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156 Years of Consecrated Service to God, Torah & Israel

A Congregation Affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

2023 - 5783

CBI Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 11, 2023

11:00 AM In-Person at CBI

Join us at CBI for our Annual Meeting. The agenda will include a report on the state of our congregation, induction of new Officers & Board of Trustees, awards ceremony, and remarks from outgoing CBI President, Dr. Corey Russell and Hazzan Ivor Lichterman.

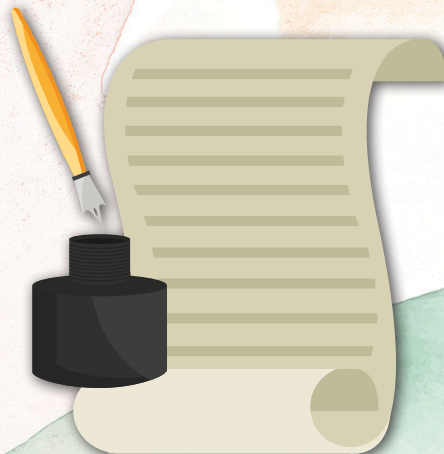
Induction of Incoming Slate of Officers and Board of Trustees

Presentation of Special Awards

- Board Member of the Year
- Congregant of the Year
- Samuel Schwartz
Minyan Award

Please do your best to attend this meeting, as a quorum is needed to induct nominated new officers and board members. Refreshments will be served.

RSVP to the office by Monday, June 5th by calling 419.517.8400.



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Spectacular Sephardic Shabbat Experience: A Shabbat to Remember

CBI's Scholar in Residence Shabbat May 12–13 will go down in our history as a true Shabbat to remember! Those who missed it, for whatever reason may have heard from congregants who were present, what a truly extraordinary experience it was.

Hazzan Dr. Ramon Tasat from the Washington, DC area was our inspiring guest. I heard him years ago at a Cantors Assembly convention and determined there and then to bring him to my congregation at the first opportunity. Organizers, both volunteer and staff, went to much trouble and effort to make it happen. Many who were present are asking for his rapid return.

Hazzan Tasat of Congregation Tifereth Beth Israel in Blue Bell, PA. is one of the world's leading Sephardic Cantors and educators. Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, he learned Ladino, the language of some Sephardic Jews, at his grandmother's knee. His family is of Syrian and Turkish origin. With a thick Latino accent, his style reflects the rich history of his extraordinary and diverse Sephardic culture. It is so different from what we normally experience in American synagogues, which are predominantly Ashkenazic in practice. Trained in five different countries, he received a doctorate in voice from the University of Texas at Austin and has performed all over the world.

The program began with a well-filled sanctuary treated to a thrilling *Kabbalat Shabbat* on Friday evening, followed by a superb Sephardic dinner prepared by CBI volunteers (credits at the end of this article) and program by our guest. Due to demand, recipes for meals served are included elsewhere in this bulletin. It was intriguing to hear different melodies from what we are normally accustomed to, though our guest expertly and smoothly blended our musical tradition with his, to facilitate our congregation's participation.

Hazzan Tasat offered numerous *kavanot* - moments of teaching. He beautifully explained the thought process behind differences in Sephardic and Ashkenazic practice, including why a word or two are often added or omitted here or there from the liturgy. Everything he explained made sense. An example is for family members in the congregation to stand when one of them receives an *aliyah* to the Torah, as if included in the honor. Another example is *Ein Keloheinu*, chanted near the end of the service, which in Sephardic practice alternates Ladino translation verses with Hebrew, despite the vast majority of Sephardic synagogues around the world being Orthodox, which usually precludes use of languages other than Hebrew. Another interesting deviation is the chanting of *Refa Tsiri* as the prayer of healing instead of our *Mishebeirach*. *Birkat Hamazon*, Grace after Meals also began in Ladino, with *Bendigamos*. I printed all words that were to be sung in Ladino, so all could participate, and the new melodies were simple and easy to learn.

The final program was the Shabbat *Mincha* afternoon service followed by *Seudah Shlisheet* – the traditional Shabbat *Third Meal*. Hazzan Tasat chanted from our beautiful Sephardic Torah which is kept in the chapel Ark. It is read standing up so that the congregation can technically see the words. The Torah is extremely heavy, making *hagbah* – lifting the Torah cumbersome. We have not used it in years. It was a wonderful opportunity to put that Torah to such timely and good use.

The meal following *Mincha* was again deliciously Sephardic. In his program, Hazzan Tasat highlighted why certain *zemirot* – songs are added or excluded in his tradition. His explanations provided a deeply moving and spiritual experience for those lucky enough to attend.

Despite almost 200 people in and out of CBI for the three programs (often the same people), and despite extensive advertising and publicity in the Toledo Jewish News and Toledo Blade, 99% of attendees were from CBI. While some are understandably still cautious over Covid, and many said that they were going to be away for Mother's day, we had hoped for larger attendance from our community. We at CBI were privileged to be able to present this program to the entire Toledo community through extensive effort and expense. This community's enduring sense of synagogue and institutional territorialism, by which one's programs are only supported by its own members, will have to be overcome if Toledo is to continue to thrive as a vibrant Jewish community. We need to work together!

