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CONGREGATION MISHKAN ISRAEL

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Congregation extends a warm welcome to new members: Lydia Bornick, David Spiegel & Kathryn Picanso and their son Leo, Albert Glassman, Brett Lindenbach & Joanna Bloom and their children Molly & Claire, Jeffrey Pleshek & Jessica Powell and their children Eliza & Ezra, Sarah Gersick-Sewards, and her children Gwen & Lia, Ethan & Mara Balk and their children Lilah & Amos, Nancy Moss-Racusin, Ben & Marsha Snaider, Kelin & Connie Gersick, Edward Wittenstein & Alyssa Greenwald and their children Lily & Thomas.



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

Celebrate your birthday at Family Services. November birthdays will be celebrated at the Family Service on Friday, November 8 at 6:00 p.m. and December birthdays will be celebrated at the Family Service on

Friday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. If your child will be attending services in their birthday month, please call Tamara at 203-288-3877.

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.

November 2 –Flowers & Oneg are given in celebration of Zaiyah Levitt becoming a bar mitzvah in loving memory of Great Grandparents Sarah & Leonard Garth, Edward & Miriam Meisel, Chet & Estelle Smith, & Hank & Charlyn Levitt with love from Levitt Family.

November 9 – Flowers & Oneg are given in celebration of Leo Slattery becoming a bar mitzvah with love from Nonna and Pa.

November 16 – Flowers & Oneg are given in celebration of Asher Wasserman becoming a bar mitzvah.

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

TODAH RABAH SHABBAT WELCOME TEAM

Thank you to our greeters:

September

- 6** Dana Brozinsky, Julie Chevan, Karen Kimball
- 13** Howard Lurie & Michele Abrams
- 14** Martha Weisbart
- 20** Howard Lurie & Judy Naden
- 21** Martha Weisbart
- 27** Ivey Cooley & Marilyn Rittner

October

- 4** Karen Kimball & Alan Sturtz
- 11** True & Cliff Wolff
- 18** Joan Lipin & Alan Sturtz
- 25** Barbara & Jim Segaloff
- 26** Martha Weisbart

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

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.

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 rabbic@cmihamden.org

PAY ONLINE!

Did you know you can pay CMI directly from CMI's website or weekly e-news? The convenience is amazing! You can pay your Dues, Religious School, Nursery School, Make a donation, and special events. Go to: <http://cmihamden.org/who-we-are/giving/>.



A MESSAGE FROM THE RABBI

Rabbi Brian P. Immerman

The blessing we say before Torah study ends with the words, Laasok B'divrei Torah, "to engage with words of Torah." We thank God for commanding us not to study

Torah, but to engage with her words. Engaging with words of Torah implies that while we study, we wrestle with meaning and intention and that ultimately we use Jewish teaching, including our history, traditions, rituals and commandments, to guide and enrich our lives. This year at CMI, we are blessed to have a cornucopia of options to learn as a community; from our weekly Torah Study, learning more about antisemitism, and studying important Jews throughout history.

In the Adult Education section of this bulletin, you will find our wonderful course options and I hope that you will find something (or all) that spark your interest. Throughout our sacred texts we find our sages debating the merits of studying over action, or action over study. Ultimately, both are important and necessary. Study on its own is not equal to action because through studying we develop our core values that inform how we spend our time outside of the study hall. Action on its own is not equal to study for studying

helps ground our actions in our rich history as a people.

Community is always at the center of CMI, and many of these opportunities are lay-led through our Education Task Force, the Brotherhood of Men and women, and the scholarship of Rabbi Steinberg. Our members have devoted their time and energy to find relevant topics and wonderful teachers to present each of the classes. I am grateful for their work and I look forward to learning with you throughout the year. We are also organizing a scholar-in-residence task force to create a series of local-speakers throughout the year to offer their own expertise in such areas as Bible, history, and Israel. If you want to suggest someone to serve as a lecturer, please let me know.

Some of our topics have been covered before. We revisit the same Torah portion every year for example and sadly we always discuss antisemitism. Some will be new to our community, such as a weekly Mussar class and Great Jewish Scholars. In Pirkei Avot, Rabbi Ben Bag Bag said, "Turn it over, and turn it over, for all is in it. And look into it; become gray and old therein. Do not move away from it, for you have no better portion than it." Through our conversations we will create new insights into both new and ancient teachings and together we will forge a path toward meaning and purpose.

DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES & STUDY

SHABBAT VAYEITZEI

Gen. 31:43-32:3

Friday, December 6

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

Saturday, December 7

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

SHABBAT VAYISHLACH

Gen. 36:20-36:43

Friday, December 13

5:30 p.m. Early Oneg
6:00 p.m. Family Service & Birthday Blessings

SHABBAT VAYEISHEV

Gen. 40:1-40:23

Friday, December 20

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

Saturday, December 21

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

SHABBAT MIKEITZ

Gen. 43:30-44:17

Friday, December 27

5:30 p.m. Early Oneg
6:00 p.m. Chanukah Shabbat Service

Saturday, December 28

9:00 a.m. Torah Study
10:30 a.m. Morning Service



CANTOR'S NOTES

Cantor Arthur Giglio

The High Holy Days are now a sweet memory but I thought I would discuss my thoughts on this year's experience as there were many changes to our services. The most obvious change was the new Machzors (prayerbooks). This choice had been made with careful consideration, review and discussion over the last three years by our Ritual Committee, our Rabbis and myself. As if that was not enough, we also brought the choir down from the organ loft and onto the bimah and that necessitated changing the organ to the keyboard. With any change there always comes a certain amount of angst and longing for the way things were and this was no different. I would have loved to have kept the organ but there was no way to bring the organ down from the loft and because of the distance of the loft the choir was too far away, thus we needed to use the keyboard instead. The new machzor also brought some new music with it and some chanting of nusach that you may never have heard before. That introduced some traditional elements into the service, but only a mere taste. A traditional service is hours longer than ours. With that came some some new musical settings of prayers but that music came from the new companion music book that was part of our new machzor. All of which came from the URJ (Union for Reform Judaism). Additionally, I introduced some wonderful Classical Reform settings that I have never used at CMI. They date back to the early 20th century and are anything but new. It is all a new experience. I like having the choir on the Bimah, it may be a little crowded but it makes for a better musical experience. There was always a problem with having the choir so far away from me and many times it was very difficult to keep us in sync. That is no longer a problem. Also, going up to the loft posed danger and difficulty for our older Chorale members. That too is no longer an issue. Then there is the matter of our sound system. The original sound system dates back to the 1970s and over the years has fallen into disrepair as parts of it stopped working and were just disconnected instead of replaced. Fortunately, we were blessed by the donation of a sound system by Ed Biondi and Sheila Greenstein and that really saved the day but we still have continued on page 10...



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sarah B. Greenblatt

This past September I went on a journey to Eastern Europe – Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus and Poland – with 10 other people whose families came from one or more of these countries. My family came from Lithuania and Poland – although Suwalki which is now in north-east Poland has also been part of the Russian Empire or under control of Lithuania prior to WWII, and then the Soviet Union. I was raised with the rich stories handed down from my great grandparents about their journey from Suwalki to the Lower East Side in the 1880s. Returning to the area of the world where Jews and Jewish culture thrived for hundreds of years was filled with mixed emotions knowing how it all ended. Since the Soviet Union dissolved in the early 1990s, these countries were free to nation-build again with great pride in their ethnic heritage. The history and loss of the Jewish people is freely acknowledged with special memorials and museums. The strategic evil of the holocaust will never be forgotten, nor the strategic evil of the former Soviet Union. People were murdered by both regimes – for being who they were. We visited thriving modern cities striving to shed their Soviet blandness with new glass buildings and welcoming cultures. And we visited a small village in Belarus that has not physically changed since it was a shtetl – except for the occasional paved road and the loss of its Jews. We found the building that had once been an inn that my cousin's great grandfather ran in the late 1800s – and we talked with the current residents who told us how they cared for the Jewish cemetery when the Jews were taken away. That cemetery remains to this day – although there are no more Jews left to bury. I will forever be changed by this journey and hope to share more with our congregation as I organize my photos and notes.

ADULT EDUCATION

MUSSAR LUNCH AND LEARN - Thursdays at Noon
Through the practice of mussar we will learn how to achieve balance in our lives through Jewish values. We will study and explore mussar texts including Everyday Holiness by Alan Morinis. Bring your lunch every Thursday to the Library. Please sign up by emailing Sarah Legassey.

KABBALAH & JUDAISM

Stanley Friedman will be leading discussion sessions that explore topics of interest in Kabbalah and Judaism. The sessions will be held in the Congregation Mishkan Israel lounge from 10:30 a.m. to noon, on selected Saturday mornings. No prerequisites required – only intellectual curiosity. For questions or to be added to the email list, contact Dr. Friedman at: stanf24@hotmail.com.

Tentative Schedule:

November 9, 2019: Meditation in Kabbalah
January 18, 2020: Dreams in Kabbalah (pending)
February 29, 2020: Heaven
March 28, 2020: Reincarnation/Soul
May 2, 2020: Nature of Evil
May 30, 2020: Kabbalistic Astrology
June 13, 2020: "Work" of the Kabbalist

INTRODUCTION TO READING LITURGICAL HEBREW

Rabbi Steve Steinberg will be offering a course in reading the Hebrew of the siddur on Sunday mornings from 9:30 -10:30 a.m. The course assumes no prior knowledge of the Hebrew alphabet, but is also intended for those who want to improve their basic liturgical skills. The foremost goal of the class is to be able to follow and join in the Hebrew of the erev shabbat service. The class will also look at the structure and history of basic Jewish liturgy and other aspects of Judaism that grow out of the study of Hebrew. The course ends with a study of the Passover Haggadah in the late Spring. If you are interested in this course, please leave your name at the CMI office.

SHABBAT MORNING TORAH STUDY

This class meets with Rabbi Immerman on Saturday mornings at 9:15 a.m.

JUDAISM: NEW INTERPRETATIONS OF OLD IDEAS

This class with Rabbi Steinberg meets Sunday mornings from 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE BIBLICAL HEBREW STUDY GROUP

Meeting on Wednesday afternoons, 12:10 - 1:00 p.m., the group studies biblical Hebrew vocabulary and grammar with a focus on a direct translation of Genesis.

INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM

CMI is excited to partner with other congregations to offer a community Introduction to Judaism Class. This class will allow you to learn more about your Jewish heritage or prepare you or a loved one for the process of conversion with Rabbi Immerman.

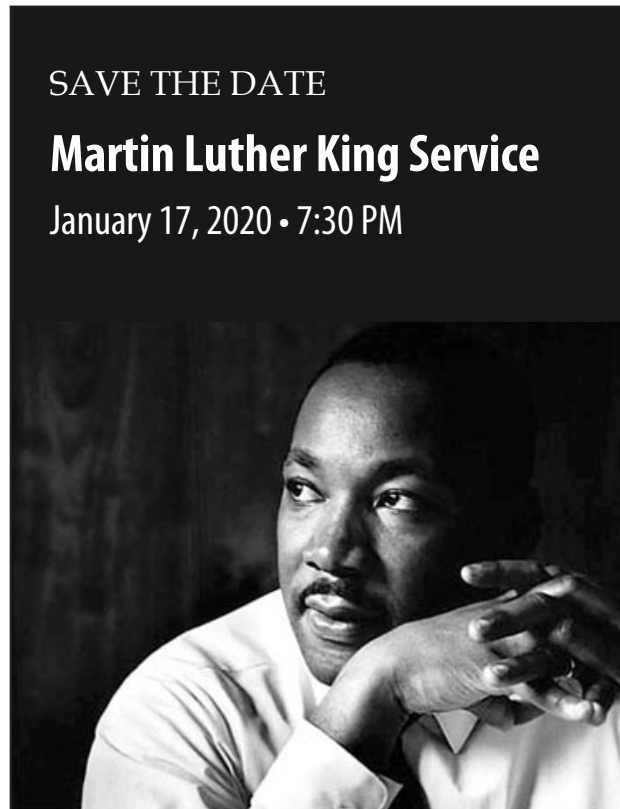
Each student will need a rabbinic sponsor. If you want Rabbi Immerman to sponsor you or if you have questions, please contact him at 203-288-3877.

Classes will be held from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at Congregation B'nai Jacob, 75 Rimmon Rd, Woodbridge, CT 06525.

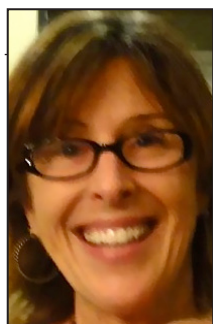
SAVE THE DATE

Martin Luther King Service

January 17, 2020 • 7:30 PM



NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS



Susan Witten Nason
Early Childhood Director

We dipped apples in honey in hopes of a sweet new year, and we have been off to a good start.

We loved hanging our decorations in the Sukkah

and having Shabbat in there with the Rabbi and the Cantor. We proudly paraded around with our 'Torahs' for Simchat Torah. We are now busy getting ready for our Thanksgiving 'feasts'- we have so much to be thankful for! Hanukkah will be here before we know it. We look forward to lighting the candles and eating 'lotsa' latkes!

2020 is around the corner, so we wish you all a happy, healthy new year.

NOVEMBER B'NAI MITZVAH



Zaiah Levitt

November 2, 2019
Son of Joshua & Amanda Levitt



Leo Slattery

November 9, 2019
Son of Brian & Stephanie Slattery



Asher Wasserman

November 16, 2019
Son of David & Darby Wasserman

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS



Michelle Goldstein
Religious School Director

The Religious School is gearing up for a full schedule of events in November and December and we hope you can join us!

Our family service on November 8th will be led by our 7th grade class. On November 10th, the ADL will lead the 4th grade students and parents in their Julia's Star program. Rabbi Immerman will lead a Parent Education Series on Raising a Jewish Child in an Interfaith Family. We will also be beginning our CMI High Class God Shopping. November 17th features a family program for the 2nd and 3rd grade about names. Out Preschool through 1st grade will be invited to stay for a Pot Luck lunch after school to build community and we will continue our CMI High class, God Shopping. November 24th, the 5th grade families will participate in their B'nai Mitzvah program.

Hanukkah is the highlight of December, as our students love to celebrate however they can! Parents should plan on attending programs on both the 8th and the 15th of the month. December 8th will be the annual Torch Run and Hanukkah program which will include a new family fun program component. On December 15th, our annual Mitzvah Mall will take place from 10-12 and you will have the special opportunity to give the gift of giving.

As a reminder, Tot Shabbat programs occur at 5:30pm on the first Friday of the month and family services are always the second Friday with Oneg at 5:30 and service at 6:00. We hope that you can join us for some or all of our upcoming events and grab a bagel at the coffee shop to say hi to one another.

