

Congregation B'nai Israel

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Consecrated Service to
God, Torah & Israel

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Be advised that scheduled services and events shown in this edition of the CBI bulletin may be cancelled or postponed. We will keep you informed by email on a regular basis with any updates.

Please assist in helping keep our congregants informed by sharing this information. We realize not everyone has access to email. Call the office at 419.517.8400 if you have any questions.

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Chag Shavuot Sameach! חג שבועות שמח



JOIN US AS WE WELCOME
SHAVUOT TIKKUN SPEAKER,
DR. YONATAN MILLER

Assistant Professor, Department of
Philosophy and Religious Studies,
The University of Toledo

SHAVUOT TIKKUN & delicious dairy dinner

Friday, May, 29, 2020 at CBI

- 5:45 PM - Services
- 6:30 PM - Delicious Dairy Dinner
- 7:30 PM - Tikkun with Dr. Yonatan Miller
- 8:30 PM - Dramatic Reading of "The Book of Ruth"
- 9:00 PM - Scrumptious ice cream & cheesecake dessert

*Dinner is Free of Charge for CBI members.
Please RSVP to the office by Friday, May 22, 2020.*

Daily Services Schedule
*Morning and Evening Minyans
as well as Shabbat Services
are suspended until
further notice.*



'Purify Us'

While I am sure the last thing you want to read about from me is the Coronavirus, the media being inundated with it ad nauseum, how can I NOT write about it? It is the dominant theme pervading our thoughts, activities, and our whole life. The Pesach we just celebrated was, arguably, the most extraordinary since World War II. Therefore, all other thoughts I might have that I might otherwise wish to share, pale in significance.

Let's face it. Our world and especially that which our children, grandchildren and young adults face, is rapidly changing from what we have all been accustomed. Many have been jolted out of a certain former complacency into an unfamiliar reality. Yes, there have been catastrophic and earth-shattering events in the recent past, as world wars, 9/11 etc. However, this is different. Medicine and science are now learning how to deal with it, and hopefully, develop a vaccine soon. This is perhaps the worst epidemic in over 100 years, so no one alive today has really experienced anything like it before. We should now realize just how fallible we are, and how vulnerable mankind is to the forces of nature.

Consider the following contrasts. On the one hand, the development of technology and social media has been accompanied by an anonymous and cowardly proliferation of hate and evil, bringing out the most sinister and basest instincts of humanity. On the other hand, technology has been our salvation during this period of physical distancing, bringing the whole world to our fingertips on 3"x6" devices, laptops, iPad etc. Otherwise, ubiquitous electronics have transformed its users in what, might I say, is a matter of life or death. All of a sudden, the video communication app Zoom is the new sensation. Its stock value is surging while others plunge. I now find myself teaching b'nai mitzvah by FaceTime, whereas in the past I always considered physical presence essential to learning.

Consider some of the following other repercussions the epidemic has brought about, from the trivial to the profound:

- Plexiglass barriers in stores dangling obtrusively from ceilings to distance customers from cashiers. These may become permanent!
- A no-touch, hug, hand shake or kiss policy everywhere – I am a hugger – I love the physical embrace. Likely no more, even at services!
- Now when I hike, as I often do to retain my sanity and ground myself emotionally due to the nature of the work I do, I find myself avoiding others "like the plague." This Latin derived cliché is attributed to St. Jerome who stated somewhat humorously 1600 years ago (Dictionary.com): *"Avoid as you would the plague, a clergyman who is also a man of business."* No surprise then that even a thousand years before that, King Solomon wrote (Kohelet/Ecclesiastes 1:9): "What has been, will be, and what will be has already been, and there is nothing new under the sun."
- Most profoundly – being unable to say goodbye in person to a dying loved one, to hold them as they enter 'the valley of the shadow of death.' Or, officiating the funeral of one of Toledo's greatest Jewish luminaries, dear Rabbi Alan Sokobin with only 4 other people present, the remainder of the minyan around the world by Zoom.
- The necessity of re-thinking halacha (Jewish religious practice) and its effect on Orthodox, Conservative and Reform streams of Judaism whose usage of technology on Shabbat and Holydays varies greatly.
- Consider the social, emotional and health issues of weight-gain, alcoholism, pregnancy, divorce, anxiety, stress, unemployment and other unintended consequences of the virus.
- On the lighter side, we are all likely watching more TV than usual. If I see one more ad from pharmaceutical or insurance companies like Liberty Mutual, or one more celebrity billionaire interview on how they are coping, I'll throw my remote at my large-screen TV and waste \$500 I can ill afford. Thank God for TiVo. Do billionaires and celebrities represent us regular folk, how the average person around the world is coping? Moreover, do professionals really get paid good money to write those stupid ads for insurance companies?
- If the essence of the Pesach Seder is **כל דכפין ייתי ויכל** - *"Let all who are hungry come and eat, all who are needy come and celebrate with us,"* or **והגדת לבנך** - *"You shall tell your children,"* then how did that work out for you this Passover?
- On the positive side, how much qualitative and quantitative time have you spent with immediate family, time being a commodity always in short supply that prompted our sages to say thousands of years ago, **מה שיעשה הזמן לא יעשה השכל** - *"What time can do the mind cannot."*

