

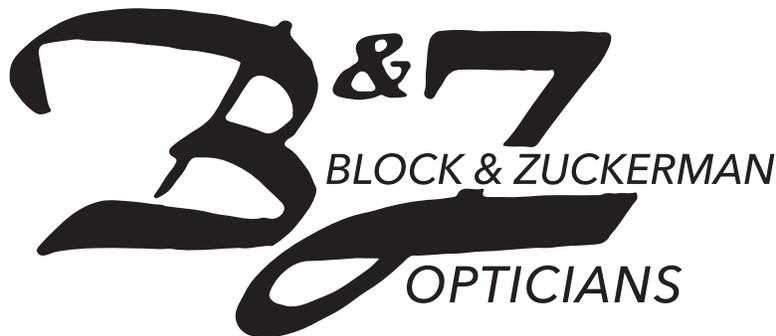


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## SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMS

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| <p><b>Extended Day:</b><br/>3, 4, or 5 days available<br/>7:00 am - 6:00 pm</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For children 18 months and up by September 1</li> <li>• Year-round wrap-around program providing full-time care in addition to the traditional ECC program</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Mommy &amp; Me:</b><br/>Fridays 9:15 - 10:30 am</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Mommy &amp; Me program is offered for children and their parent/caregiver to attend together</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Twos in Training:</b><br/>Tuesday and Thursday<br/>9:15 am - 11:00 am</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents/caregivers stay with their children in the classroom for the first few months. Beginning in January, the children gradually separate and the program transitions into a "drop-off" class</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>2s Program:</b><br/>2, 3, 4 and 5 mornings<br/>9:00 - 11:30 am</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For children who turn 2 before October 1</li> <li>• After school lunch enrichment programs begin in January M, W and F from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>3s Program:</b><br/>3 and 5 mornings<br/>9:00 am - 12:00 pm<br/>12:00 - 2:00 pm optional<br/>PM sessions/Hebrew Immersion</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully integrated, developmentally appropriately curriculum, including sports and music</li> <li>• PM sessions delve deeper into one curricular area: math, science, literature, art, and Torah stories</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>4s Program:</b><br/>5 mornings<br/>9:00 am - 12:00 pm<br/>12:00 - 2:45 pm optional<br/>PM sessions/Hebrew Immersion</p>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fully integrated curriculum, including sports and music</li> <li>• Emphasis on kindergarten readiness, including early literacy and math</li> <li>• PM sessions delve deeper into one curricular area: math, science, literature, art, and Torah stories</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>After School Classes:</b></p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A variety of classes including yoga and Coaches on the Run</li> </ul>   |

Summer: From late June to August, the ECC offers excellent summer session options.

To schedule a tour or for any questions regarding registration, please contact the ECC office at 973-226-3600, Ext. 120, or [ecc@agudath.org](mailto:ecc@agudath.org).

**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, November 3**  
Erev Shabbat Service.....5:30 pm

**Saturday, November 4**  
Bat Mitzvah Peri Shandler .....9:00 am  
Minchah/Talmud Study/Maariv .....5:25 pm

**Friday, November 10**  
Erev Shabbat Service.....4:20 pm

**Saturday, November 11**  
Minchah/Talmud Study/Maariv .....4:15 pm  
Bat Mitzvah Shaila Spritzer .....pm

**Friday, November 17**  
Shabbat In PJs .....5:30 pm  
Erev Shabbat Service.....4:15 pm  
Monthly Late Service.....7:00 pm

**Saturday, November 18**  
Minchah/Talmud Study/Maariv .....4:10 pm  
Bat Mitzvah Ava Rapkin .....pm

**Sunday, November 19**  
Bar Mitzvah Gilad Shifrin.....10:30 am

**Tuesday, November 21**  
Annual Community Thanksgiving Service.....7:30 pm

**Friday, November 24**  
Erev Shabbat Service.....4:10 pm

**Saturday, November 25**  
Minchah/Talmud Study/Maariv .....4:05 pm

**CANDLE LIGHTING**

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Friday, November 3 .....5:32 pm  
Shabbat Ends, Saturday, November 4.....6:42 pm

Friday, November 10 .....4:24 pm  
Shabbat Ends, Saturday, November 11.....5:34 pm

Friday, November 17 .....4:18 pm  
Shabbat Ends, Saturday, November 18.....5:28 pm

Friday, November 24 .....4:14 pm  
Shabbat Ends, Saturday, November 25.....5:24 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

**CAI Chevra Kadisha**

At the most difficult time of our lives, CAI's Chevra Kadisha is here to assist in the Jewish rituals surrounding death and dying. If you are facing end-of-life planning for a loved one, we are available for guidance and support.

Please contact the CAI office to get in touch.

## Key Dimensions of Zionism



Rabbi Silverstein

A MESSAGE FROM RABBI ALAN SILVERSTEIN

This month is the 100th anniversary of Balfour Declaration and the 70th anniversary of the UN Partition Plan, both gave legal sanction to the creation of a modern-day Jewish State.

Sadly, many people speak about Israel and Zionism not in terms of our age-old “connection to The Land.” The subject immediately shifts to media coverage of Middle East politics, e.g. “the Conflict,” Palestinians, borders, settlements, and so forth. Politicized framing puts lovers of Israel on the defensive.

For 5778, we need to change the focus of the conversation to what qualities the Jewish State uniquely is about! Let’s take a multi-faceted approach. 4 S’s - spirituality, self-esteem, service and security - 4 dimensions of Zionism.

### 1. Spiritual Zionism

JTS Chancellor Arnie Eisen - The new-born State of Israel is the most important thing to happen to the Jewish people in the 2000 years. “What does one do, in the face of such a sacred, spiritual blessing? A blessing that was not available to our great-grandparents but is available to us.”

Judaism sees Israel as Holy because “The Land” is inherently a spiritual place. This can be felt deep within our souls. As novelist Herman Wouk wrote in the early 1970s: “The first time I saw the lights of Lud airport in the dusk from the descending plane, I experienced a sense of awe that I do not expect to know again in this life. The soil itself was overlaid with concrete, but I thought I could feel its electricity flowing up into my bones anyway”

Why can we feel this powerful rush upon arriving in Israel? Abraham Joshua Heschel responded:

“It is The land, the only land, where the Bible is at home... Where the most sublime moments of encounter between God and Jews of old took place. The ancient State of Israel reborn is as if the biblical prophets of old have arisen from their graves...”

