



# Congregation Sons of Israel

CONTINUING THE VISION — BUILDING OUR FUTURE

**SEPTEMBER 2019**

**1 Elul 5779—1 Tishri 5780**

HIGH HOLIDAY INSERT INCLUDED

L' Shanah Tovah  
Have a sweet year!



See page 20

- ◆ Religious School Opening Day is Sunday, 9/8
- ◆ Nursery School Opening Day is Monday, 9/9
- ◆ Family Fun Barbecue at CSI is Sunday, 9/15
- ◆ Erev Rosh Hashanah is Sunday evening, 9/29
- ◆ Project Isaiah Food Drive begins Monday, 9/30



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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 HIGH HOLIDAY HANDBOOK IS INCLUDED IN THIS MAILING.



## You'll find information about -

**Tickets**

**Babysitting**

**Chair Set Up**

**Reserved Seats**

**Memorial Booklet**

**Reserved Parking**

**Service Schedules**

**Challah Ordering Forms**



### BE ON THE CSI SUKKAH SQUAD!

Help us put up the beautiful CSI Sukkah on Sunday, 10/6 at 10am.

No experience needed.

Please be sure to contact Michael Teitelbaum for details. [Dr@Dentistspa.com](mailto:Dr@Dentistspa.com)

Teens welcome  
 COMMUNITY SERVICE  
 CREDIT GIVEN!

## FROM THE RABBI

### Steven C. Kane



This summer I visited two interesting Jewish communities. The first was Prague. Before WWII, the Czech Republic, as it is now known, was the home to a large and diverse Jewish community. Although the majority of the Jews were murdered by the Nazis, much of their history and artifacts were preserved. This is because the Nazis at one time envisioned Prague as the home of a museum dedicated to a dead people-the Jews. So they collected artifacts, including *sifrei* Torah, from all over Moravia and sent them to Prague. (After the war these scrolls were ultimately brought to London, where they have been loaned to synagogues around the world. One of them sits in our display case in the front vestibule.)

The second reason for the preservation of the Prague Jewish community is that unlike many of the cities under Nazi control, the allies did not bomb Prague during the war, preserving much of its fascinating historic buildings. In the Old Town area, the main attraction for Jews and non-Jews alike, is the Jewish Quarter. It contains some of the oldest synagogues in Europe, including the Altneuschul (Old-New Synagogue) which was completed in 1270. Legend has it that in the attic of the shul sleeps the Golem, a famous mythical creature created in the late 16th century to protect the Jewish community by Rabbi Judah Loew ben Betzalel, also known as the Maharal of Prague. With the exception of the Altneuschul which still functions as a synagogue, the others are now beautifully arranged museums, each telling a different story about Judaism and Jewish life. Outside the synagogues there are various booths and shops, and one of the interesting items for sale are marionettes of chassidic Jews! When I asked our (Jewish) guide if she thought this was antisemitic, she told us, "not at all-it shows our love for the Jews". Indeed the Czech Republic has always had excellent ties with Israel since its founding, and there is virtually no overt antisemitism there.

The other Jewish community I visited this summer was Vienna. It was the polar opposite of Prague. Austria has yet to own up completely to its part in the holocaust, and the Jewish community very quietly goes about its business. Unlike Prague, with its Jewish community on display, the main synagogue in Vienna, (also not harmed during the war because the Nazis were afraid it would destroy communal records and also affect the many non-Jews living nearby), was literally hidden. Although historic in its own right with many famous rabbis and cantors (its first cantor in 1828 was Salomon Sulzer, called "the father of the modern cantorate" and the composer of the music for both the *Sh'ma Yisrael* and *Eytz Hayyim* prayers), you cannot tell it is a synagogue until you enter it, as it was built under the condition that no one should recognize it as such.

There is of course a long history to the Jews of Vienna, but if you were to consult a guide book you would wonder if Jews ever lived there! There are no historical Jewish institutions or markers that are mentioned, and even the few memorials that do exist are not pointed out. It meant that our guide had to fill in all of the information for us, much of it hidden unless you knew where to look. There was a feeling that Jews were more tolerated than accepted, although nothing overtly antisemitic has occurred recently. We were able to find several kosher restaurants and saw religious Jews walking in public in the Jewish neighborhood.

