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WCBI Women's Tu B'Shevat Seder

Join Us In-Person or on Zoom as we
celebrate the holiday with the 7 special
foods in the Torah

Tuesday, January 18, 2022
at 6:00 pm In-person or on Zoom

Participate in the camaraderie of other
Jewish women from CBI and our local sister
congregations as we learn about the holiday
of Tu B'Shevat and enjoy a delicious dinner.

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

RSVP to Nancy Goldberg, sandgoldberg@bex.net, by
Tuesday, January 11, 2022 and indicate if you will be
attending in person or on Zoom. You must be fully
vaccinated to attend in person.

The cost for this program is \$18. Please make your
check out to "Women of CBI" and mail to Nancy
Goldberg, 4236 Appomattox Drive, Sylvania, OH 43560.
Please let us know if you have any food allergies when
you make your reservation.

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Approaching 2022

This article is partly based on a drash I delivered on Shabbat December 11th, 2021 for Parshat Vayigash.

The name of the Torah portion 'Vayigash' is derived from the identical opening word of that portion, Genesis 44: 18. It literally means 'He (Judah, Joseph's brother) approached...' The context is that Joseph, now viceroy of the Egyptian empire, has stock-piled food in preparation for a famine he anticipated through a dream. When his brothers came to Egypt for food, Joseph, whose true identity was yet undisclosed, put them through all sorts of "tests" including victimizing Benjamin, his full brother.

Judah's "approaching" Joseph was dangerous and risky. His passionate appeal for mercy on behalf of Benjamin and their elderly father Jacob is interpreted by the Midrash based on the identical word's usage in three Biblical contexts:

"Rabbi Yehuda said that Judah's approach was for war. Rabbi Nehemiah said he approached for appeasement. The other Rabbis said it was for prayer. Rabbi Elazar said that if the meaning was war, he was ready. If the meaning was appeasement, he was ready. If it meant prayer, he was ready too." (Bereishit Rabbah 93:6)

We have entered 2022 and we likely have aspirations and have made resolutions for the new (secular) year, as we probably do for the new Jewish year. The great Kol Nidrei prayer deals exactly with this issue - vows that may not be realistic, and we beseech God to absolve us of promises we may have been unable to fulfill. Nevertheless each new year, whether secular or Jewish, affords us a precious opportunity for personal growth and greater self-fulfillment.

Our Biblical heroes over and over present a true example of growth, maturation and fulfillment. The Torah spares no detail in exposing their character flaws and very human foibles. Joseph, the hero of this article, is called in Judaism 'Yosef Hatsaddik - Joseph the Righteous.' But he never began that way. His dreams saw him as the center of power over his family. The fact that these came true is not the issue. I believe that Joseph only earns the title 'Righteous' when he finds true peace and fulfillment in reconciliation with his family, his brothers and his father, after so many years have elapsed. His growth and life's journey is now complete.

In this new year we will undoubtedly face situations and communications, each of which will require a considered approach and different tact. Perhaps we can learn from the Midrash's interpretation of Judah's 'approach', that Judah came prepared for three different scenarios - war, appeasement, and prayer. Sometimes the situations we find ourselves in require an aggressive approach; other times the opposite - appeasement - may have the desired outcome. When all else fails, prayer may be exactly what is needed.

It comes as no surprise to me that the haftarah/prophetic portion of Parshat Vayigash closes with a blessing of peace: *"V'harati lahem brit shalom, brit olam. - I shall bring a covenant of peace, an eternal covenant."* (Ezekiel 37:26). My wish for all our CBI family is that whatever 2022 brings, we shall all find shalom!

Hazzan Ivor Lichterman



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, January 15, 2022

Services: 9:30 AM In-Person or Live Stream

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.

DONATING RELIGIOUS OBJECTS TO CBI

We realize during this time that many congregants are cleaning out their homes. Please be aware that it is permissible to throw away old kippot. We would be glad to receive your old prayer books, tallitot or other religious objects for burial.

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.

Laughing Through the Tears: The Serious Roots of Jewish Humor

by Rabbi M. Abrami *reprinted from MyJewishLearning.com*

A Jewish joke is more than just a funny story, for it often has a message for the listener. "First you laugh at a Jewish joke or quip. Then, against your will, you suddenly fall silent and thoughtful. And that is because Jews are so frequently jesting philosophers. A hard life has made them realists, realists without illusions," writes Nathan Ausubel, in the introduction to his *Treasury of Jewish Humor*.