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Unprecedented Times

It seems hauntingly strange that this year over our Passover holiday we were, in an ironic way, exiles in our own land. Our government-mandated exile helps put in perspective what the Israelites had to endure over the 40 years spent in the desert. We know that in a relatively short period we will be able to get back to socialization, synagogue and Shabbat activities, work and family affairs. By the time this article goes to print, I pray that we will be on the back side of the curve and that we will be seeing light at the end of this very dark tunnel.

CBI is still functioning as so many of our congregants already know. Cantor Lichterman is doing a weekly drash that is being posted to social media for us to stream on our computers or mobile phones. We are having daily minyans conducted by our cantor, which have been well attended. We would love to put live streaming in place for Shabbat services, but for a congregation of our size, it is quite complicated and cost prohibitive. There are some very large Conservative congregations, such as Park Avenue Synagogue in New York City, that are providing live streaming services.

It is so important that we all remain connected. If you have not already provided the synagogue with your email address, please do so. It is the most expedient way that we can connect with you and keep you posted about what is happening at CBI.

Our office is open and functioning with few personnel and on a limited basis. It is so important that we protect our staff during these difficult times. Please use the phone or email to contact the office. For life cycle events, we are doing the best we can to work with families with dignity and as professional as possible given the fact of social distancing.

The time of death cannot be forecast and we always hope it will be in the distant future. We never imagined that this difficult time would become even more so with the passing of our dear and beloved friend, Rabbi Alan Sokobin. We all have different memories of Alan. There is a vast and diverse legion of people who called him a mentor, educator, confidant, rabbi, mensch, friend, and a trusted guide. Alan will be always remembered as a loving family man, towering community leader, a fighter and nurturer of all things and people he loved. While we bid farewell to his physical presence, he will forever be with us in spirit. As with all families who have experienced loss at this time, we fully expect to conduct memorial services for grieving families when it is safe to do so.

Life will ultimately return to normal at CBI. It is a fact that we are all dealing with the unknown and with events that cannot be predicted. We are navigating these uncharted waters through the Coronavirus storm as best we can.

I pray we will be strong and have resolve that we will get through this together. Please stay involved by "attending" our daily minyan and viewing Cantor Lichterman's weekly drash. Check your email for links to services and drash.

Let's all pray that we will stay healthy and be thankful for the blessings that we all have as a caring congregation. If there is anything we can do for you or your loved ones, please call or email the office or contact anyone on the board or trustees. We will always be here for you.

Bennett (Buz) Romanoff

May Special Birthdays

Linda Steinberg	May 5th
Meira Zucker	May 19th
Robin Isenberg	May 23rd

May Special Anniversaries

Jill & Matt Kripke	May 28th	25th
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ATTENTION: PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS WITH STUDENTS GRADUATING THIS SPRING...

We will be featuring our CBI family graduates in the June bulletin. Please send us the student's name, parents' names, where they are graduating from and what they will be doing next. We need all information by Monday May 15, 2020. Please email your info to gmallin@cbitoledo.org.

