



The Congregation Mishkan Israel

More than a place, We're a community

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Purim Shabbat

Friday, March 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for our in-person Dr. Seuss Purim Shabbat led by our Board Member, Julie Chevan and a cast of friends who promise to help Esther triumph and blot out the name of Haman. Rabbi Immerman and Cantor Giglio will bring you Megillah, music, madness and fun and rhyming! There *will* be a Purim Parade, so dress up as your favorite Purim/Dr. Seuss character and astound us all.

Passover Seder

Saturday, April 16, 2022

We are excited to celebrate Passover this year in person! We won't know if food will be served or ordered for take out until later in the month, so please check out our website for details on April 1.





MEMBERSHIP CORNER WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Congregation extends a warm welcome to new members:

Charles Barnett & Julia DiBenigno and children, Elana & Judah
Erica Spatz & Jeffrey Turner and children, Julien & Owen.



TODAH RABAH SHABBAT WELCOME TEAM

Thank you to our Shabbat greeters:

February

- 4 Alan Sturtz & Karen Kimball
- 11 Alan Sturtz & Karen Kimball
- 18 Howard Lurie & Diane Rosen
- 25 Dave Rodnick & Phil Jacobs

For more information about our team of greeters, contact co-chair Karen Kimball at kjkimball@sbcglobal.net.

SIMCHAS!

Mazel Tov to: Peter & Randi Alpert on the birth of their first grandchild, Erich Spencer Gold. We wish the new parents, Lauren (Alpert) & Johnny Gold joy in the blessings of parenthood.



A MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Rabbi Brian P. Immerman

Friends,
On April 15 we will gather around our Passover Seder tables and retell the story of the Exodus and on April 16 we will have our

CMI community seder. As you read on the front cover and as you might expect, we will not know if we can gather in person to celebrate until early April. The uncertainty reminds us of the Israelites journey in the desert and cautions us to keep looking forward with hope.

When the Israelites crossed the Sea of Reeds they sang and danced, and then they started complaining. “We need food! We need water! Let’s go back to Egypt,” they yelled to Moses. “Why did you bring us here, to this land of uncertainty, they seem to say.” For 400 years the Israelites relied on others telling them what to do and how to live and they forgot what it meant to be free. Freedom brought so much uncertainty to the Israelites lives that they continued to express a desire to return to slavery until they finally entered the promised land.

Our destination as we learn to live with COVID will look different than our world pre-COVID. We continue to be grateful for scientists, doctors, nurses, those running hospitals and even the national guard who administer the latest nasal swabs. We are grateful for teachers who do everything they can to help their students. We are grateful for our neighbors as we work together to keep everyone safe and sane. Like the Israelites in the desert, we don’t know where our destination will be, or if we will even recognize it when we arrive. We have been sending spies following each change – discarding masks in the spring of 2021 after receiving vaccines, putting them on again during Delta, gathering before Omicron, and as I write this in January I don’t know what our lives will be as you now hold this in your hands. I do not think we have arrived at our destination quite yet.

Only one thing is certain – while we remember the

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CANTOR’S NOTES

Cantor Arthur Giglio

We are back, hopefully permanently, in the sanctuary and are have services in person as well as online. Please come join us!

We are holding services in the main sanctuary and social distancing is not a problem in that magnificent space. If things ever get a bit tight we can always open the walls to spread people out so no one will ever feel unsafe. A reminder, Jr. Choir is meeting with me on Sunday mornings at 9 AM and they will be singing at all our family services so make it your business to come and hear their soulful sounds.

Put Purim on your Calendar! Please join us on Friday March 18, 2022 for the Purim Spiel, Megillah reading Shabbat. Julie Chevan and her CMI Purim All-stars will be blessing us with a Purim Spiel called “A Seuss-Shan Purim or The Cat in the Three Cornered Hat OR Green Eggs and Haman by Dana Baruch and Robbi Sherwin Austin, (with additions from Dr. Seuss by Julie Chevan). There will be a brief Shabbat service along with wild Purim Songs and a Purim Parade so drag out your silliest Purim costume and join the fun!

