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Hanukkah Dinner & Candle Lighting Ceremony

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021
5:00 PM IN THE SOCIAL HALL

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There is no cost for this program.
RSVP deadline is December 1st.

ATTENDEES MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED &
WEAR MASKS EXCEPT WHILE EATING

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HANUKKAH DINNER & CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

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Hanukkah Renewal

I am writing this article while still in Cape Town, South Africa where my brother and I are visiting our dear mother Miriam. Having recently turned 99, Mom was honored by the Cape Town Jewish community on November 7th, for her lifelong service. It was a wonderful event which we will always remember as a highlight of our lives.

While I plan to report more when I return to Toledo, there is a Chanukah connection which warrants mentioning. Covid has taken a toll on all of us, but the older one is, the worse the effect. Mom led an extremely active cultural and social life. On Shabbat and holidays, she was rarely at home, often walking great distances to be with friends because being Orthodox didn't allow her to use transportation on those days.

Two years ago this all came tumbling down. Being isolated and more or less confined to her apartment all this time, her mind and strongly positive spirit began to decline. With Joel's and my arrival Mom has revived. The ceremony to honor her, which some of you observed via Zoom, has lifted her spirit which is once again soaring as in days of old. In a sense this is her own Hanukkah, the season of the miraculous renewal of Jewish life under Greek-Syrian oppression.

Joel and I have been spending much time combing through Mom's apartment and papers accumulated over her lifetime. I recall that growing up she would tell my brother and me that she and our late father could never understand how people could expend so much negative energy on 'farribel'. Farribel is a Yiddish word best defined in Shakespearean terminology as "much ado about nothing", leading to disruption of families and friendships. After all, our parents declared, following the Shoah, they were so happy to be alive that they refused to allow negativity to dominate their lives.

Combing through Mom's papers I came across the following article she saved, and I share it with you in the spirit of Mom's great milestone celebration and the holiday of Hanukkah. The miracle of Hanukkah was short-lived within 100 years, primarily as a result of Hasmonean in-fighting, or 'farribel'. The article appeared in my mother's synagogue's High Holiday bulletin of 2008.

Farribel, by Annette Katz

There once was a little man whose name was Farribel. In his own eyes he was a very important person. However, there were very few people who enjoyed a visit from him, for wherever he went, trouble and heartbreak were sure to follow.

He did not discriminate in which household he visited. Rich, poor, observant, non-observant, they were all open to him. He would start in a small way causing people to remember quarrels and words said in a temper. Then he would watch as the small ripples of anger became wider circles as long ago incidents assumed major importance. Only one thing could stop Farribel and that was when wise heads prevailed.

One Day something happened that Farribel did not foresee. He had gone on his usual rounds stirring trouble, but one family had not reacted in the usual way. The family members had sat down together and written down their disagreements. One by one they had dealt with them. Goodwill was to them important, for they had realized Farribel's work lasted for years.

This family had learnt this lesson only too well and had taken its lesson to heart. Farribel felt his power weaken; he saw the glasses being raised in a toast to future happy occasions.

Farribel went on his way wondering how he had failed so miserably. He had after all been the top graduate at the University of Hatred, Dissent and Enmity. As his power weakened he visited more and more places, but his power was not the same. Even his favorite drink, made out of people's tears did not taste the same.

Perhaps some of the people that did not listen to him had influenced him even in some small way. Of course, he still had a success rate, but nothing like before. He realized that people had become more tolerant, understanding, and a little more willing to listen to each other's words. Perhaps all the hatred he had seen was too much, even for him!

Was he really necessary in this universe? Sadly though, he understood that until all the people of the world changed, he would still be powerful.

But, he said to himself, one day I will not be of any use, and even he wished that wonderful day would come soon, for what, indeed, did any kind of farribel ever accomplish?

Hazzan Ivor Lichterman



A Rabbi Searches for a Congregation in Saudi Arabia, Birthplace of Islam

This month's article is from the Wall Street Journal. An interesting article from Stephen Kallin and Rory Jones that plays off the successes of the Abraham Accords.