Condolences

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF

BERNICE KATZ

Wife of Calvin Katz, z"l, sister of Shirley Yaffe, z"l, mother of Randy Katz (Lauri Levison), Susan & Steve Kaufman, grandmother of Ian (Christina) Katz, Lindsay (Andrew) Arndt, Eli Kaufman (Emily Waife).

RABBI ALAN SOKOBIN

Husband of Mickey z"l, and father of Sharon Speyer (Dean Monske) and Jonathan (Debbie) Sokobin.

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

The CBI office will be CLOSED

Monday, May 25, 2020

Memorial Day

Friday, May 29, 2020

Shavuot - Day 1

Report of the CBI Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is tasked with nominating first term trustees as well as re-nominating trustees completing their first terms. Additionally, the committee nominates first term officers and re-nominates continuing officers. Trustees are eligible for two (2) three year terms and officers are eligible for five (5) one year terms.

Below is the slate of officers and trustees for Congregation Year 2020-2021

Officers for a One Year Term

Corey Russell
Ian Katz
Mindy Slutsky
Jerry Russell
Cathy Sperling
Robert Kripke

President
Vice President of Administration
Vice President of Youth Activities
Vice President of Ritual Affairs
Secretary
Treasurer

Trustees completing a Three Year Term Ending in 2023

Jack Katz
Tom Kasle
Holley LaPlante
Kris Mann

First Term Trustee
First Term Trustee
First Term Trustee
First Term Trustee

Trustees for a Three Year Term Ending in 2022

Helen Michaels
Miriam Beckerman
David Bader
Adrienne Goldberg

Second Term Trustee
First Term Trustee
First Term Trustee
First Term Trustee

Trustees for a Three Year Term Ending in 2021

Judy Scheinbach
Stuart Goldberg
Greg Davis
Kim Strole

First Term Trustee
Second Term Trustee
Second Term Trustee
First Term Trustee

Outgoing Trustees and Officers

Buz Romanoff
Carol Richman

Nominating Committee

Chair: Howard Rosenberg

Committee Members: David Bader, Miriam Beckerman, Rachel Chernow, Greg Davis, William Garber, Kim Strole, Jim Sack

Jewish Lives, Jewish Learning: CBI Adult Education Series

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

Sunday, May 3, 2020

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

PLEASE WELCOME:
Rachel Slagter

"Hiding in Plain Sight: A Path to Freedom in
the Holocaust - Escaping Evil Through the
Goodness of Others"



Photo, Left: The Van der Veer family, of Stein, Holland, hid Rachel Slagter for two years during the Holocaust. Clockwise from top left in this family photo, taken in 1950, were Hans, Sjoerd, Andries, Marjie, Jantje, Andries and Aaltje Van der Veer.



Women of CBI Celebrate Rosh Chodesh SIVAN

*Join us for a program
of Body and Spiritual Renewal*

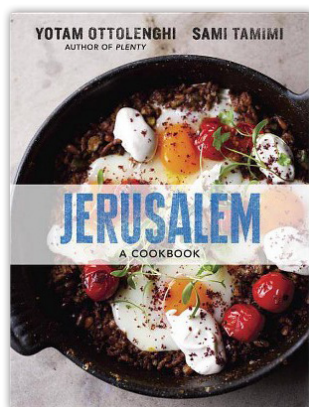
Wednesday, May 27, 2020 11:00 AM at CBI

Light Dairy Lunch • Cost is \$5 at the door

**THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN
OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS**

Our Tikkun Olam Project will benefit the residents of Kingston Care Center in Sylvania: Please bring a small plant to the program. They will be given to Kingston residents to brighten their day.

RSVP by Monday, May 18, 2020 to Sharon Stein (sstein100@gmail.com), or Miriam Beckerman (mesb@bex.net)



WOMEN OF CBI BOOK CLUB MAY SELECTION

"Jerusalem: A Cookbook" by Yotam Ottolenghi and Sami Tamimi
Tuesday, May, 19, 2020 11:00 AM at the home of Cathy Sperling

In Jerusalem, Yotam Ottolenghi and Sami Tamimi explore the vibrant cuisine of their home city—with its diverse Muslim, Jewish, and Christian communities. Both men were born in Jerusalem in the same year—Tamimi on the Arab east side and Ottolenghi in the Jewish west. This stunning cookbook offers 120 recipes from their unique cross-cultural perspective, from inventive vegetable dishes to sweet, rich desserts. With five bustling restaurants in London and two stellar cookbooks, Ottolenghi is one of the most respected chefs in the world; in Jerusalem, he and Tamimi have collaborated to produce their most personal cookbook yet.

