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Selichot

Saturday, September 16 at 9pm

Interactive Yahrzeit Memorial Board: Join us as we unveil this new feature with the synagogue's yahrzeits that you can touch, add pictures to, and more.

Selichot with Rabbi Dan and Rabbi Abraham: Enjoy an interactive experience exploring the themes of Selichot. Refreshments will be served.

Selichot Service: Join the Selichot service at 10pm with prayers to help prepare us for the High Holidays.

No charge. Everyone is welcome!



RABBI'S STUDY



I am often asked questions about the various Jewish holidays, their meanings and their observances. As we are nearing the High Holidays, I thought I would use this month's Scroll article to list each holiday through December, the date on which each one will be celebrated this year, and a synopsis of its meaning. Next month, I will do the same with all of the holidays that occur beginning in January.

Rosh HaShannah begins the evening of September 20 and goes through September 22. This is the Jewish New Year and, according to the Tradition, the birth of the world. On these two days one is forbidden to work, or do many of the prohibitions connected with Shabbat.

Tzom Gedalia (September 24) is usually the day after Rosh HaShannah. This minor fast day is postponed this year because the day after Rosh HaShannah is Shabbat. It commemorates the assassination of Gedalia, the governor of Judah. His assassination began events that led to the destruction of the First Temple and the first exile from the land of Israel.

Yom Kippur begins the evening of September 29 and goes through September 30. Rosh HaShannah and Yom Kippur are called Yamim Noraim (the Days of Awe). During the ten days from Rosh HaShannah through Yom Kippur, one is to be in contemplation of one's deeds, both good and bad, and apologize to those people whom we have offended or hurt in the past year. On Yom Kippur, we come to synagogue to ask God for forgiveness of our misdeeds (please note: we are supposed to ask forgiveness of other people BEFORE we can ask God for forgiveness). On Yom Kippur, we refrain from eating (unless we are medically compelled to eat), intimate relations, and bathing, in addition to the normal prohibitions of major holidays.

Sukkot begins the evening of October 4 and ends October 13. Sukkot is one of two eight

day holidays (the other being Passover) that has the first two days and the last two days as yontiff (days where work is prohibited as well as all the other holiday prohibitions) but intermediate days (called Chol Ha'moed) during which the things that are prohibited are permitted. Sukkot is also the first of the Shloshah Regalim (three harvest days), the other two being Passover and Shavuot. Like those holidays, it also has a connection to the Exodus from Egypt. It is customary to build a Sukkah (a hut) in one's yard and eat all meals there and, weather permitting, sleep in the Sukkah as well. Sukkot ends with the last two days not only being yontiff, but being their own individual holidays as well. The first, Shimini Atzeret (8th day of Assembly) has a beautiful idea attached to it. Sukkot is a joyous, happy holiday. According to the tradition, during Shimini Atzeret, God says to us, "I have had so much fun with you during Sukkot. Please stay a little longer." The second holiday is called Simchat Torah. During Simchat Torah, we celebrate finishing the reading of the Torah and beginning all over again.

Chanukah is December 12 through December 20. This holiday, although a minor holiday in Judaism, is about much more than oil lasting for eight days. The word Chanukah means "dedication" and it refers to rededicating the Temple after a terrible war. The incredible victory of the Maccabees and the freedom to be Jews in our own land has as much resonance today as it did then, and that is the true celebration.

Asara B'Tevet is on December 28. The tenth day of the month of Tevet is a minor fast day that remembers the siege of the Babylonians against Jerusalem, another event that led to the destruction of the First Temple.

As always, if you have any questions about any of these holidays, please don't hesitate to contact me! I wish you all a joyous and good New Year.

Rabbi Dan

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

The summer is flying by. Jerry and I have returned from our summer travel in Great Britain. As always, there were many things to explore and to learn, from London's outstanding Holocaust exhibit to York's evidence of Britain's early anti-Semitic history. History shows us that we cannot take for granted our right to live as Jews. It is great to be home at CSS!

Now, back to the business and the excitement of the upcoming New Year!

To all of our new and returning members, thank you so much for being part of the CSS family. We are here for you. Our outstanding clergy, our dedicated staff, and unparalleled corps of volunteers are working to make 5778 an inspirational, meaningful, fun, and beautiful year.

You will find the holiday ritual and services schedule in this issue of the Scroll. Please call the office with any questions.

Regarding our clergy, recall that this year, our own Rabbi Daniel Wolpe has been appointed Senior Rabbi of CSS. Rabbi Wolpe will continue to lead our holiday Egalitarian services with Cantor Michael Bitton. We welcome Rabbi Reuben Israel Abraham, our newly appointed Associate Rabbi. Rabbi Abraham will lead our holiday Traditional services with Cantor Don Samuels.