My deep appreciation to Anne and Jeff Bauer for housing Hazzan Tassat, Miriam Beckerman for the incredible meals and huge amount of time devoted, assisted by Angie & Jack Katz, Cathy & Steve Sperling, Sheila & Bruce Post, Dena Zack, and Jeannette Bernstein. The program was coordinated by Jan and Tom Kastle who ensured all details ran smoothly. Mike Tamor and the Adult Ed committee supported



Goodbye, Farewell and Amen

After a long challenging three years as your president, it's time to pass the torch. Leading a congregation as president certainly has its hurdles but it doesn't take away from the feeling of pride it instills in those that have assumed that role. To give back to something that has meant so much throughout my life is a true honor. Not only a personal honor but to honor the family that preceded me as congregants at CBI.

Despite a global pandemic, security concerns, financial challenges, personnel changes as well as the day-to-day issues, I've always focused on the health, safety, and security of the congregation. Difficult decisions had to be made to accomplish those goals, especially during a pandemic. Although not always popular, I firmly believe that decisions made through the Board and myself were in the best interest of our fellow congregants. I firmly stand by those decisions. I am beyond thankful that no major COVID-related issues resulted from any activity that occurred at CBI. It was a consuming concern for almost two years as the pandemic ran through its paces.

I thank all of those that have served on the Board throughout my tenure. They deserve a lot of credit from myself and the rest of the congregation. Having the support of the Board, especially when difficult decisions are made, is invaluable.

I want to point out a couple individuals who made my term as successful as possible. Chuck Traugott for starters has been an invaluable asset for me since before day one. Especially in the first two years, when unprecedented challenges arose, Chuck was there. Chuck has volumes of experience at CBI as a long-time congregant, Board member, Treasurer, President, and Executive Director to name a few. He is someone that has been truly dedicated to our shul and deserves all the credit in the world. To have him as a consigliere, advisor and friend during my presidency not only benefited me but the entire congregation.

As a shul president, we could not have a better spiritual leader and representative for CBI than our own beloved Cantor Ivor Lichterman. I know I don't have to tell anyone how lucky we are to have Ivor as our Cantor. A more compassionate, considerate human being you will not find. It's a pleasure working with him, and he's always been a source of positivity. It was an honor to take part in his most recent three-year contract renewal.

There are so many individuals to thank. Gabi Mallin, Bobby Kripke, Ian Katz, Cathy Sperling, Tom Kasle, Jack Katz, Jerry Russell, Howard Rosenberg, Jeff Bauer and Buz Romanoff to name a few. In the spirit of being concise, I'll leave it at that. Thank you all!

Lastly, my own mother, Marlene Russell. Always supportive and not an unkind cell in her body. It saddens me that my father, Mervyn Russell, of blessed memory, couldn't be here in person but he will always be with me.

That all being said, I bid you goodbye as your president. Of course, I'll still be around but with fewer speeches and writings. Onward and upward!

Dr. Corey Russell, CBI President

Spectacular Sephardic Shabbat Experience: A Shabbat to Remember *(cont. from page 2)*

me in bringing Hazzan Tasat to CBI, and they have provided and continue to plan interesting educational programs for the future that I trust you will support. Our president Corey Russell gave encouraging support to my efforts to make this happen.

None of this was possible without our deeply devoted staff - Gabi, Rhoda, Kim, Larry, Brandon, Karen and the kitchen crew who make it pleasurable for me to come in to CBI daily!

Yasher koach, congratulations CBI on a most memorable Shabbat!

Hazzan Ivor Lichterman

June Special Birthdays



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

| | |
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| Stacey Kripke | June 2nd |
| Steven Feldman | June 2nd |
| Gregory Davis | June 9th |
| Lawrence Goldberg | June 11th |
| Dave Shall | June 17th |
| Matthew Kripke | June 19th |

June Special Anniversaries

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| Alison & Chad Kripke | June 28th | 15 Years |
| Judy & David Weinberg | June 30th | 55 Years |

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

Todah Rabah

TO OUR KIDDUSH LUNCH SPONSORS:

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| Kim & Robert Smith | April 29 |
| <i>In Honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Hunter</i> | |
| Christina & Ian Katz | May 20 |
| <i>In Honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son Cobin</i> | |

▪ A special thank you to our volunteers who worked tirelessly to make our Scholar in Residence Shabbat Dinner and Third Meal a wonderful experience for all who attended:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Miriam Beckerman | Jeanette Bernstein | |
| Angela Katz | Jack Katz | Jan Kasle |
| Tom Kasle | Bruce Post | Sheila Post |
| Cathy Sperling | Steve Sperling | Dena Zack |



A Very Special "Todah Rabah" to
RANDY & LAURI KATZ

For providing CBI with a grant to refurbish the Sanctuary and Social Hall sound system. Their generosity and support is sincerely appreciated by our entire congregation.



