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Join us for our annual

PURIM CARNIVAL

Sunday March 17th, 2019
10:30am - 1:00pm



Featuring inflatables and games for children ages 2-12. Bring your friends to this grand celebration that also includes: carnival style games, crafts, lunch items, snacks and drinks.

Wrist bands will be sold for \$20 (pre-registration online) / \$25 (at the door) per child. Come and enjoy the fun!

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Schedule of Services

March 2019

Friday, March 1

Erev Shabbat Service5:25 pm
 "Guess who's coming to Shabbas?"
 at Congregant's homes

Saturday, March 2

Shacharit9 am
 Bat Mitzvah – Julia Miller..... am
 Shabbat Meditation9:30 am
 Torah Chug..... 10:15 am
 Shabbat Friends K-2 11 am
 Minchah/Talmud Study/Maariv.....5:20 pm
 Bar Mitzvah – Derek Satz..... pm

Friday, March 8

Erev Shabbat Service5:35 pm
 Hadassah Shabbat 6 pm

Saturday, March 9

Shacharit9:15 am
 Shabbat Mindfulness K-2..... 11 am
 Special 3s Tot Shabbat Program..... 11 am
 Minchah/Talmud Study/Maariv.....5:30 pm

Friday, March 15

Shabbat in PJs5:30 pm
 Erev Shabbat Service 6 pm

Saturday, March 16

Shacharit9:15 am
 Torah Chug..... 10:15 am
 Shabbat Friends K-2 11 am
 Minchah/Talmud Study/Maariv.....6:40 pm

Wednesday, March 2

Purim – Children's Service.....6:30 pm
 Megilah Reading7:30 pm

Thursday, March 21

Purim – Shacharit6:45 am

Friday, March 22

Erev Shabbat Service 6 pm

Saturday, March 23

Shacharit9 am
 Bat Mitzvah – Zoe Lieberman am
 Minchah/Talmud Study/Maariv.....6:45 pm

Friday, March 29

Erev Shabbat Service 6 pm
 GOA/CAI Student and Alumni Shabbat 6 pm

Saturday, March 30

Shacharit9:15 am
 Torah Chug..... 10:15 am
 Shabbat Friends K-2 11 am
 Bat Mitzvah – Eva Farbman pm
 Bat Mitzvah – Hailey Levenberg pm
 Minchah/Talmud Study/Maariv.....6:50 pm

Candle Lighting Times

Friday, March 15:30 pm
 Shabbat ends, Sat., March 26:40 pm
 Friday, March 85:38 pm
 Shabbat ends, Sat., March 96:48 pm
 Friday, March 156:46 pm
 Shabbat ends, Sat., March 167:56 pm
 Friday, March 226:53 pm
 Shabbat ends, Sat., March 23 8:03 pm
 Friday, March 297:01 pm
 Shabbat ends Sat., March 308:11 pm

Daily Services

Mornings
 Monday & Thursday6:45 am
 Tuesday, Wednesday,
 & Friday7 am
 Sunday Talmud Study8:15 am
 Sunday Shacharit9 am
Evenings
 Sunday-Thursday7:30 pm
 Friday (see schedule)

Saturday Schedule

Services begin9:15 am
 (When B'nei Mitzvah)9 am
 Torah Study Group9 am
 Shabbat Meditation9:30 am
 (per monthly schedule)
 Torah Reading Chug 10:15-11 am
 (twice a month, ages 9-12)
 Torah for Tots (ages 0-4) 11 am
 Shabbat Friends 11 am
 (twice a month, grades K-2)
 Jr Congo (grades 3-6) 11 am



From the Pulpit

RABBI ALAN SILVERSTEIN

Gratitude and Friendship to Father Michael Desmond

On Jan. 24, during our Tu B'Shevat program on protecting and preserving the environment, I expressed deep gratitude on behalf of CAI to Msgr. Michael Desmond, senior priest at St. Al's Roman Catholic Church in Caldwell, who will soon retire. Father Michael has been a dear friend to and a strong ally of the Jewish community, as when he joined us during the spontaneous evening of solidarity in the aftermath of the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre.

The opportunity to praise our close relationship with an eminent Christian leader brought to my mind the profound honor I had in being one of two dozen American-Jewish religious leaders to have been granted an audience with Pope John Paul II at Cardinal O'Connor's residence in New York on Oct. 7, 1995.

John Paul II was the first pope to visit the Great Synagogue in Rome, to conduct a Holocaust memorial service inside the Vatican, to extend official recognition to the State of Israel, and to make many more gestures of friendship to the Jewish community.

In terms of Catholic-Jewish relations, John Paul II's statements merit specific praise. On:

- Diplomatic relations between the Vatican and the State of Israel:

"It must be understood that Jews...have decided to return to the land of their ancestors. This is their right.... That right was also recognized from the outset by the Holy See, and the act of establishing diplomatic relations with Israel is simply an international affirmation of that relationship." (Dec. 30, 1993)

- Annulling the claim that God's covenant with Jewry was terminated in antiquity:

"The history of Israel did not end in 70 AD. It continued, especially in numerous Diasporas which allowed Israel to carry to the whole world a witness — often heroic — of its fidelity to the one God and to



Rabbi Alan Silverstein presents a scholarly book entitled, "The Jewish Annotated New Testament," to Msgr. Michael Desmond of Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church for his upcoming retirement.

'exalt Him in the presence of the living.'" (Mainz, 1981)

"The first dimension of [the Catholic-Jewish] dialogue, that is the meeting between the people of God of the Old Covenant, never revoked by God, and that of the New Covenant..." (Mainz, 1981)

"We must rid ourselves of the traditional idea of a people punished, preserved as a living argument for Christian apologetic.... [Jewry] remains a chosen people." (June 24, 1985, Rome)

- Affirming Vatican II's 1965 repudiation of the charge of collective Jewish responsibility for deicide:

"No ancestral or collective blame can be imputed to the Jews as a people for 'what happened in Christ's passion.'"

"It is not lawful to say that the Jews are 'repudiated or cursed' (April 13, 1986 Rome Synagogue)

- Acknowledging the responsibility for creating a climate of Anti-Semitism in Europe:

"[Part of Christian-Jewish dialogue involves] correcting a false religious view of the Jewish people, which in the course of history was one of the causes that contributed to misunderstanding and persecution...." (Mainz 1981)

- Condemnation of Anti-Semitism as a sin against God and incompatible with Jesus' teachings; acknowledging the monstrous evils of the Holocaust:

"Once again, through myself, the Church, in the well-known Declaration Nostra Aetate (no. 4) 'deplores the hatred, persecutions and displays of anti-Semitism directed against the Jews at any time and by anyone'; I repeat: 'by anyone.'"