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

Zohar iii 110b

AUGUST 1, 2019– OCTOBER 1, 2019

ENDOWMENT FUNDS:

(invested to generate annual income for specific purposes)

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Ruth Koizim	In Memory of PHILIP DALE
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Nathan Gans Memorial Fund

Nancy Alderman Kramer	In Memory of JULIUS ALDERMAN
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Bert & Martha Weisbart	In Memory of IRENE ELLEN LESNIE COHN
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Kauffman Family Fund (onegs)

Jeff & Bess Horn	In Honor of AIDEN MAX IMMERMEN
Robert Kauffman	MARILYN UNGER

Benjamin Levine Scholarship Fund (RS)

George S. Levine	In Memory of BENJAMIN D. LEVINE
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Bernard D. Miller Fund (youth)

Lina Lawall & Larry Schaefer	In Memory of AUGUSTA GOLDBLATT
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Abraham S. and Helen Ullman Youth Fund

Elaine Blumenthal	In Memory of BOBBI LURIE
Andrew M. Ullman	ABRAHAM S. ULLMAN

TARGET AREAS: (meant for immediate use of funds)

General Fund

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Charles & Judith Naden	ROBERT NADEN

Cemetery

Kenneth Winer	In Memory of LAWRENCE WINER
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Hunger

Irving & Harriet Calechman	In Memory of PHILLIP MACKLER
Norman Rashba, Harriet Rashba	

Library

George & Diane Lublin	In Memory of JAMES DEFEQ
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Music

Stephanie Doscher & colleagues	In Memory of FRED LANDORF
Carlene Toron	FRED LANDORF
Michael & Ellen Rosenthal	LARRY LAYCOB

Nursery School

Steve & Alisa Germaine	In Memory of BETTY GOLDSTEIN
Steve & Alisa Germaine	DR. JACK LANDAU
Steve & Alisa Germaine	BOBBI LURIE
Steve & Alisa Germaine	BARBARA SUSMAN
Dick & Marcia Witten	BOBBI LURIE

Religious School

The Sorochan Family	In Memory of SAMUEL POLSKY
The Sorochan Family	SERAFIMA SOROCHAN

Social Action

Linda Chafets	In Memory of BETTY MOORE GOLDSTEIN
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Youth

Elaine Blumenthal	
George & Diane Lublin	In Memory of SYLVIA LUBLIN GOLDBAUM

SPECIAL FUNDS:

Herbert N. Brockman Rabbinic Endowment Fund

Howard Lurie	In Appreciation of RABBI BROCKMAN
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Rabbi Immerman's Discretionary Fund

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Cynthia Martin	RABBI IMMERMEN Yom Kippur Services
Bert & Martha Weisbart	In Honor of RABBI BRIAN & JENNY IMMERMEN FAMILY
George & Diane Lublin	In Memory of LESLIE BECKER
Ruth Koizim	FANNIE GOLDFARB
Dr. Jeffrey Smith	MARJORIE SMITH
Linda Proscio	ANNE COHEN
Linda Proscio	RHODA KORFF

2019-2020 CHAI APPEAL

It is with immense gratitude that we acknowledge those families who as of this publication have responded to the menu of additional giving opportunities with a commitment above their standard dues and to the holiday appeal.

Our Pacesetters:

Michael Dimenstein & Hedda Rubenstein
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 Andrew Wingate & Tanya Bilchik

**Double Chai*

***Torah Circle*

Additional Gifts:

Jason & Suzanne Alderman, The Astmann Family, Betsy Barnston, Laura Baum, Alice Baxter, Irwin Braverman, Larry & Phyllis Bausher, Matthew & Michele Cohen, Jacob & Nedra Crane, Dr. Neil & Marlene Greenberg, Robert Homer, Irwin & Hilda Horowitz, Alvin Klevorick & Susan Bender, Joel & Cindy Kramer, David & Susan Millen, Jeffrey Smith & Edith Rotkopf, Rabbi Hesch Sommer & Dr. Linda Waldman, Marc Wallman & Cynthia Carr, Bert & Martha Weisbart

HIGH HOLY DAY SPECIAL MENSCHEN

A smooth High Holy Day experience would not be possible without an amazing and expansive team of greeters. We are indebted to the following volunteers who served as greeters these High Holy Days: Michele Abrams, Jonathan Alderman, Michael Allen, Cynthia Astmann, Dana Astmann, Karen Baar, Ed Biondi, Deborah Bovilsky, Merav Canaan, David Chevan, Julie Chevan, Ivey Cooley, Kim Cohen, Michael Dimenstein, John Dowgiewicz, Tracey Dowgiewicz, Bob Epstein, Stacy Fambro, Leah Glaser, Burt Glassman, Sheila Greenstein, Maria Kahn, Karen Kimball, Dalton King, Lina Lawall, Joan Lipin, Robin Masheb, Sue McDonald, Ethan Merritt, Hannah Merritt, Mollee Merritt, Robert Merritt, Robyn Merritt, Chuck Naden, Judy Naden, Ellen Nasper, Matthew Menerson, Sandra Reiners, Fred Rosen, Betsy Rosenthal, Larry Rosenthal, Hedda Rubenstein, Benjamin Rudikoff, Elijah Rudikoff, Joel Rudikoff, Marie Shaw, Richard Shaw, Ana Sirota, Mark Sklarz, Martha Weisbart, Cliff Wolff, True Wolff, Joe Zelson, Myra Zelson

Thank you to Drs. Tamar Braverman, Ben Kahn and Jeanne Steiner who served as our on-call doctors, as well as nurse Dana Brozinsky.