Report of the CBI Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is tasked with nominating first-term trustees as well as renominating trustees completing their first terms. Additionally, the committee nominates first-term officers and renominates 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 | President |
| Debbie Katz-Liebenthal | Vice-President of Administration |
| Kris Mann | Vice-President of Youth Activities |
| Howard Moskowitz | Vice-President of Ritual Affairs |
| Cathy Sperling | Secretary |
| Dick Greenblatt | Treasurer |

Trustees serving a Three-Year Term Ending in 2026

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|--------------|--------------------|
| Paul Causman | First-Term Trustee |
| Dale Levy | First-Term Trustee |
| Jim Wilson | First-Term Trustee |

Trustees serving a Three-Year Term Ending in 2025

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dena Zack | First-Term Trustee |
| Adrienne Goldberg | Second-Term Trustee |
| Josh Sherman | Completing First-Term of Mike Tamor |

Trustees completing a Three-Year Term Ending in 2024

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|----------------|---|
| Fran Weinblatt | Completing Term of Zachary Rothschild |
| Andy Sattler | Completing Term of Debbie Katz-Liebenthal |
| Tom Kasle | Completing Term of Howard Moskowitz |

Honorary Trustees:

Phyllis Diamond, Howard Rosenbaum, Chuck Traugott

Outgoing Trustees and Officers

Corey Russell, Ian Katz, Jack Katz, Ellen Wilensky

Nominating Committee

Chair: Bennett Romanoff

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





Mazal Tov to our Graduates!

Alexa Bader, daughter of Michelle & David Bader, graduated from The Ohio State University College with a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering.

Kyle Bader, son of Michelle & David Bader, graduated from The Ohio State University College of Dentistry.

Asher Kripke, son of Jill & Matt Kripke, graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a minor in Real Estate Development.

Chase Kripke, son of Jill & Matt Kripke, graduated from Sylvania Southview High School. He will attend La Verne University in the fall and study Biology on a pre-med track.

Baylee Mallin, son of Gabi & Mike Mallin, graduated from Sylvania Southview High School. She will attend Wright State University in the fall and will study Musical Theater in the School of Fine and Performing Arts.

Morgan Segall, daughter of Rina Gudelman-Segall & Nate Segall, graduated Summa Cum Laude from The Ohio State University College of Dentistry with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. She will continue her education at OSU in their Orthodontics residency program.

Jacob Slutsky, son of Mindy & Ruslan Slutsky, graduated from Sylvania Southview High School. He will attend the University of Toledo in the fall and study Mechanical Engineering.

Condolences

OUR SYNAGOGUE FAMILY MOURNS THE LOSS OF

RICHARD ADLER

Brother of Ken Adler, uncle of Jonathon, Jennifer, and Kathryn.

KAREN ROSENBAUM

Wife of Howard Rosenbaum, father of Steven (Mamatha) Rosenbaum and Lisa (Mark) Soverinsky.

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

Mazal Tov

- Dr. Alex Grubb, son of Dr. Blair Grubb, has been selected as the Blount Scholar for the 2023-2024 academic year.
- Shelley & Tom Helberg, on the birth of grandson, Miles Pierce Lavin. Proud parents are Marisa & Benji Lavin.

SIMCHA TREE

The following leaves have recently been added to the Congregation B'nai Israel Simcha Tree:



Leaves:
\$100 Donation

Stones:
\$1,000 Donation

IN HONOR OF THE BAR MITZVAH OF
COBIN SEYMOUR KATZ

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PARASHAT BAMIDBAR

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

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH BIRTHDAY OF
CATHY SPERLING

MAY 26, 2023 • 6 SIVAN 5783

With love,
Suzie Rosenberg, Ellen Federman
Rhoda Miller, Kathryn Linver

IN HONOR OF THE 75TH BIRTHDAY OF
CATHY SPERLING

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With love, Your Zaft Cousins

WCBI Rosh Chodesh Nisan Tikkun Olam Project



Cathy Sperling, Miriam Beckerman & Nancy Goldberg represented The Women of CBI as they presented a check to Jamie Paxton, Director of Little Blessings Veteran & Community Outreach. This local program helps veterans and their families transition successfully to civilian life utilizing the healing power of equine-assisted services, wellness programs and community integration.

Recipes from the Scholar in Residence Shabbat Dinner

On Friday, May 12, 2023, CBI members and guests were treated to a delicious Sephardic-style Shabbat dinner, in honor of our Scholar in Residence, Hazzan Ramón Tasat. The sumptuous meal was planned by Miriam Beckerman, and prepared by Miriam, Cathy Sperling, and Angie Katz. The amazing dessert was baked by Miriam, Dena Zack, and Jeannette Bernstein. Per the overwhelming number of requests, following are links to many of the dishes that were served at the dinner.

SPICY MOROCCAN CHICK PEAS

This Spicy Moroccan Chickpeas recipe will not disappoint. One online reviewer says, 'Excellent! Made this for a dinner party and served with hummus and pita.'

