COMEDY!

Saturday, December 14

Doors open at 7:30 pm with pre-show wine and snacks
Show at 8 pm
Elegant dessert reception at 9 pm

Featuring
Mark Schiff

Standup comedian, Mark Schiff, has headlined at all the major casinos in Las Vegas and Atlantic City, as well as clubs across the country and has appeared many times on both The Tonight Show and Late Night with David Letterman. Mark has had both HBO and Showtime specials, and has been the featured act at the Montreal Comedy Festival. He has also written for and guest starred on Mad About You and writes articles regularly for The Jewish Journal.

Mark is currently on tour with Jerry Seinfeld. His new project is the play, MARRIED PEOPLE that he has co-written with Steve Shaffer. His first play, The Comic, ran in Los Angeles for 10 months and played at The Aspen Comedy Festival.

Tickets: $30 in advance. $40 at door
Register at agudath.org/events.

Opening Act
Eli Lebowicz

“Mark Schiff is one of the funniest, the brightest, the best stage comics I have ever seen.”
—Jerry Seinfeld

“...if you can get him, I would do it, because there is nobody funnier...”
—Paul Reiser

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Services

Monthly Schedule

Friday, December 6
Erev Shabbat Service ........................................ 4:10 pm

Saturday, December 7
Shacharit ......................................................... 9:15 am
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Mincha/Talmud Study/Maariv/Havdalah ................... 4:05 pm

Friday, December 13
Erev Shabbat Service ........................................ 4:10 pm
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Saturday, December 14
Shacharit ......................................................... 9:15 am
Mincha/Talmud Study/Maariv/Havdalah ................... 4:05 pm

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Erev Shabbat Service ........................................ 4:15 pm

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Saturday Schedule

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Torah Study Group ............................................ 9 am
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Torah Reading Chug (twice a month, ages 9-12) ... 10:15-11 am
Torah for Tots (ages 0-4) .................................... 11 am
Shabbat Friends (twice a month, grades K-2) ........ 11 am
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Friday, December 6 .............................................. 4:11 pm
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Daily Services

Mornings
Monday & Thursday .......................................... 6:45 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday ......................... 7 am
Sunday Talmud Study ......................................... 8:15 am
Sunday Shacharit .............................................. 9 am

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Friday (see schedule)

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On these High Holy Days, we stand as a community before God for judgment — facing the ultimate questions: Where have we been? What have we done? In what ways must we strike out on a new path?

As our beloved associate rabbi, Ari Lucas, explained on the Shabbat prior to Rosh Hashanah, the Satan — not Satan as depicted in the Christian tradition, but a "prosecuting attorney" of our souls on trial — seeks to convict us in God's eyes.

Facing off against the Satan is our Shaliach Tzibur, our Melitz Yosher, our Advocate On High.

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For 60-plus years, here at CAI, on the High Holy Days, our Shaliach Tzibur par excellence, our Melitz Yosher, has been the irreplaceable Nat Taubenfeld z”l,

Naftali Alter Ben Shmuel Pinchas HaCohen.

Nat’s davening voice was not only powerful, it was authentic. Its nusach touched our souls; its message registered with the Almighty on our behalf.

On the Friday before Rosh Hashanah, from his hospital bed, Nat told me, "Rabbi, I have never missed a Rosh Hashanah — not due to anti-Semitism in my native Poland, not during the Holocaust within Siberia’s labor camps. Nothing could keep me away."

This year, Nat’s body passed away erev Rosh Hashanah, but his uniquely powerful soul ascended into Olam Haba (God’s Hereafter), as our Melitz Yosher came face-to-face with the Kadosh Baruch Hu (The Holy One).

My text for this eulogy is the Avinu Malkeinu prayer, pleading on our behalf to God on high.

The Talmud (Ta’anit 25b) tells us that Rabbi Akiva prayed with the words "Avinu Malkeinu" on behalf of the Jewish people, and his prayers were accepted. Our sages added to Akiva’s list of supplications forming this pivotal section of the High Holy Day Machzor.

I want to emphasize three of the Avinu Malkeinu’s bakashot, prayer requests, that Nat delivered on our behalf year after year in an unparalleled manner.