In his flat-brimmed hat and long black coat, Jacob Herzog turned a few heads during his first trip to Saudi Arabia recently. Locals stopped him for photographs as he strolled or shopped for traditional Arabian robes. At a trendy café, where the young Saudi hostess surprised him with a greeting of “Shalom,” he sipped from tiny cups of cardamom-scented coffee and ate sticky dates – a kosher option available in the country.

Mr. Herzog concluded the trip was a useful step forward in his bid to become the conservative Muslim kingdom's first chief rabbi. “You have to make a leap of faith and see what the reaction is,” he said.

In Mr. Herzog's dream, Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman will give the go-ahead for him to work here, and also help fund a string of Jewish community centers, including synagogues, schools, and a ritual bath. “I understand that, for the kingdom, it's a very big major leap,” said Mr. Herzog.

Practicing any religion other than Islam isn't allowed in Saudi Arabia. Christian services have long been conducted in secret and are now tolerated by the authorities, but there are not known to be Jewish services.

The Saudi Embassy in Washington confirmed that Mr. Herzog had entered the kingdom as an American tourist. “Although Saudi Arabia has long promoted interfaith dialogue, and our leadership has met with many leaders representing different faiths to further that effort, Mr. Herzog's visit to the kingdom was not part of that effort,” an official said.

The modern-day Jewish population there is made up of expats and estimated to be in the hundreds or low thousands. Historically, Jewish people have lived in the Arabian Peninsula for centuries. Most left by the middle of the last century after a local ruler required they convert to Islam or be expelled. A handful of Jews are believed to have stayed, with their descendants living in obscurity.

The New York-born Mr. Herzog, 45, sports thick glasses and a long beard and crops his hair short beneath his yarmulke. He lives in Jerusalem, speaks some Arabic and is encouraging his wife and eight children to learn the language. He said he is driven by a desire to serve Jewish communities in far-flung places.

Having a chief rabbi in Saudi Arabia, guardian of Islam's two holiest cities, might not be as far-fetched as it seems. Since Israel established diplomatic relations with a number of Arab states – although not Saudi Arabia – some Jewish communities in those countries have been more public.

Bahrain, which has an indigenous Jewish population of a couple dozen, is now setting up a Jewish court and a kosher food certification agency. Last month, it hosted the first Jewish wedding in over a half century.

In the United Arab Emirates, at least four different rabbis and community leaders have come forward in the past year to provide prayer services to Jewish schools and nurseries for the country's few thousand Jews, made up of expats.

Mr. Herzog, a dual U.S.-Israeli national, figured Saudi Arabia could be next, spurred by Prince Mohammed's pledges to relax the kingdom's strict social restrictions and attract more foreign talent. He said the crown prince's plan to build a high-tech, futuristic city called Neom could eventually attract Jewish people to move there for work.

Mr. Herzog sought meetings with businessmen he believes are close to the royal family, and he says he reached out to a Saudi government adviser in Washington to gauge interest for his plan.

Mr. Herzog offered to volunteer with American service members stationed in Saudi Arabia and asked the U.S. Embassy to connect him with Jewish Americans in the kingdom. The embassy declined his request and asked him to contact the Saudi Embassy in Washington.

Once in Riyadh, he showed up unannounced at the office tower of Prince al-Waleed bin Talal, the billionaire investor and a first cousin of the crown prince. He was stopped at security and left a message for the prince with a secretary. No one called him back.

Mr. Herzog inquired whether a local food-processing company could produce kosher foods. He said they told him they were skeptical the market was big enough to make it worthwhile.

Nathalie Rozencwajg, an architect from Luxembourg working on the kingdom's Neom project, said she reached out to Mr. Herzog after seeing his posts on LinkedIn. Ms. Rozencwajg is Jewish but has cloaked her religious identity on recent visits to Saudi Arabia, she said, avoiding mentioning her faith to others or speaking Hebrew on phone calls home to her children.

“What triggered the discussion was curiosity about how someone has the courage to openly talk about this in the kingdom and how it's received,” she said. “What came across very clearly is his great sensitivity to the subject, and

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December Special Birthdays



A Hearty Mazal Tov & Happy Birthday wishes to the following congregants on the occasion of their milestone birthdays!