So which city did I like more? Prague was more interesting because of its beautiful and interesting presentation of Judaism and Jewish history, but given a choice I would rather live in Vienna. Why? Because Prague is a testament to the Jewish community of the past, with many visitors but few active Jews living a Jewish life. There were kosher restaurants in Prague, but they were filled with tourists. Even when we went to Shabbat services, the visitors outnumbered the Prague citizens. The opposite was true in Vienna. The tourists were there to see Vienna's cultural institutions, not view a history of a people that used to live there. At the kosher restaurants we sat with people who were living in the city and living an active Jewish life. Though antisemitism may be just below the surface there, Jewish life felt more active and alive. Prague's Jewish community had a past; Vienna's has a future.

This year *Rosh HaShannah* is "late", allowing us almost the entire month of September to prepare. I will write my message for the New Year in next month's bulletin. But as we lead up to the beginning of the next year, it is worthy for each of us to contemplate our own relationship to Judaism-is it a celebration of a beautiful past or the anticipation of a meaningful future?

*L'hitraot,*

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Come join us at the

**CSI**

**organic farm**

**Family Barbecue**

**Bring your friends and neighbors!**

**Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30~7:00PM**

**Lots of fun activities for all!**

**Barbecue dinner will be served.  
(indicate dietary preferences when you RSVP)**

**Cost \$18 per family**

**\$6 per individual**

**RSVP by September 11<sup>th</sup> to [jenniferh@csibriarcliff.org](mailto:jenniferh@csibriarcliff.org)**



## CANTORIAL NOTES

### Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



There is an old song, of which the words are “*Ha-yamin holfim Shanah overet, aval ha-man’ginah l’olam nish’eret.*” (The days vanish, a year passes, but the melody remains forever.) Originally written in German by W.A. Mozart, this simple folksong embodies a great deal of truth. The great American composer and son of a cantor, Irving Berlin used to say: “The song is ended, but the melody lingers on.” I am sure we could extract several different ways to understand these variations on a theme: time marches on, the players, the venue may change, but the drive, the motivation, the spirit prevails. This High Holy Day season will mark 39 years for me since I assumed my first regular pulpit. (It seems like yesterday!) Some things have changed, some things have remained constant...and I am grateful for both conditions.

While I am often one to say “you don’t have to wait for *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur* to change or improve,” there is something about this time of year that is truly conducive to it. As nature prepares to go dormant and we realize that summer can’t last forever, we are aware that another year has flown by us. As we get older, years seem to pass much faster than when we were children. And yet, there are areas of our lives where we still act as if we were children—someone else will take care of that for me, I have all the time in the world to change/do\_\_\_\_\_.

But we don’t really have all the time in the world. Life is really quite brief on this earth, no matter how long we live. As the *payy-tan* (liturgical poet) wrote: A person’s origin is dust, and their end is dust. A person spends their life, their very essence, earning bread. A person is like a clay vessel, easily broken—like withering grass, a fading flower, a passing shadow, a fugitive cloud, a fleeting breeze, scattering dust, a vanishing dream.

As the rabbis teach: Each person should have certain words written on scraps of paper in each of their pockets, so that one can reach into one or the other to take out what one needs at the time. In one pocket, one should have the words “For my sake was the world created” and in the other “I am dust and ashes.” Our ancient rabbis and *hazzanim* both provide us with humbling and inspiring words. These quotes should remind us of our place and instill the will to rise to greater achievement. Generations of *hazzanim* and composers provided us with musical compositions—“musical *mid-rash* (interpretation)—to appreciate better the meaning of words and to reinterpret them when they or their generation believed it to be imperative.

True, the human condition does not change much, but it does change. While we must maintain a connection with those who came before us, we are also obligat-

ed to contribute to the human and Jewish experience, too. We do write new prayers, but more often we write new music to maintain the link with the past and create relevant context with the present. And yet, part of our link with the past IS the music. Just as Scripture has been canonized, so, too, there are melodies given the stature as having come “from Sinai” (*miSinai*, in reality, generally medieval) which are to be perpetuated and without them, our High Holy Days would be incomplete and vapid. *Kaddish* settings, *Kol Nidrei*, the Great *Aleinu*, *Kedushah* and *Avodah* motifs and countless others are inherent in the Ashkenazic experience. And yet, there are later compositions that people know and expect, which are beloved and revered almost as much (perhaps more in some cases) than those recognized as officially *miSinai* melodies.