Finally, I want to welcome Aymeric Dupré La Tour our new pianist, organist and accompanist. Aymeric is originally from Lyon, France and is an extraordinarily gifted musician with dazzling technical keyboard skills. Aymeric has a Doctor of Musical Arts from The Juilliard School, a Master of Music in Historical Performance and an Artist Diploma in Organ Performance from Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Aymeric, A.K.A Dr. Dupré la Tour, presently is the Organist/Music Director at Saint Theresa Parish in Trumbull, CT. In addition, he is a faculty vocal coach for the Ensign-Darling Vocal Fellowship at the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Hartford and accompanist for the Student Education Outreach Program of the Salt Marsh Opera. He was the harpsichordist/Restorer at Zuckermann Harpsichord International in Stonington, CT. He regularly performs organ and

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Michael Dimenstein

Sometimes we become so familiar with our surroundings that we miss some subtle yet important

elements of our landscape. Serving as CMI president during a raging pandemic, and while we searched for our next executive director has given me a unique opportunity to spend many hours inside our historic synagogue building. I have savored peaceful moments studying the beautiful artwork that lines our hallways, the treasured religious artifacts in our sanctuary and chapel, and our amazing collection of books on a vast variety of Jewish subjects. I have even learned about our building’s charming quirks, such as where the light switches are located, and which lights they control, which doors close on their own, and which doors need to be pulled shut. I am grateful to have been afforded this period of acclimation to the edifice that houses our sacred spiritual home.

Recently, while waiting outside Rabbi Immerman’s study my attention was drawn to a bronze wall plaque in our rotunda. This simple plaque has followed our congregation from its first synagogue building on Court Street in New Haven, to its magnificent Spanish Renaissance brownstone temple on Orange and Audubon Streets a few city blocks away and ultimately to our present Mid-Century Modern building, recently listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The inscription on the plaque reads:

**In Memory of Judah Touro
A Benefactor Of This Congregation
1775 – 1854**

So, who was this Judah Touro, and what was his connection to CMI? I had visited the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island, which was founded in 1658 by the descendants of Spanish and Portuguese Jews who were forced to convert to Christianity during the Middle Ages,

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RABBI'S MESSAGE *continued*

past, we must look to the future. Unlike the Israelites we recognize that we have complete control over today and tomorrow; not regarding COVID but regarding our attitude and ability to connect with friends, family, and our CMI community. There will be times when we face tomorrow with fear of the unknown but we can work hard to approach the future with hope of what we know will be.

We know that we will have a CMI community seder, we just don't know the details. Will we gather without eating and or dipping? Will we eat our maror, reminding us of the bitterness of slavery, on the patio? Or will it be safe enough to enjoy four cups of freedom together in our social hall? Only time will tell. The fact that for generations we have continued these traditions reminds us that our people have endured uncertainty in the past and that we have learned to adapt, grow, and embrace the changes in our lives.

May you find hope and strength this spring and may we all find redemption from our narrow places.

CANTOR'S MESSAGE

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harpsichord recitals and lectures and he is a member of the American Guild of Organists. In the brief time he has played services for your Cantor he has managed to make our instruments sing like they never sang before. Aymeric is a very exciting addition to our already great musical family so please make sure to welcome him.

I am planning an exciting Cantor's Concert for Sunday, May 22, so please save that date! If I can manage to get all the ducks in a row it will turn out to be an extraordinary concert. Watch your weekly bulletin for further details and updates. Remember, your Cantor always strives to bring you the best and the brightest in Jewish Music.

This will be a glorious day but it is also an important fundraiser so please come and support us. If the pandemic has taught us anything it is the importance of family and community.

CMI is my extended family and community and I hope it is yours as well.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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but who continued to practice their Jewish faith in secret. Judah Touro's father, Isaac Touro, was a founder of the Newport synagogue and served as its first cantor. Judah was a philanthropist who made his fortune as a merchant, primarily in New Orleans, where he contributed the funds needed to establish a synagogue and a hospital. His philanthropy enabled the world famous Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City to open its doors.

While there are relatively few details about Judah Touro's life, we know that he lived modestly and became somewhat reclusive. He remained unmarried because his uncle Moses Michael Hays forbade a marriage between his daughter Catherine and her cousin Judah, but their love endured throughout their lives. Judah Touro fought and sustained serious battle injuries in the War of 1812. He was eternally grateful for his survival and for the care and support of friends, and became passionate about sharing his good fortune with others.

Judah Touro died on January 16, 1854 in New Orleans, as quietly as he lived. The details of his last will and testament are still on record and speak to his extraordinary generosity. In addition to many worthy charities in New Orleans, both Jewish and secular, Judah provided for Christian orphanages and a building for the First Congregational Church of New Orleans. The New Bedford (Massachusetts) Mercury reported on February 3, 1854 of Touro's will, "He gathered money with honest Judaical eagerness, but gave it away with true Christian liberality".

So where does Congregation Mishkan Israel come



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into the story? At the time of Judah Touro's death, there were approximately 15 Jewish congregations established in the United States outside of New Orleans. In his will, Touro named as beneficiaries the congregations in Newport, Boston, Hartford, New Haven, New York, Baltimore, Charleston, Savannah, Montgomery (Alabama), Memphis, Louisville, Cincinnati, Cleveland, St. Louis, and Albany. It was with the proceeds of this inheritance that CMI was able to leave rented space in downtown New Haven and in 1855, acquire its first synagogue building, the former meetinghouse of the Third Congregational Church on Court Street.

