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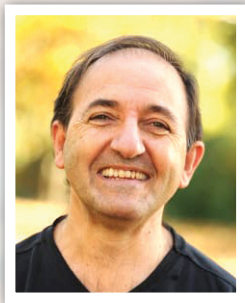
156 Years of Consecrated Service to God, Torah & Israel

A Congregation Affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

CBI Scholar in Residence Weekend 2023

JOIN US FOR A

"SPECTACULAR SEPHARDIC SHABBAT EXPERIENCE"



WITH WORLD-RENOWNED
SPECIAL GUEST

Cantor Ramón Tasat

Friday & Saturday,
May 12 & 13, 2023

- Kabbalat Shabbat & Delicious Sephardic-Style Dinner
- Shabbat Morning Services
- Mincha & Shabbat Third Meal

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Full Swing Ahead

Throughout the most intense Covid period, we at CBI tried our best to keep our congregation involved, often through trying circumstances. We scheduled services and programs to the extent possible, many of which were well received and attended.

Now, for the first time since, I can honestly say we are 'full steam ahead.' The frequency of successful services and events of the past months, and coming up in the near future, bears this out. Our building has truly been teeming with people in and out, as will hopefully be the case based on future plans.

A few highlights include –

- **Havdalah Have Fun Night** on February 25th attended by some 50 participants who, from all reports, loved it and want more
- **Marvelous Mitzvot, Megilah, and Spiel Cabaret** on March 6th with well over 100 delighted attendees
- Our ongoing monthly **Adult Education Series: Nosh and Knowledge** has seen the largest crowds in years, with recent presenters including our own CBI stars, Steve Federman, Dale Levy and Deborah Orloff
- **Pesach Siyyum** had 20 eager participants, and multiple Passover services were well attended despite all of them falling on weekdays
- We have enjoyed a record number of **sponsored Kiddushim** for many of our congregants' simchas, 'ken yirbu -- may they increase.' If you have an occasion to celebrate, why not contact Gabi and schedule a Kiddush?
- Our **Women of CBI** are to be commended for their ongoing series of monthly **Rosh Hodesh events** that are always of the highest caliber. No surprise they are so well attended and received, including their bi- monthly **Book Club** meetings.
- Although the **Yom Hashoa Commemoration** of April 16th, attended by some 150 people, and **Yom Hazikaron** of April 23rd are community/Federation events, we at CBI have been glad to host them in our beautiful building. Our building is most conducive for such events, and we hope to continue to host more. Our appreciation goes to our staff under Gabi, assisted by Kim, Rhoda, Larry, Karen, Debbie & Brandon, for their ongoing efforts to keep our building and events functioning at the highest level.

Two **NOT TO BE MISSED** upcoming events are the **Spectacular Sephardic Shabbat Experience Scholar in Residence** with world famous **Sephardic Hazzan Ramon Tasat** on Friday night and Shabbat morning and afternoon May 12-13th. There will be 3 events – Friday night @ 5:45 PM, Shabbat morning, and Shabbat afternoon @ 5:45 PM. Reservations for the delicious Sephardic dinner being generously prepared by our own Miriam Beckerman, are being taken now. We are indeed fortunate to be able to host Hazzan Tasat, and I assure you everyone will be enthralled. We are going to great trouble and expense to host him, and we look forward to your support of the program.

The other attraction is the **Tikkun Shavuot** on Thursday evening May 25th @ 5:45 PM. A special dairy dinner as is traditional on Shavuot is being planned with CBI member, Rebecca Swett who will conduct a cooking class with congregants. Our guest speaker will be the wonderful **Prof. Yoni Miller** from UT, whose topic will be, *The Canonization of the Jewish Bible; Myth vs. Reality*. Dr. Miller has accepted an appointment to the University of Connecticut and will be leaving us just days after Shavuot. This will be his swan song and your last chance to hear him live before he departs. Don't miss this opportunity!

I am also excited to announce that our '23 – '24 Adult Education series will kick off on Sunday, October 29th @ 10:30 AM with an exhibit of my own photography, entitled **'Splendid Synagogues of South Africa'** including a PowerPoint lecture presentation. The exhibit, including almost 100 enlarged magnificent synagogue photos, is currently on its way to South Africa, where it will open on June 25th at the South African Jewish Museum in Cape Town, in memory of my dear late mother Miriam. Her matzevah tombstone will be unveiled the same day, at the conclusion of a year of Kaddish.

