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153 Years of
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February 2020 : Shevat/Adar 5780

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

David S. Stone Religious School Consecration Ceremony

Sunday, February 9, 2020 10:30 a.m., Katz Sanctuary

2019- 2020 CONSECRATION CLASS

Ruby Bringman

daughter of Betsy & Dane Bringman

Sophia Chernow

daughter of Rachel & David Chernow

Shoshana Feldman

daughter of Tobi Kipling & Steve Feldman

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son of Ellen Hively

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daughter of Kim Strole & Patrick Kramer

Caleb Kufel-Leizerman

son of Jessica Leizerman Leigh

Tair Miller

daughter of Rebecca Keys & Yonatan Miller

Samuel Smith

son of Michelle & Steve Smith

Jewish Lives, Jewish Learning: CBI Adult Education Series

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE WELCOME
OUR SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE:



Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Beth Israel of
Ann Arbor, Michigan and author of "The
Long Way Around, Stories and Sermons
from a Life's Journey".

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Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m., 5:45 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
(when Religious School is in session)



'We Will Never Be Replaced'

On Shabbat February 8th when we read the Torah portion B'shalach, synagogues around the world as well as CBI will celebrate what is known as **Shabbat Shira - the Sabbath of Song**. This name is derived from the assigned Torah reading - Shirat Hayam, the Song of the Sea (Exodus Chapter 15) which the Children of Israel sang when they crossed the Sea to safety having escaped from hundreds of years of Egyptian slavery. It is in the spirit of the Sabbath of Song that I offer the following thoughts.

Have you ever visited my office at CBI? Those who have not, please come over as there is much I believe you will find to be of interest and I would enjoy sharing with you. I don't think it is the usual boring place offices are often thought to be. Those who have visited might recall that besides overflowing shelves of books, sheet music and files, there are over 1000 vinyl LP records, cassettes, CDs, videos, DVDs etc. When I left Arizona almost a decade ago, I disposed of much of my collection, as it was too expensive to move, and storage was a burden. But much of the collection is treasured, rare, irreplaceable, and not digitally available. Some items are from my late father's collection and I just could not bring myself to part with them.

For many, particularly the young, the digital, cyber and cloud ages have solved some of the above mentioned as well as numerous other issues. But, as always, the constant advancement of technology brings with it backlashes and new challenges. Examples are rapid obsolescence, and some music aficionados have returned to vinyl LPs, as that technology is believed to produce a richer, warmer, studio ambience, whereas digital music is considered thin and tinny.

Nevertheless, technological innovation is revolutionizing music. At the TechnoArt conference that took place recently in Tel Aviv, Francois Pachet, director of the digital media service Spotify's Creator Technology Lab, said: "Artificial intelligence will not replace good artists and composers. It will change the way people make art, **BUT IT WON'T REPLACE THEM.**" He explained how in his previous job as director of Sony's Computer Science Laboratory, his team used artificial intelligence software called Flow Machines to make new kinds of music. For example, they fed the Flow Machines 45 Beatles songs and produced a new song called "Daddy's Car" based on the Beatles' style. It is on YouTube. I listened to it. It was enjoyable and reminiscent of the Beatles, but the voices sounded nothing like them. It sounded, 'thin, tinny', and artificial.

Another example of Pachet and his team's work is an album of 15 songs called "Hello World" – the first ever artificial intelligence-composed music album. It was streamed live by 12 million users. Music critics liked it, with the BBC calling it "the world's first good robot album." Pachet added that critical decisions are still the responsibility of the artist, and "that will remain the difference between musical art and robotically developed music."

Besides composition, another major area in which artificial intelligence is shaping music is by analyzing consumers' tastes and how they listen to music. For the first time in the history of musicology, researchers can collect and analyze massive amounts of data about music listening behavior. Online streaming is now the preferred way people consume music. Pachet referred to a phenomenon called "music skipping" by which because so many songs are available through these services, consumers tend to "skip" songs quickly.

Research data has shown that a quarter of all streamed songs are skipped within the first 5 seconds and only 48% of all streamed songs are listened to in their entirety. I have no doubt that in today's cyber society, particularly younger consumers' attention deficit and desire for instant access are major contributing factors to the above statistics. Pachet concludes that data analysis will enable "music makers to manipulate their audience in a very precise way that is going to change a lot of things."