Thank you to Alisa Germaine & Eun Mi Shim for coordinating this year's Rosh Hashanah kiddushes: To Julie Chevan, Michele Cohen, Priscilla Jencks, and Beth Stenger who graciously helped in the kitchen and to the numerous bakers who provided homemade goods to help make this a sweet New Year.

Thank you to Marvin & Arlene Cohen, Sarah Greenblatt, Richard & Nedra Gusenburge, and Iran & Marsha Moses for beautifying our sanctuary and grounds. Jimmy Shure for sponsoring the Rosh Hashanah Kiddish and Yom Kippur breakfast. Lastly, Drazen Orchards of Cheshire for providing wonderful apples for the holidays.

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WINTER – AND ABRAHAM’S TENT – JUST AROUND THE CORNER

This year marks the 11th year of Abraham’s Tent, an unfortunate reminder that homelessness is still with us, but a joyful reminder of what interfaith cooperation can do.

The Torah bids us repeatedly to love, welcome and care for the stranger. Abraham’s Tent is a perfect opportunity to perform this mitzvah. CMI has proudly participated in this interfaith project since its inception. From December through March this year, 23 congregations and hundreds of volunteers will work together to relieve overcrowding at the Columbus House shelter in New Haven.

CMI will host up to 12 men as guests in our synagogue from December 23 through December 30. Many of CMI’s members have volunteered for Abraham’s Tent for years: this project gives at least as much to the volunteers as it does to the guests. We’d love to inspire more CMI members to work with us. What we need most is people who can stay overnight. This is not as hard as it sounds; with 3-4 volunteers per night, everyone gets a couple of hours of sleep. (Unless they prefer kibitzing with another volunteer!) We also need some early risers to help prepare and serve the men breakfast in the morning.

Staying with participating congregations provides the guests with some practice for re-entering society and learning how to connect with people. Soon after the project ends, most of the men find housing or reconnect with family. Last year’s guests all now have housing.

Guests arrive around 6:00 p.m. every evening and are served dinner made by Life is Delicious. Afterwards, they play games, watch TV, or schmooze; sometimes we provide entertainment. Bedtime is around 10:00 pm. Priscilla Jencks and other volunteers cook a hearty breakfast early in the morning, after which guests leave for the day.

Please consider joining this wonderful project. For more information or to volunteer, contact Tim Moran at tim@timmoranwoodwinds.com for more information or to volunteer.



Abraham's Tent
December 23-29

Abraham's Tent is a collaborative project of congregations and Columbus House to alleviate overcrowding in the overflow shelter. Congregations host roughly 12 guests for one week.

Volunteers are needed

Three or more individuals are needed to stay overnight on each night.

For more information and to volunteer, contact coordinator Tim Morgan at tim@timmoranwoodwinds.com.

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COLLECTIONS

The Social Action Committee continues its ongoing collection of non-perishable foods for the food pantry at Christian Community Action. Please bring non-perishable goods to the collection bin in the rotunda. CCA requests that food be brought in sturdy bags or be double-bagged and prefers no glass containers. If you have any questions contact Rick Molot at richard.molot2@usdoj.gov.

The Committee also collects clothes for Immanuel Baptist Church’s “Clothes Closet” which provides items at no charge to those in need. Fall and winter clothing for all ages are especially appreciated at this time of year. The clothing bin is located inside the CMI coatroom. For more information contact Sarah at sbg4750@aol.com.



CHEVRA HANDS

Join us in creating shawls for those in our congregation who might find comfort in our congregational expression of caring. We also make baby blankets to present to our newest congregants at their baby naming. We knit and crochet and have been quilting together, creating lap quilts and baby blankets. No experience necessary, just a sense of humor, patience and a willingness to learn. We will meet on Sunday Morning November 24 and December 8 at 10:00a.m. For further information, contact Sue Millen at smillen179@sbcglobal.net or Lina Lawall at lalawall250@gmail.com.

CONNECT WITH CMI ONLINE

Keep up-to-date with all CMI events. Check our website regularly at <http://cmihamden.org>. You will find announcements, upcoming events, calendar, worship service times and contact information. New members can join the congregation and everyone can register for religious school and nursery school, pay your bills and make contributions. And don't miss the slideshow of recent events – it changes frequently so check back often!

We have several e-newsletters to keep our congregational family informed of upcoming events, recent passings and school events. If you're not currently receiving our e-newsletters you can get on the distribution list.

CMI is on Facebook. Click the icon on our website or go to <http://www.facebook.com/cmihamden>. You'll want to "like" us.

CMI Religious School is on Facebook. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/cmireligiousschool> and "like" us. We would like to keep you up-to-date with all Religious School events.



CANTOR'S NOTES *continued...*

issues as we are using both systems at the same time and sometimes it worked great and other times not so great. My point about this is that there was a lot of change. That inevitable thing in life that we dread, but must embrace. There are always growing pains and we certainly were not without them but CMI is the oldest continuously operating Reform congregation in New England with a very prestigious legacy. With that legacy comes responsibility and we are all linked together in that task. My responsibility as your Cantor is to lead you in prayer and song but for me it is a lot more than that. I am always working to raise the bar and bring music that will raise your worship/davening experience. Reforms Jews and Jews everywhere have always had a such a deep, rich and varied legacy of music. Traditionally, shuls have a long tradition of excellent Cantors and music. Duke Ellington was known to go to shuls in Harlem and listen to the Hazzan for their wonderful improvisations. Those days are gone now, but music is still a huge part of our soul and it is my sacred duty to lead our congregation on this glorious and very spiritual path.

