



Congregation Sons of Israel

THE MYERS FAMILY CAMPUS

CONTINUING THE VISION — BUILDING OUR FUTURE

JANUARY 2024

20 Tevet - 21 Shevat 5784

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Winter Coat Drive
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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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 ANNIVERSARY

Eighth Night of Jewish Learning Celebrated at Beth El Synagogue

BY STEPHEN E. LIPKEN

On November 18, the Westchester Board of Rabbis and the Westchester Jewish Council presented their Eighth Night of Jewish Learning, led by 24 rabbis from all over Westchester County, at Beth El Synagogue Center in New Rochelle. The evening began with Havdalah (end of the Shabbos Celebration), presented by the chair of the program, Rabbi Joshua Strom from Congregation B'nai Yisrael in Armonk and Beth El Synagogue Center Cantor Gaby Schwartz.

Two of the presentations given were by rabbis from Port Chester and Briarcliff. In his presentation, "Reform, Orthodox and Conservative Judaism, How Did We Get Here?"

Rabbi Ben Goldberg from Congregation Kneses Tifereth Israel in Port Chester discussed

whether the Talmud and Bible are immutable documents of divine origin. Rabbi Goldberg asserted that Abraham Geiger, Zecharias Frankel, and Samson Raphael Hirsch argued, and Rabbi Danny Schiff concurs, that the Talmud and Bible are of human authorship and are, therefore, subject to interpretation and change.

In her presentation, "G-d's Many Names," Rabbi Dina Rosenberg from the Congregation Sons of Israel in Briarcliff discussed how Rabbinic Judaism considers [the] seven names of G-d, which include El, Eloah, Shaddai, Ehyeh, Tzevaot, and YHWH, "so holy that they should not be erased" and discussed how the names people have called G-d show how they have thought of and have related to Him at different



Rabbi Josh Strom, Congregation B'nai Yisrael and Chair, Night of Jewish Learning.

times and in different situations.

This much-anticipated event was organized by The Westchester Board of Rabbis and the Westchester Jewish Council and included over twenty different classes offered by twenty-eight Westchester rabbis. "We were thrilled to have rabbis from all over the County and from all different denominations offer learning sessions for our members and the larger Jewish community," Rabbi Josh Strom, Congregation B'nai Israel, Armonk and Chair, Night of Learning commented. "It is a biennial event and one that has some history and roots of success that we are privileged to build on every other year."



Rabbi Dina Rosenberg, Congregation Sons of Israel, Briarcliff.



Cantor Gaby Schwartz, Beth El Synagogue Center holding Havdalah Vessels.

FROM THE RABBI *Dina S. Rosenberg*



ואלה שמות בני ישראל

And these are the names of the children of Israel

As we begin the secular new year, Jews around the world will also begin reading from the second book of the Torah, *Sefer Sh'mot* (The Book of Exodus); directly translated as *The Book of Names*. This second book of the Torah describes the fate of the Jewish people in the Diaspora. It begins by renaming all the children of Jacob who have travelled to Egypt to avoid a famine and to join their brother, Joseph. Rashi teaches that this repetition of names is a sign of endearment; it reinforces God's love for Israel by reciting each name and God compares them to the stars in the sky that continue to shine brightly.

Once in Egypt, the children of Jacob put roots down in the plush land of Goshen, build and create their homes, and settle in for an extended period. Yet, their neighbors consider them strangers and aliens, as if they just arrived. The Israelites live and eat separately from the Egyptians. While they try to keep their ways, it is difficult being surrounded by other cultures and beliefs. They are truly living in the Diaspora – away from all familiar rituals and practices and without control of their destiny.

Then, "a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph (Exodus 1:8)." The Israelites find themselves undergoing a cataclysmic change. A new regime perceives them to be a potential threat and fears that in the event of a war, the Israelites would join Egypt's enemies rather than join them as allies. Rambam suggests that Pharaoh began his campaign against the Israelites for strategic and economic reasons. Pharaoh's government was weak and identifying Israel as the scape goat gave the masses something to rally behind. The Egyptians profited from Jewish slave labor and the Pharaoh's popularity increased.

Nehama Leibowitz blames the Israelites for not protesting Pharaoh's decision to enslave them. She says that the Israelites were without heroes, without those who were brave enough to stand before Pharaoh and say no to his oppression. There was no resistance, no battle for their rights. As a result, Pharaoh easily did away with their freedoms and enslaved them.