There are 2 copies of the book in the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, and an additional 43 copies available through the library's affiliation with SearchOhio. We encourage you to request the book early. Please let us know if you need help requesting the book. Additionally, we have purchased a copy of the book for the CBI Library, through the generosity of the Women of CBI fund, and that copy will be available in the CBI Office for checkout.

This will be an off site program at the home of Cathy Sperling with bookclub members preparing recipes from the cookbook. Miriam Beckerman will host a demonstration of one of the recipes from the cookbook. Because of space considerations, Cathy is able to accommodate 22 people for the program which will begin at 11:00 AM. Reservations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Reservations will be due by May 7. Please RSVP to Carol Richman (carolrichman@msn.com) or Sharon Stein (sstein100@gmail.com).

SHAVUOT SAERVICES

Shavuot 1st Day

Friday, May, 29, 2020

9:30 AM - Service

Mincha after Kiddush

5:45 PM - Evening Service & Tikkun

(see details to the right)

Shavuot 2nd Day

Saturday, May, 30, 2020

9:30 AM - Service

11:00 AM - YIZKOR

Mincha after Kiddush



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Please RSVP to the office by Friday, May 22, 2020.

SAVE THE DATE:

Incoming Board of Trustees, CBI Annual Meeting & Congregational Picnic

Sunday, June 14, 2020

11:00 AM Meeting

12:00 PM Luncheon

Annual Meeting Special Awards

Please Join us on Sunday June 14, 2020 for our Annual Meeting at 11:00 AM where we will award congregants the following special awards:

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

CONGREGANT OF THE YEAR

SAM SCHWARTZ MINYAN AWARD



SAVE THE DATE:

CBI Women's Weekend

October 23-25, 2020

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

"The Journey Continues..."

Any questions, please contact Sandy Traugott at sandyt624@gmail.com

Youth Activities & Announcements

BITUSY & KADIMA • Grades 6 - 12



A very special MAZAL TOV
to CBI BITUSY for receiving the
CRUSY KADIMA CHAPTER OF
THE YEAR AWARD!

HELP SUPPORT OUR BITUSY & KADIMA KIDS
ISRAEL TRIP FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

HIRE A MENSCH

- Yard Cleanup
- 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.

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.

SNOW BIRDS.....

Let us know when you will be returning to the Toledo area.
Please call the office at 419.517.8400.

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 in the CBI bulletin, if space allows. Deadline is the 15th of the previous month.

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.

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.

PLEASE CONTACT JFS DIRECTLY TO CONFIRM WHEN SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS WILL RESUME.

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

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

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






**CBI wishes all of
our members a
Happy Mother's Day**

Mother's Day is on
Sunday, May 10, 2020

Contributions

Minimum/Mitzvah Contributions are \$10.00

Please note: More generous contributions will be indicated in the following ways:

* denotes B'nai Mitzvah	\$13.00		A box denotes Gold	\$50.00
** denotes Chai	\$18.00		A bold box denotes Platinum	\$100.00
*** denotes Silver	\$25.00		A triple box denotes Platinum Chai	\$180.00+
**** denotes Double Chai	\$36.00			

All contributions listed are before April 17, 2020

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

Building Beautification Fund

IN MEMORY OF:

Bernie Judis
Litia Belleb Bev & Marv Greenberg

Camp Ramah Fund

IN MEMORY OF:

Rabbi Alan Sokobin Kathryn Linver*

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

SPEEDY RECOVERY:

Shirley Tochtermann
Sandy Bookman
Bonnie Ross Marlene Russell

IN MEMORY OF:

Rabbi Alan Sokobin Nancy & Gary Beren***
Nancy Jacobson****
Christina & Ian Katz****

Rabbi Alan Sokobin Wanda & Ron Wachsman

Yahrzeit:

Donald Russell Marlene Russell
Charles Rubin Marlene Russell*
Vernon Petler Ellen & Gary Petler**

Harris/Williams Fund

Yahrzeit:

Wilfred Williams, Beloved Father
Leon Michael Williams, Beloved Brother
Diane & Ralph Williams**

Harry Gometz Fund

IN MEMORY OF:

Alix Greenblatt Roanne & Lannie Katzman*
Bruce Levison Harriet & Marty Davis**
Rabbi Alan Sokobin Hope & Greg Davis
& Family**
Harriet & Marty Davis**
Roanne & Lannie Katzman**

Yahrzeit:

Francis Gometz
Anne Davis Hope, Greg, Jeremy, Adam
& Andy Davis**

Hiddur/Kiddush Fund

IN HONOR OF:

Weinblatt Wedding Diane & Jim Perlman**
Bobbie & Dave Shall, Special Anniversary
Marlene & Arnie Remer***

IN MEMORY OF:

Alix Greenblatt Felice Wolff

Rabbi Alan Sokobin Ann & Howard Rosenberg

Yahrzeit:

Murray Remer Marlene & Arnie Remer*
Beatrice Price Ellen Chabler & Family**
Clara Bustow Shuer
Esther Ann Garber Luann & Bill Garber**
Alice Bogart Sue Wilson**

Katz Sanctuary Fund

IN MEMORY OF:

Rabbi Alan Sokobin Susan & Steve Kaufman***
Bernice Katz Marilyn & Cory Boskind
Shirley Tochtermann

Sherwin & Naomi Kripke Fund

IN HONOR OF:

Weinblatt Wedding Rhoda Miller
Ann & Howard Rosenberg**

IN MEMORY OF:

Alix Greenblatt Linda Steinberg
Bonnie & Jim Swartz**
Bruce Levison Rhoda Miller
Rabbi Alan Sokobin Rhoda Miller**
Fran & Chuck Weinblatt**

Alix Greenblatt Cary Hersh & Mary Novie

Alix Greenblatt Ronnye & Ray Cohen

Bruce Levison Joanie & Larry Kripke

Rabbi Alan Sokobin Joanie & Larry Kripke

Yahrzeit:

George Shopneck Jill Moreau*

Library Fund

IN MEMORY OF:

Rabbi Mordechai Chein
Rabbi Alan Sokobin Esther Kezur &
Harvey Malone

Yahrzeit:

Becke Mann Jan & Charlie Mann***
Ida Alexander Dolores & Ken Alexander***

Lily E. Baron Fund

Yahrzeit:

Sheldon Cousins
Josephine Cousins Beckie & Barry Cousins***

Marian & Stanley Oberlin Fund

Yahrzeit:

Ralph Oberlin Lorrie & Jeff Daube & Dani,
Sergio, Ryan & Andi

Michael & Renee Quiroga Fund

Yahrzeit:

Mark Lewis Schuster Louise Schuster & Family
Harry Cohen
Roy Goldman Ronald, Nara, Rick,
& Rachel Goldman**

Religious School Fund

IN MEMORY OF:

Rabbi Alan Sokobin Caren Zajt**

Yahrzeit:

Lewis Bernstein
Clem Anchel Phyllis & Richard Bernstein**

Bobbi & Amy Rosenbloom Fund

Yahrzeit:

Irwin Rosenbloom Rochelle Russell***

Safety & Security Fund

IN HONOR OF:

Weinblatt Wedding Sandy & Chuck Traugott

Safety & Security Fund (cont.)

IN MEMORY OF:

Bruce Levison Diane & Jim Perlman
Michele Al & Blumberg**
Rabbi Alan Sokobin Irina & Greg Zaurov
Jan & Tom Kasle****

Yahrzeit:

Jennie Albert Marvin Karp
Donald Russell, Beloved Brother
Arlene & Jerry Russell*
Evelyn Grande Michele & Al Blumberg**
Dora Rubin, Beloved Grandmother,
Great Grandmother
Abraham Kanter Beloved Grandfather,
Great Grandfather
Andrea & Gary Urie & Family**
Elsie Winter The Winter & Vrudny
Families***
Earle Freedman, Beloved Father
Lori & David Friedes***

