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# CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

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**Women  
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## Rosh Chodesh Shevat

### Chocolate & Friends: The Rich Things in Life

*Join us for a divine chocolate tasting!*

**Tuesday, January 24, 2023  
7pm in-person at CBI**

Event cost is \$10, payable at the door

**Tikkun Olam Project:** We ask that all attendees bring shelf stable soup to benefit Jewish Family Service Food Bank

Please RSVP by January 16, 2023, to Jan Kasle at [jbkasle@gmail.com](mailto:jbkasle@gmail.com) or call 419.345.6712



**This program is open to the women of all local congregations**

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## The Possibilities of '23

*This article is based on a drash I delivered on Shabbat December 10th Parshat Vayishlach, in response to multiple requests for copies.*

Do you believe the cliché 'a leopard never changes its spots?' We all tend to make new year's resolutions, that often fade as soon as January 2nd. Is it human nature to be unable to change? I believe the stories of our forefather Jacob as well as Hanukkah which coincide in our Torah reading and calendar cycle, prove the above cliché false. In addition, Jacob garners so much more attention in the Torah than both his father, Isaac and grandfather, Abraham. This begs the question, is it mere coincidence, or might there be a message therein?

I believe that no other Biblical character truly reflects the vicissitudes of Jewish history and destiny than Jacob. The same is true of the story of Hanukkah. Jacob reaches his zenith in Parshat Vayishlach with his name twice being changed to Israel (Genesis 32:29; 35:10). This, I believe is the culmination of a massive metamorphosis of Jacob from *ish tam yoshev ohalim* - a simple, withdrawn home-body book-worm (Genesis 25:27) to *ki sarita im Elohim v'im anashim vatuchal* - you wrestled with G-d and with humanity and won."

Jacob's dramatic transformation is both physical and spiritual, as is the story of Hanukkah. First he has to overcome his parents' dysfunctional favoritism which sets the twin brothers up for rivalry, hinted in Genesis 25:22, 26 *v'vayit-rots'tsu habanim b'kirba* - "and the boys grappled within her", and *v'yado ochezet ba'akev Esav* - "and Esau's hand was grabbing Esau's heel". The literal meaning 'heel' implies trampled and subservient, and holding on for 'dear life'. The second literal meaning of Jacob is 'cheater', as stated by Esau in Genesis 27:36

הכי קרא שמו יעקב ויעקבני זה פעמים את בכורתי לקח והנה עתה לקח ברכתי  
 - *"hachi kara shemo Yaakov, vaya'akveini zeh pa'amayim, et bechorati lakach, v'hinay ata lakach bir-chati* - so that's why they called his name Jacob, he cheated me twice - first he took my birthright and now he also took my blessing." Esau then says that as soon as the days of mourning his father's death draw near, he will kill his brother (Gen. 27:41).

As Jacob flees his brother's wrath, running from home for the first time into an unknown future and life's journey, he will have to grow up quickly and mature. This process begins with Jacob's famous dream of God's angels *olim v'yordim bo* - "ascending and descending" a ladder to heaven. What is wrong with this sequence? If they are God's angels, shouldn't they first **descend** from heaven, then **ascend**? The answer is that the angels emanated from Jacob, not from God, as a kind of 'wake up call' in his realization that God will be there with him on this dangerous journey. As he awakes from his dream he declares *achen yesh Hashem bamakom hazeh v'anochi lo yadati* - behold God is in this place and I did not realize!" So begins Jacob's spiritual transformation.

Jacob's physical transformation begins when he first lays eyes on Rachel and it was 'love at first sight' (Gen. 29:10). Arriving to Charan he stopped at a water well which was covered by a huge boulder that a group of shepherds were unable to budge. As Jacob beheld Rachel, overcome with strength and inspiration he single handedly rolled the boulder off the well and gave water to Rachel's flocks. What happened to that simple, withdrawn home-bodied bookworm lad?

The drama thickens as he is about to meet his brother after twenty years. Fearful that he and his family could be killed, he sent scouts to reconnoiter Esau's arrival, who reported Esau was accompanied by an army of four-hundred. Jacob prays to God which marks a critical milestone in his spiritual maturation. He says

קטנתי מכל החסדים ומכל האמת אשר עשית את עבדך  
 - *"katonti mikol hachasadim umikol ha'emet asher asita et avdecha* - I am humbled by all the kindness and truth You have shown me..." Jacob credits **God** as the source of his blessings since he fled home, spending twenty transformational years with Laban, his father-in-law.

Jacob sends his household off to safety, and the Torah states *vayivater Yaakov l'vado* - Jacob remained alone" (Gen. 32:25). In this moment of deep self-reflection, as he contemplates his family's fate, Jacob has a strange encounter with an unnamed adversary. This marks a watershed moment in Jacob's metamorphosis as well as that of our People. I believe Jacob's life is a microcosm of Jewish history. We are, after all, the People of Israel. Here Jacob finally sheds all vestige of subservience to Esau, proving he is worthy of the name change, and thereby fulfilling God's promise to his mother Rebecca



## Hate Marches On

We, the Jewish people, are not victims. What we have endured and overcome can never happen again. We are a light unto the world. But like the current flu season, sickness around us arises again. Why? The flu is a virus that's never cured. A virus that takes many lives when it peaks in epidemic form. But we have a vaccine and a way to lessen its impact.

