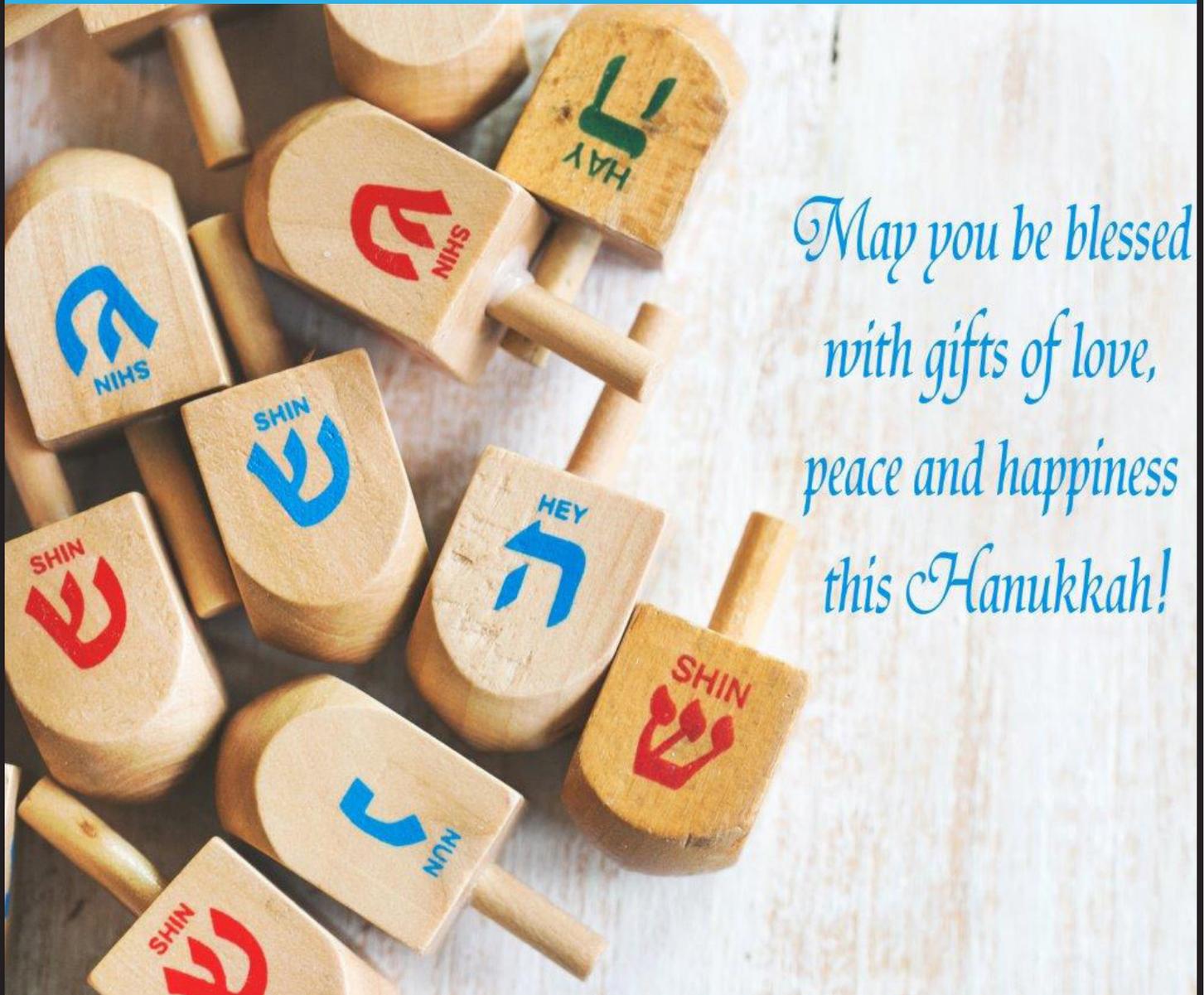




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**Second Annual CAI Comedy Night  
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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

For daily minyan and Shabbat morning times, see below, right-hand side.

**NOTE: Early and Late Friday night services are being COMBINED into the EREV SHABBAT SERVICE**

**Friday, December 1**

Erev Shabbat Service .....4:10 pm  
 Shabbat Dinner with speaker .....5:30 pm  
 Guest Speaker John Collins .....6:45 pm

**Saturday, December 2**

Shabbat Meditation.....9:30 am  
 Torah Chug .....10:15 am  
 Speaker .....11:00 am  
 Lunch N Learn.....12:45 pm  
 Minchah/Talmud Study/Maariv.....4:05 pm  
 B'not Mitzvah Brooke and Lara Tolstoi.....pm  
 Reception and Speaker .....7:00 pm

**Friday, December 8**

Erev Shabbat Service .....4:10 pm  
 Shabbat In PJs .....5:30 pm

**Saturday, December 9**

Minchah/Talmud Study/Maariv .....4:05 pm  
 Bat Mitzvah Emma Grumet.....pm

**Tuesday, December 12**

1st night of Hanukkah Celebration at CAI

**Friday, December 15**

Erev Shabbat Service .....4:10 pm  
 Erev Shabbat Monthly Service .....7:00 pm

**Saturday, December 16**

Minchah/Talmud Study/Maariv .....4:05 pm  
 Bar Mitzvah Joshua Scott .....pm

**Friday, December 22**

Erev Shabbat Service .....4:10 pm

**Saturday, December 23**

Minchah/Talmud Study/Maariv .....4:05 pm

**Friday, December 29**

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

**Saturday, December 30**

Minchah/Talmud Study/Maariv .....4:15 pm

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

DECEMBER

Friday, December 1 .....4:11 pm  
 Shabbat ends, Saturday, December 2.....5:21 pm

Friday, December 8 .....4:11 pm  
 Shabbat ends, Saturday, December 9.....5:21 pm

Friday, December 15 .....4:12 pm  
 Shabbat ends, Saturday, December 16.....5:22 pm

Friday, December 22 .....4:15 pm  
 Shabbat ends, Saturday, December 23.....5:25 pm

Friday, December 29 .....4:20 pm  
 Shabbat ends, Saturday, December 30.....5:30 pm

**DAILY SERVICES**

Mornings

Monday & Thursday.....6:45 am  
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday.....7:00 am  
 Sunday Talmud Study.....8:15 am  
 Sunday Shacharit.....9:00 am

Evenings

Sunday - Thursday.....7:30 pm  
 Friday.....(see schedule)  
 Saturday.....(see schedule)

**SATURDAY**

Services Begin.....9:00 am  
 Torah Study Group.....9:00 am  
 Torah Reading Chug.....10:15 - 11:00 am  
 (twice a month, ages 9-12)

Teen Service/Schmooze.....10:45 am  
 The following are at.....11:00 am

- Torah for Tots (ages 0-4)
- Mini-Minyan (grades K-2)
- Mini-Congo (grades 3-4)
- Jr Congo (grades 5-6)
- Kadima (grades 7-8)
- Shabbat Meditation 9:30 am, second Saturday of every month



Rabbi Silverstein

## Hanukah: The survival of the Jewish people has been “against all odds”

The customs and laws surrounding the lighting of the candles on Hanukkah are based on the principle of *pirsumei nisa* (“popularizing the miracle”) of Jewish survival in the face of enemies who seek to destroy us.

- For 8 days during the Amidah prayer, we give special thanks to God for the military victory during which God, “stood by [the Hasmoneans who took initiative] in the time of their distress...waged their battles, defended their rights, and avenged the wrong done to them. You [God] helped them deliver the mighty [Syrian Greeks] into the hands of the weak [Maccabees], the many into the hands of the few, the impure into the hands of the pure, the wicked into the hands of the righteous...”

