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PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE

Hanukkah Candle Lighting Ceremony Zoom Service

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020
5:45 PM

From our own homes, we will light the first candle together
ushering in the start of Hanukkah 5781/2020.

*A Zoom link and passcode will be sent before the
scheduled service time.*

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Two Luminaries of Jewish Life

In the past month the Jewish world has lost two heroes, two of my personal mentors - Rabbi Dr. Lord Jonathan Sacks and Cantor Moshe Taube. Included here are two respective edited obituaries that I believe encapsulate their contributions to the world. I share them with you out of profound respect and admiration for them. On my desk lies Rabbi Sacks's book *From Optimism to Hope*, which I refer to often for inspiration, as well as scouring the internet to hear his words of wisdom. Similarly, I voraciously absorb recordings of Hazzan Taube whom I have had the privilege to hear many times in person. He has helped keep me focused on what (I consider) is the authentic sound of a Hazzan, hearkening back to early Jewish musical roots.



RABBI SACKS, the former chief rabbi of the UK, died of cancer aged 72 on November 7, 2020. He was a much admired figure in both the Jewish and non-Jewish world. Sacks won high praise and was generally acknowledged as one of the most brilliant intellects of his generation. He was particularly lauded for his ability to explain Jewish philosophy to the wider community, which he did with great frequency on BBC Radio.

A bus tour of the US in 1967, when he was just 19, enabled him to meet many leading religious figures, including Menachem Mendel Schneerson. Sacks ditched his plans to become an accountant, and decided to become a rabbi instead. At Cambridge, he met his wife-to-be, Elaine Taylor, who was training to be a hospital radiographer. The couple, who went on to have three children, married when he was 22 and she 21, in 1970, enabling them to mark their golden wedding this year.

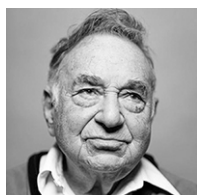
Sacks' rise was rapid. He received his rabbinical ordination in 1976 at Jews' College, where he later taught and served as principal (1984-90). He served as rabbi of Marble Arch Synagogue in central London from 1983 to 1990, which brought him into contact with many of the leading philanthropists of Jewry, cementing lifelong friendships. Throughout this time, Sacks, who wrote more than 20 books on Judaism, kept up his academic life, lecturing in moral philosophy at Middlesex Polytechnic, and as a visiting professor at Essex University.

By 1990 it seemed clear that there was no better candidate to succeed Jakobovits as chief rabbi than Sacks. He was a compelling orator who spoke beautiful, declarative English, and he had – as well as a classical British education – a warm and lively approach to the complexity of being a diaspora Jew. He and the newly-designated archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, became good friends through a mutual passion for Arsenal football club.

His assumption of the role of chief rabbi was greeted with something like rock-star rapture. Sacks published a book, *The Dignity of Difference*, whose central message was that each religious community had parity in its attempt to find God. He had written: "God has spoken to mankind in many languages: through Judaism to Jews, Christianity to Christians, Islam to Muslims ... No one creed has a monopoly on spiritual truth; no one civilization encompasses all the spiritual, ethical and artistic expressions of mankind ... In heaven there is truth; on earth there are truths ... God is greater than religion. He is only partially comprehended by any faith."

Knighted in 2005 and made a life peer in 2009, Sacks became a "must-hear" guest around the world as he spoke to many communities, as often in Hebrew as in English. He won many awards and distinctions, including the interfaith Templeton prize in 2016; and his translations of religious books became standard works in many homes. As a world-renowned scholar, he became professor of Jewish thought at Yeshiva University, New York, in 2013. For much of his life Sacks was both an outspoken and trenchant defender of Israel, and a fierce opponent of antisemitism. He made frequent radio and TV appearances, and used his place in the House of Lords to denounce the Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn.

He is survived by Elaine, their children, Joshua, Dina and Gila, and three brothers.



CANTOR MOSHE TAUBE, who survived the Holocaust on the renowned Schindler's List and went on to become one of the great Jewish cantors of his generation, his powerful tenor voice a living link to the soaring, emotive cantorial style of his native Krakow and prewar Eastern European Judaism — died on November 11, 2020.

The Squirrel Hill, Pennsylvania resident was cantor for more than four decades at Congregation Beth Shalom, and in retirement he continued to lead worship at other synagogues. Into his 90s, he regularly continued to offer heart-piercing songs of lament at community Holocaust remembrance services.



