

# The Congregation Mishkan Israel

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MAY/JUNE 2022

Series 106 Number 5



Concert in our beautiful sanctuary. Prosecco and light dessert reception on our patio



#### MEMBERSHIP CORNER WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Congregation extends a warm welcome to new members:

Scott & Erica Grove, Jordanna Packtor & Chris Cadden and daughter, River, Stephen Rabin, Matthew Ulman & Emilie Egger and daughter, Miriam.



#### TODAH RABAH SHABBAT WELCOME TEAM

Thank you to our Shabbat greeters:

#### March

- 4 Joel Jacobson & Richard Shaw
- 11 Cliff & True Wolff
- 18 Ivey Cooley & Alan Sturtz
- 24 Peter Blasini, Hedda Rubenstein, Michael Dimenstein & Michele Abrams
- 25 Karen Kimball

#### April

- 1 Dave Rodnick & Phil Jacobs
- 8 Alan Sturtz & Karen Kimball
- 9 Sarah Greenblatt
- No Service Passover
- 22 Howard Lurie & Diane Rosen
- 29 Ivey Cooley & Richard Shaw

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

# WITNESSING THE DIVINE LIGHT

After constructing the Mishkan, the tabernacle, we learn that "God

would speak to Moses face-to-face, as one person speaks to another (Ex. 33:11)," and yet ten verses later, God says to Moses "But you cannot see My face, for a human being may not see Me and live. (Ex. 33:20)" Instead, God shields Moses and Moses only sees God's back. (Ex. 33:23)

These past two years we have seen each other face-to-face in many ways: online of course, and in various gatherings indoors and out. However, when in person we often hid part of our faces behind a mask to keep ourselves and others safe, as though we were speaking to each other, face-to-face, but we couldn't really witness the faces of our friends, family, and neighbors.

Ibn Ezra, a 12th Century sage, notes that God revealed Godself to Moses as light. Just as we cannot look directly at the sun, one cannot look at God's powerful light directly from its source. However, we can see light reflected off of something, such as one's back, which is what Moses was allowed to see. When we look at other people's faces we see the divine light reflecting back at us and recognize that all people are created b'tzelem Elohim, in God's image (Gen. 1:27). Our masks h owever, hid part of that divine light especially in the facial expressions which serve as essential forms of communication and allow us to understand when someone is happy, sad, fearful, disgusted, angry, surprised or more.

As long as it remains safe and as your personal comfort and safety levels allow, I am excited to see your faces again. I am hopeful that we might slowly reveal our full selves to others and that we will strengthen our community and bring more understanding, tolerance and peace to our world. May God's light shine upon your face, may your light illuminate the walls of our sacred sanctuary and may we all create a brighter future.



# CANTOR'S NOTES

#### Cantor Arthur Giglio

It is almost here! The event of the year we have all been anticipating! Rabbi Joe Black is starring in our Cantor's Concert Fundraiser on Sunday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. This

is our first in person concert since the beginning of the pandemic and what a concert it will be! I truly want you to be there to hear an extraordinarily talented and skilled performer. In show biz, he is considered a triple threat. Joe Black, along with his friend and musician, Ben Cohen will bring you a brilliant evening of original music and song. I have endeavored over my years at CMI to bring you wonderful, very talented Jewish performers and Rabbi Joe Black is certainly at the top of that list. So, tell your friends, bring your relatives, and come for an unforgettable night of music. You will go away with the words on your lips and a song in your heart. Spring always makes me think of celebrating B'not Mitzvah. Please join us to celebrate these simchas: Eli Rudikoff (May 7), Pierson Canavan (May 21), Simon Levine on (June 6) and Andrew Leibowitz (June 18). It is very important to attend a B'Mitzvah so your child can experience the joy and excitement of this most special day in a young Jewish newly adult life.

Shavuot! Please mark your calendar for Saturday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m., as we celebrate this pilgrimage festival holiday. We celebrate when the Israelites brought crop offerings to the Temple in Jerusalem. Today it has come to represent three pillars of Reform Judaism: Celebration of Torah, Education, and the Choice to participate actively in Jewish life. Study and blintzes always make for a very special and joyous evening!

Finally, June also means it is time to sign up for Summer Service leaders! Be adventurous and bring out your inner Rabbi or Cantor. Leading services can be very spiritual and transformative. Watch the weekly e-news for more information.



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Michael Dimenstein

Belonging to CMI fulfills one of my passions—music. I love Jewish music. Just about any form of it. Sacred or secular. American or Israeli. Hebrew.

Yiddish, Ladino, or English. I am fascinated by the masterful manner through which the Jewish experience is captured in the music of great classical composers such as Mendelssohn, Mahler, and Meyerbeer. I am moved by the Yiddish folksongs and theater music that our ancestors composed to express both joy and sorrow, and how they influenced the American songbooks of the 20th Century.

Our congregation has a long history of weaving beautiful music into our religious worship, educational programming, and cultural events. We are especially blessed to have the expert musical direction and vocals of our beloved Cantor Arthur Giglio, and more recently, our accomplished pianist and keyboardist Dr. Aymeric Dupré la Tour. Music is part of CMI's DNA.

In keeping with this tradition, Cantor Giglio will be welcoming all of you to enjoy the 2022 Cantor's Concert on Sunday May 22, at 6:00 p.m., in person at our synagogue. It will be our first in-person Cantor's Concert in almost three years and remains the major fundraising event presented by CMI. With our theme, The Joy of Music Brings Us Together Again, Cantor G. has planned an event that is sure to excite and delight the senses. Our featured performer, Rabbi Joe Black returns to CMI (you may recall that in 2018 he officiated at Rabbi Immerman's installation) and will share his extraordinary repertoire of music for all ages. The Union for Reform Judaism says, "his superb musicianship, powerful songwriting, and sense of spiritual awareness creates an opportunity for the head and heart to come together."