“But the melody remains forever.” The generations will come and go. As we have some appreciation for what our ancestors thought and felt, we must also ensure that our descendants are not “spiritual paupers.” We must preserve what we have inherited and appropriately augment it so that our children and grandchildren will know how we related to God and our heritage.... and allow them to search for meaning for themselves and to enrich the lives of their offspring. I have dedicated my adult life to preserving and promoting Jewish prayer and music. All of my 10 Jewish music books that I have written and published have had the goal of preserving and codifying the legacy of Jewish music.

Robyn, Rachel and Yonah and Miriam, David, Sarah and Drew and Talia join me in wishing you a sweet, happy and healthy New Year.

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***HaMishpacha* Senior Luncheon  
and Program**  
**A Musical Journey Through the High  
Holy Days with Cantor Shiovitz**  
**Tuesday, September 10th, 12:30 pm**



<http://facebook.com/csifarm>



## September 2019 Farm Update

We're in harvest mode, enjoying yellow squash, zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, and various herbs and greens. As of August 11th, more than 148 pounds of produce has been donated to Fred's Pantry in Peekskill. Fred's Pantry, administrated by Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill, is a support system to alleviate the hunger of local children, seniors, and families and to prevent additional families from falling into homelessness due to their inability to pay rent or mortgages while providing food for their children.

**We are selling the bulk of our produce to various local restaurants, including Grass Roots Kitchen (Tarrytown), Sweet Grass Grill (Tarrytown), The Boathouse (Ossining), and 105 Twenty Bar and Grill (Croton). We've also made deliveries to Tomatillo (Dobbs Ferry) and Mint Premium Foods (Tarrytown). If you visit these establishments, please thank them for their support of our farm!**

CSI members may purchase produce during office hours. Please call ahead to verify selection.

Our grapes are in the stage of ripening (when the sugar content will start to develop). We are netting the vines to protect the grapes from the birds. A big thank you to Aaron Stern for heading up the project! Our produce is popular with other wildlife as well -- we continue to repair the fence as various critters try new and improved ways of gaining access to the Farm.

We are still looking for help with flower picking and arranging for Shabbat. Contact Ryna Lustig for more information at [rynalustig@gmail.com](mailto:rynalustig@gmail.com).

**Finally, we are grateful for chef John Chambal**, formerly of Good Food Briarcliff, for the delicious salads that he makes on Friday mornings and serves throughout the summer for *kiddush* on Saturday mornings. They include pickled green tomatoes, a chopped pico de gallo-type tomato salad, a wonderful green and yellow zucchini salad, mixed green salad, and more, all from our Farm.

We hope to see you on the Farm!

-- Dara Mirsky, with David Levitt and Ryna Lustig



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### *Steven Bender*



As we approach another high holiday season, Audrey and I wish all the members and staff of our CSI community a joyous, healthy and happy new year.

May CSI continue to flourish and grow in the coming year. Undoubtedly CSI's continued success will stem from the hard work of our dedicated staff and volunteers. Their creativity, effort and devotion to our community is outstanding.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you. And I urge those members--young or old--who wish to become more involved to volunteer for the many events and activities to be held at CSI throughout the year. We need your help and support, and in doing so you will meet wonderful people and make new friends. Happy new year!

[President@csibriarcliff.org](mailto:President@csibriarcliff.org)

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## HOW WE SPENT OUR SUMMER...

The Organic Farm was (and is) in full swing. Staff and volunteers created and continue to maintain our lush, fertile land and to feed and tend to our egg-laying chickens. Details on page 6.

We enjoyed lots of delicious *kiddushim* thanks to generous donations and the talents of our own Rosa Pizarro.

*Minyanim* we well-attended owing to all who made sure to join us over the summer. *Todah Rabah!*

New members of all ages joined the CSI community.

More than 60 of the cutest, giggliest (ok...and loudest) 2, 3 & 4 year-old children went to the CSI Nursery School Camp. Thanks to Director, Aimee Axelrod, and a staff of talented, funny, loving, creative and energetic counselors these little people had a blast.

When camp ended, classrooms were emptied, painted, scrubbed and set up for the coming school year.

We held security drills to ensure that we are meeting and exceeding all best practices for Jewish organizations.

