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Chanukah Greetings!

Annual Chanukah Torch Run

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 9:15 A.M.



Gather at East Rock Park parking lot at 9:15 a.m. and run to Mishkan Israel (a 2.5 mile downhill course) carrying the authentic torch found in Modiin, the town where Chanukah originated.

All ages welcome! PK-6th grade must be accompanied by an adult.

RSVP for the Torch Run to Sarah in the CMI office at slegassey@cmihamden.org or call (203)288 3877.

Chanukah Family Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 AT 6 P.M.

Rabbi Immerman and Cantor Giglio will share the story of Chanukah from the Torah and through spirited musical selections!

Bring a menorah and candles to light together so we can enjoy the warmth of their glow.





MEMBERSHIP CORNER WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Congregation extends a warm welcome to new members:

Amy J. Barry; Jessica Bell & David Greisen and children, Hannah (5) & Lia (2); Jay Berger & Barbara Grossman; Michael & Lauren Caplan and children, William (11) & Benjamin (7); Harold & Inez Cohen; Steven & Roxanne Glaser; Joel & Michele Glassman and children, Benjamin (16), Sophie (15), Taylor (9), & Ryan (9); Richard & Edith Leboy; Matthew & Leah Lucarelli and children, Charles (11) & Abigail (7); Ilana Richman & David Breslow and children, Benjamin (8) & Noah (4); Jeffrey & Andrea Webb and children, Samantha (10) & Noah (5); Austin & Roxanne Wright and children, Rosemary (9), Simon (6), & Charles (3).

TODAH RABAH SHABBAT WELCOME TEAM

Thank you to our Shabbat greeters:

September

- 2 Sarah Greenblatt & Karen Kimball
- 9 Julie Chevan & Dana Brozinsky
- 16 Joel Jacobson & Ivey Cooley
- 17 Sarah Greenblatt & Karen Kimball
- 23 Alan Sturtz & Ivey Cooley
- 30 Diane Rosen & Howard Lurie

October

- 7 Alan Sturtz
- 14 Dave Rodnick & Phil Jacobs
- 16 Ivey Cooley & Karen Kimball
- 21 Sarah Greenblatt & Karen Kimball
- 28 Alan Sturtz & Karen Kimball

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Rabbi Brian P. Immerman

At the beginning of Rosh Hashanah we used new candles in the sanctuary and forgot to trim the wicks. As Julie went to light them, the light roared as the flame

consumed the cotton, and then died almost imperceptibly as it began searching for molten wax. For a moment we thought it was out. But, we had faith and patience, so we waited. Then we saw a shimmer of light, and slowly understood that the flame, while small, would endure. Cantor Giglio sang the blessing and we officially welcomed in our new year.

Sometimes our faith and hope burn brightly and when we look around, we see only blessings in our lives. We see family, friends, pets, neighbors, children laughing, kindness, generosity, and perhaps we even see God. Other times it seems as though hope and light have vanished, especially at the darkest and coldest time of the year. We can't see the sparks that fill us up and believe, for even just a moment, that the flame has gone out. Like when our belief that the flame might just reappear, together we can have faith that through the power of community we will again feel comforted and hopefully able to see light soon. Chanukah teaches us that the miracle of the Maccabees is our miracle too – and that the flames will always be burning.

Throughout the winter months our community continues to receive and spread light. We will cook for a Columbus House shelter in our newly-certified and refurbished kitchen, we will again house people in our warm building, we will knit blankets for those who need extra warmth, our walls will be filled with laughing, learning and prayer, and we will provide light to ourselves and our world. Please reach out to our office to get involved or to me or someone else directly if you are struggling to find hope.

May we all feel light, warmth and hope during this Chanukah.



CANTOR'S NOTES

Cantor Arthur Giglio

Music is such an integral part of our services and the very soul of our Jewish identity. Our musical tradition dates back centuries,

spanning the world and in so many ways have had a profound impact on the communities wherever Jews have lived. What would our services be without the wonderful music and tunes that we love?

During the High Holy Days, there are many hours of rehearsal with the Cantor, Quartet and Music Director, weeks before the services. There were six hours of rehearsal for the Rosh Hashanah Contemporary service alone! In addition, we have been blessed to have a new pianist/organist/music director, Eric Trudel, who in the short time he has been here, has transformed and raised the musical bar of High Holy Day Music and Shabbat Services. FYI, Eric teaches at Hartt School of Music and Southern Connecticut State University. He has worked as a vocal coach for the Metropolitan Opera and Opera houses all over the world. He is a native of Quebec who speaks 5 or 6 languages fluently. We have a plethora of musical talent here at CMI and it is all to make our worship that much more profound; with melodies that touch our souls and fill our hearts. Even our own Rabbi Immerman plays guitar to lift our spirits.