The Snail, the Emperor, Tallitot and the Power of Purple & Blue

The title of this article reads like a divine answer from the great "Carnac the Magnificent" on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson or an odd children's book. I assure you neither is the case. This story unfolds in the Late Bronze Age (circa 1600 – 1200 B.C.) at a site called Tel Shikmona, not far from the port city of Haifa in Israel on the Mediterranean coast. It is a thoroughly unimpressive locale with a rocky, shallow coastline and no harbor. Farming and trade would have been difficult in such a place.

Excavations of the site began in the 1960's. Initially thought to be a residential Israelite city, artifacts and documents found there have recently been reexamined. Items were found to be more consistent with an industrial site focused on the dye industry, especially between the tenth and sixth centuries B.C. The site was not found to be exclusively Israelite but rather shifted during power struggles with cultures including the Phoenicians and the Neo-Assyrian Empire.

So what's the big deal about dye? Dye was a highly desirable commodity and controlling the site would have meant economic and political power. Shades of purple and blue were uncommon in the clothing, jewelry and art of the ancient world. Blue was incredibly rare. Some aspects of the dye-making process remain unknown. It involved breaking open sea snail shells (3 species were used), removing a gland and harvesting the clear fluid inside. Processing the fluid took several days until it could be utilized as a dye. It takes thousands of snails to produce just a small amount of the murex dye. Part of what made murex dye so valuable is that its color remains brilliant. 2,000-year-old pieces of murex-dyed wool found in caves near the Dead Sea are still vibrant today.

As the dye became more widely available, various Roman rulers, starting with Julius Caesar (circa 46 - 44 B.C.), attempted to maintain its exclusive status by restricting its use to society's elite. Emperor Nero (circa 54 - 68 A.D.) is known to have fined those who wore certain shades of murex-based purple clothing without permission or who sold it to commoners. The industry was tightly controlled by the Roman Empire's government.

In ancient times, the tallit would have two kinds of threads attached to the corners, white wool and blue wool. The blue wool, known as tekhelet, was the hallmark of nobility, and in line with the tallit's purpose of reminding Jewish people that they are a member of God's kingdom of priests. It was attached to the tzitzit. The murex snail has been identified as a possible source for that blue dye. Baruch Stermen is a physicist and cofounder of Ptil Tekhelet ("A Blue Thread"), an Israeli organization that studies and produces murex dye for modern Jewish religious garments.

By the seventh century A.D., Tel Shikmona had been abandoned. Cheaper dye alternatives were insect- and plant-based. The dye finally disappeared in the fifteenth century, when its last major consumer, the Roman Catholic church, switched to those cheaper options to produce its clerical vestments.

Sometimes from the smallest of things come the greatest symbols of strength and power.

Dr. Corey Russell, President

"He was a very special man. He had a very challenging and interesting life," said one of his daughters, Nina Taube, of Israel. Even into his 90s he was "walking every day, still going to services, still leading services." He recorded solo and chorus pieces and composed many works that have been widely used in worship. "I never forget that I am the standard-bearer of a rich, undying Jewish musical heritage," he once told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Rabbi Seth Adelson of Beth Shalom, said Rev. Taube's reputation in the field is legendary. "He was one of the last of the great cantors," he said. "He wrote fantastic music for the synagogue and was much loved by the cantorate."

Rev. Taube was also one of Pittsburgh's most prominent witnesses to the Holocaust. His mother and sister, as well as many in his extended

family, perished in the Holocaust. His father, Emanuel, arranged for the teenage Moshe and himself to work at one of the munitions factories where industrialist Oskar Schindler and his wife, Emilie, saved more than a thousand Jewish lives by putting them to work, diverting them from the Nazi death camps.

Rev. Taube greeted Emilie Schindler a half-century later at a banquet in her honor in Pittsburgh, where he sang in tribute to her. As recently as 2019, he participated in the annual local Yom HaShoah service chanting deeply felt hymns of remembrance. "He was a giant in the community," said Lauren Bairnsfather, director of the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh. "It's a huge loss." When Holocaust survivors tell their stories at schools, students always want to know, "Do you still believe in God?" Ms. Bairnsfather added. "Cantor Taube's life answers that question."

