



The Congregation Mishkan Israel

More than a place. We're a community.

May 2019

Series 103 Number 8





MEMBERSHIP CORNER
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Congregation extends a warm welcome to new members: Stephen Grossman & Sally Hellerman & their children, Benjamin & Sophia.



ONEG SHABBAT & PULPIT FLOWERS

One of the nicest ways to honor a special occasion is to sponsor an Oneg Shabbat and/or pulpit flowers for services. Congregation Mishkan Israel is grateful to the following Oneg

Shabbat/Flower Sponsor

May 4 – Flowers & Oneg are given in celebration of Emma Cohen becoming a bat mitzvah with love from David & Allison Cohen.

May 18 – Flowers & Oneg are given in celebration of Addison Widlitz becoming a bat mitzvah with love from her family.

May 25 – Flowers & Oneg are given in celebration of Preston Eder becoming a bar mitzvah in loving memory of Nancy Knutowski and Sydney & Jacqueline Eder with love from our family.

June 1 – Flowers & Oneg are given in celebration of Josh Wildstein becoming a bar mitzvah with love from Mom, Dad & Ben.

To arrange for your sponsorship, contact Sarah at (203) 288-3877 or slegassey@cmihamden.org.

IS SOMEONE IN THE HOSPITAL?

Area hospitals are not permitted to notify us when a congregant has been admitted. If you know of a congregant who is in the hospital and would appreciate a call or visit, please contact Rabbi Immerman's office at (203) 288-3877 or rabbi@cmihamden.org

TODAH RABAH
SHABBAT WELCOME TEAM

Thank you to our greeters:

April

- 5 Barbara & Jim Segaloff
- 12 Ivey Cooley & Joan Lipin
- 26 Cliff & True Wolff

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

MAY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Celebrate your birthday at Family Service. May birthdays will be celebrated at the Family Service on Friday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m. If your child will be attending services in their birthday month, please call Tamara at 203-288-3877.



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.

CMI IS GOING GREEN

We at CMI decided that this is a great time to follow our passion to leave a "green" thumbprint as a congregation. We have considered our role in the massive use of paper that we generate yearly and find this is a perfect time to "Go Green". We have implemented our "paperless" monthly bulletin as part of a series of eco-friendly initiatives here at CMI. Please go to <https://cmi.wufoo.com/forms/miwucmp0trrl5/> to let us know if you wish to discontinue receiving the printed version of the monthly bulletin via mail or call the office at 203-288-3877. We will continue to mail a paper copy of the bulletin to your home if you do not opt-out.

Thank you.



A MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Rabbi Brian P. Immerman

One of the reasons that I like to fly El-Al when I go to Israel is because the Israeli flag on the tail of a giant airplane elicits a strong sense of Jewish pride and

security. We have a country that will always accept us and provide a safe haven for us as Jews. When the modern state was envisioned by the early Zionists in the 19th century, it was both to create a place of refuge and also a country that would embody the highest of Jewish values – to love both the neighbor and stranger and to take care of everyone within her borders.

Fresh off of the Israeli elections last month, I have read a flood of opinion articles about the success or failure of the state based upon the potential right-wing coalition. As American Jews we did not have the ability to cast our votes nor must we live directly with the outcome of the election. Yet our tradition binds the fate of Israeli's and American Jews alike: "Kol Yisrael aravim ze ba ze, all of Israel is responsible for one another (Talmud Shevuot 39a)." We are linked in faith and fate with the modern state of Israel.

On May 7th we will gather as a community at the JCC to commemorate Yom Hazikaron, Israel's memorial day. Instead of bbq's and sales, as we mark Memorial Day in the US, Yom Hazikaron is a somber day as most Israeli's know someone or some family who gave their life for the Jewish State. We too will remember them and offer our respects. Twenty-four hours later we will gather to celebrate Yom Haatzmaut, Israel's independence day. We will put politics aside for forty-eight hours and marvel and the fact that we have a place that we can call home and that has the potential to fulfil the vision of her founders.