As in recent years, you will receive a great

calendar of events on your seat at High Holidays. This is an essential reference for the many events, services, and classes already scheduled for the coming year. Yom Kippur brings the annually updated Yizkor memorial book dedicated to our loved ones.

For those who want to help our community this holiday, please consider the following checklist:

- Rent parking for the holiday
- Place your personal Holiday greeting in the calendar
- Get an ad from your favorite store or service provider for the calendar
- Pay dues
- Pledge and donate
- Support our holiday events: Yom Kippur Break the Fast, Sukkot Luncheon, Steak in the Sukkah and more

May we all be blessed with peace and health in the New Year. Jerry and I look forward to greeting everyone at services this year.

Shana Tova,

Fran Gabriel
President

COLLEGE OUTREACH

Our college students receive packages from us several times a year. It's a wonderful way to let them know they are still connected to their Jewish community while they are away from home. This project is supported by the William and Lois Gross Memorial Fund and



the Sisterhood's Barbara Dratch Fund.

Be sure that we have their current mailing and email addresses. Send the information to gwenlurie@aol.com.

Congregations of Shaare Shamayim

September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 (10 of Elul) 7:15p Candle Lighting Traditional Service 6:45PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM	2 (11 of Elul) <u>Parshat Ki Tavo</u> Trad. Service 9AM & 7:20PM Egal. Service 9:30AM
3 (12 of Elul)	4 (13 of Elul) Labor Day	5 (14 of Elul)	6 (15 of Elul)	7 (16 of Elul) CHAVERIM TRIP TO STOOGHEUM PUTTING THE "HIGH" INTO THE HIGH HOLIDAYS 7PM MEN'S CLUB BOARD MTG 7PM	8 (17 of Elul) 7:02p Candle Lighting Traditional Service 6:45PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM	9 (18 of Elul) <u>Parshat Ki Tavo</u> Trad. Service 9AM & 7:10PM Egal. Service 9:30AM
10 (19 of Elul) PRESCHOOL WELCOME BACK DANCE PARTY 2PM	11 (20 of Elul) MTG OF FEDERATION OF JEWISH MENS CLUBS 6:30PM	12 (21 of Elul) SISTERHOOD GENERAL MTG 7PM	13 (22 of Elul) EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG 8PM	14 (23 of Elul) PUTTING THE "HIGH" INTO THE HIGH HOLIDAYS 7PM	15 (24 of Elul) 6:50p Candle Lighting Traditional Service 6:45PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM TOT SHABBAT 4:30PM	16 (25 of Elul) <u>Parshat Nitzavim-Vayelech</u> Trad. Service 9AM & 7:00PM Egal. Service 9:30AM Jr. Congregation 10:45AM SELICHOT PROGRAM
17 (26 of Elul)	18 (27 of Elul) EDUCATION COMMITTEE MTG 6:45PM	19 (28 of Elul)	20 (29 of Elul) <u>EREV ROSH HASHANAH</u> 6:42p Candle Lighting	21 (1 of Tishrei) <u>ROSH HASHANAH</u> TASHLICH RECEPTION 4:15PM	22 (2 of Tishrei) <u>ROSH HASHANAH II</u> 6:39p Candle Lighting Traditional Service 6:40PM Egalitarian Service 7:45PM	23 (24 of Kislev) <u>Parshat Ha'azinu</u> Trad. Service 9AM & 6:50PM Egal. Service 9:30AM Jr. Congregation 10:45AM
24 (4 of Tishrei) <u>TZOM GEDALIAH</u> SUUKAH BUILDING 9AM	25 (5 of Tishrei)	26 (6 of Tishrei) SISTERHOOD BOARD MTG 7PM	27 (7 of Tishrei) CONGREGATION BOARD MTG 8PM	28 (8 of Tishrei)	29 (9 of Tishrei) <u>EREV YOM KIPPUR</u> 6:28p candle Lighting Mincha 1:30PM Kol Nidre 6:20PM	30 (10 of Tishrei) <u>YOM KIPPUR</u> Shacharit 9AM Yizkor approx. 11:30AM Mincha 4:30PM Neilah 6:00PM BREAK THE FAST

Congregations of Shaare Shamayim

WELCOME RABBI ABRAHAM



Congregations of Shaare Shamayim is excited to welcome Rabbi Reuben Israel Abraham as our Associate Rabbi. Rabbi Abraham came to join our congregation from the Congregations of Ner Zedek where he served as Rabbi for over 18 years. He joined our Traditional

service and immediately became a fixture on the bima.