To be surrounded by so much talent is an inspiration for me and all our members who volunteer their time to play and sing in services. COVID in many ways set us back badly because you could not sing or play in groups. The fear is still there but we are coping well with our new reality. People are returning to our community so we can all share in joyous song once again.

With all that in mind, I am pleased to say that our Jr. Choir is back and if I can get a core group of at least 8 congregants to come to CMI and rehearse once every two weeks, we could also reinstitute the CMI Chorale. I hope that with the knowledge that our brilliant new pianist Eric Trudel will be leading us, the CMI Chorale will sing once again. It is open to all who have a song in their heart. The only requirement is to be able to match

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

David E. Silverstone

Weren't the High Holy Days wonderful this year? Wasn't it thrilling to hear Rabbi Immerman's inspiring sermons?

Wasn't it so exciting to see so many of you return to our magnificent synagogue? Wasn't it so comforting that we had live stream so that everyone, including hundreds of you in Connecticut and out of state could participate in the services? Weren't the alternative services moving and special? This is who we are—an exciting and inclusive community dedicated to spiritual growth and community service. As I said in my address on Rosh Hashanah, we are a strong community of people supporting each other on our life journeys together.

In my talk about the status of CMI on Rosh Hashanah morning, I had two requests: First that we help each other to keep our community fiscally healthy. Our Chai Holy Days campaign is critical to achieving that goal. We are getting closer to our \$180,000 goal but we are not there yet. So many of you have already contributed. Thank you...thank you...thank you. For those of you who have not sent in your contributions or pledges yet, please send them

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MAZEL TOV

Mazel Tov to Jim & Cis Serling on the birth of their great granddaughter, Zoe Patel.
(parents: Drs. Naomi & Sahil Patel)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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in or contact us. We will be facing challenges this year and having your financial support will enable us to conquer them.

Second, become involved in the many activities of our congregation. We all have different talents and loves. When we come together, we are strong and can make meaningful contributions to each other and to the community. We can help each other to experience spiritual uplifting. We can learn together. We can comfort each other when faced with challenges. We can rejoice together when we experience life's blessings. We have activities for everyone. They are a great way to serve and a great way to get to know each other. In this bulletin we have descriptions of all the committees you may be interested and a form that you can send back to us. The same information and form can be found on our website, cmihamden.org. Please take the time now to let us know how you want to experience the joys of being a member of our special community.

As I said on Rosh Hashanah: It's all about our journeys together. *Thank you for helping us to remain fiscally healthy. Thank you for being the vital member of our community that you are.*

L'shalom,
David

CANTOR'S MESSAGE

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pitches and love to sing. A choir is not made up of soloists; it is about the group and everyone blending. A choir is about numbers, not the one! If that interests you, then you must contact me at cantorg@cmihamden.org.

The Chanukah Family Service is on Friday December 23 at 6:00 p.m! This is a wonderful opportunity to join Rabbi Immerman and myself in supporting and enjoying the many talents in our Jr. Choir and the Oy Street Band as we light the lights, sing the songs and feel the love!

SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

This December, JCARR celebrates its seventh anniversary. JCARR, the Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement, is a partnership of six synagogues and the Jewish Federation of New Haven. People wanted to respond to the refugee crisis in a way that reflects our Jewish values and traditions of welcoming the stranger. JCARR is that response. As an IRIS (Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services) community co-sponsor, JCARR accepts families referred by IRIS and has helped settle seven families from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Syria, Iraq, Angola, and Afghanistan in seven years.

Once a referral is accepted, work begins in earnest: find an affordable apartment, gather donations to create a welcoming home, stock the refrigerator, and prepare the first meal. JCARR volunteers also assist the family in adjusting to their new country by arranging for English lessons, filing for benefits, obtaining low-cost cell phones and internet, finding appropriate clothing, enrolling children in school, advocating for services, arranging for medical care, teaching how to use public transportation and assisting in finding jobs.

With your support, we can help these families face challenges, show resilience, and move toward independence. We are so proud of them. They are making great strides toward gainful employment; two have established their own businesses and one family has been able to purchase a home. Some are now US citizens while others work toward that goal and the children are learning new skills as well as making new friends.