"I would like once more to express a word of abhorrence for the genocide decreed against the Jewish people during the last war, which led to the Holocaust of millions of innocent victims." (April 13, 1986, Rome synagogue)

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Rabbi Silverstein (continued)

- The cleansing of Catholic educational materials at all levels of residual Anti-Semitic biases:

"We should aim...that Catholic teaching to its different levels presents Jews and Judaism...in an honest and objective manner, free from prejudices and without any offenses." (March 6, 1982, Rome)

- Studying Judaism in order to appreciate the Jewish roots of Christianity:

"To assess it carefully in itself and with due awareness of the faith and religious life of the Jewish people as they are professed and practiced still today can greatly help us to understand better certain aspects of the life of the Church." (June 24, 1985, Rome)

- The common patrimony of the two faiths:

"Jesus was and always remained a Jew..."

"There is no doubt that he wished to submit himself to the law.... He extolled respect for it and invited obedience in it..."

"It should be noted also that Jesus often taught in the synagogues..."

"The Church and Christianity...find their origin in the Jewish milieu of the first century of our era..."
(June 24, 1985, Rome)

- The need for sincere dialogue with Jewish religious leaders; promoting a time for healing:

"Religious teaching, catechesis, and preaching should be a preparation not only for objectivity, justice, tolerance but also for understanding and dialogue. Our two traditions are so related that they cannot ignore each other. Mutual knowledge must be encouraged at every level." (June 24, 1985)

"A considerable amount of time will be needed...to remove all forms of prejudice, even subtle ones, to re-adjust every manner of self-expression and therefore to present always and everywhere, to ourselves and to others, the true face of the Jews and of Judaism, as likewise of Christians and Christianity..." (April 13, 1986, Rome synagogue)

With John Paul II's comments in mind, the CAI gift I selected for St. Al's illustrious monsignor was "The Jewish Annotated New Testament," a text compiled by professors Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Tzvi Bressler. This book provides an excellent framework for substantive dialogue with Christian friends, promoting mutual respect and partnership in tikkun olam. These are values embodied in the loving and caring priesthood of Father Michael.

CAI salutes his courageous and energetic leadership and extends our collective prayers for his good health and spiritual inspiration.



GUESS WHO'S COMING TO SHABBAS?
A Living Tribute to Bernie Albert

Friday, March 1
a nationwide
community-building program.

Contact Debbie Lurie at dlurie@agudath.org
or Debbie Rosen at debsta65@hotmail.com.



CREATE for a CAUSE

Create knitted and crocheted items for a cause!

We work together to create and donate our goods to organizations that serve people in need. We also accept donations of items you have already made. Please bring any hooks, needles, or leftover yarn you may have.

Sundays, March 10 and March 31
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Open to all levels, beginner to expert

RSVP: Debbie Lurie, dlurie@agudath.org,
or Caryn Snerson, caryn@micasports.com



Congregation Agudath Israel

OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, March 17
9:30 – 10:30 am

Please join us for a prospective member brunch and information session.

Meet the staff, take a tour, hear how Congregation Agudath Israel has something for everyone.

Families with young children (ages 0-12) are invited to stay for our Purim Carnival as our guests, which begins at 10:30 am.



And don't forget ... Join us for Purim FUN!



Wednesday, March 20
Come in costume!

Children's Service 6:30 pm, ages 0-7

Megillah Reading 7:30 pm, all ages!

Please RSVP to Debbie
at 973-226-3600 ext. 118
or dlurie@agudath.org.



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From the Pulpit

RABBI ARI LUCAS

A Few of My Favorite Things

From time to time, I intend to use my allotted space in the Voice to call your attention to the interesting works of others. Here are a few recommendations about what 1) to click, 2) to watch, 3) to listen to, and 4) to read. Please feel free to share your recommendations with me as well.



about all these questions, but Jewish texts are rarely as funny as this TV show.

Runner Up: *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel* – I would have chosen this one, but I thought I'd go with a slightly less obvious choice.

To Click: Hebcal.com

I consult this website probably once a week. It has an easy Gregorian/Hebrew calendar converter so that you can enter any date in history (or in the future) and find out the corresponding date on the other calendar. This is great for calculating when a yahrtzeit (anniversary of a death) will fall, or b'nei mitzvah dates. For example, if you want to know what Torah portion was being read the week of your birth, just enter your secular birthdate and it will tell you what the corresponding Hebrew date was that year, as well as the Torah portion. Then you can use the site's Torah reading calendar to find out when that Torah portion will come around again. The website easily lays out when holidays will fall in a given year and when candle-lighting times are for your given location.

Runner Up: Sefaria.org – an online library of primary Jewish sources (many of them available in translation). It's tremendous.

To Watch: **The Good Place** (NBC and Netflix)

The series revolves around Eleanor (played by the hilarious Kristen Bell), who dies and winds up in "The Good Place" because she's been mistaken for someone else. Ostensibly about the afterlife, this comedy wrestles with moral questions of how to live a good life, free will, and the capacity for people to change. Judaism has plenty to say

To Listen To: **Kate Bowler's podcast "Everything Happens"**

From the website: "Life isn't always bright and shiny, as Kate Bowler knows. Kate is a young mother, writer, and professor who, at age 35, was suddenly diagnosed with Stage IV cancer. In warm, insightful, often funny conversations, Kate talks with people about what they've learned in dark times." Kate's conversations have deep insights about how to live with brokenness and to support others through life's challenges. I've appreciated every episode.

To Read: ***Between Friends* by Amos Oz**

Our own Dara Horn compared Amos Oz to Mark Twain in her recent review of *Dear Zealots: Letters from a Divided Land* that was published in the *Washington Post*. Horn writes, "Oz's 30-book career has spanned more than 50 years of Israel's 70-year existence, and he has played a role possible only for authors in young nations: a formative voice shaping his country's culture, offering not merely prose but prophecy." Oz's death at the end of 2018 inspired me to pick up *Between Friends*, a collection of short stories. Each story offers a window into the very human lives of Israelis and the challenges they face in relationship with one another.