Whatever the case, join us on **February 8th** when I will present a special service and program in music and words in honor of **Shabbat Shira – The Sabbath of Song**. The human component will be very present, as opposed to artificial intelligence!

Hazzan Ivor Lichterman



Forgiveness

I once knew a prominent physician who had not talked to his brother in over 30 years. I asked him what the reason was. He told me that it was so long ago, he could not remember the reason why. I found it hard to believe but that is the way it was. I never really forgot that conversation and it always perplexed me as to why people often take way too long to forgive and get on with life. I am sure that every one of us knows of similar situations among our extended families, friends or acquaintances. There are a multitude of circumstances, often over money, the settling of a will, words that were said, or differences of opinions which can lead to arguments and ultimately to people no longer speaking to one another. It is known that many emotional and physical problems can be a result of emotional baggage and the burden of unforgiven guilt. There are simply no winners when families or people are torn apart over an argument. The only remedy is forgiveness.

How many times have you heard of the case where only on the death bed, the others come to say goodbye and try to make amends for differences of years ago? It is usually too little, too late. In Judaism, we are actually commanded to make amends and to forgive in a relatively short period of time. As we are always reminded on Yom Kippur, God will agree to forgive us for sins against Him however in differences with people, we are responsible to apologize and to settle the score.

Just a short while ago, we read the Torah portions, *Miketz* and *Vayigash*, that tells the culmination of the story of Joseph and how he finally was reunited with his eleven brothers and his father Yaakov. Could there be a more poignant example of forgiveness and reconciliation after an unforgiveable act committed by siblings? Joseph's brothers were jealous of his gifts, his ability to interpret dreams, and his favored relationship with his father. At the young age of 17, Joseph was thrown into the pit and ultimately sold to passing slave traders and his "bloody death" was reported to his father by the brothers. When Joseph was 30, his ongoing gift of interpreting dreams enabled him to become the viceroy of Egypt. Just as he had predicted, after seven years of plentiful harvests, Egypt was gripped with severe famine and drought. Upon the advice of Joseph, Egypt kept large stockpiles of its harvests. Only at this time, when Joseph was 39, did he meet his brothers who had ventured to Egypt to buy grains and food that they lacked back in Canaan. Joseph inquired about his youngest brother Benjamin, who remained at home, and his father Yaakov. Joseph certainly loved his father, but it may be that he struggled with his feelings towards his brothers despite his compassion for them in their position of weakness.

As with Joseph, for many of us, forgiveness is not a quick, easy and one time fix, but instead something must be consciously done over and over. Forgiveness can be a long process and in many cases, it is rarely complete after the first time we choose it. It can be a painful, difficult, and demanding exertion. How could Joseph even consider forgiveness after what his brothers had done to him? Yaakov's wish however, after he finally learned that his beloved son Joseph was alive, was for Joseph to forgive his brothers for all the harm they had done to him. Even though his brothers showed little contrition or responsibility for their actions, Joseph realized that forgiveness is not dependent on confession. A confession is not always necessary for forgiveness. In cases where one party dies prior to settling a score, confession is no longer possible but forgiveness still can take place. Our actions are what count and forgiveness is still possible and is still required to heal our own wounds. In the case of Joseph, he forgave his brothers without them coming clean to him.

Too often arguing over "who did what" or "who said that" only postpones the process of forgiveness. Joseph exemplified the point that forgiveness does not require an agreed version of the past. He did not go back to the past and hash over the evil deed perpetrated by his brothers. He did not insist that everyone agree about the history of the matter before reconciliation was possible. Joseph did what he needed to do by just drawing a curtain over the past. This action points out that we must reflect on this since it is a challenging, but yet essential, thing for arguing parties to do in many cases.

Lastly, Joseph replied to his brothers in *Vayechi*, "Fear not; for am I in the place of God?" He knew that letting go of one's natural right to revenge was absolutely necessary for forgiveness. Joseph, in his position of great power, did not seek revenge or retaliate in spite of being sold into slavery, being subjugated to dehumanizing time in jail, and robbing him of his life with his father and mother whom he loved so dearly. He simply let go of the past and decided to move on. Forgiveness does not mean forgetting. Computers can easily erase memory but we have little control over what we remember and forget.