<https://www.myrecipes.com/recipe/spicy-moroccan-chickpeas>

MOROCCAN BEET SALAD

A simple, herby, orange-dressed Moroccan beet salad that can be made up to five days ahead of time, and it's vegan, too? It sounds too good to be true, but this salad recipe is the real deal, folks!

<https://themodernproper.com/moroccan-beet-salad>

ZAALOUK - MOROCCAN EGGPLANT SALAD

Zaalouk is a simple Moroccan salad made with eggplant, tomato, simple spices and olive oil that is packed with flavor. You can make it chunky or smooth, use it as a dip, side or spread. Whichever way, it's easy and delicious.

<https://www.carolinescooking.com/zaalouk-moroccan-eggplant-salad/>

MOROCCAN CHICKEN

This Moroccan Chicken tagine recipe is a tasty, aromatic dish with tons of flavor. Serve it with couscous for a filling, luxurious meal.

<https://www.errenskitchen.com/moroccan-chicken/>

MOROCCAN ROASTED CARROTS

These roasted Moroccan carrots are one of my family's favorites and I know you're going to love them too. The best part? They're so simple and easy to throw together for a quick side dish!

<https://randaderkson.com/roasted-moroccan-carrots/>

HEALTHY SNOWBALL COOKIES

These healthy snowball cookies are made with just 6 ingredients. The base is almond flour, so they're gluten-free, grain-free and can easily be made vegan. Only 5 grams of sugar per cookie!

<https://www.eatingbirdfood.com/snowball-cookies/>

9th Toledo Jewish Film Festival

| Monday, June 26 | Monday, July 10 | Monday, July 17 | Monday, July 24 | Monday, July 31 |
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| <p>OUR (almost completely true) STORY Our Almost Completely True Story A comedy-drama starring Michelle Hurdley, Jerry Seinfeld Morgan Fairchild, Tom Hopper, Benita Knapik, Peter Markoff, Jack McDev Sam McElroy, Peter Onorati, Israel Sadler, Sharon Swisher, John Mahoney, Wendy Swisher Directed by Dan Swisher</p> | <p>JEWS OF THE WILD WEST ELECTRIC BLUE MEDIA A STORY OF SPIRIT & SURVIVAL</p> | <p>CINEMA SABAYA ISRAEL'S OFFICIAL SUBMISSION TO THE 96TH ACADEMY AWARDS CINEMA SABAYA Cinema Sabaya "The greatest gift we have is our past."</p> | <p>ISRAEL SWINGS FOR GOLD FROM THE CREATORS OF HEADING HOME: THE TALE OF TEAM ISRAEL</p> | <p>WE ARE THE TROOPERS THE WOMEN OF THE WINNINGEST TEAM — IN PRO FOOTBALL HISTORY — STEPHEN GUINAN</p> |

Learn more at www.jewishtoledo.org

Sponsored in part by the Cohen Family Philanthropic Fund and the Stu & Jo-Jo Goldberg Donor Advised Fund

Remembering Our Loved Ones

For many of us, one of the most meaningful parts of our services during the High Holy Days is Yizkor on Yom Kippur. It is at that time when we turn our thoughts to our loved ones who have left this earth. We reflect upon their lives, as well as the lives of members of our congregation, and family and friends. In addition, we take the time to formally recognize the Martyrs of our people, especially the Six Million who were murdered during the Shoah, and those who gave their lives for Israel.

Each year, we print a Yizkor Book which contains the Yizkor Service, a list of the synagogue's Memorial Plaques, and a memorial to the Six Million and Israeli victims. Not only is this book substantial and permanent, but those who wish may take it home for use during the year.

I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity, as a way of remembering those dearest to us, and at the same time helping our congregation. An order form is printed below.

The response last year was wonderful! I hope that you will participate this year.

Shana Tova - A Blessed Year, Hazzan Ivor Lichterman

HONORS FOR SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES

Being called to the bimah is a great way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other occasion. If you are observing a yahrzeit and would like an aliyah, please let the office know by Thursday of that week by calling 419.517.8400. This insures your name is included in the weekly Torah Guide. If you are unable to contact the office, please find our gabbai, Jack Katz, at services on Saturday mornings.

Memorial Plaques

A memorial plaque is a wonderful way to remember your loved ones. Plaques are cast in bronze and placed in our sanctuary. If you would like to purchase a plaque please contact the office for an order form. **Cost is \$500.** Plaques ordered by July 17, 2023 will be dedicated at the Yom Kippur Yizkor Service on September 25, 2023.

Many people pre-order memorial plaques for themselves to reserve a spot next to a spouse or other family members. Pre-payment for these plaques can be arranged through the CBI office 419.517.8400.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

If you or someone you know is in the hospital and would appreciate a phone call from the Hazzan, please call the office at 419.517.8400. Due to HIPAA privacy regulations, hospitals do not notify clergy if a member is admitted.