Hope you appreciate and learn as much from these resources as I have.

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Thank You

Thanks to the many congregants who generously and promptly responded to our request for donations of kosher food for federal employees in our community who were out of work and suffering severe economic hardship, due to the government shutdown. A special word of appreciation to Aaron Solomon and his sons, Yehudah and Benjamin, for transporting the food to the kosher food pantry at Oheb Shalom in South Orange. Yasher Koach!

—Social Action Committee

THINK SUMMER...



THINK CAMP!

It's a great time to plan for...summer! Jewish overnight camp offers the chance to gain independence, meet new friends, and enjoy exciting – all in the beautiful outdoors, with a special sense of community and spirit not found at other camps. Plus, you'll help ensure a strong Jewish future, because Jewish campers become future leaders.

One Happy Camper NJ is a non-profit, FREE resource of the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest to connect you with the amazing array of Jewish summer programs:

- ▶ Access to over 190+ Jewish overnight camps, day camps, specialty camps (from sports to arts to farming and more!), and teen programs
- ▶ Guidance on financial resources for camp, including One Happy Camper grants up to \$1,000 and needs-based scholarships for eligible campers
- ▶ Free, personalized consultation from local camp expert Tracy Levine to find the right summer experience for your child

There have been 91 One Happy Camper grant recipients from Agudath to date – who will be recipient #100? One Happy Camper NJ has a \$25 Starbucks gift card waiting for you! Visit www.OneHappyCamperNJ.org or contact Tracy at 973-929-2970 or tracy@onehappycamperNJ.org.

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Cantor's Notes

CANTOR JOEL CAPLAN

Purim and Murray Bloom's Paintings

Purim Baskets

It's not too late! All CAI members will be getting a Purim Basket soon, and so will your CAI friends. Do you want *your* name to be on their basket? There's still time to order — contact Dorit Eli at deli@agudath.org or 973-226-3600, ext. 126.

Paintings on the Book of Esther

We are delighted that on **Wednesday, March 13, 7:45-9:15 pm**, a week before Purim, artist and CAI member Murray Bloom will present his series of paintings depicting the story of Esther. He and his wife, Maya, will show us what to look for and how best to appreciate the art, while teaching us stories and midrashim about the Megillah that are referred to in the paintings.

Murray was born in New York and educated at New York University and Columbia University. In 1972, he and his family moved to Israel, where he became a graphic designer and illustrator for several important firms, including *The Jerusalem Post*, Keter Publishing House, and Israel Aerospace Industries. He also taught in Israel at the Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design and the Avni Institute of Art and Design.

Murray created his series of 17 paintings on the Book of Esther at the invitation of Yeshiva University, where the paintings were first put on exhibit in 1981. That same year, his painting of Esther — shown on the front cover of this issue of *The Voice* — appeared on the front cover of *Hadassah Magazine*. The paintings have been on exhibit in locations throughout the U.S. and in South America as well.

Murray's paintings are exquisitely detailed, and the details all tell part of the story. Sylvia A. Herskowitz, director of the



Left: Artist Murray Bloom, in California, before returning to New York. Below, Queen Esther from Murray's "Book of Esther" series.



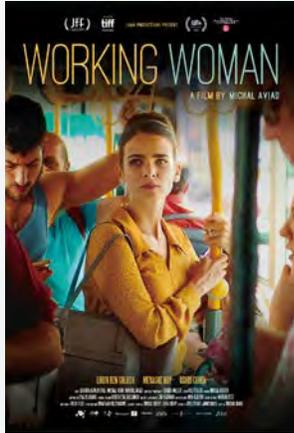
Yeshiva University Museum, wrote, "Superbly painted, they are like glittering puzzles in which the viewer must seek out hidden meanings and symbols." I'm not always great at seeking

out hidden meaning in visual art; how wonderful that we will have the artist himself with us to guide us!

Professor Jo Milgrom wrote, "Steeped in the lore of his people and in the discipline of his art, Murray Bloom has ingeniously joined aspects of both categories, perhaps for the first time wedding a popular Jewish holiday to the contemporary art of a project of such magnitude." We are honored that Murray and Maya are members of our congregation, and we look forward to their class on March 13!

HaZamir Teenagers at Lincoln Center

Once again, we will send CAI teenagers to perform with 400 other Jewish high school teen singers in Lincoln Center! This year's HaZamir Gala Concert will be on Sunday, March 31, at 4 pm. Mazal tov to Jenny Barbag, Michael Fichtenbaum, Sarah Kitchner, Robyn Liss, and



Sponsored by CAI | NJ Jewish Film Festival

Working Woman Thursday, April 4

Please join us for a viewing of the film at 11:30 am, followed by lunch and discussion at 1:15 pm.

Movie and lunch at JCC of MetroWest NJ, 760 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ 07052

Movie \$10

Lunch \$12

Orna (Liron Ben Shlush) is the mother of three young children with a husband struggling to start his own restaurant. To help support her family Orna returns to the workplace, landing a job with a former army superior, Benny (Menashe Noy), who is now a successful real estate developer. While Orna embraces her new position and tries to balance its demands with her home life, she begins to experience escalating sexual harassment from her boss. Her rapid rise through the ranks and her increasing financial success seem to parallel a pattern of predatory behavior, which ultimately brings her career and marital relationship to the brink. This timely and devastating story is expertly told by long-time feminist filmmaker Michal Aviad.

Questions? Contact Debbie Lurie at dlurie@agudath.org.



Cantor's Notes (continued)



HaZamir Teenagers will perform at Lincoln Center this month.

Hadassah Solomon; not only will some of them be onstage in Lincoln Center, but we'll also host our sister HaZamir choir from our Greater MetroWest federation twin community of Ofakim/Merchavim.

For ticket information, please contact me at cantor@agudath.org or 973-226-3600, ext.116.

— Cantor Joel Caplan

The Men's Club of Congregation Agudath Israel

is now accepting applications for

The Jack Lippe Scholarship



The scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors of congregation member families. Applications may be obtained in the synagogue office or from the guidance offices of area high schools. The deadline for submission of materials is April 30.

For further information, contact Jonathan Mehl at 201-403-4506 or JMNJESQ@gmail.com.





