

Congregation B'nai Israel

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A Congregation
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of Conservative
Judaism

152 Years of
Consecrated Service to
God, Torah & Israel

December, 2018 - January 2019 : Kislev - Tevet - Shevat 5779

**SPECIAL
DOUBLE ISSUE BULLETIN
Dec. 2018 & Jan. 2019**

**The First Hanukkah Candle is lit the Evening of
Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018**

**A Special Hanukkah-Shabbat
Service with guest,
Rabbi Joan Friedman**

Saturday Dec. 8, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

Followed by a festive Kiddush Luncheon.

**The CBI Hanukkah Family
Celebration & Brunch
Sunday Dec. 9, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.**

DELICIOUS HANUKKAH MENU

FAMILY MENORAH CONTEST with PRIZES! (see pg. 11)

SPECIAL ISRAELI GUESTS

No Charge. RSVP to 419.517.8400 by Monday, Dec. 3, 2018.

**Visit the CBI Gift Shop for all
your Hanukkah needs**

'Satan'



This article is based on my drash/sermon on the Torah portion Toldot delivered on Shabbat November 10th 2018, the second Shabbat in the aftermath of the horrific events of Pittsburgh, PA.

Parshat Toldot seems to establish the conflict between the twins Esau and Jacob as the paradigm of conflict between Judaism and its adversaries. In fact the Torah is replete with fraternal conflict – Cain who killed his brother Abel, Isaac and Ishmael, Joseph and his brothers etc. One could argue that Esau's descendents eventually founded Christianity, since Esau was the progenitor of the Edomites who were conquered by Babylon followed by Rome, which eventually converted to Christianity. Ishmael is considered the ancestor of Islam.

Even before the birth of the twins Esau and Jacob, the Torah records conflict in their mother Rebekah's body: "וַיִּתְרוּצְצוּ הַבָּנִים בְּקֶרְבָּהּ" - the brothers wrestled in her...and God said to her: two nations, two separate peoples

shall issue from your body, one will be mightier than the other, and the older shall serve the younger." (Genesis 25: 22-23)

The plot thickens when Esau sells his birthright to Jacob over "red stew" after he returns from hunting empty handed and hungry. The Torah seems to pass judgement over the exchange, וַיְבֹזֶה אֶת עֵשָׂא - treating Esau with disdain over his willingness to forfeit the birthright so apparently whimsically. Jacob disguises himself as Esau and "steals" his father Isaac's firstborn blessing. When Esau finds out (conveniently forgetting that he had forfeited the birthright) the Torah says (Genesis 27: 41) וַיִּשְׂטֵם עֵשָׂא אֶת יַעֲקֹב which our Etz Hayim Chumash Bible translates: "Esau harbored a grudge against Jacob..."

I became fixated with this Hebrew word vayistom (root – satam), consulting Rashi and other commentators. Come up short on commentary, I went to the authoritative Hebrew dictionary, Even Shoshan which defines satam as "like satan." This stands to reason since often in Hebrew and Aramaic the letters 'mem' and 'nun' (מ נ) are interchangeable, as in the Hebrew for 'life – chayim,' in Aramaic 'chayin.' In other words, Esau's reaction to the birthright incident was not to "harbor a grudge" as our Chumash translates, rather, I would suggest "being possessed by satan" and "filled with hatred" as more accurate translations. The proof may well be found in that same sentence, where Esau's plan is recorded after his first reaction:

"וַיִּקְרָבוּ יָמֵי אָבִי וְאַהֲרָגָה אֶת יַעֲקֹב אָחִי" - let the mourning period for my father come, and I will kill my brother Jacob." I would argue that 'harboring a grudge' probably does not lead to murder, but 'satanized' and 'filled with hatred' may well result in serious consequences when acted upon.

Later the Torah records the reconciliation of the two brothers after many years. Jacob prepares for armed battle with his brother, having sent scouts who report that Esau is approaching with four hundred men. Instead, much to Jacob's surprise, Esau "fell on Jacob's neck, hugged him and kissed him." (Genesis 33: 4) The Torah contains an amazing editorial: on the word וַיִּשְׁקֶהוּ - he kissed him" there are six asterisks, indicating that the Torah did not trust Esau's sincerity. That apparent editorial is a subject well worth discussing another time.

The next time that same Hebrew word/root satam appears is Genesis 50: 15 as Joseph's brothers find out that he has become viceroy of Egypt. They fear the consequences: לֹא יִשְׁטַמְנוּ יוֹסֵף (again trans. Etz Hayim Chumash) what if Joseph still bears a grudge against us?"

Let us compare and contrast the reaction of Joseph versus his brothers on the one hand, and Esau vs Jacob on the other. Joseph's brothers almost killed him out of jealous rage, but for the intercession of Reuven and Judah. In the Esau vs Jacob rivalry there may have been deception on the part of Jacob, but there certainly was no imminent threat of murder. If anything, the consequences for Joseph's brothers should have been far more dire than Jacob faced.