The great 12th Century Jewish philosopher and physician, Maimonides, described a continuum of charitable giving levels, which has come to be

known as "Rambam's Ladder". The ladder has as its lowest rung giving while reluctant or unwilling. At the top of the ladder is the gift of self-reliance—tzedakah that enables and empowers its beneficiaries to do good

work, and potentially give back to the world. Judah Touro was likely among the earliest Americans to practice the mitzvah of planned giving. He provided for the organizations and causes that were most

important to him. His charitable efforts were practiced quietly, frequently, and often without the beneficiary knowing. He gave gifts that have ensured the continuity of Jewish life throughout the U.S. and has certainly contributed to the longevity and vibrancy of CMI. Please look for the plaque next time you are here.



LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT



CMI Welcomes Steven Jacober as our NEW Executive Director

We are very excited to share with you that we have hired Steven Jacober to serve as CMI's next Executive Director.

We believe that Steve is an outstanding choice and a great fit for CMI. He is currently the Executive Director of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, a large two-campus Reform synagogue in Washington, DC. For nearly fifteen years, he has been an effective leader, mentor and partner to the board, clergy, staff, and congregation at WHC. He is a true "servant leader," a responsible steward of resources, and a thoughtful and articulate communicator.

We are fortunate that he had previously decided to relocate to Connecticut to be near his wife's family. We eagerly await his arrival, and will be working with him in the coming months to prepare for his transition to our community.

Steve and his wife Beth are very familiar with the area. Beth grew up in Shelton and Woodbridge and the family enjoys spending summers in Clinton. Her three brothers, sister, and mom are all in the area. Beth and Steve are the proud parents of four children and two grandchildren. Rachel, a social worker, lives with her husband Chris and their two children, Ryan and Brynn, in Columbus, OH. David, a captain in the Marine Corps, lives with his wife, Nera, in San Diego, CA. Ben, a lieutenant in the Coast Guard, and his wife Jennifer, reside in New Orleans. The youngest, Matthew, lives in Columbus, OH, and works in IT security.

Steve will officially join the CMI staff in July. Until then, our Operations team will continue to handle much of the synagogue's day-to-day business. We look forward to introducing you to Steve, hopefully in person, this summer!

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

—Thursday, March 17, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 —Thursday, April 7, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

We are excited to once again partner with the American Red Cross for two upcoming blood drives. We will be working together to give back to the community in a truly life changing way, since each donation we collect can save up to three lives!

Please call the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and enter Mishkan to schedule an appointment.

Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement (JCARR)

by Julie Perlman

Since our beginning, we have sponsored six families into the United States. Family 1 was with us in New Haven acclimatizing to the new country, learning what life is like here and navigating through our bureaucracy. They eventually relocated to Michigan and are self-sufficient, have begun new families, gone to school and helped extended family resettle in the U.S.

Families 2 and 3 are applying now for U.S. citizenship, established small businesses, completed training courses and are dreaming of college. They are well on their way to independence and we are able to function more as supportive friends and mentors.

Family 4 is settled in an elderly housing community and functions independently from us. Family 5 is progressing nicely. All three children are spending the complete year in school and being kids. While they still need our help occasionally, they have not been afraid to branch out on their own.

Family 6, our newest arrival, is settling in. While they do have family here (Family 2) they need our active help with language, cultural adjustments, negotiating the healthcare system, employment, etc.

JCARR has assisted more refugee and immigrant families than any other co-sponsor of IRIS, the primary refugee resettlement agency in New Haven. We will be acting as a supportive resource to a 6th synagogue, Temple Beth David and more new groups in other parts of Connecticut are turning to JCARR, seeking advice about resettling refugees.

Finally, by the time you read this we will have welcomed a 7th family from Afghanistan. Of course, we would love and welcome your help. Send checks payable to The Jewish Federation, with JCARR in the memo line, to The Jewish Federation, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, 06525. Alternatively, you can make an online donation at: jewishnewhaven.org/refugee-resettlement/give. If you are interested in exploring volunteer opportunities, please contact Maddy Kleinman madk117@gmail.com

With gratitude, the JCARR team and our fifteen adult and twelve refugee children.



PEAH GARDEN PROJECT

Spring is almost here and that means it is time to GARDEN! Do you have a green thumb? Do you want to learn more about gardening and help those in need at the same time? Come join us outside in the Pe'ah garden so we can donate thousands of pounds of fresh organic produce to local soup kitchens and food pantries. We accept all skill levels and you get to grow food for your home as well! For more information or to sign up, please contact Kathryn Benard at benardke@hotmail.com or Stephen Grossman at sgrossman1@snet.net.

“CONNECT” WITH THE SPIRIT OF PURIM



This spring, Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut (CONNECT) will be hosting a series of house meetings at all of our member congregations.

