



The Congregation Mishkan Israel

More than a place. We're a community.

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The Congregation extends a warm welcome to new members: Daniel Glaser & Emma McHugh and their daughter, Madeline Glaser.



WELCOME HOME— IN PERSON OUTDOOR SERVICES

We are excited to once again offer in-person Shabbat services every week on the patio! For everyone's safety, only 40 people can attend each week and RSVPs are required. Please email Tamara at tepstein@cmihamden.org or call the office 203-288-3877 to reserve your spot. All services will continue to be offered on Zoom and via Livestream. Inclement weather will cancel the patio gathering.

TODAH RABAH SHABBAT WELCOME TEAM

Thank you to our greeters:

April 9: Karen Kimball & Richard Shaw

For more information about our Team of greeters, contact co-chairs Karen Kimball at kjkimball@sbcglobal.net or Richard Shaw at rshaw@snet.net.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR NEWEST B'NAI MITZVAH



Benjamin &
Charlotte Stannard
May 1, 2021
Son and Daughter of
Matthew & Andrea Stannard



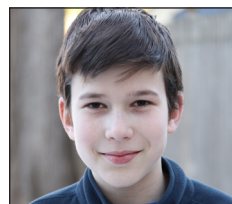
Susan Asch
May 8, 2021
Daughter of William &
Christy Asch



Elijah Brown
May 15, 2021
Son of Rachel Kline Brown &
Matthew Brown



Max Blustajn
May 22, 2021
Child of Dana Hoffman



Simon Engerman
June 4, 2021
Son of David Engerman &
Stephanie Wratten



Samuel Black
June 12, 2021
Son of Thomas & Elisa Black



Lily Pope
June 19, 2021
Child of Scott Pope and
Jennifer Pope



A MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Rabbi Brian P. Immerman

Judaism embraces a tradition of counting, from the number of days during creation to the number of Israelites who left Egypt, from the number of commandments to the number of years we wandered in the wilderness. We are still in the wilderness, the uncertain and unknown expanse of COVID. While I pray that when you read this most of us will have received at least one dose of the vaccine, I know that we still cannot yet gather in person as we used to. As we have for the past 400 days, we look to our 4000 year old tradition for guidance.

From Passover to Shavuot, God commands us to count each day for a total of fifty days, called the omer. April 30th was the 33rd day of the Omer, called Lag B'omer, a day of special celebration. We learn in our Talmud (Yevamot 61b) that during the omer, over 1500 years ago, a plague afflicted Rabbi Akiva's students. As a result, some follow the tradition to refrain from cutting hair or shaving, mourning rituals for those who died. Legend teaches that on the 33rd day of the omer the plague lifted and we celebrate this time period with bonfires and rejoicing. During the past year many of us have let our hair grow longer, almost as if we are collectively mourning both those who have died and for what our lives were pre-pandemic. We are all patiently awaiting our own Lag B'omer, our day when this insidious plague will lift and we can rejoice in person again.

We can see hope on the horizon. Slowly, we are resuming in person activities at CMI. Students are becoming b'mitzvah in our sanctuary and reading from our Holocaust Torah scroll, outdoor services allow us to lift our voices in harmony once again, and we hope and pray it will be safe to re-enter our sacred spaces as a community this fall. For now, we continue to count.

Counting, the omer, the days of the week, month, year, and more allows us to both separate different time periods but also different stages in our lives. We might count and celebrate the number of years of our lives, how long we have worked at a specific place, the time we have spent with our beloveds, and we also count the years since we lost a loved one, that we have been afflicted with disease, or since a moment

that transformed our lives forever.

Judaism assures of us that our counting will come to an end. When we study history we see that our ancestors have suffered before us. We learn that suffering, even when it lasts longer than we may have initially anticipated, ends. We will one day, soon I pray, return and fill our sanctuary, our chapel, our religious school classrooms, our social halls, our library and lounge with praying, learning, singing, eating, and celebrating.

Each year our counting of the Omer and the retelling of the story of Rabbi Akiva reminds us that better days lie ahead. It will continue to take patience, courage, community and faith, but we will arrive at Sinai together. I look forward to continue seeing you both in person and online and I wish you all health, peace, courage and comfort as we count together.