Many Jewish jokes and anecdotes have made a definite impact on the mind and character of the Jewish people, because they are inspired by a profound wisdom. Though not always anticipated at first, it becomes manifest as soon as we reflect upon them.

A classic Yiddish story makes the following observation:

When you tell an am ho-oretz (peasant) a joke, he laughs three times: once, when you tell it, once, when you explain it and once when he understands it.

When you tell a landowner a joke, he laughs twice: once when you tell it and once when you explain it — he will never understand it.

When you tell a military officer a joke, he laughs only once, when you tell it, because he won't let you explain it, and of course, he doesn't understand it.

But when you tell a Jew a joke, he tells you that he has heard it before, and that you are telling it all wrong, anyway.

Turning Lament Into Laughter

Humor is one of the most effective ways of confronting adversity and coping with difficult situations, especially when we have little control over them, or none at all. "By laughing at our fate, it is as if we were stepping out of a situation and looking at it from a distance, as if we were outside observers, so to speak," writes Rabbi Reuven Bulka.

By so doing, we gain the ability to transcend the circumstances, which may be the cause of our anguish. Theodor Reik, a disciple of Sigmund Freud who settled in New York in the 1920s, remarked that life is often tragic and sad. By joking about it, we succeed in transcending the tragic character of an event and bringing it under our control. "By using humor, the lament often turns into laughter," remarked Reik (*Jewish Wit*, New York, 1962).

What do you suppose makes Jews joke so much about adversity? "It is the instinct for self-preservation" says Ausubel. "By laughing at the absurdities and cruelties of life, we draw much of the sting from them. The jester's bells make an honest tinkle, and his comic capers conceal his inner gravity. His satire and irony have one virtue: you never for a moment suspect that his barbs are directed at you. And so you laugh boisterously, feeling superior to the poor shmiggege, while all the time, it is you who are the target!"

In Jewish humor, comedy and tragedy are intertwined and it is often what you might call "laughter through tears," or as we say in Yiddish, "a bitterer gelekhter!"

Jewish humor is unique, not only because it pokes fun at our shortcomings and weaknesses, but because it reflects upon the history of our people. Let us consider, for example, some of the anecdotes and jokes that express our determination to stay alive in spite of everything and our resolution to overcome the threatening situations in which we find ourselves.

A classic story, illustrating the instinct of survival, is an anecdote quoted by Reuven Bulka:

A Jew in Russia falls into a lake, and, not knowing how to swim, he frantically screams, "Help, save me!" But his calls are totally ignored by all present, including a number of soldiers standing nearby. In desperation, the Jew yells out, "Down with the czar!" At that moment, the

soldiers immediately jump in, yank the Jew out of the water, and haul him off to prison.

Staying Alive

To stay alive, in spite of all forms of oppression, has been one of the major concerns of the Jewish people through the centuries, and their jesters found many ways to convey this message in humorous terms.

In France, during World War II, a funny anecdote circulated among Jews:

A Jew manages to hide in a psychiatric asylum during the war. He is acting like the other demented patients. One day, the director of the institution informs the residents that the Führer, Adolf Hitler, is planning to visit the asylum. When he enters the main hall, they are told, they are to stand up and greet him with the words "Heil Hitler!"

The day comes, and they all welcome the Führer with the words they had so carefully rehearsed, except for the Jewish man, who remains seated in the back of the hall.

"You," says Hitler, "why didn't you greet me like everybody else?"

"My Führer," says the Jew, "they are all meshuge [insane]. I am not!"

Hope, Always

Even in the face of impending doom there may still be some hope, as the following story will tell us:

Prominent scientists have just announced that, as a result of the global warming phenomenon, an uncontrollable flood would soon devastate Planet Earth and bring death to every living being. There were only three days left before doomsday.

The Chief Rabbi of Israel goes on international radio and says: "Fellow Jews, we must all accept the will of God with humility. We must prepare ourselves to meet our Maker and pray that God may receive us with love and compassion."

The leaders of the Hasidim address their communities and say, "Yidn (fellow Jews), let us do teshuvah and repent from our sins, and let us be prepared for the great Day of Judgment, at which time we will appear in the presence of the Court on High."

The science and biology students of the universities of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, the Negev, together with the leading scientists of the Haifa Technion and the Weizmann Institute, immediately go on the air and say, "Fellow Jews, everywhere, we have heard the terrible news, and we must not waste any time, for we just have three days to learn how to live under water."

The lesson of the story is quite significant: Jews wish the world to know that they are determined to survive even the worst hell, says Bulka. They will mobilize all their energies and abilities to stay alive, even in the midst of severe persecutions. The victims of discrimination and injustice have no other way than to rely upon their wit and intelligence in order to overcome the hatred of their enemies.