Events, programs and classes were scheduled for everyone!

High Holiday planning is well underway. See the booklet in the center of this bulletin for all the particulars.

We're ready to roll into another "New Year"!





## NEWS AND EVENTS from Roni Shapiro, Educational Director



*Shana  
Tova*

## & Welcome Back to School!

Join Roni at CSI's



For children of all ages with an adult

**Location:** At the CSI Organic Farm!  
(Rain Location: Upstairs Rooms 8 & 9)

**This abbreviated, family-friendly service will include:**

- Praying
- Singing
- Crafts
- Shofar blowing
- Children-led Torah play
- Torah reading
- Games & snacks

**More Rosh Hashanah  
kid-only programs will follow  
(see below!)**



While parents attend main sanctuary services

## High Holiday Programs Just for Kids



### Rosh Hashanah:

September 30<sup>th</sup> & October 1<sup>st</sup>  
@11:30am

The Rabbi will dismiss children from the main sanctuary after the *Shofar* service.

### Yom Kippur:

October 8<sup>th</sup>  
K - 7 Grade Program

Following *Kol Nidrei*, the Rabbi will dismiss children to their programs.

### October 9<sup>th</sup>

@11:30am  
The Rabbi will dismiss children from the main sanctuary.



## NEWS AND EVENTS from *Roni Shapiro, Educational Director*

# CSI Religious School News



## September 8th

### First Day of Religious School for all students:

9-11am

*Shorashim (K) - Dalet (6<sup>th</sup>)*

11am-1pm

*Heh*

### Grade Meetings for PARENTS:

9-10am

*Shorashim (K) - Dalet (6<sup>th</sup>)*



## CSI Teens News

**Register NOW for Hebrew High School! See adjacent page for details.**

### TEEN WORKERS NEEDED!

Tuesdays 4-6pm

Sundays 9-11am

Teens can get  
community service credit  
or get paid for their time!

(Teens must be registered for  
Hebrew High School to get paid)

### BABYSITTERS WANTED!

A list of teen babysitters will be  
distributed and published for our  
CSI community.

Teens must complete the babysitter  
application to be included.

Go to  
<https://www.csibriarcliff.org/learning/youth-high-school/>  
for the form.

## NEWS AND EVENTS from *Roni Shapiro, Educational Director*

# JOIN CSI's HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL 2019-2020

## What is Hebrew High School?

### It's *Limmud* (Learning)...

Sunday brunch & teen-only classes with Roni from 11am-12:15pm

#### 2019-2020 *Limmud* Topics:

- Kosher Cooking
- Anti-Semitism around the World Today
- Israel Today
- Holocaust

Register Today!  
Forms are on  
our website

### It's *Avodah* (Employment)...

Job opportunities for pay or community service: Sundays, 9-11am & Tuesdays 4-6pm  
(You must be registered to work for pay)

EITHER WAY, IT LOOKS GREAT ON COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

WE NEED:

- Assistant teen teachers
- Shadows for children with special needs

### It's *Tikun Olam* (Social Action Programs)...

Volunteer & get community service credit



## When is Hebrew High School?

### 2019-2020 Hebrew High School Calendar

<b>SEPTEMBER</b> 15 <i>Limmud</i> : Kosher Cooking	<b>OCTOBER</b> 5 <i>Tikun Olam</i> : Babysitting 10:30am-12pm 6 <i>Limmud</i> : Kosher Cooking 18 <i>Tikun Olam</i> : Babysitting 5-7:30pm 20 <i>Limmud</i> : Kosher Cooking 27 <i>Limmud</i> : Kosher Cooking	<b>NOVEMBER</b> 2 <i>Tikun Olam</i> : Babysitting 10:30am-12pm 3 <i>Limmud</i> : Kosher Cooking 17 <i>Limmud</i> : Kosher Cooking 24 <i>Limmud</i> : Kosher Cooking 28 <i>Tikun Olam</i> : Thanksgiving Dinner set-up at First Presbyterian Church of Ossining
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## NEWS AND EVENTS from *Roni Shapiro, Educational Director*

# Announcing Shabbat Noar

(Youth Learning Services)

3rd-7th grades

**September 14 & September 28**

**10:30am-12:00pm**

**in the small chapel**

Attendance at these services will count toward your Religious School and *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* requirements.