Torah Pillar: Every Age and Stage of Jewish Learning

Seeking God in Hidden Places

Congregation Agudath Israel is known for creating wonderful community, with its engaged and supportive members, terrific staff, and a warm, welcoming environment. But for some of our youngsters, their favorite part of our synagogue is actually the halls and rooms of our building. Why? Hide and Seek. Over the years I have often come upon a child counting to 10 in a closet or corner and then setting off to hunt through the building for his or her playmates.

I loved Hide and Seek as a child, and, even though I question if it's a good idea to play it in our halls, I can't help getting caught up in the fun of searching for the kids in their hiding places. Even as a girl I preferred to be the one seeking, rather than the one hiding. I am sure this is a reflection of my lifelong love of looking for new things to learn.

During the month of March we celebrate Purim and welcome the beginning signs of spring. The holiday emphasizes revealing what has been hidden within us, and the approach of the new season makes us anticipate the emergence of what has been hidden beneath the earth.

The Purim story tells the tale of Queen Esther, who conceals who she is until, at the climax of the story, her true identity as a Jew is revealed, a disclosure that results in her saving her people from disaster. God's name is not mentioned in the Scroll of Esther — something that we see as teaching us about God's hidden nature.



In chapter 4:13-14, Mordechai sends a message to Esther, telling her to go before the king, despite her fear of the danger of approaching him without being summoned. Mordechai tells her, "Do not imagine that you, of all the Jews, will escape with your life by being in the king's palace. On the contrary, if you keep silent in this crisis, relief and deliverance will come to the Jews from another place (makom in Hebrew)...." In

Hebrew, HaMakom, The Place, has acquired the meaning of "The Hidden Name of God." We search for God everywhere and often find God in hidden places — so that often when we find God we have a "wow" moment — just like finding our friend in the game of Hide and Seek.

So at Purim, when we learn about hidden identities, we ask ourselves: What mask have I been wearing? Can I find my true inner self and reveal that person to the world around me? Where do I seek God? And where have I found God?

As the ground beneath us is thawing from the winter, we wonder about the seeds that have been sown and what will soon sprout from the earth.

March is the month of Hide and Seek, when we search for the signs of spring, we rejoice in the fun of Purim, and we delight in the discovery of the true gifts that are revealed beneath the surface.

Chag Purim Sameyach!



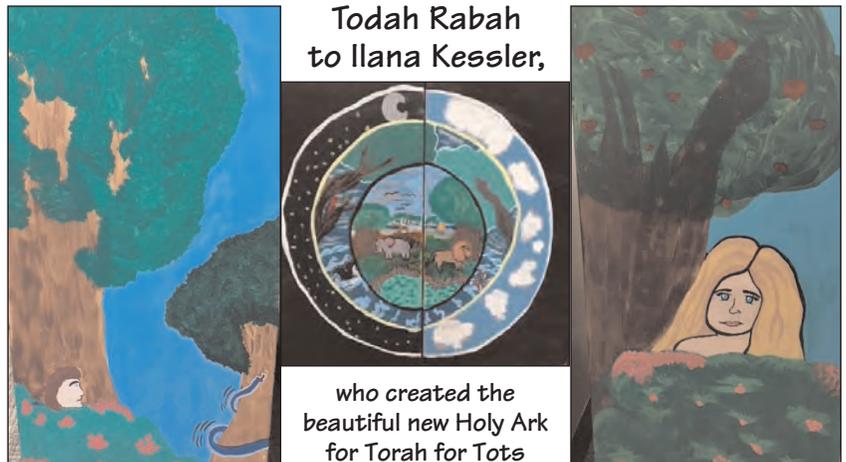
Celebrate Purim!



Sunday, March 17
Purim Carnival, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 20
Children's service
with Stretch the Silly Man, 6:30 p.m.
Community Service, Megillah Reading,
7:30 pm.





Torah Pillar: Every Age and Stage of Jewish Learning

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

Early Childhood Center

Friday, March 8: Hamantaschen-baking workshop with Susan Werk, 9:15 am
Saturday, March 9: Special Fours' Tots Program, 11 am
Wednesday, March 13: Kindergarten night for fours' parents, 7:45 pm
Friday, March 15: Shabbat in Pajamas, 5:30 pm
Sunday, March 17: Purim Carnival, 10:30 am
Wednesday, March 20: Megillah reading, 6:30 pm

Primary (Kindergarten – Second Grade)

Saturday, March 2: Shabbat Friends, 11 am
Saturday, March 9: Breathe in a blessing, 11 am
Friday, March 15: Shabbat in Pajamas, 5:30 pm
Saturday, March 16: Shabbat Friends, 11 am
Sunday, March 17: Monthly K-1-2 program, 9:30 am
Sunday, March 17: Purim Carnival, 10:30 am
Wednesday, March 20: Religious School closed
Wednesday, March 20: Megillah reading, 6:30 pm & 7:30 pm
Saturday, March 30: Shabbat Friends, 11 am

Elementary School (Third-Fifth Grade)

Sunday, March 3: Mindful Fun, fifth grade, 8:30 am
Sunday, March 10: Mindful Fun, fifth grade, 8:30 am
Sunday, March 17: Mindful Fun, fifth grade, 8:30 am
Sunday, March 17: Purim Carnival, 10:30 am
Wednesday, March 20: Religious School closed
Wednesday, March 20: Megillah reading, 6:30 pm & 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 24: Mindful Fun, fifth grade, 8:30 am

Middle School (Sixth-Eighth Grade)

Sunday, March 3: Mindful Fun, sixth grade, 8:30 am
Wednesday, March 6: Teen Learning (seventh & eighth grades), 6 pm
Sunday, March 10: Mindful Fun, sixth grade, 8:30 am
Sunday, March 10: Sixth grade parents' workshop, 10 am
Sunday, March 10: Kadima event, 12:30 pm
Tuesday, March 12: Mitzvah Madness trip to Community Foodbank in Hillside, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 13: Teen Learning (seventh & eighth grades), 6 pm
Sunday, March 17: Mindful Fun, sixth grade, 8:30 am
Sunday, March 17: Purim Carnival, 10:30 am
Wednesday, March 20: Religious School closed
Wednesday, March 20: Megillah Reading, 6:30 and 7:30 pm
Sunday, March 24: Mindful Fun, sixth grade, 8:30 am
Wednesday, March 27: Teen Learning (seventh & eighth grades), 6 pm
Sunday, March 31: Sixth grade Wimple Workshop, 10 am

Teens (Ninth-Twelfth Grade)

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

Wednesday, March 6: USY Israel, 7:45 pm
Wednesday, March 6, 13, 27: Teen Wednesday Nights
Tuesday, March 12: Mitzvah Madness trip to Community Foodbank in Hillside, 4 p.m.
Sunday, March 17: Purim Carnival, 10:30 am
Wednesday, March 20: Religious School closed

Adult Education

SUSAN WERK, EDUCATION DIRECTOR



"The Kindness Advantage"

Book Talk with authors Dale Atkins, PhD, and Amanda Salzhauer, MSW

Tuesday, March 5, 7:45 p.m.