Responding With Dignity and Wit

Because they faced discrimination and anti-Semitism so many times in the past, Jews had to find ways of responding with dignity — but often also, with a certain amount of biting wit — to these unwarranted attacks on their personalities. One of these stories brings a Jew and an anti-Semite face to face:

An altercation takes place at a royal reception at Buckingham Palace, between the Jewish philanthropist, Sir Moses Montefiore, and an unfriendly Russian Grand Duke.

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Happy Belated Birthday!

Jack Katz 75th Birthday
December 11, 2021

January Special Birthdays



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

Saundra Yaffe 91st Birthday
January 31, 2021

- Gertrude Levitin January 4
- Hindea Markowicz January 5
- Phyllis Bernstein January 17
- Chad Kripke January 24
- Cheryl Rothschild January 28
- Marlene Remer January 30
- Howard Moskowitz January 30
- Kenneth Brochin January 30
- Sophia Chernow January 30

January Special Anniversaries

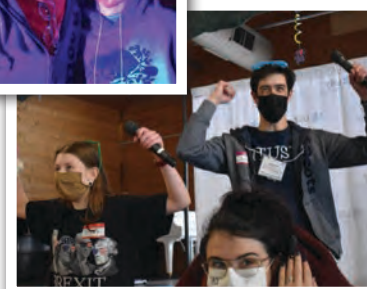
Cynthia Palmer & Alan Mintz January 2 40 Years

Mazal Tov

• Matt Kripke on being appointed Toledo Jewish Community Foundation Vice-Chairman.

Mazal Tov to CBI USY President, Adam Davis, for co-chairing the first in-person convention in over 18 months. USYers from our region (CRUSY) had a phenomenal time at Fall Kinnus at Camp Wise and are looking forward to more in-person events soon.

Andy Davis, brother of Adam, also attended the convention on Nov. 18-21, 2021. The upper left photo shows the brothers at a black light party during the convention.



Condolences

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF IRVING ALLOY
Beloved husband of Camille, and father of Phillip (Valerie), Jan, and Mark (Renee). Irving was a past-president of CBI from 1975-1977.

KAREN SUE DORF
Cousin of Amy (Eric) Russell.

JONATHAN JAY STEIN
Husband of Sandra, and father of Samantha and Nicole. Samantha and Nicole are 2021 graduates of the David S. Stone Religious School.

DR. HAROLD KOMINARS
Brother of Alan (Charlotte) Kominars.

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

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HARRIET & MARTY DAVIS

The CBI office will be CLOSED

Monday, January 17, 2022 MLK Day

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

*Basic Kiddush for 60 people: \$300

Includes:

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

Extras:

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

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

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



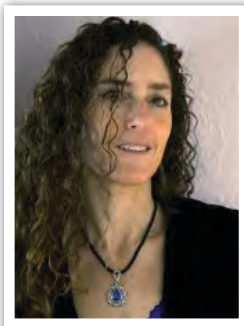
Jewish Lives, Jewish Learning: CBI Adult Education Series

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO MEMBERS
OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

**PLEASE JOIN US AS
WE WELCOME**

Dr. Dena Eber

**Professor of Digital Arts
Associate Director, School of Art,
Bowling Green State University**



**Sunday, January 9, 2022 10:30 AM
In-Person and on Zoom**

"Digital Technology, Art & Judaism"

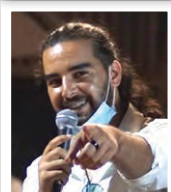
Like all artists and art, Jewish artists and art have progressed and morphed based on cultural influences of a given time and place. The available tools used in the creative process have similarly evolved. What influence has digital technology had on Jewish artists and art? We will look at what a few digital artists are making and thinking, and discuss possible relationships between the tools, the art and Judaism.

JCRC Community Education: Tech2Peace Virtual Program

**Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 10:00 AM
on Zoom**



Tech2Peace brings together young Palestinians and Israelis through intensive seminars and an ongoing alumni community blending high-tech and entrepreneurship training and dialogue.



Tech2Peace leverages Israel's impressive high-tech ecosystem to build a cross-border network of Palestinians and Israelis that support peace, and work together towards a more peaceful future by building joint startups and other initiatives.



This interactive webinar will include discussions with Israeli and Palestinian staff and alumni of T2P, giving community members a chance to better understand multiple perspectives on the situation on the ground, discuss their thoughts and feelings with those at the center of the conflict, contribute their expertise and knowledge to our work, and receive a message of hope and peace during these difficult times.

Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/tech2peace>



SAVE THE DATE:

Mark your calendar with the dates of WCBI
Rosh Chodesh programs for 2022

WOMEN OF CBI CELEBRATE Rosh Chodesh Adar II & Purim

Featuring Guest Speaker:
Rabbi Aura Ahuvia

**Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 11:00 AM
In-Person and on Zoom**

Watch for details in the February 2022 Bulletin

**Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Rosh Chodesh Iyar:**

"Swimming in the Sea of Text"

**Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Rosh Chodesh Elul:
Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur**

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 11:00 AM
Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan**

**Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Rosh Chodesh Tevet**

Please note: Due to the rising cost of supplies and food, the registration fee for the March 9th program and future Rosh Chodesh programs will increase to \$10, unless otherwise stated.

If you would prefer to view the CBI Bulletin online at <https://www.cbitoledo.org/bulletins-and-news/bulletins/> and do not want to receive a printed copy, please contact Rhoda Miller at rmiller@cbitoledo.org and your name will be removed from the mailing list.

Notes from our Principal Kim Brody, Principal, David S. Stone Religious School

On December 5th, CBI Religious School students had the opportunity to celebrate Chanukah with Major Yoni Alon in Israel, via Zoom. We are so grateful for all of the time we have been able to spend with Yoni via Zoom over the past two school years. We are looking forward to when he is able to visit us in person again.

We followed our Zoom celebration with delicious latkes, applesauce, sufganyot, and chocolate gelt. It was wonderful to be able to safely celebrate Hanukkah together in person this year.

We concluded an extraordinary JLI Teen class (Hebrew High) led by Shmuel Matusof and assisted by Peter Silverman on December 19th. There were ten high school students from our community who participated in a series of 6 classes followed by writing a paper. All students who completed the class requirements received a \$250 stipend. We hope this opportunity is available again in the future for our students.

Together with students from Shomer Emunim, community members and led by JCRC, our students grades 7 and higher have the opportunity to participate in an extraordinary webinar called Tech2Peace. Tech2Peace brings together young Jewish Israelis, Arab Israelis, and Palestinians through seminars that blend dialogue with high-tech and entrepreneurship training. Tech2Peace leverages Israel's impressive

high-tech ecosystem to build a cross-border network of Palestinians and Israelis to support peace, and work together towards a more peaceful future by building joint start-ups and other initiatives.

The webinar for the community will include large and small-group discussions with Palestinian and Israeli staff and alumni of T2P, giving students and community members a chance to better understand multiple perspectives of the situation on the ground, discuss their thoughts and feelings with those at the center of the conflict, and receive a message of hope and peace during these difficult times. The conversation will include T2P's trained dialogue facilitators.

Elle Katz and Henry Hively were all smiles as they enjoyed delicious latkes, applesauce and sufganyot at the Religious School Hanukkah Party on December 5, 2021.



CBI students also met virtually with our friend, Major Yoni Alon in Israel. He shared different ways Hanukkah is celebrated in Israel compared to the United States.

Calling All High School Seniors

Do you plan on attending a college in Northwest Ohio? Then don't miss out on applying for College Scholarships that will help assist your financial needs!



- Do you have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher?
- Are you a member of the Toledo Jewish Community that lives in Northwest Ohio or Southeast Michigan?
- The Toledo Jewish Community Foundation can help YOU.

For further information on College Scholarships that are available, please contact Deb Damschroder at 419-724-0405 or Deb@jewishtoledo.org, today!

David S. Stone Religious School Calendar: January 2022

Sunday	1/2	NO RS - WINTER BREAK
Wednesday	1/5	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sunday	1/9	Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM
Wednesday	1/12	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sunday	1/16	NO RS - MLK WEEKEND
Wednesday	1/19	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sunday	1/23	Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM • Tech2 Peace program (grades 7+)
Wednesday	1/26	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sunday	1/30	Rel School 9:30-11:30 AM

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Winter Safety Tips from the American Red Cross

During the winter season, the American Red Cross urges everyone to stay safe and offers these steps to follow:

GET RED CROSS READY:

- Stay indoors and wear warm clothes. Layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing will keep you warmer than a bulky sweater.
- Check on relatives, neighbors and friends, particularly if they are elderly or if they live alone.
- Keep your vehicle's gas tank full to keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Don't forget your pets. Bring your companion animals indoors.