## YOUNG ARTIST WORKSHOP

at CSI

Open to all 1st - 5th grade students  
Taught by veteran teacher  
& artist Michelle Korzen

Tuition:	
CSI member	\$280
CSI non-member	\$350

**Session 1**  
**Mondays** September 16, 23  
 4:30-5:30pm October 7, 28  
 November 4, 18, 25  
 December 2, 9, 16

Children will learn about famous artists' styles & techniques and explore a variety of materials in order to create their own masterpieces!



## NEWS AND EVENTS from *Roni Shapiro, Educational Director*



### CSI Nursery School News

Don't miss these **BACK TO SCHOOL** Nursery School events!

#### September 5th

- ♦ Parent only Back-to-School Night - 7PM



#### September 6th

- ♦ Nursery School PTA Playground Playdate (weather permitting) at CSI - 10AM



#### September 9th



- ♦ FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- ♦ NS PTA Welcome breakfast - following drop-off



A separation program for children 15-22 months old without a caregiver

**Fun with art, books, movement and play!**



Session 1 begins in September with a

**FREE TRIAL WEEK:**  
**September 16, 18 & 20**

Classes meet from 9:00-11:00am

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



Tuesday mornings from 9 – 10:30 AM  
for children aged 6 to 24 months with an adult

#### 2019 Fall & Winter Calendar

September	October	November	December
10	29	12	3
17		19	10
		26	17

**Come play!**

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PTA



The RS PTA welcomes all families back from what we hope was a wonderful summer!

We invite all CSI families to join our PTA early. Your dues support our students all year long!

Dues are \$36 per family and can be paid by cash or check (to CSI RS PTA) and dropped off in the office, or via PayPal (using Friends & Family, to [CSIRSPTA@gmail.com](mailto:CSIRSPTA@gmail.com)).

Our challah fundraiser is underway - the form is found on the next page here in the bulletin or can be picked up in the office (or sent upon request via email). Please send in your challah subscription order ASAP to ensure delivery of a delicious challah every (or every other) week!

Please see the High Holiday insert for our Round Challah Order Form for the holidays.

Keep an eye out for programs this year for children, parents, and families together. We look forward to a fun-filled year!



## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL PTA



**ORDER YOUR CHALLAH FRESH & DELICIOUS,  
DELIVERED BY THE CHALLAH FAIRY WEEKLY!  
PICK UP IN THE OFFICE ON FRIDAYS!**

**Please support the CSI Religious School PTA!**

**Return completed form to the RS PTA mailbox in the office**

**by SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>. Checks payable to CSI RS PTA or PayPal to CSIRSPTA@gmail.com.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Qty    Flavor(s) (See Below)

\_\_\_\_\_ Weekly Delivery (best value!) = \$135 for Plain, \$165 for Flavored

\_\_\_\_\_ Bi-Monthly Delivery = \$80 for Plain, \$95 for Flavored

\_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Add-On\* = \$45 for Plain, \$55 for Flavored

\* Monthly only available if ordering additional Challah under the Weekly or Bi-Monthly delivery options.

\_\_\_\_\_ Total # Challahs Ordered    \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$

Checks made payable to **CSI RS PTA** or **PayPal to CSIRSPTA@gmail.com**.

**Flavors: Crumb, Cinnamon, Chocolate Chip, Rotation\* and Whole Wheat.**

\*Rotation varies between Crumb, Cinnamon & Chocolate Chip to sample different flavors!

### Questions? Contact

**Samantha Hawson:** [Samantha\\_Hawson@yahoo.com](mailto:Samantha_Hawson@yahoo.com)

Note, a minimum of 25 challahs per week is required for delivery.

Weekly Dates: 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20,  
1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24, 2/7, 2/14, 2/28, 3/6, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, 5/22

Bi-Monthly Dates: 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 12/6, 12/20, 1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 3/6, 3/27, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22

Monthly Dates: 10/11, 11/8, 12/13, 1/3, 2/7, 3/20, 4/3, 5/15

## NURSERY SCHOOL PTA

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! The Nursery School PTA has several fantastic events we are planning for this year.

We have purchased brand new **STEM lego sets** for the school to enhance science and technology within the curriculum!

This year we will sponsor these educational events during school hours: **Dinosaurs Rock, Bossy Frog Band, and Mad Science**. Parents are welcome to join us at these programs.