Only in Israel can we walk The Land with our Tanach in hand as our guidebook. In Israel alone did the spiritual writings of the Jewish people come into being: the Mishnah, the Palestinian Talmud, the Midrashim, the Shulchan Arukh, and Lurianic mysticism.

### 2. Self-esteem/Pride Zionism

Identity includes the desire to be heir to something larger than ourselves. To come from a tradition that we wish to bequeath. To take pride in a narrative that is uniquely ours. This desire is hardwired into human beings.

Once Israel was established anew, the fullness of our American Jewish identity was elevated for each one of us. I felt the self-esteem/pride dimension of Zionism when I arrived in Israel in 1972. Someone offered me a seat on the bus, “we have held this seat for you for 2000 years”

Daniel Gordis has written, “There are 2 types of people in our world in terms of pride in their identity. The Spanish, the French and the Russians belong category #1 - people with a Nation State; The Tibetans, the Chechnyans and the Basques belong in category #2 - people without one. With no sovereign state, Category #2 people are not actors on the world stage; they must consistently battle (uphill) to preserve their cultures. They tiptoe around the world, looking anxiously over their shoulders to see what history has in store for them next.

In the aftermath of the Shoa, we Jews were like Tibetans are today. Immediately after the Holocaust, Jewish self-esteem was at low ebb. Rav Soloveitchik wrote “As the magnitude of the Shoa became known, assimilation grew and became more rampant. The impulse to flee from Judaism and from the Jewish people reached a new height”

But thanks to the rise of the State of Israel, Jewish self-esteem was restored. In 2017, unlike in 1946, American Jews have high self-regard. The Pew survey: 95%+ are proud to be Jewish!

### 3. Security Zionism

We live at a tragic moment in which there are more refugees around the world than at any other time in history - even more than during WWII. Most world refugees are in grave peril. They have no place to go.

We saw this type of crisis during the tragic years of the Nazi Holocaust. By 1943, world leaders knew well the extent of the genocide. Yet in a global refugee conference held in Bermuda, the world decided to keep their doors closed. The establishment of the state of Israel serves as a remedy.

The Jewish State was intended for “A people with no place to go” – A people needing a secure location. With the proclamation of the State of Israel and its law of return hundreds of thousands of Shoa survivors at last had safe refuge.

This security feature of Zionism was essential not only for the Holocaust survivors, but also for “The Forgotten Refugees” 850,000 Jews fleeing Arab lands, ”

260,000 from Morocco

130,000 – Iraq

90,000 - Egypt

57,000 - Tunisia

51,000 Yemen – “operation magic carpet”

35,000 – Libya

Plus tens of thousands from Iran, Algeria, Syria, and Lebanon

In the late 1980s, Israel welcomed over 1 million Soviet Jews. Next came tens of thousands of Ethiopian Jews. In 2001-2, thousands of Jews made Aliya, fleeing dislocation in Argentina and Uruguay. In recent years, thousands of French Jews, amid smoldering anti-Semitism, have sought security in Israel, young Jews from all over Europe are contemplating Aliya for security.

#### 4. Service To the World Zionism

Israel re-established as a sovereign Jewish state in the historic land of our people has given us a physical platform from which the Jewish people can share with the world what we uniquely have to say about our values of honor, courage, freedom, and so forth. In the prophet Isaiah’s words: Or LaGoyim (a Light Unto the Nations). Alan Dershowitz, “I challenge anyone to identify a nation-state that has done more to improve the world-at-large during its first 69 years than the State of Israel.”

Already with Golda Meir in Israel’s foreign ministry in the late 1950s Israel established Mashav. Mashav brings Israeli agricultural successes to other emerging nations, it has trained hundreds of thousands of Third World Engineers. They learn drip irrigation and other agric techniques to make deserts bloom. This was what the first ZOA President, Louis Brandeis called “Mission Zionism,” Tikkun Olam throughout the globe.

Israel shares innovative computer and cell phone technology, solar power capacity, medical marvels, advanced water technology and water products to more than 150 countries around the world. And don’t forget ISRA-AID. Israel’s Emergency Rescue Teams Rushes to Save Victims of Terror Attacks and of Hurricanes/Sunamis is renowned.

Sally Abrams of the JCRC in Minneapolis wrote a blog post entitled “Israel is the friend who shows up” enumerating sraAID’s work after natural disasters in Haiti, Nepal, Japan...and even in the United States. following Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, as well as Harvey and Irma. Quietly, Israel has been providing lifesaving care for more than 3000 injured Syrians in Operation Good Neighbor.

In sum, when frustrated about endless policy debates in the elusive ME peace process, remember that Zionism is much larger. Some of us are service to the World Zionists, some are Spiritual Zionists, some are self-esteem/identity Zionists and some are security Zionists

Israel is a country that is no less than a miracle!

With friendship,

Rabbi Alan Silverstein

## The Bench



**Cantor Caplan**

*"Cantor, you lost your voice for Yom Kippur? Boy, that must be a Cantor's worst nightmare!"*

For the record, let me state that I really tried not to catch the bug that was going around.

See, Nancy had it the week before Yom Kippur, and of course I didn't want to get it, because for whatever reason, my body is such that if I get a cold, the first thing it does is go straight to my larynx and inflame it. Instant laryngitis. Sneezing, coughing, dripping -- all of that I could deal with. But my Achilles heel is that a cold attacks my voice first.

Nancy and I kept apart as best we could, and I swallowed immune-system-boosting vitamins regularly. She was getting over it, and it looked like I had dodged the bullet -- but I teach a lot of children, so who knows?

By Yom Kippur morning, as many of you know, I could only grunt and whisper. And as I write this, now three days after Yom Kippur, that's still all I can do. It usually takes at least a week to recover. I've continued teaching students silently, typing messages on a computer screen while wearing a nurse's mask.

But good heavens -- we just heard about the massacre in Las Vegas.

And Hurricane Maria.

And the earthquake in Mexico.

And Hurricane Irma.

And Hurricane Harvey.

Next to all that, a week without a voice is nothin'.

And every time we recover from an illness, what a miracle that is!

Besides, we're lucky to have many other daveners in the congregation who could step in and lead Yom Kippur services. With almost no notice at all, Stuart Rabner, Michael Nelson, Rabbi Steven Wernick and Nat Taubenfeld took over for both Rabbi Silverstein and for me during Yom Kippur day. Thanks to them from our whole congregation!

Not only that, but our High Holiday choir -- which had spent twenty hours in rehearsal preparing for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur -- gamely went on with almost everything they had prepared. I gave them as many cues as I could with my frog's croak, and they and conductor Dan Lotto adjusted and gave us music to enhance our prayer.