The first is: "Avinu Malkeinu chatanu lefanecha" “O God, we are all imperfect; we need to accept our sins and do better in the year ahead.” Nat’s remedy for the imperfections among the Jewish people was to create an extraordinary mishpocha as a role model to us all.

As Nat told everyone, “Our neighbors in Florida envied Bea and me because our children never left us alone during our medical challenges. They came to Florida in shifts, week after week.”

With love, Bea joined with Nat as they became the matriarch and patriarch, the loving and beloved grandparents, of the davening core of our shul. They have given us limitless love and affection: kvelling at our simchas, crying with us at times of sorrow.

Nat and Bea will always remain as a CAI model couple of marital devotion and the creation of an extraordinary mishpocha.

The second “bakashah” in Avinu Malkeinu, which Nat uttered so effectively on our behalf, is Avinu Malkeinu bateil machshavot so’neinu” “O God, thwart the plans of those who seek to harm the Jewish people.”

Like his revered father, and like other members of the extended Taubenfeld family, Nat, a Holocaust survivor, was 100 percent devoted to protecting the well-being of Israel and of Jews throughout the world.

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Improving communal discourse through havruta

There is such a robust culture of learning at Congregation Agudath Israel; on any given day, there are tens of adults learning somewhere in the building. Rabbi Silverstein and Susan Werk have built an incredible program with dynamic offerings for people of “every age and every stage” of life and Jewish learning. Other dynamic educators and lay leaders have contributed immensely to the adult education offerings of our shul.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few forays into teaching in this community. Last year, I taught classes on the topics of Shabbat, the book of Joshua, and miracles, among others.

This year, I wanted to try something a little different. Rather than teaching a class on a particular topic, I decided to teach a class on a traditional Jewish style or method of study known as havruta — or study in pairs. Rather than learning about a subject, we’re learning how to learn with a friend or partner. The method is relatively straightforward — two people come together, ideally in person — to read a text and strive to understand it. This form of study presumes that we can learn as much from our peers as we can from our teachers. In partner learning, there is more time to explore and unpack your partner’s point of view — to ask for clarification about their ideas or allow the conversation to meander to other topics. When a beit midrash is filled with the din of conversation, the texts of our tradition come to life through the lived experience of the students who engage with them.

It seems to me that havruta learning is an important antidote to much of the breakdown in communication we see in contemporary society.

• It grounds students in a shared language: the text. In order to make an argument, one must explain how that idea expresses itself in the shared text. Even if one is arguing against the text or disagreeing with a perspective encountered in it, both students have a shared set of information and facts to work with. Because it is a sacred text, it keeps us grounded and connected to a common set of words and ideas. In public discourse these days (if such a thing still exists), people come to discussions with their own facts and their own opinions and leave entirely unchanged by the people with whom they engage. In havruta study, that’s not an option.

• It’s done face to face; students can see the reaction of their study partner in real time. Is he confused? Is she upset by something I said? It’s harder to go off on a self-righteous rant when I have to deal with the consequences of the effects of that rant on the person sitting across from me. Especially if I already trust and respect this person, I’m obligated to consider his/her reaction to my comments. The assumption is that his or her opinion matters to me and vice versa.

• It makes us sharper. The Talmud describes havruta partners as two swords that sharpen each other. Students have to explain their positions to one another. In the process they will often object to the other’s interpretation or offer a different perspective. This gives the students a chance to revise or reconsider their positions. Often there’s no one right answer as to the meaning of the text, so the goal of this exchange is not to convince the other, but rather to strive to express oneself in a compelling way.

• In this era of increasing social isolation, the philosophy of havruta demands that people exchange ideas with friends and community members and in doing so draw closer to them. We live in the most “connected” time in history, and yet people feel more and more alone. Torah study is a way to form connections in a genuinely gratifying way.

I believe Judaism offers us opportunities to live good and meaningful lives in community with one another. I hope the skills learned while studying in havruta will help improve communal discourse and respect for our fellow human beings. A truly wise person is one who learns from all people (Pirkei Avot 4:1). I’m grateful to the students who have agreed to try this experiment in Jewish learning, and I look forward to learning from them and you in many opportunities to come.

“The Talmud describes havruta partners as two swords that sharpen each other.”
CAI’s devotion to the State of Israel and to local and overseas Jewish causes remains a testimony to the values Nat instilled within us.