A practical guide to raising "kids who care"

*For parents & grandparents; the book is available (\$10) in the Education Department
Register: Agudath.org/events*



Purim in Art

Wednesday, March 13, 7:45-9:15 p.m.

Artist and CAI member **Murray Bloom** will present his series of paintings depicting the Story of Esther. He and his wife, Maya, will demonstrate how best to appreciate the art, and teach midrashim about the Megillah referred to in the paintings.



New Adult Ed Classes

American Philosophers

Professor James Flynn, associate professor of theology/philosophy at Caldwell University, will take the class on an exploration of philosophical and ethical thinkers in America, from the Revolutionary period, through New England Transcendentalism, and the Pragmatic movement.

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12 10:30-11:30 am

Mussar: The Original Jewish Renewal

Derek Fields will focus on "Duties of the Heart," a 1,000-year-old book by Bachya Ibn Pakuda, the first systematic investigation into Jewish ethics. From moral philosophy to personal practices, the work combines traditional Jewish sources with the Arabic philosophy prevalent at that time. Students will discuss how Pakuda's insights remain relevant today.

Tuesdays, March 12, 19, 26; April 2, 16 7:45-9 pm

Adult Ed Continuing Classes

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26,

with Nancy Caplan

9:15 am: Hebrew

10:30 am: Text and Coffee

12:30 pm: Jewish Law and Customs.

Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27,

with Rabbi Silverstein

10 am: The book of Ezra and Nehemiah

11 am: Selected Issues of the Holocaust

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28

9:30 am: Contemporary Jewish Thinkers,

Rabbi Silverstein

10:30 am: Elijah the Prophet, Susan Werk

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21

12:15-1 pm: Online course: Leadership

Lessons from the Bible, Rabbi Lucas

(contact Allison at arobinson@agudath.org)

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

7:45 am: Sighing & Soaring in the Psalms,

Rabbi Hammerman

Friday, March 29

11:30 am: Current events, Max Kleinman

Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

12:45 pm: Jewish Second Temple Literature,

Phil Kruger

Women's Rosh Chodesh

Thursday, March 7, 7:45 pm

For *Adar II* — Learn, share, grow
in a safe, friendly environment.

At the home of Susan Werk,
105 Roseland Ave., Unit 1003, Caldwell



Looking Ahead to Passover



Passover Cooking Workshop Monday, April 8, 12-1:30 pm

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CAI Adult Education Presents Movies!

Jewish Film Series: Tuesday Matinees at CAI

“The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick” (1988)

March 5, 1 p.m.

In 1960, in a small town in Manitoba, Canada, insecure Max is trying to navigate the preparations for his bar mitzvah while coping with his overbearing parents. The town’s rabbi dies, and a hasidic rabbi, who sticks out like a sore thumb among the otherwise assimilated community, takes over. To make matters more difficult, Max likes a Catholic girl, and it’s the quirky, fun-loving rabbi who tries to help him out.



The Big Fix (1978)

March 19, 1 p.m.

Richard Dreyfuss plays Moses Wine, an ex-’60s radical now working as a private eye. He is hired by an old flame (Susan Anspach) to investigate a political smear campaign. As the case becomes more dangerous, Moses succeeds despite — or perhaps because of — his Jewish qualities.



*These films will be followed by congregant-led discussions.
Register at agudath.org/events.*

Michael & Barbara Erlichman Film Series

“Bag of Marbles” (2017)

Wednesday, March 27, 7:45 pm



This adaptation of Joseph Joffo’s enduring memoir tells the story of two Jewish brothers in wartime Paris. Joseph and Maurice at ages 10 and 12 have little understanding of the threat facing them; Joseph thinks nothing of swapping his yellow star for a bag of marbles. Their best chance to escape the Nazi roundup is to flee to the south, where their older brothers have found safe haven. These tenacious boys survive on courage and ingenuity and the strength of their brotherly bond.

*The film will be followed by a discussion.
Register at agudath.org/events*

“Working Woman” (2018)

Thursday, April 4, 11:30 am

Lunch & discussion, 1:15 pm

JCC, West Orange

Israeli film/NJ premiere

As primary breadwinner for her family while her husband struggles to keep his new restaurant afloat, Orna is elated when she gets a major promotion at work. However, the unwanted sexual advances of her married boss is making work unbearable. Orna feels increasingly isolated, and when her world is shattered, she must pull herself together to fight for her job and her sense of self-worth.



Movie: \$12, Lunch: \$12

Information: Contact Debbie Lurie at dlurie@agudath.org

“Working Woman” is cosponsored by CAI as part of the **New Jersey Jewish Film Festival**.

The 19th annual festival, March 27-April 7 at the JCC and other venues, features award-winning dramas, comedies, shorts, and documentaries from Israel and other countries; discussions led by filmmakers and cinema experts; festive receptions — and a special appearance by Tovah Feldshuh, presenting a newly discovered film of her triumphant Broadway run in “Golda’s Balcony.”

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Theater is a wonderful way for children to see literature come alive. Watching the different characters helps children appreciate different perspectives. The shows can spark an appreciation of theater and the arts.



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- Tables and sets will be provided.
- Bring a 2018 card, if you have. We will have extras.
- Lessons are available — if you would like a lesson or are willing to teach, please let us know when registering.

Register at agudath.org/events. \$10 includes coffee, bagels, and light snacks.

Contact: Rachel Broder at rachelbroder@hotmail.com or
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SHABBAT IN PAJAMAS
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Friday, March 15

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Adult Lounge & Conference Rooms

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Shabbat in Pajamas is an
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Susan Werk, Education Director



Development News

MICHAEL E. BRESSMAN , DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Old Stories, New Inspiration

Legacy Shabbat and Torah have a lot in common. Each year, Legacy Shabbat honors CAI members who have committed to supporting the synagogue as part of their estate plans. Using speeches, flyers, and posters, it features a poignant retelling of the stories that led them to make an afterlife pledge.