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Daily Services on Zoom Monday - Friday at 5:45 PM

*A link will be emailed at the beginning of the week
or before the service begins.*

How to access CBI Zoom Services

Check your email for the Zoom link and password for CBI Zoom services. Click on the link in the body of the email. If you have never used Zoom, you will be prompted to follow steps to download it on your computer. After that is successful, click on the link provided in the email, type in the provided password and you will be connected to the Zoom service.



LIVE
STREAMING

Live Stream Services
***Saturday, Shabbat Morning**
and Holidays
at 10:00 AM

**Shabbat Morning Services may be on Zoom instead of Live Stream. Please watch your email for specific information on the format of the services from week to week.*

How to access CBI Live Stream Services

On your **Computer, Tablet or Cell Phone:**

Go to the CBI website, cbitoledo.org. At the top of the home page click on the "Live Stream" tab. When the page opens, you will be connected to the live stream service.

On your **Television:**

You can also access the live stream services through your television if you have a "smart" TV, Roku or streaming stick which gives you access to YouTube. Click on the YouTube icon on your TV. When YouTube opens, search for "Congregation B'nai Israel - Sylvania, Ohio". Note: A number of different "Congregation B'nai Israel" listings will appear. Be sure to click on the listing that has the photo with Jewish star (see photo above). We recommend that you "subscribe" to the channel so you can easily locate the live stream for future services. We also highly recommend connecting to the live stream services on your TV as it is the most immersive and closest experience, short of being in the synagogue.

JFS OFFERS FUNDING ASSISTANCE

Jewish Family Service has funding assistance available that may provide financial help for families' or individual's emergency needs. Please contact Lee at lee@jewishtoledo.org or 419.885.2561.

ARE YOU RECEIVING CBI NOTIFICATIONS?

CBI sends out email updates and important information throughout the week.

If you are not receiving emails from CBI, please contact the office as soon as possible by calling 419.517.8400 or email Rhoda Miller at rmiller@cbitoledo.org.

December Special Birthdays

Rachel Chernow	December 7
Elana Lauber	December 8
Paul Goldner	December 12
Ina Tuschman	December 23
Holley LaPlante	December 30
Stuart S. Brody	December 30

December Special Anniversaries

Angela & Elijah Bowden	December 2	15
Mindy & Ruslan Slutsky	December 9	20
 Carol & Bill Richman	December 19	50
 Joan & Larry Kripke	December 26	55

5780 Kol Nidre Appeal Donors

October 20, 2020 - November 15, 2020

Anne & Jeff Bauer	Steve Moskowitz
Harriet & Marty Davis	Leslie & Michael Podolsky
Jo Jo Fruchtmann	Hedva & Buz Romanoff
Luann & Bill Garber	Sheila & Scott Rothstein
Harriet Lacker	

New Members

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Harriet Lacker Adam Levine
Shelby Wineland & Evan Oppenheim

Mazal Tov

• Denise Greenblatt was chosen as the 2020 CASA Courage Awards, LCCS Caseworker of the Year. CASA of Lucas County, Ohio (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is an organization that advocates for abused and neglected children in the juvenile court system.

Condolences

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF

MIRIAM DORF BRICKMAN
Sister of Michael (Sarna) Dorf.

JERRY BAME
Brother of Sue (Norty) Kale.

May the families be comforted amongst all who mourn in Zion.

HANUKKAH BEGINS ON THE EVENING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2020

Hanukkah candles, gelt, and menorahs are available for purchase. Call 419.517.8400 to make arrangements for payment and pick-up.

To make an appointment to see the full Hanukkah gift assortment, please contact the office.



SIMCHA TREE

The following leaf has recently been added to the Congregation B'nai Israel Simcha Tree:



IN HONOR OF THE BAR MITZVAH OF
CALEB ISAAC SMITH
NOVEMBER 7, 2020

Gift of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class of 2020-2021

SIMCHA TREE

The following stone has recently been added to the Congregation B'nai Israel Simcha Tree:



IN HONOR OF THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF
LINDA & JOEL BEREN
NOVEMBER 30, 2020

From Your Loving Parents, Nancy & Gary Beren

Donating Religious Objects to CBI

We realize during this time that many congregants are cleaning out their homes. Please be aware that it is permissible to throw away old kippot. We would be glad to receive your old prayer books, tallitot or other religious objects for burial or disposal. We will also accept beautiful ceremonial religious objects such as kiddush cups, mezuzahs, candle sticks, havdallah sets, etc. Please call the office at 419.517.8400 before dropping off items.