The blessing over the Hanukah candles states, “Praised are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the Universe, who performed miracles for our ancestors, in those days AND IN OUR OWN DAYS”

The very nature of lighting candles attests to Jewish survival.

The teachings of the sage Hillel affirmed that we start with one candle the first night and then increase.

Why? In the Talmud [Shabbat 21B] refers to the Rabbinic principle: that in matters of sanctity, we strive to increase and not to decrease. Hillel’s message reflected survival. As the number of candles increase in number each evening, the ever larger volume of flame is meant to reassure oppressed people who worry that their own flames will die out, but rather will gradually increase.

Rabbi Daniel Gordis further points out that “each night as the candles burn low, the fires do not simply disappear. They flicker, seemingly ready to be extinguished, yet often one or more the candles suddenly leap back to life. Just when it seems that the collective flame is gone, it suddenly revives. Though the flames eventually WILL die out, we respond by lighting the flames again the next evening, even adding an additional candle or wick.” We simply will not allow the lights easily to go out. We are committed to Jewish survival!

The “Al HaNissim” (“about the miracles of survival”) paragraph is added throughout the 8 days of Hanukah. It states:

“You in Your great mercy, O God, stood up for our ancestors [amid their oppression by the Syrian Greeks], in the time of their distress. You took up their grievance, judged their claim, [and seeing it was JUST] avenged their wrong. You delivered the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few, the impure into the hands of the pure, the wicked into the hands of the righteous, and the non-believers into the hands of the diligent students of Your Torah.”

This Rabbinic composition is not merely about the Maccabees and their defeat of our oppressors in the 2nd century BCE. It addresses HOPE for all Jews who are threatened with genocide in every era. Al HaNissim offers faith that “the pure can triumph over the impure, that the few can sometimes prevail against the many, that moral purity can triumph in an era of spiritual pollution.”

In this manner, Hanukah calls attention to the miraculous survival of the Jewish people for millennia, persevering beyond all expectations, in spite of obstacles thrown our way! In the words of the prophet Malachi, in reminding the Jewish people of the miracle of their not having disappeared in the face of constant adversity, “Yet, you the children of Jacob – you have not ceased to be.” You have survived!

Finally, the song “Rock of Age,” sung upon lighting the candles each night, offers the image of God as of ‘Rock’ – strong, reliable, upon whom our rope of salvation. The stanzas of the song speak about the ultimate disappearance of the large empires that oppressed us, even while we have continued to survive.

May our celebration of Hanukah lead us to confidently preserve our sacred heritage lovingly into future generations.

Happy Hanukah,

Rabbi Alan Silverstein



Cantor Caplan

## The 98% Rule

“Just remember: 98% of all the plans you’ve made for this Bat Mitzvah / Bar Mitzvah / wedding celebration are going to work wonderfully. The other 2% are going to go wrong, in ways you could never predict. Your job is to concentrate on the 98%, not the 2%, and to enjoy the ride!”

I tell this to B/Mitzvah parents, to parents of the groom, parents of the bride -- and even to the bride and groom themselves, although they may not want to hear it.

It’s not a new concept, by any means. There’s a Jewish custom, when you build a house or paint a room, to leave a little bit unfinished. For instance, leave an upper corner unpainted, or a bit of floor untiled. It’s a *zecher l’churban habayit*, a remembrance of our destroyed Temple, saying in effect, “We can’t be completely happy while our Temple is gone.” We break glass at the end of a wedding for the same reason.

But in this custom, there’s also a reminder that nothing we do will ever be totally perfect. And during a B/Mitzvah weekend or a wedding, there’s always something that will go wrong -- sometimes in spectacular fashion. Uncle Sol’s plane flight gets cancelled. Aunt Shirley lands in the hospital. Your sister’s family gets a flat tire. The B/Mitzvah child is running a fever. The refrigerator breaks, and the platters you worked on spoil. And on, and on...

Of course, some things are riskier than others. Nancy grew up as a kosher caterer, and I’ve seen lots of weddings, so we both warn brides and grooms: Outdoor weddings can be beautiful, but they’re risky!

We’ve seen the wedding where the wind was constantly blowing the bride’s veil off, so she spent the whole ceremony with both hands clamped to the top of her head to keep the veil from soaring away.

Or the wedding where an enormous cloud of gnats appeared from nowhere and flew into the noses and ears of everyone there.

Or the wedding at sunset, where the officiating rabbi and I were fine, with our backs to the sun, but the bride and groom and all the guests were facing right into the sun, and spent the whole time squinting and shading their eyes. Etc., etc. If you want an outdoor wedding, by all means go ahead, but have Plan B ready.

We’ve all got stories. I was officiating for our son Ilan’s wedding. I’m a bit nervous; there are lots of details to get right, and I want the family to be pleased. The processional is almost over, and Anna, the bride, is walking around Ilan seven times, under the chupah. I think, “Great. I’ll take a second to prepare the wine we’ll need for kiddush.” I grab the wine bottle, give the cork an expert twist to pull it out -- and it shatters in my hand. Half the cork is still wedged down in the bottle. There’s no way I can pull it out.

In their wedding video, as the camera watches Anna circling Ilan, beaming as only a bride can, you see my face in the background, suddenly aghast.

Happy ending: Susan Werk was in the seats, and saw my expression. (Any of our choir singers can tell you that I’d be a terrible poker player; my emotions always show on my face.) While Anna was still circling, Susan came up calmly to the chupah and gave me a look of “Anything I can do?”

I thrust the bottle at her and hissed, “Pull this cork out!” She started to head out of the room, then thought for a second, stuck a finger in, and pushed the cork all the way into the bottle. Now I could at least pour the wine. She saved the day.

Anyway, even though the 2% may make for a great story later on, concentrate on the 98%!

***Kol Tuv! -- All the Best! -- Cantor Joel Caplan***

# Torah Pillar

## EVERY AGE & EVERY STAGE OF JEWISH LEARNING

### A welcoming home — dedications and rededications

As Chanukah approaches, I would like to focus on the significance of the name of the holiday.

After their defeat of the Greek-Syrian armies in 165 BCE, the Maccabees reclaimed the Holy Temple, which had been desecrated by the enemies. The victorious Jews cleared and cleaned the holy edifice, preparing it to once again be used for service to and worship of God. As they reaffirmed their faith and got ready to restore the sacred practices of the Holy Temple, they proclaimed a new chapter in Jewish life and held a dedication to sanctify the House of the Lord in Jerusalem. And from the Hebrew word for dedication — “hanukah” — we get the name of the holiday that commemorates those historic events.

Another ritual sprang from the idea of the Maccabees’ rededication of the Temple — “chanukat habayit,” the dedication of a new home. A new home deserves a ceremony; it is more than a physical structure — whether it’s a grand mansion or a modest apartment, it represents the place in which the spirit of the family who resides within it will be nurtured.

But I believe that with every “chanukat habayit,” we should not only sanctify the new abode we are moving into, but we should celebrate the old home that we are leaving.

Last month my father moved from his home of 52 years — the house I grew up in — to Caldwell. What a job it was to organize, clean, sort, discard, pack, move, and donate countless boxes and bags of possessions — the accumulation of a family’s lifetime! While the memories evoked by this enormous task poured over me, there was some sadness at the loss of my childhood home, but the overwhelming feelings were positive. I felt gratitude for a safe, sheltering place that protected me and my loved ones; appreciation for the joyous celebrations and gatherings that

produced the memories and gave us the strength that sustained us; finally an acknowledgement that the experiences we had created sacred time in this space — times of joy and sorrow, laughter and tears. In the midst of the packing and cleaning, there was a surprise for my father and me. A visitor stopped by because, she said, she just happened to be in the neighborhood. She had actually lived in my childhood house years before me, when she was a child. (She lived in the house from 1941 to 1958, I lived

there from 1965 to 1980.) I invited her in, and together we rediscovered the home of our youth. For her, of course, things had changed — rooms had been added and the space was arranged differently — but her memories of growing up in the house were vivid. She was able to explain to me why there was a crawl space in the basement, something I had always wondered about. “My father kept chickens down there,” she said. She also informed me that the letter “S” worked into the iron railing was for her family’s last name — and I always thought it was to celebrate me!