Of late, many have heard about the rise of antisemitism in many forms. Recent comments from musician Kanye West and basketball player Kyrie Irving have been reported widely. They haven't stepped back from their hateful comments. For those that follow these issues on digital and social media, you've most likely noted the public feedback. Somewhat shockingly, there's been a lot of communal support for Kanye and Kyrie. They're beloved and anti-Jewish attitudes are prevalent and tolerated. Why the disconnect in this supposed era of enlightenment and wokeness?

This disease has continued to grow and spread over the past few decades. It comes from the left across college campuses in the form of anti-Zionist rhetoric. The same lies long associated with the white supremacist movement of the far right. If the political spectrum is more like a circle than a line, here is where they connect. What has most alarmingly changed? **Mainstream tolerance.** In an era of intolerance to all forms of prejudice and abuse, antisemitism is the outlier. Some would argue it relates to Israel and the forces that wish to see its demise. Of course, it's just another branch off the tree of Jewish hatred.

The ADL and FBI have well documented the statistical rise in antisemitic acts. It is worldwide. In Ohio, there's been a 61% rise in antisemitic incidents since 2018. Most recently, the Hillel at my alma mater, the University of Cincinnati, was vandalized. College student governments across the country have pushed pro-BDS (Boycott, Divest and Sanction of Israel) resolutions. In many cases, it has passed. Michigan, Ohio State, Harvard, Cal Berkeley etc. The list is long and getting longer. Although the passed BDS resolutions have had little real effect, it is suggestive of a growing belief amongst the college-age generation. Needless to say, that has not improved college life for Jewish students. Now it's become so concerning that the prevalence of anti-Zionism/antisemitism on college campuses must be considered by Jewish families before choosing a college to attend.

Outward hostility towards Israel and the Jewish people ("It's all about the benjamins baby") go hand in hand in our federal government. Some U.S. congresspeople have been openly hostile in their criticism of the Jewish state and unabashedly tying it to American Jews. Legitimate critique of any government policy is not the issue at all. It's the lies and antisemitic tropes perpetuated as part of that criticism that is the concern. I could list the politicians' names here, but it isn't necessary. They're well documented from both sides of the aisle.

So, what can be done? Should we just continue the same course of action primarily based on education of those offenders and the public at large? Are there other options?

My thought is to consider an additional way. Bigoted thinking seems to generate the most media coverage. Not hearing much countering with rational thought affects the problem in that bigoted beliefs become the primary voice of the community. We cannot allow hateful, fanatical thinking to drive the narrative in any community. Direct engagement is warranted. Sitting at the table with community leaders and having some difficult discussions. Drilling down to the real problems, finding commonalities, and making it well known publicly that there is respect between us, and we are working together on issues that affect both of our communities.

Dr. Corey B. Russell, CBI President



## January Special Birthdays



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

Harry Nistel	Jan. 12	95th Birthday
Sandra Yaffe	Jan. 31	92nd Birthday

Ellen Hively	January 1
Adrienne Goldberg	January 5
Nancy Goldberg	January 23
Asia Wajskol	January 30

## January Special Anniversaries

Wanda & Ronald Wachsman	January 19	10
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*Special Birthdays & Anniversaries reflect the '0' or '5' year of the birthday or anniversary.*

## Belated Anniversary Wishes

**A belated Mazal Tov to Beverly & Marvyn Greenberg in celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary on December 14, 2022.**

**Our CBI family wishes them many more years together in health and happiness!**

## Todah Rabah

▪ Special thanks to an anonymous donor who has again generously provided a tuition grant to religious school students grades K-10 for the 2022-2023 year through an established fund at the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation. Their magnanimous act makes it possible for all Congregation B'nai Israel and Congregation Etz Chayim students who attend The David S. Stone Religious School to receive a Jewish education free of charge.

### TO OUR KIDDUSH LUNCH SPONSORS:

**Carol & Bill Richman** December 17  
*In Honor of the 2nd Anniversary of their 50th Wedding Anniversary*

## Additional 5783 Kol Nidre Appeal Donors as of December 15, 2022

JAN STEINBERG      JESSICA & ERIC LAUBER

## CBI Office HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Monday, January 2, 2023	New Year's Day Holiday
Monday, January 16, 2023	MLK Day Holiday

## A Birthday Wish

Carole Lash has been a member of Congregation B'nai Israel since 1959. She moved from Toledo to Charlotte, North Carolina years ago, but despite the distance, has maintained her membership.

On November 28th, Carole celebrated her 90th birthday, and her special wish was to reconnect with her Toledo roots and visit our synagogue.

Her birthday wish came true when she attended CBI Shabbat morning services with her daughter Barbara on November 26, 2022. Carole felt the warmth and love from our congregation, and enjoyed the company of Rhoda Miller at the Kiddush lunch.



## Mazal Tov

- Selma Master on the engagement of her grandson, Jordan Richman to Sydney Goldberg in Toronto, Canada. Proud parents are Michelle Master-Richman & Aaron Richman.
- Susan & Steve Kaufman on the birth of their grandson, Brady Ezra . Proud parents are Emily & Eli Kaufman.