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February Special Birthdays

David Weinberg	February 1
Bonnie Berland	February 9
Diana Lipszyc	February 13
Susan Glasser	February 15

Mazel Tov

- Ellen Chabler on the bat mitzvah of her granddaughter Sara Macklis.
- Dena & David Zack on the engagement of their daughter Shayna to Conner Mustee.
- Gabi & Michael Mallin on the engagement of their daughter Samantha to Kevin Agler.
- Diane & Jeff Goldstein on the birth of their granddaughter, Arya Goldstein.
- Bobbye & Dave Shall on their grandson Drennan Shall qualifying for the US Paralympics in Swimming.

A Special Yasher Koach & Thank You

TO THOSE WHO FILLED IN WHILE THE HAZZAN WAS OUT OF TOWN

Miriam Beckerman	David Friedes	Rabbi Joan Friedman
Sue Ann Hochberg	Jack Katz	Howard Rosenbaum
Jerry Russell	Rabbi Alan Sokobin	David Weinberg

Condolences

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF

RUTH GOLD

Wife of Jerold Harvey Gold, mother of Nancy A. Gold, Lawrence A. Gold, Michael D. Gold MD, and grandson Samuel E. Gold.

GRETCHEN ZYNDORF

Wife of Mark, mother of Robert (Jennifer Porter) Good, grandmother of Jefferson.

JUDY ERD

Mother of Ron (Bobbi) Erd, Steven Erd and grandmother of Matthew, Benjamin, Maya and Joshua.

LINDA MISIUDA

Sister of Darlene (Michael) Portnoy and aunt of Alyssa Portnoy.

LORI SOBUL

Sister of Dr. David Grossman.

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

The CBI office will be CLOSED

Monday, February 17, 2020

President's Day

Todah Rabah

- Special thanks to Mark Wexler and Phyllis Schoched for volunteering in the Gift Shop during Hanukkah Shopping Spree Days.

TO OUR KIDDUSH LUNCH SPONSORS

Blair Grubb, Dena Eber and Andrea & Adam Goldberg January 11
In Honor of Kris Mann's conversion

5780 Kol Nidre Appeal Donors

November 15, 2019 - February 15, 2020

Cathy & Steve Sperling

CBI Kitchen Dedication

On December 21, 2019 family and friends of Jeff Sherman gathered together for a special Havdalah service sponsored by Alison Sherman to honor Jeff's memory. The highlight of the evening was the dedication of the CBI kitchen as the "Jeffrey R. Sherman Kitchen". The prominent sign over the door will remind all of us of the many, many wonderful celebrations that were enhanced by Jeff's delicious catering.



Visit the Newly Re-Opened Phyllis J. Diamond Judaica Gift Shop

We are your "One Stop Shop" to purchase Judaica for your home or as a gift to yourself or someone special

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

Gift Shop Hours: Sunday 9:30 AM - 12 PM or by appointment.

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

New Display Honoring Congregation B'nai Israel's Past History at 12th Street & Bancroft



In December, a new display was installed in the main hallway featuring artifacts from our former synagogue location on 12th Street and Bancroft as well as items from the neighboring Annex building. Included are newspaper articles, seat purchase certificates, the original officers and membership lists, plaques, photographs and more dating as far back as 1913.

As we strive to preserve our CBI past, we welcome donations of any items that you may have that relate to the history of Congregation B'nai Israel from the Woodruff, Bancroft or Kenwood locations. Whether it be photos, documents, engraved items, ect., these artifacts inform and connect future generations with our legacy.

SIMCHA TREE

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

IN HONOR OF THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF
SHARON & SANFORD STEIN
DECEMBER 28, 2019

Gift of:
Leeta & Harry Nistel



Leaves:
\$100 Donation

Stones:
\$1,000 Donation



CBI Library News

The newly developed CBI Library Committee (Alice Applebaum, Miriam Beckerman, Ellen Federman, Debbie Perlmutter, Sue Richards, Carol Richman, Cathy Sperling, Sharon Stein, Sandy Traugott, Judy Weinberg and Sue Wilson) have been meeting to work on updating the library. The group has written a mission statement and is developing some exciting new plans which will be shared with the board and our membership soon.