As we enter the secular new year, I have been thinking about the dramatic increase in Antisemitic incidents following the October 7th Hamas Massacre. "From white supremacists in California displaying antisemitic banners on highway overpasses to radical anti-Zionists harassing Jewish people because of their real or perceived support for the Jewish state, we are witnessing a disturbing rise in antisemitic activity here while the war rages overseas," said Jonathan Greenblatt, ADL CEO. Evocative false statements about *what the Jewish people are at fault* for have returned to mainstream media like nothing we have seen or heard of since Europe in the 1940's.

But unlike the Israelites in Egypt, we will continue to fight back and not stand idly by. The Jewish people refuse to be the world's scape-goats. Instead, we will stand proudly as Jews and continue to share our light with the world. Just a few weeks ago, 30 young children from CSI spent the morning painting *mezzuzot* so they can proudly display their Jewish presence on the front doors of their homes. While recognizing that CSI is filled with a diverse set of views and perspectives on the war in Israel, we are united as a Jewish people, and we stand proudly and bravely together. We are proud to be Jewish and will continue to share that sentiment at CSI and with the world.

ואלה שמות בני ישראל

WE are the names of the children of Israel

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CANTORIAL NOTES

Hazzan Jeffrey Shiovitz



TOP 100 SONGS

Jewish Music Through The Ages
The Best 100 Jewish Songs of All Time
Join us for the 2nd Program in our Series

Saturday, 1/6, at 8pm
At the home of Abbe & Deane Marcus
IF WE CANCEL FOR SNOW,
THE PROGRAM WILL BE HELD A WEEK
LATER, ON 1/13. SAME LOCATION!

Enjoy a wonderful evening of music,
food and schmoozing.

For information and to RSVP click [here](#).

Mark your calendars for additional program dates: 2/3 and 3/2.

Save the date: Sunday, January 21, 1pm - 3 pm
Tu B'Shevat Seder at CSI
More information and registration
coming soon!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mark J. Rosenberg



CSI's long-time commitment to *tikkun olam*, our obligation to repair the world, is one of the things that makes me so proud of our community. Over the years, our *tikkun olam* efforts have taken the form of Passover food drives, Midnight Runs to bring food and clothing to the homeless, resettling refugee families, food drives to restock the Ossining Food Pantry, organizing Christmas dinners and providing the homeless with a warm place to sleep. In late January, members of our community, including Nursery School and Religious School students will be preparing meals to be distributed to the homeless in our area.

Our efforts to repair the world are not limited to the Jewish community. Rather they are targeted to the community in general, that is, anyone in need. Sometimes, we cook and distribute meals at churches. That is typically not because we are working with that church. Rather, we are simply using the church's facilities, which are not bound by the strictures of *kashrut* and are in the places where most of the people in need in our local community are located. When we run these events, they are open to all who are hungry regardless of religion.

Since October 7 and the resulting antisemitism in our country, there has been a desire among some to turn inward, to shut out those who are not members of the Jewish community. While I share the frustration with the many non-Jews, including clergy, who have been less than supportive during these trying times, we must also recognize and be grateful for the many members of our local community who have supported us in many ways. Community members such as the Reverend Tim Ives of the Scarborough Presbyterian Church, who immediately reached out to Rabbi Rosenberg on October 7 and has been a supportive presence since then, the local Italian restaurant which prominently placed a

large Menorah on its bar and our friends and neighbors who have repeatedly checked in with us and made clear that they have no tolerance for antisemitism.

I believe that turning inward is self-defeating. As Jews, we are a small minority in this country. Working with outside groups and helping those in need outside of our immediate Jewish community helps foster relationships which integrate us into the greater society, shatter stereotypes and deter prejudice. As *Mishneh Torah* teaches, "we provide sustenance and clothing for the poor of the gentiles together with the poor of the Jewish people as an expression of the ways of peace."

Just as we reach out to our greater community, we also work to grow and support all of the components of the CSI community. Adult programming has, and always will be one of CSI's strengths. Now, moving forward, we are working to support the younger members of our community as well by creating programs targeted towards young families and children. Over the last few months, we have added new programs that cater to young families as well as intergenerational programs that foster fun, learning and connectivity. These include the challah baking class, which was attended by 130 people ranging in age from 2 to 90, and the *Shabanukka* dinner, which began with a *tot shabbat* that was followed by a dinner attended by all and concluded with *Kabbalat Shabbat* for the adults. These events provide opportunities for members of all generations to interact, get to know each other and form relationships. In other words, they build a community and repair our world.

