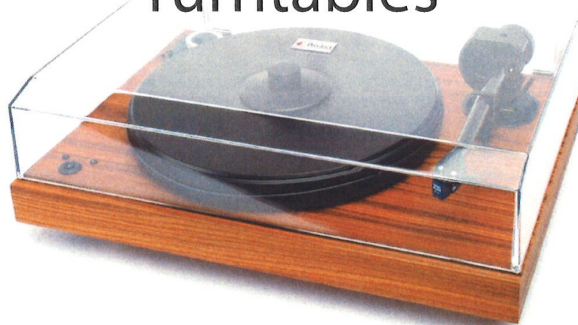


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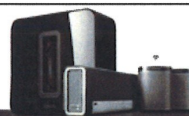
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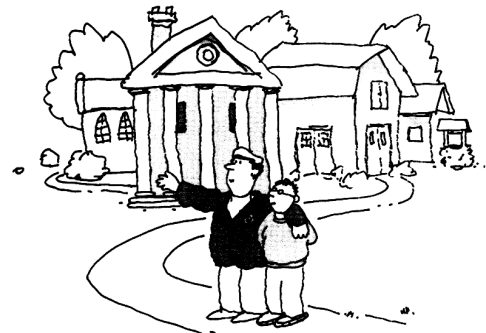


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