## Condolences

**OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF**

### PHILLIP ALLOY

Son of Camille and Irv (z"l), husband of Valerie, father of Sara (Dwayne Williams), brother of Jan and Mark (Renee).

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



**Mazal Tov to our December Graduates!**

**Lila Goldman**, daughter of David Goldman, graduated from The University of Toledo with a Bachelor's degree in Education.

**Ian Mahoney**, son of Stephanie & Joel Mahoney, graduated from The University of Toledo with a Bachelor of Science and Engineering degree. He has accepted a position with Emerson Professional Tools in Elyria, Ohio.

**Quinn Murphy**, son of Cindy Robertson, graduated from Case Western University with a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing with a minor in accounting.

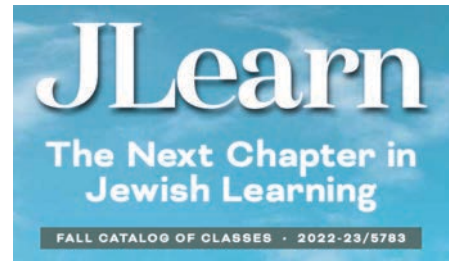
**CBI Credit Card Transactions**

When paying for a contribution, dues payment, or other transaction with a credit card, **we are asking for an additional 3% to cover credit card fees.** There is no additional fee added for checks or cash.

Thank you for your understanding and support of Congregation B'nai Israel.

**Calling all CBI Members!**

CBI Adult Ed presents a virtual interactive Jewish adult learning option without the hassle of leaving the comfort of your home.



**Welcome to the Fall 2022-23 Catalog of classes from JLearn, where adult Jewish learning meets today's lifestyles.**

Offered via Zoom by the Jewish Federation of Metro Detroit, JLearn offers classes in history, religion, Talmud, ethics, Hebrew, the arts, current events and much more. Type in the following link for course information and registration details: <https://www.jccdet.org/jlearn/>

*Call (248) 205-2557 and ask for special pricing for members of Congregation B'nai Israel Toledo.*

**FEDERATION OF JEWISH MEN'S CLUB  
BIENNIAL CONVENTION**

The convention will take place on Thursday, June 29 – Sunday, July 2, 2023 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. If you are interested in attending the FJMC Biennial Convention this summer, you can now attend as an individual. FJMC is offering individual memberships even if our synagogue is not an FJMC member. Regional subsidies of up to \$500 are available.

Please contact Dale Levy at [dlevy82@gmail.com](mailto:dlevy82@gmail.com) for more information. <http://fjmccconvention.org/>

**Women of CBI Honor Roll 2022-2023**

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|------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Anne Bauer       | Nancy Goldberg         | Jan Lacker-Lichterman | Carol Richman       | Sandy Traugott    |
| Miriam Beckerman | Sharon Hoicowitz       | Elana Lauber          | Nora Romanoff       | Patti Tuschman    |
| Linda Beren      | Norma Kalniz           | Karen Lieberman       | Ann Rosenberg       | Andrea Urie       |
| Nancy Beren      | Jan Kasle              | Diana Lipszyc         | Bonnie Ross         | Anastazja Wajskol |
| Bonnie Berland   | Angela Katz            | Gabrielle Mallin      | Cheryl Rothschild   | Judy Weinberg     |
| Eva Bernblum     | Christina Katz         | Barbara McGrew        | Rona Rothschild     | Fran Weinblatt    |
| Nancy Danziger   | Debbie Katz-Liebenthal | Rhoda Miller          | Rene Rusgo          | Ellie Williams    |
| Harriet Davis    | Roanne Katzman         | Joyce Moran           | Arlene Russell      | Sue Wilson        |
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| Lori Friedes     | Ann Kisin              | Sheila Odesky         | Bobbie Shall        | Dena Zack         |
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| Katalin Gale     | Beverly Koslen         | Darlene Portnoy       | Cathy Sperling      | Meira Zucker      |
| Luann Garber     | Jill Kripke            | Sheila Post           | Sharon Stein        | Kelly Zyndorf     |
| Shirley Gerber   | Gail Kwait             | Bette Raymond         | Rebecca Swett       |                   |
| Judith Gersz     | Harriet Lacker         | Susan Richards        | Shirley Tochtermann |                   |



TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

Join us each Friday morning to discuss and learn the weekly Torah portion with lay-leader, Miriam Beckerman

**Friday Mornings at 10:00 - 11:00 AM**  
**In-Person at CBI**  
**January 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023**

**January 6: Parashat Vayechi**

The story of Jacob's final years and his request that Joseph take a special oath.

**January 13: Parashat Shemot**

The book of Exodus begins with the children of Israel multiplying in Egypt and the birth of Moses.

**January 20: Parashat Va'eira**

God reveals himself to Moses, Moses and Aaron confront the Pharaoh, and the plagues ensue.

**January 27: Parashat Bo**

The last three plagues are visited on the land of Egypt and God "passes over" the homes of the Israelites.

**NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

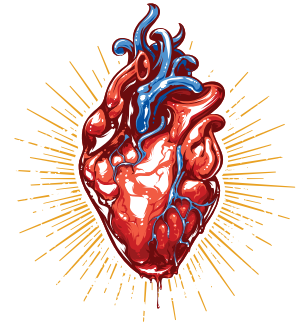
**A KNOWLEDGE OF TORAH IS NOT REQUIRED**

**Let's all learn together!**

**Nosh & Knowledge:**  
**CBI Adult Education Series**

**"Don't Eat the Schmaltz!"**  
**Heart Health**

with speaker  
**Dr. Dale Levy**



**Sunday, January 8, 2023**  
**10:30 AM - 12:00 PM at CBI**

Dr. Dale Levy, Cardiothoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeon, will discuss risk factors, statistics, and prevention methods for heart disease.

Please RSVP to the office 419-517-8400 by Monday, January 3, 2023.

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

**Letters from Anne and Martin:**  
**A Dramatic Presentation to Commemorate**  
**International Holocaust Remembrance Day**  
**and Martin Luther King Day**

**Thursday, January 19, 2023, 6:30 pm**

**The Center Theatre in the Center for**  
**Performing Arts at the University of Toledo,**  
**1910 W. Rocket Dr., Toledo Ohio**

The traveling production of *Letters from Anne and Martin* counterpoints the experiences of two legendary figures: Martin Luther King Jr. and Anne Frank. Through the inspirational words of her hopes and plans for a peaceful and unified world, Anne Frank's *The Diary of a Young Girl* serves as a reminder of the atrocities experienced during the Holocaust because of bigotry. Written in response to his arrest during a peaceful demonstration, the defense of his strategy of nonviolent resistance to racism in Martin Luther King's Letter from Birmingham Jail, is one of the most important written documents of the civil rights era. To this day, Anne's and Martin's words still resonate as a testament to how one voice can carry the voices of millions that have been silenced.

**The program is free and open to the public.**

*This event is co-sponsored by the*  
**Ruth Fagerman Markowicz Holocaust Research Center**



# TOT SHABBAT

## CBI'S TOT SHABBAT PROGRAM

Join us for a special Shabbat service for our youngest congregants led by Hannah Chernow. Activities will include stories, singing and delicious challah!

**Saturday, February 4, 2023**  
**11:00 - 11:40 AM**  
in the CBI Chapel

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

Kiddush lunch will follow.

RSVP to the office at 419-517-8400 or email [kbrody@cbitoledo.org](mailto:kbrody@cbitoledo.org)



## FEBRUARY ADULT ED PROGRAM SAVE THE DATE:

### The Early Universe & What the First Results from the James Webb Space Telescope Tell Us About It

with speaker Steve Federman, Ph.D.

**Sunday, February 12, 2023**  
**10:30 AM - 12:00 PM at CBI**

The universe was born in the Big Bang roughly 13.7 billion years ago. The galaxies, stars and planets that we see today began to form in the first billion years. The James Webb telescope allows us to see into this early universe. Steve will describe the theory and observations that led us to this picture, how the Webb telescope is bringing us new insights, and how all of this compares to the creation story in Genesis.

## "Havdalah - Have Fun!" Night Games • Dinner • Fun



Join us for an evening of fun games, great food and drinks after a meaningful Havdalah service

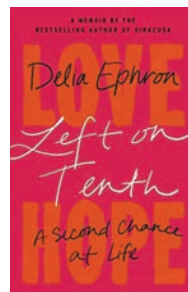
**Saturday Evening, February 25, 2023**  
**6:45 PM at CBI**

We will begin the evening with a family Havdalah at 6:45 PM after which the adults will eat and greet in the social hall while the young people adjourn to have pizza and a movie in the library.

What's your game? Trivia? Poker? Bridge? Maj? Bingo? Uno? Euchre? Canasta? You'll find that and lots more! Bring your friends & family!

**\$5 per adult for this FUN Evening! Please RSVP to the office by February 17, 2023.**

## WOMEN OF CBI BOOK CLUB - FEBRUARY



### *Left on Tenth:* *A Second Chance at Life* by Delia Ephron

**Tuesday, February 28, 2023**  
**10:30 AM In-Person at CBI**

It is not necessary to have read the book to join the discussion.

The bestselling, beloved writer of romantic comedies like *You've Got Mail* tells her own late-in-life love story, complete with a tragic second act and joyous resolution.

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

Please RSVP to Ellen Federman at [efederman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:efederman@sbcglobal.net) by Sunday, February 26, 2023.

*Toledo has 8 print copies, 10 eBooks & 4 eAudio copies. SearchOhio has 32 print copies. OhioLINK has 2 print copies.*



## Winter Flicks

Love and appreciate cinema as a form of art and as a medium of information and education? Want to see unique, never-before-seen films in Jewish Toledo? Then Winter Flicks are for you! It's simple...just join us on the dates below for great cinema, amazing community, and a greater appreciation for the cinematic experience.

**Time & Location:** 4:00-6:00 PM, Lourdes University Franciscan Center Theatre – 6832 Convent Blvd., Sylvania

**Cost:** General admission is \$5 per film, per person. Pre-purchased tickets will be available the day of each film.

**Purchase tickets:** By phone: 419-724-0351  
By email: sherry@jewishtoledo.org  
At the door on a first come, first served basis. Seating is limited.