Shirley Gerber 97th Birthday
December 1, 2021

Ira Weisman 94th Birthday
December 7, 2021

Norman Malkin 94th Birthday
December 27, 2021

Lori Friedes	December 5
Hedva Romanoff	December 17
David Perlmutter	December 19
Ashley Hendel	December 22
Sue Ann Hochberg	December 22
Allen Cohen	December 22
Jeffrey Bauer	December 27
Susan Solomon	December 28

December Special Anniversaries



Dorothy & William Goldberg	Dec. 23rd	65 Years
Deborah & David Perlmutter	Dec. 31st	50 Years

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Beloved father of Geoffrey and Stephanie, and cousin of the Applebaum family.

WILLIAM FLEISCHER

Parents were Judith (Cohen) z"l & Fred z"l, and cousin of Jeff Cohen.

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



CBI Library Books to Read or Re-read

This month we introduce you to more of the books in our "Local Connection" section located in the Library Lounge. All of these books were written by former or current CBI members, relatives or clergy.



Jacob's Courage: A Holocaust Love Story
by Charles Weinblatt

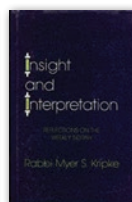
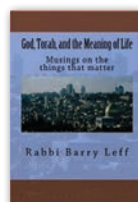
"Jacob's Courage may be a work of fiction, but it shines a spotlight on the truth. Anyone interested in World War II, the Holocaust, Jewish history, or a love story, should pick up Jacob's Courage."

Author and CBI member, Charles S. Weinblatt is a retired University of Toledo administrator. He is a prolific reviewer for The New York Journal of Books and he has been a contributing journalist for The Examiner. He writes novels, short stories and articles.

A Community on Trial: The Jews of Paris in the 1930's

David H. Weinberg Ph.D.

"Of the many complex issues raised by the Holocaust, none has been studied more intensively than the European Jewish response to Nazism. The events of the 1930s raise not only immediate questions of the dangers of anti-Semitism and of the appropriate Jewish response but also far-reaching concerns reflecting on the very nature of Jewish identity and on the Jewish future in the Diaspora."



God, Torah, and the Meaning of Life: Musings on the Things That Matter
by Rabbi Barry Leff

"In answering questions about the nature of God, Torah, and the meaning of life, Rabbi Leff weaves in sources including the Hebrew Bible, the Koran, the New Testament, Star Trek, Sting, Einstein, the Dalai Lama, the Talmud, Kabbalah (Jewish

Mysticism), Midrash, 19th century Chasidic teaching tales, medieval rabbinic commentaries, contemporary philosophers, scientists, rabbis, priests, cinema, and his five daughters, from whom he has learned much. The book covers everything from God's love, prayer, charity, and the Sabbath, to Israel, homosexuality, torture, business ethics and finding your mission in life."

Insight and Interpretation: Reflections on the Weekly Sidrah

by Rabbi Myer S. Kripke

Rabbi Myer S. Kripke, was born in Toledo in 1914 to J. Michael and Nettie Kripke. He was a great uncle to our CBI Kripke family and had a long career as a Rabbi in Omaha, NE. "In 1980, after retiring from his pulpit, he was an adjunct Associate Professor of Theology at Creighton University, regularly teaching courses in Judaism and Hebrew Bible. He toured various cities as a lecturer and speaker and wrote a commentary on the weekly Torah portion for the Omaha Jewish Press."

Have you visited the new CBI Library Lounge?

The Library committee was busy over the summer, discarding old books, moving and consolidating shelves, and creating our new lounge in the former children's play room. We hope you will come in, sit, relax, and peruse some of our newest literary acquisitions during the hours that the synagogue is open. You are welcome to borrow any of these books, as long as you sign them out in our provided card box. For security purposes, please contact the office (419.517.8400) before you arrive.



WOMEN OF CBI CELEBRATE Rosh Chodesh Tevet & Hanukkah

Wednesday, December 1, 2021
11:00 AM In-Person at CBI & on Zoom

Join us for an exciting program as we taste olive oil, learn about miracles and decorate Hanukkah cookies. All participants will receive a goodie bag of tasty homemade Hanukkah treats.