Don't forget! CMI Chorale meets every Tuesday evening at 7 PM to learn and sing. It is so much more fulfilling than anything you could watch on Netflix. They sing in services and they will be getting ready for our big Chanukah service on December 27th. They also have a very young counterpart, the Jr. Choir! In case you didn't know the Jr. Choir meets with me every Sunday from 11:30 to 12:00 PM and they will be singing at the following services:

- November 8th 7th Grade Family Service
- December 13th 6th Grade Family Service
- December 27th Chanukah Service jointly with the CMI Chorale.

So parents whose child is in the Jr. Choir: Please mark these dates on your calendar and bring your child to sing. We love and need to hear the voices of angels.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2019

1 No Religious School	2	3 4:00 p.m. Religious School 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	4 12:15 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew 7:00 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting	5 12:00 noon Mussar Lunch & Learn	6 5:30 p.m. Early Oneg 5:30 p.m. Tor Shabbat 6:00 p.m. Evening Service	7 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
8 9:00 a.m. Torch Run & Chanukah Celebration 9:00 a.m. Brotherhood Coffee Shop 9:30 a.m. Religious School 9:30 a.m. Program – Chanukah Intro to Reading Liturgical Hebrew 10:00 a.m. Chevrá Hands 10:45 a.m. Judaism: New Interpretations of Old Ideas 12:00 Noon Life is Delicious 12:00 Noon 6th & 7th Grade Youth Group 12:00 Noon CMI High Program	9	10 4:00 p.m. Religious School 7:00 p.m. Antisemitism Education Meeting 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	11 12:15 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew	12 12:00 noon Mussar Lunch & Learn	13 5:30 p.m. Early Oneg 6:00 p.m. Family Service & Birthday Blessings	14
15 9:00 a.m. Brotherhood Coffee Shop 9:30 a.m. Religious School 9:30 a.m. Intro to Reading Liturgical Hebrew 10:00 a.m. Mitzvah Mall 10:45 a.m. Judaism: New Interpretations of Old Ideas 11:30 a.m. CMI High Program	16	17 4:00 p.m. Religious School 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	18 12:15 p.m. Intermediate Hebrew 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting	19 12:00 noon Mussar Lunch & Learn	20 5:30 p.m. Early Oneg 6:00 p.m. Evening Service	21 9:00 a.m. Torah Study
22 Chanukah First Candle No Religious School	23 Abraham's Tent	24 Abraham's Tent No Religious School	25 Abraham's Tent Office & School Closed 4:00 p.m. December 25th Concert	26 Abraham's Tent 12:00 noon Mussar Lunch & Learn	27 Abraham's Tent 5:30 p.m. Early Oneg 6:00 p.m. Chanukah Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Chanukah Dinner	28 Abraham's Tent 9:00 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Morning Service 12:00 Noon Potluck Lunch
29 Abraham's Tent No Religious School	30	31 No Religious School				

November 1

Lewis B. Aaron *
 Morris Arovass
 Elihu Berke *
 Florence Berkowitz *
 Leopold Besser *
 Frances Bolton *
 Neal Bregman
 Charles Cahn *
 Joyce Cooley Cahn *
 Sadie Cohen
 Maurice J. Dunn
 Virginia Fineberg
 Samuel M. Finer *
 Ray Goldberg
 Millie Goldberg *
 Linda Kohn
 Melvin Kosowsky *
 Abraham Kosowsky
 Julia La Frantz *
 Herbert N. Levy *
 Morton B. Lewis *
 Sol Peter Lipman
 John E. Loeb
 William J. "Mack Sr."
 Isadore Manasevit
 Dinah M. Mendoza *
 Allan A. Moore *
 Mae S. Perlin *
 Jennie M. Rosenbluth *
 Abraham E. Rubington *
 Maurice H. Rudnick *
 Michael Jay Schaefer
 Abraham Soffer *
 Howard J. Spodick
 Ursula Lauber Steinhardt *
 Santo Vitale
 August Weil *

November 8

Louis Arnopolsky
 Arnold Baltimore *
 Sylvia Beckerman
 Jordan Braverman
 Eva Chetrick *
 Joel Cogen
 Jean Cohen *
 Irene Lesnie Cohn *
 Roberta Danza *
 Robert Dulin
 Joseph Eisenbuch
 Saul Finkelstein
 Lena Wrubel Greenbaum *
 Beatrice Hahn
 Caroline G. Herrmann *
 Fan R. Isenstadt *
 Julia Jacobson *
 Nell King
 Paula Kirsch
 Edward Bernard Klein
 Ruth Klevorick
 Florence Klugman
 Esther Labacz
 Isaiah Lambert *
 Norton M. Levine *
 Bernard Lipin *
 Morton J. Loeb *
 Bertram Naden
 Evelyn Newman
 Frances Polak *
 Elinor Pollock
 Mollie Rattner
 Deborah Shai Reisman
 Marvin Rosenbaum
 Bernard I. Schub
 Aramina Schwartz *
 Murray B. Shemitz *
 Esther Steiglitz *
 Rebecca Wilensky
 Adele Ida Yudkin