The committee is interested in your answers to the following question: **WHAT WOULD ENTICE YOU TO USE THE CBI LIBRARY?** Feel free to email your answers to Cathy Sperling at sperlingcathy@gmail.com or any committee member.

Did you know our library...

- has over 3,000 books?
- has 1 book from 1866 (the year BI started)
- has 388 books of Fiction
- has 282 Biographies
- has 60 cookbooks dated 1930 – 2015

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 author.

If you'd like to borrow a book, be sure to fill out an index card located in the middle classroom. Include your name, book title, and author on the card.

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DECEMBER 28, 2019

With love from their children and grandchildren:
Daniel, Dena, Miri & Judah Stein
Jonathan, Lauren and Noah Stein



Leaves:
\$100 Donation

Stones:
\$1,000 Donation



CBI'S TOT SHABBAT PROGRAM

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

**Saturday,
February 1, 2020
11:15 AM to 12 PM**

Kiddush lunch will follow.

RSVP to the office at 419-517-8400 or
email kbrody@cbitoledo.org

PURIM IS
COMING!



CBI Purim Dinner & Spiel

"Fiddler on the Spoof"

Monday, March 9, 2020

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

7:00 p.m. - Purim Spiel

**8:00 p.m. - Traditional
Megillah Reading**

RSVP by Monday, March 2, 2020 by
calling the office at 419.517.8400

Look for more information in the
weekly e-blast and March bulletin.



Shabbat Shirah: The Sabbath of Song

with Hazzan Ivor Lichterman

Join us for a special high energy, musical Shabbat
experience in words and music in honor of Shabbat Shirah –
The Sabbath of Song & Jewish Music Season

**Saturday, February 8, 2020
Services: 9:30 AM**

*You are cordially invited
to an evening of Dinner & Dialogue:*



Getting to Know Our Neighbors: Continuing the Dialogue

The CBI Social Action Committee warmly invites you to attend an
interactive conversation and dinner with our friends and neighbors of
Christ Presbyterian Church. This is an opportunity to ask questions and
hear answers, to learn and to share.

Sunday, February 9, 2020 6:30-8:00 PM at CBI

There is no cost for this program, however seating is limited.

Please RSVP by Monday February 3, 2020
to the CBI office at 419.517.8400.

This program is in partnership with Hazzan Lichterman, the CBI Board of Trustees,
and the Jewish Community Relations Committee of The Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

Jewish Lives, Jewish Learning: CBI Adult Education Series

Dr. David & Judy Weinberg

Sunday, March 8, 2020 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Dr. Ken Pargament

Sunday, March 15, 2020 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**SAVE
THE
DATE:**

TOLEDO SYMPHONY Presents



The Toledo Symphony Orchestra will present the Holocaust-era children's opera *Brundibar* at the historic Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle Theater to commemorate the 75th anniversary of World War II.

Thursday, February 20, 2020 7:00 PM

Tickets for the evening performance are \$20. A portion of ticket sales will go to support The Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo.

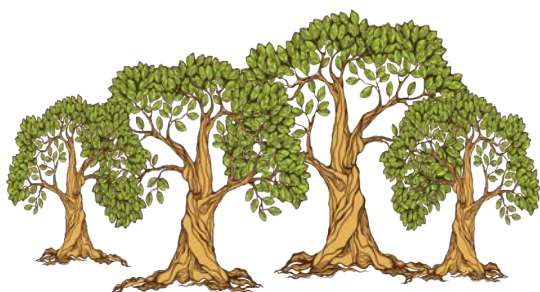
What is the significance of Tu B'shevat?

Tu B'shevat begins the evening of Saturday, February 8, 2020 through sundown on Sunday, February 9, 2020

Tu B'shevat is a Jewish holiday occurring on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. It is also called "Rosh HaShanah La'Ilanot", literally "New Year of the Trees." In contemporary Israel, the day is celebrated as an ecological awareness day, and trees are planted in celebration.

Those who partake in a Tu B'Shevat seder will eat at least 15 different types of fruits and vegetables. It is also customary to include the seven species mentioned in the Torah: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, and dates.

Tu B'shevat has developed into an ecological holiday that reminds Jews of our connection to the earth and to our role as caretakers of the environment. Some modern practices include donating money to plant trees in Israel or planting trees locally.