And yet, amazingly, Joseph says to his brothers (Genesis 50: 19) "אַל תִּירָאוּ כִּי הִתַּחַת אֱלֹקִים אֲנִי?" - Do not be afraid, am I a substitute for God?...Have no fear, I will sustain you and your children, he reassured them, and spoke to their heart." Where is Joseph's sense of revenge, of disdain for his brothers?

Exactly at this very moment, two weeks ago, the injured perpetrator of 11 Pittsburgh shul murders was being wheeled into Allegheny Hospital emergency while screaming, "all these Jews must die!" Who unhesitatingly rushed to his aid? Emergency nurse Ari Mahler who is Jewish and two Jewish doctors! I quote from Mahler's later Facebook post which went viral: "This was the same shooter who instilled panic in my heart worrying that my parents were two of his 11 victims...who 15 minutes beforehand (would) shoot me in the head with no remorse." Ari said that he "hid behind fear" and downplayed his Jewishness having faced a lot of anti-Semitism growing up. The shooting has changed all that. Suddenly his Jewishness became central: "I felt that the best way to honor his victims was for a Jew to prove him wrong and treat him with empathy and kindness...I could care less what he thinks, but you, the person reading this, love is the only message I wish (to) instill in you."

So this is the difference between the reaction of an Esau, the Edomite, to his brother Jacob, and Joseph whom our tradition calls Yosef Hatsaddik – the Righteous One, to his brothers. We, as Jews, do not become satanized by hate. We try to act and react with empathy, with mercy, with kindness, love and compassion. That is the concluding message of the prophet Malachi in our haftorah of parshat Toldot today (2: 6-7):

"וְתֹרַת אֱמֶת הִיטָה בְּפִיהוּ וְעוֹלָה לֹא נִמְצָא בִּשְׁפִיתָיו...כִּי מִלֶּאךָ ה' צְבָאוֹת הוּא"

"The Torah of truth is in their mouth and no evil is found on their lips...for they are the messenger of the Lord of Hosts." We are Jews because God wanted a "מְמַלְכֵת כֹּהֲנִים וְגוֹי קָדוֹשׁ" - a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Exodus 19: 6) As we approach the beautiful holiday of Hanukkah - known as Hag Ha'or – Hag Had'ror - The Holiday of Light – The Holiday of Freedom, let us pledge to spread the light of Torah, of liberty and maasim tovim – good deeds.

Have a wonderful Hanukkah holiday!

Hazzan Ivor Lichterman



In Light of Events in Pittsburgh

The horrific events in Pittsburgh are now over but the aftermath will go on for years to come. Security at synagogues, as well as other houses of worship, is now more important than ever. Our synagogue is a sanctuary, a place where people go to escape the tedium and hassles of everyday life. A sanctuary is supposed to be peaceful where we connect to God and to share the beauty and fellowship with friends and congregants. It is disconcerting, surreal and tragic, at this time in history, that we even have to be concerned with this issue, but it is now a necessary fact of life.

We at B'nai Israel have been very proactive in regard to security. Anyone who has been at our weekly Shabbat services or at our Sunday school has noticed a Sylvania Township law enforcement officer in our hallway. Please take a moment to say "thank you" to the policeman when you see him in the hallway.

The executive committee recently made a policy shift stating that our synagogue doors will be locked at all times, with no exception other than when we have police protection. We feel that even these precautions are not good enough, given the events in Pittsburgh. We are presently doing a total review of our security. With the help and advice of Sylvania Township police, we are looking at all of our protocols to make our buildings as safe as humanly possible. We will be looking into ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training for anyone in our congregation who would like to do so. ALICE training teaches us what to do and how to react in a time of crisis.

Under no circumstances are fire arms permitted in CBI, even if one holds a concealed gun permit. In a crisis, the police are trained to shoot anyone they see holding a gun. The last thing we would ever want to see is that type of situation. It is our policy, with no exceptions, that we only want trained police officers to have a fire arm in the building.

We will keep the congregation informed with regard to security. We will be having drills so congregants will know what to do and where to go if, God forbid, there would ever be an emergency situation.

Last year we established a Safety & Security Fund. Many of us contributed to this fund which allows us to have police presence in our building. Please consider making a generous contribution to this fund annually so we may always be able to afford to make B'nai Israel a safe and peaceful place to come to.

Starting this January, a major fundraiser for our newly established B'nai Israel Endowment Fund will kick off with Bobby Kripke, our treasurer, heading the committee. This endowment fund will be essential to insure our future here in Toledo. We have comprehensive and very rich programming at CBI. Adult Education Lectures, special events such as our recent Ethical Will Program and the Women's Weekend retreat, our Jewish movie series, Kiddush luncheons, congregational dinners, and upcoming events for our younger congregants are what make an enriching environment at our synagogue. Of course, we need the funds to facilitate these events. With the reality of an aging Jewish demographic in Toledo, the endowment fund is crucial to continue providing programming for our congregants at the same level that we presently do.

Please consider to be as generous as you can when approached by members of the Endowment Fund committee. Everyone will benefit including you and your family, God willing, for generations to come.