2021 CMI ANNUAL MEETING

**Sunday, June 13
10:00 AM**

The CMI Community is invited to join together to hear about and vote on the proposed budget, vote in new Board Members, hear about future plans and more!

PROTOCOL FOR MI SHEBERACH (HEALING PRAYER) LIST

To add or delete a name to our Mi Sheberach (healing prayer) list that is read at services please call Rabbi's office at (203) 288-3877. You must have permission from the individual to have their name read in public. (There is always the Hebrew option as well.) Names will remain on the list for one month unless renewed or requested to be deleted. If you join us for services you can add a name that evening by signing in with the greeter prior to the beginning of services.



CANTOR'S NOTES

Cantor Arthur Giglio

We have made it through more than a year of the pandemic. Our lives have been reinvented, our Shabbat Services are over the internet. We re-created our entire community into a new virtual reality. If we have learned anything from this experience, we have found new and wonderful strengths. The pandemic and Zoom has brought us together in ways that we never imagined. We thought that Zoom was a cold and impersonal medium, but that has been so far from the truth. It has formed a new kind of intimacy and respect for each other. We have been brought into each others' homes and in so many ways, we have been blessed. As your Cantor, I had to rediscover new ways of bringing you the musical joy of Shabbat. All my important resources and musical partners were taken away. I was home in front of a computer but I was more exposed than ever before! I was all alone with our community and the Shechinah, the "Divine Presence of God". Without my knowing it, the Divine Presence had pulled up a seat next to me and became my new partner on Shabbat. A new relationship and a new intimacy was formed. Just me with my davening and my new partner, the guitar. Taking on the guitar has been like having a newborn all over again; beautiful, always hungry and demanding my attention all the time. It was a brave new world of sound, musical colors and musical conversation. Music and most importantly sacred music, helps us make our connection with the Shechinah, the "Divine Presence of God". It allows all of us to reveal our innermost feelings and opens us up to God's presence. The pandemic blessed me with a new voice as your Sheliach Tzibbur; leader in prayer. I believe for all of us it has changed the understanding of ourselves, our world, and our responsibilities to it. I miss my Adult Choir, I miss my Jr. Choir, but fortunately for me I was left with all the wonderful talent

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Michael Dimenstein

The Hebrew words "gam zeh ya'avur", which in English translate to "this too shall pass", have been evoked frequently for more than a year. We trace the origin of the phrase to the legends of King Solomon, who is traditionally portrayed as "wealthy and wise". Scientists, clergy, politicians and other thought leaders seem to echo this message, assuring us that living with Covid-19 is a temporary inconvenience—a time of challenge that tries our patience and tests our resolve. I humbly concur with the hope that better, brighter days are ahead.

By this time, most adults in our community have either been vaccinated or scheduled to receive the Covid vaccine. While we are urged to exercise caution and act responsibly to limit the risk of variant strain transmission, we can remind ourselves that *this too shall pass*, and our vision of returning to in-person gatherings, however large or small, soon may be a reality. Already, outdoor services and b'nai mitzvah are occurring.

As I approach the one-year mark as Congregation Mishkan Israel's president, I reflect on the unique circumstances that have characterized the year. Having begun my term of office during the 180th year of our beloved congregation's history, this in itself being a distinct honor, I regret that this has been a "virtual" presidency. Throughout the past year I have not had the opportunity to meet and greet my fellow congregants in person, I have not been able to share the bimah nor follow our esteemed Rabbi Immerman and Cantor Giglio in parade around the sanctuary with the Torah. Sunday morning rituals have been modified, including coffee and a bagel at the Brotherhood of Men and Women's café, Religious School students en route to their classes while their parents work peacefully on laptops in our library or lounge. These are just a few of the vibes

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JOIN CMI'S NEW ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY GROUP

Come fulfill the mitzvah of Shomrei Adama, protecting our earth for us and future generations. This past March, several congregants formed a new climate change advocacy group. We plan to join Dayenu, a national Jewish environmental organization which is part of the Jewish Council of Public Affairs and create our own "Dayenu Circle" at CMI. In accordance with our values here at CMI, we are also looking into joining the Connecticut chapter of the Inter-Religious EcoJustice Network, a group comprising congregations from ten faiths.