We both had the same bedroom as girls and shared the same love of the lilacs that bloomed alongside the house and the amazing fragrance that came through our open windows. The hour we spent wandering the house and recalling childhood memories of this space, shared but at different times, was magical. It was a wonderful parting gift and a perfect way for us both to express our gratitude.

My family and I did conduct a ceremony of gratitude as my father departed the house, acknowledging our thanks for the home that had sheltered us and given us loving memories to treasure.

My father is now beginning a new chapter of his life in a new home in Caldwell. In our chanukat habayit ceremony, we recited the prayer from “Talking to God” by Naomi Levy.



Chanukah begins the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 12

#### A Prayer for a New Home

Bless this home, God. May it be a shelter of peace, a joyous gathering place for family and friends. May its strength and beauty comfort us. May kindness, love, and health flourish within its walls. Help us, God, to live without excess and without envy. Teach us to take pride in the essential blessings: a roof over our heads, food on our table, heat in winter, light in the dark. Shield us from all harm, God. You are our true shelter, God, our Refuge, our Comfort, our Home. Amen

Enjoy the lights of Chanukah and joyful and meaningful family celebrations. Chag Urim Sameach!

*B'Shalom,  
Susan Werk  
Educational Director*



# Chanukah is coming!

Go beyond the gifts! Here are suggestions for interactive ways to engage with family and friends during the eight nights of the holiday:

- \* **Family dinner** — After lighting the menorah, have dinner as a family. Eat latkes (jelly doughnuts for desert), sing holiday songs, play dreidel (with candy, raisins, nuts, or pennies).
- \* **Game Night** — Each family member chooses his/her favorite game to play with the family. Examples: Monopoly, Life, Charades, Duck-Duck-Goose, Candyland, Bingo, etc.
- \* **Music Night** — Each family member chooses two favorite songs to teach and sing. Any musical instruments may be used (don't forget the pots and pans!).
- \* **Ice Cream Night** — Go as a family to a favorite ice cream parlor. Get an extra treat, a special topping or extra scoop).
- \* **Popcorn and Movie Night** — Rent a movie or cartoons for the family. Make some popcorn and enjoy a family "screening." Or go to a Sunday matinee as a family during Chanukah.
- \* **Book Night** — Go to the library or bookstore ahead of time and pick up some fun new books or grab some favorites from your bookcase. Each family member chooses one or two books or stories to read aloud or talk about.
- \* **Activity Night** — Purchase stickers, construction paper, mad libs, fun pads, stampers, envelopes, crayons, scissors, glue. Each family member creates artwork, a game, etc. Together the family can do the mad libs or the invisible fun pads.
- \* **Baking Night** — As a family, choose a favorite baked goods recipe. Go to the market to purchase all the necessary ingredients.



Divide up the responsibilities, cook (and clean up!) together. When your goodies are ready, sit down with some milk and enjoy!

\* **Chanukah Shabbat** — Light the chanukiah first, then light the Shabbat candles. Enjoy a special family meal. Invite another family with children of similar ages to join you.

- \* **Mitzvah Night** — Each family member chooses one nice thing to do for every other family member (clean the table, put away laundry, dust and vacuum, organize pots and pans).
- \* **Wish Notes** — Each family member writes (or draws) a note with something they wish someone would do for them or help them with (go ice-skating or to a movie together, help clean a room) and signs his/her name. All notes are placed in a bag or box. Each person selects a note (go again if you pick your own). Decide when the wish will be fulfilled.
- \* **Secret Admirer** — Place names of all family members in a hat. Each person draws a name secretly. During Chanukah, each person will do nice things secretly for that person. Examples: Leave cheerful notes in lunch bag or room, tidy up after them, leave inexpensive "goodies" like candy or stickers, leave coupons for jobs to be done. On the last night of Chanukah, small "gifts" are given at candlelighting time. Guess (and find out!) who the Secret Admirers have been and — give them a big "Thank You" and a hug!



## Family Shabbat Chanukah Dinner Friday, Dec. 15

6 p.m. Dinner and games

7 p.m. Family Service

Cost for dinner: \$15 per person, \$50 limit for family of four or more. Children under 5 free.

RSVP on events page at [Agudath.org](http://Agudath.org).

*Celebrate Chanukah with your CAI family!*



### Special dates

**Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-Dec. 2**

Shabbat scholar: John Collins Holmes, professor of Old Testament criticism and interpretation at Yale Divinity School

**Saturday, Dec. 2, 10-11:15 a.m.**

Shabbat Family Service with Erica Rabner & Susan Werk

**Sunday, Dec. 3, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.**

Chaverim event for K, 1, 2 — Magic Bob and pizza

**Friday, Dec. 8, 5:30 p.m.**

Shabbat in PJs, Sweats

**Thursday, Dec. 14, 5:30 p.m.**

ECC Family Chanukah Party

**Sunday, Dec. 17, 11:30 a.m.**

Chatuzim Event for 3rd, 4th, 5th graders — Pizza and Mitzvah Project

**Sunday, Dec. 17, 11:30 a.m.**

Kadima event for 6th, 7th, 8th graders

**Friday, Dec. 22**

ECC threes and fours early dismissal (including Extended Day)

**Sunday-Monday, Dec. 24-Jan. 1**

Religious School closed, winter break

**Monday-Monday, Dec. 25-Jan. 1**

ECC closed, winter break (not including Extended Day)

**Monday, Dec. 25**

ECC Extended Day closed

**Friday, Dec. 29**

ECC Extended Day closed

**Tuesday, Jan. 2**

ECC classes resume

### Interactive Shabbat Family Service

**Saturday, Dec. 2  
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### Early Childhood Center

Sunday, Dec. 3: Religious School Al Gagalim  
 Thursday, Dec. 7: ECC Curriculum Night — Literacy, 7:45 p.m.  
 Friday, Dec. 8: Shabbat in PJs, Sweats, 5:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, Dec. 14: ECC evening Family Chanukah Party, 5:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Dec. 22: ECC threes and fours early dismissal (including Extended Day)  
 Monday-Monday, Dec. 25-Jan. 1: ECC closed, winter break (not including Extended Day)  
 Monday, Dec. 25: ECC Extended Day closed  
 Friday, Dec. 29: ECC Extended Day closed  
 Tuesday, Jan. 2: ECC classes resume



### Primary (Kindergarten-Second Grade)

Saturday, Dec. 2: Shabbat Family Service with Erica Rabner and Susan Werk, 10-11:15 a.m.  
 Sunday, Dec. 3: Religious School K-2nd grade monthly programs  
 Sunday, Dec. 3: Chaverim event for K, 1, 2 — Magic Bob and Pizza, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
 Friday, Dec. 8: Shabbat in Sweats, 5:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Dec. 15: Family Shabbat Chanukah Dinner, 6 p.m. Family-Friendly Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.  
 Sunday-Monday, Dec. 24-Jan. 1: Religious School closed, winter break

### Elementary School (Third-Fifth Grade)

Saturday, Dec. 2: Shabbat Family Service with Erica Rabner and Susan Werk, 10-11:15 a.m. Torah Reading Team, 10:15 a.m.  
 Friday, Dec. 8: RS 5th grade Family Shabbat Social, 6:30-8 p.m.  
 Saturday, Dec. 9: Camp Shabbat, 11 a.m.  
 Friday, Dec. 15: Family Shabbat Chanukah Dinner, 6 p.m.  
 Friday, Dec. 15: Family-Friendly Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, Dec. 16: Torah Reading Team, 10:15 a.m.  
 Sunday, Dec. 17: Chatuzim Event, Pizza and Mitzvah Project, 11:30 a.m.  
 Sunday-Monday, Dec. 24-Jan. 1: RS closed, winter break