“As a new congregant, he attended the Traditional service where he quickly felt comfortable – everyone was so welcoming – so he became a regular at Minyan and on Shabbat,” says Congregation President Fran Gabriel. “Rabbi Abraham has an outstanding background of service to our country and to the Jewish community. A retired military chaplain and officer, he has long been committed to the families of Northeast Philadelphia.”

After various positions in the professional world, Rabbi Abraham was ordained in 1992. In

addition to his position as Rabbi of Ner Zedek, Rabbi Abraham has also served as the Rabbi Chaplain in the Pastoral Care Department of the Holy Redeemer Health System for over 25 years working in acute and elder care and he served in the United States Navy for 25 years and retired from the Navy in 2012. Rabbi Abraham and his wife, Jennifer, have three children and five grandchildren.

“I am very excited to be working with Rabbi Abraham,” Senior Rabbi Dan Wolpe told us. “His love of Yiddishkeit, his gentle humor, and his kindness is evident in every interaction. He will be a wonderful addition to the Clergy.”

Rabbi Abraham is excited to be joining our congregation, greeting the many familiar faces and getting to know everyone better. As he has said, “Mah Tov!” How good it is that I have been so warmly and graciously received by new family and friends here at CSS. I feel truly blessed!”

The Editor

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

The days are growing shorter; the nights longer; it’s September and the hint of fall is in the air. That means that school, secular and religious, will be starting. We look forward to a great year of much learning, many meaningful programs and activities, making new friends and seeing old ones. We shall study Shabbat, holidays, festivals, Israel and more while continuing to learn and improve our Hebrew reading skills.

Religious School will begin on Sunday, September 10th. There’s still time to register your

child! Contact the synagogue office for more information.

Thanks to everyone who continues to encourage and support our students. Special appreciation to our PTA for all they do.

Shana Tovah—our teachers and students wish everyone a sweet, healthy, and happy New Year!

Jack Belitsky
Religious School Faculty

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shelli Keeny announces the birth of her granddaughter, Harper Joey Coates. Proud parents are Rachel & Frances Coates.

Helen & Sheldon Stein announce the marriage of their granddaughter, Ashley Cole to Michael Occhiogrossa.

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE SERVICES AND CANDLE LIGHTING 5778

<i>Sat. Sept. 16</i>	Selichot	10:00pm
ROSH HASHANA		
<i>Wed. Sept. 20</i>	Candle Lighting	6:42pm
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:40pm
<i>Thurs. Sept. 21</i>	Shacharit	8:00am
	Shofar Blowing	approx. 10:20am
	Tashlich Reception	4:15pm
	<i>At Home of Marlene Markowitz & Randi Freeman</i>	
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:40pm
	Candle Lighting	after 7:44pm
<i>Fri. Sept. 22</i>	Shacharit	8:00am
	Shofar Blowing	approx. 10:20am
	Candle Lighting	6:39pm
	Kabbalat Shabbat (Traditional)	6:40pm
	Kabbalat Shabbat (Egalitarian)	7:45pm
SHABBAT SHUYAH		
<i>Sat. Sept. 23</i>	Shacharit (Traditional)	9:00am
	Shacharit (Egalitarian)	9:30am
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:50pm
	Havdala	7:40pm
FAST OF GEDALIAH		
<i>Sun. Sept. 24</i>	Shacharit	8:00am
	Ma'ariv	7:45pm
YOM KIPPUR		
<i>Fri. Sept. 29</i>	Shacharit	7:00am
	Mincha	1:30pm
	Candle Lighting	6:28pm
	Kol Nidre	6:20pm
<i>Sat. Sept. 30</i>	Shacharit	9:00am
	Yizkor	approx. 11:30am
	Mincha	4:30pm
	Neilah	6:00pm
	Shofar Blowing	7:30pm
SUKKOT		
<i>Wed. Oct. 4</i>	Candle Lighting	6:19pm
	Mincha/Ma'ariv (Traditional)	6:20pm
	Ma'ariv (Egalitarian)	7:45pm

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE SERVICES AND CANDLE LIGHTING 5778

<i>Thurs. Oct. 5</i>	Shacharit (Traditional)	9:00am
	Shacharit (Egalitarian)	9:30am
	Mincha/Ma'ariv (Traditional)	6:30pm
	Ma'ariv (Egalitarian)	7:45pm
	Candle Lighting	7:15pm