The last of the three “bakashot” I want to emphasize is “Avinu malkeinu bateil mei’aleinu kol g’zeirot kashot” “O God, thwart any harsh decree against us.”

Nat’s remedy to aid in this generic plea was to build an exemplary local Jewish community here in the Caldwells.

Nat was a beloved fixture in our shul life, our ultimate lay davener and “minyannaire,” our primary gabbai for over 60 years! He was a gabbai par excellence, with love and lollipops, with Torah comments and, yes, with corrections of my rabbinic sermons, always offered with a smile and a gleam in his eye.

Nat was a revered CAI past president and a major ba’al tzedakah (philanthropist). He donated generously to meet our needs even before we thought to ask.

As one among countless examples: When Rabbi Ari Lucas was hired to be my associate and then successor, even before we launched our Two-Rabbi Founders Society, Nat donated $5,000, saying, “We must support our new rabbi-to-be.”

Nat was always seeking ways to make CAI into the best shul possible. In most recent years, it was Nat and Bea who came forward to help sponsor such concerts as Rick Recht for Chanukah and the Six13 a cappella group for Yom Ha’atzmaut. Nat asserted, “Rabbi, I want to bring all ages together and to keep CAI on the map as a first-class synagogue, a synagogue of prominence.”

The Taubenfeld family has requested that donations in loving memory of Nat be sent to CAI into a new restricted Nat and Bea Taubenfeld Fund to keep Nat’s vision alive far into the future.

May the cherished memory of our beloved Nat Taubenfeld z”l remain as a source of blessing and inspiration to us all.

With profound love and admiration,
—Rabbi Alan Silverstein
I have mixed feelings about the expression “Stay in your lane.” In the context of swimming, staying in one’s designated lane is crucial so as not to interfere with other swimmers, especially if there’s a race going on. When driving, staying in one’s lane fulfills the demands — and the law — that govern responsible and safe driving. In the dictionary, “Stay in your lane” is defined as “Mind your own business” or “Keep moving straight ahead and don’t veer into someone else’s personal affairs.”

But it’s not always advisable to “stay in your lane.” When I am driving, there are times when I need to veer off from my lane to avoid an accident and — sometimes — when an animal appears in the road ahead of me. When I go on a hike with my dog Rimon, I try to stay on the path so I won’t lose my way, but sometimes I must leave the trail to maneuver around a fallen tree or other obstacle.

In our country, in the months of November and December, the emphasis is actually not on “minding our own business,” but on minding other people and their needs and on finding ways to help our community through social action. Opportunities to do this surround us: There are food drives, coat drives, gift drives, appeals for help in soup kitchens and other places that serve the needs of the less fortunate. Our system of ethical behavior, embodied by the performance of mitzvot, engages us in this kind of behavior. We embrace the concepts of tzedakah (doing righteous acts); Leket, Shich’chah, Peah (ensuring food for the poor); Lo ta’amod al dam rei’echa (Do not stand idly by when someone is endangered); and V’havta l’rei’echa kamocha (loving one’s neighbor). Let’s increase our desire to do good deeds to benefit our family, friends, and neighbors now and in the coming months — and even when we don’t have the constant reminders that come with the “holiday season.” We can increase the light of social action beyond the end of the year by refusing to “stay in our lane,” by veering into others’ way to provide care and help to our fellow human beings.

Chag Urim Sameiach! Happy Chanukah
—Susan Werk, Education Director
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MONDAYS WITH RABBI MICHAEL JAY

RELATIONSHIPS AND FAMILY DYNAMICS IN THE BIBLE
10-11:30 am
Our forefathers and foremothers were not just holy people. They were real people living real lives. This course will look at the relationships and family dynamics of our biblical families. Were the family units strong? Were they loving? Were they dysfunctional? Can we learn about ourselves by looking at them? We will read the Torah stories with which most of us are probably already familiar and view our biblical heroes (even our G-d) in human terms.
Mondays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Jan. 6, 13, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 24; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18
Fee per class: $240, $120 for members

BEIT MIDRASH NIGHT WITH RABBI ARI LUCAS

More about form than content (though there will be plenty of content), this class will cover a few of Rabbi Lucas’ favorite texts on a variety of topics. In preparation for each session, you’ll need a havruta (study partner). You can choose your own, or we can pair you up. As a havruta pair, your responsibility is to connect on your own schedule, learn and discuss a source sheet mailed to you in advance (tools for beginners, intermediate, and advanced learners to prepare the texts will be provided), and come to class prepared to review the texts and discuss in a larger group.
Tuesdays, 7:45-9 pm, Dec. 3, 10, 17
Fee: $120, free for members