### Middle School (Sixth-Eighth Grade)

Saturday, Dec. 2: Shabbat Family Service with Erica Rabner and Susan Werk, 10-11:15 a.m. Torah Reading Team, 10:15 a.m.  
 Sunday, Dec. 3: Better Together Program, 10 a.m.  
 Tuesday, Dec. 5: B'nai Mitzvah 2018 parents informational meeting, 7:45 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15: Family Shabbat Chanukah Dinner, 6 p.m. Family-Friendly Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, Dec. 16: Torah Reading Team, 10:15 a.m.  
 Sunday, Dec. 17: Kadima Event, 11:30 a.m.  
 Sunday-Monday, Dec. 24-Jan. 1: RS closed, winter break

### Teens (Ninth-Twelfth Grade)

***Wednesdays are Teen Nights at CAI: Pizza & Shmooze, Current Issues, Modern Hebrew, and more***

Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20: Teen program, 6 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Dec. 13: USY Chocolate Chanukah, 7:45 p.m.  
 Sunday-Monday, Dec. 24-Jan. 1: RS closed, winter break

### Adults

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2: Scholar-in-residence John Collins Holmes, professor of Old Testament Criticism and Interpretation at Yale Divinity School  
 Wednesday, Dec. 6: Trip, NYC Subway Art Tour (off premises), 9:45 a.m.  
 Wednesday, Dec. 6: Film "The Women's Balcony," 8 p.m.  
 Monday, Dec. 18: Women's Rosh Chodesh Group at the home of Susie Bruch, 40 Hillcrest Rd., West Caldwell



### Adult Education Classes

Mondays, Dec. 4, 11, 18, at 10 a.m.  
**Rabbi Michael Jay**  
 Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19, at 9:30 a.m.  
**Nancy Caplan**  
 Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, at 10 a.m.  
**Rabbi Alan Silverstein**  
 Thursdays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, at 9:30 a.m.  
**Rabbi Silverstein and Susan Werk**

**MAY THE LIGHTS OF CHANUKAH AND  
THE FREEDOM THEY REPRESENT BURN BRIGHTLY  
FOR YOU AND FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.**



**Happy Chanukah from the CAI Legacy Circle**



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- Shai Lindsey Kartus
- Gail & Max Kleinman
- The Larkey Family
- The Lewin Family

**IN THEIR OWN WORDS**

**CAI's newest Legacy Circle members share their personal reasons for giving.**

In the June 2017 edition of The Voice, we asked the members of the CAI Legacy Circle—each of whom has committed to providing for the shul's financial future—to tell us about the meaning behind their gift. What compelled them? Who inspired them? Why Agudath?

The responses we received were moving testimonials that described all the ways that CAI has touched the lives of its Legacy Circle members.

With 58 member households currently in the Legacy Circle, we decided to ask our newest members (denoted below by an asterisk) to share their personal stories, adding to those that already have a permanent place in CAI's history. Here's what some of them had to say:

"People who came before us poured their blood, sweat, and tears into making Agudath all that it is today for our children and family. By making a Legacy commitment of our own, we pay tribute to their extraordinary efforts by following their example. **CAI is meaningful to us as a place where our kids feel a sense of belonging, where we experience the warmth of prayer and community, and where we turn for support in both good times and bad.** Preserving these characteristics for future generations—including our children's—is an important illustration of what Judaism teaches us."

For a child of Holocaust Survivors, honoring and celebrating Yiddishkeit without guilt or shame was a blessing when I became part of the CAI Education Department. With help from my mentors, Susan Werk (who discovered me) and Cantor Caplan (who allowed me a first look at the inside of a Torah scroll), I found the place to use my Jewish education. Nurturing relationships with CAI children and parents, fostering their love for being openly Jewish, has been my reward. **I sometimes refer to CAI as my sanctuary, my safe place.** I want to help sustain the welcoming, non-judgmental atmosphere by supporting continuity of committed future administrations, providing a home for all to find answers to the question: "Why Be Jewish?" I am thankful for this opportunity. It feels right. It feels good. I'm glad I made this decision.

- Amy & Bill Lipsey
- Linda & Michael Lowenthal
- Debra & David Lurie
- Etta & Froman Mehl
- Michele & Jonathan Mehl

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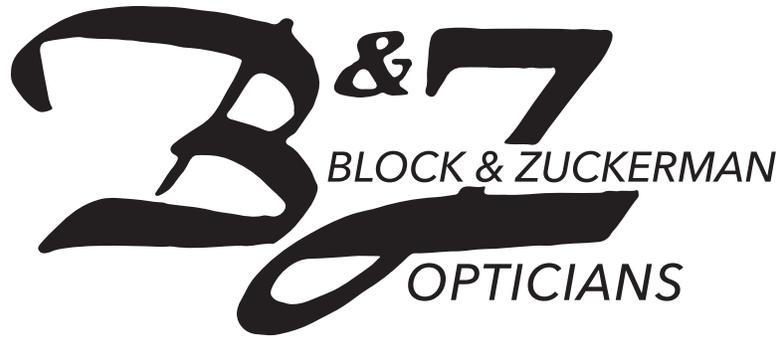
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The CAI Legacy Circle is an inspiringly generous group of 58 member households that are committed to Agudath's financially healthy future. As part of the Create a Jewish Legacy movement, CAI's Legacy Circle members have declared their intent to provide for the next generation of Agudath families through planned giving. By designating the shul as a beneficiary of life insurance policies, IRAs, wills, and other forms of planned philanthropy, the Legacy Circle members are leading the way toward CAI's sustainability.

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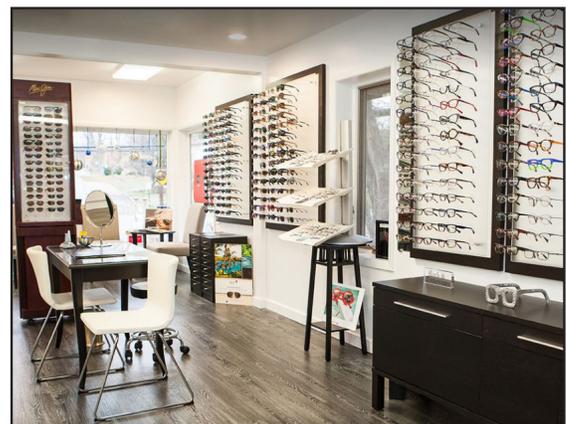
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# Sunday Afternoon

# March 11, 2018



If you would like to participate in the planning of this event, field a team or have any questions, please contact Cindy Goldstein at (201)320-0017 or

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**WORLD JEWRY COMMITTEE**

**VISIT JEWISH POLAND: What Is Today and Was what Has Been Lost Forever**

Former Director of USY Jules Gutin, will again be leading an insightful, important and poignant trip to Jewish Poland this summer. Our members Rabbi David Saltzman and his wife Judy Fabricant participated on one of these trips let by Jules Gutin and recommends it, as well. For further information, please be in touch with Rabbi Saltzman or Judy through Rabbi Richard Hammerman, Chairman, CAI World Jewry Committee, rahammermn@aol.com

From Jules Gutin:

I am pleased to tell you that the USY Poland Seminar for Adults had a very successful summer in 2017, and we are now looking forward to the summer of 2018. This coming summer the USY Poland Seminar for Adults begins in Poland on Tuesday July 3, and concludes on Tuesday July 10. Information about the trip is available on the USY website at [www.usy.org/parents/polandseminar-for-adults/](http://www.usy.org/parents/polandseminar-for-adults/) The registration form, tentative itinerary, price and other details are all available on the website. If you have difficulty accessing it or if you have specific questions please don't hesitate to contact me at [gutin@uscj.org](mailto:gutin@uscj.org). If you have friends or family who might be interested please share this information with them.