I wish all of you a happy and healthy 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark J. Rosenberg". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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FEEDING THE UNHOUSED IN OUR AREA:

It is a given that each of us is grateful for shelter and food. For many right here in our community, neither of these things are available on a regular basis, or at all.

CSI, along with the other members of the Briarcliff/Ossining Ministerial Association, is once again stepping up to assist those who are unhoused in our area.

You may remember that pre-covid we prepared meals and hosted unhoused adults overnight at CSI. This year we are committed to meals only. Those for whom we prepare meals will be sleeping at Grace Episcopal Church in Ossining.

From Monday, 1/29, through Sunday, 2/4, CSI has committed to provide three meals each day for up to 20 unhoused men. The exact number will be provided as we get closer to our scheduled dates.

This program requires a lot of volunteers to take on various responsibilities in a tried-and-true system. No need to reinvent the wheel, we are confident about how to make it work!

[HERE IS WHAT WE NEED.](#)

Volunteering is easy. Just click [HERE](#) to go to Sign Up Genius.

If you have questions, kindly contact program coordinator [Liz Legatt.](#)



CSI Community Organic Farm

Regenerative Agriculture Rooted in Jewish Tradition

Our 2023 season concluded with the harvesting of a handful of hardy kale in late December. Our community garden has been put to bed with a blanket of fresh wood chips to (hopefully) reduce weed growth in the aisles. We'll be similarly wrapping things up in the main field as mother nature allows.

Special thanks go out to all who supported us this season making purchases at our farm stand, donating to the Organic Farm Fund and volunteering to assist with the many chores. Stats, as of December 14th, include a total harvest of 3,957 lbs. of produce. 43% was donated to either the Lifting Up Westchester Soup Kitchen or the Congregation Kol Ami Food Pantry. The bulk of the balance was sold at our farm stand and 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 or donate. Combined with the leftovers from the kitchen, I'd guess that CSI's chickens are some of the best fed in Westchester!

Our expanded nature path and picnic area are still a welcome distraction on a warm winter day. Comments or suggestions are always welcomed. See you on the farm!

-David Levitt

At the end of every growing season we feel humbled and grateful. We are humbled by the amazing experience of growing food and, lest we become too sure of ourselves, very aware of the challenges that are out of our control: weather, insects/disease and the occasional wildlife intruder. It is super satisfying to have such delicious food given the difficulties involved with growing organically.

Thank you to Farmer David for his watchful eye and attention to detail - trying to maximize every inch of the growable field area.

This year Bill Davies, Westchester Tree Life, has gone above and beyond with generosity and timely tree work. A big thank you to Bill and his team for their hard work. (Here is a shout out to Bill for any residential tree work that you may need!)

We are also grateful for the supportive community that is behind the farm - Fred and Lois Schulman lead the way with open minds that are receptive and interested in any new scheme that will help the synagogue and the farm.

The volunteers that help with the many programs associated with the farm have stepped in whenever we have need and they are most appreciated.

The question is - when will you become involved?

Stay tuned to find out when our next farm committee meeting is and try to join us. There are always new ideas floating around and one of them may be just what you or your family can be part of. Anyone interested in having a birthday party on the farm? Please contact me for more info or questions.

-Ryna Lustig: rynalustig@gmail.com

PS: I heard this year's wine will be quite good. Thank you to Aaron Stern and the grape growers/winemakers!



FROM THE NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Naomi Elyachar



Allow me to share a bit about the magic of being a two-year-old at CSI Nursery School. Being two comes with many challenges—children this age have rudimentary language and motor skills, prefer to be with their own parents or caregivers, and need a lot of assistance to complete tasks. For most people, taking care of one two-year-old for a morning can feel overwhelming, let alone a classroom full of two-year-olds. Luckily for our nursery school students in the Acorn and Sprout Rooms, our 2's teachers understand the beauty of this age. Rather than seeing the limitations of working with this age group, our teachers cultivate a two-year-old's growing abilities and endless curiosity.