**Concessions:** Popcorn and water will be available at all screenings (unless otherwise noted). This is included in your ticket price.

**Parking:** Free parking is available outside of the Franciscan Center Theatre.

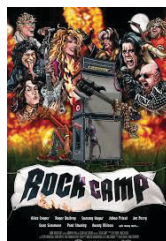
**Questions:** Please contact Hallie Freed at Hallie@JewishToledo.org or 419-724-0362.

### Yentl (40th Anniv.) Sunday, January 22, 2023



Rebbe Mendel is a single father who teaches the Talmud, a sacred text of Judaism, to the boys of his small Polish town. Behind closed doors, he also instructs his daughter, Yentl, despite the fact that girls are forbidden to study religious scripture. When Yentl's father dies, she still has a strong desire to learn about her faith -- so she disguises herself as a male, enrolls in a religious school, and unexpectedly finds love along the way.

### Rock Camp Sunday, January 29, 2023



For 25 years, Rock and Roll Fantasy Camp has been making dreams come true for people from all walks of life. Founded by David Fishof, an Orthodox Jew and son of a Cantor, Rock 'N' Roll Fantasy Camp is held annually in Las Vegas, offering four days of intensive music lessons with rock icons like Roger Daltrey, Alice Cooper, and Nancy Wilson. The film follows four of the campers who attend the camp as they are mentored by celebrity musicians, culminating in a final onstage performance. Featuring a who's who of rock stars with Jewish roots, such as Gene Simmons and Sammy Hagar, this exuberant, fast-paced film manages to capture genuinely moving moments as both campers and their famous counselors bond over their shared love of music.

### The Band's Visit Sunday, February 5, 2023



On an ordinary day, the Alexandria Ceremonial Police Orchestra arrives in Israel from Egypt for a cultural event, only find there is no delegation to meet them, nor any arrangements to get to their destination of Petah Tiqva. When they find their own ride, they arrive instead at the remote town of Beit Hatikva. Stuck there until the next morning's bus, the band, led by the repressed Tawfiq Zacharaya, gets help from the worldly lunch owner, Dina, who offers to put them up for the night. As the band settles in as best it can, each of the members attempts to get along with the natives in their own way. What follows is a special night of quiet happenings and confessions as the band makes its own impact on the town and the town on them.



## SNOW BIRDS.....

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

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## 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.

## SPONSORING A KIDDUSH AT CBI

If you have an upcoming special birthday, wedding anniversary, anniversary of your bar or bat mitvah or other milestone simcha, consider sponsoring a Shabbat Kiddush at CBI and share the joy with your congregational family. Contact the office at 419-517.8400 or email gmallin@cbitoledo.org for more details.

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## RETURNING PRAYER BOOKS TO CBI

Please consider returning any borrowed prayer books that you may have at home, especially the **Sim Shalom prayer book for weekdays** with the red cover. Contact the office at 419.517.8400 before dropping them off so that we can accurately document your return.

## DONATING RELIGIOUS OBJECTS TO CBI

We realize during this time that many congregants are downsizing their homes. Please be aware that it is permissible to throw away old kippot. We would be glad to receive your old prayer books, tallitot or other religious objects for burial or disposal. Unfortunately, we cannot take old books from your library. If you have new, recently published books on Jewish topics, contact Cathy Sperling at sperlingcathy@gmail.com for evaluation and possible inclusion in the CBI Library.

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## 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.

## YAHARZEIT 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](http://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.

## CHESED MEALS

If you are aware of a congregant who is ill and in need of short term meal assistance, please contact Cantor Lichterman by email at [ilichterman@cbitoledo.org](mailto:ilichterman@cbitoledo.org). Please, do NOT submit names to the CBI office staff. The assistance provided the congregant in need is short term. There is absolutely no cost to the congregant receiving the meals.

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## THE CBI BULLETIN: HARD COPY OR ONLINE?

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

## ARE YOU RECEIVING CBI NOTIFICATIONS?

CBI sends out email updates and important information throughout the week. If you are not receiving emails from CBI, please contact the office as soon as possible by calling 419.517.8400 or email Rhoda Miller at [rmiller@cbitoledo.org](mailto:rmiller@cbitoledo.org).

## Notes from our Principal

I hope everyone is refreshed after Winter Break! We had a wonderful pre-Hanukkah celebration during Religious School before our break. All of our students enjoyed latkes, sufganiyot, and everyone went home with gelt, dreidels, candles and their own Chanukiah.

Four students from CBI attended the USY convention at Camp Wise last month. They had the incredible opportunity to be with 85 other Jewish kids from Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Lexington and Columbus. We hope that all of our students take advantage of this opportunity to form lifelong friendships in the near future. They had a memorable Shabbat with all of their new friends.

We are looking forward to another visit from Bnaya and Yoav from the Shin Shin program through the Jewish Agency for Israel. They are two incredible young Israeli adults who are living in Cleveland for the year. Bnaya and Yoav were here to do joint engaging programming with our friends from Shomer Emunim in October and we can't wait to see them again.