I also wanted to let you know that I will be leading an independent trip to Poland for young professionals (ages 25-35). That trip will begin in Poland on Tuesday July 24, concluding on Tuesday July 31. It will be offered at a substantially subsidized price. Final information should be available soon. In the meantime, if you know of anyone who might be interested, please refer them to me at [hhseminars@gmail.com](mailto:hhseminars@gmail.com)

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### Seeing our Divine Selves in our Journey Binders

We all hold fast to the idea that we have all been created in the Divine image. As such, we all have unique qualities inspired by God that are manifest in all that we do.

This notion, as many of our core beliefs, seems like a difficult idea to instill in very young children.

And yet, we have found over the last three years that we are able to convey this message through our Journey Binders.

Each child in our Early Childhood Center has a binder in their classroom. Every month or two the teacher records an observation of the student's development. The teacher highlights the awe and wonder that we notice about each child in the classroom.

This year, the third year of having Journey Binders in our school, will be the first year that children finish our program with a binder that truly tells the story of their life at Agudath Israel.

As our use of the Journey Binders has evolved the last few years, we have seen its role in the classroom evolve as well.

In the First Year, teachers reflected with children on their own growth and development. Students enjoyed looking at the binders and commenting on the photos. Very young children began to have the capacity to think about their own unique qualities.



During the Second Year, we began to invite parents to reflect with the children on the journey binders. Through the Journey Binders, parents were able to be a part of understanding the special gifts we saw in their children.



This year, we have seen a new level of involvement with the binders. Children are now thinking about the reflections the teachers have made and celebrating their own hard work by sharing it with others.



They feel proud and confident when others notice their good ideas. It elevates their ideas about their work and creates a community that respects the thoughts, process and product of another. It often gives children new ideas and a desire to do something of their own, in their own way.

In doing so, they are actually noticing their own Divine Selves.

Slowly and intentionally our school has become a place where the whole community, students, teachers and parents, unite in an appreciation of the Godliness inside all of us.



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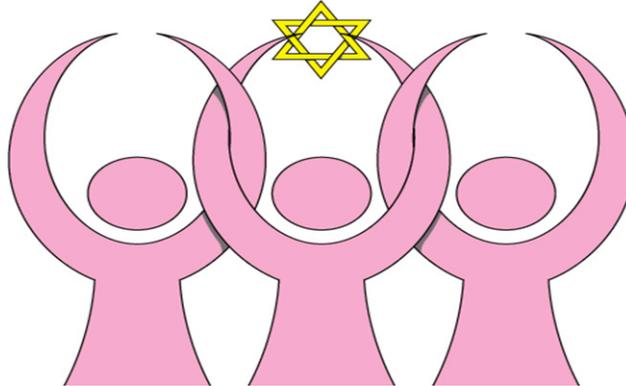
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**TIME TO SIGN UP TO BE A PART OF SISTERHOOD SHABBAT:****JANUARY 27, 2018**

Please note that Sisterhood Shabbat is Saturday, January 27, 2018. Parsha B'Shallach those who wish to participate are encouraged to contact Sharon Hammerman at [sfhammermn@aol.com](mailto:sfhammermn@aol.com) or Judy Levenstein at [jmlevenstein@gmail.com](mailto:jmlevenstein@gmail.com) who is coordinating Torah readers. Our guest speaker will be Anna Silversman. Anna is originally from Poland and is currently studying to be a Cantor at JTS. She has been to CAI with Cantor Caplan previously and has shared both her story and her beautiful voice with us. Sisterhood Shabbat will be another opportunity for us to hear her voice and be inspired by the story of her immigration and what she has accomplished since arriving in America several years ago.

**Sisterhood News**

Thank you all for joining us in October for the Torah Fund event and a special thank you to the Kartus Family for hosting so many of us in your home! It was a wonderful turnout and Ben Gersten was masterful at helping us to explore the story of the binding of Isaac in a little more depth and how art along the ages have also explored this central story in our teachings.

We are in full swing starting our preparation events for Sisterhood Shabbat and this spring's Mahjong Madness. Details on both will be coming out shortly so please go ahead and mark your calendars for both!

Sisterhood Shabbat - **Saturday, January 27**

Mahjong Maddness - **Sunday, March 18**

I've also received feedback that there may be some members who have an interest in regularly scheduled weekday afternoon Mahjong, Bridge and Jazzercise activities. If this is something you would like to lead and/or participate in please let us know by sending an email to [sisterhood@agudath.org](mailto:sisterhood@agudath.org).

I also want to take a moment to share with you that we will be revamping the regularly scheduled monthly meetings. While these have been traditionally set up as working meetings, we are opting for a more informal approach for the next few months. Come out, grab a coffee and connect with those around you even if it's just for a few minutes. Who knows, you may just meet a few new friends and decide Sisterhood leadership is for you! Our next meetings are scheduled on **December 17 at 9:30**.

Hope to see many of you there.

Sasha Paillet Koff



**MEN'S CLUB**

We were thrilled with the huge turnout for the Men's Club Man of the Year dinner honoring our own Josh Henry among others. I believe it was the largest turnout from our Shul for this event up until now. Josh has done so much for the shul as well as the men's club, that we all were pleased to honor him.

We want to thank all the men's club volunteers for mischief night patrol. With the beefy men we had on duty, no one would have dared to mess with our shul.

**December 5** is the Men's club Texas Hold'em Tournament. Last year it was run by Jared Green, but we are looking for people to help with it this year. If you would like to help, please contact me as soon as possible.

Our next men's club meeting is **Sunday, December 10 at 9:30 am**. Look forward to seeing a good turnout.

Just an early reminder that the Agudath Blood Drive is scheduled for **January 7, from 9:00 am** until Noon. Give early, give often!

Alfie Mahler, President



**Shabbat Meditation**



Begin Shabbat in stillness. 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. Begin your Shabbat with meditation on ten Saturday mornings this year. You will feel a sense of peace, tranquility, and awareness that will enhance your Shabbat experience.

**Instructor:** Karen Frank, RN, Congregational Nurse

**Time:** Saturdays at 9:30 am

**Dates:** December 2, January 6, February 3, March 3, April 14, May 5, June 2

**Location:** Conference Room in the Toby Shapiro Library, Learning and Conference Center

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Stay tuned for more details  
and registration.



**FLASH!****NEWS from CAI JEWISH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE!****ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Nigel Savage, Founder and CEO of HAZON, the largest Jewish environmental group, spoke at CAI on Shabbat, October 28th; we had very positive feedback! Bat Mitzvah Maya Schulman's D'var Torah inspired us when she said that each of us can be a "bracha", a blessing. Nigel followed up by sharing Jewish teaching that relates to how we can be a blessing by doing what we can to sustain our environment. He engaged us in Jewish text study and discussion, and provided many ideas for what we can do individually, and as a congregation, to sustain the environment. Hazon staff member Rachel Aronson shared with us activities and strategies that now are being used at other congregations, including Conservative synagogues (so we don't have to "re-invent the wheel")! As a result of having Nigel and Rachel speak, at least 7 CAI members have joined our Environmental Committee to work on projects that we can do as a community!