Yahrzeit Notices...

If you are not receiving a yahrzeit notice for a friend or relative and would like one sent annually, please call the office. We will need the English date of death.

The 5784 Yizkor Book - "In Remembrance"

The "IN REMEMBRANCE" section of the Yizkor book for 5784, includes a list of names submitted by our members and friends as personal memorials. A minimum contribution of \$18.00 per memorial name/per donor. Please return the form below along with your check by Wednesday, August 15, 2023. *If you wish to maintain your entry from last year, you need do nothing. The synagogue will bill you.*

Names should be printed the way you wish them to appear in the program.

IN MEMORY OF:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

REMEMBERED BY:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Make checks payable to Congregation B'nai Israel. Credit cards also accepted.



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

Cooking alla Giudia is the ultimate tribute to the wonderfully rich, yet still largely unknown, culinary heritage of the Jews of Italy. From Roman deep-fried artichokes (carciofi alla giudia) to Venetian sarde in saor (sweet-and-sour sardines), Apulian orecchiette pasta, and Sicilian caponata, some of Italy's best-known dishes are Jewish in origin. But little is known about the Jewish people in Italy and their culinary traditions. It was the Jews, for example, who taught Italians to eat the eggplant, and thus helped inspire the classic eggplant parmigiana and many other local specialties. With a collection of

kosher recipes from all regions of Italy, including plenty of vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options, author Benedetta Jasmine Guetta is on a mission to tell the story of how the Jews changed Italian food, to preserve these recipes, and to share with home cooks the extraordinary dishes prepared in the Jewish communities of Italy. Highlighted throughout the book are menus with regional Italian specialties, along with short, useful guides to the Italian cities with Jewish history. The book will show how to integrate the recipes into your everyday meals and holiday traditions as well.

The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library has NO physical copy and just one eBook copy. There is 1 copy in CBI's Library Lounge, 23 physical copies and 1 eBook copy in SearchOhio, and no copies in OhioLink. The book can be requested online by going to the Toledo Lucas County Library website and after searching the catalog, clicking on the link for SearchOhio. Let us know if you need help requesting the book. **We encourage you to request the book early.** It is also available on Amazon.com. and Barnes and Noble (www.bn.com) in both Kindle and Nook formats and as a hardcover book.

This will be an off-site program with book club members preparing recipes from the cookbook. Miriam Beckerman will host a demonstration of one of the recipes from the cookbook. **Space is limited to the first 18 people who RSVP.** Contact Ellen Federman efederman@sbcglobal.net to reserve your place at this program.

SAVE THE DATE:

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

Desserts, coffee, & tea will be available.

A heartwarming story of two extraordinary women from two different eras who defy expectations to realize their unique gift of seeing soulmates in the most unexpected places.

The Toledo/Lucas County Public Library has many audiobooks, hard copies, and dvd's available.

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO THE WOMEN OF ALL LOCAL CONGREGATIONS

RSVP to Elsa Leveton at Congregation Etz Chayim, 419.473.2401, or email elsa@etzchayimtoledo.org by July 14, 2023.



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

Father's Day is
Sunday, June 18, 2023

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

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.



34th Interfaith Blood Drive

Saturday, June 24, 2023

12:00 – 2:30 PM

Grace Lutheran Church • 4441 Monroe Street

There is a desperate need for blood.

This Blood Drive is critical in helping cover the needs of our community over the July 4th holiday. When levels are low, patients in need of transfusions are forced to wait until the blood is available.

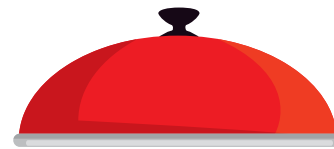
Do a mitzvah and help save someone's life!

Please sign up for the Blood Drive and represent CBI by contacting Devorah Shulamit at 419-356-5280 or email shalom1836@bex.net to schedule an appointment.



TORAH PORTION OF THE WEEK

The Parashat Hashavuah program is on vacation during the months of June, July, and August. The program will return in September 2023.



SAVE THE DATE:

CBI Kabbalat Shabbat Cookout

Friday, July 7, 2023

5:45 PM In-Person at CBI

Join us at CBI for Mincha at 5:45 PM, followed by a delicious pre-Shabbat cookout on the patio. Kabbalat Shabbat services will commence after the dinner.

\$10 per person, \$5 for children 12 & under, \$20 per family

Please RSVP to the office by Friday, June 30th by calling 419.517.8400 or contact Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org.



WE NEED YOUR PHONE NUMBER...

If you have disconnected your home land line please call the office with your current cell phone number. Thank you!

Toledo Jewish Community Habitat for Humanity Build Dates

**Wednesday, June 7, 2023 &
Wednesday, June 28, 2023**
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM (or earlier)
at 5707 Clover Ln, Toledo

We will be partnering with the Baha'i community on this important initiative and will be looking for 4-6 volunteers for each build date. Lunch will be provided on both dates.