Abraham Katzman Roanne & Lannie Katzman

Abe & Dorothy Steinberg SKIP Fund

IN MEMORY OF:

Sheldon Schwartz Rhoda Miller & Family
Inge Horowitz Betty Goldstein*
Alix Greenblatt Elaine & Dick Friedmar**

Summer Youth & Activities Fund

IN MEMORY OF:

Alix Greenblatt Barry Nistel & Amy Saltzstein
Florence Lenenberg Rene' Levy**

Yahrzeit:

Golda Gelzina Leonid Kutik

Tribute Fund

IN HONOR OF:

Shirley & Alan Tarschis, on the
Engagement of their Son
Kay & Ted Miller**
Jerry Phillips receiving the Liberty
& Justice Award Kay & Ted Miller**

SPEEDY RECOVERY:

Shirley Tochtermann
Arlene & Jim Rose
Bonnie Ross Arlene & Jim Rose, Vicki & Jeff

IN MEMORY OF:

Renee Jacobson Shirley Tochtermann
Alix Greenblatt Lauren & Joel Gryniewski**
Caren Zaft**
Bruce Levison Fagie & Eli Benstein**
Lil Perlman Polly Vallade***

Yahrzeit:

Julius Swolsky Jeff & Sherry Phillips
& Elaine Aubin*

Tribute Fund (cont.)

Yahrzeit:

Bessie Fingerhut Esther & Barry Sherman**
Seymour Sattler Lynette & Andy Sattler**
Vern Petler Chuck & Brett Petler***
Leo Tauber Tauber & Aiken Families***
Jeanette Kohler Shirley & Zale Kohler***
Ethel Skolnick Bette Raymond***

Helene Sherman Linda Steinberg & Family

Dr. Sheldon Frankel Niki & Jon Frankel

Wasserstrom Chapel Fund

Yahrzeit:

Philip Wasserstrom Adele Wasserstrom



YOU HAVE SUPPORTED
CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL
DURING YOUR LIFETIME.

PLEASE CONSIDER B'NAI ISRAEL IN
YOUR WILL AND OTHER
ESTATE PLANNING.

'Purify Us' (cont.)

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• We should have a new appreciation for teachers, medical staff, first responders and the food industry from farmers to restaurants to markets who have risked their lives for us. British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has stated that he would not be alive today were it not for the medical care he received. Maybe we should switch the salaries of professional sports coaches and teachers? A new appreciation also for our Ohio Governor De Wine and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Amy Acton (Jewish by the way) for their daily calm and considered briefings, for ensuring our state is doing better than most.

As I mentioned in several video messages I have sent to you, we are now in the period in our Jewish calendar known as *Sefirat Ha'omer* - *Counting of the Omer*. One of its prayers asks God לטהרנו מקליפותינו ומטמאותינו "... to purify us from our outer shell and impurity." Let us use this enforced time well, by using each day until life returns to 'normal' in the spirit of the Omer counting. Let us discard the outer shell and rather seek the essence of our existence. Let us fulfill promises we have made to ourselves and others that we have never been able to carry out.

Hazzan Ivor Lichterman

Contribute Online

If you would like to make a contribution to CBI and are unable to call during business hours, you can make your contribution on our website: cbitoledo.org

Just click the "Contributions" tab on the navigation bar and follow the prompts for Online Contributions. For any questions, contact the office at 419.517.8400.

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.