I look forward to seeing and greeting you at these upcoming events, which have all the promise of another vibrant year in CBI's long and storied history.

Hazzan Ivor Lichterman

Report of the CBI Nominating Committee

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

Below is the slate of officers and trustees for Congregation Year 2023-2024

Officers for a One-Year Term

Michael Tamor
Debra Katz-Liebenthal
Kris Mann
Howard Moskowitz
Cathy Sperling
Robert Kripke

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

Trustees serving a Three-Year Term Ending in 2026

Paul Causman
Dale Levy
Jim Wilson

First-Term Trustee
First-Term Trustee
First-Term Trustee

Trustees serving a Three-Year Term Ending in 2025

Dena Zack
Adrienne Goldberg
Josh Sherman

First-Term Trustee
Second-Term Trustee
Completing Term of Michael Tamor

Trustees completing a Three-Year Term Ending in 2024

Fran Weinblatt
Andrew Sattler
Tom Kasle

Completing Term of Zachary Rothschild
Completing Term of Debra Katz-Liebenthal
Completing Term of Howard Moskowitz

Outgoing Trustees and Officers

Corey Russell, Ian Katz, Jack Katz, Ellen Wilensky

Nominating Committee

Chair: Bennett Romanoff
Committee Members: Howard Rosenberg, Jeff Bauer, Chuck Traugott,
Fran Weinblatt, Corey Russell

SAVE THE DATE:

Repetitive

Incoming Board of Trustees & CBI Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 11:00 In-Person at CBI

Annual Meeting Special Awards

Please Join us on Sunday June 11, 2023 in-person for our Annual Meeting at 11:00 AM where we will award congregants the following special awards:

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

CONGREGANT OF THE YEAR

SAM SCHWARTZ MINYAN AWARD



May Special Birthdays



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

Harriet Goldberg May 12th 90th Birthday

Leonid Kutik May 2nd

Arlene Rubinoff May 3rd

Frederic Mahler May 21st

Marvin Karp May 21st

Stephen Rothschild May 21st

Angela Katz May 22nd

Cathy Sperling May 26th

Kimberly Brody May 31st

May Special Anniversaries

 Ellie & Bill Nijadlik May 12th 50 years

Special Birthdays & Anniversaries reflect the '0' or '5' year of the birthday or anniversary.

Condolences

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF

SHARON SCHWARTZ

Wife of Charles z"l, mother of Joseph Schwartz, Steven (Francine) Schwartz, and Marla Schwartz.

CORRECTION:

VIVIAN TOBY LOEB

Wife of Ernest, mother of Lenny, Steve and Kim, and aunt of Rene Rusgo, Robert (Kim) Smith, and Steven (Michelle) Smith.

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



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

Mother's Day is on Sunday, May 14, 2023

The CBI office will be CLOSED

Friday, May 26, 2023 Shavuot - Day 1

Monday, May 29, 2023 Memorial Day

Toledo Jewish Cemeteries SHAVUOT HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Beth Shalom, Oregon

420 Otter Creek Rd., Oregon, Ohio 43616

Eagle Point, Rossford

515 Eagle Point Rd., Rossford, Ohio 43460

Thursday, May 25th Erev Shavuot Closed at 4 PM

Friday, May 26th 1st day of Shavuot Closed

Saturday, May 27th 2nd day of Shavuot Closed

Regular hours are:

Sunday through Thursday 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Closed at 4 p.m. Friday for Sabbath Eve ■ Closed Saturday for Shabbat

Todah Rabah

TO OUR KIDDUSH LUNCH SPONSORS:

Dale Levy April 10

In Memory of his Father's Yahrzeit

**Judy & David Weinberg
& Jan Lacker & Cantor Lichterman** April 15

In Honor of the special birthday of Judy Weinberg, the 16th birthday of Hannah Chernow, and the milestone 90th birthday of Harriet Lacker.

Mazal Tov

■ Dr. Blair Grubb for being the recipient of the "Top Downloaded Article" award for his article, "Management Strategies for Vasovagal Syncope" which was published in the journal *Pacing and Clinical Electrophysiology*.