Many of the choir singers also came onto the Bimah to lead various prayers. Now, some of that was planned out before Yom Kippur, but a few of them came up on little more than a moment's notice: Thanks to Ben Alter, to Babette Davis, and particularly to Mira Davis, who learned the complicated solo of El Maley Rachamim (the prayer for the dead, sung during Yizkor) on Yom Kippur morning itself, while standing in the Coat Room.

Certainly a memorable holiday, huh?

Ben quipped, "As they say, only cowards rehearse."

So: Nightmare? Not with a Bench like we've got in our congregation. And not with members who understand that the Rabbi and Susan and I are human, too, and that we get sick every now and then.

A Cantor's worst nightmare would probably be apathy -- a congregation that didn't care if the music was good, if the Hebrew was right, if the ritual was correct. Or if there wasn't any congregation to serve.

But ashrecha v'tov lach -- how lucky I am that Agudath Israel isn't like that!

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Rabbi Silverstein invited Edward Finkel, a CAI member, who is Regional Director at The Jewish Federations of North America Network of Independent Communities to speak to the congregation before Yizkor on Shmini Atzeret for an update on the hurricane impacted communities and the humanitarian relief efforts coordinated by the Jewish Federations of North America. Here is a brief excerpt of his remarks and ways in which you can help.

The central prayer of the High Holy Days, “U’netaneh Tokef” reminds us in so many ways of life’s fragility and instant unpredictably. It reads, “Who shall live and who shall die. Who through fire and who through water. Who through earthquake and who through plague. Who will remain at home and who will roam. Who will live serenely and who disturbed.”

These words evoke images of victims of natural disasters these past few weeks throughout Texas, Louisiana, Florida, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Cuba, the British Virgin Islands, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Barbuda, Antigua, Mexico and most recently, the Sonoma and Napa Valley in California. Homes, businesses, synagogues and Jewish institutions destroyed. Lives upended with massive, mandatory evacuations and relocations. Lives lost.

Throughout the Caribbean, there is no electricity. No water for drinking or sanitary purposes, no cell service, no internet access, no cable, television or radio; none of the amenities we take for granted. Everyone from the youngest to the oldest, is experiencing trauma from the hurricanes, earthquakes and wildfires. Jewish cemeteries in Texas, St. Thomas and Cuba have been badly damaged. Camp Coleman, a Jewish camp of the Reform Movement, in Northern California, has been completely destroyed by fire.

These hurricanes, earthquakes and wildfires hit during the Jewish Holy Day Season. As Jewish communities gathered worldwide, in these devastated communities, they were dispersed. For the impacted families, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot were times of stress and not occasions to rejoice, as it was for us. May our acts and deeds in the days and weeks help them rebuild their lives.

The Jewish Federations of North America, the organization connecting Jewish Federations and smaller independent Jewish communities, one to another, throughout the United States and Canada, is coordinating relief efforts for the victims of these natural disasters. With funds raised, emergency cash assistance, Kosher food, water purification and filtration, medical supplies, trauma counseling and portable generators are being provided. Relief flights are continuing to evacuate the sick and bringing in critical supplies. Financial support of these efforts is critically needed. The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee is coordinating relief efforts in Cuba, Mexico and the other Caribbean countries. The Jewish Federation of the East Bay and The Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties are coordinating Northern California wildfire relief efforts.

To help the victims of Hurricane Irma and Maria in Florida, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, contributions can be made to [www.jewishfederations.org/2017hurricanerelieffund](http://www.jewishfederations.org/2017hurricanerelieffund)

To help the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana, contributions can be made to: [www.jewishfederations.org/hurricane-harvey-relief-fund](http://www.jewishfederations.org/hurricane-harvey-relief-fund)

To help the victims of the Northern California wildfires, contributions can be made to: <https://my.jewishfed.org/emergency/north-bay-wildfire-emergency-fund>

To help the victims of the earthquake in Mexico or the hurricane in Cuba, contributions can be made to: <http://www.jdc.org/>



## High Holidays Survey

FROM THE PRESIDENT



**Victor Nhaisi**

This month's Voice article will pick up where last month's ended. In the October Voice, I shared our plan for the coming year. The plan highlighted;

- a summary of our priorities
- how we are organizing the Board of Trustees and professional staff to bring the plan to life
- the launching of our first High Holidays survey.

### PLEASE RESPOND TO THE HIGH HOLIDAYS SURVEY...HERE IS WHY

The High Holidays survey is an important vehicle to ensure we are doing all we can to enhance our High Holidays experience. Obtaining your collective feedback provides us with the objective data we need to adjust our processes and programming for the following year. It also provides each of us with an equal voice to express our satisfaction or dissatisfaction with elements of our own experience.

This survey will focus on the High Holiday experience as it may differ from your experiences with other services and programming we offer. You will also be able to provide additional feedback regarding the annual priorities I shared in last month's Voice and reemphasized during my comments over the holidays.

When the objective is putting together an action plan, obtaining broad member feedback via a formal survey is a more constructive approach as compared to receiving individual emails or input via other side conversations. It is our intent to analyze the data and comments and synthesize the major themes expressed. The Executive Committee and the professional staff will then meet to discuss specific actions we can take to enhance the High Holiday experience for the following year.

In my professional experience, the solicitation of feedback via surveys can be very effective but the efficacy of the data can be challenged if too few people reply. To encourage your participation, we have made the survey short and provided space where you can support your feedback with direct comments. The window for submitting your feedback will have a cut-off date (not determined as of this printing), so please respond promptly.

As I mentioned on Rosh Hashana, please look at the High Holiday survey as one of many ways in which you can influence Congregation Agudath Israel's long-term success. Together, we will position CAI to be a thriving institution that meets the needs of our community for years to come.



### TORAH FUND

Torah Fund, through its annual campaign, supports the Jewish education of future professional and lay leaders for the Conservative movement at The Jewish Theological Seminary, The Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies, and The Schechter Institute. Many women proudly wear the Torah Fund pins, which indicate their donation to this worthy cause. Torah Fund also sells cards for many lifecycle occasions and distributes a calendar diary with secular and Jewish dates on the same page. For further information about Torah Fund, please contact Torah Fund Chair Sharon Hammerman at SFHammermn@aol.com.