TUESDAYS WITH NANCY CAPLAN

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW-ADVANCED BEGINNER TO INTERMEDIATE LEVEL, 9:15-10:15 AM
TEXT AND COFFEE: TORAH TEXT THROUGH MANY LENSES, 10:30-11:40 AM
Beginning with the book of Bamidbar, an exploration of Torah text with an eye toward how it can be interpreted by different, sometimes conflicting, approaches: from ancient to modern, from Jewish to other religions.
WHERE AND WHEN: JEWISH LAWS AND CUSTOMS — WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?, 12:30-1:30 PM
FIRST SEMESTER: Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10
Fee per class: $240, $120 for members

ROSH CHODESH WOMEN’S GROUP

In the monthly Rosh Chodesh Women’s Group, participants learn, share, and grow in a safe, loving environment. No prior knowledge of Hebrew or Torah needed, just the desire to learn and share with others. Led by Susan Werk, the group meets at 8 pm in private homes (unless otherwise noted).
Kislev: Tuesday, Dec. 3; Tevet: Thursday, Jan. 2; Shevat: Monday, Jan. 27; Adar: Wednesday, Feb. 26; Nisan, Women’s Seder at CAI: Wednesday, March 25, 7:45 pm; Iyar: Tuesday, May 5; Sivan: Tuesday, May 26

CLASSES WITH RABBI SILVERSTEIN

THE BOOK OF DANIEL, 10 AM
SELECTED ISSUES ON THE HOLOCAUST, 11 AM
Wednesdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18; Jan. 8, 15, 22; Feb. 12, 19; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20
CONTEMPORARY JEWISH THINKERS, MUSICIANS, AND ARTISTS, 9:30 AM
Thursdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19; Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20; March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 23, 30; May 14, 21
Fee per class: $240, free for members

MAKING THE TEXT RELEVANT WITH DEBBY MILLER AND MARILYN ROSE

JACOB’S ENCOUNTER: WRESTLING OR EMBRACING? SATURDAY, DEC. 14, FOLLOWING SERVICES
In this class, we will look at classical and contemporary art (written and visual) that illuminates the famous scene of Jacob wrestling with... an angel?... a man? ... himself?
The very ambiguity of the scene lends itself to personal response in art, poetry and midrash. We will explore ways of engaging with Torah through text and art, as participants, not JUST observers.

TEXT AND JEWISH POP WITH SUSAN WERK

An examination of Jewish topics that are revealed in contemporary TV and film, beginning with the phenomenon of “Shtisel” and moving into other Israeli and American productions, with traditional Jewish text supporting our conversations.
Thursdays, 10:30-11:45 am, Dec. 5, 12, 19;
A new class topic will begin in January.
Fee: $240, free for members

BOOK CLUB

DANIEL GORDIS: “WE STAND DIVIDED: THE RIFT BETWEEN AMERICAN JEWS AND ISRAEL”:
THURSDAY, DEC. 12, 12:30 PM
Discussion led by Rabbi Silverstein
Adult Education (continued)

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TUESDAY MATINEE AT CAI: JEWISH FILM SERIES

“CROSSING DELANCEY”: TUESDAY, DEC. 17, 1 PM

Thirty-something Isabelle "Izzy" Grossman (Amy Irving) spends her time going from her tiny, solitary West Side apartment to her grandmother's (Reizl Bozyk) on the Lower East Side. In between, Izzy builds a glowing reputation at the swank bookstore where she works. While her grandmother plots to find her a romantic match, Izzy is courted by a married, worldly author, Anton (Jeroen Krabbé), yet can't seem to shake the down-to-earth appeal of Sam (Peter Riegert), a pickle vendor.

Screening of film followed by congregant-led discussion

WISE AGING

ORIENTATION FOR A NEW COHORT
TUESDAY, JAN. 7, 1:30-3:30 PM

Wise Aging is designed to meet the social, emotional, and spiritual needs of Jewish seekers ages 60-80. Natalie Peck and Debby Miller are trained facilitators who guide this group (limited to 12 people), a national program they have brought to CAI. Participants should be genuinely looking for a transformative experience to bring new meaning in their lives and willing to try new practices in that quest.