June 7 is part of Phase I – ROUGH FRAMING:

Projects include framing walls, floors, trusses, and sheeting the roof; installing windows & doors; siding; and insulating – projects are a bit more advanced than the other dates but nevertheless **does not require ANY prior experience with home construction or using tools.**

June 28 is part of Phase II – INTERIOR FINISH:

Projects include painting walls & trim, installing vinyl plank flooring, interior doors, trim, insulating attic and crawl space, bathroom accessories, and wire shelving.

Wednesday, June 14, 2023
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM (or earlier)
at 5707 Clover Ln, Toledo

We will be partnering with Lourdes University on this date and will be looking for 4-6 volunteers

June 14 is part of Phase I – ROUGH FRAMING:

Projects include framing walls, floors, trusses, and sheeting the roof; installing windows & doors; siding; and insulating – projects are a bit more advanced than the other dates but nevertheless **does not require ANY prior experience with home construction or using tools.**

Thursday, July 6, 2023
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM (or earlier)
at 5707 Clover Ln, Toledo

We will have our Jewish Community Build Day, which can have up to 8 volunteers.

July 6 is part of Phase III – FINAL FINISHES:

Projects include landscaping (flower bed install), punch list, paint touch ups, site clean-up interior and exterior – meaning it will be the easiest day for volunteers.

If anyone would like to provide lunch for the volunteers, please contact Daniel Pearlman at daniel@jewishtoledo.org.



Following is the link for volunteers to sign up for June 7, June 28, and July 6 dates under the Jewish Community
<https://mvhabitat.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/toljewish>

All volunteers will need to register for an account AND sign up for their volunteer date.

Habitat is asking for all volunteers to sign up at least two weeks ahead of their scheduled day. After this point, they may need to fill spots with other volunteers or modify the amount of work accordingly.

Volunteers should prepare for a variety of possible conditions on the worksite by dressing in layers, wearing clothes they are OK with destroying, and wearing close-toed shoes. Keep in mind that the site may be extremely muddy.

If you would like to volunteer but cannot participate on any of the above dates, you are welcome to sign up for any date that is not already filled or reserved by another group at this link:
<https://mvhabitat.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/faithbuild>



SAVE THE DATE:
**CBI's Toledo
Mud Hens
Outing**

Sunday, July 23, 2023 2:00 PM
at Mud Hens Stadium, Downtown Toledo

Join other CBI members at the ballpark during
Family Day at Mud Hens Stadium.

We are holding up to 35 tickets near the 3rd base line,
area 104 & 105.

\$11 per ticket to be paid to CBI by Friday, June 30th.

Make checks payable to CBI.

**Tickets will be available for pickup during CBI office
hours 9 AM - 3 PM from July 17-20, 2023.**

RSVP to Kim Brody at kbrody@cbitoledo.org

CBI wishes our Religious School Students a "Happy Summer Break"



Elle Katz, Elle Bringman, & Ava Coleman enjoy delicious outside treats on the last day of 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.



60 and better - Getaways - Summer 23





Trip to Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park

Thursday, July 13
Bus leaves - 7:45 a.m. / Bus returns - 5:30 p.m.
Park in the JCC/YMCA parking lot
\$35 per person - includes lunch and transportation; minimum campaign gift is required.

Join us for a trip to Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Ranked in the top 45 most-visited art museums worldwide, the sculpture collection features more than 200 works and over 158 acres of trees, plants, and flowers in their striking gardens. This event will include some steps and walking.

RSVP required by Wednesday, July 5
to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org

Trip to Ohio Amish Country

Thursday, August 17
Bus leaves - 7:45 a.m. / Bus returns - 8 p.m.
Park in the JCC/YMCA parking lot
\$35 per person
Includes lunch and transportation
Minimum campaign gift is required.

Summer adventure awaits us as we take a bus ride to Ohio Amish Country in the central part of the state with stops at Hershberger's Farm & Bakery followed by a guided bus tour of Amish Country, plus stops at Walnut Creek Cheese (for a box lunch and ice cream), Hillcrest Orchard, and the Walnut Creek Flea Market. This event will include some steps and walking.

RSVP required by Wednesday, August 8
to <https://form.jotform.com/jewishtoledo/seniors> or Sherry Majewski at 419-724-0351 or sherry@jewishtoledo.org








Trips to Meijer Gardens and Amish Country are intended for adults **60 years old and better** who support the Jewish Federation of Greater Toledo's Annual Campaign. A meaningful gift to the campaign is required to attend. Make your contribution today by contacting Wendy Goldstein at 419-724-0362 or wendy@jewishtoledo.org or by visiting: www.jewishtoledo.org/campaigndepartment.