I am excited to share my love of Israel and concern for her peaceful future through continued learning and our community Israel trip March 15-25, 2020. Registration is now live and you can learn more about the trip by following the link on our website or by calling the synagogue. While in Israel, we will celebrate its unique place in our culture by visiting the Western Wall, Reform Jewish communities, floating in the dead sea and exploring the historic mountain top of Masada. We will also engage with the complex social fabric when we meet with groups of Israelis and Palestinians who are working to build a peaceful future.

Israel, like every other country, is not perfect. I pray that everyone within her borders is treated with kindness and respect while Israel maintains her unique Jewish character. I pray and that we can help fulfil the dreams of Palestinians to have their own, separate, country. And I hope that one day, when we or any person sees the Israeli flag, they will think of a country that reflects the highest of Jewish values and is truly a light of hope and peace to all the nations of the world.

SAVE THE DATE
2019 Annual
MEETING
 FRIDAY, JUNE 7 • 6:00 PM

BLOOD DRIVE

We are excited to partner with the American Red Cross on May 2, 2019 to launch the first of what we hope will be many blood drives. We'll 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.

Thank you for making Congregation Mishkan Israel such a success. Let's make an impact on May 2 and add saving lives to our list of great accomplishments.



Congregation Mishkan Israel Blood Drive

Thursday, May 2
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org

Use the code MISHKAN for easy access!

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or CMI office at (203)288-3877

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sarah B. Greenblatt

Becoming a Sanctuary Synagogue

For the past several years, CMI has been involved in the CT New Sanctuary Movement, an interfaith effort to provide advocacy and shelter for undocumented immigrants facing imminent deportation. Prior to the policies of the current federal administration, U.S. Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the Obama Administration focused on the removal of certain categories of undocumented immigrants – convicted felons and those who posed other public safety threats – and allowed case by case prosecutorial discretion on whether to deport non-criminals. Current policy shifts push ICE to detain and deport undocumented immigrants who have not committed unlawful acts and/or are not considered a threat to national security. Houses of worship have, since the 1980s, provided sanctuary shelter for those facing deportation while their cases are being considered.

After a year of legal research and discussion, the CMI Board voted in April, 2018 “to authorize and implement sanctuary shelter for Mishkan Israel, subject to our policy statement and subject to providing the resources (human and fiscal) necessary to effectively proceed with the program”. This vote expressed our Jewish values of seeking justice and welcoming the stranger. Since that vote, there have been no new requests for sanctuary from an individual or a family. However, several CMI congregants, Rabbi Immerman and Emeritus Rabbi Brockman continue to be involved with the CT New Sanctuary Movement. There are now 11 churches prepared to provide sanctuary shelter and contact lists of 500 people who lend support. Over the past 18 months, 8 guests have used sanctuary, with 6 who have won relief and are back with their families; 2 are still waiting. Nationally there are

approximately 40 “guests” in churches and in one reform synagogue that meets in a church.

To better understand what becoming a sanctuary synagogue involves, I participated in a sanctuary congregation orientation. I learned that by policy ICE generally does not raid houses of worship; and that ICE must have a judicial warrant if they do come to detain a guest. I learned too that guests are vetted for past criminal involvement prior to coming to a congregation and that a press conference is critical to clarify that a congregation is not hiding an undocumented immigrant. Also, guests may stay for short periods of time while they figure out their options, or long periods of time while their cases are heard or appealed.

We also wanted to learn more about the experiences of the three Connecticut congregations in New Haven, Meriden and Old Lyme that provide sanctuary shelter. Congregants Sue Millen and Lina Lawall conducted this research to inform our next steps. Their comprehensive report highlights the following guidance: educate the congregation about sanctuary options and raise funds to support needs of guest(s); identify and prepare leaders and teams of volunteers to plan for and coordinate guest supports; prepare private, comfortable living space; develop protocols, e.g. draft a covenant with the guest, address medical needs, welcome family visits, and whom to contact if ICE should come (guest’s attorney and CMI pro bono attorney); respect and be responsive to cultural diversity re: foods, customs, holidays, etc.; provide access to space for exercise, recreation, meal preparation, meals and family visits; and plan for volunteer roles from shopping to doing laundry and sleeping over.

The important next step for CMI is to build a team of volunteers who can be trained to support our sanctuary movement involvement – through shelter or through advocacy and support partnerships with other congregations providing sanctuary. Please contact me at president@cmihamden.org should you be interested in getting involved.