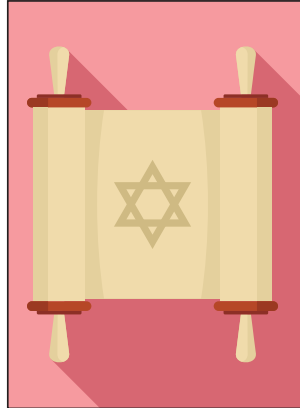
As more refugees arrive, and the hard work continues, this saying comes to mind: "We do not need to complete the task, but neither are we free to ignore it." Working together, we can learn as much from them as they learn from us.

Please contact Madeleine Kleinman at madk117@gmail.com to learn more about volunteering with JCARR.

MAZEL TOV TO OUR NEWEST B'MITZVAHS



Jonah Wasserman
December 3, 2022
Son of
David & Darby
Wasserman



Claude Saunders
December 17, 2022
Son of
Illise Kelman



NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Susan Witten Nason,
Early Childhood Director

We had a very busy High Holiday filled October, and now we are preparing for Thanksgiving and Chanukah. The weather is changing and some of us are excited about the prospect of snow (if you know me—I am not one of them!). What all of us do love, though, are the rosy cheeks created by the cold air and our little ones bundled up in their hats, mittens and boots!

Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Chanukah, and Happy Winter to all.



CMI's Mitzvah Mall

Sunday, December 11 | 10 AM

Instead of purchasing gifts at the mall, why not buy a warm meal for a person experiencing homelessness, clothing for a poor family or toys for hospitalized children in your friend's relative's or children's teachers' name? Participants experience the gratifying gift of charity (tzedakah) for the holidays as they learn about and donate to non-profit agencies. It's a hassle-free way to shop that helps those in need. Parents and congregants are encouraged to participate in this event. Additional details to come!

The Mitzvah Mall, co-sponsored by the Social Action and Religious Education Committees, is an alternative gift fair. The vendors are non-profit organizations and charities.



November 2022

		1 4:00 p.m. Hebrew School	2 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting	3	4 5:30 p.m. Early oneg 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Parashat Lech-Lecha Genesis 12:1 - 17:27	5 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Tot Shabbat 5:00 p.m. BMW Deli & Tivvia Night
6 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. Engage Class—Israel	7	8 NO Hebrew School	9	10	11 5:30 p.m. Early oneg 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Parashat Vayera Genesis 18:1 - 22:24	12 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
13 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. Engage Class—Israel 10:00 a.m. Chevra Hands	14	15 4:00 p.m. Hebrew School	16	17	18 5:30 p.m. Early oneg 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Parashat Chayei Sara Genesis 23:1 - 25:18	19 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
20 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. Engage Class—Israel	21	22 NO Hebrew School	23	24 Office & MINS Closed	25 Office & MINS Closed 5:30 p.m. Pre-Oneg 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Parashat Toldot Genesis 25:19 - 28:9	26 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
27 NO Religious School	28	29 4:00 p.m. Hebrew School	30 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting			

December 2022

				1		2 5:30 p.m. Pre-Oneg 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Parashat Vayetzet Genesis 28:10 - 32:3	3 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Jonah Wasserman
4 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. IEngage Class-Israel 12:00 p.m. Chat & Chew (8th grade and above)	5	6 4:00 p.m. Hebrew School 7:00 p.m. Intro. To Judaism- Mussar	7 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting	8	9 5:30 p.m. Pre-Oneg 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Parashat Vayishlach Genesis 32:4 - 36:43	10 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Tot-Shabbat	
11 9:30 a.m. Religious School 9:30 a.m. Mitzvah Mall 10:00 a.m. IEngage Class-Israel	12 9:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive	13 4:00 p.m. Hebrew School 7:00 p.m. Intro. To Judaism- Mussar	14	15	16 5:30 p.m. Early Oneg 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Parashat Vayeshev Genesis 37:1 - 40:23	17 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating the Bar Mitzvah of Claude Saunders	
18 9:30 a.m. Religious School 9:30 a.m. Torch Run 10:00 a.m. IEngage Class-Israel	19	20 NO Hebrew School 7:00 p.m. Intro. To Judaism- Mussar	21	22	23 6:00 p.m. Chanukah Family Service Parashat Miketz Genesis 41:1 - 44:17	24 9:00 a.m. Torah Study	
25 NO Religious School 4:00 p.m. December 25th Concert	26 Office & MINS Closed	27 NO Hebrew School 7:00 p.m. Intro. To Judaism- Mussar	27 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting	29	30 5:30 p.m. Pre-Oneg 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Parashat Vayigash Genesis 44:18 - 47:27	31 9:00 a.m. Torah Study	

2022-2023 CHAI HOLY DAY CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everybody who has already donated to the Chai Holy Days campaign! These generous unrestricted contributions will allow CMI to address some of the financial challenges our congregation has faced. We are grateful to all of you who help ensure that CMI will stay strong now and well into the future.