Wise Aging members engage in reflective work to reach new understandings about their lives, selves, values, and Jewish practices. Learning modes include text study, contemplative listening, mindfulness meditation, exercises, reflection, and journaling. The group will meet regularly to learn, share experiences, and acquire skills for making changes that will lead to a deeper sense of well-being.

Contact Susan Werk at swerk@agudath.org or 973-226-3600; visit Jewishspirituality.org for more information.

Register at agudath.org/events

CAI TRIP TO ISRAEL

FAMILY ISRAEL ADVENTURE LED BY RABBI ARI LUCAS AND SUSAN WERK

Aug. 16-28, 2020

Your senses will be filled with the life, smells, sounds and textures of modern Israel, along with an appreciation of our connections to our Jewish roots and biblical history. Arranged by ITC Tours LLC. Contact tour manager Yafa at yafa@israeltour.com or 973-535-2575. View itinerary at www.israeltour.com/cai/rlucas/swerk.

Contact Rabbi Ari Lucas or Susan Werk at 973-226-3600, or email Rabbi Lucas at alucas@agudath.org or Susan at swerk@agudath.org

TO THE
National Museum of American Jewish History

TO EXPLORE A NEW, SPECIAL EXHIBITION,
Notorious RBG

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020
8 am — approximately 3:30 pm

The first-ever museum retrospective of the Supreme Court Justice-turned-pop-culture-icon, makes its east coast debut at the National Museum of American Jewish History through January 12, 2020.

Based on the New York Times best-selling book of the same name by Knizhnik and Irin Carmon, the visually rich and entertaining exhibition explores RBG’s legacy through archival photographs and documents, historical artifacts, contemporary art, media stations, and gallery interactives.

Travel to Philadelphia: Bus, subsidized by the Doris R. Werk College Youth Fund, will leave promptly at 8 am from CAI.
Cost: $25 per person; first come, first served
Registration will open soon.

Open to our Religious School and GOA families (11 years and older), CAI teens, and Adult Ed. Bring a bag lunch, snack will be provided. Special viewing of RBG documentary will take place on the bus ride.

Learn about the exhibit at www.nmajh.org.

All program information is subject to change. Get up-to-date information at agudath.org
Our school is committed to reflective practice — thinking deeply about our work, asking ourselves questions about what we have done, and refining our practices based on those conversations.

In the past few years, we have been thinking about literacy learning throughout the school and specifically for our fours, in the year before kindergarten.

A number of years ago, all of the pre-K teachers did a training on Handwriting Without Tears, learning how to support children in the foundations of their emergent writing. A few years ago, we added journal writing to our fours classes. And this year, we introduced our Literacy Lab.

All of these enhancements were carefully put in place to assure that our students go on to kindergarten with the skills and the confidence to be successful in their learning. Each of these additions was implemented in a manner that was in keeping with our commitment to developmentally appropriate practice, honoring children and acknowledging that children learn best through play.

The Literacy Lab is a place where students in our fours classes work in small groups on foundational literacy skills, including phonological awareness, oral language, concepts of print, phonemic awareness, and knowledge of the alphabet.

The room is designed to encourage children to work independently using different modalities; kinesthetic learning occurs through the use of the curriculum sounds in motion, visual learning through poems, tactile learning with loose parts and play dough, auditory learning through songs and rhyming.

Erica Negrin is our literacy specialist. Erica has been a teacher in our threes class and this year is excited to be taking on this new venture. Erica has a wealth of training and experience in the field. After completing her bachelor’s degree in elementary and special education and a master’s in early childhood and special education, she worked for five years as a special education teacher in an integrated co-teaching kindergarten classroom in New York.

Working with small groups of three or four children at a time has given Erica a chance to really assess each student’s skills and support them in building their confidence and targeting specific areas to strengthen their knowledge.

Throughout the year, the fours teaching team will have a chance to meet and reflect on what is going on in the Literacy Lab and how we can best prepare the children to become lifelong learners and lovers of reading.

Parents and teachers have already expressed enthusiasm about this new innovative program. We are proud once again to be breaking new ground as we develop new ways to encourage and support children’s learning.