Many of our 2's students begin the school year with a bit of timidity and separation anxiety. This is often their first experience being dropped off somewhere. Our teachers create warm classroom environments to help our youngest students feel comfortable and establish consistent routines to instill confidence in them. Two-year-olds are used to a world where they constantly hear, "don't touch that", "not safe", and "no," so we want our 2's classrooms to be a place where they are told, "try this," "here you go," and "yes!"

Our 2's curriculum is very sensory focused. Nearly every week, the Acorn and Sprout Rooms bake challah or another snack. This experience gives them an opportunity to pour, mix, knead, twist, and finally taste. This type of experience leans into their curiosity and sense of wonder as they see the way ingredients can change when mixed together and cooked, and it also helps build skills such as counting, waiting to take a turn, and teamwork.

Our teachers take time to notice their students' interests and lean into them. The Sprout Room loves to see the birds out their classroom window, so the teachers gathered materials to make bird feeders. The children each took part in the sensory experience of greasing and rolling pinecones through bird food before hanging

these bird feeders on a nearby tree. They have the opportunity to regularly check on the bird feeders to notice how much is gone, and even sometimes catch a glimpse of a bird eating from them! The teachers took pictures of every step of this process and created a classroom story. The book helps promote language as the children frequently read the book and talk about this shared experience.

A walk down CSI's hallway to the 2's classrooms will reveal even more about the rich experiences happening in those rooms. Their artwork is always beautifully displayed on their bulletin boards. They have opportunities to paint and draw with different tools, in different ways, and on different media. Photographs of the children engaged in creating the work are often displayed alongside the artwork so onlookers can see the art process. The children's artwork is the product of what happens in the classrooms, but they are truly just one element of the many learning experiences happening every morning at school.



Our teachers help create magical moments for our two-year-olds because they know how to encourage their students' natural abilities and curiosity. I hope these examples explained above shed some light on the complexity and thoughtfulness behind every activity done in the 2's classrooms. When you're two in our nursery school, cooking is more than mixing a few ingredients together, a bird feeder is much more than hanging a pinecone from a tree, and a painting is more than just the piece of artwork hanging on a bulletin board. Each morning at school is filled with activities that build connections and help children understand the world around them and their place in it. We love watching these young children learn and grow throughout the year.

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NURSERY SCHOOL CALENDAR

JANUARY				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

	School in session
	School closed

January

1/1 Winter break, no school

1/2 School re-opens

1/12 Harvest Room Shabbat

1/15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, no school



UPCOMING EVENTS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

DATE/TIME	EVENT	LINK
Sun, Jan 7th 10:00am - 11:30am	The History of The Israeli/Palestinian Conflict Historical facts and current information from Eden Edrei	REGISTER
Sat, Jan 13th 11:00am - 12:00pm	Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Rosenberg (flyer on next page) A Shabbat service geared towards families with children under 5 years old. Singing, stories, dancing, and fun followed by Kiddush lunch.	REGISTER
Sun, Jan 21st 9:00am - 11:00am	CSI Family Tu Bishvat Program (flyer on next page) Saul Zebowitz will be coming from Camp Ramah Nyack to do a program on the farm for Tu Bishvat! Geared toward families with children ages 0-13.	REGISTER
Sat, Feb 3rd 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm	Havdalah in Pajamas (flyer on next page) Havdalah, breakfast for dinner, and activities for children. For families with children in 2nd grade and younger.	REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Tot Shabbat at CSI

Led by Rabbi Rosenberg

Join us at CSI for Tot Shabbat followed by Kiddush lunch.

11:00am

Our next Tot Shabbat is January 13

More dates to come!



[RSVP HERE](#)

This fun-filled introduction to Shabbat is geared towards children under 5 years old, and is a lively, interactive service for the whole family.

Open to all—members, non-members and friends!



Celebrate *Tu B'Shevat*
January 21st
9–11 AM

Make pita on the CSI Farm with
Camp Ramah Nyack

Parents/siblings are encouraged to
attend!

[Register here!](#)

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Havdallah in pajamas

FOR FAMILIES
WITH CHILDREN
2ND GRADE
AND UNDER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

5:00-6:15 P.M.

CSI SOCIAL HALL

DETAILS AND REGISTRATION TO FOLLOW

HAVDALLAH,
BREAKFAST FOR
DINNER, AND KIDS
ACTIVITIES



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DIRECTOR *Sheera Zuckerman*



In the spirit of *Modeh Ani*, the prayer said upon awakening each morning, and the tradition of offering thanks each day, I wanted to share my gratitude for our CSI community and offer a window into all the good that is taking place in our religious school and beyond.

