



*Rendition of the Ark of Mishkan Israel
by Hilda P. Levy*

THE CONGREGATION MISHKAN ISRAEL

Rabbi Herbert N. Brockman, Ph.D., D.D.

Cantor Arthur Giglio

Merav Canaan, Temple Administrator

Michelle Goldstein, Religious School Director

Susan Witten Nason, Nursery School Director

WELCOME TO THE CONGREGATION MISHKAN ISRAEL

The Congregation Mishkan Israel is a progressive Reform synagogue with a rich history that dates back to 1840. As such, it is the oldest continuously operating synagogue in New England. CMI is known for its commitment to Jewish spiritual and religious growth, as well as to tikkun olam, social justice, and community action. Above all, CMI is known for the warm welcome its staff and members extend to those who call or come through our doors.

We offer many opportunities for study, spiritual growth and community involvement. In addition to a religious school for students from pre-school age to confirmation, we also offer a variety of adult education classes.

From toddlers to seniors, there is something for everyone at The Congregation Mishkan Israel. Come see why our congregational family is so special.

MISSION

Congregation Mishkan Israel is an organization of individuals and families whose purpose is to sustain a belief in God and the Torah.

By observing and practicing the principles of Reform Judaism, we strive to insure the continuity and commitment of our Jewish culture and heritage. We do this by providing a caring and welcoming environment for worship, study, inspiration, support and assembly.

We act together with the Jewish and non-Jewish communities in the Greater New Haven area in order to improve our local and global society, thus advancing Tikkun Olam (the repair and healing of the world).

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The Congregation Mishkan Israel is affiliated with the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ), the Reform movement's national organization.

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OUR PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Rabbi Herbert N. Brockman

Herbert N. Brockman is a seventh-generation rabbi. Raised in a richly Orthodox home, he chose the liberal tradition of Reform Judaism. After graduating from Ohio University, Rabbi Brockman attended Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati where he received both a Bachelors and a Masters degree in Hebrew Letters. He received his Ph.D. from the Ecumenical Institute of St. Mary's Seminary and University of Baltimore. Upon completion of 25 years in the rabbinate, Rabbi Brockman was awarded the Doctor of Divinity from Hebrew Union College. He also is certified in divorce mediation.

Rabbi Brockman teaches and engages in community projects, particularly those involving interfaith and interracial activities. He was chosen as a Coffin-Forsberg Fellow at the Yale Divinity School. He describes the synagogue as being a spiritual home as well as a place where individuals can learn about and gain an appreciation of other peoples, cultures and traditions. Rabbi Brockman views involvement in the community as central to the synagogue's mission. "A synagogue exists to serve its members, first of all, but it should be a light to the community as well."

Cantor Arthur Giglio

Cantor Arthur Giglio is a graduate of the H.L. Miller Cantorial School at The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) with a Master of Sacred Music and Diploma of Hazzan. He also holds a Bachelor in Voice and a Master in Music Education from Manhattan School of Music. Prior to coming to CMI, Cantor Giglio served as Interim Cantor at the Conservative Synagogue of Fifth Avenue, High Holiday Hazzan at Heichal Baoranim in Flagstaff, AZ and Temple Beth Israel at Plattsburgh, NY, and Assistant Cantor/Cantorial Soloist at Congregation Emanu-el of the City of New York.

Temple Administrator, Merav Canaan

Merav was born in Haifa, and is a fourth generation Israeli. She graduated from Hebrew University with a teaching degree in science. Merav and her husband came to the United States in 1998 where her two youngest children were born. Having worked at the Jewish Community Center, she came to work at CMI in 2014 and became a US Citizen in 2016.

First working in our office she soon rose to office manager and then Temple Administrator in 2016. She brings enormous personal as well as professional skills.

Religious School Director, Michelle Goldstein

Michelle Goldstein earned a BA in English and a BS in Elementary/Special Education from the University of Hartford and a Masters of Education from the University of Phoenix. She has been a program director at several summer camps, a youth group advisor, and long time teacher in CMI's Religious School. In addition to being CMI's Religious School Director, she is a special ed teacher in a local school system.