### CARING COMMITTEE

The CAI Caring Committee is a volunteer group that provides assistance to congregants in need. Some of the services that we offer are: transportation to and from medical appointments and the synagogue, running errands and helping with chores, providing meals, visiting the sick or homebound and mobilizing family and friends during a crisis. Cindy Brooks, cbrooks\_317@yahoo.com, and Michelle Shandler, mlshandler@gmail.com, are the co-chairs of this committee, and they are always looking for volunteers. Now is your opportunity to become a member of the CAI Caring Committee and make a difference! Please e-mail us at caringcommittee@agudath.org for more information.

# Torah Pillar

## EVERY AGE & EVERY STAGE OF JEWISH LEARNING

### Thanksgiving — an American-Jewish holiday

Thanksgiving has enormous significance for all Americans — and particular meaning for Jewish Americans. First, the holiday shares so much with our own holiday of Sukkot, whose roots are in expressing gratitude for God’s bounty of the earth. Many historians believe that the biblical description of the “Booths” festival actually inspired the pilgrims to hold their own first feast of thanksgiving. They doubtless felt they were like the Israelites, leaving their own Mitzrayim — Europe and the religious persecution they suffered there — to find their way to the Promised Land of the New World.

So many of the themes of the two holidays are identical: religious freedom; gratitude for God’s gifts; our obligation to care for the homeless, the needy, and the stranger; and our need to always be “*rodfei shalom*,” seekers of peace.

As the pilgrims drew from the message of the Exodus to strengthen their resolve, so can we relate to the pilgrims’ coming to this land and facing many struggles in search of religious liberty. So many of our forebears crossed the ocean on perilous journeys, encountering hardships, but gaining strength and courage from their dreams of freedom from want

and persecution. The Jewish immigrants to America and their descendants who make up the core of today’s Jewish community have made enormous contributions to this country’s history and culture and have enriched America in the arts, sciences, business, education, and even sports.

Here is a Thanksgiving reading: “As we gather for this festive holiday, we pause to contemplate our personal connection, as Americans and Jews, to the celebration of Thanksgiving. The pilgrims also endured hardships and fought battles that led to our ability to sit here today in comfort and freedom. To all of these pilgrims, we give thanks today.”

It’s also fitting to recite the Shehecheyanu blessing at your holiday table — thanking God for keeping us alive, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this day. Have a happy Thanksgiving!



*B’Shalom,  
Susan Werk  
Educational Director*



### A Prayer for the Thanksgiving Feast

*by Rabbi Naomi Levy*

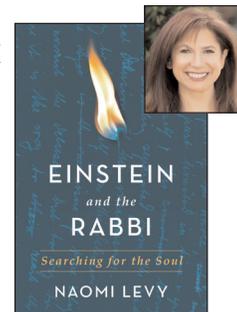
For the laughter of the children,  
 For my own life breath,  
 For the abundance of food on this table,  
 For the ones who prepared this sumptuous feast,  
 For the roof over our heads,  
 The clothes on our backs,  
 For our health,  
 And our wealth of blessings,  
 For this opportunity to celebrate with family  
 and friends,  
 For the freedom to pray these words  
 Without fear,  
 In any language,  
 In any faith,  
 In this great country,  
 Whose landscape is a vast and beautiful as her  
 inhabitants.  
 Thank You, God, for giving us all these. Amen.

Rabbi Naomi Levy will present her book  
**“Einstein and the Rabbi: Searching for the Soul”**  
 on **Wednesday, Nov. 1, 8 p.m.**

“A human being is part of the whole, called by us the ‘Universe,’ a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings, as something separate from the rest — a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness....” — Albert Einstein

This quote by Einstein shook Naomi Levy to her core. It captured what she has come to believe about the human condition: that we are intimately connected and are blind to this truth. She wondered what had elicited such spiritual wisdom from a man of science and launched a search into the mystery of Einstein’s words and of the human soul. What emerged is this inspiring book, filled with universal truths that can help us reclaim our own souls and glimpse the unity that has been evading us.

*Sponsored by the Toby Shapiro Fund and the Doris R. Werk Fund*



## Torah Pillar: Every Age and Every Stage of Jewish Learning

*Programs for all Agudath Israel day school and religious school students and adults*



### Early Childhood Center

Sunday, Nov. 5: Pre Hanukah Boutique 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Sunday, Nov. 5: RS Al Galgalim monthly program  
 Thursday, Nov. 9: ECC closed for NJ Teachers' Convention and staff development (including Extended Day)  
 Friday, Nov. 10: ECC closed for NJ Teachers' Convention and staff development (*not* including Extended Day)  
 Sunday, Nov. 12: Religious School closed  
 Thursday, Nov. 16: Parents' Curriculum-Literacy, 7:45 p.m.  
 Friday, Nov. 17: Shabbat in PJ's and Sweats, 5:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 22: ECC 3s & 4s, Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving, noon  
 Wednesday, Nov. 22: ECC Extended Day, early dismissal for Thanksgiving, 1 p.m.  
 Thursday-Friday, Nov. 23-24: ECC closed for Thanksgiving (including Extended Day)  
 Thursday, Nov. 30: ECC early dismissal for parent-teacher conferences (*excluding* Extended Day), noon; Extended Day early dismissal, 4 p.m.  
 Thursday, Nov. 30: ECC 2s, 3s, 4s parent-teacher conferences

### Primary (Kindergarten-Second Grade)

Sunday, Nov. 5: Pre-Hanukah Boutique, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Sunday, Nov. 5: RS kindergarten-2nd grade monthly programs  
 Sunday, Nov. 12: RS closed  
 Friday, Nov. 17: Shabbat in Sweats, 5:30 p.m.  
 Friday, Nov. 17: Family-Friendly Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 22: RS closed for the Thanksgiving holiday  
 Sunday, Nov. 26: RS closed for Thanksgiving holiday

### Elementary School (Third-Fifth Grade)

Sunday, Nov. 5: Pre-Hanukah Boutique, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Sunday, Nov. 12: RS closed  
 Friday, Nov. 17: Family-Friendly Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, Nov. 18: Torah Reading Team, 10:15 a.m.;  
 Camp Shabbat, 11 a.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 22: RS closed for Thanksgiving holiday  
 Sunday, Nov. 26: RS closed for Thanksgiving holiday

### Middle School (Sixth-Eighth Grade)

Thursday, Nov. 2: "Freedom Song" trip to West Orange JCC, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, Nov. 5: Pre-Hanukah Boutique, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Thursday, Nov. 9: RS closed  
 Sunday, Nov. 12: RS closed  
 Friday, Nov. 17: Family-Friendly Shabbat Service, 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 21: Mitzvah Madness trip to Community Foodbank, 4 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 22: RS closed for the Thanksgiving holiday  
 Sunday, Nov. 26: RS closed for Thanksgiving holiday

### Teens (Ninth-Twelfth Grade)

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

Wednesday, Nov. 1: RS teen program, 6 p.m.  
 Thursday, Nov. 2: "Freedom Song," West Orange JCC, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, Nov. 5: Pre-Hanukah Boutique, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 8: RS teen program, 6 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 15: RS teen program, 6 p.m.;  
 USY event, 7:45 p.m.  
 Tuesday, Nov. 21: Trip to Community Food Bank, 4 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 22: RS closed for the Thanksgiving holiday  
 Wednesday, Nov. 29: RS teen program, 6 p.m.