<i>Fri. Oct. 6</i>	Shacharit (Traditional)	9:00am
	Shacharit (Egalitarian)	9:30am
	Candle Lighting	6:16pm
	Kabbalat Shabbat (Traditional)	6:20pm
	Kabbalat Shabbat (Egalitarian)	7:45pm

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED

<i>Sat. Oct. 7</i>	Shacharit (Traditional)	9:00am
	Shacharit (Egalitarian)	9:30am
	Mincha/Ma'ariv	6:25pm
	Havdala	7:18pm

HOSHANA RABBAH

<i>Wed. Oct. 11</i>	Shacharit	7:00am
	Candle Lighting	6:08pm
	Mincha/Ma'ariv (Traditional)	6:10pm
	Mincha/Ma'ariv (Egalitarian)	7:45pm

SHEMINI ATZERET

<i>Thurs. Oct. 12</i>	Shacharit (Traditional)	9:00am
	Shacharit (Egalitarian)	9:30am
	Yizkor (Traditional)	approx. 10:30am
	Yizkor (Egalitarian)	approx. 11:00am
	Mincha	5:45pm
	Reception	6:00pm
	Ma'ariv and Hakafot	7:00pm
	Candle Lighting	7:05pm

SIMCHAT TORAH

<i>Fri. Oct. 13</i>	Shacharit (Traditional)	9:00am
	Shacharit (Egalitarian)	9:30am
	Hakafot (Traditional)	approx. 10:00am
	Hakafot (Egalitarian)	approx. 10:30am
	Candle Lighting	6:05pm
	Kabbalat Shabbat (Traditional)	6:10pm
	Kabbalat Shabbat (Egalitarian)	7:45pm

* All times listed are for both services unless otherwise noted.

Bon Appetit Come see Julia Child

As portrayed by the fabulous Linda Kenyon!



**Sisterhood of CSS invites you to our Opening Luncheon!
Wednesday, October 18th at 1:00**

Everyone is welcome! Just \$20.00 per person for a delicious salmon lunch & the show.
RSVP (absolutely required for this event)
by October 11th.

Sukkah Building

We're looking for Sukkah Builders to help our CSS Men's Club and PTA put up our Community Sukkah.

No Experience Needed.

September 24 at 9:00am

Questions? Please contact the office at 215-677-1600



About the High Holidays at CSS

- ☆ All members in good standing will receive tickets in the mail shortly before the holidays.
- ☆ We offer reserved seating in both Traditional and Egalitarian services. Need to choose or change your seat for the holidays? Call the office and we would be happy to help you.
- ☆ Aliyahs and honors for the holiday are available. For an honor, please contact the office ASAP.
- ☆ Babysitting is available for children between the ages of 2 and 5 years old. There is a charge of \$5 per child, per day. Please make a reservation for your child or grandchild prior to the holidays.
- ☆ Guest Tickets are available for purchase. Please contact the office for more information.
- ☆ We offer a Break the Fast following Yom Kippur Services. Cost will be \$27.50 per person. Please make your reservation before the holidays.
- ☆ A handicap entrance is available for use on the right side of the building. For other accessibility needs, please contact the office.

For more information, please visit our website at www.shaareshamayim.org/holidays



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THE LIBRARY SHELF



Dear Readers,

It's difficult to believe the lazy days of summer are just about over and our fall activities are about to begin. At the present moment, I'm reading *Love Never Sleeps*. This book, though it can be read by anyone, is meant for readers who have family members with dementia or Alzheimer's. The book, written by Mary Summer Rain, tells all the details of being a caretaker for someone with a diminishing memory. Although the book is basically written by one person, Mary, her housemate, Sally, wrote the first chapter telling how her mother, Mary Belle, came to live with them.

There are several reasons for reading this book. The first is, of course, knowing how people (especially if you are that person) can handle various

stages of dementia. There are many stages that a person with dementia goes through. The second reason is that you may know someone who is a caregiver. That someone may need the help of a friend. You will understand what a caregiver goes through. There is much frustration. A new way to talk to the person with dementia must be learned. You are constantly learning new ways to answer a loved one or a friend. Caregiving takes patience and an ever evolving learning process. The caregiver must change as the patient changes. This is not what I call happy reading, but for many of you *Love Never Sleeps* will become a very informative book.

Happy Reading,
Rosalie Cohen

MITZVAH COMMITTEE

The Holidays are a few weeks away. Some of us have already started to cook and bake. Gary and I will miss our Sukkah. This will be the first time in 40 years we will not have a Sukkah in our yard.

While lamenting that fact, I remembered our congregants whose tables will not be any different from any other night. There will not be a new

article of clothing to wear. If your larder is full please think of other whose larders are empty.