Kim Brody, Principal, David S. Stone Religious School

## David S. Stone Religious School January 2023

Wed.	1/4	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sun.	1/8	Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM
Wed.	1/11	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sun.	1/15	<b>NO RS - MLK WEEKEND</b>
Wed.	1/18	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sun.	1/22	Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM
Wed.	1/25	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sun.	1/29	Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM

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## CBI Teens at USY CRUSY Fall Kinnus

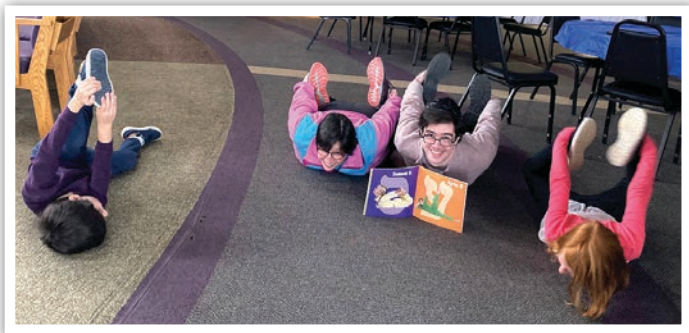
CBI was well represented at the CRUSY Fall Kinnus Convention on December 2 - 4, 2022. The weekend event was held at Camp Wise, in Chardon, Ohio. Four CBI Religious School teens attended.

They traveled by bus with other USYers from the Detroit area. Activities at the convention included observing Shabbat with 85 teens, team building, and bonding activities.

Pictured in the photo above from left to right: Lindsay Scheinbach Fox (CRUSY Engagement Associate), Emmie Brody (Convention Counselor), Andy Davis, Dylan Merer, Harris Merer, and Cecelia Bringman.



*5th Grader, Sophia Chernow diligently works on an intricate wooden model of the Holy Temple.*



*Religious School teacher, Hope Davis, along with Adam Davis, Shoshana Feldman, and Tair Miller, demonstrate 'Aleph Bet' Yoga.*

## CONTRIBUTION LEVELS:

* denotes B'nai Mitzvah	\$13
** denotes Chai	\$18
*** denotes Silver	\$25
**** denotes Double Chai	\$36
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Morris Goldberg	Marcia & Joe Goldberg
<b>- GOLD-</b>	
Joe Tochterman	Marcia & Joe Goldberg

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#### IN MEMORY OF:

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Harry Schulman	
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Phil Alloy	Marlene Remer **

### Cantor's Discretionary Fund (cont.)

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to hire a Mensch for household tasks.

**The Possibilities of '23**

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ורב יעקב צעיר - "v'rab yaavod tsa'ir - the older shall serve the younger" (Gen. 25:23), and his father Isaac's blessing הוה גביר לאחיק - "he'vay g'vir l'achecha - you will be master over your brothers" (Gen. 27:29). These two promises will never be rescinded, a major Jewish belief, a possible source of anti-Semitism.

The Torah states ויאבק איש עמו עד עלות השחר - "vayey-avek ish imo ad alot ha-shachar - a 'man' fights with him till dawn" (Gen. 32:25). Who is this 'man?' The Torah calls him 'ish,' literally 'a man.' The prophets refer to him as an 'angel.' (Hosea 12:5). Rashi, quoting Midrash interprets him as Sama'el, Esau's guardian angel, a force of evil. It could also refer to God, since God is called 'ish' in the Song of the Sea (Exodus 15:3), meaning Jacob is actually wrestling with God. Or, Jacob could even be wrestling internally with himself! Whatever the case, this episode foreshadows a successful outcome for Jacob of the impending encounter with Esau that he so fears.

After an all-night struggle, Jacob, injured in his thigh, eventually overcomes this adversary (Gen. 32:26), who begs him שלחנו - "shal'cheini - let me go!" Jacob replies, "not until you bless me." The defeated loser changes Jacob's name to Israel, marking Jacob's total transformation from a former איש תם - "a simpleton" to שרית... ותוכל - "a victorious fighter!"

When the brothers finally meet, they exchange gifts, and their reactions to the gifts are noteworthy: Esau says יש לי רב - "yesh li rav - I have much". To which Jacob responds חנני אלקים וכי יש לי כל - "chanani Elokim v'chi yesh li kol -

God has been kind to me and so I have everything I need" (Gen. 33:9, 11). Rashi says Esau spoke בלשון גאווה - "bil'shon ga'ava - boastfully." Here is another sign of Jacob's maturation.

Finally, when the brothers part with all ending well, the Torah states, ויבוא יעקב שלם עיר שכם - "vayavo Yaakov shalem ir sh'chem - Jacob arrived 'whole' in Shechem" (Gen. 33:18). How could he have arrived 'whole' when we know he was injured. He could have died at the hands of his brother, he was deceived and cheated by his father-in-law, and endured a traumatic period in his life. Yet he remains 'whole!' He did not let his disability impede him, he was content, or, as Rashi brilliantly puts it, שלם בתורתו - "shalem b'torato - his faith was intact!" Despite everything!