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Need Help with Your Mitzvah Project?

If you are working on a project and would like to publicize it to gain support from the congregation, email a description of your project (in 50-75 words), and the type of support you need, to education@agudath.org.
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Celebrating the Two-Rabbi Founders Society

In August 2018, a new partnership between Rabbis Alan Silverstein and Ari Lucas marked the exciting start of an expanded rabbinic presence at CAI. For the first time in the synagogue’s nearly 100-year history, a second rabbi was added to its clergy team, highlighting the community’s commitment to its core religious mission.

This two-rabbi leadership model will remain a principal characteristic of the synagogue for years to come, pairing a highly experienced religious leader with a counterpart at the associate- or assistant-level. CAI’s capacity to build on its remarkable portfolio of programmatic, spiritual, educational, and social offerings is certain to flourish under this new leadership framework.

Making the initial shift to the two-rabbi paradigm required the support of all CAI members, whose dedication to the synagogue fueled our enthusiasm about the future. Twenty-nine families demonstrated their dedication by making philanthropic commitments as part of the Two-Rabbi Founders Society, which enabled the synagogue to undertake the expansion of its clergy team while continuing to invest in the areas that have made it a flagship center for Jewish life. These commitments made it possible to grow our programmatic infrastructure, fully empowering each member of our clergy team to teach, connect, inspire, and lead.

As we move through our second year as a two-rabbi congregation, we proudly recognize these generous families.

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Latkes, Love, & Listening: Communication Tips to Avoid Feeling Fahrklemt

You may be wondering what the connection is between latkes and communication. During the holidays, I always think about the togetherness of family and friends. We receive great pleasure from our warm, crispy latkes and our warm, crispy communications. But sometimes our communications become a little bit too crispy and we may feel we’ve been left on the frying pan a little too long.

How do our chats go from feeling good to not-so-good?

We’ve all been there. We’re having a nice chat with someone, and all of a sudden there is tension and discomfort, and everyone feels fahrklemt.

Distractions to conversation — The following is a list of culprits that interfere with warmth and closeness

**Tone of Voice** speaks much louder than our words. The biggest culprit here is usually anger. When the iron becomes hot, we naturally recoil from it.

**Yelling:** Resounding Mazel Tovs when the glass is shattered at a wedding? Joyful. Screaming at our children to get out of the road? Essential. Yelling in anger? Oy. None of us enjoys being the yeller or the yellee, so why do we do it? The answer I usually hear is: I don’t feel listened to. We all long to feel heard. Paradoxically, yelling has the opposite effect; it takes away our ability to relate, to think, to problem solve, to share feelings. We can no longer speak from the heart when anger, fear, and resentment loom large. And we may traumatize ourselves and our loved ones at the same time. More than one heart attack has been attributed to a loss of temper, and cowering away from anger leads us to depression, anxiety, drugs, and so forth because we feel at a loss to be able to soothe ourselves.

**Criticism:** “This dinner is delicious, thank you!” Good feelings. “Why don’t you cook like this every day? You’re never home! Remember back in July when you...,” etc. Not so much. This often launches us into attack/counterattack mode. Maybe it’s better to stop after appreciating the chicken.

**Name calling/labeling:** This one speaks for itself. Think feeling shamed. Think road rage.

**Lecturing:** Heading down this one-way street generally leads to eye rolling (visible or otherwise) and frustration for both parties. Stop at the stop sign, look both ways, and head down the nearest two-way street.

When we recite the brachah while lighting the candles on the Chanukiah, may our voices bring us together not only in harmony, but in emotional synchronicity so that we may feel together and nurtured. While munching on our tasty delights and recounting miracles, may our voices work with our ears, taking turns hearing, speaking, and loving.

Chag sameach!

— Andrea Malmud LCSW
CAI/JFS Zeller Family Social Worker
amalmud@agudath.org
Our community was honored to host Rabbi Michael Cohen of the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies in Israel for an inspiring Environmental Shabbat on Oct. 25-26. Rabbi Cohen is a longtime environmental activist, has served as president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association, and cofounded the Green Zionist Alliance. He is a prolific writer and has written about the peace process, politics, and more.

The Arava Institute is located on Kibbutz Ketura, approximately 30 minutes north of Eilat in the Arava Rift Valley. It is an academic hub for those conducting research on the most pressing environmental concerns of the day. It has five transboundary research centers dedicated to the investigation and preservation of arid lands and their natural resources across the Middle East.