Below are gifts that we received at the time of press.

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Chanukah Blessings

The following is the order of Service for each night: (1) light the shamash (the serving candle) (2) recite the Chanukah blessings (3) light the candles (4) recite one of the following readings each day. Place the candles right to left, and light them with the shamash left to right.

Chanukah Blessings (recited each night)

Blessing over the candles:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tsivanu l'hadlik ner shel Chanukah.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who hallows us with mitzvot, commanding us to kindle the Chanukah lights.



Blessing for miracles:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים
הָהֵם בְּזַמַּן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, she-asah nisim laavoteinu v'imoteinu bayamim haheim baz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old at this season.

Shecheyanu (Blessing for joy)

(for first night only)

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזַמַּן הַזֶּה.

Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

BLESSED are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.



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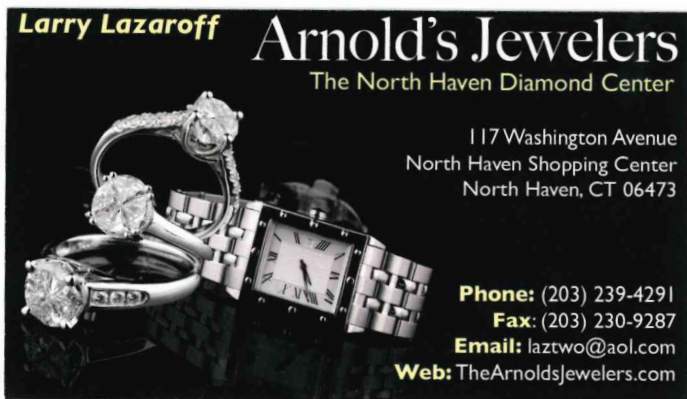
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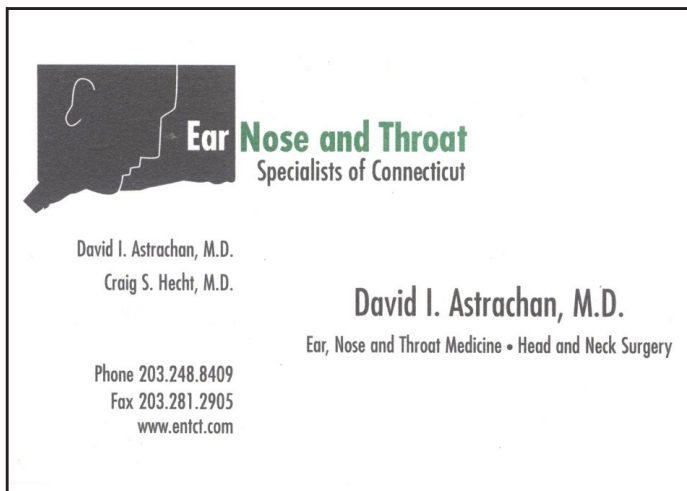

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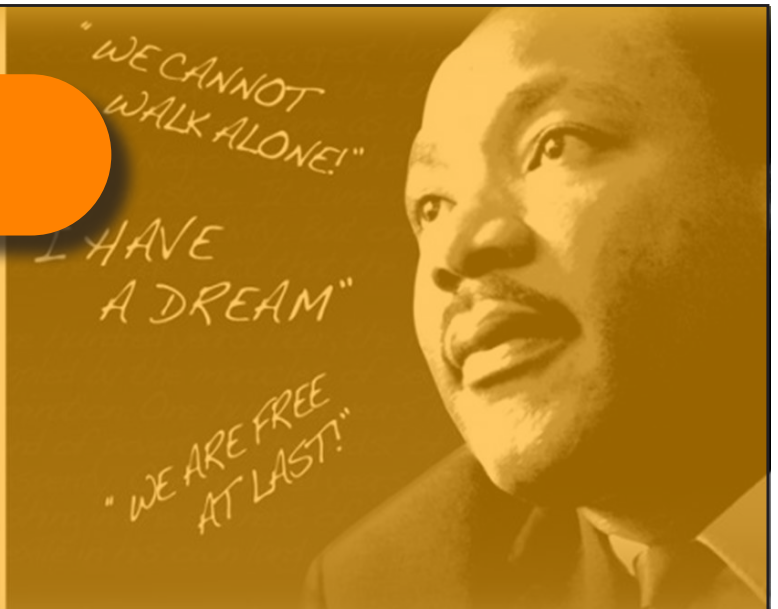
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