### Adults

Wednesday, Nov. 1: Rabbi Naomi Levy: "Einstein and the Rabbi," 8 p.m.  
 Sunday, Nov. 5: Pre-Hanukah Boutique 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Sunday, Nov. 5: Speaker: David Shapiro (former U.S. ambassador to Israel), Temple B'nai Abraham, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, Nov. 12: Class with Conservative yeshiva, 11 a.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 15: Barbara and Michel Erlichman Film Series, "Harmonia," 7:45 p.m.  
 Thursday, Nov. 16: Knesset Member Michael Oren, 7:45 p.m.  
 Monday, Nov. 20: Women's Rosh Hodesh Group (off premises), 8 p.m.



### Adult Ed classes:

Mondays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27: 10 a.m.  
 Tuesdays, Nov. 14, 21, 28, daytime, various times  
 Thursdays, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30, 9:30 a.m.

### Special dates

#### Sunday, Nov. 5

Pre-Hanukah Boutique, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

#### Thursday, Nov. 9

ECC closed for NJ Teachers' Convention and staff development (including Extended Day)

#### Friday, Nov. 10

ECC closed for NJ Teachers' Convention and staff development (*not* including Extended Day)

#### Sunday, Nov. 12

Religious School closed

#### Friday, Nov. 17

Shabbat in PJ's and Sweats, 5:30 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 22

ECC 3s & 4s, early dismissal, noon

#### Wednesday, Nov. 22

ECC Extended Day early dismissal, Thanksgiving, 1 p.m.

#### Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 23-26

Religious School and ECC closed for Thanksgiving



## Save the Date

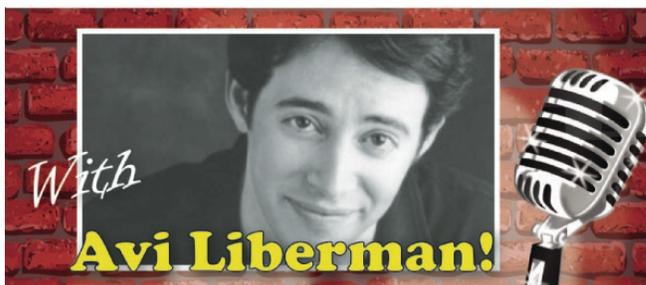
# Second Annual CAI Comedy Night

In Memory of Abe Akselrad z"l

Saturday, December 16

7:30 pm Chanukah Celebration

8:00 pm Comedy Show



## Stay tuned for registration information.

Avi Liberman's quirky style has made him a favorite in comedy clubs from Los Angeles to New York. Born in Israel, raised in Texas, having gone to college in New York, and now living in Los Angeles, his style is a winning combination of life experiences and topical issues told through a varied blend of characters and voices with worldwide expertise.

Avi has performed stand-up comedy on CBS's "Late Late Show" with Craig Ferguson on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend" and "Make Me Laugh" as well as NBC's "Friday Night!" His acting credits include "Dave's World" CBS, "Boston Common" NBC and "Andytown U.S.A." Comedy Central. Avi can be seen regularly on E! as one of their frequent guests on their very popular countdown series. He has also guest starred on "Movies At Our House," as well as having shot a pilot titled "Through the Keyhole" both on AMC. He has also been heard on radio stations across the country.

A successful commercial actor, Avi has appeared in spots for "Mercedes," "L.A. Cellular," "Miller Lite" and

most recently "Starbucks" and "Net Zero." He has appeared at the prestigious Montreal Just for Laughs Festival. Since 2001, Avi has successfully arranged widely acclaimed stand-up comedy tours in Israel to help boost morale while donating all of the proceeds to a charity. The successful "Comedy For Koby" tour is now a bi-annual event, benefitting the Koby Mandell Foundation. For more information please visit: <http://www.aviliberman.com/L-Home-411.aspx>



CAI DEVELOPMENT



**On Black Friday and Cyber Monday, we support businesses.  
On #GivingTuesday, we support each other.**

**For the first time ever, CAI will take part in the worldwide celebration of philanthropy taking social media by storm.**

Dear CAI Members,  
Michael E. Bressman

Each year at Thanksgiving, American culture calls upon us to give thanks for our many blessings; to give thought to the needs of the community; and to give generously to the organizations that seek to meet them.

With its deep commitment to its members, to Judaism, and to Tikkun Olam, CAI is one of these organizations.

Whether advocating for Israel or sheltering the homeless, whether teaching Jewish values to our children or enacting them ourselves, Agudath cares deeply about the needs of our community, nation, and world.

That's why this year will be CAI's first as a #GivingTuesday participant. This international day of philanthropy follows Black Friday and Cyber Monday, when we support businesses, offering us a day to do the greater work of supporting each other.

As #GivingTuesday approaches, we'll be posting on our Facebook page and sending emails to remind you of the vital role that CAI plays in our lives, hoping that you will be inspired to support us as we join this worldwide celebration of philanthropy.

This Thanksgiving, I wish you the joy of reflecting on a long list of personal blessings and hope that Agudath is one of them.

Warm regards,

Michael E. Bressman  
Director of Development



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**Geula Zamist**

As I approached the front door of Starbucks one morning in August, I was struck with dread as I read the sign on the door. This store will be closed for renovations through the end of September.

My daily stop at Starbucks is an integral part of my day. I have a set routine. The people there know me and know how I like my coffee. Grande Red Eye in hand I am ready to hit the road and start my day. From there I get on to the highway and head straight to school.

Surely finding another Starbucks, mapping out a new route to school, getting to know new people... were bound to disrupt my life and throw off my equilibrium. I wondered and worried a lot about the impact of the store closure on my ability to start school off on the right foot.

Slowly I made peace with the idea of a new location for coffee. At the new location, the baristas got to know me and learned my favorite drink.

The bulletin board had information about neighborhood events I never would have known about.

I figured out the parking situation and explored new ways to get to school.