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN
OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

Please RSVP to Judy Weinberg at judyweinberg@bex.net by Tuesday, November 23, 2021. Please indicate if you will be attending in-person or on Zoom. 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.

IN-PERSON ATTENDEES MUST BE FULLY VACCINATED AND WEAR MASKS. PLEASE BRING PROOF OF YOUR VACCINATION STATUS.

The Tikkun Olam project for this program will benefit the Jewish Family Service Pantry. Please bring the following items to the program: Individually wrapped paper towels, facial tissues, and disinfectant wipes.



SAVE THE DATE:

JOIN THE WOMEN OF CBI FOR A
Women's Tu B'Shevat Seder
Wednesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM
In-Person at CBI & on Zoom

Watch for details in the January 2022 Bulletin.

The CBI office will be CLOSED

Friday	December 24, 2021	Winter Break
Friday	December 31, 2021	New Year's Eve

Jewish Lives, Jewish Learning: CBI Adult Education Series

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO MEMBERS
OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

PLEASE JOIN US AS
WE WELCOME

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin

Sunday, December 12, 2021
10:30 AM In-Person at CBI



"Family Joys and Family Struggles: Joseph and His Brothers"

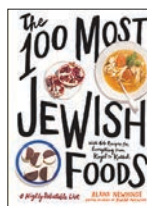
The story of Joseph and his brothers is one of the most familiar stories in the Torah. But the story can be much more intriguing than we might think. Through the process of Midrash- textual commentary- on the Joseph story, the rabbis of our tradition uncovered significant lessons concerning family relationships that are still relevant two thousand years later. We will study several of these commentaries and discuss their impact for our families in today's world.

WOMEN OF CBI BOOK CLUB

"The 100 Most Jewish Foods: A Highly Debatable List"

Edited by Alana Newhouse

Tuesday, December 28, 2021
10:30 AM on Zoom



Sue Richards will lead the discussion. It is not necessary to have read the book to join the discussion.

Whether you are Jewish or a Judeophile, this book is for you. The 100 Most Jewish Foods appeals to those who love cookbooks, food memoirs or just great photography. Each food item is simply and perfectly photographed. Each write-up includes bits of personal and Judaic history. Some include explanations of the food's origin, significance and tidbits about Jewish culture from around the world and their culinary traditions. While it includes foods you'd expect, there are also some hilarious entries you couldn't predict, along with their backstories.

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

Please RSVP to Ellen Federman at efederman@sbcglobal.net by Sunday, December 26, 2021. An email link will be sent before the scheduled meeting time.

There are 2 print copies in the Toledo Lucas County Public Library, 23 print copies in SearchOhio, and 1 E-copy.

**Special Zoom Program Co-Sponsored by
Congregation B'nai Israel
& Baltimore Jewish Council**

Explore the Musical Tradition of the Eastern European Synagogue

**Sunday, December 12, 2021
2:00 PM via Zoom**

Join us for a conversation between

Hazzan Joel Lichterman & Cantor Sholom Kalib

as they bring to life the music of Cantor Sholom Kalib's legacy,

The Jewish Music Heritage Project

and his dedication to preserving a vanishing tradition of sacred music passed "midor l'dor" - from generation to generation.

To Register visit: www.baltjc.org/MusicalTraditions

DISPEL THE DARKNESS

Join us for a Hanukkah lighting

Antisemitism is a darkness that threatens not only the Jewish people, but all of us, no matter identity or background. Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo is hosting a rally inspired by the powerful story of Hanukkah to shine a light on antisemitism.

3:30pm Sunday, Dec. 5

YMCA/JCC Sylvania, 6465 Sylvania Ave

learn more at jewishtoledo.org
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SHINE
A LIGHT

on Antisemitism

Notes from our Principal

On November 14th, our older pupils had the opportunity to attend the community Kristallnacht program. The featured film is a documentary that focuses on the incredible lives of the creators of the beloved children's book series, Curious George. They watched the film *Monkey Business, The Adventures of Curious George's Creators*, followed by a community wide discussion via Zoom.