While thinking about this year’s Legacy Shabbat (Saturday, April 27), it strikes me that the tradition of sharing these stories is not unlike the larger Jewish ritual of re-reading the Torah each year.

I usually trust my instinct to sniff out a good metaphor, and this one starts to feel particularly clever. But before I plant my flag on it, I decide to double-check with a higher authority.

“Take a look at chapter eight in the Book of Ezra,” Rabbi Silverstein tells me, not entirely sure why I bounded into his office to ask for the backstory of such a fundamental Jewish convention. “Ezra teaches us that reading the Torah on an annual loop is related to the theme of renewal,” Rabbi Silverstein explains, inspiring me to dig even deeper.

Here’s what I discover:

The Torah itself spans the first trimester of Jewish history, starting with Breishit and concluding with Moses’ death, which marks the end of an era. “Every year, we enter a new era as well,” explains Rabbi Ephraim Epstein, writing in 2014 for the “Jewish Community Voice.” “We live from Rosh Hashanah to Rosh Hashanah, starting each year anew.”

That sounds like a validation of Rabbi Silverstein’s emphasis on renewal.



Starting to believe in the veracity of my metaphor, I realize that same theme is also a basic element of Legacy Shabbat, an observance that invites Legacy Circle members to renew their enthusiasm about enabling the synagogue’s successful future.

Also, the Mishna argues that the Torah’s wisdom is without limits, which means new knowledge is always discoverable within its texts. “Even after reading a

parshah 1,000 times, there is still much left to [learn],” writes Rabbi Epstein.

A more perfect justification for the retelling of Legacy stories doesn’t exist, I conclude. Since each reading of the same text can yield a new takeaway, it would almost be a disservice not to re-share Legacy stories.

At this point, I feel especially confident.

For millennia, the Jewish people have been taught to live by the Torah portion of the week. “Therefore, whatever is going on in our lives..., the parshah read that week speaks to us” differently than it has before, Rabbi Epstein explains.

After reading Rabbi Epstein’s third point, I think this is a Jewish hat trick. Life changes from one year to the next, which causes the same words to take on different meanings over time. By continuing to share our Legacy stories, we allow for their key messages to evolve with the reader.

The metaphor passes muster — so you are cordially invited to Legacy Shabbat on April 27, when we will carry forward our proud tradition of seeking new inspiration from old stories.



55+ Purim Celebration

Wednesday, March 20 at 1 pm in the senior lounge

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Breaking the vicious cycle

“Not in our house”: the stigma of domestic abuse

When we think of domestic abuse, we often think first of signs of physical violence, like a black eye, and that is sometimes the case. But mistreatment within a family often is much more insidious.

Name-calling. Signs of mistrust, such as checking phones, reading e-mails. Not wanting a spouse to earn money. Over-sensitivity to perceived slights. Attempting to control the words/actions/feelings of another. Posting negative things about a partner online. Using legal, illegal, or addictive medications to quiet the demons.

“I didn’t really mean it”: When emotional fuses get short

I’m writing deep into the government shutdown, in the dead of winter. By now, nearly everyone is affected, either directly or indirectly. Anxiety levels are through the roof; fear is turning to anger.

I’m not being gender specific. I’ve worked with both men and women who do not behave in ways that they themselves think are acceptable (often after being told that by family members or the criminal justice system).

Usually this begins with fear. Research shows that the tendency to mistreat others is often based on childhood trauma. There may be loss, poverty, mental illness, family conflict, child abuse or neglect, drug and alcohol use. The only means of growing up is to find ways to negotiate a scary, unpredictable world. We may model ourselves after an aggressor, thinking that only by

controlling others can we get our needs met. If there is no light in our world, our thoughts, feelings, and reactions can become dark. Victims turn into aggressors, aggressors into victims. By adulthood, we have a “trauma narrative” — a way of seeing the world based on our early experiences, and though we try to shake the anger, fear, and mistrust, the thoughts linger, and we lash out in ways that hurt us and those around us.

“Feel sorry for me.”

Often the abuser tries to invoke sympathy. We all deserve forgiveness, but we need look no further than our Jewish tradition to understand that repairing the world is of the highest order and can’t be accomplished if we get into the cycle of hurting someone/ asking forgiveness/ trying to act differently/ going back to the same abusive behavior.

What to do: the huge first step

Whether you are someone who tends to hurt others, or you are the one feeling hurt, talk to someone. You can be a “better version of yourself,” but you probably cannot break out of the cycle by yourself. The first step is to try to identify the problem. Even if you just have a nagging feeling that something is wrong, you can get help to figure it out.

How to get help

Contact me, Jewish Family Service, a private therapist, a rabbi (we have two!), a self-help group. We can help you to rewrite your narrative so that instead of tunneling deeper you can let some light in and feel warmth and closeness.

— Andrea Malmud, LCSW
JFS CAI Zeller Family Social Work Consultant

Zeller Family Jewish Family Service of MetroWest Social Worker at CAI



Questions about aging loved ones, financial pressures, concerns about children?

Contact Andrea Malmud for guidance, information, referrals, and support.

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Sisterhood

CINDY GOLDSTEIN, PRESIDENT

Rising for Sisterhood Shabbat

"All rise! What do *you* stand for?" This was the message delivered by Rabbi Yael Hammerman, the speaker at CAI's Sisterhood Shabbat on Jan. 19. Rabbi Hammerman taught that just as Moses raised his hands to urge the Israelites to stand up, so too should we. She encouraged the congregation of more than 300 to respond when they hear the call: "All rise." Don't sit on the sidelines when you can make a difference, she said. "What do you stand for? How will you respond to the call?" she asked. "When you are weary, like Moses, who will respond to you?" and "How will *you* hold up the heavy, weary hands of those in your midst?"

As members of sisterhood CAI, how are we responding to the call, "All rise!"?

More than 40 women responded to the call to be a part of this most inspiring and amazing service. Three women read Torah for the first time. Several participated in other parts of the service for the first time. Many women expressed interest in participating next year or in helping others to learn how to lead parts of the service. There was a serious discussion about an opportunity to learn how to do Hagba — lifting the Torah — a learned skill and a show of strength. A record number of women, men, and children came up for the "multi-generation aliyah." The son of one Torah reader took pride in having the aliyah honor while his mother read.