To deepen our connections to each other, the outdoors and to our synagogue, we offered our learners some unique experiences. For Parshat Vayera, just as Avraham and Sarah welcomed guests to their tent, our students built tents and a fire and shared some smores out on our farm. We thank our very own CSI member Emma Schiffrin for her time and expertise.

Following the Cantor teaching our students about the Jewish lifecycle of death, burial and *shiva*, our 5th-7th grade students had the honor of going to the CSI cemetery in Ossining and the original CSI building with Irwin Kavy, to learn about our Synagogue's past. We thank the Cantor and Irwin Kavy for helping educate our learners.

Our faculty and religious school volunteers have displayed unwavering commitment and dedication to the education and well-being of our students. Thank you Eric Leibert, Alan Leggat and Mary Dale Allen, who have provided hours of support. And thank you to all the education committee and board volunteers who have given their time Sunday mornings. We could not function as well without you.

With tremendous care and insight, Rabbi Rosenberg has spoken to our children about the war in Israel. We are forever grateful for her sensitive words.

As we said goodbye to Thanksgiving and approached the holiday of Hanukkah, the festival of lights, we sang Hanukkah songs with gusto in the Chapel. But what's a holiday without food? Thanks to our PTA, our religious school students enjoyed two fun filled days of Hanukkah games, crafts, latkes, applesauce, donuts and handmade Hanukkah cookies.

To enhance our upcoming January celebration of *Tu Bishvat*, we'll be making pita out on the farm with a Camp Ramah Nyack representative and having our own *Tu Bishvat* seder in school. Towards the end of January, our students will be helping pack breakfast and lunch for local workers as part of the Emergency Shelter Program, a fabulous communal *mitzvah* that CSI is proud to be a part of. Information regarding how you can help will be forthcoming.

As we enter 2024, we are reminded of the words of Rabbi Hillel, "A single candle can light a thousand more without diminishing itself." Let us all remember that each of us has the ability to bring light into this world and to be a light for the next generation of leaders.

B'Shalom,

Sheera Zuckerman
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CSI RS Nature Class



CSI RS Field Trip



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR

JANUARY						
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School in session

School closed

January notes:

1/14 No school - MLK, Jr. Day weekend

1/21 - Tu B'Shevat program on farm

1/30 - Packing breakfast & lunch for
unhoused adults

THANKSGIVING DINNER SET UP EVENT

MITZVAH MOMENT!

Thank you to those who helped decorate, set tables, and cut pies at the First Presbyterian Church in Ossining on Thanksgiving. It was wonderful to see so many members and families engaging in this *mitzvah* together!

-Andrea Bromberg

Volunteers: Liz Legatt; Lawrence Blau; Emily, Alex, and Jackson Newfield; Richard and Zachary Strohmenger; Andrea, Amanda, and Steven Bromberg; Donna and Barry Yellen



CHALLAH BAKING EVENT WITH MARK KIRK



Todah Rabah to Michelle and Yasher Koach to all!





THE WINTER COAT/JACKET DRIVE IS ON! Once again, we are collecting winter jackets and coats, hats, gloves/mittens, and scarves for the IFCA (Interfaith Council for Action) Thrift Shop. The IFCA housing network uses the profits from the shop to purchase, renovate, and/or rent low-cost housing for the greater Ossining community.

Please bring your items to the bins in the synagogue lobby.

We ask that **ALL ITEMS BE CLEAN AND IN GOOD CONDITION**. Thank you for supporting this important drive. We will bring items to IFCA as the bins fill, so keep your donations coming!

The annual Thanksgiving Turkey Drive for the Star of Bethlehem Church in Ossining was a huge success. This community ALWAYS steps up to help!

THANK YOU to everyone who bought turkeys and generously donated money for turkeys.

They were distributed to local residents at the Church on the Monday before Thanksgiving. C-Town Ossining Manager, Eduardo, helped us make our money go as far as possible. This neighborhood couldn't ask for a more community-centered supermarket.

- Ellen J.



CARING COMMUNITY



Our next meeting is Wednesday, January 24th at 7pm.

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



Building Bridges in Our Community

A new year brings new opportunities for *Tikkun Olam* in our very own neighborhood, as the Bethany Arts Center in Ossining gears up for its latest Black History Month exhibit, which will feature, in part, collaboration locally and nationally between the Black and Jewish communities.