On the way I explored unfamiliar neighborhoods and made some new discoveries.

So it is with our children.

Children thrive on routines. When children know what to expect, they are more willing to do it and feel confident and independent. Predictable events provide a foundation for their lives. Consistent schedules support young children's ability to self-regulate and move through their day calmly.

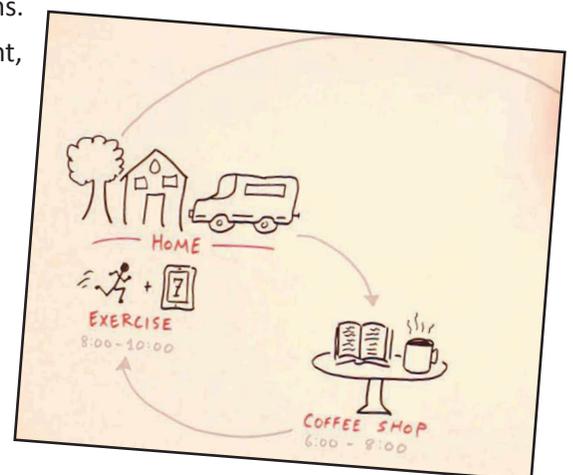
Children also need opportunities to stretch and take on new challenges. Teachers reflect on the child's skill level and independence and formulate ways to expand them and help them achieve the next set of goals. The gap between what a child has already mastered and what they can achieve with a little guidance and instruction is referred to as the Zone of Proximal Development. Parents and teachers model for children and show them what they are capable of achieving.

Learning takes place when there is some disequilibrium. The feeling of being slightly imbalanced and slightly unsure pushes all of us to experiment and to learn.

We sometimes hope for the calmness and security of our old reliable routines; being with the same friends, working with the same materials, eating the same foods.... going to the same Starbucks. The old reliable routines don't give us the chance to see that we can do so much more.

We encourage our children and should encourage ourselves to reach beyond, explore new paths and challenge the status quo. It feels unsettling and stressful to watch our children in new and unfamiliar territory, but it feels wonderful to see how capable they are of expanding their horizons.

When we push a little bit within the zone of proximal development, with the right love and support and guidance, we are all certain to make new discoveries, learn new things, and achieve new accomplishments.



## National Donor Sabbath



Congregation Agudath Israel is please to take part in National Donor Sabbath, on November 11, when faith leaders throughout the country will come together to educate their communities about the critical need for organ and tissue donation, and the vital role their faith plays in making the decision to register as a donor.

During Shabbat services, we will have the pleasure of having 14 year old heart transplant recipient and CAI member Sam Prince share his incredible lifesaving story, as well as, the truths and myths about organ donation. Liver transplant recipient and CAI member Gerry Mohl will be available to answer questions as well. The greatest mitzvah, the greatest deed one can do is to save someone's life. Come hear these incredible stories!!

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*Sunday, November 5th  
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### 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: November 4, 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**

### Special Author Lecture

**Wednesday, November 1 at 8:00 pm**



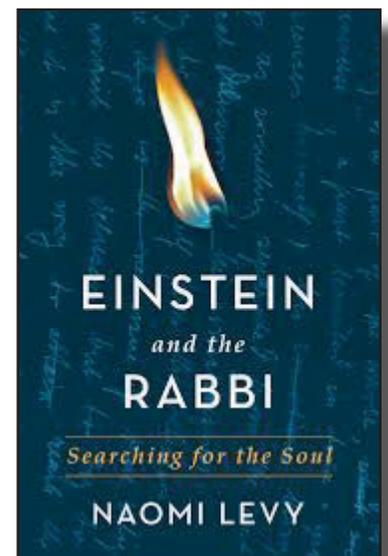
Rabbi Naomi Levy will be presenting her book *Einstein and the Rabbi*. Sponsored by the Toby Shapiro Fund and the Doris R. Werk Fund

“A human being is part of the whole, called by us, ‘Universe,’ a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts, and feelings as something separate from the rest—a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness...”

—Albert Einstein

When Rabbi Naomi Levy came across this poignant letter by Einstein it shook her to her core. His words perfectly captured what she has come to believe about the human condition: that we are intimately connected, and that we are blind to this truth. Levy wondered what had elicited such spiritual wisdom from a man of science? Thus began a three-year search into the mystery of Einstein’s letter, and into the mystery of the

human soul. What emerges is an inspiring, deeply affecting book for people of all faiths filled with universal truths that will help us reclaim our own souls and glimpse the unity that has been evading us.



## Men's Club Updates:

We have just completed our ushering assignments for a very meaningful High Holiday season. We would like to thank all the people who helped with ushering. I hope the following is complete:

- Jay Baranker, Michael Simon, Ken Levitt, Larry Samuels, Mel Berkowitz, Michael Berwald, Steve Jacobs, Evan Robbins, Marty Schenker, Mark Englander, Roy Blank, David Black, Michael Chiaet, Mark Rudoltz, Randy Nathan, Jon Mehl, David Lurie, Harvey Hershkowitz, Harris Nydick, Joan Bronsiegel, Richard Reif, David Reidenberg, Charlie Kessler, Mark Goldman, Richard French, Larry Dodyk, Morris Lewis, Josh Henry (Man of the Year), Michael Mund, Gary Kabler, Arthur Franklin, Len Rudin, David Moses, David Sumka, Froman Mehl, Mark Rothstein, David Weisman, Donna Franklin, and of course - Me.
- Special thanks to our Man of the Year, Josh Henry, who stepped up big to fill some of the uncovered assignments at the last minute.

As mentioned above, Josh Henry is our Men's Club Man of the Year. We hope that many of you will place an ad in the Journal for the Men's Clubs Annual dinner on November 8. Please contact Jonathan Mehl, at [jonathan@mehllegal.com](mailto:jonathan@mehllegal.com), who is coordinating attendance and ads for the Ad Journal. In addition you can RSVP to him for the Annual Dinner to support Josh. I will not be able to, as I will be attending my son Uri's wedding in Arizona.

On October 1, we erected our congregational Sukkah. I would like to thank the following for their help:

- Michael Chiaet, Jon Mehl, Mark Englander, Ken Levitt, Mike Ben-Avi, Gadi Ben-Avi, Steve Jacobs, Len Rudin, Dave Reidenberg, Adam Shandler, Ed Finkel, Joseph Shumofsky, Gary Kabler, Robert Tancer, Ira Kaplan, Andy Brown, Kyle Brown, Evan Brown, Alex Tukachinsky and David Sumka.
- A special thank you to Harrison Shumofsky and Aidan Shandler. You would be surprised if you were not there to see how much help these two young men were.