And that's the story of Hanukkah - the few and the weak who overcame the mighty, restoring faith, the Temple and Torah. Similarly, a mere three years after the Shoah, in 1948, in response to the prophet Ezekiel who asked התחינה העצמות האלה - "will these bones live?" (Ezekiel 37:3), our People rose from the ashes of Auschwitz to overcome multiple Arab armies and establish modern Israel, in the spirit of our forefather Jacob, the victorious wrestler, and the Maccabees.

As the Prophet Obadiah said in the haftorah of Vayishlach 1:10 ונכרת לעולם - "v'nichrat l'olam - they (our enemies) will be vanquished forever!"

So, in 2023, will the leopard change its spots? It's in our hands!  
! עם ישראל חיי! - **AM YISRAEL CHAI!**

**Hazzan Ivor Lichterman**

## JANUARY

- 1 Tevet 8 Esther Schoichet, David Kaufman, Jeanne Leibovitz, Meyer Straus, Reuben Kaplan
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- 3 Tevet 10 Bessie Rosen, Evelyn Sandler, Jack Richman, Betty Quiroga, Joe Rosenberg
- 4 Tevet 11 Stanford Odesky, Jonnard Greenberg
- 5 Tevet 12 Robert Siegel, David Reinwald, Ilya Kapelyush, Harry Stupsker, Harry Rubins, Martin I. Krauss, Yvette Levin, Ben Aronoff, Viola Lewis, Arthur G. Mintz
- 6 Tevet 13 Ned Joel Sack, Mervin L. Goldstein, Gertrude Goldman, Frances Gometz
- 7 Tevet 14 Aaron Willinger, Rita Malkin, Ben Trattner, Irving Sack, Abraham Leibovitz, Herman Fishbein
- 8 Tevet 15 Carl Shiff, Morton Zaft, Ann Lib Kozel, Sarah Phillips
- 9 Tevet 16 Rudy Ertis, William Jacob Raeder, Calvin Katz, Miriam Leizerman
- 10 Tevet 17 Henry Lipson, Cody Leslie Morse, Klaus Hess, Isidor Wiegler, Ruth Yuro
- 11 Tevet 18 Charles Alan Swolsky, Frances Rosenblum, Bert Fox, Anita Beckerman, Ida Stein
- 12 Tevet 19 Helen Laks, Rabbi Morton Goldberg, Jessie Meisel, Shirley Sanders
- 13 Tevet 20 Bluma Goldberg, Herman Bookman, Fannie Teitlebaum, Cyrus Jaffee, Honey Feingold, Arthur Friedman, Sylbert Friedman, Alex Zimble, Elizabeth Robbins
- 14 Tevet 21 Jill Green, Kayla Salzberg, Elaine Millman, Zeldia Lasky, Dorothy Schroeder, Shirley Sattler, Rose Cohen
- 15 Tevet 22 Estelle Freimer, Belle R. Epstein, Jacob Schuller, Joseph Federman, Gerald Stark
- 16 Tevet 23 Rose Katzman, Betty Davis, Sylvia Zyndorf, Jerry Baron, Deborah Goodman
- 17 Tevet 24 Syma Fraidenaich, David Greenbaum, Albert Kaminsky, Abraham Russell, Lillian Sussman, Sadie Russell, Michael Schwartzberg, Marcy Chaban, Benjamin M. Green
- 18 Tevet 25 Ray Malkin, Marvin Hochberg, Harry Goldman, Esther Young, Nicholas Goldhammer, Israel Rosenblum, Moses Dorf, Dr. Samuel Korman, Jeannette Bauer
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- 20 Tevet 27 Leah Ginsberg Epstein, Dora Chester, Sylvia T. Fink, Leona Harris, Sam Burke, Norman Shoffer, Jennie Segall, Burton Kalniz
- 21 Tevet 28 Nathaniel T. Boss, Anna Schreiber, Jen Newmark Meiland
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- 23 Shevat 1 Robert Damrauer, Florence Schwartz, Nicholas Rubin, Abraham Palman, Sol Oster, Abraham Cohen
- 24 Shevat 2 Barbara Straus, Herman Rappoport, Joseph Fingerhut, Libbie Baron, Samuel Alloy
- 25 Shevat 3 Anna Krawetz, Ethel Grossman, Howard Gerbie, Isaac Mizrahi
- 26 Shevat 4 Barbara Edellstein, Ann A. Waldman, Alfred Harris, Melvin Albert, Dorothy Mindel, Aron Kaplan, Gertrude Reinwald, Jasha Glasser
- 27 Shevat 5 Bernard Newman, Morris Baker, Rina Gudelman, Ben Harris
- 28 Shevat 6 Edith Friedman, Sara Volkin, Yuriy Zurov, Leo Goldner, Eva Goldman
- 29 Shevat 7 Irwin Dorf, Ruth Kay, Louis Fingerhut, Evelyn Teman
- 30 Shevat 8 Jacob Cooperman, Selma Bergher, Louis L. Lipszyc
- 31 Shevat 9 Willard Bud Bentley, Charles Gutowitz, Harry Katz, Charles Liber, Samuel Schuster



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## CBI Guidelines for In-Person Attendance

**ALL congregants are welcomed back to in-person services regardless of vaccine status.**

**Mask-wearing at in-person CBI services and programs for fully vaccinated and boosted attendees is OPTIONAL.**

**Unvaccinated attendees are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to wear a mask while in the building.**

COVID-related attendance policies will continue to remain fluid and be adjusted as determined by the CBI Board and COVID environmental factors.