I can think of no better way to share my passion with all of you. Please join me on Sunday May 22 at 6:00 p.m. Your support and sponsorship are most welcome.

# SUMMER SHABBAT SERVICES

During July and August our services our lay led and we need YOU to help lead a service. Anyone who has become a b'nai mitzvah is welcome to lead. Please watch the weekly e-news for a current schedule and for you to sign up.

#### SOCIAL ACTION NEWS

#### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES**

- —Thursday, May 12, 9:00 AM 2:00 PM
- —Thursday, June 2, 9:00 AM 2:00 PM

For an appointment, please visit **redcrossblood.org.** 

Use the code MISHKAN for easy access. You may also call directly, **1-800-RED-CROSS** (1-800-733-2767).

Thank you for helping to save lives in our community!



# Jewish Community Alliance for Refugee Resettlement (JCARR)

This fall, the crisis of Afghan evacuees cried out for a humanitarian response. JCARR immediately began preparations to welcome the partnership's seventh immigrant family in seven years. Our volunteers moved furniture and household supplies into an empty apartment, transforming it into a warm and lovely new home. Unfortunately, the family—a mother, her three young daughters and a teenage nephew—were not accompanied by the girls' father, who had fled to Dubai after receiving death threats from the Taliban. Escaping from their country was only the first step in the family's

long journey. They arrived in America in October, 2021 and were housed in a military camp in Virginia until recently when they were transported to New Haven. JCARR assisted with their resettlement and our goal is to help them become self-reliant. The family is receiving health, social services and has access to educational resources. Dedicated volunteers have accomplished all of this.

Like many other Afghans, the family has entered the U.S. on 'Humanitarian Parole,' a process that allows refugees to enter the country without a visa and reside here for two years with permission to work. Once here, most Humanitarian Parolees must apply for asylum. JCARR is now working with a pro bono lawyer to help with this long process. JCARR anticipates needing \$25,000 to help this family, and are urgently in need of contributions. To make an online donation, visit: jewishnewhaven.org/refugee-resettlement/. For more information, contact Sue Millen smillen179@sbcglobal.net.



#### NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS

Susan Witten Nason, Early Childhood Director

It is hard to believe we are coming to the end of the school year. What a year it has been!

Through good, bad, (and probably some ugly, too...!) we have made it! It is a testament to our MINS community that we have had an amazing school year despite the obstacles we have faced. It is so nice to see our flowers coming up and we can finally begin planting more flowers and some vegetables as well. We look forward to a great summer camp program and encourage you to contact me at sperry@cmihamden.org if you are interested in a spot for your child(ren).

If you need help picking and weeding in the Peah garden in the summer, please let us know—we do have some green thumbs here!

Chag Sameach-Shavuot.



# Sunday, June 12 | 10:00 a.m.

Please join us to celebrate our CMI community at our 2022 Annual Meeting.

We will hear updates on yearly accomplishments, our plans for our future as we return

On Zoom!

Password to follow in our e-news

# MAZEL TOV TO OUR NEWEST B'MITZVAHS



Pierson Canavan May 21, 2022 Son of Craig & Carrie Canavan



Andrew
Leibowitz
June 18, 2022
Son of Richard &
Yesenia
Leibowitz



Simon Levine June 4, 2022 Son of Matthew & Deanna Levine



Elijah Rudikoff May 7, 2022 Son of Joel Rudikoff & Robin Masheb

# **May 2022**

29	22 6:00 p.m. Concert Prelude with Light refreshments 7:00 p.m. Cantor's Concert with Rabbi Joseph Black	15 9:30 a.m. Last Day of Religious School	8 9:30 a.m. Religious School	1 9:30 a.m. Religious School 10:00 a.m. Chevra Hands
30 School & Office Closed for Memorial Day	23	16	9	2
31	24	17	4:00 p.m. Hebrew School 7:00 p.m. It's time to Pivot: Exploring our role in environmental justice	3 4:00 p.m. Hebrew School 7:00 p.m. Great Migration Event w/confronting racism group
	25 7:00 p.m. CMI Board Meeting	18 7:00 p.m. Executive Board Committee Meeting	11	4
	26	19	12 9:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive	7:00 p.m. Confronting Racism 2.2 Small Groups
	27 7:00 p.m. Evening Service Leviticus 26:3 – 27:34 8:00 p.m. Oneg	20 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Leviticus 25:1 – 26:2	13 6:00 p.m. Evening Service Leviticus 21:1 – 24:23	6:00 p.m. Family Service Leviticus 19:1 – 20:27
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	7	14	21	28
	<b>G</b> Office Closed	13	20	27
	<b>5</b> 10:30 a.m. Shavuot Service	12	19	26

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# It's Time to Pivot: Exploring our role in Environmental Justice

### Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

New Haven author and documentary filmmaker, Steve Hamm will make the case for communities pivoting to become more sustainable and individuals to become climate activists. He will be exploring the role of faiths in climate action, will offer a screening of a short video and will conclude with comments from a young CMI member as well and a discussion of how we can all take action.

### **Confronting Racism 2.2 - Small Groups**

## Thursday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. Zoom only

This facilitated small group will meet to explore a range of topics of interest to participants, and are open to all CMI congregants, regardless of previous participation in the series. Please register at cmihamden.org.



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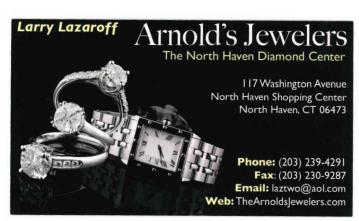
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