Did you know that in 1908, it was Congregation Sons of Israel that sold the new pastor of Star of Bethlehem Church the land for his home, at below market value? Or that in the early 20th century, a Jewish businessman named Julius Rosenwald partnered with Booker T. Washington to construct over 5,000 schools for Black children?

Motivated by an increase in anti-semitic sentiment in local schools, Joyce Sharrock-Cole, Town of Ossining Historian, is curating an immersive experience at Bethany (February 1st through March 8th, 2024) that will include a replica of one of the Rosenwald schools and a history of our very own Congregation Sons of Israel. Joyce needs our help to deepen the impact of her mission, particularly among the youth in our community.

Opportunities to participate are many and varied, so there's something for everyone:

Volunteer as an educator during the exhibit—contact [Judy Boehr](#)

Draft the history of CSI and create a visual display for the exhibit—contact [Bette Slutsky](#)

Provide financial support for the project—contact [Abbe Marcus](#)

Construct the Rosenwald replica (stay tuned)

On Thursday, January 18th, at the Ossining Public Library, join us for a screening of the documentary, Rosenwald, a critically acclaimed film that tells the story of these schools. Following the film, Joyce will lead a discussion between Rabbi Rosenberg and Althema Goodson, President of the Ossining NAACP.

On Saturday, January 27th, Joyce will be our *Shabbat* guest and share more from the *bimah* about the Bethany exhibit.

Given the state of our world, we can think of no better action to take right now than to build and strengthen bridges of cooperation and understanding right here at home. Please join us!

—Judy Boehr and Gail Sider
CSI Social Justice/Social Action Committee

[SEE FLYER ON NEXT PAGE]



BUILDING BRIDGES

Jewish and African American Partnership



DOCUMENTARY SHOWING AND PANEL DISCUSSION OF *DOCUMENTARY ROSENWALD*

The Remarkable story of a Jewish Partnership with African American Communities

A film by Aviva Kempner
www.rosenwaldfilm.org

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH 2024

7:00PM - 8:30PM

OSSINING PUBLIC LIBRARY

Camille Budarz Theater

53 Croton Avenue

Ossining, NY

Rosenwald is the incredible story of how businessman and philanthropist Julius Rosenwald joined forces with Booker T. Washington and African American communities in the segregationist Jim Crow South to build more than 5,000 schools. Inspired by the Jewish doctrine of "tikkun olam," repairing the world, and a deep concern over racial inequality in America, the Rosenwald Fund supported major African-American artists and intellectuals like Marian Anderson, W.E.B. DuBois, Langston Hughes and many more. This unprecedented historical partnership impacted American culture for generations and resonates today.

Panel Discussion following the showing.

Moderator Joyce Sharrock-Cole, Ossining Village Historian

Rabbi Dina Rosenberg, CSI

Althema Goodson, Ossining NAACP President

Event is free. Registration suggested.



Julius Rosenwald with students from a Rosenwald school.
Courtesy Fisk University, John Hope and Aurelia E. Franklin Library, Special Collection



SISTERHOOD NEWS



Sisterhood Book Club Discussion

Sunday, 3/3, at 11am at CSI

The Thread Collectors

by Shaunna Edwards and Alyson Richman

In New Orleans, Stella, a Black woman, says goodbye to her beloved, William, as he leaves to join the Union army. In New York City, Lily, a Jewish woman, contributes to the abolitionist movement and pens letters to her husband, Jacob, a Union army musician. While serving, William and Jacob form a friendship over music, and the lives of all four are drawn together.

Please RSVP to [Shelley Glick](#).



It's never too late to join the CSI Sisterhood: \$36 CSI Members / \$54 Non-Members. Sisterhood offers complimentary membership for one year to new CSI members and to any CSI members or school families who have not previously joined the CSI Sisterhood. Sign up [here](#).



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THANK YOU FOR THE CHRISTMAS MEAL DISTRIBUTION
AT THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM CHURCH IN OSSINING



MEN'S CLUB



Dear CSI,

On behalf of Magen David Adom (MDA) and the people of Israel, please accept my deepest thanks for your generous gift of \$4,250.00. Your donation ensures that MDA can fulfill its mission as Israel's national emergency medical service and representative to the International Red Cross.