Lastly, for those congregants who have not met me personally, please stop by on Shabbat and introduce yourself to me. I would love to meet you and discuss any concerns you may have in regard to our synagogue. Have a wonderful, healthy and happy secular New Year.

Bennett (Buz) Romanoff

A Note from our Treasurer

Dear Devoted Members of Congregation B'nai Israel,

Our synagogue board of trustees and executive committee has established a goal in 2019 to raise funds to build up our new endowment fund within the Toledo Jewish Foundation for the sole purpose of securing our future.

I will be formulating a 3-4 person committee under my direction to meet with all or most of our members to request gifts either for our immediate future or our long term future. When called upon please be receptive and generous on behalf of our beloved shul.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,
Bobby Kripke, CBI Treasurer & Fund Raising Chair

December Special Birthdays

Luann Garber	December 4th
Dan Steinberg	December 9th
Debra Katz	December 9th
Howard Rosenbaum	December 14th
Miriam Beckerman	December 28th

January Special Birthdays

Jim Perlman	January 3rd
Sol Zyndorf	January 19th
Michael Ross	January 21st
Blair Grubb	January 21st
Joel Scheinbach	January 22nd
Steven Smith	January 27th
Harley Kripke	January 29th

December Special Anniversaries

Beverly & Marvyn Greenberg December 14th 65 years

January Special Anniversaries

Marlene & Arnie Remer January 25th 60 years

Todah Rabah

TO OUR KIDDUSH LUNCHEON SPONSORS:

Curtis Mae Jones CBI Hanukkah Brunch	December 9th
JoAnn Day In Honor of her family	December 22nd

PLEASE LET US KNOW.....

if you have simcha or special news that you would like to share with our congregation. We will happily post details and photos in the CBI bulletin, if space allows. Deadline is the 15th of the previous month.

Please call the office at 419.517.8400

Mazel Tov

- Buz & Doris Steinberg on the bat mitzvah of their granddaughter, Shana Steinberg
- Nate & Nancy Danziger on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Gavin Isakov
- Steve & Cathy Sperling on the December bar mitzvah of their grandson, Sam Sperling
- Larry & Joanie Kripke on the bar mitzvah of their grandson, Michael Friedman
- Stuart & Kim Brody on the college graduation of their son Josh, from Miami University.

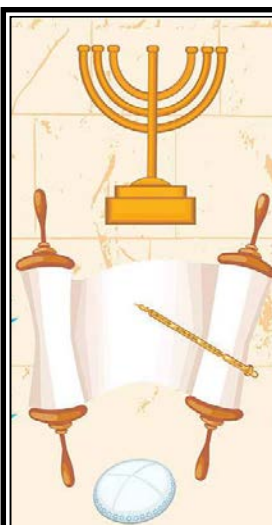
Condolences

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF:

JEFFREY R. SHERMAN

Husband of Alison, father of Sarah, Joshua and Jamie and beloved grandfather of Odin. He is also survived by his sister, Linda Sherman Steinberg, brother-in-law, Dan Steinberg, and sister-in-law, Debra (Jeff) Kamikow.

May you be comforted amongst all who mourn in Zion.



A Special Shabbat for

**Howard
Rosenbaum**

*in honor of his
85th birthday*

**Saturday Dec. 15th
at 9:30 a.m.**

Festive Kiddush Luncheon will follow.
RSVP to the office by Friday, Dec. 7th
by calling the office at 419.517.8400

We need your phone number!

If you have disconnected your home land line please call the office with your current cell phone number.

Thank you!

Know someone thinking about joining a synagogue?

1 YEAR MEMBERSHIP FOR \$100 Individual or Family Membership **CONTINUES**

Eligibility extends to anyone who has not been affiliated with a Toledo area synagogue for at least one year

Contact Rhoda Miller, CBI Outreach Coordinator at 419.517.8400

Honor your special simcha or milestone event by sponsoring a kiddush at CBI

***Basic Kiddush for 60 people: \$300**

This includes:

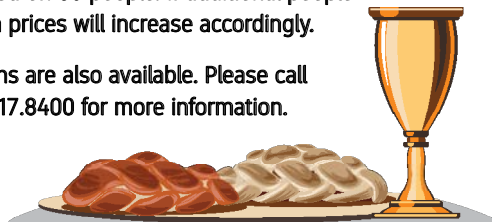
Plastic Table Cloths
Plastic Plates and Cutlery
Bagels: sliced and warmed, butter and cream cheese
Tuna Fish Salad
Salad: lettuce, tomatoes, cucumber and radishes (dressing on the side)
Fruit: canned (peaches, pears or applesauce)
Dessert: cookies or brownies

Extras:

Nicer plates/napkins: \$50
China: \$150 (includes dishwasher)
Linen table cloths & napkins: \$30-60
Noodle kugel (sweet): \$20
Lox: \$45
Egg salad: \$10
Parve ½ sheet cake: \$65

*All costs are based on 60 people. If additional people are expected then prices will increase accordingly.

Gluten-Free options are also available. Please call the office at 419.517.8400 for more information.



PLEASE LET US KNOW.....