1	7 Iyar	Marcus L. Friedman, Mildred B. Green, Philip Wasserstrom
2	8 Iyar	Carl Leib, Philip Master, Samuel A. Siegman, Dorette Zebede
3	9 Iyar	Jack Silverman, Sadye Epstein, Heinz Spangenthal, Shirley Glassman, Ellen Pumerantz, Morris Diamond, Bessie Fingerhut
4	10 Iyar	Joyce Sells, Betty Lampert, Josephine Cousins, Charles Zale Swartz, Bernard Teman, Max Weiss
5	11 Iyar	Richard Fleischer, Zandra Yaffe, Donald Russell
6	12 Iyar	Rosaline Stotland, Abraham Katzman, Seymour Yaffe, Rebecca Marenberg
7	13 Iyar	Michael Katz, Jennie Albert, Marian Tarschis, Jacob Hoffman, Harold Malkin, Tillie Liber, Abraham Gerber
8	14 Iyar	Frank Millman, Laya Tanenbaum, Helene Sherman, Thea Lipson, Mark Lewis Schuster, Joanne Schwartzberg, Murray E. Remer
9	15 Iyar	Max Moldawsky
10	16 Iyar	Earle Freedman, Jacob Feinbloom, Anna Wengrow, Fay Weiner
11	17 Iyar	Dora Katz, Lewis Bernstein, Alice Bogart, Philip C. Miller
12	18 Iyar	Ann Levine, Ruth Bauer, Edith Romanoff Bort, Rita Z. Levine, Harry M. Bernstein, H.Martin Sitzmann, Pauline Shoffer, Joseph Topper
13	19 Iyar	Florence Lenenberg, Leo Kahn, Maurice Marenberg, Bertha Fink, Goldye Palman
14	20 Iyar	Ethel Skolnick
15	21 Iyar	Mollie Hoffman, Beatrice Sattinger, Vernon Petler, Norville Rappaport
16	22 Iyar	Harvey Berg, Stanley Zimmerman, Jeanette Kohler, Nathan B. Forman, Matilda Lewis
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20	26 Iyar	Alfred Damrauer, Bobbi Gail Rosenbloom
21	27 Iyar	Miriam Wexler, Howard Erd, Julius Swolsky, Roy Goldman
22	28 Iyar	Kopel Judashko, Isadore Leibovitz, Earle Samuel Bracker, Rabbi Aaron Intrater, Ralph Oberlin, Morris Joseph, Bertha Hecht
23	29 Iyar	Evelyn Grande, Herman Soldering, Linda Beth Bender Goldner, Ida Alexander, Hermine Bentley, Ruth Scheer, Issac Scharf, Marcia Kisin
24	1 Sivan	Elsie Winter, Gizella Weiss, Florence Waldman, Blanche Duchon Hurst, Charles Rubin, Nathan Schwartz, Clara Scharf
25	2 Sivan	Louis Bergher, Lillian Baneth
26	3 Sivan	Marlene Weisman
27	4 Sivan	Samuel Kaback, Chester Tuschman, Daniel Brochin, David Kalkstein, Libbey Boyk
28	5 Sivan	Sheldon Cousins, Herman Siegel, George Shopneck, Marilyn Reinstein, Henry Zyndorf
29	6 Sivan	Rose Katherine Wiegler, Harry Katz, Leo Tauber
30	7 Sivan	Fanny Tenzur, Pearl Tochtermann, Anna Stauber
31	8 Sivan	Dr. William Boros, Rose Goldstein, Benjamin Albert, Sam Lipsitz

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Sunday

Monday

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Thursday

Friday

Saturday

May 2020

3 NO Services 10:30 AM Adult Education Program: Rachel Slagter CANCELED	4 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM	5 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM	6 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM	7 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM	8 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM Parshat Emor	9 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Parshat Acharei-Kedoshim	2 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Parshat Acharei-Kedoshim
10 MOTHER'S DAY NO Services	11 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM	12 LAG B'OMER Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM	13 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM	14 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM	15 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM	16 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Parshat Behar-Bechukotai	16 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Parshat Bamidbar
17 NO Services	18 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM	19 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM 11:00 AM WCBI Book Club: "Jerusalem: A Cookbook" at the home of Cathy Sperling (RSVP's required to attend)	20 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM	21 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM	22 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM	23 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Parshat Bamidbar	23 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Parshat Bamidbar
24 NO Services	25 MEMORIAL DAY CBI Office Closed 9:00 AM Morning Minyan NO Evening Minyan	26 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM	27 Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM 11:00 AM Women of CBI celebrate Rosh Chodesh Sivan	28 EREV SHAVUOT Daily Services 7:00 AM & 5:45 PM 8:42 PM Light Holiday Candles	29 SHAVUOT DAY 1 9:30 AM - Shavuot Service 5:45 PM - Evening Service 6:30 PM - Delicious Dairy Dinner 8:30 PM - Tikken with guest, Dr. Yoni Miller 8:53 PM - Light Holiday Candles	30 SHAVUOT DAY 2 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Special Shavuot Torah Reading 11:00 AM - YIZKOR 9:52 PM Shabbat/Shavuot Ends	30 SHAVUOT DAY 2 9:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service Special Shavuot Torah Reading 11:00 AM - YIZKOR 9:52 PM Shabbat/Shavuot Ends
31 NO Services							

Be advised that scheduled services and events shown in this calendar may be cancelled or postponed. We will keep you informed by email on a regular basis with any updates.