With a fleet of 2,000 vehicles, 200 EMS stations throughout Israel, and 33,000 first responders, EMTs, paramedics, and first-aid providers (90% volunteers), MDA has emerged as a world leader in multi-casualty response, EMS technology, and emergency preparedness.

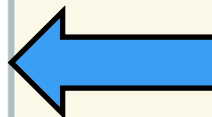
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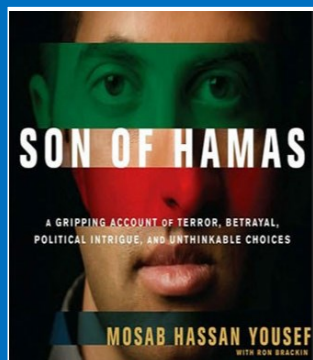
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Chess Club: Monday evenings at 7:30. Open to all. For location information please email us



Men's Club Book Club:
Tuesday, 1/30 at 7:30pm

Son of Hamas
by Mosab Hassan Yousef

Did someone say breakfast?
Fred and Richard are considering a Salami & Eggs or Lox, Eggs & Onions set of breakfasts following Sunday *Minyan* for Men's Club Members. If this interests you, please let us know.

Interested in Men's Club activities? Reach out to Richard Zuckerman, Interim Coordinator, at mensclub@csibriarcliff.org.

You can join the Men's Club any time by clicking [here](#).

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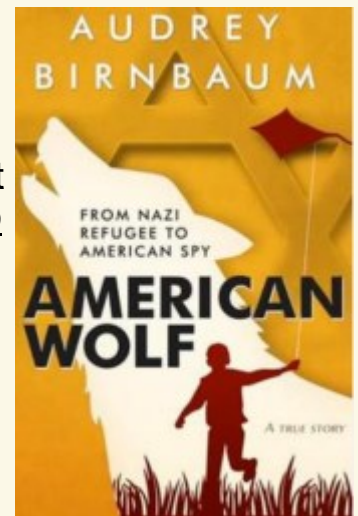
UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 1/9, at 7:30pm at CSI

BOOK DISCUSSION: Tuesday, 2/13, at 7:30pm at CSI

Join us for an engaging discussion with Audrey Birnbaum about her newly published book, American Wolf: From Nazi Refugee to American Spy. This book chronicles Audrey's father's life, from his escape from Nazi Germany in 1941 to his subsequent return to Germany as a young American intelligence officer during the height of the Cold War.

Please RSVP to [Elizabeth Metzger](#). Friends are welcome!



THANK YOU to CSI member Daphne Crosswell who presented her research on the topic, "Tehran Children." Her presentations have always been fascinating.

January 2024 • 20 Tevet – 21 Shevat 5784

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1/Tevet 20 New Year's Day No Nursery School 9:15am Minyan	2/Tevet 21 11:15am Jews in the News 7:30pm Educ. Comm.	3/Tevet 22 11:00am Talmud and Contemporary Issues 7:30pm Social Committee	4/Tevet 23 8:00am Minyan 10:30am Gratitude Meditations 8:00pm Ritual Committee	5/Tevet 24 4:23pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat	6/Tevet 25 Shabbat Mevarchim Shemot 9:30am Shabbat Sanctuary&Live Stream 8:00pm Jewish Music Through the Ages
7/Tevet 26 9:15am Minyan 10:00am History of the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict 11:30am Security Brunch & Update	8/Tevet 27 8:00am Minyan 7:00pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	9/Tevet 28 11:15am Jews In the News 7:30pm Second Generation Survivors 7:30pm Pride Committee	10/Tevet 29 11:00am Talmud and Contemporary Issues	11/Shevat 1 Rosh Chodesh Shevat 8:00am Minyan 10:30am Gratitude Meditations 11:15am HaMishpacha Discussion Group w/Shari Baum	12/Shevat 2 4:30pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat	13/Shevat 3 Vaera 9:30am Shabbat Sanctuary&Live Stream 11:00am Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Rosenberg
14/Shevat 4 9:15am Minyan 5:00pm MLK Service & Program at Star of Bethlehem Church	15/Shevat 5 MLK Day No Nursery School 8:00am Minyan	16/Shevat 6 11:15am Jews In the News 7:30pm Executive Committee	17/Shevat 7 11:00am Talmud and Contemporary Issues 7:00pm Policies and Procedures Committee	18/Shevat 8 8:00am Minyan 11:15am Gratitude Meditations 7pm Ossining Library Program	19/Shevat 9 4:38pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat	20/Shevat 10 Bo Lay Led Liturgy 9:30am Shabbat Sanctuary&Live Stream
21/Shevat 11 9:00am Family Tu Bishvat Program 9:15am Minyan 1:00pm Tu Bishvat Seder	22/Shevat 12 8:00am Minyan 11:30am The Creation of the State of Israel 8:00pm Wrestling With Torah	23/Shevat 13 11:15am Jews In the News 12:30pm Women's Torah Study 7:30pm Board of Trustees	24/Shevat 14 11:00am Talmud and Contemporary Issues 7:30pm Caring Community	25/Shevat 15 Tu Bishvat 8:00am Minyan 10:30am Gratitude Meditations 11:15am HaMishpacha Discussion Group w/Shari Baum	26/Shevat 16 4:46pm Candle Lighting 6:00pm Kabbalat Shabbat	27/Shevat 17 Beshalach 9:30am Shabbat Sanctuary&Live Stream-Guest Speaker Program
28/Shevat 18 9:15am Minyan	29/Shevat 19 8:00am Minyan 11:30am The Creation of the State of Israel 8:00pm Wrestling With Torah	30/Shevat 20 11:15am Jews In the News 12:30pm Women's Torah Study 7:30pm Men's Club Book Club	31/Shevat 21 11:00am Talmud and Contemporary Issues			CLICK HERE FOR THE WEB CALENDAR