CANTOR'S NOTES

Cantor Arthur Giglio

The Cantor's Concert Exposé: A look back at all that it entails!

Every year I bring you a Cantor's Concert. It is an event that features Jewish guest artists/performers from all over the country. That in itself is wonderful but what is really important is that this is CMI's BIG Fundraiser of the year. A huge event that is planned over many months with countless hours of volunteer work going into organizing and mounting such an event. Obviously, the first thing we need are performers and it is my job to find and bring you the best and brightest talent. After that it is up to the Cantor's Concert Committee to bring it to life. This year we were once again blessed with the return of Eun-Mi Shim and Michael Allen as our Co-chairs. They dove right in and selflessly gave of themselves and their time. I mention this because I don't know if everyone realizes the amount of time and effort that goes into organizing such an event. Michael and Eun-Mi have done this for us many times in the past. They arranged all the meetings, every week for months, bringing people together, and delegating all that is involved. What is involved you may ask? First, we have to decide if we are going to just have a concert or also have a silent auction along with it. Then we have to decide whether it will be an evening or daytime event. This year, because of the silent auction we decided to go with an evening, more adult centered concert. That is important as it determines what kind of audience we will have and can make a difference on the performer(s). We need to start advertising so we need a graphic artist to make the flyers and posters. That was Ruth Sack, our resident artistic maven. Over these many years Ruth has tirelessly volunteered her extraordinary artistic talents and created gorgeous posters and fliers. A silent auction was chosen so we have to seek out people and local businesses to donate goods and services. That involves scouring the congregation and Hamden, knocking on doors, making phone calls and doing whatever it takes to get quality

items for our fundraiser. This is not as easy as it sounds as these vendors are descended upon every year by many non-profit organizations just like our own who are also having fundraisers. How should we decorate? How should it look? This year we secured the brilliant vision of Andrew Rubenoff who donated his theatrical design decorative genius to transform our social hall into a Cabaret out of the past. Our office staff then sends out mailings, both email and snail mail, accepts donations, answer many questions and sells tickets online. Our Executive Director Merav Canaan works directly with the Committee to meet their needs. Jim Moulton, the sound engineer is brought on board by yours truly to assist the performers. Gary Mitchell, our staff building engineer along with the maintenance staff work with the Committee, the Designer Andrew Rubenoff, Jim Moulton the Sound Engineer, and our volunteers to assist however they can, not to mention setup and breakdown afterwards. Did I mention that at the concert we also have a crew of volunteers who decorate the tables, greet people, sell and take tickets, serve food and drinks, pass out programs and generally be incredibly helpful. Why does everyone do this? Because they believe in our community and how important CMI is to their Jewish lives and they believe in the future of CMI and its continuing legacy. I am deeply humbled when I see how hard everyone cooperates, works together and extends themselves to make this the most special event we have come to expect every year. It is so important that all of us acknowledge all the hard work these people have done to make this Cantor's Concert Fundraiser such a success, and here they are:

Co-Chairs: Michael Allen & Eun-Mi Shim (Bravo!).
 Committee Members: Tracy Dowgiewicz, Bob Epstein, Jane Farrington, Michelle Goldstein, Sarah Greenblatt, Sheila Greenstein, Ellyn Kaufman, Joan Lakin, Lina Lawall, George Ominsky, Vanessa Patrizio, Sara Ruggiero, Ruth Sack, Ken Seltzer, Richard Shaw, Ana Sirota, Clarky Sonnenfeld. Master of Ceremony: Jackie Sidle. Greeting Ambassadors: Harvey Cheskis, Stan Friedman, David Millen. CMI Staff: Merav Canaan, Tamara Epstein, Sarah Legassey,
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NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Susan Witten Nason
Early Childhood Director

April was a busy month of celebrating Passover, starting to plant flowers and enjoying the warmer weather.

This month we will be celebrating Shavuot.

We look forward to watching our flowers grow and spending as much time as possible outdoors this month.

Our Tzedaka project for May will be filling laundry baskets full of cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, etc. for an organization called New Reach.