As a part of these organizations, we will engage in local, state and national legislative advocacy, bring speakers to educate our community, and support green energy choices. All are welcome, regardless of your age, area of interest and level of experience. To learn more and join us for our next meeting, please email Alice Kosowsky at akosowsky@gmail.com or call him at 860-878-0826.

RACE & RACISM SERIES CONCLUDES

Racial justice is a Jewish issue, rooted in our history and our beliefs as Jews. Please join us on Thursday, May 6 and June 3 at 7:00 p.m., as we continue with our important program, "CMI Series on Race & Racism: Deepening Our Understanding by Learning Together". These sessions have been an opportunity for individuals who are beginning to delve into these topics, as well as for those looking to further their understanding and engagement by joining in discussion with others. We explored key issues through a brief overview presentation on the topic and a facilitated group discussion designed to offer participants a way to share their reflections. Please join us for this last session - all are welcome. Advance registration is required, and you can do that at cmihamden.org.



JUNE WORSHIP SERVICES & STUDY

SHABBAT SH'LACH

Numbers 13:1 – 15: 41

Friday, June 4

6:00 p.m. Pride Shabbat Service

Saturday, June 5

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Service Celebrating
The Bar Mitzvah of Simon Engerman

SHABBAT KORACH

Numbers 16:1 – 18:32

Friday, June 11

6:00 p.m. Evening Family Service

Saturday, June 12

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Service Celebrating
The Bar Mitzvah of Samuel Black

SHABBAT CHUKAT

Numbers 19:1 – 22:1

Friday, June 18

6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Saturday, June 19

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Service Celebrating
The Bat Mitzvah of Lily Pope

SHABBAT BALAK

Numbers 22:2 – 25:9

Friday, June 25

6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Saturday, June 26

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Service

Service times are subject to change. For the most up-to-date information and to hear sample tunes from services, go to <http://cmihamden.org/worship>.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE COVID-19 VACCINE ASSISTANCE

We have partnered with Jewish Family Services to help our community navigate the complex system of COVID vaccinations. Judaism teaches us that we should do everything we can to save a life, whether our own or another's and CMI is here to assist you. If you need assistance in making an appointment or with transportation, we are here to help. For help with vaccination appointments, please call JFS directly at 203-389-5599 or for help with transportation, please reach out to Rabbi Immerman at rabbi@cmihamden.org or by calling the office at 203-288-3877.

JEWISH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT (JCARR)

Our JCARR families welcome spring and the ability to get outside and enjoy New Haven.

JCARR members have been gathering summer camp opportunities for the children. A new grant is being written to apply for funds for this purpose. The toddler in family 3 will be attending CMI preschool in the fall, thanks to a scholarship opportunity made possible by an anonymous angel. Khadija, the mom in family 3, offered a menu for Passover. If you are not on her mailing list and want to check out her weekly offerings, please email her at khadijaskitchen@gmail.com. She is also in the process of taking her tests to be certified as a CNA.

*Family 4 moved to Towers East and is very much enjoying their new home and view of New Haven. We look forward to being able to visit them once the restrictions have been lifted.

*Family 2 has moved to a new home in Hamden and are busily making repairs and improvements. The children love their new yard and the freedom they have in the neighborhood. Their newest addition is growing fast, and is almost 6 months old.

*Family 5 continues to negotiate life in New Haven. Dad has a full time job and the children are attending school and taking advantage of the JCARR tutoring program.

We are hopeful that JCARR will sponsor a new family this year as the need remains strong and the new administration will be allowing refugee families to settle here. Your donations will enable JCARR to continue to do what we do – support refugee and asylum-seeking families as they build new lives in our community. All donations to JCARR will help meet family needs.

To make an online donation, go to <https://jewishnewhaven.org/refugee-resettlement/give>. Or send checks, payable to The Jewish Federation, with JCARR in the memo line, to The Jewish Federation, 360 Amity Road, Woodbridge, 06525. Attention: Amy Holtz.

We greatly appreciate your generous donations!

For more information please contact Lina Lawall at 203-271-2610 or Sue Millen at 203-288-9797.

WE ARE OFFICIALLY HISTORIC!