November 15

Bertram B. Adler *
 Bella Averbuch
 William Beckerman
 Abraham Berger *
 Edward Bernstein
 Eva B. Black *
 Thelma Bolsky
 Stanley Brown
 Robert Carberry
 Sylvia Greenbaum Cohen *
 Jacob Benjamin Fishman *
 Christopher Rodney Gennett
 Marion Goldberg
 Robert Goldberg
 Barbara Goodman *
 Milton W. Grossman *
 Charles Henchel *
 Rita D. Hershenson *
 Rose Altschuler Hozer
 Jean Sherres Kahn
 Anne Kasterbaum
 Anne Keegan
 Charles Kleiner *
 Alan Lakin
 Alan Lakin
 Herbert Daniel Lewis *
 Benjamin Lipka
 I. Albert Lipman
 Frieda Lonard
 Sylvia Mangan
 Ray Olderman
 Rose Proctor
 Morton Proscio *
 Greta Puklin *
 Jack Shapiro
 Esther K. Silverman *
 Esther Soffer
 Hermine Swimmer
 Edna May Thalheimer *
 Jacob B. Ullman *
 Rosalyn Vener
 Florence Amelia Wallack *
 Paul D. Wingate *
 Minnie B. Yudkin *
 Elsbath Zabin

November 22

Robert Ackerman
 Mollie Aronson
 Isabel Baar
 Anna S. Baskin *
 Jane Bender
 Harriet F. Berger *
 Eva Berkowitz
 Dora Bostin *
 Robert Allen Caesar *
 Gertrude Caplan
 William Cohen
 Benjamin Dunn
 Sidney Eder
 Lauren V. Farber *
 Rhoda Weiner Feldman *
 Diana Weissman Garcia *
 Max Goldfarb
 Esther G. Goldstein *
 Frances Gordon
 Morris Harrison *
 Nathan C. Herz *
 Rose Johnson *
 Hilda Kaminsky *
 Matthew W. Kaminsky
 Charles D. Keegan
 Arthur Lesser
 Edward Phillips Levine *
 Pauline Lichtenstein *
 Shirley K. Lichtman *
 Marcia Margolis
 Olga Nobleman
 Sheila L. Rauch *
 Sadie S. Robin *
 Ruth Rubington *
 Sarah Sasson
 Lillian Siskin
 Jean Solomon *
 Solomon J. Stein *
 Daniel A. Steinbach *
 Marion Ullman Weinstein *

November 29

Meyer ben Ya'akov Averbuch
 Theresa B. Cahn *
 David Ehrlich
 Jenny Yudkin Enkelis
 Alvin Evans
 Norma Firtel *
 Bertram Frankenberger Sr. *
 Beatrice Franks
 Elizabeth Anne Gans *
 Arthur Giglio
 Harry Goldberg
 Nelson M. Hahn *
 Sara C. Heller
 Madeline Kass
 Max Kern *
 Bessie Kraft
 Clara L. Langrock *
 Jean S. Maltzman *
 Ruth Hahn Meyer
 Trudy Miller
 Michael Milles
 Anna Montlick *
 Burness E Moore
 Rose O. Osterweis *
 Martin Pripstein
 Flora Rothchild *
 M. Alan Rubin
 Irwin Schoen
 Dorothy Setlow
 Reuben Shapiro
 Tesse D. Shemitz *
 Louis Soffer
 William P. Spear *
 Benjamin H. Spier *
 Richard M. Stiner *
 Lou Stone
 George Swirsky *
 Abraham Weissman *
 Harry Jay Wexler
 Hyman Zimmer

December 6

Alfred Barnston
 Edythe Brenner
 Abraham S. Brown
 Bertha Brown *
 Fay Ehrlich
 Samuel Evans
 Sarah Feinstein
 Eleanor Freedman
 Seymour M. Golden *
 Rose Dorfman Goldhamer *
 Enid Frank Goldsmith
 David Grossman
 Milton Heller
 Don Hellerman
 Philip Horowitz
 Louis Kahn
 Phyllis Kauffman *
 Mabel Goodman Kaufman *
 Anne Ketover
 Robert Klugman
 Fannie Kornman
 William B. Koufman *
 Joseph Kugler
 Bessie Lazarus *
 Bruin Lipman
 Rosa F. Lyons *
 Mona V. Maizell *
 Samuel H. Montlick *
 Doris Parmet
 Abraham Rashba
 Marjorie Rogowski *
 Betty Seltzer
 Beatrice Miller Shapiro
 Celia Shukovsky
 Morris Silverberg
 Samuel Silverman *
 Louis M. Sonnenberg *
 William Steckerl
 Milton A. Steinbach *
 Henry Stinow *
 Matthew E. Ticotsky
 Barney Trotsky *
 Irwin Weill
 Russel Sunny Weinstein
 Eva White
 Marian L Young
 Marvin Yudkin
 David Paul Zudekoff