Chag Sameach,
Rosalie and the Ladies of the Mitzvah
Committee

The History and Structure of the Siddur

Wednesdays, following Minyan at 7:00 AM



Join us every Wednesday morning outside the chapel for a light breakfast and learn about the history of our prayers, what they truly mean, and how they connect us to each other, the world, and the Creator of the Universe!
No Charge. All are welcome!

Putting the into the High Holidays!



Please join Rabbi Dan for two exciting sessions on Putting the “High” Back Into the High Holidays. Meet in the Chapel at 7pm

September 7, 7-7:45pm: Learn about the themes, history and observance of the High Holidays. What are they about? How does the tradition want us to celebrate these two holidays?

September 14, 7-7:45pm: The major prayers of the High Holidays: Rabbi Dan will be going through the major sections of the Machzor (special prayer book for the High Holidays) and discover the profound and deep meanings behind many of the most important prayers.

No charge or reservation required.



High Holiday Food Drive



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**Bins will be placed at the parking lot and courtyard entrances.
Everything will then be donated to the Mitzvah Food Pantry.
If you have any questions, please call the office at 215-677-1600**



**Jewish Federation
of Greater Philadelphia**

ADULT EDUCATION

As I sat down at my computer to write this article, I decided to check my e-mails before I began. I am so glad that I did as I had just received confirmation that Rabbi Lance Sussman, Senior Rabbi of KI, will be coming to CSS on the evening of Wednesday, December 6th. He will be presenting the newest topic in his lecture series which is entitled "You Say You Want A Revolution: Jews, Judaism and Rock N Roll". Rabbi Sussman has always been very well received here at CSS and I'm hopeful that this presentation will once again attract a large gathering. The exact time will be announced in the next issue of the Scroll.

Rabbi Dan has a very packed schedule of Adult Learning classes.

I dropped in at his first Tefillah class early one August morning just so I could see what it was about and report back to anyone who had questions about the sessions. I am hooked! Discussion and a light breakfast begin once Shacharit/morning minyan is completed. Minyan begins at 7:00am and ends at about 7:30am. Rabbi explains the meaning and purpose of the various prayers in our Siddur. Although I do not enjoy getting up that early to attend, I am enjoying the classes.

"Putting the 'High' into the High Holidays" is a two session presentation which will be given on Thursday, September 7th & 14th from 7:00pm to 7:45pm. Note the change of date.

There will be a class called "Introduction to Judaism" from 10am to 11am, every Sunday morning that Hebrew School is in session. This class is open to all adults who are interested in learning more about Judaism. The first session is Sunday, September 17th.

Rabbi Wolpe will be leading a limited run class called "Introduction to Midrash". The four sessions are November 2nd, 9th, 16th and December 7th. All

are on a Thursday evening.

Saturday, November 11th marks the return of the popular series called "Bagels and Bible". After the completion of services, we join together for a discussion of the weekly Torah portion while enjoying bagels with a shmear.

If you are a Star Trek fan, reserve the following Sundays, November 5th, 12th and 19th, for a fun series entitled "Where No Jew Has Gone Before: Star Trek and Judaism". Those of you who know Rabbi Dan, know that he is a huge fan of Star Trek. Check future editions of the Scroll or your CSS email to find out the timing for these classes.

Dick Wolf has been highly successful with his various "Law & Order" shows. Rabbi Dan Wolpe will be presenting the newest member of the franchise, "Law & Order and Judaism". The premiere of this limited run spin-off will be Thursday, February 8, 2018. Additional episodes will be on February 15th and 22nd. The time slot will be announced at a later date.

If you enjoy television consider visiting the Sisterhood class given on Wednesday mornings starting in October. Participants will view a show and then discuss the Jewish connections. All are welcome. Check with Toby Lundy for further details.

Once again I invite you to contact me if you have a skill, hobby, occupation, etc. that you would like to share with your fellow congregants in a discussion group. Please call the office and they will provide you with my contact information.

I wish you and your families a sweet and happy 5778!

Denise Ellner
Adult Ed. Chairperson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Omission from Summer:

7/31 M/M Marlene Markowitz &
Randi Freeman

9/3 M/M Albert Bellman

9/8 M/M Saul Victor

9/8 M/M Jay Kaufman

9/12 D/M Irwin Gibbs

9/14 M/M Irwin Wechter

9/16 M/M Ronald Schwartz

9/19 M/M Alexander Mermelstein

9/24 M/M Kenneth Berger

9/27 M/M Herbert Spangler

STUDENT TRIPS TO ISRAEL

Do you have a teenage or young adult student planning a trip to Israel? If so, contact the shul office. The Jeffrey Allen Memorial Fund is set up to help students fund their trips to Israel.