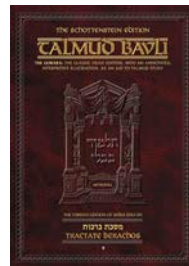


CBI Library News

Following are three books from the *Moment Magazine* recommended list of "5 Must-Read Books to be an Educated Jew" as chosen by a variety of notable Jews who shared their own "5 must-read books". One copy of these books are currently available in the CBI Library.

To access our catalog of books, go to: <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/BnaisraelSylvania>. You can look at our titles by tag (category), title and/or author. If you'd like to borrow a book, contact Cathy Sperling at sperlingcathy@gmail.com.

Remember, you can earmark contributions to the Library Fund!



The Babylonian Talmud

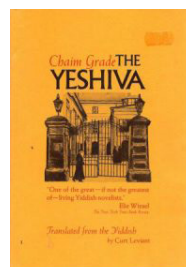
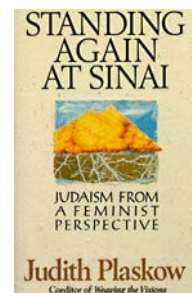
If I were alone on a desert island and had just one single work of the Jewish mind and soul to take with me, it would be the Babylonian Talmud. Judaism as we know it is utterly unthinkable without the Talmud. The older I get, the more I appreciate it, admire it—and actually love it. For those unable to follow it in its original (almost everyone), we now have the Artscroll version with its translation and commentary. I increasingly define Judaism as a running conversation about the human condition. The very form of Talmudic argumentation within the text, and then across generations via marginal commentary, epitomizes the Jewish conversation at its best.

~ Lawrence A. Hoffman

Standing Again At Sinai by Judith Plaskow

This book was first written in 1923 and translated 14 years later. It has always been relevant. What's meaningful to me is the way that Martin Buber treats Judaism not as a set of fixed rules or even beliefs, but as a dialogue, an ongoing set of relationships. I first encountered I and Thou in my mid-20s, and I began to formulate an idea of poetry itself as a kind of relationship. Buber gave me a roadmap for my idea of poetry itself as an encounter between strangers, between two people who are not physically present to each other. It establishes a relationship between a poet, a poem and a reader.

~ Edward Hirsch



The Yeshiva by Chaim Grade, translated from Yiddish by Curt Leviant

The greatest Jewish novel of all time, it stands on a par with the novels of Dostoevsky and, at moments, even those of Tolstoy. A graduate of Lithuanian yeshiva, Grade self-consciously set out to tell the story of the Mussar movement, a radical, experimental combination of ethical introspection, self-criticism and public self-abnegation. Along the way, he provides a rich and detailed fictionalized portrait of Rabbi Avraham Yeshaya Karelitz, known as the Chazon Ish, who would eventually become the giant of post-World War II Israeli haredi Judaism. To read it is to enter the lost world of pre-Holocaust European Jewry, where conflict, mobility and confusion were far deeper than we usually imagine.

~ Noah Feldman



WOMEN OF CBI CELEBRATE Rosh Chodesh Tevet & Hanukkah

Join us on Zoom as we celebrate with games and crafts. Share your favorite menorah or dreidel virtually with the group.

**Wednesday, December 16, 2020
11:00 AM via Zoom**

A Zoom link and passcode will be emailed before the scheduled meeting time.

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

Please RSVP to Miriam Beckerman at mesb@bex.net by Thursday, December 10, 2020. The cost for this program is \$5.00. Please make your check out to "Women of CBI" and mail to:

Nancy Goldberg, 4236 Appomattox Drive, Sylvania, OH 43560.

The Tikkun Olam project for this program will be helping the residents of Pelham Manor celebrate Hanukkah.

The Women of CBI Give Back to our Community



Dottie Segur, Executive Director of Sylvania Area Family Services, on behalf of the agency, accepts a \$300.00 contribution from the Women of CBI Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan Tikkun Olam project.

Pictured from left to right: Miriam Beckerman, Judy Weinberg, Sandy Traugott, Dottie Segur and Cathy Sperling.

SAVE THE DATE:

The Book Clubs of WCBI & the Sisterhoods of Congregation Etz Chayim & Temple Shomer Emunim "UN-Book Club" present

"The Art & Meaning of Quilting in American Society"

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:00 PM on Zoom

Discussion Leader, Andrea Delman

Following the discussion, anyone who has created a quilt or has a quilt that has a special meaning is invited to share their story.