December 13

Sadie Ackerman
 Mae Berman
 Joseph Butensky
 Rhoda Lipofsky Cahn
 Benjamin Davis
 Benjamin Gittler
 Gertrude Gittleson *
 Louis Goldberg
 Belle Gordon
 Merlin Hagendorf
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 Tz'vi-Hersh Ben-Avraham Hanina
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 Herbert (Herb) Horowitz
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 Herman Shukovsky
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 Bernard P. Spear *
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 Jeanne Tiven


December 20

Muriel Aaron *
 Leon Aries
 Harry Baskin *
 Sylvia Bailey Berkowitz
 Irving Bleich
 David Steven Braverman
 Ethel Horn Caminear
 Richard Cohen *
 Ethel Donath
 Edith Koosis Donen
 Max Drabkin
 Herman Epstein *
 Hattie Glasner
 James R. Glassner *
 Bernard Goldman
 Clara Phillips Goodhart *
 Albert L. Grodd
 Julius Hartenstein *
 Eleanor Jacobs
 Leo Kornicker *
 Robert E. Lapides *
 Joshua Loewenbaum
 Nancy Mack
 Aaron Mack
 Aida Y. Mettler *
 Michael Myers *
 James O'Brasky *
 Mildred Orzack
 Benjamin Pious
 Sadie Rotberg Rifkin *
 Herman Roseman *
 Barbara Fisher Rosenthal *
 Bernice Rubinstein
 Elaine Sampliner
 Edgar E. Siskin *
 Ann Sklarz
 Viola Sklaver
 Nancy Weiner Stiner *
 Howard M. Weinick *
 Lester B. Weiss
 Freda Zanker

December 27


Martha Abrams
 Robert Adams
 Jennie Rogowsky Alderman
 Jack Baltimore *
 Merrill Abner Baratz *
 Jacob Bass
 Richard Lyon Belford
 George Bennett *
 Jeanette Blech
 Arthur Brenner
 Sara A. Brown
 Mollie Osias Burness *
 Celia Byer
 Harriet K. Cahn *
 Sadie Caplan
 Estelle Corper *
 Alice Enson
 Annie Evans
 Stephen G. Friedler *
 Herbert B. Goldberg *
 Hattie J. Goodman *
 Louis Green *
 Rosalie Heifetz *
 Ruth Hyman
 Richard Hyman
 Howard Kaplan
 Samuel Kasterbaum
 Marion Kauffman *
 Jack Krug
 Eva Kruger
 Frances Landowne
 Paul H. Laviertes *
 Meyer Leshine
 Phyllis Palmieri Loewenbaum
 Sigmund Loewenbaum
 Rebecca Polsky *
 Sidney C. Rosenberg *
 Marvin L. Rosenfeld
 Max Rubenstein
 Irwin Mellion Siegel *
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ANNUAL CHANUKAH
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Sunday, December 8 • 9:00 AM

Join us 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! PreK-6th grade must be accompanied by an adult. RSVP for the Torch Run to Sarah in the CMI office at slegassey@cmihamden.org or (203) 288-3877

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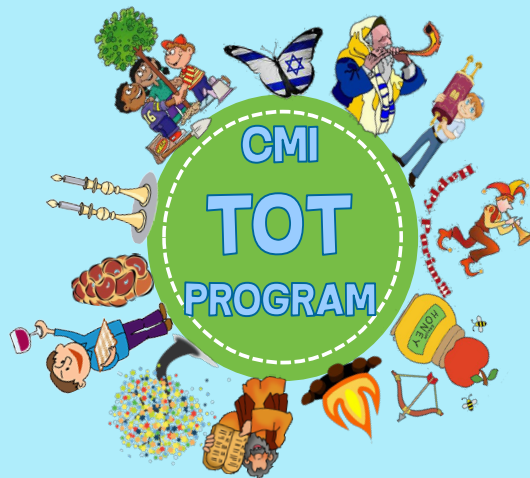


**Friday, November 1
&
December 6
5:30 PM**

Join CMI staff members for this celebration of Shabbat with prayers, song and stories.

Tot Shabbats are designed for families with children age 6 years and under and are open to the community

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NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES & STUDY

SHABBAT NOACH

Gen. 11:1-11:32

Friday, November 1

5:30 p.m. Early Oneg

5:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat

6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Saturday, November 2

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating
the Bar Mitzvah of Zaiyah Levitt

10:30 a.m. Kabbalah Study Group

SHABBAT LECH-LECHA

Gen. 17:7-17:27

Friday, November 8

5:30 p.m. Early Oneg

6:00 p.m. Family Service & Birthday Blessings

Saturday, November 9

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating
the Bar Mitzvah of Leo Slattery

SHABBAT VAYEIRA

Gen. 22:1-22:24

Friday, November 15

5:30 p.m. Early Oneg

6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Saturday, November 16

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Service celebrating
the Bar Mitzvah of Asher Wasserman

SHABBAT CHAYEI SARAH

Gen. 25:12-25:18

Friday, November 22

7:00 p.m. Evening Service

8:00 p.m. Oneg

Saturday, November 23

9:00 a.m. Torah Study

10:30 a.m. Morning Service

SHABBAT TOLDOT

Gen. 28:5-28:9

Friday, November 29

5:30 p.m. Early Oneg

6:00 p.m. Evening Service

Saturday, November 30

9:15 a.m. Torah Study

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>.