Jewish Lives, Jewish Learning: CBI Adult Education Series

Join us for our stimulating snack and learn program.
NO CHARGE. Everyone welcome.

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Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Beth Israel of Ann Arbor, Michigan
and author of "The Long Way Around, Stories and Sermons from a Life's Journey".

**Shabbat, Saturday, February 22, 2020
Services begin at 9:30 AM**

"You Have Planted Within Us Eternal Life"
Insights on the Blessings for an Aliyah

Words that we hear most often are easily taken for granted. With that in mind, consider the words of the blessings we say during an aliyah to the Torah. Rabbi Dobrusin will examine the text of these beautiful blessings and share new insights into these most familiar words.

**Sunday, February 23, 2020
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Favorite Words that Inspire
A Rabbi's Top Ten List of Meaningful Jewish Texts**

We all have our favorite texts: poems, song lyrics or excerpts from books, which elevate us as we fulfill the responsibilities of our personal and private lives. Rabbis are no exception. In this session, Rabbi Dobrusin will present and facilitate discussions on the ten texts which he most frequently turned to for inspiration through 36 years on the pulpit.

**The 2020 Dr. Morton Goldberg Lecture
at the Franciscan Center, Lourdes University
6832 Covent Blvd., Sylvania**

"Halacha, Sharia Law, and the Dual Identity of Muslims & Jews in America"

**Presented by
Dr. Howard Lupovitch & Mr. Saeed Khan, J.D.**

Sunday, March 1, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

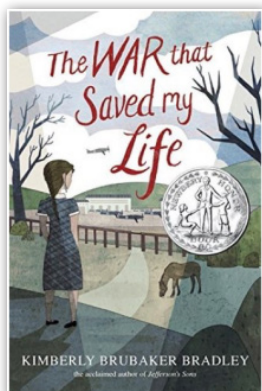
This event is free and open to the public.

WOMEN OF CBI BOOK CLUB: February Selections

"The War that Saved My Life" and "The War I Finally Won"

2 Books to be read as a set, by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 10:30 AM at CBI



The War that Saved My Life:
7 copies, Toledo-Lucas County
Public Library, 45+ copies
SearchOhio.



The War I Finally Won:
11 copies, Toledo-Lucas County
Public Library, 100+ copies
SearchOhio.

"The War that Saved My Life" - Ten-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him.

So begins a new adventure for Ada, and for Susan Smith, the woman who is forced to take the two kids in. As Ada teaches herself to ride a pony, learns to read, and watches for German spies, she begins to trust Susan—and Susan begins to love Ada and Jamie. But in the end, will their bond be enough to hold them together through wartime? Or will Ada and her brother fall back into the cruel hands of their mother?

"The War I Finally Won" - When Ada's clubfoot is surgically fixed at last, she knows for certain that she's not what her mother said she was—damaged, deranged, crippled mentally as well as physically. She's not a daughter anymore, either. Who is she now?

World War II rages on, and Ada and her brother, Jamie, move with their guardian, Susan, into a cottage with the iron-faced Lady Thorton and her daughter, Maggie. Life in the crowded home is tense. Then Ruth moves in. Ruth, a Jewish girl, from Germany. A German? Could Ruth be a spy?

As the fallout from war intensifies, calamity creeps closer, and life during wartime grows even more complicated. Who will Ada decide to be? How can she keep fighting? And who will she struggle to save?

Ada's first story, *The War that Saved My Life*, was a #1 New York Times bestseller and won a Newbery Honor, the Schneider Family Book Award, and the Josette Frank Award, in addition to appearing on multiple best-of-the-year lists. In *The War I Finally Won*, Brubaker Bradley's second masterwork of historical fiction, Ada's journey of family, faith, and identity, continues showing us that real freedom is not just the ability to choose, but the courage to make the right choice.

Please contact Sharon Stein at sstein100@gmail.com to RSVP.