PREVENT FROZEN PIPES:

- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
- Let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

HOW TO THAW FROZEN PIPES:

- If you turn on a faucet and only a trickle comes out, suspect a frozen pipe. Likely places for frozen pipes include against exterior walls or where your water service enters your home through the foundation.
- Keep the faucet open. As you treat the frozen pipe and the frozen area begins to melt, water will begin to flow through the frozen area. Running water through the pipe will help melt ice in the pipe.
- Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, an electric hair dryer, a portable space heater (kept away

from flammable materials), or by wrapping pipes with towels soaked in hot water. Do not use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater, charcoal stove, or other open flame device.

- Apply heat until full water pressure is restored. If you are unable to locate the frozen area, if the frozen area is not accessible, or if you cannot thaw the pipe, call a licensed plumber.
- Check all other faucets in your home to find out if you have additional frozen pipes. If one pipe freezes, others may freeze, too.

Laughing Through the Tears

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Shocked that a Jew should have been invited to an aristocratic gathering, the Grand Duke slyly remarks to Sir Moses Montefiore that he had just returned from Japan, and he had been intrigued to learn that in Japan, there were neither Jews nor pigs. Sir Moses calmly responds to the Grand Duke, "This is indeed quite interesting. Now, suppose you and I were to go to Japan, it would then have one of each!"

In the battle of wits, unlike other battles, a Jew could win an argument by exposing the absurdity of the prejudice. This approach often became the only way that enabled the Jew to retain his sanity and survive the inhuman conditions that were imposed upon him:

An anti-Semite declares without shame, "All our troubles come from the Jews!" The Jew responds: "Absolutely! From the Jews — and the bicycle riders!"

"Bicycle riders? Why the bicycle riders?" asks the anti-Semite. "Why the Jews?" asks the Jew.

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What is Tu B'Shevat?

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

On Tu B'Shevat, we eat lots of fruit, nuts, and grains, particularly the kinds associated with Israel. The Torah praises seven 'fruits' in particular: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and dates.

This year, Tu B'Shevat begins at sunset on January 16th and ends in the evening of January 17th.

CBI Hanukkah Party 2021

The CBI Hanukkah party on Sunday, December 5, 2021 was a great success. Approximately 30 CBI members and children attended. The mood was festive with the lighting of the Hanukkah candles, delicious latkes and donuts, and the singing of holiday songs.

Also in attendance were Cantor Lichterman (and Jan Lacker-Lichterman's) visiting family from Maryland, son Ari, and grandchildren Akiva and Eitan.



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 in 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.



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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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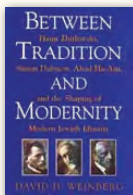
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**CBI Library Books
to Read or Re-read**

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Between Tradition and Modernity - Haim Zhitlowski, Simon Dubnow, Ahad Ha-Am, and the Shaping of Modern Jewish Identity by David H. Weinberg PhD

"A thoughtful and well-researched study of three figures who were at the cutting edge of Jewish modernity. The basic problems that they faced are still with us

today. Weinberg's study will help us think about the present with greater insight. This book is required reading for all those who care about contemporary Jewish life." — Arthur Hertzberg CBI member David Weinberg is a retired professor of history at Wayne State University where he was the Director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies.

Ethnic Identities and Classifying Practices Among Jews of Curacao. A Dissertation by Alan F. Benjamin PhD

Toledoan Alan Benjamin, wrote this dissertation in 1996. "He is a retired Lecturer & Undergraduate Studies Officer, Jewish Studies Program at The Pennsylvania State University. He used this research to go on to write and lecture on the Jews of Curacao, Netherlands Antilles exploring ecology, history, kinship, commerce, rituals and language use in everyday life."



Poems, Non-poems, and Nonsense by Doris R. Goldberg

"...these are poems you can get your teeth into and find them sweet and salt on your tongue, not evaporating into mists of obscurity..." Doris Goldberg was a prolific writer. She had a Masters degree in English Literature and edited a weekly Poetry Column for the Toledo Blade. She

served on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Poetry Day Association. Mrs. Goldberg won state and national poetry awards and was published in National and International publications. She was married to CBI Rabbi Emeritus Morton Goldberg and passed away in 2001 at the age of 91.

The Voice of Wisdom by Rabbi Aaron Intrater

Rabbi Aaron Intrater was The Director of the Cleveland Bureau of Jewish Education for over 20 years and father of CBI member Neal Intrater. Prior, he was the Director of the Board of Jewish Education in Indianapolis for 15 years. Rabbi Intrater, was a foremost authority on Jewish History and Jewish Law and was a member of the National Association of the Professors of Hebrew and of the National Council for Jewish Education. He co-authored this book, a guide to wisdom literature of the Bible and proverbs for youth and adults.

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.