**ATTENTION:
FAMILIES WITH
STUDENTS
GRADUATING
SPRING 2023...**



We will again be featuring our CBI family graduates in the June bulletin. Please send us the student's name, parents' names, where they are graduating from and what they will be doing next. We need all information by **Friday, May 12, 2023**. Please email your info to gmallin@cbitoledo.org.

SIMCHA TREE

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



IN HONOR OF THE BAR MITZVAH OF

HUNTER RILEY SMITH

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PARASHAT ACHAREI MOT-KEDOSHIM

Gift of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class of 2022-2023

SIMCHA TREE

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



IN HONOR OF THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF

JUDY WEINBERG

APRIL 16, 2023 • 25 NISAN 5783

From her friends,
Cathy Sperling, Sharon Stein, Rhoda Miller,
Sandy Traugott, Nancy Goldberg

IN HONOR OF THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF

JUDY WEINBERG

APRIL 16, 2023 • 25 NISAN 5783

From her friends,
Ellie & Bill Niejadlik, Susan Richards,
Carol & Bill Richman, Miriam Beckerman

Cobin Katz to become a Bar Mitzvah on May 20, 2023 at CBI



Cobin Seymour Katz will be called to the Torah on Saturday, May 20th at Congregation B'nai Israel. Cobin is the son of Christina & Ian Katz and Rebecca & Rich Fetters. He is "Coco" and undisputed brother-of-the-year to his adoring sister, Elle Katz. Cobin has the unwavering love and support of many grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Cobin is a seventh grader at Timberstone Junior High, where in addition to being an excellent student, he really enjoys playing sports with his friends as a two-way starter on the Wolves football team and rebounding specialist on the basketball team. He is also a top alto saxophone player in the Timberstone band. Cobin is a true mensch and his parents receive many unsolicited compliments relaying stories of Cobin's maturity, leadership, kindness, and selflessness. He loves traveling to visit his many grandparents and enjoys video games, reading, and being with his friends. Cobin loves stylish sneakers and is looking forward to celebrating his bar mitzvah with friends and family.

As a mitzvah project, Cobin will be donating dozens of sneakers to Jewish Family Services as well as contributing tzedakah to various agencies.

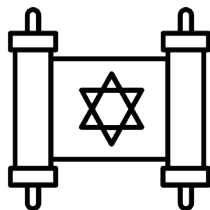


CBI 2023 Summer Camp Scholarship Information

Each year, Congregation B'nai Israel awards scholarships to help subsidize the cost to attend overnight Jewish Summer Camp. In addition, there is a special fund designated for Camp Ramah.

This program works in conjunction with funding offered by the Toledo Jewish Federation. CBI members in good standing with children that attend the David S. Stone Religious School are eligible. Please contact the office at 419.517.8400. to receive the application.

Don't miss an opportunity to donate a High Holiday Mantle!



Another Torah mantle has been donated by a generous CBI family. Only five mantles left to donate. Don't be left out!

Traditionally, Torah mantles are purchased as a lasting tribute to honor a simcha or in memory of a beloved one. Inscriptions are placed on the outside back of the mantle. "Embracing Torah Linings" are also available. Your family can feel closer to the Torah by having their names or personal messages or photographs inside a new High Holiday Torah mantle. Four 8 1/2 by 11 inch sheets are available per Torah lining.

If you or your family would like to purchase one of these beautiful Torah Mantles for the High Holidays, please contact Ann Rosenberg at annrr@bex.net or Anne Bauer at anneb2003@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE:

WCBI BOOK CLUB: June Selection

Cooking alla Giudia: A Celebration of the Jewish Food of Italy

by Benedetta Jasmine Guetta

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 11:00 AM
At the home of Fran Weinblatt

The Toledo-Lucas County Library has NO physical copies and only one ebook copy. It is also available on Amazon.com and bn.com.

SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 18 PEOPLE WHO RSVP
Contact Ellen Federman at efederman@sbcglobal.net

THE JOINT BOOK CLUBS OF:

Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Etz Chayim,
& The Temple, Congregation Shomer Emunim

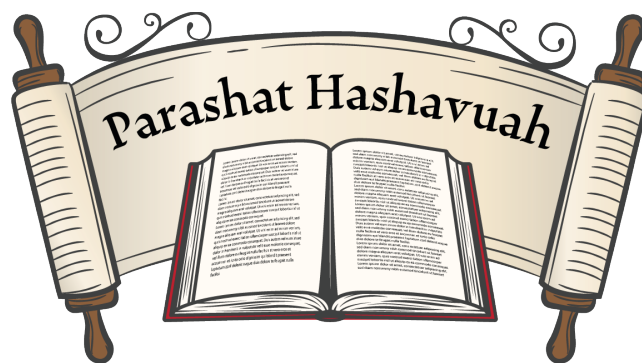
The Matchmaker's Gift

by Lynda Cohen Loigman

Thurs., July 20, 2023 1:30 PM In-Person at CBI

Copies of the book are available through the Toledo Lucas County Public Library.

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS



TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

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

Friday Mornings at 10:00 - 11:00 AM
In-Person at CBI May 5, 12, 19, 2023

There is no Torah Class on May 26th in observance of the second day of Shavuot.

May 5: Parashat Emor: God gives Moses a series of laws specific to the priests; God then instructs Moses to tell the people about the festivals in addition to laws of blasphemy and murder.

May 12: Parashat Behar-Bechukotai: God enumerates the rewards for keeping the commandments and the punishments for violating them; the laws of tithes are then listed.

May 19: Parashat Bamidbar: Moses conducts a census of the Israelites; God describes the unique duties of the Kohath family of priests.

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

A KNOWLEDGE OF TORAH IS NOT REQUIRED

Let's all learn together!

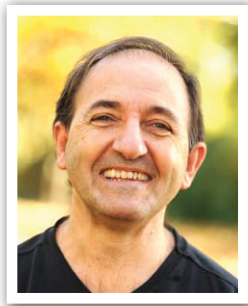
WCBI Women's Gathering

The journey continues...

Thursday & Friday,
October 19 & 20, 2023

Be sure to mark your calendars with the October 2023 dates for the much anticipated, twice cancelled, much needed, Women's Gathering

CBI Scholar in Residence Weekend 2023



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE WELCOME **Cantor Ramón Tasat** FOR A
"SPECTACULAR SEPHARDIC SHABBAT EXPERIENCE"

- **Kabbalat Shabbat & Delicious Sephardic-Style Dinner**
May 12, 2023 5:45 PM In-Person at CBI
- **Shabbat Morning Services, May 13, 2023 9:30 AM**
 In-Person & Livestream at CBI
- **Mincha & Shabbat Third Meal, May 13, 2023 5:45 PM** at CBI

Cost is \$18 per person for the Kabbalat Shabbat dinner. The Third Meal is FREE for CBI members and \$5 for guests. Please RSVP to the office by Monday, May 8, 2023.

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

Hazzan Dr. Ramón Tasat is one of the world's most prominent Sephardic Cantors. Born in Buenos Aires, Ramón learned Ladino, the language of the Sephardic people, at his grandmother's knee; his style reflects the rich history and drama of this extraordinary culture.

Trained in five different countries, he received a doctorate in voice performance from the University of Texas at Austin. Cantor Tasat has toured Europe and has participated in international festivals on both sides of the Atlantic. His most notable appearances include the Kennedy

Center Concert Hall, the Israeli Embassy, the Jewish Music Festival of Berkeley (California), Limmud UK, Saint Cère, France, Siena, Italy, Helsinki, Finland, Barcelona, Spain, and the Piccolo Spoleto Festival. In addition to television and radio appearances, Dr. Tasat has been the recipient of many awards and grants. He has also made numerous recordings and has published several books on Jewish musical subjects.

We are indeed privileged to be able to present this unique Sephardic experience to our community.

This event is supported by a grant from the JSS Fund of the Toledo Jewish Community Foundation.



**Women
of CBI
celebrate**

Rosh Chodesh Sivan

Join us for a delicious dinner and an evening of enlightenment and fun as we explore the Jewish connection to the Zodiac.

Wednesday, May 17, 2023
6:00 pm in-person at CBI

The Tikkun Olam for this program will be a monetary donation to benefit the garden at CBI.

RSVP by Friday, May 8, 2023 to Sharon Stein at sstein100@gmail.com

The registration fee for this program is \$10.

Please make your check payable to "Women of CBI" and mail to:
 Nancy Goldberg, 4236 Appomattox Dr., Sylvania, OH 43560.