Adult Education Lecture Series - January Speaker, Mary Bilyeu

Sunday, December 15, 2019



Photo Left: January Adult Ed lecturer, Mary Bilyeu speaks to CBI attendees about the "Delicious Tastes of Hanukkah"

Photo Right, from Left: Mary Bilyeu, Renee Bock, Karen McQuade, Sheila Odesky, Bonnie Berland and Anne Bauer



Religious School & Youth Activities

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE
David S. Stone Religious School
Consecration Ceremony

Sunday, February 9, 2020
10:30 a.m. Katz Sanctuary

2019-2020
CONSECRATION CLASS

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HELP SUPPORT OUR BITUSY & KADIMA KIDS
2020 ISRAEL TRIP FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

HIRE A MENSCH

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



Contact Kim Brody at Kbrody@cbitoledo.org
to hire a Mensch for household tasks.

David S. Stone Religious School Calendar - February 2020

2	Sunday	RS 9:30-12:00
5	Wednesday	RS 4:30-6:00
9	Sunday	RS 9:30-12:00 Consecration Ceremony 10:30-11:30 AM
12	Wednesday	RS 4:30-6:00
16	Sunday	NO RS - President's Day Weekend
19	Wednesday	RS 4:30-6:00
23	Sunday	RS 9:30-12:00
26	Wednesday	RS 4:30-6:00
Mar. 1	Sunday	RS 9:30-12:00

Notes from our Principal

February is a short but packed month at The David S. Stone Religious School. We will begin the month with the continuation of our Israel Hero unit for 3-5th graders with our friends from Shomer Emunim. The unit began in January with a visit from Cynthia and Irose, two Jews who made Aliyah from Ethiopia as very young children. They shared their life experiences with our students who acted as reporters from various news outlets.

We also skyped with Yoni, who, as our representative from "Israel at Our Doorstep", fielded incredible questions from our student journalists. Yoni has visited our classrooms to meet our kids, so this experience was greatly expanded upon through Yoni sending photos to our students showing him as an Israeli soldier and sharing his experiences. We are thrilled to have more upcoming sessions with Israeli heroes this month.

Sharon Lapitsky will continue our unit on Israel for the 6-9th graders, as well as 10th grade students who are going to Israel in June for their Confirmation trip. She is teaching conversational Hebrew as well as Israeli technology. A special thank you to all of the supporters so far this year for our Hire a Mensch Program. This program helps our students fund their trip to Israel as well as subsidize USY conventions.

We extend a special mazel tov to our consecration students and their families as they celebrated a beautiful consecration ceremony. We are very proud of our students.

Kim Brody - Principal, David S. Stone Religious School

BITUSY & KADIMA • Grades 6 - 12



February Lounge Night

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

CRUSY Conventions

Specialty Kinnus

Feb. 20-23, 2020

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!

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. Due to HIPAA privacy regulations, hospitals do not notify clergy if a member is admitted.

SHARE YOUR SIMCHA...

If you have a 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.



SAVE THE DATE
WCBI Women's
Weekend
Oct. 23-25, 2020

The WCBI Women's Weekend will again be at the Regina Spirituality & Retreat Center at Lourdes University in Sylvania.

"The Journey Continues..."

Jewish Family Service Bereavement Group for Spousal Loss

One of the most important factors in healing from grief is the support of other people. Having support from your family, friends, or a community of others who have also experienced grief allows you to feel that someone else "gets it". Being able to share your story or your feelings is vital to the healing process.

JFS aims to be there to help those experiencing this incredibly difficult life event by creating a safe space to share with other Jewish Toledoans who have also experienced the same loss. We also understand that it might feel intimidating to join a support group. You can always attend and just listen. You won't be asked to speak until you're comfortable and make the decision on your own. You might just feel better surrounded by a community, your community, of others who have some understanding of the depth of your grief.

The first meeting went well. We would love for more people to join us, so please come. Help us provide you with a haven and an outlet to share your grief with others who have also lost their spouses.

Third Tuesday of every month at the
Sekach Building, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Feb. 18	Jun. 16	Oct. 20
Mar. 17	Jul. 21	Nov. 17
Apr. 21	Aug. 18	Dec. 15
May 19	Sept. 15	

Plan to grab a bite after. Restaurant location TBD.
Contact Shari Bernstein at 419.724.0408 or with questions.

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


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Forgiveness

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It is important in the process of forgiveness to not bring up the past. Not only does bringing up the past open the wounds again, but it really serves no valid point. Even though we may remember the past, we can, at least, try not to remind ourselves of it. It is too trite to claim to "forgive and forget". Just as Joseph did, we need to know when to move on with life. Forgiveness does not mean excusing the behavior or words of the other party. Too often, certain deeds are inexcusable, as was the case of Joseph; however even then, forgiveness is necessary. Forgiveness begins only when excuses leave off. Joseph's situation exemplifies this point.