The following events have been scheduled for our parents to relax and socialize: **Spa Night Out, Brewery Night Out, and a Saturday Night Social**.

Help support the PTA by purchasing CSI shirts, ordering Mabel's labels, and getting a placemat with photos from your child's class!

We always welcome new members. Please reach out to us at [csinspta@gmail.com](mailto:csinspta@gmail.com) if you'd like to be involved.

### SAVE THE DATE:

Sept 6: Playground playdate (weather permitting)

Sept 9: Welcome Breakfast

Sept 26: Spa Night Out

Oct 17: Brewery Night Out

Dec 11: Annual CSI NS Holiday Boutique

Feb 8: Saturday Night Social

### CSI NS PTA Board 2019-2020

President: Randi Teplow-Phipps

Treasurer: Angela Kotsubey

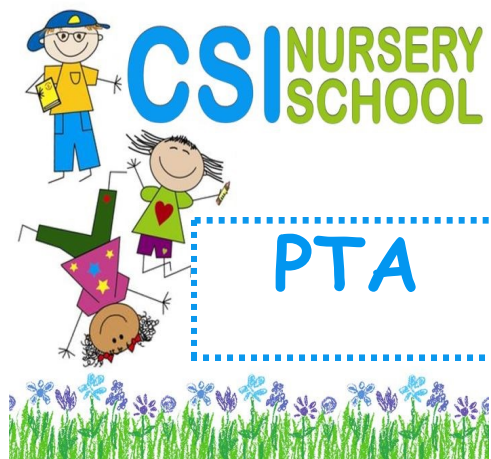
Holiday Boutique Chair: Emily Newfield

Moving-Up Day Chair: Erica Bagliebter

Food and Drink Chair: Alissa Lupu

Class Parent Liason: Naomi Elyachar

Hospitalities Chair: Caitlin Scheir





## SEPTEMBER 2019: 1 *Elul* – 1 *Tishri*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1      1 Elul 9:15am Minyan	2      2 Elul 9:15am Minyan  <b>LABOR DAY/OFFICE CLOSED</b>	3      3 Elul 11:15am JITN 12:30pm Yiddish  7:30pm Pride Committee	4      4 Elul	5      5 Elul 7:15am Minyan  <b>7pm NS Parents Back to School Night</b>	6      6 Elul 10am NS PTA Playdate  6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat C/L 7:01pm	7      7 Elul 9:10am Shabbat Service   Shoftim
8      8 Elul 9:15am Minyan RS Classes Start	9      9 Elul 7:15am Minyan NS Classes Start NS PTA Welcome Breakfast  7pm Sisterhood Board	10      10 Elul 9am Tuesdays for Tots 11:15am JITN 12:30pm HaMishpacha Luncheon & Program	11      11 Elul	12      12 Elul 7:15am Minyan 10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion  <b>7:30pm Men's Club Book Discussion See page 21</b>	13      13 Elul 7:00pm Shabbat Rocks C/L 6:50pm	14      14 Elul 9:10am Shabbat Service <b>Aufuf: Jason Goodman &amp; Allison McKaney</b> 10:30am Shabbat Noar (Grades 3-7)  <b>HEARING MEN'S VOICES:</b> Men's Club program following Kiddush  Ki Teitzei
15      15 Elul 9:15am Minyan 11am HS Classes Start  <b>5:30pm Family BBQ See page 4</b>	16      16 Elul 7:15am Minyan 9am Almost 2's 4:30pm Art Class 7pm Education Committee	17      7 Elul 9am Tuesdays for Tots 11:15am JITN 12:30 Yiddish 7:30pm Executive Committee	18      18 Elul 9am Almost 2's  <b>7pm Sisterhood Membership Dinner See page 19</b>	19      19 Elul 7:15am Minyan	20      20 Elul 9am Almost 2's 6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat  C/L 6:38pm	21      21 Elul 9:10am Shabbat Service  <b>BAR MITZVAH: Benjamin Millerman</b> 9pm Selichot Service  Ki Tavo
22      22 Elul 9:15am Minyan  <b>High Holiday Chair Set Up</b>	23      23 Elul 7:15am Minyan 9am Almost 2's 4:30pm Art Class 7:30pm Mah Jongg	24      24 Elul 11:15am JITN 12:30 Yiddish 7:30pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Generation Survivors 7:30pm Board of Trustees	25      25 Elul 9am Almost 2's	26      26 Elul 7:15am Minyan 10:30am HaMishpacha Discussion	27      27 Elul 9am Almost 2's C/L 6:26pm  6:30pm Kabbalat Shabbat	28      28 Elul 9:10am Shabbat Service 10:30am Shabbat Noar (Grades 3-7)  Nitzavim
29      29 Elul 9:15am Minyan C/L 6:24pm  <b>EREV ROSH HASHANAH</b> 6:30pm Service	30      1 Tishri <b>NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED</b> ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 8:45am Services begin 6:30pm Evening Service	1      2 Tishri <b>NO SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSED</b> ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 8:45am Services begin				<b>ABBREVIATIONS:</b>  C/L = Candle Lighting Time HS = High School JITN = Jews in the News NS = Nursery School RS = Religious School