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

Cooking Class with Rebecca Swett

CBI member, Rebecca Swett is not only a professional harpist but also received training as a chef. She loves to cook and bake for family and friends and is delighted to be a part of CBI and share what she loves to do.

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 10:00 AM

In-Person at CBI



MENU:

**Mushroom Moussaka
Mango, Avocado, &
Tomato Salad**

**These delectable dishes will
be served at the CBI Shavuot
Dinner on May 25th**

**THIS CLASS IS OPEN TO THE FIRST 12 CBI
MEMBERS WHO RSVP**

Please RSVP to Fran Weinblatt at fweinblatt@gmail.com or
Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org by May 17, 2023.

SAVE THE DATE:

Volunteer Your Time to Help Hungry Children in Toledo



**Tuesday, June 6, 2023 &
Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

**at the Cherry Street Mission Building
1501 Monroe Street**

**We are need of 4-12 volunteers for each day.
Teens are also invited to participate and earn
volunteer hours.**

The volunteers will be putting together packages of food for
children in need that live in the Toledo area.

For the June 6th volunteer day, RSVP by May 30th, and for
the June 28th volunteer day, RSVP by June 21st.

*Please contact Fran Weinblatt at fweinblatt@gmail.com or
Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org to add your name to the
volunteer list or to have any questions answered.*

Shavuot Dairy Dinner & Tikkun

Thursday Evening, May 25, 2023 7:00 PM

In-Person at CBI

Please RSVP for the Shavuot dinner by May 18th

**FREE for CBI members and \$10 for guests.
You must RSVP to attend the dinner.**



Shavuot Tikkun with Yoni Miller, Ph.D.

**"The Canonization of the Jewish Bible:
Myth vs. Reality"**

Shavuot celebrates revelation at Mount Sinai, and from that foundational event, the Torah—the first five books of what would become the Jewish Bible—was revealed to the Israelite people. When the Jewish Bible later received its final shape, it was ultimately a collection of twenty-four books, with genres ranging from law codes to love poetry. But who chose these additional books for inclusion, and others for exclusion? Was there a formal process, and if so, when? Does there even need to be a Jewish biblical canon? This lecture will question old assumptions and provide fresh ways of thinking about how our "Book of Books" came into being.

SHAVUOT TIKKUN

Mincha & Light Dairy Dinner in the Social Hall	7:00 PM
TIKKUN with Yoni Miller - In-Person/Zoom	8:00 PM
Dramatic Reading of "The Book of Ruth"	8:45 PM
Maariv	9:15 PM
Kiddush & Dessert	9:45 PM

SHAVUOT SERVICES

Shavuot Day 1: Friday, May 26, 2023

Morning Service - In-Person/Live Stream 9:30 AM

Shavuot Day 2: Saturday, May 27, 2023

Morning Service - In-Person/Live Stream 9:30 AM

YIZKOR 10:45 AM

Mincha following Kiddush - In Person 12:30 PM

What is Shavuot all about?

Shavuot begins the evening of Thursday, May 25 through Saturday, May 27

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

David S. Stone Religious School May 2023

Wed.	5/3	Hebrew School 4:15-5:45 PM
Sun.	5/7	FINAL DAY: Religious School 9:30-11:30 AM

Notes from our Principal

Another successful school year is wrapping up. We have had numerous new events for our students this past school year. They had the opportunity to meet on Zoom with an incredible Jewish author from Chicago, who wrote books on how each one of us can make a difference in someone's life. Each student received a book prior to the Zoom meeting. The kids had insightful questions to ask and it made for an incredible morning.

All of our students were fortunate to get to know two amazing young Israelis, Yoav and Bnaya, during their three visits with our students this year. We hope to continue the Shin Shin program next year with all Toledo Religious School students.

Our students (grades 6 - 10) had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Cleveland for the day with their peers from Shomer Emunim to tour the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, see the home of the creators of Superman, and visit additional Jewish sights throughout Cleveland. This was made possible through a generous grant from Federation of Greater Toledo.

The last Sunday of the school year (May 7th), we are painting part of the shed at CBI's Sacred Grounds Garden. Sacred Grounds is a Garden for Wildlife program of the National Wildlife Federation, which encourages faith communities to create a wildlife habitat on their properties.