If you or someone you know is in the hospital or would appreciate a visit at home from the Hazzan, please call the office at 419.517.8400.

Rummage Sale Update

A big thank you to the many volunteers who helped with this year's Rummage Sale. Thanks to your countless volunteer hours it was a big success. Unlike last year, the weather even cooperated! I heard so many compliments from our customers about how well organized the sale was. Along with our friends from Etz Chayim, we can be very proud of our efforts.

I hope all our volunteers will join us for a Sisterhood Brunch on Sunday, December 2nd at 10 a.m. at B'nai Israel in appreciation for all your hard work. At that time, we will report how we did financially.

Hope to see you there.

Ellen Federman, Cong. B'nai Israel Rummage Sale Chair

The CBI office will be CLOSED on the following days:

Tuesday, December 25, 2018	Christmas Day
Tuesday, January 1, 2019	New Year's Day
Monday, January 21, 2019	MLK Day

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Yahrzeit Notices

If you are not currently receiving a yahrzeit notice for a friend or relative and would like one sent annually, please call the office. We will need the English date the person passed away.

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Miriam Beckerman	Greg Davis	Stuart Goldberg
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HONORARY TRUSTEES

Phyllis Diamond	Howard Rosenbaum
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23rd Annual GIVE •A• GIFT FOR KIDS



The Give-A-Gift program provides underprivileged Toledo kids with new gifts for the holidays.

The kids will be referred to the program by the following agencies:

- Jewish Family Service
- Lucas County Juvenile Court's CASA program

Each donor will be given the name and interests of a specific child which makes shopping not only easier but much more fun. We greatly appreciate all the community support for this program each year and hope to be able to count on you again this year. For more information call Wendy Payne at 419.885.3341.

**Hanukkah and all holiday gifts should be dropped off at
Temple Shomer Emunim, 6453 Sylvania Ave. by 6 p.m. on December 5**

With the support of Temple Shomer Emunim, Congregation B'nai Israel and Congregation Etz Chayim



CBI'S TOT SHABBAT PROGRAM

This service is designed for parents with children up to 5 years of age

Saturday, Dec. 1st, 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Kiddush lunch will follow. Let us know if you plan to attend.
Call the office at 419-517-8400 or email kbrody@cbitoledo.org

~ SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT TOT SHABBAT ~

Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Rummage Sale "Todah Rabah" Celebration Brunch

Sunday, Dec. 2nd, 10 a.m. at CBI

Sisterhood celebrates the success of our joint Cong. B'nai Israel & Etz Chayim Annual Rummage Sale. Please bring any special treasures that you have purchased at previous Rummage Sales to "Show & Tell". All Sisterhood members plus those who volunteered from both CBI and Etz Chayim are invited.

Contact Ann Rosenberg at 419.882.1410 or annrr@bex.net for more information.



2018-2019 CBI Jewish Film Series

"QB VII" - Part 2

c. 1974, A physician sues a novelist for publishing statements implicating the doctor in Nazi war crimes.

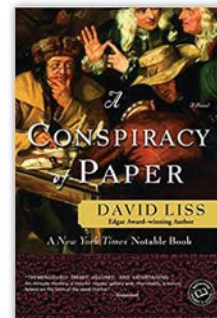
Stars: Ben Gazzara, Anthony Hopkins, Leslie Caron

Sunday, Jan. 13th, 2:30 p.m.
doors open at 2:00 p.m.

SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB Tuesday, Jan. 22nd, 10:30 a.m.

"A Conspiracy of Paper" by David Liss

An enthralling historical thriller set in 18th century England. Benjamin Weaver, a Jew and an ex-boxer, is an outsider, tracking down debtors and felons for aristocratic clients. He uncovers the beginnings of a new economic order based on stock speculation behind a web of deception and deceit.



Not in the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library; 21 copies in SearchOhio, 3 large print books SearchOhio, and 12 copies in OhioLink.

RSVP to Sharon Stein at sstein100@gmail.com

Jewish Lives, Jewish Learning - CBI Adult Education Series:

No Charge. All are Welcome.



"It's Fun to Research Your Roots" - Part 1 Sunday, Dec. 16th 10:30 a.m.

Cathy Sperling, will provide a hands-on workshop assisting you in first steps of Jewish Genealogy. You are encouraged to bring names, birth dates, death dates etc. of your immediate ancestors to the workshop.

Dates for Parts 2 & 3 of this workshop will be communicated soon.

"Jews & Money: The Stereotypes, the History, the Reality"

presented by
David Weinberg, PhD



**Sunday, Jan. 6th, 10:30 a.m.
in the CBI Library**

The following lecture has been **CANCELLED**:

"The First Jewish Wife's Lessons"
Sunday, Dec. 9th, 10:30 a.m.