On March 26, the Connecticut Historic Preservation Review Board approved our 60-year old building's nomination to the National Register of Historic Places! Part of the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act, the National Register recognizes resources significant to the nation's history. CMI met criteria for its association with the civil rights movement, and for architecture as a seminal example of the Mid-Twentieth-Century Modern style in religious architecture. Together with the work of famed artists like Ben Shahn, and input from Rabbi Goldberg and the congregation, German Jewish Architect Fritz Nathan's final design reflected the congregation's desire for a "temple of justice."

Beyond the honor, this listing qualifies CMI to apply for thousands of dollars from private, state and federal grants to match donations raised by our own fundraising efforts. These grants must be used exclusively for the maintenance and restoration of our building. In fact, the approval

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of our listing in the National Register has already enabled us to secure a \$20,000 state grant to hire a consultant to conduct a conditions assessment report to prioritize projects. We can then apply for more grants to fund long overdue maintenance issues, effectively cutting our expenditures in half. Please watch for capital campaigns to raise matching funds and ensure we stay in this unique and historic place built especially for our congregation.

Special thanks to CMI Board member, Professor Leah Glaser, who prepared the nomination with her graduate student, Elizabeth Correia. We will post the final nomination online.

CANTOR'S NOTES *continued...*

that fills our halls at CMI. When we went from services in the chapel to services online and everyone was there, ready to give of themselves at a moment's notice. They were there to support me and help all of us get through this terrible time and we were so blessed. I want to recognize all of them for their efforts to make our prayers soar every week to the Divine Presence. I must start with my biggest partner in music, Rabbi Immerman. It is a joy to come together every week and share our musical visions and styles. They open our eyes to the vast world of Jewish Sacred Music and it is so much fun. I am also humbled and deeply grateful, to Hedda & Michael Rubenstein, Dana and Cynthia Astmann, Jonathan, Seth and Eli Zabin, David and Julie Chevan, Alex, Michelle and Emmet Forte, Elise and Jordan Miller, Harold Shapiro, Mandi, Eli and Max Jackson, Matt, Amanda and Benny Lupoli, Diane Orson & Tim Moran, and Corey Stone. They all complete our connection to the Shechinah. The spiritual rewards we reap are without measure. They have been my shining knights in armor throughout the pandemic and I am so immensely blessed to have them. Kol HaKavod to all of you!! The summer season will be upon us very soon but there are still many Shabbatot ahead of us and most importantly Shavout when the Divine Presence gave the Torah to the Children Israel. Be there for our special service of Confirmation for our teens. Join us so we can all qvell together. Please check the weekly CMI eNews for the most up to date information about all upcoming services!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued...*

I miss and look forward to as we plan our return to a new normal.

Our Board of Trustees is enthusiastically approaching reopening as a time of renewal and strengthening of our congregation. A new slate of officers and trustees will be presented at our annual meeting (still via Zoom) on Sunday June 13, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

Meanwhile, there is so much activity that continues at CMI. Our Reopening Task Force, comprised primarily of educators and medical professionals, has been advising us on the safe, practical measures we should consider as we plan for upcoming lifecycle events, worship services and educational programming. Our Chesed Team continues its outreach to members of our congregation, checking on their well-being and offering assistance. Our Ritual Committee is helping us review and reimagine how to meet our diverse community's spiritual needs. Throughout the pandemic, CMI's social action efforts have not ceased. True to our heritage of social justice, our congregation has been engaged in tikkun olam, including an outstanding series on Confronting Racism, refugee resettlement efforts with JCARR, interfaith activities through CONECT, as well as local efforts to promote affordable and equitable housing. At this writing, preparation for this year's Pe'ah Garden are underway. Plans to maintain and preserve our historic synagogue building and cemetery are ongoing.

Yes, *gam zeh ya'avur!* I look forward to sharing our next phase with you.

Anyone may choose to preserve the memory of their loved one for a donation of \$500 for an individual plaque, or \$450 each if purchasing more than one. You may order memorial wall plaques online through your ShulCloud account (cmihamden.org/donate) or by calling the office at 203-288-3877. As we continue to celebrate 180 years as a congregation, please consider preserving the memory of your loved ones on CMI memorial wall plaques. By doing so they become a special part of our congregation's celebrated history.