Kim Brody, Principal, David S. Stone Religious School

HIRE A MENSCH

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

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



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

The Wallet

By Arnold Fine

- author of 'I Remember When', Jewish Press 1924-2014

Article reprinted from *Reader's Digest*, September, 1985

While walking one day, I stumbled across a wallet. I picked it up and looked inside, trying to find some identification so I could track the owner, but it held only three dollars and a crumbled letter that looked as though it had been in there for years. The envelope was worn, and the return address was the only thing legible. I opened the letter, hoping to find some clue, and I saw the date—1924.

It was written in a beautiful feminine handwriting, on powder blue stationary with a little flower in the left-hand corner. It was a "Dear John" letter, telling "Michael" that the writer could not see him anymore because her mother forbade it. Even so, she wrote that she would always love him. It was signed "Hannah."

Wanting to identify the owner, I decided to call information, hoping to find a phone number to match the address. The operator had me speak with her supervisor, who said she could not give me the number but would call it herself, and see if the person who answered would agree to speak with me. Minutes later, I was asking the woman on the other end of the line if she knew anyone named Hannah. She said she'd bought her house from a family who had a daughter named Hannah, but that was thirty years ago. "Would you know where that family could be located now?" I asked. She remembered that Hannah had placed her mother in a nursing home, and gave me the name of the home. The woman who answered the phone there told me the old woman had passed away, but they did have a number for where the daughter might be living. I thanked her and dialed the number she gave me. The woman who answered explained that Hannah herself was now living in a nursing home.

"This whole thing is stupid," I thought to myself. "Why am I making such a big deal over finding the owner of a wallet that has only three dollars and a sixty-year-old letter?" Nevertheless, I called the nursing home where Hannah was supposed to be living. The man who answered verified that she was there. Even though it was getting late, I drove over. The night nurse and a guard greeted me at the door and took me to the third floor of the large building. In the day room, the nurse introduced me to Hannah, a sweet, silver-haired lady with a warm smile and a twinkle in her eye.

I told her about finding the wallet and showed her the letter. The second she saw the powder blue envelope with the little flower, she took a deep breath and said, "Young man, this letter was the last contact I ever had with Michael." She looked away, deep

in thought, and then said, "I loved him very much. But I was only sixteen at the time and my mother felt I was too young. Michael Goldstein was a wonderful person. If you should find him, tell him I think of him often. In fact, tell him I still love him. You know," she said, smiling as tears welled up in her eyes, "I never did marry. I guess no one matched up to Michael."

I thanked Hannah and said goodbye. The guard at the front door asked, "Was she able to help you?" I told him she had given me a lead. "At least I have a last name. But I think I'll let it go for now. I've spent all day trying to find the owner of this wallet." I had taken out the wallet, a simple brown leather case with red lacing. When the guard saw it, he said, "Hey, wait a minute! That's Mr. Goldstein's wallet! I'd know it anywhere. He's always losing it on his walks. I've found it in the halls many times." My hands were shaking as I asked who Mr. Goldstein was and where he lived. I thanked the guard and ran back to the nurses station. We got on the elevator, headed for the eighth floor, and I was praying that Mr. Goldstein would still be awake.

The nurse took me to the day room, where a gentleman was reading. The nurse went over to him and asked if he has lost his wallet. She said, "This man found a wallet and we thought it might be yours." I handed him the wallet, and when he saw it, he smiled with relief. "I have something to tell you," I said. "I read the letter inside, hoping to find the owner. I think I know where Hannah is." He suddenly grew pale. "Hannah? You know where she is? Is she still as pretty as she was? Please, please tell me! You know something, mister? I was so in love with that girl that when that letter came, my life literally ended. I never married. I guess I've always loved her."

"Michael," I said, "come with me." We took the elevator down to the third floor. Nightlights lit our way down the hall to the day room, where Hannah was sitting alone, watching the television. The nurse walked over to her. "Hannah, do you know this man?" she asked softly, as she pointed to Michael, who was standing by me in the doorway. Hannah adjusted her glasses, looked for a moment, but said nothing. "Hannah," said Michael, "do you remember me?" She gasped. "Michael! My Michael! Is it really you?"

He walked slowly toward her, and they embraced. The nurse and I left with tears streaming down our faces. "See how the good Lord works," I said. "If it's meant to be, it will be." Three weeks later I got a call from the nursing home. "Can you break away on Sunday to attend a wedding? Michael and Hannah are tying the knot!"