**Programs/projects now are being planned "for every age and at every stage", including some with the Social Action Committee, Interfaith Committee, and Education Department, USY including:**

- An Environmental Shabbat retreat weekend for families and individuals (and also the possibility of day trips), with the Social Action Committee!
- Screening of an important environmental film with discussion, with the Interfaith Committee!
- Working on completing and submitting our application for Green Energy Shield certification (with Hazon Sustainability certification also possible)!
- Providing education and activities related to learning about nature by being engaged in it, planned with the Religious School and Adult Education!
- Researching "environmentally friendly practices", including recycling, to learn what is being done in other communities and by other congregations.

**We welcome you to join us!**

**Next Meeting of the CAI Jewish Environmental Committee:**

**Wednesday 7:45 pm, December 13, 2017**

Happy Hanukkah!

Contact co-Chairpersons Linda Lowenthal at lowenthals@msn.com OR Harriet Sepinwall at hsepinwall@gmail.com to learn more.

**CAI JEWISH ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

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**DAILY STEPS** we all can take to **help sustain the environment** (prepared by CAI Jewish Environmental Committee member Bruce Revesz):

1. **Take canvas or other types of strong bags when shopping** not only at the market but any other shopping too. If necessary, leave them in the seat of your car to avoid forgetting them. This will result in less use of plastic bags. Annually, Target gives away enough plastic bags to wrap around the earth 7 times! Americans use 100 billion plastic bags a year which require 12 million barrels of oil to manufacture!
2. **Use health approved re-usable bottles for drinking water or any other beverages, not plastic bottles!** There are 50 billion water bottles consumed worldwide every year, about 30 billion of them in the U.S. which means 1,500 per second consumed in the U.S. We use 17 million barrels of oil each year just to produce those plastic water bottles!
3. **Avoid car idling** when using your phone in the car - or for any reason!
4. **If you or your lawn service uses pesticides, switch to organic products** that do the job!
5. Remember to **turn off lights and other electronics when not needed!**
6. **Do not throw away prescription medications and over-the-counter products in the toilet!** [Some pharmacies will take them and discard properly. Some communities offer a drop-off program. Check with your local town hall to see if they participate.]
7. **Bring your used batteries** to the **battery drop-off box at CAI!** Check with the office to get the specific location.
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**Andrea Malmud**

## Resilience and Refuah: Coping With Violence In the News.....The Magic of The Golden Latkes

What greater comfort food: latkes. The crackle of oil, the smell, the taste, the smear of apple sauce at Chanukah time.

Often nowadays we find ourselves with a queasy feeling in the pits of our stomachs prior to clicking on the TV or the computer. As a result of the rash of violence we have been witnessing in recent months, we are becoming conditioned to experiencing anxiety as we peruse the headlines of the day. Solace comes in many forms, not the least of which is our Jewish crispy golden treat, shared by family and friends.

Much is being written about how to talk with our children about tragic, seemingly unspeakable events, and I'll share some ideas below. At this time, I'd like to emphasize the single most important aspect of helping our families: helping ourselves first, as adults.

We share the same worries as our children, and these concerns are often two sides of the same coin. Whereas our children may be afraid to leave us to go to school, we may feel reluctant to let them go, out of fear of school violence. While they are suddenly getting into fights at school, we're finding ourselves impatient and perhaps short-tempered. Their grades may be slipping/our productivity is not the same as it was. And we all may be having trouble sleeping.

We're all troubled by the same essential question:

Can this happen to me or to someone I love?

When that question haunts us, there are things that we can keep in mind in order to soothe ourselves, as follows. Soothing ourselves is, to our children, a gift. Once we give ourselves this gift, we can pass along the following ideas to our children as well:

1. Realigning our thinking: although recent violent events are massive, they're not common. They feel like they are. Let's keep in mind that feelings are not facts. While our hearts ache for the victims, our heads can remind us that the event is not occurring with great frequency.
2. A current event may trigger memories of a previous traumatic event. 9/11 of course comes to mind. It is important to think about the differences, and to talk about this with another adult if we're not able to uncouple them on our own.
3. We all take cues from others around us. Calmness is contagious, as much as anxiety is contagious, so it's important to try to limit the level of emotional expression in the home.
4. Structure, structure, structure. It is the main ingredient in maintaining a sense of control. Let's stick to normal routines as much as possible.
5. Community: there's none better than our very own congregation.
6. Find something to laugh about. Yes, sometimes it is indeed the best medicine.

Would you like to have a conversation? Or would you like further information? Call me, e-mail me. I'll listen even more closely if you're munching on that latke.

Andrea Malmud, LCSW

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**DECEMBER AT CAI!**

**Scholar in Residence: John J. Collins - December 1 and Saturday, December 2**

John J. Collins is the Professor of Old Testament Criticism and Interpretation at Yale Divinity School.

A native of Ireland, Professor Collins was a professor of Hebrew Bible at the University of Chicago from 1991 until his arrival at YDS in 2000. He has published widely on the subjects of apocalypticism, wisdom, Hellenistic Judaism, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

**Friday, December 1**

4:10 pm Shabbat Services

5:30 pm Shabbat Dinner with speaker - \$18.00 per person – RSVP on the events page of Agudath.org

7:00 pm Lecture on Hebrew Scriptural underpinnings of the idea of a messiah. During this lecture he will discuss the idea of the king being conceived as the son of God in Samuel, Kings and especially Psalms.

**Saturday, December 2**

9:00 am During weekly parshah class: the impact of the Book of Daniel, probably the last book of the Hebrew Scriptures to be composed, on messianic thinking.

After Kiddush Lecture: Professor Collins will discuss how messianic ideas were developed in late Second Temple Judaism and in the Qumran community.

7:00 pm Lecture on the subject of how Christian Jews developed these Jewish ideas into messianic Christian thinking.

**ADULT EDUCATION**

Congregation Agudath Israel and its Adult Scholarly Education Group is pleased to welcome John J. Collins, the Holmes Professor of Old Testament Criticism and Interpretation of the Yale Divinity School, for a Shabbaton on Decembers 1 and 2, devoted to the development of Jewish messianic thinking. Professor Collins is a world renowned authority on Second Temple literature, on apocalypticism, on Wisdom literature, on Hellenistic Judaism and on the Dead Sea Scrolls. He is the author of a veritable library of books on these subjects, including two with particular relevance to the topic upon which Professor Collins will be lecturing at CAI, that is, *The Sceptre and the Star: The Messiahs of the Dead Sea Scrolls and Other Ancient Literature* and *King and Messiah as Son of God* (this book co-authored with Professor Collins' wife, Adela Yarbro Collins). Professor Collins will be speaking Friday night at 7 pm, after services (at 4:10 pm) and a dinner, (at 5:30pm at \$18 per person), about the relationship between king and the messiah and the royal ideology in ancient Judah. (All are welcome to participate in the dinner for which there will be a small fee. On Saturday morning, at 9:00 am, Professor Collins will lead the weekly Torah parshah class and will speak about the "Fallen Booth of David," that is, how the collapse of the Davidic monarchy transformed Jewish hopes in Second Temple times regarding a restoration of the Davidic kingship and the impact of those hopes on messianic thinking. During morning services, Professor Collins will deliver a sermon entitled "What does the Lord want of us? -- a discussion of the Prophet Micah." After kiddush, Professor Collins will teach in a lunch and learn format about other non-kingly Messiahs, such as priestly, prophetic and heavenly messiahs (such as the Son of Man concept found in the book of Daniel.) Finally after shabbes ends, at 7:00pm, Professor Collins will lecture on "How did Christianity Adapt the Ideas Found in Jewish Messianic Expectations through Jesus and other messiahs of Israel. A dessert reception will follow.