Visit the CBI Gift Shop

Sundays 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
or by appointment

**The First Hanukkah Candle is lit
the Evening of Sun. Dec. 2, 2018**

"Hanukkah Shopping Days"

Sunday, Dec. 2 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 3 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The CBI Sisterhood gift shop is your "One Stop Shop" to purchase Judaica for your home or as a gift to yourself or someone special

- Shabbat Candles
- Candlesticks
- Kiddush cups,
- Challah Covers
- Challah Knives & Boards
- Havdallah Sets
- Jewelry Assortment
- Mezuzot & Scrolls
- Tallitot (Prayer Shawls)
- Women's & Men's Kippot
- Tzedakah Boxes
- Jewish Books
- Holiday Items
- Shofars
- Menorahs
- Kid's Holiday Items
- Jewish Books
- and much, much more!



To make an appointment, please cont
Roanne Katzman at 419.882.2111.

Thank you for supporting, not only our Sisterhood, but
Congregation B'nai Israel.



**In honor of
"Shabbat Shira"
The Sabbath of Song
and Jewish Music
Season**

Part I

**"Shabbat Shira Service"
Saturday, Jan. 19th at 9:30 a.m.**

Hazzan Ivor Lichterman will present an inspiring musical
program in words and music

Part II

**Jewish Lives, Jewish Learning
CBI Adult Education Series:**

"The Golden Age of Yiddish Music"

presented by
Hazzan Ivor Lichterman



**Sunday, Feb. 10th, 10:30 a.m.
in the CBI Library**

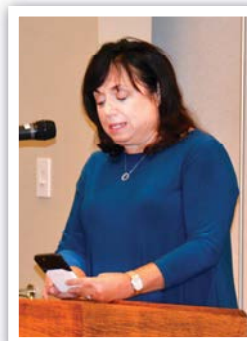
Adult Education Ethical Wills Workshop

On Sunday, October 7th, CBI hosted an Adult Education Ethical Will writing program and workshop facilitated by visiting rabbi, Rabbi Stephanie Aaron.

After a delicious brunch, CBI President, Buz Romanoff kicked off the program. Linda Beren followed Buz to the podium and shared beautiful and inspiring words from her father, the Honorable Judge David Katz z"l, and mother, Joan Katz z"l, to whom the program was dedicated. Rabbi Alan Sokobin introduced David Weinberg, who gave a brief review of the history of Ethical Wills in Judaism. Stephen Rothschild, trust and estate lawyer, presented a brief tutorial on what NOT to include in your ethical will, and Hazzan Lichterman gave a lovely introduction to long-time colleague and friend, Rabbi Stephanie Aaron.

Rabbi Aaron's step by step guidance allowed each participant to adapt the suggestions and create a framework for their own personal ethical will. Attendees were prompted to consider their own pivotal life experiences, quotes that were words of guidance helping them steer their life's outlook, and critical values that they wanted to impress upon their children and grandchildren. Rabbi Aaron asked many questions to the group and encouraged participation and sharing throughout the workshop. Those who shared their thoughts inspired the rest of the group.

The program was very well attended with over 60 participants. Attendees were given articles synthesizing the history of ethical wills as well as written examples for inspiration and emulation. At the conclusion, Rabbi Aaron encouraged everyone in attendance to return home and begin the very important and very personal process of creating an ethical will for his or her family.



CBI Women's Weekend

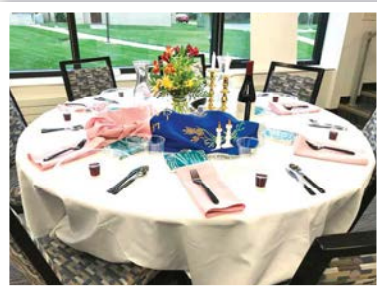
Engaging, inspiring, joyous, welcoming, warm, friendly, creative, spiritual... these are just some of the words that describe the first CBI Women's Weekend attended by 37 women of CBI. From the opening welcome of mimosas and massage, to the yoga, tai chi, and guided meditation sessions, the wonderful group of women who participated in the weekend getaway found the theme to be apt: "A Time to Recharge".

Activities during the weekend, which began on Friday afternoon at the Regina Spirituality & Retreat Center on the campus of Lourdes University, included a variety of creative workshops; challah baking, flower arranging, kippot & mezzuzah design, nature walks, book discussions, and an introduction to Jewish genealogy. The delicious Shabbat dinner and innovative Shabbat services filled the weekend with spirituality and ruach.

Julie Wohl, Author, Artist and Family Education Specialist at the Mack Center for Jewish Education in Baltimore, Maryland joined the CBI women at the retreat and was the featured special guest artist. She guided the participants in the creation of drawings inspired by the parsha "Lech Lecha" (the torah portion from that Shabbat) which she then collaged into a group art piece of the same name. This beautiful group art piece will soon be on display in our social hall.

A special thank you to all who volunteered their talents, all who attended, and Hazzan Lichterman. We also extend thanks to the CBI Board of Directors, and the Sisterhood Past Presidents Fund for supporting this outstanding weekend.

Some of the post-weekend comments from attendees included, "There was something special and meaningful for everyone", "It was a safe and comforting community environment", "There was a feeling of comradery, inclusion and acceptance", "...a spiritual experience", "Location was awesome, exceeded expectations", and "GREAT MEMORIES".