We realize that COVID will be a long-term issue so we feel that we should no longer exclude any of our fellow congregants.

The CBI board will adjust masking, distancing and other policies as needed to best protect everyone.

*Thank you for your understanding in this challenging time.*

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- Check your email for the Zoom link and password for CBI Zoom services.
- Click on the link in the body of the email.
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- 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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### 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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 AM Zoom Only Morning Service NO Religious School: WINTER BREAK	2 New Year's Day Observed <b>CBI OFFICE CLOSED</b> 8:00 AM Zoom Only Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	3 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	4 4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	5 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	6 10:00 AM In-Person <b>Parashat Hashavuah: Torah Portion of the Week</b> 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service	7 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Vayechi 12:45 PM Mincha  6:06 PM Shabbat Ends
8 9:30 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 9:30-11:30 AM Religious School 10:30 AM In-Person <b>Adult Ed: Heart Health</b>	9 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	10 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	11 4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	12 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	13 10:00 AM In-Person <b>Parashat Hashavuah: Torah Portion of the Week</b> 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service	14 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Shemot 12:45 PM Mincha  6:13 PM Shabbat Ends
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22 9:30 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 9:30-11:30 AM Religious School 4:00 PM at Lourdes <b>Winter Flicks: "Yentl"</b>	23 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	24 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service 7:00 PM In-Person WCBJ Rosh Chodesh Shevat "Chocolate & Friends: The Rich Things in Life"	25 4:15-5:45 PM Hebrew School @ Chabad 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	26 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	27 10:00 AM In-Person <b>Parashat Hashavuah: Torah Portion of the Week</b> 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service	28 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Bo 12:45 PM Mincha  6:29 PM Light Candles
29 9:30 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 9:30-11:30 AM Religious School 4:00 PM at Lourdes <b>Winter Flicks: "Rock Camp"</b>	30 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	31 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service				

# January 2023

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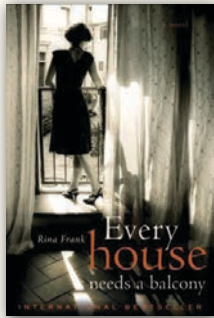
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Our CBI Library has recently received several new books which can be found on our library lounge "new selections" shelves. Please come and take a look. If interested, contact Cathy Sperling at (419) 841-1927 to assist you in checking them out.

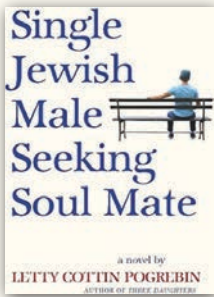


**Every House Needs a Balcony by Rina Frank**

Braiding together past and present, *Every House Needs a Balcony* tells the story of a young Jewish girl—a child of Romanian immigrants—who lives with her family in the poverty-stricken heart of 1950s Haifa, Israel. Eight-year-old Rina, her older sister, and their parents inhabit a cramped apartment with a narrow balcony that becomes an intimate shared stage on which the joys and dramas of the building's daily life are played out.

It is also a vantage point from which Rina witnesses the emergence of a strange new country, born from the ashes of World War II. Later, after years of living abroad with her wealthy Spanish husband in Barcelona, Rina, longing for the simple life she has missed, returns to the Haifa of her boisterous youth, a move that soothes her soul but ultimately endangers her marriage.

Beautifully told, rich with questions of identity, love, and survival, *Every House Needs a Balcony* is an unforgettable social and historical portrait of a neighborhood and a nation. Steeped in the colors and smells, laughter and tears, of Rina Frank's own childhood memories, it is a heartbreaking tale about the deepest meanings of home.



**Single Jewish Male Seeking Soul Mate  
by Letty Cottin Pogrebin**

Zach Levy grows up in the Bronx of the 1950s. His childhood is marred by a silent, preoccupied, and distant mother. She is a shell of a survivor who lost her first young son in the Holocaust. His outgoing father, who fought with the partisans, is Zach's role model as he tries to make amends and excuses for his inattentive mother. He schools Zach in standing up for himself and the downtrodden, and surrounds him with his close circle of survivor friends from the schvitz who have found new and industrious lives in America.

Although they were esteemed doctors in Poland, Rivka Levy now gives piano lessons and Nathan Levy works as a hatter. Zach excels in school and is the rabbi's star pupil at Hebrew school.

Zach makes solemn promises to Rivka on her deathbed. Chief among them is that he must marry a Jewish girl, his beshert, and ensure Jewish continuity. Zach marries the Jewish girl and has a child, but his conventional life will soon fall apart. He maneuvers his way through many relationships until he meets Cleo Scott, a black radio host with a strong Christian background. As their relationship develops, Zach must figure out who he is and what choices he must make while he struggles to keep his reverence for Jewish tradition alive. Zach's constant questioning and dilemmas lead him to friends, coworkers, and his boyhood rabbi for advice, insight, and comfort as he makes weighty decisions.

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