CONTRIBUTION LEVELS:

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| * denotes B'nai Mitzvah | \$13 |
| ** denotes Chai | \$18 |
| *** denotes Silver | \$25 |
| **** denotes Double Chai | \$36 |
| Gold Contribution | \$50 |
| Platinum Contribution | \$100 |
| Platinum Chai Contribution | \$180 |
| Double Platinum Contribution | \$200 |
| Sapphire Contribution | \$250 |
| Ruby Contribution | \$500 |
| Emerald Contribution | \$750 |
| Diamond Contribution | \$1000+ |

*All contributions listed
were made on or before
May 16, 2023*

Building Beautification Fund

IN MEMORY OF:

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Yahrzeit:

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IN HONOR OF:

Bar Mitzvah of Cobin Katz
Debbie Katz & Jon
Liebenthal*

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Bar Mitzvah of Cobin Katz
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Yahrzeit:

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Yahrzeit:

Ida Schall, Beloved Mother
Susan & Alan Schall*

Religious School Fund

Yahrzeit:

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IN HONOR OF:

Ellie & Bill Niedjadlik, Special Anniversary
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Yahrzeit:

Nathan Post Sheila, Bruce, Jordon, &
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Summer Youth & Activities Fund

IN HONOR OF:

Ellie & Bill Niedjadlik, Special Anniversary
Judy Weinberg, Special Birthday
Judy Gersz*

IN MEMORY OF:

David Wittenberg Judy Gersz*
Libby Ruddle Judy Gersz***

Yahrzeit:

Sharon Gayle Friedes
Lori & David Friedes****

Tribute Fund

IN HONOR OF:

Phyllis Diamond, Special Birthday
Rhoda Miller*
Caren Zait**

JUNE

- 1 Sivan 12 Louis Fishman, Sharon Gayle Friedes, Phyllis Levey, Phyllis Levy, Israel Steinberg, Ruth Vinson
- 2 Sivan 13 Hermine Bentley, Isidore Kahn, Leonard Tanenbaum
- 3 Sivan 14 Charles Stupsker
- 4 Sivan 15 Morris Boslov, Mae Kwait, Irv Locketz, Eriketi Mattathias, Mark Mattathias, Matthew Mattathias, Sava Mattathias, Solomon Mattathias, Lena Miller, Zachary Morse, Joseph Scharf, William Schroeder, Louis Shuer, Freida Williams
- 5 Sivan 16 Pauline Hening, Bertha Malkin, Mark Melamed, Melvin Sandler, Dolores Smirin
- 6 Sivan 17 Mollie Schall Green, Sadie R. Gunzenhauser, Lily Kapelmaister, Merwin Kutcher
- 7 Sivan 18 Ellen Chabler, Leon E. Save
- 8 Sivan 19 Seymour Forman, Nathan Post
- 9 Sivan 20 Pauline Albert, Rabbi Morris Goldfarb, Lewis H. Kirshner, Tilly Stern
- 10 Sivan 21 Frieda Goldman, Esther Levi, Anita Lubov, Shirley Irene Yaffe
- 11 Sivan 22 Richard Green, Henry Klein, Sam Malkin, Joan Mangold, Lita Rose Moldawsky
- 12 Sivan 23 Albert Brookenthal, Jack Romanoff Jr., Tillie Sherman
- 13 Sivan 24 Jack Lane, Mildred Perlman, Marvin Remer, Stanley Siet, Leah Torchin, Neal Touran
- 14 Sivan 25 Bess Siegel
- 15 Sivan 26 Alex Cohen, David Eber, Michael Hoffman, Barry Morse, Leona Perelman
- 16 Sivan 27 Mildred Gerbie, Harry Kapelmaister
- 17 Sivan 28 Betty Forman, Harris Friedman
- 18 Sivan 29 Jerold Gold, Rose Karp, Milford Romanoff, Sam Rubin, Sigmund Wiegler
- 19 Sivan 30 Karen Alexander, James M. Goldman, Sanford I. Silverman
- 20 Tammuz 1 Mildred Oberlin, Jacob Sack, Bessie Scheer
- 21 Tammuz 2 Harry Borenstein, Harry Fradkin, Sylvia Karp, Samuel Katz, Richard Lazar, Harold S. Siegel
- 22 Tammuz 3 Susan Albert, Miriam Cohen, Donald Connor, Betty Goldman, Nathan Karp, Reuben Wolkoff, Libbie Zankel
- 23 Tammuz 4 Evelyn Louise Auslander, Edsel Benstein, Zella Stahl
- 24 Tammuz 5 Pearl Mannison, Thelma Meyer, Raphael Teitlebaum, Isadore Weinstein
- 25 Tammuz 6 Mary Topper
- 26 Tammuz 7 Gertrude Perlmutter, Arnold Remer
- 27 Tammuz 8 Rosalind Levison, Nettie Nistel, Ida Schall, Shirley Solomon
- 28 Tammuz 9 Bertha Schreiber, Irving Shyavitz, Eva Wengrow
- 29 Tammuz 10 Rose Baker, Robert Issacson, Harry Rosen, Howard Smith, A.H. Steinberg
- 30 Tammuz 11 Sharron Abramson, Raymond Duckworth, Saul Feilhardt, Mollie Kornblet, Rebecca Shopneck

Tribute Fund (cont.)