The Arava Institute serves as a “bridge for peace” in the Middle East, drawing students, scientists, politicians, collaborators, educators, and entrepreneurs, of all religious and political persuasions, from Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Morocco, and other locations, including the United States. Rabbi Cohen reminds us: “Environmental issues know no political borders.”

The Center for Sustainable Agriculture is working to conserve the Negev and Arava Valley’s rare and endangered plants and is engaged in the study of endangered medicinal herbs, the search for crops that can be grown in arid and saline soil, and investigation into raising plants on marginal lands suitable for the production of ethanol for bio-fuel.

The Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation conducts research on energy policy, solar fuels, photovoltaic technologies, biomass, wind and solar thermal energy, and innovative building techniques to conserve energy in desert climates. It supports regional initiatives to test and launch small-scale renewable energy projects.

The Center for Transboundary Water Management provides a platform for regional water professionals and policy makers to cooperate in water conservation, desalination, wastewater treatment, and education. The open dialogue made possible by the center not only enables the flow of data but establishes lasting relationships built on trust and integrity between those who are responsible for the sustainable management of the region’s fragile water resources.

Rabbi Cohen shared the Torah’s environmental messages. The opening verses of Genesis not only tell of the creation of the earth, but speak of the importance of diversity and multiplicity. This applies to animals, people — and plants. Without biologic diversity, plants and crops are at risk for extinction. Regarding our relationship with the earth, he writes: “Humans were the last piece of the biological puzzle of creation. Being created last comes with immense responsibility in how we must care for all that was created before us. Our home is a small, fragile, magnificent oasis in the vastness of the universe. The Psalmist (24:1-2) writes, ‘The Earth belongs to the Lord, and everything on it.’ The Earth is on loan. When someone lends us something, we take special care of it.”

To learn more, visit arava.org or contact Rabbi Cohen at rabbimichael@friendsofarava.org. To join the action, join the CAI Environmental Committee!

Stay tuned for details about the Tu B’Shevat seder on February 10!

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**Do a Mitzvah! Recycle at CAI!**

Deposit used batteries, toner and ink cartridges, and compact fluorescent light bulbs in the drop-off box at the bottom of the stairs leading to the religious school. Dr. Gerry Buchoff will bring all your items to the recycling center.

—CAI Environmental Committee
Sisterhood meeting needs

Congregation Agudath Israel is such a vibrant community. Just as CAI education director Susan Werk seeks to meet the needs of “all ages and stages,” CAI Sisterhood also strives to meet the needs of all ages and stages of women in our community.

We finished last year with two wonderful programs: Glassworks came to CAI and we made fused-glass mezuzahs, and a full table of CAI women honored Judy Levenstein for her continuing dedication to Sisterhood Shabbat at the Women’s League “Waikiki Luau.”

Last month, we had two amazing events. We planted flowers (for the second time) in connection with “The Daffodil Project,” a living memorial to the children murdered in the Holocaust. And we had a beautiful Sisterhood Shabbat, again coordinated by Judy Levenstein and Sharon Hammerman.

We are planning more events that “speak to you.” “Make Your ‘Sunday,’” an open meeting for all Sisterhood members and prospective members, will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15, at noon. And join us for movie night on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 7:45 pm for “Crossing Delancey.”

Whether you are an ECC or religious school parent, empty-nester, or older adult, Sisterhood has something for you! To share your ideas about Sisterhood, come to our events or contact anyone on the Sisterhood board, including me, at cindyneil.goldstein@yahoo.com.

—Cindy Goldstein

Make Your Own "Sunday"
Dec. 15 at noon
For all Sisterhood Members and Prospective Members

Please join us for an open meeting to meet and greet — and eat ice cream.

We will share what we have in the planning stages for more outstanding Sisterhood events; we ask you to get involved and share your ideas with us.

For those with kids in religious school, many will be here at the same time for youth activities — why not come and treat yourself!

Register at agudath.org/events or contact president Cindy Goldstein at cindyneil.goldstein@yahoo.com.
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It’s All Happening at Men’s Club

So many tremendous things are happening with the CAI Men’s Club. Over 25 members helped put up the sukkah — a great contribution to the congregation. This year we added to the event by having a bagel and coffee breakfast as well.