As CAI Sisterhood continues to build on the foundation established more than 80 years ago, there are many signs that the women at CAI have indeed stood up for what they

believe in and value.

The enthusiastic response of so many women and men to either participate in or attend the service indicated it was both a religious and a community event. Interest has been expressed for an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah

program, since there are both women and men who have not celebrated this rite of passage and want to do so. Both men and women offered ideas and suggestions for future services.

Sisterhood president Cindy Goldstein, with the assistance of Donna Franklin, once again used family recipes to provide a delicious kiddush lunch. Cantor Caplan not only provided guidance for the service, but also enhanced Musaf with the addition of a performance by the Tov M'od Choir. Children got to see so many adult women participate in the service.

Judy Levenstein orchestrated the Torah readers flawlessly, despite necessary last-minute substitutions. Talya Oberfield and Rabbi Ari Lucas make a dynamic duo for Hagba and Gelilah! Thank you to Rabbi Silverstein for his encouragement and recognition of all the participants.

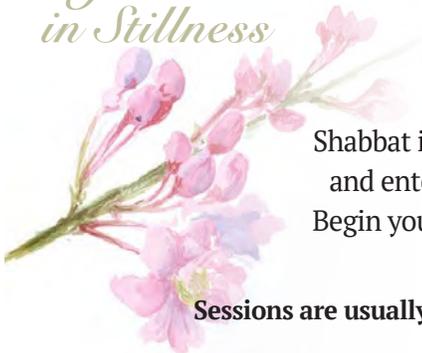
Please consider how you can RISE and stand up for Sisterhood! I truly feel blessed by this experience and invite you to RISE. May we all be blessed to help and be helped.

— Sharon Hammerman

THANK YOU!

The CAI Board of Trustees thanks the CAI Sisterhood for their generous contribution to the repair of the outdoor playground.

*Begin Shabbat
in Stillness*



SHABBAT MEDITATION

Saturday, March 2, 9:30-1:45 am

Instructor: Karen Frank, RN, Congregational Nurse

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Men's Club

ALFIE MAHLER, PRESIDENT

Many Men's Club events

The Congregation Agudath Israel blood drive took place on Sunday, Jan. 6, and, as always, our congregants came out on a frosty morning to donate blood in large numbers. We had 40 donors despite the fact we had no heat and freezing conditions in the activity room. Thanks to Chuck Rettig for organizing and coordinating the event and to the following Men's Club members who helped out: Mike Chiaet, Arthur Franklin, Josh Henry, Jonathan Mehl, Harvey Hershkowitz, Mike Liebowitz, Steve Eisen, Matt Fischer, Marvin Elmowitz, and Dan Elmowitz.

Our night at the Prudential Center for the New Jersey Devils' hockey game on Jan. 10 was a great success. We sold 30 tickets, and the game was quite enjoyable. Thanks to David Moses for organizing the event.

The World Wide Wrap tefillin mitzvah event took place on Sunday, Feb. 3. The students seemed to be quite interested. Mike Chiaet informed the class that the Men's Club has a program through which to purchase tefillin at a discount.

The Purim Carnival is scheduled for Sunday, March 17, at 9 am. We will have a table for Men's Club to bring younger



Worldwide Wrap tefillin event

fathers into our group. We need volunteers to help out at the carnival and to man the table.

We will be talking to ShopRite Liquors about offering a wine-tasting table, where people can order Passover wines and spirits. This is not a fundraiser, but is intended as a service to the congregation.

Our March Madness event on Thursday, March 28, at Agudath Israel will feature food, a large-screen TV

for watching the games, air hockey, basketball hoops, and other games of chance. Admission is \$36, \$20 for members. David Sumka is taking point on this event, so thank you, David. Detailed flyers will be going out soon.

We are please that Steve Holinstat has agreed to help Gary Kabler with the Yom HaShoah memorial candles distribution. We really appreciate him stepping up.

Our next Men's Club meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, at 8 pm. Please try to make it.

We hope everyone has a great Purim.

— Alfie Mahler

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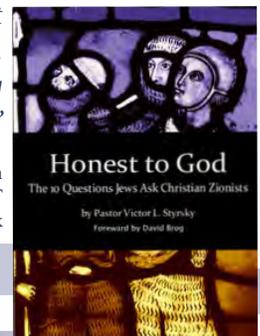
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Environmental Committee

Interfaith Tu B'Shevat Program Focuses on Environment

The Jan. 24 interfaith program for Tu B'Shevat at CAI — "Climate Change: Science, Realities, and Concerns: What Can We Do?" — was planned and cosponsored by CAI's Environmental Committee, Interfaith Committee, and Education Department, along with Caldwell's Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church. The program, which attracted almost 100 attendees, began with a display of the biblical "Seven Species of the Land of Israel." Rabbi Silverstein described what the Torah and Jewish sages have taught about the environment and our need to care for it. Saint Aloysius's Msgr. Michael Desmond followed by citing biblical passages common to both faiths that impel us to care for the air, water, land, and all species of creation.

Greg Mattison, from William Paterson University and a member of its Green Team and the Saint Aloysius Green Team, cited the United States government's 10-year report released in November 2018, explaining how climate change is affecting economics and health and fueling more intense natural disasters, such as hurricanes, flooding, and fires that cause devastating loss of lives, property, and livelihoods.

Mattison provided statistics along with videos and photos to make it clear that climate change is not a political issue, but a major challenge for our time. He described how pollution of our earth, seas, and air and increasing heat are having a major impact on the oceans, resulting in extreme flooding in such places as Florida, New Jersey, and California. Extreme temperature changes also are occurring.

Mattison also cited a U.S. Department of Defense study that identified a growing number of "climate refugees," people fleeing their countries because of the threat of starvation since their farmland has become desert. He also said that the most extreme weather in all of history has occurred in 17 of the last 20 years.

Many countries are currently or on their way to using only alternative energy sources, such as wind power and solar panels. He pointed out the advantages of religious



Above: The Tu B'Shevat Climate Change Program held at CAI.
Left: Msgr. Michael Desmond, Greg Mattison, Rabbi Alan Silverstein

congregations working with municipal governments to do "energy audits" and said that many now are working together on joint purchases of environmentally friendly products and energy. He

said more companies, governments, and individuals are purchasing hybrid or all-electric cars and installing solar panels, which is already helping to decrease costs.