IN HONOR OF:

Bar Mitzvah of Cobin Katz
Rhoda Miller***

IN APPRECIATION:

In Appreciation to CBI, Scholar in Residence
Aileen & Ken Pargament*

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In Appreciation to CBI, Scholar in Residence
Phyllis & Charles
Wittenberg

IN MEMORY OF:

Lawrence Liebman Janet Rogalsky**

Tribute Fund (cont.)

IN MEMORY OF:

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Caren Zaft**
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Tribute Fund (cont.)

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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.



CBI
LIVE
STREAMING

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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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.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

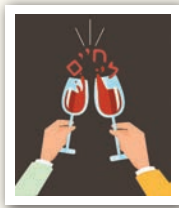
Saturday

June 2023

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| 4 | 9:30 AM Zoom Only Morning Service | 5 | 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service | 6 | 11:00 AM Cherry St. Mission Connecting Kids to Meals Volunteer Activity 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service | 7 | 8:30 AM 5707 Clover Ln, Tol. Habitat for Humanity Faith Build 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service | 8 | 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service | 9 | 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 10 | 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Behaalotecha 12:45 PM Mincha |
| 11 | 9:30 AM Zoom Only Morning Service 11:00 AM In-Person at CBI CBI Annual Meeting | 12 | 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service | 13 | 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service | 14 | 8:30 AM 5707 Clover Ln, Tol. Habitat for Humanity Faith Build 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service | 15 | 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service 6:45 PM Exec. Committee Mtg. 7:30 PM Board Meeting | 16 | 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 17 | 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Schlach 12:45 PM Mincha |
| 18 | FATHER'S DAY 9:30 AM Zoom Only Morning Service | 19 | 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service | 20 | 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service | 21 | 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service | 22 | 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service | 23 | 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service | 24 | 9:30 AM In-Person/Live Stream Shabbat Morning Service Parashat Korach 12:45 PM Mincha |
| 25 | 9:30 AM Zoom Only Morning Service | 26 | 8:00 AM Zoom Only Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service | 27 | 11:00 AM In-Person WCBI Book Club at the home of Fran Weinblatt 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service | 28 | 8:30 AM 5707 Clover Ln, Tol. Habitat for Humanity Faith Build 11:00 AM Cherry St. Mission Connecting Kids to Meals Volunteer Activity 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service | 29 | 8:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Morning Service 5:45 PM Zoom Evening Service | 30 | 5:45 PM Zoom Kabbalat Shabbat Service | | 12:00 PM Grace Lutheran Church 34th Interfaith Blood Drive 10:05 Shabbat Ends |

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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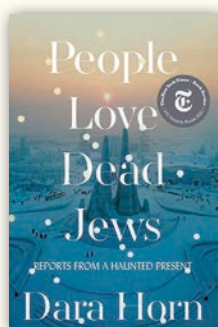
Mon. - Fri. 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Saturdays CLOSED
*Sundays 9:30 AM - 11:30 PM

**when Religious School classes are held in the building (see the monthly calendar)*



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.



People Love Dead Jews : Reports from a Haunted Present by Dara Horn

The Women of CBI Book Club recently read and had a lively discussion about Dara Horn's newest book, *People Love Dead Jews*. As an accompaniment to the book, you might also want to read the May 2023 Atlantic Magazine article Ms Horn wrote titled "Is Holocaust Education Making Anti-Semitism Worse?" Both are available in our Library Lounge.

Reflecting on subjects as diverse as the international veneration of Anne Frank, the blockbuster traveling exhibition called "Auschwitz," the Jewish history of the Chinese city of Harbin, and the little known "righteous Gentile" Varian Fry, Dara Horn challenges us to confront the reasons why there might be so much fascination with Jewish deaths, as emblematic of the worst of evils the world has to offer, and so little respect for Jewish lives, as they continue to unfold in the present.

Horn draws on her own family's life — trying to explain Shakespeare's Shylock to a curious 10-year-old, her anger when swastikas are drawn on desks at her children's school in New Jersey, the profound and essential perspective offered by traditional religious practice, prayer,

and study—to assert the vitality, complexity, and depth of this life against an anti-Semitism that (far from being disarmed by the mantra of "Never forget") is on the rise.

Horn's Atlantic article questions if Holocaust education is helping or hurting. She asserts and backs up this assertion that using dead Jews as symbols isn't helping living ones. She states "The bedrock assumption that has endured for nearly half a century is that learning about the Holocaust inoculates people against anti-Semitism. But it doesn't.

When anti-Semitism is reduced to the Holocaust, anything short of murdering 6 million Jews—like, say, ramming somebody with a shopping cart, or taunting kids at school, or shooting up a Jewish nonprofit, or hounding Jews out of entire countries—seems minor by comparison."

The author believes that although Holocaust education is being taught and even mandated in public schools across the country, one of the reasons anti-Semitism is on the rise is the students haven't encountered real-live-21st-century-Jewish-people. "There is no empathy without curiosity, no respect without knowledge, no other way to learn what Jews first taught the world: love your neighbor" than to know them.

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.