We are looking forward to a Religious School Hanukkah celebration on December 5th for all of our students to enjoy latkes and celebrate Hanukkah together. The celebration will begin with a Zoom celebration with our friends from Shomer Emunim and Major Yoni Alon in Israel.

Major Yoni Alon has been to visit us in Toledo three times prior to the pandemic, and we have formed a close bond through numerous visits over the past two school years via Zoom.

We appreciate all of the time we can spend together and wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Chanukah and Winter Break.

Kim Brody, Principal, David S. Stone Religious School

David S. Stone Religious School Calendar: December 2021

Wednesday	12/1	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sunday	12/5	Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM • JLI Teen Class 12:00 PM
Wednesday	12/8	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sunday	12/12	Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM • JLI Teen Class 12:00 PM - TBD
Wednesday	12/15	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sunday	12/19	NO RS - WINTER BREAK
Wednesday	12/22	NO RS - WINTER BREAK
Sunday	12/26	NO RS - WINTER BREAK
Wednesday	12/29	NO RS - WINTER BREAK

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Michele Blumberg

A Rabbi Searches for a Congregation in Saudi Arabia, Birthplace of Islam

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not to discuss it in a confrontational way."

Mr. Herzog's wife, Devorah Leah, said she was initially surprised by her husband's plans, but after researching and discussing it for months she is now on board. "I really, really trust God that when the exact time is going to come, we will be sent to that place to do our mission," she said.

During Mr. Herzog's childhood in New York City – he moved to Israel for high school – he said he learned not to be intimidated by people who are different. "I realized you don't need to be afraid to be who you are," he said. "Nobody's crazy enough to do what I'm doing. You have to be from Greenwich Village and nuts."

Mr. Herzog returned to Riyadh recently, still trying to reach the crown prince and get the required sponsorship to move there.

Prince Mohammed has pledged to instill a more moderate form of Islam in Saudi Arabia.

Foreign diplomats suggest the kingdom is still some ways from

joining the regional thaw toward Israel. The 36-year-old prince's aging father, King Salman, is said to be opposed to normalization without an independent state for the Palestinians.

Some Jewish leaders in the Gulf who have expanded their presence over the years worry that Mr. Herzog's gung-ho approach to Saudi Arabia could set back their more cautious efforts.

Another hurdle: The discreet community of Jewish expatriates in Saudi Arabia keeps a low profile and hasn't requested a rabbi be appointed. Normally, a Jewish community would have to ask for a rabbi for one to be appointed, according to Rabbi Mendy Chitrik, head of the Alliance of Rabbis in Islamic States, a group of rabbis living and supporting each other in 18 Muslim-majority countries.

Mr. Herzog aims to be ready if that ever happens, and he has been trying to build bridges with the Saudi leadership.

In a video posted earlier this year, retweeted by the Israeli foreign ministry's Arabic language account and cited in some Saudi media, Mr. Herzog prayed for the crown prince after appendix surgery, blowing a shofar.

He also welcomed the appointment of a new bureaucrat in May, writing on Twitter, "We bless the new Head of the Saudi Government Statistics Bureau."