CMI's role in CONECT is to work with a collective of 38 churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, and civic organizations from New Haven and Fairfield Counties. We represent more than 30,000 people from different races, faith backgrounds, and living in both cities and suburbs, and join together to take local, state and national action on a wide range of social and economic justice issues of common concern.

Please add your voice to the discussion, virtually or in person, during one of our upcoming house meetings! These small group discussions are an opportunity to identify areas of concern and future action. CONECT has already made an impact on issues related to gun violence, health insurance rates, police reform, criminal justice reform, and immigrant rights. What are the key issues you believe we should tackle in 2022?

This Purim, let us be like Esther and use our voices. Watch your weekly email for dates and times, or email Karen Baar at karen.baar@gmail.com or Phil Kent at pkent@susmanduffy.com for more information. Consider yourself invited!



NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Susan Witten Nason,
 Early Childhood Director

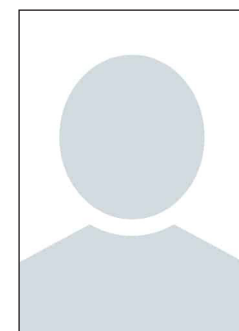
We are definitely looking forward to the warmer weather. Spring is in the air, and we are all ready for a fresh start. We are looking forward to celebrating Purim. We love wearing our costumes, shaking our groggers, and of course, eating delicious Hamantashan. Then, before we know it, Passover will be here.



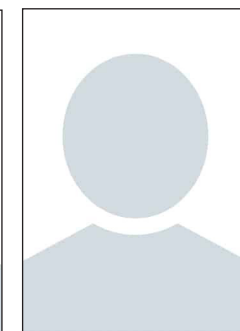
So much to prepare for, so much to look forward to, and celebrate! In April hopefully the weather will be warm enough to begin some planting. We love watching our flowers grow, and planting some tomatoes and other vegetables.

See you in the Spring!

MAZEL TOV TO OUR NEWEST B'MITZVAHS



Ayla & Samantha Bernstein
 March 19, 2022
 Daughters of Richard Bernstein & Adriana Blanco



Grayson Solan
 April 9, 2022
 Son of Jeffrey & Dara Solan



Alexandra Pine-Maher
 April 30, 2022
 Daughter of Aaron Pine & M. Grey Maher



APRIL CALENDAR

27	9:30 a.m. Religious School	28	29	4:00 p.m. Hebrew School	30	7:00 p.m. Board Meeting	31				
20	9:30 a.m. Religious School	21	22	4:00 p.m. Hebrew School	23		24	25	7:00 p.m. Evening Service Parashat Shmini Lev. 9:1-11:47	26	9:00 a.m. Torah Study
13	9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. Chevra Hands 10:30 a.m. 4th & 5th Grade Wedding	14	15	4:00 p.m. Hebrew School	16		17	18	6:00 p.m. Purim Spiel/Megillah Reading Parashat Tzav Lev. 6:1-8:36	19	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating the B'nai Mitzvah of Aya & Samantha Bernstein
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			1	4:00 p.m. Hebrew School	2		3	4	5:00 p.m. Special Refugee Shabbat Service Parashat Pikudei Ex. 38:21-40:38	5	9:00 a.m. Torah Study
2	9:00 a.m. Torah Study	1	6:00 p.m. Evening Service Parashat Tazria: Lev. 12:1-13:59								
9	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Grayson Solan	8	6:00 p.m. Evening Service Parashat Metzora Lev. 14:1-15:33	7	8:00 a.m. Blood Drive	6	5	4		3	9:30 a.m. Religious School
16	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Passover Service 5:00 p.m. Congregational second night Seder	15	NO Evening Service - First night Seder	14		13	12	11		10	9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. Chevra Hands
23	9:00 a.m. Torah Study	22	10:30 a.m. Passover service with Yizkor 7:00 p.m. Evening Service	21	7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting	20	19	18		17	NO Religious School - Spring Break
30	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Pine-Maher	29	6:00 p.m. Evening Service Parashat Achrei Mot Lev. 16:1 - 18:30	28	7:00 p.m. Board Meeting	27	26	25		24	9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:30 a.m. 4th & 5th Grade Funeral

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MARCH CALENDAR

2021-2022 CHAI HOLY DAYS CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everybody who made unrestricted gifts since we launched our campaign during the High Holy Days! Your generous unrestricted contributions will allow CMI to address some of the financial challenges our congregation has faced during the pandemic. Together, we have exceeded our goal of \$180,000, set to honor the lives of the many people who have been part of our congregation's 180 year history. We are grateful to every person who has reached deep into their pockets to make sure that CMI will stay strong now and well into the future.

Below are gifts received since our last bulletin publication, as well as those who are in our Chai Circle of giving. Thank you, and L'Chaim!

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