New Reach inspires independence for those affected by homelessness and poverty through a continuum of housing and support using the most innovative and progressive methods.

This is a new project for us- we are always looking for different ways to help out in the community. If you have any suggestions for Tzedakah projects please contact me at sperry@cmihamden.org.

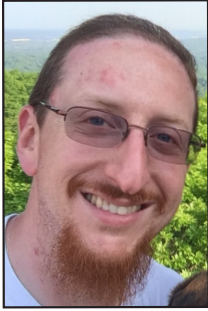
Thank you, as always, for your generous contributions to our Tzedakah projects.

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YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Alex Forte

May flowers are beginning to bloom, and MITYOR is heading toward the end of another great year. We've had a lot of fun getting together for good times and social action, and we can't

wait to see what next year brings! We have a few events to go, starting with our final Breakfast Before School on Sunday, May 5th @ 9:00am. ALL teens are invited to come and have breakfast before religious school with MITYOR. The first time through the line is on us, so come and have a nosh! Later this month, we will be hosting a Movie Night on the evening of Saturday, May 18th. Hang out at the temple with other teens for dinner, movies, and junk food! Please contact Alex Forte (mityor@cmihamden.org) with any questions.

MAY B'NAI MITZVAH



Emma Cohen

May 4, 2019

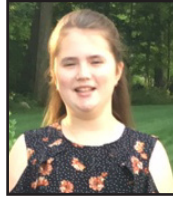
Daughter of David & Allison Cohen



Maxwell Jackson

May 11, 2019

Son of Scott & Mandi Jackson



Addison Widlitz

May 18, 2019

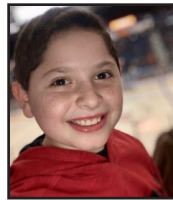
Daughter of Eric & Sarah Widlitz



Preston Eder

May 25, 2019

Son of Sarah & Bryan Infantino and Wes & Courtney Eder



Joshua Wildstein

June 1, 2019

Son of Andrew & Heidi Wilstein

CONGREGATION MISHKAN ISRAEL
Book Discussion Group
THE LAST PALACE:
EUROPE'S TURBULENT CENTURY IN FIVE
LIVES AND ONE LEGENDARY HOUSE
By: **NORMAN EISNER**

"It's a deft and fascinating narrative ... *The Last Palace* is steeped in politics, military history, architectural lore and anecdotes. Mr. Eisen has combed state, private and military archives across Europe, the U.S. and Israel for his material. Mr. Eisen's easy, fluid style and the richness of his material make for very pleasurable historical reading."

—*The Wall Street Journal*
Anyone interested is welcome.
Bring your lunch; coffee and tea are provided.

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Teacher Appreciation

& 7th GRADE GRADUATION
Friday, May 10

MAY CALENDAR

MAY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12:15 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew Executive Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2 9:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive	3 5:30 p.m. Early Oneg 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat 6:00 p.m. Offenbach Music Service	4 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Emma Cohen
5 9:00 a.m. Brotherhood Coffee Shop 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. Chevre Hands 10:45 a.m. Judaism: New Interpretations of Old Ideas 12:00 noon 4th/5th Grade Youth Group	6	7 4:00 p.m. Religious School 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8 12:15 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew	9	10 5:30 p.m. Early Oneg 6:00 p.m. Family Service & Birthday Blessing 7:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner & 7th Grade Graduation	11 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Maxwell Jackson
12 9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Plant Sale 9:00 a.m. Brotherhood Coffee Shop 9:30 a.m. Religious School 9:30 a.m. Religious School End of Year Pot Luck Breakfast & Teacher Appreciation	13	14	15 12:00 noon Book Group 12:15 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting	16	17 5:30 p.m. Early Oneg 6:00 p.m. Evening Service	18 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Addison Wildlitz 6:00 p.m. MITYOR Movie Night
19	20	21	22 12:15 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew	23	24 5:30 p.m. Early Oneg 6:00 p.m. Evening Service	25 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Preston Eder
26	27 Memorial Day Office & School Closed	28	29 12:15 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew	30	31 5:30 p.m. Early Oneg 6:00 p.m. Evening Service	June 1 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Wildstein