The series of lectures by Professor Collins are the second series of lectures hosted this year by the CAI Adult Scholarly Education Group. They come on the heels of the very successful two lecture series conducted by Professor Baruch Schwartz of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in September of this year on the books of Chronicles and Ezekiel. These learning opportunities follow a year of lectures and classes offered by Professors Benjamin Sommer of JTS, Joel Baden of Yale Divinity School and Baruch Schwartz on scholarly ways of understanding Torah and how one might reconcile these ideas with traditional observance. The Adult Scholarly Group has more lectures planned for this year. CAI is committed to providing an opportunity to delve into Jewish studies at the very highest caliber with world class teachers at no cost."

**Wednesday, December 6 at 9:45 am - NYC Subway Art Tour**

Register: On the Events page of Agudath.org. Registration will open one month prior to the trip.

Meeting location: McDonald's on 51st Street and Broadway

Cost: \$30.00

Many people think of the New York City subway as one of the largest, most efficient, if not the cleanest mass transit systems in the world. Few, however, think of it as the largest and longest art gallery on the planet.

Well, they don't know what they are missing. This lively walking AND subway riding tour visits several subway stations to experience a selection of these striking, often whimsical works that go largely unnoticed by the general public.

**\*\*Please note all registration and information is available on the events page of Agudath.org. Registration for trips will be open one month prior to the trip. Tours are non-refundable. Participants are responsible for their own transportation.**

**Tuesday Adult Ed with Nancy Caplan**

**9:15 - 10:15 am:** Conversational Hebrew Advance Beginner to Intermediate level

**10:30 - 11:40 am:** Text and Coffee – Torah text through many lenses. Together let's explore Torah text with an eye towards how it can be interpreted by different, sometimes conflicting approaches: from ancient to modern from Jewish to other religions. We will begin with the book of Exodus.

**1:00 - 2:00 pm:** Where and When - Looking at where and when laws and customs originated. Is it ancient or modern, and where in the world did it begin?

Instructor: Nancy Caplan

Dates: First Semester: December 5, 12, 19; January 2, 9

Second Semester: January 23, 30; February 6, 13, 27; March 6, 13, 20; April 10, 17, 24; May 1 Location: Conference Room in the Toby Shapiro Library, Learning and Conference Center

Cost Per Class: \$120 CAI member, \$240 non-member - for either one of the above classes

**Film *The Women's Balcony***

**Wednesday, December 6 at 7:45 pm**

An accident during a bar mitzvah celebration leads to a gender rift in a devout Orthodox community in Jerusalem, in this rousing, good-hearted tale about women speaking truth to patriarchal power.

When the women's balcony in an Orthodox synagogue collapses, leaving the rabbi's wife in a coma and the rabbi in shock, the congregation falls into crisis. Charismatic young Rabbi David appears to be a savior after the accident, but slowly starts pushing his fundamentalist ways and tries to take control. This tests the women's friendships and creates an almost Lysistrata-type rift between the community's women and men.

**Wednesdays With Rabbi Silverstein**

**10:00 am** - Book of Job; Why Do Good People Suffer?

**11:00 am** - Great Zionist Thinkers – Herzl, Ahad Ha'am, A.D. Gordon, Jabotinsky, Louis Brandeis, Eliezer Ben Yehuda and others

Instructor: Rabbi Silverstein

Dates: Wednesdays, Fall Semester: December 6, 13, 20; January 3, 10, 17

Spring Semester: March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Location: Conference Room in the Toby Shapiro Library, Learning and Conference Center

Cost: Free for CAI members, \$240 non-member per semester

**AND MORE AT CAI...**

**Thursdays With Rabbi Silverstein and Susan Werk**

9:30 am - Rabbi Silverstein presents: Contemporary Jewish Thinkers, Musicians, Artists. Periodic session with Cantor Joel Caplan and CAI artists

10:30 am - Susan Werk presents: The Drama of King David and How It Relates To Contemporary Issues. Taught through text, art and literature

Instructors: Rabbi Silverstein and Susan Werk

Dates: December 7, 14, 21; January 4, 11, 18, 25;

February 1, 8, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22; April 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Location: Conference Room in the Toby Shapiro Library, Learning and Conference Center

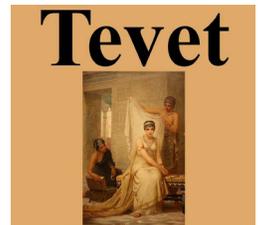
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Born in Queens into a family with a long line of cantors, composers, both classical and vaudeville musicians, Statman's early musical memories include klezmer melodies, Tin Pan Alley and Broadway show tunes, Hasidic songs, 1950's rock and roll, Big Band Jazz and classical music.

He started playing bluegrass when he was 12 years old and was soon performing with local bands. At 17, he studied saxophone, while expanding his mandolin playing. Seeking to broaden his horizons, Statman began to study and play Greek, Albanian and Azerbaijani music.

As a clarinetist, Statman zeros in on the centuries-old Hasidic melodies that lie at the heart of klezmer music, galvanizing them with other spiritually oriented ethnic styles

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ISRAEL COMMITTEE



Sunday, October 22 was a wonderful day at CAI. The weather was beautiful and we held our 16th Annual CAI Walk for Israel. The theme was the 50th Anniversary of the Unification of Jerusalem. We are proud to say that in the 16 years, we have raised over \$800,000 dollars for worthwhile activities in Israel, such as Special Needs Bar/Bat Mitzvot, Lone Soldier Program, Outreach to Teens, and many more.

We have been asked whether donations can still be made. The answer is Yes. If you want to donate, please write a check to "CAI – Israel Fund" and put "Israel Walk" in the memo section of your check and mail your check to the synagogue office.

Thanks to all the members of the Walk Committee for their many hours of meetings and preparation for the walk. Additional thanks to:

- All the Supporters and Walkers.
- Margie Samuels for designing the Walk Shirt logo
- The Walk Marshals
- The entire Office & Custodial Staff for all their help
- Cantor Joel Caplan & the Tov M'od Choir for their songs before the Walk
- Susan Werk for arranging for all the kids to participate
- Rabbi Alan Silverstein for being Grand Marshal
- Chuck Rettig for the doughnuts, Nat Taubenfeld for the fruit, and Jerusalem Restaurant for the Israeli food

Special thanks to the Wernick Family for their donation, which came in after the walk shirts were finalized and thus were not listed on the shirt.

Next year's Walk theme will be the 70th Anniversary of the State of Israel.



Lee Gladstein & Harvey Hershkowitz



## An Expression of Gratitude

We are grateful to have so many congregants who, throughout the year, provide food to battle hunger among the destitute within our local communities. This war against hunger takes many forms. For a number of years, we have collected food in the bins placed outside the CAI office to contribute to our local food pantries. These donations must be unexpired non-perishables in boxes, jars or bags with unbroken seals. Congregants also donate their time to dispense food at various foodbanks and soup kitchens, attending to those most in need.

One week each year, under the auspices of the Interfaith Hospitality Network, CAI hosts families who are temporarily without the means to obtain food or shelter. CAI volunteers also work with other participating houses of worship to provide food and companionship during the course of the year. For example, in October, we provided dinners for families who were temporarily residing at Grace Presbyterian Church in Montclair. Henry Gerstman, the coordinator of volunteers at Grace Presbyterian, asked that I share with our entire congregation the Church's heartfelt appreciation for this help.

Brenda Myrick, the Director of Housing and Social Services for IHN has also expressed her gratitude to all participating congregations, without which there would be no IHN. The success rate of this program, in assisting families to regain their economic footing and achieve independence, has been remarkable. Unfortunately, these types of financial dislocations have been on the rise, and the number of families needing such assistance has been increasing.

Our work in providing longer term room and board via congregants who have opened their own homes to asylum seekers, is another powerful example of our commitment. In so doing, we observe the imperative in our Torah to remember and to attend to the stranger and to the poor, and we recognize that to leave them hungry and homeless is a great sin, fundamentally contrary to a Jewish way of life.