## PRIDE COMMITTEE NEWS - Suzanne Haber, Chairperson



CSI's **PRIDE** Committee was established to create an embracing community and safe spaces for all of our members and guests, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETNG: TUESDAY 9/3 at 7:30 pm**

**Join us to plan this year's Pride programming. OPEN TO ALL!**

We are committed to educating and creating awareness around LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning/Queer etc.) subjects through a variety of programs and collaborations.

We look forward to planning some terrific educational and social events for this year.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out. Suzanne Haber at [shab2@optonline.net](mailto:shab2@optonline.net).



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## SISTERHOOD NEWS - [www.WLCJ.org](http://www.WLCJ.org)

Welcome back Sisterhood members!  
We hope you had a relaxing summer and are looking  
forward to all that CSI Sisterhood will be  
offering this year.

**September 8th** 9:30am-12:00-Matanah reopens  
**September 18th** 7:00pm - Membership Dinner (See Below)  
**September 23rd** 7:30pm - monthly Mah Jong resumes  
**October 17th** 7:00pm-9:00pm - "Sisters in the *Sukkah*"



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### Wednesday, September 18th at 7pm Membership Dinner Kick-off Event "Zionism Forward: Promoting and Defending Zionism in America"

Please join us for a discussion with Herbert Block, Executive Director of the AZM.

AZM is comprised of 32 national Jewish Zionist organizations working across a broad ideological, political and religious spectrum linking the American Jewish community together in support of Israel, Zionism and the Jewish people.

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## CARING COMMUNITY - Merrie Daitch, Chairperson

Our CSI Caring Community is a committee whose sole purpose is to help our members who need some TLC. After you let the shul office know what is going on in your life, they can set the wheels in motion. You will hear from Judy Boehr if you are sick or need a *mazel tov*. Merrie Daitch makes our bereavement calls. We offer Shabbat dinners or b. bags for our mourners. If you need food because of illness or catastrophe, Susan Hodara will give you a call. If you have a baby, Resa Mestel Fox will send you a special gift. Susan Grotenstein delivers holiday gifts to our members who are home/facility bound. **(Please let us know about congregants whose situation has changed and now fall into this category.)** Many of our over 30 members help with Shabbat deliveries, visit our members who are sick and cook when called upon. We thank them all! If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact our chair, Merrie Daitch, at [merrietunes@yahoo.com](mailto:merrietunes@yahoo.com)  
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*Merrie Daitch*

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Judy Boehr,  
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**PROJECT ISAIAH HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE** to benefit the Ossining Food Pantry, will begin on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Monday, September 30th. Please take a grocery bag (or 2!) from the lobby and fill it with any of the following items: peanut butter, tuna fish, cereal, pasta, beans, coffee, corn, soup, tomato sauce, and pineapple. The drive will continue through Simchat Torah, Tuesday, October 22nd. There are bins set up in the lobby to help us presort the food. Please be generous to our neighbors in need as you shop for your family.



**MEN'S CLUB - Mark Reisman & Richard Langeloh, Co - Presidents****HEARING MEN'S VOICES****A New Men's Club Program**

Please join Jason Eidlitz on Saturday 9/14 following Kiddush [approx. time 12:30] for a new Men's Club Program—Hearing Men's Voices. We will be discussing the effect of preparing for retirement. This free event is open to Men's Club members and non-members.