BOOK BURIAL

On July 26, Shaare Shamayim performed the mitzvah of burying sacred objects that were too worn for continued use in the synagogue. In the Jewish tradition, objects which are used for holy purposes acquire holiness themselves. These usually include materials containing God's name, tefillin, mezuzah scrolls, tallit and tzitzit.

Most synagogues do a burial every few years. It had been over 10 years since our synagogue had last performed a book burial so there were many objects to be buried. While they were awaiting burial, our materials are typically held in our *Genizah*, a beautiful mosaic box designed and built by our Religious School, but our worn books soon overflowed into nearby storage areas. With our merger with Ner Zedek and other synagogues in the past, it soon became obvious that we needed to remove the books that we could no longer use to make room for newer items.

While these burials often take place in plots of their own in a cemetery, many Jews also bury books with loved ones who have passed away or beneath the foundations of new buildings. (Please talk to Jacques Lurie if this is something you are interested in.)

King David Memorial Cemetery graciously offered to bury our books for no charge, so this summer we began scouring the building. Countless hours went into examining books that were beyond repair while setting aside ones that could be saved or

did not have to be buried. Then there was plenty of packing and hauling to do as all the boxes of books were piled into the Karff Auditorium. I can't thank our volunteers, clergy, and maintenance staff enough, all of whom diligently and respectfully went through every questionable book and box. I can attest to just how heavy some of those boxes were. All told, we had about 400 boxes of books.

The next step was to get all of these books to the cemetery. We set out early on that July morning. After some mathematical discussions with King David, we decided that all of our books would require about 4 graves. A normal grave is approximately six feet deep, but in order to give us as much volume as possible, the grave was dug to twelve feet. After all the books had been placed in the grave, Rabbi Wolpe chose prayers to say over them in a solemn farewell.

While it was sad to see so many sacred Jewish objects leaving our synagogue, there was a sense of new vitality. As we say goodbye to those books, tallit, and tefillin, we can turn back to those sacred objects that are still in our synagogue with a greater desire to read, study, and learn from them.

Check out our pictures of the burial on page 14!

The Editor

PRESCHOOL PRESS

Why is summer camp important, even during the preschool years? Children here at CSS are accustomed to a busy schedule of activities.

The summer camp experience provides the campers the continuity of following a schedule, dealing with transitions, planning how to participate in the next activity, trying new things, gaining new skills, developing friendships, sharing, taking turns, self control, acquiring new bathroom skills, and developing a greater sense of independence.

During this process, they will swim, play sports, create arts and craft projects, ride ponies, play with the petting zoo animals, enjoy scavenger hunts, engage in dinosaur excavations, hunt for pirate gold and treasure, master the challenging obstacle

courses, jump in the moon bounce, play with the parachutes, bake yummy treats, make s'mores, watch winter snow come down in our Karff Auditorium with Elsa in the summer time, and perform in the camp talent show.

They will leave camp with greater independence, more acquired skills, more friends, enhanced self confidence, and long lasting memories.