Our Spirits in the Sukkah event - "Tequila in the Tent" - will have taken place by the time this is printed. I am sure it will be a success as always.

Our November meeting is on Tuesday, November 14 at 8:00 pm. Please try to come.

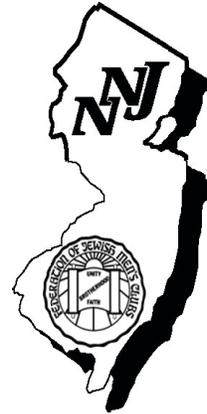
The Men's Club wishes all Shana Tovah!

Alfie Mahler, President



Men's Club, October 1, construction of CAI Sukkah

*The Northern New Jersey Region of FJMC presents:*  
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**Congregation Agudath Israel Men's Club Honors**



**JOSH HENRY**

**Wednesday, November 8, 2017**

**Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael**

**60 Temple Drive, Springfield, NJ 07081**

<b>Expanded Cocktail Reception</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Ma'ariv, D'var Torah, Awards</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>Dessert</b>	<b>8:45 PM</b>

**Cost: \$54 per person (CAI Men's Club Members: \$27 per person)**

**Please make checks payable to CAI Men's Club**

**Directions: <http://www.tbaynj.org/> or visit <http://www.nnjr.org>**

**Any Questions and RSVP Jonathan Mehl at 201-403-4506 or [jmnjesq@gmail.com](mailto:jmnjesq@gmail.com).**



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**CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

**“KOHANIM ARE SPECIAL AT AGUDATH”**

At Agudath Israel, we are blessed with a large number of “Kohanim” who offer the traditional Priestly Benediction at services on the High Holy Days and Festival mornings. For many, this a special time of sanctity. This, along with the Levites’ hand washing, is a throwback to our ancient past, going back 2000 years to the time of the Second Temple in Jerusalem.

Like all honors, being honored comes with its own set of obligations and restrictions. One of those is that Kohanim are not supposed to be under the same roof as the dead. Thus, when a funeral is held at Agudath Israel, you might have noticed that our own “Kohen- in- Residence,” Cantor Caplan, that he participates in the funeral service from outside the sanctuary or social hall.

In addition, Kohanim are not supposed to stand near where bodies have been buried. The rules are such that the Kohanim may stand on adjacent walkways at cemeteries. They may not, however, stand at the actual grave site. The Agudath Israel Cemetery Association is proud of the fact that we make special arrangements for Kohan families. We have reserved areas at our cemeteries adjacent to (permitted) walkways to allow for family members who follow the Kohen restrictions to participate in the burial and related rites without violating the rules for Kohanim.

In addition, the Jewish Memorial Chapel in nearby Clifton, with which Agudath Israel is affiliated, has a special, segregated “Kohen Room” from which the Kohanim can witness the funeral service via video. Also, Cantor Caplan (or another Kohen clergy person) is able to officiate from the Kohen Room and have his/her image projected into the main funeral sanctuary.

This is just another example of the Agudath Israel Cemetery Association working to meet the needs of our members, and their families. We’re here for Kohanim, Leviim

- and all Israel!

Please be in touch with us for pre-planning and purchase of reasonably priced cemetery plots in our nearby locations. Contact us at Cemetery@agudath.org or through the synagogue office. A full list of our board may be found on CAI’s website, along with individual telephone numbers.



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**Building Resilience: Health Through Helping**

“Welcome to New Jersey, Amos” I said as I shook his paw and peered into his eyes. Amos is a beautiful golden lab who came here from Florida after Hurricane Irma. My big-hearted friend fostered him in her home.

Why do I mention this experience? During the storm, our eyes were riveted to the television and social media. Many of us have second homes in Florida and the Carolinas, and family and friends who live there. Our anxiety increased as our ability to communicate with them decreased.

This weather event is an example of stress that can lead us down a path of negativity, or help us to move forward. Last month’s tip re stress and worry referred to finding humor wherever possible. This month we will focus on one of the activities that we in the Jewish community do best: good deeds, Mitzvot, as a means of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world.

Research shows that when we do acts of kindness, we feel an increased sense of control over the world. We become the “helpers” rather than the “helpless.” We feel hope for the future. Our actions lessen our sense of vulnerability.

So when do we have time to do this, you may ask? We’re already multi-tasking and feel taxed in the extreme. So what to do? Something as simple as letting a car get in front of us during traffic (which is widely abundant, of course, in our state) can harness those endorphins in our brain, those feel-good chemicals.

We begin to teach this concept to our children from birth. We participate in Walkathons, “pay forward” while getting coffee, deliver Purim baskets, plant trees in Israel, give to causes too numerous to name. We are well known for our philanthropic leadership.

My heart melted when I met Amos and heard the story. My friend helped not only this displaced dog, but those of us who had the honor of participating in this small miracle. He has since found his forever home with two other dogs, and lots and lots of space to run and be safe.

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## GREAT THINGS AHEAD AT CAI

### Sunday, November 5, 7:30 pm

Join us in a partnership with AIPAC to hear Speaker Daniel Shapiro (former US Ambassador to Israel) at B'nai Abraham.

Daniel Shapiro is a diplomat and former Ambassador of the United States of America to the State of Israel. He was nominated by President Barack Obama on March 29, 2011, and confirmed by the Senate on May 29. He was sworn in as ambassador by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on July 8, 2011. Previously, he was the senior director for the Middle East and North Africa on the United States National Security Council.



### Thursday, November 16, 7:45 pm

Guest Speaker: Knesset Member Michael Oren (Former Israel Ambassador to the USA). Sponsored by Jean Stoloff in memory of Al Stoloff.

Michael Bornstein Oren is an American-born Israeli historian, author, politician, former ambassador to the United States (2009–2013), current member of the Knesset for the Kulanu party, and Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Office. Oren has written books, articles, and essays on Middle Eastern history, and is the author of the *New York Times* best-selling *Power, Faith and Fantasy* and *Six Days of War: June 1967 and the Making of the Modern Middle East*, which won the Los Angeles Times History Book of the Year Award and the National Jewish Book Award. Oren has been a visiting professor at Harvard, Yale, and Georgetown Universities in the United States and at Tel Aviv and Hebrew Universities in Israel. The Forward named Oren one of the five most influential American Jews, and The Jerusalem Post listed him as one of the world's ten most influential Jews.