MAY CALENDAR

May 2021

									1 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service Celebrating the B'Not Mitzvah of Charlotte & Benjamin Stammard
2	9:45 a.m. 4th & 5th Grade Funeral 10:00 a.m. Religious School	3	4	4:00 p.m. Hebrew School	5	6	7	11:00 a.m. Plant Sale Pick-up 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat 6:00 p.m. Evening Service	8 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service Celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Susan Asch
9	10:00 a.m. Religious School	10	9:00 a.m. Blood Drive	11	4:00 p.m. Hebrew School	12	13	14	15 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service Celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Elijah Brown
16	Erev Shavuot 10:00 a.m. Last Day of Religious School 7:00 p.m. Tikun L'eil Shavuot	17	Shavuot Office and School Closed 10:30 a.m. Shavuot Service with Yizkor	18		19	20	21	22 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service B'Mitzvah of Max Blustajn
23		24	25		26	27	28	29	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat
30		31	Memorial Day Office and School Closed		7:00 p.m. Board Meeting		6:00 p.m. Evening Service		

June 2021

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				7:00 p.m. Race & Racism	MINS Last Day of School 6:00 p.m. Pride Shabbat Service	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service Celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Simon Engerman
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	MINS First Day of Summer Camp				6:00 p.m. Family Service	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service Celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Samuel Black
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10:00 a.m. CMI Annual Meeting				6:00 p.m. JFS Event Honoring Rabbi Herbert N. Brockman	6:00 p.m. Evening Service	9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service Celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Lily Pope
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					6:00 p.m. Evening Service	9:00 a.m. Torah Study
27	28	29	30			

MAY 7

Morris H. Alderman
 Clara Glass Berke *
 Bruce Berman *
 Abraham Allen Bortner
 Morris Braverman
 Glenna Brody
 Alex Brown *
 Pamela Rosoff Burrows *
 Thomas F. Button *
 Violet Farber *
 Joyce Lesnie Feller
 Rabbi David J. Forman
 Henrietta Proctor Forman
 Lillian L. Freedman *
 Florence Glassberg
 Helen Goldman
 Mildred Groves
 Regina Heller
 Daniel Kahn
 Seymour Kasper
 Fannie Korman *
 Abraham Krug
 Hova Lehtman
 Ruth Levine
 Jonathan Seth Lurier *
 Max Joseph Merritt
 Charles O'Brasky
 Minnie Ominsky
 Norman Osach
 Charles Rifkin *
 Benjamin Matthew Rosoff *
 Rosa Sagal *
 Harry Schneer
 Edward Schwartzman *
 Fred D. Schwarzkopf *
 Isaac William Serow *
 Burton Sonnenfeld
 Irving P. Spivack
 Dao Kim Lien Stevens *
 Aaron Stolzman *
 Carolyn Ullman Strauss *
 Joseph Ticotsky
 Dr. Arthur Weil *
 Howard Weiner
 Dr. Arthur M. Yudkin *

MAY 14

Erna Ackerman
 Abraham J. Alderman
 Frances Bell
 Harry V. Blegen
 Sarah Dombeck Block *
 Irving Blumenthal
 Randi Brandt
 Shirley L. Bruskin
 Philip Casher
 Clare Casher
 Albert Cheskis
 Zlata Cohen
 Carol Feder
 Esther A. Fishman *
 Rozika Frankenberger
 William Friedman *
 Annette Gold
 Arnold Moise Goldstein *
 Sybil Gordon
 Sidney E. Hilcoff *
 Corey Brand Hobbs
 Herman C. Jacobs
 George Kaplan
 Sydney R. Kauffman *
 Helen Kerber
 Koskl Khait
 Henry Leventhal
 Barnett Levine
 Ida Levine *
 Herman M. Levy *
 Alan Charles Lichtenstein *
 Shandl Litvak
 Henrietta M. Mann *
 Rose P. Montlick *
 Paula Olanik
 Natalie Olderman
 Lisa Shoshana Ostfeld-Johns *
 Serah Riva Rifkin *
 David Rosenberg *
 Anna S. Rosenfeld *
 J. Yale Rubin *
 Milton Rubinstein
 Alan Lewis Schiff *
 Nathan Schreiber
 Abraham Sheftel *
 Sidney Saul Silverberg *
 Esther Smith
 Belle Cohen Spodick
 Milton Stitelman
 Charlotte Lefkoff Tenin
 Gertrude Turkel *
 Moshe Tziferman
 Helen Hess Van Daelen *
 Harry Weller
 Constance N. Williams
 Lillian Zellman