In all of these efforts, we make common cause with many other congregations, Jewish and non-Jewish, against the scourge of hunger and destitution, that not only destroys the lives of adults, but the lives of their children, as the harm of societal inaction are multi-generational.

So, to end where I began – thank you for your help! Let us all redouble our efforts. By the time this article comes out, Thanksgiving may have passed, but its significance continues -- there is no greater way to give thanks for what we have than to share our own good fortune in our giving.

Karen Eisenberg  
Co-chair Social Action Committee



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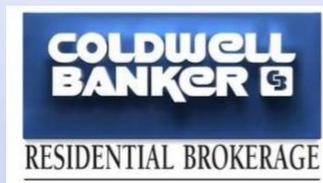
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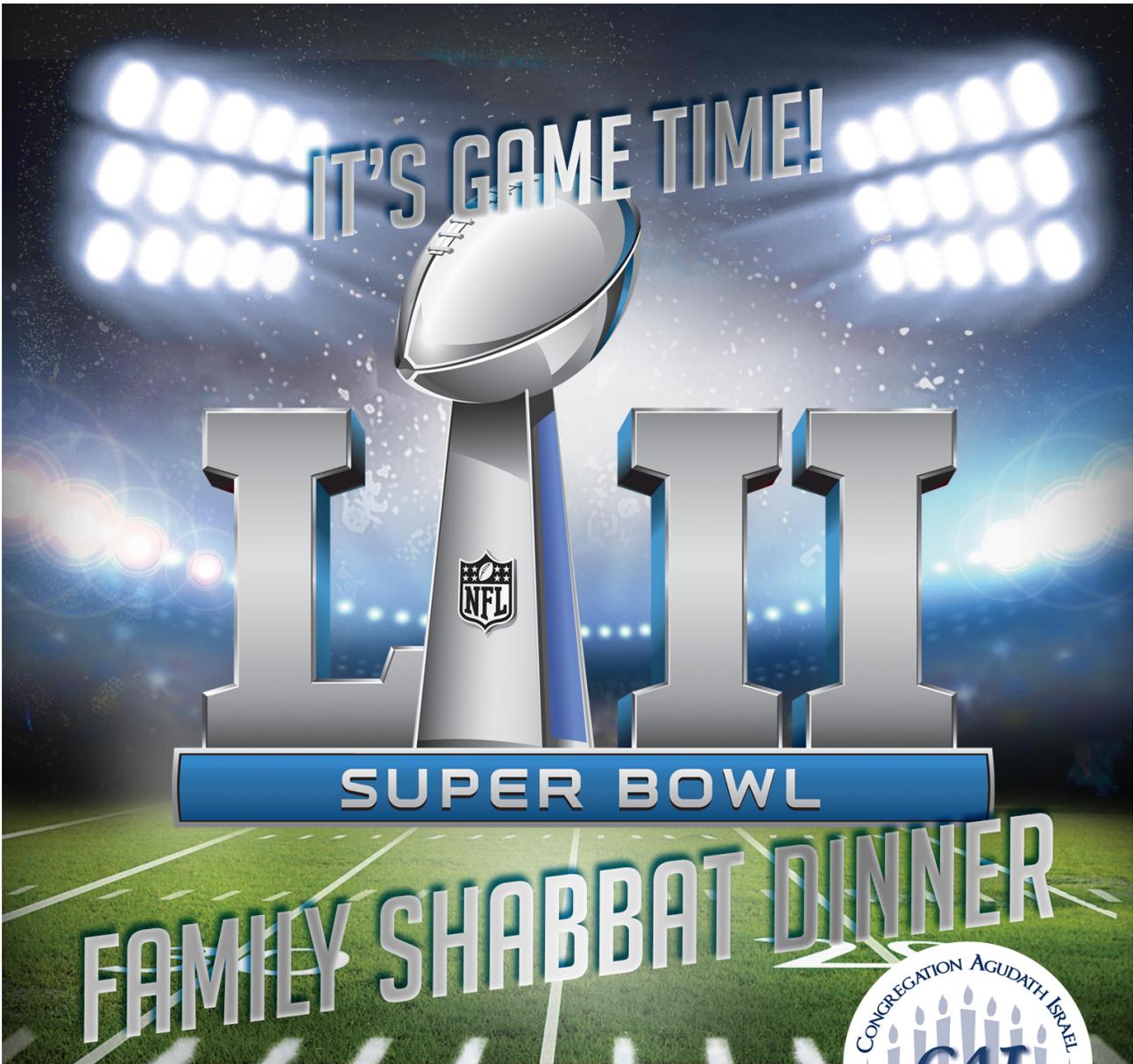
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**BROOKE TOLSTOI**  
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December 2 - PM



**LARA TOLSTOI**  
Daughter of Robert and Linda Tolstoi  
December 2 PM



**EMMA GRUMET**  
Daughter of Keith and Karin Grumet  
December 9 - PM

Brooke is a 7th grader at West Essex Middle School, where she is a focused and determined student and enjoys playing soccer for school, as well as the West Essex Football Club. Family is very special to Brooke, as she loves to spend time with them during vacations, holidays or any other time. Brooke is a kind, compassionate and loving daughter, granddaughter, sister, cousin and niece. She enjoys spending time with the cherished friendships she has made at home and in her "summer home" at Camp Scatico. For her mitzvah project, Lara has volunteered by making cards for kids who attend Imagine A Center For Coping With Loss. With Brooke's constant laughter and inclusive personality she has a way of keeping everyone together. We are so excited to celebrate this most special occasion with her.

Lara is a 7th grader at West Essex Middle School, where she is a hardworking student and enjoys playing soccer for school, as well as the West Essex Football Club. Family is extremely important to Lara, as she loves to spend time with them during vacations, holidays or just hanging out. Lara is a caring, loving and devoted daughter, granddaughter, sister, cousin and niece. She enjoys and cherishes her friendships, with her friends from both home and Camp Scatico, her "summer home". For her mitzvah project, Lara has volunteered by making cards for kids who attend Imagine A Center For Coping With Loss. With Lara's caring, dedicated, and happy demeanor, she has a way of lighting up a room. We are so excited to celebrate this most special occasion with her.

Emma is a 7th grader at Liberty Middle School. Emma enjoys playing tennis and softball, many times a week. She loves to spend her summers with her best friends at her home away from home, Pine Forest Camp.

Emma chose the amazing breast cancer organization Sharsheret as her mitzvah Project. In order to give back and help raise money in the hopes of one day finding a cure and not have to watch anyone else she loves go through the pain and heartbreak of treatments she watched her aunt go through.

To this date, Emma has raised a total of \$1,700+ for Sharsheret by speaking at the woman's Seder and by baking breast cancer ribbon cookies as well wonderful donations from family and friends.

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**DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR MITZVAH PROJECT?**

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**B'NAI MITZVAH**

**JOSHUA SCOTT**  
**SON OF NANCY AND BRUCE SCOTT**  
**DECEMBER 16 – PM**

Joshua is a 7th grade honor roll student at Grover Cleveland Middle School. He enjoys playing in the chess club, and his favorite subject is social studies. Joshua became obsessed with geography at a very young age. In second grade, he convinced his principal to start a geography bee, which he won all three years. At his suggestion, the geography bee eventually became district-wide.

Joshua enjoys spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandparents and cousins. He loves to travel and has visited five countries and many states. Joshua also enjoys going to his family's LBI home.

Joshua loves to play soccer, basketball, and tennis. He is an avid sports fanatic, always rooting for his favorite teams, including the Giants, Scarlet Knights, Yankees, Knicks, Red Bulls, and the Devils. Joshua is also a car enthusiast. Knowing that he is more fortunate than many, Joshua's mitzvah project involves feeding the homeless.

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