Notes from our Principal

Students at the David S. Stone Religious School had the opportunity to enjoy a visit from our new chaverim (friends) from Israel. We are fortunate to be a part of the pilot program "Israel at Our Doorstep". This program brings representatives from Israel to engage our students in building direct relationships with Israelis and Israel.

Our first visit was beyond our expectations. The teens learned about Israeli music and the messages behind the music, as well as Israeli culture. Our younger students learned about Israeli cities through an interactive powerpoint presentation. All of our students loved the visit.

We are looking forward to the next visit of our new Israeli chaverim when they join our religious school at the upcoming Hanukkah

Celebration & Brunch on Sunday, December 9th at 11:30 a.m. All CBI member families are welcome to this festive event. Please be sure to RSVP to the office by Monday, December 3rd.

In addition to a yummy Hanukkah menu at the brunch, there will be a homemade Hanukkah Menorah (Chanukiah) contest during the celebration with prizes! Families are encouraged to make a family Chanukiah at home to bring on December 9th for the contest.

Our annual Tu B'Shevat seder will be on Sunday, January 13th from 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. We are looking forward to this delicious event.

Kim Brody - Principal, David S. Stone Religious School

David S. Stone Religious School (RS) Calendar

December 2018

2	Sunday	RS 9:30 - 12:00 • 1st Candle: Evening of 12/2 • Chanukah 12/3-12/10
5	Wednesday	RS 4:30 - 6:00
9	Sunday	RS 9:30 - 12:00 • Chanukah Celebration Brunch 11:30 a.m. • 8th Candle: Evening of 12/9
12	Wednesday	RS 4:30 - 6:00
16	Sunday	RS 9:30 - 12:00
19	Wednesday	RS 4:30 - 6:00
23	Sunday	NO RS - Winter Break
26	Wednesday	NO RS - Winter Break
30	Sunday	NO RS - Winter Break

January 2019

2	Wednesday	NO RS - Winter Break
6	Sunday	RS 9:30 - 12:00
9	Wednesday	RS 4:30 - 6:00
13	Sunday	RS 9:30 - 12:00 • Tu B'Shevat Seder 11:00 - 12:00
16	Wednesday	RS 4:30 - 6:00
20	Sunday	NO RS - MLK Weekend
23	Wednesday	RS 4:30 - 6:00
27	Sunday	RS 9:30 - 12:00
30	Wednesday	RS 4:30 - 6:00

BITUSY & KADIMA • Grades 6 - 12

BITUSY Lounge Night

"Purim in December"
Wednesday, Dec. 5th
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

"Regular Lounge Night Fun"
Wednesday, Jan. 9th
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



All USY and Kadima
kids are encouraged
to attend!

Sledding Event
Sunday, Jan. 20th
Time TBD

USY International Convention
Orlando, Florida
Dec. 23rd - 27th



"Things Hashem Created" Art Projects



Our pre-school children use leaves, paint and their imaginations to create beautiful works of art.



Grade school students use tissue paper and the Star of David as a theme in their colorful art posters. They say "I am a star of Hashem".



Our friends from the "Israel at Our Doorstep" program engaged our religious school teens.



Our younger students learned about making challah.



Chloe Rothschild, volunteer from the "Gliding Stars" program shared her experiences as a participant and how much she has personally gained by being involved.



Our teen students enjoyed participating in a "Kahoot, Israeli Edition" game. Students answered questions about Israel via their smart phones amassing a point for each correct answer.

Hanukkah Family Celebration & Brunch



**Sunday,
Dec. 9th
11:30 a.m.**

No Charge.

Family Menorah Contest with PRIZES!

Get Ready, Get Set, Go! Families, put on your thinking caps and work together to create an original Hanukkah Menorah that's a work of art! Bring it to the Hanukkah Family Celebration & Brunch to be judged for PRIZES!

Please RSVP to the office by Monday, Dec. 3rd for the Brunch at 419.517.8400. For questions about the Menorah Contest contact Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org

Religious School Tu B'Shevat Seder

Sunday, Jan. 13th 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Celebrate the Season with a Seder of fruit, nuts and other Israeli produce to commemorate Tu B'Shevat.

All Welcome. No Charge.

To RSVP, please contact Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org.

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- Snow Shoveling
- Garage Cleanup
- Moving items to Attic or Basement
- Computer Help
- Silver Polishing
- *and much more!*

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December & January Yahrzeits