More than 55 people attended the annual Spirits in the Sukkah event; this year the spotlighted beverage was beer. Everyone enjoyed the brews and the baseball game playing in the background. Considering it was held on a rainy mid-week night, the turnout was fantastic and several new Men’s Club members attended. A special thank you to Joseph Shumofsky for organizing Spirits in the Sukkah.

Men’s Club members also took down the sukkah, helped the Israel Committee with the Walk for Israel, and guarded the shul during the annual Mischief Night patrol.

We would like to acknowledge Steve Fichtenbaum, who worked hard as an usher on the High Holy Days, and whose name was not included in our list of volunteers in the November Voice.

The Northern NJ Region’s Men’s Club Man of the Year tribute dinner will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 4 pm at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael in Springfield. We are pleased to announce that this year’s CAI Men’s Club chapter honoree is Mark Englander. Mark has always been there to offer his help not only for the Men’s Club, but for the entire congregation. He heads Men’s Club communications, organizes the calendar, and coordinates the ushering for the High Holy Days. Please consider placing a full- or half-page ad in the event journal.

The Texas Hold ‘Em poker event, originally planned for December, is being postponed; information will be made available about a new date and a reinvigorated event.

The CAI Men’s Club monthly meeting — which will include a bourbon tasting — will be held Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 7:45 pm. We look forward to seeing you there. The next community event will be the annual blood drive on Sunday, Jan. 5, 9 am-1 pm. Please sign up in advance to donate blood; more details will follow.

We invite you to participate in and help lead our great events. For more information, contact president Jonathan Mehl at 201-403-4506 or jmnjesq@gmail.com or vice president Ari Berman at 646-369-4610 or ariberman23@hotmail.com.
Sunday, Oct. 27, was a great day at CAI. Although the weather was terrible, forcing us to hold our 18th annual CAI Walk for Israel indoors, there was a wonderful feeling of camaraderie. This was only the second time it has rained in our 18 years of walks. We are proud to say that in these 18 years, we have raised about $950,000 for worthwhile activities for Israel. Our goal for next year is to reach $1,000,000.

Thanks to all the members of the Walk for Israel committee for their many hours of meetings and preparation for the event. Additional thanks to:

- Our grand marshal, Rabbi Ari Lucas
- All the supporters and walkers
- Margie Samuels for designing the Walk for Israel shirt logo
- The Men’s Club volunteer Walk marshals
- The entire office and custodial staff for all their help
- Cantor Joel Caplan and the Tov M’od Choir for performing before the Walk
- Susan Werk for arranging for all the kids to participate
- The Caldwell Police for their assistance
- Chuck Rettig for the doughnuts, the Taubenfeld family for the fruit, and
- Jerusalem Restaurant for the Israeli food and pizza

Special thanks to Ann, Seth, and Mora Leeb for their donation, which came in after the T-shirts were finalized and so were not listed on the shirt. Also, special thanks to Margie Rozman, whose request to be a Patron, rather than a Partner, came in after the shirts were finalized.

Many businesses support our Walk and are listed on our shirts. We would like to recognize them once again for the entire congregation:

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“I would like to say a BIG thank you to all the ladies in the "Create for a Cause" group. Their recent donation … was extremely heartfelt. Our patients will be wrapped in their love! The blankets we were presented with … will provide comfort to those in need. Your generosity does not go unnoticed and we are so grateful for your contribution to our program.”
—Sincere thanks, Jean Oviedo, Ascend Hospice, Volunteer Coordinator

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with Karen Frank, RN, Congregational Nurse

Saturday, Dec. 7, 9:30 am

Shabbat is the time for quieting, stepping back from the hectic workday world, and entering a time of peacefulness and communion with nature and spirit.

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Drop in anytime!

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RSVP: Debbie Lurie, dlurie@agudath.org, or Caryn Snerson, caryn@micasports.com.
We gratefully acknowledge all who generously support Congregation Agudath Israel’s many programs by remembering and honoring friends and loved ones. Donations can be made on our website, www.agudath.org, or by sending a check to the synagogue office. If you would like to send out a tribute card or have any questions, please contact Allison Robinson, member services assistant, at 973-226-3600, ext. 110, or arobinson@agudath.org.

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