It was a beautiful wedding. Hannah looked beautiful in her dress, and Michael stood tall and proud. They made me their best man. It was a perfect ending for a love affair that had lasted sixty years.

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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 protocols will be determined by COVID levels assessed by the Lucas County Health Department:

RED LEVEL: Mask-wearing at in-person CBI services and programs is **MANDATORY** for everyone.

YELLOW LEVEL: 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.

CBI will communicate COVID levels in the weekly bulletin.

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



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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 CBI 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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- Click on the link in the body of the email.
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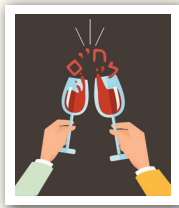
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 9:30 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 9:30-11:30 AM Last Day of Religious School	8 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	9 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	10 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	11 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	12 10:00 AM In-Person Parashat Hashavuah: Torah Portion of the Week 5:45 PM In-Person/Live Stream Scholar in Residence Cantor Tasat Sephardic Dinner & Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:27 PM Light Candles	13 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Scholar in Residence Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Behar-Bechukotai 12:45 PM Mincha 5:45 PM In-Person Cantor Tasat : Mincha & 3rd Meal 9:33 Shabbat Ends
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21 9:30 AM Zoom Only Morning Service	22 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	23 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	24 10:00 AM In-Person Cooking Class with Rebecca Swett 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service	25 EREV SHAVUOT 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 7:00 PM In-Person Shavuot Dinner & Tikkun with Yoni Miller, Ph.D. 8:39 PM Light Holiday Candles	26 SHAVUOT - DAY 1 CBI Office Closed 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Holiday Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service 8:40 PM Light from pre-existing flame	27 SHAVUOT - DAY 2 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service 10:45 Yizkor 12:45 PM Mincha 9:49 Shabbat Ends
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May 2023

Mazal Tov & L'Chaim!

Please let the office know if you have a simcha or special news that you would like to share with our congregation.



We will happily post details and photos in the CBI Bulletin, if space allows.

Deadline is the 15th of the previous month. Please call the office at 419-517-8400.

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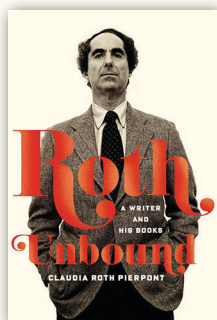
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CBI Library Books to Read or Re-read

If you are interested in borrowing items from the library, contact Cathy Sperling at (419) 841-1927 to assist you in checking them out.



Roth Unbound, A Writer and His Books by Claudia Roth Pierpont

Claudia Roth Pierpont (no relation to Philip Roth) writes a critical evaluation of Philip Roth the first of its kind that takes on the man, the myth, and the work Philip Roth is one of the most renowned writers of our time. From his debut, *Goodbye, Columbus*, which won the National Book Award in 1960, and the explosion of *Portnoy's Complaint* in 1969, to his haunting reimagining of Anne Frank's story in *The Ghost Writer* ten years later, and the series of masterworks starting in the mid-eighties *The Counterlife*, *Patrimony*, *Operation Shylock*, *Sabbath's Theater*, *American Pastoral*, *The Human Stain*, Roth has produced some of the great American literature of the modern era. And yet there has been no major critical work about him until now. Here, at last, is the story of Roth's creative life. *Roth Unbound* is not a biography though it contains a wealth of previously undisclosed biographical details and unpublished material but something ultimately more rewarding: the exploration of a great writer through his art.



Overture of Hope by Isabel Vincent

Overture of Hope is "a secret aria of courage and suspense" written by an award-winning investigative journalist. This 2022 book about two sisters' daring plan that saved opera's Jewish stars from the third Reich.

"*Schindler's List* meets *The Sound of Music* in this amazing story of two British spinsters who spirited dozens of Jews from the world of German and Austrian opera to England on the eve of World War II. This book will resonate with fans of *The Nazi Officer's Wife* and *The Dressmakers of Auschwitz*."

Vividly narrated and based on original research, *Overture of Hope* is a gripping account of the wit, compassion, and hidden bravery behind one of the most dramatic and unlikely rescue missions of the Holocaust.

Have you visited the CBI Library Lounge?

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.