To register, please contact Elsa Leveton in the Etz Chayim office, 419.473.2401 or email elsa@etzchayim.org by Friday, January 15, 2021

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

A Zoom link and passcode will be emailed to registered participants about one week before the program.

SAVE THE DATE:

Jewish Lives, Jewish Learning: CBI Adult Education Series

Exciting Programming Coming Soon!

New Adult Education Series programs on a wide variety of interesting topics are in the process of being developed. Please watch your email and future CBI bulletins for updates and details.



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Religious School & Youth Activities

Notes from our Principal

Classes on Zoom are going well this year. The students have adjusted to the format we implemented during these difficult times.

The highlight of our virtual learning platform is the opportunities that we were able to create with special programming. The Israel link program has exceeded our expectations, bringing our students together with other teens from Cincinnati and Israel. We have been striving to participate in programs for our students to get to know Israeli teens and have a deeper connection to Israel. The Israel Link program facilitated by Matt Rissien in Chicago, was definitely interesting and meaningful to our students.

Our younger classes are learning about Jewish history through a creative color-in timeline scroll they each have at home. All of the younger students are also learning about Jewish holidays and values through interactive Zoom classes, ie. Zoom Chanukah scavenger hunt.

We are looking forward to a collaborative Chanukah program on December 6th with our friends from Shomer Emunim and Yoni (from Israel At Our Doorstep). Since Yoni was unable to come visit us in person this year, as he did last year, we are doing an exciting Chanukah program with him and his friends via Zoom.

Kim Brody - Principal, David S. Stone Religious School

David S. Stone Religious School Calendar: Dec. 2020 - Jan. 2021

DECEMBER

2	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM Chabad House or Zoom
6	Sunday	RS (K-3) 9:30-10:00 AM Zoom (4-10) 10:15-11:00 AM Yoni from Israel "Partnership Hanukkah"
9	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM Chabad House or Zoom
13	Sunday	RS (All Grades) 9:30-10:10 AM Zoom
16	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM Chabad House or Zoom
20	Sunday	NO RS - WINTER BREAK
23	Wednesday	NO RS - WINTER BREAK
27	Sunday	NO RS - WINTER BREAK
30	Wednesday	NO RS - WINTER BREAK

JANUARY

3	Sunday	NO RS - WINTER BREAK
6	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM Chabad House or Zoom
10	Sunday	RS (All Grades) 9:30-10:10 AM Zoom
13	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM Chabad House or Zoom
17	Sunday	NO RS - MLK WEEKEND
20	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM Chabad House or Zoom
24	Sunday	RS (All Grades) 9:30-10:10 AM Zoom
27	Wednesday	RS 4:15-5:45 PM Chabad House or Zoom
31	Sunday	RS (All Grades) 9:30-10:10 AM Zoom



David S. Stone Religious School, Shomer Emunim, & Partnership2Gether Western Galilee join our Israeli friend Yoni for

"Partnership Hanukkah" via Zoom

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Grades K-3, 9:30-10:00 AM

Grades 4-10, 10:15-11:00 AM

Yoni from Israel, CBI students and children from Temple Shomer Emunim will play games virtually and learn about the difference between the meanings of the letters on a dreidel in America and Israel.

Our older students and participants from Partnership2Gether Western Galilee will participate in a "Kahoot" and create virtual Hanukkah cards for Lone Soldiers. Lone Soldiers are Americans who are serving in the Israeli Army.

The David S. Stone Religious School continues at NO COST to Families

We are happy to continue offering tuition-free religious education to all students of the David S. Stone Religious School.

This is made possible through the generosity of an anonymous donor who has established a fund at the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation to provide tuition to Congregation B'nai Israel and Congregation Etz Chayim students.

BITUSY & KADIMA • Grades 6 - 12



Hanukkah Lounge Night via Zoom

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

A link and passcode will be emailed before the scheduled meeting time.