MAY 21

Murray Alpert *
 Samuel Bailey
 Arnold Berman
 John J. Bolton *
 Jack Breslav *
 Necia Biscoe Bush
 Seymour Byer
 Freda Chauser *
 Florine Davis *
 Fay Finkel
 David A. Gittleson *
 Katherine Goodman *
 Mandell Paul Greenberg *
 Joseph Hanina
 Morris Kamens *
 Irene Kanter
 Nettie L. Kleiner *
 Harry Knapp
 Annette Knapp *
 Anna Kronick
 Jeanette Lambert *
 Linda Brook Lazaroff
 Bruce Lehman
 Abraham Levin
 Alissa Newett
 Joseph Oppenheimer *
 Gregory M. Proctor
 Robert C. Rittner
 Regina Rosenberg *
 Babetta Rosenberg *
 Arthur Morris Ross Jr. *
 Samuel Rothchild *
 Phillip Shapiro
 Dr. Susan Spencer
 Samuel A. Stone
 Lillian B. Strauss *
 Cerf Wolfe *
 Norman Zelin *
 Lee Zimmerman

MAY 28

Jack Abrams
 Isabel Baltimore
 Salvatore M. Dattilo
 Peter Esposito
 Gussie Fox *
 Elise Galasso *
 Julius Germaine
 Betty Baskin Gleicher
 Harold "Bub" Hahn, Jr. *
 Kate Harrison *
 Rose Hartenstein *
 Marcia Jacobs *
 Judith Koch
 Sadie Korzenowitz
 William Krug
 Albert A. Lappin *
 Mildred Molly Levine
 Bernard David Miller *
 Barbara Jean Miller-Cimmino
 Stanley T. Proscio *
 Harvey Rodnick
 Kathryn Klee Gips Ross *
 Marvin Schaefer
 Ruth Schein
 Max Scheps
 Fenmore R. Seton *
 Rae Shapiro
 Jules Victor Stone
 Samuel J. White *
 Seymour Wilensky
 Abraham Zakar
 Julia Zakar

In Memoriam

Harold Greenbaum
 Valentine Tuckell

May their memory be for a blessing

**In Perpetual Memory*

JUNE 4

Karen Aqua
 David D. Berdon
 Harris Jack Berman *
 Harry C. Blegen
 Anna K. Brandriss *
 Herman A. Bruson *
 Susan Caminear
 Samuel Fox *
 Esther Germaine
 Martha Goller
 Bertha V. Gompertz *
 George J. Greenberg *
 Harold H. Hahn Sr. *
 Abram Hartenstein *
 Jack Hauser *
 Molly Kamens Horton *
 Morris Karmasin
 Elizabeth Karp *
 Rose Shelling Kelsey
 Harvey Lawrence Koizim *
 Julius Kornicker *
 Hyman Krug
 Max Langrock *
 Roslyn Shapiro Lewisohn *
 Leo Links *
 Virginia Millen *
 Alice O'Brasky
 Dr. Louis O'Brasky *
 Elliott Perlman
 Frank L. Porzillo
 Norman Rashba *
 Ruth Rodnick
 Milton E. Rosenthal *
 Jean N. Scheps
 Helen Chargar Schwartz *
 Bernard Shoninger *
 Lottie Siperstein
 Lena Ticotsky
 Jane Silverman Waife
 Dr. Milton Wallman
 Isabelle Walton
 Irmgrad Weiss *