Early Childhood Director, Susan Witten Nason

Susan Perry earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education at the University of Miami. Prior to joining the CMI family, she was the Preschool Program Coordinator at the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center in Houston, Texas. She also worked as the Assistant Director of the Religious School at Congregation Beth Israel, Program Coordinator for Southwest Human Development Services, Hebrew Studies Coordinator at Congregation Beth Israel, and Lead Preschool Teacher at the West Houston Jewish Community Center. Her commitment to Jewish programming and her dedication to children and families is evident in all of her work.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

THE CONGREGATION MISHKAN ISRAEL

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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP REQUESTED

FAMILY SINGLE
UNDER 35 SINGLE PARENT
STUDENT UNDER 25

We/I hereby apply for membership in The Congregation Mishkan Israel, a congregation dedicated to the principles of Reform Judaism. CMI's primary goals are the enhancement of our members' religious experience, their continuing education, and that of their children, and a commitment to Tikkun Olam (the repair and healing of the world).

MAILING NAME & ADDRESS

(as you wish it to appear on a label)

Name Street City State Zip Telephone
Second Address (if applicable):
City State Zip Telephone
Dates mail to be sent here

Marital Status

Single (never married) Partners Married (Date of Marriage) Divorced
Widowed -- Name of Deceased: Date of Death

MEMBER A

MEMBER B (SPOUSE OR PARTNER)

Name (First, Middle & Last):
Birth Last Name (if different)
Hebrew Name (if applicable)
Date of Birth
Occupation
Business Name
Business Address
Business City, State, Zip
Business Telephone
Facsimile Telephone
Cell Telephone
E-mail address

Put on distribution list for electronic newsletter? Yes/No (circle one)

Religious Background:

Reform Conservative Orthodox Reform Conservative Orthodox
Other Convert to Judaism (year) Other Convert to Judaism (year)
Date of Bar/Bat Mitzvah Confirmation Date of Bar/Bat Mitzvah Confirmation

Previous Community and Congregational Affiliation(s):

If previously at CMI, approximate dates:

I/We would like to be involved in the following: (check all applicable):

	<u>Member A</u>	<u>Member B</u>		<u>Member A</u>	<u>Member B</u>
Adult Choir	_____	_____	Membership	_____	_____
Art Committee	_____	_____	Music	_____	_____
Baking Group	_____	_____	Nursery School	_____	_____
Book Discussion	_____	_____	Peah	_____	_____
Brotherhood	_____	_____	Religious School	_____	_____
Building & Grounds	_____	_____	Ritual	_____	_____
Caring Community	_____	_____	Shabbat Welcome	_____	_____
Cemetery Committee	_____	_____	Social Action	_____	_____
Gift Shop	_____	_____	Young Adults	_____	_____
Life Is Delicious	_____	_____	Youth	_____	_____
Other	_____	_____			

Talents, Hobbies (e.g., photography, crafts, baking, computers):

School-Aged Children

Full Name	Hebrew Name (if any)	Birth Date	Religious School (present grade)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Adult Children

Full Name	Address	Phone #	Spouse's Name
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Other Persons in Household (Please indicate Name & Relationship)

Memorials

Yahrzeits are observed and announced at the Shabbat service immediately following the anniversary date of death. To add your loved ones' names to our yahrzeit registry, please call the synagogue office at (203) 288-3877.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

All financial obligations apply to the fiscal year that begins July 1. Anyone joining the Congregation after the first day of July but prior to Yom Kippur shall be assessed and required to pay the full amount of annual dues. Anyone joining thereafter shall have his or her dues pro-rated by quarters. At least one quarterly dues payment must accompany this application in order to activate your membership. The Building Fund obligation begins the second year of membership and is payable over 7 years; up to \$500 will be credited if such a pledge was paid at another institution provided that synagogue provides verification of the pledge.

I/We promise to pay to Congregation Mishkan Israel the Annual Dues for the category of membership selected above, and to pay a building fund pledge of \$_____, beginning on _____. I/we understand that termination of membership does not result in abatement of this pledge, unless I/we move out of the area generally served by The Congregation Mishkan Israel.

Signature A _____
Date: _____

Signature B _____
Date: _____