USY DECEMBER SCHEDULE

CRUSY Night via Zoom	December 3, 2020
International Convention	December 27-30, 2020

Contributions

CONTRIBUTION LEVELS:

Minimum Contribution	\$10.00
* denotes B'nai Mitzvah	\$13.00
** denotes Chai	\$18.00
*** denotes Silver	\$25.00
**** denotes Double Chai	\$36.00
Gold Contribution	\$50.00
Platinum Contribution	\$100.00
Platinum Chai Contribution	\$180.00
Sapphire Contribution	\$250.00
Ruby Contribution	\$500.00
Emerald Contribution	\$750.00
Diamond Contribution	\$1000.00+
Memorial Plaque	\$500.00
Shabbat Prayer Book	\$65.00
Etz Hayim Bible	\$100.00
Tree of Life Leaf	\$100.00
Tree of Life Stone	\$1000.00

All contributions listed were made on or before November 16, 2020

Building Beautification Fund

IN MEMORY OF:

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- GOLD -
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Religious School Fund

IN HONOR OF:

Sharon & Chuck Schwartz, Special Anniversary
Gail & Lee Kwait**

Religious School Fund (cont.)

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YAHREIT:
Mort Zaft, Beloved Father
Caren Zaft****

Safety & Security Fund

IN HONOR OF:

Linda & Joel Beren, Special Anniversary
Irina & Greg Zaurov
Jan & Tom Kasle**

IN APPRECIATION:

- PLATINUM -

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Amy Garber

IN MEMORY OF:

Eileen Manoff Barbara & Bud McGrew*
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YAHREIT:

Benjamin Berkman Rene' & Rich Rusgo & Family*
Helen Cohen, Beloved Mother & Grandmother
Sandy, Chuck, Jay & Kari
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Summer Youth & Activities Fund

YAHREIT:

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IN HONOR OF:

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Two Luminaries of Jewish Life

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His parents were music lovers whose home was filled with the sounds of opera and folk tunes. By age eight, he was studying piano and singing in the choir of a legendary cantor, Yossele Mandelbaum. Rev. Taube always carried the memory of the great sobs his singing elicited from the congregation. It was that tradition that Rev. Taube carried on. Music "became a part of me even as a child," he told the Post-Gazette in 2017. He hoped to become like his mentor.

"I couldn't sing because of the atrocities that happened. Singing is an expression of fulfillment, happiness, of worship. I did worship, but not with singing." His father managed to get the two of them on Schindler's workforce in a munitions factory in Brunnitz until the end of the war. While avoiding the death camps, the workers were "mortally starved" and eating grass to survive. Rev. Taube later recalled, remaining grateful to the Soviet soldiers who liberated Brunnitz and shared their bread. "Bread was lifesaving, more than gold," he said.

Later in 1945, he went to live with a surviving relative in Romania. One day, someone was playing a gramophone. Long deprived of hearing any classical music, he was literally brought to his knees, listening so intently to the flowing, pastoral strains of the Intermezzo from the opera "Cavalleria Rusticana" by Pietro Mascagni. "It drew me to such a point, people were looking at me," he later recalled. And he recovered his voice. "My voice was singing out of me without my even wanting," he said. "I felt an urge to sing." And that urge never stopped.

He migrated to British-ruled Palestine. In the early years of the state of Israel, once people began to hear his powerful tenor voice, he was recruited regularly to chant at synagogues. In 1957, he came to America to further his music education at The Juilliard School in New York City. After several years as a cantor in New York, he accepted an offer from Congregation Beth Shalom in Squirrel Hill in 1965, where he settled. He kept his voice in remarkably strong shape, putting himself through daily vocal exercises at his upright piano. "If you don't use it, you lose it," he

Yahrzeit Notices...

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CBI Yiddish Lessons:

Do you remember these?

"Tokhis oyfn tish" - means "put up, or shut up."

"Pupik" - means belly button.

"Baleboste" - refers to a good homemaker, a woman who is in charge of her home and will make sure you remember it.

"Kvetsh" - In popular English, kvetch means "complain, whine or fret," but in Yiddish, it literally means "to press or squeeze," like a wrong-sized shoe.

said. And he continued regularly to attend classical performances at the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and others. "Music is life!" he said.

He never stopped reading about the Holocaust, how a nation could "descend into the hell of hatred." People put "blind faith in a maniac," he said, and "deprived my family of the right to live." But he never wavered in his religious devotion. "I had abiding faith that whatever God has decreed this was the destiny that we couldn't change," he told the Post-Gazette in 2017. "And we might not understand his ways and his thoughts because we are humans. So therefore I cannot ask God to be human and say, 'What did you do?' He is above humanity. He is the creator of humanity. There are some things we as humans cannot understand because our understanding is limited."