Following the program, attendees filled out evaluation forms with positive feedback, including: "We need to spread the word and meet with town officials about changes we can make," "The situation is dire, but there are viable opportunities for change and improvement," "Vote and fight for causes that support sustainable energy," "A stable environment makes for a stable society," "I now see that climate change is the single most important issue in our world."

The CAI Environmental Committee was grateful for the opportunity to observe Tu B'Shevat — the Jewish New Year of the Trees — by focusing on knowledge and insights from both religion and science that impel us to support sustainable practices. The committee looks forward to building on this collaborative program, working with other partners as we seek a more sustainable world for ourselves and future generations.

B'nei Mitzvah



Julia Miller

Saturday, March 2, 2019, am
Daughter of Eric and Yael Miller

Julia is a seventh-grader at Newark Academy. She always has a smile on her face and approaches every situation in her life with a positive attitude and great energy. While it isn't easy being the youngest, Julia finds ways to make us laugh and has carved her own unique path (though she did recently give in and conform, finally joining the rest of the family in our love for watching the Patriots, Red Sox, and Celtics). Julia is extremely social and enjoys spending time with her school and camp friends. She plays AAU basketball, Millburn travel basketball, and Newark Academy middle school basketball and tennis. Growing up with dogs, Julia has a special gift with animals, and she hopes to be a veterinarian one day.

We love you Julia and are so proud of you.



Derek Satz

Saturday, March 2, 2019, pm
Son of Brian and Stephanie Satz

Derek is a seventh-grader at West Essex Middle School. He loves to play and watch all sports, but his true passion is playing soccer and plays for both his school team and TSF Academy. Derek is lucky to have a great group of friends. Whenever he has spare time, he spends it with them. Derek's favorite time of year is the summer because he spends it at his second home, Camp Chen-a-Wanda.

Derek is a mature, curious, and determined young man who strives to succeed in all he does. He also has a fun-loving personality which shines through in his everyday actions, such as continually coming up with new nicknames for his dog, Sami, many of which end up being used by other members of the family.

For his mitzvah project, Derek has combined his love for soccer with his desire to help those less fortunate than him by teaching and playing soccer with the children at the Valley Settlement House in West Orange. Derek has put in a lot of hard work in preparing for his bar mitzvah and can't wait to celebrate his big day with all his family and friends. We are so proud of Derek today and every day.



Soren Philip Lloyd

Saturday, March 9, 2019
Son of Lee and Leslie Lloyd

A seventh-grader at the Winston School of Short Hills, Soren is an incredibly creative problem solver. Outwardly quiet, Soren has a great sense of humor and a generous spirit. He is known for developing ambitious ideas and for his kindness. His passions include video games, tinkering and building, business, surfing, cars, sneakers, essential oils, Boy Scouts, and technology. He loves Nantucket and 6 Points Sci-Tech Camp, and being surrounded by his family, friends, and his dog Tuck.

Soren will become a Bar Mitzvah at his childhood congregation, Shaare Torah of Gaithersburg, Maryland on his 13th birthday. Soren has been studying with Rabbi Robert Green and Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal, learning about the generations before him, and performing 13 Mitzvot in the months leading up to his big day, ranging from participating in Swim Across America to making Shabbat kits for the sick. We are so proud of Soren!



Zoe Hart Lieberman

Saturday, March 23, 2019, am
Daughter of Erica and Glenn Lieberman

Zoe is a seventh-grader at West Essex Middle School. She is a bright, thoughtful student who takes her studies in school and for her bat mitzvah with determination and positivity. She is kind, generous, and a very caring friend. When she isn't studying, she is chatting with her friends around the U.S. and abroad. She played for the West Essex Knights travel basketball team for two years and cheers on the Florida Gators and the NY Knicks. She spends her summers at her second home, Pine Forest Camp. Zoe also loves baking and sharing love with her dogs, Jagger and Charlie!

Zoe is a leader and appreciates helping those less fortunate. For her mitzvah project, she created opportunities to help those in need through her love of baking. She coordinated, with friends' support, a bake sale to benefit low-income seniors, made baked goods to support the NCPE Election Day bake sale, and through CAI helped at the Community FoodBank and Toni's kitchen.

Zoe is a great sister and looks up to Zack as role model. We are so proud of her and what she has accomplished. We look forward to seeing her become a bat mitzvah and celebrating this wonderful simcha with our friends and family!

B'nei Mitzvah



Eva Farbman
 Saturday, March 30, 2019, pm
 Daughter of Scott and Susan Farbman

Eva is a seventh-grader at Frelinghuysen Middle School in Morristown. She is a dedicated student, a member of the select choir, and a great friend.

Most of Eva's evenings are spent at Gravity Vault with her teammates practicing for rock-climbing competitions. When she's not at school or climbing a wall, she loves painting, spending time with her sister Rachel, and snuggling with our dog Millie.

For the past couple of years, Eva has been giving back to the community by volunteering with Kids to Kids, a program where youngsters mentor children with special needs. She loves interacting with those she mentors and is excited to see the progress children make when given the opportunity to grow.

We are so proud of the young woman Eva has become and we can't wait to see what she has to offer in the future. Congratulations, Eva — You did it!



Hailey Levenberg
 Saturday, March 30, 2019, pm
 Daughter of Jeff and Liz Levenberg

Hailey is a seventh-grader at West Essex Middle School. Intelligent, caring, and outgoing perfectly describe her. Her passion for classroom learning is equaled by the enthusiasm she demonstrates

in her extracurricular activities, which include acting, singing, dancing, and a great love of animals (especially her dachshund, Rollo). Not coincidentally, Hailey's mitzvah project focused on helping animals. She sold homemade dog biscuits at the CAI Holiday Boutique, with the proceeds benefiting North Shore Animal League, and volunteered at "Mutts Mania," a fundraiser for the Mount Pleasant Animal Shelter.

Hailey enjoys spending summers at Eisner Camp in the Berkshires, along with her brother, Charlie. Her love of the arts spans many school and camp plays, with roles such as Ariel ("Little Mermaid"), Matilda, Tinkerbell ("Peter Pan"), and Teen Fiona ("Shrek").

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