JUNE 11

Ida Alpert *
 Adele Altschuler
 Elizabeth Joan Baratz *
 Donald Blumenthal *
 James Bradbury
 Muriel Freedman Braverman
 Anne Cohen
 Matilda Eisenberg
 Marie Eisner *
 Merrill Farber
 David Flit
 Annette Forman Friedman *
 Violet P. Goodman *
 William R. Green *
 Elizabeth Green *
 Jerome F. Greenwald *
 Hannah Hanina
 Charles Paul Huether
 Lucile Marqusee Jacobs *
 Alexander Jacoby
 Hirsch Koch *
 Rosa Lang Kornicker *
 Stanley Kruger
 Ester Levine
 Sam Levine
 Pearl R. Lipsky
 Celia Katz Mailhouse *
 Soltan Moskovits *
 Matilda Myers *
 Doris Nasper
 Richard W. Opper *
 Sydelle Perlman
 Sonya H. Rashba
 Norman Redlich
 Vivian Hubelbank Ruth
 Marci Sellers
 Rifka Shapiro
 David Teitelbaum
 Gisyta Tziferman
 Laurel Vlock
 Evelyn Reich Wareck *
 Solomon Weil *
 Tessie Rozen Weiss
 Nancy Ruth Kruger Williams *
 David Zakar

JUNE 18

Edward Bailey
 Dr. R. Scott Borrus
 George Brand
 Harriet Harris Breslav *
 Arthur Caskill
 Lillian Kravitz Dimenstein
 Philip Freedman
 Herman Gold
 Minnie Chauser Gold
 Jacob Haber *
 Samuel Karlan
 Nathan David Kaufman
 Edna Knopp
 Arthur Kramer
 Blanche Kramer
 Zelda Chernoff Lapidés
 Hannah Marcus
 Gerald E. Marcus
 Marion Marcus
 David Mersey *
 Eli Milner
 Rae Paul *
 Jacobi Press
 Abraham S. Rosenfeld *
 Enid Scheps
 Anne Shapiro *
 Heloise S. Shoninger *
 USArmy PFC Eric Daniel Soufrine
 Henrietta Teitelbaum
 Florence Walman *
 Alfred W. Weil *
 Rachel F. Weiner *
 Charlotte Solomon Weinstein *
 Dr. Paul Winer *

JUNE 25

Morton Adams *
 Kathryn Belleau
 Irving Berkowitz *
 Louis Goodman Black *
 Bella Brand
 Helen D. Breslav *
 Sam Brody
 Morton Harold Cohen *
 Jacob J. Cooley *
 Ralph Egel *
 Muriel Esposito
 Meyer Forman
 Larry C Franken *
 Lewis J. Freedman *
 Dr. Nathan A. Goldstein *
 Elaine Kliger Gray *
 Steven Grove
 Louis Hamerman *
 Louis Heller
 Brett Hellerman
 Fred Hoffman
 Bessie E. Hoffman *
 Alfred Klein *
 Anne Isaacs Kornicker *
 Morris Krug
 Celia Levin
 Florence Doduck LeVine *
 Elsa Guttman Links *
 Levi Lyons *
 Mae Lapidés Merliss *
 Jonathan Milikowsky
 Henrietta Muhlfelder *
 Norma Neufeld *
 Marion Press O'Brasky *
 Ronald J. Portugal *
 Gary Racusin
 Ruth Rennert
 Fanny Rozovsky *
 Lawrence K. Schnadig *
 Emil Schoenberger *
 Sadye Comins Shapiro *
 Jacob R. Silverman
 Prof. Albert J. Solnit
 Monty Soufrine
 Anna Heitman Stein *
 Marcia Teitelbaum
 Anna Traiman
 Theodor Tuckell
 Lucille Packard Turmelle

In Sympathy

Carole Greenbaum on the passing of her husband, Harold Greenbaum

Shirley Fiedler on the passing of her husband, Howard Fiedler

Sharon Lynn Kagan on the passing of her sister, Betty Doris Goldberg

**In Perpetual Memory*

“...who donates much to charity becomes the richer for it...”