May 3

Marvin Baltimore
 Jack Dudley Barnston *
 Pam Brockman
 Glenna Brody
 Louis Bruskin
 Thomas F. Button *
 Emanuel Buxbaum *
 Charlotte A. Cahn *
 Alice Chorney *
 Judith Adler Cole
 Matilda Lublin DeFeo
 Violet Farber *
 Rabbi David J. Forman
 Norman Gans *
 George A. Ginsburg *
 Florence Glassberg
 Gertrude Goldberg
 Lillian Grace Chauser Goldberg *
 Fannie J. Goodman *
 Mildred Groves
 Florence S. Jacobs
 Daniel Kahn
 Emanuel Kapel
 George Kasden *
 Seymour Kasper
 Fannie Korman *
 Abraham Krug
 Lillian Levine
 Ruth Levine
 Leonard Louis Levy
 Beatrice Lynes *
 Sarah Machol *
 Valentine Naphtali
 Charles O'Brasky
 Everett Orzack
 Mark Reinstein
 Benjamin Matthew Rosoff *
 Rachel Rotkopf
 Harry Schneer
 Sarah Silverman
 Rose Sklarz
 Robert Smith
 Morris Steinklein *
 Elizabeth Stone
 Bernice Drew Tropp
 Sherman Weiner
 Dr. Arthur M. Yudkin *

May 10

Morris H. Alderman
 Stanley H. Arffa
 Clara Glass Berke *
 Abraham Allen Bortner
 Alex Brown *
 Pamela Rosoff Burrows *
 Maurice B. Caplan
 Joyce Lesnie Feller
 Henrietta Proctor Forman
 Rozika (Rose) Frankenberger
 Lillian L. Freedman *
 Helen Goldman
 Sybil Gordon
 Corey Brand Hobbs
 Herman C. Jacobs
 George Kaplan
 Koskl Khait
 Harry Komisar *
 Hova Lehtman
 Barnett Levine
 Alan Charles Lichtenstein *
 Shandl Litvak
 Jonathan Seth Lurier *
 Henrietta M. Mann *
 Hattie Wisan Merriam
 Max Joseph Merritt
 Norman Osach
 Lisa Shoshana Ostfeld-Johns *
 Charles Rifkin *
 Serah Riva Rifkin *
 Anna S. Rosenfeld *
 J. Yale Rubin *
 Milton Rubinstein
 Rosa Sagal *
 Edward Schwartzman *
 Fred D. Schwarzkopf *
 Isaac William Serow *
 Norman Shapiro
 Abraham Sheftel *
 Roselyn Smernoff
 Burton Sonnenfeld
 Dao Kim Lien Stevens *
 Milton Stitelman
 Aaron Stolzman *
 Carolyn Ullman Strauss *
 Joseph Ticotsky
 Moshe Tziferman
 Dr. Arthur Weil *
 Howard Weiner
 Constance N. Williams
 Lillian Zellman

May 17

Erna Ackerman
 Abraham J. Alderman
 Samuel Bailey
 Frances Bell
 Arnold Berman
 Paul Blatter
 Harry V. Blegen
 Sarah Dombek Block *
 Irving Blumenthal
 Ms. Randi Brandt
 Jack Breslav *
 Shirley L. Bruskin
 Philip Casher
 Clare Casher
 Freda Chauser *
 Zlata Cohen
 Florine Davis *
 Carol Feder
 Edward Feldman
 Esther A. Fishman *
 William Friedman *
 David A. Gittleson *
 Annette Lipton Gold
 Arnold Moise Goldstein *
 Charles M. Grannick Sr. *
 Joseph Hanina
 Sidney E. Hilcoff *
 Morris Kamens *
 Irene Kanter
 Sydney R. Kauffman *
 Helen Kerber
 Nettie L. Kleiner *
 Harry Knapp
 Anna Kronick
 Jeanette Lambert *
 Linda Brook Lazaroff
 Henry Leventhal
 Abraham Levin
 Ida Levine *
 Herman M. Levy *
 Rose P. Montlick *
 Paula Olanik
 Natalie Olderman
 Joseph Oppenheimer *
 David Rosenberg *
 Regina Rosenberg *
 Samuel Rothchild *
 Alan Lewis Schiff *
 Phillip Shapiro
 Sidney Saul Silverberg *
 Esther Smith
 Belle Cohen Spodick
 Samuel A. Stone
 Lillian B. Strauss *
 Fanny Swimmer
 Rose Swimmer
 Toby Swimmer
 Charlotte Lefkoff Tenin
 Gertrude Turkel *
 Helen Hess Van Daelen *
 Harry Weller
 Cerf Wolfe *
 Rabbi Marjorie Yudkin
 Norman Zelin *
 Lee Zimmerman