Lag B'Omer begins the evening of May 11 - May 12

Lag B'Omer is a minor holiday that occurs on the 33rd day of the Omer, the 49-day period between Passover and Shavuot. A break from the semi-mourning of the Omer, key aspects of Lag B'Omer include holding Jewish weddings (it's the one day during the Omer when Jewish law permits them), lighting bonfires and getting haircuts.

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Daily Services Schedule

*Morning and Evening Minyans
as well as Shabbat Services
are suspended until
further notice.*

June-July 2020 Events SAVE THE DATE

JUNE:

- 11 6:45 PM
Executive Committee Meeting
7:30 PM
Board Meeting
- 14 CBI Annual Meeting, Installation of
Board & Congregational Picnic
11:00 AM - Meeting
12:00 PM - Luncheon
- 23 10:30 AM
WCBI Book Club
- 27 9:30 AM
Shabbat Services
Bauer Kiddush

JULY:

- 3 INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED
CBI Office Closed
- 9 6:45 PM
Executive Committee Meeting
7:30 PM
Board Meeting
- 22 WCBI Joint Book Club at Etz Chayim
- 29 Erev Tisha B'Av
- 30 Tisha B'Av

What is Shavuot all about?

Shavuot begins the evening of Thursday, May 28 through Saturday, May 30

The holiday of Shavuot celebrates the completion of the seven-week Omer counting period between Passover and Shavuot. The Torah was given by God to the Jewish people on Mount Sinai on Shavuot more than 3,300 years ago. Every year on the holiday of Shavuot we renew our acceptance of God's gift, and God "re-gives" the Torah. In ancient times, two wheat loaves would be offered in the Holy Temple on Shavuot. It was also at this time that people would begin to bring bikkurim, their first and choicest fruits, to thank God for Israel's bounty.

Why do we eat dairy on Shavuot? There are differences of opinion (some quite charming) as to why it is a custom.

Some derive the practice directly from Torah, saying we eat dairy to symbolize the "land flowing with milk and honey" (Exodus 3:8) promised to the Israelites, or that "milk and honey are under your tongue" (Song of Songs 4:11). These passages, along with "The precepts of the Lord are... sweeter than honey" (Psalm 19:9-11) also indicate we should eat honey, which is customary in some communities.

The initials of the four Hebrew words in Numbers 28:26, which describe the sacrificial meal offering on Shavuot, spell מִזְחֶלֶב - 'mei-halav' (from milk), suggesting that dairy food is the acceptable meal for the festival. At Sinai, the Israelites were considered to be as innocent as newborns, whose food is milk.

Those of kabbalistic [mystical] bent equate the numerical value of the word halav, 40 ('het'=8, 'lamed'=30, 'vet'=2), with the number of days Moses spent on Mount Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments and other teachings (Exodus 24:18). Others look to the mountain itself, which is termed in Psalms mount of gavnunim (68:15), meaning many peaks. They connect that description with the Hebrew word gevinah, meaning cheese.

Scholars who trace all Jewish customs and rituals to practices common among various ethnic groups claim that spring harvest festivals characteristically featured dairy dishes, perhaps because cheese was produced during that season.

There is also support for the custom based on the spiritual development among the Israelites in the wake of Sinai. After the Torah was given, they were obligated to follow its laws, including those governing dietary practice. As they returned to the camp from Revelation, they could not eat the previously prepared meat, which had not been done according to the laws of kashrut [dietary restrictions]. Since preparing fresh meat would take too long for the tired, hungry Israelites, they took the dairy food that was readily available. Symbolizing modesty, dairy was also seen as appropriate for the occasion of receiving the Torah, which should always be approached with humility.