Zohar iii 110b

DECEMBER 1, 2020– FEBRUARY 1, 2021

ENDOWMENT FUNDS: (invested to generate annual income for specific purposes)

General Fund

Paul Knapp
Susan Skolnick

In Memory of

RONNI KNAPP
HAROLD GREENBAUM

Cemetery Fund

Richard Chorney
Regina Dubin
Regina Dubin
Regina Dubin
Linda Greenhouse
Robert Homer
Sheila Klein
Martin Korn & Sylvia Betcher
Leona Landau
Diane Lublin
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RABBI HERBERT BROCKMAN TO BE HONORED AT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE

Perhaps it was beshert that Rabbi Herbert Brockman would bring his passion for social justice to the Board of the Jewish Family Service of Greater New Haven. Brockman, who will be honored at JFS' June 17th virtual Spring Celebration, has long been dedicated to Jewish values and to the welfare of the entire community. His 2018 retirement from the pulpit at Congregation Mishkan Israel in Hamden (he is now CMI's Rabbi Emeritus) was the impetus to look for other channels through which to pursue social action. The Rabbi's long-standing priorities are a natural fit with JFS' mission of providing human and social services to the most vulnerable – without regard to race, ethnicity or religion. Amy Rashba, the agency's CEO, said, "JFS is proud to honor Rabbi Herb Brockman, whose involvement in both the Jewish and interfaith community epitomizes all that JFS stands for. With warmth, intelligence and a Jewish heart, Rabbi Brockman honors us all with his devotion to tikkun olam. He is a true mensch!"

Brockman has had a long history of social justice activism during his thirty-two-year tenure at CMI, now carried on by his successor, Rabbi Brian Immerman. Under Brockman's leadership, the synagogue began its participation in Abraham's tent, providing shelter to homeless men; established the Peah garden to grow produce for area soup kitchens; declared itself a "sanctuary congregation" in response to the Trump administration's immigration restrictions; and became active in the Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement. He attributes his desire to join the work of JFS to his experience searching for food for an immigrant Latino family whose father was being placed in a church sanctuary to avoid deportation. He said, "Sandy [Hagan, Food Pantry director] opened the pantry just for the family and let them 'shop.' When

the wife picked up a few items, Sandy insisted, 'That's not enough. Fill it up.' A minister who was accompanying us commented, 'Your community is amazing.' I still feel the pride I felt then. It's why I chose to join the Board of JFS and support their work."

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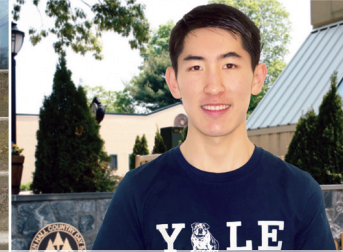
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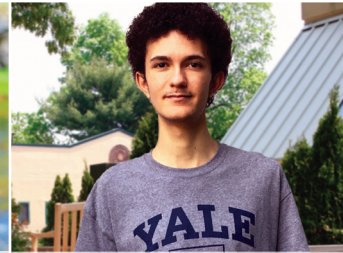
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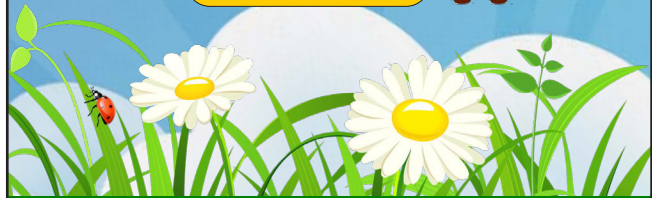


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SHABBAT EMOR

Leviticus 21:1 – 24:23

Friday, April 30

6:00 p.m. Evening Service with Confirmation

Saturday, May 1

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Service Celebrating

The B'Nai Mitzvot of

Charlotte & Benjamin Stannard

SHABBAT BEHAR-BECHUKOTAI

Leviticus 25:1 – 27:34

Friday, May 7

5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat

6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Saturday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Service Celebrating

The Bat Mitzvah of Susan Asch

SHABBAT BAMIDBAR

Numbers 1:1 – 4:20

Friday, May 14

6:00 p.m. Evening Family Service

Saturday, May 15

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Service Celebrating

The Bar Mitzvah of Elijah Brown

Sunday, May 16

7:00 p.m. Tikkun L'eil Shavuot

Monday, May 17

10:30 a.m. Shavuot Service with Yizke

SHABBAT NASSO

Numbers 4:21 – 7: 89

Friday, May 21

6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Saturday, May 22

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Service Celebrating

The B'Mitzvah of Max Blustajn

SHABBAT BEHA'ALOTCHA

Numbers 8:1 – 12:16

Friday, May 28

6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Saturday, May 29

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat

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