May 24

Murray Alpert *
 John J. Bolton *
 Necia Biscoe Bush
 Seymour Byer
 Salvatore M. Dattilo
 Fay Finkel
 Katherine Goodman *
 Adele Gredinger
 Mandell Paul Greenberg *
 Harold "Bub" Hahn Jr. *
 Nellie May Karlsruhe *
 Judith Koch
 Sadie Korzenowitz
 William Krug
 Bruce Lehman
 Mildred Molly Levine
 Barbara Jean Miller-Cimmino
 Alissa Newett
 Dr. Lawrence Klempner Pious
 Gregory M. Proctor
 Mr. Robert C. Rittner
 Harvey Rodnick
 Babetta Rosenberg *
 Kathryn Klee Gips Ross *
 Arthur Morris Ross Jr. *
 Marvin Schaefer
 Ruth Schein
 Dr. Susan Spencer
 Aaron Swimmer
 Isaac Swimmer
 Seymour Wilensky

May 31

Jack Abrams
 Karen Aqua
 Bruce Berman *
 Harry C. Blegen
 Morris Braverman
 Herman A. Bruson *
 Peter Esposito
 Esther Miller Feinstein *
 Gussie Fox *
 Elise Galasso *
 Julius (Larry) Germaine
 Esther Germaine
 Betty Baskin Gleicher
 Bertha V. Gompertz *
 George J. Greenberg *
 Kate Harrison *
 Rose Hartenstein *
 Marcia Jacobs *
 Elizabeth Karp *
 Harvey Lawrence Koizim *
 Albert A. Lappin *
 Virginia Millen *
 Bernard David Miller *
 Alice O'Brasky
 Dr. Louis O'Brasky *
 Minnie Ominsky
 Frank L. Porzillo
 Stanley T. Prosko *
 Ruth Rodnick
 Max Scheps
 Harry Schreiber
 Fenmore R. Seton *
 Irving P. Spivack
 Jules Victor Stone
 Jane Silverman Waife
 Samuel J. White *
 Abraham Zakar
 Julia Zakar

In Memoriam

Zelma Moss
 Norman Shemitz

May their memory be for a blessing

RITUAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Thank you to the amazing cast and production crew of the Totally Rad 80's Purim spiel

Dana Astmann - King Ahashveros, Cynthia Astmann – Esther, Hedda Rubenstein – Mordechai, Alex Forte – Haman, Antonietta Delli Carpini – Vashti, Alan Sturz – Bigtan, Michael Allen – Teresh, Cantor Giglio - Annoying Minister, Gary Mitchell – Guard, Chad Emerson – Sound, David Chevan - Music Director, Julie Chevan - Costumes & Direction, Patricia Vener-Saavedra, Jim Serling, Michelle Abrama and Richard Saw, choir members as the ministers and residents of Shushan



CMI Summer Shabbat Services

Casual, fun, and engaging are some of the ways to describe what we have in store for you when you attend a CMI summer Shabbat service.

Starting the first Friday in July and running through the end of August, our Friday night Shabbat services are led by members of our congregation beginning with an Oneg at 5:30 p.m. and Shabbat services at 6:00 p.m. Our services during the summer months offer an expanded opportunity for participation by members of the CMI community.

Conducted in the Chapel, these lay-led services provide an intimate, diverse, rewarding, creative opportunity to pray together. If you would like to lead some or all of a Shabbat evening service or a musical selection as part of the service, please contact Ritual Committee Chair Barbara Segaloff barbarasegaloff1@gmail.com.