December

1	23 Kislev	Max Moss Moskowitz, Marian Oberlin, Sara Chabler, William Aronoff, Isadore Cousin, Myron Karp
2	24 Kislev	Max Romanoff, Bernice Bernstein
3	25 Kislev	Florence Kezur, Janet Romanoff, Shulamith Benstein, Goldie Adler, Fruma Simon
4	26 Kislev	Hilda Davis Siegle, William Aiduss, Stanley Oberlin, Jennie Williams
5	27 Kislev	H. Jack Rosenbaum, Violet Hamerman, Helen Greenberg, Daisy Spielberg, Kirsten Alexander, Bert Bateman
6	28 Kislev	Marjory Rusgo, Max Davis
7	29 Kislev	Rose Stark, Zila Tuchman Askenazi, Fred Fleischer, Ruth Markowicz
8	30 Kislev	Celia Cohen, Joseph Jacobs, Jean Judashko, Louis Sitzmann
9	1 Tevet	Samuel Albert, Sherwin Kripke, Barbara Ross, Manuel Shavin, Bess Sperling, Laurence Wexler
10	2 Tevet	Frances Penkower, Doris Davis
11	3 Tevet	Norm Blinn, Noel Romanoff, Alexander J. Conn, Alice Fishbein, Gertrude Weinstein
12	4 Tevet	Dorothy Seligman Unger, Nettie Steinman, Rabbi William Seligman, Philip H. Miller
13	5 Tevet	Sidney Kezur, Edith M. Rosenbaum, Jean Weiner Lacker, Florence C. Greenberg
14	6 Tevet	Bernard Shoched, Molly Harbor, Irma Sitzmann
15	7 Tevet	Leona Goldman, Dora Mostov, Harry Cousins, Kurt Odenheimer, William G. Diamond, Robert Mahler
16	8 Tevet	Meyer Straus, Reuben Kaplan, David Kaufman, Jeanne Leibovitz, Esther Schoichet
17	9 Tevet	Esther Toby Abramson
18	10 Tevet	Jack Richman, Betty Quiroga, Bessie Rosen, Evelyn Sandler
19	11 Tevet	Jonnard Greenberg
20	12 Tevet	Robert Siegel, Harry Rubins, Martin I. Krauss, Arthur G. Mintz, Yvette Levin, Viola Lewis, David Reinwald, Ilya Kapelyush, Harry Stupsker
21	13 Tevet	Gertrude Goldman, Frances Gometz, Ned Joel Sack, Mervin L. Goldstein
22	14 Tevet	Abraham Leibovitz, Aaron Willinger, Rita Malkin, Irving Sack, Ben Trattner, Herman Fishbein
23	15 Tevet	Sarah Phillips, Ann Lib Kozel, Carl Shiff, Morton Zaft
24	16 Tevet	Calvin Katz, Miriam Leizerman, Rudy Ertis, William Jacob Raeder
25	17 Tevet	Isidor Wiegler, Henry Lipson, Klaus Hess, Ruth Yuro, Cody Leslie Morse
26	18 Tevet	Bert Fox, Charles Alan Swolsky, Anita Beckerman, Ida Stein, Frances Rosenblum
27	19 Tevet	Rabbi Morton Goldberg, Helen Laks, Shirley Sanders, Jessie Meisel
28	20 Tevet	Cyrus Jaffee, Arthur Friedman, Herman Bookman, Honey Feingold, Sylbert Friedman, Fannie Teitlebaum, Alex Zimble, Bluma Goldberg
29	21 Tevet	Zelda Lasky, Dorothy Schroeder, Elaine Millman, Kayla Salzberg, Jill Green, Shirley Sattler
30	22 Tevet	Jacob Schuller, Gerald Stark, Belle R. Epstein, Estelle Freimer
31	23 Tevet	Rose Katzman, Betty Davis, Sylvia Zyndorf, Jerry Baron

January




1	24 Tevet	Lillian Sussman, David Greenbaum, Abraham Russell, Syma Fraidenaich, Michael Schwartzberg, Benjamin M. Green, Sadie Russell, Albert Kaminsky
2	25 Tevet	Nicholas Goldhammer, Jeannette Bauer, Harry Goldman, Marvin Hochberg, Israel Rosenblum, Esther Young, Dr. Samuel Korman, Moses Dorf, Ray Malkin
3	26 Tevet	Charlotte Rappaport, Alex Hoffman, Joseph Bloom, Anna Litwin
4	27 Tevet	Jennie Segall, Sam Burke, Leah Ginsberg Epstein, Dora Chester, Sylvia T. Fink, Leona Harris, Norman Shoffer
5	28 Tevet	Nathaniel T. Boss, Anna Schreiberman, Jen Newmark Meiland
6	29 Tevet	Welcha Elsa Nistel, Taube Greenblatt, Mamie Yuro, Rufus Rosenbloom
7	1 Shevat	Abraham Cohen, Robert Damrauer, Florence Schwartz, Nicholas Rubin, Abraham Palman, Sol Oster
8	2 Shevat	Joseph Fingerhut, Barbara Straus, Libbie Baron, Samuel Alloy, Herman Rappoport
9	3 Shevat	Anna Krawetz, Ethel Grossman, Howard Gerbie
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24	18 Shevat	Marie Odenheimer, James M. Levison, Charles Shapler, Sean David Schroeder
25	19 Shevat	Edith Rose Kramer, Hayim Leizerman, Elsie Berkowitz, Margaret Goldner, Rae Jacobs, Harry Yaffe, Bernard Saxon, Miriam Lubow, Theodore Torchin
26	20 Shevat	Lori Kremer Immergluck, Hettie Berenson, Rebecca Fishman, Morris Freimer, Margaret Jablonski, Bertha Treuhaf, Sam Stohl, Hyman Auslander, Belle Swartz
27	21 Shevat	Rose Swolsky, Freda Cohen, Marilyn Swartz, Mary Pintis
28	22 Shevat	Alexander Louis Kramer, Celia Polson, Miriam Leeper-Kende, Benjamin Braveman, Abraham Joseph Shall
29	23 Shevat	Evelyn Gayle Schall, Harry Levison, Ernest Damrauer, Mendel Tochtermann, Max Sack, Betty Katz
30	24 Shevat	Anna Cohen, Rose Levison, Alex Fishbein, Mary Rubin, Martin Alexander, Pauline Vetensky, Phil Hening
31	25 Shevat	Simon Karp, Celia Marcus, Julia Brookenthal, Maxwell Lampert, Sarah Neiberg, Alex Waldman, Harry Malkin