Sherri Herschfeld
Preschool Director



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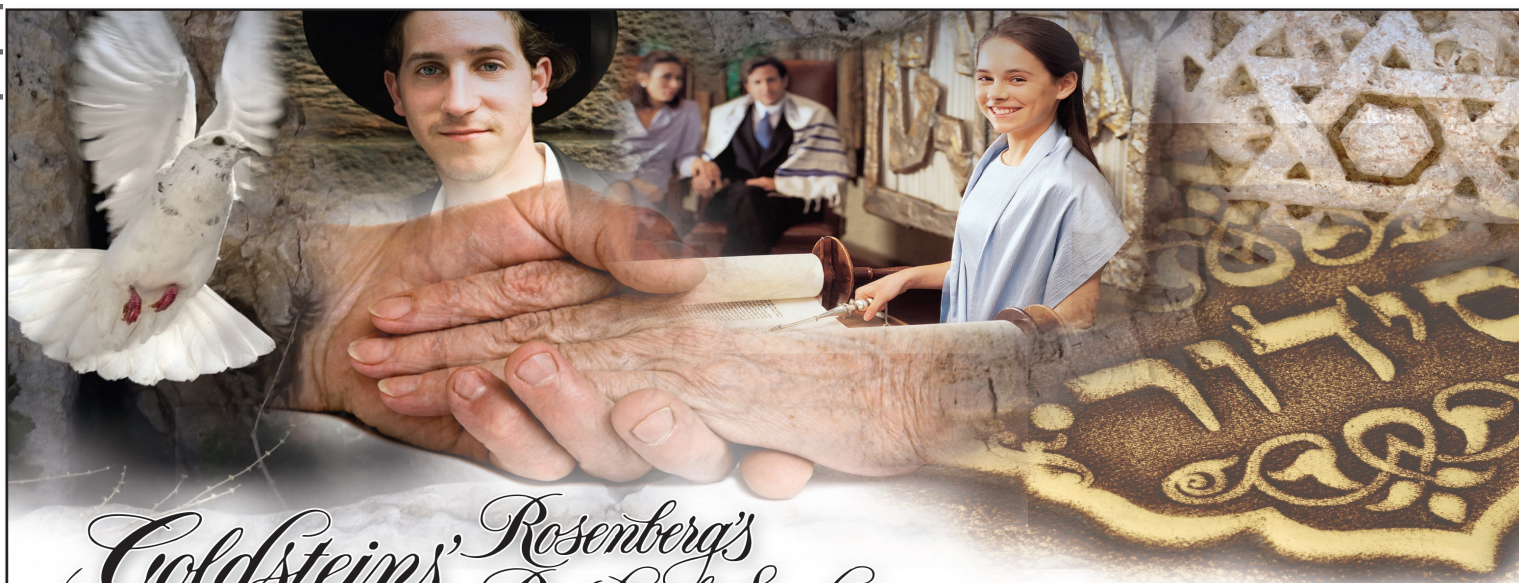
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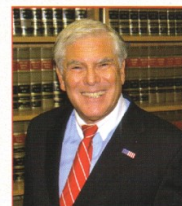
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Welcome to the 2017 – 2018 Season of Sisterhood.

Now that summer is behind us, it is time to think about all the exciting events that Sisterhood has planned for the coming year. Starting with our general meeting September 12, 2017 at 7:00pm. Gloria Samuelson, a gifted character actress, is going to entertain us. Gloria has appeared in many roles on television, as well as

in many commercials.

October 18, at 1:00pm, is the luncheon. We are serving our special salmon lunch, with delicious desserts. Linda Kenyon will entertain us. Linda has been seen by many of our members and comes highly recommended. She will portray Julia Child, the famous chef. The cost is \$20, reservations a must.

November 14 is the Membership Dinner. Of course, we will have the Mediterranean Buffet, a choice of Pecan Crusted Chicken or Poached Salmon. At the meetings, please sign up for tables and your dinner choice. The dinner is \$30.

December brings our first Bingo, with a baked ziti dinner. One bingo card and dinner is included. After the new year we have the annual Baby Shower. Many more events are planned. Join us for meetings as well as special events. Keep our calendar and check the dates for all meetings.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, I am always available.

Mindy Poliner
rlmp7716@yahoo.com

SISTERHOOD TREASURES

The Gift Shop has to be removed from the coat room so that the coat room can be used for the holidays. To avoid a lot of packing, you will be able to get fantastic bargains.

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Wed. Sept. 6 from 10am-5pm

Sun. Sept. 10 from 9am-noon

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Sisterhood Calendar 2017 – 2018

***All meetings are held at 7pm
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Board Meetings

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Tuesday, December 26, 2017

Tuesday, January 23, 2018, **1pm**

Tuesday, February 27, 2018, **1pm**

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

General Meetings

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Tuesday, October 10, 2017

Tuesday, November 14, 2017, **6pm**

Tuesday, December 5, 2017, **6pm**

Tuesday, January 9, 2018, **1pm**

Tuesday, February 13, 2018, **1pm**

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Special Events

Wednesday, October 18, 2017, Luncheon, 1pm

Wednesday, November 1, 2017, New York

Trip, 8:45am

Friday, November 3, 2017, Sisterhood Shabbat,
7:45pm

Tuesday, November 14, 2017, Membership
Dinner, 6pm

Tuesday, December 5, 2017, Sisterhood Bingo,
6pm

Tuesday, January 9, 2018, Baby Shower, 1pm

Wednesday, February 7, 2018, Crafternoon,
1pm

Tuesday, March 20, 2018, Sisterhood Bingo,
6pm

Wednesday, April 18, 2018, Sisterhood Tea,
1pm

Wednesday, May 16, 2018, New York Trip

Tuesday, May 22, 2018, President's Dinner,
6pm

Tuesday, June 5, 2018, Donor Dinner, 6pm

Tuesday, June 12, 2018, Installation, 6pm



Nyuk, Nyuk, Nyuk

Join us on September 7 for a trip to the Stoogeum. The Stoogeum offers fans a chance to view a vast array of artifacts which celebrate the legacy of this legendary comedy team.