Rev. Taube had pre-arranged to be buried in Israel. "It meant a lot to my father to be buried in Jerusalem," Nina Taube said.

I offer these tributes to two of the greatest Rabbinic/Cantorial luminaries of contemporary Jewish life, in the spirit of Hanukkah, the season of light. Recently for our Selichot program at CBI we aired Rabbi Sacks's brilliant retirement sermon which those who were present will recall.

The last time I heard Cantor Taube live was at a Cantor's Assembly convention in 2008 at which he led the evening Maariv service. Then 81 years old, his voice was as magnificent as someone 30 years younger, his interpretation so spectacular that my eyes welled up with tears. When the service ended we lifted him high on our shoulders and danced him around the convention hall toasting and singing in joyous celebration of one of the great Cantors of our time.

Their contributions will live on forever. Y'hay zichram baruch - may their memories be a blessing!

Hazzan Ivor Lichterman

1	Kislev 15	Frederic Flox, Rabbi Alexander Shapiro, Louis Seligman, Marshall Shapiro, Sheldon Rubin, Max Schaefer, Samuel Kezur, Lillian Buff
2	Kislev 16	Robert Day, Rosalind Blumberg, Homer Schroeder, Isadore Marenberg, Hilda Parnes, Sylvia Weisman
3	Kislev 17	Elias Wajskol
4	Kislev 18	Marvin Abraham, Albert Drube, Ben Weisman, Sara Bilchik, Joseph Brookenthal
5	Kislev 19	Gertrude Siegel Shane, Jazdia Greenbaum, Robert Price, Anne Davis
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12	Kislev 26	Stanley Oberlin, Jennie Williams, Hilda Davis Siegle, William Aiduss
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28	Tevet 13	Ned Joel Sack, Mervin L. Goldstein, Gertrude Goldman, Frances Gometz
29	Tevet 14	Aaron Willinger, Rita Malkin, Ben Trattner, Irving Sack, Abraham Leibovitz, Herman Fishbein
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6 9:30-10:00 AM (K-3) 10:15-11:00 AM (4-10) Religious School via Zoom "Partnership Chanukah" with Yoni & Shomer Emunim	7 9:00 AM Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	2 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM Religious School at Chabad or Zoom 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	3 9:00 AM Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service CRUSY Night via Zoom	4 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:46 PM Light Candles	5 *10:00 AM Live Stream or Zoom Shabbat Morning Service Parsha Vayishlach 5:50 PM Shabbat Ends
13 HANUKKAH - 4th Candle 9:30-10:30 AM (All Grades) Religious School via Zoom	14 HANUKKAH - 5th Candle 9:00 AM Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	9 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM Religious School at Chabad or Zoom 6:30 - 7:30 PM BITUSY Hanukkah Lounge Night 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	10 HANUKKAH - 1st Candle 9:00 AM Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom CBI Hanukkah Candle Lighting & Minyan 6:45 PM Exec. Committee Mtg. 7:30 PM Board Meeting	11 HANUKKAH - 2nd Candle 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:48 PM Light Candles	12 HANUKKAH - 3rd Candle *10:00 AM Live Stream or Zoom Shabbat Morning Service Parsha Vayeishev 5:51 PM Shabbat Ends
20 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Winter Break	21 9:00 AM Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	16 HANUKKAH - 7th Candle 11:00 AM Zoom WCBI Rosh Chodesh Program 4:15 PM - 5:45 PM Religious School 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	17 HANUKKAH - 8th Candle 9:00 AM Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	18 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:52 PM Light Candles	19 *10:00 AM Live Stream or Zoom Shabbat Morning Service Parsha Mikeitz 5:53 PM Shabbat Ends
27 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Winter Break USY International Convention	28 9:00 AM Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service USY International Convention	23 NO RELIGIOUS SCHOOL: Winter Break 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	24 9:00 AM Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	25 CBI OFFICE CLOSED 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:57 PM Light Candles	26 *10:00 AM Live Stream or Zoom Shabbat Morning Service Parsha Vayigash 5:57 PM Shabbat Ends
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HANUKKAH begins Thursday Evening, December 10, 2020

1st candle: Dec. 10, 2020, 8th candle: Dec. 17, 2020

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 or whenever candles are lit for the first time:

ברוך אתה יי אלהינו מלך העולם שהחיינו וקיימנו 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.

Happy Hanukkah

*May your home be filled
with joy and health,
love and light,
making each day
bright!*