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December 2018

December 2018							January 2019						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 25	26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1 Parsha Vayeishev Tot Shabbat 5:51pm Shabbat Ends
2 9:30am Religious School 10:00am Sisterhood brunch	3 Hanukkah	4	5 4:30pm Religious School 6:15pm BITUSY Lounge Night	6 JSS Luncheon	7 4:46pm Light Candles	8 Parsha Mikeitz 5:50pm Shabbat Ends
9 9:30am Religious School 9:30am Adult Education 11:30am Hanukkah luncheon	10 Hanukkah (8th day)	11	12 4:30pm Religious School	13 6:45pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:30pm Board Meeting	14 4:47pm Light Candles	15 Parsha Vayigash Rosenbaum Kiddush 5:51pm Shabbat Ends
16 Adult Ed 9:30am Religious School	17	18 Fast of 10th Tevet	19 4:30pm Religious School	20	21 4:49pm Light Candles	22 JoAnn Day Kiddush Parsha Vayechi 5:54pm Shabbat Ends
23	24	25 USY International Convention Christmas Office closed	26	27	28 5:30pm Light Candles	29 Parsha Shemot 5:59pm Shabbat Ends
30	31	Jan 1, 19	2	3	4	5

January 2019

January 2019							February 2019						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 30	31	Jan 1, 19 New Year's Office closed	2	3	4 5:00pm Light Candles	5 Parsha Va'eira 6:04pm Shabbat Ends
6 Adult Education 9:30am Religious School	7	8	9 4:30pm Religious School 6:15pm Bltusy Lounge Night	10 6:45pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:30pm Board Meeting	11 5:07pm Light Candles	12 Parsha Bo 6:11pm Shabbat Ends
13 Tu BeShevat seder 9:30am Religious School 2:30pm Movie	14	15	16 4:30pm Religious School	17	18 5:15pm Light Candles	19 Parsha Beshalach Shabbat Shira 6:19pm Shabbat Ends
20 BITUSY Sledding	21 ML King Day Office closed Tu BeShevat	22 Sisterhood Book Club	23 4:30pm Religious School	24	25 5:23pm Light Candles	26 Parsha Yitro 6:27pm Shabbat Ends
27 9:30am Religious School	28	29	30 4:30pm Religious School	31	Feb 1	2

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Sunday, Dec. 2 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 3rd 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Daily Services Schedule

Mon.-Friday 7:00 a.m., 5:45 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

*Sunday Minyan 9:30 a.m.

*When Religious School is in Session

HANUKKAH begins Sunday Evening, December 2, 2018

1st candle: Dec. 2nd, 8th candle: Dec. 9th

KINDLING THE HANUKKAH LIGHTS:

- The candles in your Menorah should be placed in a straight row, since no day of Hanukkah is superior to another. Only the Shammes, used to kindle the others, should stand higher than the others or separate. The Hanukkah lights should be kindled after dark (except on Friday night).
- This is the proper way to kindle the lights: On the first night place one candle in the Menorah at the extreme right. On the other seven nights, place the candles from right to left, adding one each night. Light the Shammes. With it light the candle on the left first.
- On Shabbat Hanukkah, the Hanukkah lights are kindled before the Shabbat candles. It is customary to use extra-long Hanukkah candles, since the fulfillment of the mitzvah requires that the Hanukkah lights burn for at least one half hour after dark.
- Before lighting the candles, each night two brachot (blessings) are recited, except for the first night when the following three brachot are recited.

On all nights light the Shammes and recite:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם אשר קדשנו במצותיו וצונו להדליק נר של חנוכה: (אמן)

Barukh attah adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neyr shel hanukkah.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has sanctified us by Thy commandments, and commanded us to kindle the lights of Hanukkah.

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שעשה נסים לאבותינו בימים ההם בזמן הזה: (אמן)

Barukh attah adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, sheh-asah nissim la-avoteinu ba-yamim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has performed miracles for our fathers in days of old, at this season.

The following blessing is added and recited on the first evening only:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שהחיינו וקימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה: (אמן)

Barukh attah adonai, eloheinu melekh ha-olam, she-he-che-yanu, v'ki-y'-manu, v'hi-gi-anu, la-z' man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has kept us in life, and sustained us, and enabled us to reach this season.



*May your
home be
filled with
love & light
making
each day
bright!*