Dr. Corey Russell, President

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1	Kislev 27	H. Jack Rosenbaum, Bert Bateman, Kirsten Alexander, Violet Hamerman, Helen Greenberg, Daisy Spielberg
2	Kislev 28	Max Davis, Marjory Rusgo, Ilene Sakheim Katz, Marvin Damrauer
3	Kislev 29	Fred Fleischer, Ruth Markowicz, Zila Tuchman Askenazi, Rose Stark
4	Kislev 30	Jean Judashko, Louis Sitzmann, Joseph Jacobs, Celia Cohen
5	Tevet 1	Laurence Wexler, Samuel Albert, Barbara Ross, Manuel Shavin, Sherwin Kripke, Bess Sperling
6	Tevet 2	Doris Davis, Frances Penkower
7	Tevet 3	Alice Fishbein, Noel Romanoff, Norm Blinn, Alexander J. Conn, Gertrude Weinstein, Ida Rubin
8	Tevet 4	Dorothy Seligman Unger, Philip H. Miller, Nettie Steinman, Rabbi William Seligman, S. Theodore Pinsky, Rita Hoffman
9	Tevet 5	Sidney Kezur, Jean Weiner Lackner, Florence C. Greenberg, Edith M. Rosenbaum, Alan Blumberg
10	Tevet 6	Irma Sitzmann, Judy Erd, Molly Harbor, Bernard Shoched
11	Tevet 7	Robert Mahler, Harry Cousins, William G. Diamond, Dora Mostov, Leona Goldman, Kurt Odenheimer
12	Tevet 8	Esther Schoichet, David Kaufman, Jeanne Leibovitz, Meyer Straus, Reuben Kaplan
13	Tevet 9	Esther Toby Abramson
14	Tevet 10	Bessie Rosen, Evelyn Sandler, Jack Richman, Betty Quiroga
15	Tevet 11	Stanford Odesky, Jonnard Greenberg
16	Tevet 12	Robert Siegel, David Reinwald, Ilya Kapelyush, Harry Stupsker, Harry Rubins, Martin I. Krauss, Yvette Levin, Ben Aronoff, Viola Lewis, Arthur G. Mintz
17	Tevet 13	Ned Joel Sack, Mervin L. Goldstein, Gertrude Goldman, Frances Gometz
18	Tevet 14	Aaron Willinger, Rita Malkin, Ben Trattner, Irving Sack, Abraham Leibovitz, Herman Fishbein
19	Tevet 15	Carl Shiff, Morton Zaft, Ann Lib Kozel, Sarah Phillips
20	Tevet 16	Rudy Ertis, William Jacob Raeder, Calvin Katz, Miriam Leizerman
21	Tevet 17	Henry Lipson, Cody Leslie Morse, Klaus Hess, Isidor Wiegler, Ruth Yuro
22	Tevet 18	Charles Alan Swolsky, Frances Rosenblum, Bert Fox, Anita Beckerman, Ida Stein
23	Tevet 19	Helen Laks, Rabbi Morton Goldberg, Jessie Meisel, Shirley Sanders
24	Tevet 20	Bluma Goldberg, Herman Bookman, Fannie Teitlebaum, Cyrus Jaffee, Honey Feingold, Arthur Friedman, Sylbert Friedman, Alex Zimble
25	Tevet 21	Jill Green, Kayla Salzberg, Elaine Millman, Zelda Lasky, Dorothy Schroeder, Shirley Sattler
26	Tevet 22	Estelle Freimer, Belle R. Epstein, Jacob Schuller, Joseph Federman, Gerald Stark
27	Tevet 23	Rose Katzman, Betty Davis, Sylvia Zyndorf, Jerry Baron, Deborah Goodman
28	Tevet 24	Syma Fraidenaich, David Greenbaum, Albert Kaminsky, Abraham Russell, Lillian Sussman, Sadie Russell, Michael Schwartzberg, Marcy Chaban, Benjamin M. Green
29	Tevet 25	Ray Malkin, Marvin Hochberg, Harry Goldman, Esther Young, Nicholas Goldhammer, Israel Rosenblum, Moses Dorf, Dr. Samuel Korman, Jeannette Bauer
30	Tevet 26	Alex Hoffman, Anna Litwin, Joseph Bloom, Charlotte Rappaport
31	Tevet 27	Leah Ginsberg Epstein, Dora Chester, Sylvia T. Fink, Leona Harris, Sam Burke, Norman Shoffer, Jennie Segall, Burton Kalniz

SNOW BIRDS.....

Let us know when you will be leaving the Toledo area so that we can ensure you receive your bulletins without interruption. Please call the office at 419.517.8400.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

If you or someone you know is in the hospital and would appreciate a phone call 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.

YAHRZEIT NOTICES...

If you are not 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 of death.

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

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.



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Saturdays	CLOSED
*Sundays	9:00 - 11:30 AM

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CBI Guidelines for In Person Attendance

ALL ATTENDEES MUST WEAR A MASK IN THE BUILDING
REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.