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Join us as we kick off our year on Sunday night October 20th at 5:30

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Next discussion is scheduled for Thursday, 9/12, at 7:30pm  
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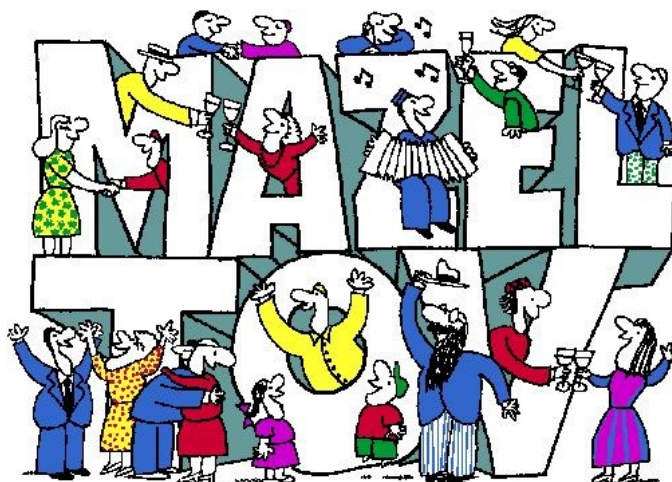
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Robert Schloss & Emily Sack	7	38
Evan & Elaine Wetzler	7	33
Neil & Leona Schluger	9	29
Richard & Sharman Gans	10	30
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Arnold & Sharon Richter	12	67
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Ryan Russin	28	9





## SEPTEMBER BAR MITZVAH

### September 21

My name is Benjamin Millerman and I am thirteen years old. I've lived in Chappaqua New York with my mom, dad, and sisters Dina and Eva since second grade. I am currently in eighth grade at Seven Bridges Middle School. I am a big fan of sports, specifically soccer. I play soccer for a club team and watch and follow my favorite team, Manchester United. Because of my obsession with soccer I have decided to help disabled kids learn to play soccer with AYSO. I will be starting in the Fall when the soccer season starts. I am excited to make my friends, family, and myself proud by doing an amazing job on the *bimah* after months of study and preparation. Thank you to my family for helping me along the way, to Cantor Shiovitz, Rabbi Kane, and Sheera Zuckerman for teaching me everything I need to know about my *Torah* portion, *Ki Tavo*. Also to the rest of the Hebrew School staff for teaching me everything else I need to know about Judaism. *Shabbat Shalom!*



### LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

**Mazal Tov to:** Ryna & Naftali Lustig on the engagement of their daughter, Allyza, to Sammy Vider.

**Mazal Tov to:** Meryl & Marty Weinberg on the naming of their granddaughter, Winona Daisy Weinberg. Winona is the daughter of Bret & Leah Weinberg.

**Mazal Tov to:** Diane & Ronnie Myers on the birth of their grandson, Elliott Harris Gibbs. Elliott is the son of Jenny & David Gibbs, little brother to Jesse.

**Mazal Tov to:** Debra & Alan Goodman on the *aufruf* and upcoming marriage of their son, Jason, and Allison McKaney.

**Mazal Tov to:** Joanne & Alan Suna on the *aufruf* and marriage of their son, Joshua to Mikel Ashkin

**Condolences to:** Phyllis Kurfirst on the loss of her mother-in-law, Joan Kurfirst. Joan Kurfirst was the grandmother of CSI nursery school parent, Lindsay Yannocone.



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 In honor of the wedding of Sarah Shiovitz and Drew Mahrt  
 In honor of the birth of Blake Aviva Lea

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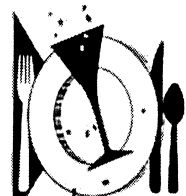
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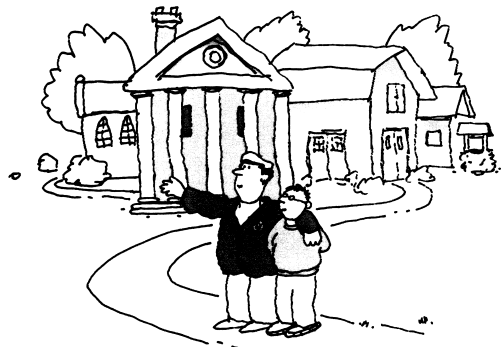
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