Meet at CSS at 9:30am to carpool to the museum or meet there at 10am. Cost is \$10/adult, \$8/seniors. *Pay at the museum door. 904 Sheble Lane, Ambler, 19002

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Contact Lynn Ratmansky at lynn.css@gmail.com

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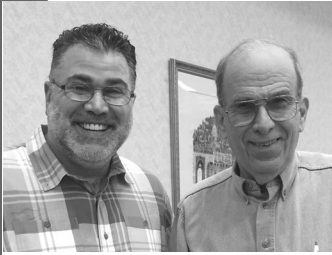
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The summer is already over and fall is upon us once more. Where does the time go???? Your Men's Club has so much in store for you this coming year.

We start the new year off with our first board meeting which will be held on Thursday, September 7th at 7pm. Please come on out and join us. Give us your ideas for what you want to see and hear at our general meetings throughout the year.

Sunday, September 24th we will be putting up the Sukkah. PLEASE plan on coming out to help. We always need as many hands as we can get as it is a big job and let's face it, none of us are getting any younger!! Your help is appreciated.

On Tuesday, October 3rd we will be having our second monthly board meeting.

Mark your calendars as busy on Sunday, October 15th. This will be our annual Meet the Candidates

breakfast. This is always a free event and will start at 10am. Come on out to hear what this years' slate of candidates have to offer us. This event will once again be co-hosted with our Empty Nesters.

Other future events are:

Thursday, November 2nd—7pm Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 8th—Our Fall New York Trip

Monday, November 13th—Men's Club Paid Up Membership Dinner

The members and board of the CSS Men's Club would like to wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Sweet New Year!!!

Please come out to support your Men's Club!!
L' Shanah Tovah,

Barry Leiber

Howard Rosen

Men's Club Co-Presidents

Men's Club Calendar 2017 – 2018

***All meetings are held at 7pm unless noted**

Board Meetings

Thursday, September 7, 2017

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

Thursday, November 2, 2017

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Thursday, January 4, 2018

Thursday, March 8, 2018

Thursday, May 3, 2018

General Meetings

Thursday, December 21, 2017

Thursday, January 25, 2018, 7:30pm

Thursday, March 22, 2018, 7:30pm

Thursday, May 24, 2018, 7:30pm

Special Events

Monday, September 11, 2017, Meeting with Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs, 6:30pm

Sunday, September 24, 2017, Sukkah Building with PTA, 9am

Sunday, October 15, 2017, Meet the Candidates Brunch with Empty Nesters, 10am

Wednesday, November 8, 2017, NYC Bus Trip, 8am

Monday, November 13, 2017, Paid-up Membership Dinner, 6:30pm

Sunday, February 4, 2018, World Wide Wrap

Sunday, March 11, 2018, Blood Drive, 9am-2pm

Friday, April 27, 2018, Family Shabbat Service, 7:45pm

Wednesday, May 9, 2018, NYC Bus Trip, 8am

Thursday, June 14, 2018, Closing Affair: Beer N' Beer, 6:30pm

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Friday, February 23, 2018, 4:30PM - Purim Theme

Friday, March 23, 2018, 4:30PM - Passover Theme

Friday, May 11, 2018, 4:30PM - Shavuot Theme



A Tashlich to Remember!

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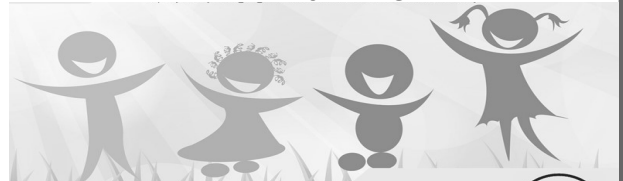
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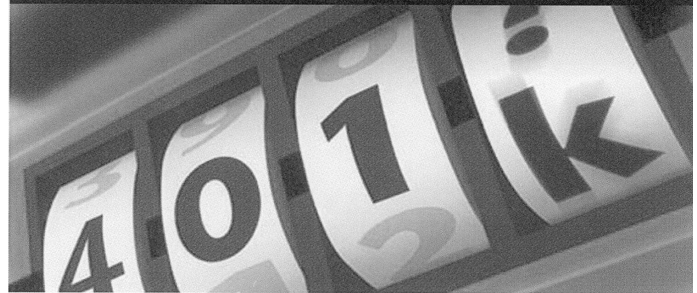
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