- CBI Members and guests that have been FULLY vaccinated are welcome to attend in person services. *Fully vaccinated means at least 2 weeks past your second dose.*
- MEMBERS: The first time you attend in person services, you MUST present your Covid 19 vaccination card showing that you are fully vaccinated.
 - Please do not ask the Usher to "take your word for it". If you forget your card, please leave the building and come back with your card. No exceptions.
- GUESTS: Only guests that have been FULLY vaccinated are welcome to attend in person services at CBI.
 - The CBI office MUST be notified BEFORE the guest attends so that we have a list for the Usher and Officer on duty.
 - Guests MUST show their Covid 19 vaccination card each time they attend CBI services. If they forget their card, they will be asked to leave the building and come back with their card.
- If you are a CBI member, and have not yet attended services, and are fully vaccinated, you can take a photo of your Covid 19 vaccination card and email it to Rhoda Miller, rmiller@cbitoledo.org at the CBI office. We will mark your name in our roster as "fully vaccinated".
- For your safety, when you arrive at the synagogue, we ask that you do not loiter in the lobby area in front of the Sanctuary doors. If the Ark is open, the congregation is standing for a prayer, or the Cantor is speaking or chanting from the Torah, please enter through the Social Hall doors and when appropriate, take your seat. When you enter the Social Hall, be sure to stand at least 5 feet away from the doors.

If the above guidelines preclude you from attending in-person services at CBI, you can instead watch the CBI live stream or zoom services from your home (see instruction on the column at the right). See the calendar on page 15 for service formats.

The CBI Board will continuously review these safety precautions and make adjustments based on CDC guidelines.



How to access CBI Zoom Programs & 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.

A link and passcode will be emailed to congregants.



CBI
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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". 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.

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Sunday

Monday

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Thursday

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Saturday

December 2021

5	HANUKKAH - Light 8th Candle 9:30 AM Religious School 12:00 PM Hebrew High Teen Class 3:30 PM Community Rally "Shine a Light Against Anti-Semitism" 5:00 PM CBI Hanukkah Dinner	6	HANUKKAH - DAY 8 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	7	5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	8	4:15 PM - 5:45 PM Hebrew School 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	9	8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	10	5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service	11	9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Shuvah Service Parsha Vayigash	12	9:30 - 11:30 AM Religious School 10:30 AM In-Person Adult Ed: Rabbi Robert Dobrusin 2:00 PM Zoom Musical Traditions of the Eastern European Synagogue	13	8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	14	FAST OF 10th of TEVET 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	15	4:15 PM - 5:45 PM Hebrew School 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	16	8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service 6:45 PM Exec. Committee Mtg. 7:30 PM Board Meeting	17	5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service	18	9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parsha Vayechei	19	NO Religious School - WINTER BREAK	20	8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	21	5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	22	NO Hebrew School - WINTER BREAK 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	23	8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	24	OFFICE CLOSED 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service	25	9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parsha Shemot	26	NO Religious School - WINTER BREAK	27	8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	28	10:30 AM Zoom WCBI Book Club: "The 100 Most Jewish Foods: A Highly Debatable List" edited by Alana Newhouse 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	29	NO Hebrew School - WINTER BREAK 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	30	8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	31	OFFICE CLOSED 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service	4	HANUKKAH - Light 6th Candle 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service 4:47 PM Light Candles	5:50 PM Shabbat Ends
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Be advised that scheduled services and events shown in this calendar may be cancelled, time adjusted, or postponed. We will keep you informed by email on a regular basis if there are any changes.

CBI Gift Shop

Call for an appointment
419.882.2111 or 419. 517.8400



Hanukkah Essentials

Hanukkah candles, gelt, dreidels, menorahs, wrapping paper, and gifts items are available for purchase in the Gift Shop at CBI.

To see the full Hanukkah gift assortment, please call the numbers above to make an appointment. The gift shop is open during Sunday 9:30 - 11:30 AM.

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HANUKKAH 2021 : 5782

1st candle: Nov. 28, 2021, 8th candle: Dec. 5, 2021

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 melek 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 melek 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 melek 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!*