CANTOR'S NOTES *continued...*

Gary Mitchell and staff. CMI Clergy: Cantor Arthur Giglio, and Rabbi Brian Immerman (our fearless leader). Without these volunteers this most important Fundraiser would never happen! My heartfelt thanks to all of you.

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

JCARR

The Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement, a coalition of five synagogues including Congregation Mishkan Israel, is now officially under the umbrella of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven. This new legal status, and the liability insurance that comes with it, enabled JCARR to meet the new requirements for co-sponsoring refugee families recently put in place by IRIS.

Our new Iraqi family, IBK and MLM, are quickly getting exposed to American Life. Many volunteers have helped to facilitate doctor appointments, English as a Second Language classes, applications to social services, introduction to food pantries, cultural orientation excursions including trips to the library, bank, grocery store and riding the bus, etc. There is so much to learn and experience. It is especially gratifying to see that JCARR's two Syrian families are helping in many ways to make the new family comfortable in their new country.

Issa and Aminah were interviewed by NBC news about what it is like for families who are split due to the travel ban. <https://www.nbcnews.com/video/what-happens-to-families-still-split-by-the-travel-ban-1454662723959>.

Both Syrian families continue to thrive as they get more comfortable in their new homes and negotiating their lives becomes easier. We thank them for letting us into their lives and are grateful to all the volunteers who have been part of this journey.

NOW YOU CAN MAKE ONLINE DONATIONS TO JCARR!

Financial donations enable us to support more refugee families. To make an online donation: <https://jewishnewhaven.org/refugee-resettlement/give>. Or, you can 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 Sue Millen smillen179@sbcglobal.net or 203-288-9797

“...who donates much to charity
becomes the richer for it...”
Zohar iii 110b

MARCH 1 – April 1, 2019

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

General Fund

	In Memory of
Karen Baar	ELI BAAR
Alice Baxter	NORMAN LEVINE
Meir & Barbara Kryger	LEANOIRE MARCUS TAYLOR

Jay Bovilsky Scholarship Fund

	In Memory of
Ronni S. Knapp	MILDRED GREENWALD

Robert Goldberg Peace & Justice Fund

Bob Serow & Family	
	In Memory of
Martin Korn, Dr. Sylvia Betcher & Jeremy Korn	DAVID S. KORN
Betsy Rosenthal	ZELMA MOSS

Benjamin Levine Scholarship Fund

	In Memory of
George S. Levine	BENJAMIN LEVINE

Patt Stitzel Campership Fund

	In Memory of
Elaine Blumenthal	MORRIS STROMFELD

TARGET AREAS: (meant for immediate use of funds)

General Fund

	In Memory of
Betsy Barnston	HENRY HAHN
Irma Evans	ALVIN L. EVANS
Irma Evans	LOUIS B. KRONICK
Nanette Stahl	WILLIAM W. HALLO

Hunger

	In Memory of
Leah Beech	JACK BEECH
Roberta Friedman	HELEN SANDERS
Roberta Friedman	LAWRENCE I. SANDERS
Steve Kalina	ALBERT KALINA
Steve Kalina	ROBIN KALINA
Steve Kalina	SUNNY KALINA

Music

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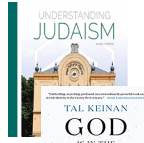
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Lev. 16:1-18:30

Friday, May 3

- 5:30 p.m. Early Oneg
- 5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat
- 6:00 p.m. Offenbach Music Service

Saturday, May 4

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Emma Cohen

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Lev. 19:1-20:27

Friday, May 10

- 5:30 p.m. Early Oneg
- 6:00 p.m. Family Service & Birthday Blessings
- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Shabbat Dinner & 7th Grade Graduation

Saturday, May 11

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Maxwell Jackson

SHABBAT EMOR

Lev. 21:1-24:23

Friday, May 17

- 5:30 p.m. Early Oneg
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Saturday, May 18

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating the Bat Mitzvah of Addison Widlitz

SHABBAT BEHAR

Lev. 25:1-26:2

Friday, May 24

- 5:30 p.m. Early Oneg
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Saturday, May 25

- 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Preston Eder

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Lev. 26:3-27:34

Friday, May 30

- 5:30 p.m. Early Oneg
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Saturday, June 1

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- 10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Joshua Wildstein

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