In the end, Joseph states to his brothers that "I will provide for you and your children". He also spoke "kindly" to them. His forgiveness was not half way; it was complete. Only when love replaces anger does forgiveness become complete. We all can learn so much from Joseph's experience. If you or ones you love, know, or care for have differences, don't let it drag on. Do not wait until it is too little, too late. Take the example from Joseph and get on with life and family. Everyone is better off. Our minds and health are relieved and what is better than peace, harmony and love?

Bennett (Buz) Romanoff

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February 2020

2	9:30 AM Religious School	3	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services	4	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services	5	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services 4:30 PM Religious School	6	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services	7	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services 5:40 PM Light Shabbat Candles	8	9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Parsha Bo 11:15 AM Tot Shabbat 6:33 PM Shabbat Ends	1	9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Parsha Bo 11:15 AM Tot Shabbat 6:33 PM Shabbat Ends
9	TU BISHEVAT 9:30 AM - Religious School 10:30 AM Consecration Ceremony 6:30-8:30 PM "Getting to Know Our Neighbors: Continuing the Dialogue" Dinner & Program	10	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services	11	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services	12	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services 4:30 PM Religious School 6:00 - 7:30 PM BITUSY Lounge Night	13	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services	14	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services 5:48 PM Light Shabbat Candles	15	9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Parsha Yitro 6:50 PM Shabbat Ends		
16	NO Religious School (President's Day Wknd.) NO Morning Services	17	PRESIDENT'S DAY Office Closed 9:00 AM Morning Minyan NO Evening Minyan	18	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services	19	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services 4:30 PM Religious School	20	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services USY Specialty Kinnus 7:00 PM Toledo Symphony Orchestra Children's Opera "Bundibar"	21	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services USY Specialty Kinnus 5:57 PM Light Shabbat Candles	22	9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Parsha Mishpatim Scholar in Residence: Rabbi Robert Dobrusin USY Specialty Kinnus 6:58 PM - Shabbat Ends		
23	9:30 AM Religious School 10:30 AM Adult Ed with Scholar in Residence: Rabbi Robert Dobrusin USY Specialty Kinnus	24	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services	25	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services 10:30 AM WCBI Book Club: "The War that Saved My Life" & "The War I Finally Won"	26	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services 4:30 PM Religious School	27	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services	28	7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Daily Services 6:06 PM Light Shabbat Candles	29	9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Parsha Terumah 7:06 PM Shabbat Ends		

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- 1 Dr. Morton Goldberg Lecture
at Lourdes University: "Halacha,
Sharia Law, and the Dual Identity
of Muslims & Jews in America"
2:00 - 4:00 PM
- 8 CBI Adult Education Program:
10:30 AM Judy & David Weinberg
"The Road to Morocco: Jews in
an Arab Land"
- 9 CBI Purim Spiel and Dinner
6:00 PM - Dinner
7:00 PM - Purim Spiel
8:00 PM - Traditional Megillah
Reading
- 10 PURIM
- 11 BITUSY Lounge Night
6:00 - 7:30 PM
- 14 Tot Shabbat 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM
- 15 CBI Adult Education Program:
10:30 AM Dr. Ken Pargament
"Sacred Moments: What Makes
Life Worth Living"
- 28 Hannah Chernow Bat Mitzvah

The United Muslims Association of Toledo hosted a Hanukkah Celebration & Dinner for our Jewish Community



The United Muslims Association of Toledo (UMAT) hosted a Pre-Hanukkah celebration on December 8 at the Pinnacle in Maumee. Over 200 people attended the dinner and program. The room was beautifully decorated for Hanukkah with sparkling blue and white menorah centerpieces at each table. The meal was vegetarian and the warmth and friendship of our hosts was indescribable.

Tables were filled with members of both the Muslim and Jewish communities. Discussions were held at each table and everyone agreed that we stand together against discrimination, hatred, inequality and injustice. New friendships were formed and all agreed that Toledo will continue to forge bonds between our Muslim and Jewish populations in Toledo.