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS



December Birthdays

CELEBRANT	DAY	AGE
Lavi Klawansky-Karmin	4	12
Henry Schiz	24	6
Aiden Parker	30	13

January Birthdays

CELEBRANT	DAY	AGE
Maxwell Fagel	8	6
Maya Shiovitz Lemonik	13	2
Yousef Nabi	15	12
Eli Falah	18	13
Remy Schulz	31	1

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

December Anniversaries

CELEBRANTS	DATE	YEARS
Eric & Lisa Nadler	10	28
Jeffrey & Ilene Calderon	13	31
Giora & Karen Payes	15	22
David & Lisa Zimmerman	17	29
Jeffrey & Robyn Shiovitz	18	40
Jonathan & Erica Kolbrener	18	29
Joshua Diamond & Zhanna Glazenburg	19	30
Gary & Bette Slutsky	22	61
Sid & Joan Schneider	22	55
Paul Kalman & Betty Balsam	22	50
Richard & Betsy Rosenblum	26	52
Thomas & Donna Hannan	31	29

January Anniversaries

CELEBRANTS	DATE	YEARS
Barry & Gail Perlow	2	53
Vladimir & Marina Sukonnik	3	37
Leonard & Kathleen Levin	3	15
David & Georgia Keidan	12	55
Warren & Susan Altwenger	14	51
George & Heidi Pinsky	15	13



LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

We mourn the loss of longtime CSI member and former Men's Club President, Jason Eidlitz. Condolences to his wife, Diane.

Condolences to Stephen Alpert on the loss of his father, Frank Alpert.

Condolences to Roberta and Rick Kay on the loss of their son-in-law, Alex Molina.

Condolences to Karen Payes on the loss of her father, Herbert Finkston.

Condolences to Wendy Gottlieb on the loss of her father, Samuel Cohen.

Mazal Tov to Audrey and Steve Bender on the birth of their granddaughter, Ezra Jack Bender-Hubbell.

Mazal Tov to Cantor Jeffrey and Robyn Shiovitz and Sarah Shiovitz and Drew Mahrt on the birth of Sophie Rose Shiovitz-Mahrt.

Mazal Tov to Nursery School parents Lauren and Hiro Monji on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Maxine Monji.

Mazal Tov to Julie and Andrew Peskoe on the birth of their granddaughter, Eliza Frances Pritchard-Peskoe.

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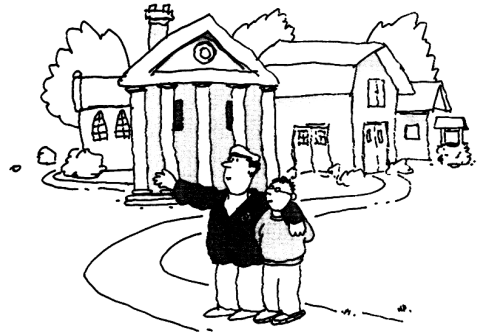


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