### Monday, November 20 at 8:00 pm Rosh Chodesh Women's Group - Kislev

Instructor: Susan Werk

Location: To be announced

Looking for a meaningful women's experience? Join our monthly Women's Rosh Chodesh Group. 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 your fellow congregants.

### 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.



On September 14, a small group joined in a lively night of fitness fun during our kickoff Zumba event. While participation was certainly lighter than hoped for, it was a great event and we will look to repeat this event again in the future.

We also held our first business meeting on the morning of September 17th. Those present explored how best to organize our leadership team moving forward. A healthy discussion was held in regard to our continued participation as a member of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, and discussion was also undertaken as to what updates may be appropriate to our bylaws given the changing landscape of our community. As we did not have enough members to form a quorum, no formal decisions were reached.

Our next regular business meeting will be held on November 19 from 9:30 – 11:00 am. Anyone interested in helping to shape our future is always welcome to join! If November doesn't work for you, feel free to join us December 17 from 9:30 – 11:00 am as well.

We also hope to see you join us at our upcoming event on November 2. We are reviving an old time favorite, dinner and a movie. Details will be sent shortly, but place a hold on your calendar now.

Until next month,  
Sasha Paillet Koff



## New Jersey Jewish Singles 45+



### Chanukah Party

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Sunday, December 17, 2:30 PM at CAI

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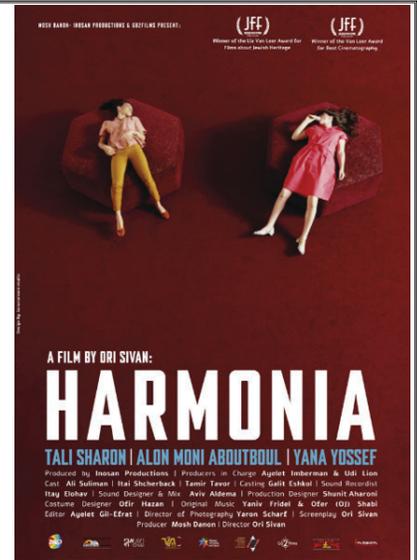
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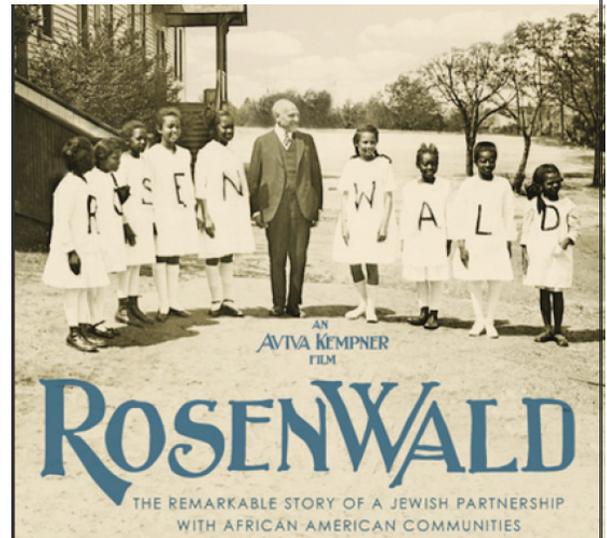


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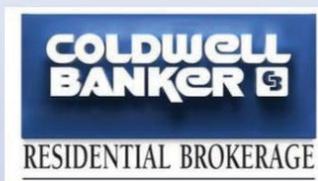
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**B'NAI MITZVAH**



**PERI SHANDLER**  
Daughter of Adam and Michelle Shandler  
November 4 - AM



**SHAILA SPRITZER**  
Daughter of Jon and Robyn Spritzer  
November 11 - PM



**AVA RAPKIN**  
Daughter of Jonathan and Erin Rapkin  
November 18 - PM

Peri is a 7th grader at Liberty Middle School in West Orange, where she enjoys playing basketball, acting in plays, and doing inventive art projects. Peri is a Girl Scout and also participates in the "Girls on the Run" fitness and leadership program. From Tot Shabbat to Torah Chug and Tov M'od Choir, Peri has made many friends and learned so much in her time at CAI. Peri spends her summers at Camp Deeny Riback in Flanders, where she has been a camper for eight years. (She hopes to run the camp one day!) In August, Peri traveled to Israel on Susan Werk's multi-generational trip and had an amazing experience!

Peri is the daughter of Michelle and Adam Shandler, and a loving sister to Aidan. Peri's mitzvah project is Maya's Rainbow, a non-profit started by family friends that provides community-based artistic experiences for pre-school and elementary school children. For more information visit [www.mayasrainbow.org](http://www.mayasrainbow.org).

Shaila is an 8th grader at West Essex Middle School. She is the big sister of Deia and Artie. She is an all-around amazing young woman-a great student, a former competitive gymnast turned field hockey and tennis player, and true friend. From the time she was in nursery school, she has been recognized for her innate ability to brighten up the room with her light, beautiful smile, and pure heart.

Shaila took on two mitzvah projects. Last year she volunteered with CAI's nursery program where she helped engage the young students and prepared for holidays and special events. This year she is leading the Kiss Away Cancer fund raiser selling Hershey Chocolate Kisses to raise money for cancer research. This project is in honor of her Grandfather Daniel Spritzer, who passed this summer, and her namesake Grandmother, Sheila Rothke. We could not be prouder of her.

Ava is a warm and caring daughter, sister, and friend. She is a kind soul who treats people the way she would want to be treated, and who genuinely wants to have a great time with everyone around her. She gives her all to everything she's involved in, whether it's soccer, school work, or camp activities. For her mitzvah project, Ava volunteered with Friendship Circle, recording stories and helping create activities and games for children with special needs. She brings us joy every day, and we are so proud to celebrate her becoming a Bat Mitzvah.

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**B'NAI MITZVAH**



**GILAD SHIFRIN**  
Son of Joshua and Maya Shifrin  
November 19 - AM

Gilad is a seventh grade honor student at Grover Cleveland Middle School in Caldwell. He is a fantastic (mostly) brother and role model to his younger brother Idan. Gilad is a compassionate, loving, and caring young man who will often jump to the help of the underdog. He has a wonderful sense of humor and enjoys making those around him laugh. In his free time, Gilad loves to play tennis, hang out with his friends and family, go to the movies, and spend as much time as he can in the ocean. Gilad is a nature enthusiast who enjoys learning about animals and discovering new places; and he makes a killer goat impression.

We are extremely proud of the young man that Gilad has grown up to be and are looking forward to seeing what else is in store for him. Mazal Tov!

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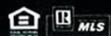
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